

		YES	NO
Simplicity	Would keeping the pieces of information together lead to a simpler data model and code?	embedding	
Go Together	Do the pieces of information have a “has-a”, “contains”, or similar relationships?	embedding	
Query Atomicity	Does the application query the pieces of information together?	embedding	
Update Complexity	Are the pieces of information updated together?	embedding	
Archival	Should the pieces of information be archived at the same time?	embedding	
Cardinality	Is there a high cardinality (current or growing) in a “many” side of the relationship?		embedding
Data Duplication	Would data duplication be too complicated to manage and undesired?		embedding
Document Size	Would the combined sizes of the pieces of information take too much memory or transfer bandwidth for the application?		embedding
Document Growth	Would the embedded piece grow without bound?		embedding
Workload	Are the pieces of information written at different times in a write-heavy workload?		embedding
Individuality	For the children's side of the relationship, can the pieces exist by themselves without a parent?		embedding