

Figure 6.28 Symbols used in the UML class diagram notation.

Single values such as 1 or \* may be written on edges; the single value 1 on an edge is treated as equivalent to 1..1, while \* is equivalent to 0.. \*. UML supports generalization; the notation is basically the same as in our E-R notation, including the representation of disjoint and overlapping generalizations.

UML class diagrams include several other notations that approximately correspond to the E-R notations we have seen. A line between two entity sets with a small shaded diamond at one end in UML specifies "composition" in UML. The composition relationship between E2 and E1 in Figure 6.28 indicates that E2 is existence dependent on E1; this is roughly equivalent to denoting E2 as a weak entity set that is existence