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1. Suppose we have a relation on attributes A, B, C, D, E, and F, and these functional dependencies hold:

$S = \{ B \rightarrow DE, BF \rightarrow C, CF \rightarrow B, DF \rightarrow AE \}$ .

Write your closures in alphabetical order. For example, rather than BDFA, write ABDF.

(a) Compute  $B^+$ .

**$B^+ = BDE$**

(b) Compute  $CF^+$ .

**$CF^+ = ABCDEF$**

(c) Compute  $DF^+$ .

**$DF^+ = ADEF$**

(d) Compute  $BC^+$ .

**$BC^+ = BCDE$**

(e) Compute  $ABC^+$ .

**$ABC^+ = ABCDE$**

2. Again, suppose we have a relation on attributes A, B, C, D, E, and F, and these functional dependencies hold:

$S = \{ B \rightarrow DE, BF \rightarrow C, CF \rightarrow B, DF \rightarrow AE \}$ . Show your rough work.

(a) Does it follow from S that  $B \rightarrow A$ ?

**No.  $B^+ = BDE$ ;  $B \rightarrow A$  does not follow from S.**

(b) Does it follow from S that  $CF \rightarrow E$ ?

**Yes.  $CF^+ = ABCDEF$ ;  $CF \rightarrow E$  follows from S.**

(c) Does it follow from S that  $DF \rightarrow B$ ?

**No.  $DF^+ = ADEF$ ;  $DF \rightarrow B$  does not follow from S.**

(d) Does it follow from S that  $BD \rightarrow C$ ?

**No.  $BD^+ = BDE$ ;  $BD \rightarrow C$  does not follow from S.**

(e) Does it follow from S that  $BFC \rightarrow A$ ?

**Yes.  $BFC^+ = ABCDEF$ ;  $BFC \rightarrow A$  follows from S.**

3. Consider relation  $R(A, B, C, D, E, F)$  with functional dependencies S.

$S = \{ CD \rightarrow A, B \rightarrow EF, A \rightarrow BC, F \rightarrow D \}$

(a) Which functional dependencies indicate a violation of BCNF?

**$CD^+ = ABCDEF$**

**$B^+ = BDEF$**

**$A^+ = ABCDEF$**

**$F^+ = DF$**

**$\therefore B \rightarrow EF, F \rightarrow D$  violates BCNF**

(b) Create an instance of R that satisfies its FDs and has redundant data. Identify the redundancy.

Thought exercise: what does it have to do with the FDs?

A	B	C	D	E	F
1	2	3	4	5	6
2	5	1	4	3	6

**Since some of the FD's violates BCNF, it allows the table to have duplicates which keeps redundant data. Having BCNF FD's will remove redundancy because the attributes are determined by key attributes (no duplicates allowed)**

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(c) Apply the first step of the BCNF decomposition algorithm and indicate what two new relations will replace R. Show your rough work.

1. Choose any FD that violates BCNF:  $B \rightarrow EF$
2. Break into two relation where  $B \rightarrow EF$  will satisfy BCNF condition. The other relation will include B and the rest attributes other than E and F
  - A. R1 (B, E, F)
  - B. R2 (B, A, C, D)

(d) Project the FDs onto these two relations. You do not have to show your rough work for this part

**For R1: {  $B \rightarrow EF$  }**

B	E	F	Closure	FD
X			$B^+ = BDEF$	$B \rightarrow EF$ (superkey)
	X		$E^+ = E$	N/A
		X	$F^+ = DF$	N/A
	X	X	$EF^+ = DEF$	N/A

**For R2: {  $A \rightarrow BCD$  }**

A	B	C	D	Closure	FD
X				$A^+ = ABCDEF$	$A \rightarrow BCD$ (superkey)
	X			$B^+ = BDEF$	$B \rightarrow D$ , weaker than superkey
		X		$C^+ = C$	N/A
			X	$D^+ = D$	N/A
X	X			A is key, ignore all supersets of A	
X		X			
X			X		
	X	X		$BC^+ = ABCDEF$	$BC \rightarrow AD$ , weaker than superkey
	X		X	$BD^+ = BDEF$	N/A
		X	X	$CD^+ = ABCDEF$	$CD \rightarrow AB$ , weaker than superkey
X	X	X		A is key, ignore all supersets of A	
X		X	X		
	X	X	X	$BCD^+ = ABCDEF$	$BCD \rightarrow A$ , weaker than superkey
X	X	X	X	A is key, ignore all supersets of A	

(e) Is the new schema, with these two relations, in BCNF, or would we have to recurse and continue decomposing? Explain.

**The new relations are in BCNF, as the FDs are superkey.**