

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Database Management System

FD's & Normalization Normal Forms-3

Lecture_11



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A graphic of a construction barrier with orange and white diagonal stripes and two yellow spherical bollards at the top.

**TOPICS
TO BE
COVERED**

01 2NF, 3NF , BCNF

02 NF Decomposition

2NF



3NF

R is in 2NF.

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3NF or Not

$X \rightarrow Y$

X : Superkey
or

Y : key / Prime Attribute

3NF [Core I & F] not allowed.

BCNF

L4



OR

RCNF

Every $X \rightarrow y$ Non Trivial FD

X : Super key.

Q.

In a relational data model, which one of the following statements is TRUE?

P
W

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- A** A relation with only two attributes is always in BCNF.
- B** If all attributes of a relation are prime attributes, then the relation is in BCNF.
- C** Every relation has at least one non-prime attribute.
- D** BCNF decompositions preserve functional dependencies.

Q.

Which of the following statement is/are true?

P
W

- A Second normal form (2NF) have transitive dependency.
- B No relation can be in both BCNF and 3NF.
- C Second normal form(2NF) does not have partial dependency.
- D In BCNF lossless join & dependency - preserving decomposition is always possible.

Q.

Let $R(A, B, C, D, E, P, G)$ be a relational schema in which the  following functional dependencies are known to hold:

$$AB \rightarrow CD, DE \rightarrow P, C \rightarrow E, P \rightarrow C \text{ and } B \rightarrow G.$$

The relational schema R is

- A** In BCNF
- B** In 3NF, but not in BCNF
- C** In 2NF, but not in 3NF
- D** Not in 2NF

Q

Consider the following statements:

[MSQ] 

- S₁: If every attribute is prime attribute in R, then Relation R will always be in BCNF.
- S₂: Any Relation with two Attribute is in 3 NF and 2 NF.
- S₃: If every key of relation R is a simple candidate key (No composite key) then the relation R not always in NF.
- S₄: In BCNF there is always a lossless join and Dependency Preserving Decomposition.

Which of the above statement are incorrect

AS₁**B**S₂**C**S₃**D**S₄

Q

The relation scheme student Performance (name, courseNO, rollNo, grade) has the following functional dependencies:

P
W**[2004: 2 Marks]**

name, courseNo \rightarrow grade

RollNo, courseNo \rightarrow grade

name \rightarrow rollNo

rollNO \rightarrow name

The highest normal form of this relation scheme is

A

2 NF

B

3 NF

C

BCNF

D

4 NF

Normal Form Decomposition

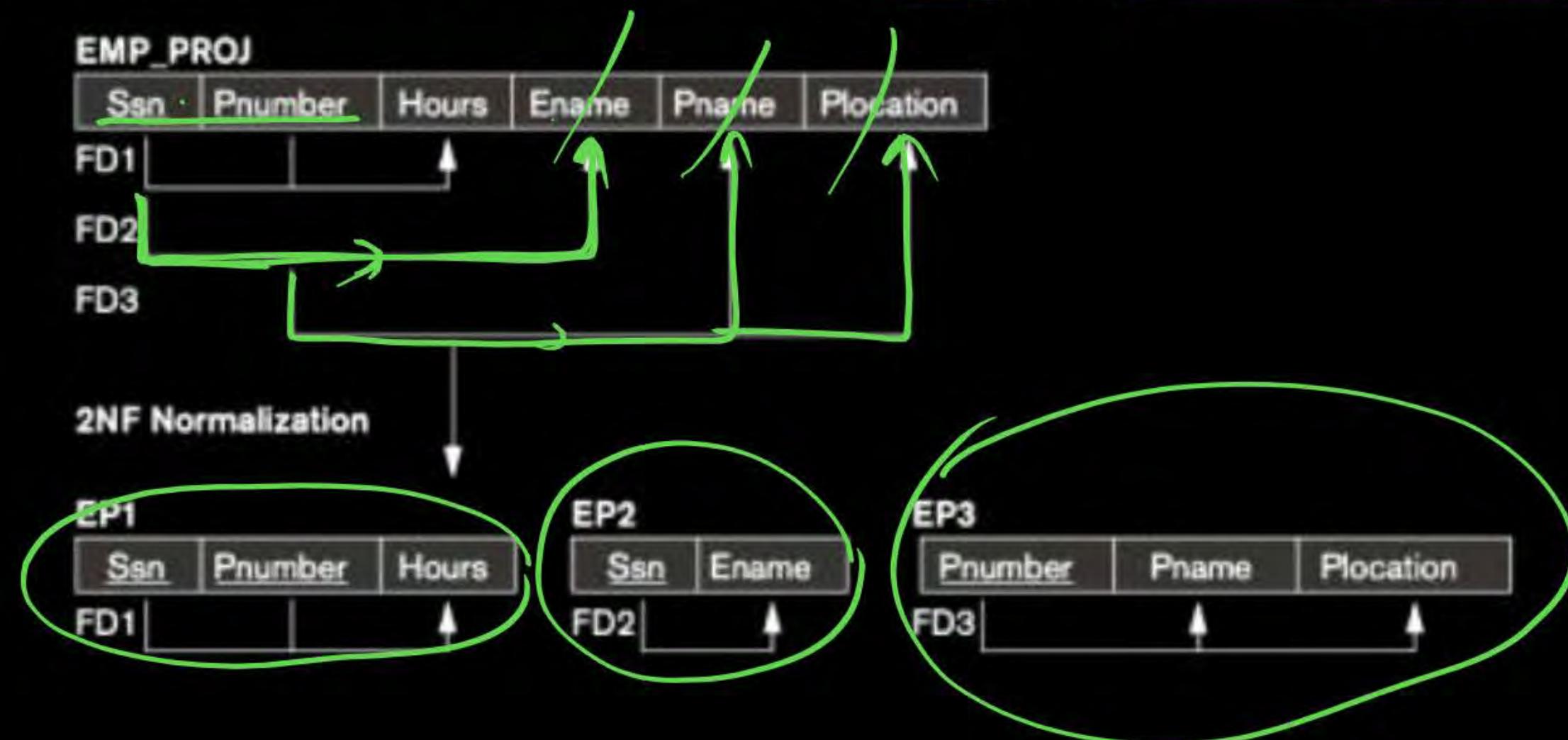
Normal Forms

Design Goal	1NF	2NF	3NF	BCNF
0.1. Redundancy	No	No	No	YES (But subject from MVFD) $x \rightarrow y$
Lossless Join	YES	YES	YES	YES
Dependency Preserving	YES	YES	YES	May / may Not

Normal Forms

Second Normal Form

Definition: A relation schema R is in 2NF if every nonprime attribute A in R is fully functionally dependent on the primary key of R.



2 NF: ① First Find Candidate keys.

② then Write all Non Prime/Non key Attribute

Id

proper subset
of Candidate key

Non key
Attribute

its Violation of
2NF.

Not in 2NF

2NF Decomposition

$$(X^*)^t = [\dots]$$

2NF Decomposition

Q.1

$R(ABCDEF) \{AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow EF\}$

2NF Decomposition

Non Prime

Candidate key = $\underline{[AB]}$

| Non key Attribute = $[C, D, E, F]$

Check 2NF ?

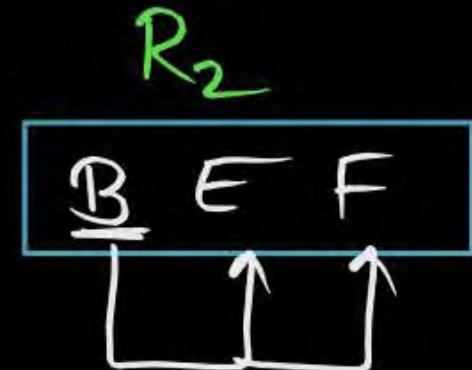
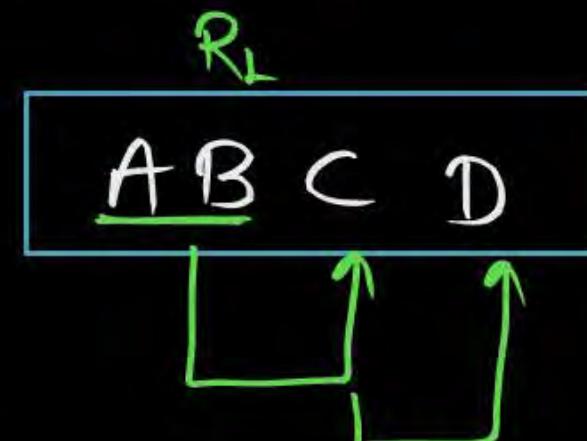
$B \rightarrow EF$

Proper subset of Candidate key Non key Attribute

R is Not in 2NF.

$\underline{[B]}^+ = [BEF]$

$R(ABCDF //)$



2NF Decomposition

Q.1

$R(ABCDEF) \{ \underbrace{AB \rightarrow C}_{R_1}, \underbrace{C \rightarrow D}_{R_1}, \underbrace{B \rightarrow EF}_{R_2} \}$

2NF Decomposition.

$$R_1(ABCD) \wedge R_2(BEF) = B$$

$$(B)^+ = [BEF]$$

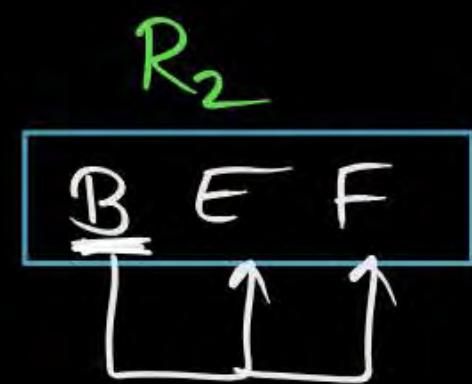
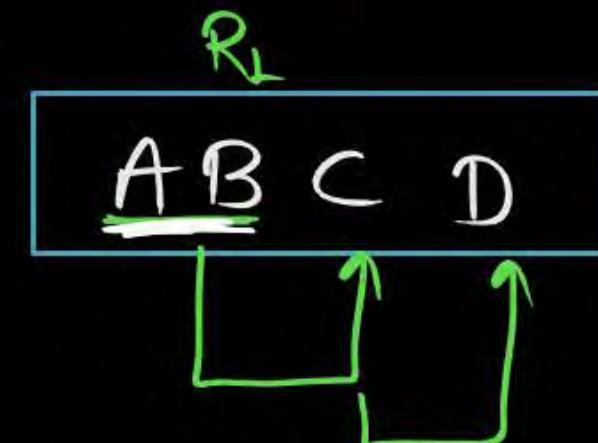
$$R(ABCD \cancel{EF})$$

$(B)^+ = [BEF]$ Subkey
of R_2 .

Lossless Join

R_1
<u>A</u> B C D

R_2
<u>B</u> E F



C.K: AB

C.K: B

Dependency Preserved

2NF Decomposition

Q.2

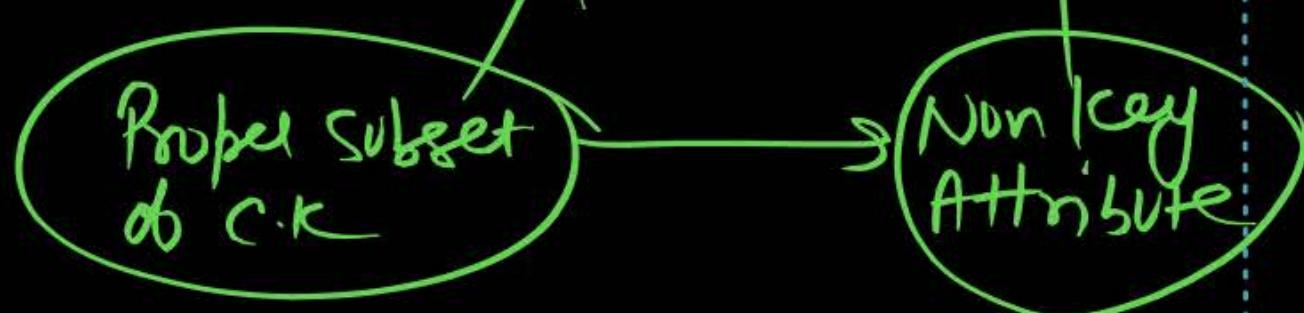
$R(ABCDEFGH) \{ \underline{AB} \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, B \overset{R_1}{\rightarrow} E, E \rightarrow F, A \rightarrow GH \}$

Candidate key = $\{AB\}$

Non key Attribute = $\{C, D, E, F, G, H\}$

CHECK 2NF ?

$B \rightarrow E$. $A \rightarrow GH$



R is Not in 2NF

2NF Decomposition:

$(B)^+ = \{BEF\}$

$(A)^+ = \{AGH\}$

$R(ABCDEFGH)$

R_1
$\underline{AB} C D$

R_2
$B \underline{E} F$

R_3
$A \underline{G} H$

2NF Decomposition

Q.2

$R(ABCDEFGH) \{ \underbrace{AB \rightarrow C}, \underbrace{C \rightarrow D}, \underbrace{B \rightarrow E}, \underbrace{E \rightarrow F}, \underbrace{A \rightarrow GH} \}$

Candidate key = \underline{AB}

Non key Attribute = $\underline{\{C, D, E, F, G, H\}}$

$R_1(ABCD) \cap R_2(BEF) = \underline{(B)}$

$(\underline{B})^+ = \underline{BEF}$ Subkey of R_2

$R_{12}(ABCDEF) \cap R_3(\underline{AGH}) = A$

$(A)^+ = \underline{AGH}$ Subkey of R_3

Lossless Join

2NF Decomposition:

$(B)^+ = \underline{BEF}$

$(A)^+ = \underline{AGH}$

$R(ABCDEF \cancel{GH})$

R_1
$\underline{AB} \underline{CD}$

R_2
$B \underline{EF}$

R_3
$A \underline{GH}$



Dependency Preserved.

2NF Decomposition

Q.3

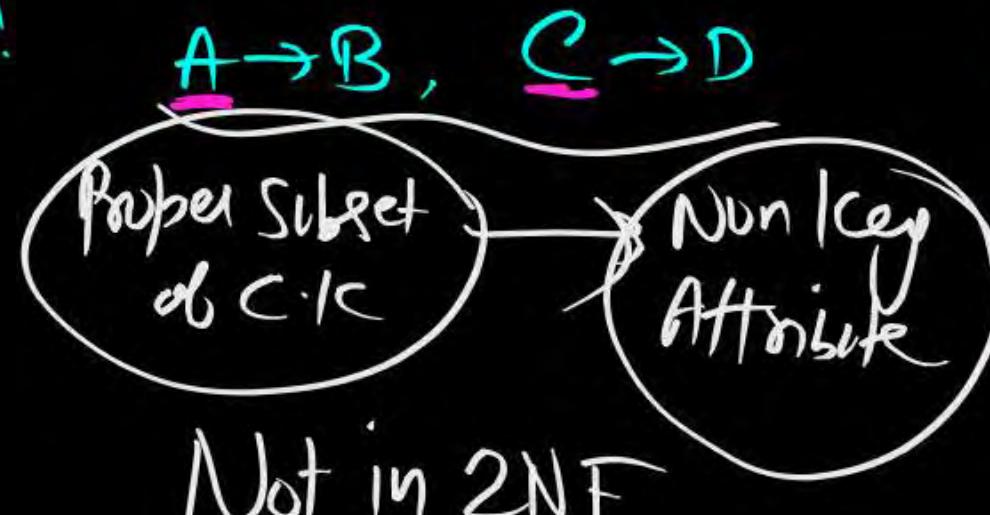
R(ABCDE) F: $\underline{A \rightarrow B}$, $B \rightarrow E$, $\underline{C \rightarrow D}$

Decompose it into 2NF.

Candidate key = $\underline{[AC]}$

Non key Attribute = $\underline{[B, D, E]}$

Check 2NF ?



2NF Decomposition:

$$\underline{[A]}^+ = [ABE]$$

$$\underline{[C]}^+ = [CD]$$

$$R(A \cancel{|} B \cancel{|} C \cancel{|} D \cancel{|} E)$$

$$R_1 \\ \underline{AC}$$

$$R_2 \\ \underline{ABE} \\ \uparrow \quad \uparrow$$

$$R_3 \\ \underline{CD} \\ \uparrow$$

2NF Decomposition

Q.3

R(ABCDE) F: [A → B, B → E, C → D]

Decompose it into 2NF.

$$\frac{\text{Why } R_1(AC) \text{ will take?}}{\text{Bcz if } R_2(ABE) \cap R_3(CD) = \emptyset}$$

No Common Attribute

Lossy Join Because of Spurious Tables (Extra table)

∴ We are taking original candidate key (AC) in One Separate Relation also R₁(AC)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \underline{R_1(AC)} \cap R_2(ABE) = \{A\}^+ - [ABE] \text{ subkey of } R_2 \\ R_2(ABE) \cap R_3(CD) = \{A\}^+ - [CD] \text{ subkey of } R_3 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \text{Lossless}$$

2NF Decomposition:

$$\{A\}^+ = [ABE]$$

$$\{C\}^+ = [CD]$$

$$R(A \diagup B \diagdown C \diagup D \diagdown E)$$

R ₁
AC

R ₂
ABE

R ₃
CD

Dependency Preserved

2NF Decomposition

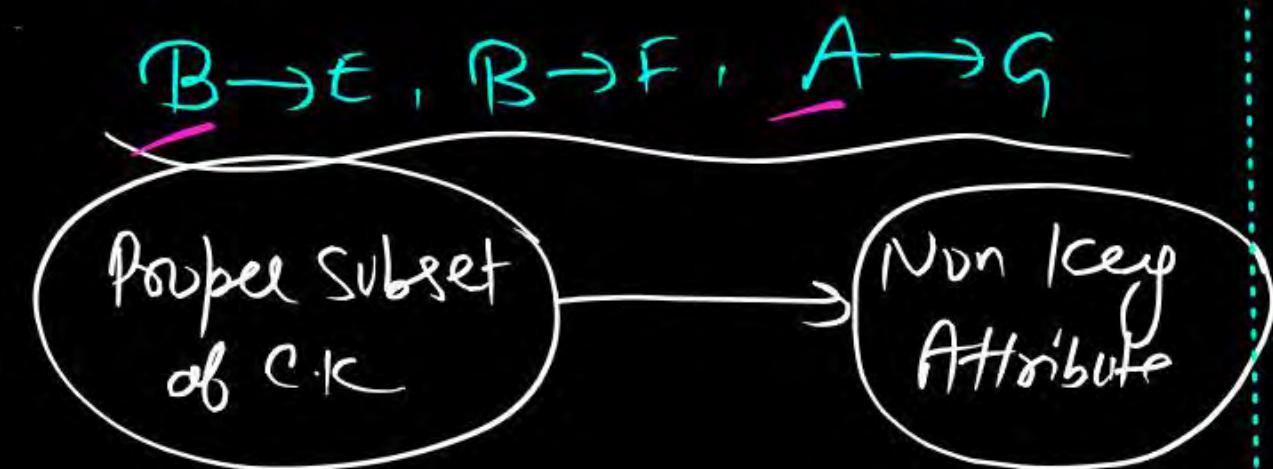
Q⁴

$R(ABCDEFG) \{AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow F, A \rightarrow G\}$

Candidate Key = $\{AB\}$

Non key Attribute = $\{C, D, E, F, G\}$

Check 2NF ?



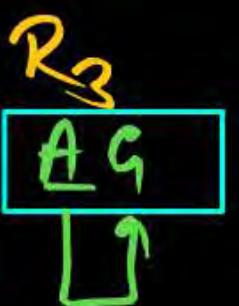
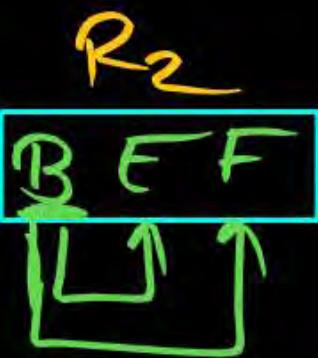
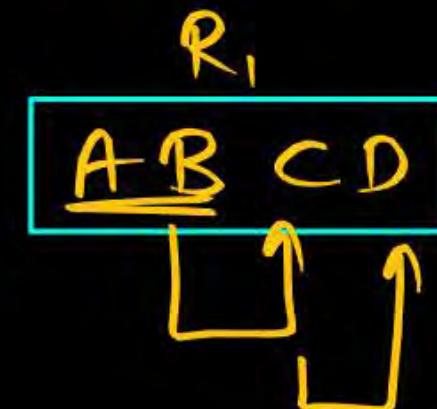
Not in 2NF

2NF Decomposition

$(B)^+ = \{BEF\}$

$(A)^+ = \{AG\}$

$R(ABCDEF)$



2NF Decomposition

Q

R(ABCDEFG) {AB → C, C → D, B → E, B → F, A → G}

$$R_1(ABCD) \cap R_2(BEF) = [B]^+ = [BEF]$$

Subkey of R₂

$$R_{12}(ABCDEF) \cap R_3(AG) = [A]$$

$$[A]^+ = [AG]$$

Subkey of R₃

Lossless Join

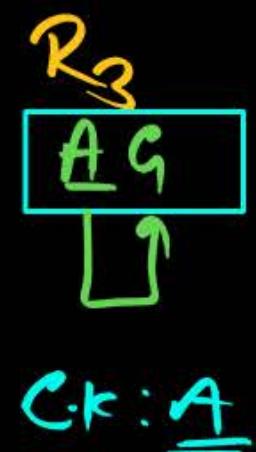
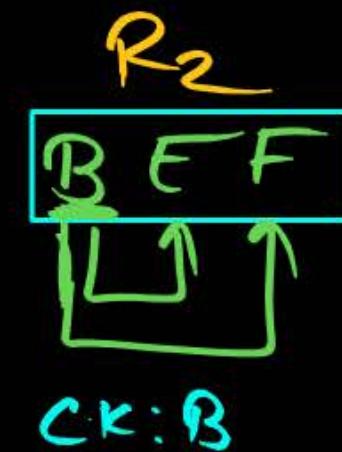
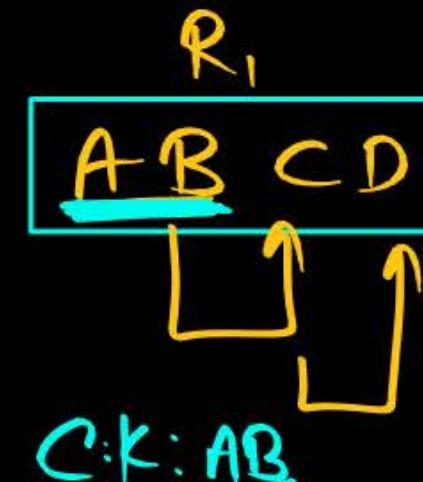
- AB → C ✓ R₁
 - C → D ✓ R₁
 - B → E ✓ R₂
 - B → F ✓ R₂
 - A → G ✓ R₃
- &
- Dependency
Preserved

2NF Decomposition

$$[B]^+ = [BEF]$$

$$[A]^+ = [AG]$$

$$R(ABCD \mid \cancel{EF} \cancel{F})$$



2NF Decomposition

Q.5

R (ABCDEFGHIJ) {AB→C, BD→EF, AD→GH, A→I, H→J}

Candidate key = [ABD]

Non key Attribute = [C, E, F, G, H, I, J]

Check 2NF?

AB→C, BD→EF, AD→GH, A→I

Possible subset
of Candidate key

Non key
Attribute

Not in 2NF

2NF Decomposition

(AB)⁺ = [ABC(I)]

(BD)⁺ = [BDEF]

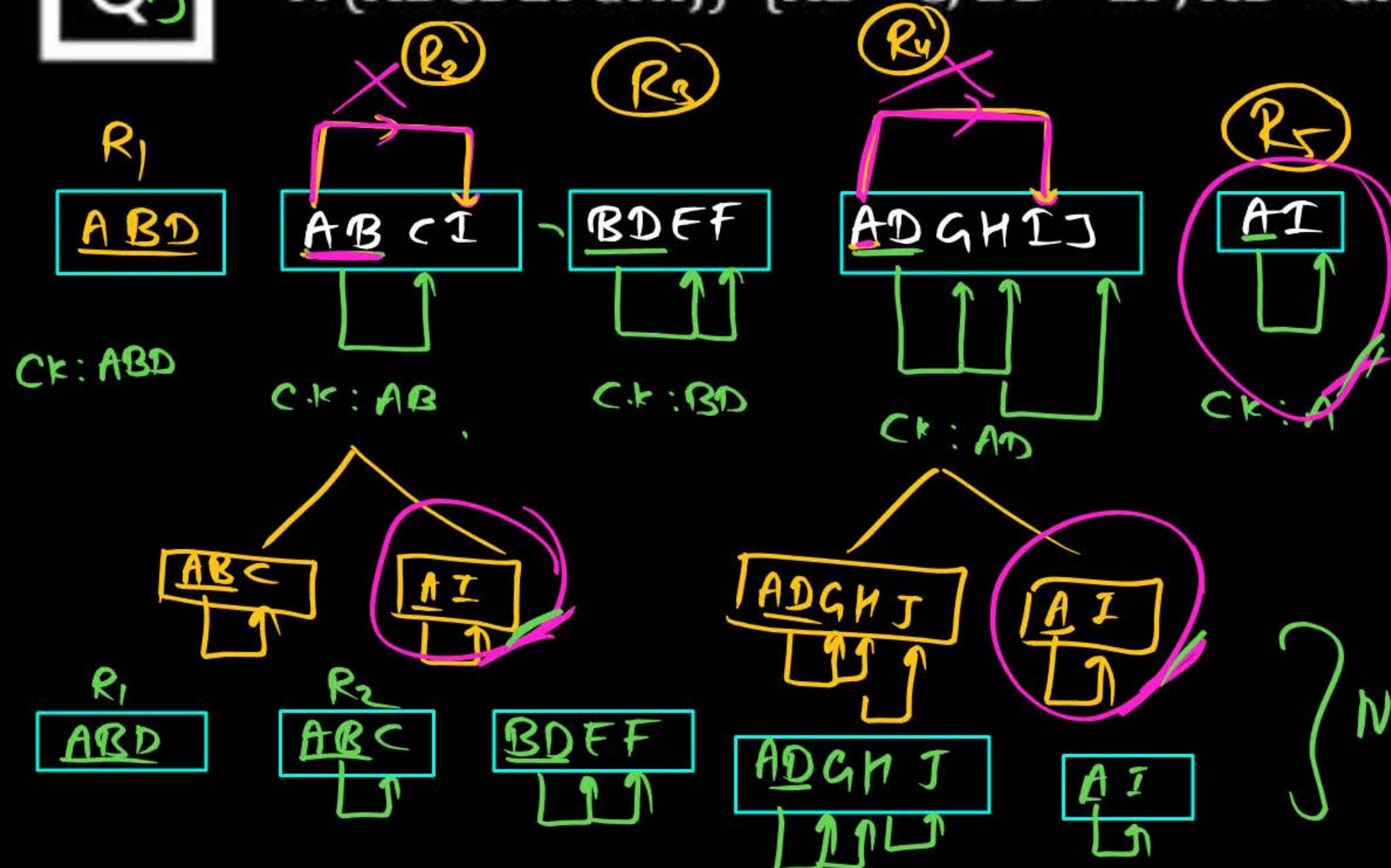
(AD)⁺ = [ADGHIJ]

(A)⁺ = [AI]

2NF Decomposition

Q.5

$R(ABCDEFHIJ) \{AB \rightarrow C, BD \rightarrow EF, AD \rightarrow GH, A \rightarrow I, H \rightarrow J\}$



2NF Decomposition

$$(AB)^+ = [ABC \text{ } I]$$

$$(BD)^+ = [BDEF]$$

$$(AD)^+ = [ADGHIJ]$$

$$(A)^+ = [AI]$$

$R(A \text{ } B \text{ } C \text{ } D \text{ } E \text{ } F \text{ } G \text{ } H \text{ } I \text{ } J)$

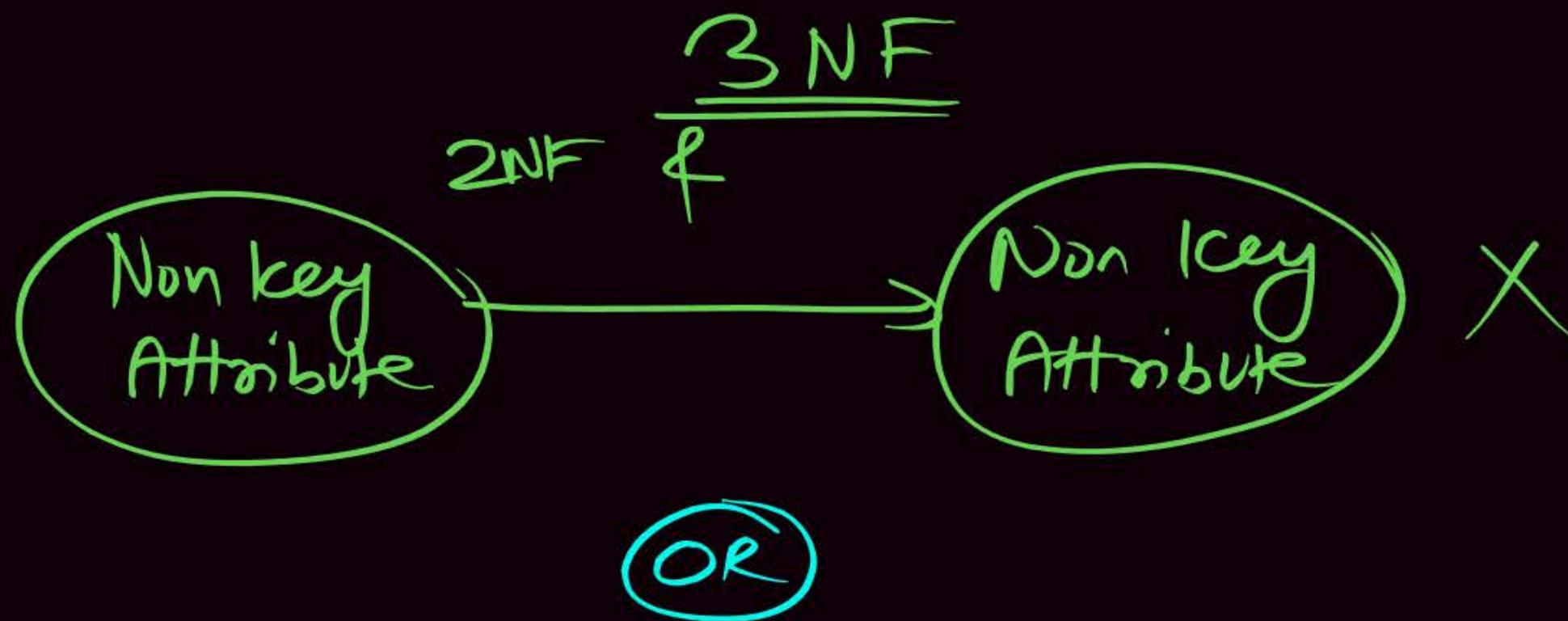
Now 2NF + less loss
+ Dep Preserved.

Note
Iceys Underlined

A	B	C
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C.R : AB.

key: Unique



Every Non Trivial $X \rightarrow Y$ FD

X : Suber Key

α
 Y : Key / Prime Attribute

Normal Forms

Third Normal Form

Definition: According to Codd's original definition, a relation schema R is in 3NF if it satisfies 2NF and no nonprime attribute of R is transitively dependent on the primary key.

Definition: A relation schema R is in third normal form (3NF) if, whenever a nontrivial functional dependency $X \rightarrow A$ holds in R either (a) X is a superkey of R, or (b) A is a prime attribute of R.

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Ename	Ssn	Bdate	Address	Dnumber	Dname	Dmgr_ssn

3NF Normalization

ED1

Ename	Ssn	Bdate	Address	Dnumber

ED2

Dnumber	Dname	Dmgr_ssn

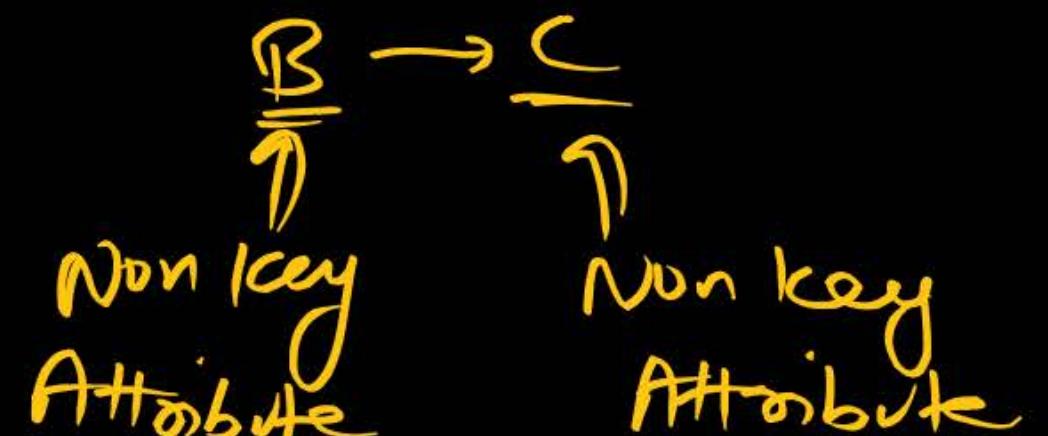
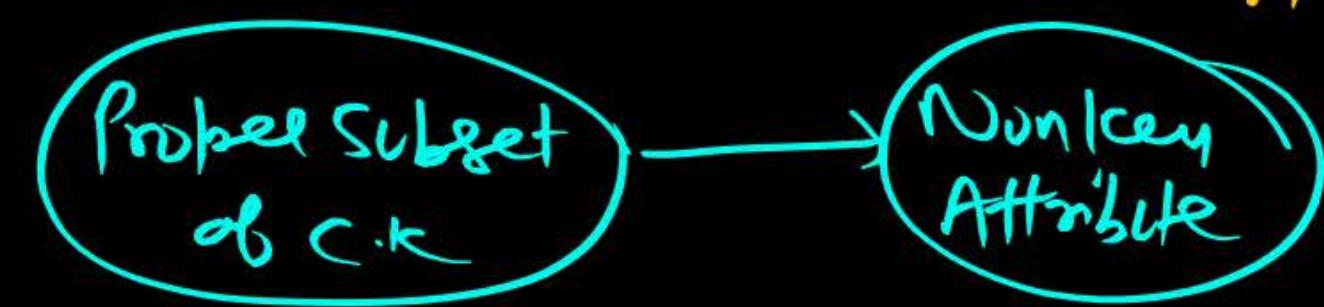
3NF Decomposition

Q.1

 $R(ABC) \quad [A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C]$ Check 3NF ?

Candidate key = [A]

Non key Attribute = [B, C]

Check 2NF ?R Not in 3NF .

No Such type of FD exist
R is in 2NF.

OR Discreetly checking 3NF

3NF Decomposition

Q.1

R(ABC)

 $[A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C]$

Candidate key = [A]

Non key Attribute = [B, C].

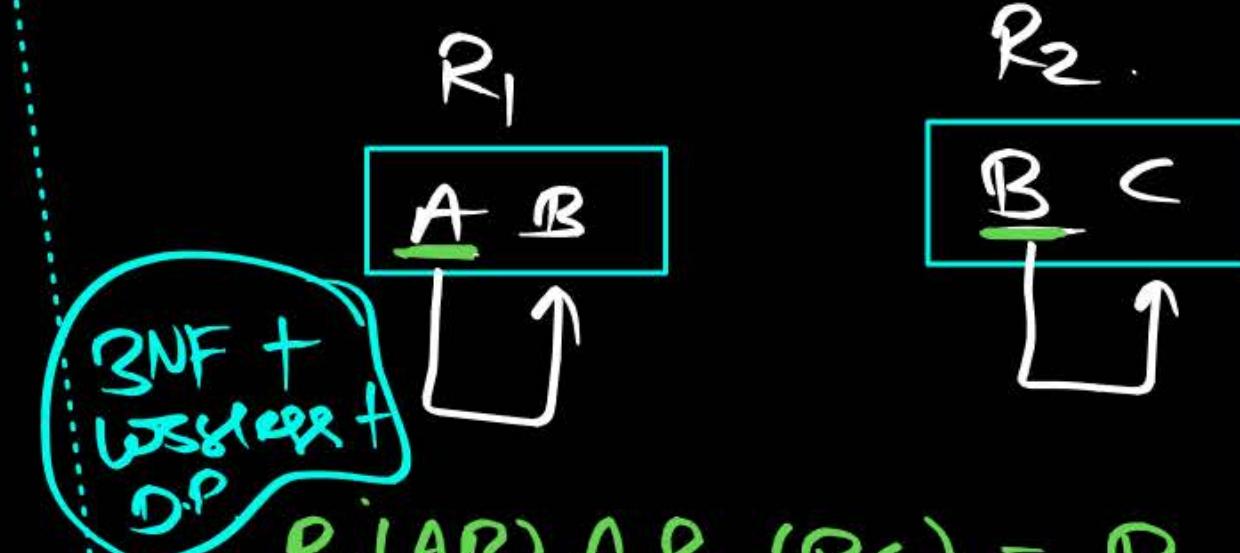
Check 3NF ?

either $X \rightarrow Y$
 X : Super key

OR
 Y : Prime key
 Attribute

$A \rightarrow B$ ✓ 3NF [A is subkey]

$B \rightarrow C$ X 3NF [B is Not subkey
 OR
 C is Not key Attribute]
Not in 3NF

3NF Decomposition:

$$R_1(AB) \wedge R_2(BC) = R$$

$(B)^+ = (BC)$ Subrelation of R_2
less & less Join.

$\checkmark A \rightarrow B$ in R_1 $\checkmark B \rightarrow C$ in R_2 {Def. Preserved}

3NF Decomposition

Q

$R(ABC)$

$R(ABC)$

$[A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C]$

$A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C$

$[A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C]$

R_1

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
1	b ₁

R_2

<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
1	c ₂

R is in 3NF
+ lossless
+ D.P.

$R_1(AB) \cap R_2(BC)$
 $(B)^+$ is superkey &
lossless

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
1	b ₁	c ₂
2	b ₁	c ₂
3	b ₁	c ₂
4	b ₁	c ₂
5	b ₁	c ₂
6	b ₄	c ₇
7	b ₄	c ₇
8	b ₄	c ₇
9	b ₄	c ₇
10	b ₄	c ₇
11	b ₄	c ₇

Assume 11ac
tuple.

$R_1(AB)$

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
1	b ₁
2	b ₁
3	b ₁
4	b ₁
5	b ₁
6	b ₄
7	b ₄
8	b ₄
9	b ₄
10	b ₄
11	b ₄

3NF Decomposition

$R_2(BC)$

<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
b ₁	c ₂
b ₄	c ₇

lossless

3NF Decomposition

Q2

R_1 R_2 R_3 R_4
 R (ABCDEF) $[AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow F]$

Candidate key = \underline{AB}

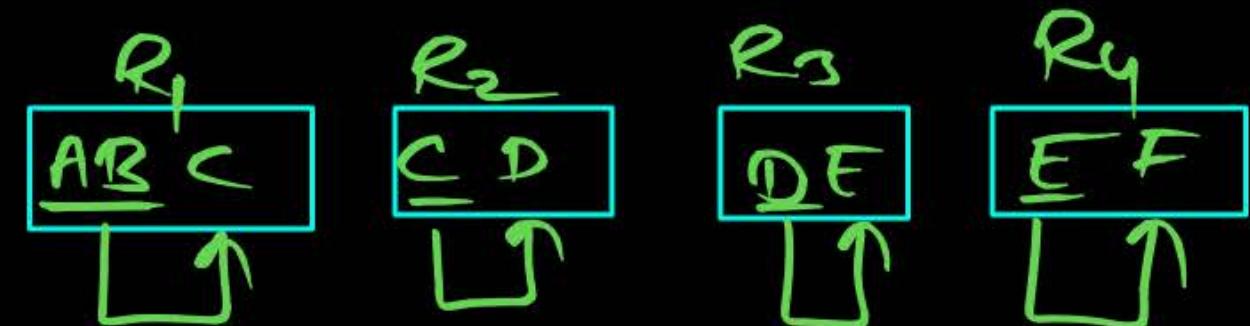
Non key Attribute = $\{C, D, E, F\}$

Check 3NF

$C \rightarrow D$
 $D \rightarrow E$
 $E \rightarrow F$

Violate
3NF

3NF Decomposition



3NF + Lossless Join
+ Dep. Preserved.

3NF Decomposition

P
W

BNF Decomposition Directly

Q.3

R (ABCDEFGHIJ) {AB→C, BD→EF, AD→GH, A→I, H→J}

Candidate key = ABD

Check BNF ?

$AB \rightarrow C$

RD-JET

AD \rightarrow GN

A → I

H → J

BNF Decomposition

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$$\underline{AB} \subset$$

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D.P.

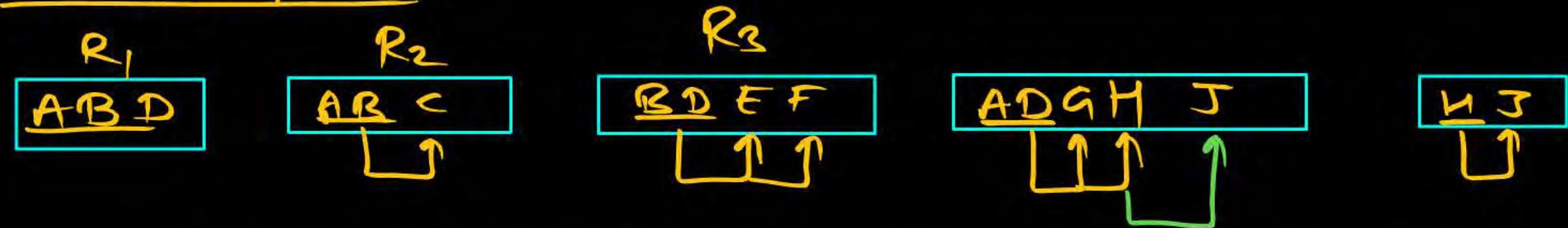
3NF Decomposition

(DR)

Q³

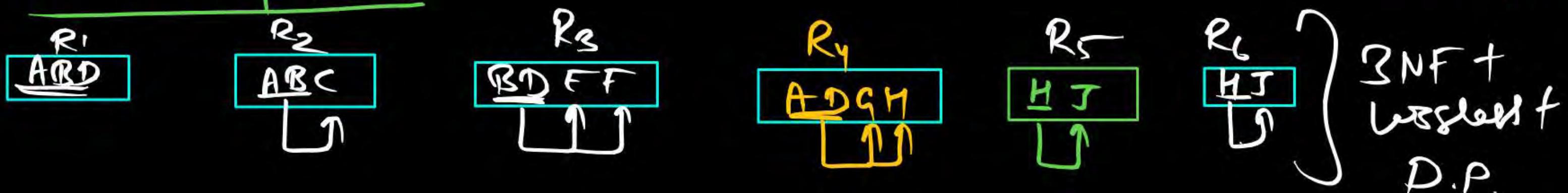
R (ABCDEFGHIJ) {AB→C, BD→EF, AD→GH, A→I, H→J}

2NF Decomposition



2NF But Not in 3NF ($\because H \rightarrow J$ (H is not key & J is not prime attribute))

3NF Decomposition



3NF Decomposition

Q.4

R (ABCD) {AB→CD, D→A}

Check 3NF

Candidate key = [AB, DB]

Check 2NF ?

D → A

D is proper
subset of CK

But A is key/prime
Attribut

So No Violation of 2NF

R is in 2NF.

AB → CD

D → A

key key

R is in 3NF.

~~Discreetly BNF~~

3NF Decomposition

Q.4

R (ABCD) {AB→CD, D→A}

Candidate key = [AB, DB]

Check 3NF

AB → CD ✓ 3NF (AB is super key)
D → A ✓ 3NF (D is not super key But
A is key/prime attribute)

So R is in 3NF

3NF Decomposition



R (ABCDEFGH) {A→BC, B→DEF, DE→AGH}

.

Q

R(ABCDE) {AB → C, C → D, B → E}

Decompose into 2NF, 3NF, BCNF

P
W

Q

Relation R is decomposed using a set of functional dependencies, F, and relation S is decomposed using another set of functional dependencies, G. One decomposition is definitely BCNF, the other is definitely 3NF, but it is not known which is which. To make a guaranteed identification, which one of the following tests should be used on the decompositions? (Assume that the closures of F and G are available).

PW

[2002: 2 Marks]

- A** Dependency-preservation
- B** Lossless-join
- C** BCNF definition
- D** 3 NF definition

Q

Which of the following relational schema with given FD's follows is/are in BCNF?

P
W

- A R(ABCDE) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow E$, $C \rightarrow A$ }
- B R(ABCDE) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow E$ }
- C R(ABCD) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow A$ }
- D R(ABCD) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow A$ }

Q

Consider the following Relation:

$R(ABCDEFG)$ with FD set of Relation R { $A \rightarrow B$, $C \rightarrow D$, $E \rightarrow FG$ }.

What is the minimum number of relations required to decompose into BCNF which satisfy lossless join and Dependency preserving decomposition _____

P
W

Q

The relation scheme student Performance (name, courseNO, rollNo, grade) has the following functional dependencies:

P
W

[2004: 2 Marks]

name, courseNo \rightarrow grade

RollNo, courseNo \rightarrow grade

name \rightarrow rollNo

rollNO \rightarrow name

The highest normal form of this relation scheme is

A

2 NF

B

3 NF

C

BCNF

D

4 NF

Q.

Relation R has eight attributes ABCDEFGH. Fields of R contain only atomic values.

$F = \{CH \rightarrow G, A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CFH, E \rightarrow A, F \rightarrow EG\}$ is a set of functional dependencies (FDs) so that F^+ is exactly the set of FDs that hold for R.

[MCQ: 2013: 2M]

The relation R is

- A in 1NF, but not in 2NF.
- B in 2NF, but not in 3NF.
- C in 3NF, but not in BCNF.
- D in BCNF.

P
W

Q.

Given an instance of the STUDENTS relation as shown below:



key must be
unique

StudentID	StudentName	StudentEmail	StudentAge	CPI
2345	Shankar	shankar@math	X	9.4
1287	Swati	swati@ee	19	9.5
7853	Shankar	shankar@cse	19	9.4
9876	Swati	swati@mech	18	9.3
8765	Ganesh	ganesh@civil	19	8.7

For (StudentName, StudentAge) to be a key for this instance, the value X should NOT be equal to 19. Ans

[NAT: 2014: 1M]

key must be Unique .

AB is key for
this Relation R.

R(AB)	
A	B
1	4
2	5
3	6
4	5

Q. ① Can A become key ?

Q. ② Can B become key ?

Soln 1 No

Soln 2 No

Q.

P
W

Given the following two statements:

- S1: Every table with two single-valued attributes is in 1NF, 2NF, 3NF and BCNF.
- S2: $AB \rightarrow C, D \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C$ is a minimal cover for the set of functional dependencies $AB \rightarrow C, D \rightarrow E, AB \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C$.

Which one of the following is CORRECT?

[MCQ: 2014: 2M]

- A S1 is TRUE and S2 is FALSE.
- B Both S1 and S2 are TRUE.
- C S1 is FALSE and S2 is TRUE.
- D Both S1 and S2 are FALSE.

Q.

Consider the following four relational schemas. For each schema, all non-trivial functional dependencies are listed. The underlined attributes are the respective primary keys.

P
W

Schema I: Registration (rollno, courses)

Field 'courses' is a set-valued attribute containing the set of courses a student has registered for.

Non-trivial functional dependency:

$\text{rollno} \rightarrow \text{courses}$

Schema II: Registration (rollno, courseid, email)

Non-trivial functional dependencies:

$\text{rollno}, \text{courseid} \rightarrow \text{email}$

$\text{email} \rightarrow \text{rollno}$

A Schema I

B Schema II

C Schema III

D Schema IV

Schema III: Registration (rollno, courseid, marks, grade)

Non-trivial functional dependencies:

$\text{rollno}, \text{courseid} \rightarrow \text{marks, grade}$

$\text{marks} \rightarrow \text{grade}$

Schema IV: Registration (rollno, courseid, marks, credit)

Non-trivial functional dependencies:

$\text{rollno}, \text{courseid} \rightarrow \text{credit}$

$\text{courseid} \rightarrow \text{credit}$

Which one of the relational schemas above is in 3NF but not in BCNF?

[MCQ: 2018: 2M]

Q.

A database of research articles in a journal uses the following schema.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE, TITLE, YEAR, PRICE)

P
W

The primary key is (VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE) and the following functional dependencies exist in the schema.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE) \rightarrow TITLE

(VOLUME, NUMBER) \rightarrow YEAR

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE) \rightarrow PRICE.

The database is redesigned to use the following schemas.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE, TITLE, PRICE)

(VOLUME, NUMBER, YEAR)

Which of the weakest normal form that the new database satisfies, but the old one does not?

[MCQ: 2016: 1M]

A 1NF

C 2NF

B 3NF

D BCNF

Q.

Consider a relational table R that is in 3NF, but not in BCNF.
Which one of the following statements is TRUE?

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[MCQ: 2020-2M]

- A R has a nontrivial functional dependency $\underline{X \rightarrow A}$, where X is not a superkey and A is a non-prime attribute and X is a proper subset of some key.
- B R has a nontrivial functional dependency $\underline{X \rightarrow A}$, where X is not a superkey and A is a non-prime attribute and X is not a proper subset of any key.
- C A cell in R holds a set instead of an atomic value.
- D R has a nontrivial functional dependency $\underline{X \rightarrow A}$, where X is not a superkey and A is a prime attribute.

Q.

Consider a relation R (A, B, C, D, E) with the following three functional dependencies.

$AB \rightarrow C$; $BC \rightarrow D$; $C \rightarrow E$;

The number of superkeys in the relation R is ____.

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W

[NAT:2022-1M]

Any Doubt ?

**THANK
YOU!**

