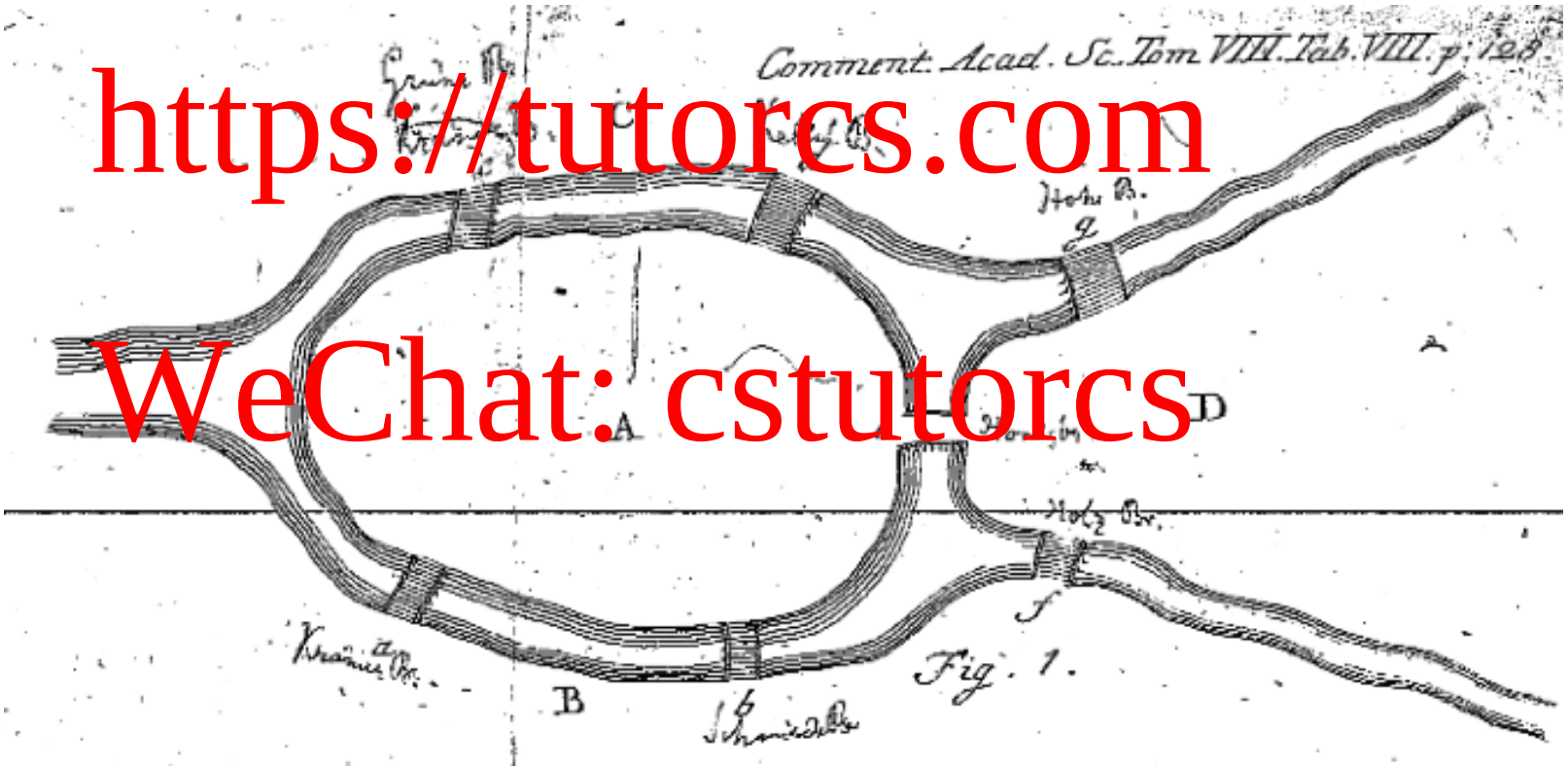
Week 4 ER Model



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Database Design – Four Phases

- The database design process has **four phases**:

1. **Requirements Collection and Analysis**
2. **Conceptual Design**
   Entity-Relationship Model
3. **Logical Design**
   From Entity-Relationship Model to Relation Schemas
4. **Physical Design**

Phase 2: Conceptual Design

- **Conceptual design** is the process of constructing a conceptual data model that is
  - modeled at a high-level of abstraction;
  - sufficiently simple and often graphical;
  - used to communicate the requirements of a database with nontechnical users.

- A conceptual data model is built using the information in users' requirements specification.

Note: The conceptual design is based on the **Entity-Relationship Model** in this course.

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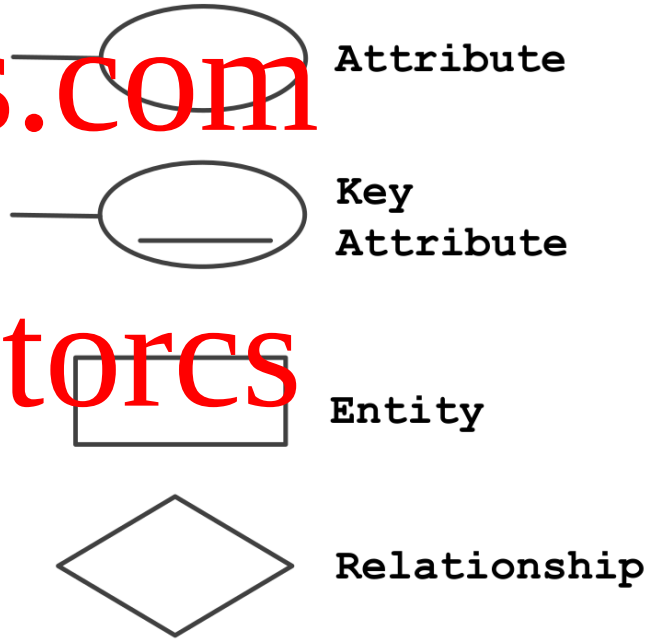
  - creates an understanding and relationships of components of a system
  - helps in conceptualising and visualising the structure of a system that we may want to build.
  - facilitates specifications of the behaviour of a system
  - gives rise to a template that guides us in constructing a system
  - . . .

Entity-Relationship (ER) Model

- ER diagrams (Peter Chen in 1976):
  - **Attribute** as *oval*;
  - **Key attribute** with *underlined*;
  - **Entity** as *rectangles*;
  - **Relationship** as *diamonds*.



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- **Attributes**: name for has_major_with, name for has_minor_with

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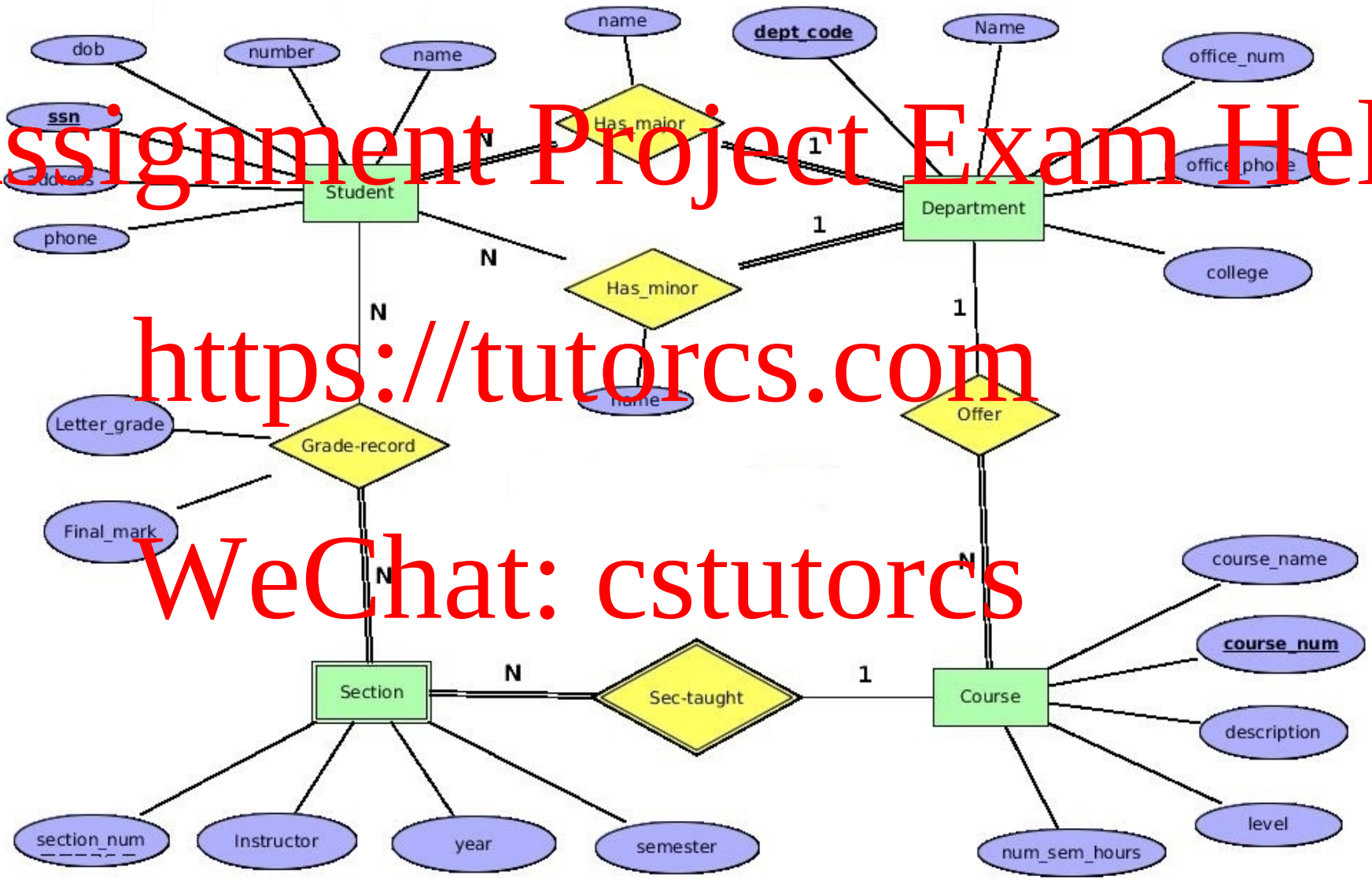

Software tool to draw ER diagram

- We require students to use an academic tool, TerraER, to draw the ER diagrams.
- TerraER allows you to save your ER diagrams into xml files and export your ER diagrams as a JPEG figure.
- You can download the jar file from the following website:
  `https://github.com/rterrabh/TerraER/releases/download/TerraER3.01/TerraER3.01beta.jar`
- You can double-click that file to execute on Windows/Mac/Linux (assume that the Java Runtime Environment JRE has been installed).
- More information on how to use TerraER will be provided next week.

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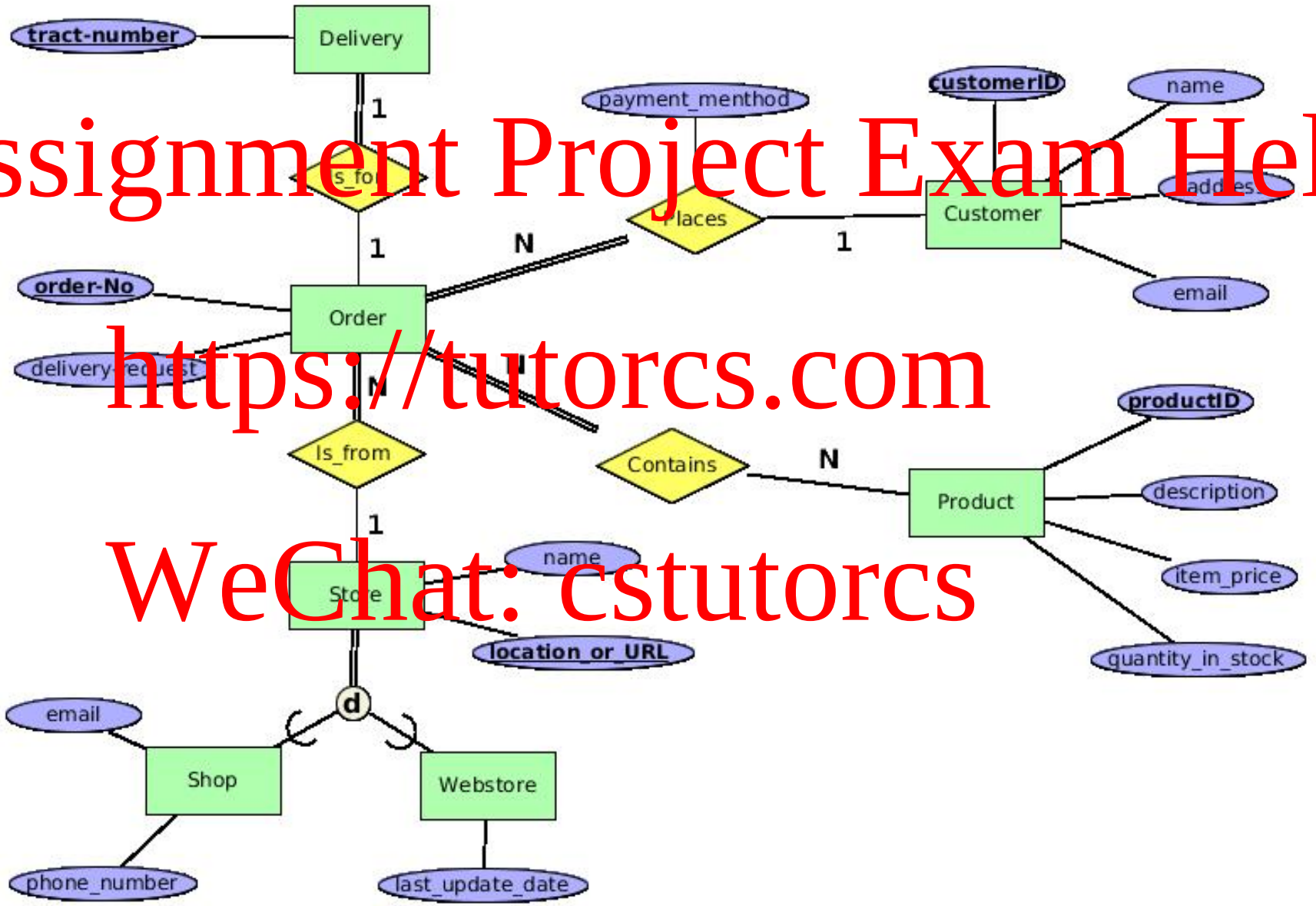

Phase 3: Logical Design

- **Logical design** is the process of constructing a logical data model (e.g. relational or object-oriented).

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  - **From:** An ER model

  - **To:** Relations with their primary and foreign keys, which facilitates SQL to deal with retrieving, updating and deletion.

Note: The logical design is based on the **relational data model** in this course.

ER-to-Relations Algorithm

- 7-step algorithm to convert the basic ER model into relations, and more steps for the EER model.

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Step 3: Mapping of Binary 1:1 Relationship Types

- Foreign key approach
- Merged relation approach
- Cross-reference approach

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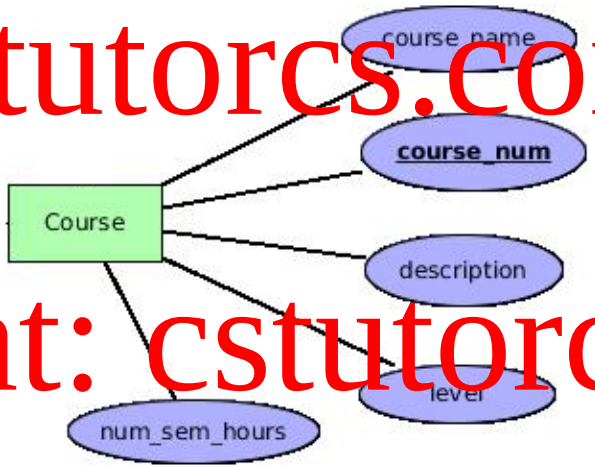

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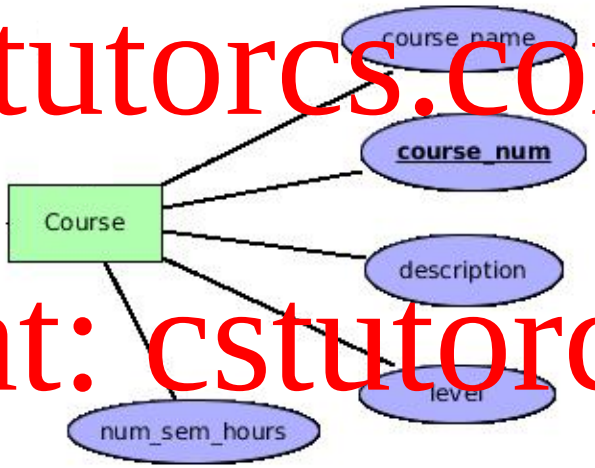

- COURSE(course_num, course_name, description, num_sem_hours, level) with PK: {course_num}
- **Note:** This is not necessarily the final relation schema of COURSE.

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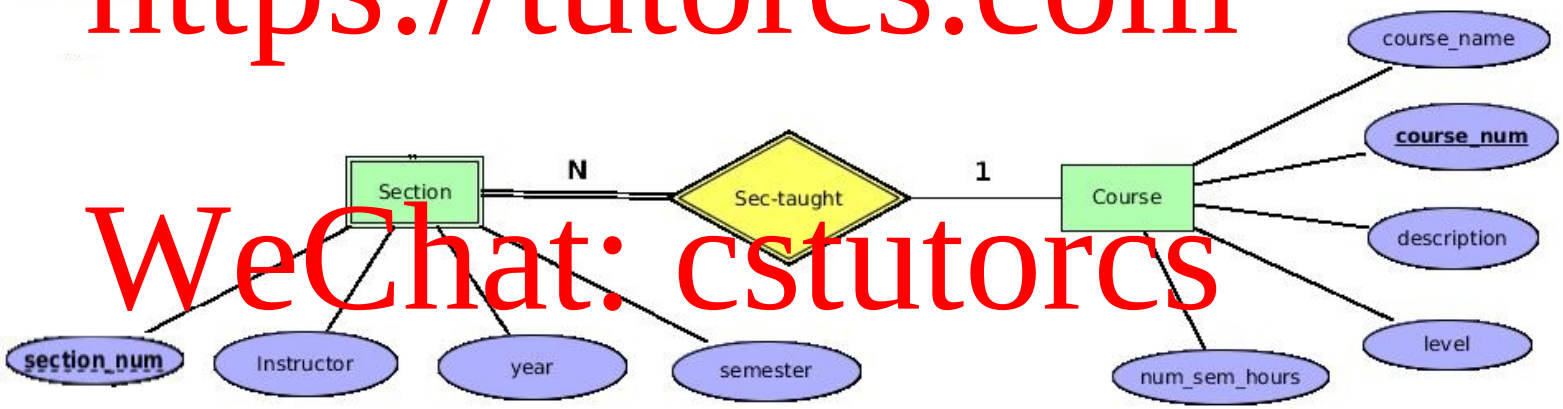

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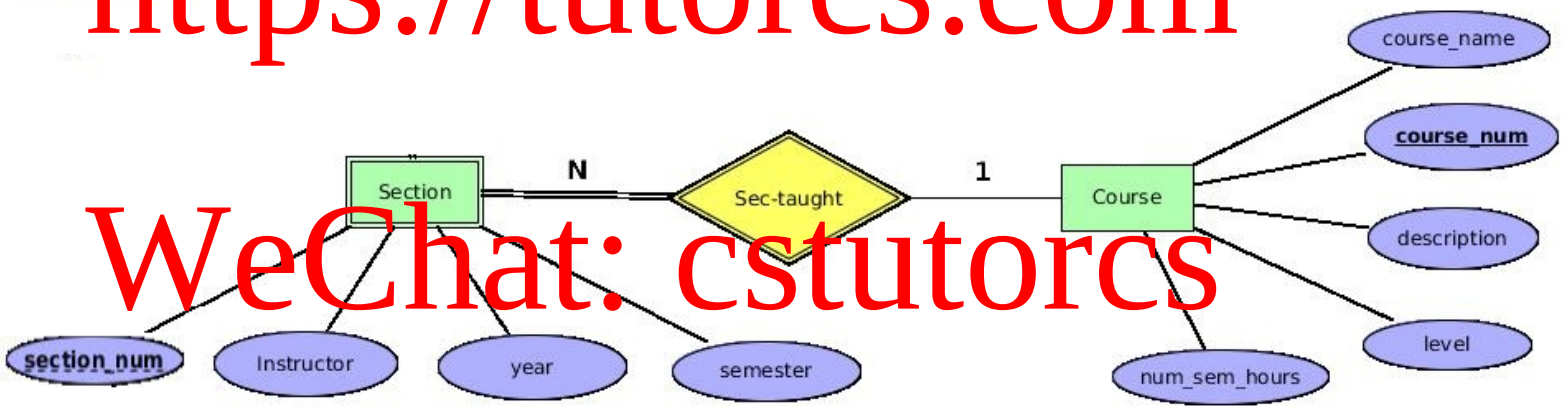

- SECTION(section_num, instructor, semester, year, course_num)
  with PK: {section_num, course_number}
  with FK: [course_num]⊆COURSE[course_num]

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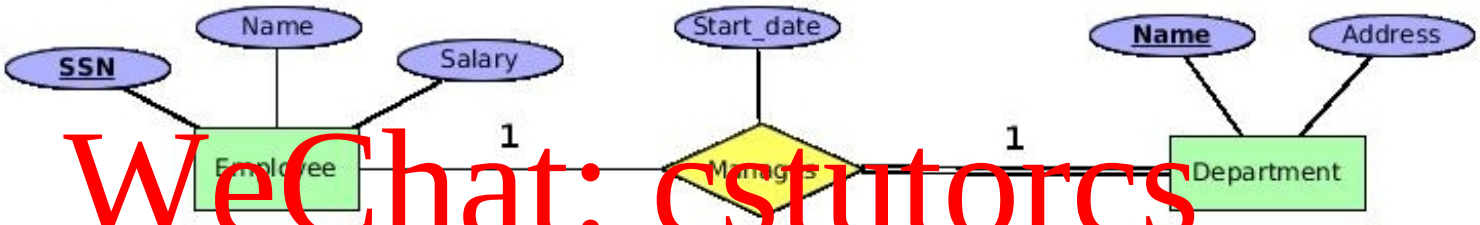

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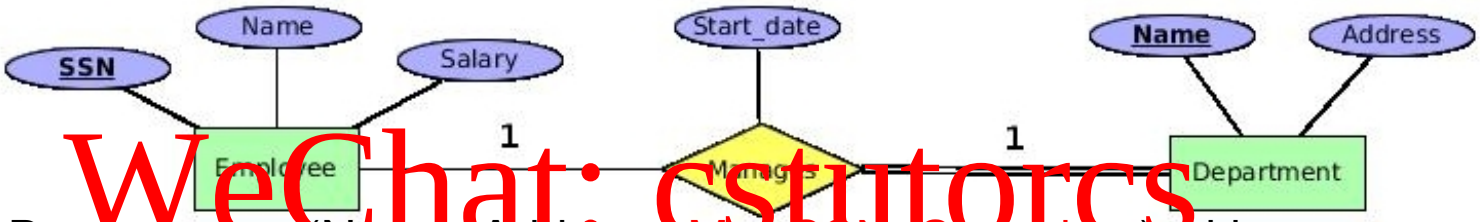

- DEPARTMENT(Name, Address, Mgr_SSN, Start_date) with

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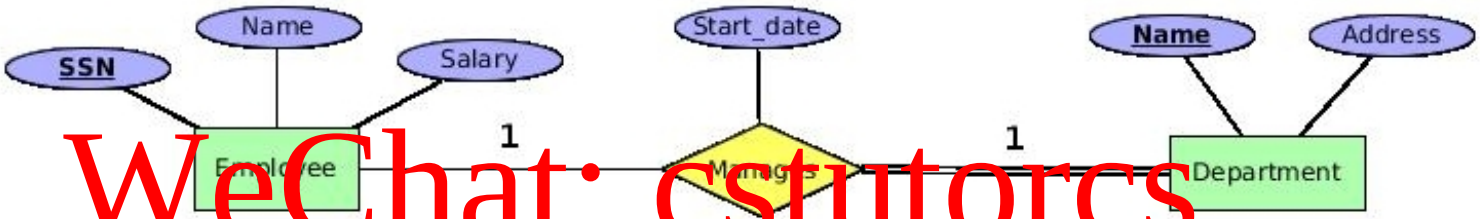

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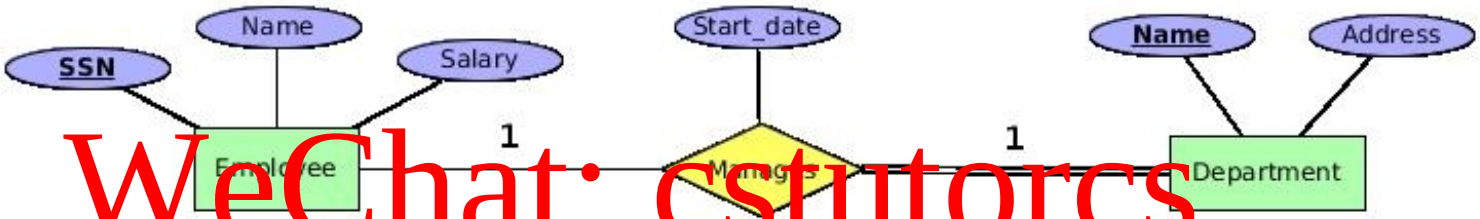

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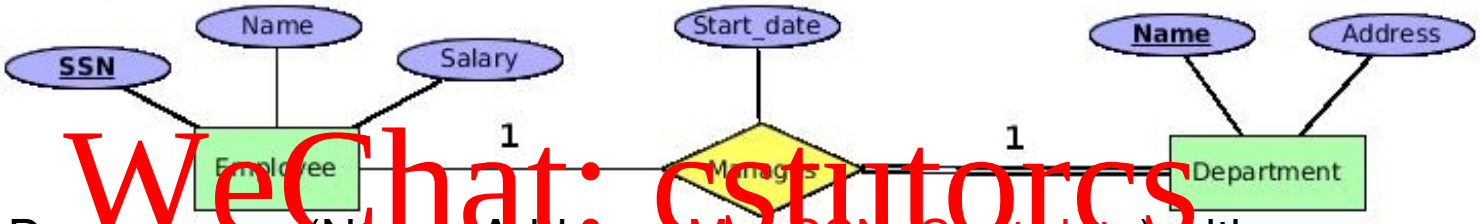

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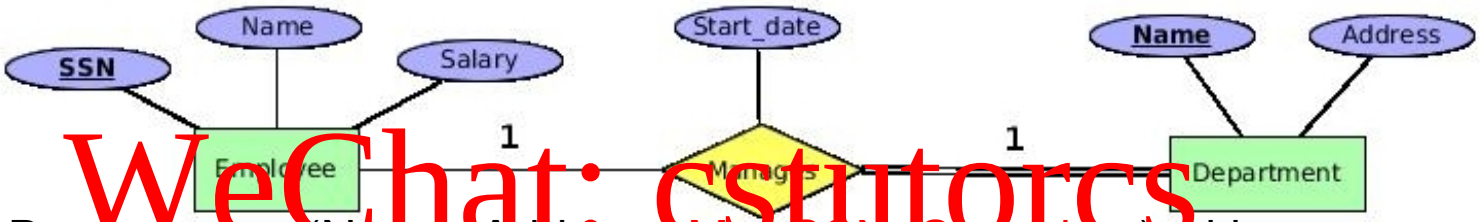

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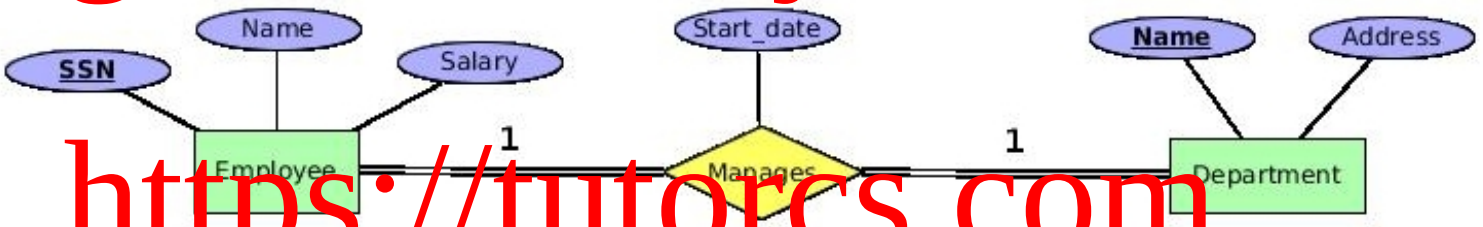

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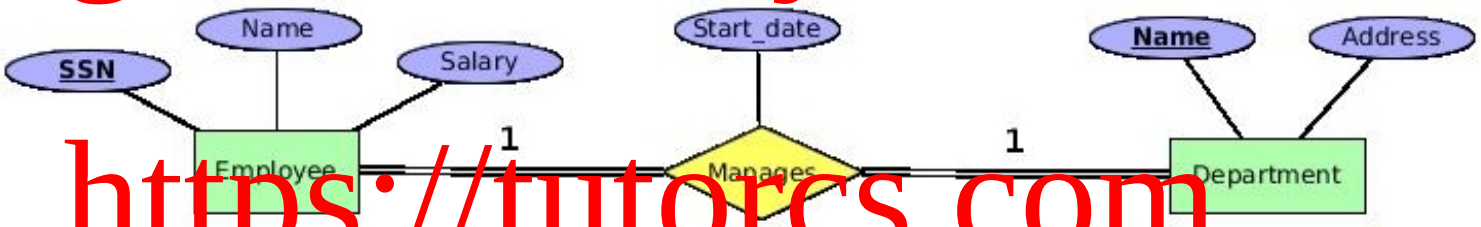

- If participation on both sides is total, we may **merge the relation schemas of both entity types and the attributes of the relationship type into a single relation**.

- EMPLOYEE-DEP(SSN, Name, Salary, Start_date, Dname, Address) with PK: {SSN} or {Dname}

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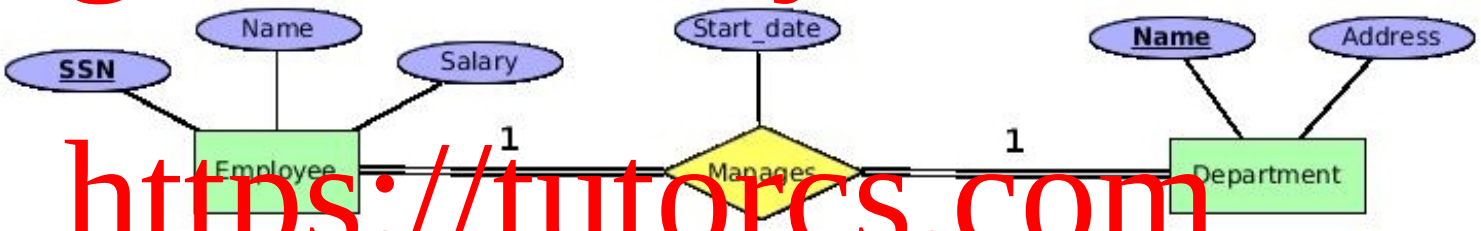

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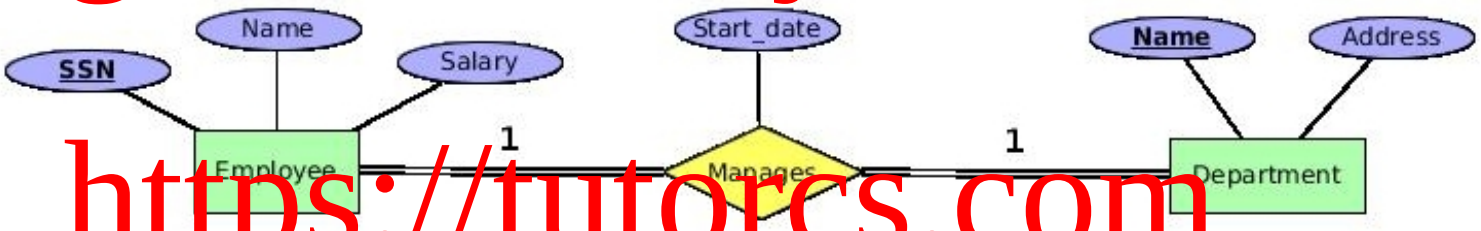

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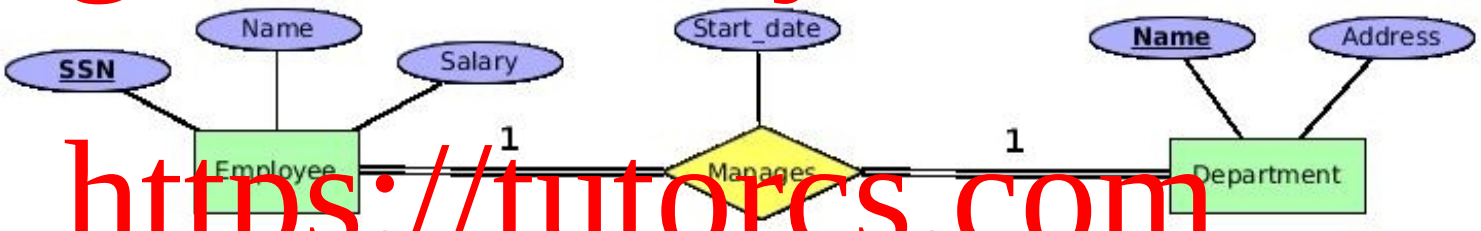

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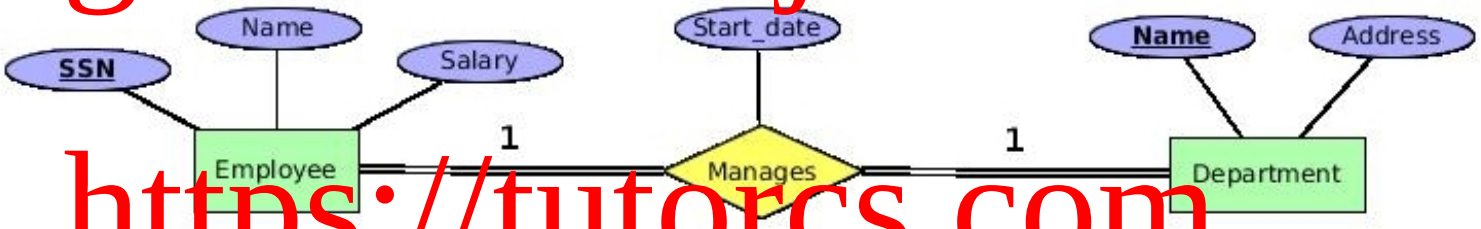

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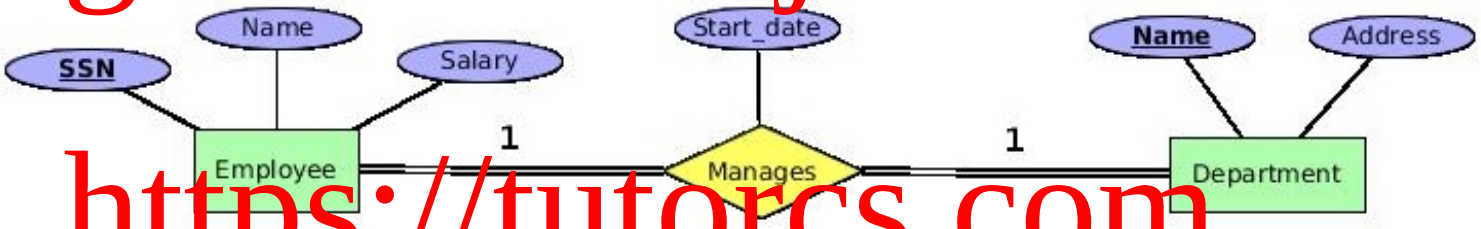

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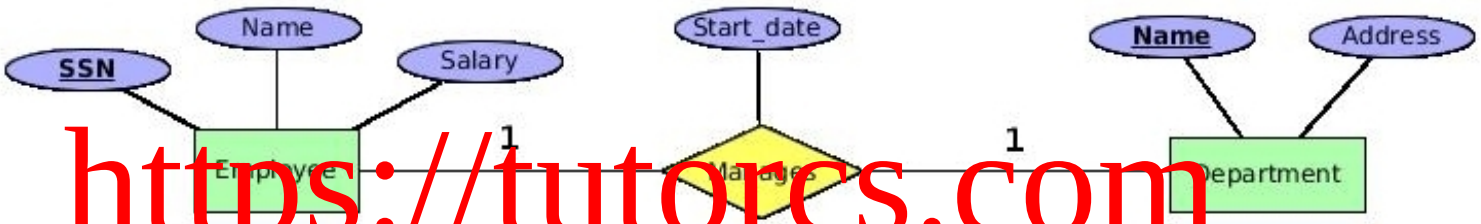

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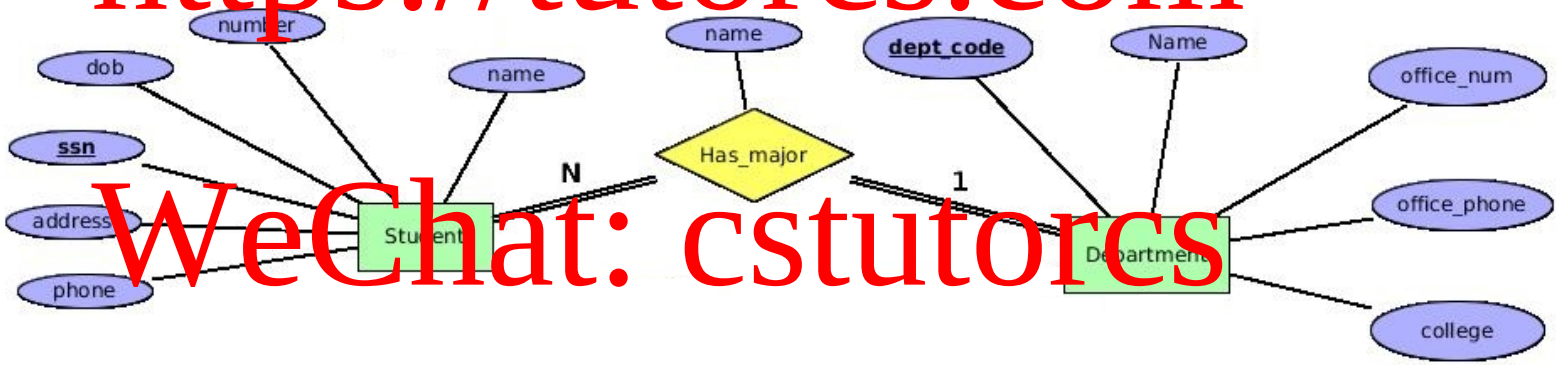

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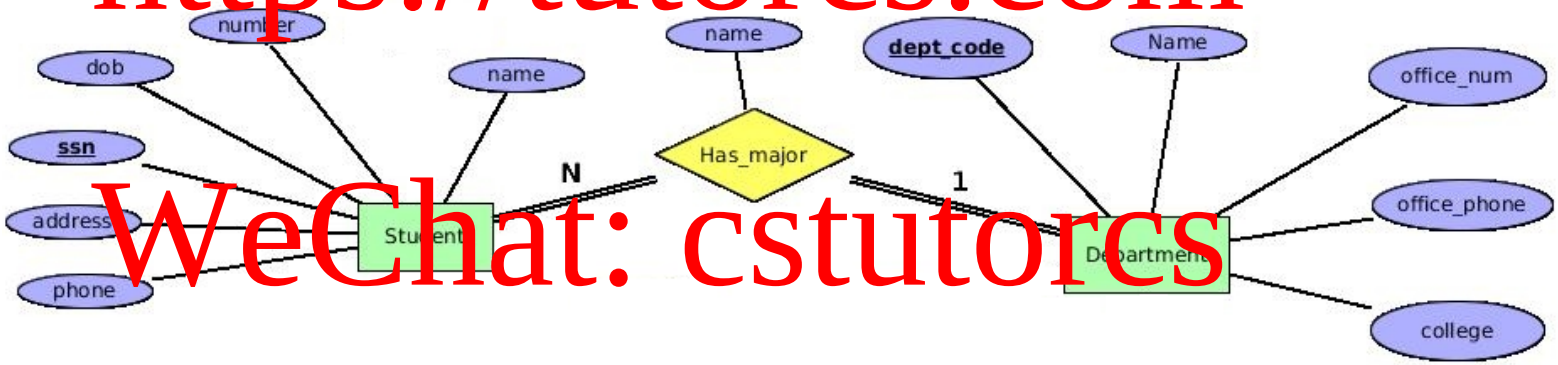

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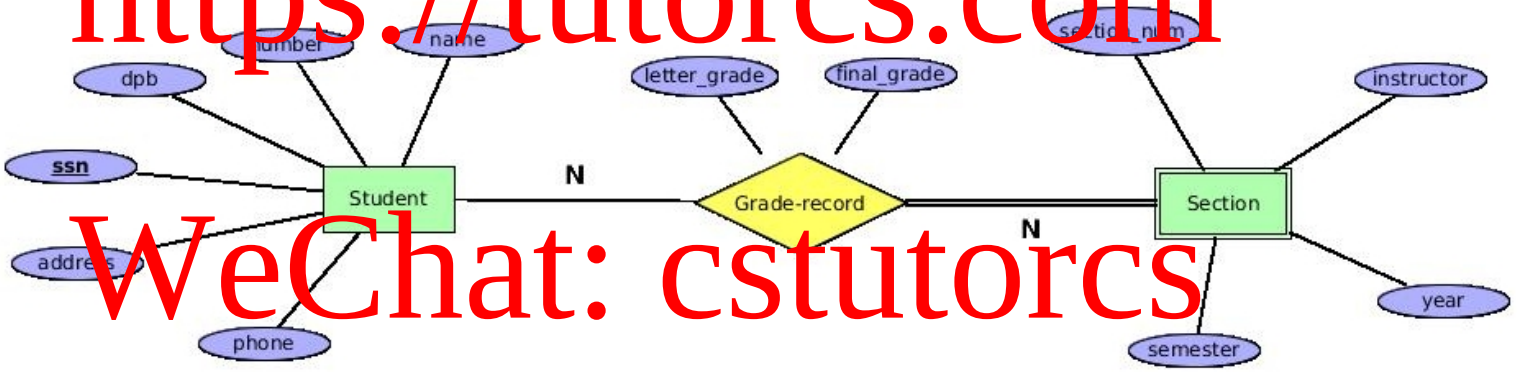

- GRADE_RECORD(ssn, section_num, course_num, letter_grade, final_grade)

  PK: {ssn, section_num, course_num}

  FK: [ssn] $\subseteq$ STUDENT[ssn]

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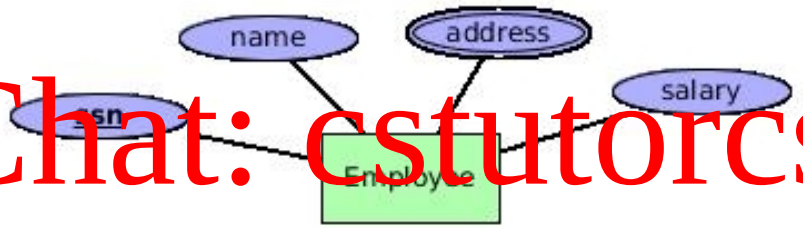

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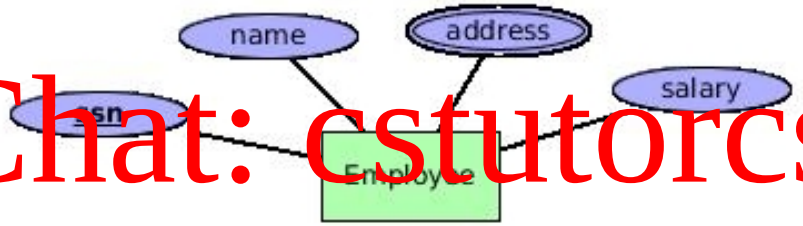

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  PK: {SSN, Address}

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ER-to-Relations Algorithm (Recall)

- The algorithm to first convert the basic ER model into relations, and then convert superclass/subclass from the EER model into relations.

Step 1: Mapping of Regular Entity Types

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Step 3: Mapping of Binary 1:1 Relationship Types

- Foreign key approach
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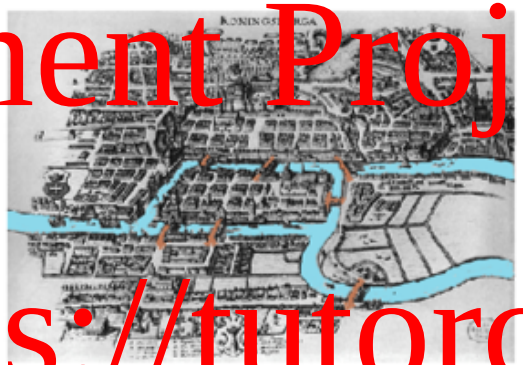

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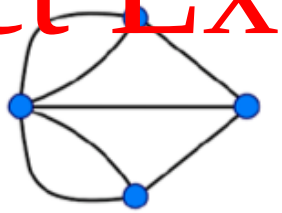

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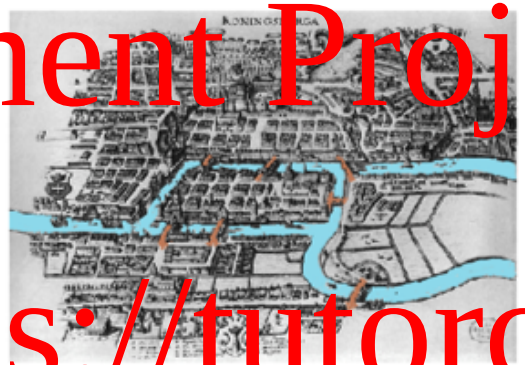

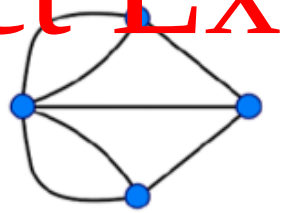

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