

HW2

1.

- a. From transitivity rule, because $X \rightarrow Y$, and $Y \rightarrow Z$, we can get that $X \rightarrow Z$. From union rule, because $X \rightarrow Z$ and $X \rightarrow Y$, we can get that $X \rightarrow YZ$.
- b. From Augmentation rule, because $X \rightarrow Y$, we can get that $XW \rightarrow YW$. From Augmentation rule, because $Z \rightarrow W$, we can get that $XZ \rightarrow XW$. From the transitivity rule, we can get that, because $XW \rightarrow YW$ and $XZ \rightarrow XW$, we can get that $XZ \rightarrow YW$.
- c. From $XY \rightarrow Z$ and $Z \rightarrow X$, we can't get $Z \rightarrow Y$. For example, X is a kind of sport, such as football or basketball, Y is a player, such as Kobe or James, and Z is a sport team, such as Chicago bulls or Los angels Lakers. So when we have X (a kind of sport) and Y (player name), then we can get the Z (sport team). When we have the Z (sport team), we can get the X (a kind of sport). But when we have Z (sport team), we can not get the Y (player name), because a sport team may have many players.

2.

First, we need to find the candidate key for R is BH . Then we decompose it.

Looking at the first FD in $F: ABH \rightarrow C$. BH is candidate key. So the ABH is super key, this FD does not violate BCNF.

Looking at the second FD in $F: A \rightarrow DE$, A is not a super key, so this violate the BCNF.

Because $(A)^+ = (ADE)$, We decompose this into two sub schemas:

$R_1 = (ADE)$; $F_1 = \{A \rightarrow DE\}$

key(R_1) = A , so R_1 does not violate BCNF.

$R_2 = (ABCGFH)$; $F_2 = \{BGH \rightarrow F; F \rightarrow AH; BH \rightarrow G\}$ key(R_2) = BH

Looking at the first FD in $F_2: BGH \rightarrow F$. BGH is a super key. So this FD does not violate BCNF.

Looking at the second FD in $F_2: F \rightarrow AH$, this violate the BCNF,

Because $(F)^+ = AFH$, We decompose this into two sub schemas:

$R_{21} = (AFH)$; $F_{21} = \{F \rightarrow AH\}$

Key(R_{21}) = F , So R_{21} does not violate BCNF.

$R_{22} = (BCGF)$; $F_{22} = \{B \rightarrow G\}$

Final decomposition:

(a) $R_1 = ADE$ with FD $A \rightarrow DE$,

(b) $R_{21} = AFH$ with FD $F \rightarrow AH$,

(c) $R_{22} = BCFG$ with FD $B \rightarrow G$,

3.

Yes, it is. There are four possibilities:

- a. The first possibility is there are no non-trivial FDs in R , so it is already in BCNF.

b. The second possibility is that $A \rightarrow B$ is the only non-trivial FD, so A is the key and R is in BCNF.

c. The third possibility is that $B \rightarrow A$ is the only non-trivial FD, so B is the key and R is in BCNF.

d. The last possibility is that $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$ are both non-trivial FD. either A or B is a key. So the R is in BCNF.

From above, we can conclude that a two attributes scheme is always in the BCNF.

4.

4.1: B in $A \rightarrow BC$ is extraneous, because from $\{A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow AC, C \rightarrow AB\}$ we can also get $A \rightarrow BC$; C in $B \rightarrow AC$ is extraneous, because from $\{A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow AB\}$ we get also get $B \rightarrow AC$, and A in $C \rightarrow AB$ is extraneous because from $\{A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow B\}$ we can get $C \rightarrow AB$. So canonical covers of F is $\{A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow B\}$.

4.2: C in $A \rightarrow BC$ is extraneous, because from $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow AC, C \rightarrow AB\}$ we can also get $A \rightarrow BC$; and A in $B \rightarrow AC$ is extraneous, because from $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow AB\}$ we get also get $B \rightarrow AC$, and B in $C \rightarrow AB$ is extraneous because from $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$ we can get $C \rightarrow AB$. So canonical covers of F is $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$.

5.

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SELECT B
FROM r
GROUP BY B
HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT C) > 1
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If the result is empty, we can conclude that $B \rightarrow C$ holds on r. If the result is not empty, then $B \rightarrow C$ doesn't hold on r.

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CREATE ASSERTION fd CHECK
(
  NOT EXISTS
  (
    SELECT B
    FROM r
    GROUP BY B
    HAVING COUNT(DISTINCT C) > 1
  )
)
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6.

a. $(A)^+ = (ABCDE)$ $(CD)^+ = (ABCDE)$ $(B)^+ = (BD)$ $(E)^+ = (ABCDE)$
 $(BC)^+ = (ABCDE)$ $(C)^+ = (C)$ $(D)^+ = (D)$

From the question, we can get above things. Then it is easily to get :

The candidate key of R is :

(A) (BC) (CD) (E)

b.

because $R_1 \cap R_2 = A$

from the F we can get $A \rightarrow ABC$, so the decomposition is lossless-join decomposition.