

1 Regular Entities

- make a table
- simple attributes → attributes/columns
- composite attributes → just the components become columns
- choose a key to be the primary key
- uniqueness constraints on other keys
- do not include: derived and multivalued

2 Weak Entities

- make a table
- all simple attributes → attributes
- components of composite → attributes
- add primary key from owning entity as attribute
- make combination of partial and owning entity key → primary key
- foreign key from borrowed key back to key in owning entity

3 1:1 Relationships

Let R be a 1:1 relationship between entities S and T .

3 choices depending on participation

- S has **full** participation in R , take primary key of T and add it as attribute to S . Make borrowed attribute a foreign key back to T .
- If both S and T fully participate in R : S and T can merge into one table. (Option (a) is still preferred.)
- Not recommended unless there is **partial** participation on both sides. Add a cross-reference table. (Expanded further in step 5.)

4 1:N Relationships

Let R be a 1:N relationship between S and T

2 choices depending on participation

- Assuming T has full participation in R (most common case), then take primary key from S , add to T , and make foreign key back to S .
- (not preferred, unless T has partial participation) cross reference table

5 N:M Relationships

Let R be an N:M relationship between S and T .

- create a new table (called a cross reference table)
- add as columns: primary key attribute(s) of S , T
- make each "borrowed" key a foreign key reference back to origin
- make all attributes primary key for new table

Example: using xref table:

```
SELECT d.name AS department, d.chair,
       i.name AS instructor, i.office, i.email
FROM   instructor AS i, department AS d,
       instructor_department_xref AS x
WHERE  x.instructor_name = i.name
AND    x.department_name = d.name
AND    d.name = 'Computer Science';
```

6 Multi-valued Attributes

- treat like weak entity
- create table containing:
 - multivalued attribute
 - primary key of the entity containing attribute
 - whole thing is primary key
 - make column with the primary key of containing entity a foreign key back to the containing table

7 N-ary Relationships

- x-reference table using the primary key attributes of the participating tables

8 Relational Schema Derived from Above Algorithm

- course (course_id, title, hours) (1)
- instructor (name, office, email) (1)
- section (course_id, section_id, instructor_name) (2, 4)
 - FK from section.course_id to course.course_id
 - FK from section.instructor_name to instructor.name
- instructor_department_xref(instructor_name, department_name) (5)
- section_meetings(course_id, section_id, days, time, room) (6)
 - whole thing is a primary key
 - foreign key on course_id, section_id

9 Example of multiple valued primary key

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CREATE TABLE ...
columnname type,
...
primary key (col1, col2),
foreign key (col1) references ...
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