Problem Set #3 Sample Solution

Problem 2:

- (a) Candidate key: {A} or {C} or {D} or {H}
- (b) Canonical Cover: Fc = {A \rightarrow CE, C \rightarrow BD, H \rightarrow AI, D \rightarrow H}. or Fc ={A \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow BD, H \rightarrow AEI, D \rightarrow H}.
- (c) This is BCNF because the left part of every functional dependency in Fc is superkey. And there is no trivial left.
- (d) The result from c) part is dependency preserving. Every function relation can be checked in this BCNF schema.

Problem 3:

- (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, $\{aid \rightarrow aname\}$ holds, but since the $\{aid\}$ 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 Actor or movie 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.

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(b)
    {aid} → {aname}
    {mid} → {mtitle}
    {aid, mid, rolename} → {hours}
    {mid, rolename} → {payph}
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(c) Candidate Keys: {aid, mid, rolename}

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(d) same as (b)
    {aid} → {aname}
    {mid} → {mtitle}
    {aid, mid, rolename} → {hours}
    {mid, rolename} → {payph}
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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 ActorMovie can be decomposed into ACTOR and R2 according to the violation by dependency $\{aid\} \rightarrow \{aname\}$, we can get relation:

ACTOR = {aid, aname}

R2 = {aid, mid, mtitle, rolename, hours, payph}

Step 2: According to the violation by dependency $\{mid\} \rightarrow \{mtitle\}$, we can get relation:

MOVIE = {mid, mtitle}
R3 = {aid, mid, rolename, hours, payph}

Step 3: According to the violation by dependency $\{\text{mid, rolename}\} \rightarrow \{\text{payph}\},$ we can get relation:

PAY = {mid, rolename, payph} R4 = {aid, mid, rolename, hours}

Thus, the BCNF form is: ACTOR (aid, aname)

MOVIE (mid, mtitle)

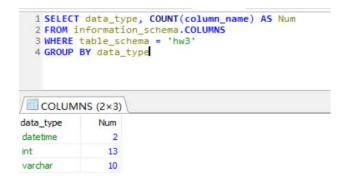
PAY (mid, rolename, payph)

ACT (aid, mid, rolename, hours)

- (f) Yes, it's dependency-preserving. Because each functional dependency in the canonical cover can be checked in BCNF.
- (g)
 Functional dependency:
 {aid} → {aname}
 {mid} → {mtitle}

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\{aid, mid, rolename\} \rightarrow \{hours\}
       \{\text{mid}, \text{ rolename}\} \rightarrow \{\text{payph}\}
       {aname, mid}→{payph}
       Candidate Keys: {aid, mid, rolename}
       Canonical Cover:
       \{aid\} \rightarrow \{aname\}
       \{ mid \} \rightarrow \{ mtitle \}
       \{aid, mid, rolename\} \rightarrow \{hours\}
       \{\text{mid}, \text{ rolename}\} \rightarrow \{\text{payph}\}
       {aname, mid}→{payph}
       No, it's not in BCNF form, convert it into BCNF:
       ACTOR (aid, aname)
       MOVIE (mid, mtitle)
       PAY (mid, rolename, payph)
       ACT (aid, mid, rolename, hours)
       No, the schema in section(e) is not dependency preserving because the
       functional dependency {aname, mid}→{payph} cannot be checked in the BCNF
       form. Thus, the 3NF form is:
       ACTOR (aid, aname)
       MOVIE (mid, mtitle)
       ROLEPAY(mid, rolename, payph)
       ACT (aid, mid, rolename, hours)
       ACTORNAMEPAY (aname, mid, payph)
Problem 4:
SELECT data_type, COUNT(column_name) AS Num
FROM information_schema.COLUMNS
WHERE table schema = 'hw3'
GROUP BY data_type
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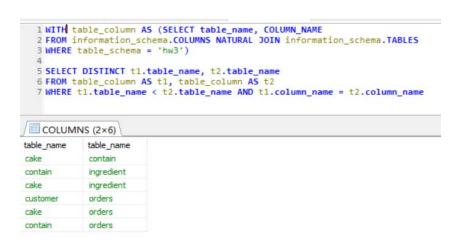
(a)



(b)

WITH table_column AS (SELECT table_name, COLUMN_NAME FROM information_schema.COLUMNS NATURAL JOIN information_schema.TABLES WHERE table_schema = 'hw3')

SELECT DISTINCT t1.table_name, t2.table_name FROM table_column AS t1, table_column AS t2 WHERE t1.table_name < t2.table_name AND t1.column_name = t2.column_name



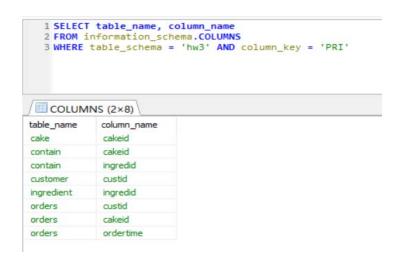
(c)

SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM information_schema.views
WHERE table_schema = 'hw3'

(d)

SELECT custID

FROM hw3.Customer, information_schema.columns I WHERE table_schema = 'hw3' AND Customer.lastname = I.table_name (e)
SELECT table_name, column_name
FROM information_schema.COLUMNS
WHERE table_schema = 'hw3' AND column_key = 'PRI'



(f)
SELECT column_name
FROM information_schema.COLUMNS
WHERE table_schema = 'hw3' AND column_name LIKE '%name%'

