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1. [20 pts]

Suppose a coworker (who sadly never took CS122A) came up with their own design for the Tweet table (shown below). The table has tweet_id, tweeter_id, and tweet_text. Your coworker proposed that the primary key for the table Tweet is both tweet_id and tweeter_id. Your boss asked you to review and revise the design by providing answers to the following questions.

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CREATE TABLE Tweet (  
  tweet_id VARCHAR(20),  
  tweeter_id VARCHAR(20) NOT NULL,  
  tweet_text VARCHAR(300) NOT NULL,  
  PRIMARY KEY (tweet_id, tweeter_id)  
);
```

(a) [5 pts] What non-trivial functional dependencies does your coworker's Tweet table have, if any? List them all:

$(\text{tweet_id}, \text{tweeter_id}) \rightarrow \text{tweet_text}$

(b) [5 pts] What normal form is your coworker's Tweet table currently in? Briefly show your reasoning.

BCNF. tweet_text depends on the key.

(c) [5 pts] Given your coworker's Tweet table, list **all** 1) superkey(s), 2) prime attribute(s), and 3) non-prime attribute(s). If there exists one or more superkey(s), explain why they are superkeys.

1) Superkeys:

a) (tweet_id, tweeter_id)

b) (tweet_id, tweeter_id, tweet_text)

Both (a) and (b) contain the candidate key (tweet_id, tweeter_id).

2) tweet_id, tweeter_id

3) tweet_text

(d) [5 pts] What change(s) would you propose in your coworker design? list all the functional dependencies of your design (or your coworker's design if there are no changes). (Note: Please stick to just adjusting your coworker's current design, even though it might be missing a few fields and foreign keys that you would have expected from past homeworks. You should **NOT** add those to the revised design here).

Change the primary key to use only the candidate key tweet_id.

PRIMARY KEY (tweet_id) instead of PRIMARY KEY (tweet_id, tweeter_id)

FD: tweet_id \rightarrow tweeter_id, tweet_text

2. [20 pts]

Your CheckedTweets.org business analysts have a copy of the database that gets refreshed periodically. Suppose that they have created a new Tweet table called TweetAlpha, containing a new field: hash_tag_alpha. This represents the result of some mythical deterministic function that accepts a Tweet's hashtags and outputs some numeric value. Additionally, you can safely assume that all hashtags found for a Tweet will exist in the Tweet text itself.

```
CREATE TABLE TweetAlpha (  
    tweet_id VARCHAR(20),  
    tweet_text VARCHAR(300) NOT NULL,  
    hash_tag_alpha INTEGER NOT NULL,  
    PRIMARY KEY (tweet_id),  
    FOREIGN KEY tweet_id REFERENCES RawTweet (tweet_id)  
);
```

(a) [5 pts] What non-trivial functional dependencies does this modified Tweet table have, if any? List them here:

tweet_id → tweet_text

tweet_id → hash_tag_alpha

tweet_text → hash_tag_alpha

(b) [5 pts] Does this current table satisfy 2NF [Yes/No]? Give a short reasoning as to why (<= 2 sentences).

Yes, there are no partial dependencies.

(c) [5 pts] Does this current table satisfy 3NF [Yes/No]? Give a short reasoning as to why (<= 2 sentences).

No, there is a transitive dependency tweet_id → hash_tag_alpha (from tweet_id → tweet_text, and tweet_text → hash_tag_alpha).

(d) [5 pts] Decompose TweetAlpha into multiple tables to produce a BCNF design if the current design isn't already there. If the design is already in BCNF, write "no change needed".

TweetText (tweet_id, tweet_text)

TweetAlpha (tweet_text, hash_tag_alpha)

3. [20 pts]

Consider the following relation:

H	J	G
h_2	j_2	g_1
h_5	j_5	g_9
h_7	j_5	g_8
h_0	j_5	g_5
h_0	j_2	g_5
h_8	j_5	g_2

(a) [12 pts] Given the current state of the database, for each one of the following functional dependencies answer a) Does this functional dependency hold in the above relation instance [Yes/No]? b) If your answer to the previous question was no, explain why by listing a tuple that causes a violation.

i) $G \rightarrow H$

Yes.

ii) $H \rightarrow J$

No, (h_0, j_5, g_5), (h_0, j_2, g_5)

iii) $J \rightarrow H$

No, (h_2, j_2, g_1), (h_0, j_2, g_5)

iv) $G \rightarrow J$

No, (h_0, j_5, g_5), (h_0, j_2, g_5)

(b) [3 pts] List all **potential** candidate keys (if there are any) for the above relation.

(HJ), (JG)

(c) [3 pts] List all **definite** candidate keys (if there are any) for the above relation.

None. :-) You cannot determine the existence of FDs given an instance of the database.

Normalizing a schema with a set of FDs can be done automatically by computers. Complete questions 4 and 5 with the help of the [normalization tool](#) provided by Griffith University - *but try each part by hand first!* Use the problems to cement your understanding and use the tool to check your answers.

4. [20 pts]

R(A, B, C, D, E, F)

(All attributes contain only atomic values.)

FD1: $A \rightarrow BCD$

FD2: $A \rightarrow F$

FD3: $BC \rightarrow E$

FD4: $D \rightarrow F$

(a) [5 pts] Compute A^+ , the attribute closure of attribute A. Show your work as well as the final result.

$A^+ = \{ABCDEF\}$

(b) [5 pts] List the candidate keys and the minimal cover of R.

Candidate key: A

Minimal Cover:

- $A \rightarrow B$
- $A \rightarrow C$
- $A \rightarrow D$
- $BC \rightarrow E$
- $D \rightarrow F$

(c) [5 pts] What's the highest normal form that R satisfies and why?

2NF (the key is not composite). Not 3NF because of transitive dependency to a non-prime attribute (e.g., $A \rightarrow F$)

(d) [5 pts] If R is not already at least in 3NF, then normalize R into 3NF and show the resulting relation(s) and specify their candidate keys. Make sure that your 3NF decomposition is both lossless-join and dependency-preserving. Note: If R was already in 3NF, then just list the candidate keys of R. What is the highest normal form that your answer now satisfies?

R(A, B, C, D), candidate key A

R(B, C, E) candidate key B, C

R(D, F) candidate key D

BCNF

5. [20 pts]

$R(A, B, C, D, E, F, G)$

(All attributes contain only atomic values.)

FD1: $B \rightarrow G$

FD2: $AB \rightarrow AFD$

FD3: $BC \rightarrow E$

FD4: $G \rightarrow C$

(a) [5 pts] Compute B^+ , the attribute closure of attribute B. Show your work and final result.

$B^+ = \{BCGE\}$

(b) [5 pts] What is the minimal cover for the given set of FDs?

$B \rightarrow G$

$AB \rightarrow F$

$AB \rightarrow D$

$B \rightarrow E$

$G \rightarrow C$

(c) [5 pts] Normalize R into BCNF and show the resulting relation(s) and their candidate keys.

R1 (G, C), candidate key G

R2 (B, G, E), candidate key B

R3 (A, B, F, D), candidate key A,B

(d) [5 pts] Is the decomposition in part (c) dependency-preserving? Why or why not? (Be specific when answering, referring to the initial functional dependencies by name, i.e., FD1-FD4, as needed.)

Yes, it is. At first it looks like FD3 is not preserved. However, the minimal cover is preserved and includes $B \rightarrow E$ (from R2). From that we can infer $BC \rightarrow E$, so we are covered after all. Phew!