

### Task 1

$$\text{FD1 } \{A\} \rightarrow \{B, C\}$$

$$\text{FD2 } \{C\} \rightarrow \{A, D\}$$

$$\text{FD3 } \{D, E\} \rightarrow \{F\}$$

a)  $\{C\} \rightarrow \{B\}$

we can derive  $\{C\} \rightarrow \{B\}$  using transitivity  $\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{if } X \rightarrow Y \\ \text{and } Y \rightarrow Z \\ \text{then } X \rightarrow Z \end{array} \right)$

FD2 says that  $\{C\} \rightarrow \{A\}$ , and from

FD1 gives us  $\{A\} \rightarrow \{B\}$ ,

directly through transitivity we derive  $\{C\} \rightarrow \{B\}$

b)  $\{A, E\} \rightarrow \{F\}$

from FD1 and FD2 through transitivity

$A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D$  we get  $A \rightarrow D$

using augmentation (if  $X \rightarrow Y$ , then  $XZ \rightarrow YZ$  for any  $Z$ )

we get  $\{A, E\} \rightarrow \{D, E\}$

using transitivity on the new FD1 and FD3

$A, E \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow F$  we get  $\{A, E\} \rightarrow \{F\}$

### Task 2

a)  $X = \{A\}$

Apply FD1 we get  $X^+ = \{A, B, C\}$

we have C in  $X^+$ , we can apply

FD2

$\{A\}$  Already in  $X^+$ , we add  $\{D\}$  so  $X^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}$

we don't have  $\{E\}$  in  $X^+$

the attribute closure is  $X^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}$

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b)  $X = \{C, E\}$

we have  $\{C\}$ , so we can apply FD2

we get  $X^+ = \{C, E, A, D\}$

we have  $\{D, E\}$ , we apply FD3

$X^+ = \{C, E, A, D, F\}$

lastly apply FD1

so the attribute closure is  $X^+ = \{C, E, A, D, F, B\}$



### Task 3

a) determine candidate key:

$\{A, B\}$  attribute closure is

$$X^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E, F, B\}$$

so it functionally determines all attributes in R.

We need to check it for minimality

neither subsets  $\{A\}$  or  $\{B\}$  can determine R alone

, so  $\{A, B\}$  is minimal.

The other attributes  $\{E\}$  and  $\{D\}$  can't determine R alone.

So  $\{A, B\}$  is the candidate key.

b) we check that for  $X \rightarrow Y$ , X is a super key for R.

$\{A, B\}$  is a super key,  $\{E\}$  and  $\{D\}$  are not superkeys, they don't determine all other attributes in R.

Both FD2 and FD3 violate BCNF.

c) FD2 and FD3 violates BCNF as mentioned in question 10.

Decomposition of relation that violate BCNF

start with FD2, decompose into  $R_1, R_2$

$R_1(E, F)$ ,  $R_2(A, B, C, D, E)$ ,

decompose FD3 into  $R_3, R_4$

$R_3(D, B)$ ,  $R_4(A, C, D, E)$

check for candidate key in all new relations

$R_1(E, F)$  with FD2, candidate key: E

$R_3(D, B)$  with FD3, candidate key: D

$R_4$ , FD1 is superkey, but we need D to link it to B, so we choose candidate  $(A, D)$

$$\text{FD1 } \{A, B\} \rightarrow \{E, D, F, F\}$$

$$\text{FD2 } \{E\} \rightarrow \{F\}$$

$$\text{FD3 } \{D\} \rightarrow \{B\}$$



#### Task 4

a) we need to check every FD,  $X \rightarrow Y$  where  $X$  should be a superkey.

FD1:  $X$  is a superkey, it doesn't violate BCNF

FD2:  $X$  is also a superkey, doesn't violate BCNF

FD3:  $\{C\}$  only determines  $D$ , it's not a superkey, violates BCNF

$R$  is not in BCNF, because FD3 violates its condition

b) - we determined that FD3 violates BCNF

- Decompose  $R$  into  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ , preserving FD3:

$R_1(C, D)$  from FD3,  $C$  is key

$R_2(A, B, C, E)$  for the remaining attributes

-  $R_2$  related new FDs: FD1,  $\{A, B, C\} \rightarrow \{E\}$   
FD2,  $\{B, C\} \rightarrow \{A, E\}$  ( $D$  determined by  $C$ )

- check if  $X$  in FD1 and FD2 are superkeys:

\* FD1 is a superkey

FD2 is not a superkey (missing  $D$ )

- decompose  $R_2$  based on FD2:

$R_3(B, C, A, E)$  from FD2

$R_4(B, C, E)$  for rest of attributes

- check candidate key and BCNF:

$R_1(C, D)$ ,  $\{C\}$  is candidate key,  $\{C\} \rightarrow \{D\}$

$R_3(B, C, A, E)$ ,  $\{B, C\}$  is candidate key,  $\{B, C\} \rightarrow \{A, E\}$

$R_4(B, C, E)$ ,  $\{B, C\}$  is candidate key, it determines  $\{A, E\}$   
in  $R_3$ ,  $\{A, E\}$  determines all other attributes in  $R_2$