

Lecture 6: Design Theory

Announcements

- Solutions to PS1 are posted online. Grades coming soon!
- Project part 1 is out.
 - Check your groups and let us know if you have any issues.
 - We have assigned people to groups that had only two members.
- Activities and Notebooks are there for your benefit!

Lecture 6: Design Theory I

Today's Lecture

1. Normal forms & functional dependencies
 - ACTIVITY: Finding FDs
2. Finding functional dependencies
3. Closures, superkeys & keys
 - ACTIVITY: The key or a key?

1. Normal forms & functional dependencies

What you will learn about in this section

1. Overview of design theory & normal forms
2. Data anomalies & constraints
3. Functional dependencies
4. ACTIVITY: Finding FDs

Design Theory

- Design theory is about how to represent your data to avoid ***anomalies***.
- It is a mostly mechanical process
 - Tools can carry out routine portions
- *We have a notebook implementing all algorithms!*
 - *We'll play with it in the activities!*

Normal Forms

- 1st Normal Form (1NF) = All tables are flat
- 2nd Normal Form = *disused*
- Boyce-Codd Normal Form (BCNF)
- 3rd Normal Form (3NF)
- 4th and 5th Normal Forms = *see text books*

DB designs based on
functional dependencies,
intended to prevent
data ***anomalies***

*Our focus
for this
lecture +
the next
two ones*

1st Normal Form (1NF)

Student	Courses
Mary	{CS564,CS368}
Joe	{CS564,CS552}
...	...

Violates 1NF.

Student	Courses
Mary	CS564
Mary	CS368
Joe	CS564
Joe	CS552

In 1st NF

1NF Constraint: Types must be atomic!

Data Anomalies & Constraints

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

A poorly designed database causes *anomalies*:

Student	Course	Room
Mary	CS564	B01
Joe	CS564	B01
Sam	CS564	B01
..

If every course is in only one room, contains redundant information!

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

A poorly designed database causes *anomalies*:

Student	Course	Room
Mary	CS564	B01
Joe	CS564	C12
Sam	CS564	B01
..

If we update the room number for one tuple, we get inconsistent data = an *update anomaly*

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

A poorly designed database causes *anomalies*:

Student	Course	Room
..

If everyone drops the class, we lose what room the class is in! = a **delete anomaly**

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

A poorly designed database causes *anomalies*:

...	CS368	C12
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Student	Course	Room
Mary	CS564	B01
Joe	CS564	B01
Sam	CS564	B01
..

Similarly, we can't reserve a room without students
= an insert anomaly

Constraints Prevent (some) Anomalies in the Data

Student	Course
Mary	CS564
Joe	CS564
Sam	CS564
..	..

Course	Room
CS564	B01
CS368	C12

Is this form better?

- Redundancy?
- Update anomaly?
- Delete anomaly?
- Insert anomaly?

Today: develop theory to understand why this design may be better **and** how to find this *decomposition*...

Functional Dependencies

Functional Dependency

A, B 有 relation .

$A \rightarrow B$. 因 A 是 unique .

因为 A 中元素 对应 唯一 的 B.

Def: Let A, B be sets of attributes

We write $A \rightarrow B$ or say A *functionally determines* B if, for any tuples t_1 and t_2 :

$$t_1[A] = t_2[A] \text{ implies } t_1[B] = t_2[B]$$

and we call $A \rightarrow B$ a functional dependency

$A \rightarrow B$ means that

"whenever two tuples agree on A then they agree on B."

只要 没 2 tuples 都 有 A 为前提. 则 他们 也 同 时 有 B.

A Picture Of FDs

	A_1	...	A_m		B_1	...	B_n	

Defn (again):

Given attribute sets $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$ and $B = \{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$ in R ,

A Picture Of FDs

	A_1	\dots	A_m		B_1	\dots	B_n	
t_i								
t_j								

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A Picture Of FDs

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If t_1, t_2 agree here..

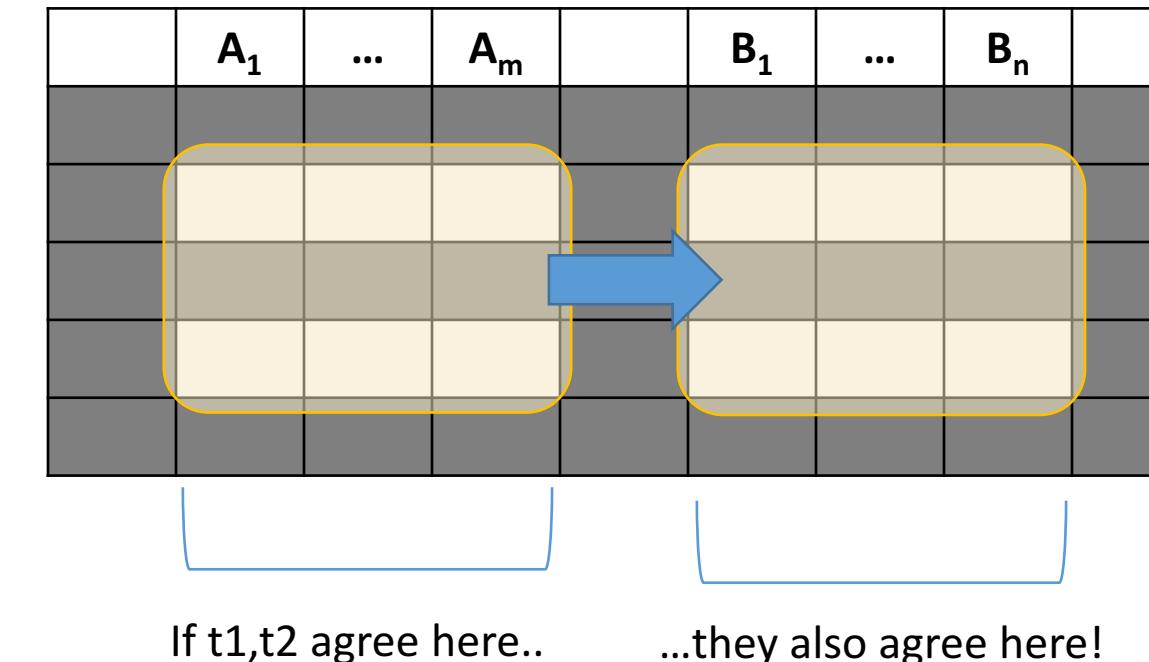
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$$t_i[A_1] = t_j[A_1] \text{ AND } t_i[A_2] = t_j[A_2] \text{ AND } \dots \text{ AND } t_i[A_m] = t_j[A_m]$$

A Picture Of FDs



Defn (again):

Given attribute sets $A = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}$ and $B = \{B_1, \dots, B_n\}$ in R ,

The *functional dependency* $A \rightarrow B$ on R holds if for *any* t_i, t_j in R :

if $t_i[A_1] = t_j[A_1]$ AND $t_i[A_2] = t_j[A_2]$ AND ... AND $t_i[A_m] = t_j[A_m]$

then $t_i[B_1] = t_j[B_1]$ AND $t_i[B_2] = t_j[B_2]$ AND ... AND $t_i[B_n] = t_j[B_n]$

FDs for Relational Schema Design

- High-level idea: **why do we care about FDs?**
 1. Start with some relational *schema*
 2. Model its *functional dependencies (FDs)*
 3. Use these to *design a better schema*
 1. One which minimizes the possibility of anomalies

Functional Dependencies as Constraints

A **functional dependency** is a form of **constraint**

- *Holds* on some instances not others.
- Part of the schema, helps define a valid *instance*.

Recall: an instance of a schema is a multiset of tuples conforming to that schema, i.e. a **table**

Student	Course	Room
Mary	CS564	B01
Joe	CS564	B01
Sam	CS564	B01
..

Note: The FD {Course} -> {Room} **holds on this instance**

Functional Dependencies as Constraints

Note that:

- You can check if an FD is **violated** by examining a single instance;
- However, you **cannot prove** that an FD is **part of the schema** by examining a single instance.
 - *This would require checking every valid instance*

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Student	Course	Room
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Joe	CS564	B01
Sam	CS564	B01
..

However, cannot *prove* that the FD {Course} -> {Room} is *part of the schema*

More Examples

An FD is a constraint which holds, or does not hold on an instance:

EmpID	Name	Phone	Position
E0045	Smith	1234	Clerk
E3542	Mike	9876	Salesrep
E1111	Smith	9876	Salesrep
E9999	Mary	1234	Lawyer

More Examples

EmpID	Name	Phone	Position
E0045	Smith	1234	Clerk
E3542	Mike	9876 ←	Salesrep
E1111	Smith	9876 ←	Salesrep
E9999	Mary	1234	Lawyer

$$\{\text{Position}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Phone}\}$$

More Examples

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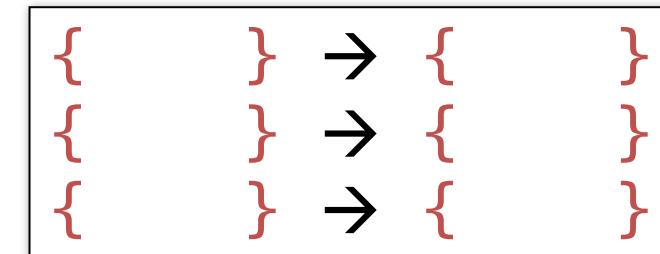
but *not* $\{\text{Phone}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Position}\}$

因为同一个 phone
对应不同的 position

ACTIVITY

A	B	C	D	E
1	2	4	3	6
3	2	5	1	8
1	4	4	5	7
1	2	4	3	6
3	2	5	1	8

Find at least *three* FDs which are violated on this instance:



2. Finding functional dependencies

What you will learn about in this section

1. “Good” vs. “Bad” FDs: Intuition
2. Finding FDs
3. Closures
4. ACTIVITY: Compute the closures

“Good” vs. “Bad” FDs

We can start to develop a notion of **good** vs. **bad** FDs:

EmpID	Name	Phone	Position
E0045	Smith	1234	Clerk
E3542	Mike	9876	Salesrep
E1111	Smith	9876	Salesrep
E9999	Mary	1234	Lawyer

Intuitively:

$\text{EmpID} \rightarrow \text{Name, Phone, Position}$ is “*good FD*”

- *Minimal redundancy, less possibility of anomalies*

“Good” vs. “Bad” FDs



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E1111	Smith	9876	Salesrep
E9999	Mary	1234	Lawyer

Intuitively:

$\text{EmpID} \rightarrow \text{Name, Phone, Position}$ is “*good FD*”

But $\text{Position} \rightarrow \text{Phone}$ is a “*bad FD*”

- *Redundancy!*
Possibility of data anomalies

“Good” vs. “Bad” FDs

Student	Course	Room
Mary	CS564	B01
Joe	CS564	B01
Sam	CS564	B01
..

Returning to our original example... can you see how the “bad FD” $\{\text{Course}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Room}\}$ could lead to an:

- Update Anomaly
- Insert Anomaly
- Delete Anomaly
- ...

Given a set of FDs (from user) our goal is to:

1. Find all FDs, and
2. Eliminate the “Bad Ones”.

FDs for Relational Schema Design

- High-level idea: **why do we care about FDs?**

1. Start with some relational *schema*
2. Find out its *functional dependencies (FDs)*
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This part can be tricky!

Finding Functional Dependencies

- There can be a very **large number** of FDs...
 - *How to find them all efficiently?*
- We can't necessarily show that any FD will hold **on all instances**...
 - *How to do this?*

We will start with this problem:

Given a set of FDs, F , what other FDs ***must*** hold?

Finding Functional Dependencies

Equivalent to asking: Given a set of FDs, $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_n\}$, does an FD g hold?

Inference problem: How do we decide?

Finding Functional Dependencies

Example:

Products

Name	Color	Category	Dep	Price
Gizmo	Green	Gadget	Toys	49
Widget	Black	Gadget	Toys	59
Gizmo	Green	Whatsit	Garden	99

Provided FDs:

1. $\{\text{Name}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Color}\}$
2. $\{\text{Category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Department}\}$
3. $\{\text{Color}, \text{Category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Price}\}$

Given the provided FDs, we can see that $\{\text{Name}, \text{Category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{Price}\}$ must also hold on **any instance...**

Which / how many other FDs do?!?

Finding Functional Dependencies

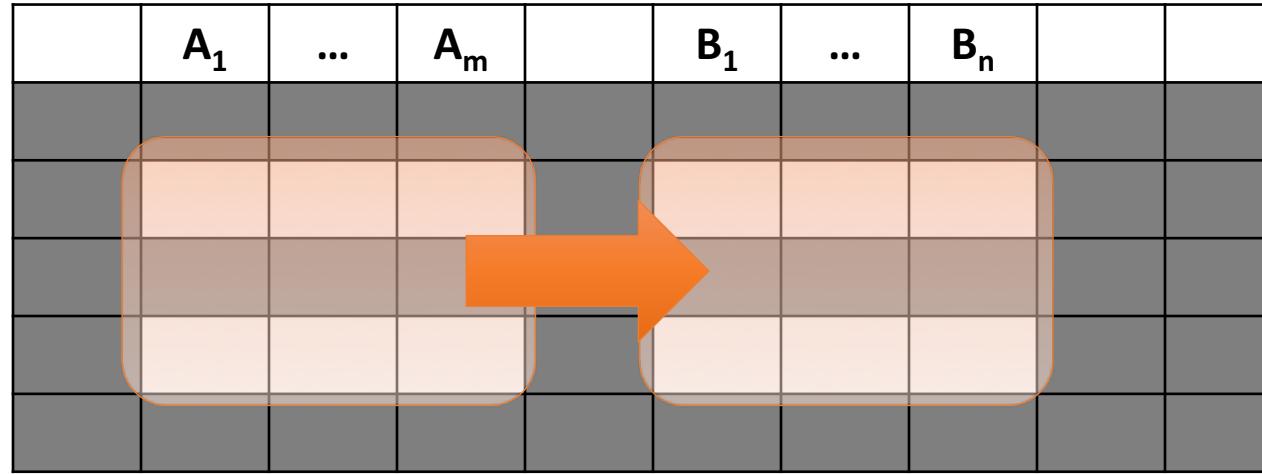
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Answer: Three simple rules called **Armstrong's Rules**.

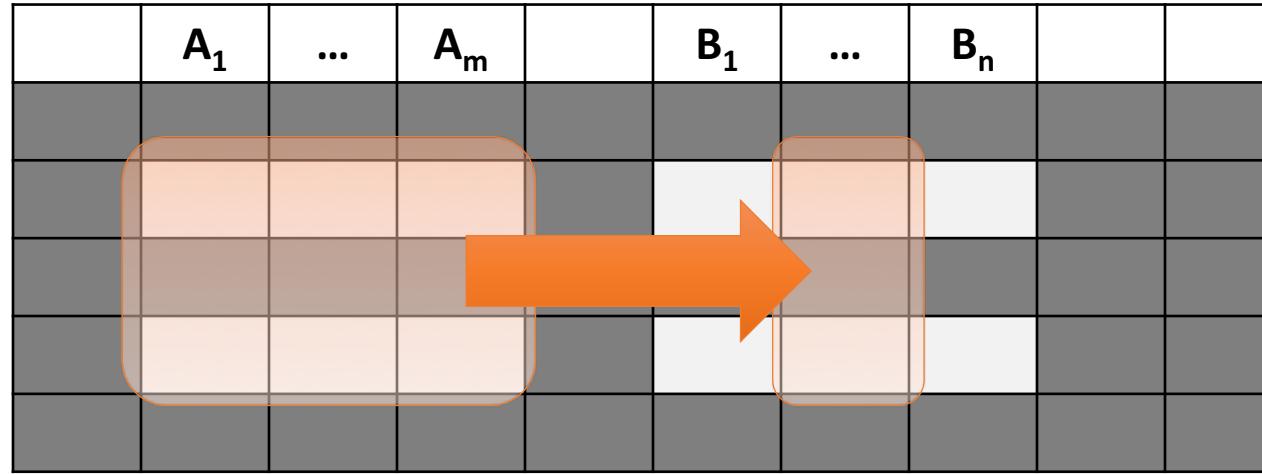
1. Split/Combine,
2. Reduction, and
3. Transitivity... *ideas by picture*

1. Split/Combine



$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$$

1. Split/Combine

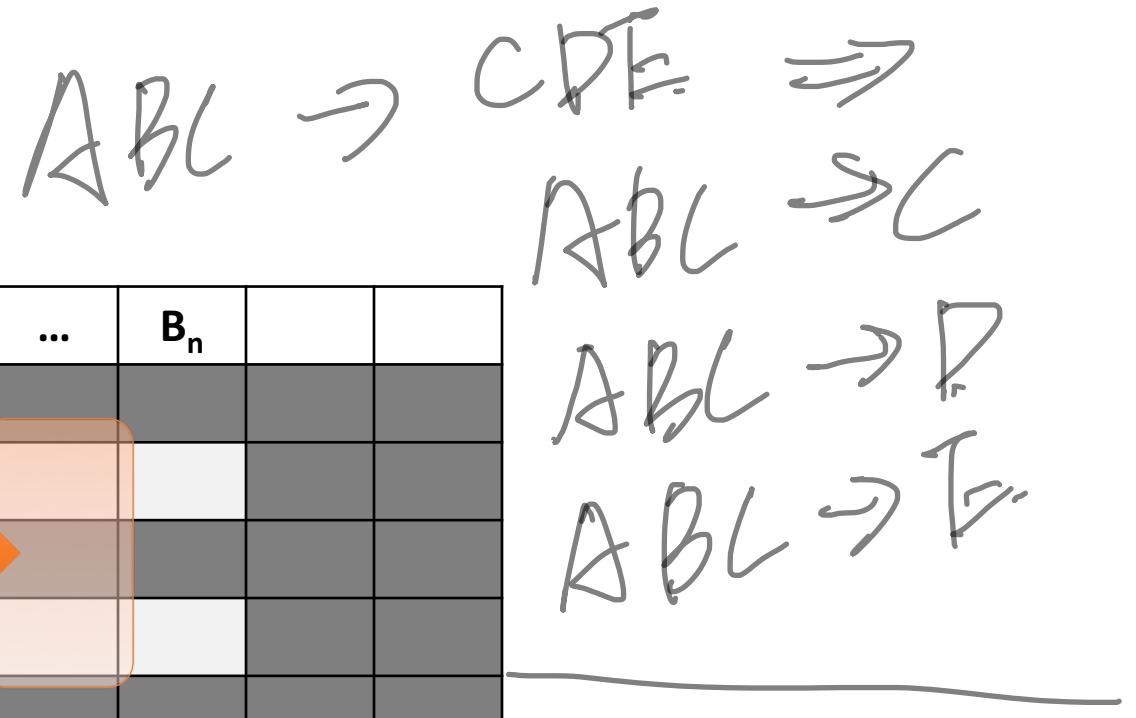


$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$$

... is equivalent to the following n FDs...

$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_i \text{ for } i=1, \dots, n$$

1. Split/Combine



	A_1	...	A_m		B_1	...	B_n	

And vice-versa, $A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_i$ for $i=1, \dots, n$

... is equivalent to ...

$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$$

$$\Rightarrow ABC \rightarrow CDE$$

$$ABC \rightarrow C$$

$$ABC \rightarrow D$$

$$ABC \rightarrow E$$

2. Reduction/Trivial

	A_1	...	A_m	



$$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow A_j \text{ for any } j=1, \dots, m$$

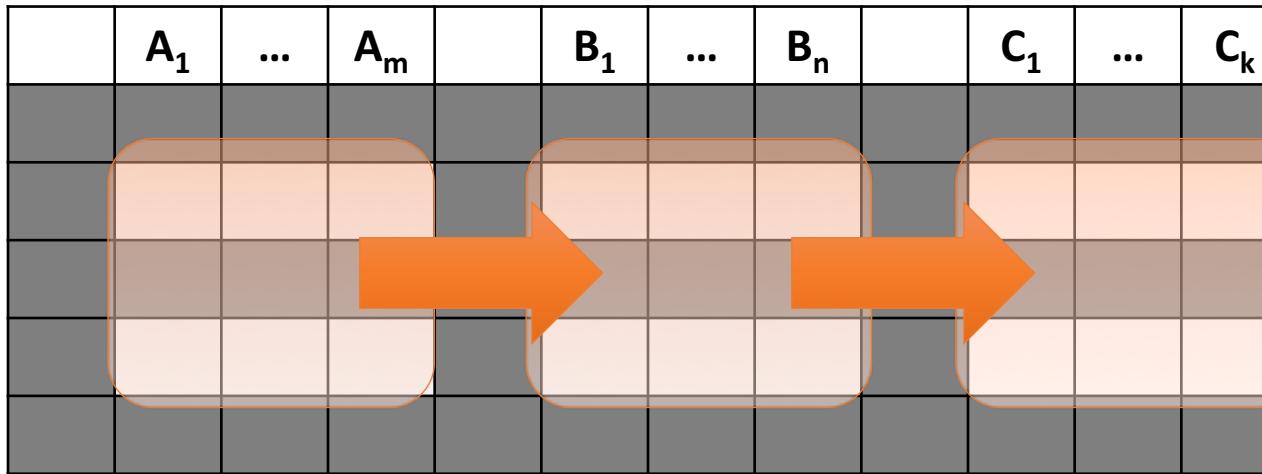
只要 $A \subseteq B$

即 $B \rightarrow A$

只要 A 是 B 的子集
则 B 决定 A .

Ex $ABC \rightarrow BZ$

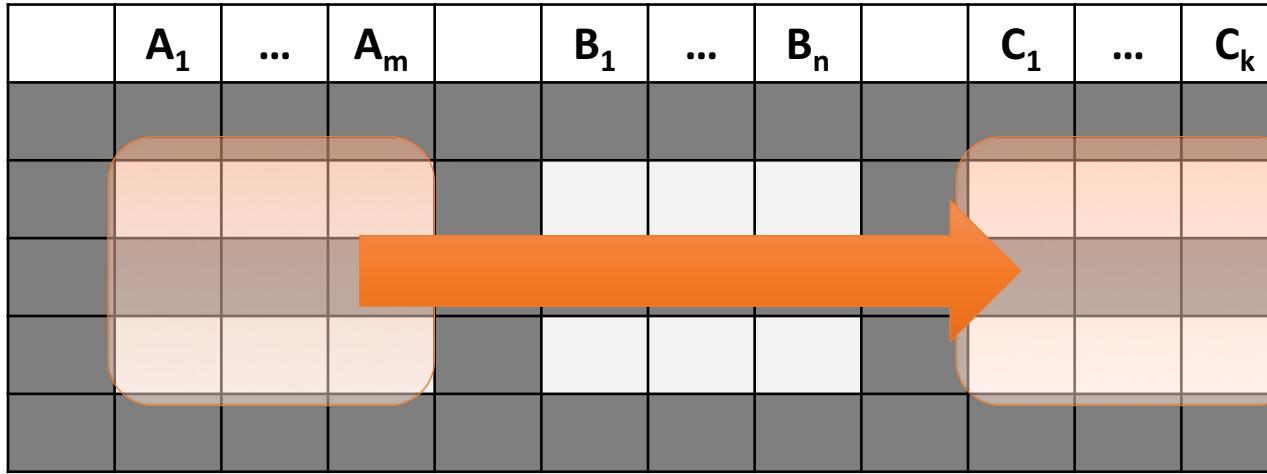
3. Transitive Closure



$A_1, \dots, A_m \rightarrow B_1, \dots, B_n$ and
 $B_1, \dots, B_n \rightarrow C_1, \dots, C_k$

$A \rightarrow B$
 $B \rightarrow C$.
 $A \rightarrow C$.

3. Transitive Closure



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Which / how many other FDs hold?

Finding Functional Dependencies

Example:

Inferred FDs:

$$\underline{AC \rightarrow A} \text{. trivial.}$$

Inferred FD	Rule used
4. {Name, Category} -> {Name}	?
5. {Name, Category} -> {Color}	transitive. $AC \rightarrow B$. ($AC \rightarrow A$)
6. {Name, Category} -> {Category}	?
7. {Name, Category} -> {Color, Category}	?
8. {Name, Category} -> {Price}	?

$$AC \rightarrow A \rightarrow B$$

$$AC \rightarrow C.$$

$$AC \rightarrow BC.$$

$$AC \rightarrow BC \rightarrow E$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$B, C \rightarrow E$$

Which / how many other FDs hold?

Provided FDs:

1. {Name} → {Color}
2. {Category} → {Dept.}
3. {Color, Category} → {Price}

Finding Functional Dependencies

Example:

Inferred FDs:

Inferred FD	Rule used
4. {Name, Category} -> {Name}	Trivial
5. {Name, Category} -> {Color}	Transitive (4 -> 1)
6. {Name, Category} -> {Category}	Trivial
7. {Name, Category} -> {Color, Category}	Split/combine (5 + 6)
8. {Name, Category} -> {Price}	Transitive (7 -> 3)

Provided FDs:

1. {Name} → {Color}
2. {Category} → {Dept.}
3. {Color, Category} → {Price}

Can we find an algorithmic way to do this?

Closure 的意思是：

即 F^+ 动.

Closures

F 这个 set 中所有可能的 FD
的合集

Closure of a set of Attributes

Given a set of attributes A_1, \dots, A_n and a set of FDs F :

Then the closure, $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\}^+$ is the set of attributes B s.t. $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow B$

Example: $F =$

$$\begin{aligned}\{name\} &\rightarrow \{color\} \\ \{category\} &\rightarrow \{department\} \\ \{color, category\} &\rightarrow \{price\}\end{aligned}$$

*Example
Closures:*

$$\begin{aligned}\{name\}^+ &= \{name, color\} \\ \{name, category\}^+ &= \\ \{name, category, color, dept, price\} & \\ \{color\}^+ &= \{color\}\end{aligned}$$

Closure Algorithm

Start with $X = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ and set of FDs F .

Repeat until X doesn't change; do:

if $\{B_1, \dots, B_n\} \rightarrow C$ is entailed by F

and $\{B_1, \dots, B_n\} \subseteq X$

then add C to X .

Return X as X^+

Closure Algorithm

Start with $X = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$, FDs F .

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if $\{B_1, \dots, B_n\} \rightarrow C$ is in F **and** $\{B_1, \dots, B_n\} \subseteq X$:

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$$\{\text{name}, \text{ category}\}^+ = \{\text{name}, \text{ category}\}$$

$F =$

$\{\text{name}\} \rightarrow \{\text{color}\}$

$\{\text{category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{dept}\}$

$\{\text{color}, \text{ category}\} \rightarrow \{\text{price}\}$

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$\{name\} \rightarrow \{color\}$

$\{category\} \rightarrow \{dept\}$

$\{color, category\} \rightarrow \{price\}$

$\{name, category\}^+ =$
 $\{name, category\}$

$\{name, category\}^+ =$
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Example

R(A,B,C,D,E,F)

$\{A, B\} \rightarrow \{C\}$
 $\{A, D\} \rightarrow \{E\}$
 $\{B\} \rightarrow \{D\}$
 $\{A, F\} \rightarrow \{B\}$

Compute $\{A, B\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$

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3. Closures, Superkeys & Keys

What you will learn about in this section

1. Closures Pt. II
2. Superkeys & Keys
3. ACTIVITY: The key or a key?

Why Do We Need the Closure?

- With closure we can find all FD's easily

- To check if $X \rightarrow A$

- Compute X^+

- Check if $A \in X^+$

Note here that X is a *set* of attributes, but A is a *single* attribute.

Recall the Split/combine rule:
 $X \rightarrow A_1, \dots, X \rightarrow A_n$
implies
 $X \rightarrow \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$

Using Closure to Infer ALL FDs

Example:

Given $F =$

$\{A, B\} \rightarrow C$
$\{A, D\} \rightarrow B$
$\{B\} \rightarrow D$

Step 1: Compute X^+ , for every set of attributes X :

$$\{A\}^+ = \{A\}$$

$$\{B\}^+ = \{B, D\}$$

$$\{C\}^+ = \{C\}$$

$$\{D\}^+ = \{D\}$$

$$\{A, B\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}$$

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No need to
compute these-
why?

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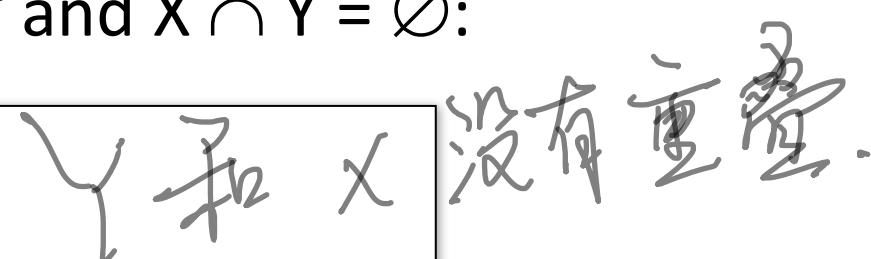
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Step 2: Enumerate all FDs $X \rightarrow Y$, s.t. $Y \subseteq X^+$ and $X \cap Y = \emptyset$:

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Using Closure to Infer ALL FDs

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"Y is in the closure of X"

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Using Closure to Infer ALL FDs

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$$\begin{array}{lcl} \{A, B\} & \rightarrow & C \\ \{A, D\} & \rightarrow & B \\ \{B\} & \rightarrow & D \end{array}$$

Step 1: Compute X^+ , for every set of attributes X :

$$\begin{aligned} \{A\}^+ &= \{A\}, \quad \{B\}^+ = \{B, D\}, \quad \{C\}^+ = \{C\}, \quad \{D\}^+ = \\ &\{D\}, \quad \{A, B\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}, \quad \{A, C\}^+ = \{A, C\}, \\ &\{A, D\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}, \quad \{A, B, C\}^+ = \{A, B, D\}^+ = \\ &\{A, C, D\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}, \quad \{B, C, D\}^+ = \{B, C, D\}, \\ &\{A, B, C, D\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D\} \end{aligned}$$

Step 2: Enumerate all FDs $X \rightarrow Y$, s.t. $Y \subseteq X^+$ and $X \cap Y = \emptyset$:

The FD $X \rightarrow Y$
is non-trivial

$$\begin{array}{l} \{A, B\} \rightarrow \{C, D\}, \quad \{A, D\} \rightarrow \{B, C\}, \\ \{A, B, C\} \rightarrow \{D\}, \quad \{A, B, D\} \rightarrow \{C\}, \\ \{A, C, D\} \rightarrow \{B\} \end{array}$$

Candidate key is a super key that cannot be reduced anymore.

Candidate key can be more than one in the table.

If candidate key is unique, then candidate key can be called primary key.

例如在下面的例子中, bookid可以直接决定其他的attribute则name和author都是多余的, 只有bookid是candidate key(因为其不能减少。)

Superkey

Superkeys and Keys

任何 attributes that
可以组成 unique combination
则是 superkey.

Book		
BookID	Author	BookName
B ₁	ABC.	A ₁
B ₂	XYZ	A ₂
B ₃	DEF	A ₁
B ₄ .	ABC	A ₂ .

[Name , Author]

[BookID] \Rightarrow 每一个都不一样

[Name , BookID, Author]

Keys and Superkeys

A superkey is a set of attributes A_1, \dots, A_n s.t.
for *any other* attribute B in R ,
we have $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \rightarrow B$

i.e. all attributes are
functionally determined
by a superkey

A key is a *minimal* superkey

Meaning that no subset of
a key is also a superkey

Finding Keys and Superkeys

- For each set of attributes X
 1. Compute X^+
 2. If $X^+ = \text{set of all attributes}$ then X is a **superkey**
 3. If X is minimal, then it is a **key**

Example of Finding Keys

Product(name, price, category, color)

{name, category} → price
{category} → color

What is a key?

Example of Keys

Product(name, price, category, color)

{name, category} → price
{category} → color

$\{name, category\}^+ = \{name, price, category, color\}$
= the set of all attributes
⇒ this is a **superkey**
⇒ this is a **key**, since neither **name** nor **category**
alone is a superkey

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