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1. Consider a relation R having attributes as R(ABCD), functional dependencies are given below:

$AB \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow A$

Identify the set of candidate keys possible in relation R. List all the set of prime and non-prime attributes.

Ans: Closure Property: - AB^+

$= \{A, B, C, D\}$

$BC^+ = \{B, C, D, A\}$

$AC^+ = \{A, C, D\}$

$BD^+ = \{B, D, C, A\}$

$C^+ = \{C, D, A\}$

$D^+ = \{D, A\}$

Thus, Candidate Keys = $\{AC, BC, BD\}$

Prime Attributes = $\{A, B, C, D\}$

Non-Prime Attributes = $\{\Phi\}$

This is in 3NF form because every dependent (RHS) is a prime attribute, but not BCNF because attribute C, D are not SuperKey.

2. Relation R(ABCDE) having functional dependencies as:

$A \rightarrow D$, $B \rightarrow A$, $BC \rightarrow D$, $AC \rightarrow BE$

Identify the set of candidate keys possible in relation R. List all the set of prime and non-prime attributes.

Ans: Closure Property: -

$AC^+ = \{A, C, B, E, D\}$

$AB^+ = \{A, B, D\}$

$BC^+ = \{B, C, D, A, E\}$

$$A^+ = \{A, D\}$$

$$B^+ = \{B, A\}$$

Thus, Candidate Keys = $\{AC, BC\}$

Prime Attributes = $\{A, C, B\}$

Non-Prime Attributes = $\{D, E\}$

This is a 1NF because the attribute non-multivalued. It's not a 2NF because the dependent D (non-prime) is determined by a prime.

3. Consider a relation R having attributes as R(ABCDE), functional dependencies are given below:

$B \rightarrow A, A \rightarrow C, BC \rightarrow D, AC \rightarrow BE$

Identify the set of candidate keys possible in relation R. List all the set of prime and non-prime attributes.

Ans: Closure Property: - B^+

$$= \{B, A, C, E, D\}$$

$$A^+ = \{A, C, B, E, D\}$$

Thus, Candidate Keys = $\{A, B\}$

Prime Attributes = $\{A, B\}$

Non-Prime Attributes = $\{C, D, E\}$

This is a BCNF because the attributes A, B are single attribute Candidate Keys, thus any other attribute forming a key with them will become a SuperKey.

4. Consider a relation R having attributes as R(ABCDEF), functional dependencies are given below:

$A \rightarrow BCD, BC \rightarrow DE, B \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow A$

Identify the set of candidate keys possible in relation R. List all the set of prime and non-prime attributes.

Ans: Closure Property: -

$$A^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$$

$$B^+ = \{B, C, D, E, A\}$$

$$D^+ = \{D, A, B, C, E\}$$

Thus, Candidate Keys = $\{A, B, D\}$

Prime Attributes = $\{A, B, D\}$

Non-Prime Attributes = $\{C, E\}$

This is a BCNF because the A, B, D are Candidate Keys, thus, any other attribute forming a key with them will eventually make it a SuperKey.