

CSE 301 – DATABASE

Lecture 11

Chapter 5: Relational Database Design

Minimal Cover or Canonical Cover or Irreducible set of Functional Dependencies

- ❑ A canonical cover or irreducible a set of functional dependencies FD is a simplified set of FD that has a similar closure as the original set FD.
- ❑ The formal definition is A set of FD F to be minimal if it satisfies the following conditions:
 - ✓ Every dependency in F has a single attribute for its right-hand side.
 - ✓ Do not replace any dependency $X \rightarrow A$ in F with a dependency $Y \rightarrow A$, where Y is a proper subset of X, and still have a set of dependencies that is equivalent to F.
 - ✓ We cannot remove any dependency from F and still have a set of dependencies that are equivalent to F.

Minimal Cover or Canonical Cover or Irreducible set of FD

- ❑ A canonical cover is a **simplified and reduced version** of the given set of functional dependencies.
- ❑ Since it is a reduced version, it is also called as Irreducible set.
- ❑ Canonical cover is free from all the extraneous functional dependencies.
- ❑ The closure of canonical cover is same as that of the given set of functional dependencies.
- ❑ Canonical cover **is not unique** and may be more than one for a given set of functional dependencies.

Minimal Cover or Canonical Cover or Irreducible set of FD

Why we need Minimal Cover or Canonical Cover ?

- ✓ Working with the set containing extraneous functional dependencies increases the computation time.
- ✓ Therefore, the given set is reduced by eliminating the useless functional dependencies.
- ✓ This reduces the computation time and working with the irreducible set becomes easier.

Steps to Find Canonical Cover

❑ **Step-01:** Write the given set of functional dependencies in such a way that each functional dependency contains exactly one attribute on its right side.

❑ **Example:**

The functional dependency $X \rightarrow YZ$ will be written as

$$X \rightarrow Y$$

$$X \rightarrow Z$$

Steps to Find Canonical Cover

- ❑ **Step-02:** Consider each functional dependency one by one from the set obtained in Step-01 and determine whether it is **essential or non-essential**.
- ❑ To determine whether a functional dependency is essential or not, compute the closure of its left side-
 - ✓ Once by considering that the particular functional dependency is present in the set
 - ✓ Once by considering that the particular functional dependency is not present in the set.
 - ✓ Then following two cases are possible:

Steps to Find Canonical Cover

❑ Case-01: Results Come Out to be Same

- ✓ It means that the presence or absence of that functional dependency does not create any difference.
- ✓ Thus, it is non-essential.
- ✓ Eliminate that functional dependency from the set.
- ✓ Eliminate the non-essential functional dependency from the set as soon as it is discovered.
- ✓ Do not consider it while checking the essentiality of other functional dependencies.

Steps to Find Canonical Cover

❑ Case-02: Results Come Out to be Different

- ✓ It means that the presence or absence of that functional dependency creates a difference.
- ✓ Thus, it is **essential**.
- ✓ Do not eliminate that functional dependency from the set.
- ✓ Mark that functional dependency as essential.

Steps to Find Canonical Cover

□ Step-03:

- ✓ Consider the newly obtained set of functional dependencies after performing Step-02.
- ✓ Check if there is any functional dependency that contains more than one attribute on its left side.
- ✓ Then following two cases are possible:

Steps to Find Canonical Cover

❑ Case-01: No

- ✓ There exists no functional dependency containing more than one attribute on its left side.
- ✓ In this case, the set obtained in Step-02 is the canonical cover.

❑ Case-02: Yes

- ✓ There exists at least one functional dependency containing more than one attribute on its left side.
- ✓ In this case, consider all such functional dependencies one by one.
- ✓ Check if their left side can be reduced.

Steps to Find Canonical Cover

❑ **Case-02: Yes** : Use the following steps to perform a **check**:

- ✓ Consider a functional dependency.
- ✓ Compute the closure of all the possible subsets of the left side of that functional dependency.
- ✓ If any of the subsets produce the same closure result as produced by the entire left side, then replace the left side with that subset.
- ✓ After this step is complete, the set obtained is the canonical cover.

Example of Canonical Cover

□ The following functional dependencies hold true for the relational scheme

$R (W , X , Y , Z)$

$X \rightarrow W$

$WZ \rightarrow XY$

$Y \rightarrow WXZ$

Find the Minimal Cover or Canonical Cover or irreducible set of FD's equivalent for this set of functional dependencies?

Example of Canonical Cover

- **Step-01:** Write all the functional dependencies such that each contains exactly one attribute on its right side. Here we are using decomposition rule.

$$X \rightarrow W$$

$$WZ \rightarrow X$$

$$WZ \rightarrow Y$$

$$Y \rightarrow W$$

$$Y \rightarrow X$$

$$Y \rightarrow Z$$

Example of Canonical Cover

❑ **Step-02:** Check the essentiality of each functional dependency one by one.

❑ For $X \rightarrow W$:

- ✓ Considering $X \rightarrow W$, $(X)^+ = \{ X, W \}$
- ✓ Ignoring $X \rightarrow W$, $(X)^+ = \{ X \}$

❑ Now,

- ✓ Clearly, the two results are different.
- ✓ Thus, we conclude that $X \rightarrow W$ is **essential** and **can not be eliminated**

❑ For $WZ \rightarrow X$:

- ✓ Considering $WZ \rightarrow X$, $(WZ)^+ = \{ W, X, Y, Z \}$
- ✓ Ignoring $WZ \rightarrow X$, $(WZ)^+ = \{ W, X, Y, Z \}$

❑ Now,

- ✓ Clearly, the two results are same.
- ✓ Thus, we conclude that $WZ \rightarrow X$ is **non-essential** and can be **eliminated**.

Example of Canonical Cover

- Eliminating $WZ \rightarrow X$, our set of functional dependencies reduces to

$$X \rightarrow W$$

$$WZ \rightarrow Y$$

$$Y \rightarrow W$$

$$Y \rightarrow X$$

$$Y \rightarrow Z$$

- Now, we will consider this reduced set in further checks.

Example of Canonical Cover

❑ **Step-02:** Check the essentiality of each functional dependency one by one.

❑ For $WZ \rightarrow Y$:

- ✓ Considering $WZ \rightarrow Y$, $(WZ)^+ = \{ W, X, Y, Z \}$
- ✓ Ignoring $WZ \rightarrow Y$, $(WZ)^+ = \{ W, Z \}$

❑ Now,

- ✓ Clearly, the two results are different.
- ✓ Thus, we conclude that $WZ \rightarrow Y$ is **essential** and **can not be eliminated**

❑ For $Y \rightarrow W$:

- ✓ Considering $Y \rightarrow W$, $(Y)^+ = \{ W, X, Y, Z \}$
- ✓ Ignoring $Y \rightarrow W$, $(Y)^+ = \{ W, X, Y, Z \}$

❑ Now,

- ✓ Clearly, the two results are same.
- ✓ Thus, we conclude that $Y \rightarrow W$ is **non-essential** and can be **eliminated**.

Example of Canonical Cover

□ Eliminating $Y \rightarrow W$, our set of functional dependencies reduces to

$$X \rightarrow W$$

$$WZ \rightarrow Y$$

$$Y \rightarrow X$$

$$Y \rightarrow Z$$

□ Now, we will consider this reduced set in further checks.

Example of Canonical Cover

❑ **Step-02:** Check the essentiality of each functional dependency one by one.

❑ **For $Y \rightarrow X$:**

- ✓ Considering $Y \rightarrow X$, $(Y)^+ = \{ W, X, Y, Z \}$
- ✓ Ignoring $Y \rightarrow X$, $(Y)^+ = \{ Y, Z \}$

❑ **Now,**

- ✓ Clearly, the two results are different.
- ✓ Thus, we conclude that $Y \rightarrow X$ is essential and can not be eliminated

❑ **For $Y \rightarrow Z$:**

- ✓ Considering $Y \rightarrow Z$, $(Y)^+ = \{ W, X, Y, Z \}$
- ✓ Ignoring $Y \rightarrow Z$, $(Y)^+ = \{ W, X, Y \}$

❑ **Now,**

- ✓ Clearly, the two results are different.
- ✓ Thus, we conclude that $Y \rightarrow Z$ is essential and can not be eliminated.

Example of Canonical Cover

□ From here, our essential functional dependencies are

$$X \rightarrow W$$

$$WZ \rightarrow Y$$

$$Y \rightarrow X$$

$$Y \rightarrow Z$$

Example of Canonical Cover

❑ **Step-03:** Consider the functional dependencies having more than one attribute on their left side.

- ✓ Check if their left side can be reduced.
- ✓ In our set, Only $WZ \rightarrow Y$ contains more than one attribute on its left side.

- ✓ Considering $WZ \rightarrow Y$,

$$(WZ)^+ = \{ W, X, Y, Z \}$$

- ✓ Now, Consider all the possible subsets of WZ.
- ✓ Check if the closure result of any subset matches to the closure result of WZ.

$$(W)^+ = \{ W \}$$

$$(Z)^+ = \{ Z \}$$

Example of Canonical Cover

□ Clearly, None of the subsets have the same closure result same as that of the entire left side. Thus, we conclude that we can not write $WZ \rightarrow Y$ as $W \rightarrow Y$ or $Z \rightarrow Y$. Thus, set of functional dependencies obtained in step-02 is the canonical cover.

□ Finally, the canonical cover is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X \rightarrow W & & X \rightarrow W \\ WZ \rightarrow Y & \longrightarrow & WZ \rightarrow Y \\ Y \rightarrow X & & Y \rightarrow XZ \\ Y \rightarrow Z & & \end{array}$$

Exercise on Minimal Cover or Canonical Cover

- R (ABCD)

FD: $\{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow B, D \rightarrow ABC, AC \rightarrow D\}$

- Find the minimal cover.

- R (VWXYZ)

FD: $\{V \rightarrow W, VW \rightarrow X, Y \rightarrow VXZ\}$

- Find the canonical cover.

- R (ABC)

FD: $\{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow AC, C \rightarrow AB\}$

- R (ABCD)

FD: $\{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, AB \rightarrow C\}$

- Find the irreducible set of FD

- R (ABCDE)

FD: $\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$

- Find the canonical cover.

- R (ABC)

FD: $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$

- Find the minimal cover.

Exercise on Minimal Cover or Canonical Cover

- R (ABC)

FD: $\{A \rightarrow C, AB \rightarrow C\}$

- R (ABCDE)

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

- R (ABC)

FD: $\{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow C, A \rightarrow B, AB \rightarrow C\}$

- R (ABCDEH)

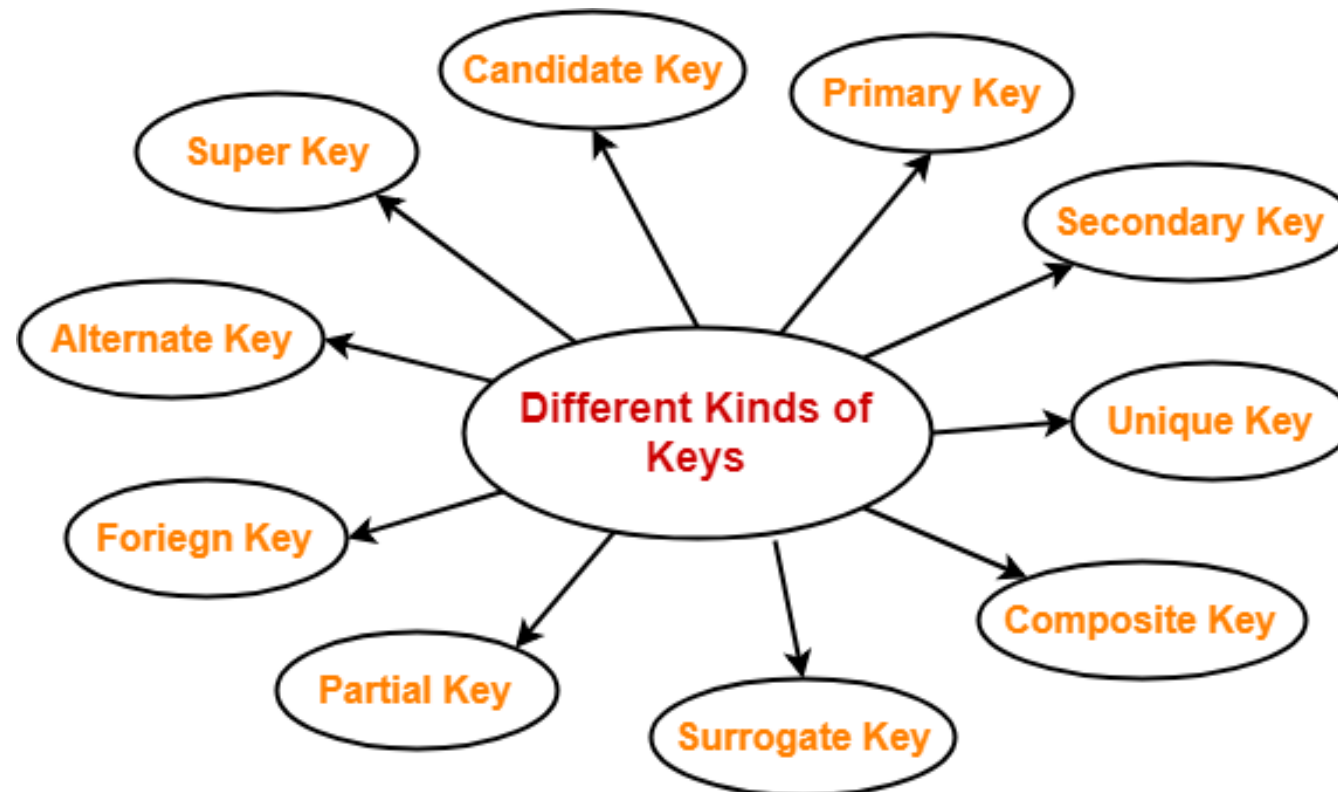
F: $\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, E \rightarrow C, D \rightarrow EAH, ABH \rightarrow BD, DH \rightarrow BC\}$

- R (ABCD)

F: $\{ABC \rightarrow CD, BC \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D\}$

Keys in DBMS

- ❑ A key is a set of attributes that can identify each tuple uniquely in the given relation.
- ❑ There are following 10 important keys in DBMS



Super Key

- ❑ A super key is **a attribute** or **a set of attributes** that can identify each tuple uniquely in the given relation.
- ❑ A super key is not restricted to have any specific number of attributes.
- ❑ Thus, a super key may consist of any number of attributes.

Super Key

- ❑ **Example:** Consider the following Student schema

Student (roll , name , sex , age , address , class , section)

- ❑ Given below are the examples of super keys since each set can uniquely identify each student in the Student table

(roll , name , sex , age , address , class , section),

(class , section , roll),

(class , section , roll , sex),

(name , address),

etc.

- ❑ **NOTE:** All the attributes in a super key are definitely sufficient to identify each tuple uniquely in the given relation but all of them may not be necessary.

Candidate Key

- ❑ A **minimal super key** is called as a candidate key.
- ❑ Example- Consider the following Student schema

Student (roll , name , sex , age , address , class , section)

- ❑ Given below are the examples of candidate keys since each set consists of minimal attributes required to identify each student uniquely in the Student table

(class , section , roll)

(name , address)

Candidate Key

❑ NOTES

- ✓ All the attributes in a candidate key are sufficient as well as necessary to identify each tuple uniquely.
- ✓ Removing any attribute from the candidate key fails in identifying each tuple uniquely.
- ✓ The value of candidate key must always be unique.
- ✓ The value of candidate key can never be NULL.
- ✓ It is possible to have multiple candidate keys in a relation.
- ✓ Those attributes which appears in some candidate key are called as prime attributes.

Primary Key

- ❑ A primary key is a **candidate key** that the **database designer selects** while designing the database.

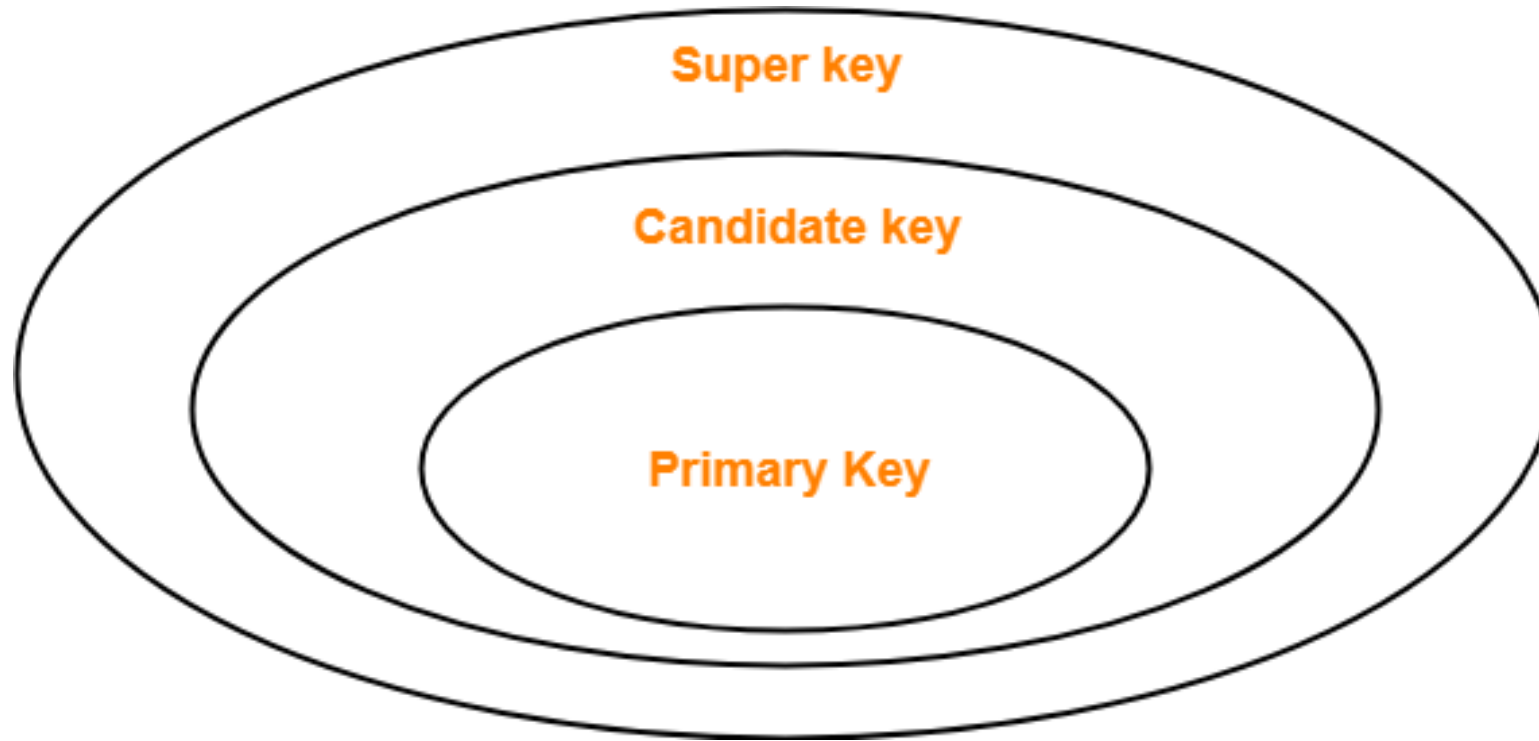
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- ❑ Candidate key that the database designer implements is called as a primary key.

- ❑ **NOTES:**

- ✓ The value of primary key can never be NULL.
- ✓ The value of primary key must always be unique.
- ✓ The values of primary key can never be changed i.e. no updation is possible.
- ✓ The value of primary key must be assigned when inserting a record.
- ✓ A relation is allowed to have only one primary key.

Primary Key / Super Key / Primary Key



Alternate Key

- ❑ Candidate keys that are left unimplemented or unused after implementing the primary key are called as alternate keys.

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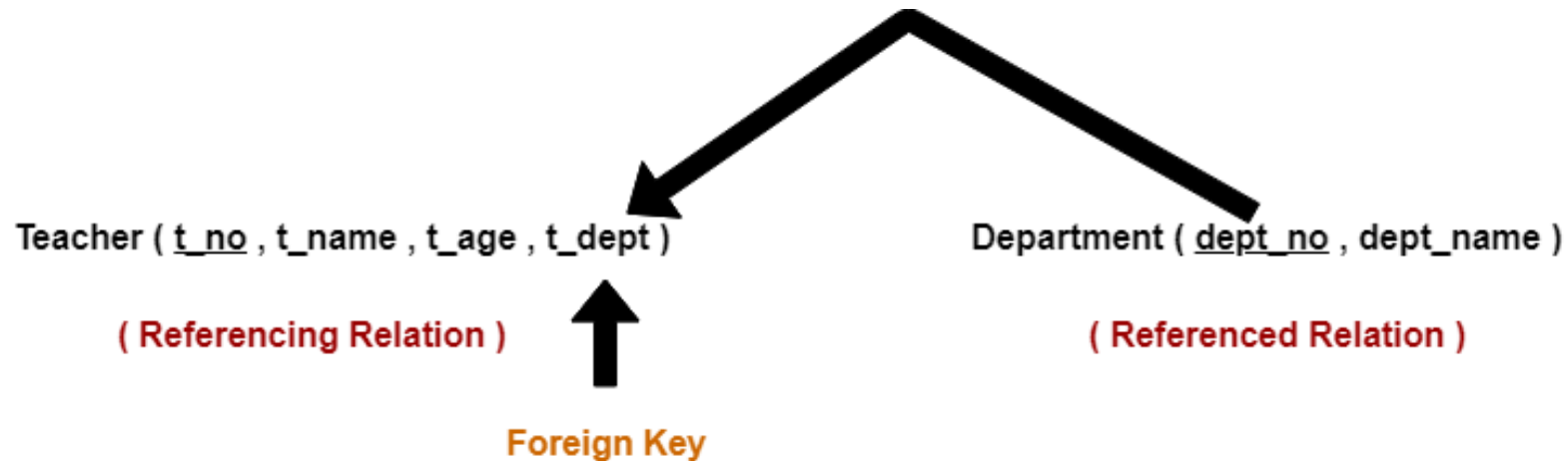
- ❑ Unimplemented candidate keys are called as alternate keys.

Foreign Key

- ❑ An attribute 'X' is called as a foreign key to some other attribute 'Y' when its values are dependent on the values of attribute 'Y'.
- ❑ The attribute 'X' can assume only those values which are assumed by the attribute 'Y'.
- ❑ Here, the relation in which attribute 'Y' is present is called as the referenced relation.
- ❑ The relation in which attribute 'X' is present is called as the referencing relation.
- ❑ The attribute 'Y' might be present in the same table or in some other table.

Foreign Key

- ❑ Consider the following two schemas



- ❑ Here, **t_dept** can take only those values which are present in **dept_no** in **Department** table since only those departments actually exist.

Foreign Key

❑ NOTES:

- ✓ Foreign key references the primary key of the table.
- ✓ Foreign key can take only those values which are present in the primary key of the referenced relation.
- ✓ Foreign key may have a name other than that of a primary key.
- ✓ Foreign key can take the NULL value.
- ✓ There is no restriction on a foreign key to be unique.
- ✓ In fact, foreign key is not unique most of the time.
- ✓ Referenced relation may also be called as the master table or primary table.
- ✓ Referencing relation may also be called as the foreign table.

Partial Key

- ❑ Partial key is a key using which all the records of the table can not be identified uniquely.
- ❑ a bunch of related tuples can be selected from the table using the partial key.
- ❑ Consider the following schema

Department (Emp_no , Dependent_name , Relation)

- ❑ Here, using partial key Emp_no, we can not identify a tuple uniquely but we can select a bunch of tuples from the table.

| Emp_no | Dependent_name | Relation |
|--------|----------------|----------|
| E1 | Suman | Mother |
| E1 | Ajay | Father |
| E2 | Vijay | Father |
| E2 | Ankush | Son |

Composite Key

- ❑ A primary key comprising of multiple attributes and not just a single attribute is called as a composite key.
- ❑ For example, R(ABCDE) is a relation where AC together is a primary key. Then AB is a composite key.

Unique Key

- ❑ Unique key is a key with the following properties:
 - ✓ It is unique for all the records of the table.
 - ✓ Once assigned, its value can not be changed i.e. it is non-updatable.
 - ✓ It may have a NULL value.
- ❑ Example: The best example of unique key is **Social Security Number (SSN)**.
 - ✓ The Social Security Number is unique for all the citizens (tuples) of a country (table). If it gets lost and another duplicate copy is issued, then the duplicate copy always has the same number as before. Thus, it is non-updatable.
 - ✓ Few citizens may not have got their SSN, so for them its value is NULL.

Surrogate Key

- ❑ Surrogate key is a key with the following properties-
 - ✓ It is unique for all the records of the table.
 - ✓ It is updatable.
 - ✓ It can not be NULL i.e. it must have some value.
- ❑ Example
 - Mobile Number of students in a class where every student owns a mobile phone.

Secondary Key

- ❑ Secondary key is required for the indexing purpose for better and faster searching.

Finding Candidate Keys

- ❑ We can determine the candidate keys of a given relation using the following steps:
 - ❑ **Step 01:**
 - ✓ Determine all essential attributes of the given relation.
 - ✓ Essential attributes are those attributes which are not present on RHS of any functional dependency.
 - ✓ Essential attributes are always a part of every candidate key.
 - ✓ This is because they can not be determined by other attributes.

Finding Candidate Keys

❑ **Step 01 Example:** Let $R(A, B, C, D, E, F)$ be a relation scheme with the following functional dependencies

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$C \rightarrow D$$

$$D \rightarrow E$$

- ✓ Here, the attributes which are not present on RHS of any functional dependency are A, C and F.
- ✓ So, essential attributes are: A, C and F.

Finding Candidate Keys

□ Step 02:

- ✓ The remaining attributes of the relation are non-essential attributes.
- ✓ This is because they can be determined by using essential attributes.
- ✓ Now, following two cases are possible
- ✓ **Case-01:** If all essential attributes together can determine all remaining non-essential attributes, then
 - ❖ The combination of essential attributes is the candidate key.
 - ❖ It is the only possible candidate key.

Finding Candidate Keys

❑ Step 02:

- ✓ **Case-02:** If all essential attributes together can not determine all remaining non-essential attributes, then
- ✓ The set of essential attributes and some non-essential attributes will be the candidate key(s).
- ✓ In this case, multiple candidate keys are possible.
- ✓ To find the candidate keys, we check different combinations of essential and non-essential attributes.

Example of Finding Candidate Keys

□ Let $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F)$ be a relation scheme with the following dependencies:

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

1. Which of the following is a key for R?

a) CD

b) EC

c) AE

d) AC

2. Find the total number of candidate key and super keys is possible?

Finding Candidate Keys

□ Step 01:

- ✓ Determine all **essential attributes** of the given relation.
 - ❖ Essential attributes are those attributes which are **not present on RHS** of any functional dependency.
- ✓ So, essential attributes of the relation **R** are **C** and **E**.
- ✓ So, attributes C and E will definitely be a part of every candidate key.

Finding Candidate Keys

❑ **Step 02:** We will check if the essential attributes together can determine all remaining non-essential attributes.

✓ To check, we find the closure of CE.

So, $\{ CE \}^+ = \{ C, E \} = \{ C, E, F \}$ (Using $C \rightarrow F$)

$= \{ A, C, E, F \}$ (Using $E \rightarrow A$)

$= \{ A, C, D, E, F \}$ (Using $EC \rightarrow D$)

$= \{ A, B, C, D, E, F \}$ (Using $A \rightarrow B$)

❖ We conclude that CE can determine all the attributes of the given relation. So, **CE** is the only possible candidate key of the relation. **Thus, Option (B) is correct.**

Finding Total number of Candidate and Super Keys

❑ Total Number of Candidate Keys:

- ✓ Only one candidate key CE is possible.

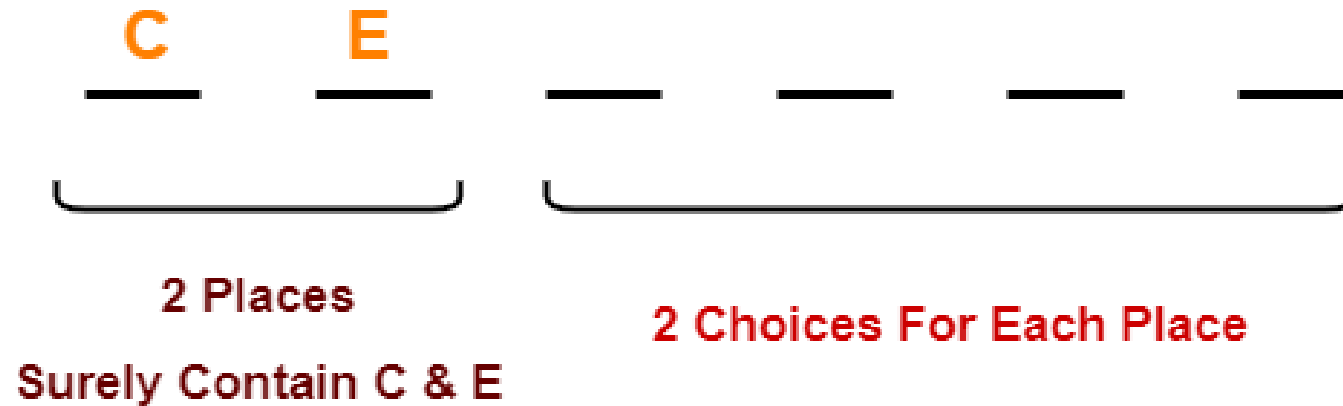
❑ Total Number of Super Keys:

- ✓ There are total 6 attributes in the given relation of which
- ✓ There are 2 essential attributes- C and E.
- ✓ Remaining 4 attributes are non-essential attributes.
- ✓ Essential attributes will be definitely present in every key.
- ✓ Non-essential attributes may or may not be taken in every super key.

Finding Super Keys

❑ Total Number of Super Keys:

✓ Thus, total number of super keys possible = 12.



Example 2: Finding Candidate Key

- Let $R = (A, B, C, D)$ be a relation scheme with the following dependencies-

FD: $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$

Determine the total number of candidate keys and super keys.

- **Solution:**

We will find candidate keys of the given relation in the following steps:

- **Step-01:**

- ✓ Determine all essential attributes of the given relation.
- ✓ Essential attributes of the relation is D.
- ✓ So, attribute will definitely be a part of every candidate key.

Example 2: Finding Candidate Key

❑ Step-02: $R = (A, B, C, D)$ FD: $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$

✓ So, $\{D\}^+ = \{D\}$

✓ We can not find R from D^+ , So it D is not a candidate key. It will be the part of candidate key.

✓ Multiple candidate key possible in this relation.

✓ The set of essential attributes and some non-essential attributes will be the candidate key(s). Combinations of essential and non-essential attributes are:

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

✓ Now find the closure of them and check they are **candidate key or not?**

Example 2: Finding Candidate Key

□ $R = (A, B, C, D)$ FD: $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$

✓ So, $\{A, D\}^+ = \{A, D\} = \{A, D, B\}$ (Using $A \rightarrow B$)

$= \{A, D, B, C\}$ (Using $B \rightarrow C$) = R So, $\{A, D\}$ is a candidate key.

✓ So, $\{B, D\}^+ = \{B, D\} = \{B, D, C\}$ (Using $B \rightarrow C$)

$= \{A, D, B, C\}$ (Using $C \rightarrow A$) = R So, $\{B, D\}$ is a candidate key.

✓ So, $\{C, D\}^+ = \{C, D\} = \{A, C, D\}$ (Using $C \rightarrow A$)

$= \{A, B, C, D\}$ (Using $C \rightarrow A$) = R So, $\{C, D\}$ is a candidate key.

✓ $\{A, D\}, \{B, D\}, \{C, D\}$ are candidate keys.

✓ Total number of candidate key is 3.

Example 2: Finding Super Key

□ $R = (A, B, C, D)$ FD: $\{A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow A\}$

- ✓ $\{A, D\}, \{B, D\}, \{C, D\}$ are candidate keys.
- ✓ Combining any attributes with candidate key becomes super key.
- ✓ So, $\{A, B, D\}, \{B, C, D\}, \{A, C, D\}$ will be the super key because these are super set of $\{A, D\}, \{B, D\}, \{C, D\}$.
- ✓ Possible super keys are: $\{A, D\}, \{B, D\}, \{C, D\}, \{A, B, D\}, \{B, C, D\}, \{A, C, D\}, \{A, B, C, D\}$.
- ✓ Total number of super key is 7.

Example 3: Finding Candidate Key

- Let $R = (A, B, C, D)$ be a relation scheme with the following dependencies-

FD: $\{AB \rightarrow CD, C \rightarrow A, D \rightarrow B\}$

Determine the total number of candidate keys and super keys.

- **Solution:**

We will find candidate keys of the given relation in the following steps:

- **Step-01:**

- ✓ Determine all essential attributes of the given relation.
- ✓ Here, no essential attribute (all the attributes are present in RHS of the relation).
- ✓ So, attribute will definitely be a part of every candidate key.

Example 3: Finding Candidate Key

□ Let $R = (A, B, C, D)$ FD: $\{AB \rightarrow CD, C \rightarrow A, D \rightarrow B\}$

- ✓ Essential attributes of the relation is D.
- ✓ So, find the closure of individuals and combinations of them and check they are candidate key or not?
- ✓ First, check individuals:

$\{A\}^+ = \{A\} = \{A\}$ So, No C. K.

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

$\{C\}^+ = \{C\} = \{C, A\}$ (Using $C \rightarrow A$) So, No C. K.

$\{D\}^+ = \{D\} = \{D, B\}$ (Using $D \rightarrow B$) So, No C. K.

Example 3: Finding Candidate Key

□ Let $R = (A, B, C, D)$ FD: $\{AB \rightarrow CD, C \rightarrow A, D \rightarrow B\}$

✓ Second, combination of A, B, C, D:

✓ $\{A, B\}^+ = \{A, B\} = \{A, B, C, D\}$ (Using $AB \rightarrow CD$) So, $\{A, B\}$ is a C. K.

✓ $\{A, C\}^+ = \{AC\} = \{A, C\}$ So, No C. K.

✓ $\{A, D\}^+ = \{A, D\} = \{A, D, B\}$ (Using $D \rightarrow B$)

$= \{A, D, B, C\}$ (Using $AB \rightarrow CD$) So, $\{A, D\}$ is a C. K

✓ $\{B, C\}^+ = \{B, C\} = \{B, C, A\}$ (Using $C \rightarrow A$)

$= \{A, D, B, C\}$ (Using $AB \rightarrow CD$) So, $\{B, C\}$ is a C. K

Example 3: Finding Candidate Key

□ Let $R = (A, B, C, D)$ FD: $\{AB \rightarrow CD, C \rightarrow A, D \rightarrow B\}$

✓ Continued..

✓ $\{B, D\}^+ = \{B, D\} = \{B, D\}$ (Using $D \rightarrow B$) So, No C. K.

✓ $\{C, D\}^+ = \{C, D\} = \{C, D, A\}$ (Using $C \rightarrow A$)

$= \{A, D, B, C\}$ (Using $D \rightarrow B$) So, $\{C, D\}$ is a C. K

AC and BD are not candidate key. Now, again we combine them. But we consider only those which is not a super set of present candidate key.

In this case all are super set. So, $\{A, B\}$, $\{A, D\}$, $\{B, C\}$, $\{C, D\}$ are candidate keys.

Total number of candidate keys: 4.

Example 3: Finding Super Key

□ Let $R = (A, B, C, D)$ FD: $\{AB \rightarrow CD, C \rightarrow A, D \rightarrow B\}$

- ✓ Combining any attributes with candidate key becomes super key.
- ✓ $\{A, B\}, \{A, D\}, \{B, C\}, \{C, D\}$ are candidate keys.
- ✓ So, Super keys are: $\{A, B\}, \{A, D\}, \{B, C\}, \{C, D\}, \{A, B, C\}, \{A, B, D\}, \{A, C, D\}, \{B, C, D\}, \{A, B, C, D\}$

Total number of super keys: 9.

Exercise: Finding Candidate Key and Super Key

- ❑ $R = (A, B, C, D, E)$ and FD: $\{AB \rightarrow CD, D \rightarrow A, BC \rightarrow DE\}$. Determine the total number of candidate keys and super keys.
- ❑ $R = (W, X, Y, Z)$ and FD: $\{Z \rightarrow W, Y \rightarrow XZ, XW \rightarrow Y\}$. Determine the total number of candidate keys and super keys.
- ❑ $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F)$ and FD: $\{AB \rightarrow C, DC \rightarrow AE, E \rightarrow F\}$. Determine the total number of candidate keys and super keys.
- ❑ $R = (A, B, C, D, E)$ and FD: $\{A \rightarrow BC, CD \rightarrow E, B \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow A\}$. Determine the total number of candidate keys and super keys.