LAB 2 RELATIONAL DATABASE

DBI05

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Answer sheet:

	Q1 (2 marks)	Q2 (2 marks)	Q3 (2 marks)	Q4 (4 marks)
What is your	Fmin: $\{A \rightarrow B, A\}$		R is in 1NF only	R1(A,B,C),
answer	\rightarrow C, BD \rightarrow E, E	Key: {AD}		R21(B,D,E),
()	\rightarrow G, CG \rightarrow H,			R221(C,G,H,I),
J	$CG \rightarrow I$			R222(A,B,D,G)
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Consider relation: R = (A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I)

with the set of functional dependencies: $F = \{A \rightarrow BC, BD \rightarrow E, AH \rightarrow C, E \rightarrow G, CG \rightarrow HI\}$

- 1. Find the minimal cover
- 2. Find all candidate keys.
- 3. Identify the best normal form that R satisfies
- 4. If the relation is not in 3NF, decompose it until it becomes 3NF (or BCNF). At each step, identify a new relation, decompose and re-compute the keys and the normal forms they satisfy.

SOLUTIONS:

1. Find the minimal cover:

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Step 1:
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F: \overline{\{A \rightarrow BC, BD \rightarrow E, AH \rightarrow C, E \rightarrow G, CG \rightarrow HI\}}
F': \overline{\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C, BD \rightarrow E, AH \rightarrow C, E \rightarrow G, CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I\}}
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Step 2:

 $BD \rightarrow E$: Neither $B \rightarrow E$ nor $D \rightarrow E$ holds \rightarrow Keep $BD \rightarrow E$

 $AH \rightarrow C: A \rightarrow C$ already exists $\rightarrow H$ is redundant \rightarrow Remove $AH \rightarrow C$ $CG \rightarrow H$ and $CG \rightarrow I$: Neither $C \rightarrow H/I$ nor $G \rightarrow H/I$ holds \rightarrow Keep both

Step 3:

 $A \rightarrow B$: Not redundant (A+ without it = {A,C})

 $A \rightarrow C$: Not redundant (A+ without it = {A,B})

 $BD \rightarrow E$: Not redundant (BD^+ without it = {B,D})

 $E \rightarrow G$: Not redundant (E^+ without it = {E})

 $CG \rightarrow H$: Not redundant (CG^+ without it = {C,G,I})

 $CG \rightarrow I$: Not redundant (CG^+ without it = {C,G,H})

Fmin: $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C, BD \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow G, CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I\}$

Q2:

Step 1:

SRC: A, D

MIDDLE: B, C, E, G, H, I

Step 2:

 ${AD}^{+}$:

Start: AD

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A \rightarrow B: ABD
A \rightarrow C: ABCD
BD \rightarrow E: ABCDE
E \rightarrow G: ABCDEG
CG \rightarrow H: ABCDEGH
CG \rightarrow I: ABCDEGHI
Step 3:
\{A\}^+ = ABC \neq R
\{D\}^+ = D \neq R
Candidate Key: {AD}
Q3:
Partial dependencies on {AD}:
A \rightarrow B (2NF)
A \rightarrow C (2NF)
Conclusion: R is in 1NF only
Q4:
First (remove A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C):
R1(A,B,C) with A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C
R2(A,D,E,G,H,I) with BD \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow G, CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I
R1:
Key: A
BCNF
R2:
Key: AD
BD \rightarrow E: BD is not a superkey \rightarrow BCNF
Second (remove BD \rightarrow E):
R21(B,D,E) with BD \rightarrow E
R22(A,B,D,G,H,I) with E \rightarrow G, CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I
R21:
Key: BD
BCNF
R22:
Key: AD
CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I: CG is not a superkey \rightarrow BCNF
Third (remove CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I):
R221(C,G,H,I) with CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I
R222(A,B,D,G) (no FDs)
R1(A,B,C) with A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C (BCNF)
R21(B,D,E) with BD \rightarrow E (BCNF)
R221(C,G,H,I) with CG \rightarrow H, CG \rightarrow I (BCNF)
R222(A,B,D,G) (no FDs, BCNF)
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