

# EECS 484

Discussion 6  
Midterm Review

# Topics

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- Functional Dependencies
- Relational Calculus
- SQL
- Relational Algebra

# Functional Dependencies

- Denoted by  $X \rightarrow Y$ 
  - Y is functionally dependent on X
  - Values of Y are determined by X
- Primary key constraint is a special case of an FD
- Armstrong's axioms
  - **Reflexivity**: If  $X \supseteq Y$ , then  $X \rightarrow Y$
  - **Augmentation**: If  $X \rightarrow Y$ , then  $XZ \rightarrow YZ$  for any Z
  - **Transitivity**: If  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $Y \rightarrow Z$ , then  $X \rightarrow Z$

# Normalization

- Normal forms
  - 3NF: if  $X \rightarrow A$ 
    - $A \subseteq X$  (trivial dependency) or
    - $X$  is a super key or
    - $A$  is a part of some key
  - BCNF
    - $A \subseteq X$  (trivial FD), or
    - $X$  is a super key
  - If an  $R$  is in BCNF, then it's in 3NF (not vice-versa)
- Decompositions: If  $R$  is decomposed into  $X$  and  $Y$ 
  - Loss-less
    - $X \cap Y \rightarrow X$ , or
    - $X \cap Y \rightarrow Y$
  - Dependency-preserving:
    - $F^+ = (F_x \cup F_y)^+$

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Note:

Relation R with FDs F is in **BCNF** if, for all  $X \rightarrow A$  in  $F^+$

- ☐  $A \subseteq X$  (**trivial** FD), or
- ☐ X is a superkey

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- No!
- $BC \rightarrow D$ 
  - This is not a trivial FD (D is not a subset of BC)
  - BC is not a superkey

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d) Suppose that we decided to decompose R into two relations,  $R1 = BCD$  and  $R2 = ABC$ . Is this a lossless join decomposition?

Note:

Lossless-join w.r.t. F if and only if  $F^+$  contains:

- $R1 \cap R2 \rightarrow R1$ , or
- $R1 \cap R2 \rightarrow R2$

That is, attributes common to R1 and R2 contain a key for either R1 or R2

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- Yes!
- $R1 \cap R2 = BC$
- BC is a key for R1 since  $BC \rightarrow D$  implies  $BC \rightarrow BCD$

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$$\{T \mid \exists M \in Member, \exists B \in Book, \exists R \in Borrow ( \\ M.mid = R.mid \wedge B.isbn = R.isbn \\ \wedge B.publisher = 'McGraw - Hill' \wedge T.name = M.name) \}$$

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$$\{T \mid \exists B1 \in Borrow, \exists B2 \in Borrow, \exists K1 \in Book, \exists K2 \in Book (B1.isbn = K1.isbn \wedge K1.title = 'A Farewell to Arms' \wedge B2.isbn = K2.isbn \wedge K2.title = 'The Catcher in the Rye' \wedge B1.mid = B2.mid \wedge T.mid = B1.mid)\}$$

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SELECT D.name  
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WHERE D.license_num = O.license_num AND D.age < 18
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SELECT C.make
FROM Owns O, Car C, Driver D
WHERE O.vin = C.vin
AND D.license_num = O.license_num
GROUP BY C.make
HAVING AVG(D.age) > 65
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SELECT C.vin
FROM Cars C
WHERE C.year < ALL (
    SELECT C2.year
    FROM Cars C2
    WHERE C2.make = 'Ferrari')
```



# Relational Algebra

You are given the following relations (primary keys are underlined)

Student (sid, name, age)

Take(sid, cid, grade)

Course (cid, title)

a) Write a relational algebra expression to find the *sid* of the oldest student. If there is a tie, you should return the *sid* of all students with maximum age

# Relational Algebra

- Write a relational algebra expression to find the sid of the oldest student. If there is a tie, you should return the sid of all students with maximum age

$$\pi_{sid}(Students) \\ - \pi_{S1.sid}(Students\ S1 \bowtie_{S1.age < S2.age} Students\ S2)$$

- NOTE: There is no “MAX” function in relational algebra

# Main exam topics



- ER modeling
- SQL
- Relational algebra
- Relational calculus
- Application programming
- Normalization using functional dependencies