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Instruction/Notes: Solve the questions in the given order.
You will not get any credit if you do not show proper working, reasoning, and steps as asked in the question statements.

SOLUTION

Q1. (5 points) Consider a relation R (A, B, C, D, E, F), with the set of FDs $F = \{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow D, CF \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow F\}$. Find all possible keys of this relation? Prove it.

Ans: Keys are {AF}, {AE}.

Q2. (5 points) Consider two sets of FDs, F and G, $F = \{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CD, C \rightarrow DE\}$ and $G = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow E\}$. Are F and G equivalent? Prove it.

Ans: Not Equivalent. G covers F but F does not cover G.

Q3. (5 points) Find a minimal cover of $F = \{A \rightarrow BCD, BC \rightarrow DE, D \rightarrow E\}$. Show all steps.

Ans: $F_c = \{A \rightarrow BC, BC \rightarrow DE, D \rightarrow E\}$ or $F_c = \{A \rightarrow BC, BC \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow E\}$.

Q4. (5 points) Consider the relation schema R (A, B, C, D), with FDs $F = \{AB \rightarrow C, BC \rightarrow D, AD \rightarrow B\}$. Keys of this relation R are {AB} and {AD}. Identify the best normal form that R satisfies (1NF, 2NF, 3NF, or BCNF). Justify your answer. If R is not in BCNF, decompose it into a set of BCNF relations and show your steps. Indicate which dependencies if any are not preserved by the BCNF decomposition.

Ans: HNF=3NF as FD2: $BC \rightarrow D$ violate BCNF; BCNF Schema is R1(A B C), R2(B C D); FD3: $AD \rightarrow B$ is lost.

Q5. (5 points) Consider the relation R (A, B, C, D, E), with FDs $F = \{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CD, C \rightarrow DE, D \rightarrow E\}$. Identify the best normal form that R satisfies (1NF, 2NF, 3NF, or BCNF). Justify your answer. If R is not in 3NF, decompose it into a set of 3NF relations and show your steps.

Ans: HNF=2NF as FD2,3,4 violate 3NF; 3NF Schema is R1(A B), R2(B C), R3(C D), R4(D E); All FDs are preserved.