

Group Assignment #4

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1 The Task

For Group Assignment 4, you have to solve the given questions on normalization. The goal of this assignment is to familiarize you with the dependency notations and understand the four normal forms.

2 Questions

2.1 Part One

Consider $R(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ to be a relation with functional dependencies defined as follows:

$$A_1 \rightarrow A_2 A_3 \dots A_n \quad (i = 1)$$

$$A_2 A_3 \rightarrow A_4 A_5 \dots A_n \quad A_1 \quad (i = 2)$$

$$A_4 A_5 A_6 \rightarrow A_7 A_8 \dots A_n \quad A_1 A_2 A_3 \quad (i = 3)$$

Functional dependencies of the sequence,

$$A_{\frac{(i-1)(i)}{2}+1} A_{\frac{(i-1)(i)}{2}+2} \dots A_{\frac{(i-1)(i)}{2}+i} \rightarrow A_{\frac{(i-1)(i)}{2}+i+1} \dots A_n \quad A_1 \dots A_{\frac{(i-1)(i)}{2}}$$

for $i > 3$ and till

$$\frac{(i-1)(i)}{2} + i = n$$

2. For what values of n is the above set of functional dependencies possible.
3. How many keys does the relation R have and what are they?
4. State the normal form of the above relation and normalize it to $BCNF$ (if valid) using decomposition rules.
5. Find the minimal cover of the above relation and use it to normalize it to $BCNF$ (if valid).

2.2 Part Two

Consider $R(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ be a relation R with functional dependencies as follows:

$$A_i \rightarrow A_j \text{ for all } 1 \leq i < j \leq n$$

and

$$A_i \rightarrow A_j \text{ for all } 1 \leq i < j \leq n$$

1. How many keys does the relation R have and what are they?
2. State the normal form of the above relation and normalize it to $BCNF$ (if valid) using decomposition rules.
3. Find the minimal cover of the above relation and use it to normalize it to $BCNF$ (if valid).

3 Submission Instructions

Submit a single PDF named **<teamname>.pdf** (without the < and >).

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All the best!