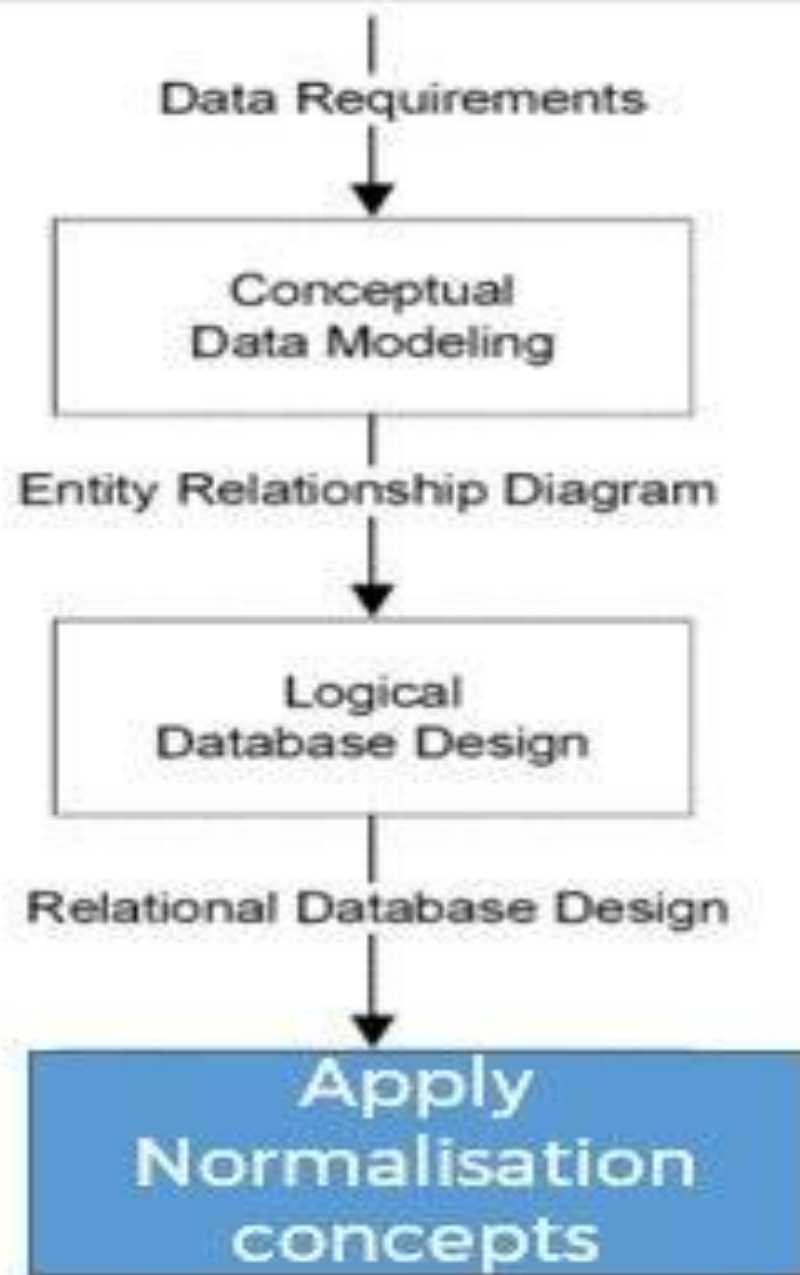


Functional Dependency

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Topics to be covered on

- Functional Dependency
- Types of Functional Dependency
- Armstrong's Axioms
- Closure of Functional Dependency
- Canonical cover of Functional Dependency



Normalization Introduction

- Bottom up approach
- Divides the Larger table into smaller table and links them using relationship
- Reduce the data redundancy
- It overcomes Anomalies
 - Insert
 - Delete
 - Update

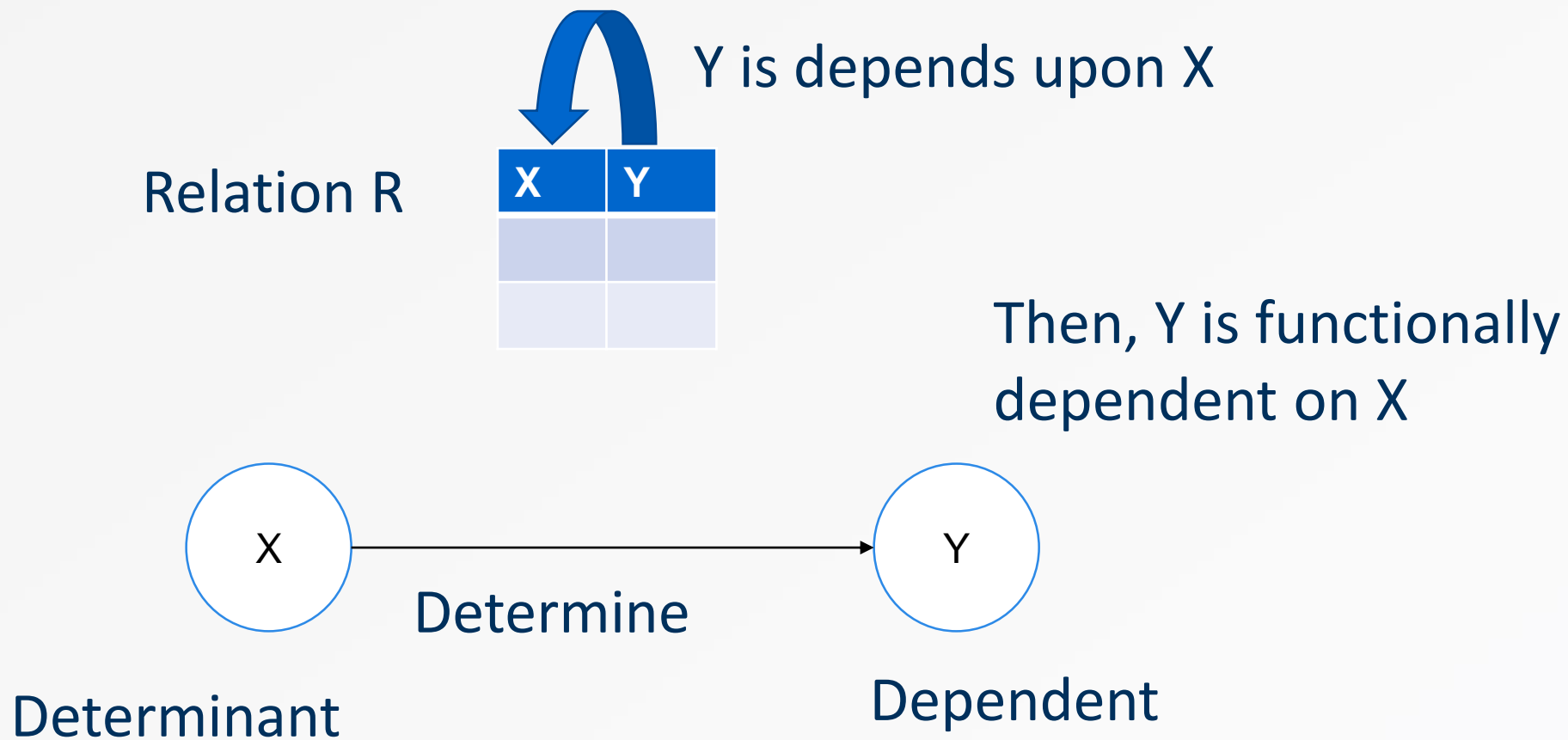
| Roll No | Name | Dept | HoD | HoD phone |
|---------|------|------|-----|-----------|
| 1 | X | Cse | CH | 123 |
| 2 | Y | Cse | CH | 123 |
| 3 | Z | IT | IH | 321 |
| 4 | A | IT | IH | 321 |

Functional dependency

- The functional dependency is a relationship that exists between two attributes. It typically exists between the primary key and non-key attribute within a table

- Functional Dependency (FD) determines the relation of one attribute to another attribute in a database management system (DBMS) system.
- Functional dependency helps you to maintain the quality of data in the database. A functional dependency is denoted by an arrow \rightarrow .
- The functional dependency of X on Y is represented by
 - $X \rightarrow Y$.
 - Functional Dependency plays a vital role to find the difference between good and bad database design.

What is functional Dependency



Primary Key



| S.ID | Name | Surname |
|------|-----------|---------|
| S1 | Prabhu | N |
| S2 | Ram | M |
| S3 | Prabhu | N |
| S4 | Siddharth | G |

S. ID -> Name (Functionally dependent on ID)

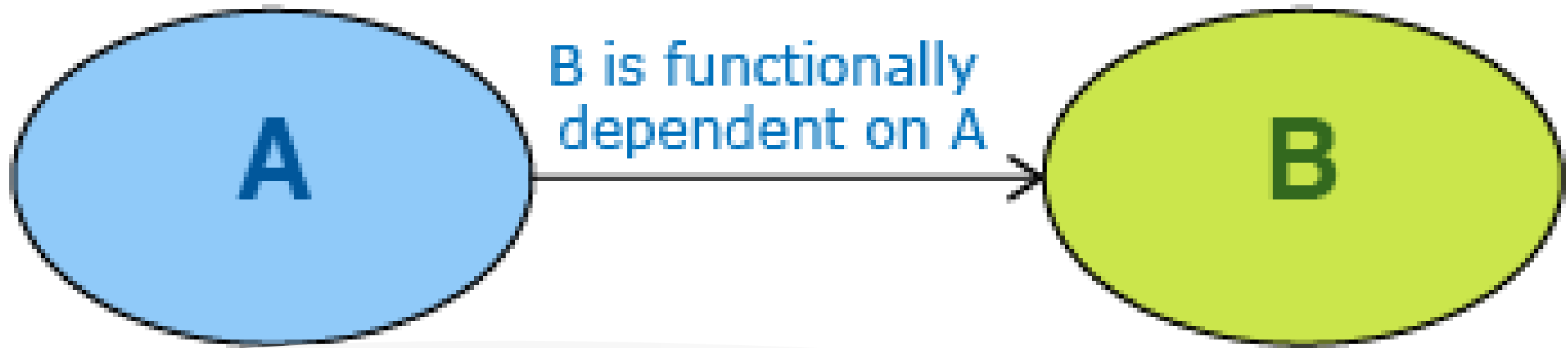
S.ID-> Surname

} FD. Table

Hence, Non key attributes that will depends upon key attributes

Determinant

Dependent



Functional Dependency

- Just like relationship between entities, attributes within an entity can be dependent on each other. These dependencies are expressed in terms of **functional dependency**.
- An attribute A is said to functionally determine attribute B if each value of A is associated with only one value of B.
- A is called the **Determinant** while B is called the **Dependent**.

Functional Dependency In DBMS : Examples

- **Example-1** : Consider a table **student_details** containing details of some students.

| Roll_No | Name | Marks |
|---------|---------|-------|
| 1. | Anoop | 20 |
| 2. | Anurag | 30 |
| 3. | Saurav | 40 |
| 4. | Rakesh | 30 |
| 5. | Pritesh | 10 |
| 6. | Anoop | 40 |

Example : student_details Table

- **FD1** : **Roll_No** → **Name**
- **FD2** : **Roll_No** → **Marks**

Example2

| Employee_number | Employee Name | Salary | City |
|-----------------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| 1 | ANU | 10000 | BANGALORE |
| 2 | AJAY | 75000 | MYSORE |
| 3 | RAHUL | 95000 | MANGALORE |

In this example, if we know the value of Employee number, we can obtain Employee Name, city, salary, etc. By this, we can say that the city, Employee Name, and salary are functionally depended on Employee number.

Key terms

| Roll No | Name | Dept_Name | Dept_building |
|---------|---------|-----------|---------------|
| 42 | Ajith | CSE | AB1 |
| 43 | Pranesh | IT | AB1 |
| 44 | Arun | CSE | AB1 |
| 45 | Arun | MECH | AB2 |
| 46 | Mano | ECE | AB2 |
| 47 | Singh | MECH | AB2 |
| 48 | Rahul | IT | AB1 |
| 49 | Mano | IT | AB1 |

Valid FD

- $\text{roll_no} \rightarrow \{ \text{name}, \text{dept_name}, \text{dept_building} \}$, \rightarrow Here, **roll_no** can determine values of fields name, dept_name and dept_building, hence a valid Functional dependency
- $\text{roll_no} \rightarrow \text{dept_name}$, Since, roll_no can determine whole set of {name, dept_name, dept_building}, it can determine its subset dept_name also.
- $\text{dept_name} \rightarrow \text{dept_building}$, Dept_name can identify the dept_building accurately, since departments with different dept_name will also have a different dept_building
- More valid functional dependencies: $\text{roll_no} \rightarrow \text{name}$, $\{ \text{roll_no}, \text{name} \} \twoheadrightarrow \{ \text{dept_name}, \text{dept_building} \}$, etc.

Invalid FD

- $\text{name} \rightarrow \text{dept_name}$ Students with the same name can have different dept_name, hence this is not a valid functional dependency.
- $\text{dept_building} \rightarrow \text{dept_name}$ There can be multiple departments in the same building, For example, in the above table departments MECH and ECE are in the same building AB2, hence $\text{dept_building} \rightarrow \text{dept_name}$ is an invalid functional dependency.
- More invalid functional dependencies: $\text{name} \rightarrow \text{roll_no}$, $\{\text{name}, \text{dept_name}\} \rightarrow \text{roll_no}$, $\text{dept_building} \rightarrow \text{roll_no}$, etc.

| Functional Dependency Type | Description |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Full Functional Dependency | If A and B are attributes of a relation, B is fully functionally dependent on A if it is functionally dependent on A, but not on any subset of A. |
| Partial Functional Dependency | If A and B are attributes of a relation, B is partially dependent on A if it is dependent on subset of A. |
| Transitive Functional Dependency | If A, B, and C are attributes of a relation such that if $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$, then C is transitively dependent on A via B. |

Types of Functional Dependencies

There are three types of functional dependencies

Fully Functional Dependency

- Example:
- $ABC \rightarrow D$
- {D is fully functional dependency on ABC}

- D cannot depends on any subset of ABC

The combination of P.ID, Name, and Order ID will determine the price of the product then the below table is called fully FD

- $BC \rightarrow D$ ❌

- $C \rightarrow D$ ❌

- $A \rightarrow D$ ❌

| P.ID | Name | Order date | Price |
|------|-----------|------------|-------|
| P1 | Headphone | 01/01/2023 | 400 |
| P2 | Speaker | 15/02/2023 | 500 |
| P1 | Speaker | 17/03/2023 | 550 |
| P4 | Headphone | 01/01/2023 | 400 |
| P5 | Headphone | 02/02/2022 | 450 |

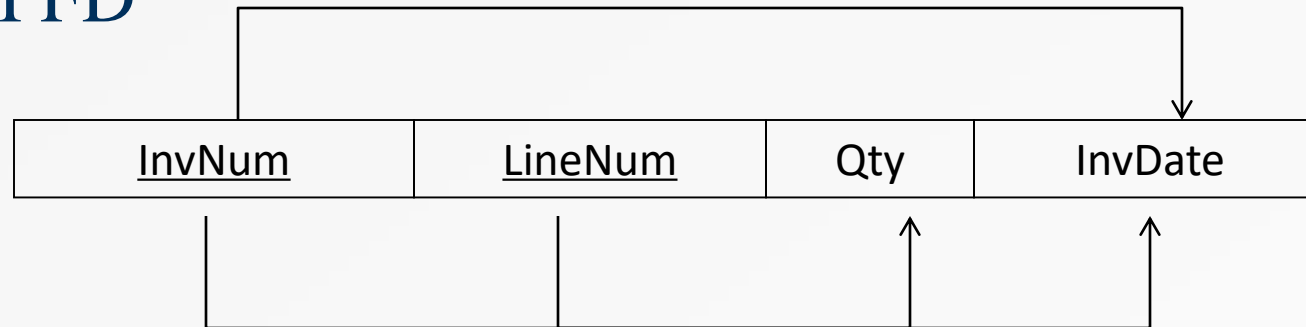
Example:2

- $\{\text{Emp_num}, \text{Proj_num}\} \rightarrow \text{Hour}$
- Is a full functional dependency. Here, Hour is the working time by an employee in a project

Partial dependency

A **partial dependency** exists when an attribute B is functionally dependent on an attribute A, and A is a component of a multipart **candidate key**.

An Attribute can be uniquely identified by subset of an attribute is called PFD



Candidate keys: {InvNum, LineNum}

InvDate is *partially dependent* on {InvNum, LineNum} as **InvNum is a determinant of InvDate and InvNum is part of a candidate key**

Example:2

- If $\{\text{Emp_num}, \text{Proj_num}\} \rightarrow \text{Emp_name}$
- but also determine $\text{Emp_num} \rightarrow \text{Emp_name}$ then Emp_name is partially functionally dependent on $\{\text{Emp_num}, \text{Proj_num}\}$.

Transitive dependency

Transitive dependency

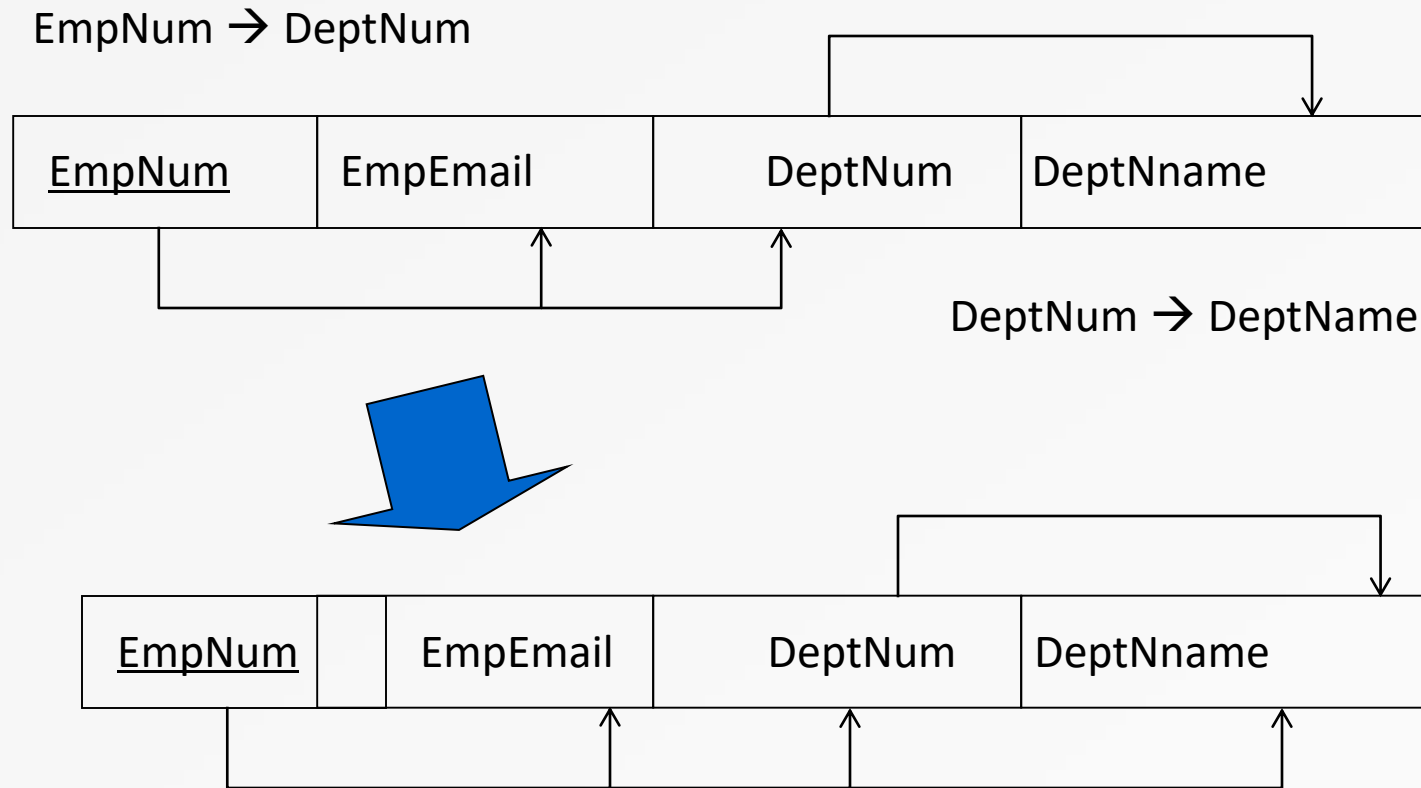
Consider attributes A, B, and C, and where

$$A \rightarrow B \text{ and } B \rightarrow C.$$

Functional dependencies are transitive, which means that we also have the functional dependency $A \rightarrow C$

We say that C is transitively dependent on A through B.

Transitive dependency



DeptName is *transitively dependent* on EmpNum via DeptNum
EmpNum \rightarrow DeptName

Example:2

- If {Pulsar} \rightarrow model then model \rightarrow CC

Example:

Consider a relation which is used to store marks scored by students in various courses.
Student(StudentId, Name, ContactNo, Course, Marks, Grade)

| STUDENTID | NAME | CONTACT NO | COURSE | MARKS | GRADE |
|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1 | James Potter | 111-111-1111 | OOP | 80 | B+ |
| 1 | James Potter | 111-111-1111 | DBMS | 95 | A+ |
| 2 | Ethan McCarty | 222-222-3222 | OOP | 75 | B |
| 3 | Emily Rayner | 333-333-3333 | PF | 75 | B |

| | | | |
|-------------------|---|-----------|---|
| StudentId | → | Name | Full functional dependency |
| StudentId, Name | → | ContactNo | Partial functional dependency (StudentId) |
| StudentId | | Course | No functional dependency |
| StudentId, Course | → | Marks | Full functional dependency |
| Marks | → | Grade | Full functional dependency |
| StudentId, Course | → | Grade | Transitive functional dependency |
| StudentId | → | ContactNo | Full functional dependency |

Example

- Which functional dependency types is/are present in the following dependencies?

1. Empno -> EName, Salary, Deptno, DName

2 DeptNo -> Dname

DName-> E.Name

3. Ename-> Salary

- Full functional dependency
- Transitive functional dependency
- Partial functional dependency

Functional Dependency In DBMS : Armstrong's Axioms

Axioms in database management systems was introduced by William W. Armstrong in late 90's and these axioms play a vital role while implementing the concept of functional dependency in DBMS for database normalization. There exists six inferences known as "Armstrong's Axioms" which are discussed below.

1. **Reflexive** : It means, if set "**B**" is a subset of "**A**", then $A \rightarrow B$.
2. **Augmentation** : It means, if $A \rightarrow B$, then $AC \rightarrow BC$.
3. **Transitive** : It means, if $A \rightarrow B$ & $B \rightarrow C$, then $A \rightarrow C$.
4. **Decomposition** : It means, if $A \rightarrow BC$, then $A \rightarrow B$ & $A \rightarrow C$.
5. **Union** : It means, if $A \rightarrow B$ & $A \rightarrow C$, then $A \rightarrow BC$.
6. **Pseudo-Transitivity** : It means, if $A \rightarrow B$ and $DB \rightarrow C$, then $DA \rightarrow C$.

Closure Of Functional Dependency

- The Closure Of Functional Dependency means the complete set of all possible attributes that can be functionally derived from given functional dependency using the inference rules known as **Armstrong's Rules**.
- If "**F**" is a functional dependency then closure of functional dependency can be denoted using " **$\{F\}^+$** ".

There are three steps to calculate closure of functional dependency

- **Step-1** : Add the attributes which are present on Left Hand Side in the original functional dependency.
- **Step-2** : Now, add the attributes present on the Right Hand Side of the functional dependency.
- **Step-3** : With the help of attributes present on Right Hand Side, check the other attributes that can be derived from the other given functional dependencies. Repeat this process until all the possible attributes which can be derived are added in the closure.

Closure Of Functional Dependency : Examples

- **Example-1** : Consider the table student_details having (Roll_No, Name, Marks, Location) as the attributes and having two functional dependencies.
- **FD1** : Roll_No \rightarrow Name, Marks
- **FD2** : Name \rightarrow Marks, Location

Find the closure of the given functional dependency:!!

- **Step-1** : Add attributes present on the LHS of the first functional dependency to the closure.
- $\{\text{Roll_no}\}^+ = \{\text{Roll_No}\}$
- **Step-2** : Add attributes present on the RHS of the original functional dependency to the closure.
- $\{\text{Roll_no}\}^+ = \{\text{Roll_No}, \text{Name}, \text{Marks}\}$

Example-1 :

- **FD1** : **Roll_No** \rightarrow **Name, Marks**
- **FD2** : **Name** \rightarrow **Marks, Location**
- **Step-3** : Add the other possible attributes which can be derived using attributes present on the RHS of the closure.

Therefore, complete closure of Roll_No will be :

- $\{\text{Roll_no}\}^+ = \{\text{Roll_No, Marks, Name, Location}\}$
- Similarly, we can calculate closure for other attributes too i.e “Name”.
- $\{\text{Name}\}^+ = \{\text{Name}\}$
- $\{\text{Name}\}^+ = \{\text{Name, Marks, Location}\}$
- $\{\text{Marks}\}^+ = \{\text{Marks}\}$
- and
- $\{\text{Location}\}^+ = \{\text{Location}\}$

Example-2 :

- Consider a relation $R(A,B,C,D,E)$ having below mentioned functional dependencies.
- **FD1** : $A \rightarrow BC$
- **FD2** : $C \rightarrow B$
- **FD3** : $D \rightarrow E$
- **FD4** : $E \rightarrow D$
- Now, we need to calculate the closure of attributes of the relation R. The closures will be:
 - $\{A\}^+ = \{A, B, C\}$
 - $\{B\}^+ = \{B\}$
 - $\{C\}^+ = \{B, C\}$
 - $\{D\}^+ = \{D, E\}$
 - $\{E\}^+ = \{E, D\}$

Example-3 :

- Consider a relation $R(A,B,C,D,E,F)$

F:

- $E \rightarrow A,$
- $E \rightarrow D,$
- $A \rightarrow C,$
- $A \rightarrow D,$
- $AE \rightarrow F,$
- $AG \rightarrow K.$

Find the closure of F or F^+

The closure of E or E^+ is as follows –

- $E^+ = E$
- $=EA$ {for $E \rightarrow A$ add A }
- $=EAD$ {for $E \rightarrow D$ add D }
- $=EADC$ {for $A \rightarrow C$ add C }
- $=EADC$ {for $A \rightarrow D$ D already added}
- $=EADCF$ {for $AE \rightarrow F$ add F }
- $=EADCF$ {for $AG \rightarrow K$ don't add k $AG \notin E^+$ }

Example-4 :

Consider a relation $R(A,B,C,D,E,F)$

- F :
- $E \rightarrow A$,
- $E \rightarrow D$,
- $A \rightarrow C$,
- $A \rightarrow D$,
- $AE \rightarrow F$,
- $AG \rightarrow K$.
- Find the closure of A or A^+

Example-5 :

- We are given the relation $R(A, B, C, D, E)$. This means that the table R has five columns: A , B , C , D , and E . We are also given the set of functional dependencies:
 - $\{A \rightarrow B,$
 - $B \rightarrow C,$
 - $C \rightarrow D,$
 - $D \rightarrow E\}.$
- What is $\{A\}^+$?

Example-6 :

- Let's look at another example. We are given $R(A, B, C, D, E, F)$. The functional dependencies are
- $\{AB \rightarrow C, BC \rightarrow AD, D \rightarrow E, CF \rightarrow B\}$.
- What is $\{A, B\}^+$?

Example-7 :

- Let the relation $R(A,B,C,D,E,F)$
- F: $B \rightarrow C$, $BC \rightarrow AD$, $D \rightarrow E$, $CF \rightarrow B$.
- Find the closure of B.

Example-8 :

- Consider a relation R (A , B , C , D , E , F , G) with the functional dependencies-
- Find the closure of A?
- $A \rightarrow BC$
- $BC \rightarrow DE$
- $D \rightarrow F$
- $CF \rightarrow G$

- Closure of attribute A-
- $A^+ = \{ A \}$
- $= \{ A, B, C \}$ (Using $A \rightarrow BC$)
- $= \{ A, B, C, D, E \}$ (Using $BC \rightarrow DE$)
- $= \{ A, B, C, D, E, F \}$ (Using $D \rightarrow F$)
- $= \{ A, B, C, D, E, F, G \}$ (Using $CF \rightarrow G$)
- Thus,
- $A^+ = \{ A, B, C, D, E, F, G \}$

Example-9 :

- The following functional dependencies are given:
- $\{AB \rightarrow CD, AF \rightarrow D, DE \rightarrow F, C \rightarrow G, F \rightarrow E, G \rightarrow A\}$
- Which one of the following options is false? (GATE 2006)
- $CF^+ = \{ACDEFG\}$
- $BG^+ = \{ABCDG\}$
- $AF^+ = \{ACDEFG\}$
- $AB^+ = \{ABCDFG\}$

Example-10 :GATE Question:(GATE-CS-2014)

- Consider the relation scheme $R = \{E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N\}$ and the set of functional dependencies
- $\{\{E, F\} \rightarrow \{G\}, \{F\} \rightarrow \{I, J\}, \{E, H\} \rightarrow \{K, L\}, K \rightarrow \{M\}, L \rightarrow \{N\}$ on R . Find the closure for
- E
- F
- EF
- EFH

Example-11 :

- GATE Question: Consider the relation scheme $R = \{E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N\}$ and the set of functional dependencies $\{\{E, F\} \rightarrow \{G\}, \{F\} \rightarrow \{I, J\}, \{E, H\} \rightarrow \{K, L\}, K \rightarrow \{M\}, L \rightarrow \{N\}$ on R . What is the key for R ? (GATE-CS-2014)
- A. $\{E, F\}$
- B. $\{E, F, H\}$
- C. $\{E, F, H, K, L\}$
- D. $\{E\}$

Answer:

- Finding attribute closure of all given options, we get:
- $\{E, F\}^+ = \{EFGIJ\}$
- $\{E, F, H\}^+ = \{EFHGIJKLMN\}$
- $\{E, F, H, K, L\}^+ = \{EFHGIJKLMN\}$
- $\{E\}^+ = \{E\}$
- $\{EFH\}^+$ and $\{EFHKL\}^+$ results in set of all attributes, but EFH is minimal. So it will be candidate key. So correct option is (B)

Closure Of Functional Dependency : Calculating Candidate Key

- **“A Candidate Key of a relation is an attribute or set of attributes that can determine the whole relation or contains all the attributes in its closure.”**
- **Let's try to understand how to calculate candidate keys.**

Example-1 :

- Consider the relation $R(A,B,C)$ with given functional dependencies :
- **FD1** : $A \rightarrow B$
- **FD2** : $B \rightarrow C$
- Find the candidate key for the given relation?
- Now, calculating the closure of the attributes as :
- $\{A\}^+ = \{A, B, C\}$
- $\{B\}^+ = \{B, C\}$
- $\{C\}^+ = \{C\}$
- Clearly, “**A**” is the candidate key as, its closure contains all the attributes present in the relation “**R**”.

Example-2 :

- Consider the relation $R(A,B,C,D,E,F,G)$ with given functional dependencies :
- **FD1** : $A \rightarrow B$
- **FD2** : $B \rightarrow CF$
- **FD3** : $D \rightarrow EG$
- **FD4** : $E \rightarrow C$
- **FD5**: $F \rightarrow G$
- **FD5**: $G \rightarrow D$
- Find the candidate key for the given relation?
- Now, calculating the closure of the attributes as :
- $\{A\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E, F, G\}$
- $\{B\}^+ = \{B, C, D, E, F, G\}$
- $\{C\}^+ = \{C\}$ and so on
- Clearly, “**A**” is the candidate key as, its closure contains all the attributes present in the relation “**R**”.

- EMPLOYEE relation shown in Table 1 has following FD set. $\{E-ID \rightarrow E-NAME, E-ID \rightarrow E-CITY, E-ID \rightarrow E-STATE, E-CITY \rightarrow E-STATE\}$ Let us calculate attribute closure of different set of attributes:
- $(E-ID)^+ = \{E-ID, E-NAME, E-CITY, E-STATE\}$
- $(E-ID, E-NAME)^+ = \{E-ID, E-NAME, E-CITY, E-STATE\}$
- $(E-ID, E-CITY)^+ = \{E-ID, E-NAME, E-CITY, E-STATE\}$
- $(E-ID, E-STATE)^+ = \{E-ID, E-NAME, E-CITY, E-STATE\}$
- $(E-ID, E-CITY, E-STATE)^+ = \{E-ID, E-NAME, E-CITY, E-STATE\}$
- $(E-NAME)^+ = \{E-NAME\}$
- $(E-CITY)^+ = \{E-CITY, E-STATE\}$

- Let $R = (A, B, C, D, E, F)$ be a relation scheme with the following dependencies-
- $C \rightarrow F$
- $E \rightarrow A$
- $EC \rightarrow D$
- $A \rightarrow B$
- Which of the following is a key for R ?
- CD
- EC
- AE
- AC
- Also, determine the total number of candidate keys and super keys.

- Let $R = (A, B, C, D, E)$ be a relation scheme with the following dependencies-
- $AB \rightarrow C$
- $C \rightarrow D$
- $B \rightarrow E$
- Determine the total number of candidate keys and super keys.

- Consider the relation scheme $R(E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N)$ and the set of functional dependencies-

- $\{E, F\} \rightarrow \{G\}$
- $\{F\} \rightarrow \{I, J\}$
- $\{E, H\} \rightarrow \{K, L\}$
- $\{K\} \rightarrow \{M\}$
- $\{L\} \rightarrow \{N\}$
- What is the key for R?

1. $\{E, F\}$

2. $\{E, F, H\}$

3. $\{E, F, H, K, L\}$

4. $\{E\}$

Example-2

- Consider another relation $R(A, B, C, D, E)$ having the Functional dependencies :
- **FD1** : $A \rightarrow BC$
- **FD2** : $C \rightarrow B$
- **FD3** : $D \rightarrow E$
- **FD4** : $E \rightarrow D$
- Now, calculating the closure of the attributes as :
- $\{A\}^+ = \{A, B, C\}$
- $\{B\}^+ = \{B\}$
- $\{C\}^+ = \{C, B\}$
- $\{D\}^+ = \{E, D\}$
- $\{E\}^+ = \{E, D\}$
- $\{A, D\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$
- $\{A, E\}^+ = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$
- Hence, "**AD**" and "**AE**" are the two possible keys of the given relation "R". Any other combination other than these two would have acted as extraneous attributes.

Closure Of Functional Dependency : Key Definitions

1. **Prime Attributes** : Attributes which are indispensable part of candidate keys. For example : “A, D, E” attributes are prime attributes in above example-2.
2. **Non-Prime Attributes** : Attributes other than prime attributes which does not take part in formation of candidate keys.
3. **Extraneous Attributes** : Attributes which does not make any effect on removal from candidate key.

Example

- Consider another relation $R(A, B, C, D)$ having the Functional dependencies :
 - **FD1** : $A \rightarrow BC$
 - **FD2** : $B \rightarrow C$
 - **FD3** : $D \rightarrow AD$
 - What is the candidate key???
-
- Here, Candidate key can be “**AD**” only. Hence,
 - **Prime Attributes** : A, D .
 - **Non-Prime Attributes** : B, C
 - **Extraneous Attributes** : B, C (As if we add any of the to the candidate key, it will remain unaffected). Those attributes, which if removed does not affect closure of that set.

Canonical Cover Of Functional Dependency

- In any relational model, there exists a set of functional dependencies. These functional dependencies when closely observed might contain **redundant attributes**.
- The ability of **removing these redundant attributes** without affecting the capabilities of the functional dependency is known as **“canonical cover of functional dependency”**.
- Canonical cover of functional dependency is sometimes also referred to **as “minimal cover”**.
- Canonical cover of functional dependency is denoted using **" M_c "**.

Canonical Cover Of Functional Dependency : Example

- Consider a relation $R(A,B,C,D)$ having some attributes and below are mentioned functional dependencies.
- $FD1 : B \rightarrow A$
- $FD2 : AD \rightarrow C$
- $FD3 : C \rightarrow ABD$

Step-1 : Decompose the functional dependencies using Decomposition rule(Armstrong's Axiom) i.e. single attribute on right hand side.

$FD1 : B \rightarrow A$

$FD2 : AD \rightarrow C$

$FD3 : C \rightarrow A$

$FD4 : C \rightarrow B$

$FD5 : C \rightarrow D$

1.Transitive : It means, if $A \rightarrow B$ & $B \rightarrow C$, then $A \rightarrow C$.

2.Decomposition : It means, if $A \rightarrow BC$,
then $A \rightarrow B$ & $A \rightarrow C$.

Example Contd.,

Step-2 : Remove extraneous attributes from LHS of functional dependencies by calculating the closure of FD's having two or more attributes on LHS.

Here, only one FD has two or more attributes of LHS i.e. $AD \rightarrow C$.

$\{A\}^+ = \{A\}$ Excluding $AD \rightarrow C$

$\{D\}^+ = \{D\}$ Excluding $AD \rightarrow C$

Step-3 : Remove FD's having transitivity.

FD1 : $B \rightarrow A$

FD2 : $C \rightarrow A$

FD3 : $C \rightarrow B$

FD4 : $AD \rightarrow C$

FD5 : $C \rightarrow D$

FD1 : $B \rightarrow A$
FD2 : $AD \rightarrow C$
FD3 : $C \rightarrow A$
FD4 : $C \rightarrow B$
FD5 : $C \rightarrow D$

Above FD1, FD2 and FD3 are forming transitive pair. Hence, using Armstrong's law of transitivity i.e. if $X \rightarrow Y$, $Y \rightarrow Z$ then $X \rightarrow Z$ should be removed. Therefore we will have the following FD's left :

Example Contd.,

FD1 : **B** → **A**
FD2 : **C** → **B**
FD3 : **AD** → **C**
FD4 : **C** → **D**

FD1 : **B** → **A**
FD2 : **C** → **A**
FD3 : **C** → **B**
FD4 : **AD** → **C**
FD5 : **C** → **D**

Also, FD2 & FD4 can be clubbed together now. Hence, the canonical cover of the relation R(A,B,C,D) will be:

$M_c \{R(ABCD)\} = \{B \rightarrow A, C \rightarrow BD, AD \rightarrow C\}$

Example:2

Consider the following set F of functional dependencies:

$F = \{$
 $A \twoheadrightarrow BC$
 $B \twoheadrightarrow C$
 $A \twoheadrightarrow B$
 $AB \twoheadrightarrow C$
 $\}$

Steps to find canonical cover:

1. There are two functional dependencies with the same set of attributes on the left:

$$A \rightarrow BC$$

$$A \rightarrow B$$

These two can be combined to get

$$A \twoheadrightarrow BC.$$

Now, the revised set F becomes:

F= {

$$A \twoheadrightarrow BC$$

$$B \twoheadrightarrow C$$

$$AB \twoheadrightarrow C$$

}

2. There is an extraneous attribute in $AB \rightarrow C$ because even after removing $AB \rightarrow C$ from the set F , we get the same closures. This is because $B \rightarrow C$ is already a part of F .

Now, the revised set F becomes:

$F = \{$
 $A \rightarrow BC$
 $B \rightarrow C$
 $\}$

3. C is an extraneous attribute in $A \rightarrow BC$, also $A \rightarrow B$ is logically implied by $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow C$ (by transitivity).

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

4. After this step, F does not change anymore. So,

Hence the required canonical cover is,

$F_c = \{$
 $A \rightarrow B$
 $B \rightarrow C$

Exercise:

1. Find the canonical cover of FD $\{A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow AC, C \rightarrow AB\}$
2. The following functional dependencies hold true for the relational scheme $R (W , X , Y , Z)$ –
 - $X \rightarrow W$
 - $WZ \rightarrow XY$
 - $Y \rightarrow WXZ$
 - Write the irreducible equivalent for this set of functional dependencies.

3. Suppose a relational schema $R(P, Q, R, S)$, and set of functional dependency as following

$F : \{ P \twoheadrightarrow QR,$

$Q \twoheadrightarrow R,$

$P \twoheadrightarrow Q,$

$PQ \twoheadrightarrow R \}$

Find the canonical cover F_c (Minimal set of functional dependency).

EQUIVALENCE OF FUNCTIONAL DEPENDENCY

- Two or more than two sets of functional dependencies are called equivalence if the right-hand side of one set of functional dependency can be
- determined using the **second FD set**, similarly the right-hand side of the second FD set can be determined using the **first FD set**.

- 1: Given a relational schema $R(X, Y, Z, W, V)$ set of functional dependencies P and Q such that:
- $P = \{ X \rightarrow Y, XY \rightarrow Z, W \rightarrow XZ, W \rightarrow V \}$ and
- $Q = \{ X \rightarrow YZ, W \rightarrow XV \}$ using FD sets P and Q

Which of the following options are correct?

- P is a subset of Q
- Q is a subset of P
- $P = Q$
- $P \neq Q$

STEP1: Find the closure of P using FDs of Q

- Using definition of equivalence of FD set, let us determine the right-hand side of the FD set of P using FD set Q.
- Given $P = \{ X \rightarrow Y, XY \rightarrow Z, W \rightarrow XZ, W \rightarrow V \}$ and $Q = \{ X \rightarrow YZ, W \rightarrow XV \}$
- Let's find closure of the **left side** of each FD of **P** using FD **Q**.

- $X^+ = XYZ$ (using $X \rightarrow YZ$)
- $XY^+ = XYZ$ (using $X \rightarrow YZ$)
- $W^+ = WXVYZ$ (using $W \rightarrow XV$ and $X \rightarrow YZ$)
- $W^+ = WXVYZ$ (using $W \rightarrow XV$ and $X \rightarrow YZ$)

STEP2: Compare the closure of P with P's FDs

- Now compare closure of each X, XY, W and W calculated using FD Q with the right-hand side of FD P.
- Closure of each X, XY, W and W has all the attributes which are on the right-hand side of each FD of P.
- Hence, we can say P is a subset of Q-----1

STEP3: Find the closure of Q using FDs of P

- Using definition of equivalence of FD set, let us determine the right-hand side of the FD set of Q using FD set P.
- Given $P = \{ X \rightarrow Y, XY \rightarrow Z, W \rightarrow XZ, W \rightarrow V \}$ and $Q = \{ X \rightarrow YZ, W \rightarrow XV \}$
- Let us find closure of the left side of each FD of Q using FD P.

- $X^+ = XYZ$ (using $X \rightarrow Y$ and $XY \rightarrow Z$)
- $W^+ = WXZVY$ (using $W \rightarrow XZ$, $W \rightarrow V$, and $X \rightarrow Y$)

STEP:4 Compare the closure of Q with P's FDs

- Now compare closure of each X, W calculated using FD P with the right-hand side of FD Q. Closure of each X and W has all the attributes which are on the right-hand side of each FD of Q.
- Hence, we can say Q is a subset of P-----2
- From 1 and 2 we can say that $P = Q$, hence option C is correct.

Example:2

- Given a relational schema $R(A, B, C, D)$ set of functional dependencies P and Q such that:
- $P = \{ A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D \}$ and $Q = \{ A \rightarrow BC, C \rightarrow D \}$ using FD sets P and Q which of the following options are correct?
- a) P is a subset of Q
- b) Q is a subset of P
- c) $P = Q$
- d) $P \neq Q$

Example:3

- Given a relational schema $R(X, Y, Z)$ set of functional dependencies P and Q such that:
- $P = \{ X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z, Z \rightarrow X \}$ and $Q = \{ X \rightarrow YZ, Y \rightarrow X, Z \rightarrow X \}$ using FD sets P and Q which of the following options are correct?
- P is a subset of Q
- Q is a subset of P
- $P = Q$
- $P \neq Q$

Example:4

- A relation R (A , C , D , E , H) is having two functional dependencies sets F and G as shown-

- **Set P-**

- $A \rightarrow C$
- $AC \rightarrow D$
- $E \rightarrow AD$
- $E \rightarrow H$

- **Set Q-**

- $A \rightarrow CD$
- $E \rightarrow AH$

- which of the following options are correct?

- P is a subset of Q Q is a subset of P $P = Q$ $P \neq Q$

Example:5

Q 1. Suppose, a relational schema $R(A, B, C)$ and set of functional dependencies F and G are as follow:

$$F : \{ A \rightarrow B, \\ B \rightarrow C, \\ C \rightarrow A \}$$
$$G : \{ A \rightarrow BC, \\ B \rightarrow A, \\ C \rightarrow A \}$$

Check the equivalency of functional dependencies F and G .

Example:6

Q 2. Suppose, a relational schema R (v w x y z) and set of functional dependencies F and G are as follow:

F : { $w \rightarrow x$,
 $wx \rightarrow y$,
 $z \rightarrow wy$,
 $z \rightarrow v$ }

G : { $w \rightarrow xy$,
 $z \rightarrow wx$ }

Check the equivalency of functional dependencies F and G.

Example:7

2. Suppose, a relational schema R (P,Q, R, S) and set of functional dependencies F and G are as follow:

$$F : \{ P \rightarrow Q, \\ Q \rightarrow R, \\ R \rightarrow S \}$$

$$G : \{ P \rightarrow QR, \\ R \rightarrow S \}$$

Check the equivalency of functional dependencies F and G.

Example:8

A relation R (A , C , D , E , H) is having two functional dependencies sets F and G as shown-

Set F-

$$A \rightarrow C$$

$$AC \rightarrow D$$

$$E \rightarrow AD$$

$$E \rightarrow H$$

Set G-

$$A \rightarrow CD$$

$$E \rightarrow AH$$

Example:9

Exercise:

Let $F = \{A \rightarrow C, AC \rightarrow D, E \rightarrow AD\}$, and let $G = \{A \rightarrow CD, E \rightarrow AHE\}$. Are they equivalent?

Properties of Decomposition

- Decomposition must have the following properties:
 1. Decomposition Must be Lossless
 2. Dependency Preservation
 3. Lack of Data Redundancy

1. Decomposition Must be Lossless

- Decomposition must always be lossless, which means the information must never get lost from a decomposed relation. This way, we get a guarantee that when joining the relations, the join would eventually lead to the same relation in the result as it was actually decomposed.

1. Decomposition Must be Lossless

- Example:
- **Original Relation:** "Student" with attributes (StudentID, Name, Major, GPA)
- **Decomposition:**
 - "StudentDetails" (StudentID, Name, Major)
 - "AcademicPerformance" (StudentID, GPA)

2. Dependency Preservation

- Dependency is a crucial constraint on a database, and a minimum of one decomposed table must satisfy every dependency. If $\{P \rightarrow Q\}$ holds, then two sets happen to be dependent functionally. Thus, it becomes more useful when checking the dependency if both of these are set in the very same relation.

3. Lack of Data Redundancy

- It is also commonly termed as a repetition of data/information. According to this property, decomposition must not suffer from data redundancy. When decomposition is careless, it may cause issues with the overall data in the database. When we perform normalization, we can easily achieve the property of lack of data redundancy

1. Apply Natural Join decomposition on the below two tables:

| Cust_ID | Cust_Name | Cust_Age | Cust_Location |
|---------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| C001 | Monica | 22 | Texas |
| C002 | Rachel | 33 | Toronto |
| C003 | Phoebe | 44 | Minnesota |

| Sec_ID | Cust_ID | Sec_Name |
|--------|---------|-----------|
| Sec1 | S001 | Accounts |
| Sec2 | S002 | Marketing |
| Sec3 | S003 | Telecom |

Answer: The result will be:

| Cust_ID | Cust_Name | Cust_Age | Cust_Location | Sec_ID | Sec_Name |
|---------|-----------|----------|---------------|--------|-----------|
| S001 | Monica | 22 | Texas | Sec1 | Accounts |
| S002 | Rachel | 33 | Toronto | Sec2 | Marketing |
| S003 | Phoebe | 44 | Minnesota | Sec3 | Telecom |