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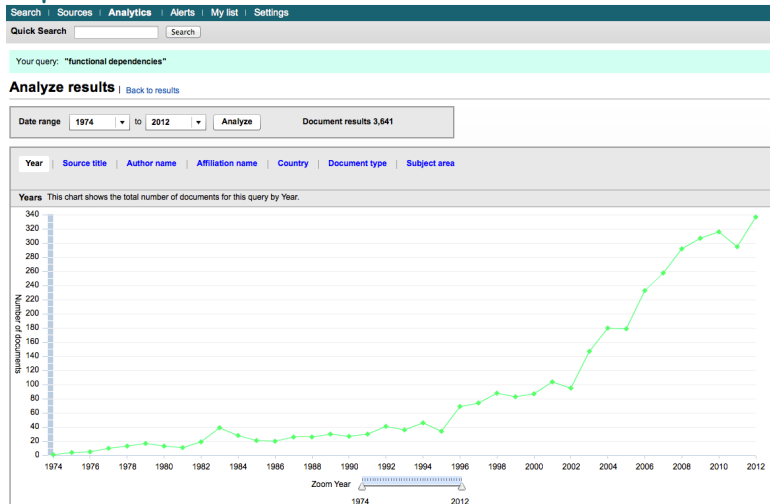
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# Functional Dependencies

- Relational Model [Codd, 1970]
- Functional Dependencies [Armstrong, 1974]

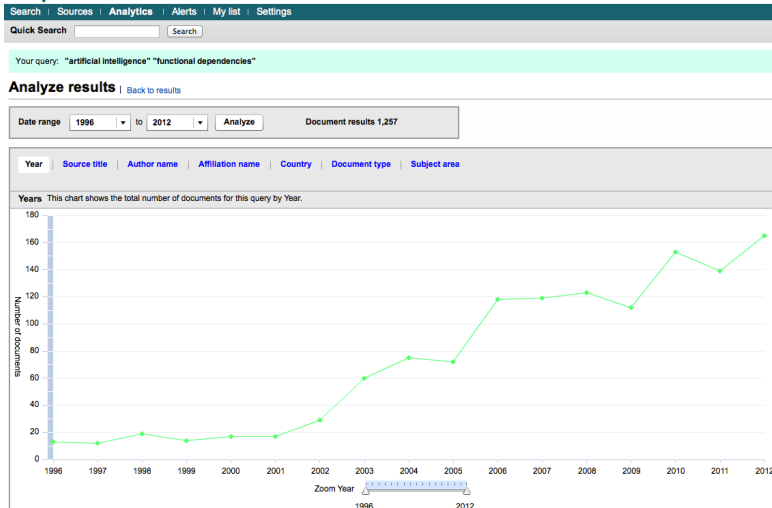
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# Functional Dependencies in Artificial Intelligence

Logic Programming, Functional Programming, Specification, Neuronal Networks, Grid Resources Management, Software Ingenieering, Formal Concepts Analysis, Description Logic, Linked Data and Web Semantic ...

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# Functional dependencies

- The success of the relational model is because it is easy to represent data.
- Constraints are necessary to avoid problems such as inconsistencies, redundancies, anomalies. . .

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t6	Numerical Methods	33333333A	ROSE	PAUL	1

## RELATIONAL DATA BASE

- **Valuable functions:** Computed by formulas  $f(\text{Closed Call}) = \text{Registration Fee}$
- **Functions given by extension:** These mappings are defined in the table.

# Functional dependencies and Normalisation

- $A \rightarrow B$ : Values of  $A$  determine values of  $B$ .
- There exists a (partial) mapping from  $A$  to  $B$ .

Example: Database with contributions to conferences.

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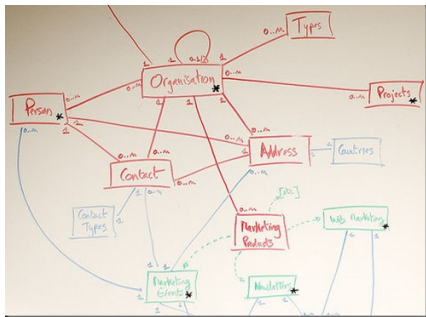
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# Functional dependencies and Normalisation

- FDs are essential and represent the semantic of the data.
- How can I use FDs to optimize the design of the database?
- There are not efficient automatic tools for the management of FDs to ease the normalization process. Thus, FDs are in hands of gurus.



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"Guide us, Oh Database Manager!"

# Functional dependencies and Normalization

Actual situation:

- Nowadays, the space of storage is not a problem.
- Unfortunately, **today, normalization is being forgotten** in the database design.
- In huge non-normalized database the consults are slower.
- The semantic of the relationship between the data is lost.
- When database degenerates, companies must repair the bad-design (over-cost).
- In some tools is possible specify FDs (Oracle) but none incorporates algorithms for FDs.
- Commercial tools not incorporate FDs because they do not know how manage it.

**FDs have been left to one side!!!**

# Functional dependencies

Let  $\Omega$  be a set of attributes,  $\{D_a \mid a \in \Omega\}$  a family of domains of such attributes and  $R \subseteq \prod_{a \in \Omega} D_a$  a relation.

## Definition

Let  $A, B \subseteq \Omega$ . The relation  $R$  satisfies the functional dependency  $A \rightarrow B$  if

$$t_A = t'_A \text{ implies } t_B = t'_B$$

for all  $t, t' \in R$ .

That is,  $R_{A \cup B} : R_A \rightarrow R_B$ .

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## Explicit and implicit information

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### Armstrong's axioms

Consists on the following axioms

$\vdash A \rightarrow B$ , if  $B \subseteq A$  ..... Axioms

and the following inference rules:

$A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C \vdash A \rightarrow C$  ..... Transitivity

$A \rightarrow B \vdash A \cup C \rightarrow B \cup C$  ..... Augmentation

**Armstrong's axioms appear in a big number of problems in Artificial Intelligence and not always related to functional dependencies.**

# Looking for a more general framework

## Definition (Demetrovics and Thi, 1995)

Let  $\Omega$  be a finite set. A **full family** is a relation  $\mathcal{F} \subseteq 2^U \times 2^U$  that is reflexive, transitive and satisfies de following conditions:

- 1 If  $(A, B) \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $C \subseteq B$  then  $(A, C) \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- 2 If  $(A, B), (C, D) \in \mathcal{F}$  then  $(A \cup C, B \cup D) \in \mathcal{F}$ .

## Theorem

*If  $\Omega$  is finite,  $R$  defines a full family:*

$$F_R = \{(A, B) \mid A, B \subseteq \Omega \text{ and } R \text{ satisfies } A \rightarrow B\}$$

*Conversely, for all full family  $\mathcal{F}$ , there exist a relation  $R$  such that  $F_R = \mathcal{F}$ .*

# Full families

## Theorem (Demetrovics and Thi, 1995)

For all  $A, A', B, B', C, D \subseteq \Omega$ ,

- 1 If  $B \subseteq A$  then  $A \rightarrow B \in F_R$ .
- 2 If  $A \rightarrow B \in F_R$  then  $A \rightarrow AB \in F_R$ .
- 3 If  $A \rightarrow B \in F_R$  and  $C \subseteq B$  then  $A \rightarrow C \in F_R$ .
- 4 If  $A \rightarrow B, B \rightarrow C \in F_R$  then  $A \rightarrow C \in F_R$ .
- 5 If  $A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C \in F_R$  then  $A \rightarrow BC \in F_R$  and  $A \rightarrow B \cap C \in F_R$ .
- 6 If  $A \rightarrow B, A' \rightarrow B' \in F_R$  then  $AA' \rightarrow BB' \in F_R$ .
- 7 If  $A \rightarrow B \in F_R$  then  $A \rightarrow B \setminus A \in F_R$ .
- 8 If  $A \rightarrow B \in F_R, A \subseteq C$  and  $D \subseteq AB$  then  $C \rightarrow D \in F_R$ .
- 9 If  $A \rightarrow B \in F_R$  and  $a \in B$  then  $A \rightarrow a \in F_R$ .
- 10 If  $A \rightarrow B, A' \rightarrow B' \in F_R, A' \subseteq AB, A \subseteq C$  and  $D \subseteq B'C$  then  $C \rightarrow D \in F_R$ .

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- **Hyperalgebras** [Marty, 1934] with applications in Soft Computing.  
A Survey can be found in LNCS 6692, pp. 437–444, 2011.
- **Residuated multilattices**. Fuzzy Set and Systems, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.fss.2013.04.002>.  
Also presented in the International Workshop “Information, Uncertainty, and Imprecision” Olomouc, July 2012: <http://mcin.upol.cz/WIUI-2012/page/911/>
- **Hyperoperation** or **Non-Deterministic Operation**. An n-ary hyperoperation in a set  $U$  is a mapping  $\star: U^n \rightarrow 2^U$ .

As usual, hyperoperations can be applied to sets:

$$u_1 \star \cdots \star u_{i-1} \star X \star u_{i+1} \star \cdots \star u_n = \bigcup_{x \in X} (u_1 \star \cdots \star u_{i-1} \star x \star u_{i+1} \star \cdots \star u_n)$$

- Particularly, we center on the monoid of unary non-deterministic operations  $(\mathcal{N}do(U), \circ, Id_u)$

$$\mathcal{N}do(U) = \{F : U \rightarrow 2^U\} \quad (G \circ F)(x) = \bigcup_{y \in F(x)} G(y) \quad Id_U(x) = \{x\}$$



## Definition

Let  $\mathbb{L} = (L, \vee, \wedge)$  be a lattice. An unary non-deterministic operation  $F \in \mathcal{N}do(L)$  is said to be a **non-deterministic ideal operator** if the following conditions hold:

- Reflexivity:  $Id_L \subseteq F$
- Transitivity:  $F \circ F \subseteq F$
- $F(a)$  is an ideal in  $\mathbb{L}$ , for all  $a \in L$ .

## Theorem

For all relation  $R$ , the following mapping is a non-deterministic ideal operator in the lattice  $2^\Omega$ :

$$F_R(A) = \{B \subseteq \Omega \mid R \text{ satisfies } A \rightarrow B\}$$

Conversely, for all non-deterministic ideal operator  $F$  in  $2^\Omega$ , there exists a relation  $R$  such that

$$F = F_R$$

Thus, we consider hyperalgebras  $(L, \vee, \wedge, F)$  where

- $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  is a lattice.
- $F$  is a non-deterministic ideal operator:  
(1)  $Id_L \subseteq F$ , (2)  $F \circ F \subseteq F$ , and (3)  $F(a)$  is an ideal in  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$ , for all  $a \in L$ .

## Definition

A non-deterministic ideal operator  $F$  in a lattice  $\mathbb{L} = (L, \vee, \wedge)$  is said to be **principal** if, for all element  $a \in L$ ,  $F(a)$  is a principal ideal in  $\mathbb{L}$ , i.e. there exists the maximum element  $m$  in  $F(a)$  such that  $F(a) = (m] = \{x \in L \mid x \leq m\}$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\mathbb{L} = (L, \vee, \wedge)$  be a lattice.

- For all closure operator  $c$  in  $\mathbb{L}$ , the following mapping is a non-deterministic ideal operator in the lattice  $\mathbb{L}$ :

$$F_c(a) = \{b \in L \mid b \leq c(a)\}$$

- Conversely, for all principal non-deterministic ideal operator  $F$  in  $\mathbb{L}$ , the following mapping  $c: L \rightarrow L$  is a closure operator in  $\mathbb{L}$

$$c(a) = \max F(a)$$

## Example

The following mapping is a (non-principal) non-deterministic ideal operator in  $(2^{\mathbb{R}}, \cup, \cap)$ :

$$F(A) = \begin{cases} 2^{\mathbb{R}} & \text{if } A \text{ is infinite.} \\ \{X \subseteq \mathbb{R} \mid X \text{ is finite}\} & \text{if } A \text{ is finite.} \end{cases}$$

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- The semantic of Simplification Logic can be defined by using non-deterministic ideal operators (in a kind of lattices) as models.
- We are going to center in the particular case of Functional Dependencies.

### Language

Given a set of attributes  $\Omega$ , the *language* is the set of formulas

$$\mathcal{L} = \{A \rightarrow B \mid A, B \subseteq \Omega\}$$

Following the usual notation in the database community,  $AB$  denotes  $A \cup B$ .

## Semantic

A model for a formula  $A \rightarrow B$  is a pair  $(\{D_a \mid a \in \Omega\}, R)$  such that  $R \subseteq \prod_{a \in \Omega} D_a$  satisfies  $A \rightarrow B$ .

That is, for all  $t = (t_a \mid a \in \Omega) \in R$  and  $t' = (t'_a \mid a \in \Omega) \in R$ ,

$$\text{if } t_a = t'_a \text{ for all } a \in A \text{ then } t_b = t'_b \text{ for all } b \in B$$

If no confusion arises,  $R$  denotes the model and, as usual,

- $R \models A \rightarrow B$  denotes that  $R$  is a model for  $A \rightarrow B$ .
- $R \models T$  denotes that  $R$  is a model for all  $A \rightarrow B \in T$ .
- $T \models A \rightarrow B$  denotes that, for all model  $R$ ,

$$R \models T \text{ implies } R \models A \rightarrow B$$

**Implication problem:** Is  $T \models A \rightarrow B$  true?

## Axiomatic system

It has the following set of axioms:

- **Reflexivity:**  $\vdash A \rightarrow A$

and the following inference rules:

- **Decomposition:** If  $C \subseteq B$  then  $A \rightarrow B \vdash A \rightarrow C$
- **Composition:**  $A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D \vdash AC \rightarrow BD$
- **Simplification:** If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \subseteq C$  then  $A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D \vdash C \setminus B \rightarrow D \setminus B$

being  $A, B, C, D \subseteq \Omega$ .

- Semantic inference:  $\mathbb{T} \models A \rightarrow B$ .
- Syntactic derivation:  $\mathbb{T} \vdash A \rightarrow B$ .

## Theorem (Soundness and completeness)

For all formula  $A \rightarrow B$  and all theory  $\mathbb{T}$ ,

$$\mathbb{T} \models A \rightarrow B \quad \text{if and only if} \quad \mathbb{T} \vdash A \rightarrow B$$

- **It is not useful if we have not an automated reasoning method.**



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## Removing redundant information

- By removing redundant information in the specification of a database we can reduce the size of data tables and avoid problems related to inconsistencies, redundancies, anomalies. . .
- *Duquenne-Guigues Basis* is minimum w.r.t. the number of implications. However, redundant attributes can be appear inside of the implications.

### Example [Ganter 1987, pages 30 and 84]

130 countries and six attributes are considered: Group of 77, Non-aligned, LLDC (Least Developed Countries), MASC (Most Seriously Affected Countries), OPEC (Organization of Petrol Exporting Countries) and ACP (African, Caribbean and Pacific Countries).

OPEC	→	Group 77, Non-aligned
MASC	→	Group 77
Non-aligned	→	Group 77
Group 77, Non-aligned, MASC, OPEC	→	LLDC, ACP
Group 77, Non-aligned, LLDC, OPEC	→	MASC, ACP

# Removing redundant information

## Definition

A theory  $T$  is said to be

- **Left-redundant** if, there exists  $A \rightarrow B \in T$  and  $A' \subsetneq A$  such that

$$T \equiv (T \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\}) \cup \{A' \rightarrow B\}$$

- **Right-redundant** if, there exists  $A \rightarrow B \in T$  and  $B' \subsetneq B$  such that

$$T \equiv (T \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\}) \cup \{A \rightarrow B'\}$$

- **Redundant** if it is left-redundant, right-redundant, or there exists  $A \rightarrow B \in T$  such that

$$T \equiv T \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\}$$

# Removing redundant information

The inference rules in Simplification Logic can be translated to equivalence rules.

## Theorem

Let  $A, B, C, D \subseteq \Omega$ .

- *Decomposition Equivalency:*  $\{A \rightarrow B\} \equiv \{A \rightarrow B \setminus A\}$
- *Composition Equivalency:*  $\{A \rightarrow B, A \rightarrow C\} \equiv \{A \rightarrow BC\}$
- *Simplification Equivalency:* If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \subseteq C$  then
$$\{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D\} \equiv \{A \rightarrow B, C \setminus B \rightarrow D \setminus B\}$$
- *r-Simplification Equivalency:* If  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $A \subseteq C \cup D$  then
$$\{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D\} \equiv \{A \rightarrow B, C \rightarrow D \setminus B\}$$

# Maier's algorithm

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## Algorithm 1: LEFTREDUCE

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**Data:** A theory  $T_1$

**Result:** A non-left-redundant equivalent theory  $T_2$

```
begin
   $T_2 := T_1$ ;
  foreach  $A \rightarrow B \in T_1$  do
    foreach  $a \in A$  do
      if  $T_2 \vdash A \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow B$  then  $T_2 := (T_2 \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\}) \cup \{A \setminus a \rightarrow B\}$ 
    end
  end
  return  $T_2$ 
end
```

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# Maier's algorithm

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## Algorithm 2: RIGHTREDUCE

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**Data:** A non-left-redundant equivalent theory  $T_1$

**Result:** A non-left-redundant and non-right-redundant equivalent theory  $T_2$

**begin**

$T_2 := T_1;$

**foreach**  $A \rightarrow B \in T_1$  **do**

**foreach**  $b \in B$  **do**

**if**  $(T_2 \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\}) \cup \{A \rightarrow B \setminus b\} \vdash A \rightarrow b$  **then**  $T_2 := (T_2 \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\}) \cup \{A \rightarrow B \setminus b\}$

**return**  $T_2$

**end**

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## Algorithm 3: REDUCE

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**Data:** A theory  $T_1$

**Result:** A non-redundant equivalent theory  $T_2$

**begin**

$T_2 := \text{RIGHTREDUCE}(\text{LEFTREDUCE}(T_1));$

**foreach**  $A \rightarrow B \in T_2$  **do**

**if**  $B = \emptyset$  **then**  $T_2 := T_2 \setminus \{A \rightarrow B\}$

**return**  $T_2$

**end**

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By using Maier's algorithm:

### Example

$T = \{ab \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a, bc \rightarrow d, \mathbf{acd} \rightarrow b, d \rightarrow eg, be \rightarrow c, cg \rightarrow bd, ce \rightarrow ag\}$

#### LEFTREDUCE

$T \not\vdash a \rightarrow c, \quad T \not\vdash b \rightarrow c, \quad T \not\vdash \emptyset \rightarrow a, \quad T \not\vdash b \rightarrow d, \quad T \not\vdash c \rightarrow d, \quad \mathbf{T \vdash cd \rightarrow b}, \quad T \not\vdash ad \rightarrow b,$   
 $T \not\vdash ac \rightarrow b, \quad T \not\vdash \emptyset \rightarrow eg, \quad T \not\vdash b \rightarrow c, \quad T \not\vdash e \rightarrow c, \quad T \not\vdash c \rightarrow bd, \quad T \not\vdash g \rightarrow bd, \quad T \not\vdash c \rightarrow ag,$   
 $T \not\vdash e \rightarrow ag.$

#### Result

$\{ab \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a, bc \rightarrow d, cd \rightarrow b, d \rightarrow eg, be \rightarrow c, cg \rightarrow bd, ce \rightarrow ag\}$

By using Maier's algorithm:

### Example

$T = \{ab \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a, bc \rightarrow d, acd \rightarrow b, d \rightarrow eg, be \rightarrow c, cg \rightarrow bd, ce \rightarrow ag\}$

LEFTREDUCE – Result

$\{ab \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a, bc \rightarrow d, cd \rightarrow b, d \rightarrow eg, be \rightarrow c, cg \rightarrow bd, ce \rightarrow ag\}$

RIGHTREDUCE

$T \setminus \{ab \rightarrow c\} \not\vdash ab \rightarrow \emptyset, \quad T \setminus \{c \rightarrow a\} \not\vdash c \rightarrow \emptyset, \quad T \setminus \{bc \rightarrow d\} \not\vdash bc \rightarrow \emptyset,$

$T \setminus \{cd \rightarrow b\} \not\vdash cd \rightarrow \emptyset, \quad T \setminus \{d \rightarrow eg\} \not\vdash d \rightarrow e, \quad T \setminus \{d \rightarrow eg\} \not\vdash d \rightarrow g,$

$T \setminus \{be \rightarrow c\} \not\vdash be \rightarrow \emptyset, \quad T \setminus \{cg \rightarrow bd\} \not\vdash cg \rightarrow b, \quad T \setminus \{cg \rightarrow bd\} \vdash cg \rightarrow d,$

$T \setminus \{ce \rightarrow ag\} \vdash ce \rightarrow a, \quad T \setminus \{ce \rightarrow ag\} \not\vdash ce \rightarrow a.$

Result

$\{ab \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a, bc \rightarrow d, cd \rightarrow b, d \rightarrow eg, be \rightarrow c, cg \rightarrow b, ce \rightarrow g\}$



## By using Armstrong's axioms

### Example

$\{ab \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a, bc \rightarrow d, acd \rightarrow b, d \rightarrow eg, be \rightarrow c, cg \rightarrow bd, ce \rightarrow ag\} \equiv$	Frag
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## By using Simplification Logic:

### Example

$\{ab \rightarrow c, c \rightarrow a, bc \rightarrow d, acd \rightarrow b, d \rightarrow eg, be \rightarrow c, cg \rightarrow bd, ce \rightarrow ag\} \equiv$	Simp
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From  $\Gamma$  and  $A$ , calculate  $A^+$  (the closure of  $A$ ):

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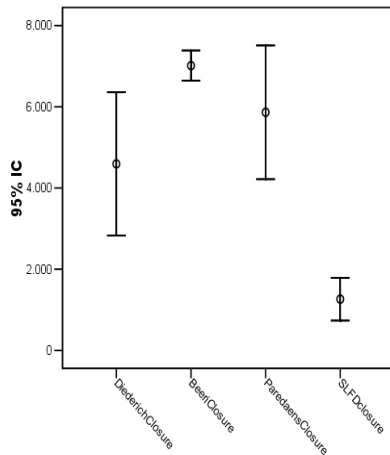
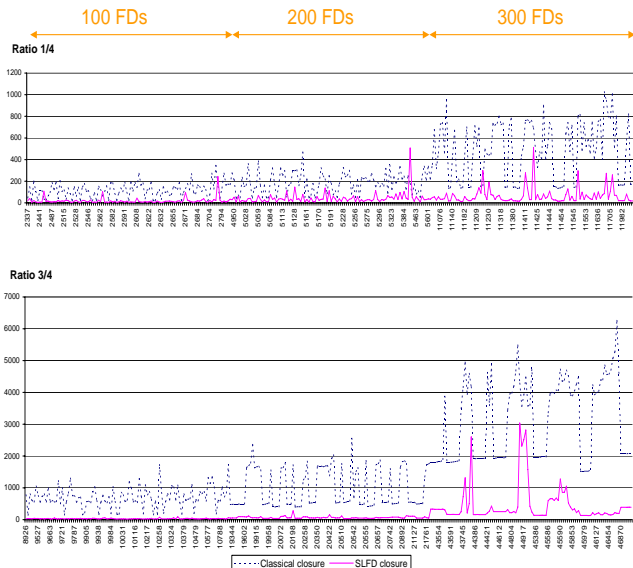
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