

## Assignment 3 Part 2:

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### Q1

(a) Closures:

$L^+ = \text{LNOSMQR}$

$M^+ = \text{MP}$

$N^+ = \text{NMQR}$

$O^+ = \text{OS}$

FDs that violate BCNF:

$M \rightarrow P$

$N \rightarrow MQR$

$O \rightarrow S$

(b) First level of split using  $N \rightarrow MQR$

Left relation  $NMQR$  with FD  $N \rightarrow MQR$  and  $M \rightarrow P$

Right relation  $NLOS$  with FD  $O \rightarrow S$  and  $L \rightarrow NO$

Second level of split on the left relation on  $M \rightarrow P$

Left side we have  $MP$  with FD  $M \rightarrow P$

Right side we have  $MNQR$  with FD  $N \rightarrow MQR$

Second second of split on the right relation on  $O \rightarrow S$

Left side we have  $OS$  with FD  $O \rightarrow S$

Right side we have  $OLN$  with FD  $L \rightarrow NO$

So in the end, we have:

relation  $LNO$  with  $L \rightarrow NO$

relation  $MNQR$  with  $N \rightarrow MQR$

relation  $MP$  with  $M \rightarrow P$

relation  $OS$  with  $O \rightarrow S$

(c) The schema does preserve dependencies, because every single FD inside the original set of FDs are preserved in the final schema, no more, no less.

(d) We start with:

L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	10	n	o	11	12	13	14
15	m	n	16	17	q	r	18
19	m	20	21	p	22	23	24
25	26	27	o	28	29	30	s

Because we have  $N \rightarrow MQR$ , we make these changes:

L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	<del>10</del> m	n	o	11	<del>12</del> q	<del>13</del> r	14
15	m	n	16	17	q	r	18
19	m	20	21	p	22	23	24
25	26	27	o	28	29	30	s

Because we have  $O \rightarrow S$ , we make these changes:

L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	<del>10</del> m	n	o	11	<del>12</del> q	<del>13</del> r	<del>14</del> s
15	m	n	16	17	q	r	18
19	m	20	21	p	22	23	24
25	26	27	o	28	29	30	s

Lastly, Because we have  $M \rightarrow P$ , we make these changes:

L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	<del>10</del> m	n	o	<del>11</del> p	<del>12</del> q	<del>13</del> r	<del>14</del> s
15	m	n	16	17	q	r	18
19	m	20	21	p	22	23	24
25	26	27	o	28	29	30	s

We observe that the tuple  $\langle l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s \rangle$  does occur (first row). The Chase Test has succeeded.

## Q2

(a) **Step 1:** Split the RHSs to get our initial set of FDs, S1:

- (a)  $ACD \rightarrow E$
- (b)  $B \rightarrow C$
- (c)  $B \rightarrow D$
- (d)  $BE \rightarrow A$
- (e)  $BE \rightarrow C$
- (f)  $BE \rightarrow F$
- (g)  $D \rightarrow A$
- (h)  $D \rightarrow B$
- (i)  $E \rightarrow A$
- (j)  $E \rightarrow C$

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

- (a) No sublist of ACD can yield E, Therefore, cannot reduce.
- (b) LHS has only one element. Therefore, cannot reduce.
- (c) LHS has only one element. Therefore, cannot reduce.
- (d)  $B^+ = BCDAB$ , since we only need to consider B to yield A, we can reduce this to new FD  $B \rightarrow A$
- (e) from above we know that  $B^+ = BCDAB$ , we can reduce this to new FD  $B \rightarrow C$
- (f)  $E^+ = EAC$ . Therefore, cannot be reduced.
- (g) LHS has only one element. Therefore, cannot reduce.

- (h) LHS has only one element. Therefore, cannot reduce.
- (i) LHS has only one element. Therefore, cannot reduce.
- (j) LHS has only one element. Therefore, cannot reduce.

Therefore, we have a new set of FDs, S2:

- (a)  $ACD \rightarrow E$
- (b)  $B \rightarrow C$
- (c)  $B \rightarrow D$
- (d)  $B \rightarrow A$
- (e)  $B \rightarrow C$
- (f)  $BE \rightarrow F$
- (g)  $D \rightarrow A$
- (h)  $D \rightarrow B$
- (i)  $E \rightarrow A$
- (j)  $E \rightarrow C$

**Step 3:** Try to eliminate each FD.

- (a)  $ACD + S2-a = ACDB$ , We need this FD.
- (b)  $B + S2-b = BDAC$ , We got C, therefore, we DO NOT need this FD.
- (c)  $B + S2-b-c = BAC$ , We need this FD.
- (d)  $B + S2-b-d = BDA$ , We got A, therefore, we DO NOT need this FD.
- (e)  $B + S2-b-d-e = BDA$ , We need this FD.
- (f)  $BE + S2-b-d-f = BEACD$ , We need this FD.
- (g)  $D + S2-b-d-g = DBC$ , We need this FD.
- (h)  $D + S2-b-d-h = DA$ , We need this FD.
- (i)  $E + S2-b-d-i = EC$ , We need this FD.
- (j)  $E + S2-b-d-j = EA$ , We need this FD.

**Our final set of FDs is:**

- (a)  $ACD \rightarrow E$
- (b)  $B \rightarrow C$
- (c)  $B \rightarrow D$
- (d)  $BE \rightarrow F$
- (e)  $D \rightarrow A$
- (f)  $D \rightarrow B$
- (g)  $E \rightarrow A$
- (h)  $E \rightarrow C$

- (b) We first organize all the attributes into 4 categories.

Attribute	appears on LHS	Appears on RHS	Conclusion
G, H	-	-	must be in every key
none	✓	-	must be in every key
F	-	✓	is not in any key
A, B, C, D, E	✓	✓	must check

Next, we examine all combinations of A, B, C, D, E, and each combination must include G and H.  
 $AGH+ = AGH$ , not a key.  $BGH+ = BGHCDAEF$ , Therefore, BGH is a key.  
 $CGH+ = CGH$ , not a key.

$DGH+ = DGHABCEF$ , Therefore, DGH is a key.  
 $EGH+ = EGHAC$ , not a key.

All other possibilities include BGH or DGH, because we can never get B or D with only A, C, E.  
 2 keys for relation: BGH and DGH.

- (c) Firstly, with the set of minimal basis FDs, we combine all FDs with the same LHS:
- (a)  $ACD \rightarrow E$
  - (b)  $B \rightarrow CD$
  - (c)  $BE \rightarrow F$
  - (d)  $D \rightarrow AB$
  - (e)  $E \rightarrow AC$

Second, For each FD, construct a relation:

- (a)  $ACDE$
- (b)  $BCD$
- (c)  $BEF$
- (d)  $DAB$
- (e)  $EAC$

Third, for each relation, remove ones that are a sublist of another:

- (a)  $ACDE$
- (b)  $BCD$
- (c)  $BEF$
- (d)  $DAB$

Next, Check if any relation is a superkey:

This is not possible, because attribute G and H did not appear in any FDs, neither LHS nor RHS.

Final, add another relation that is a key (BGH):

- (a)  $ACDE$
- (b)  $BCD$
- (c)  $BEF$
- (d)  $DAB$
- (e)  $BGH$

- (d) This schema does allow redundancy, relation (a) is the one that has an FD that violates BCNF:  
 Projection of the FDs onto (a), Consider the original FD  $E \rightarrow AC$ , find closure of E we have:  $E+ = EAC$ . Therefore, the projection is  $E \rightarrow AC$ , which violates BCNF. E does not yield every attribute in the relation  $ACDE$ .  
 Therefore, This schema allows redundancy.