

where 0, iff $K \xrightarrow{\alpha \text{ nfd}} R_1 \in N$ and $K \xrightarrow{\alpha \text{ nfd}} R_1$ is not a partial α -nfd.

Example 4: Let us assume a relation schema $R_I = (A_I, B_I, C_I, D_I)$ and a set of nfd's

$$N = \{A \xrightarrow{0.75 \text{ nfd}} B, A \xrightarrow{0.8 \text{ nfd}} C, A \xrightarrow{0.7 \text{ nfd}} D\} \text{ of } R_I.$$

Find a neutrosophic key of R_I .

Solution:

Given $A \xrightarrow{0.75 \text{ nfd}} B$ (1), $A \xrightarrow{0.8 \text{ nfd}} C$ (2),

$$A \xrightarrow{0.7 \text{ nfd}} D$$
(3)

Applying α -nfd union rule on (1) and (2), we get

$$A \xrightarrow{0.75 \text{ nfd}} BC$$
 ----- (4)

Again, applying α -nfd union rule on (3) and (4), we get

$$A \xrightarrow{0.7 \text{ nfd}} BCD$$
 ----- (5)

Also, $A \xrightarrow{1 \text{ nfd}} A$ is trivial ---- (6)

Thus from (5) and (6) using α -nfd union rule, we get

$$A \xrightarrow{0.7 \text{ nfd}} ABCD$$
 that is $A \xrightarrow{0.7 \text{ nfd}} R_1$ which

implies that A is a neutrosophic key of R_I at 0.7-level of choice.

IV. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have shown an extension of the classical relational database model with the concepts of neutrosophic set theory, a generalized version of vague sets. We mainly focused on the study of functional dependency in neutrosophic relational database. For this purpose, we have introduced a new kind of neutrosophic functional dependency (called α -nfd) based on the idea of α -equality of tuples and similarity measure of neutrosophic sets. We also expressed the neutrosophic inference rules and defined partial α -nfd and neutrosophic key.

The work may be extended to study Multivalued Dependency and Normalization using α -nfd which constitute an important part of a relational database design.

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