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1. Consider a relation R having attributes as R(ABCD), functional dependencies are given below: $AB \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow A$ Identify the set of candidate keys possible in relation R. List all the set of prime and non-prime attributes.

$AB^+ = ABCD$

$CB^+ = CBDA$

$DB^+ = DBAC$

Candidate keys = AB, CB, DB

Prime attributes = A, B, C, D

This is in 3NF as all attributes are prime

2. Relation R(ABCDE) having functional dependencies as: $A \rightarrow D$, $B \rightarrow A$, $BC \rightarrow D$, $AC \rightarrow BE$ Identify the set of candidate keys possible in relation R. List all the set of prime and non prime attributes.

$AC^+ = ACBED$

$BC^+ = BCDAE$

Candidate Keys = AC, BC

Prime Attributes = A, B, C

Non-Prime Attributes = E, D

This is 1NF because as we know in 2nf there should not be any partial dependencies but here A the subset of 'AC' candidate key is determining the 'D' a non-prime attribute.

3. Consider a relation R having attributes as R(ABCDE), functional dependencies are given below: $B \rightarrow A$, $A \rightarrow C$, $BC \rightarrow D$, $AC \rightarrow BE$. Identify the set of candidate keys possible in relation R. List all the set of prime and non-prime attributes.

$B^+ = ABCDE$

$A^+ = ACBED$

Candidate Keys = B, A

Prime Attributes = B, A

Non-Prime Attributes = E, D, C

This is a BCNF as all the LHS of dependencies are super keys.

4. Consider a relation R having attributes as R(ABCDEF), functional dependencies are given below: $A \rightarrow BCD$, $BC \rightarrow DE$, $B \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow A$. Identify the set of candidate keys possible in relation R. List all the set of prime and non-prime attributes.

$AF^+ = FABCDE$

$BF^+ = FBDAEC$

$+IDF^+ = DFABCE$

Candidate Keys = AF, BF, DF

Prime Attributes = A, F, B, D

Non-Prime Attributes = E, C

This is in 1 NF because it violates 2NF as here C depends on part of a candidate key (A) — this is exactly a partial dependency. Therefore, the relation violates 2NF.

5. Designing a student database involves certain dependencies which are listed below:
 $X \rightarrow Y$, $WZ \rightarrow X$, $WZ \rightarrow Y$, $Y \rightarrow W$, $Y \rightarrow X$, $Y \rightarrow Z$
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The final, non-redundant set of FDs for the student database is:

$X \rightarrow Y$, $WZ \rightarrow X$, $Y \rightarrow W$, $Y \rightarrow Z$

A functional dependency is redundant if it can be logically derived from other FDs in the set.

In this case:

$WZ \rightarrow Y$ is redundant because $WZ \rightarrow X$ and $X \rightarrow Y$ together imply $WZ \rightarrow Y$.

$Y \rightarrow X$ is redundant because $Y \rightarrow W$ and $Y \rightarrow Z$ imply $Y \rightarrow WZ$, and with $WZ \rightarrow X$ we get $Y \rightarrow X$.

Therefore, the only non-redundant FDs are $X \rightarrow Y$, $WZ \rightarrow X$, $Y \rightarrow W$, $Y \rightarrow Z$.

- 6. Debix Pvt Ltd needs to maintain database having dependent attributes ABCDEF. These attributes are functionally dependent on each other for which functional dependency set F given as: $\{A \rightarrow BC, D \rightarrow E, BC \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow D\}$ Consider a universal relation $R1(A, B, C, D, E, F)$ with functional dependency set F, also all attributes are simple and take atomic values only. Find the highest normal form along with the candidate keys with prime and non-prime attribute.**

$AF^+ = AFBCDE$

Prime Attributes = A, F

Non-Prime Attributes = B, C, D, E

It is in 1NF because it violates 2NF as here there is a partial dependency, there is a subset of candidate key determining the non-prime attribute.