

Database Systems

Lecture #04

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Objectives



- ◆ To learn conceptual modeling using the entity-relationship (ER) model
 - Concept of entity-relationship model
 - Entity-relationship diagram
 - Conceptual data modeling

- ◆ Constraints on Relationship Types
- ◆ Attributes of Relationship Types
- ◆ Weak Entity Types
- ◆ Refining the Conceptual Design for a COMPANY Database
- ◆ Entity-Relationship Diagram

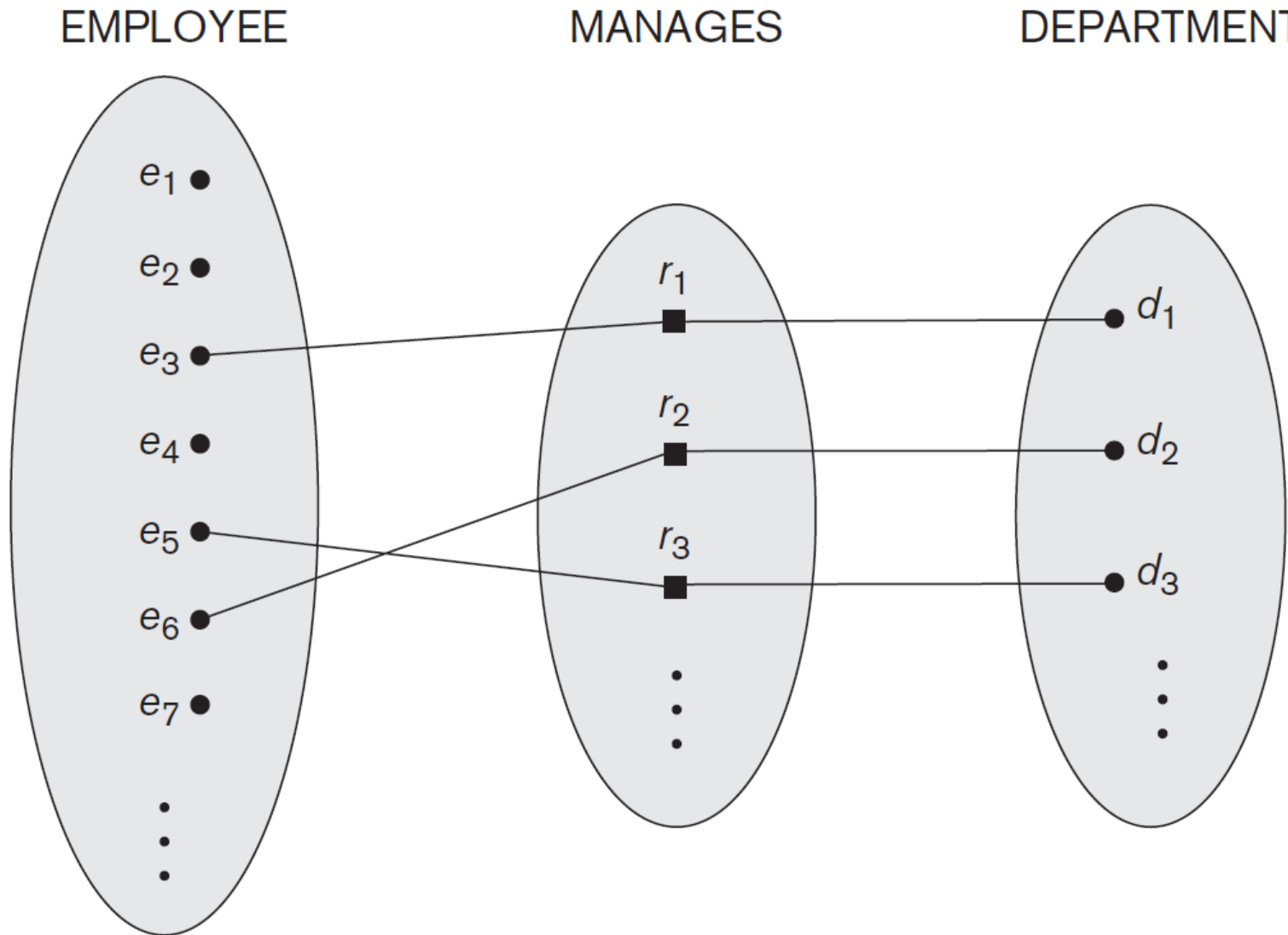
Constraints on Relationship Types

◆ *Cardinality ratio* constraint

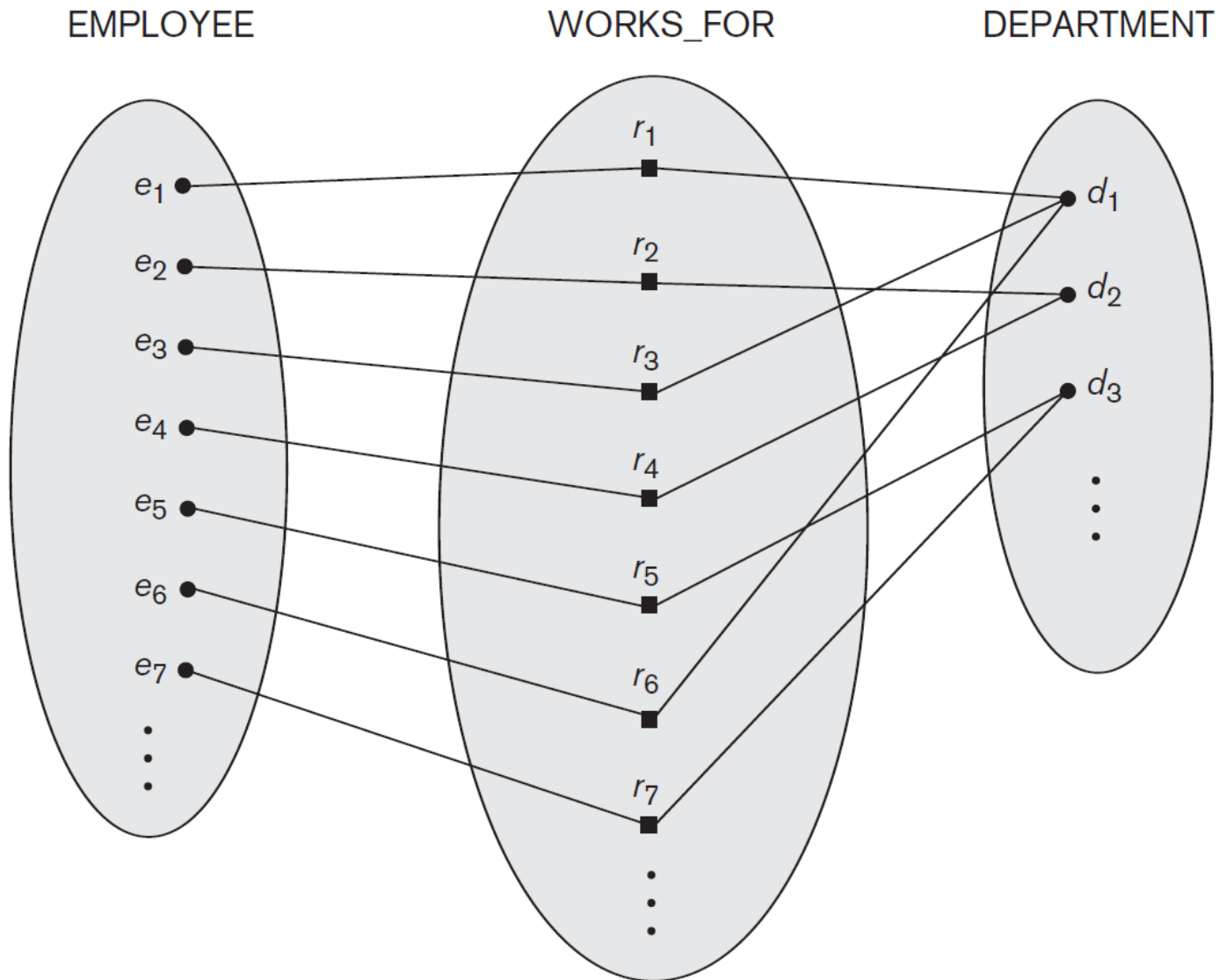
- Maximum number of relationship instances that an entity can participate in
- Three types of cardinality ratios for a *binary relationship*
 - 1:1
 - 1:N
 - M:N

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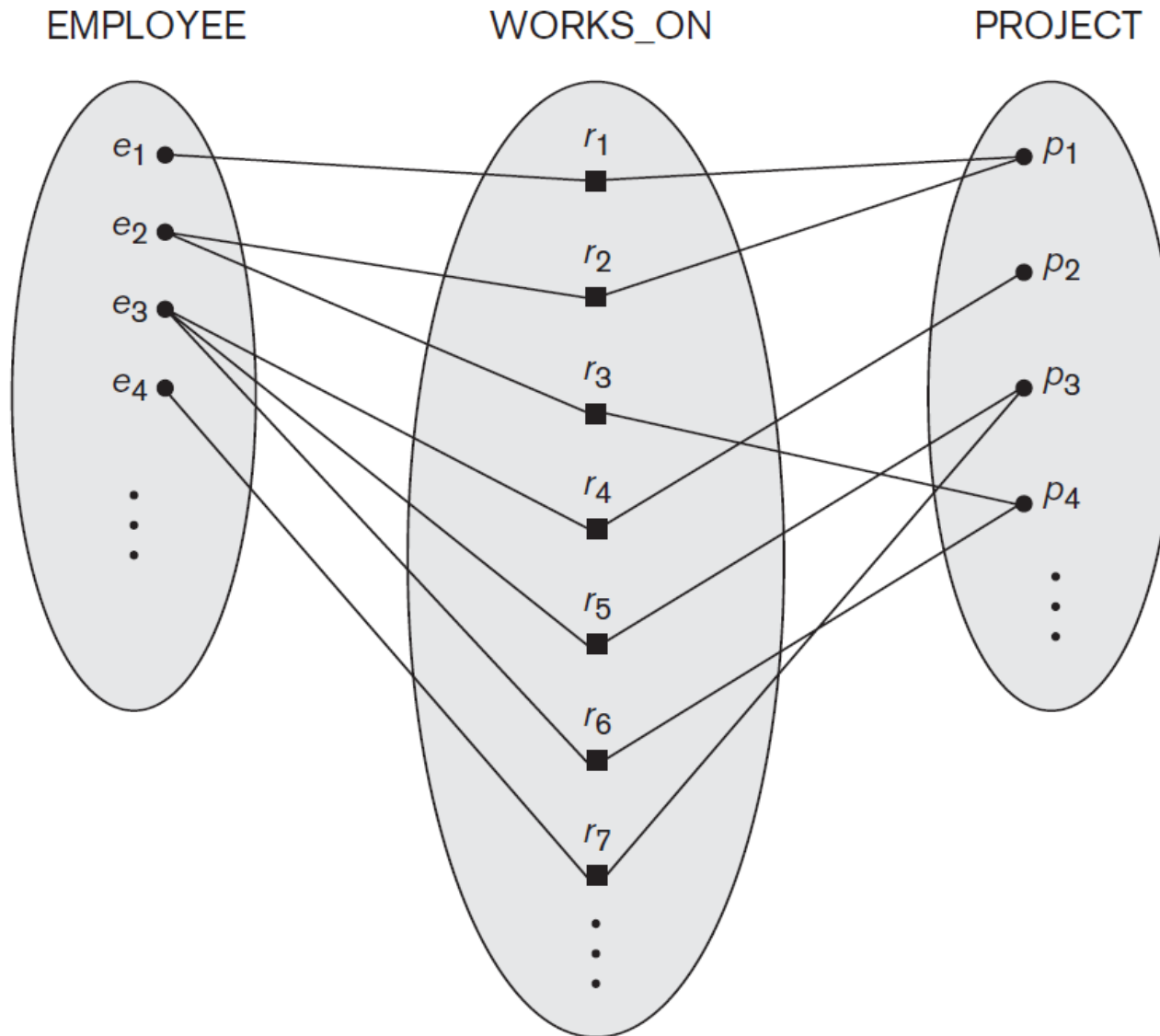
1:1 Cardinality Ratio



1:N Cardinality Ratio



M:N Cardinality Ratio

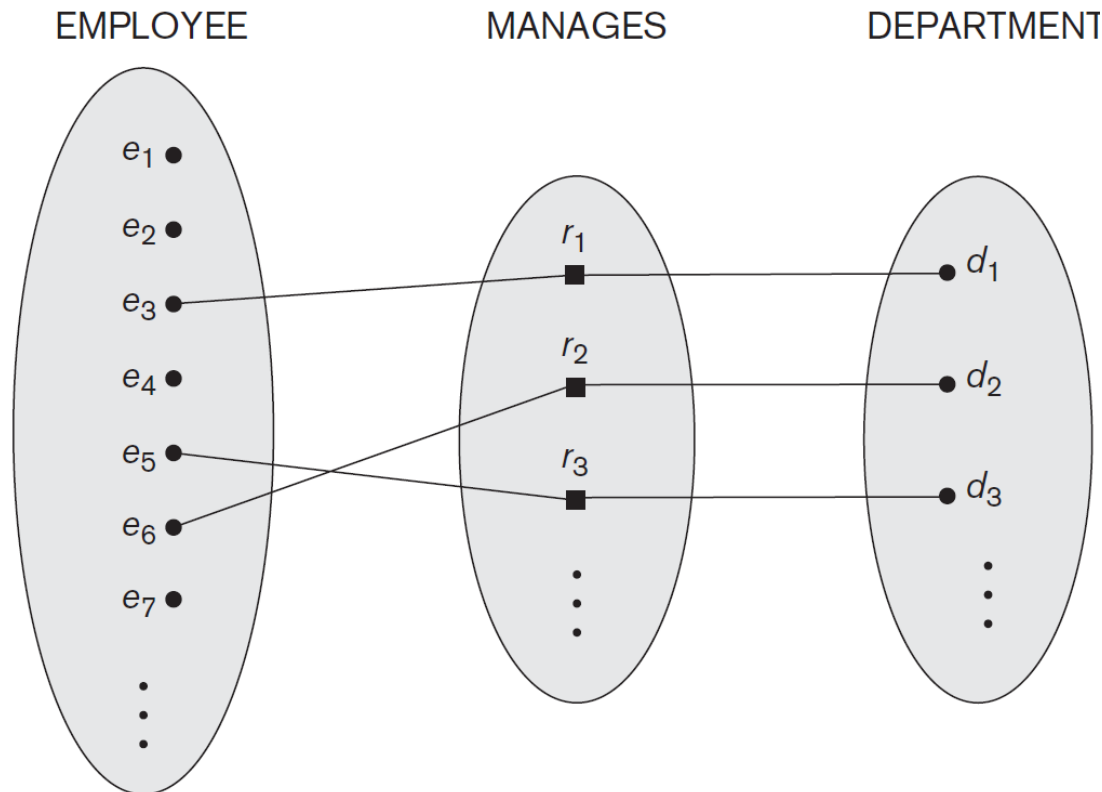


Constraints on Relationship Types

◆ *Participation constraint*

- Specifies whether the existence of an entity depends on its being related to another entity
- Types: *total* and *partial*
 - Total: every entity should participate in the relationship

Constraints on Relationship Types

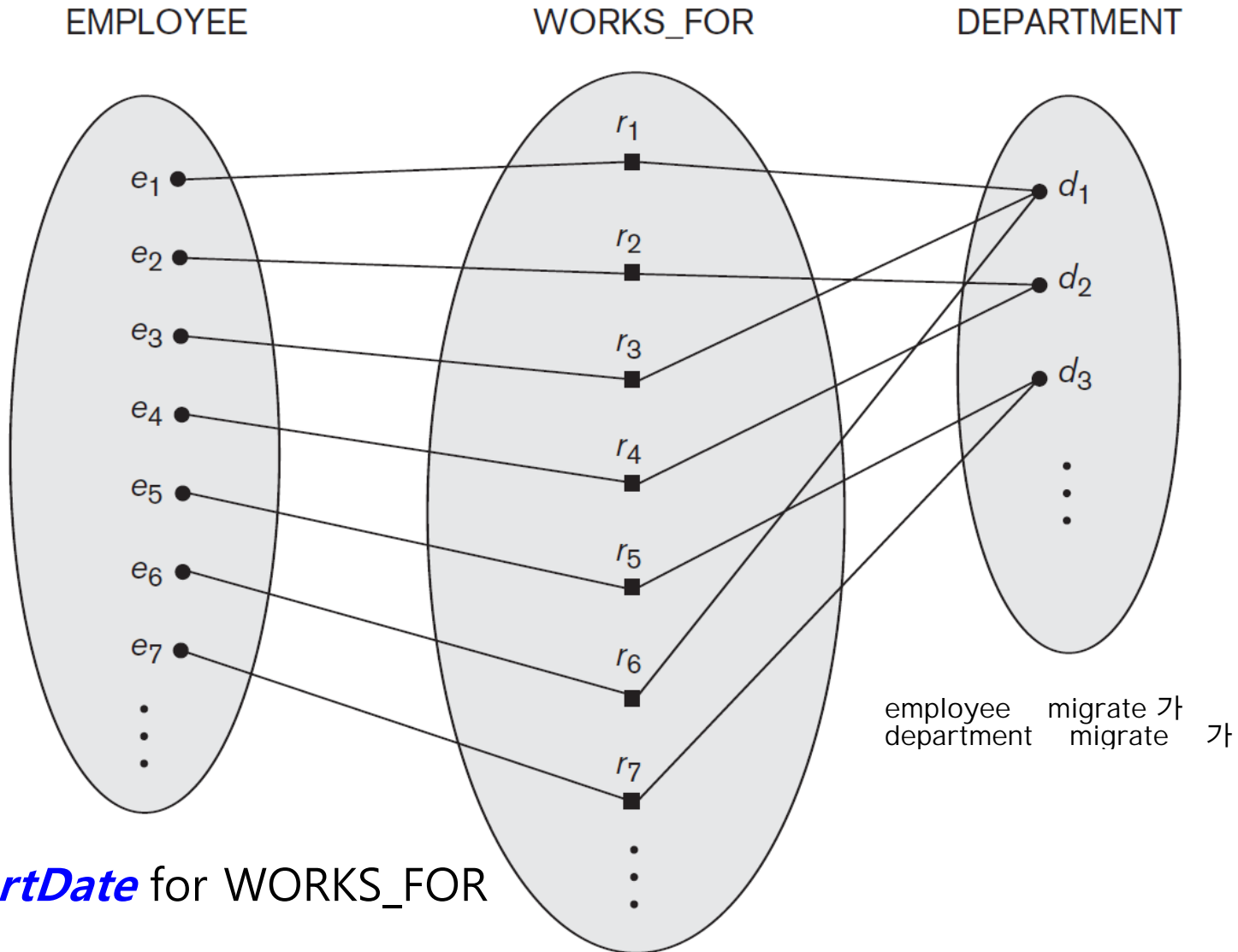


- DEPARTMENT – *total participation* entity
- EMPLOYEE – *partial participation* entity

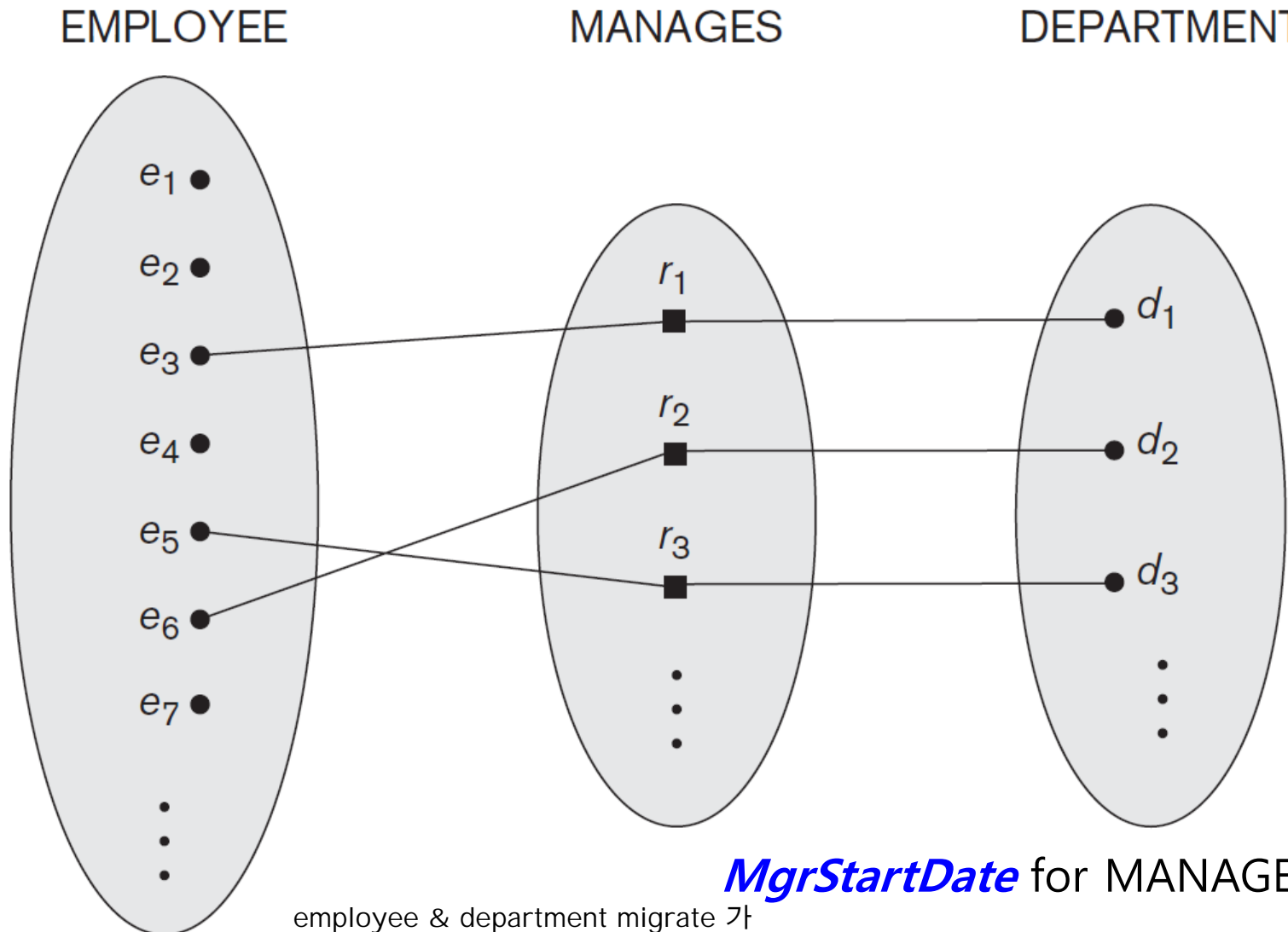
Attributes of Relationship Types

- ◆ ***Relationship types*** can also have ***attributes***
 - Determined by *a combination of participating entities*
 - Represent the characteristics of each *relationship instance*
 - Used when the attributes are *not proper for one participating entity type*
- ◆ Proper for M:N relationship types
 - The attributes of 1:1 or 1:N relationship types can be migrated to one entity type

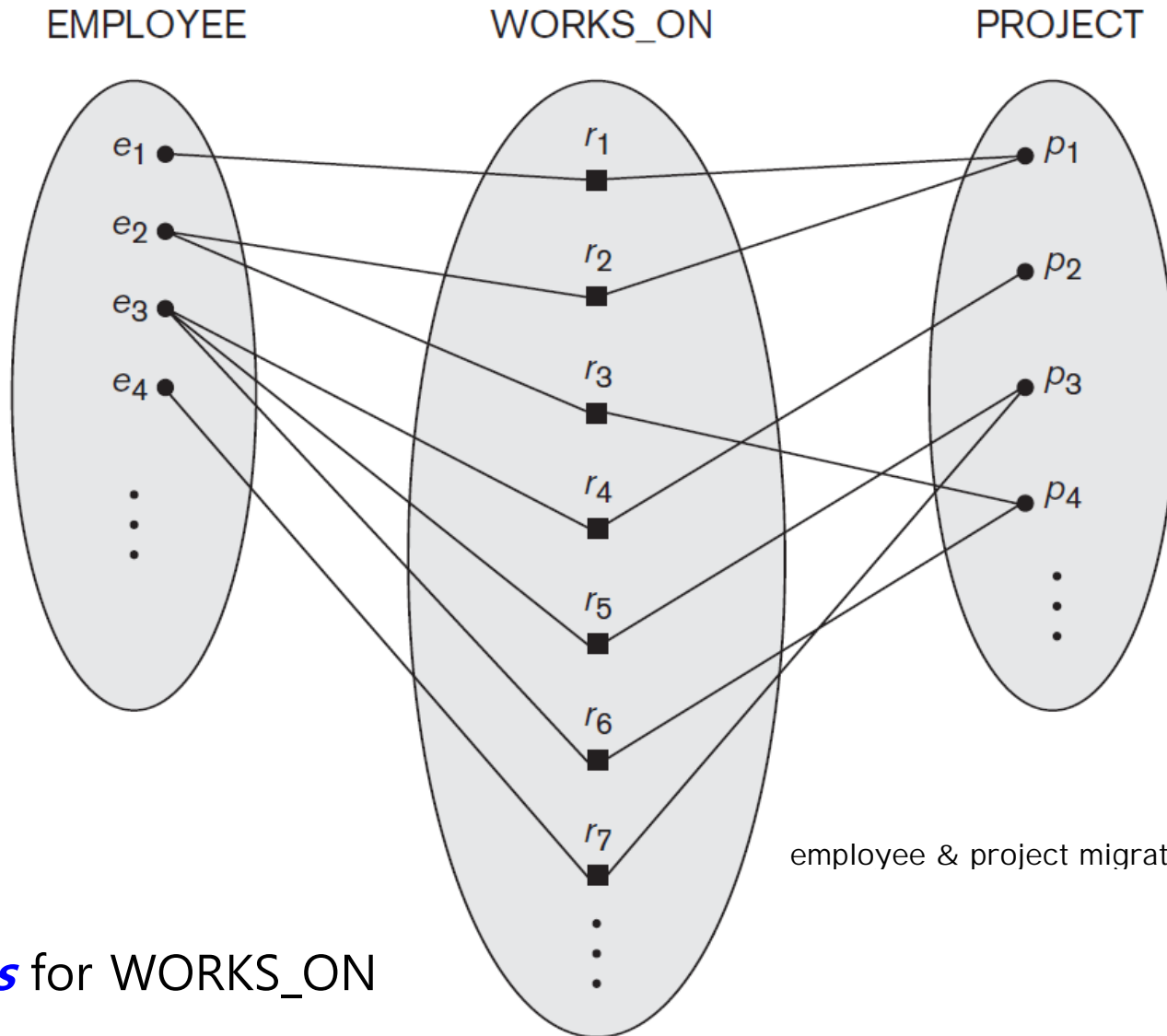
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Hours for WORKS_ON

Weak Entity Types

◆ Weak entity types

- Do have *no key attributes* of their own inside the entity type
- Example: DEPENDENT entity type
 - (DependentName, BirthDate, Sex, Relationship)
 - A's son (Gildong, 1/1/14, M, son)
 - B's son (Gildong, 1/1/14, M, son)

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Weak Entity Types



◆ Identifying owner

- Identifies specific entities in a *weak entity type*
- Example: EMPLOYEE entity type
 - Identifies DEPENDENT entities
 - A's son (Gildong, 1/1/14, M, son): linked to A
 - B's son (Gildong, 1/1/14, M, son): linked to B

Weak Entity Types

- ◆ Identifying relationship type
 - Relates a ***weak entity type*** to its ***identifying owner***
 - Always has a *total participation constraint*
 - Example: DEPENDENTS_OF
 - A's son (Gildong, 1/1/14, M, son): linked to A
 - B's son (Gildong, 1/1/14, M, son): linked to B

Weak Entity Types

◆ Partial key

- Uniquely identify weak entities that are *related to the same owner entity*
 - Could be used as a key together with the identifying relationship
- Example
 - DependentName attribute of DEPENDENT entity type

key = partial key + owner

Refining Conceptual Design for the COMPANY Database



◆ Result of the initial conceptual design

DEPARTMENT

Name, Number, {Locations}, [Manager](#), ManagerStartDate

PROJECT

Name, Number, Location, [ControllingDepartment](#)

EMPLOYEE

Name(FName, MInit, LName), SSN, Sex, Address, Salary,
BirthDate, [Department](#), [Supervisor](#), {WorksOn (Project, Hours)}

DEPENDENT

[Employee](#), DependentName, Sex, BirthDate, Relationship

Add Relationship Types

◆ MANAGES:

- 1:1 relationship type between EMPLOYEE and DEPARTMENT
- EMPLOYEE participation is partial
- DEPARTMENT participation is total
- Has **MgrStartDate** attribute

Add Relationship Types

◆ WORKS_FOR:

- 1:N relationship type between DEPARTMENT and ~~PROJECT~~ EMPLOYEE
- Both participations are total

Add Relationship Types



◆ CONTROLS:

- 1:N relationship type between DEPARTMENT and ~~EMPLOYEE~~ PROJECT
- PROJECT participation is total
- DEPARTMENT participation is partial

Add Relationship Types

◆ SUPERVISION:

- 1:N relationship type between EMPLOYEE (supervisor) and EMPLOYEE (supervisee)
- Both participations are partial

Add Relationship Types

◆ WORKS_ON:

- M:N relationship type between EMPLOYEE and PROJECT
- Both participations are total
- Has **Hours** attribute

Add Relationship Types

◆ DEPENDENTS_OF:

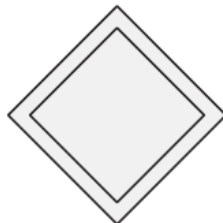
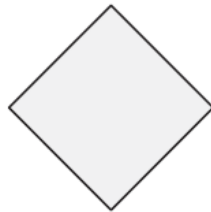
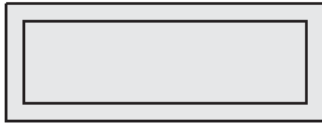
- 1:N relationship type between EMPLOYEE and DEPENDENT
- Identifying relationship for DEPENDENT
- EMPLOYEE participation is partial
- DEPENDENT participation is total

Entity-Relationship Diagram

- ◆ Result of conceptual design using the entity-relationship model
- ◆ Displayed as a diagram (ER diagram)

Entity-Relationship Diagram

Symbol



Meaning

Entity

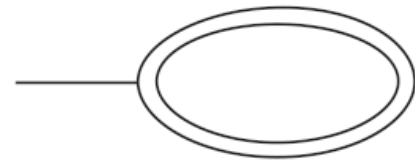
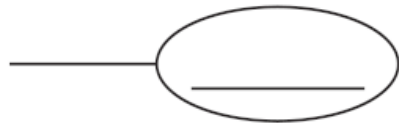
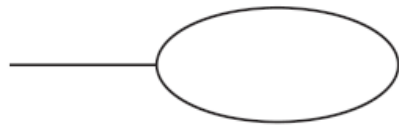
Weak Entity

Relationship

Identifying Relationship

Entity-Relationship Diagram

Symbol



Meaning

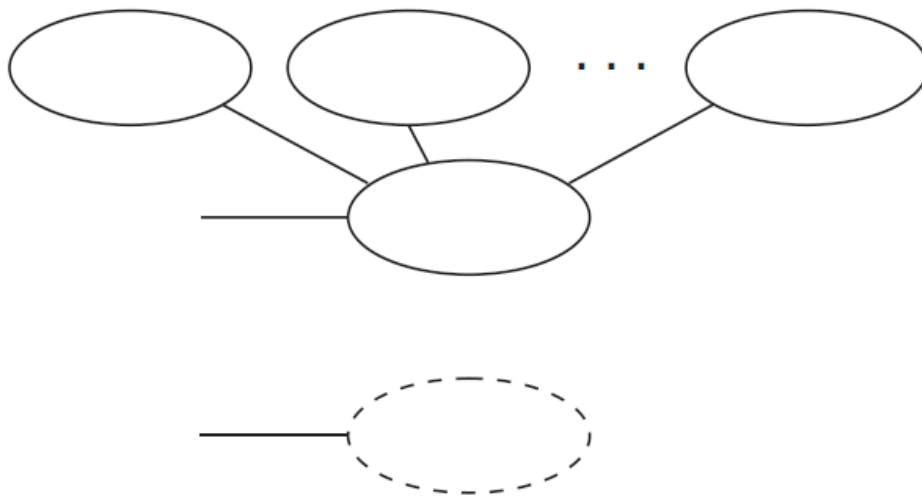
Attribute

Key Attribute

Multivalued Attribute

Entity-Relationship Diagram

Symbol



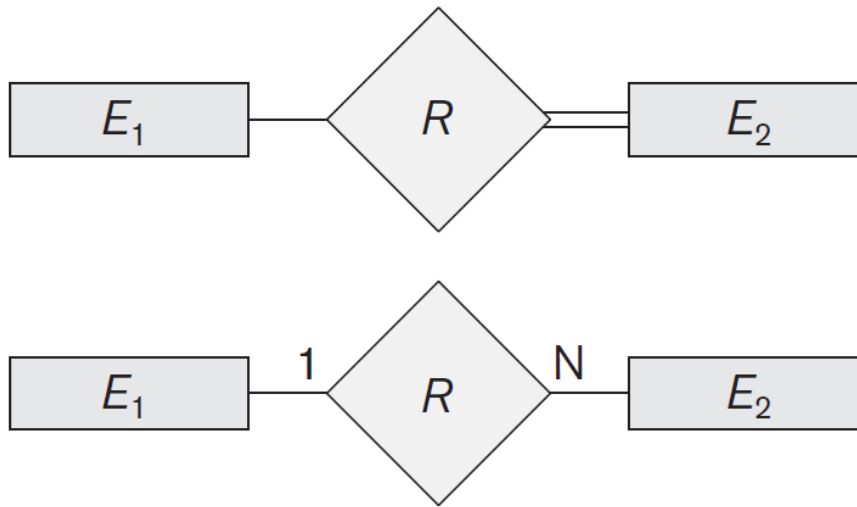
Meaning

Composite Attribute

Derived Attribute

Entity-Relationship Diagram

Symbol

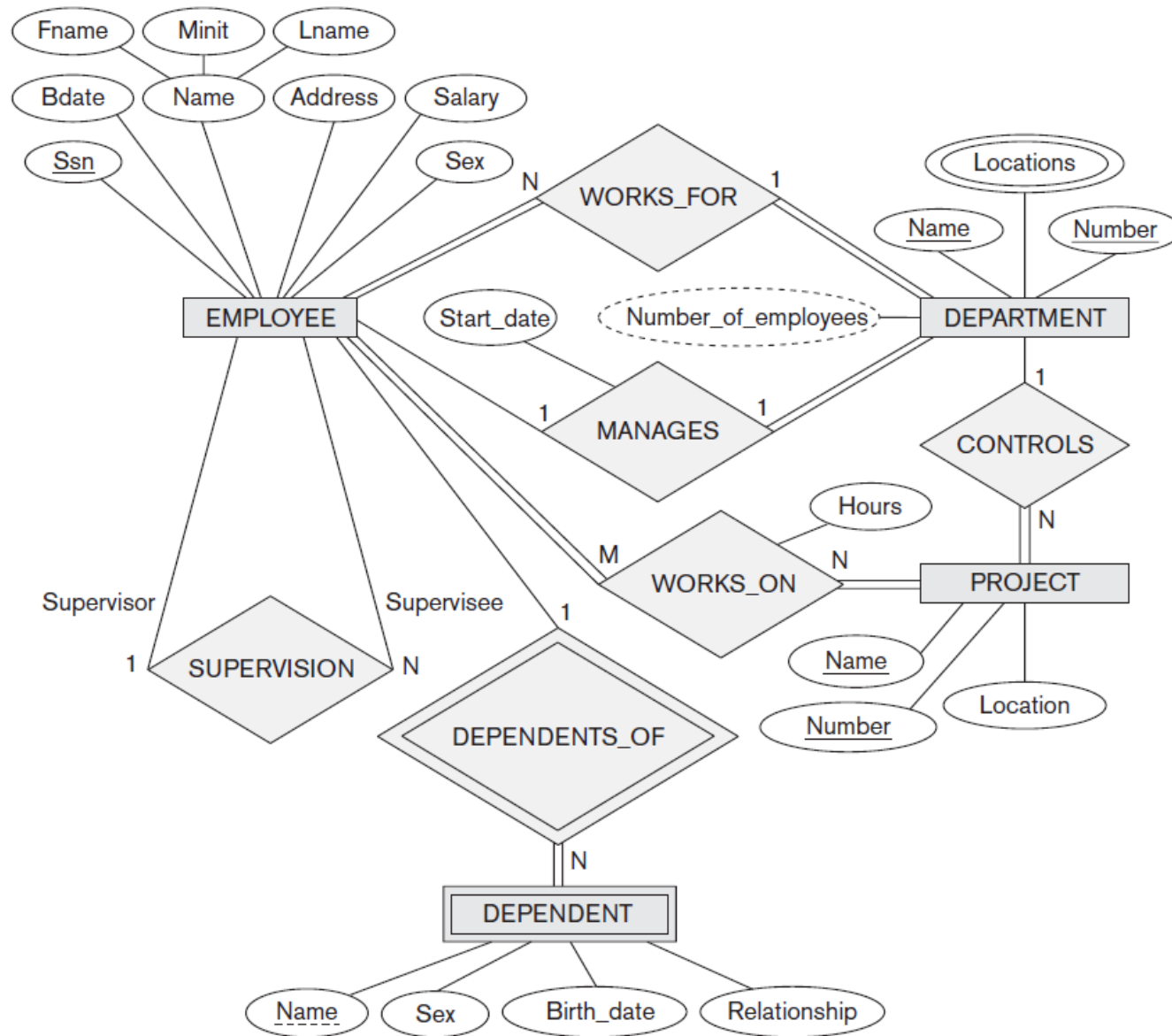


Meaning

Total Participation of E_2 in R

Cardinality Ratio 1: N for $E_1:E_2$ in R

ER Diagram of COMPANY database



- ◆ Basic ER model concepts of entities and their attributes
 - Structural constraints on relationships
 - Attributes on relationships
- ◆ ER diagrams represent E-R schemas in a simple diagram

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