

Tutorial 6 (Week 9): Functional dependencies.

1. Is the following rule correct? Prove your answer.
 $\forall X \in R \forall Y \in R$ (if $X \rightarrow Y$, then $Y \subseteq X$)
2. The following rule is called Pseudo-transitivity.
 $\forall X \in R \forall Y \in R \forall Z \in R \forall V \in R$ (if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $Z \rightarrow V$ and $Z \subseteq Y$, then $X \rightarrow V$)
 - a. Prove it using the Armstrong axioms.
 - b. Argue that if we replace transitivity with pseudo-transitivity in the Armstrong's axioms we still have a set of axioms that is complete.
3. Consider the set of functional dependencies $F = \{ \{A\} \rightarrow \{B\}, \{C\} \rightarrow \{D\}, \{B,D\} \rightarrow \{E\}, \{D\} \rightarrow \{A,D\}, \{A,C\} \rightarrow \{E,B\} \}$ on the relation scheme $R = \{A,B,C,D,E\}$.
 - a. Give an example instance of R that complies with the functional dependencies.
 - b. Give an example instance of R that violates the functional dependencies.
 - c. Compute F^+ the closure of F .
 - d. Give an example of a trivial functional dependency in F^+
 - e. Give an example of a completely non trivial functional dependency in F^+
 - f. Give an example of a non-completely non-trivial and non-trivial functional dependency in F^+
 - g. Compute $\{C\}^+$ the closure of the set of attributes $\{C\}$.
 - h. Compute a minimal cover of F