






Application of Database Normalization in Increasing Data Storage Efficiency

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ABSTRACT

Database normalization is a key process in relational database design that reduces redundancy and ensures data integrity. As data volumes increase, maintaining efficient and consistent storage becomes critical. **This study** investigates the application of normalization techniques from First Normal Form (1NF) to Third Normal Form (3NF) on a sample inventory database to evaluate their impact on storage efficiency. **The process** focuses on eliminating data repetition and optimizing table structures to enhance performance. **Experimental results** show that normalization reduces database size by approximately 30%, significantly minimizing redundancy. Smaller, more organized tables improve storage utilization, especially in large-scale systems. However, normalization can introduce query complexity due to increased joins, potentially affecting execution time. Despite this, the trade-off is considered acceptable given the gains in data integrity and storage optimization. This research emphasizes the value of normalization for scalable and maintainable systems. It also aligns with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) and Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), by promoting efficient digital infrastructure and responsible data management practices. These improvements contribute to more sustainable, cost-effective systems in industries relying on large-scale data, such as e-commerce, healthcare, and finance. **In conclusion**, normalization is an essential tool for optimizing storage and ensuring data consistency in relational databases. Although performance trade-offs exist, they can be mitigated through indexing and query optimization. The study offers insights for database designers seeking to balance efficiency and system performance in data-intensive environments.

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1. INTRODUCTION

In today rapidly advancing digital landscape, data has become one of the most valuable assets for businesses, organizations, and even individuals [1]. The exponential growth of data, coupled with the increasing complexity of data-driven applications, has created a significant challenge in terms of effective data management. One of the most crucial aspects of efficient data management is ensuring that data is stored in a manner that optimizes both performance and storage space. Database normalization, a fundamental technique in relational database management, plays a vital role in addressing this challenge [2, 3]. It focuses on structuring data in such a way that redundancies are minimized, data integrity is improved, and performance is optimized.

Database normalization is the process of organizing a database in a way that reduces data redundancy and dependency. The process involves dividing large tables into smaller, more manageable ones and establishing relationships between them to ensure that each piece of information is stored only once. By reducing duplication, normalization can significantly optimize the amount of storage required for a database, as well as improve the speed and efficiency of data retrieval and updating operations. The primary goal of normalization is to ensure that the data model is free from anomalies, such as insertion, deletion, and update anomalies, that could compromise the accuracy and consistency of the data [4, 5].

As the volume of data generated and stored by businesses and individuals continues to increase at an unprecedented rate, the need for effective data storage solutions has never been greater. Systems that handle large-scale data, such as e-commerce platforms, social media networks, healthcare information systems, and financial databases, often face challenges in terms of data redundancy and inefficiency. In these environments, normalization can serve as a critical tool to improve the overall performance of database systems. Furthermore, normalized databases are easier to maintain, as changes in data can be made in one place without affecting other parts of the system [6, 7].

While normalization offers numerous benefits, it is important to recognize that it is not a one-size-fits-all solution. In certain cases, particularly when performance optimization is a higher priority than data redundancy, denormalization may be applied to enhance query speed. However, normalization remains the standard for designing databases that prioritize data integrity and storage efficiency. This paper aims to explore the application of database normalization in increasing data storage efficiency and enhancing database performance. It will provide a detailed analysis of how normalization techniques can be applied to relational databases to minimize redundancy and improve both data integrity and query performance. Furthermore, the research will highlight the practical implications of normalization in real-world systems, exploring case studies and examples where normalization has been successfully implemented to solve data management challenges [8, 9].

As modern organizations continue to face the ever-growing demand for data processing and storage, understanding and implementing effective data management strategies, such as database normalization, becomes essential. This research will examine the role of normalization in the design and optimization of databases, particularly focusing on how these techniques contribute to more efficient data storage, faster retrieval times, and easier maintenance of complex databases. Through this exploration, the study will underscore the importance of normalization as a foundational element in database design, offering valuable insights for database administrators, developers, and IT professionals involved in data management and system optimization [10, 11].

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Database normalization is a pivotal concept in Relational Database Management Systems (RDBMS) that plays an essential role in improving data storage efficiency and system performance. Over the years, a vast body of literature has been developed on this subject, discussing its principles, processes, advantages, and limitations. This literature review seeks to explore existing research on database normalization and its application in optimizing data storage and improving the efficiency of relational databases [12].

2.1. Concept of Database Normalization

Database normalization was introduced by Edgar F.Codd in the early 1970s as part of the relational model of databases. It aims to eliminate redundancy and dependency issues that could arise in an unstructured database design. Codd proposed a set of rules called normal forms, which range from the First Normal Form (1NF) to the Fifth Normal Form (5NF). These normal forms provide a step-by-step framework for organizing the database schema to minimize redundant data storage and avoid update anomalies [13, 14].

Normalization involves dividing large tables into smaller, more manageable ones while ensuring that relationships between data elements are preserved. The process is typically carried out by transforming the schema through various stages, 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, and Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF). Each successive stage of normalization addresses specific types of redundancy and dependency issues, ultimately leading to a more efficient and consistent database structure [15, 16].

2.2. Benefits of Database Normalization

Several studies have highlighted the significant advantages of normalizing databases, particularly in reducing redundancy and improving storage efficiency. In a normalized database, data is stored only once, which minimizes the need for duplicating information. This results in more efficient data storage, especially in systems that handle vast amounts of data [17, 18]. Additionally, normalization helps in maintaining data integrity by preventing anomalies such as insertion, update, and deletion anomalies that often occur in non-normalized databases [19].

Normalization also enhances query performance by streamlining the structure of the database. With fewer redundant records and a more organized schema, queries tend to be more efficient, as they operate on smaller, well-indexed tables [20]. Moreover, database normalization facilitates the application of referential integrity, ensuring that data relationships are maintained consistently across tables [21].

2.3. Challenges and Trade-offs of Normalization

Despite the numerous advantages, normalization can also introduce some challenges, particularly when dealing with large-scale databases or systems requiring high-performance processing. While normalized databases reduce redundancy and improve data integrity, they may lead to complex join operations, which can affect query performance in certain use cases [22]. This is particularly true in databases where frequent queries involve joining multiple tables to retrieve related data.

In such cases, the overhead of performing multiple joins can result in slower query processing times, which is why some systems may opt for denormalization a process where redundant data is intentionally reintroduced to simplify queries and reduce the number of joins. Denormalization is often applied in decision support systems, where performance optimization is a higher priority than storage efficiency [23]. However, this trade-off between normalization and performance must be carefully considered based on the specific requirements of the system [24].

2.4. Applications of Normalization in Modern Database Systems

As modern systems increasingly rely on massive datasets and complex queries, normalization remains a crucial tool for efficient data storage. In cloud computing environments, where large-scale databases are prevalent, normalization helps optimize storage utilization and ensures that data retrieval operations remain consistent [25]. Normalized databases in cloud environments often use distributed systems, where the schema's efficiency can significantly impact performance and cost.

In the realm of big data, normalization plays a critical role in managing structured data. Systems like data warehouses and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems benefit greatly from normalized schemas, as they allow for efficient storage of transactional data and minimize data duplication [26, 27]. Furthermore, the integration of normalization in real time processing systems enhances their ability to store and retrieve data without compromising accuracy or performance [28].



Figure 1. United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) and Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), database normalization serves as a foundational practice for promoting sustainable digital infrastructure. Efficient data storage through normalization minimizes redundant storage use, which indirectly reduces the energy consumption of data centers contributing to more environmentally responsible technology practices. Moreover, by enhancing data integrity and system performance, normalization supports innovation in data-driven applications such as healthcare, e-commerce, and education. These improvements enable organizations to build more resilient digital systems, ensuring inclusive and sustainable industrialization in line with SDG targets [29–31].

2.5. Future Trends and Research Directions

Future research in database normalization is likely to explore its intersection with emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). AI and ML applications often require databases to handle complex, high volume data queries efficiently. Researchers are investigating how normalization techniques can be adapted or combined with AI-driven data management solutions to improve storage efficiency without compromising the processing speed required by modern applications [32, 33].

Additionally, normalization techniques are evolving to address new challenges posed by distributed databases and non-relational databases. As the adoption of NoSQL databases increases, researchers are examining how normalization can be applied or reinterpreted in these environments to balance performance and storage efficiency [34, 35].

3. METHODOLOGY

This study aims to explore the application of database normalization in increasing data storage efficiency in relational database systems. To achieve this objective, the research employs an experimental approach that combines theoretical analysis with practical implementation in various database scenarios. The methodology involves data collection, normalization implementation, storage performance analysis, and result evaluation [36].

This methodology is designed to provide a comprehensive analysis of the application of database normalization in improving data storage efficiency in relational database systems. Through systematic experimentation and analysis, this study aims to provide valuable insights into how normalization can optimize data storage and improve system performance. Additionally, it offers recommendations for database developers and administrators in designing and managing efficient database systems [37].

3.1. Research Design

This research adopts a quantitative research design with a field experiment. The first step involves preparing two types of databases for analysis: one unnormalized database and another that undergoes the normalization process at various levels of normal forms (1NF, 2NF, 3NF, and BCNF). The data used in the experiment is simulated data, which mirrors the transactional data structure commonly found in e-commerce applications and management information systems [38].

3.2. Normalization Implementation Stages

The normalization process is carried out in several stages, as outlined below. First, data collection is done by organizing relevant data from relational database applications, such as user transactions, products, and product categories, into tables containing several columns. In the second stage, normalization is implemented by subjecting the data to different levels, including First Normal Form (1NF), Second Normal Form (2NF), Third Normal Form (3NF), and BCNF. The aim of each normalization stage is to reduce redundancy, eliminate unwanted functional dependencies, and improve data integrity. This is achieved by breaking large tables into smaller, more manageable ones that are linked through primary and foreign keys. Finally, in the third stage, denormalization is performed for comparison by maintaining a set of data in its denormalized form, with duplicated data. This stage helps analyze the differences in storage efficiency and query performance, providing insights into the trade-offs between normalization and system performance in large-scale database scenarios [39].

3.3. Performance Measurement and Analysis

To measure the impact of normalization on data storage efficiency, several metrics are employed. The first is Storage Size Measurement, where the total file size or database storage required to hold the data is measured for each database model (unnormalized, 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, BCNF, and denormalized). This metric evaluates the storage efficiency achieved through normalization. The second metric is Query Execution Time Measurement, which tests the time required to execute basic SQL queries, such as data selection, updates, and deletions, for each database model. This is conducted to assess the impact of normalization on data access speed and query efficiency. Lastly, Redundancy Analysis is performed by counting the number of duplicate entries in the tables, and a decrease in duplicate entries after normalization demonstrates how effective the normalization process is in reducing data redundancy [40, 41].

3.4. Result Evaluation

The results of the experiments are evaluated based on two primary criteria: storage efficiency and query performance. A comparison is made between the storage size and query execution time for the different database models. This comparison will provide a clear view of the impact of normalization on data storage efficiency and its effect on system performance in real-world applications [42, 43].

3.5. Case Studies and Real-World System Simulations

To gain deeper insights, this study also includes simulations of real-world systems, such as e-commerce platforms and transaction management systems. Data from these systems will be used to model and test the application of normalization in more complex scenarios. The evaluation will focus on whether reducing redundancy and improving data consistency align with increased storage efficiency and improved data access performance [44, 45].

3.6. Tools and Technologies Used

This study utilizes RDBMS software such as MySQL and PostgreSQL to implement normalization and measure the experimental results. SQL is used to write the queries that are tested and to manipulate data within the database. Storage size and query execution time are analyzed using built-in database analysis tools and query profilers provided by the RDBMS [46, 47].

3.7. Research Hypotheses

Based on the objectives of this study, the hypotheses tested are as follows:

- Hypothesis 1: The application of normalization (1NF, 2NF, 3NF, BCNF) reduces data storage size compared to the unnormalized database.
 - Hypothesis 2: The application of normalization improves data integrity by reducing redundancy and unnecessary data dependencies.
 - Hypothesis 3: Although normalization reduces redundancy, there is an impact on query performance, particularly in database models with higher levels of normalization (3NF and BCNF).
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Based on the hypotheses tested, the study aims to evaluate the effects of normalization on various database performance aspects. Hypothesis 1 suggests that normalization (1NF, 2NF, 3NF, BCNF) reduces the data storage size when compared to an unnormalized database. Hypothesis 2 focuses on the role of normalization in improving data integrity by reducing redundancy and unnecessary data dependencies. Hypothesis 3 acknowledges that while normalization reduces redundancy, it may impact query performance, particularly in database models with higher levels of normalization (3NF and BCNF). The outcomes of this study will provide insights into how normalization influences both the efficiency and effectiveness of database management systems [48–50].

4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This study analyzes the application of database normalization in increasing data storage efficiency in relational database systems. Based on the experiments conducted, the results indicate that normalization has a significant impact on reducing data storage size and improving query performance efficiency, although there are trade-offs to consider regarding query performance, especially at higher levels of normalization. Below are the results and discussions from the experiments conducted.

4.1. Impact of Normalization on Data Storage Size

One of the main goals of applying normalization is to reduce data redundancy and increase storage efficiency. The experimental results show that applying normalization at the 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, and BCNF levels significantly reduces the data storage size compared to unnormalized databases. Initially, the unnormalized tables contained a lot of duplicate data, leading to higher storage usage.

After normalization, particularly at the 3NF and BCNF levels, the storage size was reduced by over 40%, as data redundancy was reduced by breaking down large tables into smaller and more structured tables. This demonstrates that normalization can improve storage efficiency, especially for systems with large volumes of data, such as e-commerce applications and inventory management systems.

Table 1. Comparison of Storage Sizes between Database Models

Database Models	Storage Size (MB)	Percentage Reduction (%)
Unnormalized	120	-
1NF	95	20.8%
2NF	85	29.2%
3NF	72	40.0%
BCNF	70	41.7%
Denormalized	135	-12.5% (improvement)

The Table 1 above compares the storage sizes and percentage reductions achieved by applying different normalization levels to a database model. As shown, as the level of normalization increases, the storage size decreases significantly, with BCNF showing the highest reduction of 41.7%. However, the denormalized model results in a 12.5% increase in storage size, indicating that denormalization can lead to less efficient use of storage compared to normalized models. This emphasizes the trade-offs between data redundancy and query performance in database design.

4.2. Impact of Normalization on Query Execution Time

Normalization significantly impacts reducing data redundancy and improving data integrity. However, in this experiment, we also observed the effect of normalization on query execution performance. Initially, queries on the unnormalized database showed faster execution times because data was stored in a single large table, reducing the need for joins between tables.

However, after normalization, especially at the 3NF and BCNF levels, the number of joins required to access related data increased, which led to longer query execution times. This was particularly evident in queries that required retrieving data from multiple related tables. In databases normalized to 3NF and BCNF, although redundancy was reduced, query performance became slower compared to the unnormalized tables.

Nonetheless, the increase in query execution time in normalized systems can be mitigated by factors such as index maintenance and query optimization performed by the RDBMS. With further optimization, query speed in normalized databases can improve, although it may still be slower than in unnormalized databases.

Table 2. Query Execution Time Based on Database Model

Database Models	Average Query Execution Time (ms)
Unnormalized	60
1NF	80
2NF	95
3NF	110
BCNF	120
Denormalized	65

The Table 2 above presents the average query execution times for different database models. As shown, the query execution time increases as the level of normalization rises, with the denormalized model having a lower execution time (65 ms) compared to the other normalized models. Unnormalized databases also exhibit relatively low query execution times (60 ms). This demonstrates that while normalization reduces storage space, it may lead to increased query execution times, requiring careful consideration of performance trade-offs when designing databases.

4.3. Data Redundancy Analysis

One of the most noticeable aspects of applying normalization is the reduction in data redundancy. In the unnormalized database, we found that many data entries were duplicated, leading to wasted storage space and an increased risk of data inconsistencies. For example, the same information about products or users could be found in multiple tables as duplicates, potentially causing errors when updating or deleting data.

After normalization, particularly at the 2NF and 3NF stages, data redundancy was significantly reduced. This was reflected in a decrease in duplicate entries in the tables. For example, after normalizing to 3NF, user and transaction information could be separated into different tables, allowing data updates to be performed in one place without affecting other parts of the system. This reduced the potential for data inconsistencies and improved data integrity overall.

4.4. Denormalization and Performance Trade-offs

As part of the experiment, we also tested the application of denormalization to analyze the trade-offs between performance and storage. In the denormalized database, some redundancy was intentionally maintained to reduce the need for multiple joins. Although this improved query execution speed, especially for queries involving multiple related tables, it resulted in wasted storage space. In other words, while query performance increased in the denormalized database, the storage size was much larger compared to normalized databases.

This study shows that denormalization can be a better choice in applications that prioritize query performance over storage efficiency, such as in decision support systems or data warehousing. However, for applications that focus more on data integrity and storage efficiency, normalization remains the more beneficial approach.

4.5. Case Studies and Real-World System Simulations

As part of this study, we also conducted simulations on several real-world systems, such as e-commerce platforms and transaction management systems. The results from these simulations revealed that, in large-scale applications with high transaction volumes, normalization provides significant benefits in reducing storage usage, but at the same time, further optimization in query execution time is required to maintain system performance.

Normalization was found to be highly beneficial in systems with highly structured and consistent data, such as inventory management systems. On the other hand, for applications requiring very fast data processing, such as in real-time analytics, a denormalization approach may be more efficient.

5. MANAGERIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implementing database normalization is a critical strategy for managers overseeing large-scale databases, particularly in data-intensive industries such as e-commerce, healthcare, and finance. First, normalization helps

optimize data storage by reducing redundancy, leading to a significant reduction in storage costs. This is especially beneficial for organizations managing large data volumes, ensuring that the infrastructure remains cost-effective as the data grows. Second, while normalization improves data integrity by eliminating duplication, it may also introduce query performance trade-offs due to the increased complexity of joins. Managers must address this challenge by utilizing optimization techniques such as indexing and query tuning, or by considering a hybrid approach like partial denormalization, depending on system performance requirements. Third, as businesses scale, particularly in complex systems with high transaction volumes, the need for efficient data management becomes even more critical. Normalization is particularly valuable for systems that require high consistency and reliability, while for real-time analytics or performance-sensitive applications, denormalization may offer the necessary speed. Fourth, normalization improves the accuracy of decision-making processes by ensuring data consistency across the system. This is vital for industries like inventory management and financial transactions, where data reliability is crucial. Finally, normalization can also align with sustainable business practices. By reducing data redundancy, organizations can minimize the environmental impact of data storage, contributing to energy-efficient data centers and supporting global sustainability initiatives, including SDGs.

6. CONCLUSION

This study has discussed the application of database normalization in increasing data storage efficiency in relational database systems. Based on the experimental results, it can be concluded that normalization has a significant impact on reducing data redundancy and improving storage efficiency, especially at higher levels of normalization such as 3NF and BCNF. The normalization process successfully reduced data storage size by over 40%, demonstrating improved storage efficiency in scenarios with large volumes of data.

However, while normalization improves storage efficiency, its impact on query performance must be considered. Implementing normalization, particularly at the 3NF and BCNF levels, increases the number of joins required for query execution, which may slow down query execution time. This highlights the trade-off between reducing redundancy and the speed of data access. Therefore, further optimization of index maintenance and query structure is necessary to minimize the negative impact of normalization on query performance.


Additionally, while denormalization can improve query performance by reducing the need for joins, its implementation leads to wasted storage space due to data duplication. Denormalization is therefore more suitable for systems that prioritize high query performance, such as decision support systems or data warehousing, whereas normalization is better suited for applications that prioritize storage efficiency and data integrity.

This study shows that normalization is an effective technique for improving data storage efficiency, particularly in systems that handle large volumes of data. The choice between normalization and denormalization should be tailored to the specific needs of the system being developed, considering the priorities between storage efficiency and query performance.

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