

## 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:  $\{A,D\} \rightarrow \{C,D,E\}$  with pseudo-transitivity of FD3 and FD4 (since FD3:  $D \rightarrow B$  and FD4:  $AB \rightarrow CDE : AD \rightarrow CDE$ )

$D \rightarrow B$ ,  $AB \rightarrow CDE$ ,

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:  $\{A,B,C\}$