

Given  $R(A, B, C, D, E, F)$ , and functional dependencies:  $B \rightarrow A$ ;  $E \rightarrow B$ ;  $D \rightarrow C$ ;  $A \rightarrow C$

a) Decompose  $R$  into BCNF. In each step, explain which functional dependency you used to decompose and explain why further decomposition is needed. Your answer should consist of a list of table names and attributes. Make sure you indicate the keys for each relation.

One possible decomposition:

1. Use  $B \rightarrow A$ ,  $A \rightarrow C$  (closure of  $B$  is  $A, B, C$ ):

Decompose  $R$  into  $R_1(A, B, C)$  and  $R_2(B, D, E, F)$

$R_1$  violates  $A \rightarrow C$ , so

Decompose T1 into R11(A, B) and R12(A, C)

R2 violates  $E \rightarrow B$ , so we need to further decompose R2

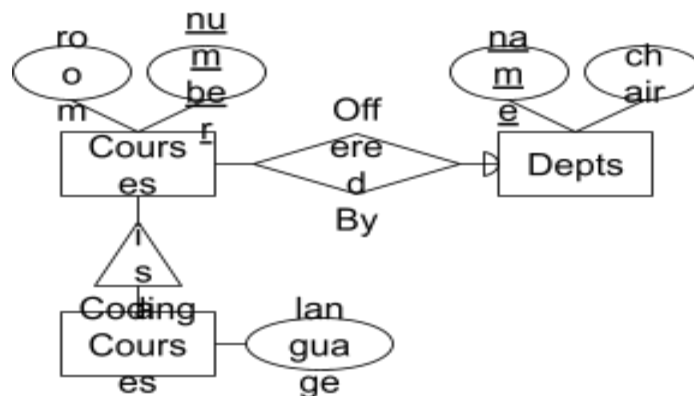
Decompose R2 into R21(B, E) and R22(E, D, F)

Final relations: R11(A, B), R12(A, C), R21(B, E) and R22(D, E, F)

b) Convert the E/R diagram below to relations in BCNF form. Assume no values are NULL, and the arrow between OfferedBy and Depts is a round one. Include all keys and foreign keys. Use the following notation and explicitly state foreign key relationships. For instance:

$R(\underline{a}, b)$

$S(\underline{c}, d)$  -- c is a foreign key to R



Courses(number, room, name) -- name is foreign key to Depts

CodingCourses(language, number) -- number is foreign key to Courses

Depts(name, chair)

