Problem Set #3 Sample Solution

Problem2.

- (a) Candidate key: {BFG}
- (b) Canonical cover: Fc = {BF \rightarrow C, CF \rightarrow D, G \rightarrow AE, F G \rightarrow D}.
- (c) It's not in BCNF because there is nontrivial functional dependency BF \rightarrow C, and BF is not superkey.

Decomposing relation R into BCNF:

Because BF \rightarrow C: R1 = (B, C, F), and R2 = (A, B, D, E, F, G).

Because $G \rightarrow AE$, and G is not superkey, decomposing relation R2 into BCNF:

R2 = (A, E, G), and R3 = (B, D, F, G).

Because F G \rightarrow D, and F G is not superkey, decomposing relation R3 into BCNF:

R3 = (D, F, G), and R4 = (B, F, G).

And the BCNF form is: R1 = (B, C, F), R2 = (A, E, G), R3 = (D, F, G), and R4 = (B, F, G).

(d) No. The BCNF form in (c) is not dependency preserving. We cannot check $CF \rightarrow D$ in the result of (c).

3NF form: R1 = (B, C, F), R2 = (C, D, F), R3 = (A, E, G), R4 = (D, F, G), and R5 = (B, F, G).

Problem3.

- (a) This is not a good design for following reasons:
 - 1) Current schema does not reflect a lot of functional dependencies. For instance, as assumptions in the question, {pid \rightarrow pname, page, pstate} holds, but since the {pid} is not a candidate key, we will end up repeating this information in several tuples.
 - 2) Inserting values for the separate entities in one table like Patient or Doctor will lead to storing NULL and duplicate values at several places. This will increase the storage and our data will be inconsistent.
 - 3) We have to access this one table for querying even minimal data, this will be time consuming as everything is under this table.
 - 4) Lastly, this schema does not adhere to the normalization rules. As everything is under one table, it will make maintenance and querying from the database difficult and it will be hard to see relation between each attribute. it's better to divide this big table to many smaller ones.
- (b) Candidate Keys: {pid, docid, did, rid, ttime}

(c)

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{pid} → {pname, page, pstate}
{docid} → {docname, docage, doclevel,docsalary}
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{did} → {dname, dtype, description}
{rid} → {rname, rcapacity}
{doclevel} → {docsalary}
{rid} → {dtype}
{pid,did,docid,ttime} → {tcost, insurancediscount}

(d) the canonical cover for the functional dependencies in F is:
{pid} → {pname, page, pstate}
{docid} → {docname, docage, doclevel}
{doclevel} → {docsalary}
{did} → {dname, dtype, description}
{rid} → {rname, rcapacity,dtype}
{pid,did,docid,ttime} → {tcost, insurancediscount}
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(e) No, it is not in BCNF. Because for schema to be BCNF for each non-trivial dependency A->B, A should be a superkey, which is not the case here.

Convert into BCNF form:

Step 1: Relation PatientTreatment can be decomposed into PATIENT and R2 according to the violation by dependency $\{pid\} \rightarrow \{pname, page, pstate\}$, we can get relation Patient: Patient (pid, pname, page, pstate)

R2= {pid, docid, docname, docage, doclevel, docsalary, did, dname, dtype, description, rid, rname, rcapacity, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount}

Step 2: According to the violation by functional dependency $\{docid\} \rightarrow \{docname, docage, doclevel\}$, We can get relation Doctor:

Doctor (docid, docname, docage, doclevel)

R3={pid, docid, docsalary, did, dname, dtype, description, rid, rname, rcapacity, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount}

Step3: According to the violation by functional dependency $\{doclevel\} \rightarrow \{docsalary\}$, We can get relation Salary:

Salary (doclevel, docsalary)

R4={pid, docid,did, dname, dtype, description, rid, rname, rcapacity, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount}

Step4: According to the violation by functional dependency $\{did\} \rightarrow \{dname, dtype, description\}$, We can get relationDisease:

Disease (did, dname, dtype, description)

R5 ={pid, docid, did, rid, rname, rcapacity, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount}

Step 5: According to the violation by functional dependency, $\{rid\} \rightarrow \{rname, rcapacity, ,dtype\}$, we can get relation Room:

Room (rid, rname, rcapacity)

R6 ={pid, docid,did, rid, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount}

Step 6: According to the violation by functional dependency $\{\text{pid,did,docid,ttime}\} \rightarrow \{\text{tcost, insurancediscount, we can get relation Cost:}$

Cost (pid, did, docid, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount)

R7 ={pid, docid, did, rid, ttime}

Thus, the BCNF form is:

Patient (pid, pname, page, pstate)

Doctor (docid, docname, docage, doclevel)

Salary (doclevel, docsalary)

Disease (did, dname, dtype, description)

Room (rid, rname, rcapacity)

Cost (pid, did, docid, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount)

PatientTreatment (pid, docid, did, rid, ttime)

(f) No, the schema in section(e) is not dependency preserving because the functional dependency $\{rid\} \rightarrow \{dtype\}$ can not be checked in the BCNF form. Thus, the 3NF form is:

Patient (pid, pname, page, pstate)

Doctor (docid, docname, docage, doclevel)

Salary (doclevel, docsalary)

Disease (did, dname, dtype, description)

Room (rid, rname, rcapacity, dtype)

Cost (pid, did, docid, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount)

PatientTreatment (pid, docid, did, rid, ttime)

(g) The candidate key is {pid, docid, did, rid, ttime}

Functional dependency:

{pid} → {pname, page, pstate}

{docid} → {docname, docage, doclevel, docsalary}

 $\{did\} \rightarrow \{dname, dtype, description\}$

 $\{rid\} \rightarrow \{rname, rcapacity\}$

 $\{doclevel\} \rightarrow \{docsalary\}$

 $\{rid\} \rightarrow \{dtype\}$

 $\{\text{pid,did,docid,ttime}\} \rightarrow \{\text{tcost}\}\$

{pstate,tcost} → {insurancediscount}

Canonical Cover:

{pid} → {pname, page, pstate}

 $\{docid\} \rightarrow \{docname, docage, doclevel\}$

 $\{did\} \rightarrow \{dname, dtype, description\}$

{rid} → {rname, rcapacity,dtype}

 $\{doclevel\} \rightarrow \{docsalary\}$

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{pid,did,docid,ttime} → {tcost}
{pstate,tcost} → {insurancediscount}
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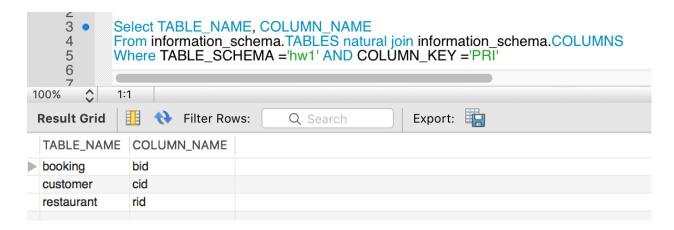
No, it's not in BCNF form, convert it into BCNF: Patient (pid, pname, page, pstate) Doctor (docid, docname, docage, doclevel) Salary (doclevel, docsalary)

Disease (did, dname, dtype, description)
Room (rid, rname, rcapacity)
Cost (pid, did, docid, ttime, tcost, insurancediscount)
PatientTreatment (pid, docid, did, rid, ttime)

No, the schema in section(e) is not dependency preserving because the functional dependency $\{rid\} \rightarrow \{dtype\}$ can not be checked in the BCNF form. Thus, the 3NF form is:

Patient (pid, pname, page, pstate)
Doctor (docid, docname, docage, doclevel)
Salary (doclevel, docsalary)
Disease (did, dname, dtype, description)
Room (rid, rname, rcapacity,dtype)
Cost (pid, did, docid, ttime, tcost)
Insurance (pstate, tcost, insurancediscount)
PatientTreatment (pid, docid, did, rid, ttime)

Problem 4.
Use MySQL
(a)
SELECT TABLE_NAME, COLUMN_NAME
FROM INFORMATION_SCHEMA.TABLES natural join INFORMATION_SCHEMA.COLUMNS
WHERE COLUMN_KEY = 'PRI'
AND TABLE_SCHEMA = 'hw1'

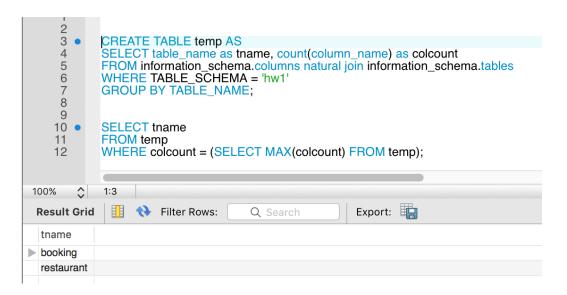


(b)

CREATE TABLE temp AS

SELECT table_name as tname, count(column_name) as colcount FROM information_schema.columns natural join information_schema.tables WHERE TABLE_SCHEMA = 'hw1' GROUP BY TABLE_NAME;

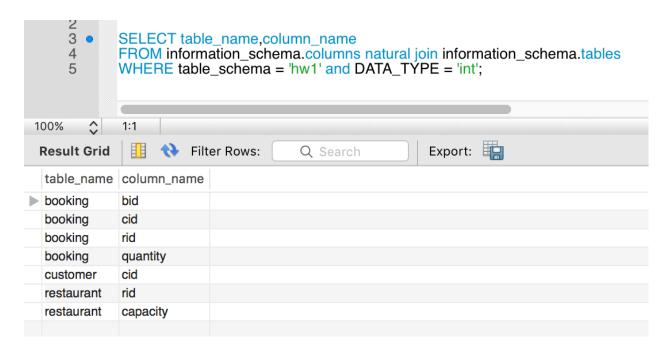
SELECT tname FROM temp WHERE colcount = (SELECT MAX(colcount) FROM temp);



(c)

SELECT table name, column name

FROM information_schema.columns natural join information_schema.tables WHERE table_schema = 'hw1' and DATA_TYPE = 'int';



(d)

CREATE TABLE temp2 AS

SELECT table_name, column_name, data_type

FROM information_schema.columns natural join information_schema.tables where table schema = 'hw1';

SELECT distinct t1.table_name, t2.table_name

FROM temp2 as t1, temp2 as t2

WHERE t1.table_name < t2.table_name and t1.column_name = t2.column_name and t1.data_type = t2.data_type;

