Introduction to Data Management CSE 344

Lecture 14: E/R Diagrams

Today: E/R Diagrams

Motivating scenario

- Customer asks you to help them setup a DBMS
- They want to store information about
  - Companies and various branches inside companies
    - Each company has a name, an address, and a CEO
    - Each company also has a list of key employees
    - Each branch has a name and a market share in $$$
  - Products manufactured by these companies
    - Each product has a name and a description
    - Products are manufactured by different branches

Database Design

- Why do we need it?
  - Need a way to model real world entities in terms of relations
  - Not easy to go from real-world entities to a database schema
- Consider issues such as:
  - What entities to model
  - How entities are related
  - What constraints exist in the domain
  - How to achieve ***good*** designs
- Several formalisms exists
  - We discuss E/R diagrams

Database Design Process

Conceptual Model:

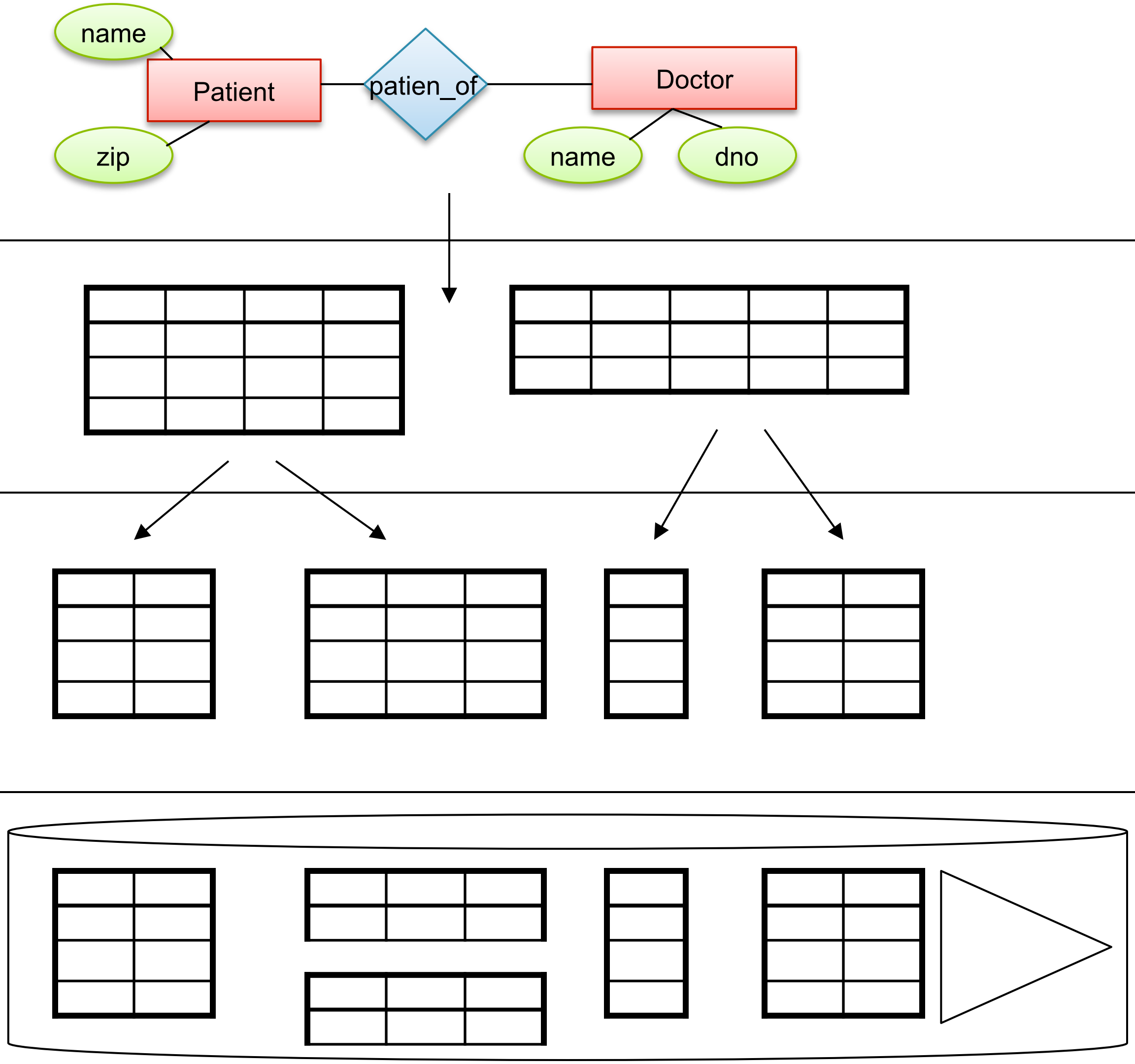
Relational Model:
Tables + constraints
And also functional dep.

Normalization:
Eliminates anomalies

Conceptual Schema

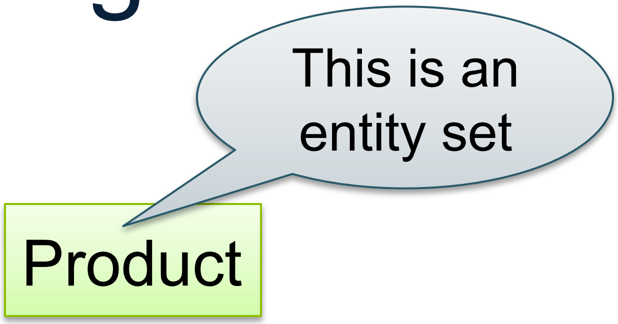
Physical storage details

Physical Schema



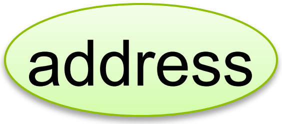
Entity / Relationship Diagrams

Objects → entities
Classes → entity sets

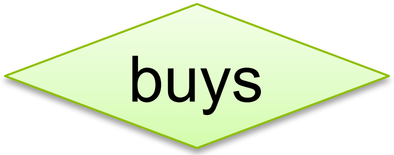

This is an entity set

Product

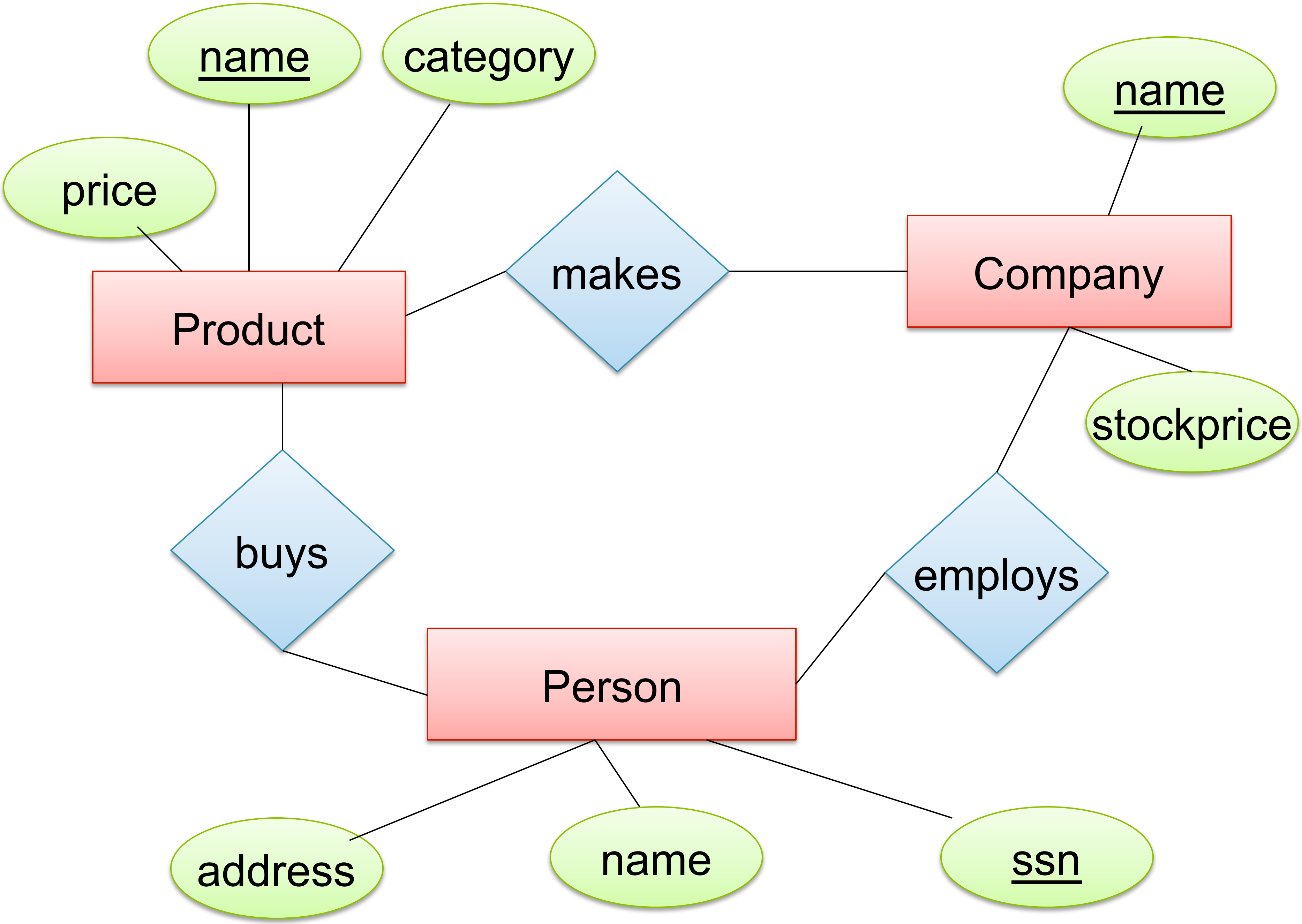
Attributes are like in ODL
(ODL = Object Definition Language)


address

Relationships: like in ODL except


buys

- first class citizens (not associated with classes)
- not necessarily binary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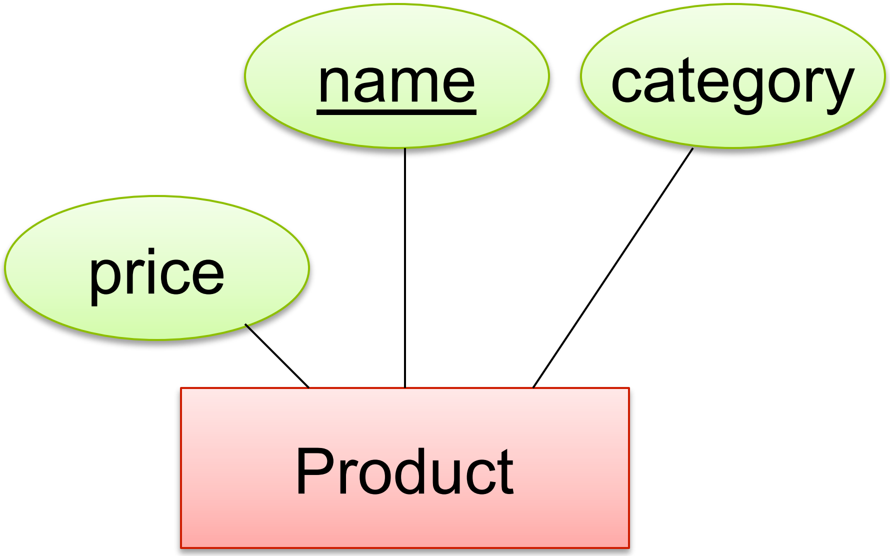
Keys in E/R Diagrams

- Every entity set must have a key

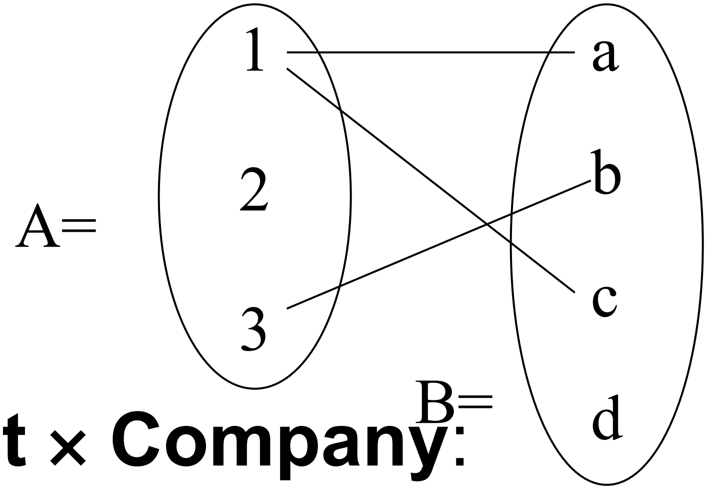


What is a Relation ?

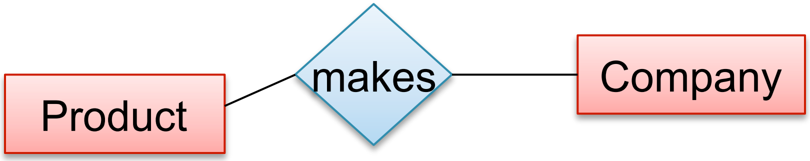
- A mathematical definition:
  - if A, B are sets, then a relation R is a subset of A × B
- A={1,2,3}, B={a,b,c,d},

  A × B = {(1,a),(1,b), . . ., (3,d)}

  R = {(1,a), (1,c), (3,b)}

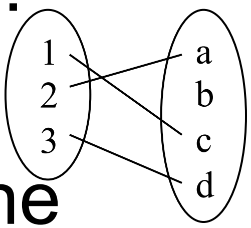


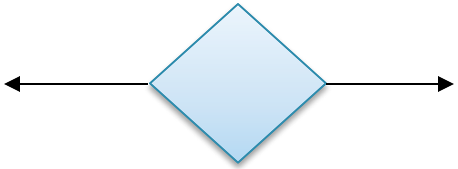
- **makes** is a subset of **Product × Company**:



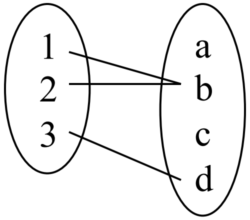
Multiplicity of E/R Relations

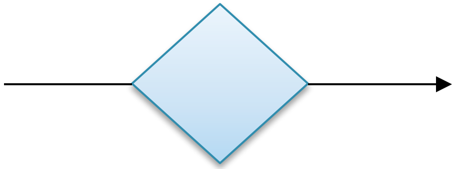
- one-one:



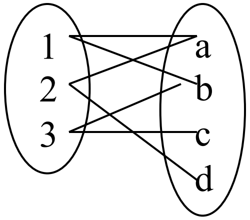


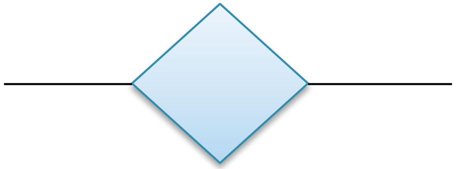
- many-one

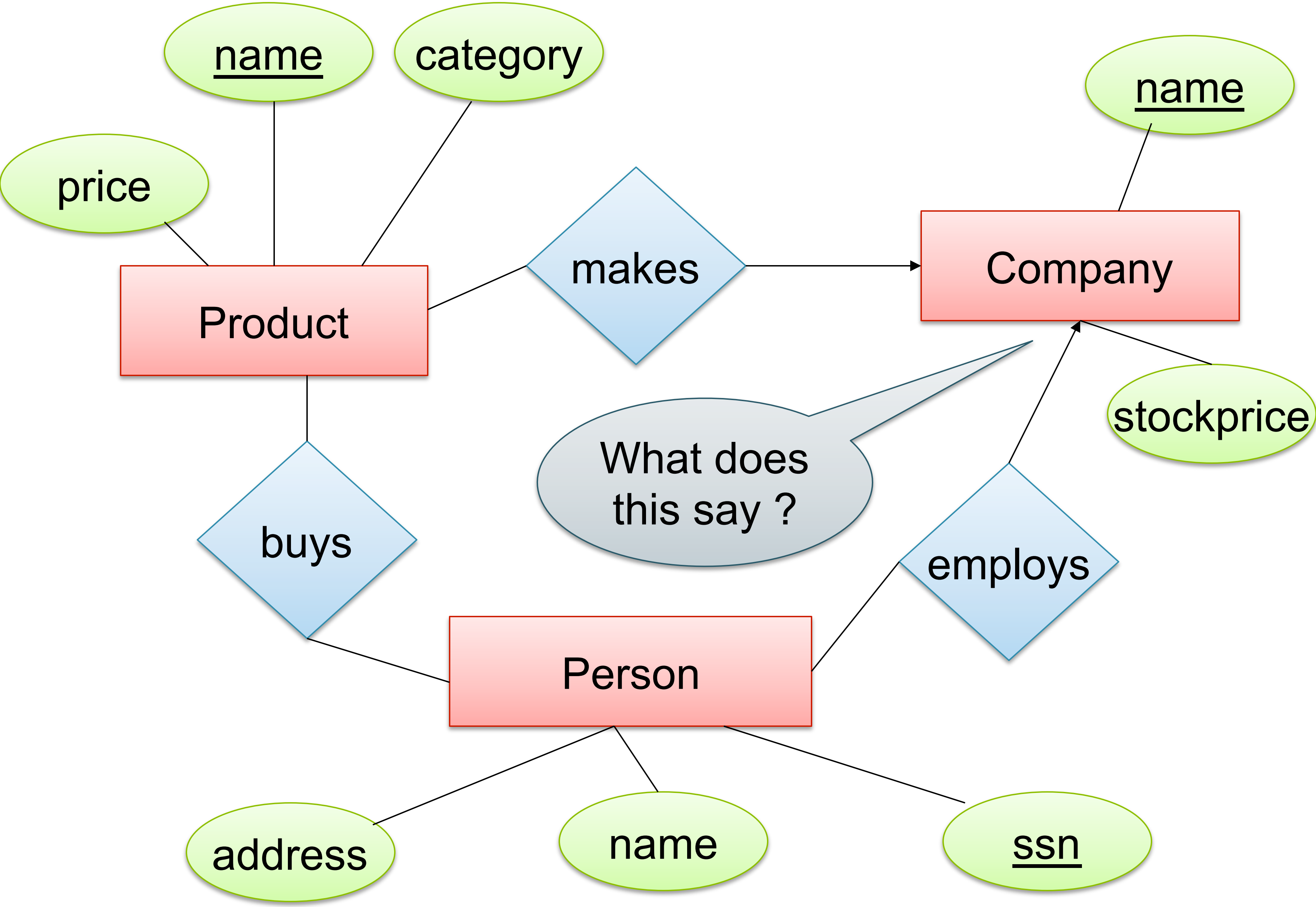




- many-many



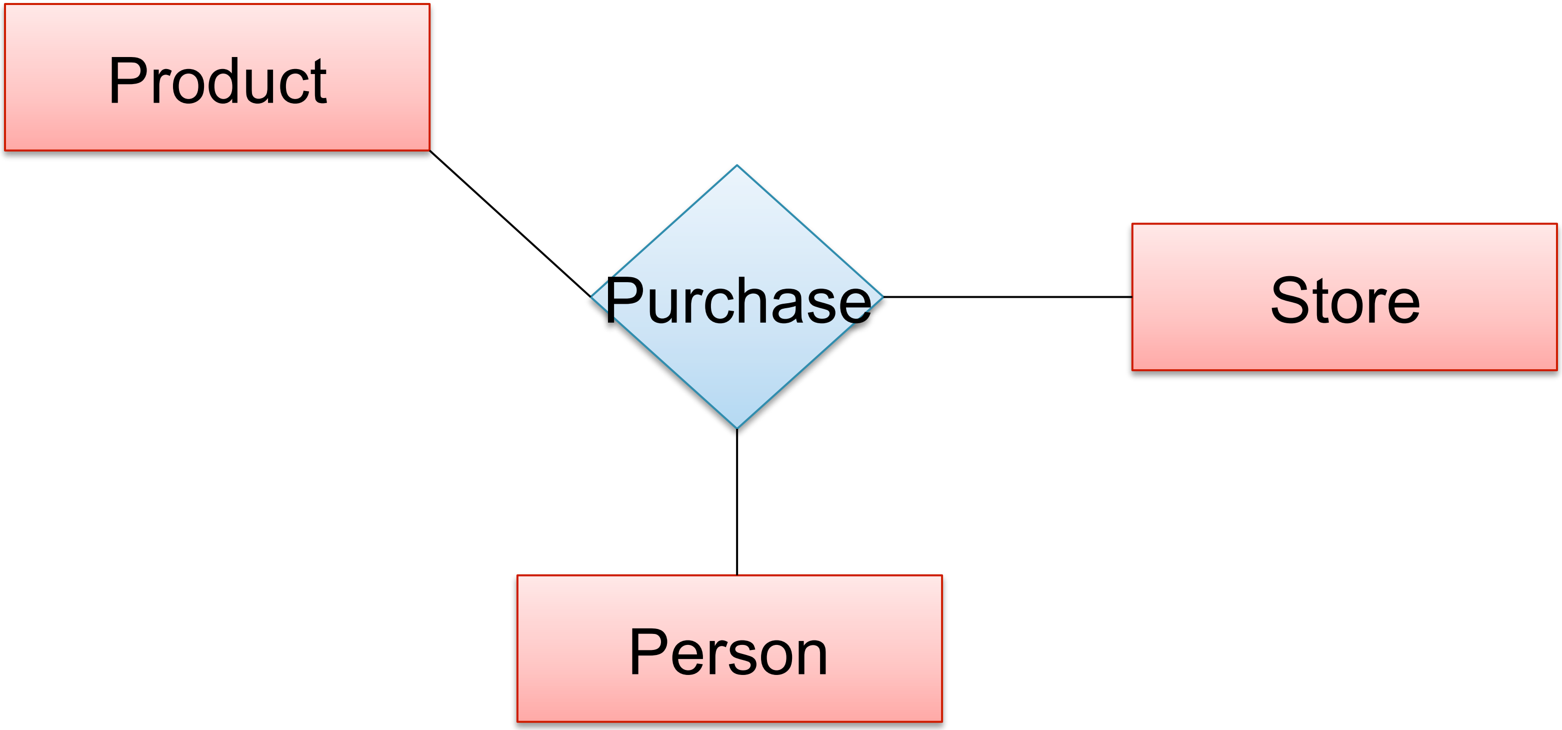




What does this say ?

Multi-way Relationships

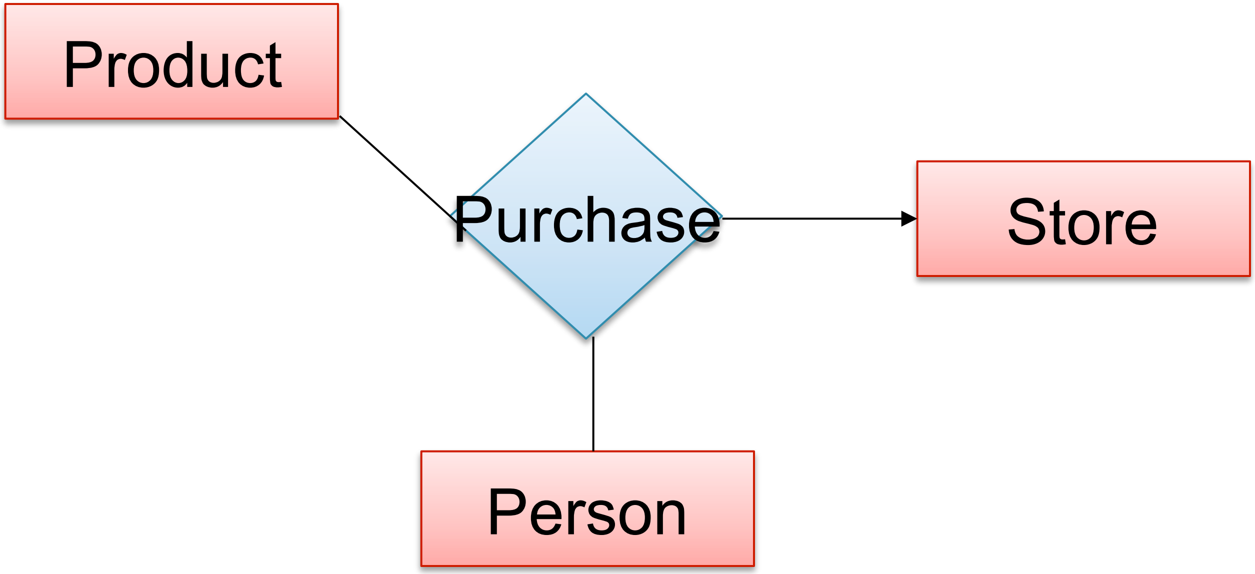
How do we model a purchase relationship between buyers, products and stores?



Can still model as a mathematical set (how ?)

Arrows in Multiway Relationships

Q: What does the arrow mean ?



A: A given person buys a given product from at most one store

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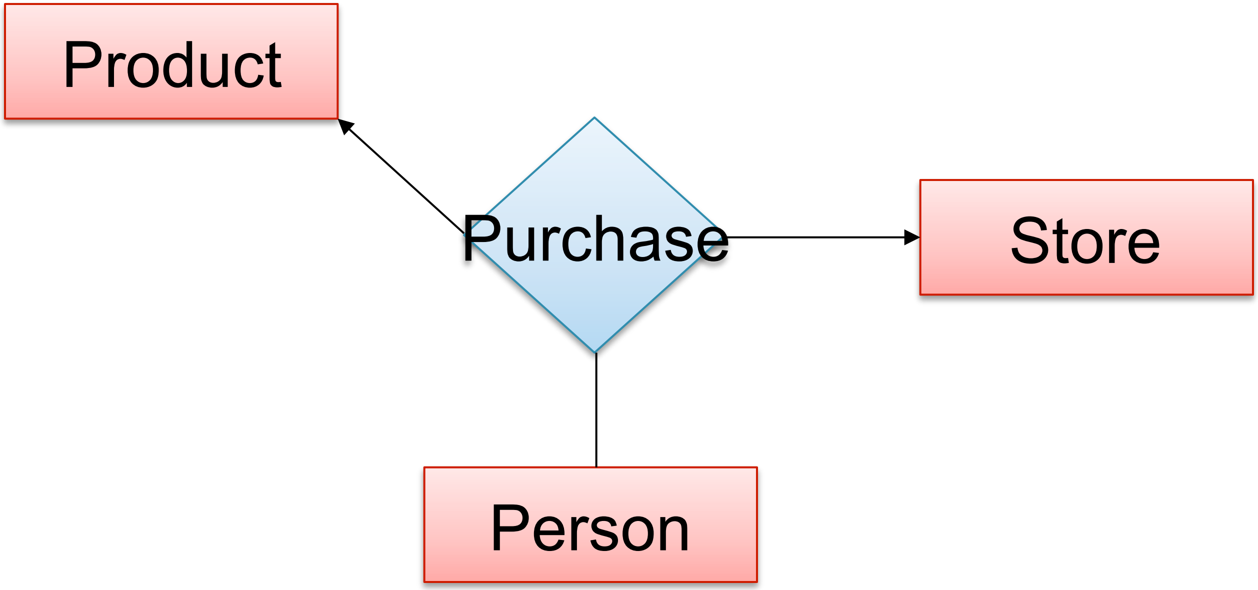
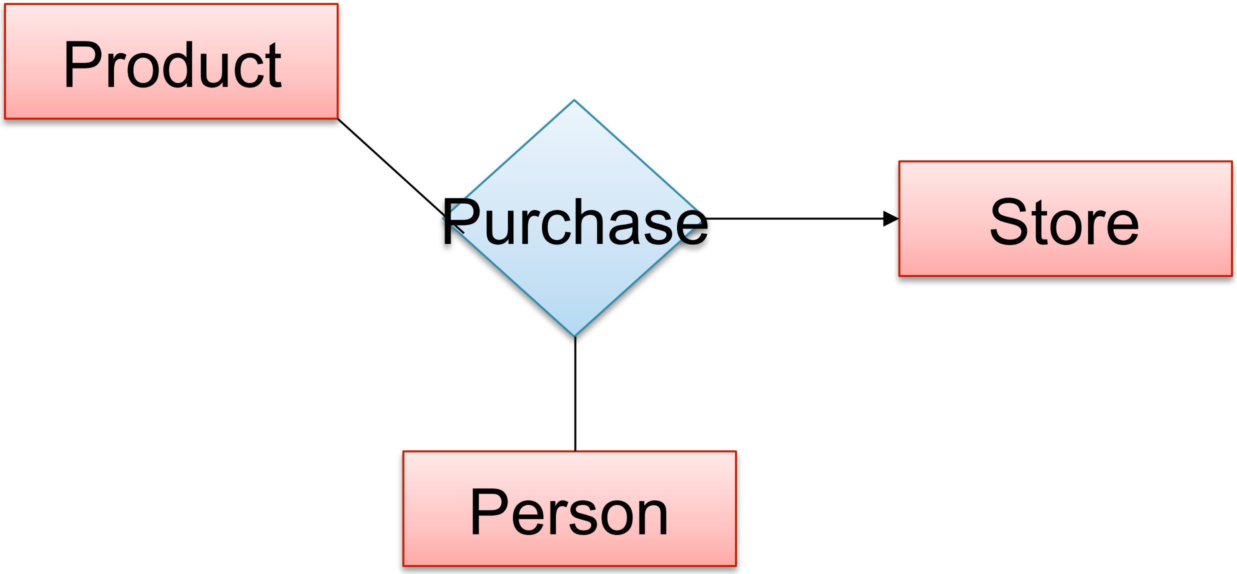


A: A given person buys a given product from at most one store AND every store sells to every person at most one product

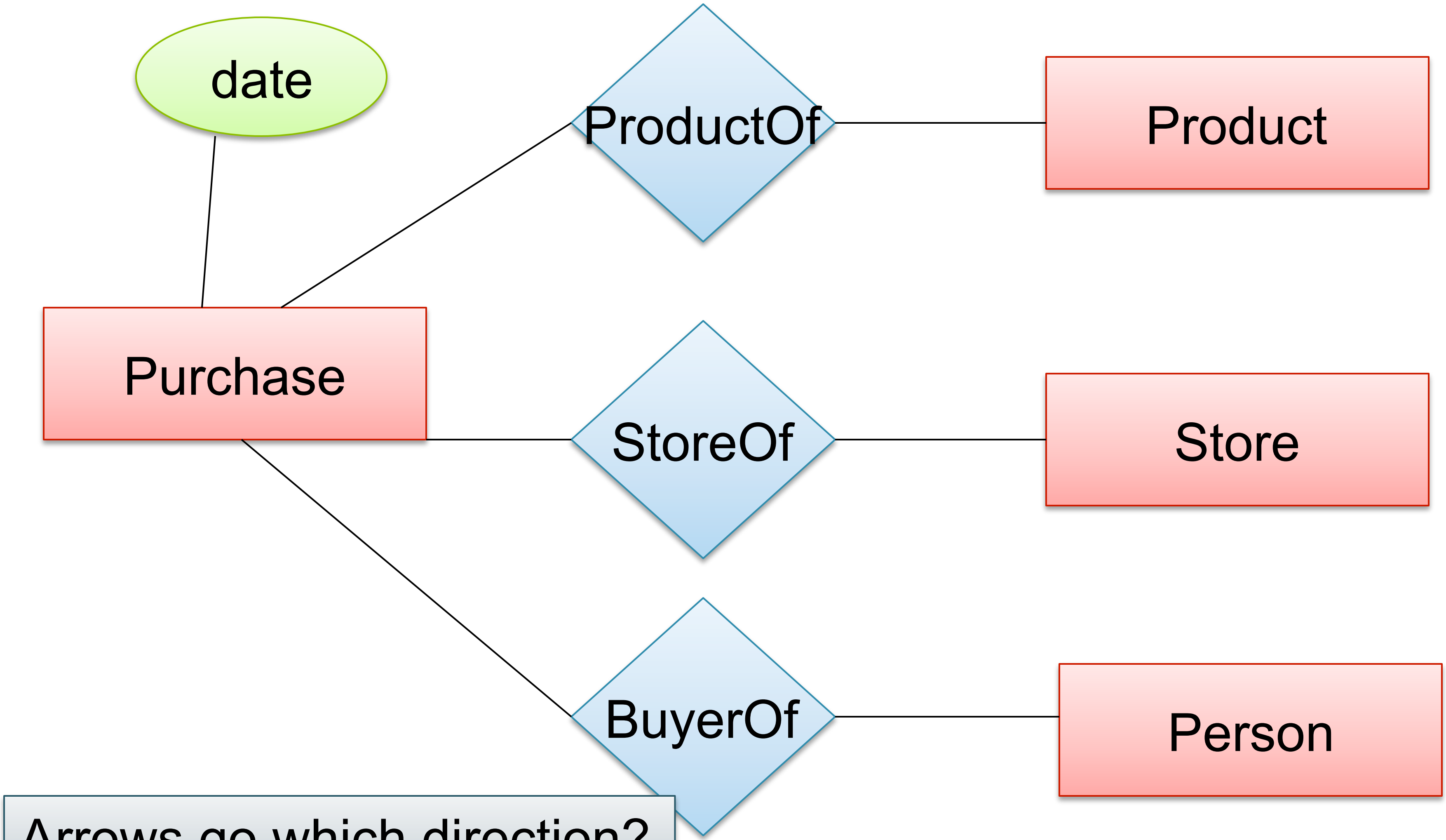
Arrows in Multiway Relationships

Q: How do we say that every person shops at at most one store ?



A: Cannot. This is the best approximation.
(Why only approximation ?)

Converting Multi-way Relationships to Binary



Arrows go which direction?

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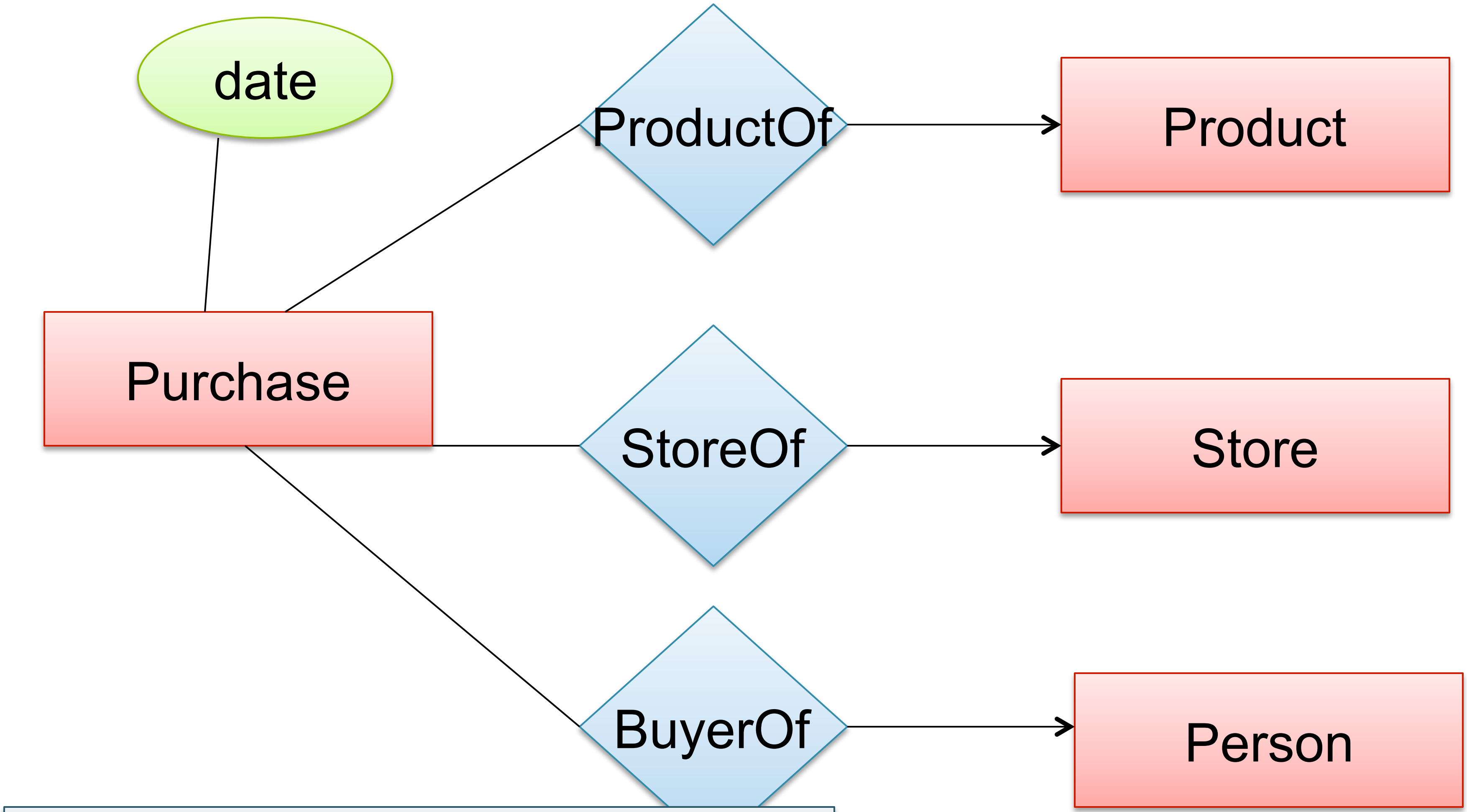
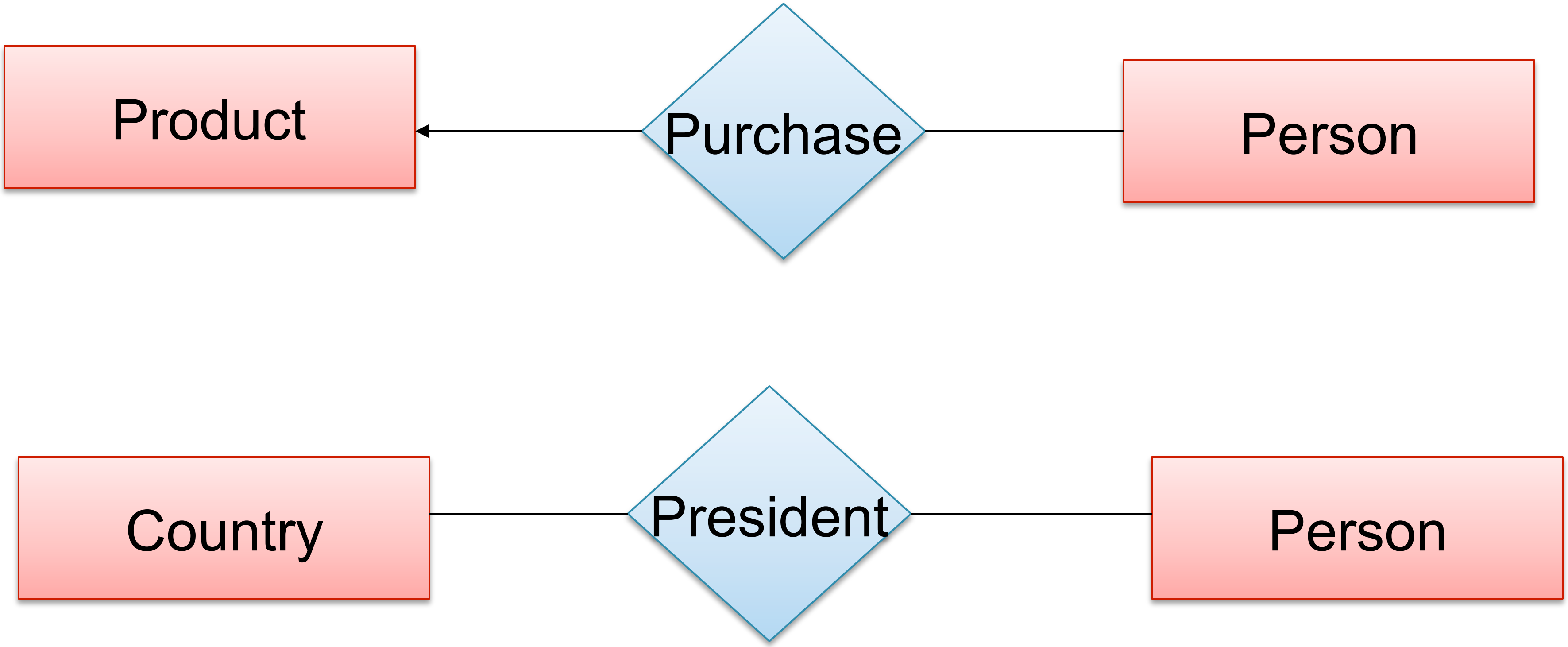


Make sure you understand why!

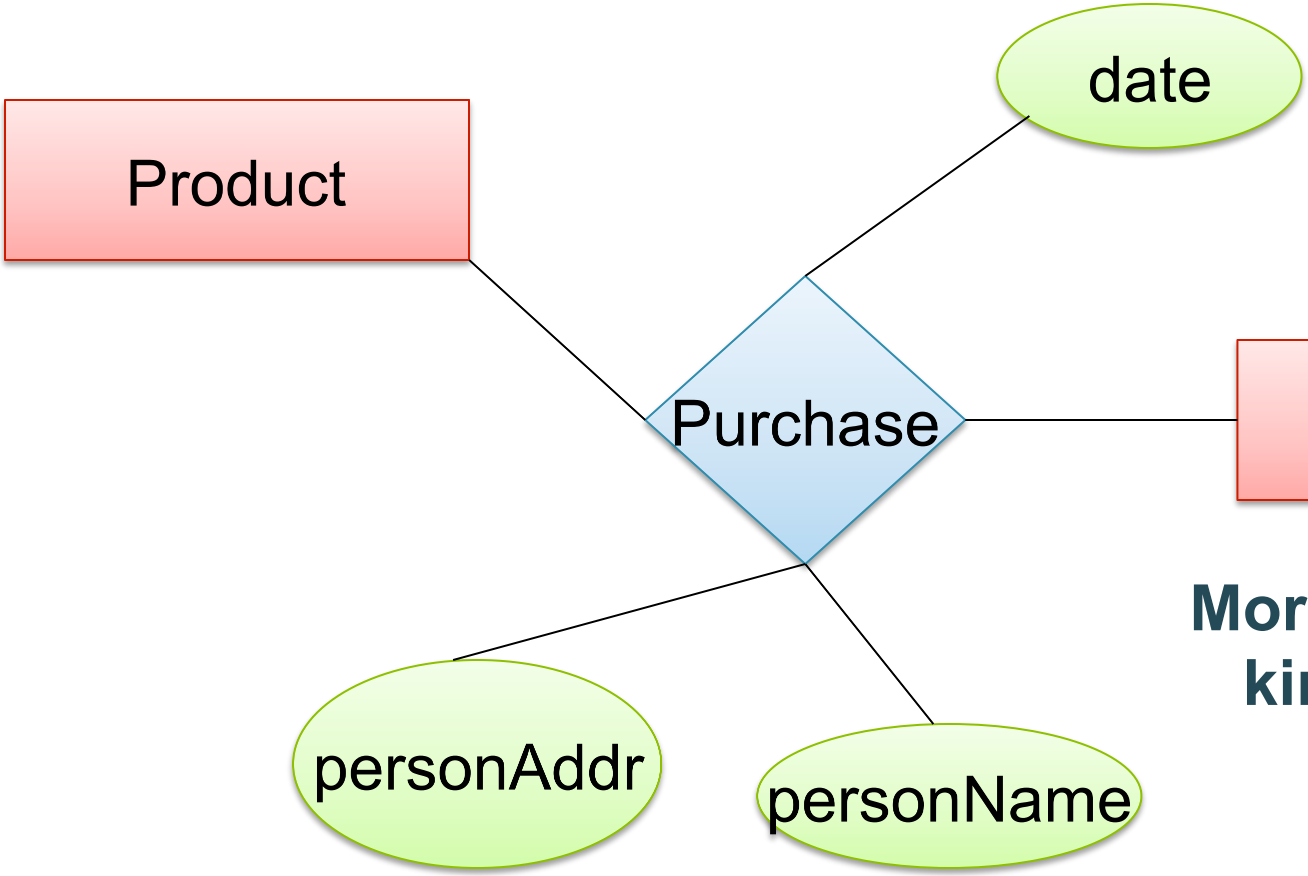
3. Design Principles

What's wrong?



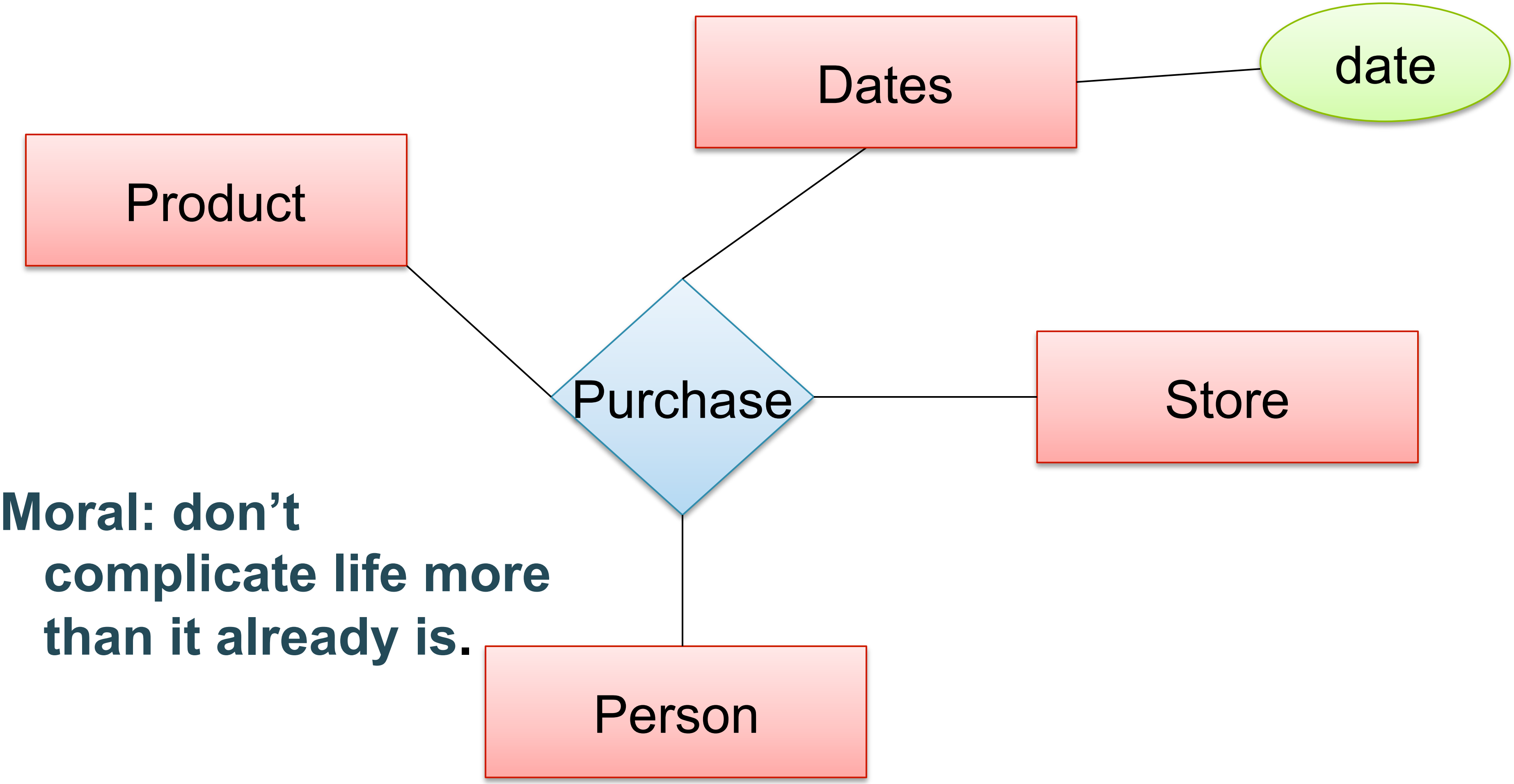
Moral: be faithful to the specifications of the app!

Design Principles: What's Wrong?



Moral: pick the right kind of entities.

Design Principles: What's Wrong?

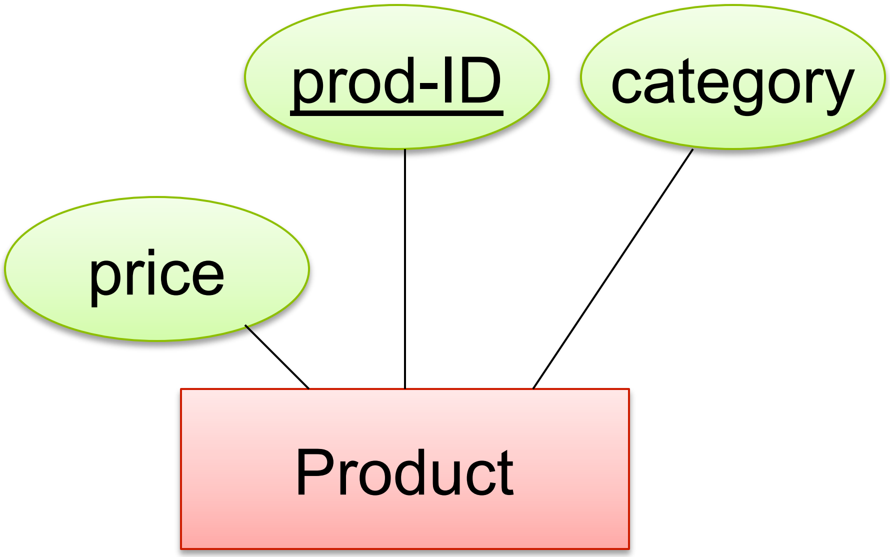


Moral: don't complicate life more than it already is.

From E/R Diagrams to Relational Schema

- Entity set → relation
- Relationship → relation

Entity Set to Relation



Product(prod-ID, category, price)

prod-ID	category	price
Gizmo55	Camera	99.99
Pokemn19	Toy	29.99

Create Table (SQL)

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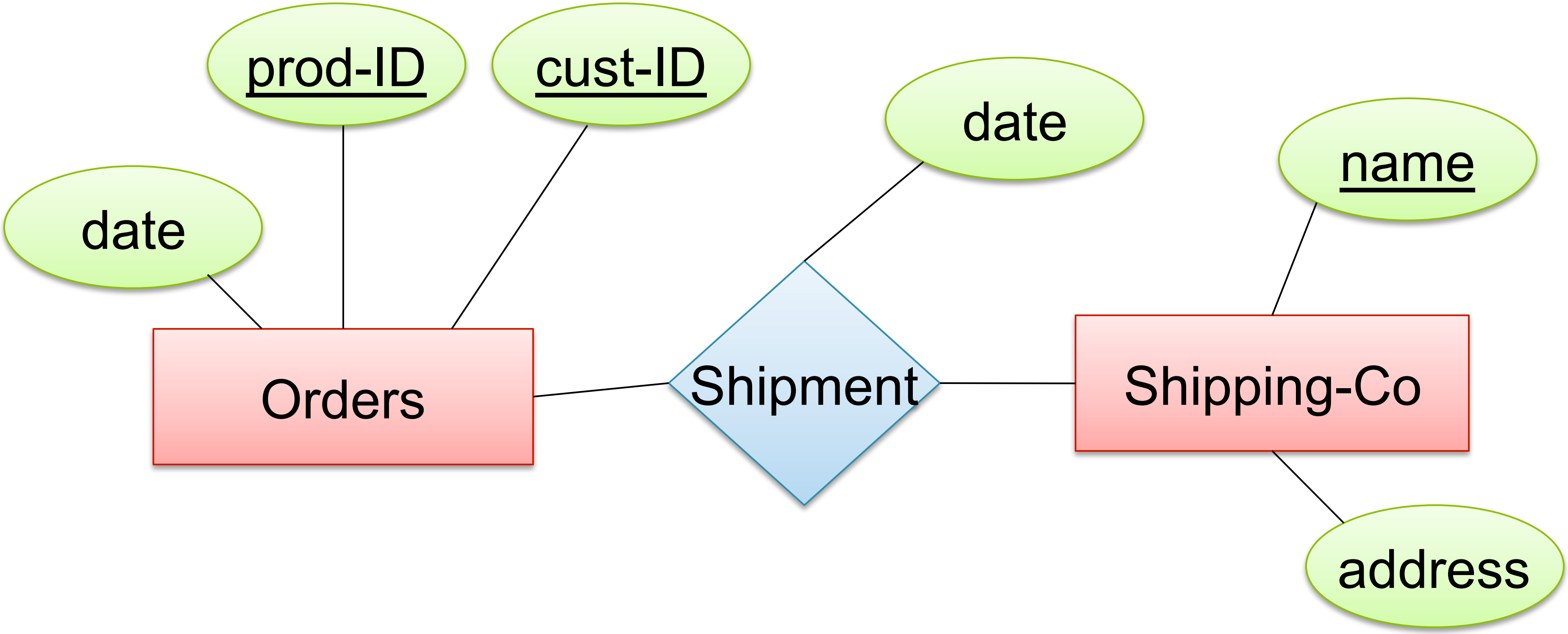
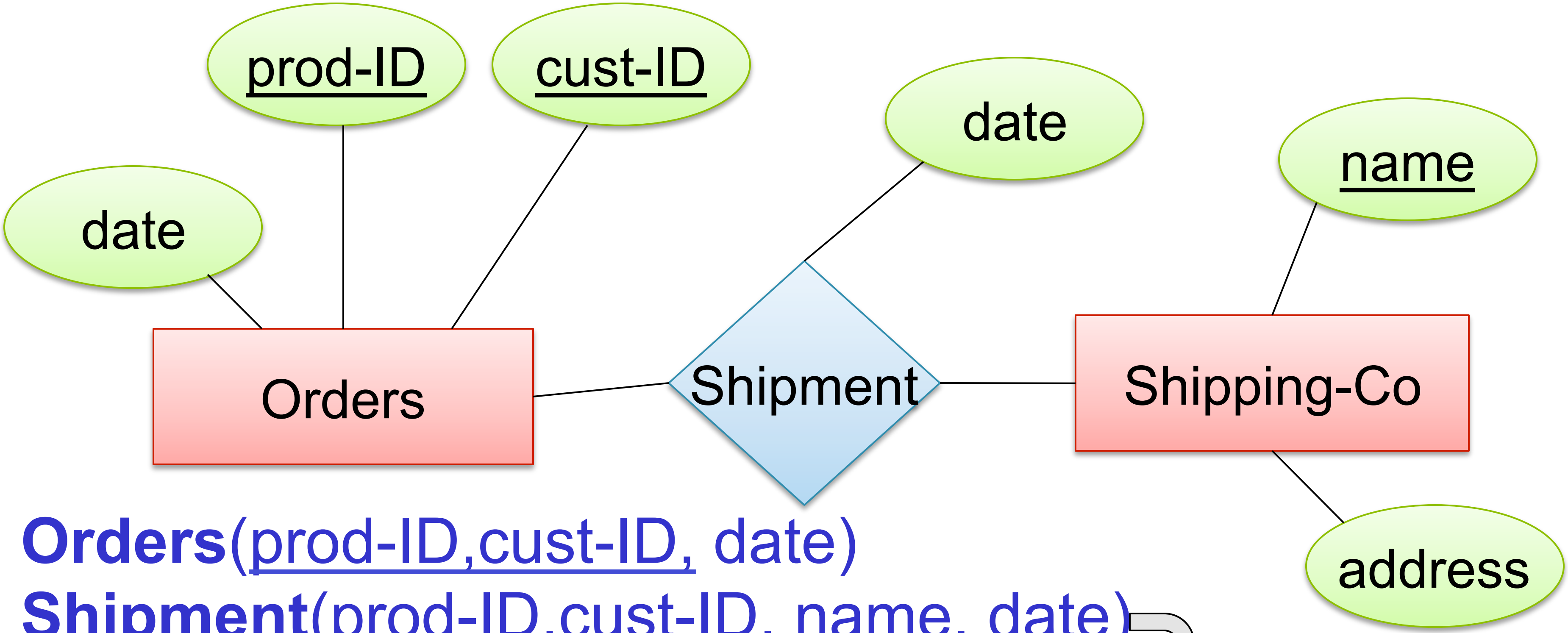
CREATE TABLE Product (
        prod-ID CHAR(30) PRIMARY KEY,
        category VARCHAR(20),
         price double)
```

N-N Relationships to Relations



Represent that in relations!

N-N Relationships to Relations



Orders(prod-ID,cust-ID, date)

Shipment(prod-ID,cust-ID, name, date)

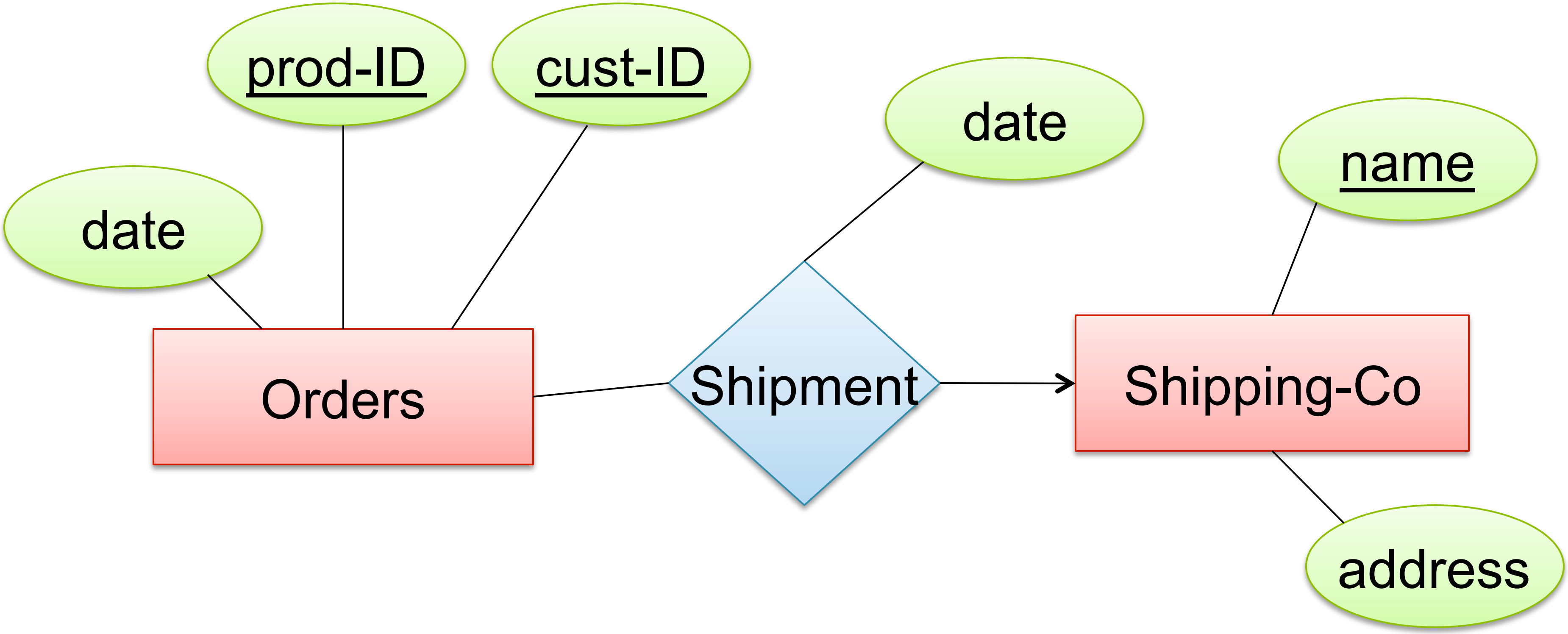
Shipping-Co(name, address)

prod-ID	cust-ID	name	date
Gizmo55	Joe12	UPS	4/10/2011
Gizmo55	Joe12	FEDEX	4/9/2011

Create Table (SQL)

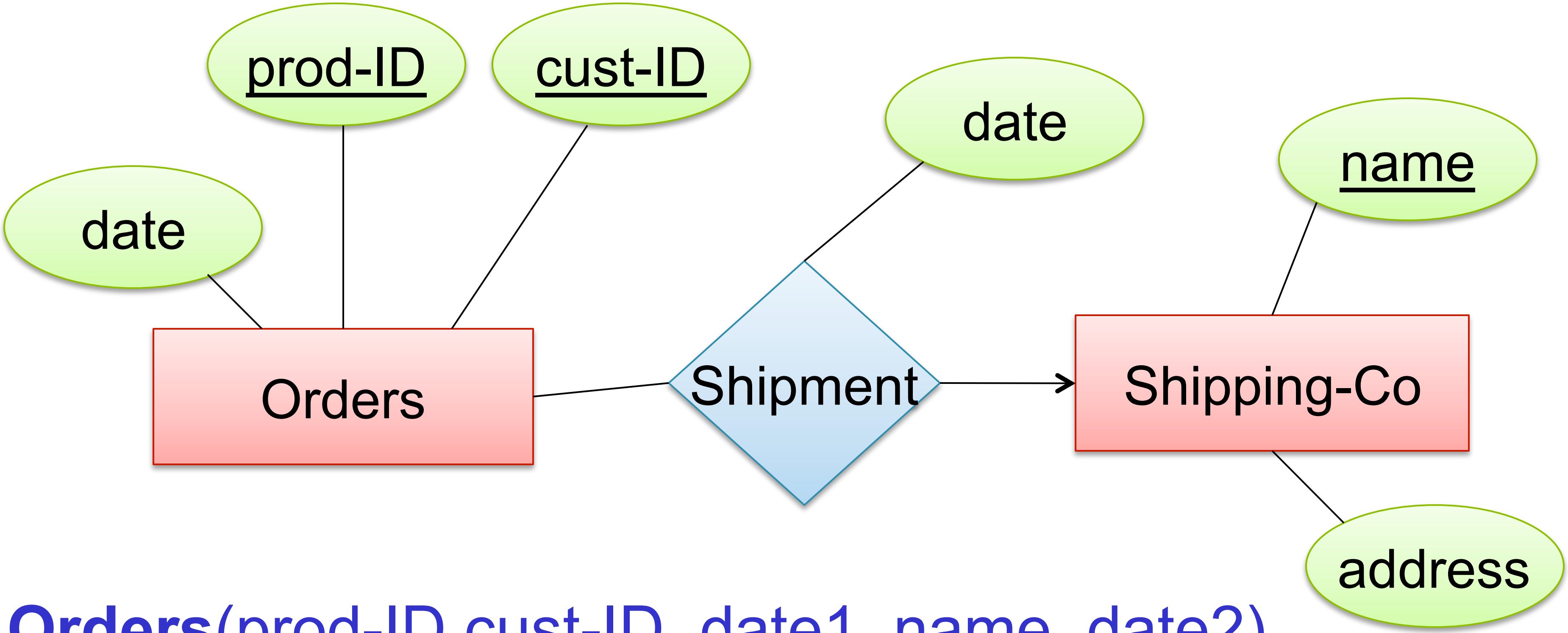
```
CREATE TABLE Shipment(
        name CHAR(30)
                REFERENCES Shipping-Co,
         prod-ID CHAR(30),
         cust-ID VARCHAR(20),
        date DATETIME,
PRIMARY KEY (name, prod-ID, cust-ID),
FOREIGN KEY (prod-ID, cust-ID)
           REFERENCES  Orders
)
```

N-1 Relationships to Relations



Represent this in relations!

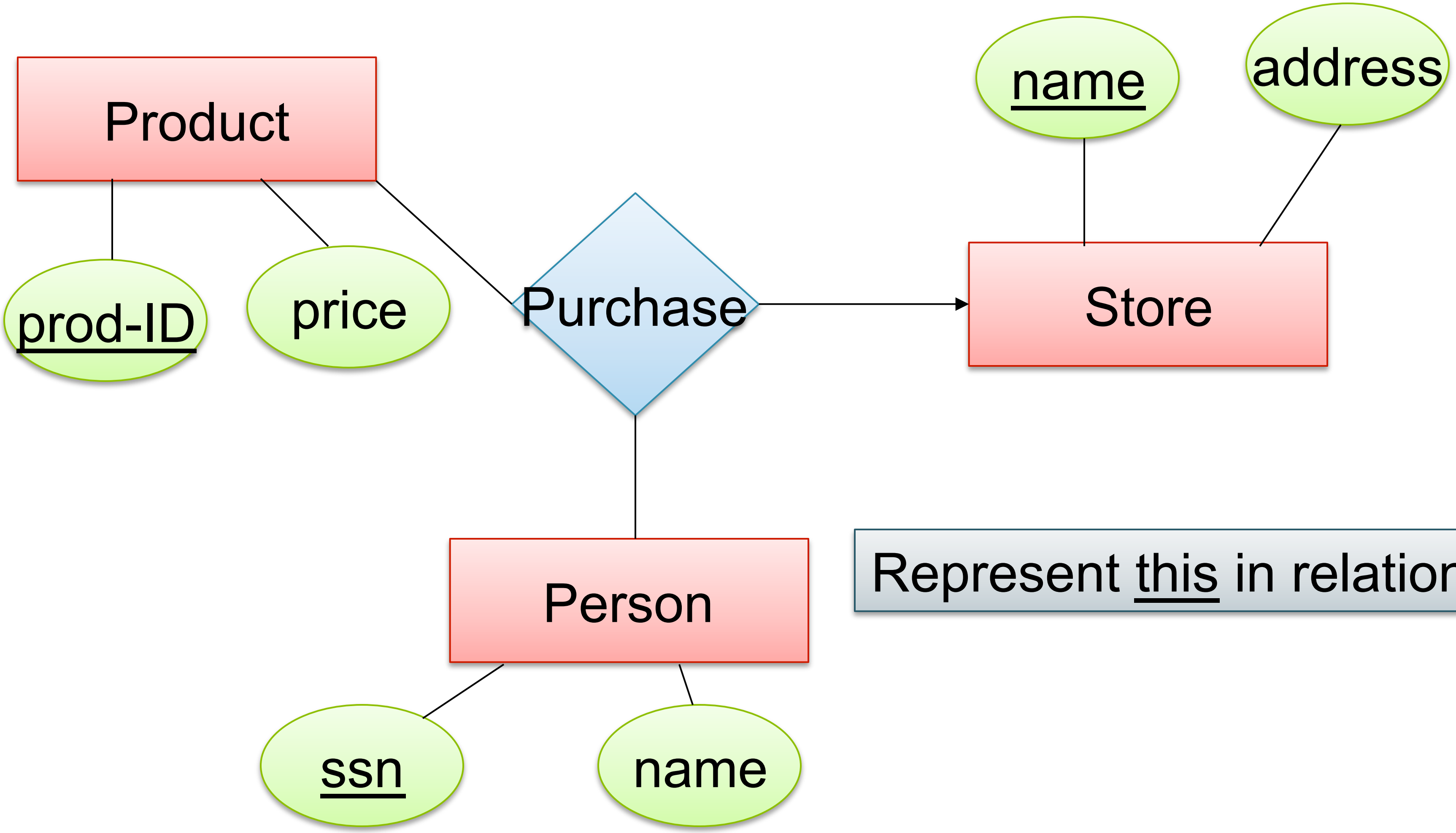
N-1 Relationships to Relations



Orders(prod-ID,cust-ID, date1, name, date2)
Shipping-Co(name, address)

Remember: no separate relations for many-one relationship

Multi-way Relationships to Relations

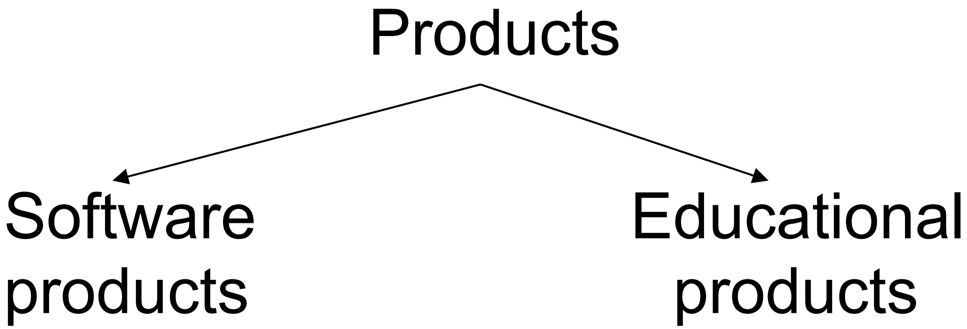


Represent this in relations!

Modeling Subclasses

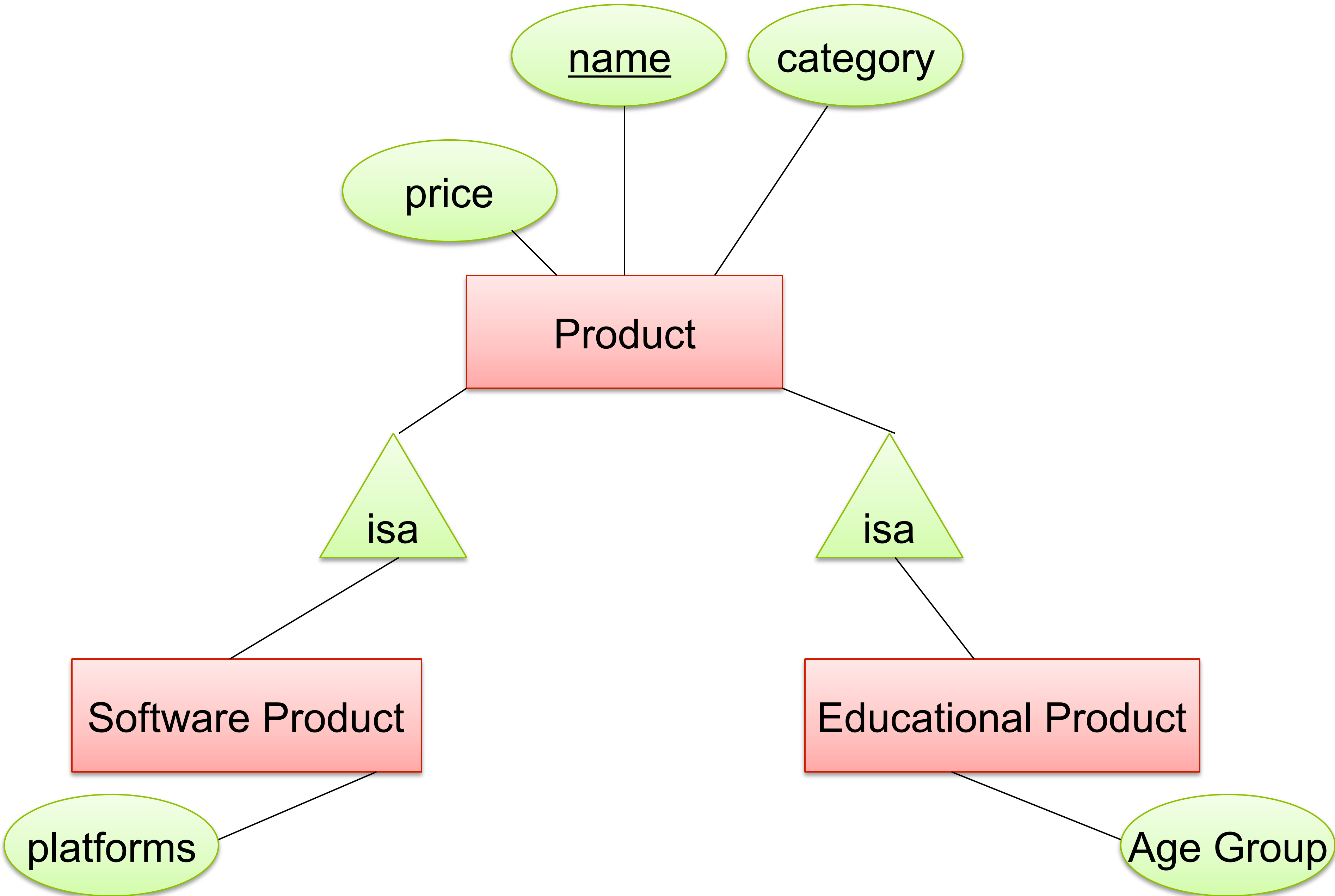
Some objects in a class may be special

- define a new class
- better: define a *subclass*



So --- we define subclasses in E/R

Subclasses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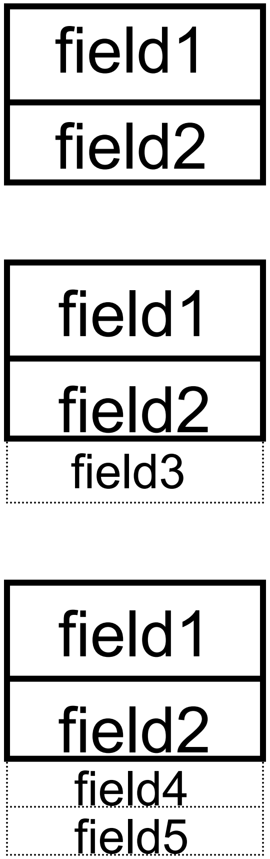
Software Product
Educational Product
platforms
Age Group

Understanding Subclasses

- Think in terms of records:
  - Product
  - SoftwareProduct
  - EducationalProduct



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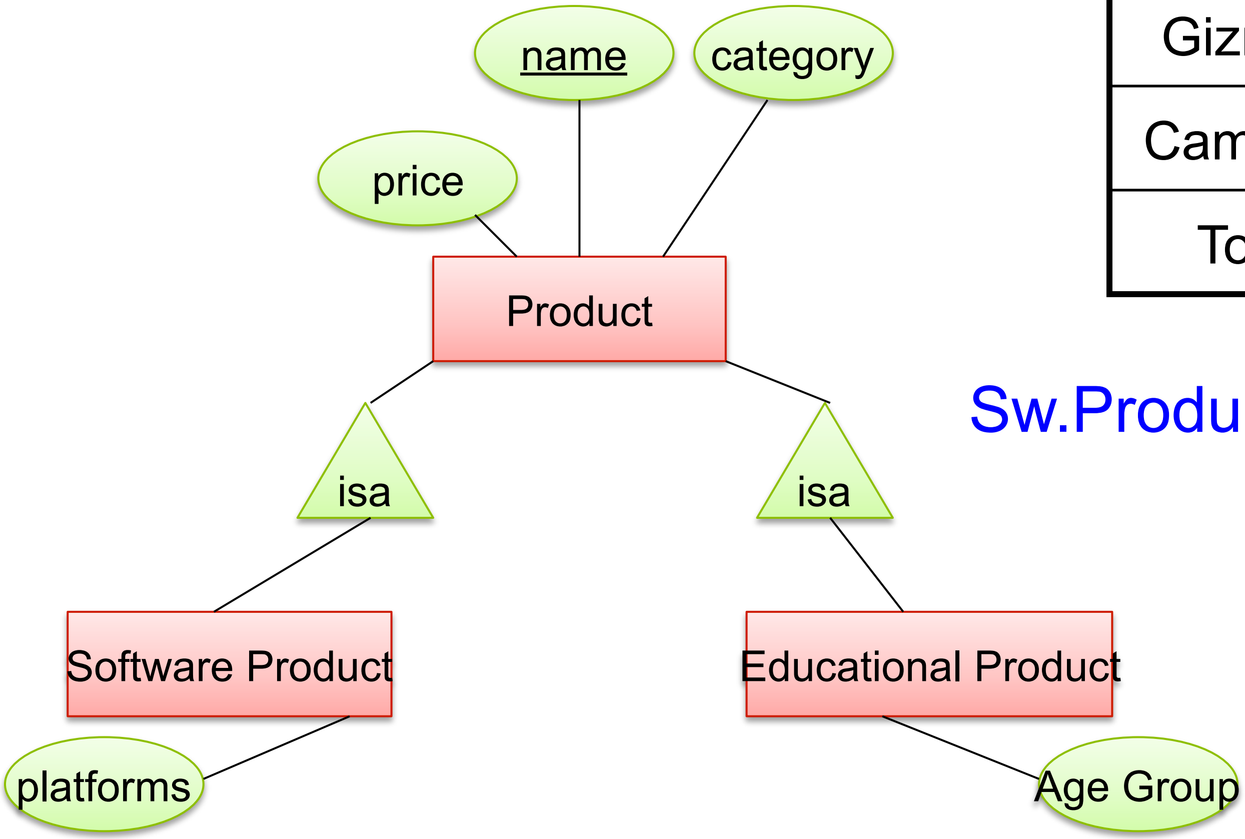
Subclasses to Relations



Product

Name	Price	Category
Gizmo	99	gadget
Camera	49	photo
Toy	39	gadget

Sw.Product

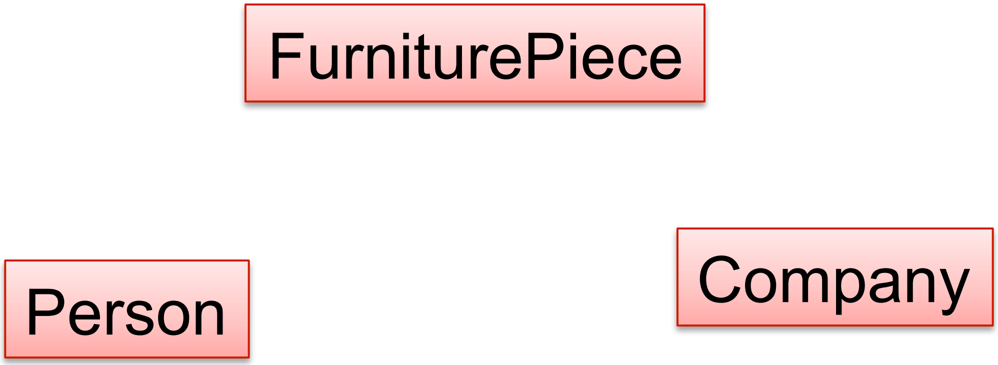
Name	platforms
Gizmo	unix

Ed.Product

Name	Age Group
Gizmo	todler
Toy	retired

Other ways to convert are possible

Modeling UnionTypes With Subclasses



FurniturePiece

Person

Company

Say: each piece of furniture is owned either by a person or by a company

Modeling Union Types with Subclasses

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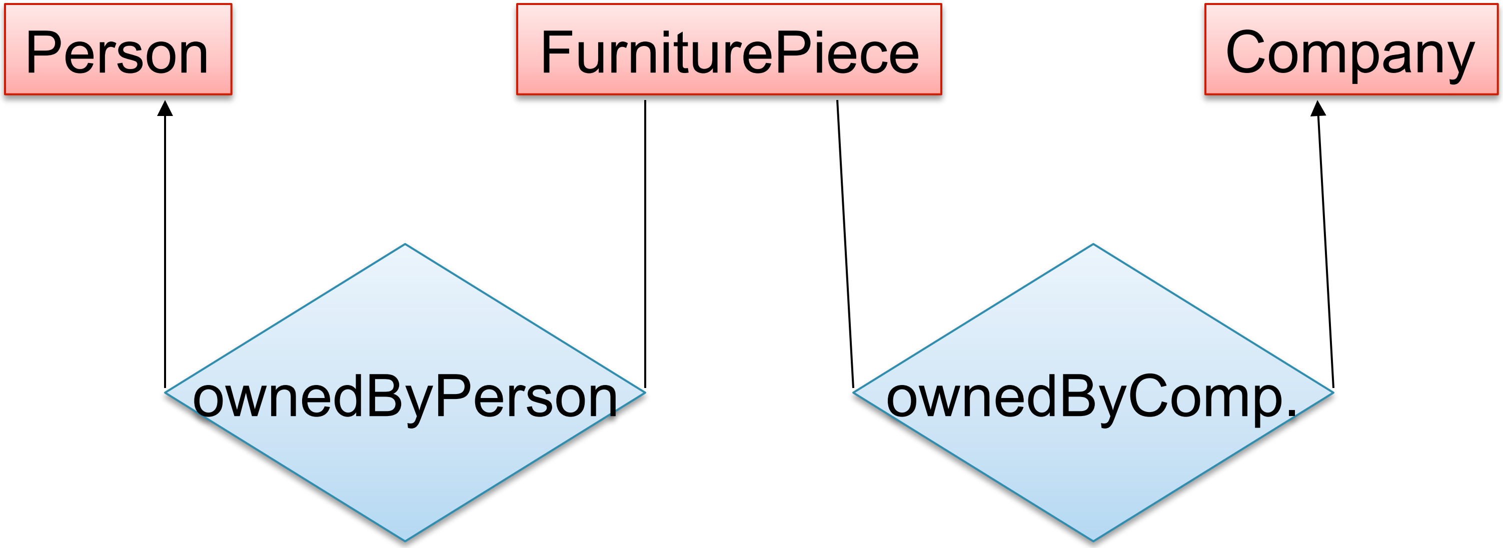
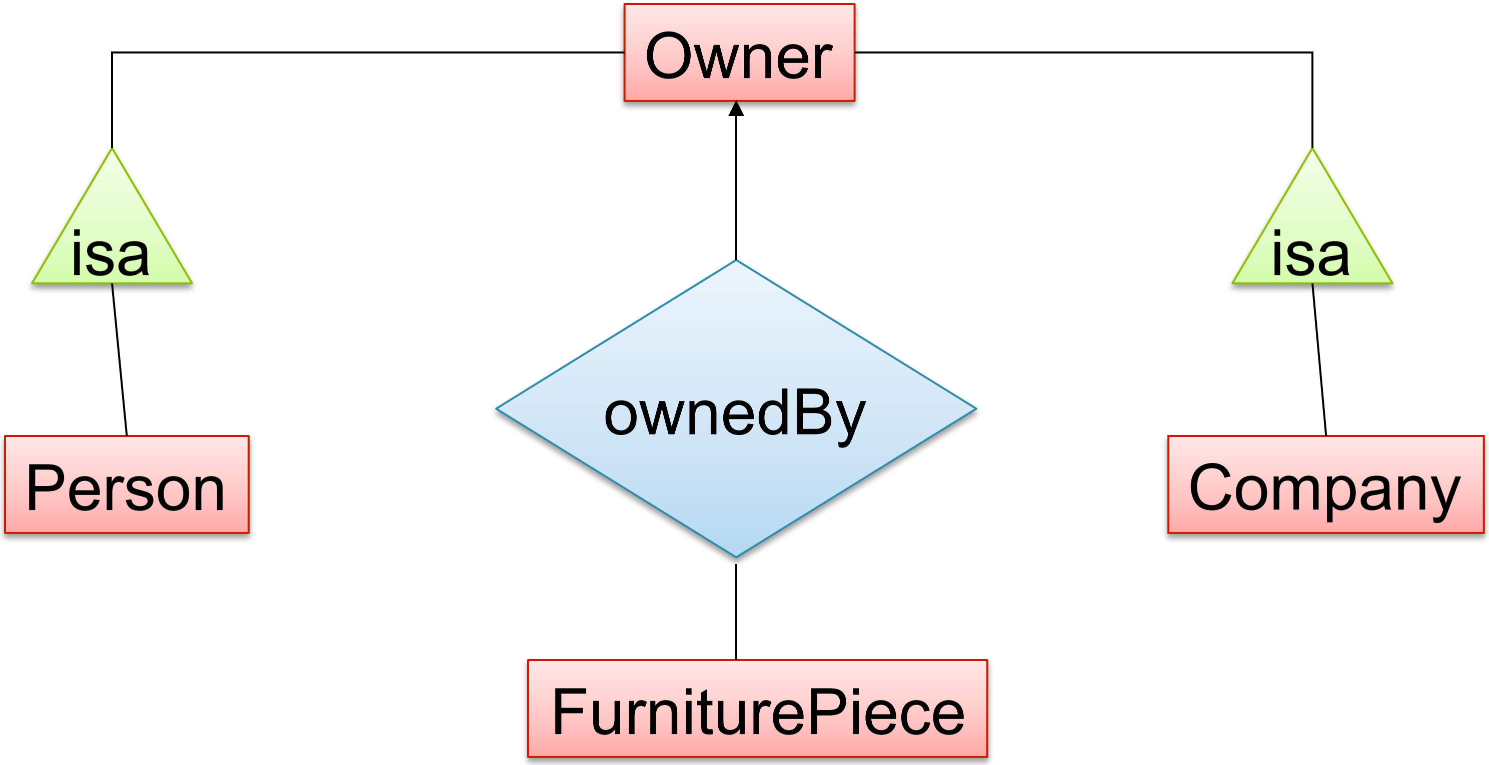
Solution 1. Acceptable but imperfect (What's wrong ?)



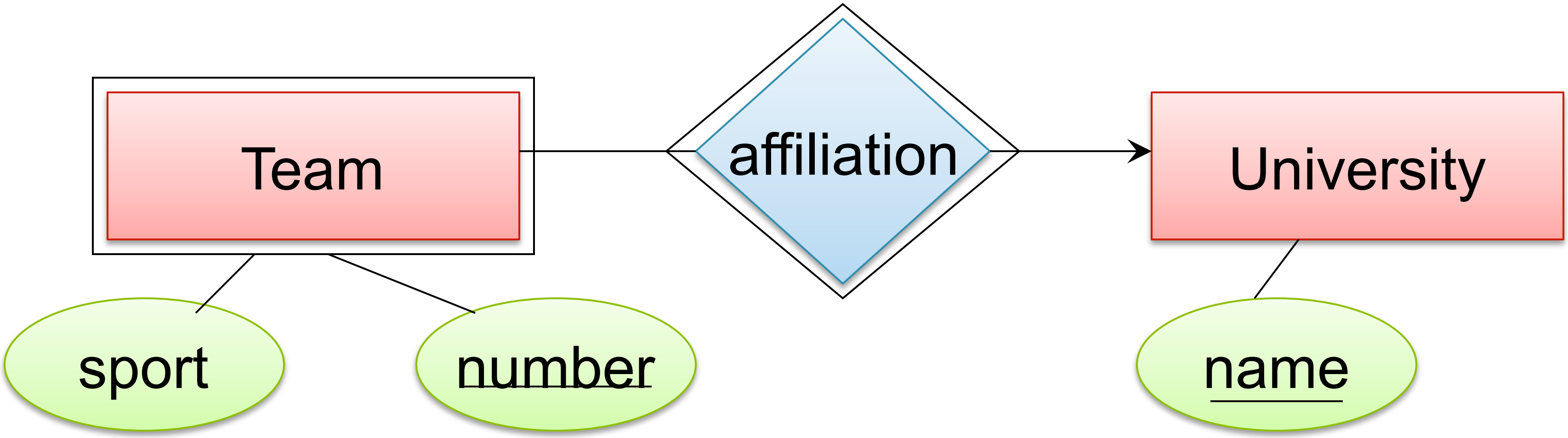
Modeling Union Types with Subclasses

Solution 2: better, more laborious



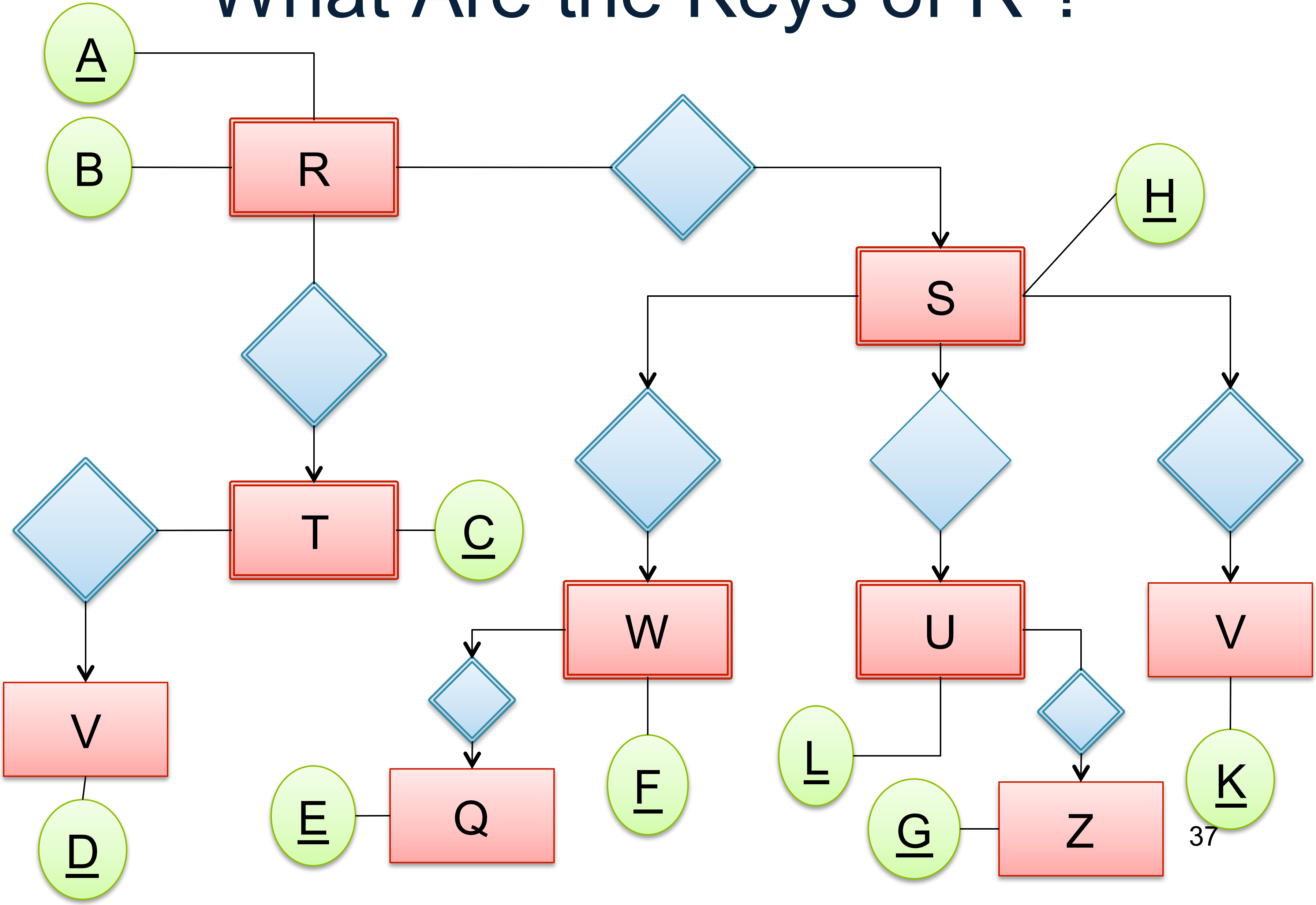
Weak Entity Sets

Entity sets are weak when their key comes from other classes to which they are related.



Team(sport, number, universityName)
University(name)

What Are the Keys of R ?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