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# HOMEWORK 2



## WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN RELATION SCHEMA, RELATION AND INSTANCE? GIVE AN EXAMPLE USING THE UNIVERSITY DATABASE TO ILLUSTRATE.

- Relation schema: how tables relate to each other in a database (think blueprint). The diagram of a db.
- Relation: a single table in the database. The relation schema provides the structure (constraints like data type or columns included).
- Instance: the data in a table; one row of data is called a tuple.
- Example: university database has the relation schema or the tables and their connections; a relation is the instructor table; an instance is the instructor data (or a tuple could be Mozart and their information).



2. Draw a schema diagram for the following bank database:

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*branch*(*branch\_name*, *branch\_city*, *assets*)  
*customer* (*ID*, *customer\_name*, *customer\_street*, *customer\_city*)  
*loan* (*loan\_number*, *branch\_name*, *amount*)  
*borrower* (*ID*, *loan\_number*)  
*account* (*account\_number*, *branch\_name*, *balance*)  
*depositor* (*ID*, *account\_number*)

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3. Consider the above bank database. Assume that branch names (*branch\_name*) and customer names (*customer\_name*) uniquely identify branches and customers, but loans and accounts can be associated with more than one customer.
- What are the appropriate primary keys? (Underline each in diagram)
  - Given your choice of primary keys, identify appropriate foreign keys.



branch(branch\_name, branch\_city, assets)  
 customer (ID, customer\_name, customer\_street, customer\_city)  
 loan (loan\_number, branch\_name, amount)  
 borrower (ID, loan\_number)  
 account (account\_number, branch\_name, balance)  
 depositor (ID, account\_number)

QUESTION 2: draw a relational schema

Question 3:  
identify appropriate  
primary & foreign  
keys

