



### The Database Design Problem

- How do we know when a design is good?
- A DB schema seems to be good if it helps us to avoid redundancy and inconsistency, but are there more quality issues?
- This question can be answered using the normalization theory
- Basic rules for good DB design
  - 1 table for each entity
  - 1 table for each relationship
  - Each cell contains a single value
  - If you have BIG relations, decompose them
    - This could result in a serious problem



### **Decomposing Big Relations**

### • Definition:

Let R be a relation schema (with constraints).

A decomposition of R is a set of relation schemas  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_n$  such that

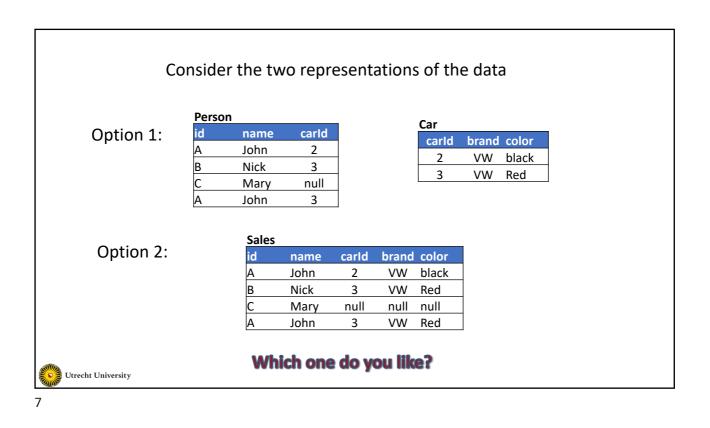
- i. each  $R_i$  consists of attributes in R and
- ii. each attribute of R occurs in at least one  $R_i$



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#### Example Sales id name carld brand color 2 VW John black A В Nick 3 VW Red С Mary null null null A John VW Red 3

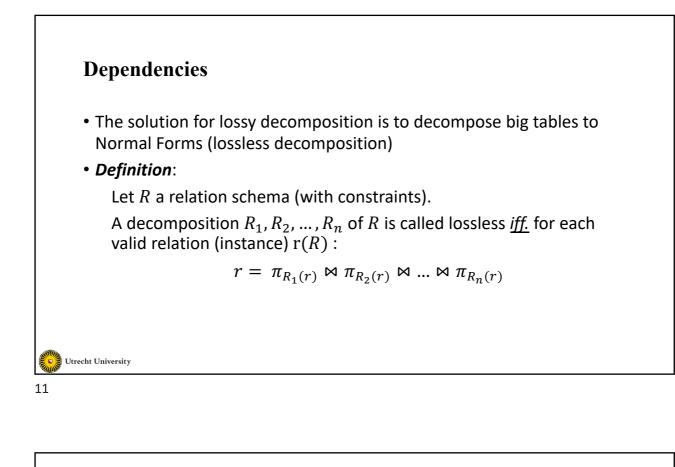


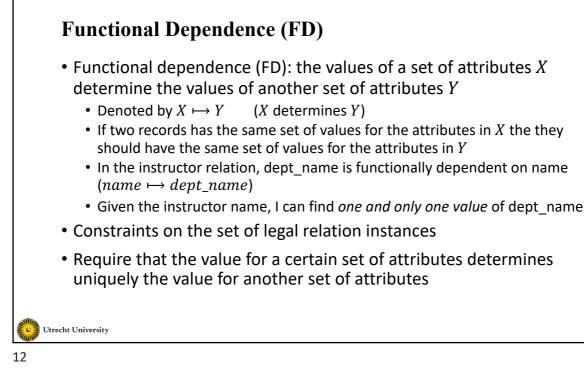


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### **Functional Dependence**

• Let R be a relation with attributes (A,B, C, D, E)

 $X \subseteq R, Y \subseteq R$ 

• The functional dependency

$$X \mapsto Y$$

holds on R if and only if whenever two tuples  $t_1, t_2$  of R agree on the attributes of X, they also agree on the attributes of Y. That is

 $t_1[X] = t_2[X] \implies t_1[Y] = t_2[Y]$ 

- Examples:
  - The capital determines the country
  - The country determines the Internet domain

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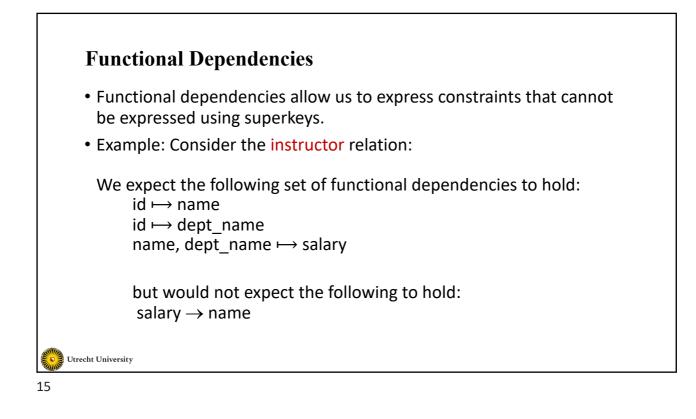
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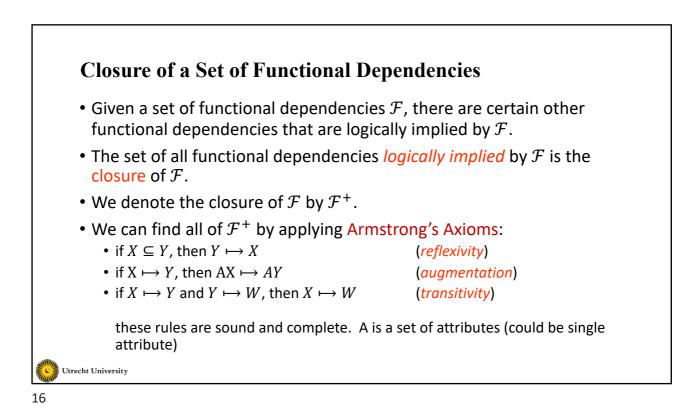
instructor table								
ID	name	dept_name	salary					
22322	Einstein	Physics	95000					
33452	Gold	Physics	87000					
21212	Wu	Finance	90000					
10101	Brandt	Comp. Sci.	82000					
43521	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000					
98531	Kim	Biology	78000					
58763	Crick	Elec. Eng.	80000					
52187	Mozart	History	65000					
32343	El Said	History	86000					

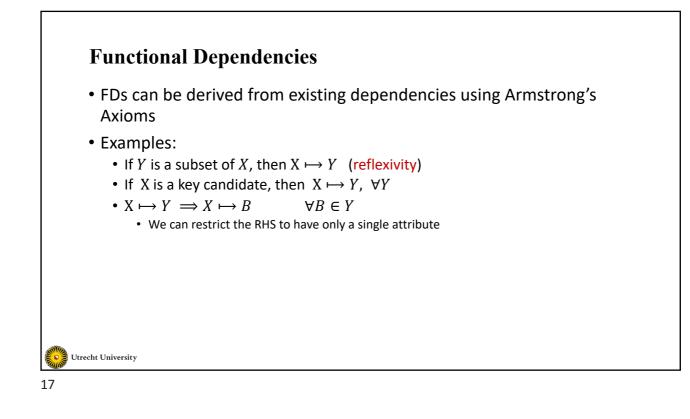
Does  $name \mapsto dept\_name$  hold? Does  $name \mapsto salary$  hold? Does  $dept\_name \mapsto salary$  hold? Does  $dept\_name \mapsto name$  hold?

Note that:  $ID \mapsto A \quad \forall A \in instructor$ In this example:  $name \mapsto A \quad \forall A \in instructor$ 

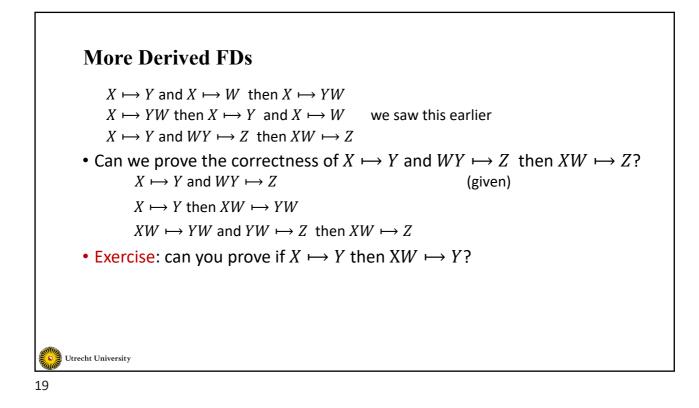
# Alternative Definition of the Keys • K is a superkey for relation R if and only if $K \mapsto R$ • This is the *uniqueness* property of "key" • K is a candidate key for R if and only if • $K \mapsto R$ , and • For any $X \subset K, X \neq R$ • makes sure key has minimum set of attributes (*minimality*)







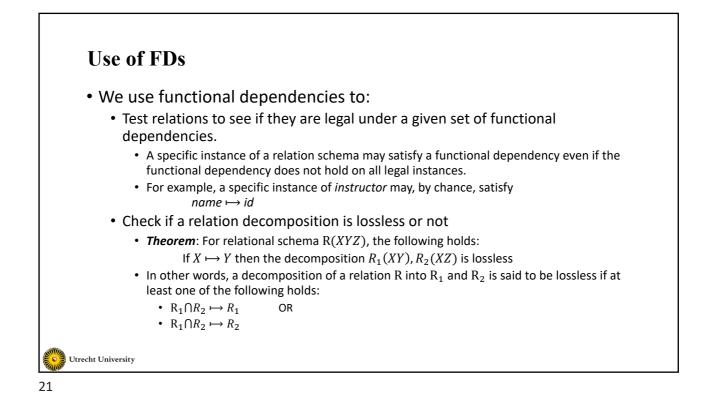
Examples of Armstrong's Axioms	
• if $X \subseteq Y$ , then $Y \mapsto X$	(reflexivity)
name $\mapsto$ name name, dept_name $\mapsto$ name name, dept_name $\mapsto$ dept_name • if X $\mapsto$ Y, then AX $\mapsto$ AY	(augmentation)
name $\mapsto$ dept_name name, salary $\mapsto$ dept_name, salary	(augmentation)
• if $X \mapsto Y$ and $Y \mapsto W$ , then $X \mapsto W$ id $\mapsto$ name and	(transitivity)
name → dept_name implies	id $\mapsto$ dept_name



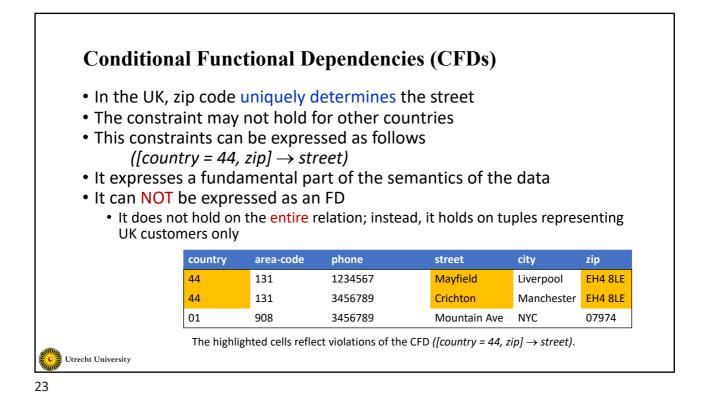
## **Boyce-Codd Normal Form**

- Trivial FDs
  - An FD  $X \mapsto Y$  is said to be trivial if  $Y \subseteq X$
  - It is called trivial because it is satisfied by all relations
- Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF):
  - Definition: A relation R is said to be in BCNF if for all FDs  $X \mapsto Y$ , where  $X \subseteq R$  and  $Y \subseteq R$  then:
    - Either  $X \mapsto Y$  is a trivial FD OR
    - X is a superkey for R

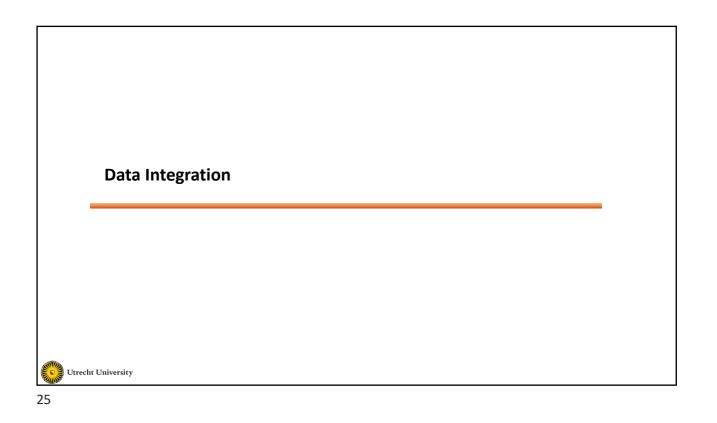




<ul> <li>We use functional dependencies to:</li> </ul>				
Detect inconsistencies in the data				
<ul> <li>For example, if we are given that each instructors can department and:</li> </ul>	an wor	k for onl	y one	
department and: name → dept_name				
	id	name	dept_name	salary
Then the highlighted records violate this FD	22322	Einstein	Physics	95000
When discovering an FD violation,	33452	Gold	Physics	87000
each value can be considered as the	21212	Wu	Finance	90000
source of violation	10101	Einstein	Comp. Sci.	82000
• Exercise: If you know that in a given relation T	43521	Katz	Comp. Sci.	75000
,	98531	Kim	Biology	78000
$att\_a \mapsto att\_b$	58763	Crick	Elec. Eng.	80000
Write python script to check for violations				
			ells reflect vio	inations







## **Data Integration**

- Organizations use databases: mainframes, workstations, servers
  - Built from scratch each time... usually
  - Many models of the same object

### • Need for information sharing across databases

• Exploit advances in distributed computing and networking



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## **Data Integration**

- Fact: Databases are managed by different persons
- Challenge 1: Provide uniform access to the users
- Challenge 2: Allow DB to interoperate but ...
  - Autonomous
  - Different OS
  - Different purposes
  - Different data modeling
  - Different data formats
  - Different access and communication protocols

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