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CSCI235 Database Systems

Final Examination Paper Session 2 2021

Exam duration 3 hours and 40 minutes

Weighting 40% of the subject assessment

Marks available 40 marks

Items permitted by examiner Text-book, Lecture slides, and Tutorial notes

Directions to students 4 questions to be answered.

Marks for each question are shown beside the question.

All answers must be written in the answer booklet provided.

This examination is a take-it-home examination to be done on-line on the date of examination.

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Question 1 – (Total 10 marks) Functional Dependency and Normalization

Time allocated: 45 minutes Start time: 10:00 am SGT End time: 10:45 am SGT

Submission time start: 10:40 am SGT Submission time end: 10:55 am SGT

- a) Consider the relational schemas given below and the respective sets of functional dependencies valid in the schemas. For each one of the relational schemas identify its highest normal form. Remember the identification of a normal form requires analysis of the valid functional dependencies and the minimal keys. A solution with no comprehensive analysis of the valid functional dependencies and the minimal keys scores no marks.
 - i. R2 = (A, B, C) $F = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow A\}$ (2.0 marks)
 - ii. R = (A, B, C)

The attributes A, B, and C do not have any functional dependency among them.

(2.0 marks)

iii. Each customer is described by a unique customer number, a customer name, an address, and a postal code. Addresses are organized such that each address is associated to one postal code. A customer owns many different types of credit card, such as Visa or Master, and each credit card is described by a credit card number, a credit card type, and an expiry date. The information described are stored in a relational table CustomerCreditCard as shown here:

CustomerCreditCard(custNum, custName, address, postalCode, cardType, cardNumber, cardExpDate)

(2.0 marks)

b) Considering the un-normalized relational table CLEANING-SCHEDULE below:

ABC is an international company that owns many buildings in a Science Park. In the current COVID-19 situation, company ABC has increased its cleaning activities. A group of cleaners are engaged to clean the company's buildings several times a day. Groups of 5 cleaners will be assigned to each building each day. Cleaners are not attached to any specific rooms within a building, that is, cleaners are able to clean any rooms. Once a cleaner has finished cleaning a room, the cleaner can move on to clean the next room schedule to be cleaned in a cleaning roster for the building. In addition, there may be more than one cleaners cleaning one room at a time. The room number is unique within a building, but is not across the company.

The company stores the information about the cleaning schedule for the building in the following relational table:

CLEANING-SCHEDULE(bldgNum, date, roomNum[1..*], roomSittingCapacity, cleanerNum[1..*])

Decompose the relational table CLEANING-SCHEDULE into a minimal number of relational tables in 4NF.

(4.0 marks)

END OF QUESTION 1