



Database Management Systems

(I+B)

Each row of data in a table is uniquely identified by a primary key (PK).

You can logically relate data from multiple tables using foreign keys (FK).

Table Name: **EMPLOYEES**

EMPLOYEE_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID
174	Ellen	Abel	90
142	Curtis	Daves	50
102	Lex	De Haan	90
104	Bruce	Ernst	90
202	Pat	Fay	20
206	William	Gietz	110

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Primary key

Foreign key

Table Name: **DEPARTMENTS**

DEPARTMENT_ID	DEPARTMENT_NAME	MANAGER_ID	LOCATION_ID
10	Administration	200	700
20	Marketing	201	800
50	Shipping	104	500
60	IT	100	400
90	Sales	149	2500
90	Executive	100	1700
110	Accounting	205	1700
190	Contracting		1700

Primary key

Activate Windows

Functional Dependencies

Functional Dependencies (FD):- Generalizes the concept of a key. It can also be thought of as a constraint between two sets of attributes. In other words, FD is a constraint that is to be satisfied by every desirable relation instance.

STUDENT

1	AMIT
2	SUMIT

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Let r be a relations schema and let X and Y be non-empty sets of attributes in r . We say that for a relation instance R of the schema r has a **Functional Dependency** $X \rightarrow Y$ if the following conditions holds for every pairs of tuples $t1$ and $t2$ in R .

$$\text{If } t1[X] = t2[X] \text{ then } t1[Y] = t2[Y]$$

By considering $X \rightarrow Y$, we say that X functionally determines Y , or Y is functionally dependent on X .

To illustrate the concept of FD, let us consider the example. Let –
 $X = \{\text{Managerid, Manager Name}\}$ and $Y = \{\text{ManagerAge}\}$

Tuple $t1$ and $t2$ having same Managerid value and same Manager Name, we must have same ManagerAge. Else the data is inconsistent. Thus we can say that –

$$\{\text{Managerid, ManagerName}\} \rightarrow \{\text{ManagerAge}\}$$

A	B	C	D
a1	b1	c1	d1
a1	b2	c1	d2
a2	b2	c2	d2
a2	b3	c2	d3
a3	b3	c2	d4



Figure: Sample relation r.

Inference Rules for FDs

•The following are the inference rules to generate new FDs from a given set of FDs. For the rules described below, we assume X , Y and Z are the subset of attributes in the schema r .

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| 1. Reflexive Rule | If $X \supseteq Y$, then $X \rightarrow Y$ |
| 2. Augmentation | If $X \rightarrow Y$ then $XZ \rightarrow YZ$ |
| 3. Transitive Rule | If $X \rightarrow Y$ and $Y \rightarrow Z$, then $X \rightarrow Z$ |
| 4. Decomposition | If $X \rightarrow YZ$ then $X \rightarrow Y$, and $X \rightarrow Z$ |
| 5. Union | If $X \rightarrow Y$ and $X \rightarrow Z$, then $X \rightarrow YZ$ |