

CS 353 Spring 2022

Homework 5

Due: 15 April, Friday till midnight

You will use the Moodle course page for submission of this assignment

Q.1 [25 pts, 5 pts each] Given an instance of the relation $R(A, B, C, D)$

| A | B | C | D |
|----|----|----|----|
| a1 | b1 | c1 | d1 |
| a1 | b2 | c1 | d1 |
| a2 | b3 | c1 | d3 |
| a2 | b3 | c2 | d3 |
| a3 | b3 | c2 | d3 |
| a4 | b4 | c2 | d4 |

- Does $A \rightarrow C$ hold on R ? If not, explain why.
- Does $B \rightarrow D$ hold on R ? If not, explain why.
- Does $BCD \rightarrow A$ hold on R ? If not, explain why.
- Find the attribute closures of A and B .
- Is AB a candidate key and/or a super key of this relation? Explain your answer.

Q.2 [15 pts, 5 pts each]

Consider a relation $R(A, B, C, D, E, F)$ with the following set of functional dependencies: $\{AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow D, F \rightarrow A, D \rightarrow E, BE \rightarrow F, AC \rightarrow B\}$.

- Find the attribute closure of A .
- Find the attribute closure of CF .
- Using only Armstrong's axioms, show that $DB \rightarrow C$ holds on R .

Q.3 [15 pts, 5 pts each]

Given a relation $R(A, B, C, D)$ with $F = \{A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow BD \text{ and } D \rightarrow B\}$

- What is the candidate key of this relation?
- Does this relation satisfy BCNF? Explain your answer.
- Does this relation satisfy 3NF? Explain your answer.

Q.4 [25 pts, 5 pts each]

Given a relation $R(A, B, C, D, E, F)$ with $F = \{A \rightarrow D, BC \rightarrow E, \text{ and } AF \rightarrow BC\}$

- Show that R does not satisfy BCNF.
- Give a lossless decomposition of R into BCNF.
- Is your decomposition dependency preserving? Explain your answer.
- Suppose that the following decomposition is given: $R_1(A, B, C, D)$ and $R_2(D, E, F)$. Is this decomposition lossless?
- Is the decomposition in part (d) dependency preserving? Explain your answer.

Q.5 [20 pts]

Given $R(A, B, C, D, E)$ with $F = \{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow E, BD \rightarrow C, AD \rightarrow CE, E \rightarrow AD\}$.

- [5 pts] Check if D is extraneous in $BD \rightarrow C$.

- b. [5 pts]** Check if C is extraneous in $A \rightarrow BC$.
- c. [10 pts]** Find the canonical cover of F .