

Tutorial 2 Answer

1. Theory Answers

Ex 1.

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| 1. composite attribute | i. can be broken into component parts |
| 2. associative entity | b. relates instances of a single entity type |
| 3. unary relationship | c. specifies maximum and minimum number of instances |
| 4. weak entity | d. relationship modeled as an entity type |
| 5. attribute | e. association between entity types |
| 6. entity | f. collection of similar entities |
| 7. relationship type | g. number of participating entity types in relationship |
| 8. cardinality constraint | h. property of an entity |
| 9. degree | j. depends on the existence of another entity type |
| 10. identifier | a. uniquely identifies entity instances |
| 11. entity type | k. relationship of degree 3 |
| 12. ternary | l. person, place, object, concept, event |

1.i 2d. 3.b. 4j. 5h. 6l. 7e. 8c 9g. 10a. 11.f. 12.k

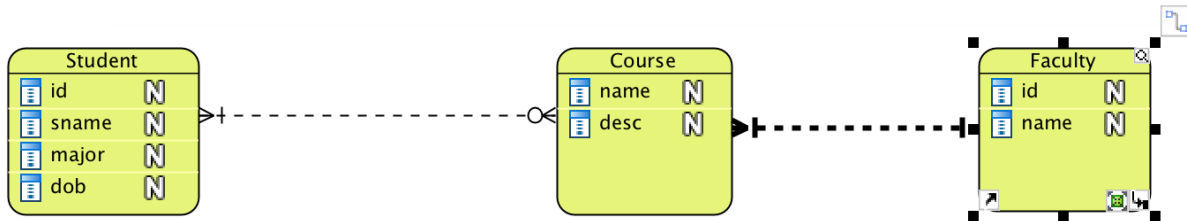
Ex 2. Contrast the following terms:

- a. *Stored attribute; derived attribute* A stored attribute is one whose values are stored in the database, while a derived attribute is one whose values can be calculated or derived from related stored attributes.
- b. *Simple attribute; composite attribute* A simple attribute is one that cannot be broken down into smaller components, while a composite attribute can be broken down into component parts.
- c. *Entity type; relationship type* An entity type is a collection of entities that share common properties or characteristics, while a relationship type is a meaningful association between (or among) entity types.
- d. *Strong entity type; weak entity type* A strong entity type is an entity that exists independently of other entity types, while a weak entity type depends on some other entity type.
- e. *Degree; cardinality* The degree (of a relationship) is the number of entity types that participate in that relationship, while cardinality is a constraint on the number of instances of one entity that can (or must) be associated with each instance of another entity.
- f. *Required attribute; optional attribute* A required attribute must have a value for each entity instance, whereas an optional attribute may not have a

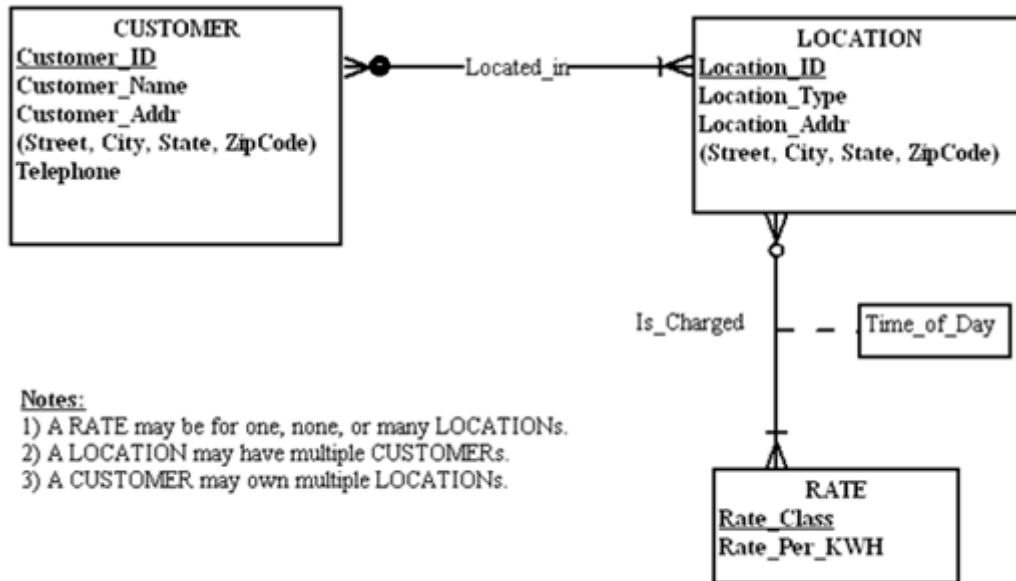
value for every entity instance.

- g. *Composite attribute; multivalued attribute* A composite attribute has component parts that give meaning, whereas a multivalued attribute may take on or more values for an entity instance.

Ex 3



Ex 4



Notes:

- 1) A RATE may be for one, none, or many LOCATIONS.
- 2) A LOCATION may have multiple CUSTOMERs.
- 3) A CUSTOMER may own multiple LOCATIONs.

Ex 5.

