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Step 1 : Mapping of Regular Entity Types

- For each regular (strong) entity type E in the ER schema, create a relation R that includes all the simple attributes of E.
- Choose one of the key attributes of E as the primary key for R.
- If the chosen key of E is composite, the set of simple attributes that form it will together form the primary key of R

- Example: We create the relations EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT, and PROJECT in the relational schema corresponding to the regular entities in the ER diagram.
  - SSN, DNUMBER, and PNUMBER are the primary keys for the relations EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT, and PROJECT as shown

– Step 1 : Mapping of Strong(REGULAR) Entity Types

EMPLOYEE

SSN	Fname	M_init	Lname	Address	Bday	Salary	Sex

DEPARTMENT

Number	Name	Location

PROJECT

Number	Name	Location

Step 2 : Mapping of Weak Entity Types

- For each weak entity type W in the ER schema with owner entity type E, create a relation R & include all simple attributes (or simple components of composite attributes) of W as attributes of R.
- Also, include as foreign key attributes of R the primary key attribute(s) of the relation(s) that correspond to the owner entity type(s).
- The primary key of R is the *combination of* the primary key(s) of the owner(s) and the partial key of the weak entity type W, if any.

- **Example:** Create the relation DEPENDENT in this step to correspond to the weak entity type DEPENDENT.
  - Include the primary key SSN of the EMPLOYEE relation as a foreign key attribute of DEPENDENT (renamed to ESSN).
  - The primary key of the DEPENDENT relation is the combination {ESSN, DEPENDENT_NAME} because DEPENDENT_NAME is the partial key of DEPENDENT.

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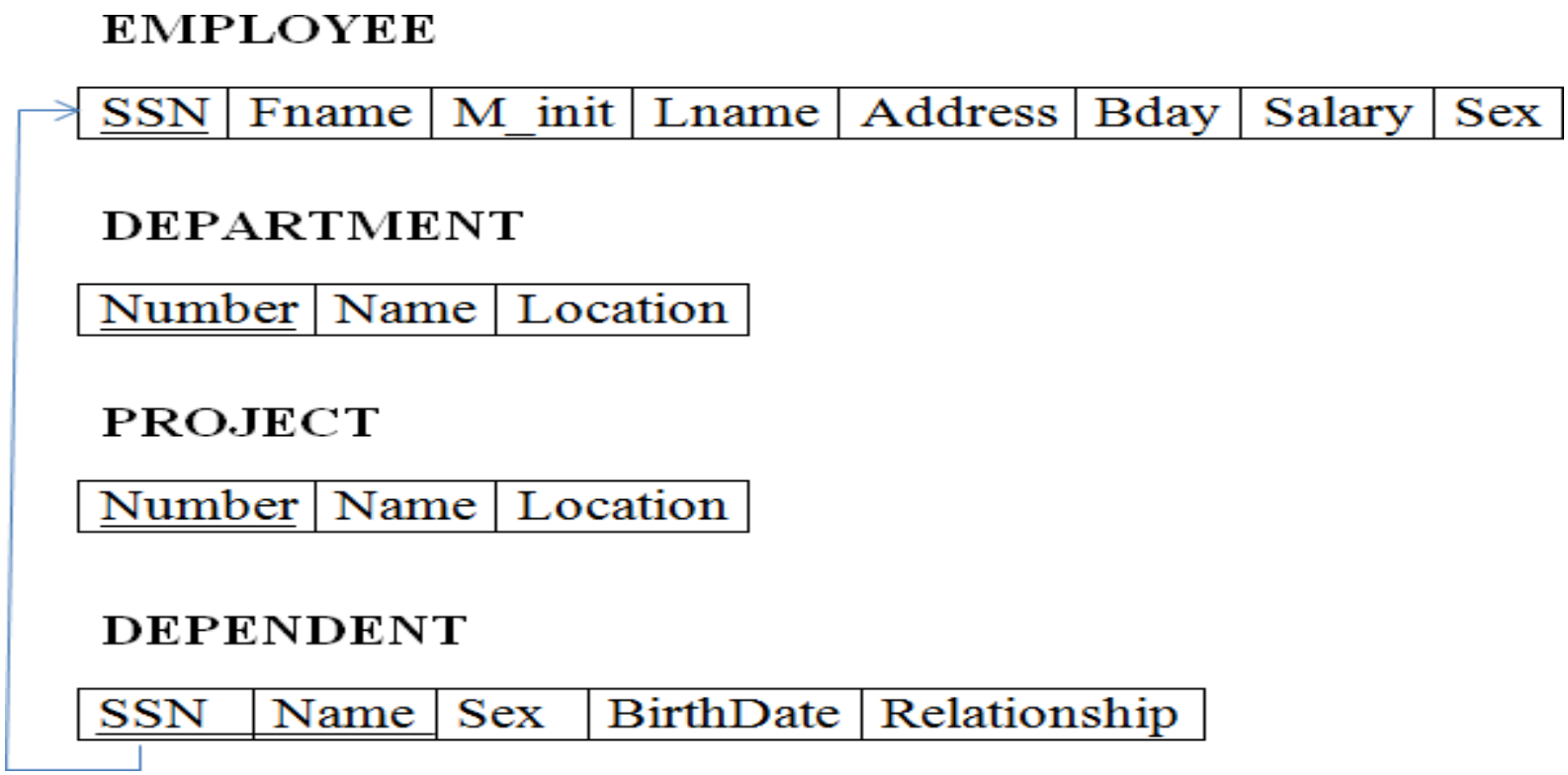

SSN in Dependent Relation is Foreign Key, Name in Dependent Relation is Partial Key , (SSN, Name)---→ Primary Key

Step 3 : Mapping of Binary 1:1 Relation Types

For each binary 1:1 relationship type R in the ER schema, identify the relations S and T that correspond to the entity types participating in R.

- There are three possible approaches:
  1. **Foreign Key approach:** Choose one of the relations-say S-and include a foreign key in S the primary key of T. It is better to choose an entity type with total participation in R in the role of S.
     - Example: 1:1 relation MANAGES is mapped by choosing the participating entity type DEPARTMENT to serve in the role of S, because its participation in the MANAGES relationship type is total.
  2. **Merged relation option:** An alternate mapping of a 1:1 relationship type is possible by merging the two entity types and the relationship into a single relation. This may be appropriate when both participations are total.
  3. **Cross-reference or relationship relation option:** The third alternative is to set up a third relation R for the purpose of cross-referencing the primary keys of the two relations S and T representing the entity types

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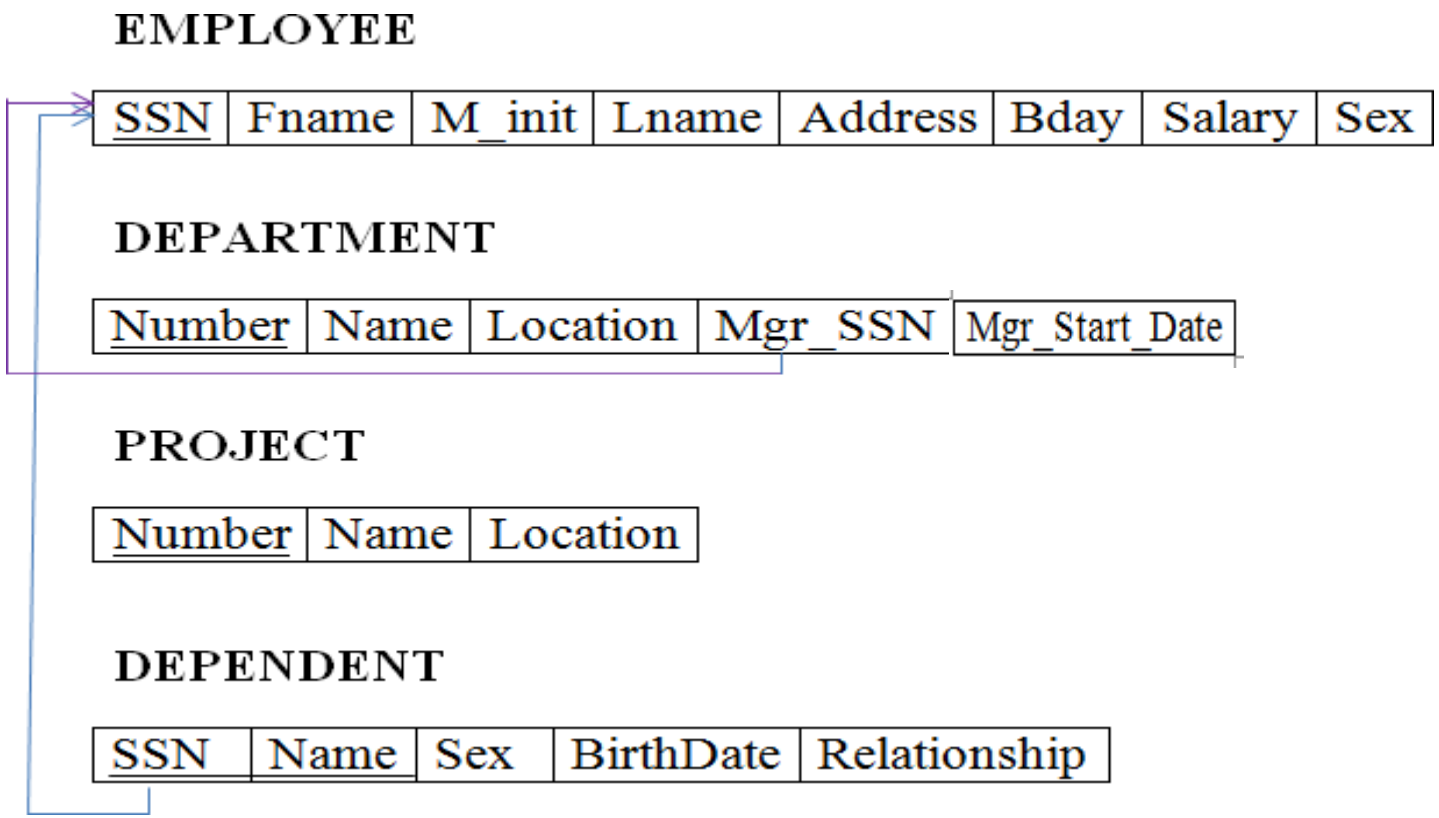

Mgr_SSN in Department Relation is Foreign Key

Step 4 : Mapping of 1:N Relationship Types.

- For each regular binary 1:N relationship type R, identify the relation S that represent the participating entity type at the N-side of the relationship type.
- Include as foreign key in S the primary key of the relation T that represents the other entity type participating in R.
- Include any simple attributes of the 1:N relation type as attributes of S.

- Example: 1:N relationship types WORKS_FOR, CONTROLS, and SUPERVISION in the figure.
  - For WORKS_FOR we include the primary key DNUMBER of the DEPARTMENT relation as foreign key in the EMPLOYEE relation and call it DNO.

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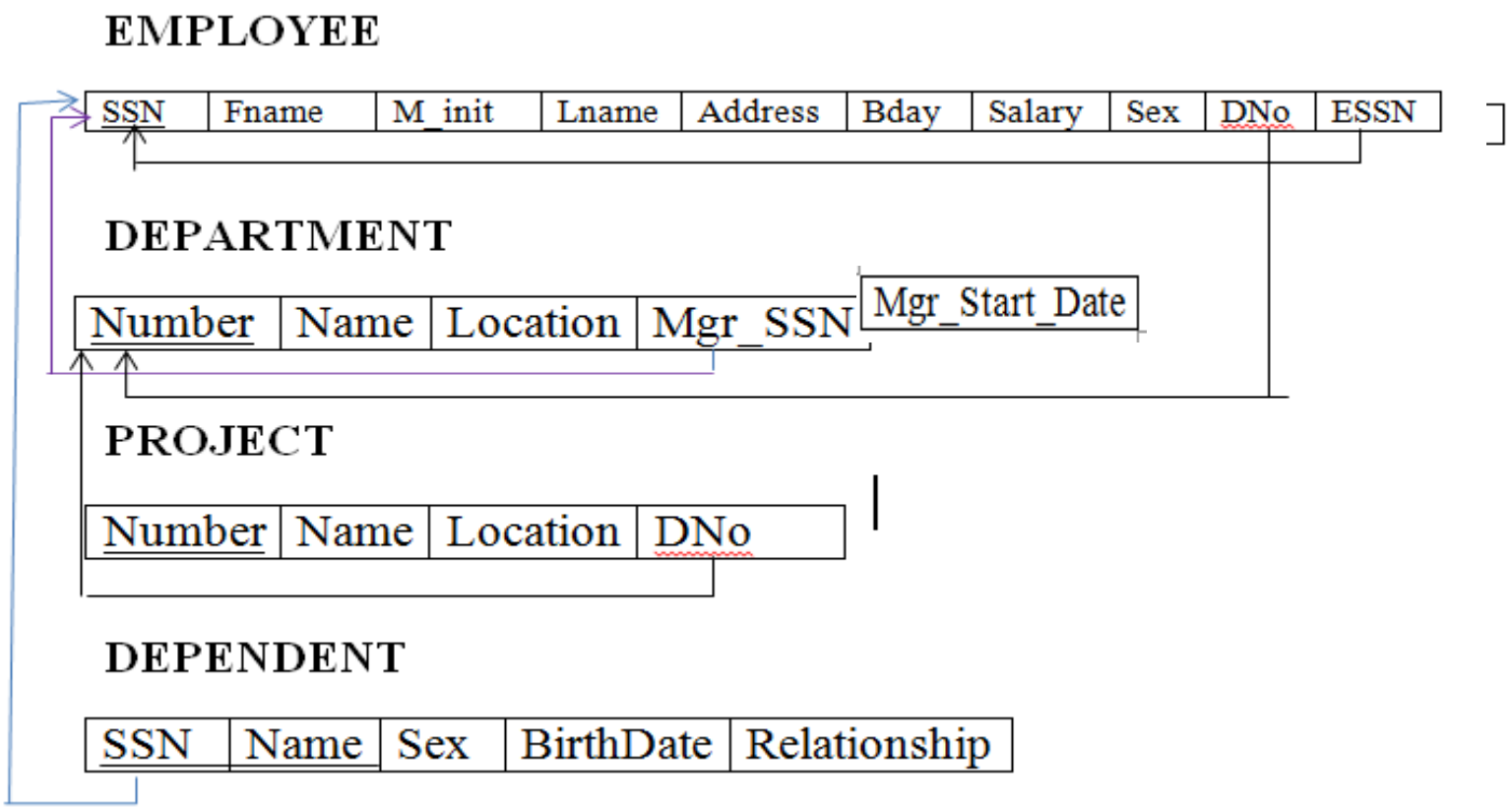

- # Step 5 : Mapping of Binary M:N Relationship
  - For each regular binary M:N relationship type R, *create a new relation* S to represent R.
  - Include as foreign key attributes in S the primary keys of the relations that represent the participating entity types; *their combination will form the primary key* of S.
  - Also include any simple attributes of the M:N relationship type (or simple components of composite attributes) as attributes of S.

- Example: The M:N relationship type WORKS_ON from the ER diagram is mapped by creating a relation WORKS_ON in the relational database schema.
  - The primary keys of the PROJECT and EMPLOYEE relations are included as foreign keys in WORKS_ON and renamed PNO and ESSN, respectively.
  - Attribute HOURS in WORKS_ON represents the HOURS attribute of the relation type. The primary key of the WORKS_ON relation is the combination of the foreign key attributes {ESSN, PNO}.

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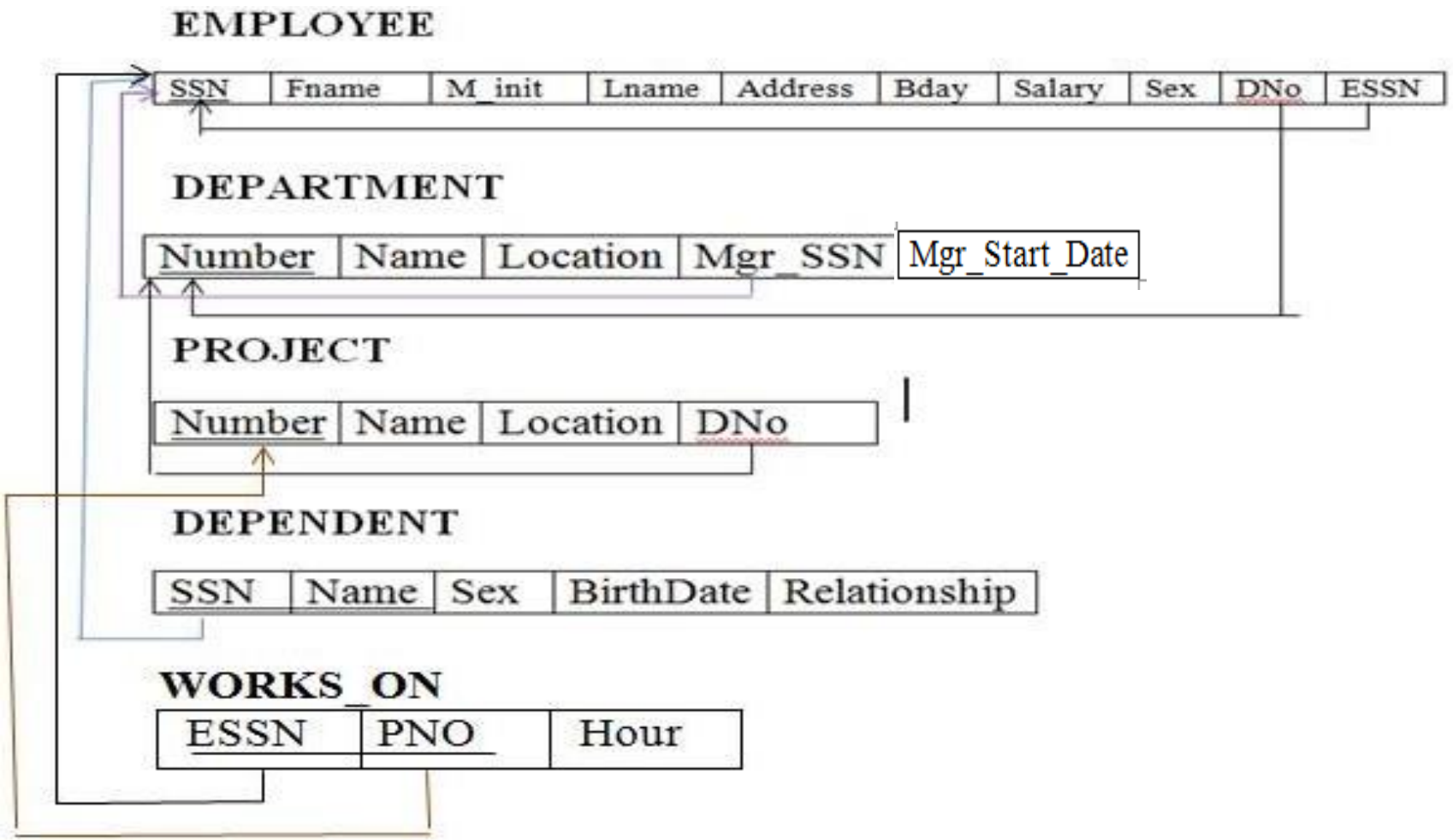

- Step 6 : Mapping of Multivalued attributes.
  - For each multivalued attribute A, create a new relation R.
  - This relation R will include an attribute corresponding to A, plus the primary key attribute K-as a foreign key in R-of the relation that represents the entity type of relationship type that has A as an attribute.
  - The primary key of R is the combination of A and K. If the multivalued attribute is composite, we include its simple components
- Example: The relation DEPT_LOCATIONS is created.
  - The attribute DLOCATION represents the multivalued attribute LOCATIONS of DEPARTMENT, while DNUMBER-as foreign key-represents the primary key of the DEPARTMENT relation.
  - The primary key of R is the combination of {DNUMBER, DLOCATION}.

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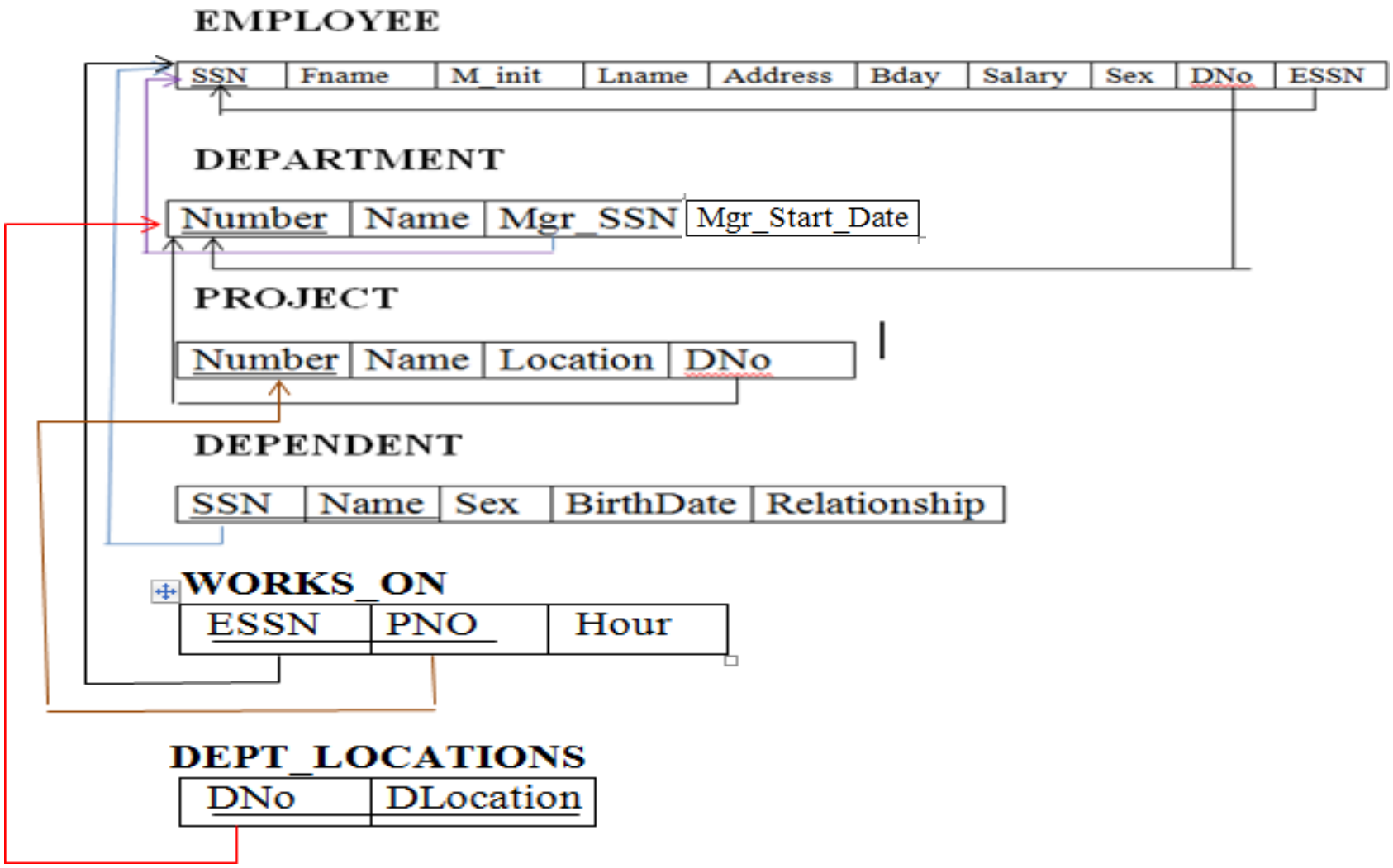

- # Step 7 : Mapping of N ary Relationship Types
  - For each n-ary relationship type R, where n>2, create a new relationship S to represent R.
  - Include as foreign key attributes in S the primary keys of the relations that represent the participating entity types.
  - Also include any simple attributes of the n-ary relationship type (or simple components of composite attributes) as attributes of S.
- **Example:** The relationship type SUPPY in the ER on the next slide.
  - This can be mapped to the relation SUPPLY shown in the relational schema, whose primary key is the combination of the three foreign keys {SNAME, PARTNO, PROJNAME}

- Step 7 : Mapping of N ary Relationship Types

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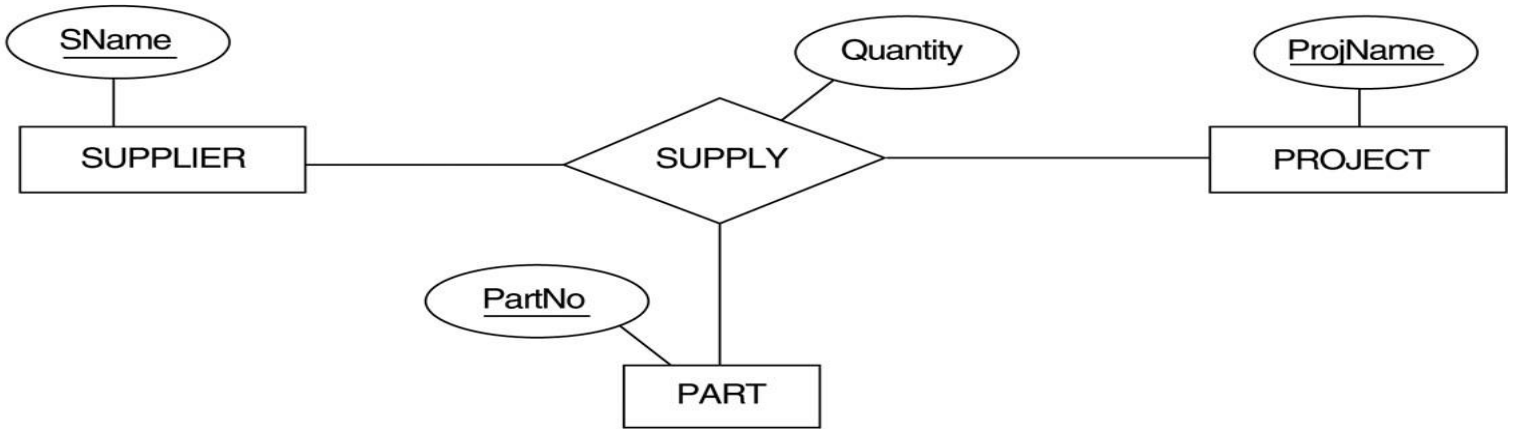

SUPPLIER

SNAME	. . .

PROJECT

PROJNAME	. . .

PART

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SUPPLY

SNAME	PROJNAME	PARTNO	QUANTITY

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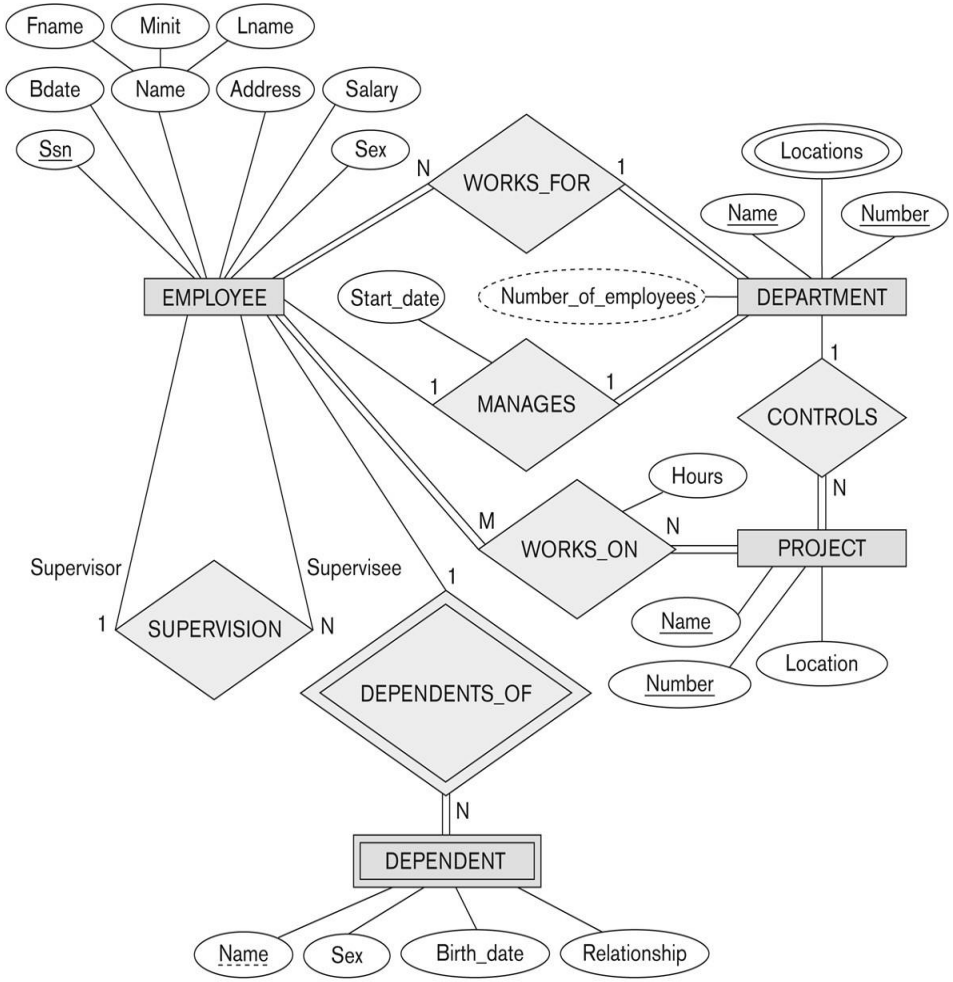

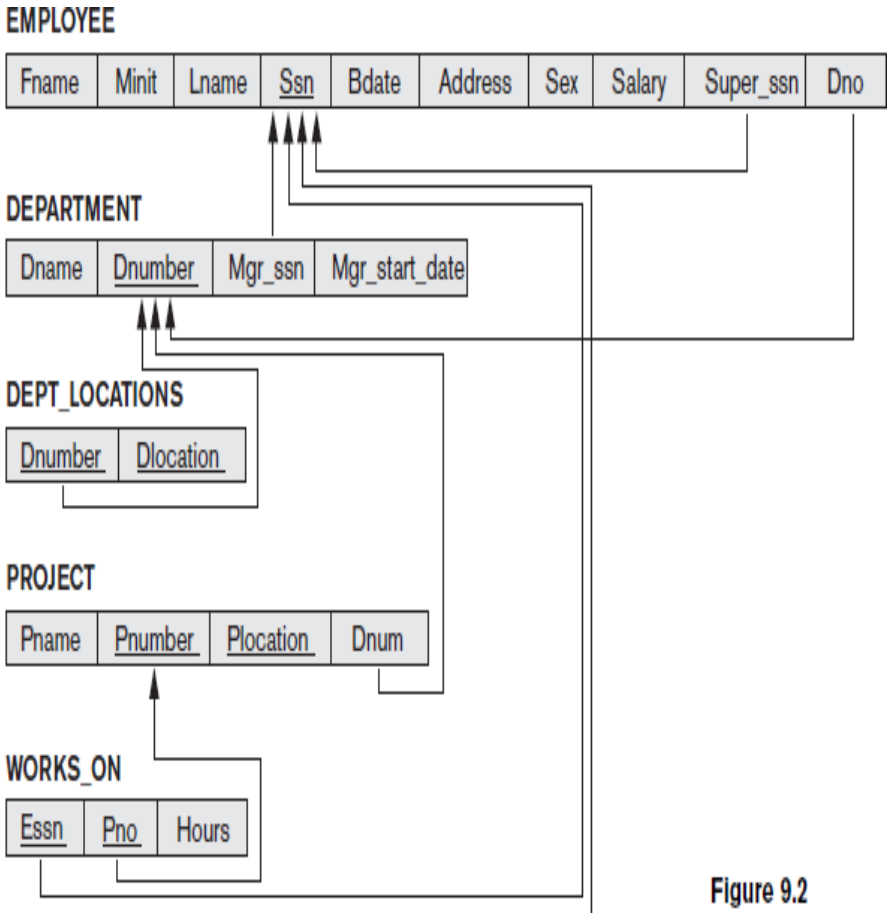

Figure 9.2

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An ER schema diagram for the COMPANY database. The diagrammatic notation is introduced gradually throughout this chapter.