# **Closure of a Set of Functional Dependencies**

The set of all dependencies that include F (the set of functional dependencies that are specified on relation schema R) as well as all dependencies that can be inferred from F is called the closure of F; it is denoted by F+.

We shall use the notation F+ to denote the closure of the set F, that is, the set of all functional dependencies that can be inferred given the set F. F+ contains all of the functional dependencies in F.

### **Membership Test**

To check whether the given FD  $X \rightarrow Y$  is a member of F+ (closure of FD Set F) or not

We use the notation  $F \mid = X \rightarrow Y$  to denote that the functional dependency  $(X \rightarrow Y)$  is inferred from the set of functional dependencies F.

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$$F = \begin{cases} A \rightarrow B, 0 \rightarrow \zeta \end{cases} \models A \rightarrow \zeta$$

$$A \rightarrow C \quad E \Rightarrow C$$

$$A$$

$$\begin{cases} x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow z \end{cases} \models (x \rightarrow yz)$$

$$x^{+} = xyz$$

$$\begin{cases} xy \rightarrow z, z \rightarrow w \end{cases} \models (x \rightarrow w) \times x^{+} = x$$

### Cover

A set of functional dependencies F is said to cover another set of functional dependencies G if every FD in G is also in F+; that is, if every dependency in G can be inferred from F; alternatively, we can say that G is covered by F.

## **Equivalence**

Two sets of functional dependencies F and G are equivalent if F+ = G+. Therefore, equivalence means that every FD in F can be inferred from G, and every FD in G can be inferred from F; that is, F is equivalent to G if both the conditions (F covers G) (F = G) (F) (F = G+)

and (G covers F) hold.

$$(F = G) (D) (D) (F = G^{\dagger})$$

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

$$C = \{A \rightarrow BC, D \rightarrow AE\}$$

$$F \leftarrow A \rightarrow B \leftarrow AB \rightarrow C, D \rightarrow AC, D \rightarrow E\}$$

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$$P \rightarrow AE$$

Gows F!- G: 
$$\{A \rightarrow BC, D \rightarrow AE\}$$
  $=$   $A \rightarrow B$   $=$   $A \rightarrow B$ 

$$(F^{+})^{+} = F^{+}$$

$$(F^{+} \equiv F) \qquad (F^{+})^{+} = F^{+}$$

#### Canonical cover or Minimal Cover

A canonical cover of F is a **Minimal** set of functional dependencies equivalent to F, having no redundant dependencies or redundant parts of dependencies

$$F:=\{A\rightarrow B, B\rightarrow C, A\rightarrow C\}$$

$$\equiv \{A\rightarrow B, B\rightarrow C\}: F,$$

$$F=F,^{+}$$

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$$G^{+} = F_{2}^{+}$$

$$F_{1} = \begin{cases} S_{A} \rightarrow B, & AD \rightarrow B \end{cases} \qquad A \rightarrow G$$

$$A \rightarrow B, \qquad F_{2} = \begin{cases} A \rightarrow B, & AD \rightarrow B \end{cases}$$

$$A \rightarrow G$$

$$AD \rightarrow BD$$

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#### **Extraneous Attributes:**

Consider F, and a functional dependency, A 🛽 B

"Extraneous": Are there any attributes in A or B that can be safely removed?

■ Without changing the constraints implied by F

An attribute of a functional dependency is said to be extraneous if we can remove it without changing the closure of the set of functional dependencies.

$$(I) F = \{AB \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B\}$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

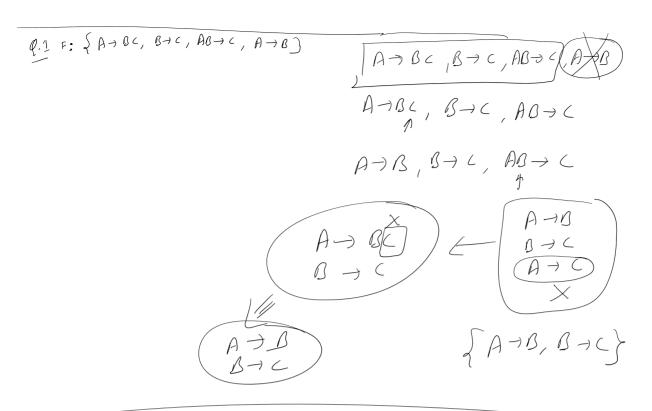
$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$A \rightarrow C$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$A \rightarrow C$$

$$A$$



F: 
$$\{ABCD \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow B, A \leftarrow D\}$$
 $ABCD \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow B, A \leftarrow D$ 
 $AC \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow B, A \leftarrow D$ 
 $AC \rightarrow DE, E \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow D$ 
 $\{AC \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow D\}$ 

$$F: \{x \rightarrow yz, y \rightarrow xz, z \rightarrow x\}$$
  
 $x \rightarrow yz \quad y \rightarrow z \quad z \rightarrow x$   
 $\{x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow z, z \rightarrow x\}$   
 $\{x \rightarrow y, y \rightarrow z, z \rightarrow x\}$ 

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$F: \begin{cases} A \rightarrow BC, & G \rightarrow AC, & C \rightarrow AB \end{cases}$ $A \rightarrow G$ $C \rightarrow A$	
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