BMEG3120: Exercise List 8

Consider the set F of the following functional dependencies on attributes A, B, C, D, E, F:

$$\begin{array}{rrrr} A & \rightarrow & B \\ A & \rightarrow & C \\ CD & \rightarrow & E \\ CD & \rightarrow & F \\ B & \rightarrow & E \end{array}$$

Answer the following questions.

Problem 1. Prove $CD \rightarrow EF$ by applying Armstrong's Axioms, i.e., you can use only reflexivity, transitivity, and augmentation.

Problem 2. Prove $AD \rightarrow EF$ by repeatedly applying Armstrong's Axioms.

Problem 3. Prove that $BC \to F$ cannot be derived from F.

Problem 4. Is AD a candidate key of the table R(A, B, C, D, E)?

Problem 5. Is AB a candidate key of the table R(A, B)?