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Introduction to Information Systems

The Relational Model

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Learning Outcomes

| Description | Tag |
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| Explain the three-Schema architecture, separating internal level, conceptual level and external level. | DBMS |
| Explain the concept of physical and logical data independence. | |
| Define the main components of the relational model: Relations, Domains, Attributes and Tuples. | |
| Explain and provide examples for domain constraints. | Relational-model |
| Explain and provide examples for key constraints. | |
| Explain and provide examples for notion of superkeys. | |
| Explain and provide examples for notion of keys. | |
| Explain and provide examples for referential integrity constraints. | |
| Explain and provide examples for user-specified constraints. | Map-ER-Relational |
| Map entities to relations. | |
| Map relationships to relations. | |
| Map weak entities to relations. | |
| Map Super & Sub-classes to relations. | |
| Given an ER diagram, map it to a set of relations using the Relational Model. | |

Data Abstraction and Data Model

- **Data Abstraction**: an abstract view of data that excludes many details that are either too complex or not of interest to the users
- **Data Model**: a collection of concepts that can be used to describe the structure of a database to achieve data abstraction.

Schemas and Instances

Most data models have the concept of “schema” and “instance”

- A **Schema** is the meta-data, or data describing data
what is the table & relations
- Schema is specified during database design, and is not expected to change frequently
- An **Instance** is the data in the database at a particular time
- Instances are created during data updates and change frequently

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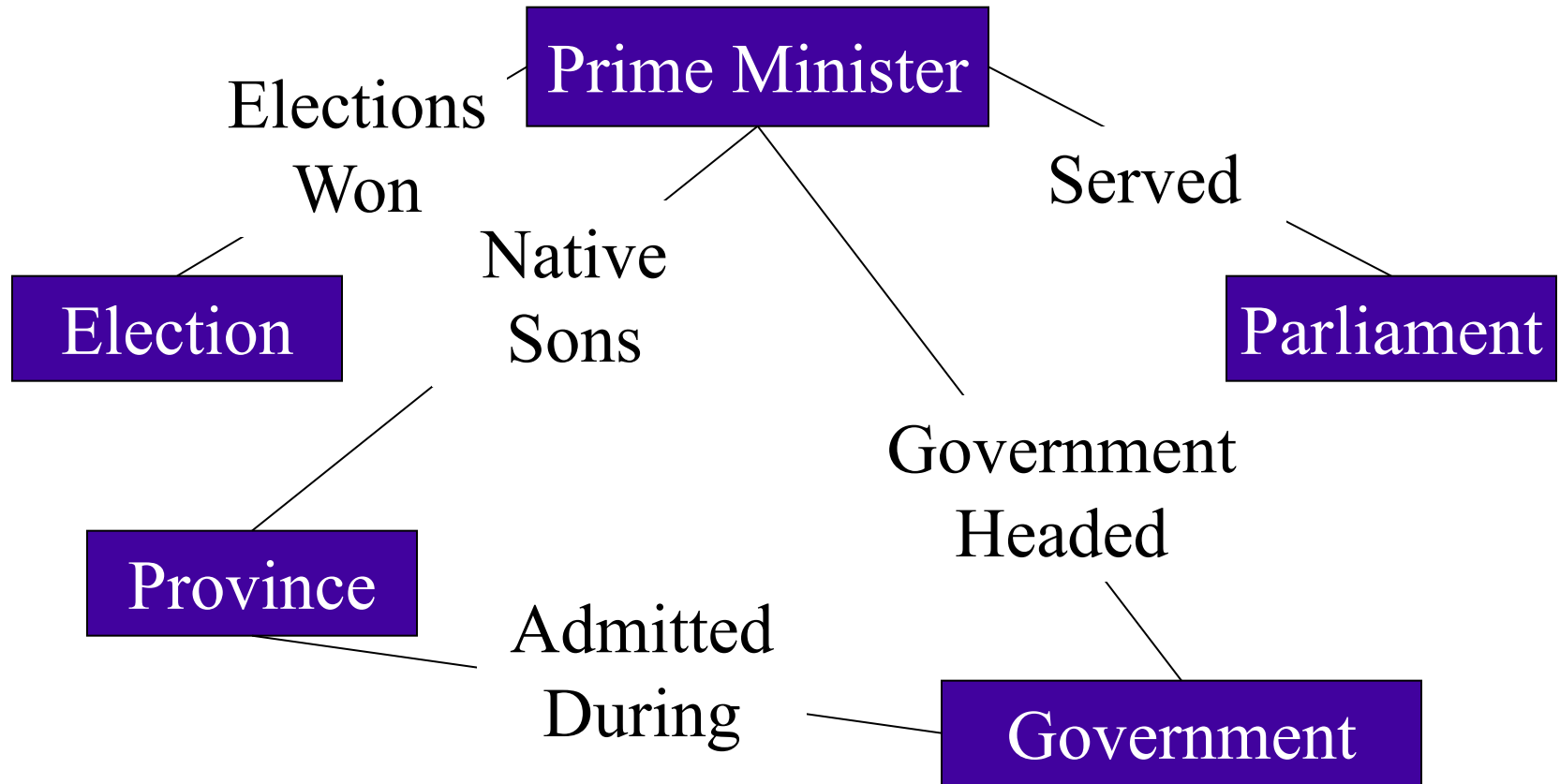
Mapping Example

from schema to ER diagram

Before the Relational Model

- Prior to the relational model, there were two main contenders
 - Network model and databases
 - Hierarchical model and databases
- Network databases had a complex data model
- Hierarchical databases integrated the application in the data model

Example Hierarchical Model



Looks similar to ER diagrams
but has fewer concepts. But let's see how you query it...

Example IMS (Hierarchical) query: Print the names of all the provinces admitted during a Liberal Government

problems: query is complicated

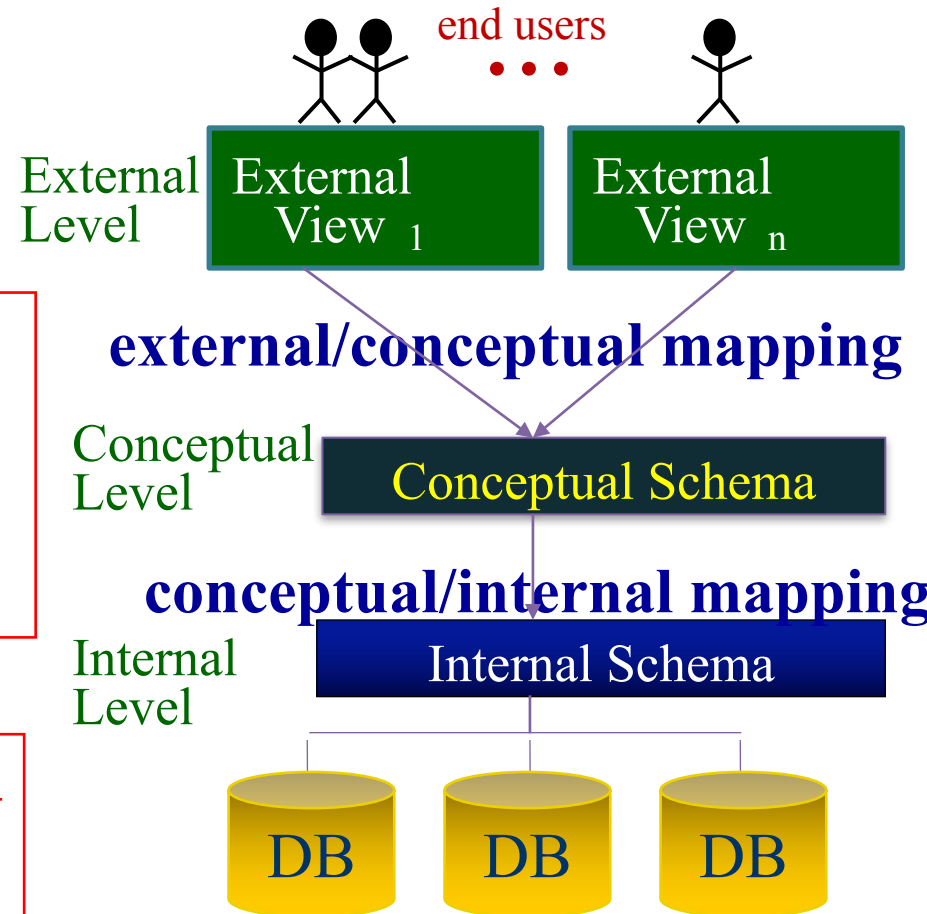
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DLITPLI:PROCEDURE (QUERY_PCB) OPTIONS (MAIN);
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DECLARE QUERY_PCB POINTER;
/*Communication Buffer*/
DECLARE 1 PCB BASED(QUERY_PCB),
  2 DATA_BASE_NAME CHAR(8),
  2 SEGMENT_LEVEL CHAR(2),
  2 STATUS_CODE CHAR(2),
  2 PROCESSING_OPTIONS CHAR(4),
  2 RESERVED_FOR_DLI FIXED BINARY(31,0),
  2 SEGMENT_NAME_FEEDBACK CHAR(8),
  2 LENGTH_OF_KEY_FEEDBACK_AREA FIXED BINARY(31,0),
  2 NUMBER_OF_SENSITIVE_SEGMENTS FIXED BINARY(31,0),
  2 KEY_FEEDBACK_AREA CHAR(28);
/* I/O Buffers*/
DECLARE PRES_IO_AREA CHAR(65),
  1 PRESIDENT DEFINED PRES_IO_AREA,
  2 PRES_NUMBER CHAR(4),
  2 PRES_NAME CHAR(20),
  2 BIRTHDATE CHAR(8),
  2 DEATH_DATE CHAR(8),
  2 PARTY CHAR(10),
  2 SPOUSE CHAR(15);
DECLARE SADMIT_IO_AREA CHAR(20),
  1 province_ADMITTED DEFINED SADMIT_IO_AREA,
  2 province_NAME CHAR(20);
/* Segment Search Arguments */
DECLARE 1 PRESIDENT_SSA STATIC UNALIGNED,
  2 SEGMENT_NAME CHAR(8) INIT('PRES '),
  2 LEFT_PARENTHESIS CHAR (1) INIT('('),
  2 FIELD_NAME CHAR(8) INIT ('PARTY '),
  2 CONDITIONAL_OPERATOR CHAR (2) INIT('='),
  2 SEARCH_VALUE CHAR(10) INIT ('Liberal '),
```

```
2 RIGHT_PARENTHESIS CHAR(1) INIT(')');
DECLARE 1 province_ADMITTED_SSA STATIC UNALIGNED,
  2 SEGMENT_NAME CHAR(8) INIT('SADMIT ');
/* Some necessary variables */
DECLARE GU CHAR(4) INIT('GU '),
  GN CHAR(4) INIT('GN '),
  GNP CHAR(4) INIT('GNP '),
  FOUR FIXED BINARY (31) INIT (4),
  SUCCESSFUL CHAR(2) INIT(' '),
  RECORD_NOT_FOUND CHAR(2) INIT('GE');
/*This procedure handles IMS error conditions */
ERROR:PROCEDURE(ERROR_CODE);
*
*
*
END ERROR;
/*Main Procedure */
CALL PLITDLI(FOUR,GU,QUERY_PCB,PRES_IO_AREA,PRESIDENT_SSA);
DO WHILE(PCB.STATUS_CODE=SUCCESSFUL);
  CALL PLITDLI(FOUR,GNP,QUERY_PCB,SADMIT_IO_AREA,province_ADMITTED_SSA);
  DO WHILE(PCB.STATUS_CODE=SUCCESSFUL);
    PUT EDIT(province_NAME)(A);
    CALL PLITDLI(FOUR,GNP,QUERY_PCB,SADMIT_IO_AREA,province_ADMITTED_SSA);
  END;
  IF PCB.STATUS_CODE NOT = RECORD_NOT_FOUND
  THEN DO;
    CALL ERROR(PCB.STATUS_CODE);
    RETURN;
  END;
  CALL PLITDLI(FOUR,GN,QUERY_PCB,PRES_IO_AREA,PRESIDENT_SSA);
END;
IF PCB.STATUS_CODE NOT = RECORD_NOT_FOUND
THEN DO;
  CALL ERROR(PCB.STATUS_CODE);
  RETURN;
END;
END DLITPLI;
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Three-Schema Architecture

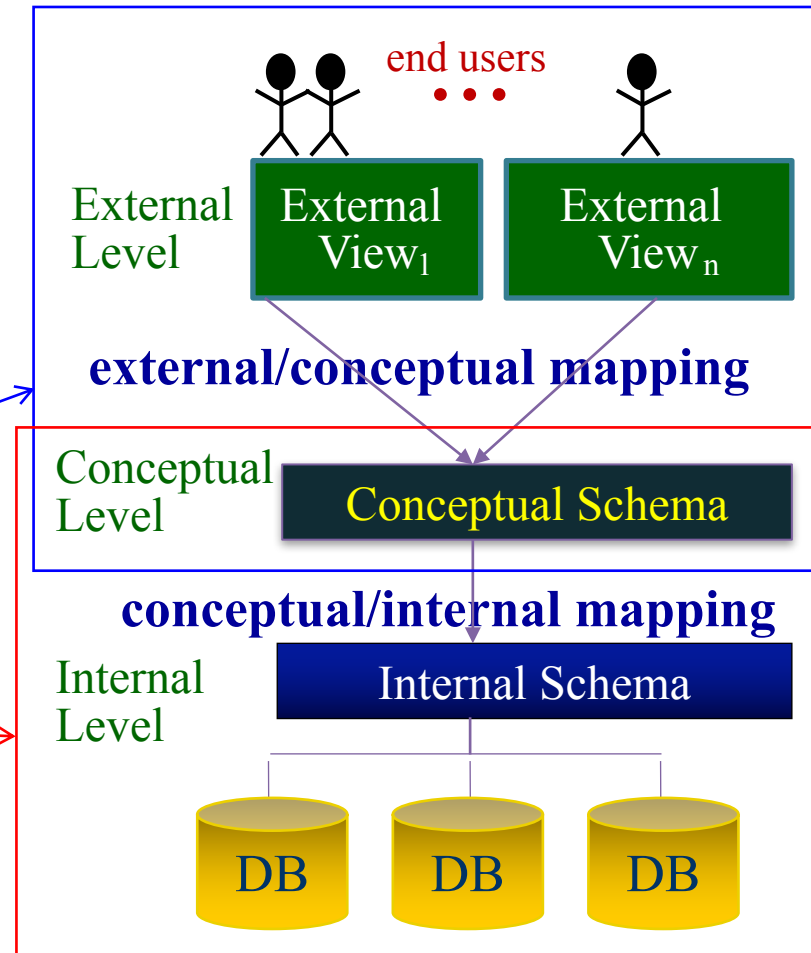
- **External Level:** provides access to particular parts of the database to users
interacting
- **Conceptual Level:** describes the structure of the whole database for a community of users.
this course focus
- **Internal Level:** describes the physical storage structure of the database.
focus on 7903



Data Independence via Three-Schema Architecture

- **Data Independence:** Ability to change the schema at one level of a database system without having to change the schema at the next higher level.

1. **Logical Data Independence:** Ability to change the conceptual schema without changing applications
2. **Physical Data Independence:** Ability to modify physical schema w/o changing logical schema



deleting a table is happened in conceptual schema

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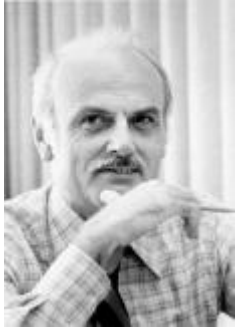
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The Relational Model



- Introduced by Edgar Codd (IBM) in 1970
- Most widely used model today.
 - Vendors: IBM, Informix, Microsoft, Oracle, Sybase,
- The Relational Model has four main concepts:
 - Relations
 - Domains
 - Attributes
 - Tuples
- Recent competitors(triggered by the needs of Web):
 - XML data model and NoSQL

Relations

- A **Relation** is the main construct for representing data in the Relational Model
- Informally, a relation
 - is a set of records
 - is similar to a table with columns and rows

Columns

ROWS

| | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|
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Relations, not Tables

- The term Table is used interchangeably with Relation
 - Every relation is a table
 - Every table is not necessarily a relation !
- Relations have specific properties, based on the mathematical set theory
 - if it have somethings merge together or combine columns, rows together, it is not a relation
BUT a table

| City: Brisbane | | Product | Year: 1998 | | | |
|----------------|---------------|----------|------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Region | Suburb | | Qtr 1 | Qtr 2 | Qtr 3 | Qtr 4 |
| South | Algester | Disks | 32 | 243 | 23 | 246 |
| South | Calam Vale | Labels | 4232 | 65 | 865 | 768 |
| West | Taringa | Envelops | 3242 | 543 | 4554 | 454 |
| North | McDowell | Toners | 23 | 456 | 24 | 434 |
| South | Sunny Bank | Ribbons | 324 | 65 | 56 | 657 |
| West | Indooroopilly | Disks | 234 | 6786 | 324 | 554 |

Not a
Relation !



Domains

types of attributes

- A Domain **D** is a set of atomic **values**
- Each domain has a data type or **format**.
- Example: Auto registration numbers
 - 6 characters (either alpha or digits but no 'Q's allowed)
- Popular Domain Types
 - integers
 - real numbers
 - fixed or variable length character strings
 - date
 - time stamp
 - currency
 - sub-range from a data type, e.g. $1 \leq \text{Grade} \leq 7$
 - enumerated data type, e.g. {'Male', 'Female'}

Attributes

- Each attribute **A** is the name of a role played by some domain **D** in the relation named **R**
- The number of attributes in a relation R is called the **degree of R**
- Example: **StudentNo** is an attribute name
(Each *value* of the attribute StudentNo must belong to the *domain* of StudentNos)

| Name | StudentNo | Sex | Degree |
|-----------|-------------|-----|---------|
| Joe Smith | 606 567 333 | M | BSc |
| A. Brown | 321 638 999 | F | BInfTch |

Tuples

- Each Tuple **t** is an ordered list of n values:

$$\mathbf{t} = \langle \mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_n \rangle$$

where each value v_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) is an element of the corresponding domain of attribute A_i or a special value called “null”

- t** is called an **n-tuple**

- Example

(254, John, Smith, \$45K, 3453-2543,M)

Example of a Relation Instance

relation name → **Student**

attribute, column name →

| sid | name | address | phone | major |
|----------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|
| 99111120 | G. Jones | 1234 W. 12 th Ave., Van. | 889-4444 | CPSC |
| 92001200 | G. Smith | 2020 E. 18 th St., Van | 409-2222 | MATH |
| 94001020 | A. Smith | 2020 E. 18 th St., Van | 222-2222 | CPSC |
| 94001150 | S. Wang | null | null | null |

tuple, row, record →

domain value →

- degree/arity = 5;
- Order of rows isn't important
- Order of attributes isn't important (except in some query languages)

Relation Schema and Instance

- Relation Schema

- A relation schema r is a set of attributes (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) where a_i is in D_i , the domain (set of allowed values) of the i -th attribute.
- Attribute values are atomic, i.e., integers, floats, strings
- A domain contains a special value *null* indicating that the value is not known.

- Relation Instance

- A relation instance r of the relation schema R , denoted by $\mathbf{r(R)}$, is a set of n -tuples $r = \{t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m\}$.

[detailed in lecture record](#)

Relation Schema and Instance Example

- Relation Schema Example
 - Student(sid: integer, name: string, address: string, phone: string, major: string) or
 - Student (sid, name, address, phone, major)
- Relation Instance example

Student

| sid | name | address | phone | major |
|----------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------|
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Relation Schema and Instance Example

- Relational Schema Example

Movie (MovieID, Title, Year)
StarsIn (MovieID, StarID, Role)
MovieStar (StarID, Name, Gender)

- Relation Instance example

| MovieID | Title | Year |
|---------|---|------|
| 1 | Star Wars | 1977 |
| 2 | Gone with the Wind | 1939 |
| 3 | The Wizard of Oz | 1939 |
| 4 | Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark | 1981 |

| MovieID | StarID | Role |
|---------|--------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1 | Han Solo |
| 4 | 1 | Indiana Jones |
| 2 | 2 | Scarlett O'Hara |
| 3 | 3 | Dorothy Gale |

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |
| 2 | Vivian Leigh | Female |
| 3 | Judy Garland | Female |

Clicker Question

- Here is a table representing a relation named R.
Which of the following is a true statement about R?

| A | B | C |
|---|----|----|
| 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 |

- A. R has four tuples.
- B. C is an attribute of R.
- C. (6,7,8) is a tuple of R.
- D. The schema of R is R(A,B,C).
- E. All of the above

Ordering of Tuples

Relations are *sets* of tuples

- **Mathematically**, elements of a set have no implied order
- **Semantically**, when reasoning with relations, e.g., when formulating queries, order is irrelevant
- **Physically**, tuples reside on blocks of secondary storage, which have a partial ordering, hence tuples have an ordering

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |
| 3 | Judy Garland | Female |
| 2 | Vivian Leigh | Female |

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|--------|
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Same Relation

Ordering of Values within a Tuple

n-tuple is an *ordered* list of n values

- **Syntactically**, all tuples in a relation have values in the same order
- **Semantically**, the order chosen is irrelevant, as long as the correspondence between the attributes and the values can be maintained

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |
| 3 | Judy Garland | Female |
| 2 | Vivian Leigh | Female |

| StarID | Gender | Name |
|--------|--------|---------------|
| 1 | Male | Harrison Ford |
| 3 | Female | Judy Garland |
| 2 | Female | Vivian Leigh |

Same Relation

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Relational Database Design

- Relational Database
 - A collection of relations with distinct relation names
- Relational Database Schema
 - A collection of schemas for the relations in the database
- Relational Database Design
 - Process of capturing the semantics of an application, and translating it into a relational database schema

Implementation of Constraints

ICs

- **Integrity Constraints** are conditions that must be true for **any** instance of the database; e.g., **domain constraints**
 - ICs are specified when schema is defined
 - ICs are checked when relations are modified
- A **legal** instance of a relation is one that satisfies all specified ICs
 - DBMS should not allow illegal instances
 - Avoids data entry errors, too!

Where do ICs Come From?

- ICs are based upon the real-world semantics being described (in the database relations).
- We *can* check a database instance to verify an IC, but we *cannot* tell the ICs by looking at the instance.
 - For example, even if all student names differ, we cannot assume that name is a key.
 - An IC is a statement about *all possible* instances.
- All constraints must be identified during the conceptual design.
- Some constraints can be explicitly specified in the conceptual model
 - Key and foreign key ICs are shown on ER diagrams.
- Others are written in a more general language.

Integrity Constraint Types

- **Domain constraints**
- Key constraints
- Entity constraints
- Referential integrity constraints
- User-defined constraints

Domain Constraints

- Each attribute in a relation must belong to some domain.

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|----------|
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |
| 2 | Vivian Leigh | Female |
| 3 | Judy Garland | <u>5</u> |

- This instance violates the domain constraint of Gender, which is {Male, Female, other}

Integrity Constraint Types

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Key Constraints

- All tuples in a relation must be distinct, that is no two tuples can have same values for all attributes
→ *uniqueness constraint*

Violation of
Uniqueness
Constraint ?

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |
| 3 | Judy Garland | Female |
| 2 | Vivian Leigh | Female |
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |

Notion of a Superkey uniqueness

- A **Superkey** is a subset of attributes (SK) of a relation schema R, such that for any two tuples, t_i and t_j in a relation state r of R
 $t_i[SK] \neq t_j[SK]$
- Every relation has at least one superkey - the set of all its attributes
- Superkey can be a set of attributes can have redundant attributes, that is, by removing some attributes, the uniqueness constraint is still maintained

Clicker Question

- Assuming that StarIDs are unique, which of the following is a superkey for the MovieStar relation?

- A. (Name, Gender)
- B. (StarID, Gender)
- C. (StarID, Name)
- D. Both B and C
- E. All A, B and C

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |
| 3 | Judy Garland | Female |
| 2 | Vivian Leigh | Female |

Notion of a Key

- **Key** is a minimal Superkey
 - Minimal: Removing any attribute means the proposed key is no longer a Superkey
- **Formally**, K is a key in a relation schema R iff
 - K is a Superkey of R, and
 - removing any attribute from K leaves a set of attributes K', where K' is not a superkey of R, that is, K' does NOT maintain the uniqueness constraint

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |
| 3 | Judy Garland | Female |
| 2 | Vivian Leigh | Female |

- StarID would be key

Characteristics of Keys

can also be a set of attributes or composite attributes

- Value of key attributes uniquely identify a tuple in a relation
- Key constraints hold on every relation instance
 - Name cannot always be used as key
- Each individual key may have multiple attributes.
- A schema may have more than one key
 - Each is called a “**candidate**” key
 - One is selected as the “**primary**” key

Integrity Constraint Types

- Domain constraints
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- **Entity constraints**
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Entity Integrity Constraint

- No primary key can be null
 - How would you distinguish between **Emma Watson** and **Emily Watson**

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|----------|--------|
| ? | E Watson | Female |
| ? | E Watson | Female |
| 2 | Vi Leigh | Female |
| 1 | H Ford | Male |

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- Domain constraints
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- **Referential integrity constraints**
- User-defined constraints

Referential Integrity Constraint

- Key and Entity Integrity constraints are specified on individual relations
- Referential Integrity constraints are specified between two relations and are based on the notion of foreign keys

Foreign Keys

- **Foreign keys** allow us to relate two different schemas
- A set of attributes FK in relation schema R1 is a foreign key if
 - the attributes of FK have the same domain as the the primary key attributes PK of another schema R2
 - $t_1[\text{FK}] = t_2[\text{PK}]$ or $t_1[\text{FK}]$ is null
- Referential integrity: All foreign keys reference existing entities.
 - i.e. there are no dangling references
 - all foreign key constraints are enforced

Referential Integrity Example

- StarID in StarsIn references MovieStar
- Only movie stars listed in the MovieStar relation should be allowed star in Movies.

StarsIn

| MovieID | StarID | Role |
|---------|--------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1 | Han Solo |
| 4 | 1 | Indiana Jones |
| 2 | 2 | Scarlett O'Hara |
| 3 | 3 | Dorothy Gale |

MovieStar

| StarID | Name | Gender |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| 1 | Harrison Ford | Male |
| 2 | Vivian Leigh | Female |
| 3 | Judy Garland | Female |



Self Referencing Relations

- Goal: have managerID be foreign key reference for **same table** Emps.

| id | sin | name | managerID |
|----|------|------|-----------|
| 1 | 1000 | Jane | Null |
| 2 | 1001 | Jack | 1 |

- Could foreign key be NULL?
 - For **referential integrity** to hold in a relational database, any field in a table that is declared a foreign key should contain either a **NULL value**, or only values from a parent table's primary key.

$$t1[FK] = t2[PK] \quad \text{or} \quad t1[FK] \text{ is NULL}$$

Integrity Constraint Types

- Domain constraints
- Key constraints
- Entity constraints
- Referential integrity constraints
- **User-defined constraints**

User-Defined Constraints

- General user defined constraints that cannot be enforced by the other constraints
- Implemented by using Checks, Assertions and Triggers. These are not covered in detail in this course.
- Example: No actor can play in more than 10 movies in one year.

Movie (MovieID, Title, Year)
StarsIn (MovieID, StarID, Role)
MovieStar (StarID, Name, Gender)

In-class Exercise

Use this relational schema

STUDENT (StID, Name, Email)

COURSE (CCode, Title, Units)

ENROLMENT (StID, CCode, Sem, Year)

to give examples of the following:

1. Super Key (StID, Name) in relation student
2. Minimal Key StID in relation student
3. Foreign Key StID, CCode in relation enrolment
4. Domain Constraint StID is integer
CCode 4 letters followed by 4 num

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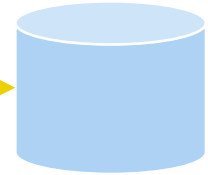
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Conceptual perspective



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN

The Entity Relationship (ER) Model is one of the most widely used methods for conceptual design

LOGICAL DESIGN (MAPPING)

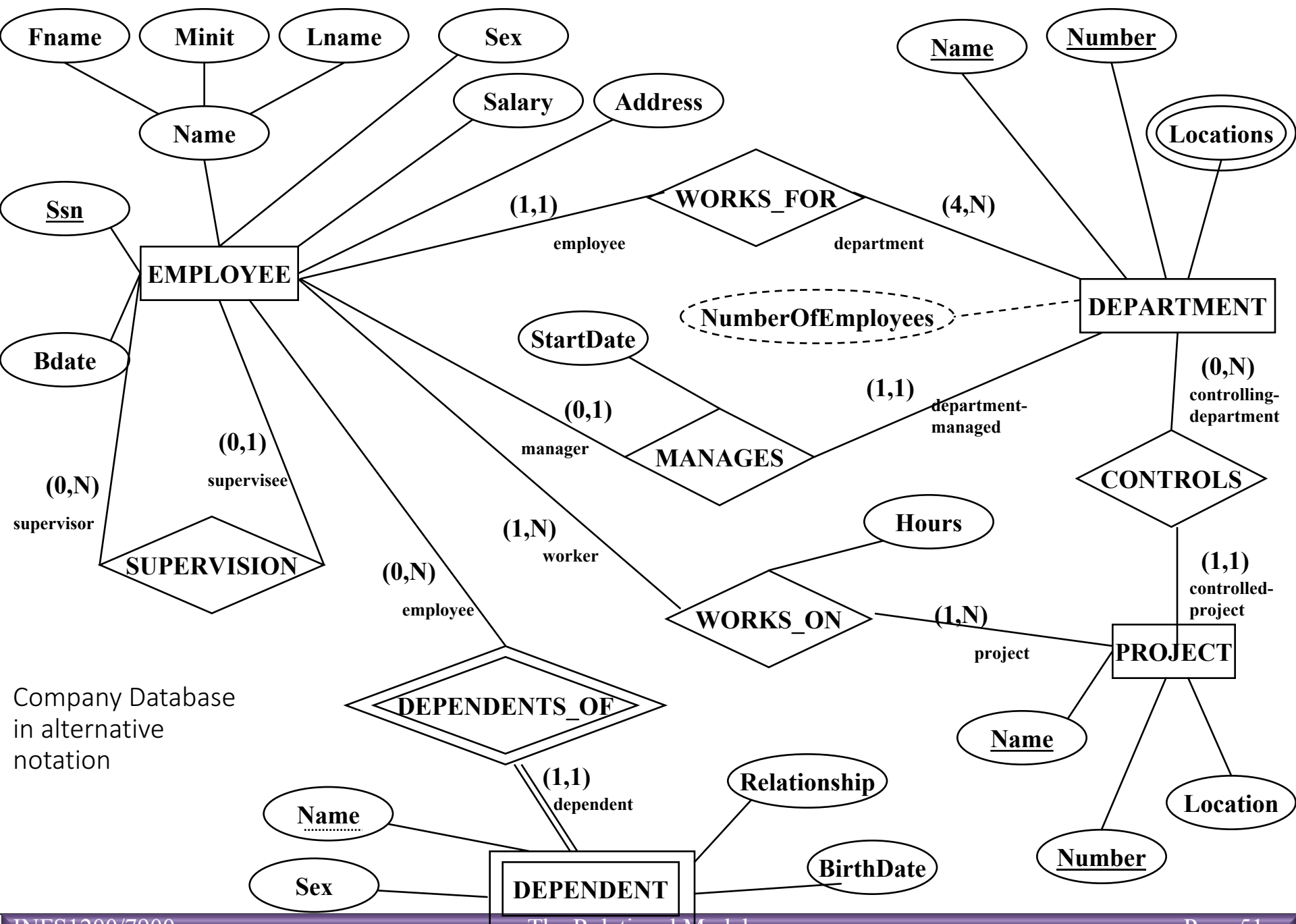
The Relational Model is the basis for several commercial DBMSs

Focus of this lecture

Mapping ER Diagrams to Relational Models

Method for mapping a conceptual schema developed using the ER model to a relational database schema **comprises 7 steps**

1. Entity Mapping (create relations)
2. Weak Entity Mapping (create relations)
3. Binary 1:1 Relationship Mapping (define foreign keys)
4. Binary 1: N Relationship Mapping (define foreign keys)
5. Binary M:N Relationship Mapping (create relations and define foreign keys)
6. Multi-valued Attribute Mapping (create relations and define foreign keys)
7. N-ary Relationship Mapping (create relations and define foreign keys)
8. Super & Sub-classes (**mapping of EER**)

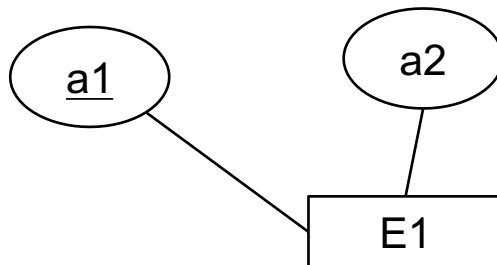


Step 1: Entity Mapping

For each regular (non-weak) entity E, create a relation R that includes all simple attributes of E

e.g. break composite attributes into simple attributes

- Include only simple component attributes of a composite attribute
- Choose one key attribute of E as **primary key** for R. If key of E is composite, the set of simple attributes together should form the key
- Add foreign key attributes in subsequent steps



E1 [a1, a2]

Step 1: Example

Entities in the Company Database: **EMPLOYEE**, **DEPARTMENT**, **PROJECT**

Employee[_Ssn_, Bdate, Fname, Minit, Lname, Sex, Salary, Address]

Step 1: Example

Entities in the Company Database: EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT, PROJECT

Department[_Name_, _Number_, Locations]

Answer:

Department[_Number_, DName]

only take one as primary key
(consider multivalued attribute later)

not adding the derived attribute to the
table

Step 1: Example

Entities in the Company Database: EMPLOYEE, DEPARTMENT, PROJECT

Project[_Name_, _Number_, Location]

Answer:

Project[_PNumber_, PName, PLocation]

only take one as primary key

Schema (in progress)

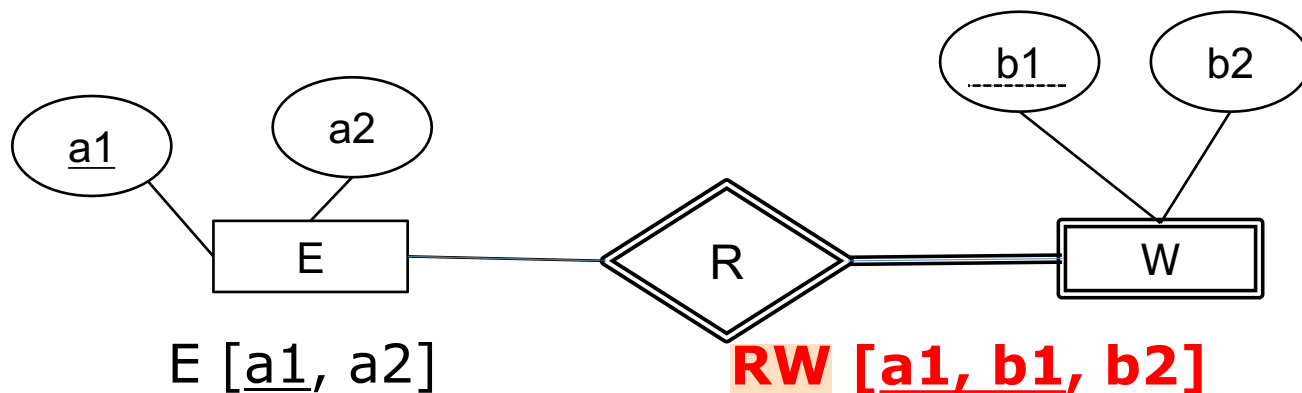
Relations:

- EMPLOYEE [Ssn, Fname, Mit, Lname, Dob, Address, Sex, Salary]
- DEPARTMENT [Dnumber, DName]
- PROJECT [Pno, PName, Plocation]

Step 2: Weak Entity Mapping

For each weak entity W with owner entity E create a relation R that includes all simple attributes of W

- Include as **foreign key attributes** in R the primary key attributes of the relation(s) that correspond to the owner entity. (This maps the identifying relationship(s) of W)
- The **primary key** of R is the combination of the primary key(s) of the owner(s) and the primary key of the weak entity W (if any)



Step 2: Example

Weak Entities in the Company Database: **DEPENDENT**

Dependent[_Ssn_, _Name_, Relationship, BirthDate, Sex]

Answer:

Dependent[_ESsn_, _DepName_, Relationship, BirthDate, Sex]
where primary key {ESSN, DepName}

Schema (in progress)

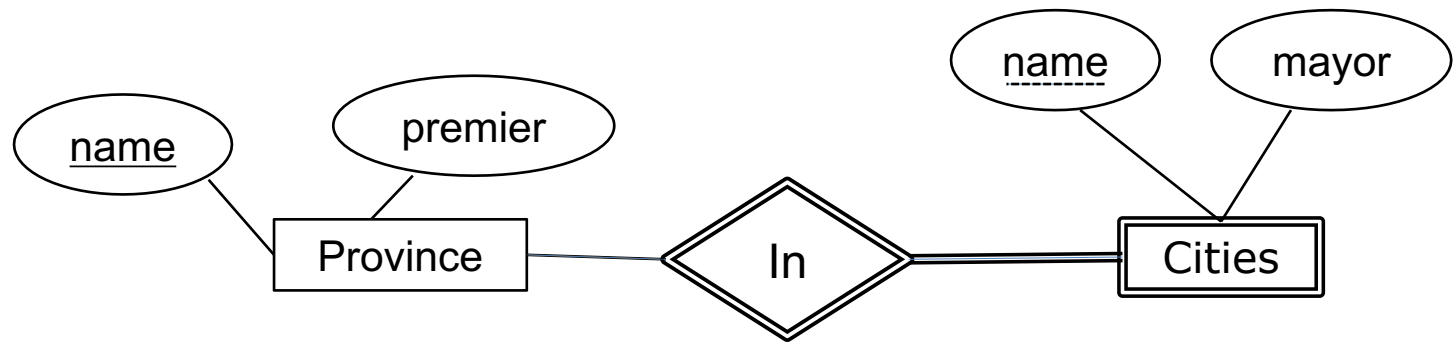
Relations:

- EMPLOYEE [Ssn, Fname, Mit, Lname, Dob, Address, Sex, Salary]
- DEPARTMENT [Dnumber, DName]
- PROJECT [Pno, PName, Plocation]
- DEPENDENT [ESSN, DepName, Sex, DOB, Relationship]

Foreign Key:

- *DEPENDENT.ESSN* → *EMPLOYEE.Ssn*

Multiple-Choice Question

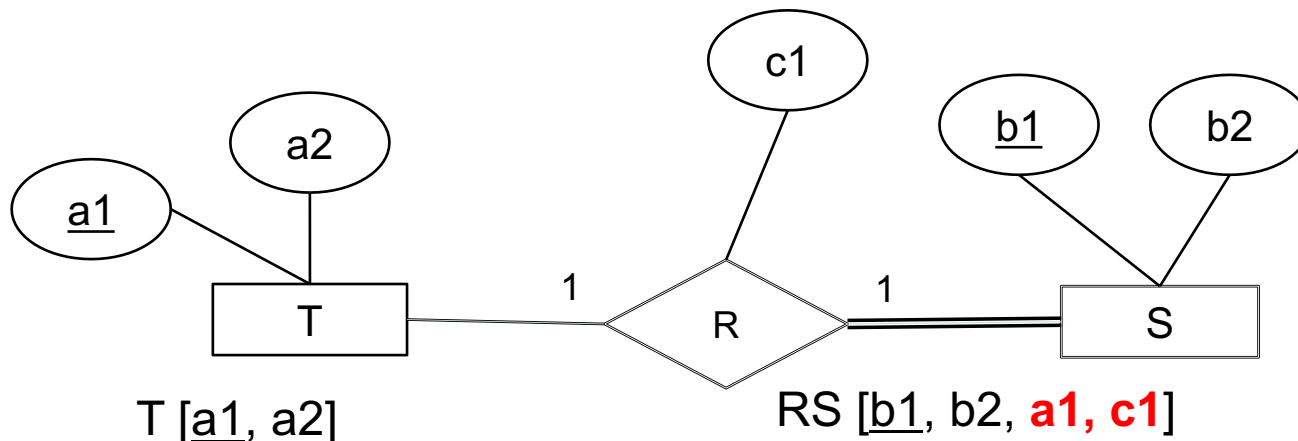


- Convert this E/R diagram to relations, resolving the dual use of "name" in some reasonable way. Which schema below is the most reasonable translation from ER to relations? (foreign key attributes are shown in bold)
- A. Cities [name, mayor], Provinces [name, premier]
- B. Cities [**cname**, **pname**, mayor], Provinces [pname, premier]
- C. Cities [cname, **pname**, mayor], Provinces [pname, premier]
- D. Cities [cname, **pname**, mayor], In [cname, pname], Provinces [name, premier]
- E. None of the above

Step 3: Binary 1:1 Relationship

For each binary 1:1 relationship R, identify relations S & T that correspond to the entities participating in R

- Choose one relation (say S) and include as **foreign key** in S the primary key of T
- It is better to choose as S, the entity with total participation in RT
- Include all the simple attributes (or simple components of composite attributes) of the 1:1 relationship R as attributes of S



Step 3: Example

Binary 1:1 relationship in the Company Database: **MANAGES**

DEPARTMENT[_Dnumber_, Dname, Ssn, StartDate]

include the primary key of the EMPLOYEE relation as a foreign key in the DEPARTMENT relation
include the simple attribute StartDate of the MANAGES relation

Schema (in progress)

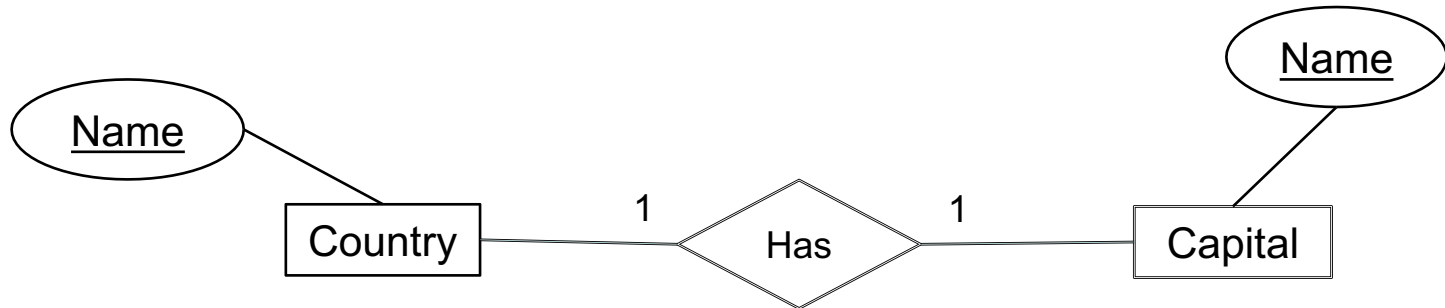
Relations:

- EMPLOYEE [Ssn, Fname, Mit, Lname, Dob, Address, Sex, Salary]
- DEPARTMENT [Dnumber, Dname, MGRSSN, MgrStart]
- PROJECT [Pno, PName, Plocation]
- DEPENDENT [ESSN, DepName, Sex, DOB, Relationship]

Foreign Keys:

- *DEPARTMENT.MGRSSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*
- *DEPENDENT.ESSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*

Multiple-Choice Question



Which schema below is a reasonable translation from ER to relations? ?
(foreign key attributes are shown in bold)

A. Country [coName, **caName**], Capital [caName]

B. Country [name], Capital [name]

C. Country [coName, caName] if the relationship is full participation, it can make sense

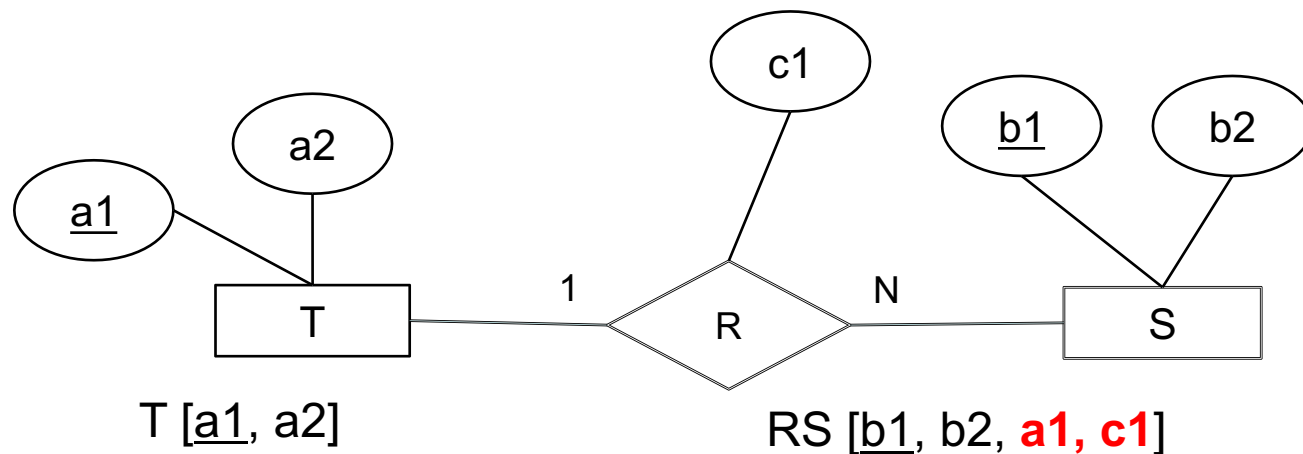
D. Both A and C

E. All of A, B, and C

Step 4: Binary 1:N Relationship

For each (non-weak) binary 1:N relationship R, identify relation S that represents the participating entity type at the **N-side** of the relationship type

- Include as **foreign key** of S the primary key of relation T that represents the other entity participating in R
- Include any **simple attributes** (or simple components of composite attributes) of the 1:N relationship as attributes of S



Step 4: Example

Binary 1:N relationships in the Company Database: **WORKS_FOR**, **CONTROLS** and **SUPERVISES**

EMPLOYEE[_Ssn_, Fname, Mit, Lname, Dob, Sex, Salary, Address, Dnumber]

Do not need to do any change of Department

Need to clarify the primary key in the relation model, but don't need to tell in ER diagram

Step 4: Example

Binary 1:N relationships in the Company Database: **WORKS_FOR**, **CONTROLS** and **SUPERVISES**

PROJECT[_Pno_, PName, Plocation, Dnumber]

Step 4: Example

Binary 1:N relationships in the Company Database: **WORKS_FOR**, **CONTROLS** and **SUPERVISES**

EMPLOYEE[_Ssn_, Fname, Mit, Lname, Dob, Address, Sex, Salary, Dnumer, Superssn]

Schema (in Progress)

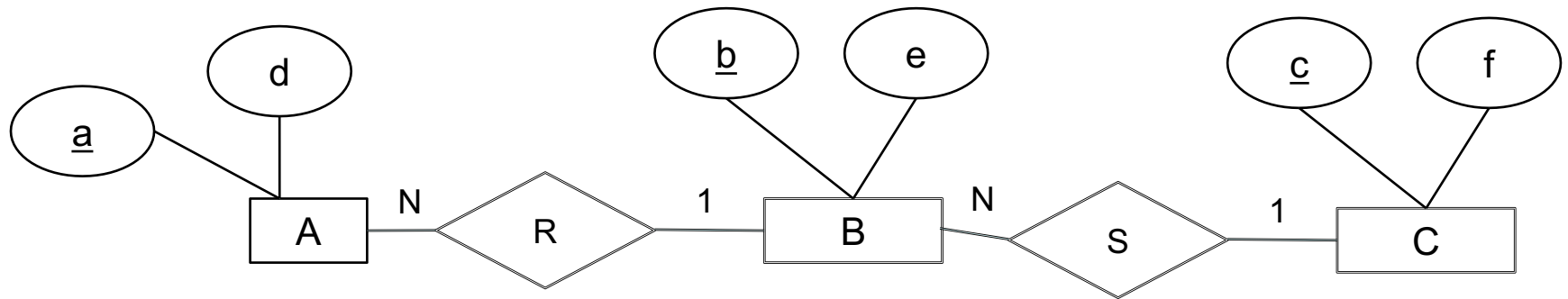
Relations:

- EMPLOYEE [Ssn, Fname, Mit, Lname, Dob, Address, Sex, Salary, Dno, SuperSSN]
- DEPARTMENT [Dnumber, Dname, MGRSSN, MgrStart]
- PROJECT [Pno, PName, Plocation, DNum]
- DEPENDENT [ESSN, DepName, Sex, DOB, Relationship]

Foreign Keys:

- *EMPLOYEE.Dno → DEPARTMENT.Dnumber*
- *EMPLOYEE.SuperSSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*
- *DEPARTMENT.MGRSSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*
- *PROJECT.DNum → DEPARTMENT.Dnumber*
- *DEPENDENT.ESSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*

Multiple-Choice Question



Translate the ER diagram to relational.

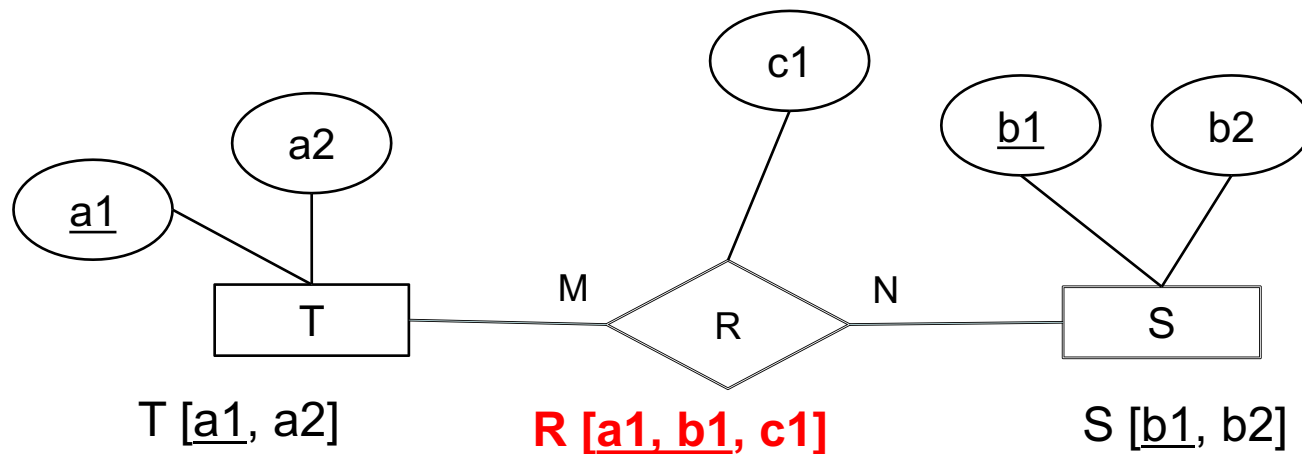
Which of the following appears in your relational schema?(foreign key attributes are shown in bold):

- A. AR [a,**b**,d] b should not be part of the key
- B. BS [b,**c**,e]**
- C. S [b,**c**]
- D. All of these
- E. None of these

Step 5: Binary M:N Relationship

For each binary M:N relationship R, create a new relation R to represent it

- Include as **foreign keys** the primary keys of the relations that represent the participating entity in R
- The combination of foreign keys will form the **primary key** of R
(Note: cannot represent the M:N using a single foreign key in one relation because of the M:N cardinality ratio)
- Include any simple attributes (or simple components of composite attributes) of the M:N relationship as attributes of RS.



Step 5: Example

Binary M:N relationships in the Company Database: **WORKS_ON**

`WORKS_ON[_Ssn_, _Pno_, Hours]`

Schema (in progress)

Relations:

- EMPLOYEE [Ssn, Fname, Mit, Lname, Dob, Address, Sex, Salary, Dno, SuperSSN]
- DEPARTMENT [Dnumber, Dname, MGRSSN, MgrStart]
- PROJECT [Pno, PName, Plocation, DNum]
- DEPENDENT [ESSN, DepName, Sex, DOB, Relationship]
- WORKS_ON [ESSN, PNo, Hours]

Foreign Keys:

- *EMPLOYEE.Dno → DEPARTMENT.Dnumber*
- *EMPLOYEE.SuperSSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*
- *DEPARTMENT.MGRSSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*
- *PROJECT.Dnum → DEPARTMENT.Dnumber*
- *WORKS_ON.ESSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*
- *WORKS_ON.PNo → PROJECT.Pno*
- *DEPENDENT.ESSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn*

More on M:N Mapping

- Note that 1:1 and 1:N relationships can be mapped in the same way as M:N
- Advantageous when few relationship instances exist (**Sparse 1:1 Relationship**) as it reduces the number of “nulls” that appear as foreign key values

Sparse: small in numbers or amount, often spread over a large area

Sparse 1:1 Relationship

| PK2 | NK2 | PK1 as FK | | PK1 | NK1 |
|-----|-----|-----------|---|-----|-----|
| | | NULL | | | |
| | | NULL | | | |
| A | | X | → | X | |
| | | NULL | | | |
| B | | Y | → | | |
| | | NULL | → | Y | |
| C | | Y | → | | |

Standard Implementation

| PK2 | NK2 |
|-----|-----|
| | |
| | |
| A | |
| | |
| B | |
| | |
| C | |

| PK1 | NK1 |
|-----|-----|
| | |
| X | |
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| Y | |
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M:N Implementation

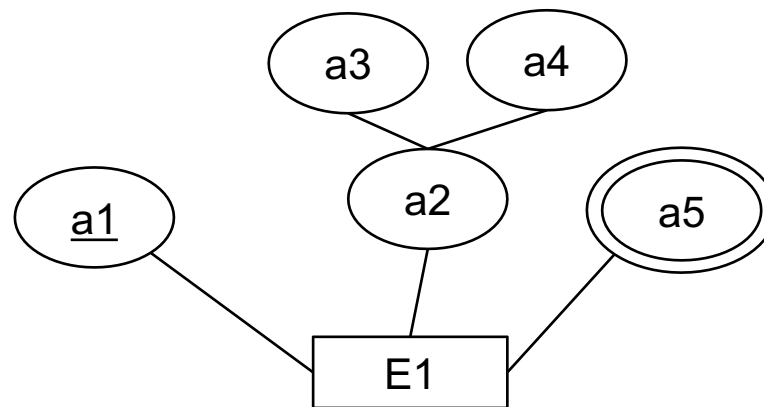
| | |
|---|---|
| A | X |
| B | Y |
| C | Y |

No Nulls as Foreign Keys

Step 6: Multivalued Attributes

For each multi-valued attribute A, create a **new relation** R that includes an attribute corresponding to A plus the primary key K (as a **foreign key** of R) of the relation that represents the entity type or relationship type that has A as an attribute

- The primary key of R is the combination of attributes A & K
- If the multi-valued attribute is composite, include its simple components



E1 [a1, a3, a4]

E2 [a1, a5]

Step 6: Example

Multi-valued attributes in the Company Database: **Locations**

DEP_LOCS[_Dnumber_, Dlocation]

Take a meaningful name for table

Final Schema

Relations:

- EMPLOYEE [Ssn, Fname, Mit, Lname, Dob, Address, Sex, Salary, Dno, SuperSSN]
- DEPARTMENT [Dnumber, Dname, MGRSSN, MgrStart]
- PROJECT [Pno, PName, Plocation, DNum]
- DEPENDENT [ESSN, DepName, Sex, DOB, Relationship]
- WORKS_ON [ESSN, PNo, Hours]
- DEPT_LOCS [DNumber, DLocation]

Foreign Keys:

EMPLOYEE.Dno → DEPARTMENT.Dnumber

EMPLOYEE.SuperSSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn

DEPARTMENT.MGRSSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn

PROJECT.Dnum → DEPARTMENT.Dnumber

WORKS_ON.ESSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn

WORKS_ON.PNo → PROJECT.Pno

DEPENDENT.ESSN → EMPLOYEE.Ssn

DEPT_LOCS. Dnumber → DEPARTMENT.Dnumber

Step 7: N-ary Relationships

Relationship between n entities

For each “n-ary” relationship R, **create a new relation** R to represent it.

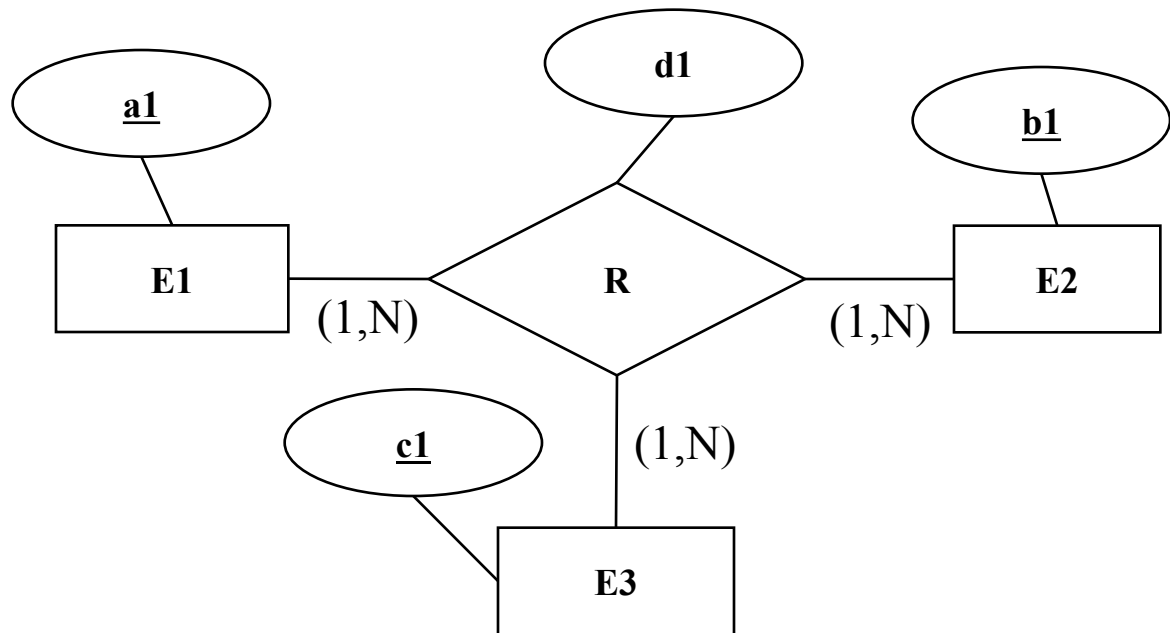
- Include as **foreign key attributes** of R the primary keys of the relations that represent the participating entity types in R
- Include any **simple attributes** of the n-ary relationship
- The combination of foreign keys referencing the relations representing the participating entities is used to form **primary key** of R

E1 [a1, ...]

E2 [b1, ...]

E3 [c1, ...]

R [a1, b1, c1, d1]

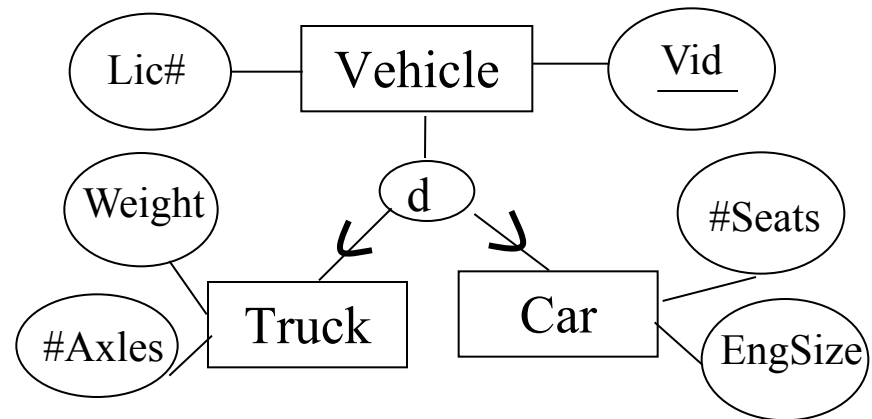


Step 8: Super & Sub-classes

- Option 8A
 - We create a relational table for the superclass and create a relational table for each subclass.
 - The primary key of each of the subclass is the primary key of the superclass.

Vehicle(Vid, Lic#)
Truck(Vid, Weight, #Axles)
Car(Vid, #Seats, Engsize)

Works for all constraints:
Disjoint/Overlapping
Total/Partial



Step 8 (cont)

- Option 8B

- We create a relational table for each subclass. The attributes of the superclass are merged into each of the subclasses.
- The primary key of the subclass table is the primary key of the superclass.

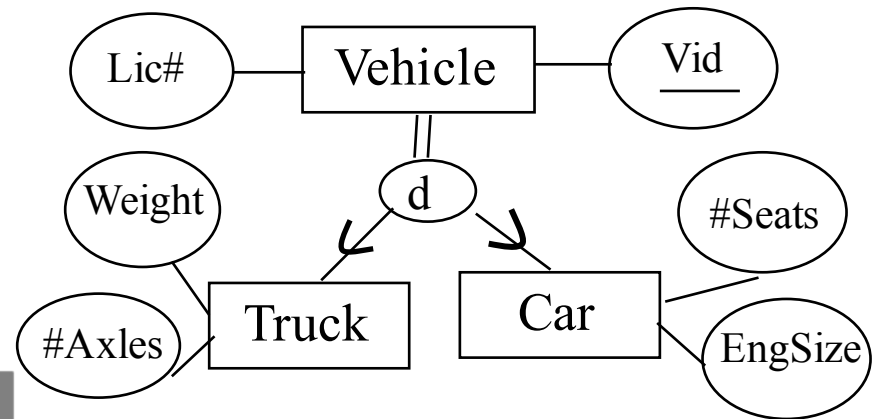
Fully participated & Disjoint subclasses

Truck(Vid, Lic#, Weight, #Axles)

Car(Vid, Lic#, #Seats, Engsize)

Disjoint Total only

Overlapping: redundancy
Partial: may lose superclass
entities not in any subclass



Step 8 (cont)

- Option 8C

- We create a single relational table for all subclasses and the superclass.
- The attributes of the table is the union of all attributes plus the attribute T to indicate the subclass to which each tuple belongs. T is NULL in tuples that do not belong to any subclass (for partial constraints)

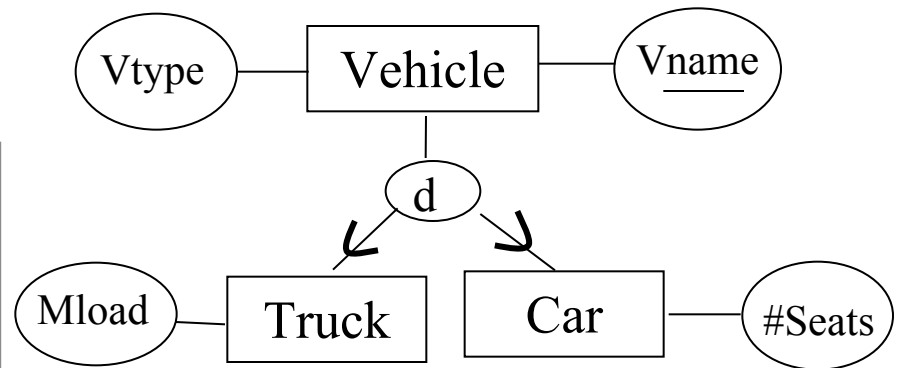
T (tool): can be truck or car

Vehicle(Vname, Vtype, Mload, #Seats, T)

Disjoint only

In the case attribute Vtype is used to discriminate subclasses, the attribute T can be omitted.

Many NULLS



Step 8 (cont)

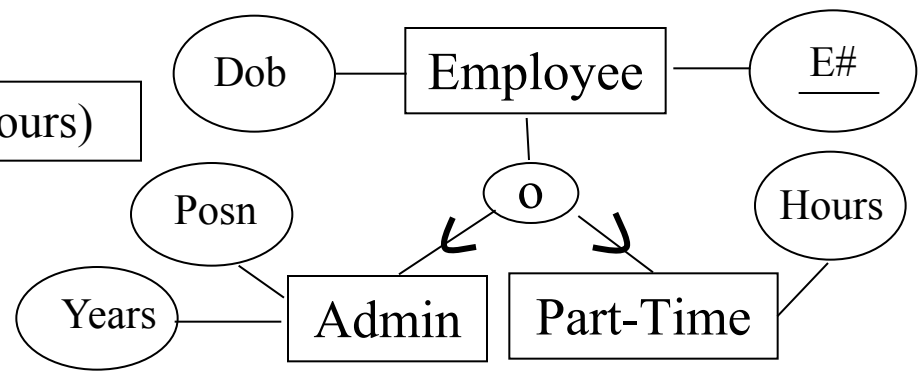
- Option 8D

- We create a single relational table for all subclasses and the superclass.
- The attributes of the table is the union of all attributes plus m extra boolean attributes for each subclass to indicate whether or not the tuple belongs to this subclass. to track the overlap

T1 for admin, T2 for part-time

Employee(E#, Dob, T1, Posn, Years, T2, Hours)

Overlapping



A Brief History

The Relational Model

Implementation of Constraints

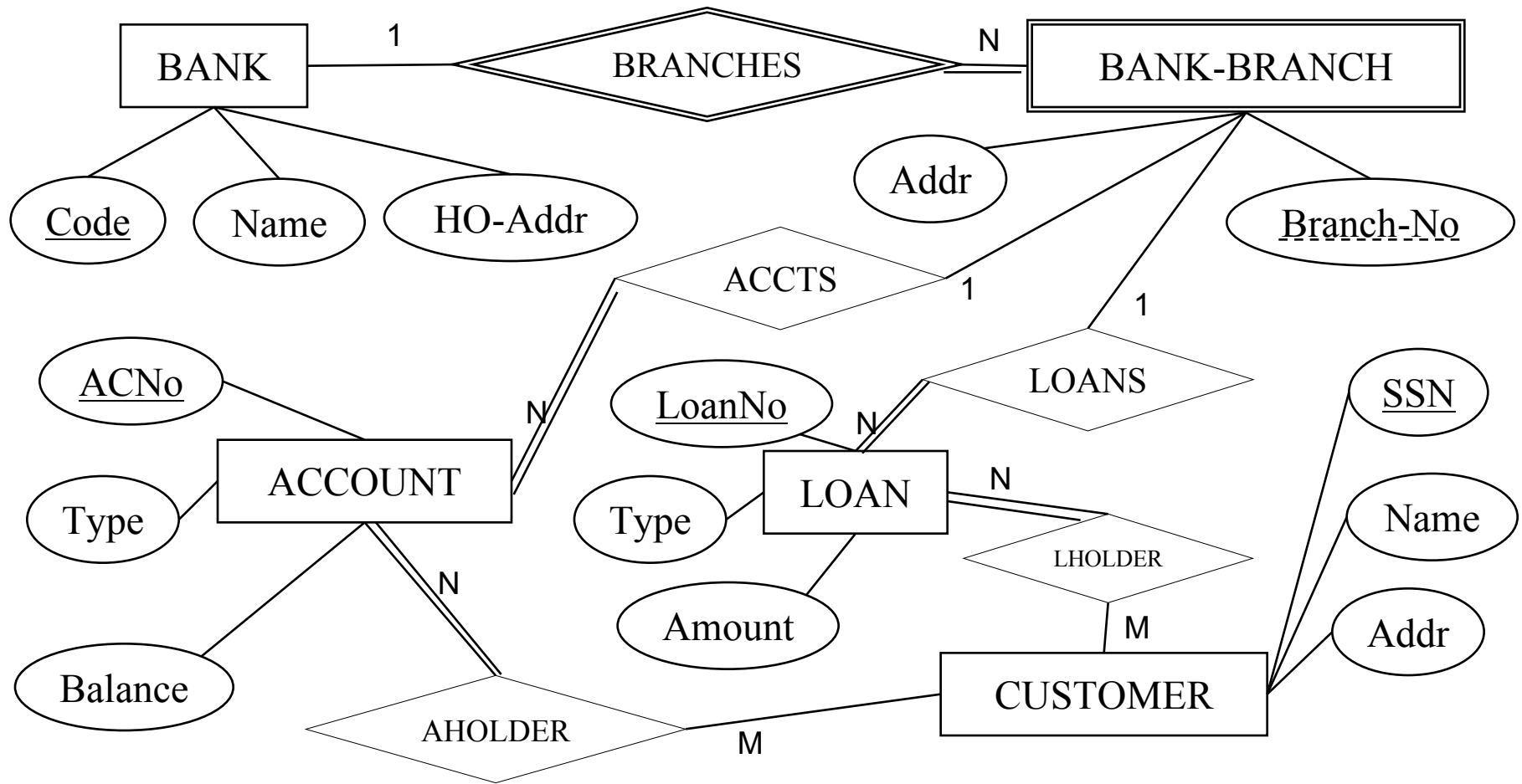
Mapping ER Diagrams to Relational Models

Mapping Example

Specifications Do it at home

- A bank, given by its code, name and head office address, can have several branches. Each branch within a given bank has a branch number and address
- One branch can have several accounts, each identified by an AC number. Every account has a type, current balance, and one or more account holders
- One branch can have several loans, each given by a unique loan number, type, amount and one or more loan holders
- The name, address and id of all customers (account and loan) of the bank are recorded and maintained

ER Diagram



Relational Schema (after step 1)

Relational Schema (after step 2)

Relational Schema (after step 3)

Relational Schema (after step 4)

Relational Schema (after step 5)

Learning Outcomes Revisited

| Description | Tag |
|---|--------------------------|
| Explain the three-schema architecture, separating internal level, conceptual level and external level. | DBMS |
| Explain the concept of physical and logical data independence. | |
| Define the main components of the relational model: Relations, Domains, Attributes and Tuples. | |
| Explain and provide examples for domain constraints. | Relational-model |
| Explain and provide examples for key constraints. | |
| Explain and provide examples for notion of superkeys. | |
| Explain and provide examples for notion of keys. | |
| | |
| Explain and provide examples for referential integrity constraints. | Map-ER-Relational |
| Explain and provide examples for user-specified constraints. | |
| Map entities to relations. | |
| Map relationships to relations. | |
| Map weak entities to relations. | |
| Map Super & Sub-classes to relations. | Map-ER-Relational |
| Given an ER diagram, map it to a set of relations using the Relational Model. | |