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Exercise 1 [35 points]

- [5 points] Consider the relation schema $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F)$ with the functional dependencies $FD = \{A \rightarrow B, D \rightarrow E, A \rightarrow C\}$. Which of the following sets of attributes functionally determine E and which sets are the candidate key? If no candidate key found, compute it. Show each step.
 - AD: yes, no:
 $AD^+ = ABCDE$, which includes E, so E is functionally determined.
 It is not candidate key because AD^+ doesn't include every attribute in R.
 - BCD: yes, no
 $BCD^+ = BCDE$, which includes E, so E is functionally determined.
 It is not candidate key because BCD^+ doesn't include every attribute in R.
 - AC: no, no
 $AC^+ = ABC$, which doesn't include E, so E is not functionally determined.
 It is not candidate key because AC^+ doesn't include every attribute in R.
 - CD: yes, no:
 $CD^+ = CDE$, which includes E, so E is functionally determined.
 It is not candidate key because CD^+ doesn't include every attribute in R.
 - AF: no, no
 $AF^+ = ABCF$, which doesn't include E, so E is not functionally determined.
 It is not candidate key because AF^+ doesn't include every attribute in R.
- [5 points] Consider a relation schema $R(X, Y, Z)$ with the functional dependencies $XY \rightarrow Z$ and $Z \rightarrow X$. Can we conclude that $Y \rightarrow XZ$ holds? If yes, please argue why. If no, please argue why not by giving a counterexample.

No: the reason show as below:

X	Y	Z
A1	B1	Z1
A2	B1	Z2

The diagram above shows that $XY \rightarrow Z$ and $Z \rightarrow X$ but doesn't satisfy $Y \rightarrow XZ$.

- [5 points] Consider the relation schema $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H)$ with functional dependencies $FD = \{A \rightarrow B, CH \rightarrow A, B \rightarrow E, BD \rightarrow C, EG \rightarrow H, DE \rightarrow F\}$. Which of the following FDs is also guaranteed to be satisfied by R ? Show each step.
 - $ADG \rightarrow CH$: $ADG^+ = ABCDEFGH$ which includes CH and is guaranteed to be satisfied by R
 - $CGH \rightarrow BF$: $CGH^+ = ACGH$ which doesn't include BF and is not guaranteed to be satisfied by R
 - $BFG \rightarrow AE$: $BFG^+ = BEFGH$ which doesn't include AE and is not guaranteed to be satisfied by R
 - $ADE \rightarrow CH$: $ADE^+ = ABCDEF$ which doesn't include CH and is not guaranteed to be satisfied by R

4. [5 points] Consider the relation schema $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J)$ with functional dependencies $FD = \{B \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow FH, BCD \rightarrow G, CD \rightarrow A, A \rightarrow J, I \rightarrow BCDE, H \rightarrow I\}$. Determine if $B \rightarrow J$ holds and list every candidate key. Show each step.

Using the algorithm CalculateAttributeClosure and set $B^+ : B$. In the loop we set $Old_B^+ := B$ and check all FDs whether they can contribute to B^+ .

First we take $B \rightarrow E$ and check whether $B \subseteq B^+$ holds. This is the case. Therefore we set $B^+ := B \cup E = BE$ (due to transitivity).

Next we take $E \rightarrow FH$, and using the same augment as before, we obtain $B^+ := B \cup FH = BEFH$.

$H \rightarrow I$, so $B^+ := BEFHI$.

$I \rightarrow BCDE$, so $B^+ := BDFHICD$.

$CD \rightarrow A$, so $B^+ := BDFHICDA$.

$BCD \rightarrow G$, so $B^+ := BDFHICDAG$.

$A \rightarrow J$, so $B^+ := BDFHICDAGJ$.

Thus $B \rightarrow R$, since $J \in R$, so $B \rightarrow J$ holds.

And B is minimality so that it is a candidate key.

Same method as above, we can get:

$E^+ = ABCDEFGHIJ$, which is candidate key

$BCD^+ = ABCDEFGHIJ$, which is not smallest set, so it is not a candidate key.

$CD^+ = ACDJ$, which is not candidate key

$C^+ = C$, which is not candidate key

$A^+ = AJ$, which is not candidate key

$I^+ = ABCDEFGHIJ$, which is candidate key

$H^+ = ABCDEFGH$, which is candidate key

$F^+ = F$, which is not candidate key

$J^+ = J$, which is not candidate key

Candidate keys: $B \ E \ I \ H$

5. [15 points] We have a set of functional dependencies given as $F = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C\}$ for four attributes A, B, C , and D in a relation schema R . Write down all the functional dependencies in the closure F^+ of F and count them.

A+=ABC [7FDs]	AB+=ABC [7FDs]	ABC+=ABC [7FDs]	ABCD+=ABCD[15FDs]
B+=BC [3FDs]	AC+=ABC [7FDs]	ABD+=ABCD[15FDs]	
C+=C [1FD]	AD+=ABCD[15FDs]	ACD+=ABCD[15FDs]	
D+=D [1FD]	BC+=BC [3FDs]	BCD+=BCD [7FDs]	
	BD+=BCD [7FDs]		
	CD+=CD [3FDs]		

A+ = ABC: A→A, A→B, A→C, A→AB, A→AC, A→BC, A→ABC

B+ = BC: B→B, B→C, B→BC

C+ = C: C→C

D+ = D: D→D

AB+ = ABC: AB→A, AB→B, AB→C, AB→AB, AB→AC, AB→BC, AB→ABC

AC+ = ABC : AC→A, AC→B, AC→C, AC→AB, AC→AC, AC→BC, AC→ABC

AD+ = ABCD: AD→A, AD→B, AD→C, AD→D, AD→AB, AD→AC, AD→AD, AD→BC, AD→BD, AD→CD, AD→ABC, AD→ABD, AD→ACD, AD→BCD, AD→ABCD

BC+ = BC: BC→B, BC→C, BC→BC

BD+ = BCD: BD→B, BD→C, BD→D, BD→BC, BD→BD, BD→CD, BD→BCD

CD+ = CD: CD→C, CD→D, CD→CD

ABC+ = ABC: ABC→A, ABC→B, ABC→C, ABC→AB, ABC→AC, ABC→BC, ABC→ABC

ABD+ = ABCD: ABD→A, ABD→B, ABD→C, ABD→D, ABD→AB, ABD→AC, ABD→AD, ABD→BC, ABD→BD, ABD→CD, ABD→ABC, ABD→ABD, ABD→ACD, ABD→BCD, ABD→ABCD

ACD+ = ABCD : ACD→A, ACD→B, ACD→C, ACD→D, ACD→AB, ACD→AC, ACD→AD, ACD→BC, ACD→BD, ACD→CD, ACD→ABC, ACD→ABD, ACD→ACD, ACD→BCD, ACD→ABCD

BCD+ = BCD: BCD→B, BCD→C, BCD→D, BCD→BC, BCD→BD, BCD→CD, BCD→BCD

ABCD+ = ABCD: ABCD→A, ABCD→B, ABCD→C, ABCD→D, ABCD→AB, ABCD→AC, ABCD→AD, ABCD→BC, ABCD→BD, ABCD→CD, ABCD→ABC, ABCD→ABD, ABCD→ACD, ABCD→BCD, ABCD→ABCD

Exercise 2 [20 points]

1. [5 points] Consider the relation schema $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H)$ with functional dependencies $F = \{A \rightarrow C, AC \rightarrow E, D \rightarrow EH, F \rightarrow G\}$ and $G = \{A \rightarrow BCE, AD \rightarrow CFG, D \rightarrow A, DE \rightarrow GH, F \rightarrow D\}$. Are the two sets F and G **equivalent**? Show each step.

No

F left-hand A, AC, D, F

To G, calculate follows:

$A^+ = ABCE$		check right-hand F:	$A \rightarrow C, C \subseteq A^+$	holds
$AC^+ = ABCE$			$AC \rightarrow E, E \subseteq AC^+$	holds
$D^+ = ABCDEFGH$			$D \rightarrow EH, EH \subseteq D^+$	holds
$F^+ = ABCDEFGH$			$F \rightarrow G, G \subseteq F^+$	holds

G left-hand A, AD, D, DE, F

To F, calculate follows:

		check right-hand G	
$A^+ = ACE$		$A \rightarrow BCE, B \notin A^+$	not holds
$AD^+ = ACDEH$		$AD \rightarrow CFG, FG \notin AD^+$	not holds
$D^+ = EH$		$D \rightarrow A, A \notin D^+$	not holds
$DE^+ = DEH$		$DE \rightarrow GH, G \notin DE^+$	not holds
$F^+ = FG$		$F \rightarrow D, D \notin F^+$	not holds

So they are not equivalent.

2. [2.5 points each] Use the Armstrong axioms to prove the following deductions.

(1) $\{X \rightarrow Y, X \cup Y \rightarrow Z\} \Rightarrow \{X \rightarrow Z\}$

(2) $\{X \rightarrow Z, Y \rightarrow W\} \Rightarrow \{X \cup Y \rightarrow Z \cup W\}$

(1) Applying augmentation rule: $X \rightarrow Y \Rightarrow X \rightarrow XY$

Applying transitivity rule: $X \rightarrow XY \wedge XY \rightarrow Z \Rightarrow X \rightarrow Z$

(2) Applying augmentation rule: $X \rightarrow Y \Rightarrow X \cup Y \rightarrow Z \cup Y,$
 $Y \rightarrow W \Rightarrow X \cup Y \rightarrow X \cup W$

Applying union rule: $X \cup Y \rightarrow Z \cup Y \cup X \cup W$

Applying decomposition rule: $X \cup Y \rightarrow Z \cup W$

3. [5 points] Consider the relation schema $R = (A, B, C, D, E)$ with the set of functional dependencies $F = \{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$. List all candidate keys of R by using the Armstrong's Axioms. Show each step.

First step, check the single attributes

For A:

Applying the reflexivity rule: $A \rightarrow A$

Applying the decomposition rule: $A \rightarrow BC \Rightarrow A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C$

Applying the transitivity rule: $A \rightarrow B \wedge B \rightarrow D \Rightarrow A \rightarrow D$

Applying the union rule: $A \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow D \Rightarrow A \rightarrow CD$

Applying the transitivity rule: $A \rightarrow CD \wedge CD \rightarrow E \Rightarrow A \rightarrow E$

So A is a candidate key.

For B:

Applying the reflexivity rule: $B \rightarrow B$

Applying the union rule: $B \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow D \Rightarrow B \rightarrow BD$

For C:

Applying the reflexivity rule: $C \rightarrow C$

For D:

Applying the reflexivity rule: $D \rightarrow D$

For E :

Applying the transitivity rule: $E \rightarrow A \wedge A \rightarrow ABCDE \Rightarrow E \rightarrow ABCDE$

So E is a candidate key.

Second step, check the set which have two attributes

Since A and E are candidate keys, then there is no need to check AB, AC, AD, AE, BE, CE, DE.

For BC:

Applying the decomposition rule: $BC \rightarrow BC \Rightarrow BC \rightarrow B, BC \rightarrow C$

Applying the transitivity rule: $BC \rightarrow B \wedge B \rightarrow D \Rightarrow BC \rightarrow D$

Applying the union rule: $BC \rightarrow C, BC \rightarrow D \Rightarrow BC \rightarrow CD$

Applying the transitivity rule: $BC \rightarrow CD \wedge CD \rightarrow E \Rightarrow BC \rightarrow E$

Applying the transitivity rule: $BC \rightarrow E \wedge E \rightarrow ABCDE \Rightarrow BC \rightarrow ABCDE$

So BC is a candidate key.

For BD:

Applying the reflexivity rule: $BD \rightarrow BD$

For CD:

Applying the transitivity rule: $CD \rightarrow E \wedge E \rightarrow ABCDE \Rightarrow CD \rightarrow ABCDE$

So CD is a candidate key.

Third step: check the sets that have three, four and five attributes. Since A, E, BC, CD are candidate keys and all other sets we still need to check contain them. So, there is no need to check other setw.

Hence, the candidate keys are : A, E, BC, CD

4. [5 points] For a relation scheme $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F)$ and a set of functional dependencies given as $F = \{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C, CD \rightarrow E, CD \rightarrow F, B \rightarrow E\}$, use Armstrong's Axioms rules to find one candidate key for R . Show each step.

Step 1: check the attributes are not in the right-hand sides of F : AD.

So the candidate keys must contain AD.

Step 2: check the set AD

Applying the reflexivity rule: $AD \rightarrow AD$

Applying the decomposition rule: $AD \rightarrow AD \Rightarrow AD \rightarrow A, AD \rightarrow D$

Applying the transitivity rule: $AD \rightarrow A \wedge A \rightarrow B \Rightarrow AD \rightarrow B$

Applying the transitivity rule: $AD \rightarrow A \wedge A \rightarrow C \Rightarrow AD \rightarrow C$

Applying the union rule: $AD \rightarrow D, AD \rightarrow C \Rightarrow AD \rightarrow CD$

Applying the transitivity rule: $AD \rightarrow CD \wedge CD \rightarrow E \Rightarrow AD \rightarrow E$

Applying the transitivity rule: $AD \rightarrow CD \wedge CD \rightarrow F \Rightarrow AD \rightarrow F$

Applying the union rule: $AD \rightarrow ABCDEF$

So AD is a candidate key.

Hence, one candidate key of R is AD.

Exercise 3 [35 points]

1. [15 points] Find a minimal cover for the relation $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H)$ with the set $F = \{A \rightarrow B, ABCD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow EG\}$ of functional dependencies. Show each step.

Step 1: $F_c := \{A \rightarrow B, ABCD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow EG\}$

Step 2:

$ABCD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH$ and $ACDF \rightarrow EG$ have more than one attributes on their left-hand sides.

For $ABCD \rightarrow E$:

To check whether A can be removed, we compute whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, BCD)$ holds

This is not the case, since $BCD^+ = BCD$ and $E \not\subseteq BCD$

To check whether B can be removed, we compute whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, ACD)$ holds

This is the case, since $ACD^+ = ABCDE$ and $E \subseteq ABCDE$

Hence, B can be removed, and we obtain $F_c := \{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow EG\}$

To check whether C can be removed, we compute whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, AD)$ holds

This is not the case, since $AD^+ = ABD$ and $E \not\subseteq ABD$

To check whether D can be removed, we computer whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, AC)$ holds

This is not the case since $AC^+ = ABC$ and $E \not\subseteq ABC$

For $EF \rightarrow GH$:

To check whether E can be removed, we compute whether

$GH \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, F)$ holds

This is not the case since $F^+ = F$ and $GH \not\subseteq F$

To check whether F can be removed, we computer whether

$GH \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, E)$ holds

This is not the case since $E^+ = E$ and $GH \not\subseteq E$

For $ACDF \rightarrow EG$:

To check whether A can be removed, we compute whether

$EG \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, CDF)$ holds

This is not the case since $CDF^+ = CDF$ and $EG \not\subseteq CDF$

To check whether C can be removed, we compute whether

$EG \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, ADF)$ holds

This is not the case since $ADF^+ = ABDF$ and $EG \not\subseteq ABDF$

To check whether D can be removed, we compute whether

$EG \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, ACF)$ holds

This is not the case since $ACF^+ = ABCF$ and $EG \not\subseteq ABCF$

To check whether F can be removed, we compute whether

$EG \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, ACD)$ holds

This is not the case since $ACD^+ = ABCDE$ and $EG \not\subseteq ABCDE$

Step 3:

For $A \rightarrow B$

To check whether B can be removed, we check whether

$B \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow \emptyset, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow EG\}, A)$ holds

This is not the case since $A^+ = A$ and $B \not\subseteq A$

For $ACD \rightarrow E$

To check whether B can be removed, we check whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow \emptyset, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow EG\}, ACD)$
holds

This is not the case since $ACD^+ = ABCD$ and $E \not\subseteq ABCD$

For $EF \rightarrow GH$

To check whether G can be removed, we check whether

$G \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow H, ACDF \rightarrow EG\}, EF)$ holds

This is not the case since $EF^+ = EFH$ and $G \not\subseteq EFH$

To check whether H can be removed, we check whether

$H \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow G, ACDF \rightarrow EG\}, EF)$ holds

This is not the case since $EF^+ = EFH$ and $H \not\subseteq EFH$

For $ACDF \rightarrow EG$

To check whether E can be removed, we check whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow G\}, ACDF)$
holds

This is the case since $ACDF^+ = ABCDEFGH$ and $E \subseteq ABCDEFGH$

Hence, E can be removed, and we obtain

$F_c = \{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow G\}$

To check whether G can be removed, we check whether

$G \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow \emptyset\}, ACDF)$
holds

This is the case since $ACDF^+ = ABCDEFGH$ and $G \subseteq ABCDEFGH$

Hence, G can be removed, and we obtain

$F_c = \{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH, ACDF \rightarrow \emptyset\}$

Step 4: we obtain $F_c = \{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH\}$

Step 5: for standard form $F_c = \{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow G, EF \rightarrow H\}$

or nonstandard form $F_c = \{A \rightarrow B, ACD \rightarrow E, EF \rightarrow GH\}$

2. [10 points] Find a minimal cover for the relation $R = (A, B, C, D, E)$ with the set $F = \{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$ of functional dependencies. Show each step.

Step 1: $F_c = \{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$

Step 2:

Only $CD \rightarrow E$ has more than one attributes on its left-hand side

To check whether C can be removed, we compute whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{F_c, D\})$ holds

This is not the case since $D^+ = D$ and $E \not\subseteq D$

To check whether D can be removed, we compute whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{F_c, C\})$ holds

This is not the case since $C^+ = C$ and $E \not\subseteq C$

Step 3:

For $A \rightarrow BC$:

To check whether B can be removed, we check whether

$B \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow C, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}, A)$ holds

This is not the case since $A^+ = AC$ and $B \not\subseteq AC$

To check whether C can be removed, we check whether

$C \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow B, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}, A)$ holds

This is not the case since $A^+ = ABD$ and $C \not\subseteq ABD$

For $CD \rightarrow E$

To check whether E can be removed, we check whether

$B \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}, CD)$ holds

This is not the case since $CD^+ = CD$ and $E \not\subseteq CD$

For $B \rightarrow D$

To check whether D can be removed, we check whether

$D \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow, E \rightarrow A\}, A)$ holds

This is not the case since $B^+ = B$ and $D \not\subseteq B$

For $E \rightarrow A$

To check whether A can be removed, we check whether

$A \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow\}, A)$ holds

This is not the case since $E^+ = E$ and $A \not\subseteq E$

Step 4: Nothing to do since there is no FD with an \emptyset on its right-hand side

Step 5: For standard form $F_c := \{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$

Or nonstandard form $F_c := \{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$

3. [10 points] Find a minimal cover for the relation $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F)$ with the set $F = \{A \rightarrow D, AC \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}$ of functional dependencies. Show each step.

Step 1: $F_c := \{A \rightarrow D, AC \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}$

Step 2:

Only $AC \rightarrow DE$ has more than one attribute on its left-hand side

To check whether A can be removed, we compute whether

$DE \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, C)$ holds

This is not the case since $C^+ = C$ and $DE \not\subseteq C$

To check whether C can be removed, we compute whether

$DE \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(F_c, A)$ holds

This is the case since $A^+ = ACDE$ and $DE \subseteq ACDE$

Hence C can be removed, and we obtain $F_c := \{A \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}$

Step 3:

For $A \rightarrow D$:

To check whether D can be removed, we compute whether

$D \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow \emptyset, A \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}, A)$ holds

This is the case since $A^+ = ACDE$ and $D \subseteq ACDE$

Hence, D can be removed, and we obtain $F_c := \{A \rightarrow \emptyset, A \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}$

For $A \rightarrow DE$

To check whether D can be removed, we compute whether

$D \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow \emptyset, A \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}, A)$ holds

This is not the case since $A^+ = AE$ and $D \not\subseteq AE$

To check whether E can be removed, we compute whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttribuetClosure}(\{A \rightarrow \emptyset, A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}, B)$ holds

This is the case since $A^+ = ACDE$ and $E \subseteq ACDE$

Hence E can be removed, and we obtain $F_c := \{A \rightarrow \emptyset, A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}$

For $B \rightarrow F$:

To check whether F can be removed, we compute whether

$F \subseteq \text{CalculateAttributClosure}(\{A \rightarrow \emptyset, A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow \emptyset, D \rightarrow CE\}, D)$ holds

This is not the case since $B^+ = B$ and $F \not\subseteq B$

For $D \rightarrow CE$:

To check whether C can be removed, we compute whether

$C \subseteq \text{CalculateAttributClosure}(\{A \rightarrow \emptyset, A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow E\}, D)$ holds

This is not the case since $D^+ = DE$ and $C \not\subseteq DE$

To check whether E can be removed, we compute whether

$E \subseteq \text{CalculateAttributClosure}(\{A \rightarrow \emptyset, A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow C\}, D)$ holds

This is not the case since $D^+ = CD$ and $E \not\subseteq CD$

Step 4: we obtain $F_c := \{A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}$

Step 5: For standard form: $F_c := \{A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow C, D \rightarrow E\}$

Or nonstandard form: $F_c := \{A \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow CE\}$

Exercise 4 [10 points]

1. [5 points] Consider the relation schema $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F)$ with a set of functional dependencies $F = \{CF \rightarrow D, AE \rightarrow F, D \rightarrow A, AB \rightarrow C\}$. List all candidate keys of R in a systematic manner (do not use the Armstrong's Axioms) and explain how you determine them. Show each step.

Step 1:

Check the attributes which are not in the right-hand side of F : BE

So the candidate keys must contain BE

Step 2:

To check whether BE is a candidate key, we can compute $BE^+ = BE$.

So BE is not a candidate key.

Step 3:

Check the subset which contain BE . Starting with the subsets with three attributes: ABE, BCE, BDE, BEF .

For $ABE^+ = ABCDEF = R$, so ABE is a candidate key.

For $BCE^+ = BCE$, so BCE is not a candidate key.

For $BDE^+ = ABCDEF$, so BDE is a candidate key.

For $BEF^+ = BEF$, so BEF is not a candidate key.

So the candidate keys are: ABE, BDE

Step 4:

Check the subset with four attributes but does not contain ABE and BDE as subset: $BCEF$

For $BCEF^+ = ABCDEF = R$, so $BCEF$ is a candidate key.

Now we have candidate keys: $ABE, BDE, BCEF$

Step 5:

Check the subset with five and six attributes, they all have ABE, BDE and $BCEF$ as subset. So there is no need to check them.

All in all, the candidate keys are: $ABE, BDE, BCEF$

2. [5 points] Consider the relation schema $R(A, B, C, D, E, F)$ with the functional dependencies $FD = \{D \rightarrow C, CE \rightarrow A, D \rightarrow A, AE \rightarrow D\}$. Determine all candidate keys of R in a systematic manner (do not use the Armstrong's Axioms) and explain how you determine them.

Step1:

Check the attributes that are not in the right-hand sides of F : BEF

So the candidate keys must contain BEF

Step2:

To check whether BEF is a candidate key, we compute $BEF^+ = BEF$. So BEF is not a candidate key.

Step3:

Check the subset which contains BEF. Starting with the subset which has four attributes: ABEF, BCEF, BDEF.

For $ABEF^+ = ABCDEF = R$, so ABEF is a candidate key.

For $BCEF^+ = ABCDEF = R$, so BCEF is a candidate key.

For $BDEF^+ = ABCDEF = R$, so BDEF is a candidate key.

Now we have candidate keys: ABEF, BCEF, BDEF

Step 4:

For subset with five and six attributes, they all have ABEF, BCEF, BDEF as subsets.

So there is no need to check them.

So all the candidates of R are: ABEF, BCEF, BDEF.