

SOLUTION FOR A3 - PART I

QUESTION 1

R(A B C D E F G H I)

AB -> C
C -> D
E -> F
FH -> I
GC -> A
FI -> H
D -> G

a) **Keys:** ABEH, BCEH, ABEI, BCEI.

b) **Minimal cover:**

step I . Done. All RHSs of the FDs have only one attribute

AB -> C
C -> D
E -> F
FH -> I
GC -> A
FI -> H
D -> G

Step II .

C+= C D G A => replace GC -> I with C -> A

A + = A
B+ = B
F+ = F
I + = I

Step III

All RHSs of the FDs are distinct, son this is the minimal cover:

AB -> C
C -> D
E -> F
FH -> I
C -> A
FI -> H
D -> G

C -> D violates 3NF. D is not a Prime Attribute, C is not a CK

c)

R1(ABC)
R2(C D)
R3 (E F)
R4(FH I)
R5 (C A)
R6(FI H)
R7 (D G)

As this is an abstract DB, we merge R4 and R6 and add a schema with a CK

R1(ABC)
R2(C D)
R3 (E F)
R4(FH I)
R5 (C A)
R6(D G)
R7(ABEH)

because of $C \rightarrow A$ and $AB \rightarrow C$, R1 is not in BCNF

d)

Pick $D \rightarrow G$

R1(D G) \Rightarrow BCNF
R11(A B C D E F H I)

$AB \rightarrow C$
 $C \rightarrow D$
 $E \rightarrow F$
 $FH \rightarrow I$
 $C \rightarrow A$
 $FI \rightarrow H$

Pick $C \rightarrow D$

R2(CD) \Rightarrow BCNF
R21(A B C E F H I)

$AB \rightarrow C$
 $E \rightarrow F$
 $FH \rightarrow I$
 $C \rightarrow A$
 $FI \rightarrow H$

Pick $C \rightarrow A$

R3(CA) \Rightarrow BCNF
R31(B C E F H I)

$E \rightarrow F$
 $FH \rightarrow I$
 $FI \rightarrow H$

Pick $FH \rightarrow I$

R4(FHI) \Rightarrow BCNF
R31(B C E F H)
 $E \rightarrow F$

Pick $E \rightarrow F$

R5(EF) \Rightarrow BCNF
R6(BCEH) \Rightarrow BCNF

QUESTION 2

a)

R1 intersection R2 = CD

CD⁺ = CDGA

R1 \ R2 = AB

R2 \ R1 = EF

R2 intersection R3 = F

F⁺ = F

R2 \ R3 = CDE

R3 \ R2 = GHI

R1 intersection R3 = Empty

Non-lossless join decomposition

b) Minimal cover of F:

AB → C

C → D

E → F

FH → I

C → A

FI → H

D → G

R1(ABCD) F1 = {AB → C, C → A, C → D}

R2(CDEF) F2 = {C → D, E → F}

R3(FGHI) F3 = {FH → I, FI → H}

D → G is lost (D⁺ w.r.t. (F1 ∪ F2 ∪ F3) = D

QUESTION 3

A → BC is never satisfied

D → E is satisfied by r1, r3

∅ → D is satisfied by r1, r2 (D is a constant)

BD → D is satisfied by r1, r2, r3

QUESTION 4

I =

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|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| a1 | b1 | c1 | d1 | e2 | f1 |
| a1 | b2 | c1 | d1 | e2 | f1 |
| a2 | b3 | c2 | d2 | e2 | f2 |
| a3 | b4 | c3 | d3 | e1 | f3 |

u = <a3,b1,c3,d3,e2,f1> I ∪ {u} does not satisfy A → DE.