



Experiment 4

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1. Aim:

- a) Consider the following questions and answer accordingly. 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.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) Consider a relation schema R(W, X, Y, Z) with the following functional dependencies: 1. $X \rightarrow Y$ 2. $WZ \rightarrow X$ 3. $WZ \rightarrow Y$ 4. $Y \rightarrow W$ 5. $Y \rightarrow X$ 6. $Y \rightarrow Z$ Tasks: 1. Identify all the candidate keys of R. 2. List the prime and non-prime attributes. 3. Determine the highest normal form of the relation R with proper justification.
- f) Consider a relation schema R(A, B, C, D, E, F) with the following functional dependencies: $A \rightarrow BC$, $D \rightarrow E$, $BC \rightarrow D$, $A \rightarrow D$ Tasks: 1. Find all the candidate keys of R. 2. List the prime and non-prime attributes. 3. Determine the highest normal form of relation R with proper justification.



Answers of the above given questions are as follows:

1. **Given: $R(A\ B\ C\ D)$ with FDs: $AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow A$.**
Candidate keys: AB, BC, BD.
(Checks: $AB^+ = ABCD$; $BC^+ = B, C \rightarrow AD \rightarrow ABCD$; $BD^+ = B, D \rightarrow A \rightarrow AB \rightarrow C \rightarrow ABCD$. All are minimal.)
Prime attributes: A, B, C, D (every attribute appears in some candidate key).
Non-prime attributes: none.
Highest normal form: 3NF (all FDs either have a superkey on the left — e.g. $AB \rightarrow C$ — or have a prime attribute on the right; violates BCNF because $C \rightarrow D$ (and $D \rightarrow A$) have non-superkey determinants).
2. **Given: $R(A\ B\ C\ D\ E)$ with FDs:**
 $A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow A, BC \rightarrow D, AC \rightarrow BE$.
Candidate keys: AC, BC.
(Checks: $AC^+ = \{A, C\} \rightarrow BE$ (by $AC \rightarrow BE$) and $A \rightarrow D \Rightarrow \{A, B, C, D, E\}$.
 $BC^+ = \{B, C\} \rightarrow A$ (by $B \rightarrow A$) $\rightarrow D$ (by $A \rightarrow D$) and $AC \rightarrow BE$ gives $E \Rightarrow$ all attributes.)
Prime attributes: A, B, C.
Non-prime attributes: D, E.
Highest normal form: 1NF.
Reason: $A \rightarrow D$ is a partial dependency (A is a proper subset of the candidate key AC and D is non-prime), so the relation violates 2NF (hence also not in 3NF/BCNF).
3. **Given: $R(A\ B\ C\ D\ E)$ with FDs:**
 $B \rightarrow A, A \rightarrow C, BC \rightarrow D, AC \rightarrow BE$.
Candidate keys: A, B.
(Checks: $A^+ = A \rightarrow C$; $AC \rightarrow BE \Rightarrow B, E$; $BC \rightarrow D \Rightarrow D$ so $A^+ = ABCDE$.
 $B^+ = B \rightarrow A$; $A \rightarrow C \Rightarrow C$; $AC \rightarrow BE \Rightarrow E$; $BC \rightarrow D \Rightarrow D$ so $B^+ = ABCDE$.)
Prime attributes: A, B.
Non-prime attributes: C, D, E.
Highest normal form: BCNF (every FD has a superkey as determinant: A and B are keys, and BC, AC are supersets of keys).
4. **Given: $R(A\ B\ C\ D\ E\ F)$ with FDs:**
 $A \rightarrow B\ C\ D, BC \rightarrow D\ E, B \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow A$.
Candidate keys: AF, BF, DF.
(Reason: $A^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$ so $AF^+ =$ all attributes; similarly B^+ and D^+ each give $\{A, B, C, D, E\}$, so adding F yields the whole relation. F must be included because no FD produces F.)
Prime attributes: A, B, D, F.
Non-prime attributes: C, E.
Highest normal form: 1NF.



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(Why: e.g. $A \rightarrow C$ is a partial dependency — A is a proper subset of the candidate key AF and determines non-prime C — so 2NF is violated; hence relation is not in 2NF/3NF/BCNF.)

5. Given: $R(W\ X\ Y\ Z)$ with FDs:

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

Candidate keys: $X, Y, WZ.$

(Checks: $X^+ = X \rightarrow Y \rightarrow \{W, Z\}$ so $X^+ = \{W, X, Y, Z\}.$

$Y^+ = Y \rightarrow W, X, Z$ so $Y^+ = \{W, X, Y, Z\}.$

$(WZ)^+ = WZ \rightarrow Y \rightarrow$ then $Y \rightarrow W, X, Z$ so $(WZ)^+ = \{W, X, Y, Z\}.$ All are minimal.)

Prime attributes: W, X, Y, Z (every attribute appears in some candidate key).

Non-prime attributes: none.

Highest normal form: BCNF — every FD's left side is a superkey ($X, Y,$ and WZ are all keys).

6. Given: $R(A\ B\ C\ D\ E\ F)$ with FDs:

$A \rightarrow BC, D \rightarrow E, BC \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow D.$

Candidate key(s): $AF.$

(Reason: $A^+ = \{A \rightarrow BC \rightarrow D \rightarrow E\} = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$, so adding F gives $AF^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E, F\}.$ F is not produced by any FD, so every key must include F ; A is required to reach the other attributes, so AF is the minimal key.)

Prime attributes: $A, F.$

Non-prime attributes: $B, C, D, E.$

Highest normal form: 1NF.

(Why: $A \rightarrow BC$ is a partial dependency because A is a proper subset of the candidate key AF and determines non-prime attributes B and C , so the relation violates 2NF — hence it is only in 1NF.)