

Part 2: Functional Dependencies, Decompositions, Normal Forms

1)

a) $BH \rightarrow AD$

$BH^+ = ABCDEFGH$ //does not violate; BH superkey

$D \rightarrow BH$

$D^+ = ABCDEFGH$ //does not violate; D superkey

$BCE \rightarrow F$

$BCE^+ = BCEF$ //violates

$F \rightarrow C$

$F^+ = CF$ //violates

$A \rightarrow GEF$

$A^+ = ACEGF$ //violates

Answer : **$BCE \rightarrow F$, $F \rightarrow C$, $A \rightarrow GEF$ violates BCNF**

b) **BCNF Decomposition**

$BH^+ = ABCDEFGH$

(does not violate)

$D^+ = ABCDEFGH$

(does not violate)

$A^+ = ACEFG$

(violates)

Decomposition:

$R_1 = ACEFG$

$R_2 = ABDH$

Project FDs onto $R_1(ACEFG)$

$R_1(ACEFG)$:

$A^+ = ACEFG$ -- $A \rightarrow GEF$, $F \rightarrow C$; A superkey, does not violate

$C^+ = C$ --nothing

$E^+ = E$ --nothing

$F^+ = CF$ -- $F \rightarrow C$ violates, abort

Decomposition

$R_3 = FC$

$R_4 = AEFG$

Project FDs onto $R_3(FC)$

$F^+ = FC$ -- $F \rightarrow C$; F superkey, does not violate

$C^+ = C$ --nothing

$FC^+ = FC$ --nothing

R_3 satisfies BCNF

Project FDs onto R₄(AEFG)

$A^+ = AGEF$, $A \rightarrow GEF$; A superkey, does not violate

$E^+ = E$ --nothing

$F^+ = FC$ -- nothing

$G^+ = G$ --nothing

dont need to check supersets of A (weaker)

$EF^+ = EFC$ --nothing

$FG^+ = CFG$ --nothing

$EG^+ = EG$ --nothing

R₄ satisfies BCNF

Return to R₂. Project FDs onto R₂(ABDH)

R₂(ABDH)

$A^+ = AGEFC$ -- nothing

$B^+ = B$ --nothing

$D^+ = ABDH$ -- $D \rightarrow BH$, $BH \rightarrow AD$; D superkey, does not violate

$H^+ = H$ -- nothing

$AB^+ = ABCEFG$ -- nothing

dont need to check supersets of D (weaker)

$AH^+ = AGEFCH$ -- nothing

$BH^+ = BHAD$, $D \rightarrow BH$, $BH \rightarrow AD$; BH superkey doesn't violate

R₂ satisfies BCNF

Answer :

BCNF Decomposition Result:

R₂(A,B,D,H), R₃(C,F), R₄(A,E,F,G)

2)

a) Answer:

$D^+ = ABCDEFG$; D is a key for R and no superset of D can be a key.

The rest of the FDs except for $EF \rightarrow B$ contain D so I don't need to consider those.
And EF is not a key since $EF^+ = EFB$.

b) S₁

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| 1 $DBE \rightarrow F$ | $DBE^+ = ABCDEFG$, discard |
| 2 $DBE \rightarrow C$ | $DBE^+ = ABCDEFG$, discard |
| 3 $CD \rightarrow A$ | $CD^+ = CDFABGE$, discard |
| 4 $CD \rightarrow F$ | $CD^+ = ABCDEFG$, discard |
| 5 $D \rightarrow A$ | no other way to get A, keep |
| 6 $D \rightarrow B$ | no other way to get B, keep |
| 7 $D \rightarrow G$ | no other way to get G, keep |
| 8 $BADE \rightarrow C$ | no other way to get C, keep |
| 9 $ABD \rightarrow E$ | no other way to get E, keep |

10 $D \rightarrow F$	no other way to get F, keep
11 $EF \rightarrow B$	no other way to get B, keep

S2

5 $D \rightarrow A$	no other way to get A, keep
6 $D \rightarrow B$	no other way to get B, keep
7 $D \rightarrow G$	no other way to get G, keep
8 BADE $\rightarrow C$	can be simplified to $D \rightarrow C$
9 ABD $\rightarrow E$	can be simplified to $D \rightarrow E$
10 $D \rightarrow F$	no other way to get F, keep
11 $EF \rightarrow B$	no other way to get B, keep

Answer:

The minimal basis for S is:

$D \rightarrow A$
 $D \rightarrow C$
 $D \rightarrow E$
 $D \rightarrow F$
 $D \rightarrow G$
 $EF \rightarrow B$

c) Merge the right hand sides.

$D \rightarrow ACEFG$
 $EF \rightarrow B$

The set of relations that would result would have these attributes:
 $R_1(A, C, D, E, F, G)$ $R_2(B, E, F)$

None of the attributes completely overlap. So we can't eliminate any relations.
D is a key for R so there is no need to add another relation that includes a key.

So the final set of relations is:

$R_1(A, C, D, E, F, G)$, $R_2(B, E, F)$

d) Because we formed each relation from an FD, the LHS of those FDs are indeed superkeys for their relations. However there may be other FDs that violate BCNF and therefore allow redundancy. Find out by projecting FDs onto each relation.

$EF \rightarrow B$ projects onto R_2 . $EF^+ = EFB$ (does not violate), $E^+ = E$ (does not violate), $B^+ = B$ (does not violate), $BE^+ = BE$ (does not violate), $BF^+ = BF$ (does not violate).

$D \rightarrow ACEFG$ projects onto R_1 . $D^+ = ABCDEFG$ (does not violate) but the subset $EF^+ = EFB$ which is not a superkey so it violates BCNF.

So yes, this schema allows redundancy.