

Database Management System

ER Model

DPP 01

[MCQ]

1. Which of the following statements about ER model is/are correct?

S₁: Relationship sets can have attributes of their own.

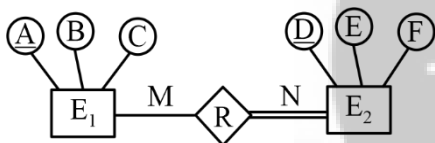
S₂: Many to many relationships cannot be represented in ER diagram.

S₃: Multi value attributes and weak entity set allowed in RDMS.

- (a) S₁ only (b) S₁ and S₃ only
(c) S₂ and S₃ only (d) S₁, S₂ and S₃

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2. Consider the following ERD:

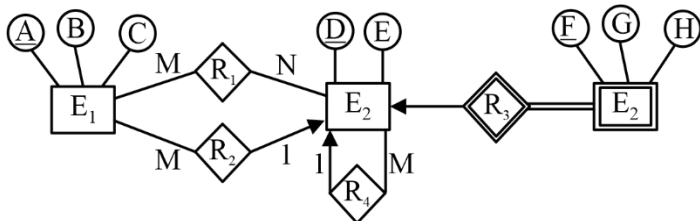


Which of the following is the minimum number of relational table and foreign key required for above ERD?

- (a) 3, 2 (b) 1, 1
(c) 2, 1 (d) None of thee

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3. Consider the following ER model:

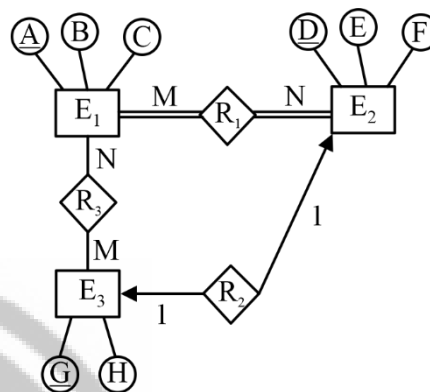


Which of the following is the minimum number of relational tables and minimum number of foreign key required for conversion into relational table?

- (a) 6, 4 (b) 4, 5
(c) 5, 4 (d) 4, 6

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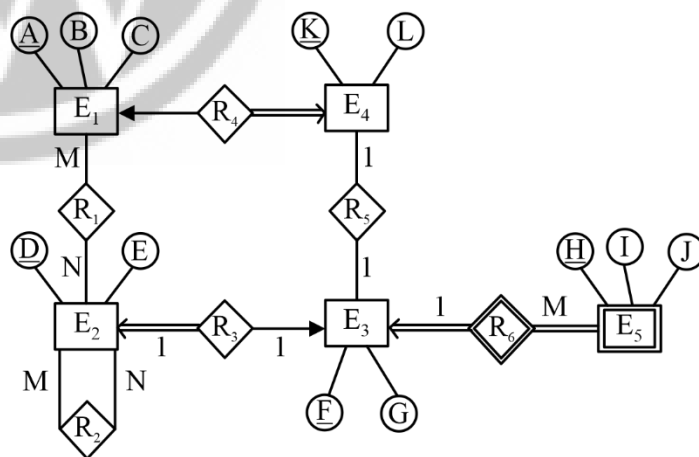
4. Consider the following ER model:



Assume X is the minimum number of tables, Y is the total number of attributes in relational tables and Z is the minimum number of foreign key, then find the value of $X + Y + Z$?

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5. Consider the following ER diagram:

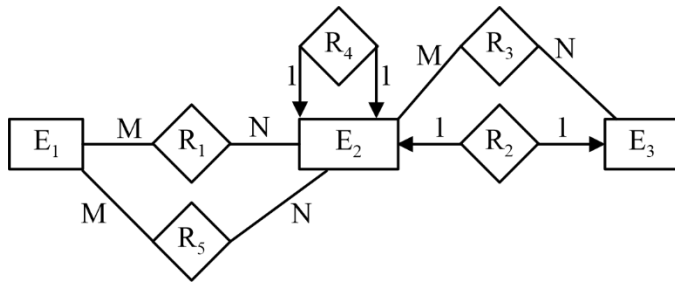


How many total attributes required for the minimized relations of the above ER diagram?

- (a) 14
(b) 15
(c) 18
(d) None of these

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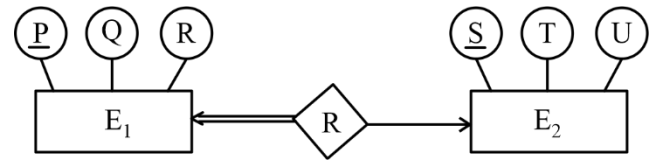
6. Consider the following ER diagram



Total number of RDBMS table in the above diagram?

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7. Consider the following ER model:



If 'x' entries in E1 and 'y' entries in E2.

How many entries in relation set (R)?

- (a) Exactly y
- (b) At most x
- (c) Exactly x
- (d) at least x and at most m



Answer Key

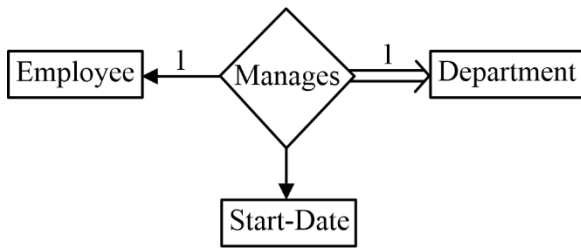
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| 1. (a) | 5. (c) |
| 2. (c) | 6. (6) |
| 3. (b) | 7. (c) |
| 4. (17) | |



Hints & Solutions

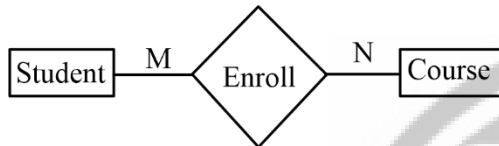
1. (a)

Statement S_1 is correct.



In the above ER diagram “Start-Date” is attribute of relationship set “Manages”. It can be associate to either employee or department entity.

Statement S_2 is incorrect.



ER diagram represents many students can enroll many courses.

Statement S_3 is incorrect.

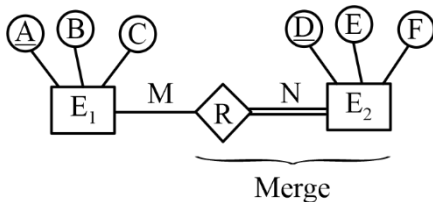
According to R DBMS guidelines every attributes in relational table must atomic and table must have atleast one candidate key (1NF) hence, multivalued attribute and weak entity sets are not allowed in R DBMS.

It only allowed in ER diagram

2. (c)

I. Minimum number of relational tables:

When the relation between entity set is “many to many” and any one side total participation then relationship merge towards total participation.



$E_1(\underline{A} B C)$

$E_2 R(\underline{A} \underline{D} E F)$

Hence, the minimum number of relations are 2.

II. Minimum number of foreign keys:



Here A is PK

Here ‘A’ is PK
and “AD” is PK

Hence, we need minimum 1 foreign key to represent above ERD into relational table

3. (b)

Minimum number of relations tables:

1. $E_1 R_2(\underline{A} D B C)$

In this table A is P.K and D is F.K referring “ $E_2 R_4$ ”

2. $E_2 R_4(\underline{D} E D_1)$

In this table D is P.K and D_1 taken from self-referring relation set “ R_4 ” and D_1 is F.K referring D in the same table.

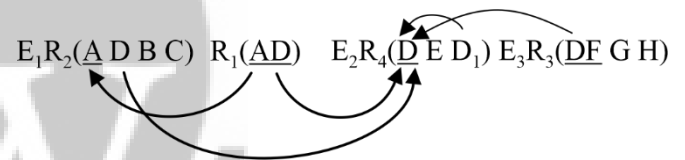
3. $R_1(\underline{A} \underline{D})$

In this table “AD” is PK and A and D is FK referring “ $E_1 R_2$ ” and “ $E_2 R_4$ ”.

4. $E_3 R_3(\underline{D} \underline{F} G H)$

In this table “DF” is strong key that is PK and ‘D’ is F.K referring table “ $E_2 R_4$ ”.

Hence, for the given ER diagram we need minimum 4 relational table and 5 foreign keys.



4. (17)

Find the minimum number of relation table:

I. The entity between E_1 and E_2 have many to many mappings and both side total participation so, E_1 , R_1 and E_2 will be merged into single relation.

$E_1 R_1 E_2(\underline{A} B C \underline{D} E F)$

In this table A and D both are candidate key of relation $E_1 R_1 E_2$.

II. Between E_2 and E_3 , we have one to one mapping and both side partial participation. Hence, relationship R_2 can be merge either towards E_2 or E_3 .

$\therefore R_2 E_3(\underline{G} H \underline{D})$

In this table G and D is candidate key and D is FK referring to table $E_1 R_1 E_2$.

III. Between E_1 and R_3 , we have many to many mapping and both side partial participation. Hence, R_3 will have separate table.

$\therefore R_3(\underline{A} \underline{G})$

In this table “AG” is candidate key and A and G are FK referring “E₁ R₁ E₂” and “E₃ R₂”

Hence, X value will be 3

Y value will be 11

Z value will be 3

$$\therefore X + Y + Z = 3 + 11 + 3 = 17$$

5. (c)

$E_1(\underline{A}BC)$
 $R_4(\underline{A}\underline{K})$
 $E_4(\underline{K}L)$

$R_1(\underline{AD}) \} R_1(\underline{AD})$

$E_2(\underline{D}E) R_3(\underline{D}F) E_3(\underline{F}G) E_5(\underline{K}F)$

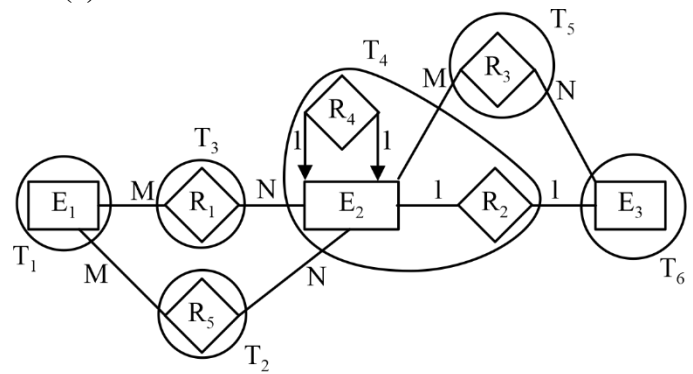
$E_2 R_3 E_3 R_5 (\underline{D}E \underline{F} \underline{K} G)$

$R_2(\underline{D_1D_2}) \} R_2(\underline{D_1D_2})$

$R_6(\underline{FH})$
 $E_5(\underline{HIJ})$

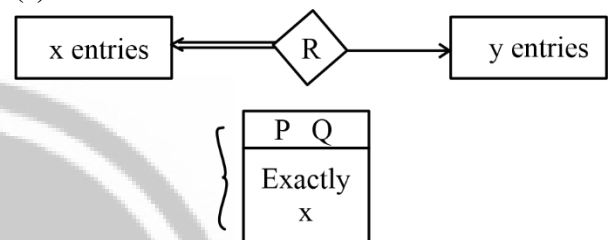
$E_5 R_6 (\underline{FHIJ})$

6. (6)



Total number of tables = 6

7. (c)



Every object of E₁ must be related with exactly one entry of E₂.

Hence, option C is correct.



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