

Topic ⇒ closure of a set of FD's ①

→ A functional dependency is said to be closure if it cover all attributes.

Algorithm or procedure:-

Step 1:- Equivate an attribute (or) attributes for which closure need to be identified ($x^+ = x$).

Step 2:-

Take FD one by one and verify whether LHS is available in x , if so add RHS attributes to x .

Step 3:- Repeat step 2 as many times as possible to cover attributes.

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Step 4:- Stop procedure after

no more attributes added to X
and declare X as closure set
of attributes.

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→ Algorithm to Compute closure
of set of FD's F :

1. $F^+ = F$.

2. Repeat.

2.1 For each FD ' f ' in F^+

2.1.1 Apply reflexivity and
Augmentation
rules on ' f '.

2.1.2 Add resulting FD to F^+ .

2.2. For each pair of FD ' f_1 ' and ' f_2 ' in F^+ .

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2.2.1 if f_1 and f_2 Can Combined on transitivity.

2.2.2 Then, Add resulting FD to f^+ .

3. Untill f^+ does not change further.

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Ex:- Given Relation

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STUDENT (STUD-NO, STUD-NAME,
STUD-PHONE, STUD-STATE,
STUD-COUNTRY, STUD-AGE)

Ans:- STUD-NO is unique.

Functional Dependency Set:-

Functional dependency set or
FD set of a relation is the set
of all FD's present in the relation

→ For Example FD relation

Student in the table

{ STUD-NO \rightarrow STUD-NAME,
STUD-NO \rightarrow STUD-PHONE,
STUD-NO \rightarrow STUD-STATE,

STUD-NO \rightarrow STUD-COUNTRY, (5)

STUD-NO \rightarrow STUD-AGE, STUD-STATE \rightarrow STUD-COUNTRY

Attribute closure:- Attribute closure of an attribute set can be defined as set of attributes which can be functionally determined from it.

How to find attribute closure of an attribute set:-

\rightarrow ADD elements of attribute set to the result set.

\rightarrow Recursively add elements to the result set which can be functionally determined from the elements of the result set.

(FD set table):-

$(\text{STUD-NO})^+ = \{ \text{STUD-NO, STUD-NAME, STUD-PHONE, STUD-STATE, STUD-COUNTRY, STUD-AGE} \}$

$(\text{STUD-STATE})^+ = \{ \text{STUD-STATE, STUD-COUNTRY} \}$

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How to find Candidate keys and Superkeys using Attribute closure.

→ If attribute closure of an attribute set contains all attributes of relation, the attributes set will be Super key of the relation.

→ If No subset of this attribute set can functionally determine all attributes of the relation, the set will be Candidate key as well.

→ See the below Example.

→ $(\text{STUD-NO}, \text{STUD-NAME})^+ =$

$\{ \text{STUD-NO}, \text{STUD-NAME}, \text{STUD-PHONE}, \text{STUD-STATE}, \text{STUD-COUNTRY}, \text{STUD-AGE} \}$

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→ $(\text{STUD-NO})^+ = \{ \text{STUD-NO}, \text{STUD-NAME}, \text{STUD-PHONE}, \text{STUD-STATE}, \text{STUD-COUNTRY}, \text{STUD-AGE} \}$

→ $(\text{STUD-NO}, \text{STUD-NAME})$ will be Super key but not Candidate key because its Subset $(\text{STUD-NO})^+$ is Equal to all attributes of the relation. So; STUD-NO will be a Candidate key.

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Q). Given Relation R with Schema,

$R(A, B, \cancel{C}, D, E, G, H, K)$ with

set of FD's F:

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$B \rightarrow DE$$

$$E \rightarrow GH$$

$$K \rightarrow H$$

$$B \rightarrow K \text{ find } A^+?$$

Ans:-

$$\textcircled{a} A^+ = (A)$$

$$= (A, B) \quad [A \rightarrow B]$$

$$= (A, B, D, E) \quad [B \rightarrow DE]$$

$$= (A, B, D, E, K) \quad [B \rightarrow K]$$

$$= (A, B, D, E, K, G, H) \quad [E \rightarrow GH]$$

$$= (A, B, D, E, \cancel{K}, G, H) \quad [K \rightarrow H]$$

Therefore, A^+ is closure set. ⑨
it is Super key because it
covered all attributes.

⑥ B^+

$$B^+ = B$$

$$= BDE \quad [B \rightarrow DE]$$

$$\Rightarrow BDEGH \quad [E \rightarrow GH]$$

$$= BDEGHK \quad [B \rightarrow K]$$

B^+ is not Super key

because it does not covered
all attributes. (i.e. A).
not covered.

⑦ $E^+ = E$

$$= EGH \quad [E \rightarrow GH]$$

E^+ is not Super key

because it does not covered
all attributes (i.e. A, B, D, K)

Ex :- (2)

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Consider the following FD's.

$$AB \rightarrow CD$$

$$AF \rightarrow D$$

$$DE \rightarrow F$$

$$C \rightarrow G$$

$$F \rightarrow E$$

$$G \rightarrow A$$

\Rightarrow which is following incorrect?

options. a) $(CF)^+ = \{A, C, D, E, F, G\}$

b) $(BG)^+ = \{A, B, C, D, G\}$

c) $(AF)^+ = \{A, C, D, E, F, G\}$

d) $(AB)^+ = \{A, C, D, F, G\}$

$$a) (CF)^+ = \{A, C, D, E, F, G\} \quad (11)$$

$$(CF)^+ = CF$$

$$= CF E (F \rightarrow E)$$

$$= CF E G (C \rightarrow G)$$

$$= CF E G D (A F \rightarrow D)$$

$$= CF E G D A (G \rightarrow A)$$

All attributes are covered.

So Correct statement.

$$b) (BG)^+ = \{A, B, C, D, G\}$$

$$(BG)^+ = BG$$

$$= BG CD (AB \rightarrow CD)$$

$$~~BG CD~~ (DE \rightarrow \cancel{A})$$

$$= BG CD A (G \rightarrow A)$$

Correct all attributes are covered.

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$$c) (AF)^+ = \cancel{AF} \{A, C, D, E, F, G\}$$

x

$$(A'F)^+ = AF$$

$$= AFE \quad (F \rightarrow E)$$

$$= AFED \quad (AF \rightarrow D)$$

so all attributes are not covered

This is incorrect.

$$D) (AB)^+ = \{A, C, D, F, G\}$$

x

$$(AB)^+ = AB$$

$$= ABCD \quad [AB \rightarrow CD]$$

$$= ABCDG \quad [C \rightarrow G]$$

$$[G \rightarrow A]$$

↓ but already A

random.

all attributes are not covered

This is incorrect.

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In a Schema with attributes A, B, C, D, E and set of FD's are.

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$A \rightarrow C$$

$$CD \rightarrow E$$

$$B \rightarrow D$$

$$E \rightarrow A$$

which of the following FD's not implied by the above set.

options

a) $CD \rightarrow AC$

~~b) $BD \rightarrow CD$~~

c) $BC \rightarrow CD$

d) $AC \rightarrow BC$

a) $CD \rightarrow AC$

$$\begin{aligned} (CD)^+ &= CD \\ &= CDE \quad (CD \rightarrow E) \\ &= CDEA \quad (E \rightarrow A) \\ &= \underline{CDEAB} \quad (A \rightarrow B) \end{aligned}$$

So, $CD \rightarrow AC$

$$b) BD \rightarrow CD$$

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$$(BD)^+ = BD$$

BD (It is not contains CD)

$$c) BC \rightarrow CD$$

$$(BC)^+ = BC$$

$$= \underline{BCD} \quad (B \rightarrow D)$$

$$\underline{BC \rightarrow CD}$$

$$d) AC \rightarrow BC$$

$$(AC)^+ = AC$$

$$= \underline{ACB} \quad (A \rightarrow B)$$

$$\underline{AC \rightarrow BC}$$

Ex (4)

Ex:- $R(ABCD E H)$ what are the Candidate keys for.

$$A \rightarrow B$$

$$BC \rightarrow D$$

$$E \rightarrow C$$

$$D \rightarrow A$$

Option is
Candidate
Key

all minimal
attributes
are satisfied.

option

a) AE, BE

$$(AE)^+ =$$

$$(BE)^+ =$$

b) AE, BE, DE

$$(AE)^+ =$$

$$(BE)^+ =$$

$$(DE)^+ =$$

c) AEH, BEH, BCH

d) AEH, BEH, DEH

$$(AEH)^+ = AEH$$

similarly

$$(BEH)^+ =$$

$$(DEH)^+ =$$

$$= AEHB$$

$$= AEHBC$$

$$= AEHBCD$$

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Equivalence of FD's:-

A two sets of functional dependencies

F_1 and F_2 are

Equivalent if $(F_1)^+ = (F_2)^+$

Ex:- Find Equivalence of FD's.

$F_1: A \rightarrow C$

$AC \rightarrow D$

$E \rightarrow AD$

$E \rightarrow H$

$A^+ = A$

$= AC$

ACD

$(AC)^+ = ACD$

$(E)^+ = EAD$

$= EADC$

$= EADCH$

$F_2:$

$A \rightarrow CD$

$E \rightarrow AH$

$(A)^+ = ACD$

$(E)^+ = EAH$

$= EAHCD$

$\therefore F_1 = F_2$

Ex: (6) not equivalence of $F1 \neq F2$ (12)

$R(ABCDEH)$

$F1:$

$A \rightarrow C$

$AC \rightarrow D$

$B \rightarrow D$

$E \rightarrow AD$

$F2:$

$A \rightarrow CD$

$E \rightarrow AH$

$(A)^+ =$

$(E)^+ =$

$(A)^+ =$

$(AC)^+ =$

$(B)^+ =$

$(E)^+ =$

$\therefore F1 \neq F2$

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Consider the relation scheme

$$R = \{E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N\}$$

and the set of functional dependencies

$$\begin{aligned} \{E, F\} &\rightarrow \{G\} & [B] \\ F &\rightarrow I, J \\ E, H &\rightarrow K, L \\ K &\rightarrow M \\ L &\rightarrow N \end{aligned}$$

options

- A) $\{E, F\}$ B) $\{E, F, H\}$
C) $\{E, F, H, K, L\}$ D) $\{E\}$

Sol:-

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Finding attribute closure of
all given options we get,

$$\begin{aligned} A) \{E, F\}^+ &= EFG \\ &= EFGI \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B) \{E, F, H\}^+ &= EFH \\ &= EFHG \quad [E, F \rightarrow G] \\ &= EFHGKL \quad [EH \rightarrow KL] \\ &= EFHGKLM \\ &= EFHGKLMN \\ &= EFHGKLMNI \\ &= \text{all attributes} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C) \{E, F, H, K, L\}^+ &= EFHKL \\ &= EFGHKLN \\ &= EFGHKLNI \\ &= EFGHKLNIJKL \\ &= \text{all attributes} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D) E^+ &= \{E\} \\ &= \end{aligned}$$

Sol:-

$\{EFH\} +$ and

$\{EFHKL\} +$ results in a set of all attributes, but EFH is minimal.

So, it will be Candidate Key.

