

1.

Initial

	A	B	C	D
R ₁	a		a	
R ₂	a			a
R ₃		a		a

$A \rightarrow C$

A, D)

	A	B	C	D
R ₁	a		a	
R ₂	a		a	a
R ₃		a		a

$B \rightarrow C$

	A	B	C	D
R ₁	a		a	
R ₂	a		a	a
R ₃		a		a

$D \rightarrow A$

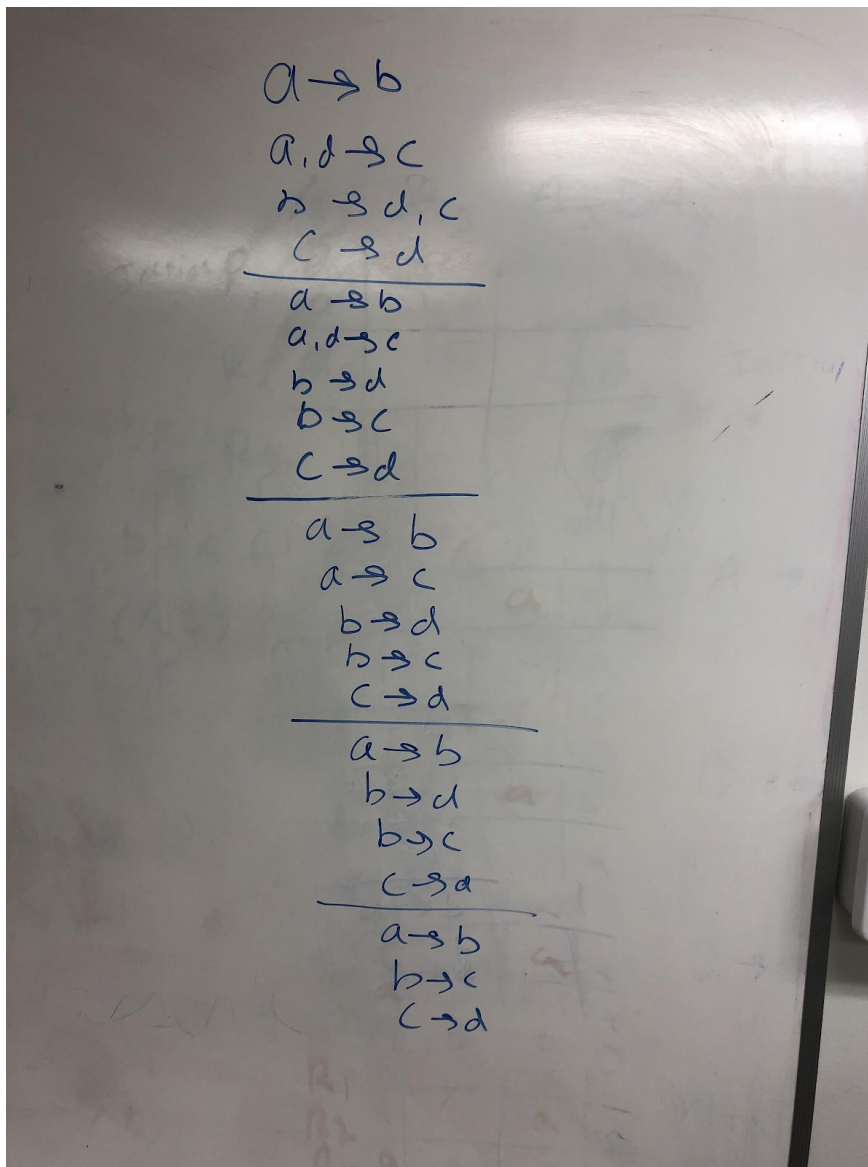
$A \rightarrow C$

	A	B	C	D
R ₁	a		a	
R ₂	a		a	a
R ₃	a	a	a	a

a.

(For reference, A = a1, B = a2, C = a3, D = a4,

- b. Yes decomposition D has the lossless join property because in the final state of the matrix, R3 has distinguished variables for every attribute, showing that it has the property.



2.

3.

- a. SID and SSN are candidate keys
- b. STUDENT is not in 3NF because of the functional dependency First \rightarrow Class. Class is a non-prime attribute and First is not a superkey, thus breaking 3NF.

$SID \rightarrow SSN, Major$
 $SSN \rightarrow First, last, SID$
 $SID \rightarrow Dept$
 $Major \rightarrow Dept$
 $First \rightarrow class$

$SID \rightarrow SSN$
 $SID \rightarrow Major$
 $SSN \rightarrow First$
 $SSN \rightarrow last$
 $SSN \rightarrow SID$
 $SID \rightarrow Dept$ X
 $Major \rightarrow Dept$
 $First \rightarrow class$

$SID \rightarrow SSN$ 3NF
 $SID \rightarrow Major$ 3NF
 $SSN \rightarrow First$ 3NF
 $SSN \rightarrow SID$ 3NF
 $Major \rightarrow Dept$ NOT 3NF
 $First \rightarrow class$ NOT 3NF

$SID \rightarrow$
 $SSN \rightarrow$
 $First \rightarrow$
 $Major \rightarrow$