

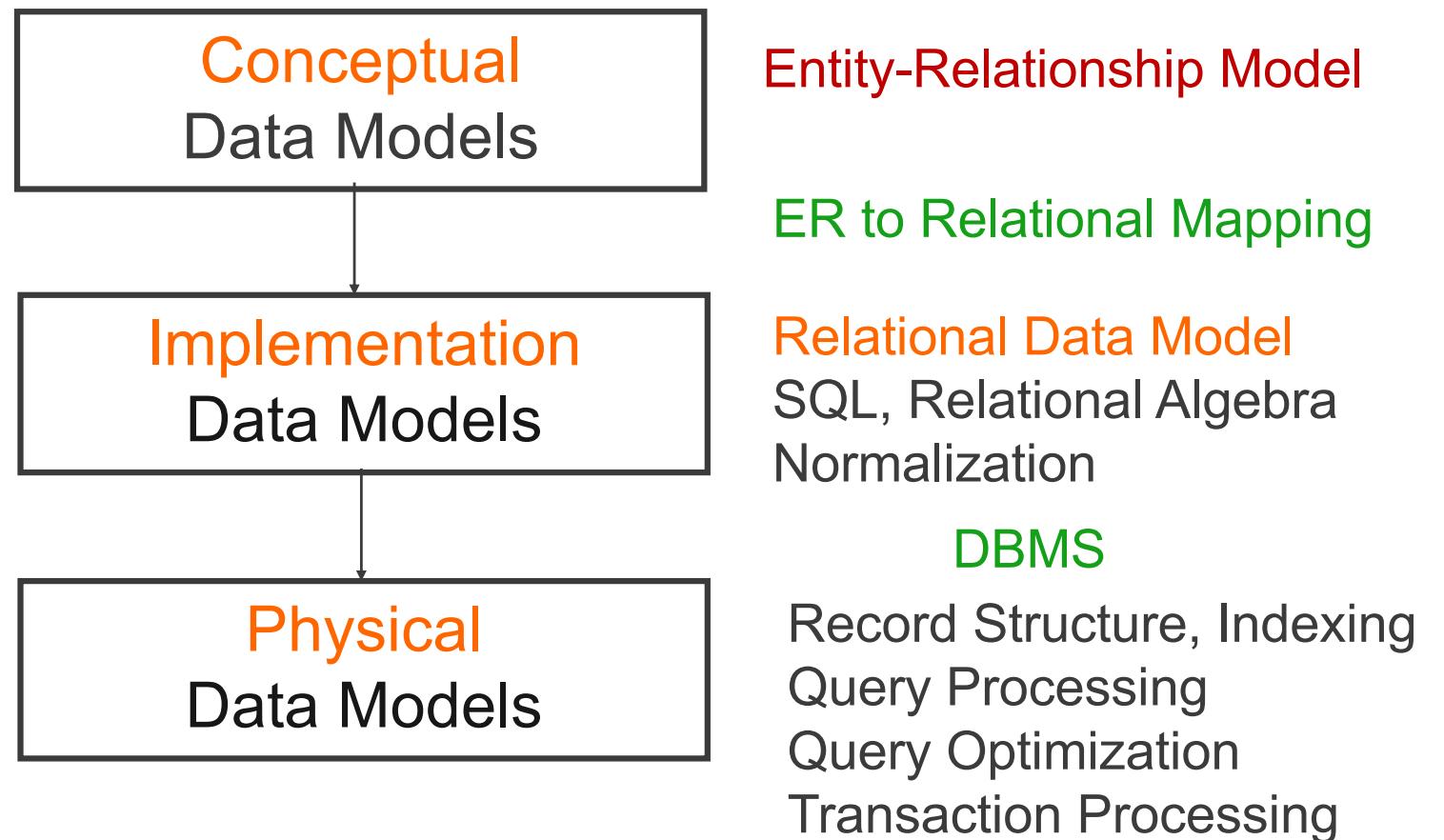
Data Modeling Using the Entity-Relationship Model

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- ◆ Data Models
- ◆ Database Design Process
- ◆ Example Database Application
- ◆ Entity-Relationship Model
- ◆ ER Diagrams, Naming Conventions & Design Issues

Data Models



Data Models (cont.)

- ◆ **Conceptual** data model
 - High level data model
 - Provide concepts that are close to the way **users** perceive data
- ◆ **Implementation** data model
 - Logical data model
 - Provide representations that may be understood by end users but not far removed from the way data is organized with the computer
 - Hide some details of data storage but can be **implemented** on a computer system in direct way
- ◆ **Physical** data model
 - Low level data model
 - Provides concept that describe the details of how data is **stored** in the computer
 - Meant for computer specialists, not for typical end users

描述資料需求



(ref: <https://www.chinatimes.com/realtimenews/20220129002478-260410?chdtv>)



[徵資料庫家教]

目前手上有個家教想 pass(實在忙QQ)，

尋找一個會畫 ER model 的人。

需求:

不需要從頭開始教，會有現成的題目，直接帶著學生畫出 ER model ，並告訴學生你如何畫出 model 的邏輯即可。

待遇:

時薪 800/hr，時數取決於你和學生需求，學生可以接受到 2 個小時。

身份:

學生、社會人士皆可。

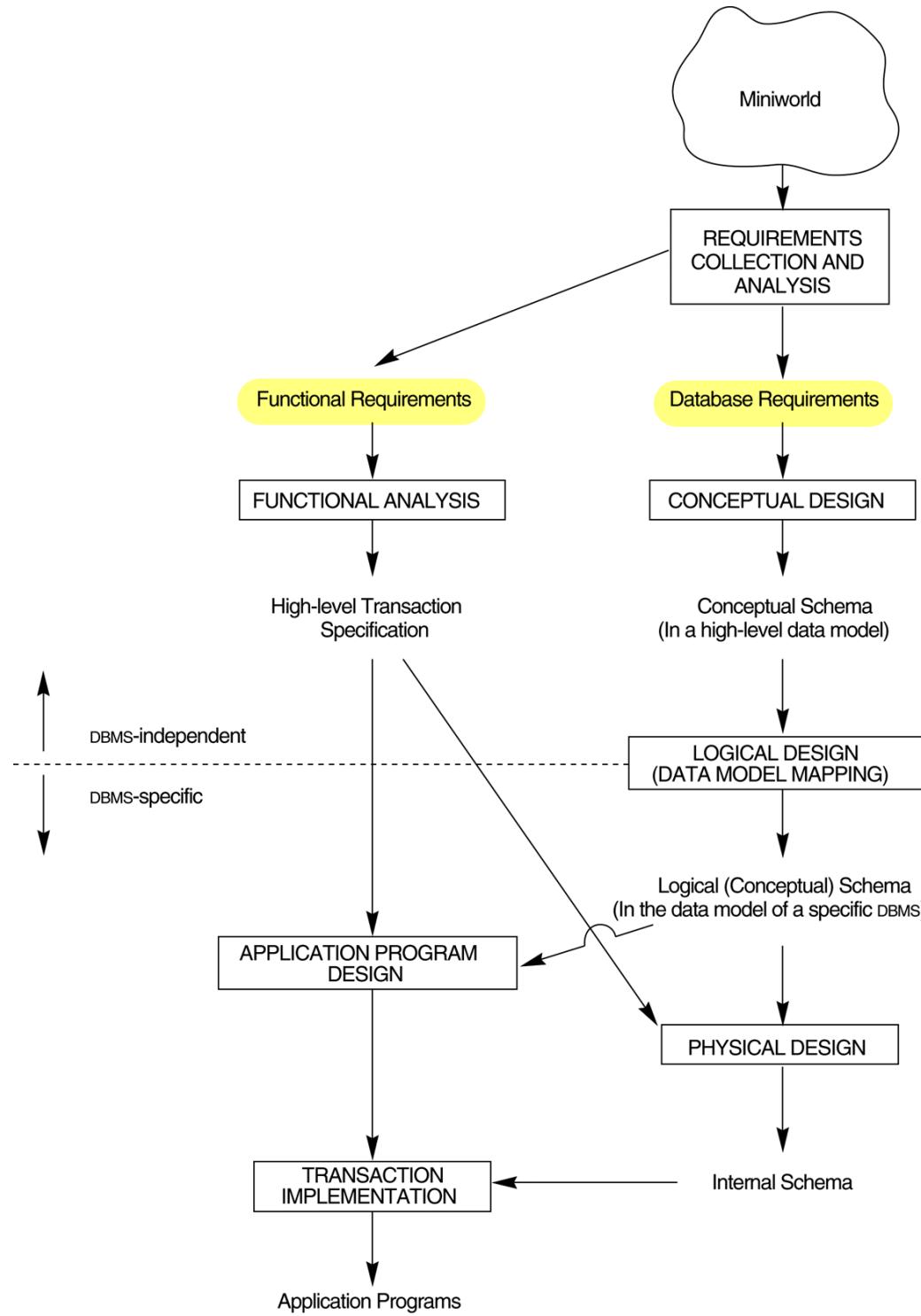
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Database Design Process

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- ◆ Step 1: Requirements collection & analysis
 - Database requirements
 - Functional requirements
 - ◆ Step 2: Conceptual design
 - Create a conceptual schema for DB, using conceptual data model
 - ◆ Step 3: Logical design (data model mapping)
 - Actual implementation of DB using a commercial DBMS
 - Transform from conceptual data model to implementation data model
 - ◆ Step 4: Physical design & Application program design
 - Internal storage structure, indexing & file organization are specified
 - Application program are designed & implemented as DB transactions corresponding to high level transaction specifications



Requirements Collection & Analysis

- ◆ **Database** requirements
 - DB designers interview database users to understand & document data requirements
 - ◆ **Functional** requirements
 - User-defined operations (transactions) applied to the DB
 - Retrievals & updates operations
 - Data flow diagrams, sequence diagrams, scenarios to specify
- * Software engineering

Conceptual Database Design

- ◆ Create a **conceptual schema** using conceptual data model
- ◆ Conceptual schema
 - Concise description of **data requirements** of users & detailed descriptions of entity types, relationships & constraints
 - Be used
 - to communicate with non-technical users
 - as a reference to ensure that all users' data requirements are met and do not conflict
 - Not include implementation details
 - Enable DB designers to concentrate on specifying properties of data, without being concerned with storage details.

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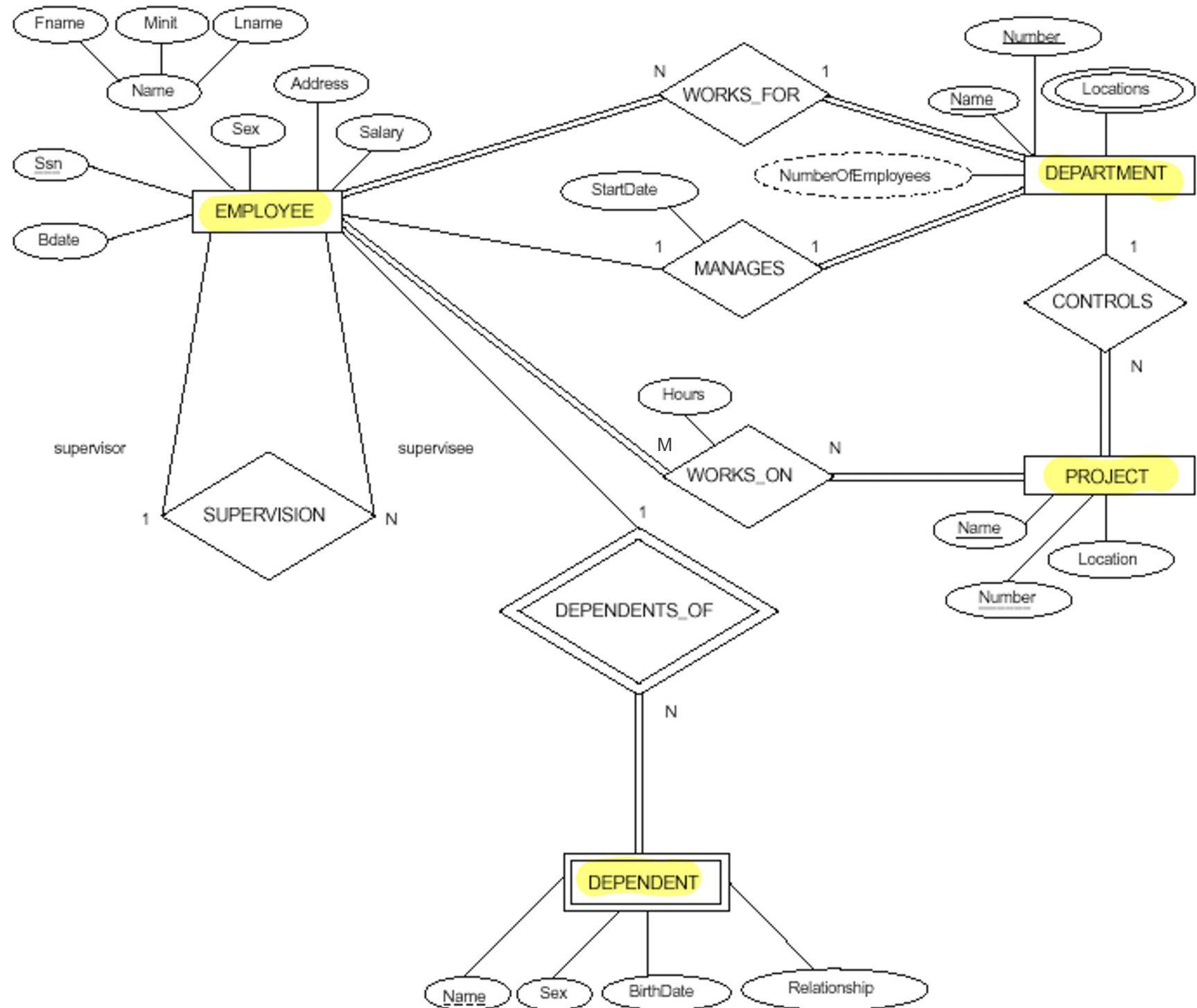
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An Example Database Application (cont.)

- An employee is assigned to one department but may work on several projects, which are not necessarily controlled by the same department.
- We keep track of the number of hours per week that an employee works on each project.
- We keep track of the direct supervisor of each employee.
- We keep track of the dependents of each employee for insurance purpose.
- We keep each dependent's first name, sex, birth date & relationship to the employee



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Entity-Relationship Model

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- ◆ A conceptual model proposed by **Peter Chen** (陳品山)
- ◆ ACM Transactions on Database Systems, 1976/3

The Entity-Relationship Model: Toward a Unified View of Data

- ◆ ER-Model
 - Entity-Type
 - Relationship-Type



The Entity-Relationship Model—Toward a Unified View of Data

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A data model, called the entity-relationship model, is proposed. This model incorporates some of the important semantic information about the real world. A special diagrammatic technique is introduced as a tool for database design. An example of database design and description using the model and the diagrammatic technique is given. Some implications for data integrity, information retrieval, and data manipulation are discussed.

The entity-relationship model can be used as a basis for unification of different views of data: the network model, the relational model, and the entity set model. Semantic ambiguities in these models are analyzed. Possible ways to derive their views of data from the entity-relationship model are presented.

Key Words and Phrases: database design, logical view of data, semantics of data, data models, entity-relationship model, relational model, Data Base Task Group, network model, entity set model, data definition and manipulation, data integrity and consistency

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1. INTRODUCTION

The logical view of data has been an important issue in recent years. Three major data models have been proposed: the network model [2, 3, 7], the relational model [8], and the entity set model [25]. These models have their own strengths and weaknesses. The network model provides a more natural view of data by separating entities and relationships (to a certain extent), but its capability to achieve data independence has been challenged [8]. The relational model is based on relational theory and can achieve a high degree of data independence, but it may lose some important semantic information about the real world [12, 15, 23]. The entity set model, which is based on set theory, also achieves a high degree of data independence, but its viewing of values such as "3" or "red" may not be natural to some people [25].

This paper presents the entity-relationship model, which has most of the advantages of the above three models. The entity-relationship model adopts the more natural view that the real world consists of entities and relationships. It

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Entity Types, Entity Sets, Attributes, and Keys

Entity

- ◆ Entity
 - Basic object that ER model represents
 - A thing in the real world with an independent existence
 - An object with
 - Physical existence: a person, a car, a house, a employee
 - Conceptual existence: a company, job, a course

Attribute

- ◆ Attribute
 - Particular properties that describe the entity
 - Attribute value
- ◆ Types of attributes
 - Simple vs. composite
 - Single-valued vs. multivalued
 - Stored vs. derived

Simple vs. Composite Attributes

- ◆ Simple attributes
 - Atomic attributes
 - Attributes that are **not divisible**
- ◆ Composite attribute
 - be divided into smaller subparts, which represent more basic attributes with independent meaning
 - value is the concatenation of the values of its constituent simple attributes
 - are useful when a user **sometimes** refers to the **composite** attribute as a unit but **at other times** refers to its **component**
 - If the composite attribute is referenced only as a whole, there is no need to subdivide it into component attributes

Address 是 Simple Attribute 還是 Composite Attribute ?



Single-valued vs. Multi-valued Attributes

- ◆ Single-valued attribute 

- Attribute with a single value

- ◆ Multi-valued attribute 

- Attribute with different number of values

Stored vs. Derived Attributes

- ◆ Derived attributes



- Attribute whose value is **derived** from a **stored** attribute
E.g. Age is derived from the BirthDate
 - Some attribute values can be derived from related entities
E.g. NumberOfEmployee can be derived by counting the number of employees related to the department

為什麼要特別區別

Stored vs. Derived Attributes ?

constraints



Value Sets of Attributes

- ◆ Value sets (**domains**) of attributes
 - Specifies the set of values that may be assigned to that attribute for each individual entity
 - $A: E \rightarrow P(V)$

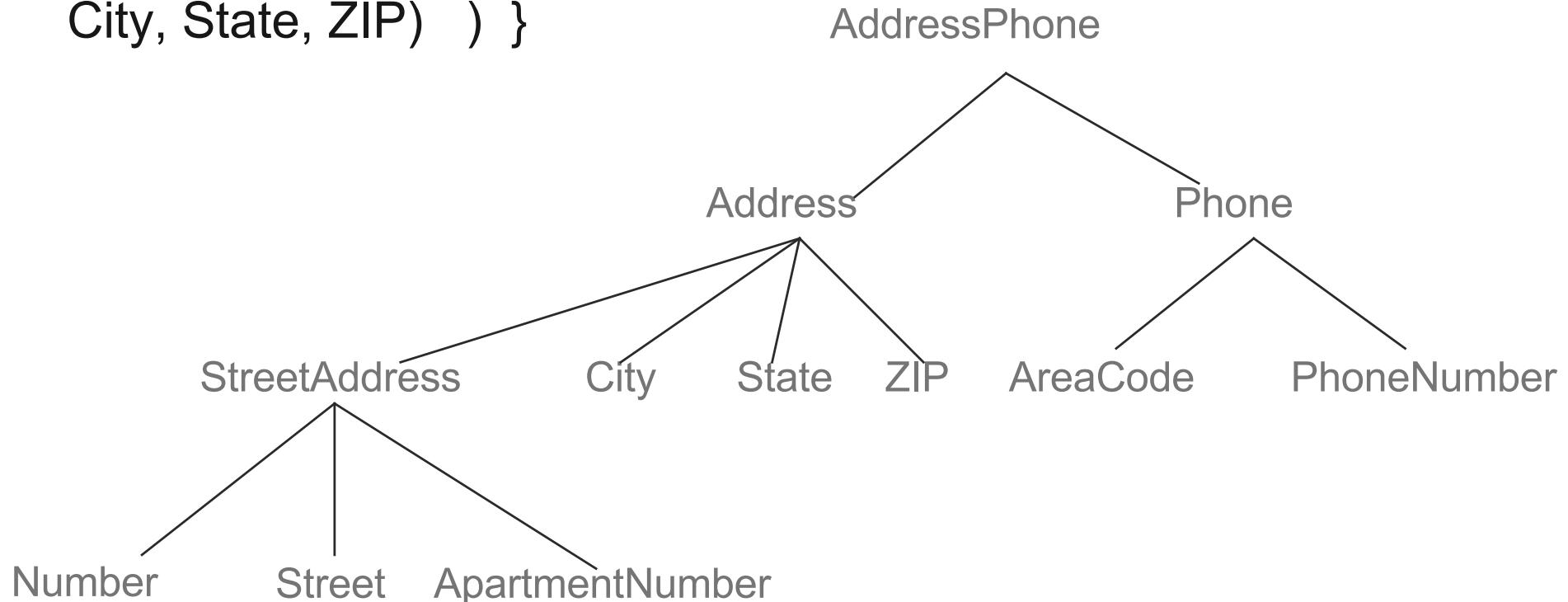
Complex Attributes

- ◆ Complex attributes

- Attributes with **composite** components & **multi-valued**

- E.g.

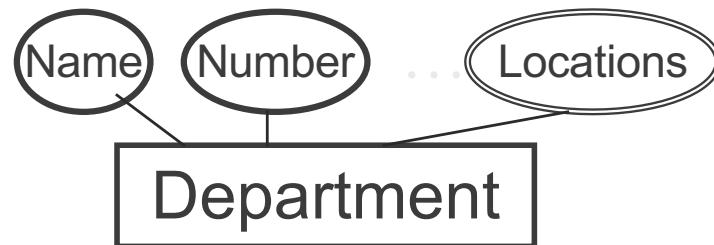
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City, State, ZIP) ) }
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Entity Types

- ◆ Entity type

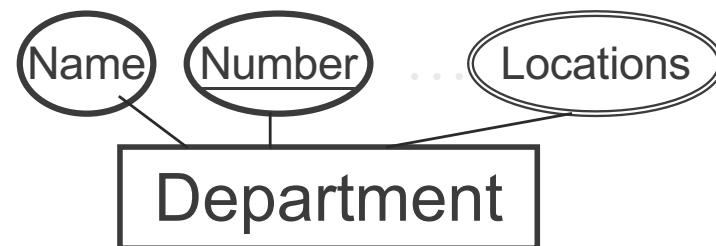
- A collection of entities that have the **same attributes**
- Describes the **schema** for a set of entities that share the same structure
- In ER **diagram**
 - Entity type is represented as a **rectangular** box
 - Attribute is represented as a **ovals** and are attached to their entity type by straight lines
 - Multi-valued attributes are represented as **double ovals**

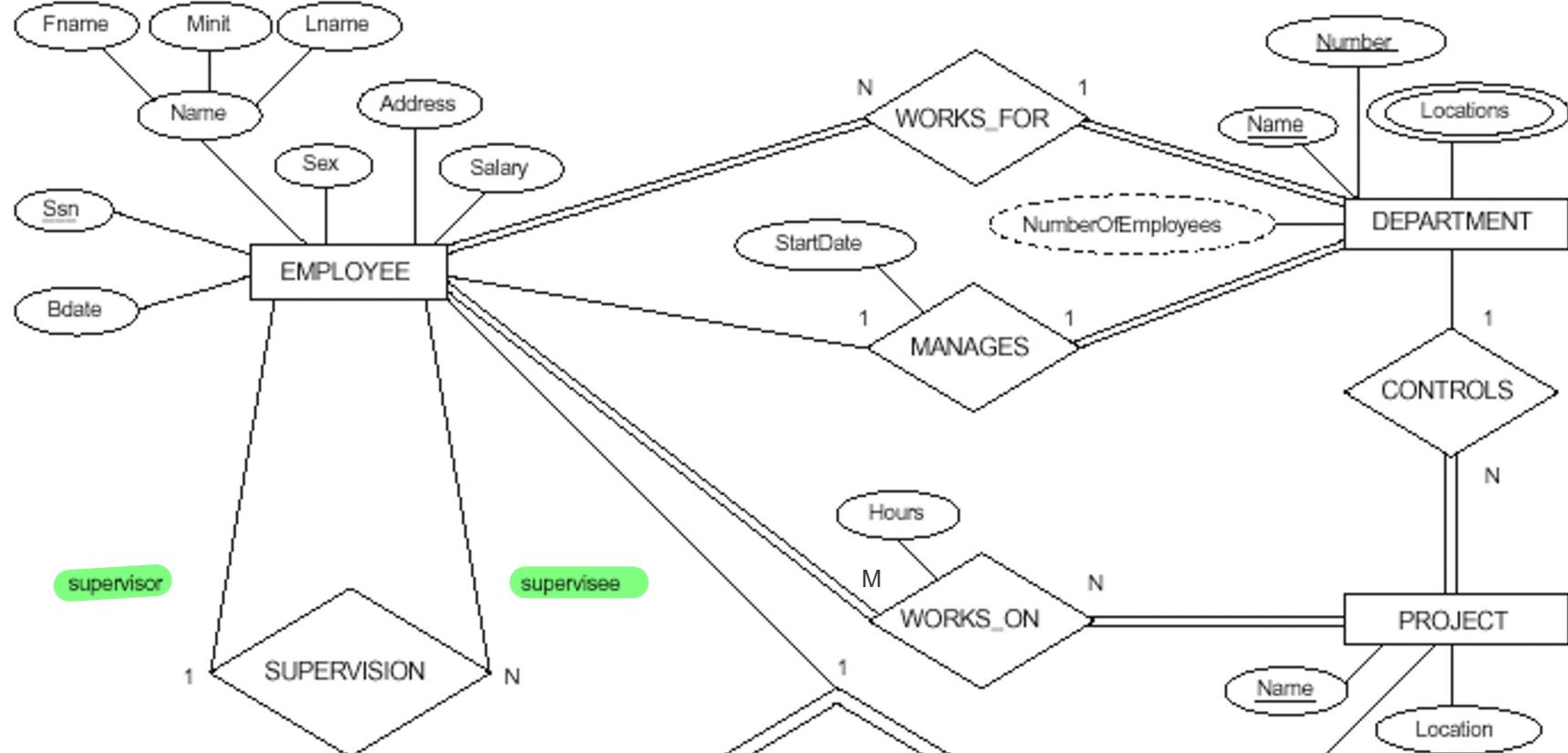


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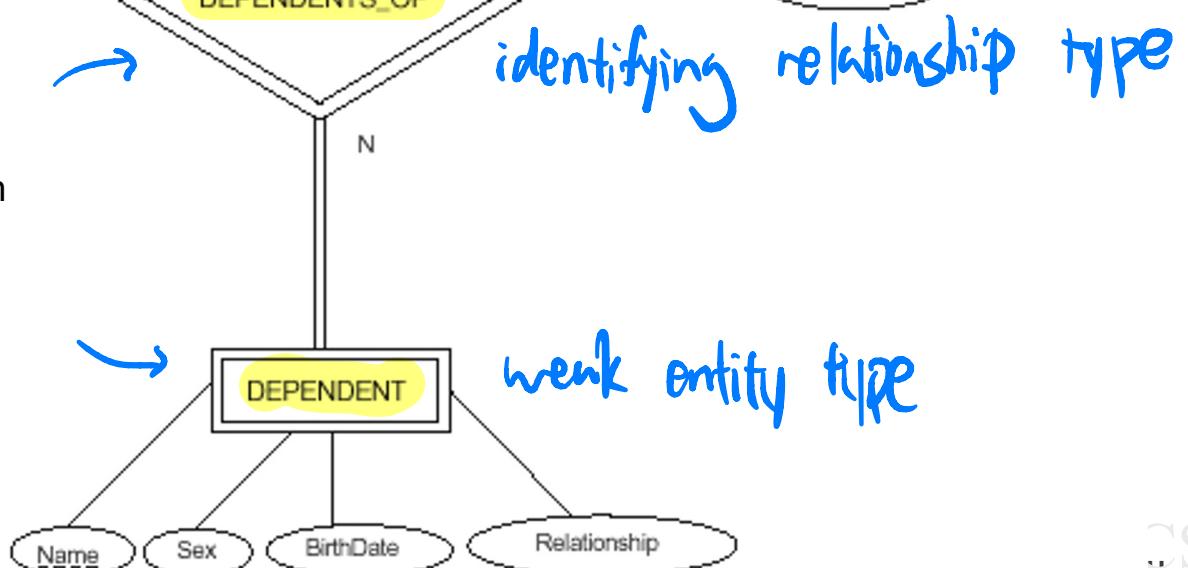
- ◆ Key attribute

- Attribute whose values are **distinct for each individual entity** in the collection of entities
- **Uniqueness constraint** on entities of an entity type
- **Weak entity type:** entity type have no key attributes
- In ER diagram
 - Key attribute has its name **underlined** inside the oval





A weak entity type is an entity that cannot be uniquely identified by its own attributes alone. It requires a foreign key in addition to its own attributes to form a primary key, usually because it has a many-to-one relationship with another entity, known as the owner or parent entity. In an ER diagram, a weak entity is typically represented by a double rectangle, and its relationship with the owner entity is depicted by a double diamond. The identifying relationship, which links the weak entity to its owner, will have a key attribute that is partially or totally derived from the owner entity.



Initial Conceptual Design of the Company DB

- ◆ Department
 - Name, Number, {Locations}, Manager, ManagerStartDate
- ◆ Project
 - Name, Number, Location, ControllingDepartment
- ◆ Employee
 - Name(Fname, Minit, Lname), SSN, Sex, Address, Salary, BirthDate, Department, Supervisor, {WorksON (project, Hours)}
- ◆ Dependent
 - Employee, DependentName, Sex, BirthDate, Relationship

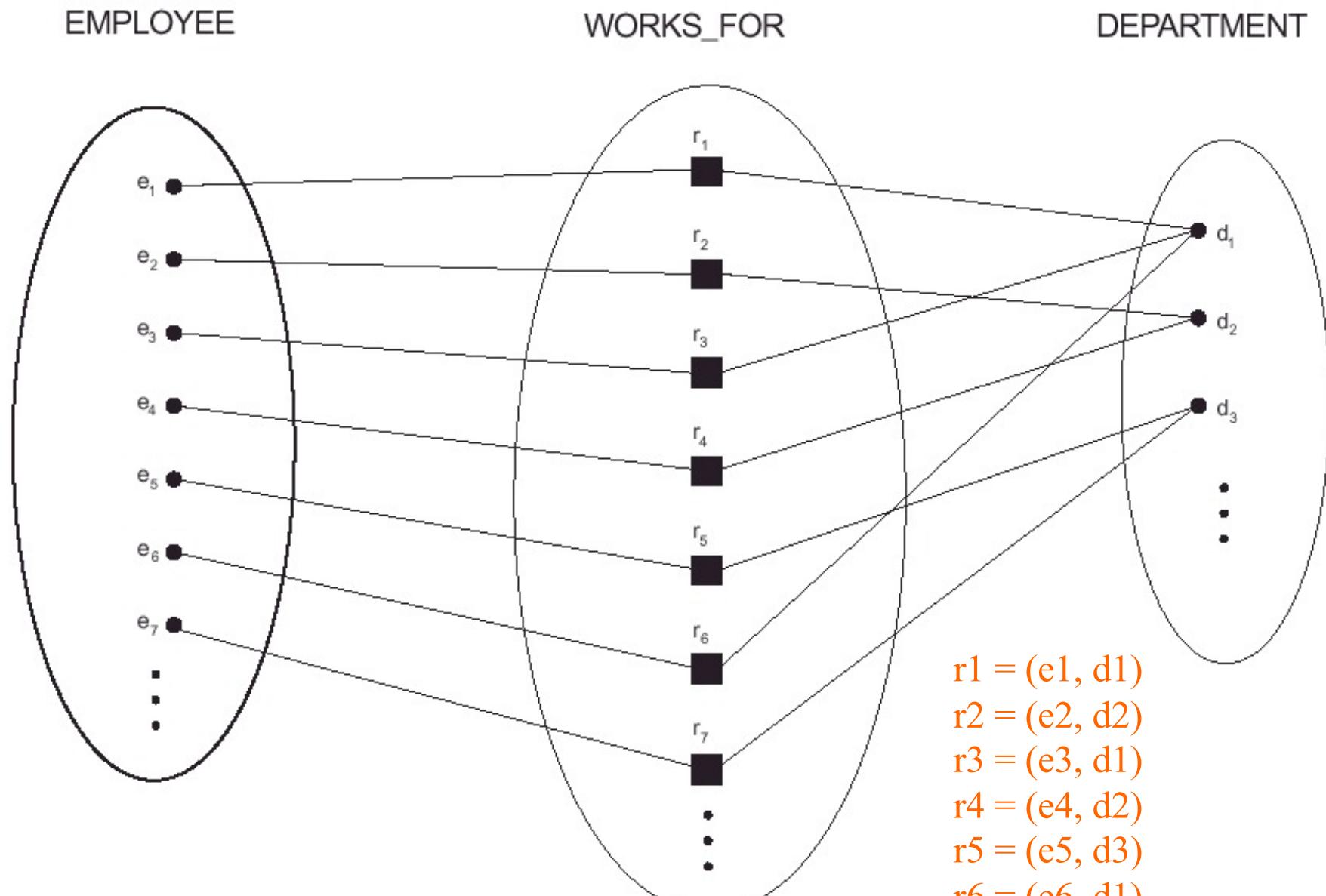
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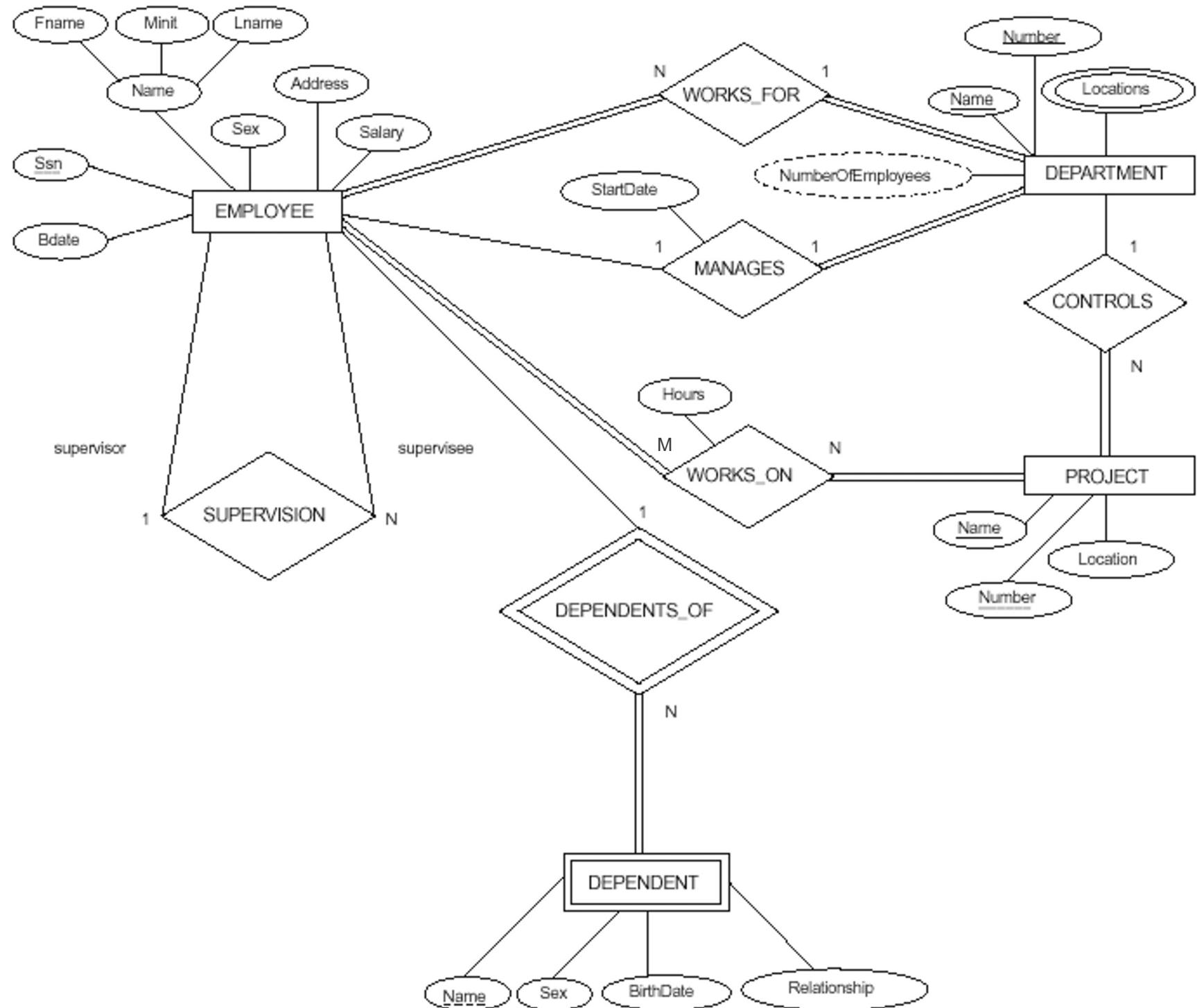
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Relationships, Relationship Types, Roles, & Structural Constraints

Relationship Types

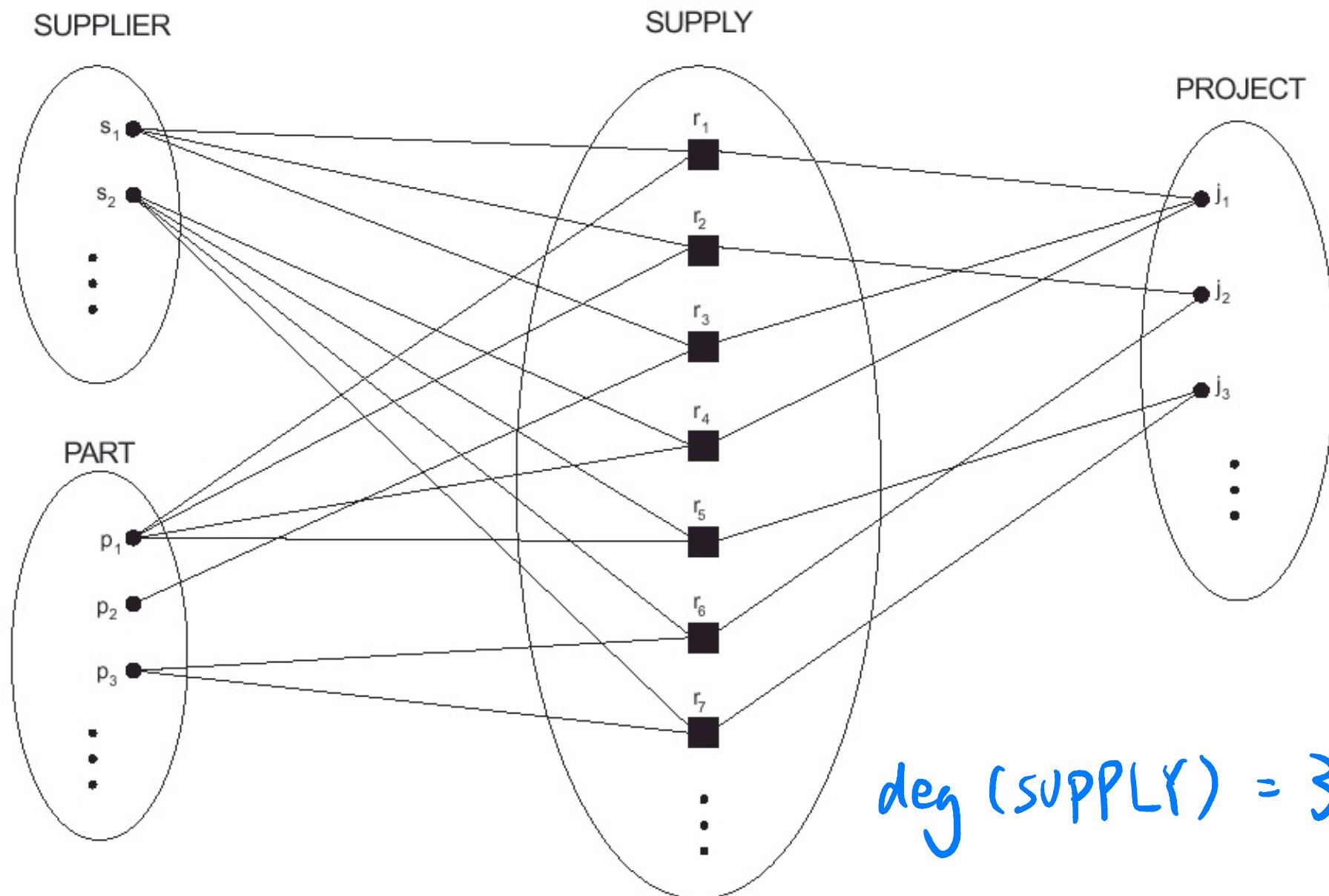
- ◆ Relationship type R among n entity type $E_1, E_2, \dots E_n$
 - defines **a set of associations (relationship set)** among entities
 - each relationship instance in R is an association of entities
 - the association includes exactly one entity from each participating entity type
 - relationship types are represented as **diamond-shaped** boxes, which are connected by straight lines to the rectangular boxes representing the participating entity types





Degree of Relationship Type

- ◆ Degree of relationship type
 - Number of participating entity type
 - Binary: of degree two
 - Ternary: of degree three

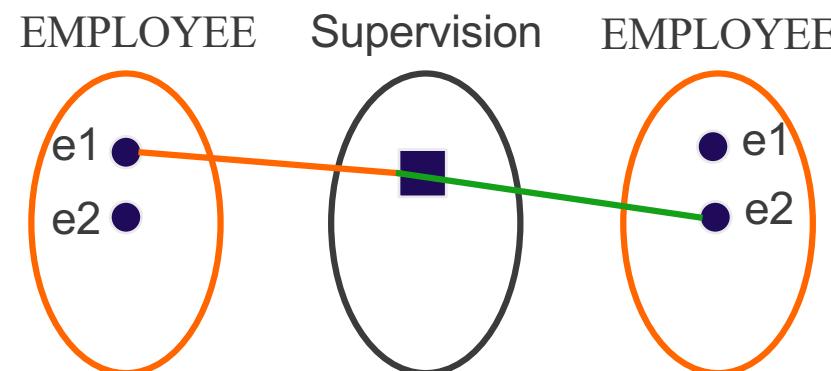
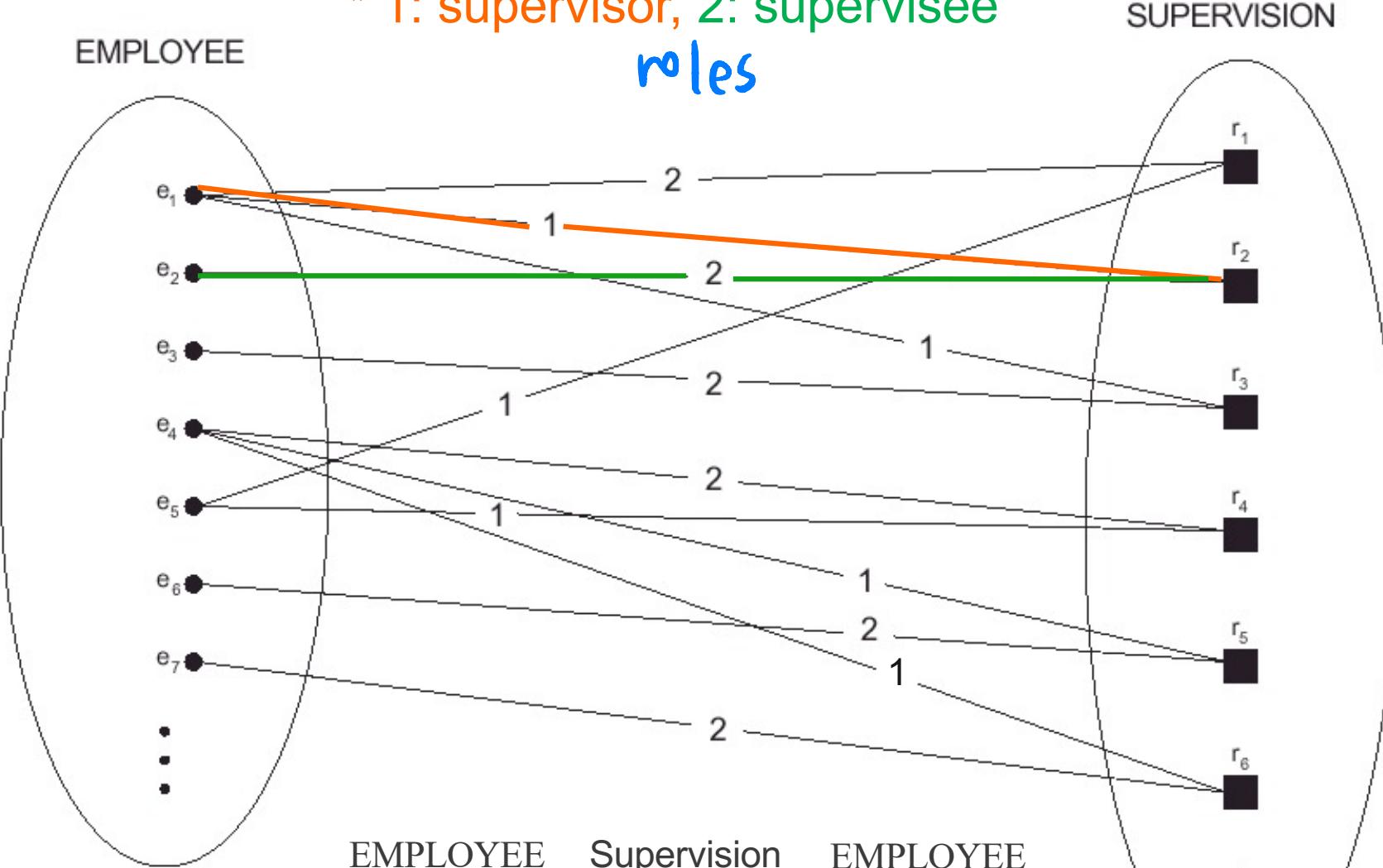


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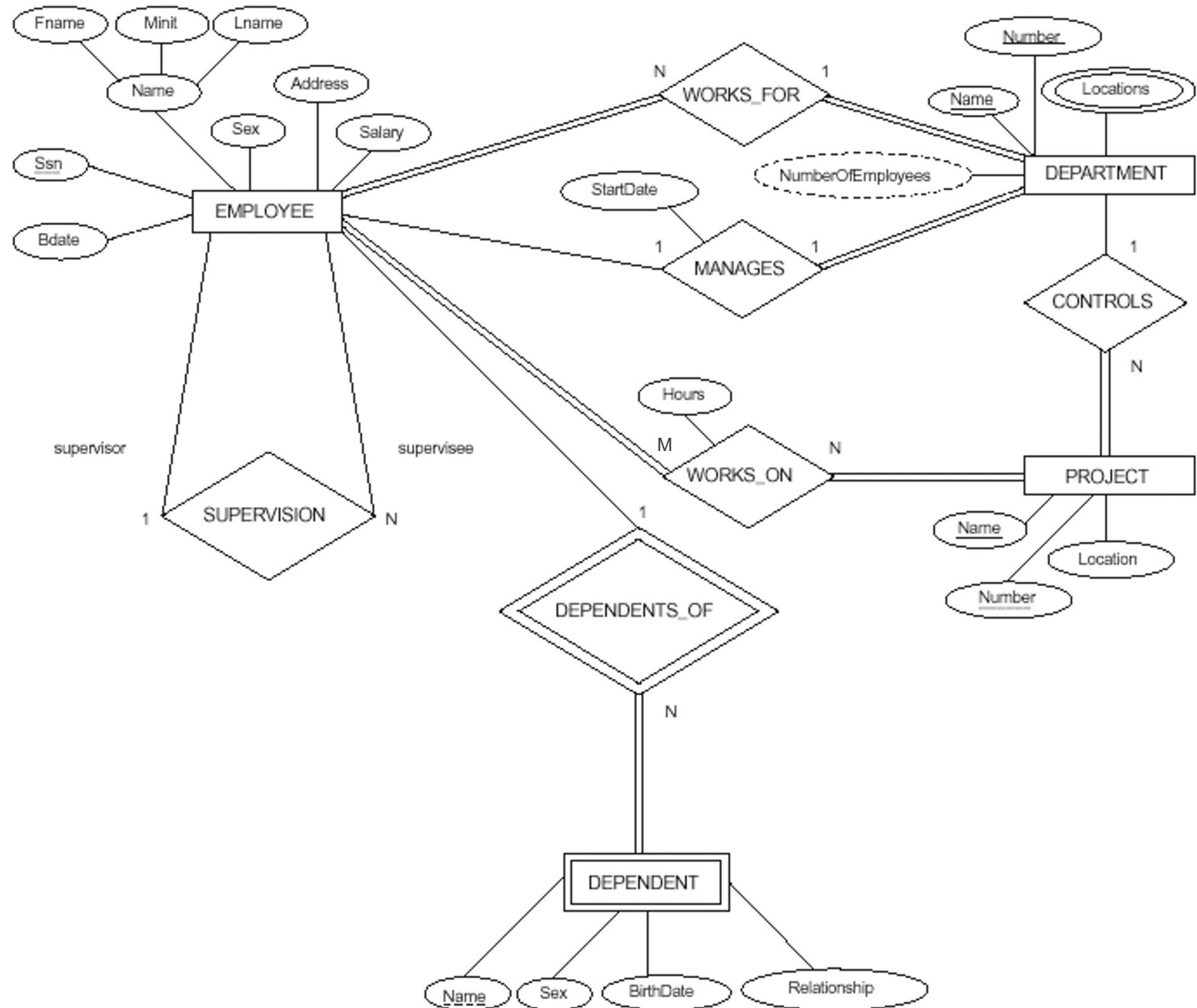
Role Name & Recursive Relationships

- ◆ Role
 - Each entity type that participates in a relationship type plays a particular role in the relationship
 - It's useful when the **same entity type** participates more than once in a **relationship type** in **different roles**
- ◆ **Recursive relationships**
 - The same entity participates more than once in a relationship type in different roles

* 1: supervisor, 2: supervisee
roles



recursive
relationship



Facebook 的 Entity Types 中 有 Recursive Relationship 嗎 ? Yes (Friends)



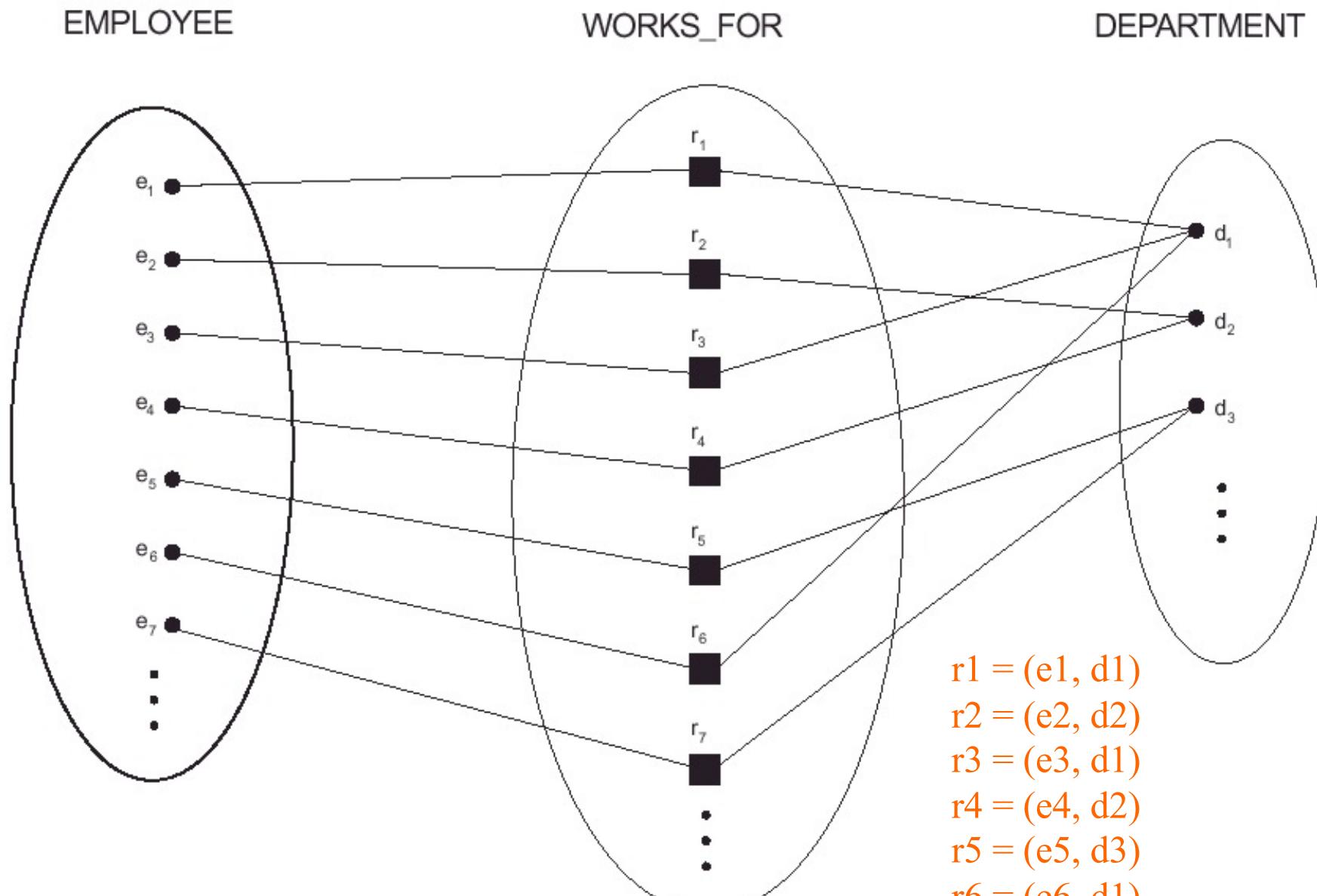
Constraints on Relationship Types

- ◆ 2 types of relationship constraints (structural constraints)
 - **Cardinality ratio** constraints (for binary relationships)
 - **Participation** constraints

Cardinality Ratios Constraints

- ◆ Cardinality Ratios constraints

- For **binary** relationship
- Specifies the number of relationship instances that an entity can participate in
- Possible cardinality ratios
 - 1:1 each employee can manage only one department
 - 1:N each department can be related to numerous employees, but an employee can be related to only one department
 - N:1
 - M:N an employee can work on several projects & a project can have several employees

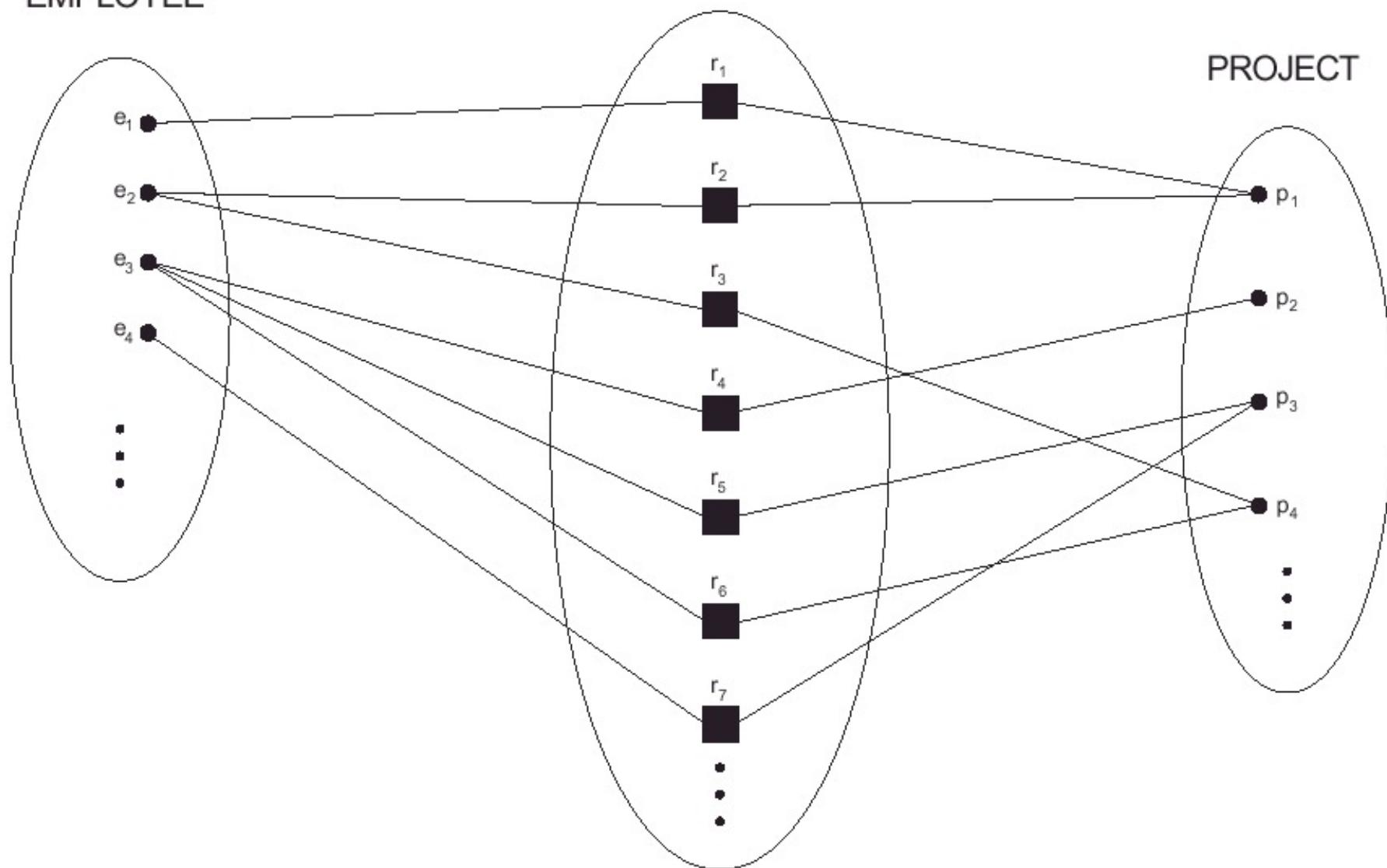


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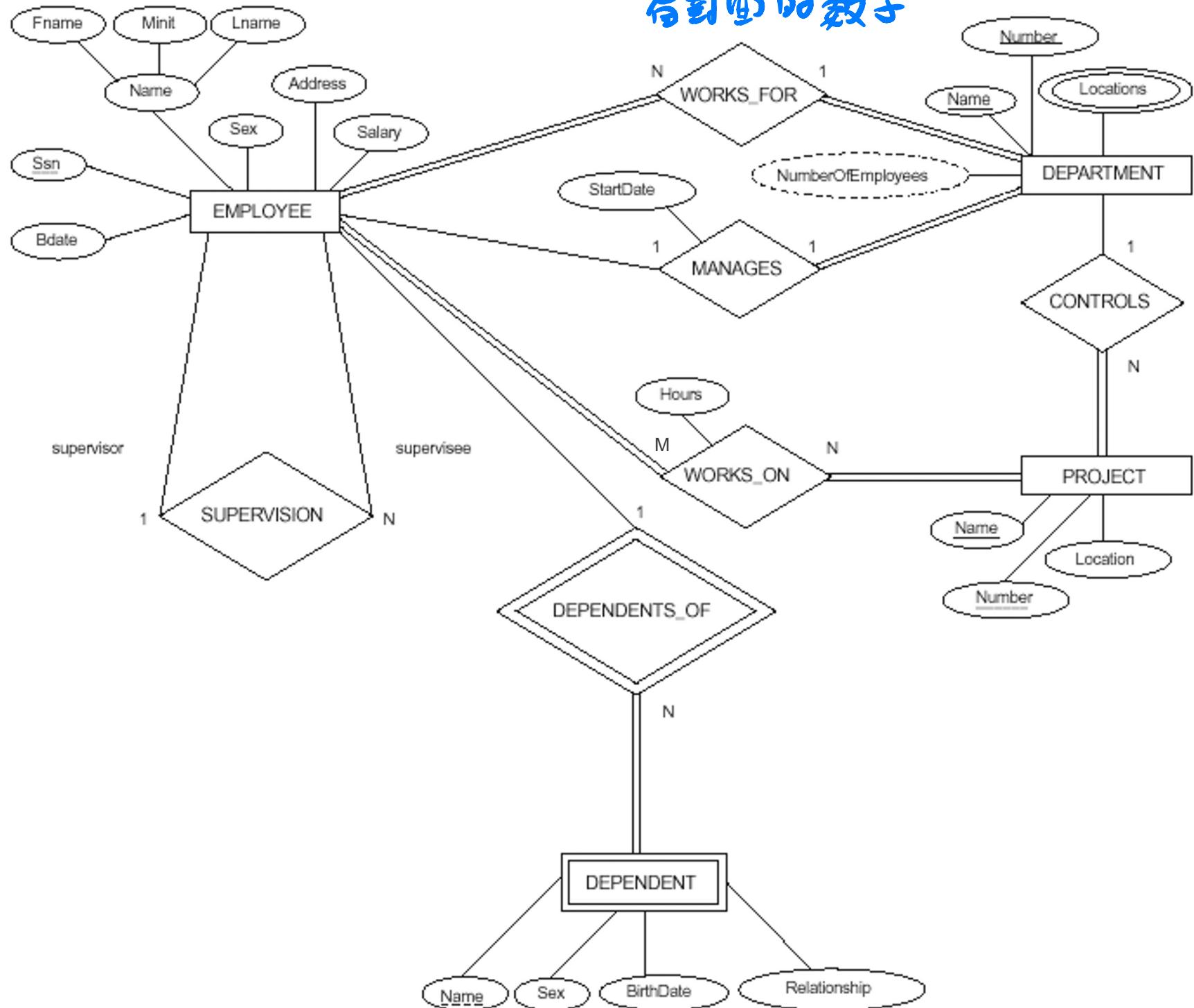
EMPLOYEE

WORKS_ON

PROJECT



看對面的數字



Participation Constraints

- ◆ **Participation** constraints
 - Specifies whether the **existence** of an entity depends on its being related to another entity via the relationship type
 - Two types of participation
 - **Total** participation (Existence Dependency)
 - **Partial** participation

Participation Constraints (cont.)

- ♦ Total participation (Existence Dependency)
 - If a company policy states that every employee must work for a department
 - ➔ An employee entity can exist **only if** it participate in a Works_For relationship instance
 - In ER diagram, total participation is represented as a **double line** connecting the participating entity type to the relationship



Participation Constraints (cont.)

- ◆ Partial participation
 - Not every employee manages a department
 - Participation of Employee in the Manages relationship type is **partial**
 - In ER diagram, partial participation is represented as a **single line** connecting the participating entity type to the relationship



Attributes of Relationship Types

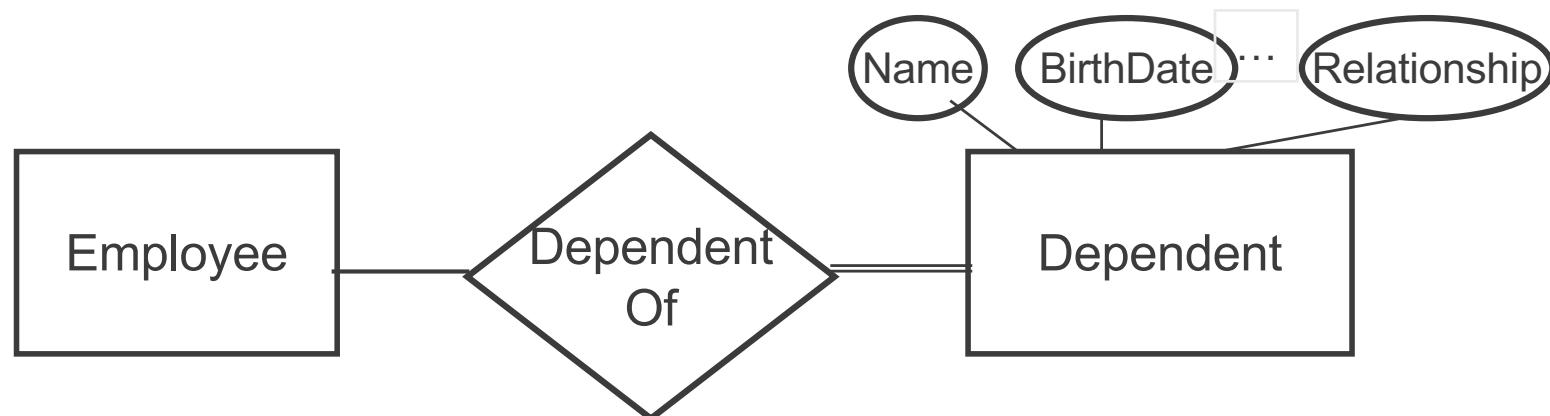
- ◆ Relationship types can also have **attributes**.
 - E.g. Employee–Works_On(Hour)–Project
 - E.g. Employee–Manages(StartDate)–Department

Weak Entity Types

Weak Entity Types

- ◆ Weak entity types

- Entity types that do **not** have **key** attributes of their own
- Entities belonging to a weak entity type are identified by being related to specific entities from another entity type in combination with some of their attribute values
- **Owner**(parent) entity type: Employee



Weak Entity Types (cont.)

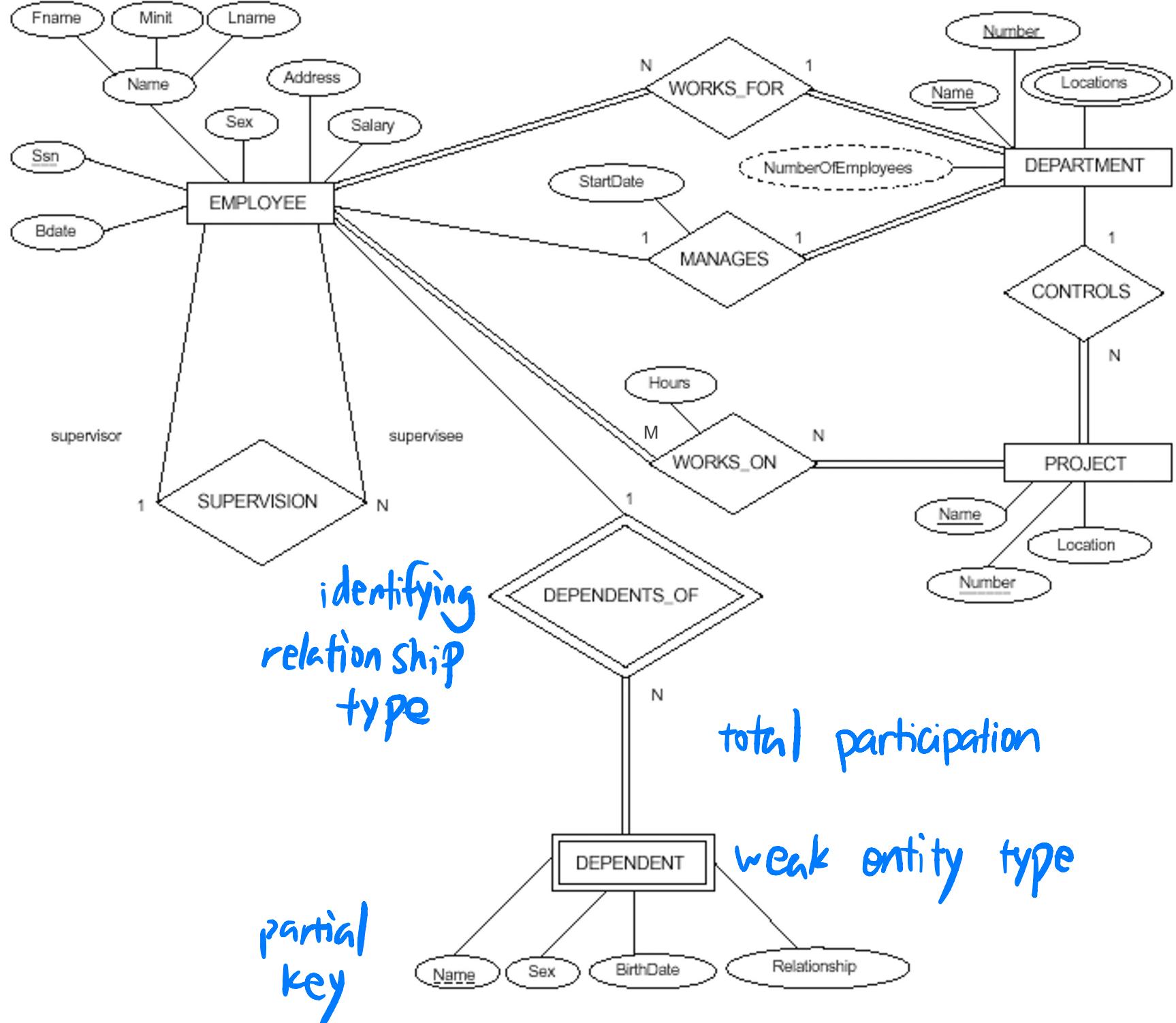
- ◆ Weak entity types

- A weak entity type always has a **total participation** constraint with respect to its identifying relationship
- a weak entity cannot be identified without an owner entity
- Not every total participation result in a weak entity type
 - E.g. Driver_License cannot exist without Person entity
Driver_License has its own key(LicenseNumber)
Driver_License is not a weak entity

Weak Entity Types (cont.)

- ◆ Weak entity types

- A weak entity type has a **partial key**
- Partial key: the set of attributes that can uniquely identify weak entities that are related to the same owner entity
- e.g. No two dependents of the same employee have the same first name → Name is the partial key
- In ER diagrams
 - Weak entity type & identifying relationship are distinguished by surrounding boxes and **diamonds** with **double lines**
 - Partial key attribute is underlined with a **dashed or dotted line**



identifying
relationship
type

total participation

partial
key

weak entity type

Refining the ER Design

Refining the ER diagram for the Company DB

- ◆ Specify relationship types
 - Manages
 - 1:1 relationship type between Employee & Department
 - Employee participation is partial
 - Department is full participation (a department must have a manager)
 - StartDate is assigned to Manages
 - Works_For
 - 1:N relationship type between Department & Employee
 - Both are total participation
 - Controls
 - 1:N relationship type between Department & Project
 - Participation of Project is total
 - Participation of Department is partial

Refining the ER diagram for the Company DB (cont.)

- Supervision
 - 1:N relationship between Employee & Employee
 - Both are partial (not every employee is a supervisor & not every employee has a supervisor)
- Works_On
 - M:N relationship type with attribute Hours
 - Both are total participation (a project can have several employees working on)
- Dependents_Of
 - 1:N relationship type between Employee & Dependent
 - is also the identifying relationship for the weak entity type Dependent
 - Participation of Employee is partial
 - Participation of Dependent is total
- ◆ Remove from the entity types all attributes that have been refined into relationships

Relationships as Attributes

- ◆ It is sometimes convenient to think of a relationship type in terms of attributes
 - E.g.
 - (1) Employee

Name, SSN, Sex, Address, Salary, BirthDate,
Department, Supervisor, {WorksON (project, Hours)}
 - (2) Department

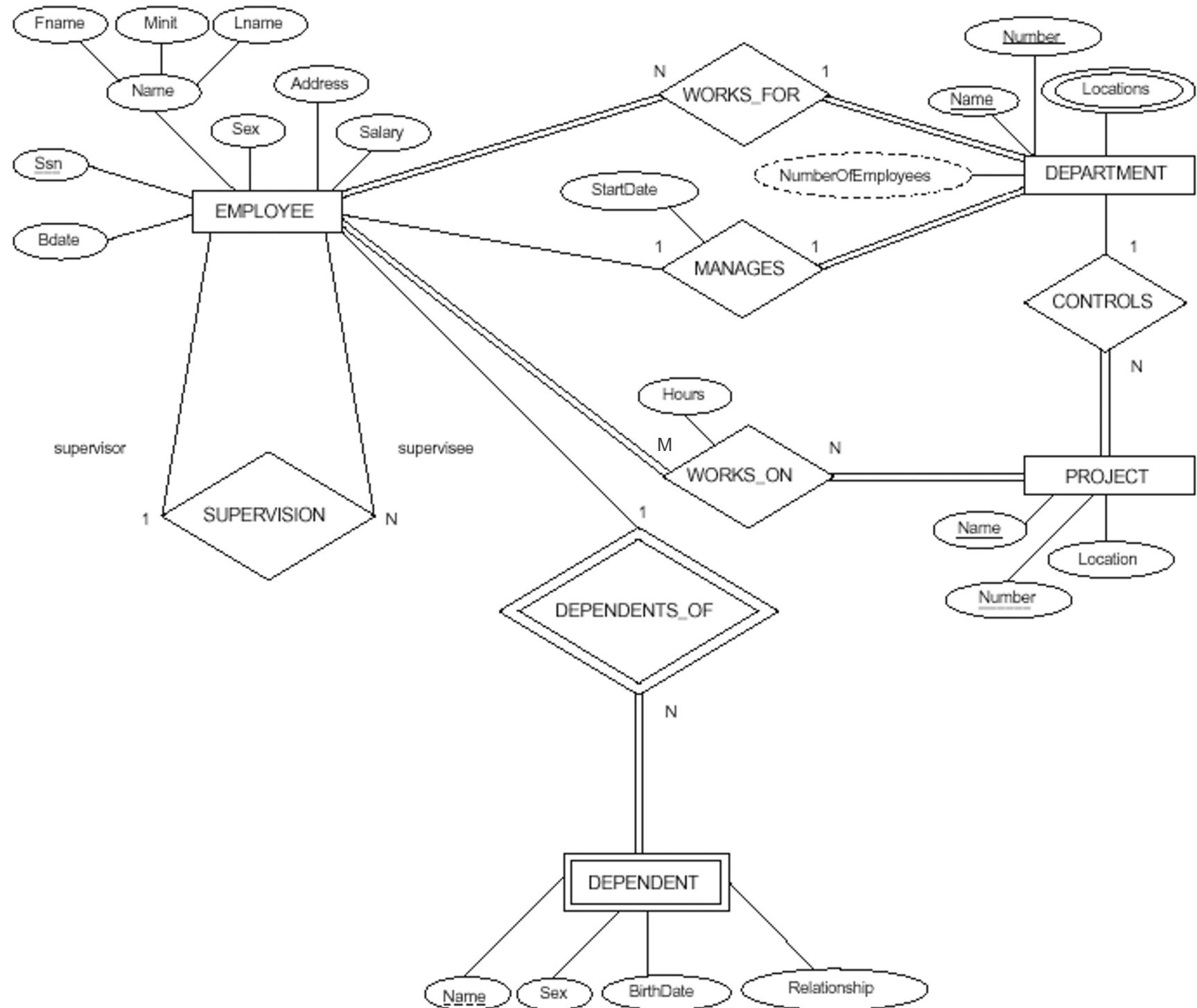
Name, Number, {Locations}, Manager, ManagerStartDate,
{Employee}

Design Choices for ER Conceptual Design

- ◆ To decide whether to model as an entity type, attribute or a relationship
 - Attribute → Relationship (attribute is a reference to another entity type, WORKS_On)
 - Attribute → Entity type (attribute exists in several entity types, e.g. PROJECT)
 - Entity type → Attribute (attribute is related to only one other entity type)
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Design Choices for ER Conceptual Design (cont.)

- ◆ Attributes of relationship types can be migrated to participating entity types
 - 1:1 relationship type
 - Be migrated to one of the participating entity types (total participation is preferable)
 - e.g. Employee–Manages(StartDate)–Department
 - ➔ Employee(StartDate)–Manages–Department
 - ➔ Employee–Manages–Department(StartDate)
 - 1:N relationship types
 - Be migrated to the N-side of the relationship
 - e.g. Employee–Works_For(StartDate)–Department
 - ➔ Employee(StartDate)–Works_For–Department



Placement of Attributes on Relationship Types

- ◆ M:N relationship
 - Cannot be migrated
 - Some attributes determined by the combination of participating entities, not by any single entity, must be specified as relationship attributes
 - E.g. Employee–Works_On(Hours)–Project

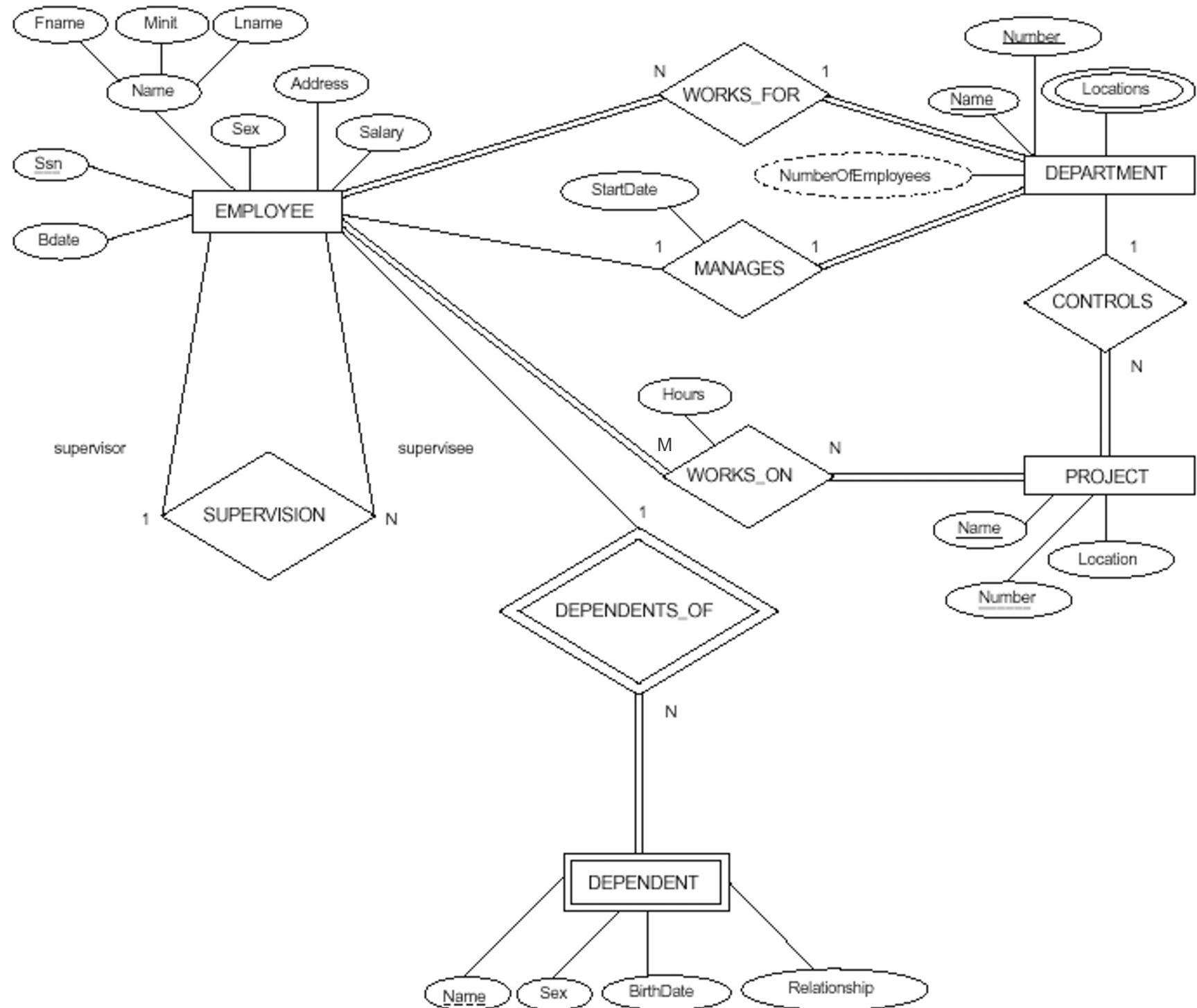
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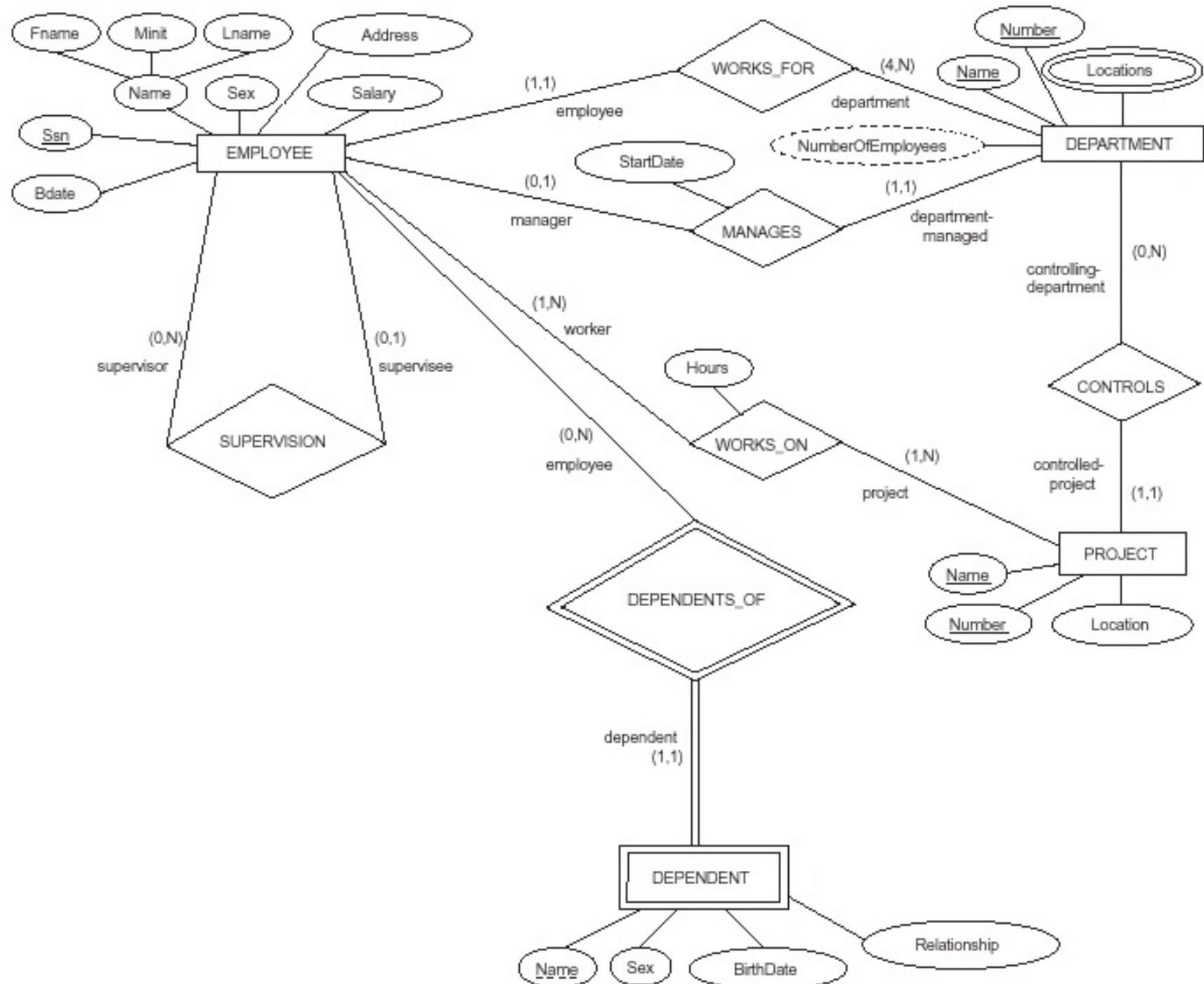
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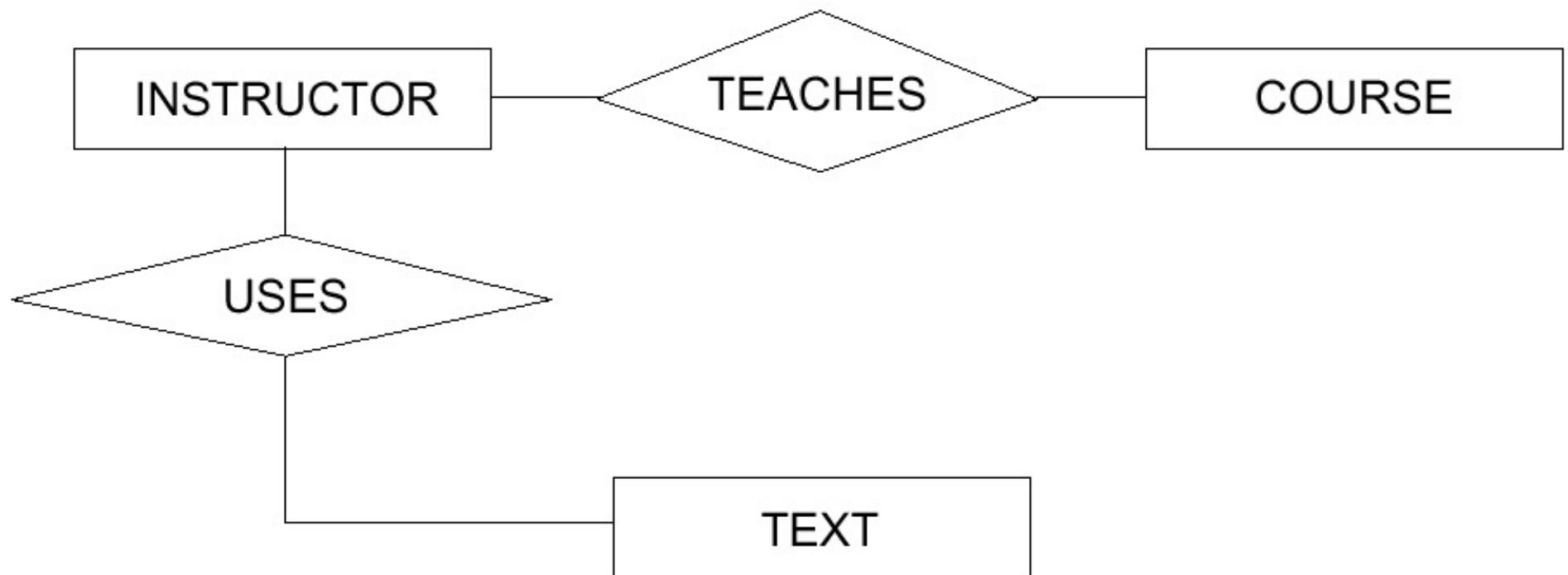
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	ENTITY TYPE
	WEAK ENTITY TYPE
	RELATIONSHIP TYPE
	IDENTIFYING RELATIONSHIP TYPE
	ATTRIBUTE
	KEY ATTRIBUTE
	MULTIVALUED ATTRIBUTE
	COMPOSITE ATTRIBUTE
	DERIVED ATTRIBUTE
	TOTAL PARTICIPATION OF E_2 IN R
	CARDINALITY RATIO $1:N$ FOR $E_1:E_2$ IN R
	STRUCTURAL CONSTRAINT (min, max) ON PARTICIPATION OF E IN R

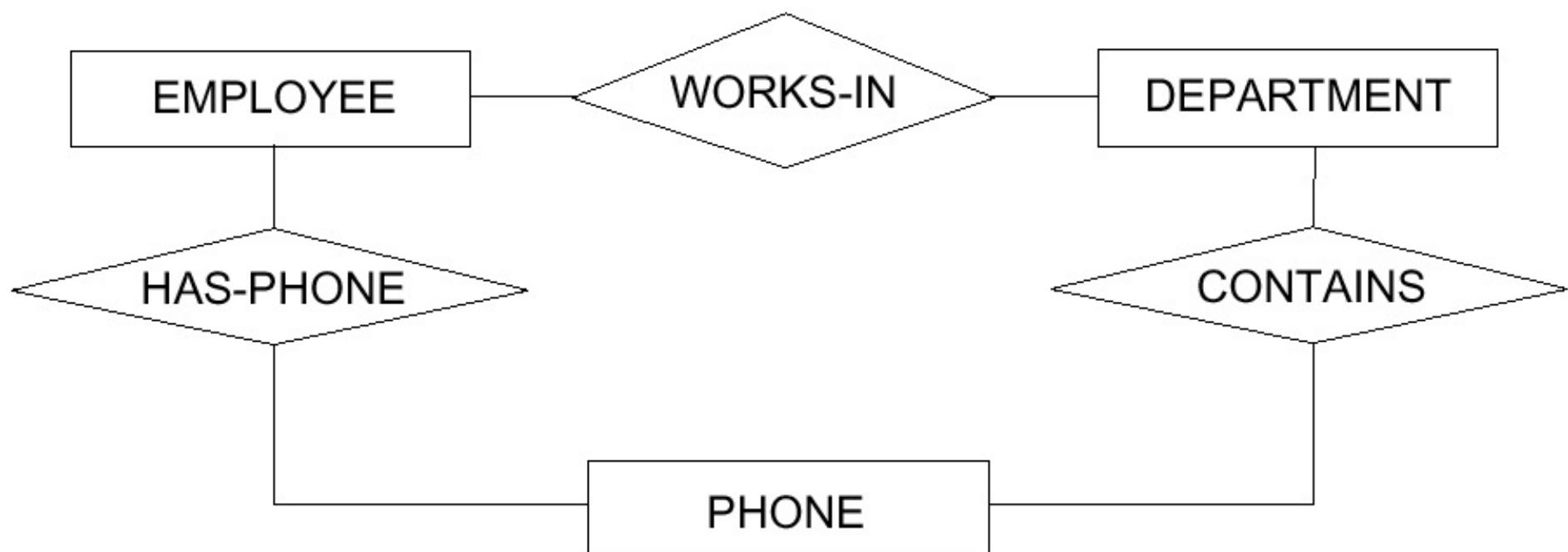
Alternative Notations for the ER Diagrams

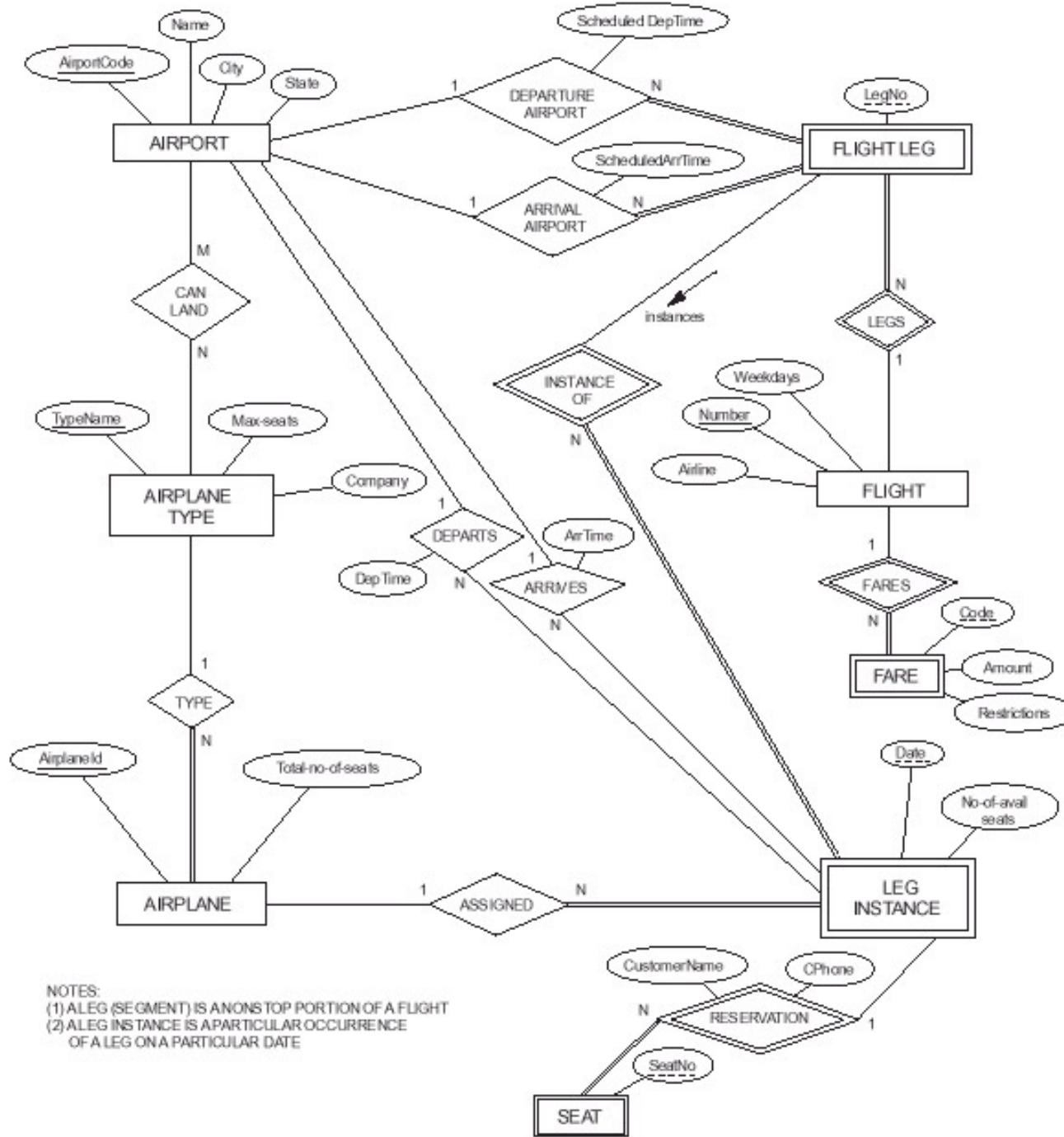
- ◆ (min, max) with each participation of an entity type E in a relationship type R
 - For each entity e in E, e must participate in at least min & at most max relationship instances in R at any point in time
 - $min = 0$ implies **partial** participation
 - $min > 0$ implies **total** participation
 - max specifies **cardinality ratio** constraint
ratio





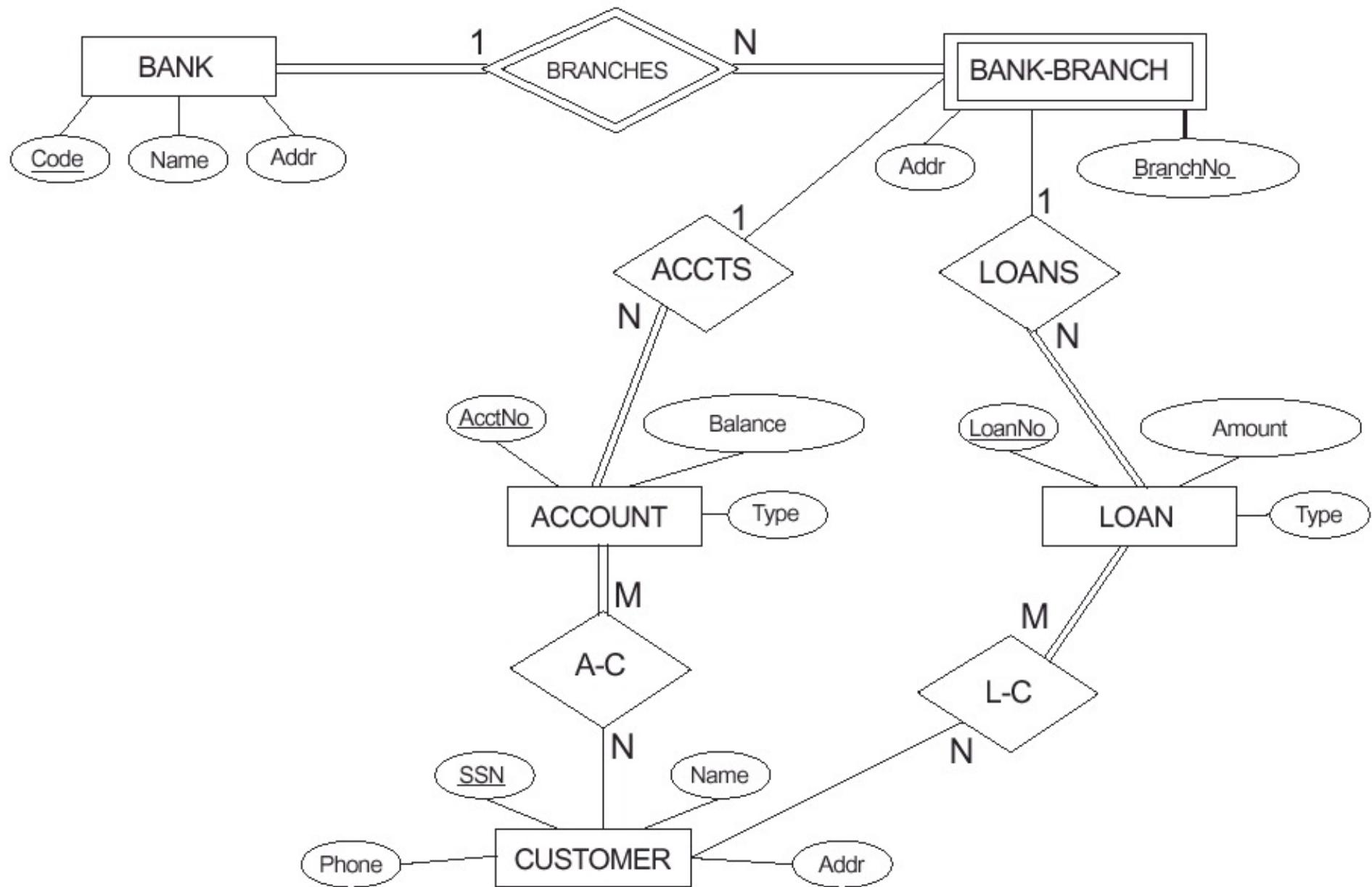






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- NOTES:
(1) ALEG (SEGMENT) IS AN ON STOP PORTION OF A FLIGHT
(2) ALEG INSTANCE IS A PARTICULAR OCCURRENCE
OF A LEG ON A PARTICULAR DATE



Summary

- ◆ Entity-Relationship Model

- Entity Types

- Attributes
 - Simple vs. composite
 - Single-valued vs. multivalued
 - Stored vs. derived
 - Domain, Null
 - Key attributes

- Relationship Types

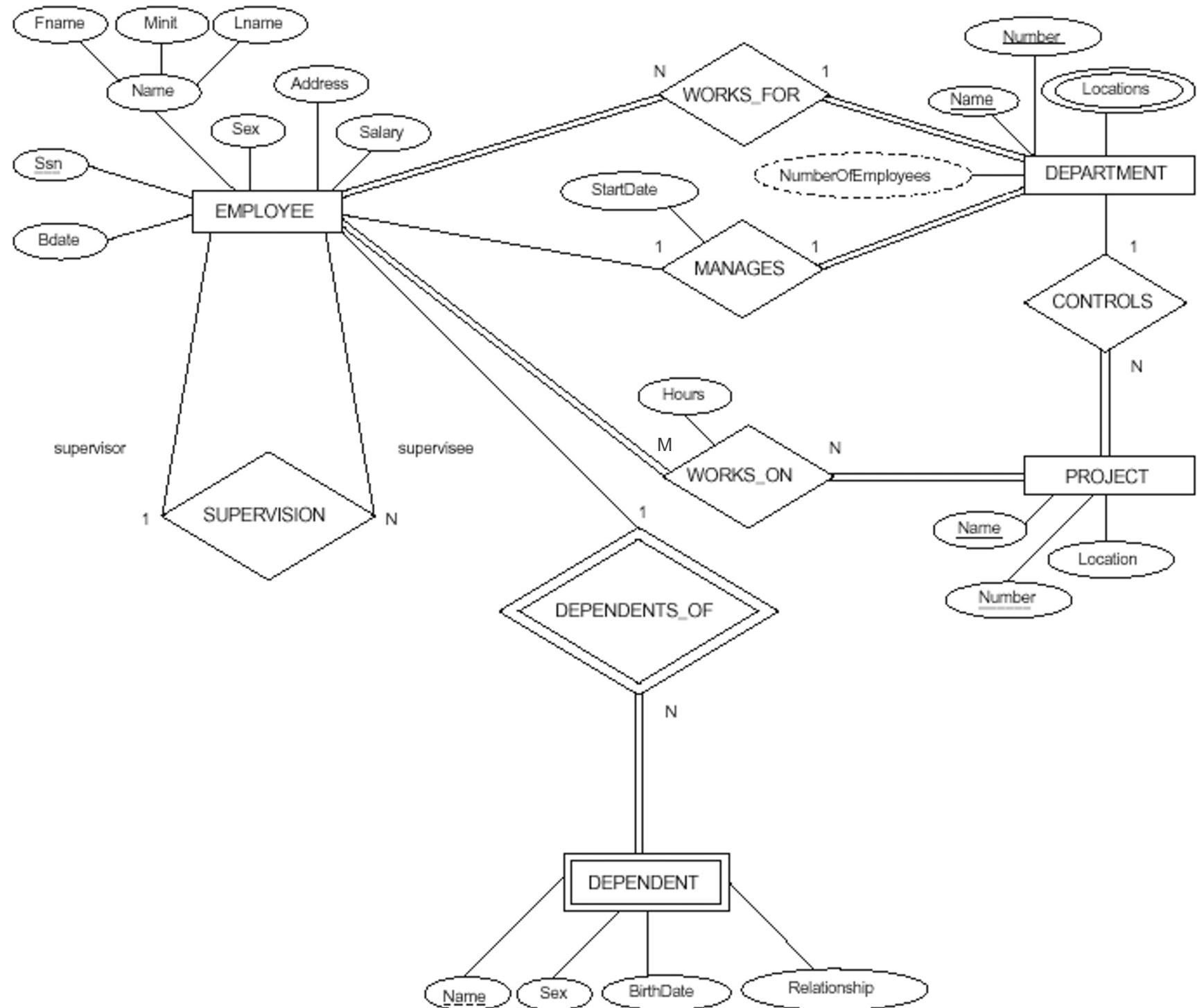
- Cardinality ratio constraints
 - Participation constraints
 - Total participation
 - Partial participation

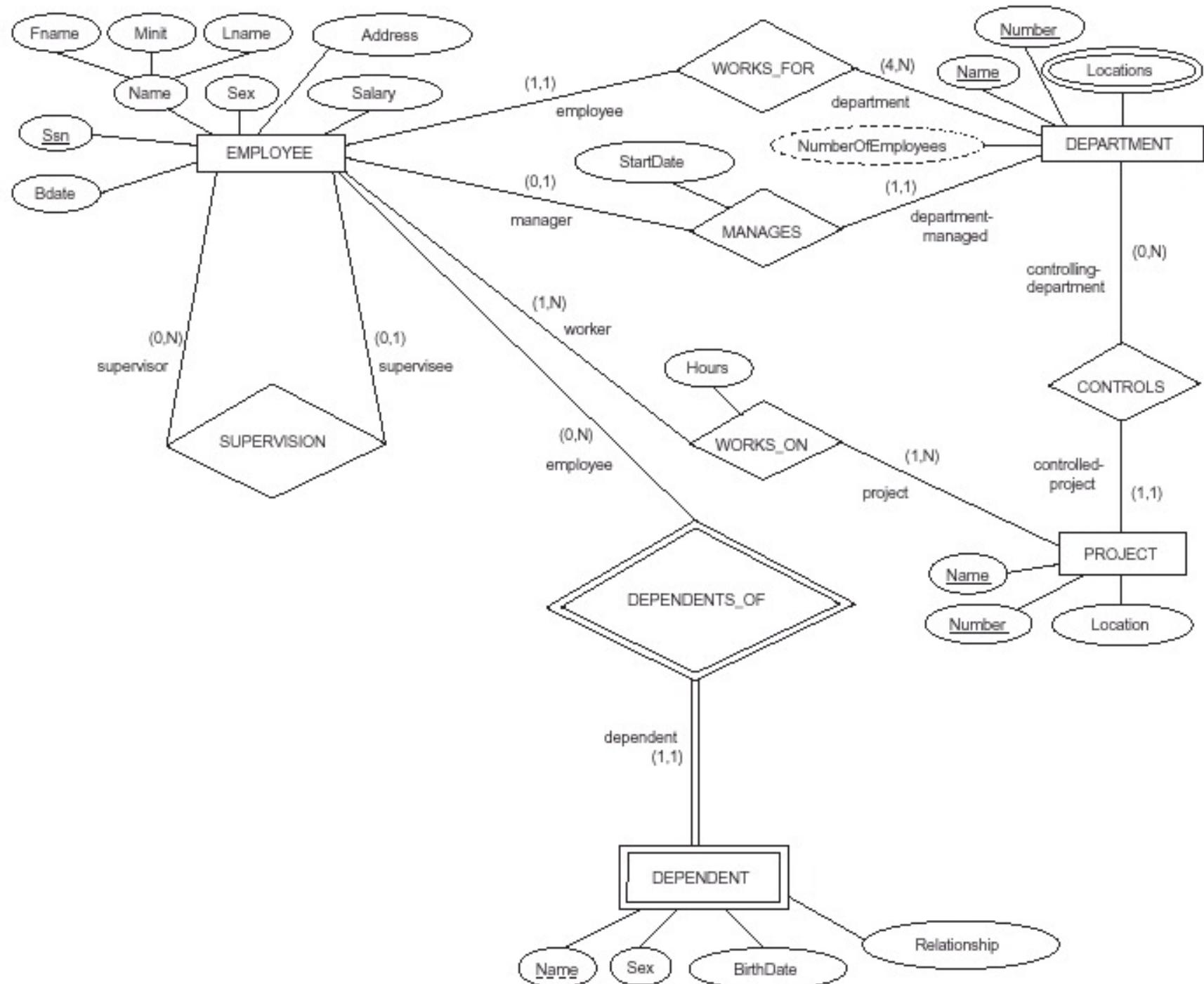
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 - We store each employee's name, social security number, address, salary, sex & birth date

An Example Database Application (cont.)

- An employee is assigned to one department but may work on several projects, which are not necessarily controlled by the same department.
- We keep track of the number of hours per week that an employee works on each project.
- We keep track of the direct supervisor of each employee.
- We keep track of the dependents of each employee for insurance purpose.
- We keep each dependent's first name, sex, birth date & relationship to the employee





ER Model 有
Entity Types, Relationship Types,
Relational Data Model 呢？



ER Model 有
Stored vs. Derived Attributes 之區別，
Relational Data Model 有嗎？ 沒有



ER Model 有 Cardinality Ratio Constraint,
Participation Constraint ,
Relational Data Model 沒有嗎 ? foreign key ?

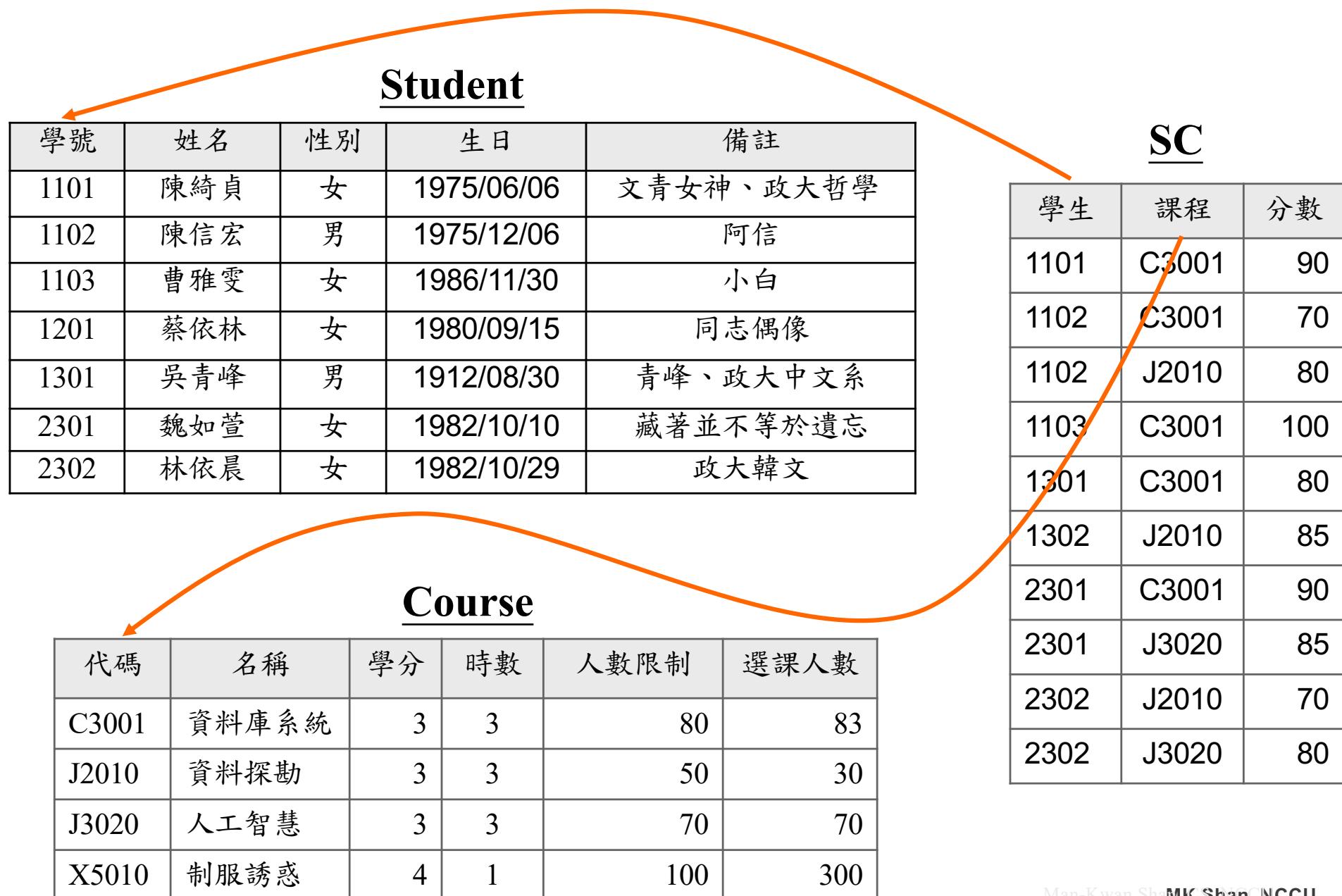


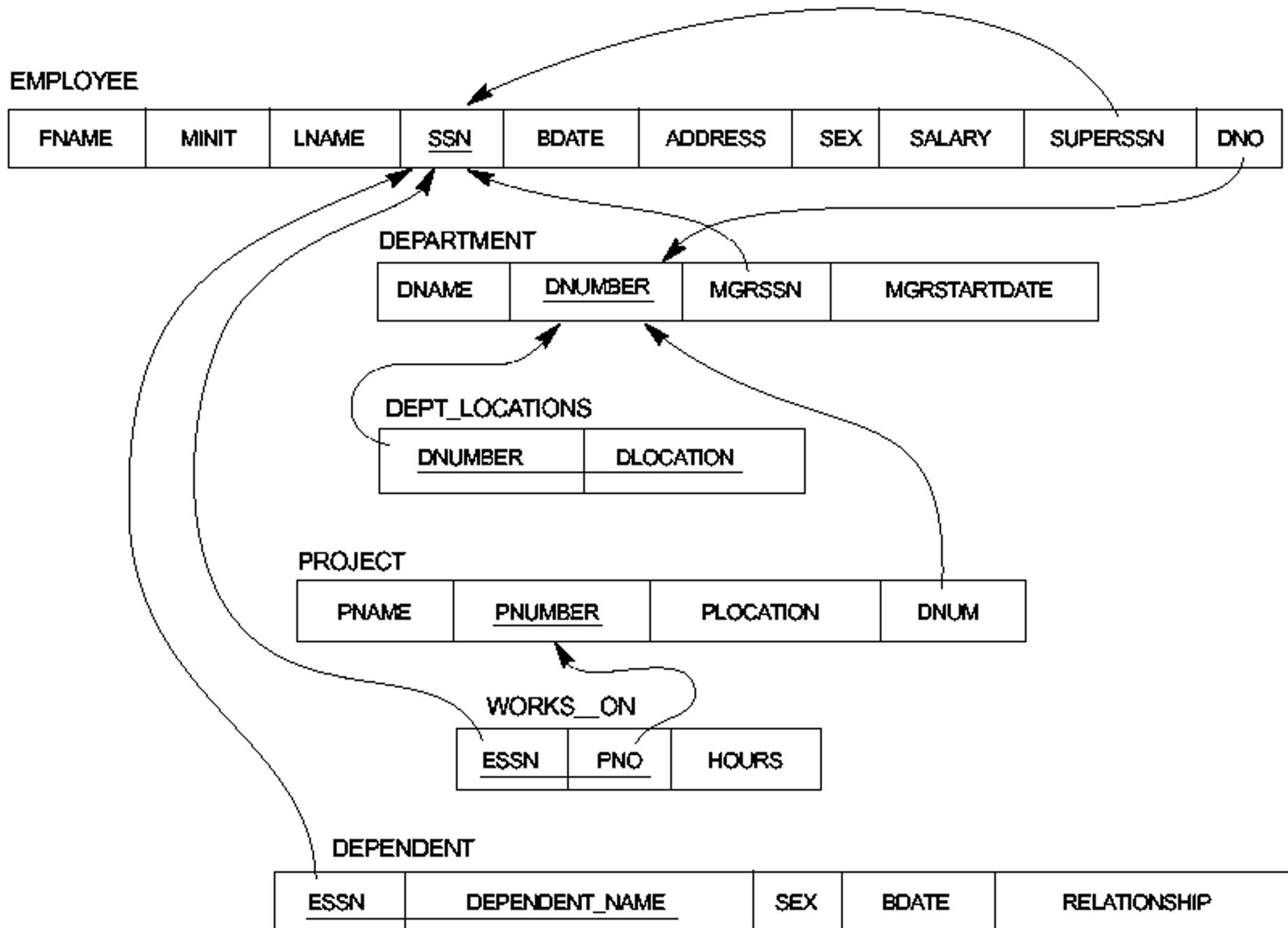
ER Model 的 Cardinality Ratio Constraint

如何對應到
Relational Data Model 呢？



Referential Integrity Constraints





ER Model vs. Relational Data Model

哪個 Model 比較簡單？



Model 越簡單越好，
還是越複雜越好？簡單



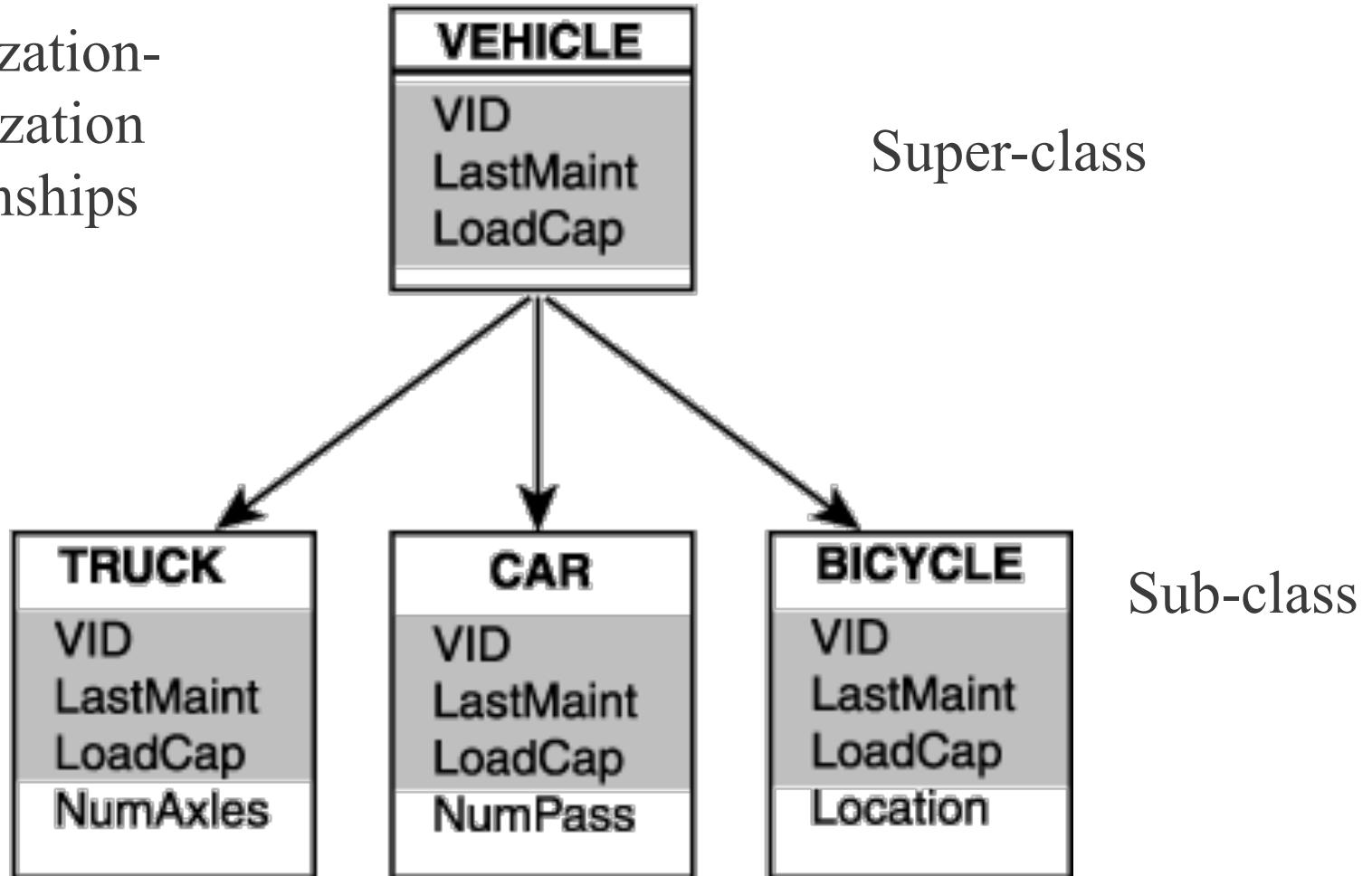
為什麼 ER Model
是 Conceptual Model,
而 Relational Data Model 是
Implementation Model ?



ER Model 有
Entity Types, Relationship Types,
有什麼 Relationship 的資訊是
ER Model 無法描述的呢？

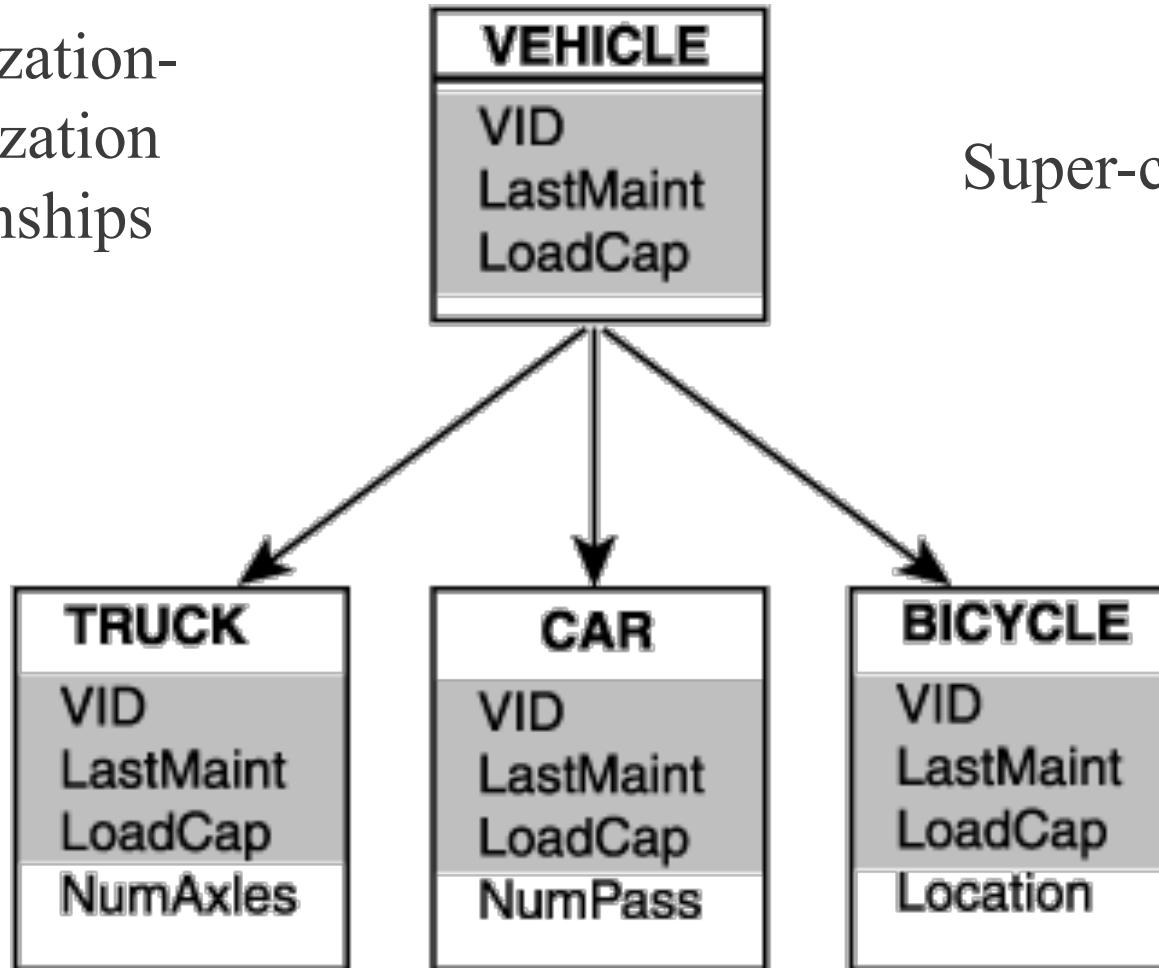


Generalization-Specialization Relationships



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Super-class



Sub-class