



## Week 5 Functional Dependency

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**Alice:** Your model reduces the most interesting information to something flat and boring.

**Vittorio:** You're right, and this causes a lot of problems.

**Sergio:** Designing the schema for a complex application is tough, and it is easy to make mistakes when updating a database.

**Riccardo:** Also, the system knows so little about the data that it is hard to obtain good performance.

**Alice:** Are you telling me that the model is bad?

**Vittorio:** No, wait, we are going to fix it!

(Foundations of Databases, S. Abiteboul, R. Hull, V. Vianu, Addison-Wesley, 1995)



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## Why Functional Dependencies?

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FDs tell us “relationship between and among attributes”!

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- FDs are developed to define the **goodness** and **badness** of (relational) database design in a formal way.
    - **Top down**: start with a relation schema and FDs, and produce smaller relation schemas in certain normal form (called *normalisation*).
    - **Bottom up**: start with attributes and FDs, and produce relation schemas (*not popular in practice*).
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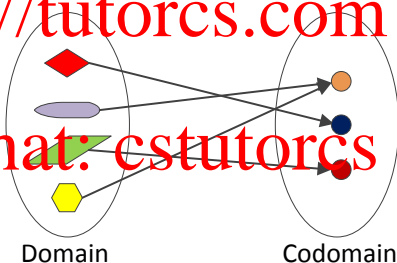
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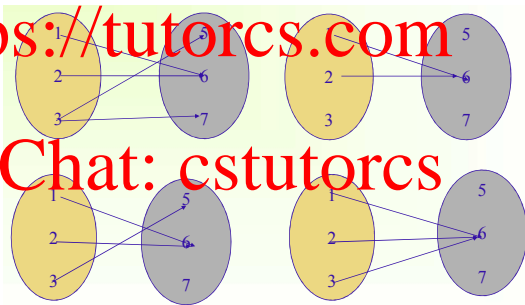
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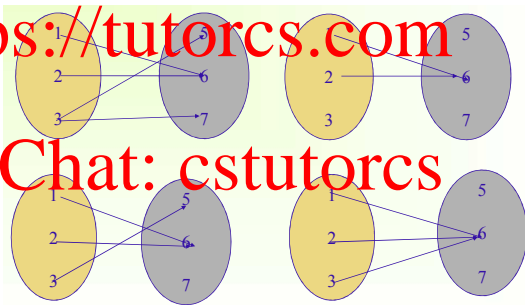
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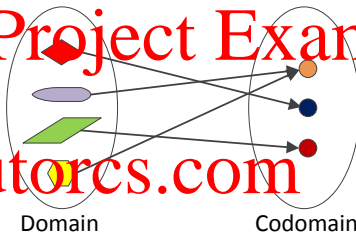
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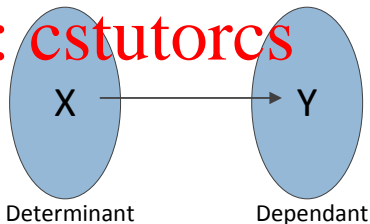
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|-----|--------|
| 1   | 1      |
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| 4   | 16     |
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$$X \rightarrow f(x)$$

## Formal Definition

- Let  $R$  be a relation schema.

- A **FD** on  $R$  is an expression  $X \rightarrow Y$  with attribute sets  $X, Y \subseteq R$ .

- A relation  $r(R)$  **satisfies**  $X \rightarrow Y$  on  $R$  if, for any two tuples  $t_1, t_2 \in r(R)$ , whenever the tuples  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  coincide on values of  $X$ , they also coincide on values of  $Y$ .

$$\begin{array}{c} t_1[X] = t_2[X] \\ \Downarrow \\ t_1[Y] = t_2[Y] \end{array}$$

- A FD is **trivial** if it can always be satisfied e.g.,

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

- Syntactical convention:** (1) Instead of  $\{A, B, C\}$ , we may use  $ABC$ . (2)  $A, B, \dots$  for individual attributes and  $X, Y, \dots$  for sets of attributes.



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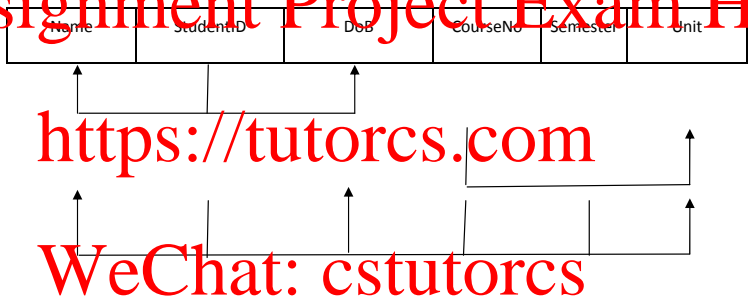
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Useful when application users are unavailable for consultation and/or the document is incomplete.

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## (1) Analyse Data Requirements and FD Diagram

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## Armstrong's Inference Rules

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- The **Armstrong's inference rules** consist of the following three rules:

• Reflexive rule:  $X \rightarrow Y \Rightarrow Y \rightarrow X$

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• Augmentation rule:  $\{X \rightarrow Y\} \models XZ \rightarrow YZ$

• Transitive rule:  $\{X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z\} \models X \rightarrow Z$

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- We use the notation  $\Sigma \models X \rightarrow Y$  to denote that  $X \rightarrow Y$  is **inferred** from the set  $\Sigma$  of functional dependencies.



## Rule 1 – Reflexive Rule

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- **Example:**  
 $\{\text{StudentID}, \text{CourseNo}, \text{Semester}\} \rightarrow \{\text{CourseNo}, \text{Semester}\},$   
where

- $X = \{\text{StudentID}\};$
- $Y = \{\text{CourseNo}, \text{Semester}\}.$





## Rule 2 – Augmentation Rule

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| ENROLMENT |                  |            |                 |                 |      |
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$\{\{ \text{CourseNo} \} \rightarrow \{ \text{Unit} \} \} \models \{ \text{CourseNo}, \text{Semester} \} \rightarrow \{ \text{Unit}, \text{Semester} \},$   
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## Rule 3 – Transitive Rule

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$\bullet \{X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z\} \models X \rightarrow Z$

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- This can be proven by using the Transitive rule.

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- Theorem (W. W. Armstrong, 1974)

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<sup>1</sup> William Ward Armstrong: Dependency Structures of Data Base Relationships, page 580-583. IFIP Congress, 1974. 23/54



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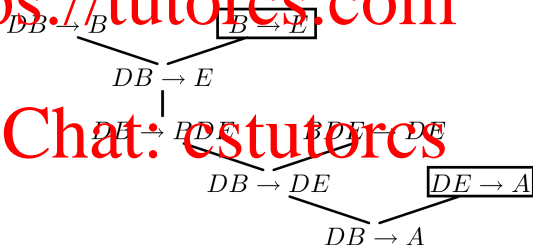
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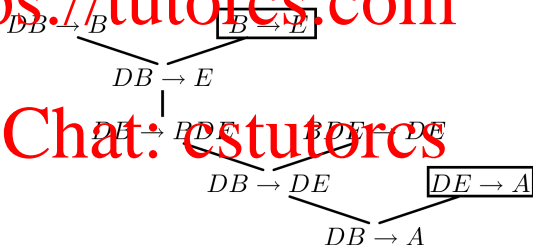
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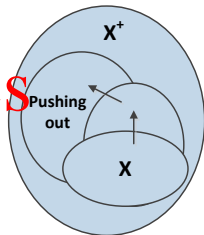
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- Algorithm

- $X^+ := X$ ;
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add all the attributes in  $Z$  to  $X^+$ , i.e.,  
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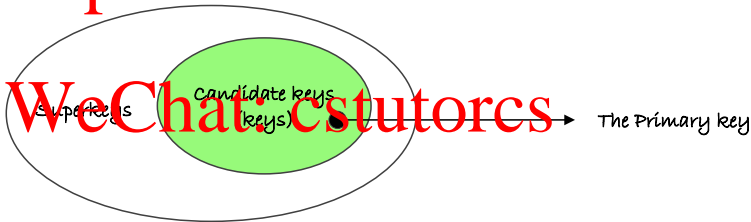


## Finding Keys

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- Given a set  $\Sigma$  of FDs on a relation  $R$ , the question is:

How can we find all the (candidate) keys of  $R$ ?





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## Exercises - Keys and Minimal Cover

- Consider  $RENTAL = \{CustID, CustName, PropertyNo, DateStart, Owner\}$  and the following set  $\Sigma$  of FDs:

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- $\{PropertyNo, StartDate\} \rightarrow \{CustID\}$
- $\{PropertyNo, CustID\} \rightarrow \{StartDate\}$
- $\{CustID, StartDate\} \rightarrow \{PropertyNo\}$
- $\{Owner\} \rightarrow \{PropertyNo\}$

- Questions:**

- What are the keys of  $RENTAL$ ?
- What is a minimal cover of  $\Sigma$ ?



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- $(CO)^+ = CPNDO, (DO)^+ = CPNDO \dots$
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Therefore,  $\Sigma$  is a minimal cover itself.



## Accommodation Database

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- We have some requirements on BOOKING:

- R1** A booking can be made for one day only.
- R2** A guest can make several bookings in a hotel for different days.
- R3** A guest cannot make two or more bookings in the same hotel for the same day.
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| guestNo | hotelNo | roomNo | Date       |
|---------|---------|--------|------------|
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$\hookrightarrow \{ \text{guestNo, hotelNo, date} \} \rightarrow \{ \text{roomNo} \}$ ? **Yes**

| guestNo | hotelNo | roomNo | Date       |
|---------|---------|--------|------------|
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| 001     | H1      | R102 ✗ | 29/08/2020 |



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- Which functional dependency does the following requirement imply?

**RS** A room in any hotel can only be booked by one guest on the same date i.e., no double-booking.

$\hookrightarrow \{\text{hotelNo, date, roomNo}\} \rightarrow \{\text{guestNo}\}$



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|---------|---------|--------|------------|
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| 002 ✗   | H1      | R101   | 29/08/2020 |



## How to Find Candidate Keys?

- Consider the following

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- GUEST(guestNo, guestName, guestAddress) with PK {guestNo}
- BOOKING(guestNo, hotelNo, date, roomNo) with PK {?}

- FDs on BOOKING

- $\{ \text{guestNo, hotelNo, date} \} \rightarrow \{ \text{roomNo} \}$  by **R3**
- $\{ \text{hotelNo, date, roomNo} \} \rightarrow \{ \text{guestNo} \}$  by **R5**



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- Candidate keys on BOOKING

- $\{ \text{guestNo, hotelNo, date} \}$
- $\{ \text{hotelNo, date, roomNo} \}$



## How to Identify FDs?

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- Consider `BOOKING(guestNo, hotelNo, date, roomNo)` and the following changes:

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- Which functional dependency does the following requirement imply?

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$\hookrightarrow \{\text{guestNo}, \text{date}\} \rightarrow \{\text{hotelNo}, \text{roomNo}\}$



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- FDs on BOOKING

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- $\{ \text{guestNo, date} \} \rightarrow \{ \text{hotelNo, roomNo} \}$  by **R6**





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- BOOKING(guestNo, hotelNo, date, roomNo) with PK {?}

- FDs on BOOKING

- $\{hotelNo, date, roomNo\} \rightarrow \{guestNo\}$  by **R5**
- $\{guestNo, date\} \rightarrow \{hotelNo, roomNo\}$  by **R6**

- Candidate keys on BOOKING

- $\{hotelNo, date, roomNo\}$
- $\{guestNo, date\}$



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Kurt Gödel (1906-1978)



## Armstrong's Inference Rules

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- Two questions:

- Are all the FDs inferred using the Armstrong's inference rules correct?  
~> **soundness (you cannot prove anything that is wrong)**
- Can we use the Armstrong's inference rules to infer all possible FDs?  
~> **completeness (you can prove anything that is right)**

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- Theorem (W. W. Armstrong)

- The Armstrong's inference rules are both **sound** and **complete**.



## Hilbert's program (1920s)

- **Formulation of mathematics**: formalize all true mathematical statements
- **Completeness**: all true mathematical statements can be proved
- **Consistency**: no contradiction can be obtained in the formalism
- **Decidability**: decide the truth or falsity of any mathematical statement.

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## Hilbert's program (1920s)

- **Formulation of mathematics**: formalize all true mathematical statements
- **Completeness**: all true mathematical statements can be proved
- **Consistency**: no contradiction can be obtained in the formalism
- **Decidability**: decide the truth or falsity of any mathematical statement.

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David Hilbert (1862-1943)

**We must know. We will know.**

## Kurt Gödel and Incompleteness Theorem

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Kurt Gödel  
(1906-1978)

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- **Theorem** (Kurt Gödel, 1931)  
For any computable axiomatic system that is powerful enough to describe the arithmetic of the natural numbers, **there will always be at least one true but unprovable statement.**

## Kurt Gödel and Gödel Prize



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John von Neumann  
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- The **Gödel prize** became an annual prize for outstanding papers in the area of theoretical computer science since 1993.