COMP 231 --- Spring 1997

MID-TERM EXAMINATION

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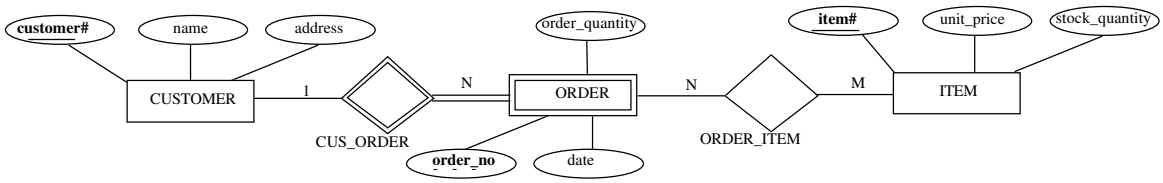
All questions should be answered within the space provided after each problem .

Problem 1 (15%)

A distribution company receives orders from customers and fills the orders from the stock. Design an ER diagram for the database according to the following description. Identify all constraints and keys. Write down all assumptions you made with justifications.

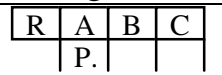
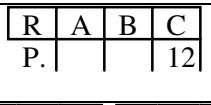
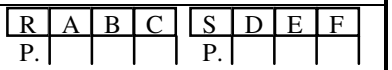
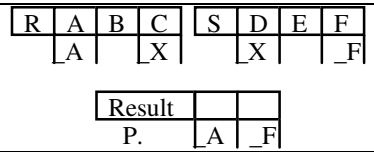
1. Each customer has a customer number which is unique, a name and an address.
2. Each item has a unique item number. The unit-price, and quantity in stock are recorded for each item.
3. Each order has an order number assigned by the customer. While order numbers from the same customer are unique, different customers may use the same order number.
4. The date the order is received and the quantity ordered for each item are recorded.
5. Orders must be issued from existing customers.



Problem 2 (28%)

Let R(A,B,C) and S(D,E,F) be two union compatible relation schemas. Specify the SQL, algebra, tuple calculus, domain calculus and QBE expressions for the following queries (*answer inside the table*):

1. Retrieve all As in R (*projection*)
2. Retrieve all tuples of R where C=12 (*selection*)
3. Retrieve all tuples of R and all tuples of S (*union*)
4. Retrieve all As and Fs where R.C=S.D (*join*)
5. Retrieve all As where A does not exist in the D column of S (*difference*)

	SQL	**algebra**	**tuple calculus**	**domain calculus**	**QBE**
1 **1%** each	SELECT A FROM R	$\pi_A(R(A,B,C))$	{t.A/R(t)}	{a/R(abc)}	
2 **1%** each	SELECT * FROM R WHERE C=12	$\sigma_{C=12}(R(A,B,C))$	{t.A/R(t) AND t.C=12}	{abc/R(abc) AND c=12}	
3 **1%** each	SELECT * FROM R UNION SELECT * FROM S *NOTICE* SELECT * FROM R,S is wrong	R(A,B,C)∪S(D,E,F))	{t /R(t) OR S(t) }	{abc/ R(abc) OR S(abc) }	
4 **1%** each	SELECT A,F FROM R S WHERE C=D	$\pi_{A,F}(\sigma_{C=D}(R(A,B,C)xS(D,E,F)))$	{t.A, s.F /R(t) AND S(s) AND t.C=s.D}	{af/ (∃c)(∃d) (R(abc) AND S(def) AND c=d)}	
5 **2%** each	SELECT A FROM R WHERE NOT EXISTS (SELECT * FROM S WHERE A=D)	$\pi_A(R(A,B,C))- \pi_D(S(D,E,F))$ *NOTICE:* $\pi_A(R(A,B,C))-S(D,E,F))$ is wrong	{t.A /R(t) AND (¬∃s)(S(s) AND s.D=t.A) }	{a/ R(abc) AND (¬∃d)(S(def) AND d=a) }	

Problem 3 (7%)
Using the relations R and S of problem 2 express in SQL the following queries (answer below each query)

retrieve the average value of C for each group based on A **2%**	retrieve the maximum value of B for tuples which have A=12 **2%**	retrieve the average value of C for each group based on A after eliminating all tuples with B less than 12 **3%**
SELECT AVG(C) FROM R GROUP BY A	SELECT MAX(B) FROM R WHERE A=12	SELECT AVG(C) FROM R GROUP BY A HAVING B>=12 alternative: SELECT AVG(C) FROM R WHERE B>=12 GROUP BY A

Problem 4 (10%)
Assume that the following table contains the only set of tuples that appear in R(X,Y,V,W).

tuple	**X**	**Y**	**V**	**W**
1	x_1	y_1	v_1	w_1
2	x_1	y_1	v_2	w_2
3	x_2	y_1	v_1	w_3
4	x_2	y_1	v_3	w_4

Complete the dependencies from sets of attributes to attributes. Fill **T** for True (e.g., the dependency $X \rightarrow X$ is always True) and **F** for False (the already completed dependencies are trivial, i.e., from a set of attributes to its subsets).

→	**X**	**Y**	**V**	**W**
X	T	T	F	F
Y	F	T	F	F
V	F	T	T	F
W	T	T	T	T
XY	T	T	F	F
XV	T	T	T	T
XW	T	T	T	T
YV	F	T	T	F
YW	T	T	T	T
VW	T	T	T	T
XYV	T	T	T	T
XYW	T	T	T	T
XVW	T	T	T	T
YVW	T	T	T	T

Problem 5 (20%)
Consider a relation R(X,Y,U,V,W) with the following set of dependencies $\{X \rightarrow Y, UV \rightarrow W, V \rightarrow X\}$

5.1 (6%) List the set of attributes A^+ which are dependent from each attribute A directly or through transitivity (*answer after each attribute*):

$X^+=\{X,Y\}$

$Y^+=\{Y\}$

$U^+=\{U\}$

$V^+=\{V,X,Y\}$

$W^+=\{W\}$

What is the primary key of R?: UV

5.2 (7%) Decompose R in two relations that satisfy 2NF (indicate keys with underline).

$R_1(\underline{V},X,Y)$ $R_2(\underline{U,V},W)$

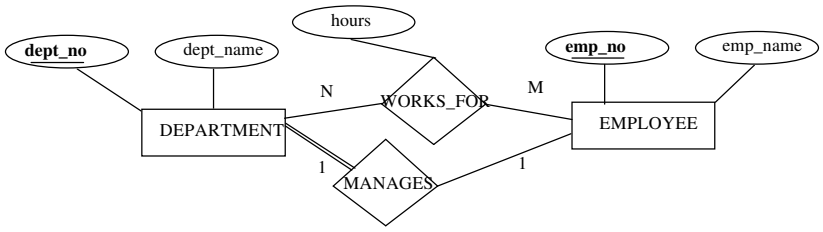
5.3 (7%) Further decompose the relations in order to satisfy 3NF.

$R_{1A}(\underline{V},X)$ $R_{1B}(\underline{X},Y)$

$R_2(\underline{U,V},W)$ is already in 3NF

Problem 6 (20%)

6.1 (15%) Translate the following ER diagram into a relational scheme which is in 3NF, using as few relations as possible.



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6.2 (5%) List the functional dependencies implied by the diagram (do not include redundant dependencies, e.g., both $X \rightarrow Y$ and $XZ \rightarrow Y$)

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