

Sheet#2 : Normalization

1. Consider a relation $R(A,B,C,D)$ with multivalued dependency $AC \twoheadrightarrow D$ and functional dependency $B \rightarrow A$.
 - (a) Find all 4NF violations. For any that you find, explain why each is a violation, or explain why none are violations.
 - (b) Decompose the relations into a collection of relation schemas in 4NF.
 - (c) Consider the original relation $R(A,B,C,D)$ with multivalued dependency $AC \twoheadrightarrow D$ and functional dependency $B \rightarrow A$.
Which of the following hold? For each, give reasons why it holds or at least one counterexample
 - i. $B \twoheadrightarrow CD$
 - ii. $A \twoheadrightarrow D$
 - iii. $AC \rightarrow D$

2. This problem is based on the relations:

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Customers(custID, name, email, shipAddr)
Orders(orderID, custID, itemID, date, status)
Items(itemID, description)
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Write in relational algebra the following queries. You may write a sequence of steps with named temporary relations if you like.

- (a) Find the email of the customer(s) with name "Laura Lee."
 - (b) Find the names of the customers whose orders were placed on Jan. 1, 2000, and whose order status is "lost."
 - (c) Find the descriptions of the items ordered by "Laura Lee."
 - (d) Find the names of the customers who have two or more orders with status "pending."
3. Consider the following relational database schema:

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Student(ID, name, dept, status)    // status = "grad" or "undergrad"
                                   // ID is a key
RA(ID, advisor, dept)              // (ID,advisor) together are a key
TA(ID, course, dept)               // (ID,course) together are a key
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Write the following in relational algebra:

- a) Find the names of all graduate students who are neither an RA nor a TA.
 - b) Find the names of all graduate students who are an RA or a TA in a department other than their own.
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4. Consider a relation with schema $R(A,B,C,D,E)$ and functional dependencies

$B \rightarrow E, C \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A, DA \rightarrow B$

- (a) What are all the nontrivial functional dependencies that follow from the given dependencies? You need report only those that have singleton right sides and minimal left sides; e.g., you do not have to report $XY \rightarrow F$ if $X \rightarrow F$ is a given or inferred FD.
- (b) What are all the keys of R ?
- (c) How many superkeys for R are there that are not keys? Explain your reasoning for partial credit.
- (d) Which of the 4 given dependencies violate BCNF, if any?
- (e) Which of the 4 given dependencies violate 3NF, if any?
- (f) Suppose we decompose relation $R(A,B,C,D,E)$ into relation $S(A,B,C)$ and other relations. Give the nontrivial functional dependencies that hold in S . Your answer must include derived dependencies, but as in part (a) it is sufficient to limit your answer to FD's with singleton right sides and minimal left sides.

5. Consider a relation $R(A, B, C, D, E)$. Suppose that the following five functional dependencies hold on R :

$A \rightarrow D$
 $AB \rightarrow C$
 $B \rightarrow E$
 $D \rightarrow C$
 $E \rightarrow A$

Now suppose that we decompose relation R so that one of the new relations is $R_1(A, B, C)$. Given the complete set of FD's above, specify all keys for R_1 . Don't forget that a key must be *minimal*, i.e., no strict subset of the attributes in a key can also form a key.

6. A database designer has as their first assignment to design the schema for a company database. Each employee has an ID (unique across employees), Name, Address, Office, and Salary. The designer decides to create the following four relations:

$EmpName(ID, Name)$
 $EmpAddress(ID, Address)$
 $EmpOffice(ID, Office)$
 $EmpSalary(ID, Salary)$

- a) State the completely nontrivial functional dependencies for each relation.
- b) Are all four relations in Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)?
- c) Is this a good database design? Why or why not?

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7. Given below is the set F of functional dependencies for the relational schema $R = \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J\}$.

H, D \rightarrow A
D \rightarrow E, F, G
H, D, B \rightarrow C, J
H \rightarrow I, J
A \rightarrow B, C

- Find a minimal key for this relation.
 - Decompose the relation into a collection of relations that are in 3rd normal form and BCNF.
8. Given below is the set F of functional dependencies for the relational schema $R = \{F, T, D, N, S\}$.
- F \rightarrow D**
D, T \rightarrow F
F, N \rightarrow S

- Find a minimal key for this relation.
 - Decompose the relation into a collection of relations that are in BCNF.
 - Now decompose this relation into a collection of relations that are in 3NF.
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