

## 1. Question 1 – Identifying Functional Dependencies

- Identify Simple Dependencies
  - Determining if one attribute determines another attribute.
  - Examples:
    - ``pname` → `price``
      - ```
SELECT pname, COUNT(DISTINCT price)
FROM MySales
GROUP BY pname
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT price) > 1;
```

        - The result was empty, this would mean ``pname`` uniquely determines ``price``
    - ``month` → `discount``
      - ```
SELECT month, COUNT(DISTINCT discount)
FROM MySales
GROUP BY month
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT discount) > 1;
```

        - The result is empty meaning ``month`` uniquely determines ``discount``
    - ``price` → `pname``
      - ```
SELECT price, COUNT(DISTINCT pname)
FROM MySales
GROUP BY price
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT pname) > 1;
```

        - The result of the query was NOT empty meaning that ``price`` does not uniquely determine ``pname``
    - ``discount` → `month``
      - ```
SELECT discount, COUNT(DISTINCT month)
FROM MySales
GROUP BY discount
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT month) > 1;
```

        - The result of the query NOT empty meaning that ``discount`` does not uniquely determine ``month``

- Identifying Complex Dependencies
  - Check if combinations of attributes determine other attributes.
  - Examples:
    - $(\text{pname}, \text{month}) \rightarrow \text{price}$ 
      - SELECT pname, month, COUNT(DISTINCT price)  
FROM MySales  
GROUP BY pname, month  
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT price) > 1;
        - The result is empty, so  $(\text{name}, \text{month})$  uniquely determines  $\text{price}$
    - $(\text{pname}, \text{discount}) \rightarrow \text{month}$ 
      - SELECT pname, discount, COUNT(DISTINCT month)  
FROM MySales  
GROUP BY pname, discount  
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT month) > 1;
        - The result is Not empty, this means that  $(\text{pname}, \text{discount})$  does not uniquely determine  $\text{month}$
    - $(\text{month}, \text{price}) \rightarrow \text{pname}$ 
      - SELECT month, price, COUNT(DISTINCT pname)  
FROM MySales  
GROUP BY month, price  
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT pname) > 1;
        - The result is Not empty, this means that  $(\text{month}, \text{price})$  does not uniquely determine  $\text{pname}$
    - $(\text{discount}, \text{price}) \rightarrow \text{month}$ 
      - SELECT discount, price, COUNT(DISTINCT month)  
FROM MySales  
GROUP BY discount, price  
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT month) > 1;
        - The result is Not empty, this means that  $(\text{discount}, \text{price})$  does not uniquely determine  $\text{month}$

## Decompose the Table to BCNF Relations

### Functional Dependencies Identified:

- $\text{`pname`} \rightarrow \text{`price'}$
- $\text{`month`} \rightarrow \text{`discount'}$
- $\text{`(pname, month)} \rightarrow \text{`price'}$

### 1. Decompose the Table to BCNF Relations

#### a. Identifying Keys and Candidate Keys:

- i.  $\text{`pname, month'}$  is a composite key

#### b. Decompose $\text{`MySales'}$ :

- i. Goal, create separate tables removing partial dependencies so each relation is in BCNF

#### c. Deposition plan

- i. Table 1 -  $\text{`ProductPrices'}$  to hold the relationship between  $\text{`pname'}$  and  $\text{`price'}$
- ii. Table 2 -  $\text{`MonthlyDiscounts'}$  to hold the relationship between  $\text{`month'}$  and  $\text{`discount'}$
- iii. Table 3 -  $\text{`Sales'}$  to hold the main sales data with foreign keys referencing other tables.

#### 1. SQL Commands for Creating the necessary Tables:

##### a. -- Table for Product Prices

```
CREATE TABLE ProductPrices (  
    pname VARCHAR(50) PRIMARY KEY,  
    price NUMERIC  
);
```

##### -- Table for Monthly Discounts

```
CREATE TABLE MonthlyDiscounts (  
    month VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,  
    discount NUMERIC  
);
```

##### -- Main Sales Table

```
CREATE TABLE Sales (  
    pname VARCHAR(50),  
    month VARCHAR(20),  
    discount NUMERIC,  
    price NUMERIC,  
    PRIMARY KEY (pname, month),
```

```
FOREIGN KEY (pname) REFERENCES  
ProductPrices(pname),  
FOREIGN KEY (month) REFERENCES  
MonthlyDiscounts(month)  
);
```

- INSERT INTO ProductPrices (pname, price)  
SELECT DISTINCT pname, price FROM MySales;
- INSERT INTO MonthlyDiscounts (month, discount)  
SELECT DISTINCT month, discount FROM MySales;
- INSERT INTO Sales (pname, month, discount, price)  
SELECT pname, month, discount, price FROM MySales;
- SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM ProductPrices; - 36  
SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM MonthlyDiscounts; - 12  
SELECT COUNT(\*) FROM Sales; - 426

#### Question 2 – BCNF Decomposition

1. Relation  $R(A,B,C,D,E,F)$  with FDs  $A \rightarrow BC$ ,  $D \rightarrow AF$ 
  - a. Identify the minimal key(s) for the relation
    - $A$  determines  $BC$
    - $D$  determines  $AF$
    - The candidate key would be  $D$  since  $D$  can determine  $A$  and  $A$  can determine  $BC$
  - b. Check BCNF:
    - The relation would not be BCNF because  $A$  is not a superkey for the dependency  $A \rightarrow BC$
  - c. Decompose to BCNF:
    - Getting  $R$  into two relations:
      - CREATE TABLE R1 (  
A VARCHAR PRIMARY KEY,  
B VARCHAR,  
C VARCHAR  
);  
  
CREATE TABLE R2 (  
D VARCHAR PRIMARY KEY,  
A VARCHAR,  
F VARCHAR,  
FOREIGN KEY (A) REFERENCES R1(A)

);

d. Preservation of Functional Dependencies:

- $A \rightarrow BC$  is preserved in  $R_1$
- $D \rightarrow AF$  is preserved in  $R_2$

2. Relation  $S(A,B,C,D)$  with FDs  $ABC \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow A$

a. Identify the minimal key(s) for the relation

- o  $ABC$  is a candidate key because  $ABC$  determines  $D$
- o  $D$  determines  $A$

b. Check BCNF:

- o The relation would not be in BCNF because  $D$  is not a superkey for the dependency  $D \rightarrow A$

c. Decompose to BCNF:

- o Getting  $S$  into two relations:
  - CREATE TABLE S1 (  
D VARCHAR PRIMARY KEY,  
A VARCHAR  
);

```
CREATE TABLE S2 (  
A VARCHAR,  
B VARCHAR,  
C VARCHAR,  
D VARCHAR,  
PRIMARY KEY (A, B, C),  
FOREIGN KEY (D) REFERENCES S1(D)  
);
```

d. Preservation of Functional Dependencies:

- o  $D \rightarrow A$  is preserved in  $S_1$
- o  $ABC \rightarrow D$  is preserved in  $S_2$