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Generalization:

Definition: Generalization is like combining two or more similar things to create a more general and abstract things.

Example: Think of different types of bank accounts like savings and current accounts. Generalization in this context would create a higher-level entity called "Account" that encompasses both savings and current accounts. It's like saying, "These are all types of accounts."



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Specialization:

- Definition: Specialization is the opposite; it's breaking down a general thing into more specific parts.
- Example: Consider a general category like "Person." Specialization in this case would create two lower-level entities called "Employee" and "Customer." It's breaking down the general concept of a person into more specific roles.



Aggregation:

- Definition: Aggregation is treating relationships between things as if they are things themselves.
- Example: Imagine there's a relationship between employees, branches, and jobs.

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Aggregation would create a higher-level entity called ‘works on’ to represent this relationship. Additionally, you might have another relationship called ‘Manages’ between ‘works on’ and ‘manager,’ indicating who manages what tasks.



Comparison:

Aspect	Generalization	Specialization	Aggregation
Process Type	Bottom-up approach	Top-down approach	Abstraction

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Purpose	Combine common attributes of lower-level entities	Break down a higher-level entity into two or more lower-level entities	Treat relationships as higher-level entities
Effect on Schema Size	Reduces the schema size	Increases the schema size	Increases the schema size
Application Scope	Applied to a group of entities	Applied to a single entity	Applied to a group of relationships
Relationship with Entities	Common attributes form a new higher-level entity	Higher-level entity is broken down into lower-level entities	Relationships are treated as higher-level entities, participating in another relationship set

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5. What is data abstraction ? Explain different levels of abstraction.
6. Explain the differences between physical level, conceptual level and view level of data abstraction.

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7. Explain the difference between database management system (DBMS) and file system.
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25. Explain integrity constraints.
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28. Explain how a database is modified in SQL. OR Explain database modification.

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29. Discuss join and types with suitable example. Define join. Explain different types of join.
30. Describe the SQL set operations