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## BCNF

1. BCNF requires that the LHS of an FD be a superkey  
 $\times AEG^+ = AEGFHI$ , so AEG is not a superkey and  $AEG \rightarrow F$  violates BCNF  
 $\times B^+ = ABD$ , so ABD is not a superkey and  $B \rightarrow AD$  violates BCNF  
 $\times AG^+ = AGHI$ , so AG is not a superkey and  $AG \rightarrow HI$  violates BCNF  
 $\times BG^+ = ABDGHI$ , so BG is not a superkey and  $BG \rightarrow D$  violates BCNF
2. Decompose R using FD  $AEG \rightarrow F$ .  $AEG^+ = AEGFHI$ , so this yields two relations:  $R_1=AEGFHI$  and  $R_2=ABCDGHI$   
 Project the FDs on to  $R_1=AEGFHI$

A	E	G	F	H	I	closure	FDs
✓						$A^+ = A$	nothing
	✓					$E^+ = E$	nothing
		✓				$G^+ = G$	nothing
			✓			$F^+ = F$	nothing
				✓		$H^+ = H$	nothing
					✓	$I^+ = I$	nothing
✓	✓					$AE^+ = AE$	nothing
✓		✓				$AG^+ = AGHI$	$AG \rightarrow HI$ lex,lex

We must decompose  $R_1$  further.

Decompose  $R_1$  using FD  $AG \rightarrow HI$ .  $AG^+ = AGHI$ , so this yields two relations:  $R_3=AGHI$  and  $R_4=AEGF$

Project the FDs onto  $R_3=AGHI$

A	G	H	I	closure	FDs
✓				$A^+ = A$	nothing
	✓			$G^+ = G$	nothing
		✓		$H^+ = H$	nothing
			✓	$I^+ = I$	nothing
✓	✓			$AG^+ = AGHI$	$AG \rightarrow HI$
✓		✓		$AH^+ = AH$	nothing
✓			✓	$AI^+ = AI$	nothing
	✓	✓		$GH^+ = GH$	nothing
	✓		✓	$GI^+ = GI$	nothing
		✓	✓	$HI^+ = HI$	nothing
supersets of AG				irrelevant	can only generate weaker FDs than what we already have
✓		✓	✓	$AHI^+ = AHI$	nothing
	✓	✓	✓	$GHI^+ = GHI$	nothing

This relation satisfies BCNF.

Project the FDs onto  $R_4 = ADEF$ .

A	E	G	F	closure	FDs
✓				$A^+ = A$	nothing
	✓			$E^+ = E$	nothing
		✓		$G^+ = G$	nothing
			✓	$F^+ = F$	nothing
✓	✓			$AE^+ = AE$	nothing
✓		✓		$AG^+ = AGHI$	nothing
✓			✓	$AF^+ = AF$	nothing
	✓	✓		$EG^+ = EG$	nothing
	✓		✓	$EF^+ = EF$	nothing
		✓	✓	$GF^+ = GF$	nothing
✓	✓	✓		$AEG^+ = AEGFHI$	$AEG \rightarrow F$
✓	✓		✓	$AEF^+ = AEF$	nothing
✓		✓	✓	$AGF^+ = AGFHI$	nothing
	✓	✓	✓	$EGF^+ = EGF$	nothing

This relation satisfies BCNF.

Return to  $R_2 = ABCDEG$  and project the FDs onto it.

A	B	C	D	E	G	closure	FDs
✓						$A^+ = A$	nothing
	✓					$B^+ = ABD$	$B \rightarrow AD$

We must decompose  $R_2$  further.

Decompose  $R_2$  using FD  $B \rightarrow AD$ .  $B^+ = ABD$ , so this yields two relations:  $R_5 = ABD$  and  $R_6 = BCEG$

Project the FDs onto  $R_5 = ABD$

A	B	D	closure	FDs
✓			$A^+ = A$	nothing
	✓		$B^+ = ABD$	$B \rightarrow AD$
✓			$D^+ = D$	nothing
supersets of B			irrelevant	can only generate weaker FDs than what we already have
✓		✓	$AD^+ = AD$	nothing

This relation satisfies BCNF.

Project the FDs onto  $R_6 = BCEG$

B	C	E	G	closure	FDs
✓				$B^+ = ABD$	nothing
	✓			$C^+ = C$	nothing
		✓		$E^+ = E$	nothing
			✓	$G^+ = G$	nothing
✓	✓			$BC^+ = ABCD$	nothing
✓		✓		$BE^+ = ABDE$	nothing
✓			✓	$BG^+ = ABDG$	nothing
	✓	✓		$CE^+ = CE$	nothing
	✓		✓	$CG^+ = CG$	nothing
		✓	✓	$EG^+ = EG$	nothing
✓	✓	✓		$BCE^+ = ABCDE$	$AEG \rightarrow F$
✓	✓		✓	$BCG^+ = ABCDGH$	nothing
✓		✓	✓	$BEG^+ = ABDEFGH$	nothing
	✓	✓	✓	$CEG^+ = CEG$	nothing

This relation satisfies BCNF.

Final decomposition:

- (a)  $R_3 = AGHI$  with  $AG \rightarrow HI$
- (b)  $R_4 = AEGF$  with  $AEG \rightarrow F$
- (c)  $R_5 = ABD$  with  $B \rightarrow AD$
- (d)  $R_6 = BCEG$  with no FDs.

3. Yes, it is. For each of the first three of the original FDs in set S, there is a relation that includes all of the FD's attributes. This ensures that they are preserved.

For the rest FD,  $BG \rightarrow D$ , since  $B \rightarrow AD$  is preserved, so  $B \rightarrow D$  is preserved. Since BG is superkeys of B, so  $BG \rightarrow D$  is preserved.

4. The following valid instance of the relation demonstrates that it is not a lossless-join decomposition.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
a	3	3	3	3	3	g	h	i
a	3	3	3	e	f	g	3	3
a	b	3	d	3	3	3	3	3
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i

## Minimal basis

1. Step 1: split RHSs

- a:  $LNOP \rightarrow M$
- b:  $M \rightarrow N$
- c:  $M \rightarrow Q$
- d:  $NO \rightarrow L$
- e:  $NO \rightarrow Q$
- f:  $MNQ \rightarrow L$
- g:  $MNQ \rightarrow O$
- h:  $LMQ \rightarrow N$
- i:  $LMQ \rightarrow O$
- j:  $LMQ \rightarrow S$

step 2:

- a:  $L^+ = L, N^+ = N, O^+ = O, P^+ = P$   
 $LN^+ = LN, LO^+ = LO, LP^+ = LP, NO^+ = NOQL, NP^+ = NP, OP^+ = OP$   
 $LNO^+ = LNOQ, LNP^+ = LNP, NOP^+ = NOPL$
- Simplify LHS to NOP
- b: no simplify on LHS
- c: no simplify on LHS
- d: no simplify on LHS
- e: no simplify on LHS
- f:  $M^+ = MNQOLS$ , so we simplify f as  $M \rightarrow L$
- g:  $M^+ = MNQOLS$ , so we simplify f as  $M \rightarrow O$
- h:  $M^+ = MNQOLS$ , so we simplify f as  $M \rightarrow N$
- i:  $M^+ = MNQOLS$ , so we simplify f as  $M \rightarrow O$
- j:  $M^+ = MNQOLS$ , so we simplify f as  $M \rightarrow S$

Since some of FDs are the same, so we can delete some FDs.  $B_2 = \{ \text{a: } NOP \rightarrow M, \text{b: } M \rightarrow N, \text{c: } M \rightarrow Q, \text{d: } NO \rightarrow L, \text{e: } NO \rightarrow Q, \text{f: } M \rightarrow L, \text{g: } M \rightarrow O, \text{h: } M \rightarrow S \}$

Step 3: try to eliminate entire FDs

- a)  $NOP_{B_2 - \{a\}}^+ = LNOP$  - we need this FD
- b)  $M_{B_2 - \{b\}}^+ = MQOLS$  - we need this FD
- c)  $M_{B_2 - \{c\}}^+ = MNLOSQ$  - we can remove this FD
- d)  $NO_{B_2 - \{c,d\}}^+ = NOQ$  - we need this FD
- e)  $NO_{B_2 - \{c,e\}}^+ = NOL$  - we need this FD
- f)  $M_{B_2 - \{c,f\}}^+ = MNOSLQ$  - we can remove this FD
- g)  $M_{B_2 - \{c,f,g\}}^+ = MNS$  - we need this FD
- h)  $M_{B_2 - \{c,f,h\}}^+ = MNOLQ$  - we need this FD

We found this minimal basis:

- $NOP \rightarrow M$
- $M \rightarrow N$
- $M \rightarrow O$
- $M \rightarrow S$
- $NO \rightarrow L$
- $NO \rightarrow Q$

	on LHS	on RHS	conclude?
2. R	✓	✓	in every key
P	✓	✓	in every key
L,M,N,O	✓	✓	must check
Q, S	✓	✓	in no key

So we need to check L, M, N, O

L	M	N	O	closure
✓				$LPR^+ = LPR$
	✓			$MPR^+ = MPRNOSLQ$
		✓		$NPR^+ = NPR$
			✓	$OPR^+ = OPR$
any supersets of MPR contains all alphabet				
✓	✓			$LNPR^+ = LNPR$
✓		✓		$LOPR^+ = LOPR$
		✓	✓	$NOPR^+ = NOPRLQMS$
✓	✓	✓		$LNOPR^+ = NOPRLQM$

So we found that MPR and NOPR are keys.

- Following the 3NF synthesis algorithm, we could get one relation for each FD. however, we can merge the right-hand sides before doing so. This will yield a smaller set of relations and they will still form a lossless and dependency-preserving decomposition of relation R into a collection of relations that are in 3NF.

Let's called the revised FDs B3:

$NOP \rightarrow M$

$M \rightarrow NOS$

$NO \rightarrow LQ$

The set of relations that would result would have these attributes:

R1( M, N, O, P), R2(M, N, O, S), R3(L, N, O, Q)

Since there is no super key for B, so we need add a relation that includes a key, R4( M, P, R)

So the final set of relation is:

R1( M, N, O, P), R2(M, N, O, S), R3(L, N, O, Q), R4( M, P, R)

- Because we formed each relation from an FD, the LHS of those FDs are indeed superkeys for their relations. However, there may be other FDs that violate BCNF and therefore allow redundancy. The only way to find out is to project the FDs onto each relation.

We can quite quickly find a relation that violates BCNF without doing all the full projections: Clearly R4 does not have superkeys since M, P, R all are not superkeys.

For example, Consider relation  $R1(M, N, O, P)$ , after apply FD project, we have,  $M^+ = LMNOQS$ , thus,  $M \rightarrow NO$ , and M is not a superkey in this relation. So yes, these schema allows redundancy.