

# Outline

- ▶ Mechanisms and definitions to work with FDs:
  - Closures, candidate keys, canonical covers etc...
  - Armstrong axioms
- ▶ Decompositions:
  - Loss-less decompositions, Dependency-preserving decompositions
- ▶ BCNF:
  - How to achieve a BCNF schema
  - BCNF may not preserve dependencies
    - 3NF: Solves the above problem
- ▶ Peewee
- ▶ Mechanisms:
  - closures of function dependences
  - closures of attributes
  - extraneous attributes
  - canonical covers

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# Object-Relational Mappings (ORMs)

- ▶ Motivation
  - SQL is low-level
  - mapping SQL operations to objects might be more natural
- ▶ Examples
  - Django (python)
  - Hibernate
  - Peewee (python) Why?
    - Ease of use: simple python API for defining models and queries
    - Lightweight: easy to retrofit on existing schemas
    - Flexibility: can use raw SQL if necessary

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# Peewee

- ▶ Model definition:
  - python classes mapped to database schemas
  - each class is a table, each attribute a column
- ▶ Query building:
  - `from peewee import *`
  - `query = User.select().where(User.age > 21)`
- ▶ Relationships
  - foreign keys, complex joins
- ▶ Queries:

- ▶ Perform a JOIN to get tweets and associated users

```
query = (Tweet
        .select(Tweet, User)           # Selecting columns models
        .join(User)                   # Joining with User
        .where(User.username == 'john')) # Filtering by username 'john'
```

- ▶ Loop through the results:

```
for tweet in query:
    print(f"{tweet.user.username} tweeted: {tweet.content}")
```

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# Peewee (assignment 3)

- ▶ Turn existing schema into object model:

```
pwiz.py -e postgresql -u root -P flightsskewed > orm.py
```

- ▶ Define `runORM(jsonFile)`, called by `SQLTesting.py` and test with:

```
def runORM(jsonFile):
    Customers.delete().where(Customers.name == 'bob').execute()
    Airports.delete().where(Airports.airportid == 'PET').execute()

    bob = Customers(name="bob", customerid='cust1010', birthdate='1960-01-15',
                    frequentflyeron='SW')
    bob.save(force_insert=True)

    bwi = Airports(airportid='PET', city='Takoma', name='Pete', total2011=2,
                  total2012=4)
    bwi.save(force_insert=True)

    for port in Airports.select().order_by(Airports.name):
        print (port.name)
```

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# Peewee notes

- ▶ `SQLTesting.py` includes `orm.py` automatically, calls `runORM`:

```
def runORM(jsonFile):
    with open(jsonFile) as f:
        for line in f:
            j = json.loads(line)
            if 'newcustomer' in j:
                nc = j['newcustomer']
                ...

            elif 'flewon' in j:
                ...

    populateNumFlights()

def populateNumFlights():
    # clear table
    Numberofflightstaken.delete().execute()

    # Recreate...
```

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  - extraneous attributes
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# 1. Closure of Functional Dependencies

- ▶ Given a set of functional dependencies,  $F$ , its *closure*,  $F^+$ , is all FDs that are implied by FDs in  $F$ .
  - e.g. If  $A \rightarrow B$ , and  $B \rightarrow C$ , then clearly  $A \rightarrow C$
- ▶ We can find  $F^+$  by applying **Armstrong's Axioms**:
  - if  $\beta \subseteq \alpha$ , then  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  **(reflexivity)**
  - if  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ , then  $\gamma \alpha \rightarrow \gamma \beta$  **(augmentation)**
  - if  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ , and  $\beta \rightarrow \gamma$ , then  $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$  **(transitivity)**
- ▶ These rules are
  - sound (generate only functional dependencies that actually hold)
  - complete (generate all functional dependencies that hold)

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## Additional rules (not Armstrong's axioms)

- ▶ If  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  and  $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$ , then  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \gamma$  **(union)**
- ▶ If  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta \gamma$ , then  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  and  $\alpha \rightarrow \gamma$  **(decomposition)**
- ▶ If  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  and  $\gamma \beta \rightarrow \delta$ , then  $\alpha \gamma \rightarrow \delta$  **(pseudotransitivity)**
- ▶ The above rules can be inferred from Armstrong's axioms.

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## Example (only Armstrong's axioms)

- ▶  $R = (A, B, C, G, H, I)$   
 $F = \{ A \rightarrow B$   
     $A \rightarrow C$   
     $CG \rightarrow H$   
     $CG \rightarrow I$   
     $B \rightarrow H \}$
- ▶ Some members of  $F^+$ 
  - $A \rightarrow H$ 
    - by transitivity from  $A \rightarrow B$  and  $B \rightarrow H$
  - $AG \rightarrow I$ 
    - by augmenting  $A \rightarrow C$  with  $G$ , to get  **$AG \rightarrow CG$**
    - and then transitivity with  $AG \rightarrow CG \rightarrow I$
  - $CG \rightarrow HI$ 
    - by augmenting  $CG \rightarrow I$  to infer  **$CG \rightarrow CGI$** ,
    - and augmenting of  $CG \rightarrow H$  to infer  **$CGI \rightarrow HI$** ,
    - and then transitivity:  $CG \rightarrow CGI \rightarrow HI$

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## 2. Closure of an attribute set

- ▶ Given a set of attributes  $\alpha$  and a set of FDs  $F$ , *closure of  $\alpha$  under  $F$*  is the set of all attributes implied by  $\alpha$
- ▶ In other words, the largest  $\beta$  such that:  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$
- ▶ Redefining *super keys*:
  - The closure of a super key is the entire relation schema
- ▶ Redefining *candidate keys*:
  1. It is a super key
  2. No subset of it is a super key

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# Computing the closure for $\alpha$

- ▶ Simple algorithm:
  1. Start with  $\beta = \alpha$ .
  2. Go over all functional dependencies,  $\delta \rightarrow \gamma$ , in  $F^+$
  3. If  $\delta \subseteq \beta$ , then
    - add  $\gamma$  to  $\beta$
  - ▶ 4. Repeat till  $\beta$  stops changing

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## Example

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- ▶ (AG)<sup>+</sup>?
  - 1.  $\beta = AG$
  - 2.  $\beta = ABG$  ( $A \rightarrow B$  and  $A \subseteq AG$ )
  - 3.  $\beta = ABCG$  ( $A \rightarrow C$  and  $A \subseteq ABG$ )
  - 4.  $\beta = ABCGH$  ( $CG \rightarrow H$  and  $CG \subseteq ABCG$ )
  - 5.  $\beta = ABCGHI$  ( $CG \rightarrow I$  and  $CG \subseteq ABCGH$ )
  - *done*
  
- ▶ Is (AG) a candidate key ?
- ▶ It is a super key.
- ▶  $(A^+) = ABCH$ ,  $(G^+) = G$ .
- ▶ **YES.**

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# Uses of attribute set closures

- ▶ Determining *superkeys and candidate keys*
- ▶ Determining if  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$  is a valid FD
  - Does  $\alpha^+$  contain  $\beta$  ?
- ▶ Can be used to compute  $F^+$

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## 3. Extraneous Attributes

Consider  $F$ , and a functional dependency,  $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ .

- ▶ “Extraneous”: Any attributes in  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$  that can be safely removed ?  
*without changing the constraints implied by  $F$*

- ▶  $\sigma$  is *extraneous* in  $\alpha$  iff:

1.  $\sigma$  is in  $\alpha$ , and
  - $F$  logically implies  $F'$
  - where  $F' = (F - \{\alpha \rightarrow \beta\}) \cup \{(\alpha - \sigma) \rightarrow \beta\}$  (i.e., show that  $F$  implies  $(\alpha - \sigma) \rightarrow \beta$ )
2. or show  $(\alpha - \sigma)^+$  includes  $\beta$  under  $F$

- ▶  $\sigma$  is *extraneous* in  $\beta$  if:

1.  $\sigma$  is in  $\beta$ , and
  - $F'$  logically implies  $F$ ,
  - $F' = (F - \{\alpha \rightarrow \beta\}) \cup \{\alpha \rightarrow (\beta - \sigma)\}$
2. or show  $\alpha^+$  includes  $\sigma$  under  $F'$

$\sigma$  is *extraneous* in  $\alpha$  iff:  
 $F \rightarrow F'$ , or  
 $(\alpha - \sigma)^+$  includes  $\beta$  under  $F$

$\sigma$  is *extraneous* in  $\beta$  iff:  
 $F' \rightarrow F$ , or  
 $\alpha^+$  includes  $\sigma$  in  $F'$

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# 3. Extraneous Attributes

Must prove!

▶ Example: Given  $F = \{A \rightarrow C, AB \rightarrow CD\}$ , show **C extra in  $AB \rightarrow CD$**

◦  $F' = \{A \rightarrow C, \mathbf{AB \rightarrow D}\}$  ← using

◦ Using Armstrong's : (show  $F' \rightarrow F$ )

• We know:

- $AB \rightarrow D$  ( $F'$ )
- $ABC \rightarrow CD$  (aug)

• also:

- $A \rightarrow C$  ( $F'$ )
- $AB \rightarrow BC$  (aug w/ B)
- $AB \rightarrow ABC$  (aug w/ A)

• then:

- $AB \rightarrow ABC \rightarrow CD$  (trans)

done.

◦ **Or** using attribute closures (show  $\alpha^+$  includes C under  $F'$ ):

• We know:

- $AB \rightarrow AB$  (reflexive)
- $AB \rightarrow \mathbf{ABC}$  (because  $A \rightarrow C$ )

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 $(\alpha - \sigma)^+$  includes  $\beta$  under  $F$

$\sigma$  is *extraneous* in  $\beta$  iff:  
 $F' \rightarrow F$ , or  
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# 3. Extraneous Attributes

• Example: Given  $F = \{A \rightarrow BE, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, AC \rightarrow DE\}$ , using attribute closures

• For left side of  $AC \rightarrow DE$

- A extraneous?
  - does  $C^+$  include DE under  $F$ ?
  - NO:  $C^+ = CD$ , NOT include DE
- C extraneous?
  - does  $A^+$  include DE under  $F$ ?
  - YES:  $A^+ = ABCDE$

• Now  $F = A \rightarrow BE, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, \mathbf{A \rightarrow DE}$

- B extraneous in  $A \rightarrow BE$ ?
  - $F' = \mathbf{A \rightarrow E}, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow DE$
  - Does  $A^+$  include B under  $F'$ ?
  - NO:  $A^+ = ADE$
- E extraneous in  $A \rightarrow BE$ ?
  - $F' = \mathbf{A \rightarrow B}, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow DE$
  - Does  $A^+$  include E under  $F'$ ?
  - YES:  $A^+ = ABCDE$

• Now  $F = \mathbf{A \rightarrow B}, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, A \rightarrow DE$

- D extraneous in right side of  $A \rightarrow DE$ ?
  - $F' = A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, \mathbf{A \rightarrow E}$
  - Does  $A^+$  include D under  $F'$ ?
  - YES:  $A^+ = ABCDE$

• Now  $F = A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C, C \rightarrow D, \mathbf{A \rightarrow E}$

$\sigma$  is *extraneous* in  $\alpha$  iff:  
 $F \rightarrow F'$ , or  
 $(\alpha - \sigma)^+$  includes  $\beta$  under  $F$

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