

7.2. $R = (A, B, C, D, E)$. We decompose it into $R_1 = (A, B, C)$, $R_2 = (A, D, E)$. The set of functional dependencies is: $A \rightarrow BC$, $CD \rightarrow E$, $B \rightarrow D$, $E \rightarrow A$. Show that this decomposition is a lossless-join decomposition.

$R_1 \cap R_2 = A$; $(A \rightarrow BC) \Rightarrow (A \rightarrow ABC) \Rightarrow (R_1 \cap R_2 \rightarrow R_1) \Rightarrow$ this is a lossless-join decomposition.

7.16. The same R and F . $R_1 = (A, B, C)$, $R_2 = (C, D, E)$. Show that this decomposition is not a lossless-join decomposition.

r :

A	B	C	D	E
1	1	α	1	1
2	2	α	2	2

$\Pi_{A,B,C}(r)$

A	B	C
1	1	α
2	2	α

$\Pi_{C,D,E}(r)$

C	D	E
α	1	1
α	2	2

$\Pi_{A,B,C}(r) \triangleright \triangleleft \Pi_{C,D,E}(r)$

$\neq r$

A	B	C	D	E
1	1	α	1	1
1	1	α	2	2
2	2	α	1	1
2	2	α	2	2

7.18. The same R and F . $R_1 = (A, B, C)$, $R_2 = (A, D, E)$. Show that this decomposition is not a dependency-preserving decomposition.

$F_1 = \{A \rightarrow BC\}$ $F_2 = \{E \rightarrow A\}$
 $(F_1 \cup F_2)^+ \neq F^+$

7.21. Give a lossless-join decomposition into BCNF of $R = (A, B, C, D, E)$ with the set of functional dependencies: $A \rightarrow BC$, $CD \rightarrow E$, $B \rightarrow D$, $E \rightarrow A$.

result := $\{R\}$;

$F^+ = \{A \rightarrow ABCDE, B \rightarrow D, BC \rightarrow ABCDE, CD \rightarrow ABCDE, E \rightarrow ABCDE, \dots\}$.

R is not in BCNF.

$B \rightarrow D$ is a non-trivial f.d. that holds on R, $B \cap D = \emptyset$, and $B \rightarrow ABCDE$ is not in F^+ . Therefore,

result := (result - R) \cup (R - D) \cup (B, D), i.e. (A, B, C, E) \cup (B, D).

(A, B, C, E) and (B,D) are in BCNF. So this is a decomposition of R into BCNF.

7.24. Give a lossless-join dependency-preserving decomposition into 3NF.

- 1) Construct a canonical cover of F. In our case $F_C = F$.
- 2) Initially we have an empty set of R_j ($j = 0$). Therefore, none of R_j contains ABC (we take a dependency from the canonical cover $A \rightarrow B$). So $R_1 = (A, B, C)$. Consider $CD \rightarrow E$. CDE is not in R_1 , hence we add $R_2 = (C, D, E)$. Similarly, we add $R_3 = (B, D)$, and $R_4 = (E, A)$.
- 3) R_1 contains a candidate key for R, therefore we do not need to add a relation consisting of a candidate key.

Finally, the received decomposition is (A, B, C), (C, D, E), (B, D), (E, A).

I. Suppose we have a database for an investment firm, consisting of the following attributes:

B – Broker,

O – Office of a broker

I – Investor

S – Stock

Q – Quantity of stock owned by an investor

D – dividend paid by a stock.

Hence, the overall schema is $R = (B, O, I, S, Q, D)$.

Assume that the following f.d. are required to hold on this d.b.

$I \rightarrow B$, $IS \rightarrow Q$, $B \rightarrow O$, $S \rightarrow D$.

- 1) List all the candidate keys for R.
- 2) Give a lossless-join decomposition of R into BCNF.
- 3) Give a lossless-join decomposition of R into 3NF preserving f.d. Is your answer in BCNF?

1) ***I and S must be in any candidate key*** since they do not appear on the right of any f.d. The question is whether they form a complete candidate key. And yes, $IS \rightarrow ISDBOQ$. Hence, the only candidate key is IS.

- 2) 1. Decompose R by $I \rightarrow B$ into $R_1 = (I, B)$, $R_2 = (I, O, S, Q, D)$.
2. R_1 is in BCNF.

3. Decompose R_2 by $S \rightarrow D$ into $R_{21} = (S, D)$, $R_{22} = (O, I, S, Q)$.
 4. R_{21} is in BCNF.
 5. Decompose R_{22} by $I \rightarrow O$ into $R_{221} = (I, O)$, $R_{222} = (I, S, Q)$.
 6. R_{221} is in BCNF.
 7. R_{222} is in BCNF.
- The decomposition is (I, B) , (S, D) , (I, O) , (I, S, Q) .

An alternative answer is (I, B) , (S, D) , (B, O) , (I, S, Q) .

- 3) (I, B) , (S, D) , (B, O) , (I, S, Q) .
The answer is in BCNF.

II. Consider a relational schema R with attributes A, B, C, D, E and the set of functional dependencies $A \rightarrow CD$, $B \rightarrow CE$, $E \rightarrow B$.

- 1) Give a lossless-join decomposition of R into BCNF.
- 2) Give a lossless-join decomposition of R into 3NF preserving f.d. Is your answer in BCNF?

- 1) 1. Decomposition by $A \rightarrow CD$. $R_1 = (A, B, E)$, $R_2 = (A, C, D)$.
2. Decomposition of R_1 by $E \rightarrow B$. $R_{11} = (A, E)$, $R_{12} = (B, E)$.
 (A, E) , (B, E) and (A, C, D) form a decomposition into BCNF.

- 2) 1. $A \rightarrow CD \Rightarrow R_1 = (A, C, D)$.
2. $B \rightarrow CE \Rightarrow R_2 = (B, C, E)$.
3. $E \rightarrow B$, but E, B are in R_2 .
4. A candidate key is AB (or AE). It is neither in R_1 nor in R_2 . Hence, we add $R_3 = (A, B)$.
The decomposition we got is (A, C, D) , (B, C, E) , (A, B) .