

Assignment 6

1.(20 pts) Given $F = \{ a \rightarrow b, b \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow \{d, e\} \}$. What is $\{b\}^+$ (i.e. the closure of b)? Show your steps to achieve the answer.

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$$\{b\}^+ = \{b, c, d, e\}$$

2.(20 pts) Given $F = \{ a \rightarrow b, c \rightarrow d, b \rightarrow \{d, e\}, \{a, b\} \rightarrow c \}$. What is $\{a\}^+$ (i.e. the closure of a)? Show your steps to achieve the answer.

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$$\{a\}^+ = \{a, b, d, e, c\}$$

3.(30 pts) Given $R(a, b, c, d, e)$ with two keys, (a, b) and c , and given the following set of functional dependencies $F = \{ \{a, b\} \rightarrow \{c, d, e\}, c \rightarrow \{a, b, d\} \}$.

1. Is R in 1NF? Justify your answer.

Not enough info, we can't tell if there are multi valued attributes from functional dependencies alone.

2. Is R in 2NF? Justify your answer.

$$a, b \rightarrow c$$

$$a, b \rightarrow d$$

$$a, b \rightarrow e$$

$$[c \rightarrow ab] \implies c \rightarrow e$$

$$c \rightarrow d$$

assuming R is in 1NF. Yes, all non key attributes are dependent on (a, b)

3. Is R in 3NF? Justify your answer.

Yes it is in 3NF, the transitive property is with c , which is not a non prime attribute

4.(30 pts) Given $R(a, b, c, d, e)$ with a key (a, b) and given the following set of functional dependencies $F = \{ a \rightarrow b, \{a, b\} \rightarrow c, b \rightarrow \{d, e\} \}$.

1. Is R in 1NF? Justify your answer.

Not enough info, we can't tell if there are multi valued attributes from functional dependencies alone.

2. Is R in 2NF? Justify your answer.

$$a \rightarrow b$$

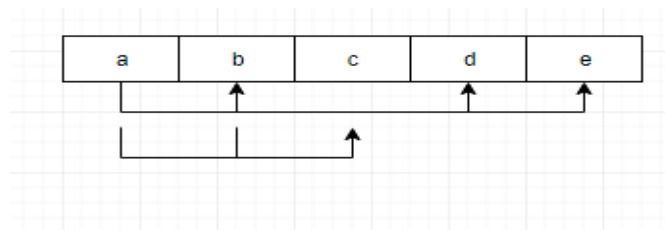
$$a, b \rightarrow c$$

$$b \rightarrow d$$

$$b \rightarrow e$$

$$a \rightarrow d$$

$$a \rightarrow e$$



No, c is dependent on a and b , while d, b and e are dependent on only a

3. Is R in 3NF? Justify your answer.

No it is not in 3NF as 3NF requires 2NF