

Lossless join - Exercises



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Example 1



Given the following schema

$$R = (A, B, C, D, E)$$

and the following set of functional dependencies

$$F = \{ C \rightarrow D, AB \rightarrow E, D \rightarrow B \}$$

say whether decomposition

$$\rho = \{ AC, ADE, CDE, AD, B \}$$

has a lossless join

Example 1: Verification



- let's start building the table:

	A	B	C	D	E
AC	a1	b12	a3	b14	b15
ADE	a1	b22	b23	a4	a5
CDE	b31	b32	a3	a4	a5
AD	a1	b42	b43	a4	b45
B	b51	a2	b53	b54	b55

Example 1: Verification



	A	B	C	D	E
AC	a_1	b_{12}	a_3	$b_{14} \rightarrow a_4^{(1)}$	b_{15}
ADE	a_1	$b_{22} \rightarrow b_{12}^{(2)}$	b_{23}	a_4	a_5
CDE	b_{31}	$b_{32} \rightarrow b_{12}^{(2)}$	a_3	a_4	a_5
AD	a_1	$b_{42} \rightarrow b_{12}^{(2)}$	b_{43}	a_4	b_{45}
B	b_{51}	a_2	b_{53}	b_{54}	b_{55}

$F =$
 $\{C \rightarrow D,$
 $AB \rightarrow E,$
 $D \rightarrow B\}$

$C \rightarrow D$: the first and third rows coincide on the attribute $C=a_3$, so we change b_{14} into a_4 so that the functional dependency is satisfied (if the rows are equal on C, they must be equal on D)

$AB \rightarrow E$: the functional dependency is already satisfied, as there are not (yet) tuples equal on AB and different on E

$D \rightarrow B$: in the first four lines $D=a_4$, so we change b_{22} into b_{12} , b_{32} into b_{12} , b_{42} into b_{12} (we could choose different b's, as long as we made them all the same)

we have completed the first execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 1: Verification



	A	B	C	D	E
AC	a1	b12	a3	a4	b15→a5
ADE	a1	b12	b23	a4	a5
CDE	b31	b12	a3	a4	a5
AD	a1	b12	b43	a4	b45→a5
B	b51	a2	b53	b54	b55

F =
{C→D,
AB→E,
D→B }

$C \rightarrow D$: the dependency is already satisfied

$AB \rightarrow E$: the first, second and fourth rows coincide on the attributes $AB = \langle a1, b12 \rangle$, so we change b15 into a5 and b45 into a5, so that the functional dependency is satisfied (if the rows are equal on AB, they must be equal on E)

$D \rightarrow B$: the functional dependency is already satisfied

we have completed the first execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 1: Verification



	A	B	C	D	E
AC	a1	b12	a3	a4	a5
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B	b51	a2	b53	b54	b55

$F =$
 $\{C \rightarrow D,$
 $AB \rightarrow E,$
 $D \rightarrow B\}$

$C \rightarrow D$: no changes are necessary

$AB \rightarrow E$: no changes are necessary

$D \rightarrow B$: no changes are necessary

the table did not change, so the algorithm **ends**

since there is no row with all a's, the join IS NOT lossless.

Example 2



- Given the relation scheme **R = ABCDEHI** and the set of functional dependencies:

F = { A → B, B → AE, DI → B, D → HI, HI → C, C → A }

- say whether decomposition:
- ρ = { ACD, BDEH, CHI }** has a lossless join

Example 2: Verification



$$F = \{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow AE, DI \rightarrow B, D \rightarrow HI, HI \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I
ACD	a1	b12	a3	a4	b15	b16	b17
BDEH	b21	a2	b23	a4	a5	a6	b27
WHO	b31	b32	a3	b34	b35	a6	a7

Example 2: Verification



$F = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow AE, DI \rightarrow B, D \rightarrow HI, HI \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A \}$

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I
ACD	a1	b12	a3	a4	b15	$b16 \rightarrow a6^{(1)}$	b17
BDEH	$b21 \rightarrow a1^{(3)}$	a2	$b23 \rightarrow a3^{(2)}$	a4	a5	a6	$b27 \rightarrow b17^{(1)}$
WHO	$b31 \rightarrow a1^{(3)}$	b32	a3	b34	b35	a6	a7

$A \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$B \rightarrow AE$: the dependency is already satisfied

$DI \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$D \rightarrow HI$: the first and second row coincide on the attribute $D=a4$, so we **separately** change H and I ($b16 \rightarrow a6$ and $b27 \rightarrow b17$)

$HI \rightarrow C$: there are two tuples equal on HI (the first and second one, both with values $\langle a6, b17 \rangle$), so we change the value of C ($b23 \rightarrow a3$)

$C \rightarrow A$: the tuples are all equal on C, so we make them equal on A, and since we have the first one with value a, they all become a ($b21 \rightarrow a1$, $b31 \rightarrow a1$)

we have completed the first execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 2: Verification



$F = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow AE, DI \rightarrow B, D \rightarrow HI, HI \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A \}$

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I
ACD	a1	$b_{12} \rightarrow a_2^{(1)}$	a3	a4	$b_{15} \rightarrow a_5^{(2)}$	a6	b17
BDEH	a1	a2	a3	a4	a5	a6	b17
WHO	a1	$b_{32} \rightarrow a_2^{(1)}$	a3	b34	$b_{35} \rightarrow a_5^{(2)}$	a6	a7

$A \rightarrow B$: all the tuples are equal on A, so we make them equal on B, and since the second one is a, they all become a ($b_{12} \rightarrow a_2$, $b_{32} \rightarrow a_2$)

$B \rightarrow AE$: all the tuples are equal on B, so they must be equal on AE; on A they are already equal, in the second tuple attribute E is a, so they all become a ($b_{15} \rightarrow a_5$, $b_{35} \rightarrow a_5$)

$DI \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$D \rightarrow HI$: the dependency is already satisfied

$HI \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied

$C \rightarrow A$: the dependency is already satisfied

we have completed the second execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 2: Verification



$F = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow AE, DI \rightarrow B, D \rightarrow HI, HI \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A \}$

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I
ACD	a1	a2	a3	a4	a5	a6	b17
BDEH	a1	a2	a3	a4	a5	a6	b17
WHO	a1	a2	a3	b34	a5	a6	a7

$A \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$B \rightarrow AE$: the dependency is already satisfied

$DI \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$D \rightarrow HI$: the dependency is already satisfied

$HI \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied

$C \rightarrow A$: the dependency is already satisfied

the table did not change, so the algorithm **ends**

since there is no row with all *a*'s, the join **IS NOT** lossless

Example 3



given the following schema:

$R = (A, B, C, D, E, G)$

and the following set of functional dependencies:

$F = \{ AB \rightarrow C, DG \rightarrow B, G \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow G \}$

say whether the decomposition:

$\rho = \{ ABD, AEG, BCE \}$

has a lossless join

	A	B	C	D	E	G
ABD	a1	a2	b13	a4	b15	b16
AEG	a1	b22	b23	b24	a5	a6
ECB	b31	a2	a3	b34	a5	b36

Example 3: Verification



$$F = \{ AB \rightarrow C, DG \rightarrow B, G \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow G \}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	G
ABD	a1	a2	b13	a4	b15	b16
AEG	a1	b22	b23	b24	a5	a6
ECB	b31	a2	a3	b34	a5	b36→a6 (1)

$AB \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied

$DG \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$G \rightarrow D$: the dependency is already satisfied

$E \rightarrow G$: the second and third rows coincide on the attribute $E=a5$, so we change G ($b36 \rightarrow a6$)

we have completed the first execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 3: Verification



$$F = \{ AB \rightarrow C, DG \rightarrow B, G \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow G \}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	G
ABD	a1	a2	b13	a4	b15	b16
AEG	a1	b22	b23	b24	a5	a6
ECB	b31	a2	a3	b34→b24 ⁽¹⁾	a5	a6

$AB \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied

$DG \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$G \rightarrow D$: the second and third rows coincide on the attribute $G=a6$, so we modify D ($b34 \rightarrow b24$)

$E \rightarrow G$: the dependency is already satisfied

we have completed the second execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 3: Verification



$$F = \{ AB \rightarrow C, DG \rightarrow B, G \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow G \}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	G
ABD	a1	a2	b13	a4	b15	b16
AEG	a1	b22→a2 ⁽¹⁾	b23	b24	a5	a6
ECB	b31	a2	a3	b24	a5	a6

$AB \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied

$DG \rightarrow B$: the second and third rows are equal $\langle b24, a6 \rangle$,
so we modify B ($b22 \rightarrow a2$)

$G \rightarrow D$: the dependency is already satisfied

$E \rightarrow G$: the dependency is already satisfied

we have completed the third execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 3: Verification



$$F = \{ AB \rightarrow C, DG \rightarrow B, G \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow G \}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	G
ABD	a1	a2	b13	a4	b15	b16
AEG	a1	a2	b23 b13 ⁽¹⁾	b24	a5	a6
ECB	b31	a2	a3	b24	a5	a6

$AB \rightarrow C$: the first and second row are equal on $AB \langle a1, a2 \rangle$, so we modify C ($b23 \rightarrow b13$)

$DG \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$G \rightarrow D$: the dependency is already satisfied

$E \rightarrow G$: the dependency is already satisfied

we have completed the third execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 3: Verification



$$F = \{ AB \rightarrow C, DG \rightarrow B, G \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow G \}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	G
ABD	a1	a2	b13	a4	b15	b16
AEG	a1	a2	b13	b24	a5	a6
ECB	b31	a2	a3	b24	a5	a6

$AB \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied

$DG \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$G \rightarrow D$: the dependency is already satisfied

$E \rightarrow G$: the dependency is already satisfied

the table did not change, so the algorithm **ends**

since there is no row with all a's, the join IS NOT lossless

Example 4



- given the schema:
- **$R = ABCDEHI$**
- and the set of functional dependencies:

$F = \{ H \rightarrow B, DI \rightarrow H, D \rightarrow I, B \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C \}$

- say whether decomposition:
- **$\rho = \{ ABDE, CDH, AHI \}$**
- has a lossless join

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I
ABDE	a1	a2	b13	a4	a5	b16	b17
CDH	b21	b22	a3	a4	b25	a6	b27
AHI	a1	b32	b33	b34	b35	a6	a7

Example 4: Verification



$$F = \{ H \rightarrow B, DI \rightarrow H, D \rightarrow I, B \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C \}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I
ABDE	a1	a2	b13	a4	a5	b16	b17→a7 ⁽³⁾
CDH	b21	b22	a3	a4	b25	a6	b27→b17 ⁽²⁾ b17→a7 ⁽³⁾
AHI	a1	b32→b22 ⁽¹⁾	b33→a3 ⁽⁵⁾	b34	b35→b25 ⁽⁴⁾	a6	a7

$H \rightarrow B$: the second and third row are equal on H, so we modify B (b32→b22)

$DI \rightarrow H$: the dependency is already satisfied

$D \rightarrow I$: the first and second row are equal on D, so we modify I (b27→b17)

$B \rightarrow I$: the second and third row are now equal (b22), so we modify I (b17⁽²⁾→a7; note that at the next iteration, by reapplying $D \rightarrow I$ also on the first tuple, we can transform b17→a7, so we can already change all the values that are equal)

$B \rightarrow E$: the second and third row are equal on B (b22), so we modify E (b35→b25)

$E \rightarrow C$: the second and third row are equal on E (b25), so we modify C (b33→a3)

we have completed the first execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 4: Verification



$$F = \{ H \rightarrow B, DI \rightarrow H, D \rightarrow I, B \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C \}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I
ABDE	a1	a2	b13	a4	a5	b16→a6 ⁽¹⁾	a7
CDH	b21	b22	a3	a4	b25	a6	a7
AHI	a1	b22	a3	b34	b25	a6	a7

$H \rightarrow B$: the dependency is already satisfied

$DI \rightarrow H$: the first and second row are equal on $DI \langle a4, a7 \rangle$; we modify H (b16→a6)

$D \rightarrow I$: the dependency is already satisfied

$B \rightarrow I$: the dependency is already satisfied

$B \rightarrow E$: the dependency is already satisfied

$E \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied

we have completed the second execution of the for and the table has been modified, so we iterate the for another time

Example 4: Verification



$$F = \{ H \rightarrow B, DI \rightarrow H, D \rightarrow I, B \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C \}$$

	A	B	C	D	E	H	I
ABDE	a1	a2	b13→a3 ⁽³⁾	a4	a5	a6	a7
CDH	b21	b22→a2 ⁽¹⁾	a3	a4	b25→a5 ⁽²⁾	a6	a7
AHI	a1	b22→a2 ⁽¹⁾	a3	b34	b25→a5 ⁽²⁾	a6	a7

$H \rightarrow B$: all tuples are equal on H, so they should become equal on B (b22→a2)

$DI \rightarrow H$: the dependency is already satisfied

$D \rightarrow I$: the dependency is already satisfied

$B \rightarrow I$: the dependency is already satisfied

$B \rightarrow E$: all tuples are equal on B, so they should become equal on E (b25→a5)

$E \rightarrow C$: all tuples are equal on E, so they should become equal on C (b13→a3)

we have completed the third for iteration and the table has been modified, so we should continue but ...

...since there is a row with all a's (the first one), we can stop and the join IS lossless

Older example



let's reconsider the schema:

$R = (\text{Matriculation}, \text{Province}, \text{Municipality})$

with the set of functional dependencies :

$F = \{\text{Matriculation} \rightarrow \text{Province}, \text{Town} \rightarrow \text{Province}\}$

the schema is not in 3NF due to the presence in F^+ of the partial dependencies $\text{Matriculation} \rightarrow \text{Province}$ and $\text{Town} \rightarrow \text{Province}$, as the key is $(\text{Matriculation}, \text{Town})$

let us reconsider the decomposition:

$R1 = (\text{Matriculation}, \text{Province})$ with $\text{Matriculation} \rightarrow \text{Province}$ and

$R2 = (\text{Province}, \text{Town})$ with $\text{Town} \rightarrow \text{Province}$.

we remember that the schema, **while preserving all dependencies in F** , is not satisfactory

Older example



let us consider the **legal instance** of *R*:

R	Matriculation	Province	Town
	501	Rome	Tivoli
	502	Rome	Mandela

the two facts (501, *Rome*, *Tivoli*) and (501, *Rome*, *Mandela*) are true, and **no other**

based on the given decomposition, this instance decomposes into:

R1	Matriculation	Province
	501	Rome
	502	Rome

R2	Province	Town
	Rome	Tivoli
	Rome	Mandela

Remember our example



- if we join the two legal instances resulting from the decomposition we get:

R	Matriculation	Town	Province
	501	Rome	Tivoli
	502	Rome	Mandela
	501	Rome	Mandela
	502	Rome	Tivoli



tuples unrelated to the reality of interest

so

loss of information

Let's check



- we rename the attributes A = Matriculation, B = Town, C = Province and we consider the schema $R=ABC$ with the dependencies $F=\{A \rightarrow C, B \rightarrow C\}$
- we check if the decomposition $\rho = \{\mathbf{AC}, \mathbf{BC}\}$ has a **lossless join**

	A	B	C
AC	a1	b12	a3
BC	b21	a2	a3

- $A \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied
- $B \rightarrow C$: the dependency is already satisfied
- in practice, the table **is never modified** and **does not have a row with all a** , so we obtain the same result that we verified empirically, that is, **the decomposition does not have a lossless join**