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Let relation $R = (A, B, C, D)$ with the following FDs:

$A \rightarrow BC$

$BC \rightarrow A$

$B \rightarrow D$

1. Is A a candidate key of the relation?

Compute $\{A\}^+$

$\{A\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}$ contains all $R \Rightarrow A$ is

2. Find one candidate key of this relation

a candidate key.

The best alg. to find the keys of a relation is:

compute closure of every combination of attributes. We already know A is a key, so try all other combinations:

B C D	BCD A	Superkey
B C	BCDA	
B D	BD	But BC is minimal
B	BD	
- C D	CD	So
- C	C	
- D	D	BC and A
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are candidate keys.