

## Normalisation Example

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### BEER\_DATABASE

beer	brewery	strength	city	region	ware house	quantity
Choice	Websters	XX	York	North West	1	200
Choice	Websters	XX	York	North West	4	100
Choice	Websters	XX	York	North West	8	200
Old Bob	Websters	XXX	York	North West	1	300
Old Bob	Websters	XXX	York	North West	2	300
Landlord	Taylors	XXX	Leeds	North West	8	200
Landlord	Taylors	XXX	Leeds	North West	3	190
Directors	Fremmins	X	London	South East	6	400
Directors	Fremmins	X	London	South East	4	290
Wobbly Joe	Sam Smith	XXXX	York	North West	4	90
Watery	Whitbread	O	London	South East	null	null

Additional Notes: Warehouses are shared by breweries.

Each beer is unique to the brewer. Each brewery is based in a city.

## Minimal Sets of Functional Dependencies

- A set of functional dependencies F is minimal if:
  1. Every dependency F has a single determined attribute A
  2. We cannot remove any dependency from F and still have a set of dependencies equivalent to F
  3. We cannot replace any dependency  $X \rightarrow A$  in F with a dependency  $A \rightarrow X$ , where  $A \subset X$  and still have a set of dependencies that is equivalent to F

I.e. a canonical form with no redundancies

(beer, brewery, strength, city, region, warehouse, quantity)

- beer  $\rightarrow$  brewery
- beer  $\rightarrow$  strength
- brewery  $\rightarrow$  city
- city  $\rightarrow$  region
- beer, warehouse,  $\rightarrow$  quantity

## Relational Synthesis Algorithm into 3NF:

(beer, brewery, strength, city, region, {warehouse, quantity})

set D := { R } ;

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1. Find a minimal cover G for F
2. For each determinant X of a functional dependency that appears in G create a relation schema  $\{ X \cup A_1, X \cup A_2 \dots X \cup A_m \}$  in D where  $X \rightarrow A_1, X \rightarrow A_2, \dots X \rightarrow A_m$  are the only dependencies in G with X as the determinant;
3. Place any remaining (unplaced) attributes in a single relation to ensure attribute preservation property so we don't lose anything.
4. If none of the relations contains a key of R, create one more relation that contains attributes that form a key for R.

- beer  $\rightarrow$  brewery (beer, brewery, strength)
- beer  $\rightarrow$  strength
- brewery  $\rightarrow$  city (brewery, city)
- city  $\rightarrow$  region (city, region)
- beer, warehouse,  $\rightarrow$  quantity (beer, warehouse, quantity)

Step-wise normalisation:  
 (beer, brewery, strength, city, region,  
 {warehouse, quantity})

- \* beer → brewery, strength *partial dependency*
- \* brewery → city *transitive dependency*
- \* city → region *transitive dependency*
- \* beer, warehouse, → quantity *repeating group*

1NF remove repeating group  
 (beer, brewery, strength, city, region, {warehouse, quantity})

(beer, warehouse, quantity)  
 beer, warehouse, → quantity

**region)**  
*transitive dependency*  
*transitive dependency*

**(beer, brewery, strength, city,**  
 beer → brewery, strength  
 brewery → city  
 city → region

(beer, brewery, strength, city, region)

- \* beer → brewery, strength
- \* brewery → city *transitive dependency*
- \* city → region *transitive dependency*

\* 2NF no partial dependencies  
 \* 3NF/BCNF no transitive dependencies  
 (beer, brewery, strength, city, region)

(city, region)  
 city → region

Take the most indirect transitive dependencies

(beer, brewery, strength, city)  
 beer → brewery, strength  
 brewery → city

(brewery, city)  
 brewery → city

(beer, brewery, strength)  
 beer → brewery, strength

Using BCNF decomposition algorithm:  
 (beer, brewery, strength, city, region, warehouse, quantity)

- \* beer → brewery, strength *partial dependency*
- \* brewery → city *transitive dependency*
- \* city → region *transitive dependency*
- \* beer, warehouse, → quantity

**Directly to BCNF**  
 take a violating dependency and form a relation from it.  
 First choose a direct transitive dependency and its *closure*

(beer, brewery, strength, city, region, warehouse, quantity)  
 brewery → city

(brewery, city, region)  
 brewery → city  
 city → region *transitive dependency*

(beer, brewery, strength, warehouse, quantity)  
 beer → brewery, strength *partial dependency*  
 beer, warehouse, → quantity

Using BCNF decomposition algorithm:  
 (beer, brewery, strength, city, region, warehouse, quantity)

- \* beer → brewery, strength *partial dependency*
- \* brewery → city *transitive dependency*
- \* city → region *transitive dependency*
- \* beer, warehouse, → quantity

**take a violating dependency and form a relation from it.**  
 First the *partial dependency* and its *closure*

(beer, brewery, strength, city, region, warehouse, quantity)  
 beer → brewery, strength

(beer, brewery, strength, city, region)  
 beer → brewery, strength  
 brewery → city *transitive dependency*  
 city → region *transitive dependency*

**normalise as before...**

(beer, warehouse, quantity)  
 beer, warehouse, → quantity