

CSE301 – DATABASE

Functional Dependencies

Functional Dependencies

- ❑ A functional dependency (FD) is a **relationship** between two attributes (typically between **the Primary Key** and other **non-key attributes** within a table).
- ❑ For any relation R, attribute Y **is functionally dependent on** attribute X (usually the Primary Key), if for **every valid instance** of X, that value of X **uniquely** determines the value of Y.
- ❑ **This relationship is indicated by $X \rightarrow Y$**
- ❑ The left side of the above FD diagram is called the **determinant**, and the right side is the **dependent**.

Examples of Functional Dependencies

R

A	B
1	6
2	7
3	8
4	9

- $A \rightarrow B$, if for every valid instance of A, that value of A uniquely determines the value of B.
- $\{1 \rightarrow 6\}, \{2 \rightarrow 7\}, \{3 \rightarrow 8\}, \{4 \rightarrow 9\}$
- B has the same value for the same value as A.

R

A	B
1	6
2	7
3	8
2	9

- $A \not\rightarrow B$, if for every valid instance of A, that value of A not uniquely determines the value of B.
- $\{1 \rightarrow 6\}, \{2 \rightarrow 7\}, \{3 \rightarrow 8\}, \{2 \rightarrow 9\}$
- B has not the same value for the same value as A.

Functional Dependencies

□ We can mathematically represent $X \rightarrow Y$,

- When $X \subseteq R$ and $Y \subseteq R$
- If $T_1[X] = T_2[X]$, then $T_1[Y] = T_2[Y]$

		R	
		X	Y
T1	→	1	6
		2	7
T2	→	1	6
		4	9

Examples of Functional Dependencies

❑ Which of the following FD is not valid?

a) $A \rightarrow B$

b) $B \rightarrow C$

c) $BC \rightarrow A$

d) $AC \rightarrow B$

R

A	B	C
1	2	3
4	2	3
5	3	3

❑ $A \rightarrow B, \{1 \rightarrow 2\}, \{4 \rightarrow 2\}, \{5 \rightarrow 3\}$ **Valid**

❑ $B \rightarrow C, \{2 \rightarrow 3\}, \{2 \rightarrow 3\}, \{3 \rightarrow 3\}$ **Valid**

❑ $BC \rightarrow A, \{2,3 \rightarrow 1\}, \{2,3 \rightarrow 4\}, \{3,3 \rightarrow 5\}$ **Not Valid**

➤ *Right hand side has not the same value for the same value as left hand side.*

❑ $AC \rightarrow B, \{1,3 \rightarrow 2\}, \{4,3 \rightarrow 2\}, \{5,3 \rightarrow 3\}$ **Valid**

Examples of Functional Dependencies

❑ Which of the following FD is valid?

a) $XY \rightarrow Z, Z \rightarrow Y$

b) $XZ \rightarrow X, Y \rightarrow Z$

c) $YZ \rightarrow X, Z \rightarrow X$

d) $XZ \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z$

R

X	Y	Z
1	4	3
1	5	3
4	6	3
3	2	2

c) $YZ \rightarrow X, Z \rightarrow X$

❑ $YZ \rightarrow X$

➤ $\{4,3 \rightarrow 1\}, \{5,3 \rightarrow 1\},$
 $\{6,3 \rightarrow 4\}, \{2,2 \rightarrow 3\}$

❑ $Z \rightarrow X$

➤ $\{3 \rightarrow 1\}, \{3 \rightarrow 1\},$
 $\{3 \rightarrow 4\}, \{2 \rightarrow 3\}$

Option c is not valid

a) $XY \rightarrow Z, Z \rightarrow Y$

❑ $XY \rightarrow Z$

➤ $\{1,4 \rightarrow 3\}, \{1,5 \rightarrow 3\},$
 $\{4,6 \rightarrow 3\}, \{3,2 \rightarrow 2\}$

❑ $Z \rightarrow Y$

➤ $\{3 \rightarrow 4\}, \{3 \rightarrow 5\},$
 $\{3 \rightarrow 6\}, \{2 \rightarrow 2\}$

Option a is not valid

b) $XZ \rightarrow X, Y \rightarrow Z$

❑ $XZ \rightarrow X$

➤ $\{1,3 \rightarrow 1\}, \{1,3 \rightarrow 1\},$
 $\{4,3 \rightarrow 4\}, \{3,2 \rightarrow 3\}$

❑ $Y \rightarrow Z$

➤ $\{4 \rightarrow 3\}, \{5 \rightarrow 3\},$
 $\{6 \rightarrow 3\}, \{2 \rightarrow 2\}$

Option b is valid

d) $XZ \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z$

❑ $XZ \rightarrow X$

➤ $\{1,3 \rightarrow 4\}, \{1,3 \rightarrow 5\},$
 $\{4,3 \rightarrow 6\}, \{3,2 \rightarrow 2\}$

❑ $Y \rightarrow Z$

➤ $\{4 \rightarrow 3\}, \{5 \rightarrow 3\},$
 $\{6 \rightarrow 3\}, \{2 \rightarrow 2\}$

Option d is not valid

Exercise on Functional Dependencies

❑ Which of the following FD is correct?

a) $A \rightarrow BC$

b) $DE \rightarrow C$

c) $C \rightarrow DE$

d) $BC \rightarrow A$

R

A	B	C	D	E
A	2	3	4	5
2	A	3	4	5
A	2	3	6	5
a	2	3	6	6

❑ Which of the following FD is not correct? R

a) $XY \rightarrow Z, Z \rightarrow Y$

b) $YZ \rightarrow X, Y \rightarrow Z$

c) $XZ \rightarrow X, Z \rightarrow X$

d) $XZ \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z$

X	Y	Z
1	4	2
1	5	3
1	6	3
3	2	2

Classification of Functional Dependencies

❑ Trivial functional dependency

- ✓ $A \rightarrow B$ has **trivial** functional dependency if **B is a subset of A ($B \subseteq A$)**.
- ✓ Examples: $A \rightarrow A$, $AB \rightarrow B$, $\{Employee_id, Employee_Name\} \rightarrow Employee_Id$

❑ Non-trivial functional dependency

- ✓ $A \rightarrow B$ has a **non-trivial** functional dependency if **B is not a subset of A**.
- ✓ If there is **at least one attribute** in **right hand side** that is **not present** in the **left-hand side**.
- ✓ Examples: $AB \rightarrow BC$, $\{ID\} \rightarrow \{ID, DOB\}$, $\{Roll, Name\} \rightarrow \{Roll, Name, Phone\}$
- ✓ When A intersection B is NULL, then $A \rightarrow B$ is called as complete non-trivial.
- ✓ Example: $A \rightarrow B$, $B \rightarrow C$, $\{ID\} \rightarrow \{Name\}$, $\{Name\} \rightarrow \{DOB\}$

Classification of Functional Dependencies

□ Fully functional dependency

- ✓ Given R and $A \rightarrow B$, then B is fully functional dependent on A if there is no Z where Z is a proper subset of A ($Z \subset A$) such that $Z \rightarrow B$.
- ✓ Examples: $\{AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow D\}$ is a fully FD, $\{AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow C\}$ is not a fully FD
- ✓ MaSV, MaMH \rightarrow TenSV, TenMH, Diem and MaSV \nrightarrow TenSV, TenMH, Diem

□ Partial functional dependency

- ✓ Given a relation R with FD F defined on the attributes of R and K as a candidate key, if X is a proper subset of K ($X \subset K$) and if and only if $X \rightarrow A$, then A said to be partially dependent on K.
- ✓ Examples: $R(ABCD)$, Key(AB), FD: $\{A \rightarrow C\}$. C is partially dependent on A.
- ✓ MaSV, MaMH \rightarrow TenSV, TenMH, Diem and MASV \rightarrow TenSV, MaMH \rightarrow TenMH

Classification of Functional Dependencies

□ Transitive functional dependency

- ✓ If $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$, then C is transitively functional dependent on A such that $A \rightarrow C$.
- ✓ Examples: $\{AB \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D\}$, So, $\{AB \rightarrow D\}$

Armstrong's axioms / Inference Rules

□ Reflexive Rule (IR1)

- ✓ If Y is a subset of X ($X \supseteq Y$), then X determines Y ($X \rightarrow Y$).
- ✓ Examples: $\{AB \rightarrow A\}$, $\{Employee_id, Employee_Name\} \rightarrow \{Employee_Name\}$

□ Augmentation Rule (IR2)

- ✓ If X determines Y ($X \rightarrow Y$), then XZ determines YZ ($XZ \rightarrow YZ$). for any Z .
- ✓ Examples: $R(ABCD)$, if $A \rightarrow B$ then $AC \rightarrow BC$

□ Transitive Rule (IR3)

- ✓ If X determines Y ($X \rightarrow Y$) and Y determine Z ($Y \rightarrow Z$), then X must also determine Z ($X \rightarrow Z$).

Armstrong's axioms / Inference Rules

□ Union Rule (IR4)

- ✓ If **X determines Y** ($X \rightarrow Y$) and **X determines Z** ($X \rightarrow Z$), then **X must also determine Y and Z** ($X \rightarrow YZ$).
- ✓ Examples: $R(ABCD)$, if $A \rightarrow B$ and $A \rightarrow C$ then $A \rightarrow BC$.

□ Decomposition Rule (IR5)

- ✓ If **X determines Y and Z** ($X \rightarrow YZ$), then **X determines Y** ($X \rightarrow Y$) and **X determines Z** ($X \rightarrow Z$) separately.
- ✓ Examples: $R(ABCD)$, if $A \rightarrow BC$, then $A \rightarrow B$ and $A \rightarrow C$

□ Pseudo Transitive Rule (IR6)

- ✓ If **X determines Y** ($X \rightarrow Y$) and **YZ determines W** ($YZ \rightarrow W$), then **XZ determines W** ($XZ \rightarrow W$).

Closure Set of Attributes

- ❑ X^+ is the set of all attributes that can be determine using the given set $X(\text{attributes})$.
- ❑ *If “ F ” is a functional dependency then closure of functional dependency can be denoted using “ $\{F\}^+$ ”.*

Closure Set of Attributes

- ❑ There are three steps to calculate closure of functional dependency. These are:
 - ✓ Step-1 : Add the attributes which are present on Left Hand Side in the original functional dependency.
 - ✓ Step-2 : Now, add the attributes present on the Right Hand Side of the functional dependency.
 - ✓ Step-3 :
 - With the help of attributes present on Right Hand Side, check the other attributes that can be derived from the other given functional dependencies.
 - Repeat this process until all the possible attributes which can be derived are added in the closure.

Closure Set of Attributes

Input: Functional dependencies (FDs), Target set of attributes (X)

Output: Closure of X , denoted as X^+

Step 1: Initialize X^+ with attributes in X

Step 2: Repeat until no new attributes can be added to X^+

For each functional dependency ($Y \rightarrow Z$) in FDs:

If Y is a subset of X^+ :

Add all attributes of Z to X^+

Return X^+ as the closure of X

Example of Closure Set of Attributes

- Consider the table Student_details having (Roll_no, Name, Marks, Location) as the attributes and having two functional dependencies.

FD1 : Roll_no \rightarrow Name, Marks

FD2 : Name \rightarrow Marks, Location

- Now, we will calculate the closure of all the attributes present in the relation using the three steps mentioned below. Find closure set of attributes of {Roll_no}+
- Step-1 : add attributes present on the LHS of the first functional dependency to the closure.

{Roll_no}⁺ = {Roll_no}

- Step-2 : add attributes present on the RHS of the original functional dependency to the closure.

{Roll_no}⁺ = {Roll_no, Name, Marks}

Example of Closure Set of Attributes

- Step-3 : Add the other possible attributes which can be derived using attributes present on the RHS of the closure.
 - So, Roll_No attribute cannot functionally determine any attribute, but Name attribute can determine other attributes such as Marks and Location using 2nd Functional Dependency.
 - Therefore, complete closure of Roll_No will be :
 $\{\text{Roll_no}\}^+ = \{\text{Roll_No}, \text{Marks}, \text{Name}, \text{Location}\}$

Example of Closure Set of Attributes

■ Example 1: $R(ABCDEFGG)$

- $\{A \rightarrow B, BC \rightarrow DE, AEG \rightarrow G\}$
- Find $(AC)^+ = ?$

$$\blacksquare (AC)^+ = AC$$

$$= ABC \quad (A \rightarrow B)$$

$$= ABCDE \quad (BC \rightarrow DE)$$

$$= ABCDE$$

■ Example 2: $R(ABCDE)$

- $\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$
- Find $(B)^+ = ?$

$$\blacksquare (B)^+ = B$$

$$= BD \quad (B \rightarrow D)$$

$$= BD$$

■ Example 3: $R(ABCDEF)$

- $\{AB \rightarrow C, CD \rightarrow E, DE \rightarrow B\}$
- Find $(AB)^+ = ?$

$$\blacksquare (AB)^+ = AB$$

$$= ABC \quad (AB \rightarrow C)$$

Example of Closure Set of Attributes

■ Example 1: $R(ABCDEFGH)$

- $\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C, D \rightarrow AEH, ABH \rightarrow BD, DH \rightarrow BC\}$

- Find $(BCD)^+ \rightarrow H$?

- $(BCD)^+ = BCD$

$$= BCDE (CD \rightarrow E)$$

$$= ABCDEH (D \rightarrow AEH)$$

So, $(BCD)^+ \rightarrow H$ is valid

■ Exercise 1: $R(ABCDEFG)$

- $\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow EF, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$

- Find $(AE)^+ = ?$

■ Exercise 2: $R(ABCDEFG)$

- $\{AB \rightarrow C, CD \rightarrow E, DE \rightarrow B\}$

- Find $(AB)^+ = ?$

■ Exercise 3: $\text{Student}(\text{Roll}, \text{Name}, \text{DoB}, \text{Phone}, \text{Course})$

- $\{\text{Roll}, \text{Name}\} \rightarrow \text{Phone}, \{\text{Course}, \text{DoB}\} \rightarrow \text{Roll}, \text{Course} \rightarrow \text{Name}, \text{Roll} \rightarrow \text{Name}\}$

- Find $(\text{Course})^+ = ?$

Equivalence Of Functional Dependencies

■ R (ACDEH)

• F: { $A \rightarrow C$, $AC \rightarrow D$,
 $E \rightarrow AD$, $E \rightarrow H$ }

• G: { $A \rightarrow CD$, $E \rightarrow AH$ }

■ $(A)^+ = ACD$

■ $(AC)^+ = ACD$

■ $(E)^+ = EAH = EAHCD$

■ So, $F \subseteq G$

■ $(A)^+ = ACD$

■ $(E)^+ = EADCH$

So, $G \subseteq F$

■ $F \subseteq G$ and $G \subseteq F$, so, **$F = G$**

■ Find the correct option

a) $F \subseteq G$

b) $G \subseteq F$

c) $F = G$

d) $F \neq G$

Equivalence Of Functional Dependencies

■ R (ACDEH)

- F: $\{A \rightarrow C, AC \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow AD, E \rightarrow H\}$
- G: $\{A \rightarrow CD, E \rightarrow AH\}$
- Check both FD's are equivalent or not.

■ R (ABC)

- F: $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$
- G: $\{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow A\}$
- Find the correct option

- a) $F \subseteq G$
- b) $G \subseteq F$
- c) $F = G$
- d) $F \neq G$

■ R (VWXYZ)

- F: $\{W \rightarrow X, WX \rightarrow Y, Z \rightarrow WY, Z \rightarrow V\}$
- G: $\{W \rightarrow XY, Z \rightarrow WX\}$
- Find the correct option

- a) $F \subseteq G$
- b) $G \subseteq F$
- c) $F = G$
- d) $F \neq G$