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IT5008 Database Design and Programming

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Time Allowed 120 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This assessment paper contains **25** questions and comprises **8** printed pages, including this page.
2. More specific instructions *may* be given at the beginning of each section. Please read them carefully.
3. Write all your answers in the answer sheet provided. Please read the additional instruction for multiple choice (MCQ) and multiple response (MRQ) questions.
 - Any answer not in the space provided will not be graded.
 - For MCQ and MRQ, **shade your answer in the corresponding bubble on the answer sheet.**
 - For MCQ, if multiple answers are equally appropriate, pick one and shade **ONLY** the chosen answer on the answer sheet. Do **NOT** shade more than one answer.
 - For MRQ, shade **ALL** correct answers. Partial marks *may* be given, but not guaranteed.
 - If there are no correct answer or no appropriate choices, shade X in the answer sheet. No partial mark given if X is chosen.
 - Please erase the answers completely before shading new options.
4. Shade and write your student number in the answer sheet. Do **NOT** write your name.
5. The total marks for this assessment is **80 points**.
6. This is a **CLOSED-BOOK** assessment. You are only allowed to refer to one double-sided A4-size paper.
7. All SQL statements in this assessment paper are written for PostgreSQL 16.
8. We will use the monospace NULL to represent NULL-values. We will represent string with single-quote 'string'.
9. The last 1 page(s) is/are left blank. You may use them for your own work.
10. Submit only the answer sheet at the end of the assessment. You may keep the question paper.

Question	Points
1 - 11	30
12 - 21	30
22 - 24	9
25	11
TOTAL	80

Functional Dependencies and Normal Forms

For the next **eleven (11)** questions, we will be using the following relation and set of functional dependencies.

$$R = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{ \{B, C, D\} \rightarrow \{E\}, \{B, E\} \rightarrow \{A, B\}, \{B, D, E\} \rightarrow \{B, E\}, \{B, D\} \rightarrow \{B, C\}, \{E\} \rightarrow \{D\} \}$$

1. (2 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the *trivial* functional dependencies in Σ .

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. $\{B, C, D\} \rightarrow \{E\}$ | C. $\{B, D, E\} \rightarrow \{B, E\}$ | E. $\{E\} \rightarrow \{D\}$ |
| B. $\{B, E\} \rightarrow \{A, B\}$ | D. $\{B, D\} \rightarrow \{B, C\}$ | |

Select X if there is no answer.

2. (2 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the *non-trivial* functional dependencies in Σ that are not *completely non-trivial*.

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. $\{B, C, D\} \rightarrow \{E\}$ | C. $\{B, D, E\} \rightarrow \{B, E\}$ | E. $\{E\} \rightarrow \{D\}$ |
| B. $\{B, E\} \rightarrow \{A, B\}$ | D. $\{B, D\} \rightarrow \{B, C\}$ | |

Select X if there is no answer.

3. (2 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the *completely non-trivial* functional dependencies in Σ .

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. $\{B, C, D\} \rightarrow \{E\}$ | C. $\{B, D, E\} \rightarrow \{B, E\}$ | E. $\{E\} \rightarrow \{D\}$ |
| B. $\{B, E\} \rightarrow \{A, B\}$ | D. $\{B, D\} \rightarrow \{B, C\}$ | |

Select X if there is no answer.

4. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the *superkeys* of R with Σ from the choice below.

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|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| A. $\{A, B, C\}$ | C. $\{C, D, E\}$ | E. $\{A, B, E\}$ |
| B. $\{B, C, D\}$ | D. $\{A, D, E\}$ | |

Select X if there is no answer.

5. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the *candidate keys* (i.e., keys) of R with Σ from the choice below.

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| A. $\{A, B\}$ | C. $\{C, D\}$ | E. $\{A, E\}$ |
| B. $\{B, C\}$ | D. $\{D, E\}$ | |

Select X if there is no answer.

6. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the *prime attributes* of R with Σ .

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| A. A | B. B | C. C | D. D | E. E |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|

Select X if there is no answer.

7. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the functional dependencies below that violates the BCNF property of R with Σ .

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. $\{B, C, D\} \rightarrow \{E\}$ | C. $\{B, D, E\} \rightarrow \{B\}$ | E. $\{E\} \rightarrow \{D\}$ |
| B. $\{B, E\} \rightarrow \{A\}$ | D. $\{B, D\} \rightarrow \{C\}$ | |

Select X if there is no answer.

8. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the functional dependencies below that violates the 3NF property of R with Σ .

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. $\{B, C, D\} \rightarrow \{E\}$ | C. $\{B, D, E\} \rightarrow \{B\}$ | E. $\{E\} \rightarrow \{D\}$ |
| B. $\{B, E\} \rightarrow \{A\}$ | D. $\{B, D\} \rightarrow \{C\}$ | |

Select X if there is no answer.

9. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Form one minimal cover of Σ using only the functional dependencies listed below.

A. $\{B, C\} \rightarrow \{E\}$

C. $\{B, E\} \rightarrow \{A\}$

E. $\{E\} \rightarrow \{D\}$

B. $\{B, D\} \rightarrow \{E\}$

D. $\{B, D\} \rightarrow \{C\}$

Select X if there is no answer.

10. (4 points) Find one lossless-join decomposition of R with Σ in BCNF using the BCNF decomposition algorithm introduced in the course.

Show your work. Recap that you need to show that (i) the relation is not in BCNF with respect to its set of functional dependencies and (ii) correctly decompose the relation and compute the functional dependencies. Show both (i) and (ii) for each step of the decomposition.

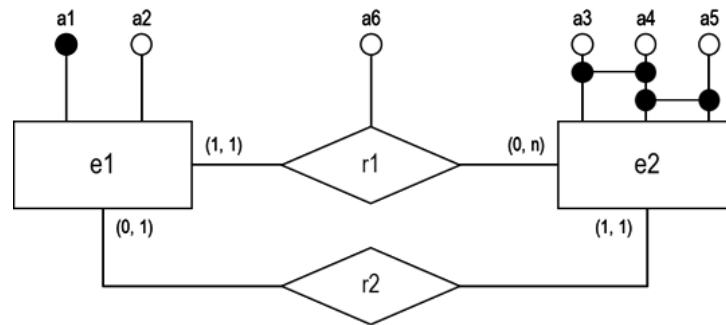
11. (2 points) Is your decomposition in question 10 a dependency-preserving decomposition?

Show your work. If it is not dependency-preserving, show the functional dependencies from Σ that is not preserved. If it is dependency-preserving, briefly show that all functional dependencies in Σ are preserved by showing the attribute closure of each left-hand side of functional dependencies in Σ .

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Entity-Relationship Diagram

For the next **ten (10)** questions, we will be using the following relation entity-relationship diagram.



A functional dependency holds on the entity-relationship diagram if all the tables and their natural join in all instances of the design do not violate the functional dependency. Note that we do not worry about existence of entries in a relationship in $(0, _)$ cardinality as we assume that there should be no NULL values even in the natural join.

Let u and v be entity sets or relationship sets. If during the schema translation, the table for u and the table for v are merged, we refer to it as the table of u or the table of v . Any properties that is true for the table for u should also be true for table for v and vice versa.

12. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Which of the following properties are true in at least one schema translation? Select **ALL** answers that apply.

- A. $(a1)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e2$. $(a1)$ is referencing $(a1)$ in the table for $e1$.
- B. $(a2)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e2$. $(a2)$ is referencing $(a2)$ in the table for $e1$.
- C. $(a1)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e2$. $(a1)$ is referencing $(a1)$ in the table for $r1$.
- D. $(a2)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e2$. $(a2)$ is referencing $(a2)$ in the table for $r1$.
- E. $(a6)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e2$. $(a6)$ is referencing $(a6)$ in the table for $r1$.

Select X if there is no answer.

13. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Which of the following properties are true in at least one schema translation? Select **ALL** answers that apply.

- A. $(a3, a4)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e1$. $(a3, a4)$ is referencing $(a3, a4)$ in the table for $e2$.
- B. $(a4, a5)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e1$. $(a4, a5)$ is referencing $(a4, a5)$ in the table for $e2$.
- C. $(a1)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e1$. $(a1)$ is referencing $(a4, a5)$ in the table for $r1$.
- D. $(a3, a4)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e1$. $(a3, a4)$ is referencing $(a3, a4)$ in the table for $r2$.
- E. $(a4, a5)$ is a foreign key in the table for $e1$. $(a4, a5)$ is referencing $(a4, a5)$ in the table for $r2$.

Select X if there is no answer.

14. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Which of the following properties are true in at least one schema translation? Select **ALL** answers that apply.

- A. The primary key for the table for $r1$ is $(a1)$.
- B. The primary key for the table for $r1$ is $(a3, a4)$.
- C. The primary key for the table for $r1$ is $(a4, a5)$.
- D. The primary key for the table for $r1$ is $(a1, a3, a4)$.
- E. The primary key for the table for $r1$ is $(a1, a4, a5)$.

Select X if there is no answer.

15. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Which of the following properties are true in at least one schema translation? Select **ALL** answers that apply.

- A. The primary key for the table for r2 is (a1).
- B. The primary key for the table for r2 is (a3, a4).
- C. The primary key for the table for r2 is (a4, a5).
- D. The primary key for the table for r2 is (a1, a3, a4).
- E. The primary key for the table for r2 is (a1, a4, a5).

Select X if there is no answer.

16. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the functional dependencies below that hold on the given entity-relationship diagram.

- A. $\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_2\}$
- B. $\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_3, a_4, a_5\}$
- C. $\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_6\}$
- D. $\{a_2\} \rightarrow \{a_1\}$
- E. $\{a_2\} \rightarrow \{a_3, a_4, a_5\}$

Select X if there is no answer.

17. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the functional dependencies below that hold on the given entity-relationship diagram.

- A. $\{a_3, a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2\}$
- B. $\{a_3, a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_5\}$
- C. $\{a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2\}$
- D. $\{a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_3\}$
- E. $\{a_3, a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2\}$

Select X if there is no answer.

18. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the functional dependencies below that hold on the given entity-relationship diagram.

- A. $\{a_3\} \rightarrow \{a_6\}$
- B. $\{a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_6\}$
- C. $\{a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_6\}$
- D. $\{a_3, a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_6\}$
- E. $\{a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_6\}$

Select X if there is no answer.

19. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Select **ALL** the canonical cover of the set of functional dependencies that hold on the given entity-relationship diagram.

- A. $\{\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_4, a_5\}, \{a_3, a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_5\}, \{a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_6\}\}$
- B. $\{\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_2, a_3, a_4, a_6\}, \{a_3, a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_5\}, \{a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_3\}\}$
- C. $\{\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_3, a_4\}, \{a_3, a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2, a_5, a_6\}, \{a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_3\}\}$
- D. $\{\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_4\}, \{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_5\}, \{a_3, a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_5\}, \{a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_6\}\}$
- E. $\{\{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_3\}, \{a_1\} \rightarrow \{a_4\}, \{a_3, a_4\} \rightarrow \{a_1, a_2, a_5, a_6\}, \{a_4, a_5\} \rightarrow \{a_3\}\}$

Select X if there is no answer.

20. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Let $R = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6\}$ with Σ being the set of functional dependencies that hold on the given entity-relationship diagram. Select **ALL** the superkeys of R with Σ .

- A. $\{a_1, a_2\}$
- B. $\{a_2, a_3\}$
- C. $\{a_3, a_4\}$
- D. $\{a_4, a_5\}$
- E. $\{a_1, a_5\}$

Select X if there is no answer.

21. (3 points) **(MRQ)** Let $R = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6\}$ with Σ being the set of functional dependencies that hold on the given entity-relationship diagram. Select **ALL** the keys of R with Σ .

- A. $\{a_1, a_2\}$
- B. $\{a_2, a_3\}$
- C. $\{a_3, a_4\}$
- D. $\{a_4, a_5\}$
- E. $\{a_1, a_5\}$

Select X if there is no answer.

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Relational Algebra

For the next **three (3)** questions, we will consider the following schema.

```
CREATE TABLE country (
  code   VARCHAR(3) PRIMARY KEY,
  name   VARCHAR(64)
);

CREATE TABLE airport (
  name    VARCHAR(5) PRIMARY KEY,
  country VARCHAR(3) REFERENCES country(code)
);

CREATE TABLE flight (
  num      VARCHAR(7) PRIMARY KEY,
  takeoff  VARCHAR(5) REFERENCES airport(name),
  landing  VARCHAR(5) REFERENCES airport(name)
);
```

22. (3 points) **(MCQ)** Which of the following relational algebra queries finds all the different airport name (*i.e.*, `airport.name`) in 'Singapore'.

- A. $\pi_{[a.name]}(\sigma_{[(c.code=a.country) \wedge (c.name='Singapore')]}(\rho(\text{country}, c) \times \rho(\text{airport}, a)))$
- B. $\pi_{[a.name]}(\sigma_{[(c.code=a.country)]}(\rho(\text{country}, c) \bowtie_{[(c.name='Singapore')]} \rho(\text{airport}, a)))$
- C. $\pi_{[a.name]}(\sigma_{[(c.name='Singapore')]}(\rho(\text{country}, c)) \bowtie_{[(c.code=a.country)]} \rho(\text{airport}, a))$
- D. All of the above.
- E. None of the above.

23. (3 points) **(MCQ)** Which of the following relational algebra queries finds all the different country code (*i.e.*, `country.code`) without any airport. Assume that `x ISNULL` check if `x` has a `NULL` value or not.

- A. $\pi_{[c.code]}(\rho(\text{country}, c) - \rho(\text{airport}, a))$
- B. $\pi_{[a.country]}(\rho(\text{airport}, a)) - \pi_{c.code}(\rho(\text{country}, c))$
- C. $\pi_{[c.code]}(\sigma_{a.name \text{ ISNULL}}(\rho(\text{country}, c) \bowtie_{[c.code=a.country]} \rho(\text{airport}, a)))$
- D. All of the above.
- E. None of the above.

24. (3 points) **(MCQ)** Which of the following relational algebra queries finds all the different flight number (*i.e.*, `flight.num`) that takeoff and landing in the same country.

- A. $\pi_{[f.num]}(\sigma_{[(a.name=f.takeoff) \wedge (a.name=f.landing)]}(\rho(\text{flight}, f) \times \rho(\text{airport}, a)))$
- B. $\pi_{[f.num]}(\sigma_{[(a.name=f.takeoff) \wedge (a.name=f.landing) \wedge (c.code=a.country)]}(\rho(\text{flight}, f) \times \rho(\text{airport}, a) \times \rho(\text{country}, c)))$
- C. $\pi_{[f.num]}(\sigma_{[(a.name=f.takeoff) \wedge (a.name=f.landing) \wedge (a.country=a.country)]}(\rho(\text{flight}, f) \times \rho(\text{airport}, a)))$
- D. All of the above.
- E. None of the above.

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Miscellaneous

25. (11 points) Consider the following relation and set of functional dependencies. Note that the set of functional dependencies is already given in canonical cover.

$$R = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$$

$$\Sigma = \{ \{A, B\} \rightarrow \{C, D\}, \{C\} \rightarrow \{A, B\}, \{D\} \rightarrow \{E\} \}$$

- (a) (2 points) Find all the *candidate keys* (i.e., keys) of R with Σ .
- (b) (2 points) Find a functional dependency that violates 3NF property R with Σ .
- (c) (4 points) Since R is not in 3NF, we want to make it into 3NF **but not** BCNF. We want to do this by adding one **and only one** functional dependency to Σ .
Let us call this new set functional dependencies Σ' . Ensure that R is in 3NF but not in BCNF given Σ' .
- (d) (3 points) Find all the *candidate keys* (i.e., keys) of R with Σ' .

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