

CSE 414 - Databases
Assignment 2

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1) $R = \{A1, A2, A3, A4, A5\}$

Functional dependencies:

- $A2 \ A3 \rightarrow A4$
- $A1 \ A3 \rightarrow A5$

a. BCNF: It for every non-trivial functional dependency is a superkey.
3NF: If it is in BCNF and there are no transitive dependencies.

- $A2 \ A3 \rightarrow A4$: $A2 \ A3$ is not a superkey because $A1$ is missing.
- $A1 \ A3 \rightarrow A5$: $A1 \ A3$ is not a superkey because $A2$ is missing.

Since neither functional dependency has a superkey on the left-hand side, the relation R does not satisfy BCNF.

- $A2 \ A3 \rightarrow A4$: There are no transitive dependencies involved.
- $A1 \ A3 \rightarrow A5$: There are no transitive dependencies involved.

Since there are no transitive dependencies but it is not BCNF. So relation R is not 3NF.

b. Using BCNF Decomposition Algorithm

$$F = \{(A1 \ A3 \rightarrow A5), (A2 \ A3 \rightarrow A4)\}$$

- Step 1: $A1 \ A3 \rightarrow A5$ is not BCNF. Split it.

$$R_1 = \{A1, A3, A5\}$$

$$R_2 = \{A1, A2, A3, A4\}$$

- Step 2: R_1 is BCNF.
Store it.
- Step 3: R_2 is not BCNF.
Split it.
 $R_3 = \{A_2, A_3, A_4\}$
 $R_4 = \{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$
- Step 4: R_3 is BCNF.
Store it.
- Step 5: R_4 is BCNF.
Store it.

Finally, we have

$$R_1 = \{A_1, A_3, A_5\}$$

$$R_2 = \{A_2, A_3, A_4\}$$

$$R_3 = \{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$$

$$F_1: A_1 A_3 \rightarrow A_5$$

$$F_2: A_2 A_3 \rightarrow A_4$$

c.

- R_1 : • $A_1 A_3$ is candidate key
• A_5 is dependent

- R_2 : • $A_2 A_3$ is candidate key
• A_4 is dependent

- R_3 : no functional dependency.
Satisfy BCNF.

d. There is no needed functional dependencies.

- $A_1 A_3 \rightarrow A_5$: Yes, preserved. R_1 includes items.
- $A_2 A_3 \rightarrow A_4$: Yes, preserved. R_2 includes items.