

Finding the minimal cover:

$S = \{A \rightarrow BD, AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, BC \rightarrow D\}$

**Step 1:** Transform the FDs, so that each RHS contains only one attribute

Result of Step 1 =  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow D, AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, BC \rightarrow D\}$

**Step 2:** Remove redundant attributes on LHS of each FD (check only those with  $> 1$  LHS)

- For each FD (with  $> 1$  LHS), cover each attribute and check if it can derive from S

$AB \rightarrow C$ :

- 1) Cover A, so we will have  $B \rightarrow C$ :
  - a. Check if  $B \rightarrow C$  can be implied by S
  - b.  $B \rightarrow C$  is not covered by S, so we will need A
- 2) Cover B, so we will have  $A \rightarrow C$ :
  - a. Check if  $A \rightarrow C$  can be implied by S
  - b. Since  $A \rightarrow BCD$ , therefore  $A \rightarrow C$  can be implied by S, so B is **redundant** in  $AB \rightarrow C$

$BC \rightarrow D$ :

- 1) Cover B, so we will have  $C \rightarrow D$ :
  - a. Check if  $C \rightarrow D$  can be implied by S
  - b.  $C \rightarrow D$  is implied by S, so B is **redundant** in  $BC \rightarrow D$
- 2) Cover C, so we will have  $B \rightarrow D$ :
  - a. Check if  $B \rightarrow D$  can be implied by S
  - b.  $B \rightarrow D$  is not covered by S, so we will need C.

Result of Step 2 =  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D\}$

**Step 3:** Remove redundant FDs by covering each FD, then check if it can be implied by the remaining

- For each FD, cover the FD and see whether it can be implied from the remaining FDs

- 1) Cover  $A \rightarrow B$ 
  - o  $\{A \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D\}$
  - o We are left with  $A \rightarrow CD$ , which does not imply  $A \rightarrow B$ . So we keep  $A \rightarrow B$ .
- 2) Cover  $A \rightarrow D$ 
  - o  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D\}$
  - o We are left with  $A \rightarrow BCD$ , which implies  $A \rightarrow D$ . So we **remove**  $A \rightarrow D$ .
- 3) Cover  $A \rightarrow C$ 
  - o  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow D, C \rightarrow D\}$
  - o We are left with  $A \rightarrow BD$ , which does not imply  $A \rightarrow C$ . So we keep  $A \rightarrow C$ .
- 4) Cover  $C \rightarrow D$ 
  - o  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow D\}$
  - o We are left with  $A \rightarrow ABC$ , which does not imply  $C \rightarrow D$ . So we keep  $C \rightarrow D$ .

Final Results =  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D\} = \{A \rightarrow BC, C \rightarrow D\}$