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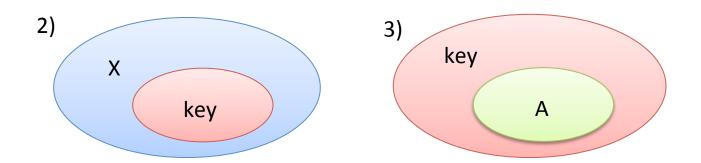
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Third Normal Form (3NF)

- Relation R with FDs F is in 3NF if, for all X → A
 in F+:
 - 1) $A \subseteq X$ (trivial FD), OR
 - 2) X contains a key for R, i.e., X is a superkey, OR
 - 3) A is part of some key for R



Third Normal Form (3NF) (cont.)

- Even if a relation is in 3NF, some redundancy is still possible
- Example:



This is in 3NF, but (S, C) still redundantly stored.

Decompose into 3NF

