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# Relational Database Design

- Atomic Domains and First Normal Form
- Decomposition Using Functional Dependencies
- Functional Dependency Theory
- Algorithms for Functional Dependencies
- Decomposition Using Multivalued Dependencies
- More Normal Form
- Database-Design Process

## The Banking Schema

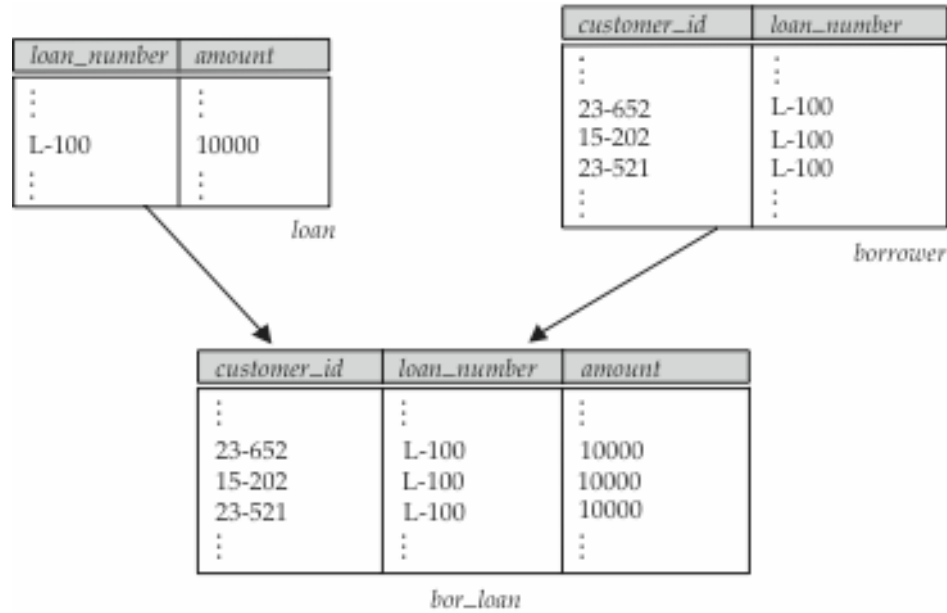
- branch = (branch\_name, branch\_city, assets)
- customer = (customer\_id, customer\_name, customer\_street, customer\_city)
- loan = (loan\_number, amount)
- account = (account\_number, balance)
- employee = (employee\_id, employee\_name, telephone\_number, start\_date)
- dependent\_name = (employee\_id, dname)
- account\_branch = (account\_number, branch\_name)
- loan\_branch = (loan\_number, branch\_name)
- borrower = (customer\_id, loan\_number)
- depositor = (customer\_id, account\_number)
- cust\_banker = (customer\_id, employee\_id, type)
- works\_for = (worker\_employee\_id, manager\_employee\_id)
- payment = (loan\_number, payment\_number, payment\_date, payment\_amount)

## Combine Schemas

- ✓ Suppose we combine *borrower* and *loan* to get

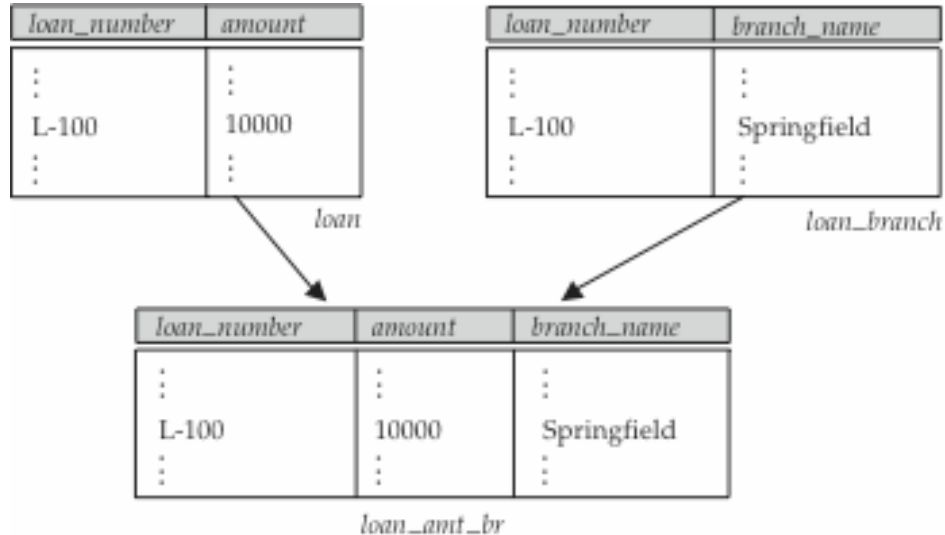
$bor\_loan = (customer\_id, loan\_number, amount)$

- ✓ Result is possible repetition of information (L-100 in example below)

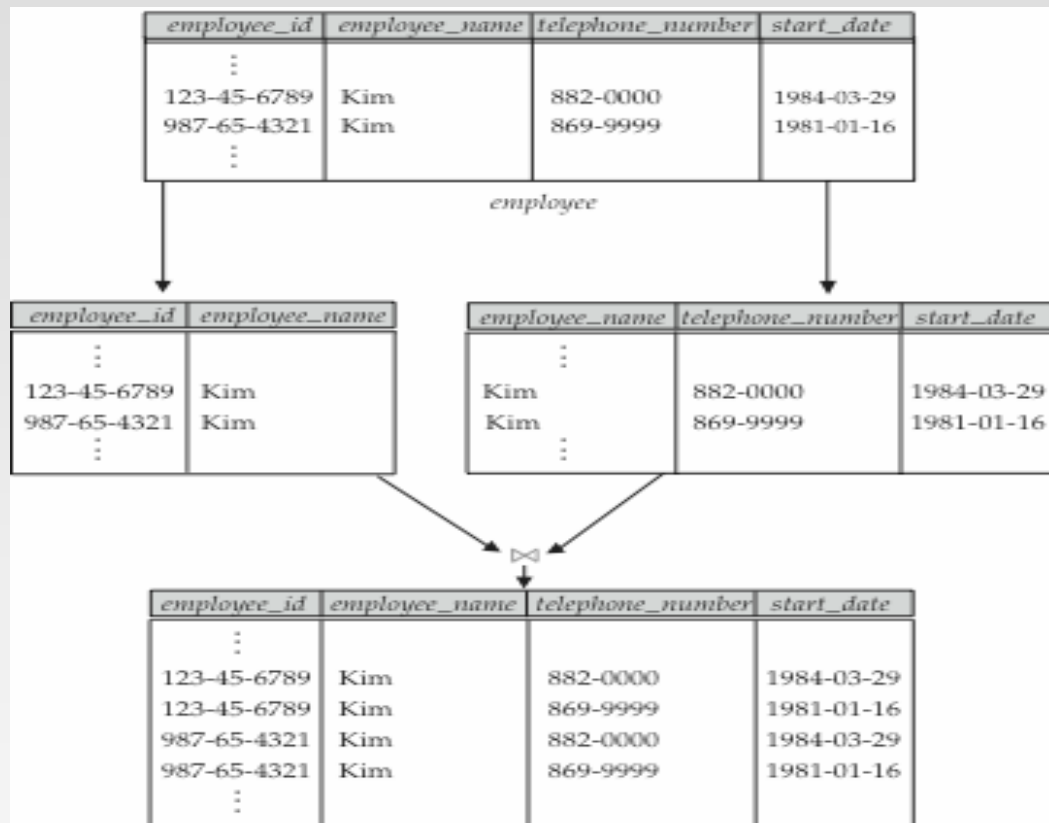


# Combined Schema Without Repetition

- ✓ Consider combining *loan\_branch* and *loan*  $loan\_amt\_br = (loan\_number, amount, branch\_name)$
- ✓ No repetition (as suggested by example below)



## A Lossy Decomposition





# First Normal Form

- ✓ Domain is **atomic** if its elements are considered to be indivisible units. Examples of non-atomic domains:
  - Set of names, composite attributes
  - Identification numbers like CS101 that can be broken up into parts
- ✓ A relational schema  $R$  is in **first normal form** if the domains of all attributes of  $R$  are atomic
- ✓ Non-atomic values complicate storage and encourage redundant (repeated) storage of data
  - Example: Set of accounts stored with each customer, and set of owners stored with each account



## Functional Dependencies

✓ A functional dependency is **trivial** if it is satisfied by all instances of a relation

□ Example:

□  $customer\_name, loan\_number \twoheadrightarrow customer\_name$

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□ In general,  $a \twoheadrightarrow b$  is trivial if  $b \in a$

## Example

$$\checkmark R = (A, B, C)$$

$$F = \{A \twoheadrightarrow B, B \twoheadrightarrow C\}$$

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□ Can be decomposed in two different ways

$$\checkmark R_1 = (A, B), R_2 = (B, C)$$

□ Lossless-join decomposition:

$$R_1 \bowtie R_2 = \{B\} \text{ and } B \twoheadrightarrow BC$$

□ Dependency preserving

$$\checkmark R_1 = (A, B), R_2 = (A, C)$$

□ Lossless-join decomposition:

$$R_1 \bowtie R_2 = \{A\} \text{ and } A \twoheadrightarrow AB$$

□ Not dependency preserving

(cannot check  $B \rightarrow C$  without computing  $R_1 \bowtie R_2$ )