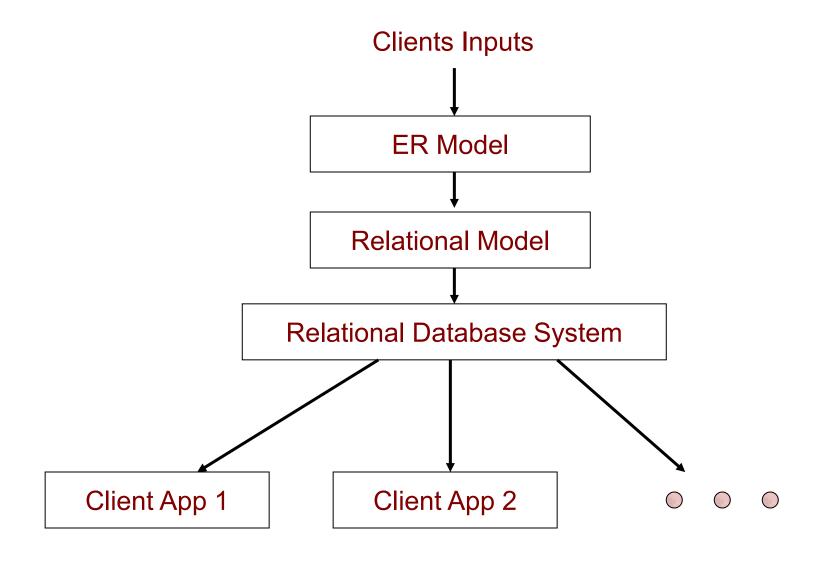
# SE240: Introduction to Database Systems

Lecture 03: Relational Model

## **Outline**

- Relational Model
  - Relational Model Concepts
  - Relational Database Schemas
- ER-to-Relational Mapping
  - Translating traditional ER diagrams
  - Translating Class Hierarchy

# **Database Modeling**



## Introduction

- The relational model was first introduced by Ted Codd of IBM Research in 1970
- Attracted due to its simplicity, elegance and mathematical foundations
- The model uses the concept of a mathematical relation –
   which looks like a table of values
- The SQL Query Language was developed by IBM in the 1970's

# Why Study the Relational Model?

- The relational model is by far the dominant data model
- It is the foundation for the leading DBMS products of many vendors such as Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, etc.
- A major strength of the relational model is that it supports simple, powerful querying of data
- Queries can be written intuitively, and the DBMS can perform efficient evaluation

#### The Relational Data Model

- The relational Model of Data is based on the concept of a Relation, a Relation is a mathematical concept based on the ideas of sets
- Represents data as a collection of relations
- Table of values
  - Row
    - Represents a collection of related data values
    - Fact that typically corresponds to a real-world entity or relationship
  - Table name and column names
    - Interpret the meaning of the values in each row attribute

Relation Name/Table Name	Attributes/Columns (collectively as a scheme			ma)	
STUDENT					
Name	Stud	ent-id	Age	CGA	
Chan Kin Ho	992	23367	23	11.19	
Lam Wai Kin	968	82145	17	10.89	Tuples/Rows
Man Ko Yee	964	52165	22	8.75	es/Ro
Lee Chin Cheung	961	54292	16	10.98	ows
Alvin Lam	965	20934	15	9.65	

Relation  $\leftrightarrow$  table; denoted by R(A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, ..., A<sub>n</sub>) where R is a relation name and (A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, ..., A<sub>n</sub>) is the relation schema of R

- ➤ Attribute (column) ↔ denoted by A<sub>i</sub>
- ➤ Tuple (Record) ↔ row

Dom(Age): [0-100]

Dom(EmpName): 50 alphabetic chars

Dom(Salary): non-negative integer

- ➤ Attribute value ↔ value stored in a table cell
- **Domain**  $\leftrightarrow$  legal type and range of values of an attribute, denoted by dom(A<sub>i</sub>)

#### Relation Schema

- The Schema is a description of a Relation:
  - Denoted by  $R(A_1, A_2, ....A_n)$ , R is the name of the relation
  - The attributes of the relation are A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub>, ..., A<sub>n</sub>
  - All legal values of an attribute is called its domain
- Example:
- STUDENT(Name, Student-id, Age, CGA)
  - STUDENT is the relation name
  - Defined over the four attributes: Name, Student-id, Age, CGA
  - A STUDENT state may include 5 STUDENTs; another 250 STUDENTs

## Relations States are Sets

- Relation State r, or r(R): a specific state of relation R this is a set of tuples (rows)
  - $r(R) = \{t_1, t_2, ..., t_n\}$  where each  $t_i$  is an n-tuple,  $t_i = \langle v_1, v_2, ..., v_n \rangle$  where each  $v_i$  element-of dom(A<sub>i</sub>)
  - Mathematical relation of degree n on the domains  $dom(A_1)$ ,  $dom(A_2)$ , ...,  $dom(A_n)$
  - Subset of the Cartesian product of the domains that define R: r(R) ⊆ dom(A₁) × dom(A₂) × ... × dom(An)
- All tuples in a relation state r(R) form a set
- By definition, there cannot be duplicates in a set
- By definition, set elements (tuples) are not ordered, even though tuples frequently appear to be in the tabular form

# Example

- Let  $R(A_1, A_2)$  be a relation schema:
  - Let  $dom(A_1) = \{ 0,1 \}$
  - Let dom( $A_2$ ) = { a, b, c }
- Then: dom(A<sub>1</sub>) × dom(A<sub>2</sub>) is all possible combinations: {<0,a>,
  <0,b>, <0,c>, <1,a>, <1,b>, <1,c>}
- The relation state  $r(R) \subseteq dom(A_1) \times dom(A_2)$
- For example: r(R) could be {<0,a>, <0,b>, <1,c>}
  - this is one possible state r of the relation R, defined over A<sub>1</sub> and
     A<sub>2</sub>
  - it has three 2-tuples: <0,a>, <0,b>, <1,c>

#### Values in Relations

- We refer to component values of a tuple t by:
  - t[A<sub>i</sub>] or t.A<sub>i</sub>
  - This is the value  $v_i$  of attribute  $A_i$  for tuple t
- Similarly,  $t[A_u, A_v, ..., A_w]$  refers to the subtuple of t containing the values of attributes  $A_u, A_v, ..., A_w$ , respectively in t
- All values are considered <u>atomic</u> (indivisible)
- Each value in a tuple must be from the domain of the attribute for that column, i.e.,  $v_i = t[A_i] \in dom(A_i)$
- Allow a special **NULL** value is used to represent values that are *unknown* or *inapplicable* to certain tuples

# Values in Tuple

- All values are considered atomic (indivisible):
  - Flat relational model
    - Composite and multivalued attributes not allowed
    - First normal form assumption
  - Multivalued attributes
    - Must be represented by separate relations
  - Composite attributes
    - Represented only by simple component attributes in basic relational model

#### **NULL Values**

- NULL in a tuple:
  - Represent the values of attributes that may be unknown or may not apply to a tuple
  - Meanings for NULL values
    - Value unknown
    - Value exists but is not available
    - Attribute does not apply to this tuple (also known as value undefined)
- IMPORTANT: NULL ≠ NULL may be NULL due to different causes

## Schema Definition in SQL

The relation schema is

Customer(<u>customer-name</u>, customer-street, customer-city)

or

Customer

customer-name

customer-street

customer-city

The primary key is underlined in the above

```
CREATE TABLE Customer
(
    customer-name         CHAR(20)         NOT NULL,
    customer-street         CHAR(30),
    customer-city               CHAR(30),
    PRIMARY KEY (customer-name)
)
```

# Schema Definition in SQL

To remove a relation from an SQL database, we use the drop table command:

#### drop table r

- We use the alter table command to add or delete attributes to an existing relation
- All records in the relation are assigned null for a new attribute.

alter table customer add phone char(10)

alter table customer drop phone

# Summary

Informal Terms	Formal Terms
Table	Relation
Column Header	Attribute
All possible Column Values	Domain
Row	Tuple
Table Definition	Schema of a Relation
Populated Table	State of the Relation

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#### Relational Databases

#### Relational database schema S

- Set of relation schemas  $S = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_m\}$
- Set of integrity constraints (ICs)

#### Relational database state

- Set of relation states  $DB = \{r_1, r_2, ..., r_m\}$   $r \subseteq dom(A_1) \times ... \times dom(A_n)$
- Each r<sub>i</sub> is a state of R<sub>i</sub> and such that the r<sub>i</sub> relation states satisfy integrity constraints specified in IC
- Invalid state: Does not obey all the integrity constraints ICs
- Valid state: Satisfies all the constraints in the defined set of integrity constraints ICs

# Relational Integrity Constraints (IC)

- Constraints are conditions that must hold on all valid relation states.
- There are three main types of constraints in the relational model:
  - Domain constraint
    - Every value in a tuple must be from the domain of its attribute
       (or it could be NULL, if allowed for that attribute)
  - Key constraints
  - Entity integrity constraints
  - Referential integrity constraints
- ICs are specified when the schema is defined
- ICs are checked when relations are modified

## **Domain Constraints**

- The value of an attribute is limited to its domain.
- A domain can impose rules on both formats and valid value ranges.
  - A salary value cannot be negative
  - An employee's name cannot be NULL
    - This is called the NOT NULL constraint
- Example: Constraint name (optional): if the constraint is violated, the constraint name is returned and can be used to identify the error

```
CREATE DOMAIN hourly-wage NUMERIC(5,2)
CONSTRAINT wage-value-test CHECK (value > 4.00)
```

- The domain hourly-wage is a decimal number with 5 digits, 2 of which are placed after the decimal point
- The domain has a constraint that ensures that the hourly wage is greater than 4.00

# **Key Constraints**

- Certain minimal subset of the fields (candidate key) of a relation is a unique identifier for a record
- Out of all the available candidate keys, a database designer can identify a primary key
  - The DBMS may create an index with the primary key

#### Key of R:

- Is a set of attributes K of R with the following condition:
  - No two tuples in any valid relation state r(R) will have the same value for K (that is, for any distinct tuples t1 and t2 in r(R), t1[K] ≠ t2[K]) no duplicate very tuples

#### Candidate Key of R:

A "minimal" key

# **Key Constraints**

- If a relation has several candidate keys, one is chosen to be the primary key
  - The primary key attributes are <u>underlined</u>
- The primary key is used to reference the tuple from another tuple
  - General rule:
    - choose as primary key the smallest of the candidate keys (in terms of space)
    - choice is sometimes subjective

# Key in SQL

- In SQL, we can declare
  - a key by the UNIQUE command
  - a primary key by the PRIMARY KEY constraint

```
CREATE TABLE Students
                                             Primary key
    sid
          CHAR (20),
          CHAR (30),
    name
    login CHAR (20),
                          kev
           INTEGER,
    age
          REAL,
    gpa
    UNIQUE (name, age),
    CONSTRAINT StudentsKey PRIMARY KEY
                                 Constraint name (optional
```

# **Entity Integrity**

minimal set of key => CKI single offibule) one of them PKI single offibule)

The primary key attributes PK of each relation schema R

in S CANNOT have NULL values in any tuple of r(R)

- This is because primary key values are used to *identify* the individual tuples
- t[PK] ≠ NULL for any tuple t in r(R)
- If PK has several attributes, NULL is not allowed in any of these attributes

No primary key value can be NULL

# Referential Integrity

- Referential Integrity (RR) constraint specified between two relations. Maintains consistency among tuples in two relations
- Tuples in the referencing relation R1 have attributes FK (called foreign key attributes) that reference the primary key attributes PK of the referenced relation R2
  - A tuple t1 in R1 is said to reference a tuple t2 in R2 if
     t1[FK] = t2[PK]
- A RR constraint can be displayed in a relational database schema as a directed arc FROM R1.FK TO R2.PK.

# Foreign Key Constraint

- A **foreign key** is a set of attributes in one relation *R1* that is used to refer to a tuple in another relation *R2*
- Statement of the constraint
  - The value in FK of the referencing relation R1 can be either:
    - (1) a value of an existing primary key value of a corresponding primary key PK in the referenced relation R2, or
    - (2) a **NULL**
  - In case (2), the FK in R1 should NOT be a part of its own primary key (because of Entity Integrity Constrain)

# Example 1: Relational Schema Diagram

Student(Student-id, Student-Name) ho foreign regs

Take(Student-id, Course-id, semesterNo) Pk, Isla\_id, conse\_id)

Course(Course-id, Course-Name) ho foreign keys

- (Student-id, Course-id) in relation Take is a primary key
- Student Student sturnane no foreign keys

Thoreign Key, = Take, Stu.id -> Student. Stu\_id

Draw a relational schema diagram specifying the foreign

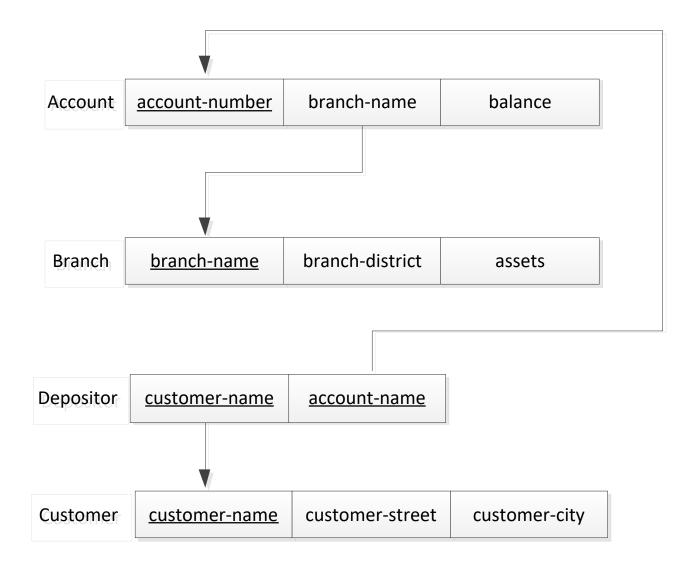
keys for this schema Take. course id -> course course id

Course

Course\_id course\_name

course name no-foreign Keys

# Example 2: Foreign Key



# Example 2: Foreign Key

Account

account-number | branch-name

balance

```
CREATE TABLE account
   account-number
                     CHAR (10) NOT NULL,
   branch-name
                     CHAR (15),
   balance
                     INTEGER,
   PRIMARY KEY (account-number)
   FOREGIN KEY (branch-name) REFERENCES branch
```

Branch

branch-name

branch-district

assets

# Example 2: Foreign Key

Depositor

customer-name

account-number

```
CREATE TABLE depositor
   customer-name
                    CHAR (20) NOT NULL,
                    CHAR (10) NOT NULL,
   account-number
   PRIMARY KEY (customer-name, account-number),
   FOREIGN KEY (customer-name) REFERENCES customer
   FOREIGN KEY (account-number) REFERENCES account
```

Account

account-number | branch-name

balance

Customer

customer-name

customer-street

customer-city

# Populated Database State

- Each relation will have many tuples in its current relation state
- The relational database state is a union of all the individual relation states
- Whenever the database is changed, a new state arises
- Basic operations for changing the database:
  - INSERT a new tuple in a relation
  - DELETE an existing tuple from a relation
  - MODIFY an attribute of an existing tuple

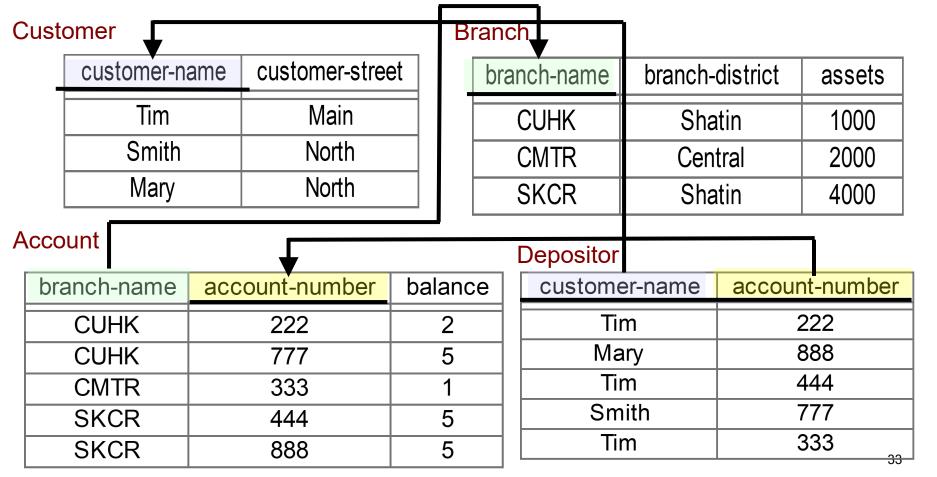
## Possible Violations for INSERT

- Domain constraint:
  - if one of the attribute values provided for the new tuple is not of the specified attribute domain
- Key constraint:
  - if the value of a key attribute in the new tuple already exists in another tuple in the relation
- Referential integrity:
  - if a foreign key value in the new tuple references a primary key value that does not exist in the referenced relation
- Entity integrity:
  - if the primary key value is null in the new tuple

#### Example:

Account(<u>account-number</u>, branch-name. balance)
Branch(<u>branch-name</u>, branch-district, assets)
Depositor(<u>customer-name</u>, <u>account-number</u>)
Customer(<u>customer-name</u>, customer-street, customer-city)

cannot add (KLN, 111, 3) to Account cannot add (Chris, 222) to Depositor cannot add (Mary, 999) to Depositor



## Possible Violations for DELETE

- Referential constraints
  - If the primary key value of the tuple being deleted is referenced from other tuples in the database
- Options of remedies:
  - RESTRICT: reject the deletion
  - CASCADE: delete the record in the referencing table
  - SET NULL: set the foreign keys of the referencing tuples to NULL
  - SET DEFAULT: set the foreign keys of the referencing tuples to default value

#### Example:

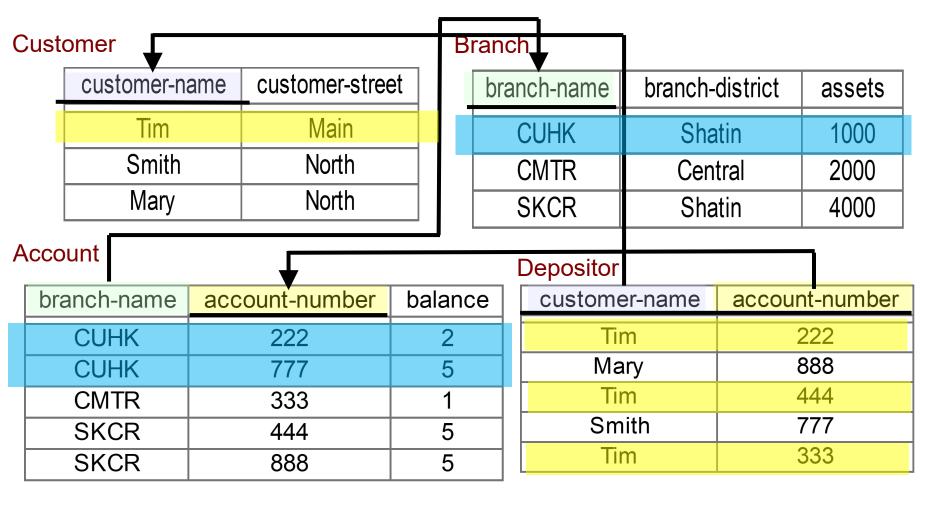
Account(account-number, branch-name, balance)

Branch(<u>branch-name</u>, branch-district, assets)

Depositor(customer-name, account-number)

Customer(<u>customer-name</u>, customer-street, customer-city)

# Cannot simply delete Customer Tim Cannot simply delete branch CUHK



# Example: Foreign Key

- Cascading delete:
  - Delete Customer Tim, cascaded delete on depositor
  - Delete branch CUHK, cascaded delete on account

```
CREATE TABLE account
   branch-name
                    CHAR (15),
   account-number
                    CHAR (10) NOT NULL,
   balance
                    INTEGER,
   PRIMARY KEY (account-number),
   FOREIGN KEY (branch-name) REFERENES branch
                      ON DELETE CASCADE
                      ON UPDATE CASCADE
                         UPDATE NO ACTION]
```

### Example: Foreign Key

Branch

branch-name

branch-district

assets

```
CREATE TABLE branch (
   branch-name CHAR(20) DEFAULT 'CUHK',
   branch-district CHAR(30),
   assets
                   INTEGER,
   PRIMARY KEY (branch-name) )
CREATE TABLE account (
   branch-name CHAR (15) DEFAULT 'CUHK',
                   CHAR (10) NOT NULL,
   account-number
                   INTEGER,
   balance
   PRIMARY KEY (account-number),
   FOREGIN KEY (branch-name) REFERENCES branch
             ON DELETE CASCADE
             ON UPDATE CASCADE )
            [ON DELETE SET DEFAULT]
            [ON DELETE SET NULL]
```

### Possible Violations for UPDATE

- Constraint violations depending on the attribute being updated:
  - Updating the primary key (PK):
    - Similar to a DELETE followed by an INSERT
    - Need to specify similar options to DELETE
  - Updating a foreign key (FK):
    - May violate referential integrity
  - Updating an ordinary attribute (neither PK nor FK):
    - Can only violate domain and business rules constraints

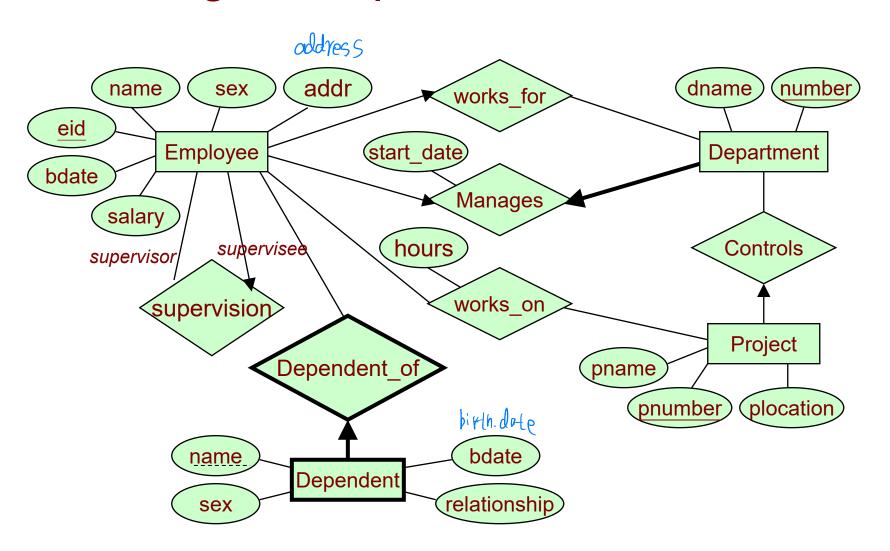
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### **ER-to-Relational Mapping**

- Typically, database designers begin with the ER model,
   which is very expressive and user-friendly to human
- Then, the ER model is mapped to the relational model for DBMS manipulations
- Database queries and updates will be written according to the relational model

### Running Example



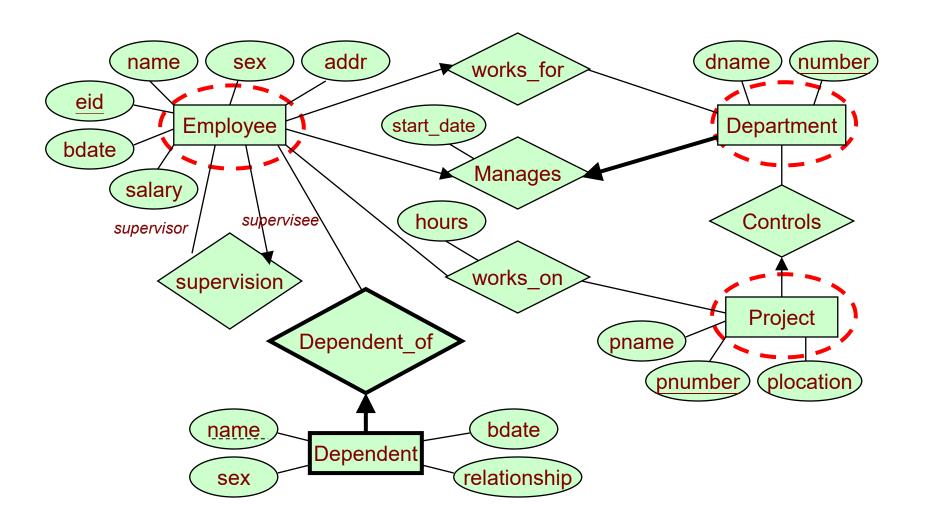
### ER to Relational Model

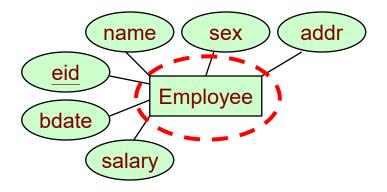
- 1. Convert entities first
  - From Strong Entity to Weak Entity
- 2. Convert relations
  - From 1-to-1, 1-to-many (many-to-1) to many-to-many
  - From binary relation to non-binary relation

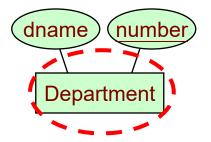
### Steps

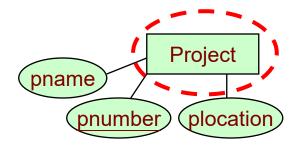
- ER-to-Relational Mapping Algorithm
  - Step 1: Mapping of Regular Entity Types
  - Step 2: Mapping of Weak Entity Types
  - Step 3: Mapping of Binary 1:1 Relation Types
  - Step 4: Mapping of Binary 1:N Relationship Types.
  - Step 5: Mapping of Binary M:N Relationship Types.
  - Step 6: Mapping of N-ary Relationship Types.

- For each strong entity set E in the ER schema,
  - create a relation schema R that includes all the attributes of E
  - choose one set of key attributes of E as a primary key forR
  - if the chosen key of E is composite, the set of simple attributes that form it will together form the primary key of
     R



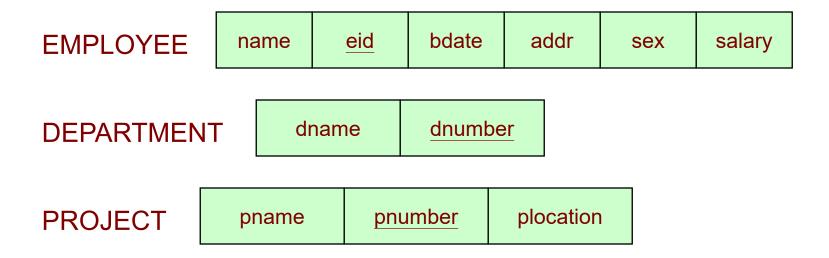






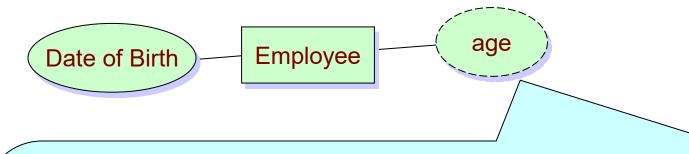
- Example
- We create the relation schemas EMPLOYEE,

DEPARTMENT and PROJECT



(omitted)

If there is a derived attribute, what should we do?



We have two choices.

Choice 1: Include this derived attribute

Adv: We can directly obtain the value of the derived attribute

Disadv: We may encounter some data inconsistencies

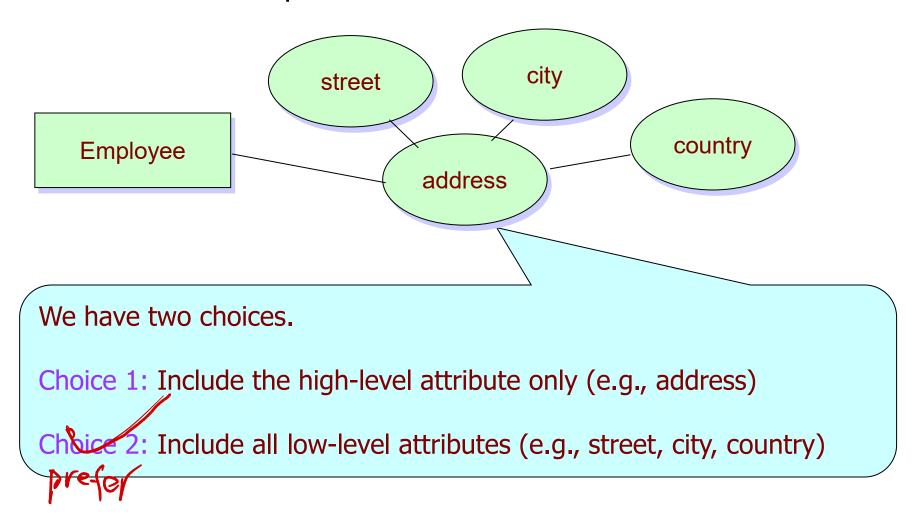
Choice 2: NOT include this derived attribute

Adv: We can avoid data inconsistency

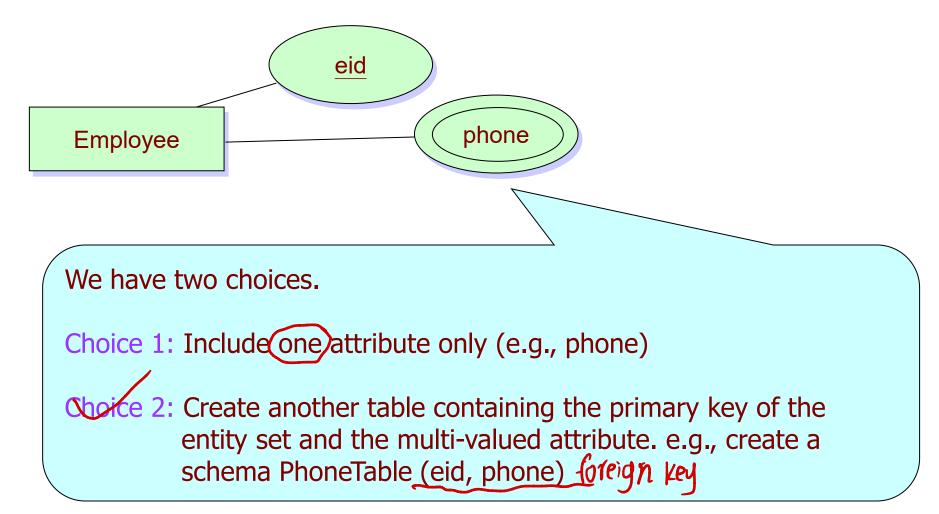
Disadv: We need to perform some operations to obtain the

value of the derived attribute

If there is a composite attribute, what should we do?

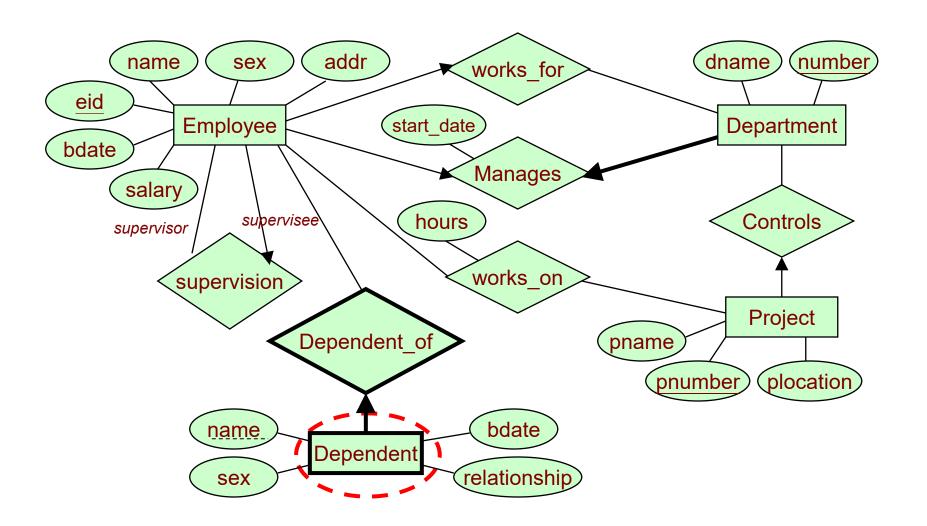


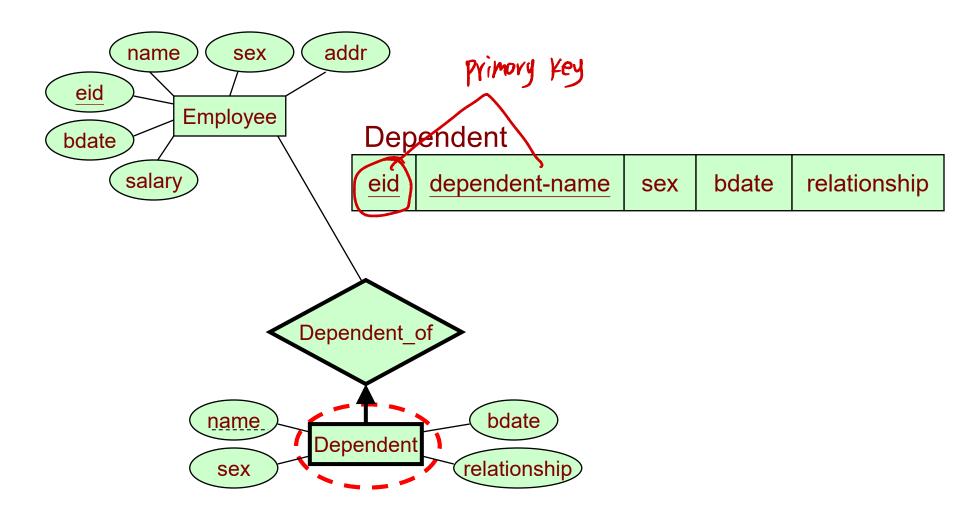
If there is a multi-valued attribute, what should we do?



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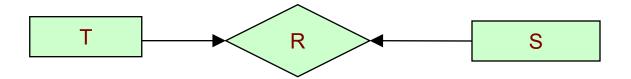
- For each weak entity set W in the ER model,
  - Create a relation schema R, and include all attributes
  - In addition, include the primary key(s) of the owner(s)
  - The primary key of R is the combination of the primary key(s) of the owner(s) and the discriminator of the weak entity set W



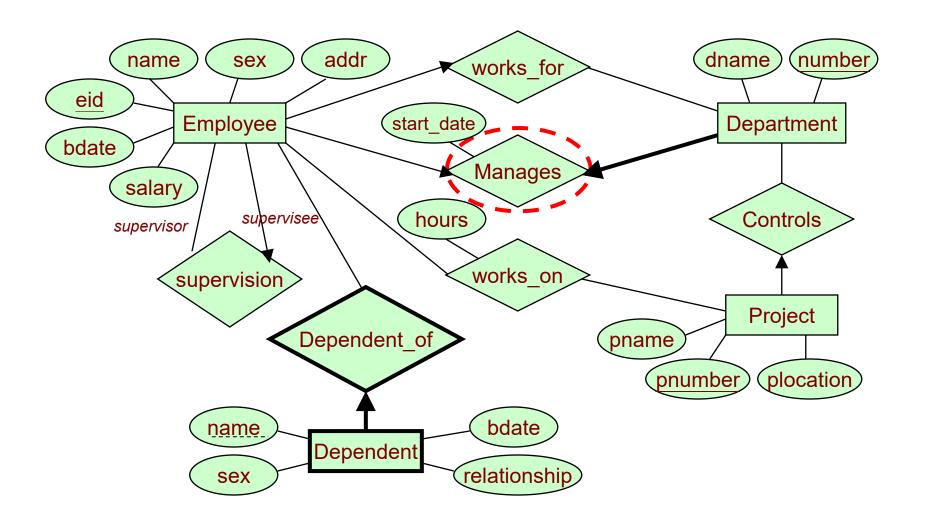


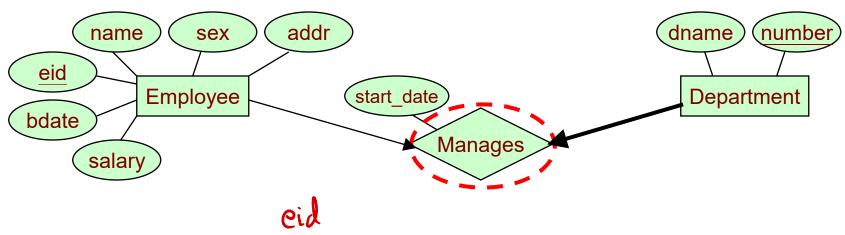
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For each binary one-to-one (1:1) relationship set R



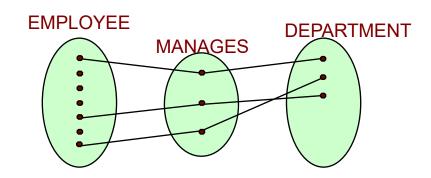
- Choose one of the 2 relation schemas, say S,
  - get primary key of T.
  - include it as foreign keys in S
- Better if S has total participation in R
- Include the attributes of the relationship set R as attributes of S





- We include the primary key of EMPLOYEE as foreign key in DEPARTMENT and rename it mgr\_id
- We include the attribute startdate of MANAGES and rename it mgr\_start\_date
   DEPARTMENT dname dnumber mgr\_id mgr\_start\_date

# Compare the following two choices to include MANAGES:



#### Add information to EMPLOYEE

name	<u>id</u>	bdate	addr	sex	salary	dnum	sdate
Yeung	7	080370		F	20K	3	010100
Chan	3	031060		М	30K	4	020399
Wong	4	010280		F	10K	Null	Null
Cheung	8	220985		М	24K	Null	Null

dname	<u>dnumber</u>	mgr_id	mgr_start_date
Personnel	4	3	020399
Marketing	3	7	010100

Add to DEPARTMENT

- In the above, the NULL value is a special value meaning that the value is either unknown or not applicable
- Notice that an alternative mapping of a one-to-one relationship set is possible by merging the two entity sets and the relationship into a single relation
- This is appropriate when both participations are total

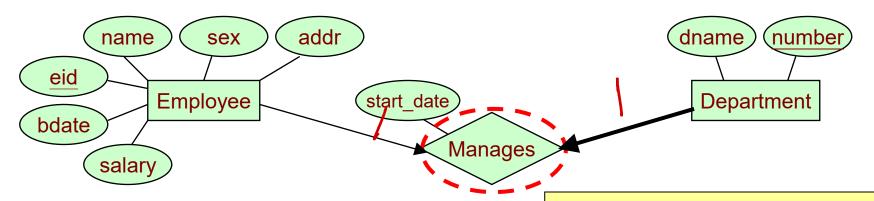
Mapping 1-to-1 Relationship:

Advantage:

The total number of relations remain unchanged

Disadvantage:

It may store NULL values if there is no total participation



Can we create a new relation

Manages (eid, number, start\_date)

or

Manages (eid, <u>number</u>, start\_date)

for this relationship?

Yes.

It can be used if there are only a few relationship instances

#### Advantage:

It can avoid storing NULL values if there is no total participation

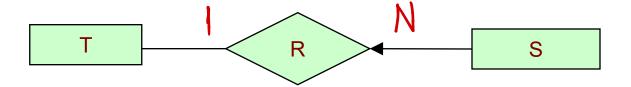
#### Disadvantage:

There is one additional relation

- There are three approaches for mapping 1-1 binary relationship:
  - 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
  - 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

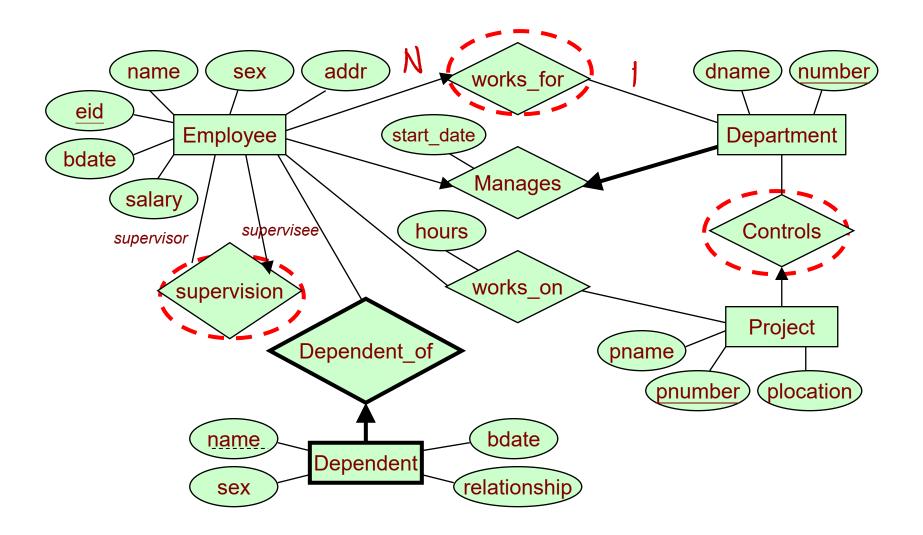
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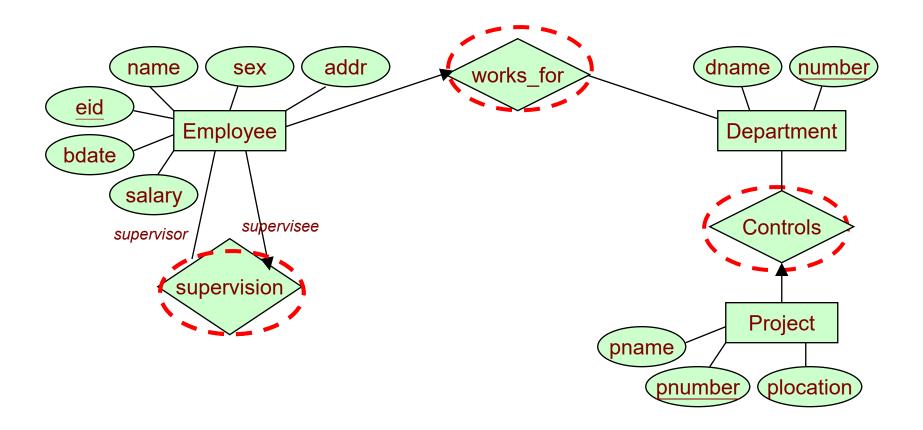
For each binary one-to-many relationship set



- Include as foreign key in S the primary key that represents the other entity set T participating in R
- Include any attributes of the one-to-many relationship set as attributes of S
- In other words, we always choose the one who determines the relationship as R

Add prinary key of entity(1) to the one (N) as a famign key

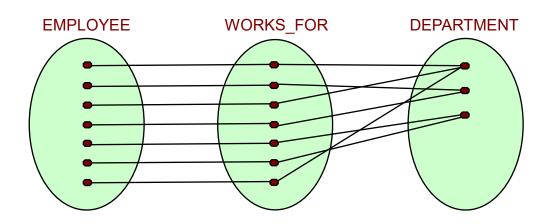




- The primary key dnumber of the DEPARTMENT relation schema is included as foreign key in the EMPLOYEE relation schema
- We rename it as dno (The renaming is not necessary but makes the name more meaningful.)

**EMPLOYEE** 

me <u>eid</u> bdate addr sex salary dno
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#### Compare the following 2 choices:

#### Add employees to department

#### **DEPARTMENT**

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	dname	<u>dnumber</u>	mgr_id	mgr_start_date	<u>eid</u>
_	Personnel	4	3	020399	3
	Personnel	4	3	020399	11
	Personnel	4	3	020399	12
	Personnel	4	3	020399	13
	Marketing	3	7	010100	21
	Marketing	3	7	010100	7
	Marketing	3	7	010100	22

#### **EMPLOYEE**

name	<u>id</u>	bdate	addr	sex	salary	dno
Yeung	7	080370		F	20K	3
Chan	3	031060		М	30K	4
Wong	4	010280		F	10K	7
Cheung	8	220985		М	24K	_ 1

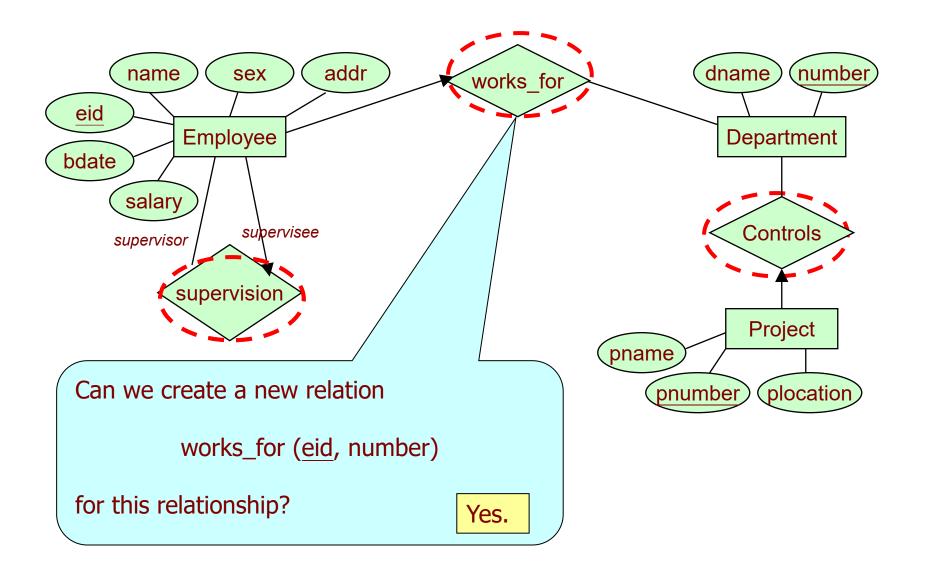
Add department to employee

- For SUPERVISON,
  - include the primary key of the EMPLOYEE as foreign key in the EMPLOYEE, and call it super\_id



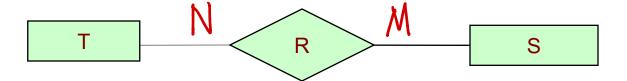
- For CONTROLS relationship,
  - include dnum as foreign key in PROJECT,
  - which references the primary key dnumber of DEPARTMENT

PROJECT pname pnumber plocation dnum

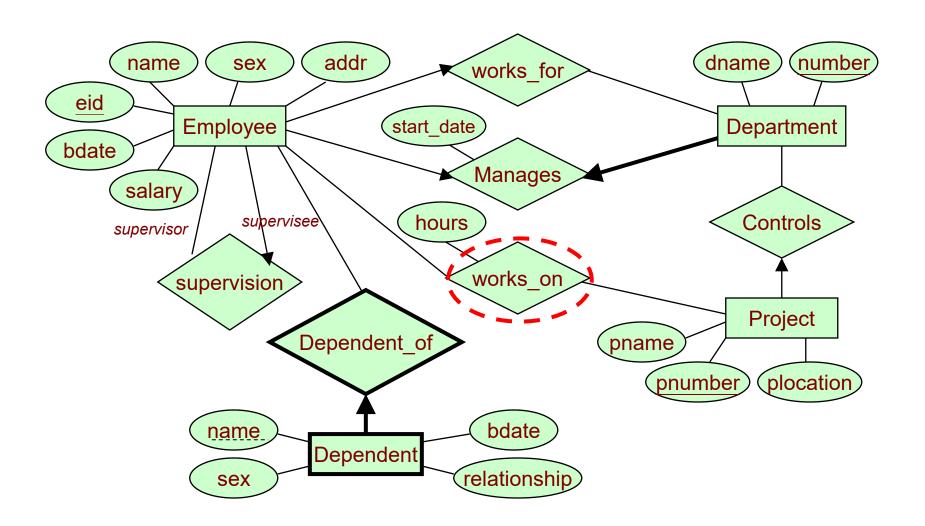


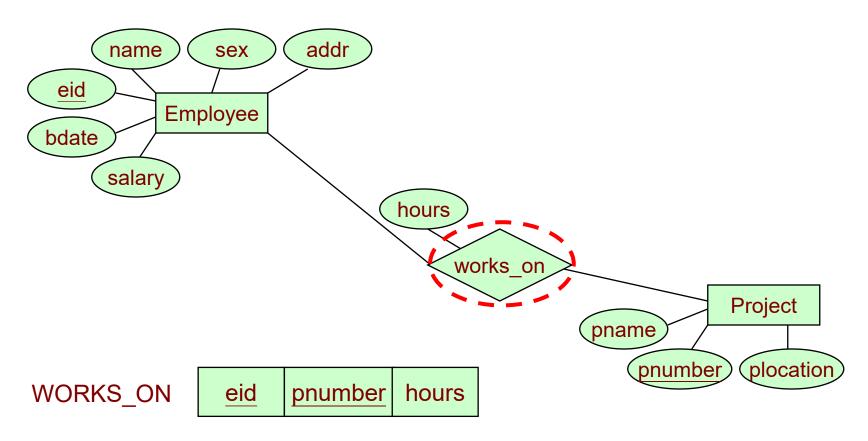
### Step 5 (Many-to-many Relationship)

For each binary many-to-many relationship set R



- Create a new relation schema S to represent R
- Include as foreign key attributes in S the primary keys of the relation schemas for the participating entity sets in R
- Their combination will form the primary key of S
- Also include attributes of the many-to-many relationship set as attributes of S





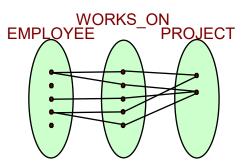
Map the many-to-many relationship sets

WORKS\_ON by creating the relation schema WORKS\_ON

Include the primary keys of PROJECT and EMPLOYEE as foreign keys

#### Compare the following three choices to include WORKS\_ON

#### Add to EMPLOYEE



name	<u>id</u>	bdate	addr	sex	salary	dno	pnumber	hours
Yeung	7	080370		F	20K	3	Null	Null
Chan	3	031060		М	30K	4	C77	89
Chan	3	031060	•••	М	30K	4	A01	10
Wong	4	010280		F	10K	7	A01	101
Cheung	8	220985		М	24K	1	A01	22
Cheung	8	220985		М	24K	1	C77	57

#### Add to PROJECT \

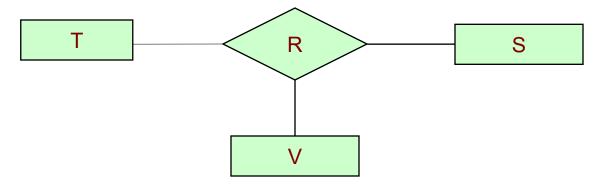
pname	pnumber	plocation	dnum	<u>eid</u>	hours
SmartCard	C77	C-Lab	4	2	89
SmartCard	C77	C-Lab	4	8	10
Robotics	A01	C-Lab	7	2	101
Robotics	A01	C-Lab	7	4	22
Robotics	A01	C-Lab	7	8	57

#### New relation WORKS\_ON

<u>eid</u>	pnumber	hours
2	C77	89
2	A11	10
4	A11	101
8	A11	22
8	C77	57

## Step 6 (Non-binary Relationship)

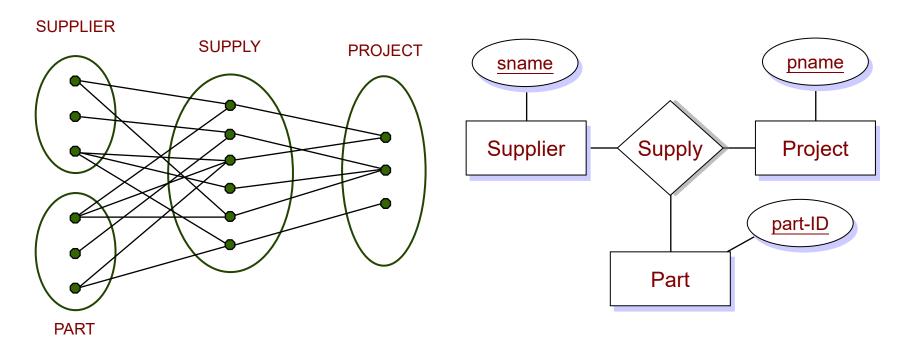
For each non-binary relationship set



- Create a new relation schema S to represent R
- Include as foreign key attributes in S the primary keys of the participating entity sets
- Also include any attributes of the non-binary relationship set as attributes of S

# Ternary Relationship Set

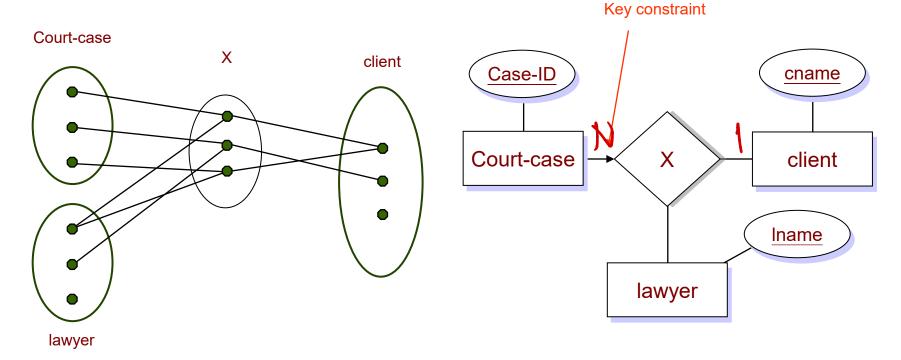
- Create table Supply,
- Attributes are sname, pname, part-ID,
- These also form the key



Supply (sname, pname, part-ID)

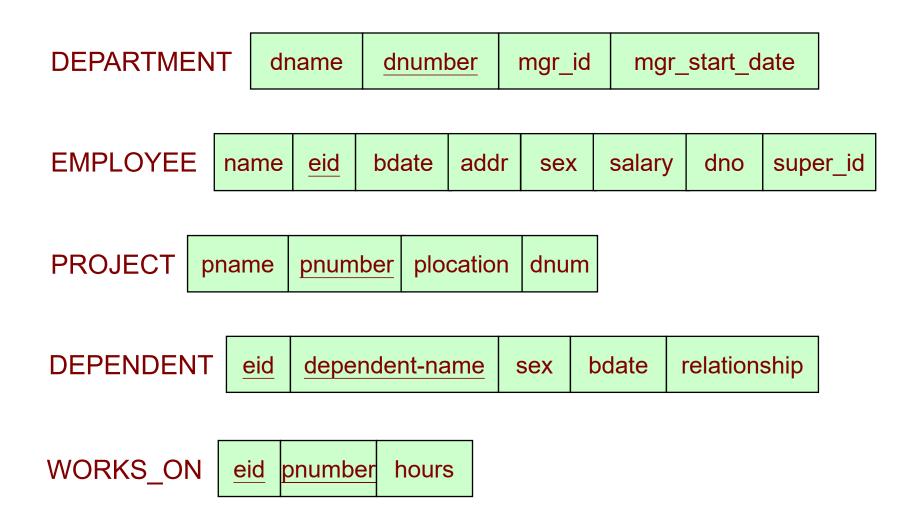
## Ternary Relationship Set

- Create a new table X,
- Attributes are Case-ID, cname, Iname,
- Case-ID is the key



X(Case-ID, cname, Iname)

#### Resulting Relation Schemas:



### **Summary of Mapping Constructs**

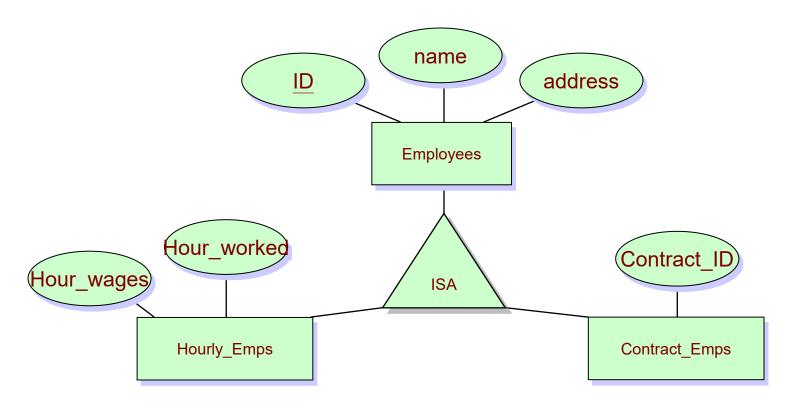
Correspondence between ER and Relational Models

ER Model	Relational Model
Entity type	"Entity" relation
1:1 or 1:N relationship type	Foreign key (or "relationship" relation)
M:N relationship type	"Relationship" relation and two foreign keys
<i>n</i> -ary relationship type	"Relationship" relation and n foreign keys
Simple attribute	Attribute
Composite attribute	Set of simple component attributes
Multivalued attribute	Relation and foreign key
Value set	Domain
Key attribute	Primary (or secondary) key

#### **Outline**

- Relational Model
  - Relational Model Concepts
  - Relational Database Schemas
- ER-to-Relational Mapping
  - Translating traditional ER diagrams
  - Translating Class Hierarchy

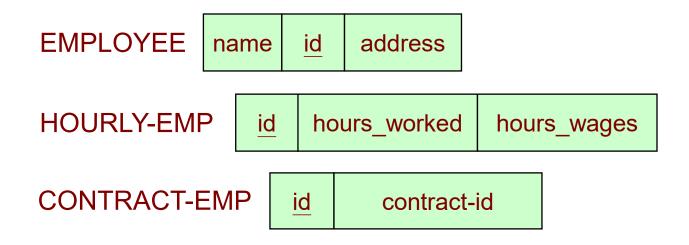
Consider the class hierarchy example



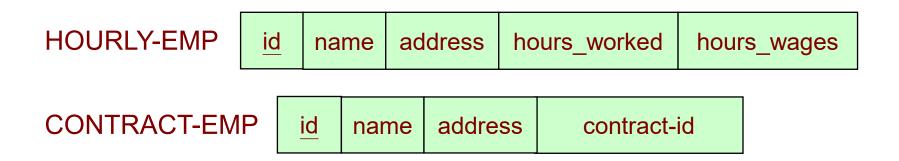
Two possible ways:

1. Map each of the entity sets Employees, Hourly-Emps, and

Contract-Emps to a distinct relation



- Two possible ways:
  - 2. Create only two relations

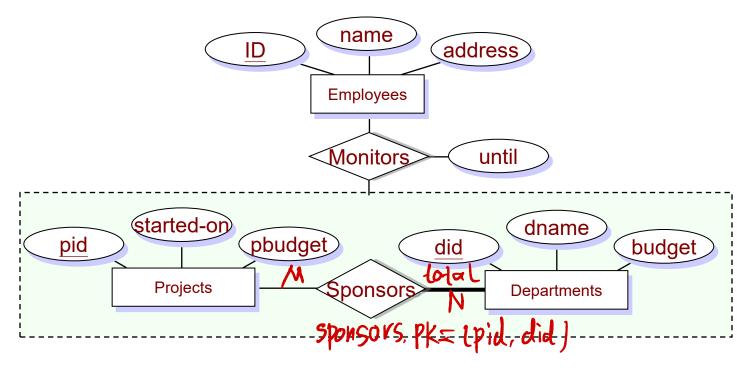


 This requires the covering constraint to hold. (i.e. Hourly\_Emp and Contract\_Emp COVER Employee)

- The first method is more general
- Disadvantage:
  - an extra relation is needed
  - more operation may be necessary when we need to get the employee information (e.g. looking up two relations)
- The second method is not always possible
- Advantage:
  - information of each employee is more easily accessible (usually only one relation look up)
  - however, if an employee can be both hourly and contract based,
     then information of the employee will be stored twice

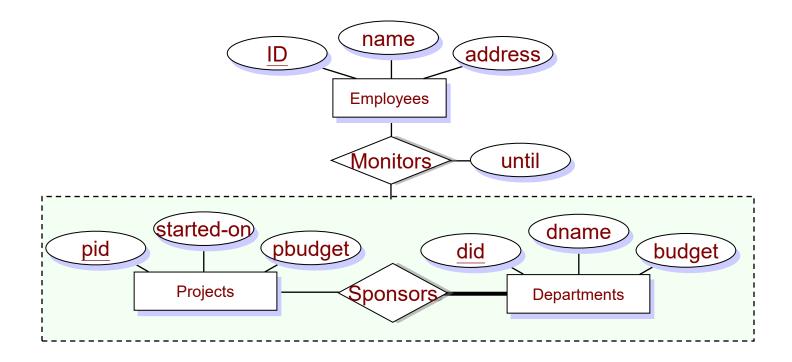
## **Translating Aggregation**

- There is no real distinction between entities and relationships in the relational model
- Therefore the mapping of aggregation in the E-R model to the relational model is quite simple
- For example,

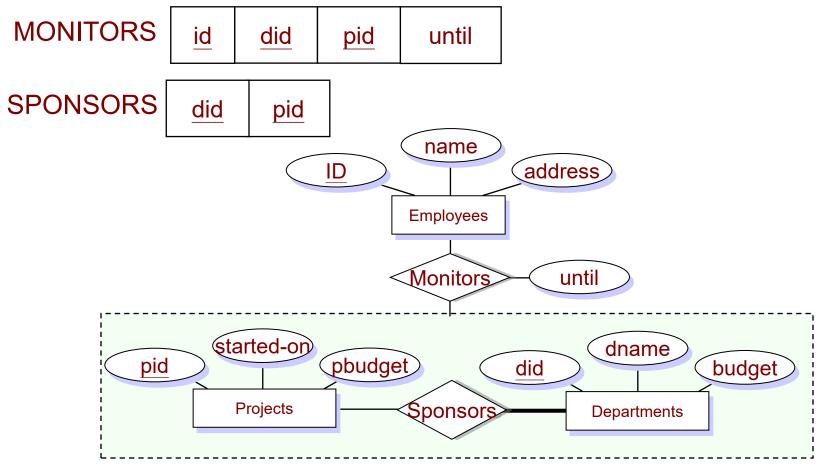


# **Translating Aggregation**

- For example,
  - The key attributes of SPONSORS are: (did, pid)
  - (a sponsorship is determined by department id and project id)



- The key attributes of SPONSORS are: (did, pid)
- For the Monitors relationship we create a relation:



 Sponsors is not contained in Monitors above, if a sponsorship has no monitor, then it will not appear in Monitors

#### Summary

- What is a relation, relation schema
- How SQL creates tables (relations)
- Integrity Constraints Primary Keys, Foreign Keys
   Referential Integrity
- Translating ER to relational model
  - Translating class hierarchies, aggregations
  - Reduce data redundancy
  - Reduce the number of NULL values
  - Reduce the cost of lookup for the information

#### In-Class Exercise

Consider the following relations for a database that keeps track of student enrollment in courses and the books adopted for each course:

- > STUDENT(SSN, Name, Major, Bdate)
- COURSE(Course#, Cname, Dept)
- ENROLL(SSN, Course#, Quarter, Grade)
- ➤ BOOK ADOPTION(Course#, Quarter, Book ISBN)
- TEXT(Book\_ISBN, Book\_Title, Publisher, Author)

Draw a relational schema diagram specifying the foreign keys for this schema.

