

Computer Science & IT

Database Management System



Relational Model & Normal Forms

Lecture No. 04



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Recap of Previous Lecture



Topic

Functional dependency



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Types of functional dependency

if $X \rightarrow Y$
then, if $t_1.X = t_2.X$
then $t_1.Y = t_2.Y$



- Trivial if $X \supseteq Y$ then $X \rightarrow Y$ is trivial
- Non-trivial if $X \rightarrow Y$ exists,
and $X \cap Y = \emptyset$, then non-trivial
- Semi-non-trivial: if $X \rightarrow Y$ exist
and $X \not\supseteq Y$ and $X \cap Y \neq \emptyset$, then semi.

Topics to be Covered



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Properties of functional dependency

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Different types of keys in RDBMS

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Candidate key

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Super key

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#Q. Write all possible non-trivial FDs with respect to relational schema

R(A, B, C, D)

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| $A \rightarrow B$ | $C \rightarrow A$ | $A \rightarrow BC$ | $C \rightarrow AB$ | $A \rightarrow BCD$ | $AB \rightarrow C$ | $BD \rightarrow A$ | $AB \rightarrow CD$ |
| $A \rightarrow C$ | $C \rightarrow B$ | $A \rightarrow BD$ | $C \rightarrow AD$ | $B \rightarrow ACD$ | $AB \rightarrow D$ | $BD \rightarrow C$ | $AC \rightarrow BD$ |
| $A \rightarrow D$ | $C \rightarrow D$ | $A \rightarrow CD$ | $C \rightarrow BD$ | $C \rightarrow ABD$ | $AC \rightarrow B$ | $AD \rightarrow B$ | $BC \rightarrow AD$ |
| $B \rightarrow A$ | $D \rightarrow A$ | $B \rightarrow AC$ | $D \rightarrow AB$ | $D \rightarrow ABC$ | $AC \rightarrow D$ | $AD \rightarrow C$ | $BD \rightarrow AC$ |
| $B \rightarrow C$ | $D \rightarrow B$ | $B \rightarrow AD$ | $D \rightarrow AC$ | | $BC \rightarrow A$ | $CD \rightarrow A$ | $AD \rightarrow BC$ |
| $B \rightarrow D$ | $D \rightarrow C$ | $B \rightarrow CD$ | $D \rightarrow BC$ | | $BC \rightarrow D$ | $CD \rightarrow B$ | $CD \rightarrow AB$ |

28 non-trivial dependencies
with only one attribute
in LHS.

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| $ABC \rightarrow D$ | } |
| $ABD \rightarrow C$ | |
| $BCD \rightarrow A$ | |
| $ACD \rightarrow B$ | |

18 FDs with
two attributes in LHS.
4 FDs with 3 attributes
in LHS.

Q. Let $R(A, B, C, D)$ be a relation with 4 attributes, how many non-trivial FDs are possible with this 4 attributes

• Total no. of attributes = 4

Case ① When exactly one attribute in L.H.S. w.r.t. FD $X \rightarrow Y$

$$X \longrightarrow Y$$

$${}^4C_1 \text{ and } ({}^3C_1 \text{ or } {}^3C_2 \text{ or } {}^3C_3)$$

$$4 \times \{3 + 3 + 1\} = 4 \times 7 = 28$$

Case ② When exactly two attribute in L.H.S. w.r.t. FD $X \rightarrow Y$

$$X \longrightarrow Y$$

$${}^4C_2 \text{ and } \{{}^2C_1 \text{ or } {}^2C_2\}$$

$$6 \times \{2 + 1\} = 6 \times 3 = 18$$

Case ③ When exactly three attribute in L.H.S. w.r.t. FD $X \rightarrow Y$

$$X \longrightarrow Y$$

$${}^4C_3 \text{ and } \{{}^1C_1\} = 4 \times 1 = 4$$

Total No. of non-trivial FDs

$$= 28 + 18 + 4$$

$$= 50$$



Topic : Properties of Functional Dependencies

- ① Reflexivity: - If $X \supseteq Y$ then FD $X \rightarrow Y$ is called reflexive FD.
and each reflexive FD always holds in the relation
- ② Augmentation: - Let $X \rightarrow Y$ exists in relation R, and
Z is some set of attributes from relation R,
then $XZ \rightarrow YZ$ will hold true in the relation.
- ③ Transitivity: Let $X \rightarrow Y$ and $Y \rightarrow Z$ exist in relation R.
then $X \rightarrow Z$ will also hold true in the relation R.

These three
properties are called
Armstrong's axioms



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④ Decomposition : If $X \rightarrow \underline{YZ}$ exist in relation R
(Splitting Rule) then $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$ holds true in relation R

Let $\underline{AB} \rightarrow \underline{BC}$ exist in R
it is semi-non-trivial

$\underline{AB} \rightarrow \underline{BC} \Rightarrow$ Decomposition
(Splitting)

$\underline{AB} \rightarrow \underline{B}$
&
 $\underline{AB} \rightarrow \underline{C}$

trivial

non-trivial

We can always decompose
semi-non-trivial FD into trivial & non-trivial part

Note: If $\underline{XY} \rightarrow \underline{Z}$ exist in R.
then $X \rightarrow Z$ & $Y \rightarrow Z$
need not hold true

We are not allowed to
split in LHS.



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⑤ Union : If $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$ exist in relation R.
then $X \rightarrow YZ$ will also hold true in relation R.

⑥ Composition : - If $X \rightarrow Y$ and $P \rightarrow Q$ exist in relation R
then $XP \rightarrow YQ$ will also hold true in relation R.

⑦ Pseudo Transitivity : - if $X \rightarrow Y$ and $YW \rightarrow Z$ exist in relation R,
then $XW \rightarrow Z$



Topic : Different types of keys

No two tuples of the relation can be completely same
{i.e., duplicate tuples are not allowed in a relation}

Key is a very important concept w.r.t. relation, Each tuple of the relation can be uniquely identified by the values of attributes of the key.

There are various types of keys

- ① Candidate key
- ② Primary key
- ③ Alternate key
- ④ Super key
- ⑤ Foreign key

Key:- The set of attributes that can uniquely identify each tuple of the relation is called a Key.

{ Note: In general Key need not be minimal }

Student

| Sid | Sname | Branch |
|----------------|-------|--------|
| S ₁ | A | CS |
| S ₂ | A | IT |
| S ₃ | B | CS |
| S ₄ | C | EC |
| S ₅ | B | CS |

If values of Sid are guaranteed to be unique in the relation Student, then Sid will form one key of the relation.

If it is guaranteed that values of attributes of a set will always be unique in the relation, then that set of attributes will always form one of the keys of that relation.

eg. Consider the following relation
Student (Sid, Sname, fee)

| Student | | |
|----------------|-------|-----|
| Sid | Sname | fee |
| S ₁ | A | 500 |
| S ₂ | A | 400 |
| S ₃ | B | 700 |
| S ₄ | C | 500 |
| S ₅ | C | 500 |
| S ₆ | D | 600 |

Let FDs
that exist in
the relation are

$Sid \rightarrow Sname$
 $Sid \rightarrow fee$

- Values of Sid will always be unique in the student table. ∴ Sid is a key
- The values of (Sid, Sname) together will also be unique in all the tuples.
∴ (Sid, Sname) is also a key

eg. Consider the following relation
Enroll (Sid, Cid, I-id)

| Enroll | | |
|----------------|----------------|------|
| Sid | Cid | I-id |
| S ₁ | C ₁ | 101 |
| S ₂ | C ₁ | 101 |
| S ₃ | C ₂ | 104 |
| S ₃ | C ₃ | 101 |
| S ₃ | C ₁ | 101 |

let following
FD holds

$Cid \rightarrow I-id$

Together the values of (Sid, Cid) will always be unique in all the tuples.
∴ (Sid, Cid) is a key.



2 mins Summary



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