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### Answer sheet

1. The candidate key is AC

Prove:

the attribute closure of the FDs

$$A \rightarrow AB$$

$$B \rightarrow B$$

$$C \rightarrow CD$$

$$D \rightarrow DE$$

Any attribute that only appears on the right side in a trivial dependency must be in the candidate key.

$$\text{So, } AC^+ = (A, B, C, D, E, F)$$

$\therefore$  The candidate key is AC

### 3) Step-1

As the relation  $(PR)^+ = (P, Q, R, S, T)$ , but not a single of its subset can determine all of relation. So PR will be candidate key. P or R can't be derived from any other attribute of the relation. So there will be only one candidate key  $(PR)$ .

### Step-2

As the relation  $(PR)^+ = (P, Q, R, S, T)$  is given, but not a single of its subset can determine all attributes of relation. So,

(a). The attributes which are part of candidate key  $(P, R)$  are prime attributes.

(b) The other will be non-prime  $(Q, S, T)$

### Step-3

A relational Database management system does not enable multi-valued or composite attributes.

So, the relation  $R(P, Q, R, S, T)$  is in 1st normal form.

Because  $QR \rightarrow S$  in the 2nd normal form ( $QR$  is not a proper subset of candidate key  $PR$ ) and  $PR \rightarrow QT$  is in 2nd normal form ( $PR$  is candidate key) and  $Q \rightarrow T$  is in 2nd normal form ( $Q$  is not a proper subset of candidate key  $PR$ ). So, the relation is in 2nd normal form.

Because in  $QR \rightarrow S$  (neither  $QR$  is a super key nor  $S$  is a prime attributes) and in  $Q \rightarrow T$  (neither  $Q$  is a super key nor  $T$  is prime attributes) but to satisfy 3rd normal form, either LHS of a functional dependence should be super key or RHS should be prime attribute. So, the relation is not in 3rd normal form.

So, the highest Normal Form of relation will be 2nd Normal form.

(4).

Step-1

As the relation  $(R) = (P, Q, R, S, T)$  is given,  $Q$  will be a candidate key,  $Q$  can be derived from  $PR$  using  $PR \rightarrow Q$  (Decomposing  $PR \rightarrow QT$  to  $PR \rightarrow Q$  and  $PR \rightarrow T$ ). So,  $PR$  will be super key but  $(R) = \{R\}$  and  $(P) = \{P, R, Q, S, T\}$ . So  $P$  (subset of  $PR$ ) will be a candidate key.

So, there will be two candidate key  $(P, Q)$ .

Step-2

- The attributes which are part of candidate key  $(P, Q)$
- The other will be non-prime attributes  $(R, S, T)$ .

Step-3

A Relational DBMS does not enable multi-valued or composite attribute.

So, the relation  $R(P, Q, R, S, T)$  is in 1st normal form.

The relation is in 2nd normal form because  $Q \rightarrow P$  is in 2nd Normal form ( $Q$  is a superkey) and  $P \rightarrow R$  is in 2nd normal form ( $P$  is superkey) and  $QR \rightarrow S$  is in 2nd normal form ( $QR$  is a superkey) and  $PR \rightarrow T$  is in 2nd normal form ( $PR$  is a superkey)

Because LHS of all function dependencies are Superkeys, the relation is in 3rd Normal form.

The relation is in BCNF if all LHS of all FD are Superkey.

So, the highest normal form is BCNF.

(2).

step 1:

- Determine all essential attributes of the given relation.
- Essential attributes of the relation are  $C$  and  $E$ .
- So, attributes  $C$  and  $E$  will definitely be a part of every candidate key.

Step-2

• To check we find the closure of  $CE$ .

we have, -

$\{CE\}^+$

$\Rightarrow \{CE\}$

$\Rightarrow \{C, E, F\}$  (using  $C \rightarrow F$ )

$\Rightarrow \{A, C, E, F\}$  (using  $E \rightarrow A$ )

$\Rightarrow \{A, B, C, D, E, F\}$  (using  $A \rightarrow B$ )

$\therefore$  Total, only one candidate key  $CE$  is possible.

$\therefore$  Total super key is 16