

Consider a relation $T(L, M, N, O, P)$ with FDs

- $LM \rightarrow OPN$
- $PM \rightarrow N$
- $O \rightarrow P$
- $LP \rightarrow N$
- $MNOP \rightarrow L$

Using the method covered in class, find a minimal cover for this relation. Write your answer here:

Closures (just for interest's sake, but it can be helpful to see what is going on)

$LM^+ = \{L, M, O, P, N\}$

$PM^+ = \{P, M, N\}$

$O^+ = \{O, P\}$

$LP^+ = \{L, P, N\}$

$MNO^+ = \{M, N, O, L, P\}$

Minimal Cover

1. Put FDs in standard form:

$LM \rightarrow O$

$LM \rightarrow P$

$LM \rightarrow N$

$PM \rightarrow N$

$O \rightarrow P$

$LP \rightarrow N$

$MNOP \rightarrow L$

2. Minimize LHS of each FD

Nothing to do for most of these. However, $O \rightarrow P$ means that the P in $MNOP$ is redundant so you can make that one $MNO \rightarrow L$.

Additionally, the closure of MO includes N , so that can also be removed, the current list is now:

$LM \rightarrow O$

$LM \rightarrow P$

$LM \rightarrow N$

$PM \rightarrow N$

$O \rightarrow P$

$LP \rightarrow N$

$MO \rightarrow L$

3. Delete redundant FDs

Taking the closure of LM without using $LM \rightarrow P$ yields: $LM^+ = \{L, M, O, P, N\}$, so $LM \rightarrow P$ is redundant. At this point, we have:

$LM \rightarrow O$

$LM \rightarrow N$

$PM \rightarrow N$

$O \rightarrow P$

$LP \rightarrow N$

$MO \rightarrow L$

Similarly, taking the closure of LM without using $LM \rightarrow N$ yields $LM^+ = \{L, M, O, P, N\}$ (derived by $LM \rightarrow O$, $O \rightarrow P$, $PM \rightarrow N$), so the final answer is:

$LM \rightarrow O$

$PM \rightarrow N$

$O \rightarrow P$

$LP \rightarrow N$

$MO \rightarrow L$