

# **Identifying Equivalence of FDs**

## **Equivalence set of FDs**



- F: {} G: {}
- i. Is F cover G?  $G^+ \subseteq F^+$

Following steps are followed to determine whether F covers G or not-

- a. Take the functional dependencies of set G into consideration.
- b. For each functional dependency  $X \rightarrow Y$  of G, find the closure of X using the functional dependencies of set F.
- c. If the functional dependencies of set F has determined all those attributes that were determined by the functional dependencies of set G, then it means F covers G.
- ii. Is G cover F?  $F^+ \subseteq G^+$

## iii. Are both equivalent? $G^+ \equiv F^+$

If F1 and F2 are said to be equivalent then all FDs in F1 must be covered by F2 and all FDs in F2 must be covered by F1.



Q. 1 F: 
$$\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D\}$$
; G:  $\{A \rightarrow BC, C \rightarrow D\}$ 



Take closure of L.H.S. attributes' of G from F's FD.

$$A^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}$$
 i.e.,  $A \rightarrow BC$  of G will be covered from  $A^+$ .

$$C^+ = \{C, D\}$$
 i.e.,  $C \rightarrow D$  of G will be covered from  $C^+$ .

Yes.

### ii. Is G cover F?

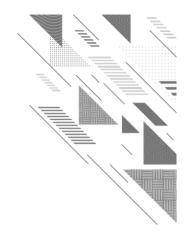
Take closure of L.H.S. attributes' of F from G's FDs.

$$A^+ = \{A, B, C, D\}$$
 i.e.,  $A \rightarrow B$  of F will be covered from  $A^+$ .

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

$$C^+ = \{C, D\}$$
 i.e.,  $C \rightarrow D$  of F will be covered from  $C^+$ .

No. Because  $B \rightarrow C$  can't be covered.







Q: 
$$\{A \rightarrow BC, D \rightarrow AE\}$$

Is P cover Q?

Take closure of L.H.S. attributes' of Q from P's FD.

$$A^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$$
 i.e.,  $A \rightarrow BC$  of Q will be covered from  $A^+$ .

$$D^+ = \{D, A, E\}$$

 $D^+ = \{D, A, E\}$  i.e.,  $D \rightarrow AE$  of Q will be covered from  $D^+$ .

Yes.

Is Q cover P?

Take closure of L.H.S. attributes' of P from Q's FDs.

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

i.e.,  $A \rightarrow B$  of P will be covered from  $A^+$ .

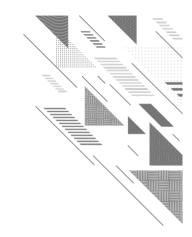
$$AB^{+} = \{A, B, C\}$$

i.e., AB  $\rightarrow$  C of P will be covered from AB<sup>+</sup>.

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

 $D^+ = \{D, A, E, B, C\}$  i.e.,  $D \rightarrow ACE$  of P will be covered from  $D^+$ .

Yes. Thus,  $P \equiv Q$ .





Q. 3 F1 = {A 
$$\rightarrow$$
 C, AC  $\rightarrow$  D, E  $\rightarrow$  AD, E  $\rightarrow$  H}; F2 = {A  $\rightarrow$  CD, E  $\rightarrow$  AH}

Is F1 cover F2?

Take closure of L.H.S. attributes' of F2 from F1's FD.

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

i.e.,  $A \rightarrow CD$  of F2 will be covered from A<sup>+</sup>.

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

 $E^+ = \{E, A, D, H, C\}$  i.e.,  $E \rightarrow AH$  of F2 will be covered from  $E^+$ .

Yes.

#### Is F2 cover F1?

Take closure of L.H.S. attributes' of F1 from F2's FDs.

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

 $A^+ = \{A, C, D\}$  i.e.,  $A \rightarrow C$  of F1 will be covered from  $A^+$ .

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

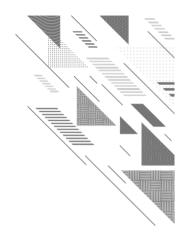
 $AC^+ = \{A, C, D\}$  i.e.,  $AC \rightarrow D$  of F1 will be covered from  $AC^+$ .

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

 $E^+ = \{D, A, E, H, C\}$  i.e.,  $E \rightarrow AD, E \rightarrow H$  of F1 will be covered from  $E^+$ .

Yes.

Thus,  $F1 \equiv F2$ .





Q. 4 Check the following sets F1 and F2 of FDs for the equivalence.

F1 = 
$$\{XY \rightarrow W, Y \rightarrow Z, WZ \rightarrow P, WP \rightarrow QR, Q \rightarrow X\}$$
  
F2 =  $\{XY \rightarrow Q, WX \rightarrow PZ, X \rightarrow ZP, Q \rightarrow ZR\}$ 

i. Is F1 cover F2?

Take closure of L.H.S. attributes' of F2 from F1's FD.

$$XY^+ = \{X, Y, W, Z, P, Q, R, X\}$$
 i.e.,  $XY \rightarrow Q$  of F2 will be covered from  $XY^+$ .  $WX^+ = \{W, X\}$   $X^+ = \{X\}$   $Q^+ = \{Q, X\}$ 

No. because FDs WX  $\rightarrow$  PZ, X  $\rightarrow$  ZP, Q  $\rightarrow$  ZR of F2 cant be covered from F1.

ii. Is F2 cover F1?

Take closure of L.H.S. attributes' of F1 from F2's FDs.

$$XY^{+} = \{X, Y, Q, Z, R, P\}$$
  
 $Y^{+} = \{Y\}$   
 $WZ^{+} = \{W, Z\}$   
 $WP^{+} = \{W, P\}$   
 $Q^{+} = \{Q, Z, R\}$ 

No. none of the FDs of F1 covered from F2.

Thus, neither F1 covers F2, nor F2 covers F1.

