

Problem 2.

a)

Attribute set closure –

(classid, id, gender)+ :

Result = classid, id, gender

Result = classid, id, gender, name (id \rightarrow name && id \subset Result)

Result = classid, id, gender, name, age (name \rightarrow age, id)

Result = classid, id, gender, name, age, salary, manager (classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary, manager)

Thus, (classid, id, gender) is a superkey of the relational schema.

No combination of attributes (or individual attributes) in this superkey is a superkey itself. Thus, (classid, id, gender) is a candidate key.

Considering manager+ :

Result = manager

Result = manager, gender, age, classid, id (manager \subset manager && manager \rightarrow gender, age, classid, id)

Result = manager, gender, age, classid, id, salary (classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary, manager && classid, id, gender \subset Result)

Result = manager, gender, age, classid, id, salary, name

Thus, manager is a superkey of the relational schema.

Also, since it is a single attribute, it is a candidate key.

b)

1NF:

Since all attributes are atomic, 1NF is satisfied by all FDs.

2NF:

The non prime attributes are: name, age & salary

For name:

Id \rightarrow name means that name is functionally dependent on a subset of the candidate key (classid, id, gender). Thus, 2NF second property is violated here.

For age:

Name \rightarrow age, id

Thus, by decomposition rule:

Name \rightarrow age

It is not a trivial FD. Also, it is functionally dependent on a non primary attributed. Thus, 2NF is violated here as well.

For Salary:

Classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary, manager

By decomposition rule:

Classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary

It is not a trivial FD. Also, salary is fully functionally dependent on a candidate key. Thus, 2NF is not violated by this FD.

3NF:

Considering FD classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary, manager

Classid, id, gender is a superkey of the relational schema, thus, 3NF is obeyed.

Considering FD name \rightarrow age, id

It is not a trivial FD.

Name is not a super key of the schema.

Id is a prime attribute, but age is not, so

Name \rightarrow age violates 3NF.

Considering FD id \rightarrow name

It is not a trivial FD

Id is not a super key of the schema (it is a prime attribute)

Name is not a prime attribute of the schema. Thus, 3NF is violated by this FD

Considering the FD manager \rightarrow gender, age, classid, id

Manager is a superkey of the schema (candidate key).

Thus, this FD obeys 3NF

4NF:

Considering FD classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary, manager

Classid, id, gender is a superkey of the relational schema, thus, 3NF is obeyed.

Considering FD name \rightarrow age, id

It is not a trivial FD.

Name is not a super key of the schema.

Thus, BCNF is violated

Considering FD id \rightarrow name

It is not a trivial FD

Id is not a super key of the schema (it is a prime attribute)

Thus, BCNF is violated.

Considering the FD manager \rightarrow gender, age, classid, id

Manager is a superkey of the schema (candidate key).

Thus, BCNF is obeyed by this FD.

c)

The highest Normal Form that the relation schema does not satisfy is 2NF.

Thus, functional decomposition to remove the FD's violating 2NF:

Id \rightarrow name

Name \rightarrow age

Thus, R1 (id, classid, gender, manager, salary)
R2(id, name)
R3(name, age)

For R1:

F+:

classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary, manager,
Manager \rightarrow gender, classid, id

Candidate keys for R1:

Considering manager+ :

Result = manager, gender, classid, id (manager \rightarrow gender, classid, id && manager \subset manager)

Result = manager, gender, classid, id, salary (classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary, manager && classid, id, gender \subset Result)

Thus, manager is a candidate key (a single attribute)

Considering (classid, id, gender)+

Result = classid, id, gender, salary, manager (classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary manager and classid, id, gender \subset Result)

Thus, classid, id, gender is a super key.

It is also a candidate key as none of the constituent attributes is a super key according to the F+ for this schema.

Thus, prime attributes : manager, classid, id, gender

Non prime attributes: salary

For salary: classid, id, gender \rightarrow manager, salary

By the decomposition rule : classid, id, gender \rightarrow salary.

Thus, salary is fully dependent on the candidate key classid, id, gender

Also, manager \rightarrow gender, classid, id

We know that gender, classid, id \rightarrow manager, salary

Thus, manager \rightarrow manager, salary

And so, manager \rightarrow salary

Thus, salary is fully dependent on the second candidate key, manager.

Thus, R1 is in 2NF.

For R2:

F+: id \rightarrow name

Candidate key: id

Non prime attribute: name

Name is fully dependent on the candidate key in R2. Thus, R2 obeys 2NF.

For R3:

F+: name \rightarrow age

Candidate key: name

Non prime attribute: age

Name is fully dependent on the candidate key in R3. Thus, R3 obeys 2NF.