

DMA1 Proofs

Closure Lemma

Lemma

A functional dependency $X \rightarrow Y$ is in the armstrong-extended F if and only if Y is determined by X .

$$X \rightarrow Y \in F^A \iff Y \subseteq X^+$$

Hint

Obviously, $X \rightarrow Y$ needs to belong to F before belonging to F^A .

$Y \subseteq X^+$ is equal to saying that the dependency is in F .

Proof

" \Rightarrow " - If $X \rightarrow Y$ is in F^A then $Y \subseteq X^+$

Warning

The premise here is that $X \rightarrow Y$ is in F^A .

1. By decomposition rule, we obtain:

$$X \rightarrow K \in F^A \quad \forall K \in Y$$

2. Knowing the definition of X^+ , we also obtain that:

$$K \in X^+ \quad \forall K \in Y$$

Hint

I guess that the definition of X^+ implies this equivalence:

$$X \rightarrow K \in F^A \iff K \in X^+$$

3. Which means that :

$$Y \subseteq X^+$$

Example

$$X \rightarrow BC \in F^A$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X \rightarrow B \in F^A \quad \text{and} \quad X \rightarrow C \in F^A \\
 B \in X^+ \quad \text{and} \quad C \in X^+ \\
 BC \subseteq X^+
 \end{aligned}$$

" \leq " - If $Y \subseteq X^+$ then $X \rightarrow Y$ is in F^A

⚠ Warning

The premise here is that Y is contained in X^+

1. Since $Y \subseteq X^+$, it holds that:

$$X \rightarrow K \in F^A \quad \forall K \in Y$$

2. Wich, by union rule, implies that:

$$X \rightarrow Y \in F^A$$

≡ Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 BC \subseteq X^+ \\
 X \rightarrow B \in F^A \quad \text{and} \quad X \rightarrow C \in F^A \\
 X \rightarrow BC \in F^A
 \end{aligned}$$

Closure inclusion Lemma

Lemma

If F is contained in G^+ , then F^+ is also contained in G^+ .

$$\text{If } F \subseteq G^+ \quad \text{then} \quad F^+ \subseteq G^+$$

Proof

⚠ Warning

The premise is that we know that $F \subseteq G^+$ is True.

Let F' be a set of functional dependencies derived by F through the axioms. We indicate this process of deriving by:

$$F \rightarrow^A F'$$

1. **It holds** that F' can be derived through the axioms from F if and only if F' is in F^+ .

$$F \rightarrow^A F' \quad \text{iff} \quad F \subseteq F^+$$

Hint

Since F^+ contains all possible derivate dependencies of F , if F' was derived from F , it must be a subset of F^+ .

2. **This implies** that F^+ can be derived from F through the axioms.

$$F \rightarrow^A F^+$$

3. Now we have demonstrated that we can get F^+ from F . If we can get F from G , then we know that we can get F^+ from G .

$$F \subseteq G^+ \quad \text{iff} \quad G \rightarrow^A F \rightarrow^A F^+$$

Hint

The premise here is that $F \subseteq G^+$ is True, so $G \rightarrow^A F \rightarrow^A F^+$ is also True.

4. $G \rightarrow^A F \rightarrow^A F^+$ being true means that we can get F^+ from G , and so G^+ also contains F^+ .

$$F^+ \subseteq G^+$$

$$F^A = F^+$$

Theorem

F^+ is equal to F^A .

Proof (By double inclusion)

$$F^A \subseteq F^+$$

Base case(n=0):

We don't use any axiom, $X \rightarrow Y$ already belongs to F and also to F^+ .

Hint

Are there dependencies in F^A that we can obtain with 0 applications of the axioms? YES! The ones in F .

Induction case:

Here we are assuming that the dependencies obtained with n applications of the axioms are already in both F^A and F^+ .

What we are trying to do is apply the axioms another time ($n+1$) and prove that the resulting dependencies are in F^+ .

Reflexivity

We are obtaining $X \rightarrow Y \in F^A$ because Y is part of X .

Hint

We know for sure that the dependency is in F^A , because we obtained it through axioms, now we gotta demonstrate that it's also in F^+ .

We know that the dependencies in F^+ need to satisfy every legal instance of R , so we need to ensure that by using a random dependency.

$X \rightarrow Y$ is legal in R if:

$$t_1[x] = t_2[x] \rightarrow t_1[y] = t_2[y]$$

In the case of reflexivity, this is always true, because Y is part of X .