

The following question is based on Employees relation:

Employees(Name, Project, Task, Office)

Name \rightarrow Office

An employee can work on different tasks and different projects. NOTE that Tasks are independent of Projects.

Name Project Task Office

Bill 100X T1 400

Bill 100X T2 400

Bill 200Y T1 400

Bill 200Y T2 400

Sue 100X T33 442

Sue 200Y T33 442

Sue 300Z T33 442

Ed 100X T2 588

What non-trivial multi-value dependencies hold on this relation? Is this relation in BCNF? Is it in 4NF? (8 pts)

Every FD is also an MVD, so if Name \rightarrow Office, Name \twoheadrightarrow Office as well.

Name \twoheadrightarrow Project because for all values of Name which are the same (example all Name = Bill or Name = Sue or Name = Ed), if the values in the Project column are switched with any other value in the column, the same two tuples will be represented in the table already.

Name \twoheadrightarrow Task for the same reason that Name \twoheadrightarrow Project, as the same switching of values in the Task column where all Name values are the same.

Employees(Name, Project, Task, Office) is not in BCNF and therefore it also violates 4NF. With the only functional dependency being Name \rightarrow Office, Name⁺ = Name, Office, so there is a BCNF violation, as also evidenced by the data redundancies in the table.