



COMPUTER SCIENCE

Database Management System

FD's & Normalization

Lecture_14



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**TOPICS
TO BE
COVERED**

01

Normal Forms

02

Normal Form Decomposition

1NF

2NF

3NF

BCNF

LNF → atomic.

Normal Forms

2NF :

Proper subset
of Candidate key

Non key
Attribute

Violation of 2NF

Normal Forms

3NF : Every Non Trivial $X \rightarrow Y$ Must Satisfy
the following Condition

X: Superkey

(OR)

Y: key/Prime Attribute

Normal Forms

BCNF: $\underline{\underline{X \rightarrow Y}}$ every Non Trivial FD

X: Super key.

Boyce – Codd Normal Form

Definition: A relation schema R is in BCNF if whenever a nontrivial functional dependency $X \rightarrow A$ holds in R, then X is a superkey of R.

X: Superkey.

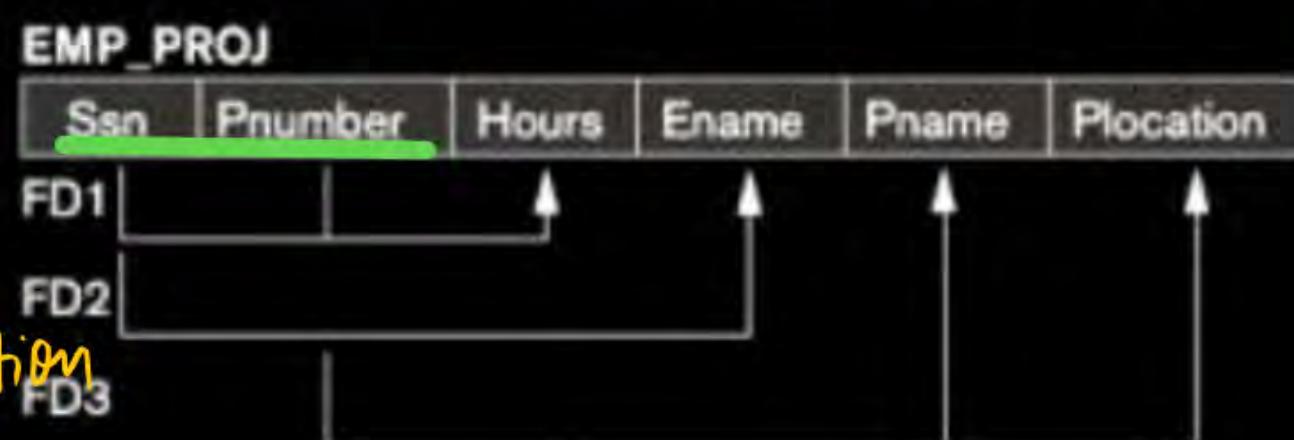
Normal Forms

Second Normal Form

Definition: A relation schema R is in 2NF if every nonprime attribute A in R is fully functionally dependent on the primary key of R.

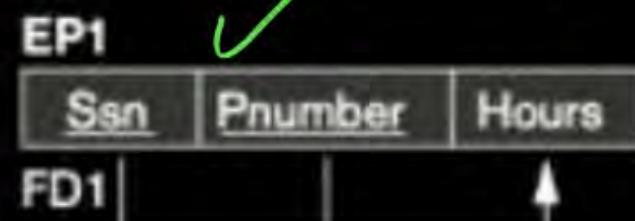
FD₂: Ssn → Ename

FD₃: Pnumber → Pname Plocation



2NF Normalization

2NF ✓



2NF Decomposition

Q.1

$R(ABCDEFGH) \{AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow FG, G \rightarrow H\}$

Candidate key = (AB)

Non key | Non Prime Attribute = $[C, D, E, F, G]$

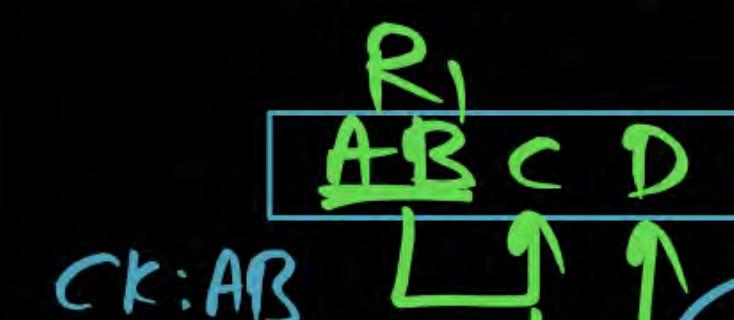
Check 2NF ?

$B \rightarrow E$
 \uparrow
 Proper subset
 of CK

Non key
 Attribute
 Not in 2NF

2NF Decomposition

$(B)^+ - [BEFGH]$



$R(ABCDEF/G/H)$

CK: B



$\checkmark AB \rightarrow C$
 $\checkmark C \rightarrow D$
 $\checkmark B \rightarrow E$
 $\checkmark E \rightarrow FG$
 $\checkmark G \rightarrow H$
 Dependency
 Preserving.

$R_1(ABCD)$

$R_2(BEFGH)$

$$R_1(ABCD) \cap R_2(BEFGH) = B$$

$[B]^+ = [BEFGH]$ superkey of R_2 .

$R_{12}(ABCDEF GH)$: Lossless Join

2NF + Lossless + Dep. Preserved.
Join

2NF Decomposition

Q.2

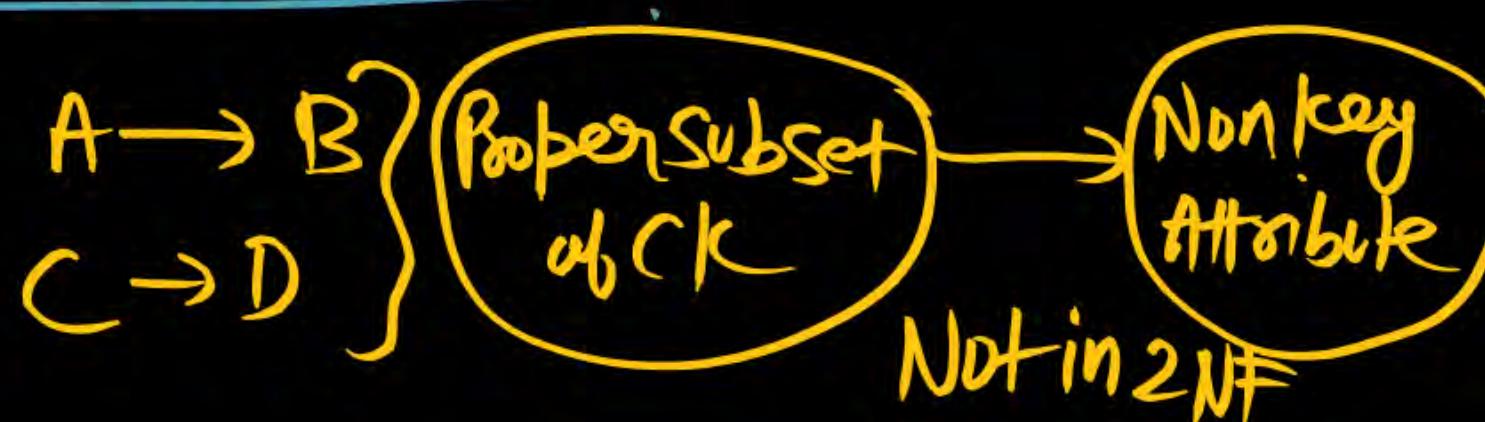
$R(ABCDE)$ F: $[A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow E, C \rightarrow D]$

Decompose it into 2NF.

Candidate key = $[AC]$

Non key Attribute = $[B, D, E]$

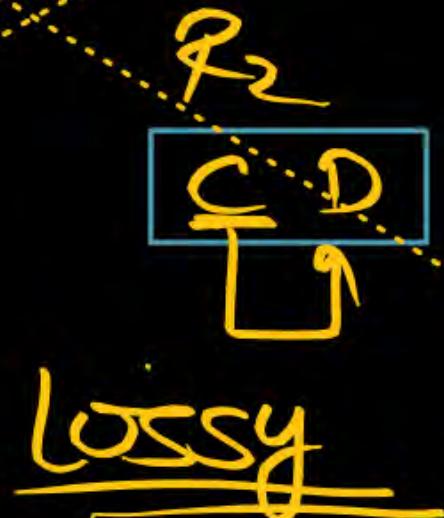
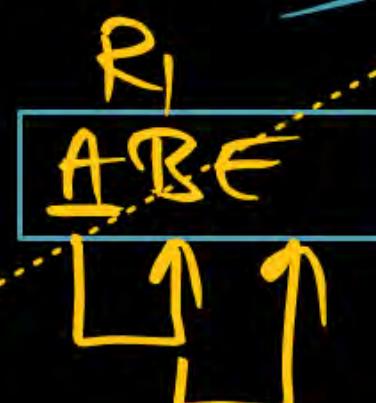
Check 2NF ?



2NF Decomposition

$(A)^+ = [ABCE]$

$(C)^+ = [CD]$



$$R_1(ABE) \wedge R_2(CD)$$

No Common Attribute

Lossy Join.

2NF Decomposition

Q.2

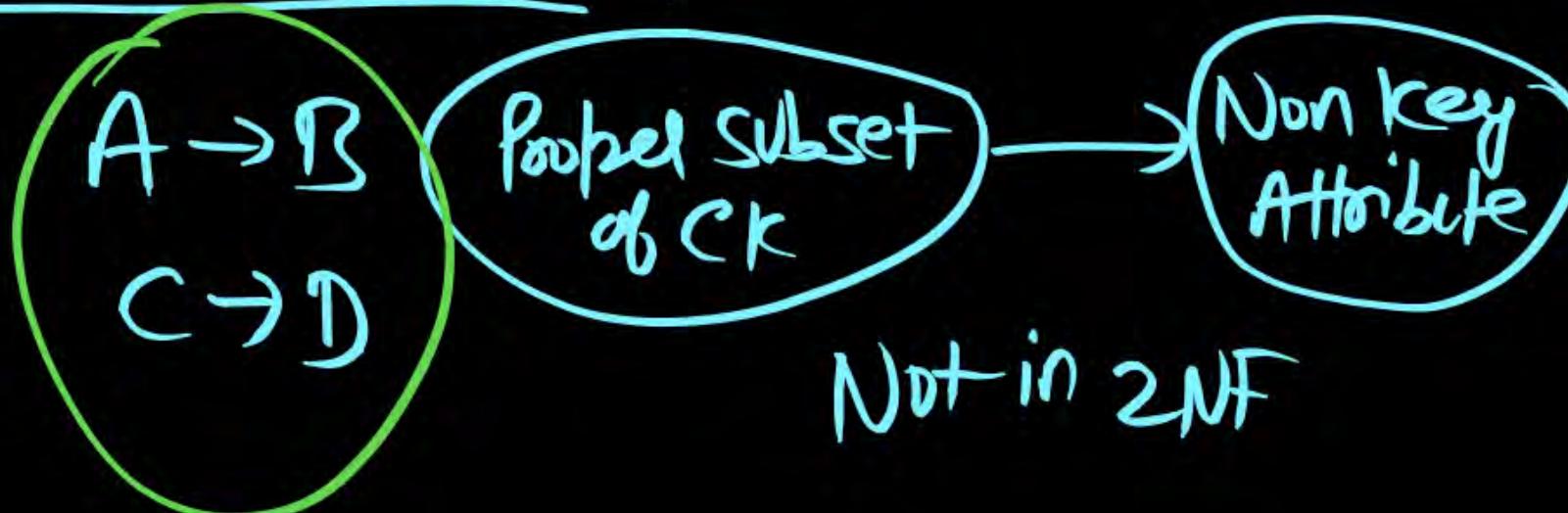
$R(ABCDE)$ $F: [A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow E, C \rightarrow D]$

Decompose it into 2NF.

Candidate key = $[AC]$

Non key Attribute = (B, D, E)

Check 2NF ?



2NF Decomposition

$R(A\cancel{B}C\cancel{D}\cancel{E})$

$\checkmark A \rightarrow B$

$\checkmark B \rightarrow E$

$\checkmark C \rightarrow D$

$(A)^t = [ABE]$

$(C)^t = [CD]$

R_1
AC
CK: AC

R_2
ABE
CK: A

R_3 Dep. frozen
CD
CK: C

$R_1(AC)$ $R_2(ABE)$ $R_3(CD)$

$R_1(AC) \cap R_2(ABE) = A$

$[A]^+ = [ABE]$ Super key of R_2

$R_{12}(ABCDE) \cap R_3(CD) = C$

$[C]^+ = [CD]$ Superkey of R_3

$R_{123}(ABCDE)$ Lossless Join

2NF + Lossless + D.P.

2NF Decomposition

- ① Find Minimal Cover.

2NF Decomposition

Q.3

$R(ABCDEFGHIJ) \{AB \rightarrow C, BD \rightarrow EF, AD \rightarrow GH, A \rightarrow I, H \rightarrow J\}$

Candidate key = $[ABD]$

Non key Attribute = $[C, E, F, G, H, I, J]$

3NF Decomposition

Checking 2NF ?

$AB \rightarrow C$
 $BD \rightarrow EF$
 $AD \rightarrow GH$
 $A \rightarrow I$

Proper subset
of CR

Not in
2NF

Non key
Attribute

$[AB]^+ = [ABCID]$

$[BD]^+ = [BDEF]$

$[AD]^+ = [ADGHIJ]$

$[A]^+ = [AI]$

R_2 $ABCID$

R_3 $BDEF$

R_4 $ADGHIJ$

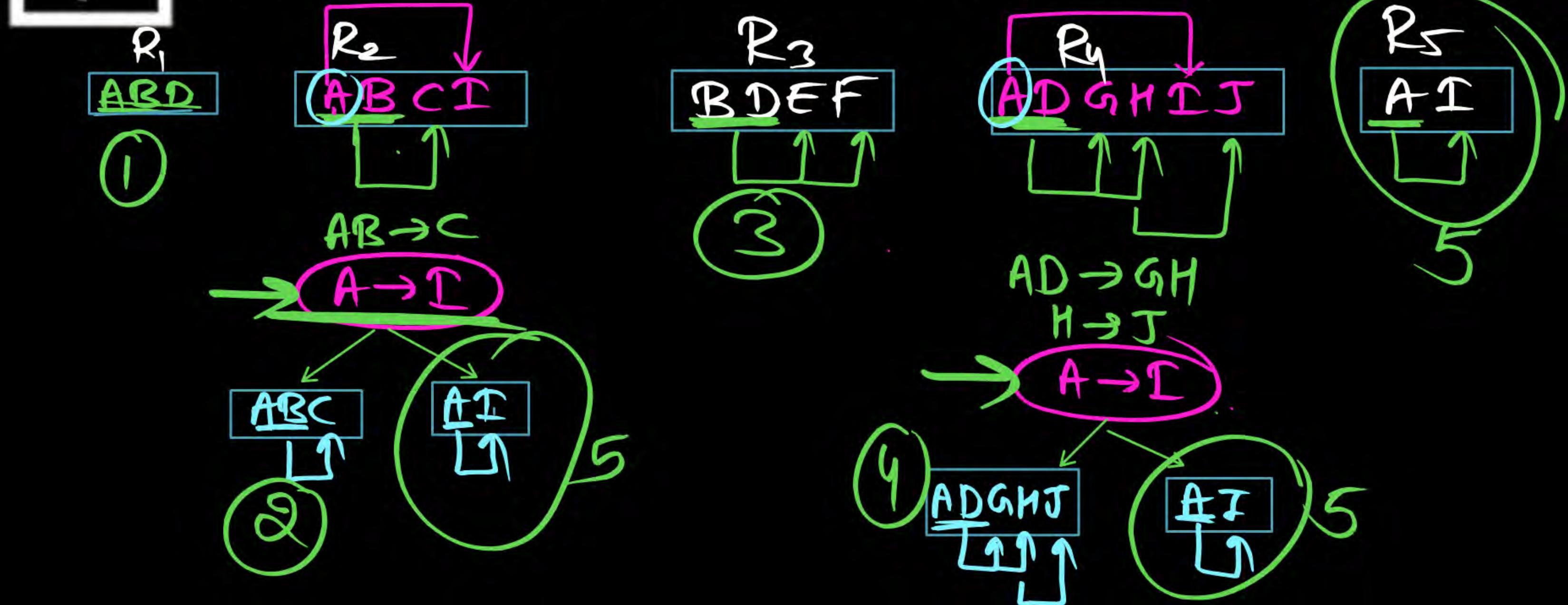
R_5 AI

ABD .

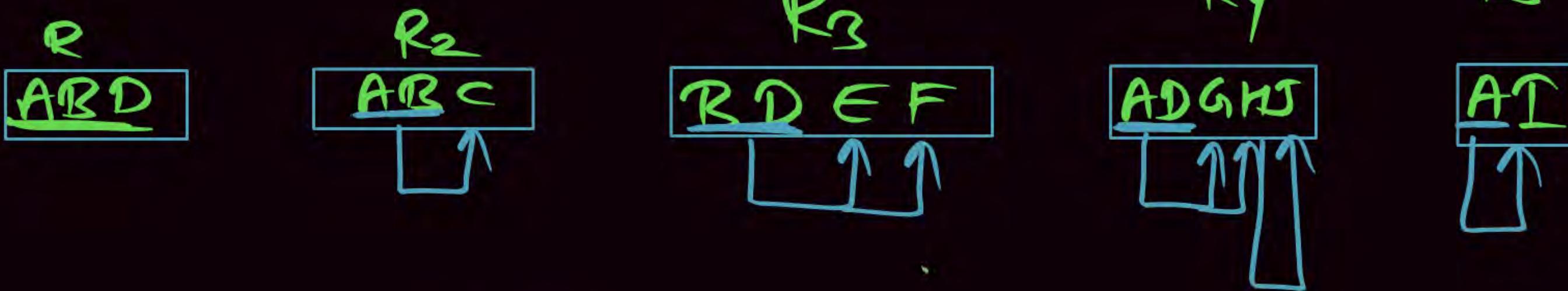
2NF Decomposition

Q.3

$R(ABCDEFGHIJ) \{AB \rightarrow C, BD \rightarrow EF, AD \rightarrow GH, A \rightarrow I, H \rightarrow J\}$



5 Table



2NF
+ lossless
+ Dep. Preserving.

2NF Decomposition

Q.4

$R(ABCDEF) \{ \underline{AB} \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, B \rightarrow EF \}$

Candidate key = $[AB]$

Non key Attribute = $[C, D, E, F]$

Checking 2NF ?

$$B \rightarrow EF$$

Proper subset
of CK

Non key
Attribute

Not in 2NF

$$(B)^+ = [BEF]$$

R_1
<u>ABCD</u>

CK: AB

R_2
BEF

CK: B

2NF + Dep. Preserved
+ Lossless Join

$$R_1(ABCD) \cap R_2(BEF) = B$$

$(B)^+ = (BEF)$ Super key of R_2

$R_{12}(ABCDEF)$ Lossless

2NF Decomposition

Q.5

R(ABCDEFGH) { $AB \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow D$, $B \rightarrow E$, $E \rightarrow F$, $A \rightarrow GH$ }

Candidate key = [AB]

Non key Attribute = [C, D, E, F, G, H]

Checking 2NF ?

$B \rightarrow E$

$A \rightarrow GH$

Proper Subset
of CK

Non key
Attribute

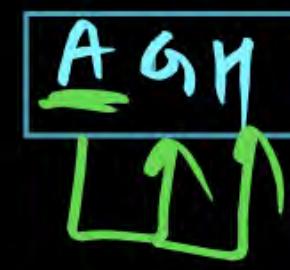
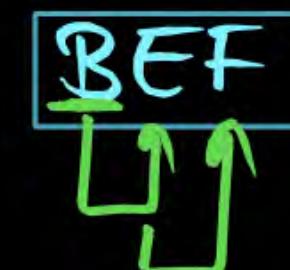
$(B)^+ = [BEF]$

$(A)^+ = [AGH]$



2NF Decomposition

R(ABCD & EF & GH)



2NF +
D.P +
less joins

$R_1(ABCD)$ $R_2(BEF)$ $R_3(AGH)$

$$R_1(ABCD) \cap R_2(BEF) = B$$

$(B)^+ = [BEF]$ Super key of R_2

$$R_{12}(ABCDEF) \cap R_3(AGH) = A$$

$(A)^+ = [AGH]$ Super key of R_3

 $R_{123}(ABCDEFGH)$

Lossless Join

Class Notes

+ PyQ [PW(Gate Wallah)
with video solution.

+ D.P.P

+ W.T

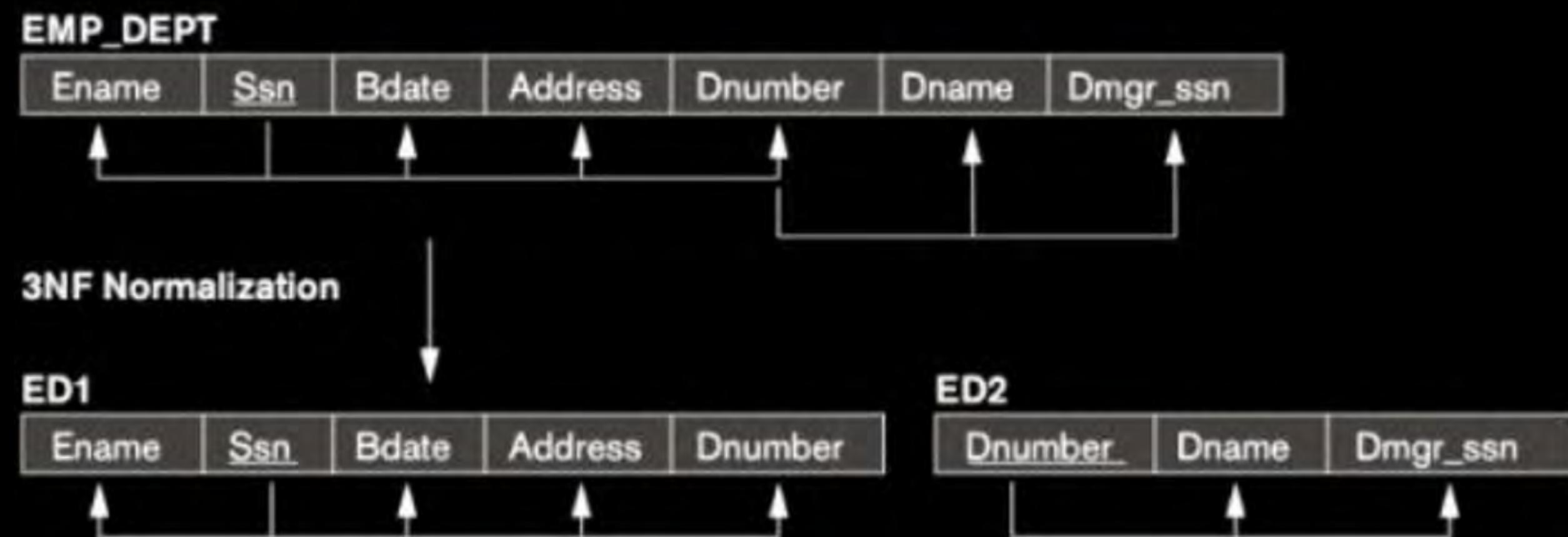
+ PW [Gate Wallah Test Series]

Normal Forms

Third Normal Form

Definition: According to Codd's original definition, a relation schema R is in 3NF if it satisfies 2NF and no nonprime attribute of R is transitively dependent on the primary key.

Definition: A relation schema R is in third normal form (3NF) if, whenever a nontrivial functional dependency $X \rightarrow A$ holds in R either (a) X is a superkey of R, or (b) A is a prime attribute of R.



3NF Decomposition

Q.1

$R(ABC)$ $[A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C]$

Candidate key = (A)

Non key Attribute = (B, C)

CHECKING 2NF ?

R is in 2NF

Check 3NF ?

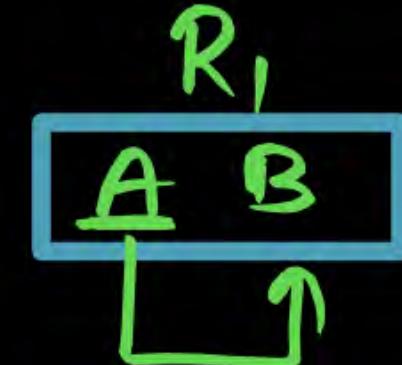
$B \rightarrow C$

B is Not Super key

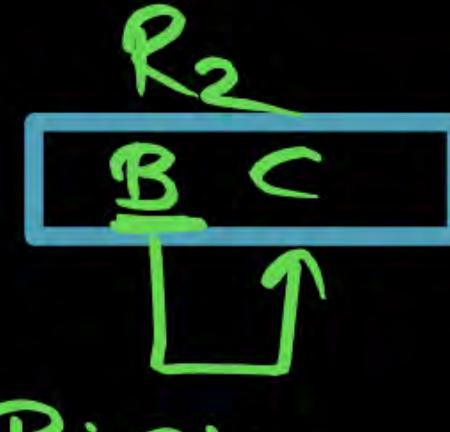
$N.K \rightarrow N.K$ C is Non Prime Attribute
Not in 3NF

3NF Decomposition

$A : CK$



$B : CK$



3NF

+ Dependency Preserved

+ Lossless Join

$R_1(AB) \bowtie R_2(BC)$

$(B)^t = [BC]$

SK of R_2
Lossless.

⑧

Advantage of Normalization.

3NF Decomposition

Q.1

R(ABC) [A → B, B → C]

✓ A → B
✗ B → C

	A	B	C
1	b ₁	x	
2	b ₁	x	
3	b ₁	x	
4	b ₁	x	
5	b ₁	x	
6	c ₁	y	
7	c ₁	y	
8	c ₁	y	
9	c ₁	y	
10	c ₁	y	
11	c ₁	y	

3NF Decomposition

A	B
1	b ₁

B	C
b ₁	x

A	B
1	b ₁
2	b ₁
3	b ₁
4	b ₁
5	b ₁
6	c ₁
7	c ₁
8	c ₁
9	c ₁
10	c ₁
11	c ₁

B	C
b ₁	x
c ₁	y

3NF

3NF
+ Dep. Preserving
+ Lossless
Join

3NF Decomposition

Q.2

$R(ABCDEF)$ [$AB \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow E$, $E \rightarrow F$]

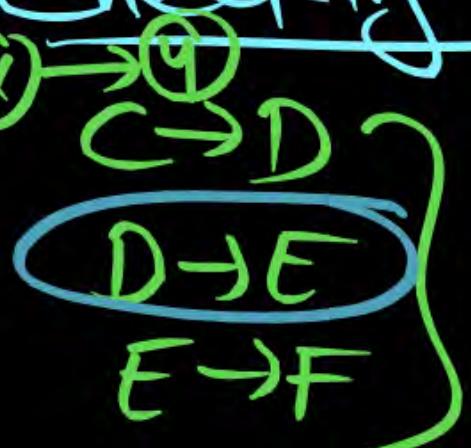
Candidate key = (AB)

Non key Attribute = (C, D, E, F)

Checking 2NF ?

R is in 2NF

Checking 3NF



X: is Not Subkey

OR

Y: Not Prime/Not Key
Attribute
Not in 3NF

3NF Decomposition

R_1
ABC

R_2
CD

R_3
DE

R_4
EF

3NF + Lossless

+ Dep. Preserved.

3NF Decomposition

Q.2

$R(ABCDEF)$ [$AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, D \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow F$]

Candidate key = (AB)

Non key Attribute = (C, D, E, F)

Checking 2NF ?

R is in 2NF

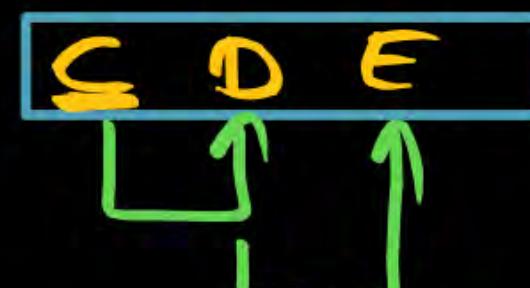
Checking 3NF



X: is Not Subkey

OR

Y: Not Prime/Not key Attribute
Not in 3NF



$D \rightarrow E$

N.K → N.K

OR

D: Not Subkey, E Non key

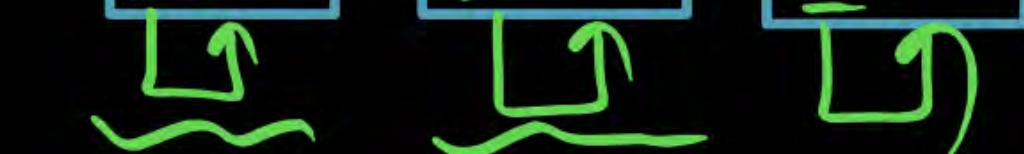
3NF Decomposition

R_1
ABC

R_2
CD

R_3
DE

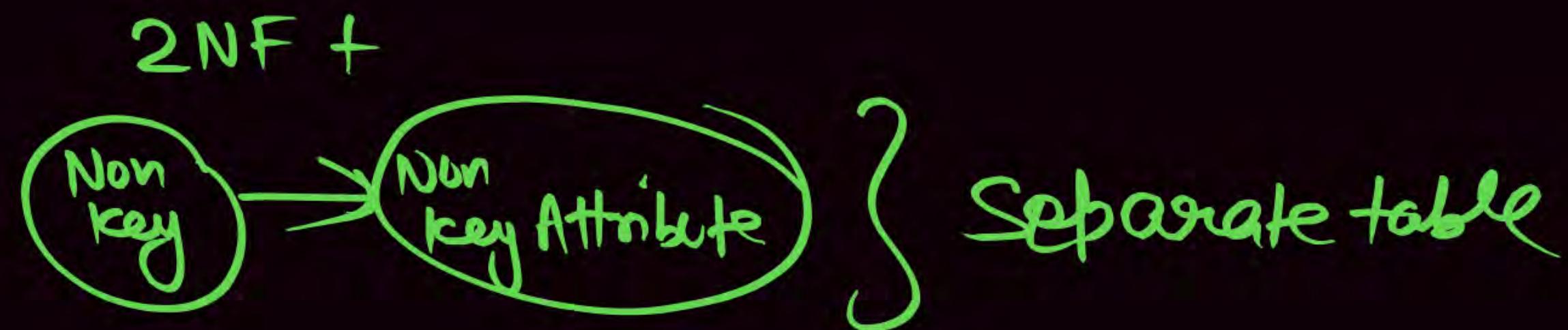
R_4
EF



3NF + Lossless

+ Dep. Preserved.

3NF Decomposition



3NF Decomposition

Q.2 R(ABCDEF) [AB → C, C → D, C → E, E → F]

Candidate key = (AB)

Non key Attribute = (C, D, E, F)

Checking 2NF ?

R is in 2NF

Checking 3NF



X: is Not Superkey

OR

Y: Not Prime/Not Key Attribute Not in 3NF

3NF Decomposition

R₁
ABC

R₂
C D E

R₃
EF

3NF + Lossless

+ Dep. Preserved.

R₂: C is Superkey [3NF]

3NF Decomposition

Q.3

R (ABCDEFGHIJ) {AB→C, BD→EF, AD→GH, A→I, H→J}

Candidate key = ABD

Non key Attribute = {C, E, F, G, H, I, J}

Directly checking 3NF ?

$X \rightarrow Y$

$$\begin{array}{l} AB \rightarrow C \\ BD \rightarrow EF \\ AD \rightarrow GH \\ A \rightarrow I \\ H \rightarrow J \end{array}$$

3NF $X \rightarrow Y$: X: Super key
 OR
 Y: Key|Prime Attribute

X: is Not Super key
 OR
 Y: is Non key|Non Prime Attribute

So Not in 3NF

3NF Decomposition

Q.3 R (ABCDEFGHIJ) {AB→C, BD→EF, AD→GH, A→I, H→J}

Step by Step

Candidate key = ABD

Non key Attribute = {C, E, F, G, H, I, J}

Check 2NF ?

AB→C

BD→EF

AD→GH

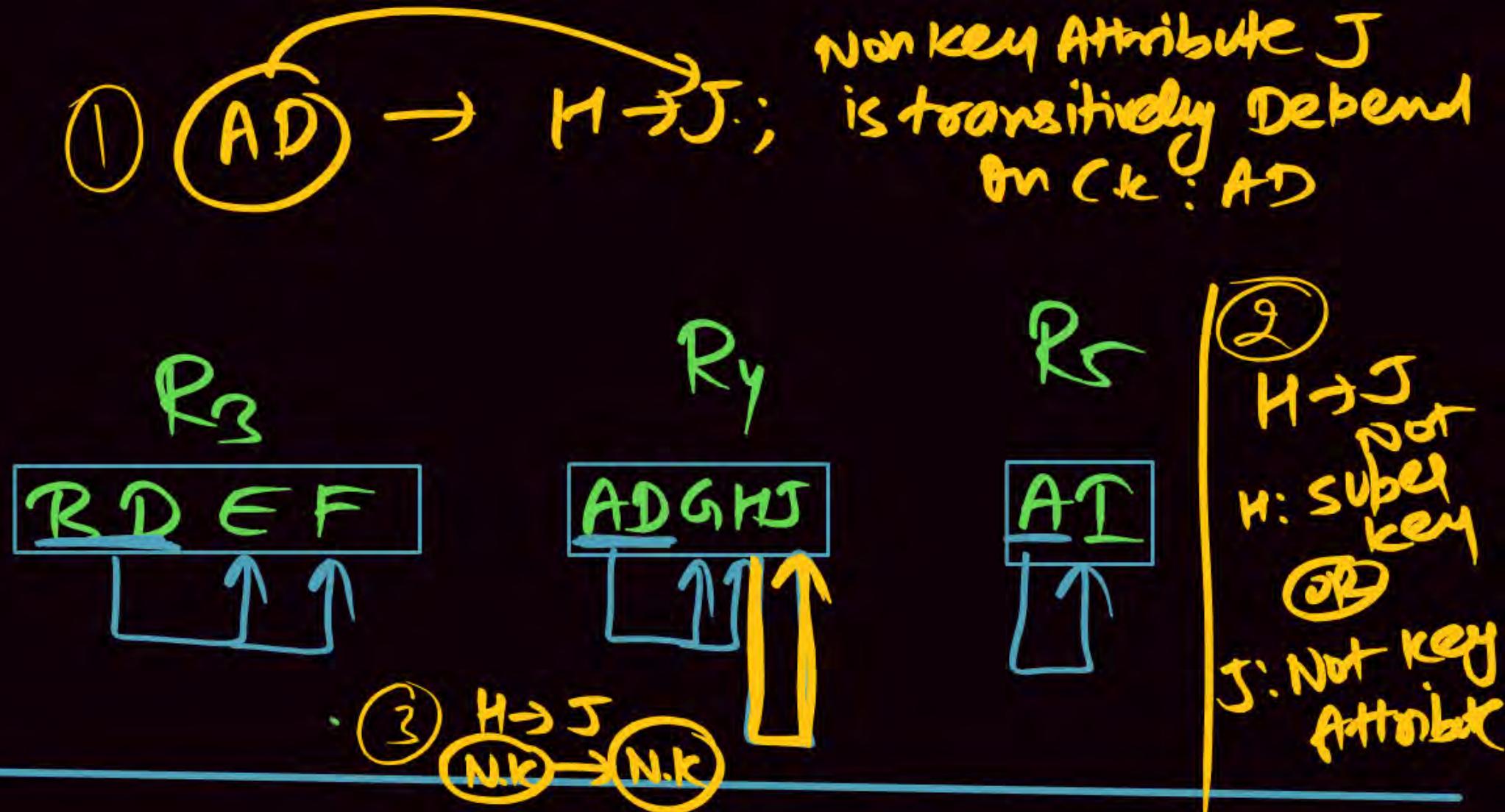
A→I

Proper subset
of CK

Not in 2NF

Non key
Attribute

2NF Decomposition



3NF Decomposition

Ck: ABD

\underline{ABD}

Ck: A

\underline{ABC}

Ck: BD

\underline{BDEF}

Ck: AD

\underline{ADGH}

Ck: H

\underline{HJ}

Ck: A

\underline{AT}

3NF
+ Lossless
+ DP.

3NF Decomposition

Q.4

R (ABCD) {AB→CD, D→A}

3NF Decomposition

Q.5

R (ABCDEFGH) {A→BC, B→DEF, DE→AGH}

Q.6

R(ABCDE) {AB → C, C → D, B → E}

Decompose into 2NF, 3NF, BCNF

P
W

Boyce – Codd Normal Form

Definition: A relation schema R is in BCNF if whenever a nontrivial functional dependency $X \rightarrow A$ holds in R, then X is a superkey of R.

Q

Relation R is decomposed using a set of functional dependencies, F, and relation S is decomposed using another set of functional dependencies, G. One decomposition is definitely BCNF, the other is definitely 3NF, but it is not known which is which. To make a guaranteed identification, which one of the following tests should be used on the decompositions? (Assume that the closures of F and G are available).

**P
W**

[2002: 2 Marks]

- A** Dependency-preservation
- B** Lossless-join
- C** BCNF definition
- D** 3 NF definition

Q

Which of the following relational schema with given FD's follows is/are in BCNF?

P
W

- A R(ABCDE) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow E$, $C \rightarrow A$ }
- B R(ABCDE) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow E$ }
- C R(ABCD) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow D$, $D \rightarrow A$ }
- D R(ABCD) and FD's are { $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$, $C \rightarrow A$ }

Q.

Let $R(A, B, C, D, E, P, G)$ be a relational schema in which the  following functional dependencies are known to hold:

$$AB \rightarrow CD, DE \rightarrow P, C \rightarrow E, P \rightarrow C \text{ and } B \rightarrow G.$$

The relational schema R is

- A** In BCNF
- B** In 3NF, but not in BCNF
- C** In 2NF, but not in 3NF
- D** Not in 2NF

Q

The relation scheme student Performance (name, courseNO,
rollNo, grade) has the following functional dependencies:

P
W

[2004: 2 Marks]

name, courseNo \rightarrow grade

RollNo, courseNo \rightarrow grade

name \rightarrow rollNo

rollNO \rightarrow name

The highest normal form of this relation scheme is

A

2 NF

B

3 NF

C

BCNF

D

4 NF

In a relational data model, which one of the following statements is TRUE?

GATE-2022-CS: 1M]

- A A relation with only two attributes is always in BCNF.
- B If all attributes of a relation are prime attributes, then the relation is in BCNF.
- C Every relation has at least one non-prime attribute.
- D BCNF decompositions preserve functional dependencies.

Consider a relation R(A, B, C, D, E) with the following three functional dependencies.

$$AB \rightarrow C ; BC \rightarrow D ; C \rightarrow E;$$

The number of super keys in the relation R is _____.

[GATE-2022-CS: 1M]

Consider a relational table R that is in 3 NF, but not in BCNF. Which one of the following statements is TRUE?

[GATE-2020-CS: 2M]

- A R has a non-trivial functional dependency $X \rightarrow A$, where X is not a superkey and A is a prime attribute.
- B R has a non-trivial functional dependency $X \rightarrow A$, where X is not a superkey and A is a non-prime attribute and X is not a proper subset of any key.
- C R has a non-trivial functional dependency $X \rightarrow A$, where X is not a superkey and A is a non-prime attribute and X is a proper subset of some key.
- D A cell in R holds a set instead of an atomic value.

Given an instance of the STUDENTS relation as shown below:

Student ID	Student Name	Student Email	Student Age	CPI
2345	Shankar	shankar@math	X	9.4
1287	Swati	swati@ee	19	9.5
7853	Shankar	shankar@cse	19	9.4
9876	Swati	swati@mech	18	9.3
8765	Ganesh	ganesh@civil	19	8.7

For (Student Name, Student Age) to be a key for this instance, the value X should NOT be equal to _____.

[GATE-2014-CS: 1M]

The maximum number of superkeys for the relation schema R (E, F, G, H) with E as the key is _____.

[GATE-2014-CS: 1M]

Given the following two statements:

- S1: Every table with two single-valued attributes is in 1 NF, 2 NF, 3 NF and BCNF.
- S2: $AB \rightarrow C$, $D \rightarrow E$, $E \rightarrow C$ is a minimal cover for the set of functional dependencies $AB \rightarrow C$, $D \rightarrow E$, $AB \rightarrow E$, $E \rightarrow C$.

Which one of the following is CORRECT?

[GATE-2014-CS: 2M]

- A** S1 is TRUE and S2 is FALSE.
- B** Both S1 and S2 are TRUE.
- C** S1 is FALSE and S2 is TRUE
- D** Both S1 and S2 are FALSE.

MCQ

Relation R has eight attributes ABCDEFGH.

Fields of R contain only atomic values.

$F = \{CH \rightarrow G, A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CFH, E \rightarrow A, F \rightarrow EG\}$ is a set of functional dependencies (FDs) so that F^+ is exactly the set of FDs that hold for R.
How many candidate keys does the relation R have?

[GATE-2013-CS: 2M]

A 3

B 4

C 5

D 6

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The relation R is

[GATE-2013-CS: 2M]

- A in 1 NF, but not in 2 NF.
- B in 2 NF, but not in 3 NF.
- C in 3NF, but not in BCNF.
- D in BCNF.

Which of the following is TRUE?

[GATE-2012-CS: 1M]

- A** Every relation in 3 NF is also in BCNF
- B** A relation R is in 3 NF if every non-prime attribute of R is fully functionally dependent on every key of R
- C** Every relation in BCNF is also in 3 NF
- D** No relation can be in both BCNF and 3 NF

MCQ

Consider the following relational schemes for a library database:

Book (Title, Author, Catalog_no, Publisher, Year, price)

Collection (Title, Author, Catalog_no)

With the following functional dependencies:

- I. TitleAuthor → Catalog_no
- II. Catalog_no → Title Author Publisher Year
- III. Publisher Title Year → Price

Assume { Author, Title} is the key for both schemes.

Which of the following statements is true?

[GATE-2008-CS: 2M]

- A Both Book and Collection are in BCNF
- B Both Book and Collection are in 3 NF only
- C Book is in 2 NF and Collection is in 3NF
- D Both Book and Collection are in 2 NF only

Let $R(A, B, C, D, E, P, G)$ be a relational schema in which the following functional dependencies are known to hold:

$AB \rightarrow CD$, $DE \rightarrow P$, $C \rightarrow E$, $P \rightarrow C$ and $B \rightarrow G$.

The relational schema R is

[GATE-2008-CS: 2M]

- A in BCNF
- B in 3NF, but not in BCNF
- C in 2 NF, but not in 3 NF
- D not in 2 NF

Q

Consider the following Relation:

$R(ABCDEFG)$ with FD set of Relation R { $A \rightarrow B$, $C \rightarrow D$, $E \rightarrow FG$ }.

What is the minimum number of relations required to decompose into BCNF which satisfy lossless join and Dependency preserving decomposition _____

P
W

MCQ

Let the set of functional dependencies $F = \{QR \rightarrow S, R \rightarrow P, S \rightarrow Q\}$ hold on a relation schema $X = (PQRS)$. X is not in BCNF. Suppose X is decomposed into two schemas Y and Z , where $Y = (P R)$ and $Z = (Q R S)$.

Consider the two statements given below.

- I. Both Y and Z are in BCNF
- II. Decomposition of X into Y and Z is dependency preserving and lossless

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

[GATE-2019-CS: 2M]

A Both I and II

B I only

C II only

D Neither I nor II

Q.

A database of research articles in a journal uses the following schema.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE, TITLE, YEAR, PRICE)



The primary key is (VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE) and the following functional dependencies exist in the schema.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE) \rightarrow TITLE

(VOLUME, NUMBER) \rightarrow YEAR

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE) \rightarrow PRICE.

The database is redesigned to use the following schemas.

(VOLUME, NUMBER, STARTPAGE, ENDPAGE, TITLE, PRICE)

(VOLUME, NUMBER, YEAR)

Which of the weakest normal form that the new database satisfies, but the old one does not?

[MCQ: 2016: 1M]

A 1NF

C 2NF

B 3NF

D BCNF



Any Doubt ?

**THANK
YOU!**

