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Assignment -3

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problem:-

Find the highest normal form of relation $R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon)$ with functional dependency set

$$\{ \beta \rightarrow \alpha, \alpha \rightarrow \gamma, \beta\gamma \rightarrow \delta, \alpha\gamma \rightarrow \beta\epsilon \}$$

solution:-

Find the Candidate Key.

$\beta \rightarrow \alpha$
(i) α is functionally dependent on $\underline{\beta}$

(ii) $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$

γ is functionally dependent on $\underline{\alpha}$

(iii) $\beta\gamma \rightarrow \delta$

δ is functionally dependent on $\underline{\beta\gamma}$

From the eqn (ii)

γ can be determined by $\alpha\beta$.

so, γ &

δ can be determined from $\alpha\beta$

(iv) $\alpha\gamma \rightarrow \beta\epsilon$

$\beta\epsilon$ is functionally dependent on $\alpha\gamma$

Since δ and γ can be determined by $\alpha\beta$

Therefore, $\alpha\beta$ are the candidate keys.

1) Check 1NF

Condition:-

(i) each attributes should be atomic or indivisible

$R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon)$ does not have multi value attributes.

(2) Check 2NF

Condition:-

(i) R should be 1NF - already verified

(ii) All non-prime attributes are fully dependent on the entire candidate key.

$\beta \rightarrow \alpha$ - β is a candidate key and α is fully functionally dependent on any proper subset of candidate key. Satisfies 2NF.

$\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$ \because α is a candidate key, γ is fully dependent on it. So it satisfies 2NF.

$\beta\gamma \rightarrow \delta$: Both β and γ together form a composite candidate key on it. So it satisfies 2NF.

$\alpha\gamma \rightarrow \beta \in$ Both α and γ together form a composite candidate key. $\beta \in$ is fully functionally dependent on $\alpha\gamma$. So it satisfies 2NF.

Since all functional dependencies satisfy 2NF, the relation already satisfy it.

3. 3NF (Third Normal Form)

- * In 3NF, the relation must be 2NF.
- * There should be no transitive dependency where a non-prime attribute depends on another non-prime attribute.

Let's evaluate the FD.

$B \rightarrow \alpha$, B is a candidate key, and α is fully dependent on it so satisfies 3NF

$\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$: α is a candidate key; and γ is fully functional dependent on it so satisfies 3NF

$BV \rightarrow \delta$: δ is fully dependent on BV , which is a Superkey, so it satisfies 3NF

$\alpha V \rightarrow \beta \epsilon$ $\beta \epsilon$ is fully functionally dependent on αV , which is a Superkey, so it satisfies 3NF

Since all functional dependencies satisfy 3NF the relation already satisfies it.

BCNF (BOYCE-CODD NORMAL FORM)

IN BCNF, every non-trivial functional dependency $X \rightarrow Y$, X must be a Superkey.

Let's evaluate the functional dependencies

$\beta \rightarrow \alpha$: β is a candidate key, and α is fully functionally dependent on it. so it satisfies BCNF.

$\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$: α is a candidate key, and γ is fully functionally dependent on it. so it satisfies BCNF.

$\beta\gamma \rightarrow \delta$: $\beta\gamma$ is a candidate key, and δ is fully functionally dependent on it, so it satisfies BCNF.

$\alpha\gamma \rightarrow \beta\epsilon$: $\alpha\gamma$ is a candidate key, and $\beta\epsilon$ is fully functionally dependent on it so satisfies BCNF.

in above, FD sets, left side keys, $\{\beta, \alpha, \beta\gamma, \alpha\gamma\} \rightarrow$ all superkeys.

so relation satisfies BCNF.

BCNF is highest Normal Form.