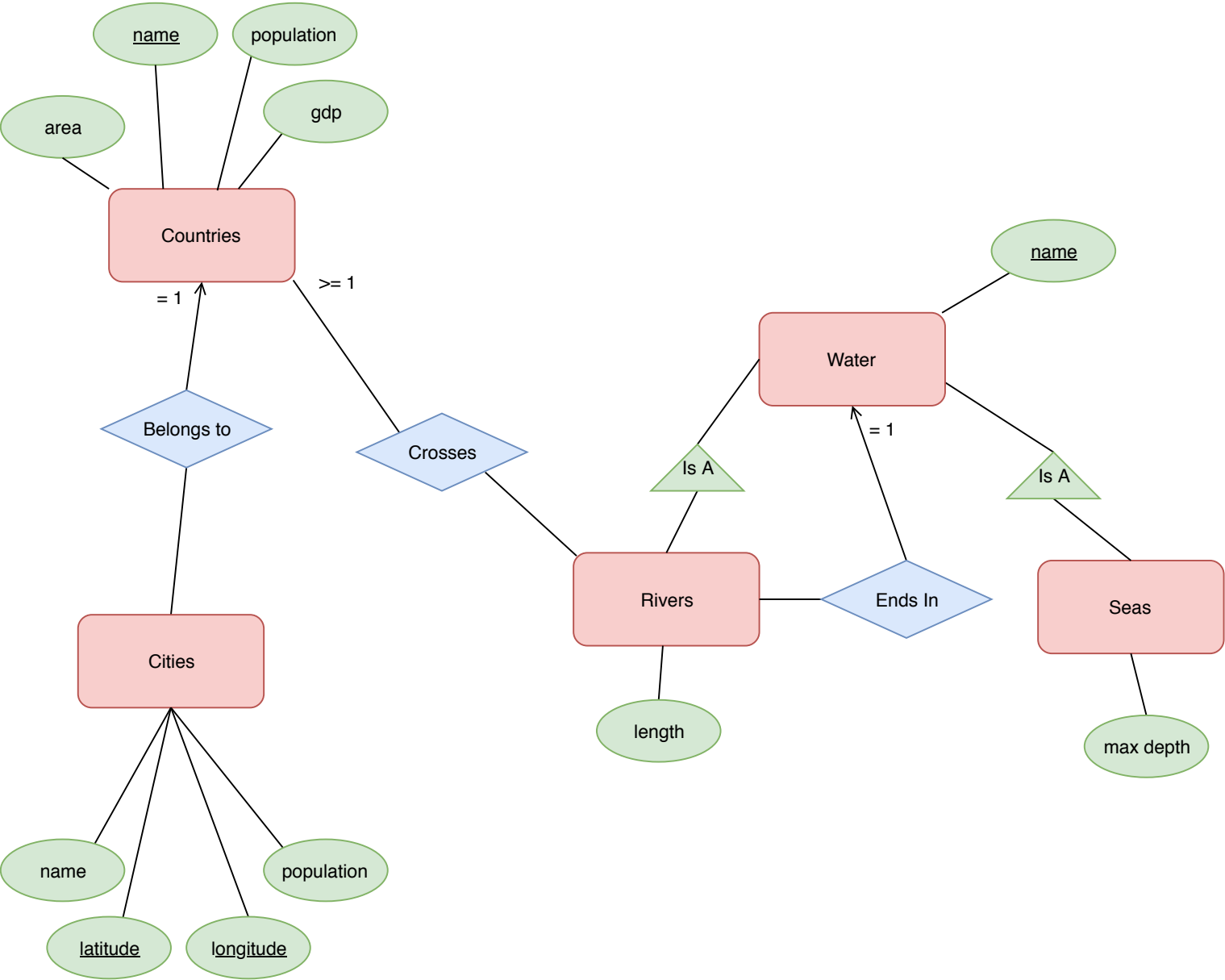


Part 1.1: Design an E/R diagram for geography that contains the following kinds of objects or entities together with the listed attributes.



Part 1.2a: Translate the diagram above by writing the SQL CREATE TABLE statements to represent this E/R diagram.

(I have included another file — part1_textversion.txt— which is a text file with these CREATE TABLE statements in my submission as well in case you need to copy/paste)

```
1  -- part 1.2
2
3  CREATE TABLE InsuranceCo(
4      name TEXT,
5      phone int,
6
7      PRIMARY KEY (name)
8  );
9
10 CREATE TABLE ProfessionalDriver(
11     ssn int,
12     medicalHistory TEXT,
13
14     PRIMARY KEY (ssn)
15 );
16
17 CREATE TABLE NonProfessionalDriver(
18     ssn int,
19     PRIMARY KEY (ssn)
20 );
21
22 CREATE TABLE Driver(
23     ssn int,
24     driverID int,
25     FOREIGN KEY (ssn) references NonProfessionalDriver(ssn),
26     FOREIGN KEY (ssn) references ProfessionalDriver(ssn),
27
28     PRIMARY KEY (ssn)
29 );
30
31 CREATE TABLE Person(
32     ssn int,
33     name TEXT,
34     FOREIGN KEY (ssn) references Driver(ssn),
35
36     PRIMARY KEY (ssn)
37 );
```

1.2a continued

```
39 CREATE TABLE Truck(  
40     licensePlate varchar(10),  
41     capacity int,  
42     ssn int,  
43     FOREIGN KEY (ssn) references ProfessionalDriver(ssn),  
44  
45     PRIMARY KEY (licensePlate)  
46 );  
47  
48 CREATE TABLE Car(  
49     licensePlate varchar(10),  
50     make TEXT,  
51  
52     PRIMARY KEY (licensePlate)  
53 );  
54  
55 CREATE TABLE Vehicle(  
56     licensePlate varchar(10),  
57     year int,  
58     maxLiability float,  
59     insuranceCompany varchar(50),  
60     ssn int,  
61     FOREIGN KEY (licensePlate) references Car(licensePlate),  
62     FOREIGN KEY (licensePlate) references Truck(licensePlate),  
63     FOREIGN KEY (insuranceCompany) references InsuranceCo(name),  
64     FOREIGN KEY (ssn) references Person(ssn),  
65  
66     PRIMARY KEY (licensePlate)  
67 );  
68  
69 CREATE TABLE Drives(  
70     licensePlate varchar(10),  
71     ssn int,  
72     FOREIGN KEY (ssn) references NonProfessionalDriver(ssn),  
73     FOREIGN KEY (licensePlate) references Car(licensePlate),  
74  
75     PRIMARY KEY (licensePlate, ssn)  
76 );  
77
```

Part 1.2b:

Which relation in your relational schema represents the relationship "insures" in the E/R diagram and why is that your representation?

Part 1.2c:

Compare the representation of the relationships "drives" and "operates" in your schema, and explain why they are different.

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78 -----
79 The Vehicle table represents the relationship "insures" by containing the
80 attributes maxLiability and the name of the insurance company. Because the
81 "insures" relation is one to many, each entry in the vehicle table is already
82 uniquely associated to a maxLiability and an insurance company (or none at all, in
83 which case NULL would probably be stored in these fields), so creating another
84 table to store this information would be redundant.
85
86 -----
87 Drives is a many to many relationship, so each car is not necessarily uniquely
88 associated to a NonProfessional Driver. In this case, we can create another table so that
89 the data associated for each car does not have to be duplicated for every associated NonProfessionalDriver.
90 By creating another table, we can duplicate only the information necessary to link each driver to their
91 associated car, storing the bulk of the data in the Car and NonProfessionalDriver tables and cutting
92 down on data redundancy.
93 Operates on the other hand is a many to one relationship. As discussed in the previous question,
94 we can reduce data redundancy by collecting our foreign keys within the Truck table itself rather than
95 creating a whole other table, as each Truck is already uniquely associated to a given Professional
96 Driver.
97
98
```

Part 1.3: Consider the following two relational schemas and sets of functional dependencies:

Part 1.3a: $R(A,B,C,D,E)$ with functional dependencies $D \rightarrow B$, $CE \rightarrow A$.

```
99 ---- part 1.3
100
101 R(A,B,C,D,E)
102 Arbitrarily choose nontrivial dependency  $D \rightarrow B$ 
103  $D^+ = \{D,B\}$  is NOT = ABCDE; D not a superkey of R even though  $D \rightarrow B$  is a
104 nontrivial functional dependency. Thus, we decompose R on  $D \rightarrow B$ .
105  $Y = \{D,B\} \setminus D = \{B\}$ 
106  $Z = \{ABCDE\} \setminus \{DB\} = \{ACE\}$ 
107
108 decompose R into  $Y \cup \{D\} = P(D,B)$  and  $Z \cup \{D\} = Q(D,A,C,E)$ 
109 P is in BCNF as  $D^+ = \{D,B\}$  so D is a superkey and  $B^+ = \{B\}$  so  $B \rightarrow B$  is trivial
110 For relation Q, Choose nontrivial dependency  $CE \rightarrow A$ 
111  $\{CE\}^+ = \{A,C,E\}$  is NOT = DACE (the entire set);
112 CE is not superkey for P despite the fact that CE has a nontrivial dependency.
113 Split Q on  $CE \rightarrow A$ .
114  $Y = \{ACE\} \setminus \{CE\} = \{A\}$ 
115  $Z = \{DACE\} \setminus \{ACE\} = \{D\}$ 
116
117
118 decompose Q into  $Y \cup \{CE\} = S(A,C,E)$  and  $Z \cup \{CE\} = T(D,C,E)$ 
119 P is in BCNF (all closure sets trivial or represent superkeys)
120 There exists no nontrivial dependencies on T, so T is naturally in BCNF
121 The only dependency on S is  $CE \rightarrow A$ , but we can see  $\{CE\}^+ = ACE$ , so
122 CE is a superkey. Thus, S is in BCNF as well. Therefore R has been
123 completely decomposed.
124
125  $R(ABCDE) \rightarrow P(D,B), S(A,C,E), T(D,C,E)$ 
126 ----
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Part 1.3b: $S(A,B,C,D,E)$ with functional dependencies $A \rightarrow E$, $BC \rightarrow A$, $DE \rightarrow B$.

```
8 S(A,B,C,D,E)
9
10 consider the nontrivial dependency  $A \rightarrow E$ 
11  $A^+ = \{AE\}$ , so A is not a superkey for S despite having a nontrivial dependency.
12 Thus, we will decompose S on A.
13  $Y = \{AE\} \setminus \{A\} = \{E\}$ 
14  $Z = \{ABCDE\} \setminus \{AE\} = \{BCD\}$ 
15
16
17 Decompose S into  $Y \cup \{A\} = P(A,E)$  and  $Z \cup \{A\} = Q(A,B,C,D)$ 
18 P is in BCNF as the only dependency on P is  $A \rightarrow E$ , but this clearly implies
19 A is a superkey.
20 For the relation Q, consider the dependency  $BC \rightarrow A$ 
21  $\{BC\}^+ = \{A,B,C\}$  is not Q; thus BC is not a superkey, and is a nontrivial dependency
22 Thus, we will decompose Q on BC
23  $Y = \{ABC\} \setminus \{BC\} = \{A\}$ 
24  $Z = \{ABCD\} \setminus \{ABC\} = \{D\}$ 
25
26 Decompose Q into  $Y \cup \{BC\} = R(A,B,C)$  and  $Z \cup \{BC\} = T(B,C,D)$ 
27 R is in BCNF as the only nontrivial dependency on R is  $BC \rightarrow A$ , which clearly
28 implies that BC is a superkey to R.
29 T is in BCNF as there exists no nontrivial functional dependencies on BCD.
30 Therefore, we can decompose S into:
31
32  $S(ABCDE) \rightarrow P(A,E), R(A,B,C), T(B,C,D)$ 
33
34
```

Part 1.4:

A set of attributes X is called closed (with respect to a given set of functional dependencies) if $X^+ = X$. Consider a relation with schema $R(A,B,C,D)$ and an unknown set of functional dependencies. For each closed attribute set below, give a set of functional dependencies that is consistent with it.

```
158 ---- part 1.4
159
160 a)
161
162 Let there be no nontrivial functional dependencies on  $R(A,B,C,D)$ .
163 Thus, our set of functional dependencies is simply:
164
165 all trivial dependencies
166  $A \rightarrow A$ 
167  $B \rightarrow B$ 
168  $C \rightarrow C$ 
169  $D \rightarrow D$ 
170 etc
171
172
173 Thus, the closure set for any set of attributes is itself (the set is closed)
174
175
176 b)
177
178 Functional Dependencies
179
180  $A \rightarrow B$ 
181  $B \rightarrow C$ 
182  $C \rightarrow D$ 
183  $D \rightarrow A$ 
184
185 In this case, as all attributes imply each other in a cyclical fashion, any
186 set of attributes  $X$  that is not empty contains all attributes in its closure set.
187 Naturally, this implies the only closed sets can be  $\{\}$  or all attributes  $\{ABCD\}$ 
188
189 c)
190
191 Functional Dependencies
192
193  $A \rightarrow B$ 
194  $B \rightarrow A$ 
195  $C \rightarrow D$ 
196  $D \rightarrow AC$ 
197
198 In this case, any set that includes either  $C$  or  $D$  will contain all attributes, and
199 thus cannot be closed unless the set is the set of all attributes  $\{ABCD\}$ .
200  $\{A\}^+ = \{AB\}$  and  $\{B\}^+ = \{AB\}$  so neither of these sets are closed, but  $\{AB\}^+ = \{AB\}$ 
201 so this set is closed. Again, the empty set  $\{\}$  is always closed and so is  $\{ABCD\}$ 
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