

Here's an explanation of **Functional Dependency**, **Partial Dependency**, and **Transitive Dependency** with examples in tabular form:

1. Functional Dependency (FD)

- **Definition:** A functional dependency occurs when one attribute (or set of attributes) determines another attribute.
- **Notation:** If attribute $A \rightarrow B$, then A uniquely determines B .

Example: Consider the following table:

StudentID	StudentName	CourseID	CourseName
S001	John	C101	Physics
S002	Alice	C102	Math

In this table:

- $StudentID \rightarrow StudentName$: The $StudentID$ determines a unique $StudentName$. So, for every $StudentID$, there is exactly one $StudentName$.
- $CourseID \rightarrow CourseName$: Similarly, $CourseID$ determines a unique $CourseName$.

2. Partial Dependency

- **Definition:** A partial dependency occurs when a non-prime attribute depends on only a part of a composite primary key.
- **Notation:** If we have a composite primary key (A, B) and an attribute C depends on A but not on B , it is a partial dependency.

Example: Consider the following table with a composite primary key $(StudentID, CourseID)$:

StudentID	CourseID	StudentName	CourseName
S001	C101	John	Physics
S002	C102	Alice	Math

Here, the composite primary key is $(StudentID, CourseID)$.

- $StudentID \rightarrow StudentName$: The $StudentID$ determines the $StudentName$, but this dependency is based only on $StudentID$, not the whole composite key.
- $CourseID \rightarrow CourseName$: Similarly, $CourseID$ determines $CourseName$.

These are partial dependencies because they depend only on a part of the composite key ($StudentID$ or $CourseID$), not the entire key $(StudentID, CourseID)$.

3. Transitive Dependency

- **Definition:** A transitive dependency occurs when an attribute depends on another attribute through a third attribute. In other words, if $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$, then $A \rightarrow C$ is a transitive dependency.

Example: Consider the following table:

EmployeeID	EmployeeName	Department	DepartmentHead
E001	Bob	Sales	Tom
E002	Alice	IT	Jerry

Here:

- **EmployeeID** → **EmployeeName**: **EmployeeID** determines **EmployeeName**.
- **Department** → **DepartmentHead**: **Department** determines **DepartmentHead**.

Since **EmployeeID** → **Department** (via some relation between employees and departments), and **Department** → **DepartmentHead**, we can say **EmployeeID** → **DepartmentHead** is a **transitive dependency**.

In this case, **EmployeeID** indirectly determines the **DepartmentHead** through the **Department**, which violates the rule of normalization (i.e., 3NF), where there should be no transitive dependencies.

Summary:

Type of Dependency	Example	Explanation
Functional Dependency (FD)	StudentID → StudentName	One attribute determines another uniquely.
Partial Dependency	StudentID → StudentName (when StudentID , CourseID is the composite key)	Non-prime attribute depends on part of the composite key.
Transitive Dependency	EmployeeID → DepartmentHead (via Department)	One attribute depends on another through a third attribute.

These dependencies help in ensuring that the database is normalized, reducing redundancy and maintaining data integrity.