

## Part 2:

1. a) First, we compute the closure of each FD:

$$L^+ = \text{LNQSOPRM}$$

$$\text{MNR}^+ = \text{MNRO}$$

$$O^+ = \text{OM}$$

$$\text{NQ}^+ = \text{NQLSOPRM}$$

$$S^+ = \text{SOPRM}$$

It shows that  $\text{MNR} \rightarrow O$ ,  $O \rightarrow M$  and  $S \rightarrow \text{OPR}$  has violated BCNF because these three FDs are not superkeys.

b) We first divide relation A into two parts using the  $S \rightarrow \text{OPR}$ :

$$\text{MNR} \rightarrow O$$

$$A_1 = \text{SLNQ}$$

$$A_2 = \text{SOPRM}$$

Now we project D onto  $A_1$  :

S	L	N	Q	Closure	FDs
✓				$S^+ = \text{SOPRM}$	-----
	✓			$L^+ = \text{LMNOPQRS}$	$L \rightarrow \text{NQS}$
		✓		$N^+ = N$	-----
			✓	$Q^+ = Q$	-----
✓	✓			Don't need to check because it is a superset of L.	-----
✓		✓		$\text{SN}^+ = \text{SNOPRM}$	-----
✓			✓	$\text{SQ}^+ = \text{SQOPRM}$	-----
	✓	✓		It is a superset of L	-----
	✓		✓	It is a superset of L	-----
		✓	✓	$\text{NQ}^+ = \text{NQLSMOPR}$	$\text{NQ} \rightarrow \text{LS}$
✓	✓	✓		It is a superset of L	-----
✓	✓		✓	It is a superset of L	-----
✓		✓	✓	It is a superset of NQ	-----

	✓	✓	✓	It is a superset of L	-----
✓	✓	✓	✓	It is a set of all attributes	-----

The projected FD is  $\{L \rightarrow NQS, NQ \rightarrow LS\}$ , and all the FDs are superkeys. Therefore,  $A_1$  is in BCNF form.

Now we project D onto  $A_2$ . Since attribute L, N, and Q are not in  $A_2$ , the only two FDs that will be considered are  $\{O \rightarrow M, S \rightarrow OPR\}$ . As we computed at the beginning of this questions,  $S \rightarrow OPR$  is a superkey in  $A_2$  while  $O \rightarrow M$  is not, so we divide  $A_2$  into two parts using  $O \rightarrow M$ :

$A_3 = SOPR$

$A_4 = OM$

In this level, we can clearly see that  $A_3$  only corresponds to one FD  $S \rightarrow OPR$ , and  $A_4$  only corresponds to  $O \rightarrow M$ , where in both cases the FDs are superkeys.

Therefore,  $A_3$  and  $A_4$  are both in BCNF.

The final relations are:  $A_1$ , LNQS,  $A_3$ , MO, and  $A_4$ , OPRS.

Projected FDs onto each corresponding relations:  $\{L \rightarrow NQS, NQ \rightarrow LS\}$ ,  $\{O \rightarrow M\}$  and  $\{S \rightarrow OPR\}$ .

## 2. (a)

Step 1: Split the RHSs to get the initial set of FDs, T1:

- (a)  $AB \rightarrow C$
- (b)  $C \rightarrow A$
- (c)  $C \rightarrow B$
- (d)  $C \rightarrow D$
- (e)  $CFD \rightarrow E$
- (f)  $E \rightarrow B$
- (g)  $BF \rightarrow E$
- (h)  $BF \rightarrow C$
- (i)  $B \rightarrow D$

(j)  $B \rightarrow A$

Step 2: For each FD, try to reduce the LHS:

(a)  $A^+ = A$ .  $B^+ = BDAC$ . So we can reduce the LHS, yielding the new FD:  $B \rightarrow C$ .

(b) Since the FD has only one attribute on the LHS, we cannot reduce the LHS of this FD.

(c) Since the FD has only one attribute on the LHS, we cannot reduce the LHS of this FD.

(d) Since the FD has only one attribute on the LHS, we cannot reduce the LHS of this FD.

(e)  $C^+ = CABD$ . So we can reduced this LHS, yielding the new FD:  $CF \rightarrow E$ .

(f) Since the FD has only one attribute on the LHS, we cannot reduce the LHS of this FD.

(g)  $B^+ = BCDA$ .  $F^+ = F$ . Since no singleton LHS yields anything, we cannot reduce the LHS of this FD.

(h) Since no singleton LHS yields anything, we cannot reduce the LHS of this FD.

(i) Since the FD has only one attribute on the LHS, we cannot reduce the LHS of this FD.

(j) Since the FD has only one attribute on the LHS, we cannot reduce the LHS of this FD.

Thus, the new set of FDs,  $T_2$ , is:

(a)  $B \rightarrow C$

(b)  $C \rightarrow A$

(c)  $C \rightarrow B$

(d)  $C \rightarrow D$

(e)  $CF \rightarrow E$

(f)  $E \rightarrow B$

(g)  $BF \rightarrow E$

(h)  $BF \rightarrow C$

(i)  $B \rightarrow D$

(j)  $B \rightarrow A$

Step 3: Try to eliminate each FD.

(a)  $B^+_{T_2-(a)} = BDA$ . We need this FD.

- (b)  $C^+_{T2-(b)} = CBDA$ . We can remove this FD.
- (c)  $C^+_{T2-(b)-(c)} = CD$ . We need this FD.
- (d)  $C^+_{T2-(b)-(d)} = CBDA$ . We can remove this FD.
- (e)  $CF^+_{T2-(b)-(d)-(e)} = CFBEDA$ . We can remove this FD.
- (f)  $E^+_{T2-(b)-(d)-(e)-(f)} = E$ . We need this FD.
- (g)  $BF^+_{T2-(b)-(d)-(e)-(g)} = BFCDA$ . We need this FD.
- (h)  $BF^+_{T2-(b)-(d)-(e)-(h)} = BFECDA$ . We can remove this FD.
- (i)  $B^+_{T2-(b)-(d)-(e)-(h)-(i)} = BCA$ . We need this FD.
- (j)  $B^+_{T2-(b)-(d)-(e)-(h)-(j)} = BCD$ . We need this FD.

Thus, the final set of FDs is:

$$B \rightarrow A$$

$$B \rightarrow C$$

$$B \rightarrow D$$

$$BF \rightarrow E$$

$$C \rightarrow B$$

$$E \rightarrow B$$

**(b)**

First, we try whether the FDs contain any key.

$B^+ = BACD$ . no EFGH.

$BF^+ = BFEACD$ . no GH.

$C^+ = CBAD$ . no EFGH.

$E^+ = EBACD$ . no FGH.

For each attribute, we want to get whether it appears in the LHS, RHS, both or neither.

LHS	RHS	Attributes
×	×	GH
✓	×	F
×	✓	AD
✓	✓	BCE

Thus, F,G,H is in every key, and we need to check B,C,E.

B	C	E	closure	
✓			$FGHB^+ = FGH BACDE$	is a key
	✓		$FGHC^+ = FGHCBADE$	is a key
		✓	$FGHE^+ = FGHEBACD$	is a key
✓	✓		no need to check, since FGH B is a key	
✓		✓	no need to check, since FGH B is a key	
	✓	✓	no need to check, since FGHC is a key	
✓	✓	✓	no need to check, since FGH B is a key	

Thus, all keys for P are: BFGH, CFGH, and EFGH.

(c)

By (a), the minimal basis M for T is  $\{B \rightarrow A, B \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow D, BF \rightarrow E, C \rightarrow B, E \rightarrow B\}$ .

Merge the right-hand sides to get a smaller FDs. Let's call the revised FDS M1:

$\{B \rightarrow ACD, BF \rightarrow E, C \rightarrow B, E \rightarrow B\}$ .

The set of relations that would result would have these attributes:

$R_1(A, B, C, D), R_2(B, F, E), R_3(B, C), R_4(B, E)$

Since the attributes BC occur in  $R_1$ , we don't need to keep the relation  $R_3$ . Similarly, since the attributes BE occur in  $R_2$ , we don't need to keep the relation  $R_4$ .

By (b), we know all keys for P are BFGH, CFGH, and EFGH. Since there is no relation that includes a key, we need to add a relation whose schema is some key.

$ABCD^+ = ABCD$ . no EFGH

$BFE^+ = BFEACD$ . no GH

Thus, we can add a relation  $R_5(B, F, G, H)$ .

So, the final set of relations is:

$R1(A, B, C, D)$ ,  $R2(B, F, E)$ ,  $R5(B, F, G, H)$ .

**(d)**

We need to project the FDs onto each relation to check whether it violates BCNF and therefore allow redundancy.

We can quickly find a relation that violates BCNF without doing all the full projections.

$E \rightarrow B$  projects onto the relation  $R2$ .  $E^+ = EB$ , which is not a superkey of the relation  $R2$ .

Thus, these schema allows redundancy.