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## Upper bound on the number of independent functional dependencies

We will investigate the following question: what can be the maximum number of independent functional dependencies in a database of  $n$  attributes, that is the maximum cardinality of a system of dependencies which do not follow from the Armstrong axioms and none of them can be derived from the remaining ones using the Armstrong axioms. A construction (lower bound)

of size

$c = \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}}$  ) will be given.

and an upper bound of  $\left(1 + \frac{c}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \binom{n}{\frac{n}{2}}$  (where