# **Normal Forms**

### **1NF:**

Domain of each attribute is an *elementary* type; that is, not a *set* or a *record structure*.

## **2NF**:

Whenever  $\mathcal{X} \mapsto A$  is a functional dependency that holds in relation  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $A \notin \mathcal{X}$ , then either

- $\bullet$  A is *prime*, or
- $\mathcal{X}$  is not a proper subset of any key for  $\mathbf{R}$ .

#### **3NF:**

Whenever  $\mathcal{X} \mapsto A$  is a functional dependency that holds in relation  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $A \notin \mathcal{X}$ , then either

- $\bullet$  A is *prime*, or
- $\mathcal{X}$  is a key or a super-key for  $\mathbf{R}$ .

## BCNF:

Whenever  $\mathcal{X} \mapsto A$  is a functional dependency that holds in relation  $\mathbf{R}$  and  $A \notin \mathcal{X}$ , then

•  $\mathcal{X}$  is a key or a super-key for  $\mathbf{R}$ .