

Database Management

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Relational algebra

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Entity-Relationship model: Basic Concepts

- Entity Relationship Model
- Models an enterprise as a collection of *entities* and *relationships*
 - ❖ Entity: a “thing” or “object” in the enterprise that is distinguishable from other objects
 - ❖ Described by a set of *attributes*
 - ❖ Relationship: an association among several entities
- Represented diagrammatically by an *entity-relationship diagram*

Entity-Relationship model: Basic Concepts

- The ER data model was developed to facilitate database design by allowing specification of an **enterprise schema** that represents the overall logical structure of a database.
- The ER data model employs three basic concepts:
 - ❖ entity sets,
 - ❖ relationship sets,
 - ❖ attributes.
- The ER model also has an associated diagrammatic representation, the **ER diagram**, which can express the overall logical structure of a database graphically.

Entity-Relationship model: Entity Sets

- An **entity** is an object that exists and is distinguishable from other objects.

Example: specific person, company, event, plant

- An **entity set** is a set of entities of the same type that share the same properties.

Example: set of all persons, companies, trees, holidays

- An entity is represented by a set of attributes; i.e., descriptive properties possessed by all members of an entity set.

Example:

instructor = (ID, name, salary)

course= (course_id, title, credits)

- A subset of the attributes form a **primary key** of the entity set; i.e., uniquely identifying each member of the set.

Entity-Relationship model: Entity Sets

Entity Sets -- *instructor* and *student*

76766	Crick
45565	Katz
10101	Srinivasan
98345	Kim
76543	Singh
22222	Einstein

instructor

98988	Tanaka
12345	Shankar
00128	Zhang
76543	Brown
76653	Aoi
23121	Chavez
44553	Peltier

student

Representing Entity Sets

<i>instructor</i>
<u><i>ID</i></u>
<i>name</i>
<i>salary</i>

<i>student</i>
<u><i>ID</i></u>
<i>name</i>
<i>tot_cred</i>

Entity-Relationship model: Relationship Sets

- A **relationship** is an association among several entities

Example:

44553 (Peltier) *advisor* 22222 (Einstein)

student entity relationship set *instructor* entity

- A **relationship set** is a mathematical relation among $n \geq 2$ entities, each taken from entity sets

$$\{(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \mid e_1 \in E_1, e_2 \in E_2, \dots, e_n \in E_n\}$$

where (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) is a relationship

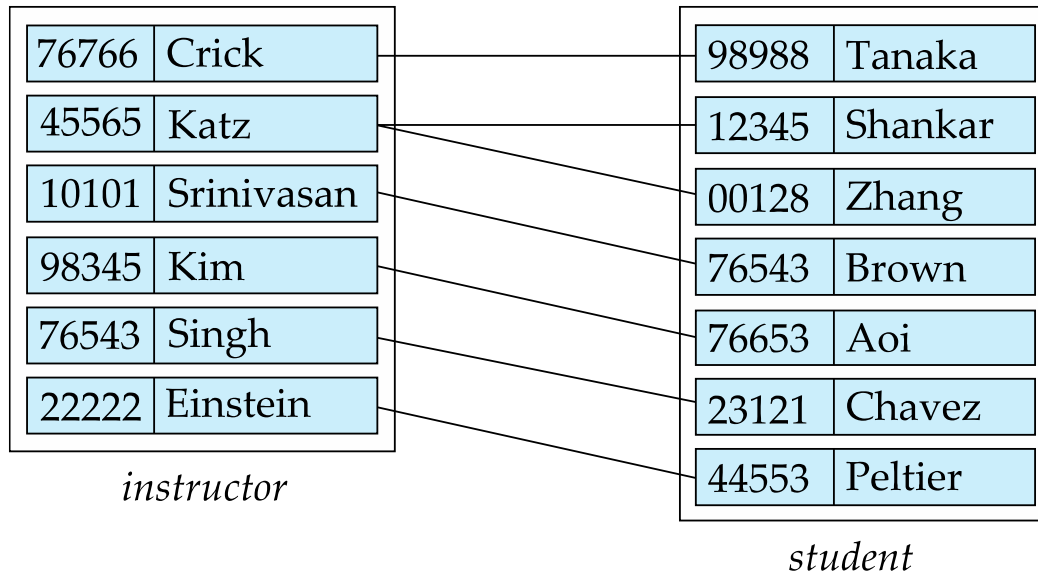
Example:

$(44553, 22222) \in \text{advisor}$

- **Degree of RS-** No. of participating entities in a relationship set.

Entity-Relationship model: Relationship Sets

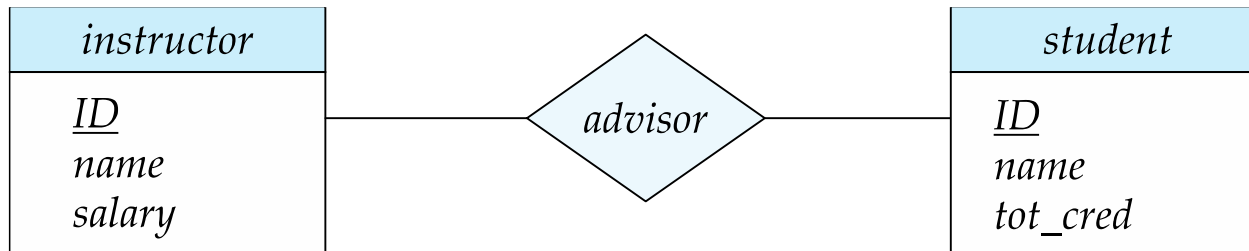
- Example: we define the relationship set *advisor* to denote the associations between students and the instructors who act as their advisors.
- Pictorially, we draw a line between related entities.



Entity-Relationship model:

Representing Relationship Sets via ER Diagrams

- Diamonds represent relationship sets.



Entity-Relationship model

- Attribute types: Descriptive properties possessed by each member of an entity set.
- Attribute types:
 - **Simple** and **composite** attributes.
 - **Simple**- An attribute composed of a single component with an independent existence
 - **composite attributes**- An attribute composed of multiple components, each with an independent existence.
 - **Single-valued** and **multivalued** attributes
 - Example: multivalued attribute: *phone_numbers*
 - **Derived** attributes
 - Can be computed from other attributes
 - Example: age, given date_of_birth
- **Domain** - the set of permitted values for each attribute

Entity-Relationship model: Weak Entity Sets

- A **weak entity set** is one whose existence is dependent on another entity, called its **identifying entity**
- Instead of associating a primary key with a weak entity, we use the identifying entity, along with extra attributes called **discriminator** to uniquely identify a weak entity.
- An entity set that is not a weak entity set is termed a **strong entity set**.
- Every weak entity must be associated with an identifying entity; that is, the weak entity set is said to be **existence dependent** on the identifying entity set.
- The identifying entity set is said to **own** the weak entity set that it identifies.

Entity-Relationship model: Weak Entity Sets

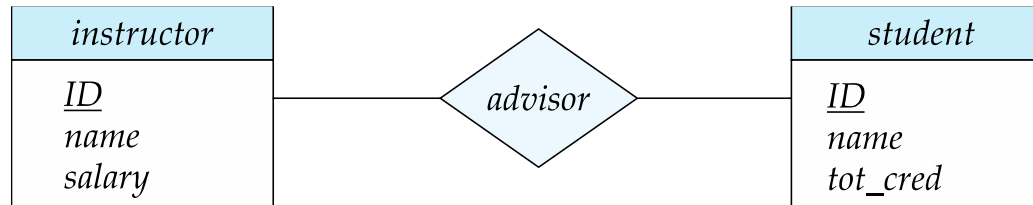
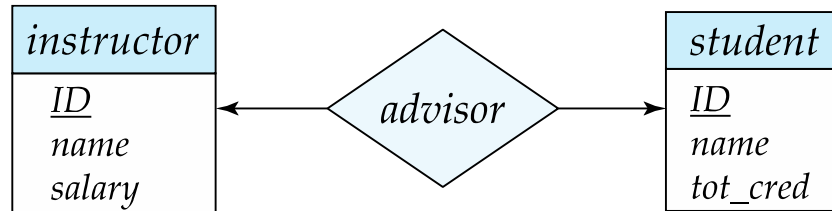
- The relationship associating the weak entity set with the identifying entity set is called the **identifying relationship**.
- Note that the relational schema we eventually create from the entity set *section* does have the attribute *course_id*, for reasons that will become clear later, even though we have dropped the attribute *course_id* from the entity set *section*.
- Primary key for *section* - (*course_id*, *sec_id*, *semester*, *year*)



Entity-Relationship model: Mapping Cardinality Constraints

- Express the number of entities to which another entity can be associated via a relationship set.
- Most useful in describing binary relationship sets.
- For a binary relationship set the mapping cardinality must be one of the following types:

- ❖ One to one
- ❖ One to many
- ❖ Many to one
- ❖ Many to many



Entity-Relationship model: Primary key for Entity Sets

- By definition, individual entities are distinct.
- From database perspective, the differences among them must be expressed in terms of their attributes.
- The values of the attribute of an entity must be such that they can uniquely identify the entity.
 - ❖ No two entities in an entity set are allowed to have exactly the same value for all attributes.
- A key for an entity is a set of attributes that suffice to distinguish entities from each other.

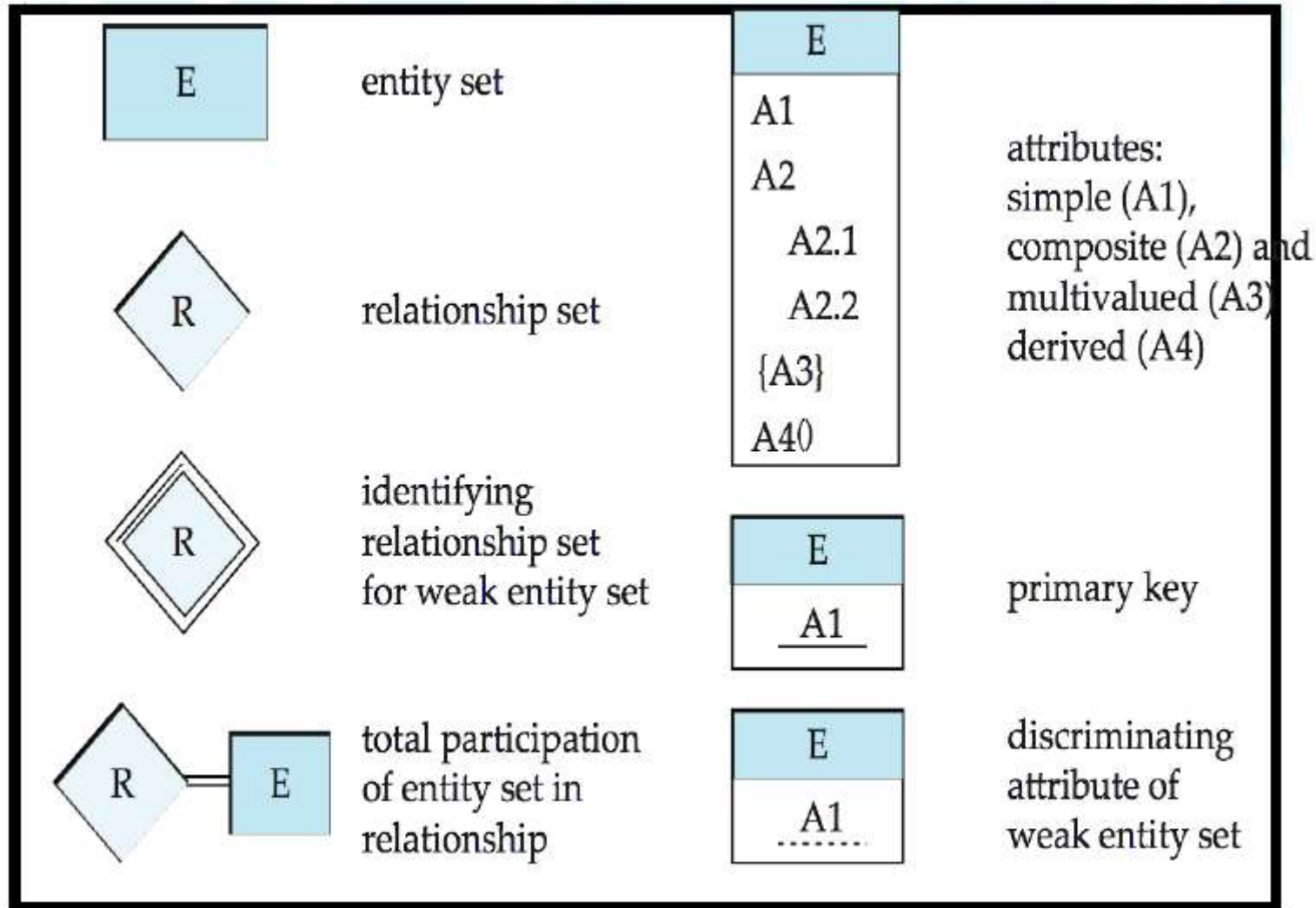
Entity-Relationship model: ERD Development Process

- Identify the entities
- Determine the attributes for each entity.
- Select the primary key for each entity.
- Establish the relationship between the entities.
- Draw an entity model.
- Test the relationships and the keys.

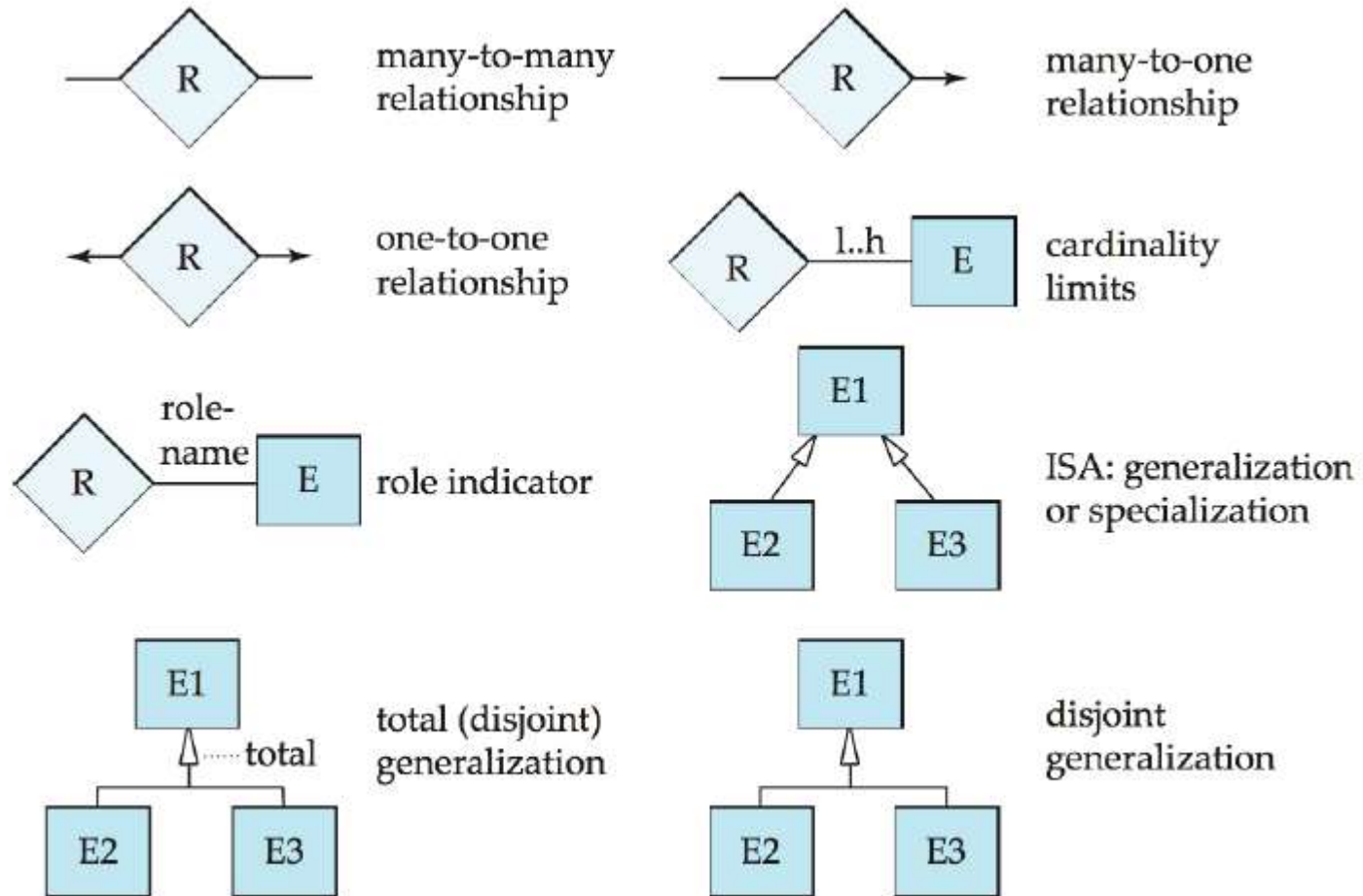
Entity-Relationship model: ERD Development Process

- Rectangles - Entity set
- Double rectangles-weak entity set
- Diamonds - relationship sets
- Ellipses - Attributes
- Double ellipses represent multivalued attributes.
- Dashed ellipses denote derived attributes.
- Lines - link attributes to entity sets and entity sets to Relationship sets.
- Underline indicates primary key attributes

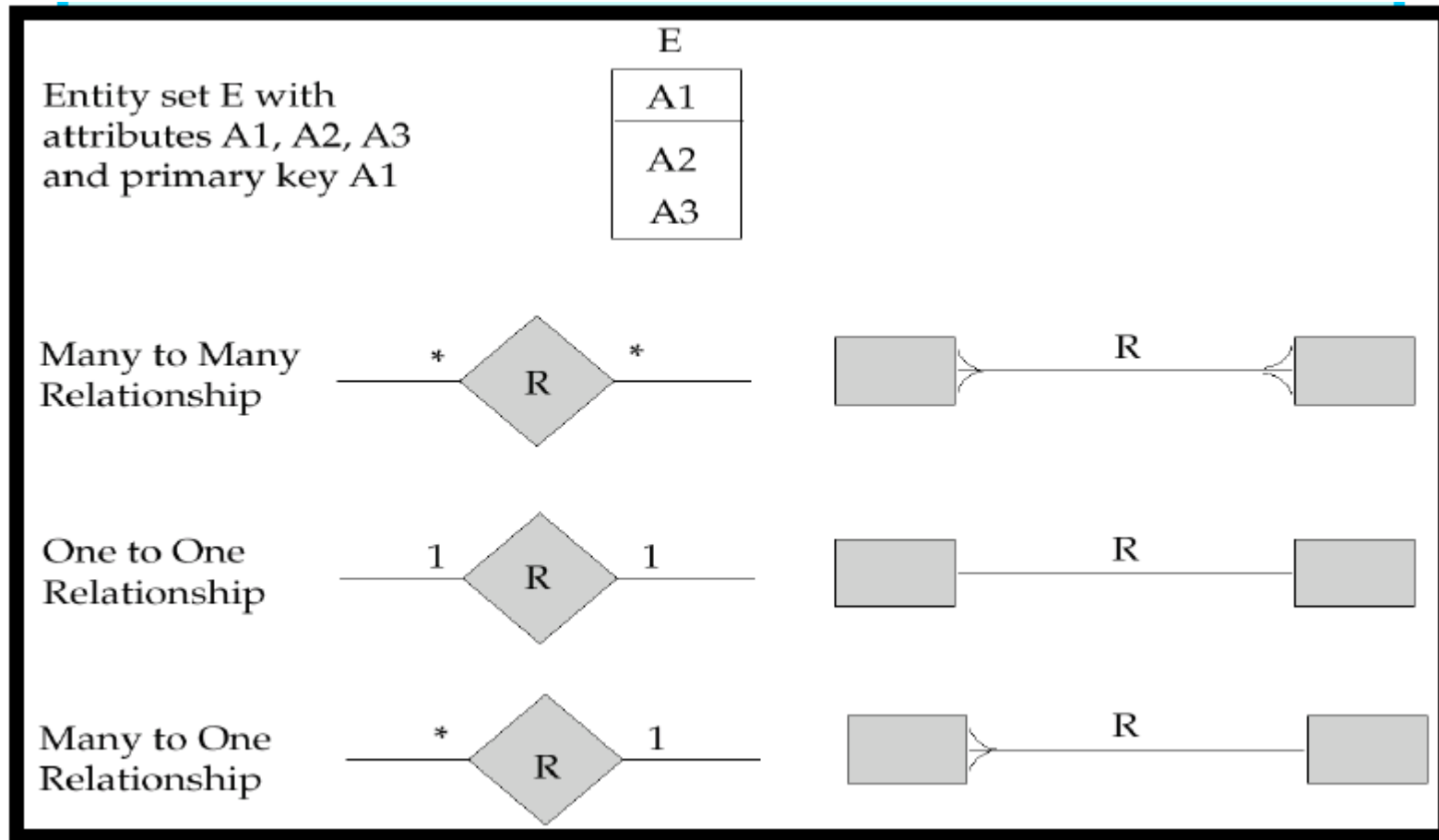
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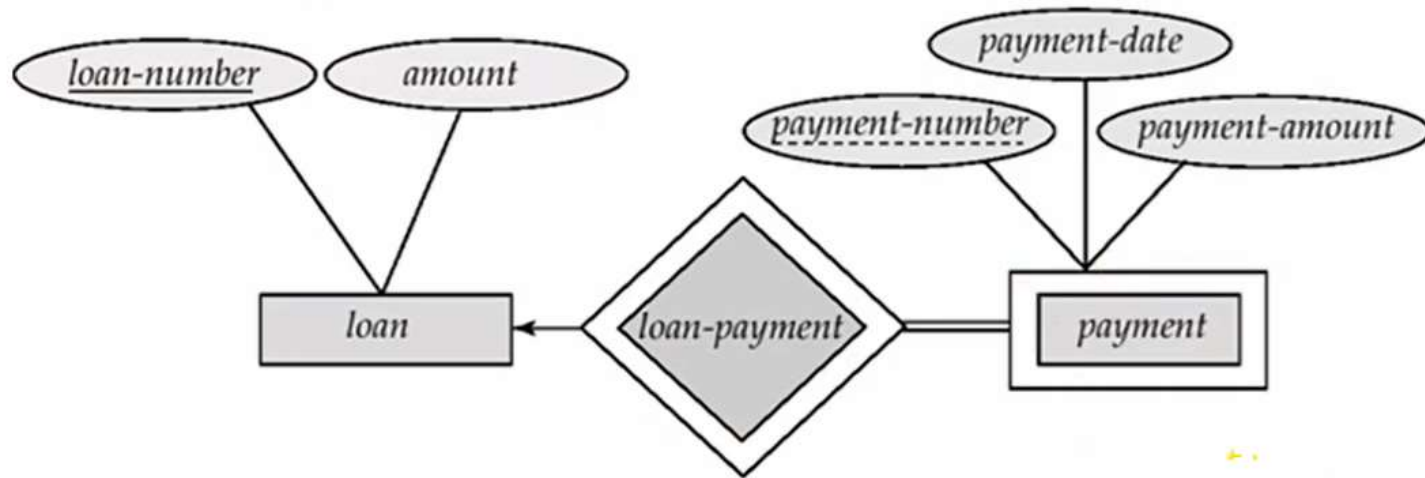
Entity-Relationship model: ERD Development Process



Entity-Relationship model: Alternative ER Notations



Entity-Relationship model: Example of Weak Entity Set

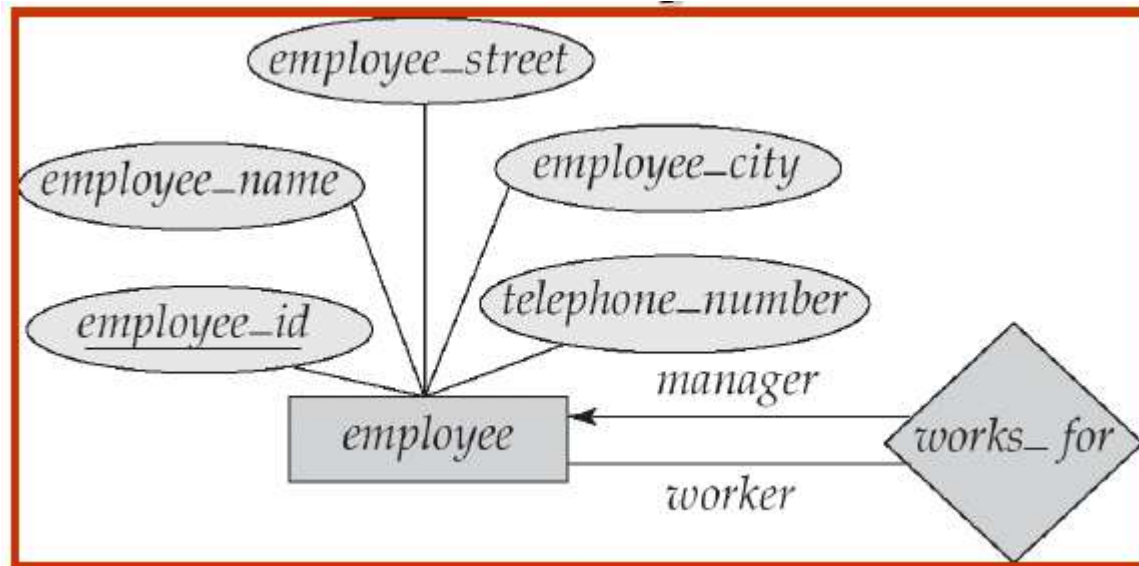


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L1	1,00,000
L2	2,00,000
L3	3,00,000

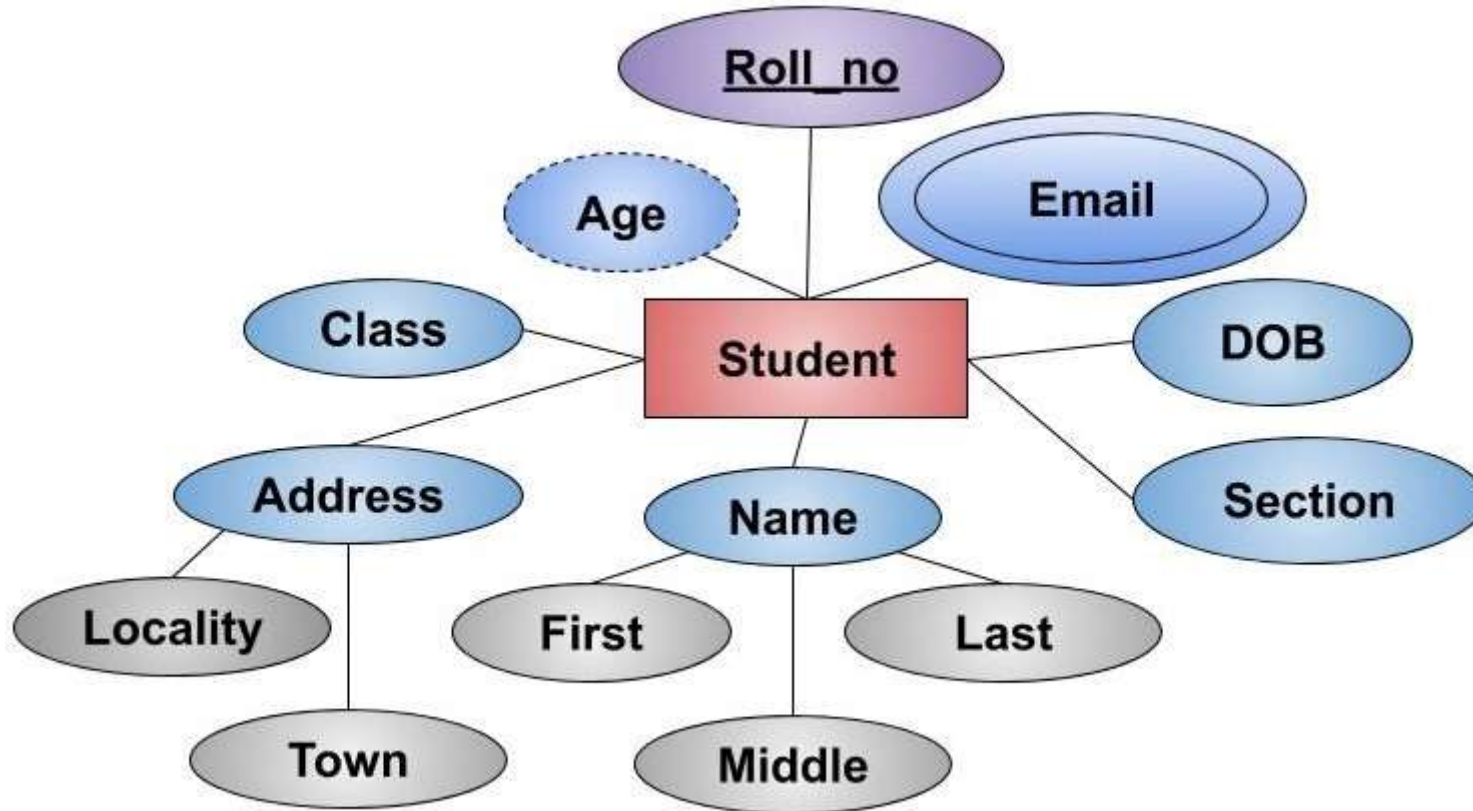
Payment_no	Payment_date	Payment_amount
1	05-06-2020	5000
1	08-07-2020	10000
1	10-08-2020	15000
2	05-07-2020	5000
2	08-08-2020	10000
2	10-09-2020	15000

Entity-Relationship model: Roles

- Roles are indicated in E-R diagrams by labeling the lines that connect diamonds to rectangles

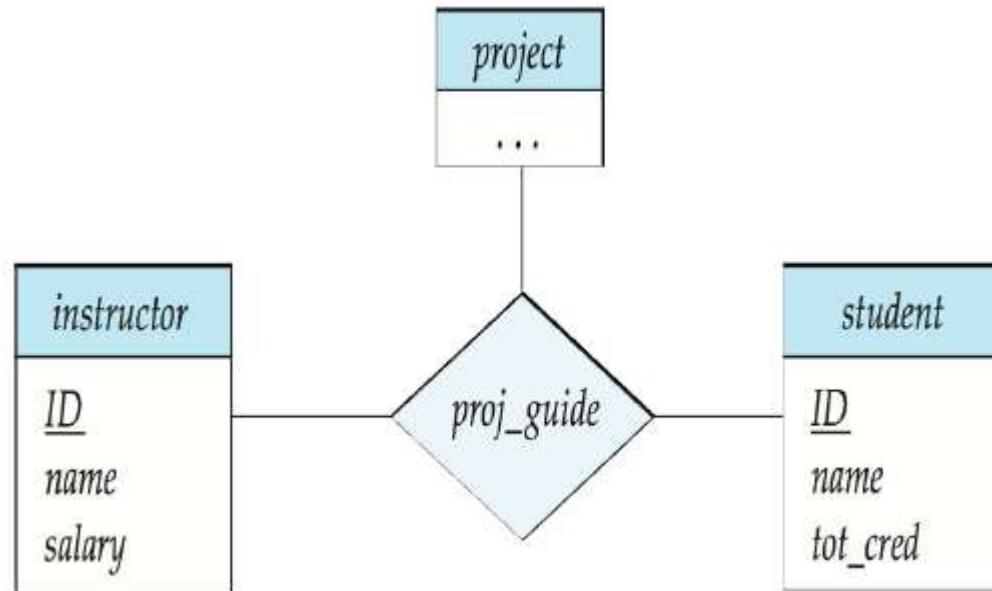


Entity-Relationship model: Different Attributes of Student



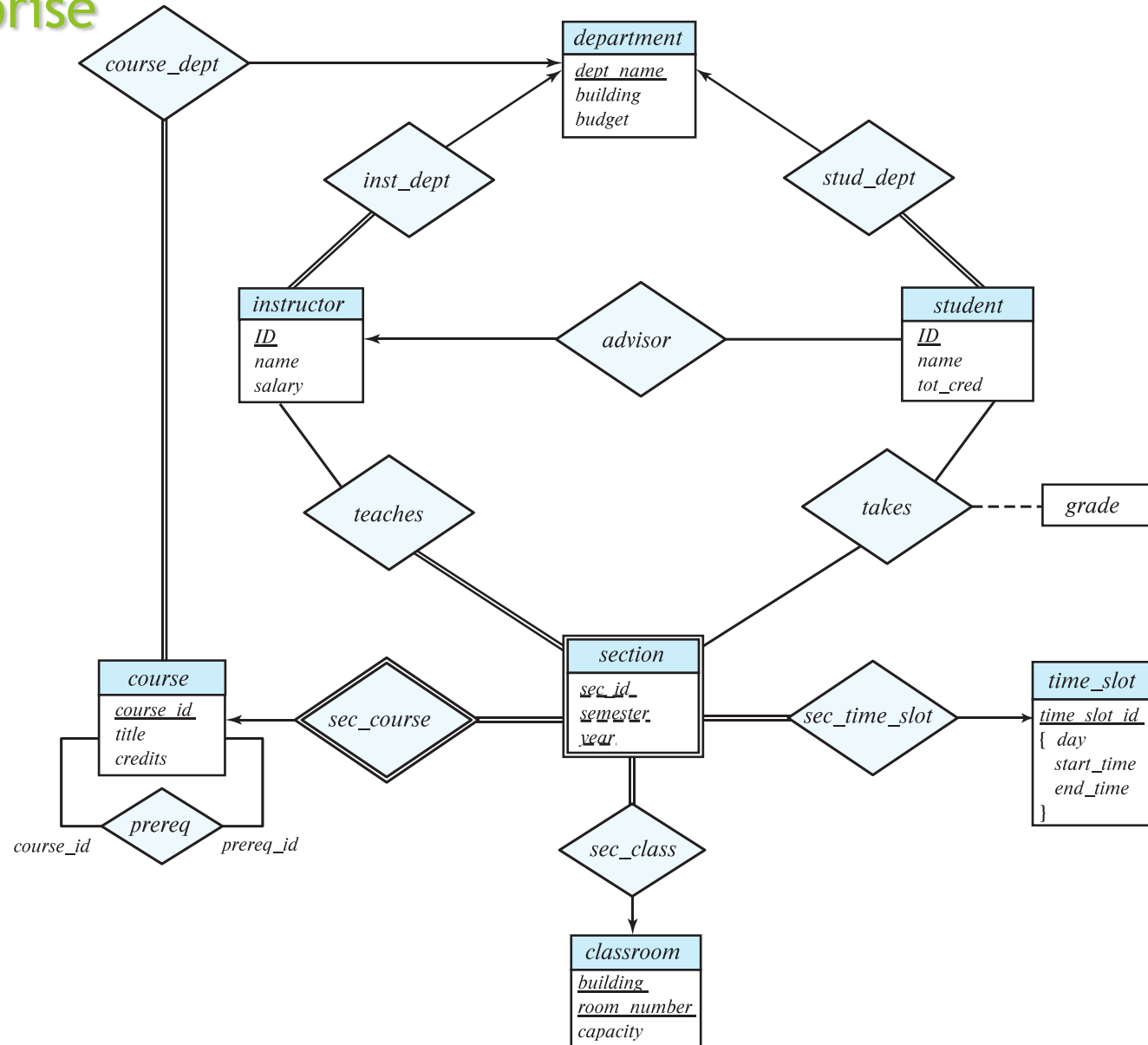
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- E-R Diagram with a Ternary Relationship



Entity-Relationship model: E-R Diagram for a University

Enterprise

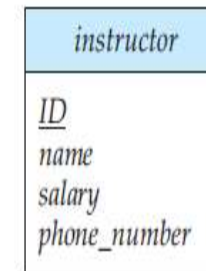


Entity-Relationship model: Design Issues

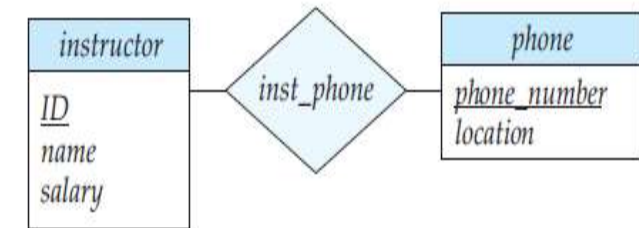
- The notions of an entity set and a relationship set are not precise, and it is possible to define a set of entities and the relationships among them in a number of different ways. The basic design issues are

1. Use of Entity Sets versus Attributes

- Consider the entity set instructor with the additional attribute phone number.
- It can easily be argued that a phone is an entity in its own right with attributes phone number and location; the location may be the office or home where the phone is located, with mobile (cell) phones perhaps represented by the value “mobile.” We create:
- A *phone* entity set with attributes *phone number* and *location*.
- A relationship set *inst_phone*, denoting the association between *instructors* and the *phones* that they have.



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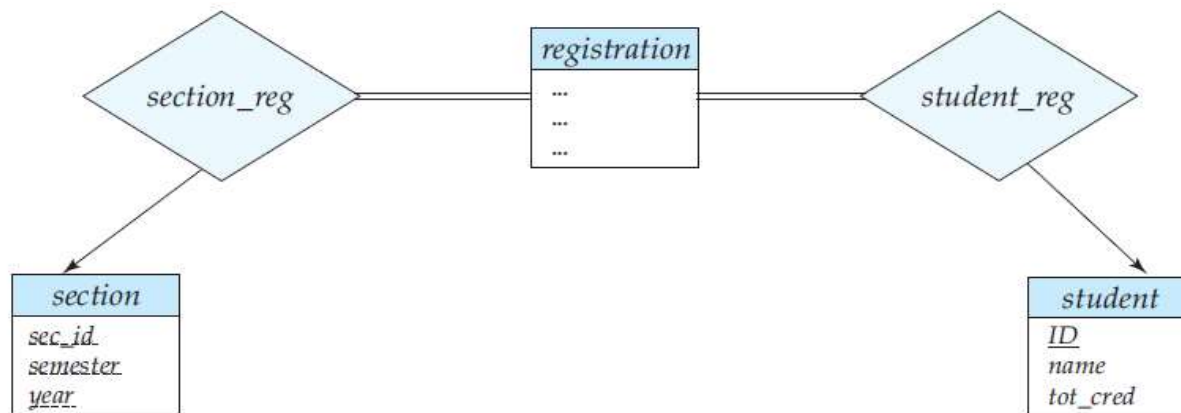


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Entity-Relationship model: Design Issues

2. Use of Entity Sets versus Relationship Sets

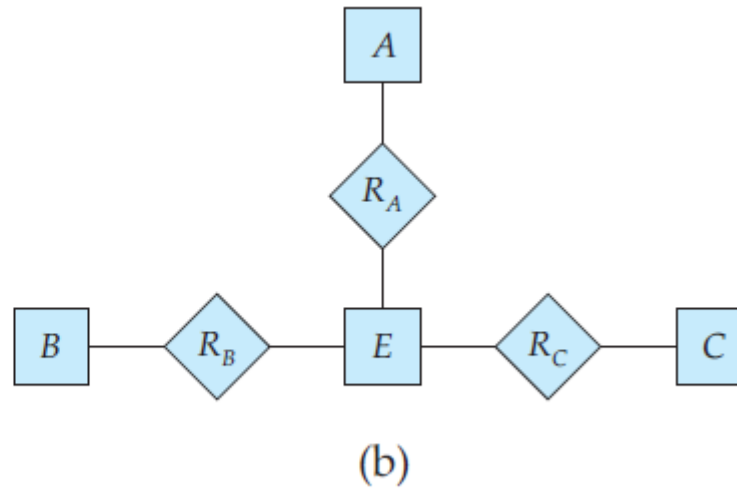
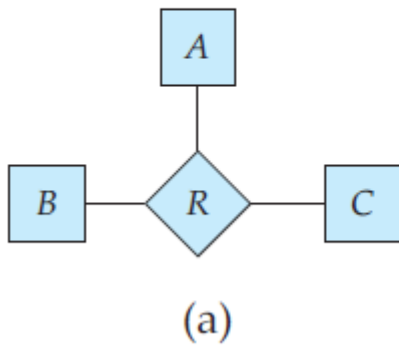
- It is not always clear whether an object is best expressed by an entity set or a relationship set.
- We showed the entity sets *section* and *student* in earlier example with the *takes* relationship set replaced by one entity set and two relationship sets:
- *registration*, the entity set representing course-registration records.
- *section reg*, the relationship set relating *registration* and *course*.
- *student reg*, the relationship set relating *registration* and *student*.



Entity-Relationship model: Design Issues

3. Binary versus n -ary Relationship Sets

- Relationships in databases are often binary.
- Some relationships that appear to be non-binary could actually be better represented by several binary relationships.



Entity-Relationship model: Design Issues

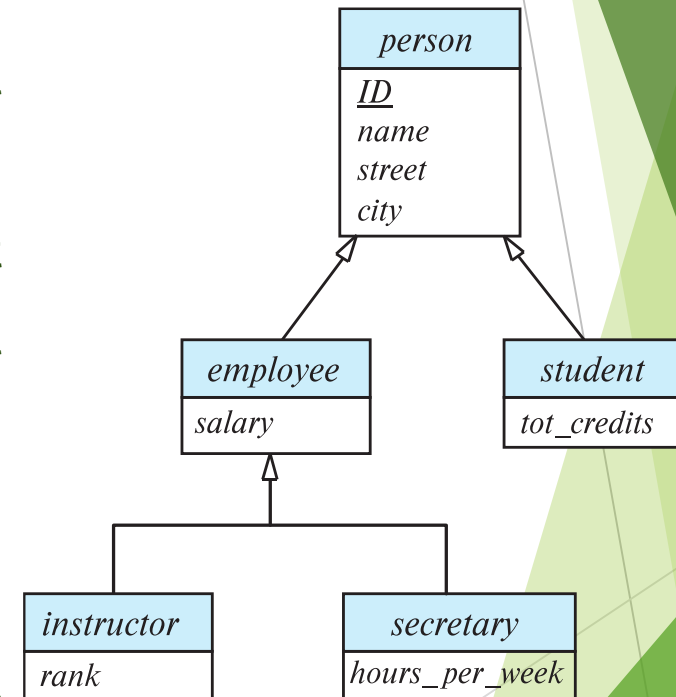
4. Placement of Relationship Attributes

- The cardinality ratio of a relationship can affect the placement of relationship attributes.
- The attributes of one-to-one or one-to-many relationship sets can be associated with one of the participating entity sets, rather than with the relationship set.
- For instance, let us specify that *advisor* is a one-to-many relationship set such that one instructor may advise several students, but each student can be advised by only a single instructor.
- In this case, the attribute *date*, which specifies when the instructor became the advisor of a student, could be associated with the *student* entity set

Entity-Relationship model: Extended E-R Features

➤ Specialization

- Top-down design process;
 - ❖ we designate sub-groupings within an entity set that are distinctive from other entities in the set.
- These sub-groupings become lower-level entity sets that have attributes or participate in relationships that do not apply to the higher-level entity set.
- Depicted by a triangle component labeled ISA (e.g., instructor “is a” person).
- Attribute inheritance - a lower-level entity set inherits all the attributes and relationship participation of the higher-level entity set to which it is linked.



Entity-Relationship model: Extended E-R Features

➤ Generalization

- A bottom-up design process -
 - ❖ combine a number of entity sets that share the same features into a higher-level entity set.
- Specialization and generalization are simple inversions of each other; they are represented in an E-R diagram in the same way.
- The terms specialization and generalization are used interchangeably.

Entity-Relationship model: Converting ER to Tables

- Convert Entity Sets, Relationships to tables
- Convert all attributes to columns
- Assign all Primary attributes of Entity Sets to Relationship table as columns

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