

CSC343 Worksheet 12 Solution

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1. Notes:

- Function Dependencies

- *Functional Dependency* is a relationship between two attributes typically between the key and other non-key attributes within a table.

Example:

$SIN \rightarrow Name, Address, Birthdate$

Example 2:

$ISBN \rightarrow Title$

References:

1) OpenTextBC, Chapter 11 Functional Dependencies, link

- Key of Relations

- One or more attributes $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ is a key for a relation R if
 1. Those attributes functionally determine all other attributes of the relation
 2. No proper subset of $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n\}$ functionally determines all other attributes of R

Example:

Given relation

$R = \text{Movies1}(\text{title}, \text{year}, \text{length}, \text{genre}, \text{studioName}, \text{starName})$

- i. $\{\text{title}, \text{year}, \text{starName}\}$ form a key for the relation **Movies1**
- ii. $\{\text{year}, \text{starName}\}$ is not a key. Same star can be in multiple movies per year