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Problem	Score	
1	(40%)	24
2	(26%)	13
3	(34%)	20
EC	(10%)	0
Total	(100%)	57

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your exam will not be graded.

## Problem 1

(8 points each question)

Given the following schema:

$\sigma$  movies (title, year, length, genre, studioName)  
 $\sigma$  stars (name, address, gender, birthdate)  
 $\sigma$  starsIn (title, year, name)

Write the following queries in Relational Algebra.

A Find the title of movies made by studio MGM.

$$\pi_{title} (\sigma_{studioName = 'MGM'} Movies)$$

B Find the name and address of stars who have starred in "Star Wars".

$$R_1 := \pi_{name, address} (\sigma_{title = 'Star Wars'} stars)$$

$$\pi_{name, address} (R_1)$$

C Find the name of stars who have starred in both action movie and sci-fi movie.

a)  $R_1: \left( \pi_{(name)} \text{ StarsIn } \bowtie_{(genre = 'action')} \text{ movies} \right)$  4

b)  $R_2: \left( \pi_{(name)} \text{ StarsIn } \bowtie_{(genre = 'sci-fi')} \text{ Movies} \right)$

c)  $R_3 = R_1 \cup R_2$   
 $\cap$

$R_1(\pi_{name} (genre = 'action') (StarsIn \bowtie \text{ movie}))$

$R_2(\pi_{name} (genre = 'sci-fi') (StarsIn \bowtie \text{ movie}))$

d)  ~~$\pi_{(name)} R_3$~~

$R_3 = R_1 \cap R_2$

D Find the name of stars who have starred in at least two movies.

$\pi_{(name)} \left( \rho_{SI} \left( \underline{title}, \underline{year} \right) \bowtie_{(SI.title = StarsIn.title)} \text{ StarsIn} \right)$

SI.title = StarsIn.title  
 SI.year = StarsIn.year  
 SI.name = StarsIn.name  
 SI.title = StarsIn.title  
 SI.name = StarsIn.name

~~$\pi_{(name)}$~~

$\pi_{(name)} \left( \left( \rho_{SI} (\text{StarsIn}) \bowtie \text{StarsIn} \right) \bowtie_{SI.title} \right)$

SI.name = StarsIn.name  
 SI.year = StarsIn.year  
 SI.title = StarsIn.title

E Find the name of stars who have starred in exactly one movie.

$\Pi_{(name)} ( \rho_{SI} ( \Pi_{(title, director)} ) \bowtie ( \begin{matrix} star1 & star2 & star3 \\ SI & SI & SI \\ SI & SI & SI \end{matrix} ) )$

$\Pi_{(name)}$

$$R_1: \Pi_{name} ( \rho_{SI} (starIn) )$$

$$R_2 = D.$$

$$R_3 = R_1 - R_2.$$

## Problem 2

(26 points)

Consider a relation with schema  $R(A,B,C,D)$  and Functional Dependency rules  $AB \rightarrow C$ ,  $AD \rightarrow B$ ,  $BC \rightarrow D$ ,  $BC \rightarrow A$

A (6 points)

Find all keys of R.

L	M	F
A	B	C
A	D	B
B	C	D
B	C	A

$AB \rightarrow C$   
 $AD \rightarrow B$   
 $BC \rightarrow D$   
 $BC \rightarrow A$

keys: A, B

ABCD X

~~A → A~~~~B → B~~~~C → C~~~~D → D~~~~AB → C~~~~AD → B~~~~BC → D~~~~BC → A~~

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~~AB → ABC~~~~AD → ADB~~~~BC → BCD~~~~BC~~

A += A

B += B

C += C

D += D

AB += ABCD

AC += AC

AD += ADBCBC += BCDABD += BDCD += CDAB.

B (10 points)

What is BCNF? Is R in BCNF? Why?

(1)

Definition: BCNF: A relation is in BCNF if and only if for every non-trivial functional dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  that holds in R, X is a superkey for R.

It then follows that if there is a functional dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  that holds in R, then Y must be a superkey for R.

(2)

R is ~~not~~ in BCNF, because we have violations,

$$BC \rightarrow D$$

$$BC \rightarrow A$$

BC is ~~not~~ a superkey.

C (10 points)

What is 3NF? Is R in 3NF? Why?

(1)

Third normal form: A relation is in 3NF if and only if for every non-trivial functional dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  that holds in R, then one of the following must be true:

- X is a superkey for R.

- OR: Y is a prime attribute of R.

(2)

R is in 3NF because for all FD's  $AB \rightarrow C$ ,  $AB \rightarrow B$ ,  $BC \rightarrow D$ ,  $BC \rightarrow A$

A, B, C, and D are prime attributes.

B (14 points)

Convert the following E/R diagram to relational database schemas.



Movies (length, title, genre, starName, StarName)

Music (length, title, genre, starName)

Stars (name, address, movie)

Stars (name, address)

Stars (name, address, movie, title, movie)

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## Problem Extra Credit

(10 points)

Using the same schema as in Problem 1, write the following query in Relational Algebra:

Find the name of stars who have starred in every movie made by studio MGM.

$$1) R_1 := \pi_{title} (\sigma_{studio name = 'MGM'} Movies)$$

$$2) R_2 := R_1 \bowtie_{(R_1.title = StarsIn.title)} StarsIn$$

$$3) R_3 := R_2 \bowtie_{\left( \begin{array}{l} R_2.title = R_{2a}.title \\ \text{AND } R_2.name = R_{2a}.name \end{array} \right)} \rho_{R_{2a}} R_2$$

~~$R_1$~~   ~~$R_2$~~   ~~$R_3$~~   ~~$name$~~

$$R_1 \leftarrow \pi_{title} (\sigma_{studio name = 'MGM'} Movies) \bowtie_{\text{star in}}$$

$$R_2 \leftarrow \pi_{name} (R_1)$$

$$S \leftarrow \pi_{title} (\sigma_{studio name = 'MGM'} Movies)$$

$$r \leftarrow \pi_{title, name} (StarsIn)$$

$$temp1 \leftarrow \pi_{name} (r)$$

$$temp2 \leftarrow \pi_{name} (S \times temp1 - r)$$

$$result \leftarrow \pi_{name} (StarsIn \bowtie_{temp1 = temp2} temp1)$$