



Join Dependencies and Fifth Normal Form

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- ❑ A relation is said to have join dependency if it can be recreated by joining multiple sub relations and each of these sub relations has a subset of the attributes of the original relation
- ❑ It is a generalization of MVD



Condition

If the join of R_1 and R_2 over Q is equal to relation R then we can say that a join dependency exists, where R_1 and R_2 are the decomposition $R_1(P, Q)$ and $R_2(Q, S)$ of a given relation $R(P, Q, S)$. R_1 and R_2 are a lossless decomposition of R





Supplier	Product	Consumer
XX1	A1	Cons1
XX2	A2	Cons2

Table 1

Join dependency exists in Table 1, therefore Table 1 is not in 5NF
If Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4 when joined yield the original table

Supplier	Product
XX1	A1
XX2	A2

Table 2

Consumer	Product
Cons1	A1
Cons2	A2

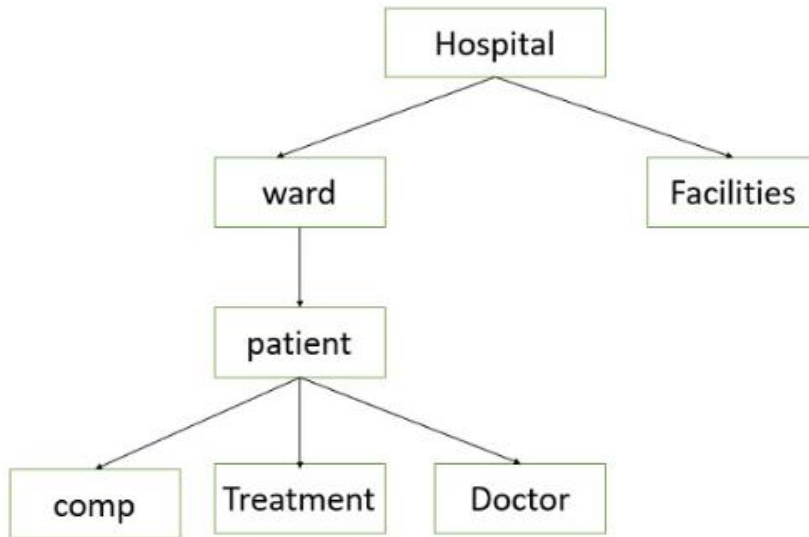
Table 3

Supplier	Consumer
XX1	Cons1
XX2	Cons2

Table 4



- ❑ A relation is in 5NF if it is in 4NF and not contains any join dependency and joining should be lossless.
- ❑ 5NF is satisfied when all the tables are broken into as many tables as possible in order to avoid redundancy.
- ❑ 5NF is also known as Project-join normal form (PJ/NF).



In this case, multivalued dependencies, Hospital->> ward or Hospital->> facilities hold.

we can store hospital database as lossless join of the following –
Hospital_facility(hospital, facilities),
Hospital_ward(hospital, ward, patient, complaints, treatment, doctor)



