

Join dependencies & 5th normal form (5NF)

Supplier
Parts
Project

SPJ

S#	P#	J#
S ₁	P ₁	J ₂
S ₁	P ₂	J ₁
S ₂	P ₁	J ₁
S ₁	P ₁	J ₁

SP

S#	P#
S ₁	P ₁
S ₁	P ₂
S ₂	P ₁

PJ

P#	J#
P ₁	J ₂
P ₂	J ₁
P ₁	J ₁

Join over P#

JS

J#	S#
J ₂	S ₁
J ₁	S ₁
J ₁	S ₂

S#	P#	J#
S ₁	P ₁	J ₂
S ₁	P ₂	J ₁
S ₂	P ₁	J ₁
S ₂	P ₁	J ₂
S ₁	P ₁	J ₁

Join over J#, S#

Original SPJ

SP, PJ & JS are in 5NF
but not SPJ

Constraint 2D (2-decomposable) - If a relational schema can be decomposed into 2 smaller schemas which can be joined back on some attribute to form the original relational schema (no spurious tuple)

SPJ is considered to be n-decomposable where $n=3 (>2)$.
∴ SPJ is 3D (3-decomposable)

SPJ is equal to the join of its three projects SP, PJ and JS is equivalent to the following:

If the pair (S₁, P₁) appears in SP
and the pair (P₁, J₁) " " PJ
and the pair (J₁, S₁) " " JS
then the triple (S₁, P₁, J₁) appears in SPJ.

Join dependency -

Let R be a relation schema, and let A, B, ..., Z be the subset of the attributes of R. Then we say that R satisfies the JD

JD ← $\{A, B, \dots, Z\}$

iff every possible legal value of R is equal to the join of its projections on A, B, ..., Z.

SPT is having a JD
* $\{SP, PT, PS\}$

Fifth normal form (5NF)

A schema R is in 5NF (PTNF - Project join normal form) iff every non-trivial JD that holds for R is implied by the candidate keys of R .

Trivial JD

The JD $\{A, B, \dots, Z\}$ is trivial iff one of its projections A, B, \dots, Z is the identity projection of R .
(ex - select * from table)

Non-trivial JD

The JD in which none of its projection is identity projection.