

Appropriate Reasoning about Data Dependencies in Fixed and Undetermined Universes

— On Learning Theories of Functional and Multivalued Dependencies —



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Motivation: A Design Problem

- manufacturers supply articles from a location at a certain cost
- *Article, Manufacturer, Location, and Costs*
- set Σ of semantic constraints:
 - *Article* \rightarrow *Manufacturer*
 - *Article, Location* \rightarrow *Costs*
 - *Manufacturer* \twoheadrightarrow *Location*
- target database is supposed to
 - process efficiently updates on *Costs* based on the *Article*, e.g.,

$$\pi_{\text{Costs}}(\sigma_{\text{Article}=\text{MP3-Player}}(\{\textit{Article}, \textit{Costs}\}))$$
 - efficiently process queries about *Article, Location*-information of manufacturers such as

$$\pi_{\text{Article, Location}}(\sigma_{\text{Manufacturer}=\text{Sony}}(\{\textit{Article}, \textit{Manufacturer}, \textit{Location}\}))$$
- good design that meets these criteria?

Motivation: A Design Solution

- the FD $Article \rightarrow Costs$ is implied by Σ
- as reasonable semantic constraint it results in decomposition
 $\{Article, Costs\}$ and $\{Article, Manufacturer, Location\}$
- efficient updates on first schema (no data redundancy)
- efficient query processing on second schema (no joining necessary)
- efficient solutions to implication problem unlock good design choices
- inference systems to represent properties of constraints appropriately

Reminder of Definitions

- FD $X \rightarrow Y$ on relation schema R satisfied by R -relation r iff for all $t_1, t_2 \in r$: if $t_1[X] = t_2[X]$, then $t_1[Y] = t_2[Y]$
- MVD $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ on relation schema R satisfied by R -relation r iff for all $t_1, t_2 \in r$: if $t_1[X] = t_2[X]$, then there is some $t \in r$ such that $t[XY] = t_1[XY]$ and $t[X(R - XY)] = t_2[X(R - XY)]$
- if r satisfies $X \rightarrow Y$, then $r = r[XY] \bowtie r[X(R - XY)]$
- r satisfies $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ if and only if $r = r[XY] \bowtie r[X(R - XY)]$
- $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi\}$ set of FDs and MVDs on R :
 Σ *R-implies* φ iff every R -relation r that satisfies all $\sigma \in \Sigma$ also satisfies φ

Example

- consider relation r over {Article, Manufacturer, Location, Costs}:

Article	Manufacturer	Location	Costs
MP3-Player	Sony	Singapore	500
Camera	Sony	Hong Kong	800
Camera	Sony	Singapore	800
MP3-Player	Sony	Hong Kong	500

- r violates $Manufacturer \rightarrow Location$
- r satisfies $Manufacturer \twoheadrightarrow Location$
- r is the lossless join of the following two projections:

Manufacturer	Location	Article	Manufacturer	Costs
Sony	Singapore	MP3-Player	Sony	500
Sony	Hong Kong	Camera	Sony	800

Sound Inference Rules under Discussion

$$\frac{}{X \rightarrow Y} Y \subseteq X$$

(reflexivity, \mathcal{R}_F)

$$\frac{X \rightarrow Y}{X \rightarrow XY}$$

(extension, \mathcal{E}_F)

$$\frac{X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z}{X \rightarrow Z}$$

(transitivity, \mathcal{T}_F)

$$\frac{X \twoheadrightarrow Y}{XU \twoheadrightarrow YV} V \subseteq U$$

(augmentation, \mathcal{A}_M)

$$\frac{X \twoheadrightarrow Y}{X \twoheadrightarrow R - Y}$$

(R -complementation, \mathcal{C}_M^R)

$$\frac{X \twoheadrightarrow Y, Y \twoheadrightarrow Z}{X \twoheadrightarrow Z - Y}$$

(pseudo-transitivity, \mathcal{T}_M)

$$\frac{X \twoheadrightarrow Y, W \twoheadrightarrow Z}{X \twoheadrightarrow Y \cap Z} Y \cap W = \emptyset$$

(subset, \mathcal{S}_M)

$$\frac{X \twoheadrightarrow Y, Y \twoheadrightarrow Z}{X \twoheadrightarrow YZ}$$

(additive transitivity, \mathcal{T}_M^*)

$$\frac{X \rightarrow Y}{X \twoheadrightarrow Y}$$

(implication, \mathcal{I}_{FM})

$$\frac{X \twoheadrightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z}{X \rightarrow Z - Y}$$

(mixed pseudo-transitivity, \mathcal{T}_{FM})

$$\frac{X \twoheadrightarrow Y, W \rightarrow Z}{X \rightarrow Y \cap Z} Y \cap W = \emptyset$$

(mixed subset, \mathcal{S}_{FM})

Complete, but not Complementary

- $\mathfrak{F}_C = \{\mathcal{R}_F, \mathcal{E}_F, \mathcal{T}_F, \mathcal{A}_M, \mathcal{T}_M, \mathcal{I}_{FM}, \mathcal{T}_{FM}, \mathcal{C}_M^R\}$ is R -complete for all R
- $R = ABCD$ with $A = \text{Movie}$, $B = \text{Actor}$, $C = \text{Title}$, $D = \text{YearBorn}$
- inference of $A \twoheadrightarrow B, C$ from $\Sigma = \{A \twoheadrightarrow B, A \twoheadrightarrow C\}$ using \mathfrak{F}_C

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{A \twoheadrightarrow B}{A \twoheadrightarrow A, B}^{\mathcal{A}_M} \quad \frac{A \twoheadrightarrow C}{A \twoheadrightarrow A, B, D}^{\mathcal{C}_M^R} \\
 \frac{\frac{A \twoheadrightarrow A, B}{A, B \twoheadrightarrow A, B, D}^{\mathcal{A}_M} \quad \frac{A \twoheadrightarrow A, B, D}{A \twoheadrightarrow D}^{\mathcal{T}_M}}{A \twoheadrightarrow A, D}^{\mathcal{A}_M} \\
 \frac{A \twoheadrightarrow A, D}{A \twoheadrightarrow B, C}^{\mathcal{C}_M^R}
 \end{array}$$

- some MVD-inferences by \mathfrak{F}_C require \mathcal{C}_M^R not just in last step

Complementarity

- Biskup'80: $\mathcal{C}_C = \mathfrak{F}_C \cup \{\mathcal{S}_M, \mathcal{T}_M^*\}$ is R -complementary for all R
- $R = ABCD$ with $A = \text{Movie}$, $B = \text{Actor}$, $C = \text{Title}$, $D = \text{YearBorn}$
- inference of $A \twoheadrightarrow B, C$ from $\Sigma = \{A \twoheadrightarrow B, A \twoheadrightarrow C\}$ using \mathcal{C}_C

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{A \rightarrow A} \mathcal{R}_F \quad \frac{A \twoheadrightarrow B}{A \twoheadrightarrow A, B} \mathcal{A}_M \quad \frac{A \twoheadrightarrow C}{A, B \twoheadrightarrow C} \mathcal{A}_M \\
 \frac{}{A \twoheadrightarrow A} \mathcal{I}_{FM} \quad \frac{}{A \twoheadrightarrow A, B, C} \mathcal{T}_M^* \\
 \hline
 \frac{}{A \twoheadrightarrow B, C} \mathcal{T}_M
 \end{array}$$

- every MVD-inference by \mathcal{C}_C requires \mathcal{C}_M^R in at most last step

Complete and Complementary, but not Adequate

- $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{C}} = \{\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{F}}, \mathcal{E}_{\mathcal{F}}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{F}}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{M}}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{M}}^*, \mathcal{I}_{\mathcal{FM}}, \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{FM}}, \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathcal{R}}\}$
- $R = ABC$:
inference of $A \rightarrow B$ from $\Sigma = \{A \twoheadrightarrow B, C \rightarrow B\}$ using $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{C}}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 A \twoheadrightarrow B \\
 \hline
 A \twoheadrightarrow A, B \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{M}} \\
 \hline
 A \twoheadrightarrow C \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathcal{R}} \qquad C \rightarrow B \\
 \hline
 A \rightarrow B \mathcal{T}_{\mathcal{FM}}
 \end{array}$$

- some FD-inferences by $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{C}}$ require $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{M}}^{\mathcal{R}}$

Appropriate: Complementary and Adequate

- $\mathcal{AC}_C = (\mathcal{C}_C - \{\mathcal{T}_{FM}\}) \cup \{\mathcal{S}_{FM}\}$
- $R = ABC$:
inference of $A \rightarrow B$ from $\Sigma = \{A \twoheadrightarrow B, C \rightarrow B\}$ using \mathcal{AC}_C

$$\frac{A \twoheadrightarrow B \quad C \rightarrow B}{A \rightarrow C}$$

- no FD-inference by \mathcal{AC}_C requires \mathcal{C}_M^R

Definitions of Complementarity and Adequacy

- let \mathfrak{S} contain some inference rules under discussion and \mathcal{C}_M^R
- Biskup'80:
 R -complete set \mathfrak{S} is said to be *R-complementary* if and only if for every set Σ of FDs and MVDs on R and every MVD φ on R such that φ is R -implied by Σ there is an inference of φ from Σ by \mathfrak{S} in which the R -complementation rule \mathcal{C}_M^R is applied at most once, and if it is applied, then it is applied in the last step of the inference
- Biskup/Link'08:
 R -complete set \mathfrak{S} is said to be *R-adequate* if and only if for every set Σ of FDs and MVDs on R and every FD φ on R such that φ is R -implied by Σ there is an inference of φ from Σ by \mathfrak{S} , i.e., an inference in which the R -complementation rule \mathcal{C}_M^R is not utilised at all

Main Results for FDs and MVDs

$$\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{C} = \mathfrak{A}\mathcal{C} \cup \{\mathcal{S}_M, \mathcal{T}_M^*\} = (\mathcal{C} - \{\mathcal{T}_{FM}\}) \cup \{\mathcal{S}_{FM}\}$$

appropriate: adequate and complementary



$$\mathfrak{A}\mathcal{C} = (\mathfrak{F}\mathcal{C} - \{\mathcal{T}_{FM}\}) \cup \{\mathcal{S}_{FM}\}$$

adequate



$$\mathcal{C} = \mathfrak{F}\mathcal{C} \cup \{\mathcal{S}_M, \mathcal{T}_M^*\}$$

complementary



$$\mathfrak{F}\mathcal{C} = \{\mathcal{R}_F, \mathcal{E}_F, \mathcal{T}_F, \mathcal{A}_M, \mathcal{T}_M, \mathcal{I}_{FM}, \mathcal{T}_{FM}, \mathcal{C}_M^R\}$$

Inadequacy of \mathcal{C}_C and \mathfrak{F}_C

- $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathcal{R}_F, \mathcal{E}_F, \mathcal{T}_F, \mathcal{A}_M, \mathcal{T}_M, \mathcal{S}_M, \mathcal{T}_M^*, \mathcal{I}_{FM}, \mathcal{T}_{FM}\}$
- $\Sigma = \{\emptyset \twoheadrightarrow A, B \rightarrow A\}$ and $\varphi = \emptyset \rightarrow A$
- closure of Σ under inferences with \mathcal{C} (no trivial FDs/MVDs):

\rightarrow	\emptyset	A	B	AB
\emptyset	×			
A	×	×		
B	×	×	×	×
AB	×	×	×	×

\twoheadrightarrow	\emptyset	A	B	AB
\emptyset	×	×		
A	×	×		
B	×	×	×	×
AB	×	×	×	×

- $\varphi \notin \Sigma_{\mathcal{C}}^+$ but $\varphi \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{C} \cup \{\mathcal{S}_{FM}\}}^+$
- there is a relation schema R , a set Σ of FDs and MVDs on R and an FD φ on R such that $\varphi \in \Sigma_{\mathcal{C}_C}^+$ but $\varphi \notin \Sigma_{\mathcal{C}}^+$
- systems \mathfrak{F}_C and \mathcal{C}_C are not R -adequate for some R

Appropriateness of \mathcal{AC}

- $\mathcal{AC} = \{\mathcal{R}_F, \mathcal{E}_F, \mathcal{T}_F, \mathcal{A}_M, \mathcal{T}_M, \mathcal{I}_{FM}, \mathcal{S}_{FM}, \mathcal{C}_M^R\}$ is R -complete for all R
- Let R be some relation schema, and let Σ be a set of FDs and MVDs on R . For every inference γ from Σ by the system \mathcal{AC} there is an inference ξ from Σ by the system $\mathcal{AC}_\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{AC} \cup \{\mathcal{S}_M, \mathcal{T}_M^*\}$ with:
 - (i) if γ infers an MVD, then
 - γ and ξ infer the same MVD,
 - in ξ the R -complementation rule \mathcal{C}_M^R is applied at most once, and
 - if \mathcal{C}_M^R is applied in ξ , then \mathcal{C}_M^R is applied as the last rule.
 - (ii) if γ infers an FD, then
 - γ and ξ infer the same FD, and
 - in ξ the R -complementation rule \mathcal{C}_M^R is not applied at all.

Example Transformation into an Appropriate Inference

- inappropriate inference step:

$$\frac{\frac{X \twoheadrightarrow Y}{\mathcal{C}_M^R : X \twoheadrightarrow R - Y} \quad W \rightarrow Z}{\mathcal{S}_{FM} : X \rightarrow \underbrace{(R - Y) \cap Z}_{=Z - Y}} \quad (R - Y) \cap W = \emptyset.$$

- since $(R - Y) \cap W = \emptyset$ holds we have $W \subseteq Y$; replacement:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\overline{\mathcal{R}_F : Y \rightarrow W}^{W \subseteq Y} \quad W \rightarrow Z}{\mathcal{T}_F : Y \rightarrow Z}}{X \twoheadrightarrow Y \quad \mathcal{I}_{FM} : Y \twoheadrightarrow Z}}{\mathcal{T}_M : X \twoheadrightarrow Z - Y} \quad \frac{\overline{\mathcal{R}_F : Y \rightarrow W}^{W \subseteq Y} \quad W \rightarrow Z}{\mathcal{T}_F : Y \rightarrow Z}}{\mathcal{T}_{FM} : X \rightarrow \underbrace{(Z - Y) \cap Z}_{=Z - Y}}$$

Nearly Complete Reasoning in Fixed Universes

- $\mathfrak{AC} = \{\mathcal{R}_F, \mathcal{E}_F, \mathcal{I}_F, \mathcal{A}_M, \mathcal{T}_M, \mathcal{S}_M, \mathcal{T}_M^*, \mathcal{I}_{FM}, \mathcal{S}_{FM}\}$
- Let $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi\}$ be a finite set of FDs and MVDs with $\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} Attr(\sigma) \cup Attr(\varphi) \subseteq R$. Then
 - If φ denotes an FD, then: $\varphi \in \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$ if and only if $\varphi \in \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$.
 - If φ denotes the MVD $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$, then: $X \twoheadrightarrow Y \in \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$ if and only if $X \twoheadrightarrow Y \in \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$ or $X \twoheadrightarrow (R - Y) \in \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$.

Implication in Undetermined Universes

- Let $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi\}$ be a set of FDs and MVDs. We say that Σ *implies* φ if and only if every relation r satisfies the following condition: if $\bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \text{Attr}(\sigma) \cup \text{Attr}(\varphi) \subseteq \text{Dom}(r)$ and r satisfies all $\sigma \in \Sigma$, then r also satisfies φ .

- $\text{FILM} = \{\text{Movie}, \text{Director}, \text{Actor}\}$ and

$$\Sigma = \{\text{Movie} \twoheadrightarrow \text{Director}, \text{Actor} \rightarrow \text{Director}\}$$

- Σ FILM -implies $\text{Movie} \twoheadrightarrow \text{Actor}$ but does not imply $\text{Movie} \rightarrow \text{Actor}$

Movie	Director	Actor	Year_born
La Dolce Vita	Frederico Fellini	M. Mastroianni	1924
La Dolce Vita	Frederico Fellini	A. Ekberg	1931

- Let Σ be a set of functional dependencies. Then Σ implies the MVD $X \twoheadrightarrow Y$ if and only if Σ implies the FD $X \rightarrow Y$.

First ever combined Axiomatisation of FDs and MVDs in Undetermined Universes

- $\mathfrak{AC} = \{\mathcal{R}_F, \mathcal{E}_F, \mathcal{T}_F, \mathcal{A}_M, \mathcal{T}_M, \mathcal{S}_M, \mathcal{T}_M^*, \mathcal{I}_{FM}, \mathcal{S}_{FM}\}$ is sound and complete for FD and MVD implication in undetermined universes
- completeness of \mathfrak{AC} : assume $\varphi \notin \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$
 - $T := \cup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} Attr(\sigma) \cup Attr(\varphi) \subseteq Dom(r)$
 - let $R \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ be finite proper superset of R ($R - rhs(\varphi) \not\subseteq T$)
 - if φ FD, then $\varphi \notin \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}_C}^+$, but R -completeness of \mathfrak{AC}_C shows that Σ does not R -imply φ ; hence, Σ does not imply φ
 - if $\varphi = X \twoheadrightarrow Y$, then $X \twoheadrightarrow R - Y \notin \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$ since $R - Y$ is not a subset of T ; from $X \twoheadrightarrow Y \notin \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$ and $X \twoheadrightarrow R - Y \notin \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}}^+$ we conclude $X \twoheadrightarrow Y \notin \Sigma_{\mathfrak{AC}_C}^+$; R -completeness of \mathfrak{AC}_C shows that Σ does not R -imply φ ; hence, Σ does not imply φ

Full Hierarchical Dependencies

- *full hierarchical dependency* (FHD) on relation schema R is expression $X : S$ where $X \subseteq R$ and S is a non-empty set of pairwise disjoint subsets of R that are also disjoint from X , i.e., $S \neq \emptyset$, for all $Y \in S$ we have $Y \subseteq R$ and for all $Y, Z \in S \cup \{X\}$ we have $Y \cap Z = \emptyset$
- R -relation r satisfies $X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}$ on R iff for all $t_1, \dots, t_{k+1} \in r$ the following condition is satisfied: if $t_i[X] = t_j[X]$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq k+1$, then there is some $t \in r$ such that $t[XY_i] = t_i[XY_i]$ for $i = 1, \dots, k$ and $t[X(R - XY_1 \cdots Y_k)] = t_{k+1}[X(R - XY_1 \cdots Y_k)]$
- Let $X, Y_1, \dots, Y_k \subseteq R$ be pairwise disjoint and $k \geq 1$.
An R -relation r satisfies the FHD $X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}$ on R if and only if $r = r[XY_1] \bowtie \cdots \bowtie r[XY_k] \bowtie r[X(R - XY_1 \cdots Y_k)]$.

Sound Inference Rules for FDs and FHDs

$$\frac{}{X \rightarrow Y} Y \subseteq X$$

(reflexivity, \mathcal{R}_F)

$$\frac{X \rightarrow Y}{X \rightarrow XY}$$

(extension, \mathcal{E}_F)

$$\frac{X \rightarrow Y, Y \rightarrow Z}{X \rightarrow Z}$$

(transitivity, \mathcal{T}_F)

$$\frac{X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}}{XZ : \{Y_1 - Z, \dots, Y_k - Z\}}$$

(augmentation, \mathcal{A}_H)

$$\frac{XY : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}, X : \{Y\}}{X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k, Y\}}$$

(transitivity, \mathcal{T}_H)

$$\frac{X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k, Y\}}{X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}}$$

(omission, \mathcal{O}_H)

$$\frac{X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k, Y_{k+1}\}}{X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k Y_{k+1}\}}$$

(merging, \mathcal{M}_H)

$$\frac{X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}}{X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_{k-1}, R - XY_1 \dots Y_k\}}$$

(R -complementation, \mathcal{C}_H^R)

$$\frac{X \rightarrow Y}{X : \{Y - X\}}$$

(implication, \mathcal{I}_{FH})

$$\frac{X : \{Y\}, W \rightarrow Z}{X \rightarrow Y \cap Z} \quad Y \cap W = \emptyset$$

(mixed subset, \mathcal{S}_{FH})

$$\frac{X : \{Y\}, W : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}}{X : \{Y \cap Y_1, \dots, Y \cap Y_k, Y - Y_1 \dots Y_k\}} \quad Y \cap W = \emptyset$$

(subset, \mathcal{S}_H)

$$\frac{X : \{Y\}, XY \rightarrow Z}{X \rightarrow Z - Y}$$

(mixed transitivity, \mathcal{T}_{FH})

Main Results for FDs and FHDs

$$\mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{A}\mathfrak{C}_c = \mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{A}_c \cup \{\mathcal{S}_H, \mathcal{M}_H\} = (\mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{C}_c - \{\mathcal{T}_{FH}\}) \cup \{\mathcal{S}_{FH}\}$$

appropriate: adequate and complementary



$$\mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{A}_c = (\mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{F}_c - \{\mathcal{T}_{FH}\}) \cup \{\mathcal{S}_{FH}\}$$

adequate



$$\mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{F}_c = \{\mathcal{R}_F, \mathcal{E}_F, \mathcal{T}_F, \mathcal{A}_H, \mathcal{T}_H, \mathcal{O}_H, \mathcal{I}_{FH}, \mathcal{T}_{FH}, \mathcal{C}_H^R\}$$



$$\mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{C}_c = \mathfrak{H}\mathfrak{F}_c \cup \{\mathcal{S}_H, \mathcal{M}_H\}$$

complementary



Example Transformation - Shifting Complementmentation

- inappropriate inference:

$$\frac{X : \{Y\}}{\mathcal{C}_H^R : \frac{X : \{R - XY\} \quad X(R - XY) : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}}{\mathcal{T}_H : X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k, R - XY\}}}$$

- appropriate inference: applying subset rule \mathcal{S}_H instead

$$\frac{\frac{X : \{Y\} \quad X(R - XY) : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k\}}{\mathcal{S}_H : X : \{Y_1 \cap Y, \dots, Y_k \cap Y, Y - Y_1 \cdots Y_k\}}}{\mathcal{C}_H^R : X : \{Y_1, \dots, Y_k, \underbrace{R - XY_1 \cdots Y_k (Y - Y_1 \cdots Y_k)}_{=R - XY}\}}$$

- Y and $X(R - XY)$ are disjoint, and $Y_1 \cdots Y_k$ and $X(R - XY)$ are disjoint; hence, $Y_1 \cdots Y_k \subseteq Y$, and thus $Y_i \cap Y = Y_i$ for all $i = 1, \dots, k$

Example Transformation - Eliminating Complementation

- inappropriate inference:

$$\frac{\frac{X : \{Y\}}{\mathcal{C}_H^R : X : \{R - XY\}} \quad X(R - XY) \rightarrow Z}{\mathcal{T}_{FH} : X \rightarrow \underbrace{Z - X(R - XY)}_{=Y \cap Z}}$$

- notice that X and Y are disjoint, Hence, $X(R - XY) = R - Y$ and, consequently, $Z - (R - Y) = Y \cap Z$
- appropriate inference:

$$\frac{X : \{Y\} \quad X(R - XY) \rightarrow Z}{\mathcal{S}_{FH} : X \rightarrow Y \cap Z}$$

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Conclusion and Outlook

- Complementation rule is mere means of database normalisation:
 - FHD-inference requires at most one application in last step;
 - FD-inference does not require an application at all
- Inappropriate inferences can be converted into appropriate inferences.
- Study the significance of undetermined universes for views!
- Find appropriate axiomatisations of F(H)Ds in ER Models.
- Find appropriate axiomatisations of F(H)Ds in Nested Models.
- Find appropriate axiomatisations of fuzzy and approximate F(H)Ds.