

Assignment 3: Functional Dependencies and Normalization

1. a)

FD4: $\{C\} \rightarrow \{A\}$ by decomposition of FD2.

FD5: $\{C\} \rightarrow \{BC\}$ by transitivity with FD1 and FD4.

FD6: $\{C\} \rightarrow \{B\}$ by decomposition of FD5.

b)

FD7: $\{A,E\} \rightarrow \{B,C,E\}$ by augmentation of FD1.

FD8: $\{A,E\} \rightarrow \{C,E\}$ by decomposition of FD7.

FD9: $\{C,E\} \rightarrow \{A,D,E\}$ by augmentation of FD2.

FD10: $\{A,E\} \rightarrow \{A,D,E\}$ by transitivity of FD8 and FD9.

FD11: $\{A,E\} \rightarrow \{D,E\}$ by decomposition of FD10.

FD12: $\{A,E\} \rightarrow \{F\}$ by transitivity of FD3 and FD11.

2. a)

- Initially $X^+ = \{A\}$
- By using FD1: $X^+ = \{A,B,C\}$
- By using FD2: $X^+ = \{A,B,C,D\}$

b)

- Initially $X^+ = \{C,E\}$
- By using FD2: $X^+ = \{C,E,A,D\}$
- By using FD1: $X^+ = \{C,E,A,D,B\}$
- By using FD3: $X^+ = \{C,E,A,D,B,F\}$

3. a)

- $\{A\}^+ = \{A\}$ no a CK
- $\{A,B\}^+ = \{A,B,C,D,E,F\}$, $\{A,B\}$ is a CK
- $\{A,C\}^+ = \{A,C\}$
- $\{A,D\}^+ = \{A,D,B,C,E,F\}$, $\{A,D\}$ is a CK
- $\{A,E\}^+ = \{A,E,F\}$, is not a CK
- $\{A,F\}^+ = \{A, F\}$, is not a CK
- **Candidate keys are $\{A,B\}$ and $\{A,D\}$**

b)

- FD2 since $\{E\}$ is not a super key
- FD3 since $\{D\}$ is not a super key

c)

Since FD2 violates BCNF for R, we decompose R into R1 and R2 where:

R1(E, F) with FD2, CK: $\{E\}$

R2(A,B,C,D,E) with FD4: $\{A,B\} \rightarrow \{C,D,E\}$ (decomposition of FD1)

Candidate keys are the same as in a). $\{A,B\}$ and $\{A,D\}$

Since FD3 violates BCNF for R2 we use it to decompose R2 into:

$R2X(\underline{D},B)$ with FD3, CK: $\{D\}$

$R2Y(\underline{A},C,\underline{D},E)$ with FD5: $\{A,B\} \rightarrow \{C,E\}$ (decomposition of FD1)

Candidate key is $\{A,D\}$. $\{A,B\}$ is not a candidate key any more since FD1 is not preserved, but FD1 can be derived from FD3 and FD5.

Finally, the result of decomposing R consists of R1, R2X and R2Y.

4. a)

- FD1 and FD2 are in BCNF since:
 - $\{A,B,C\}^+ = \{A,B,C,D,E\}$ i.e superkey
 - $\{B,C,D\}^+ = \{B,C,D,A,E\}$ i.e superkey
- FD3 are not in BCNF since:
 - $\{C\}^+ = \{C,D\}$ i.e not a superkey

b)

Since FD3 violates BCNF for R we use it to decompose R into:

$R1(C,D)$ with FD3, CK: $\{C\}$

$R2(A,B,C,E)$ with FD4; $\{ABC\} \rightarrow \{E\}$ by decomposition of FD1. CK: $\{ABC\}$