

# CS 5530



Database Systems  
Spring 2020

*Entity Relationship Model*

# Announcements

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- Office hours:
  - Mon - Thurs: 2:15p – 3:15p
- CADE help hours posted

# Keys

- Remember: keys define the data, not the other way around
  - Sometimes (like in HW), we give backwards exercises

# Keys

- In general, we can not infer keys from instance

$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$
x	4	q
y	4	p
x	3	x
<i>b</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>a</i>

- Keys apply to **all possible instances**

# Foreign Key

- **Foreign Key:**

- Attribute whose values are a key in another table
- Think of it as a “pointer”

{ a, b }

{ a }

{ b }

Key



Students

sID	Name	GPA
1	Harry	3.5
2	Hermione	4.0
3	Ron	4.0
4	Malfoy	3.9

Foreign  
Key



Enrolled

sID	cID	Grade
4	CS3810	B-
3	CS4400	A-
2	CS6016	A+
2	CS3500	A+

A	B	C
1	X	
1	Y	
2	X	

$\{A, B\}$

$\{A\}$

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  - Who accesses it, and how?

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- Using Entity-Relationship (ER) model

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  - In both cases, that would be a bad idea



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- There is a mechanical (algorithmic) translation to the final result

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- For the remainder of today, **forget about tables!**

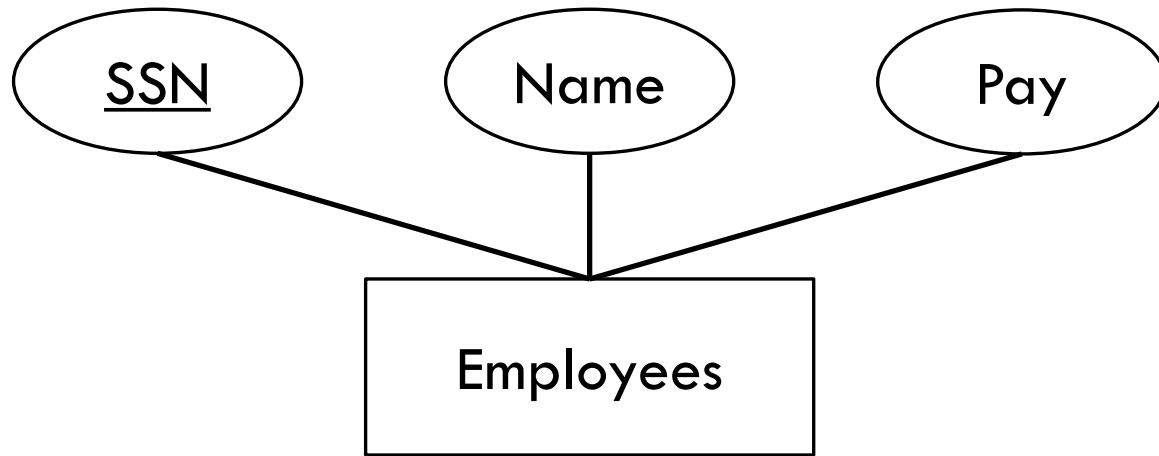
# Entity

- A real-world object, distinguishable from other entities
  - {u0123456, "Danny" }
- An entity is described by a set of **attributes**
  - (uID string, name string)

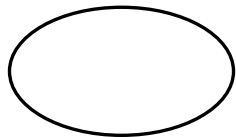
# Entity Set

- A collection of entities of the same type, e.g.
  - All students
  - All buildings
  - All people
- All entities in the set have the same attributes
- An entity set has a key *attribute*

# ER Diagram



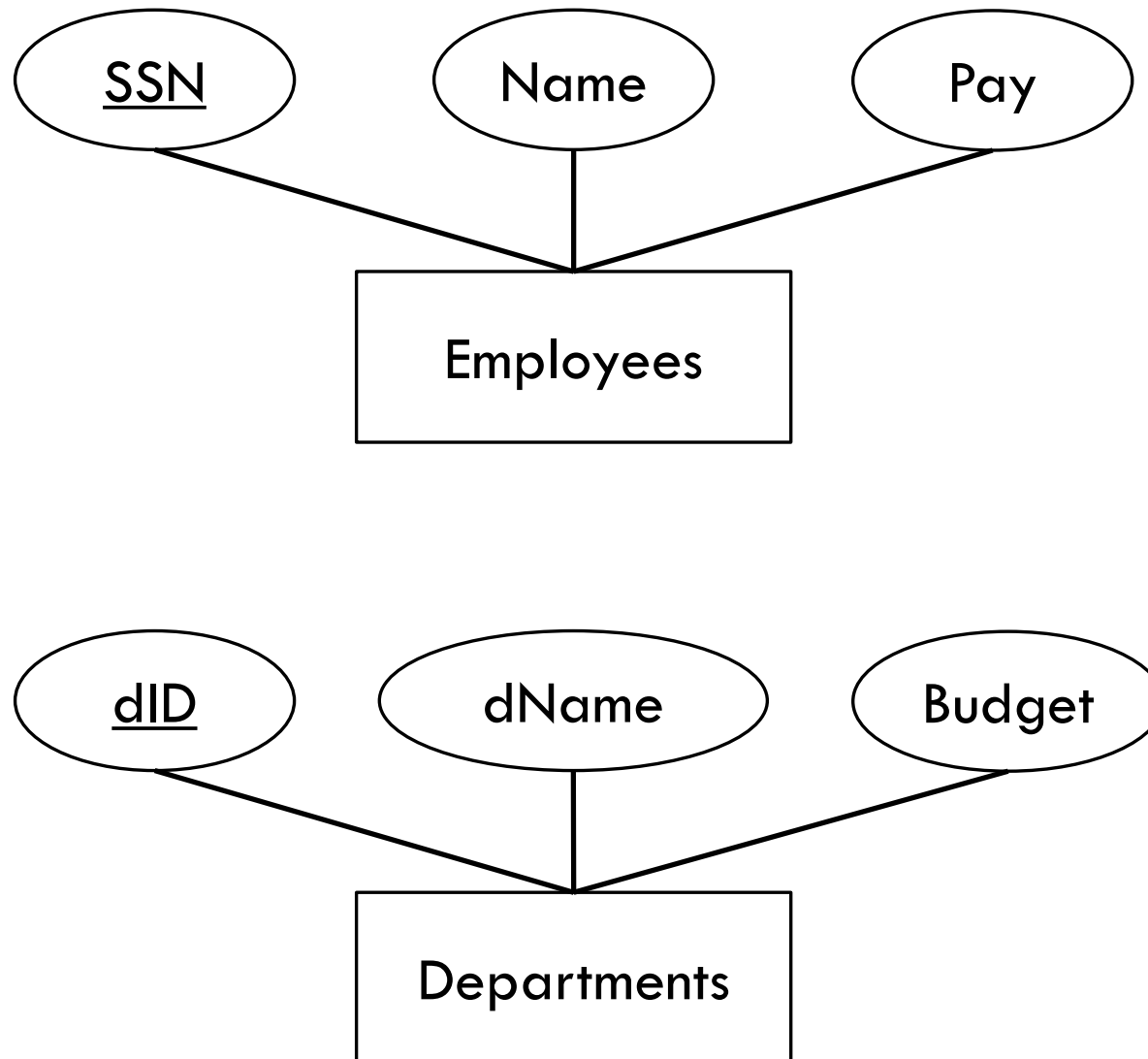
= entity set



= attribute

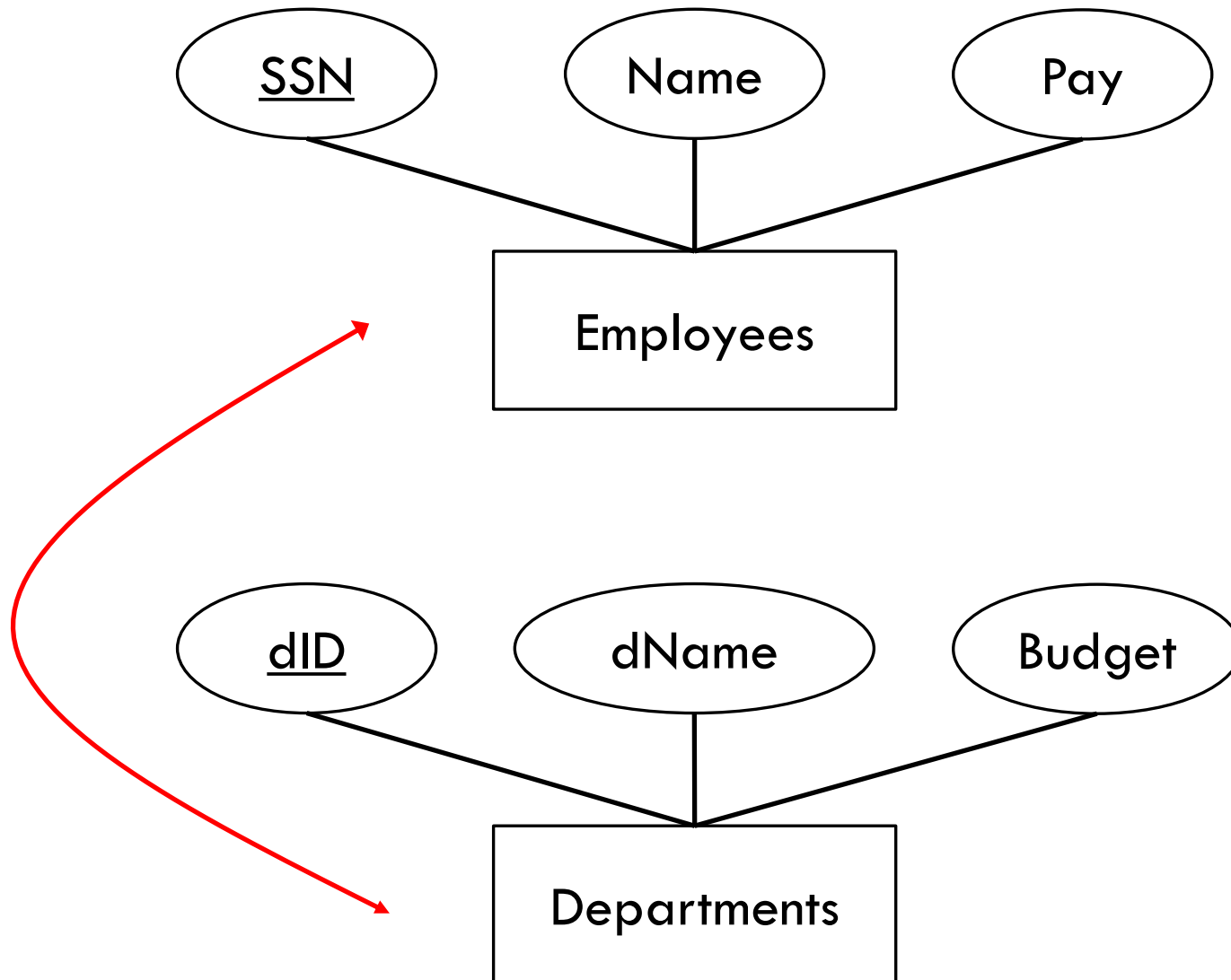
underline = part of primary key

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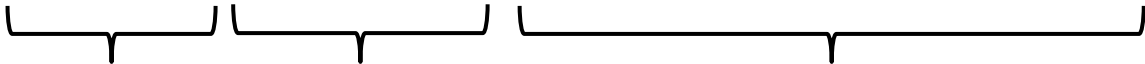
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What about  
relationships?





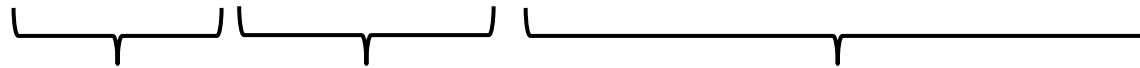
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- Relationship Set:

- Set of relationships between entities of same type
  - e.g. **works in** relates **Employees** to **Departments**


# Relationship Attributes

- Relationships can have attributes as well:

- Danny works in SoC since 2010  
attribute

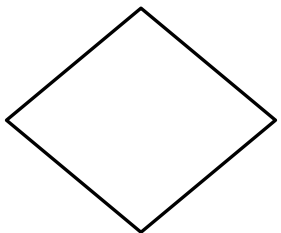
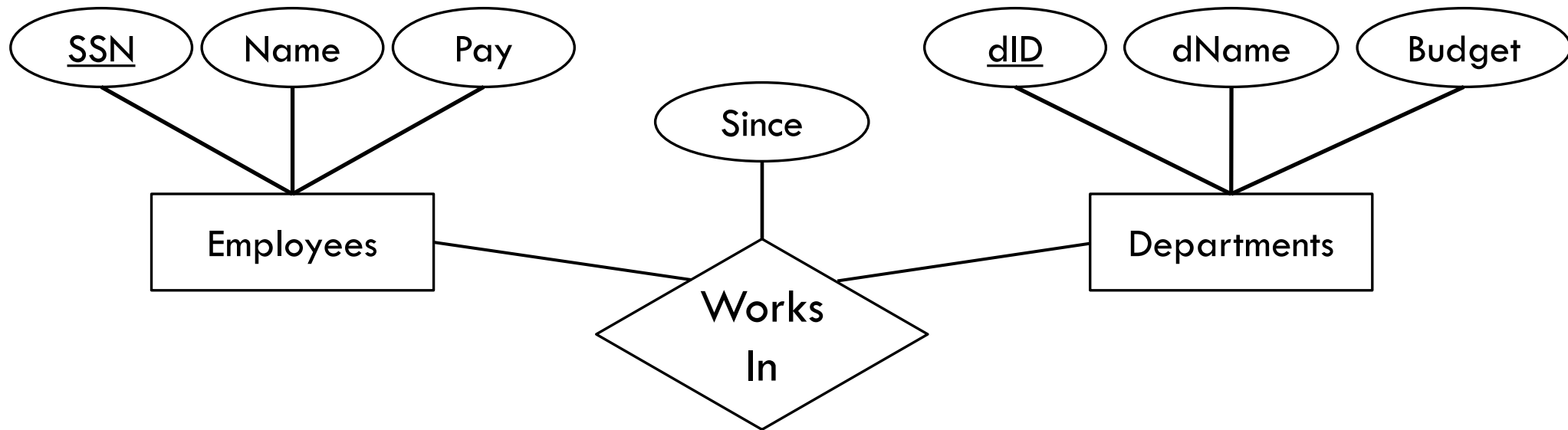
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A diagram illustrating the relationship 'works in' between 'Danny' and 'SoC'. The phrase 'works in' is highlighted in blue. A bracket under 'since 2010' (highlighted in red) is connected by a line to the word 'attribute' below it. Another line points from the word 'attribute' to the blue 'works in' text.

- Starting date does not belong to Danny or SoC
  - It belongs to the relationship

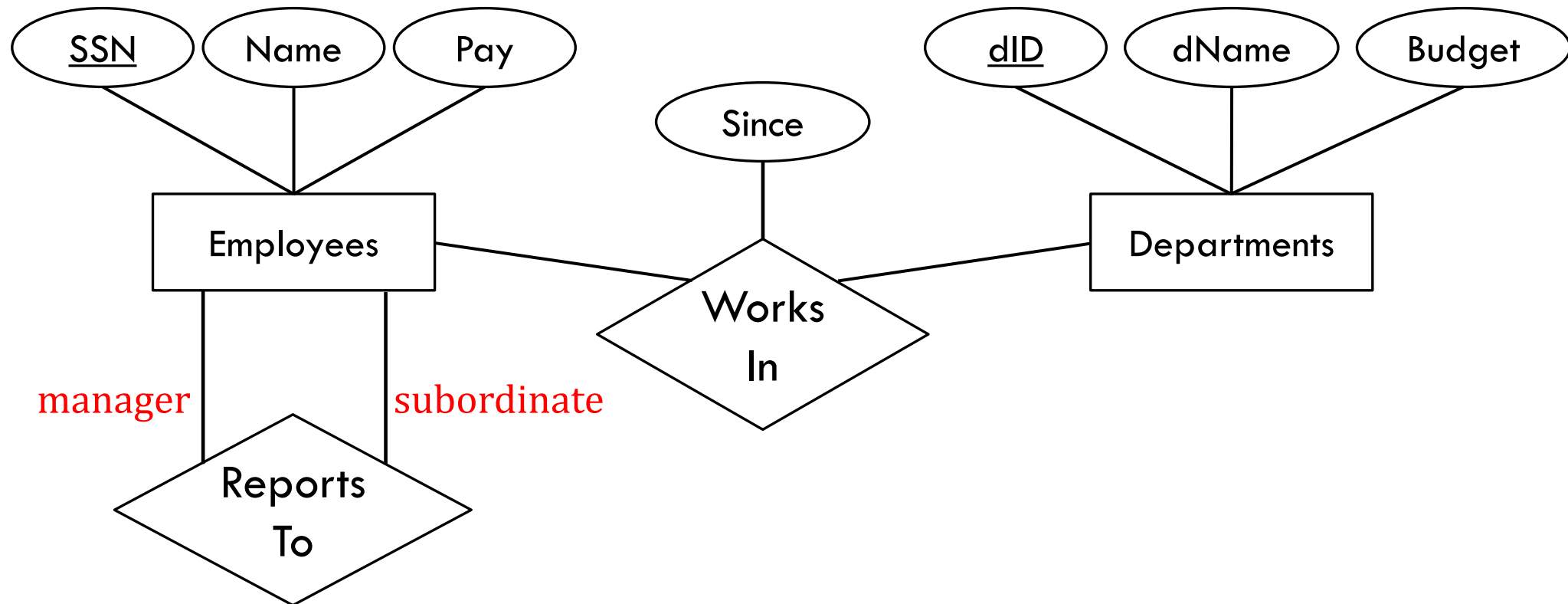
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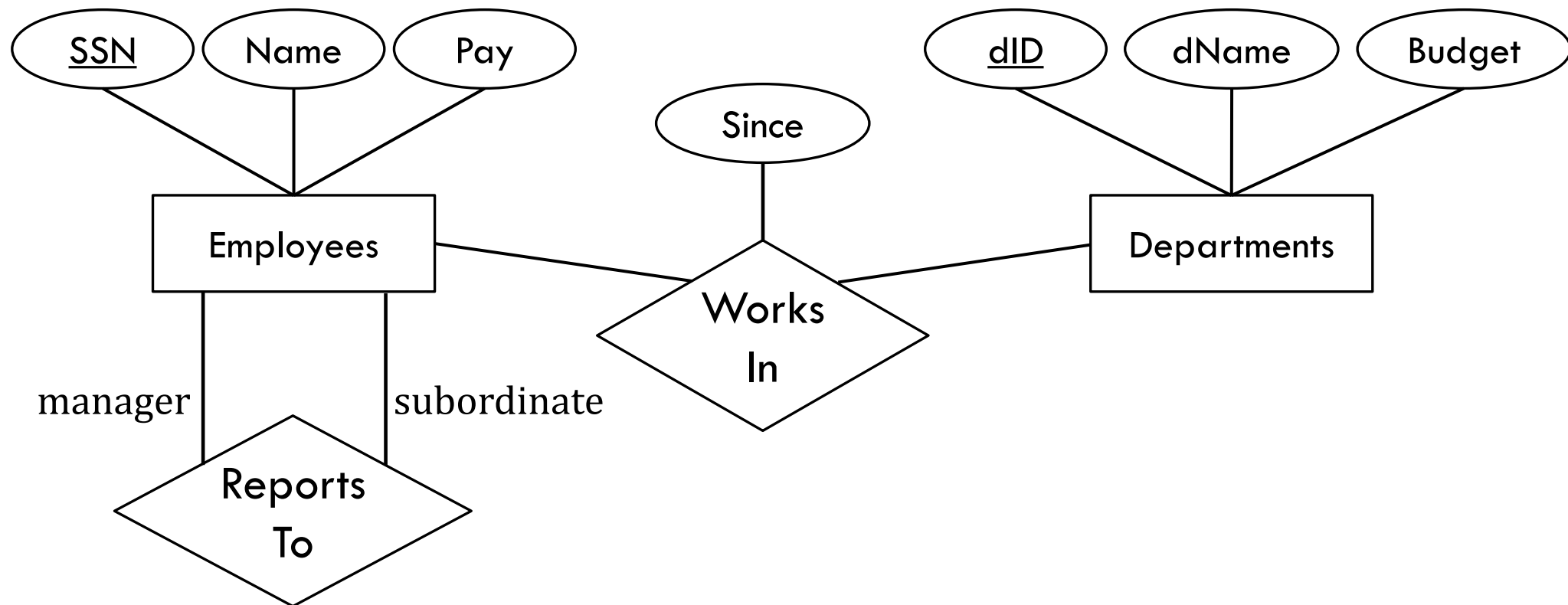
= relationship set

relationship sets do not need a primary key

# Inter-Relationship

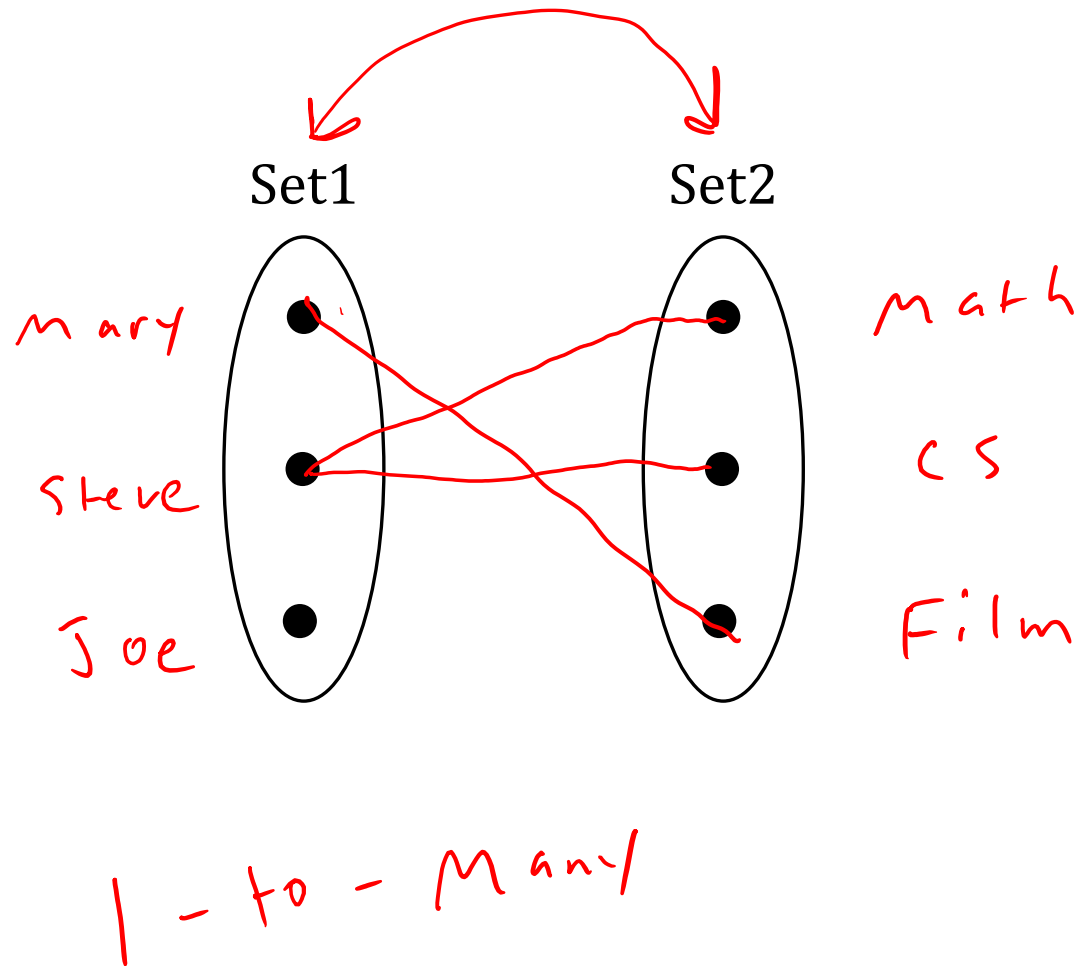


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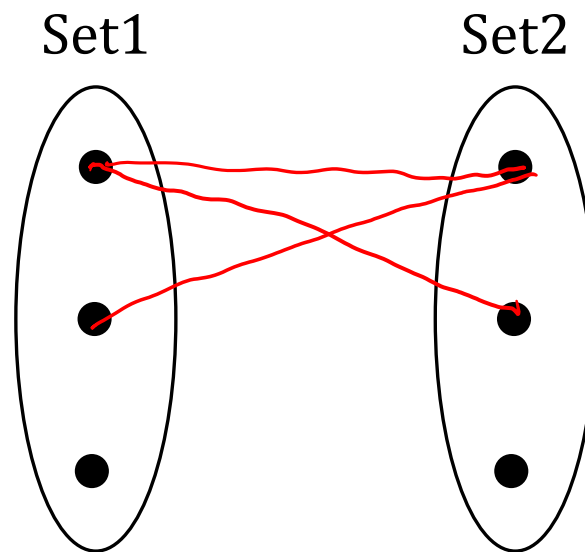
- Can an employee work in multiple departments?
- Can a department have multiple employees?

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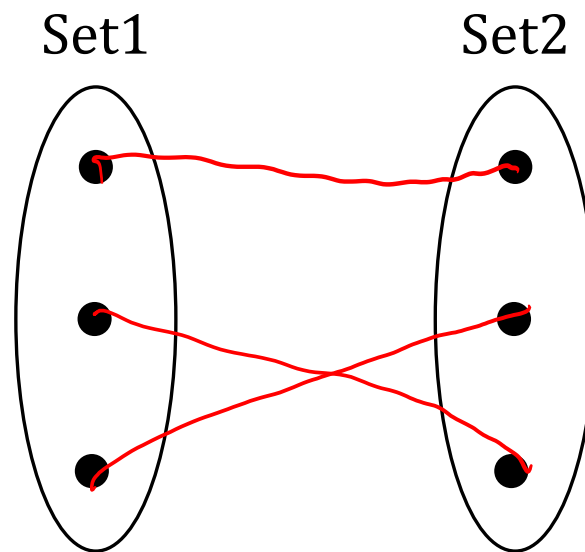


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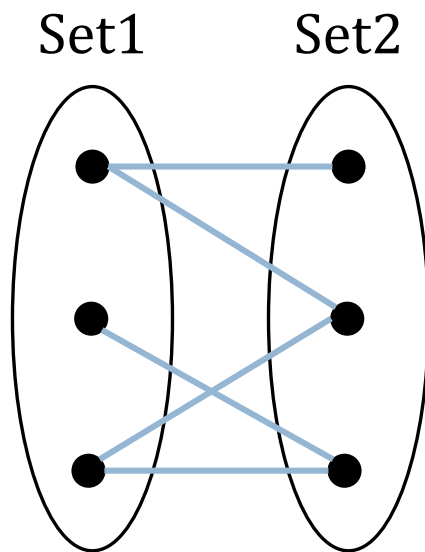
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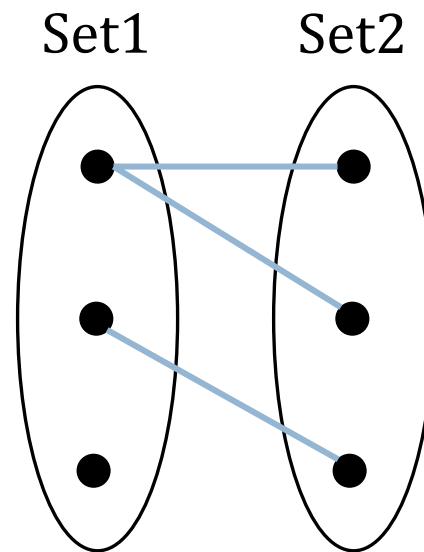


1 - to - 1

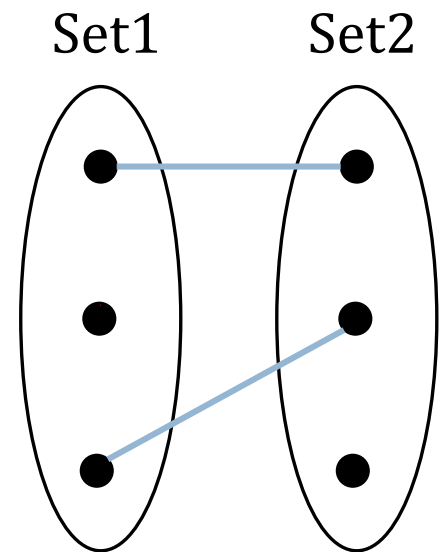
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Many-to-Many



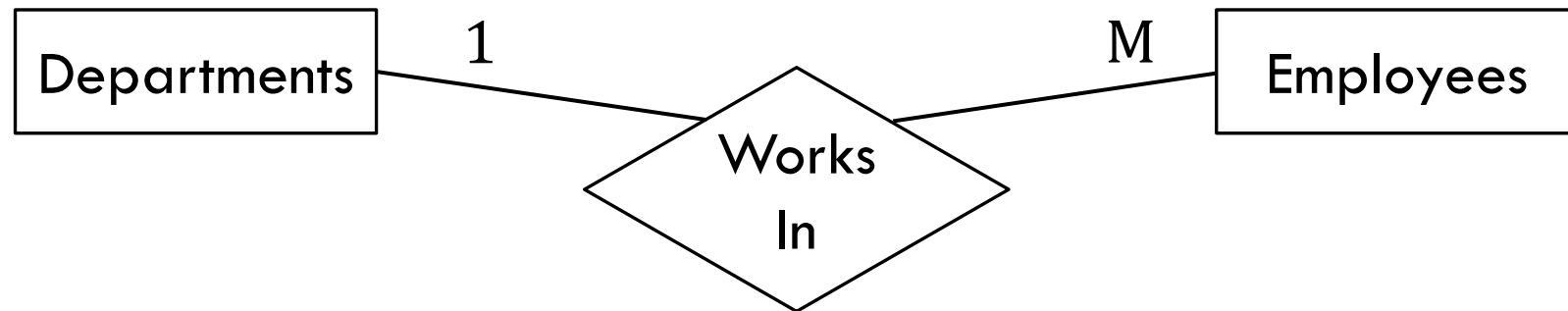
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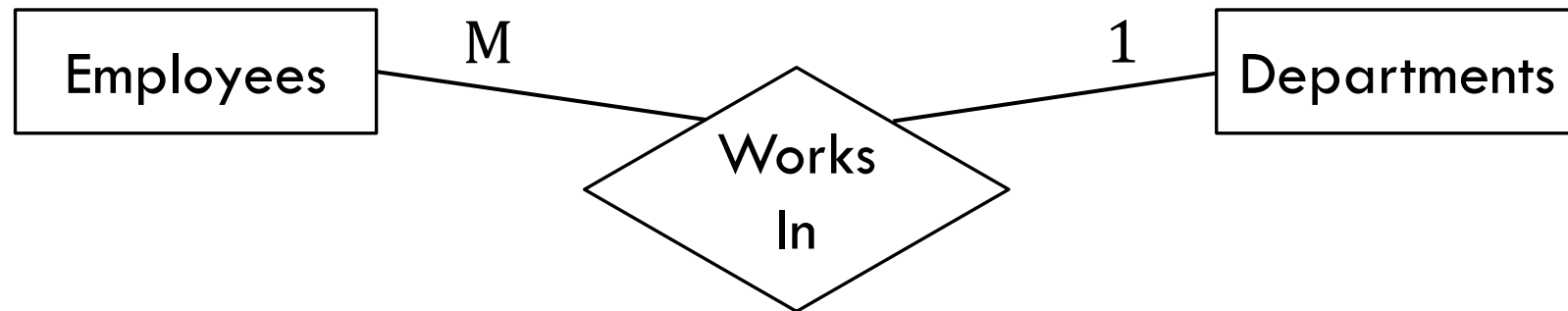
- Annotate opposite edge of relationship with cardinality



- “A department can have many employees, and an employee can work for one department”
  - 1-to-Many

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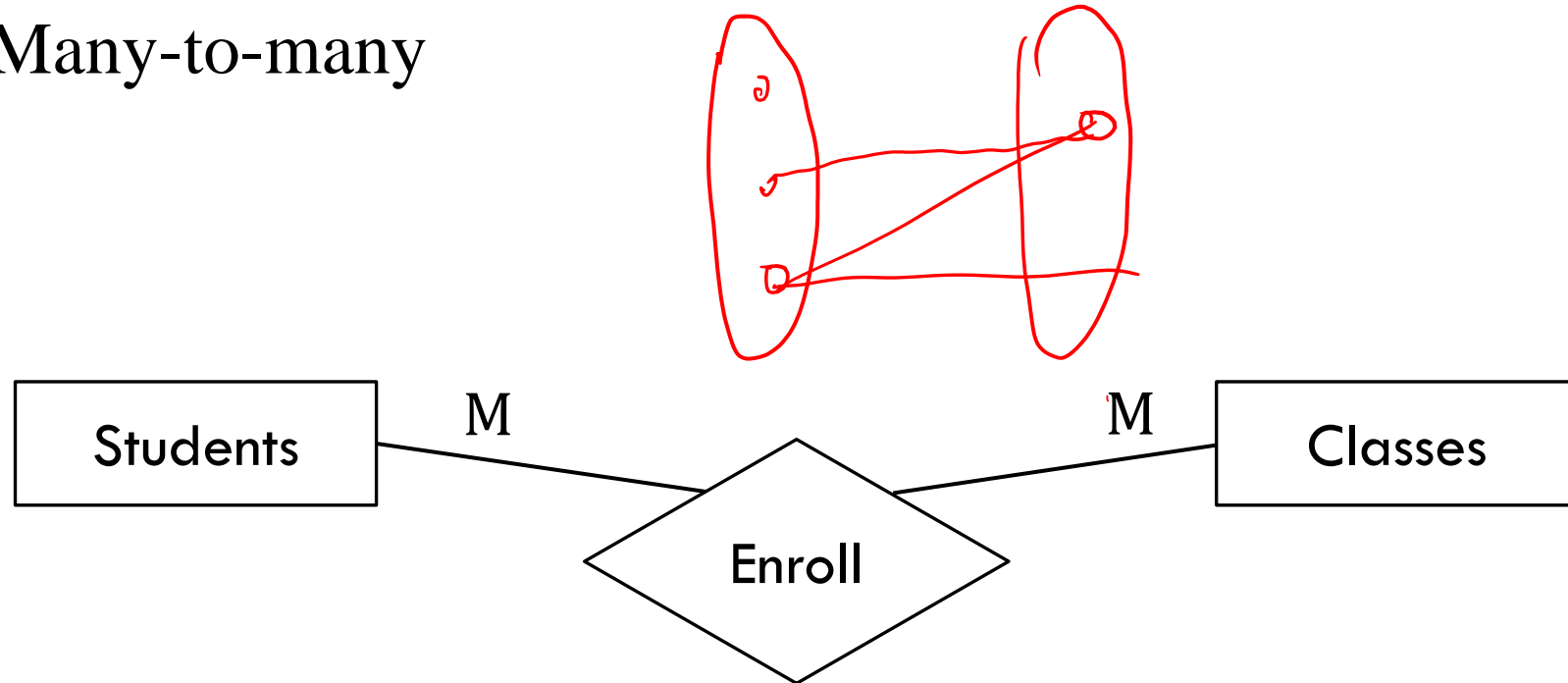
- They can be drawn in either direction
  - Still call it 1-to-M



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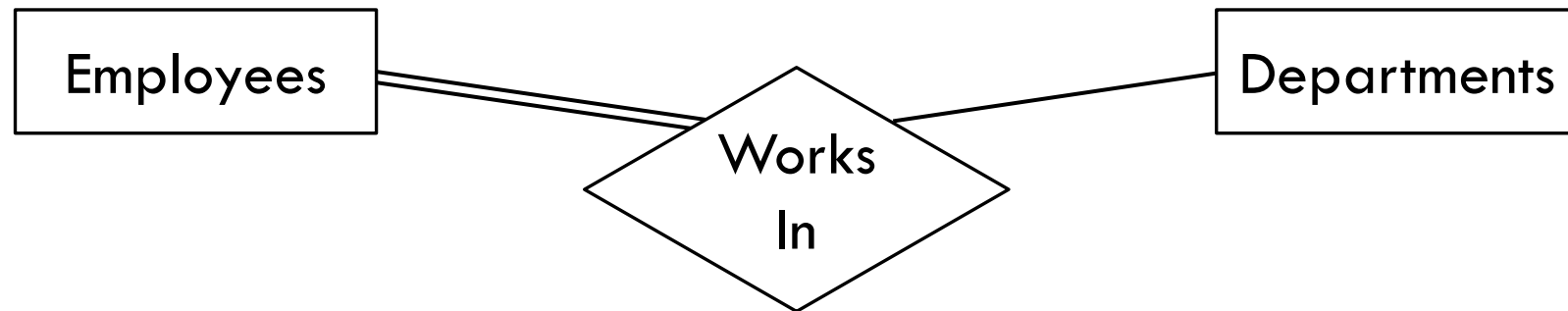
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- “A student can take multiple classes, and a class can have multiple students”
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# Participation Constraint

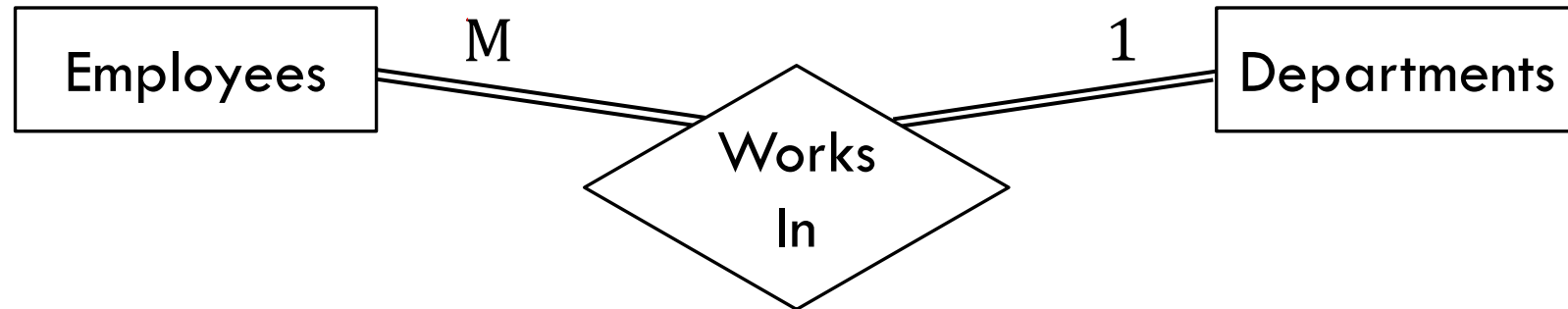
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- “An employee must work in a department, but a department does not necessarily have any employees”

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- Bold line indicates all entities in the set *must* participate
  - At least once

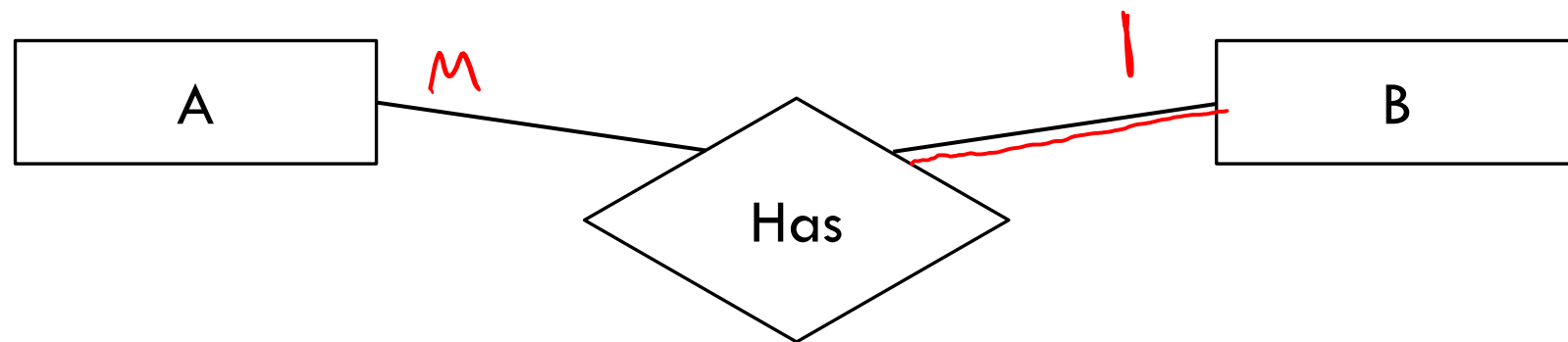


- “An employee must work in **one** department, and a department must have **at least** one employee”



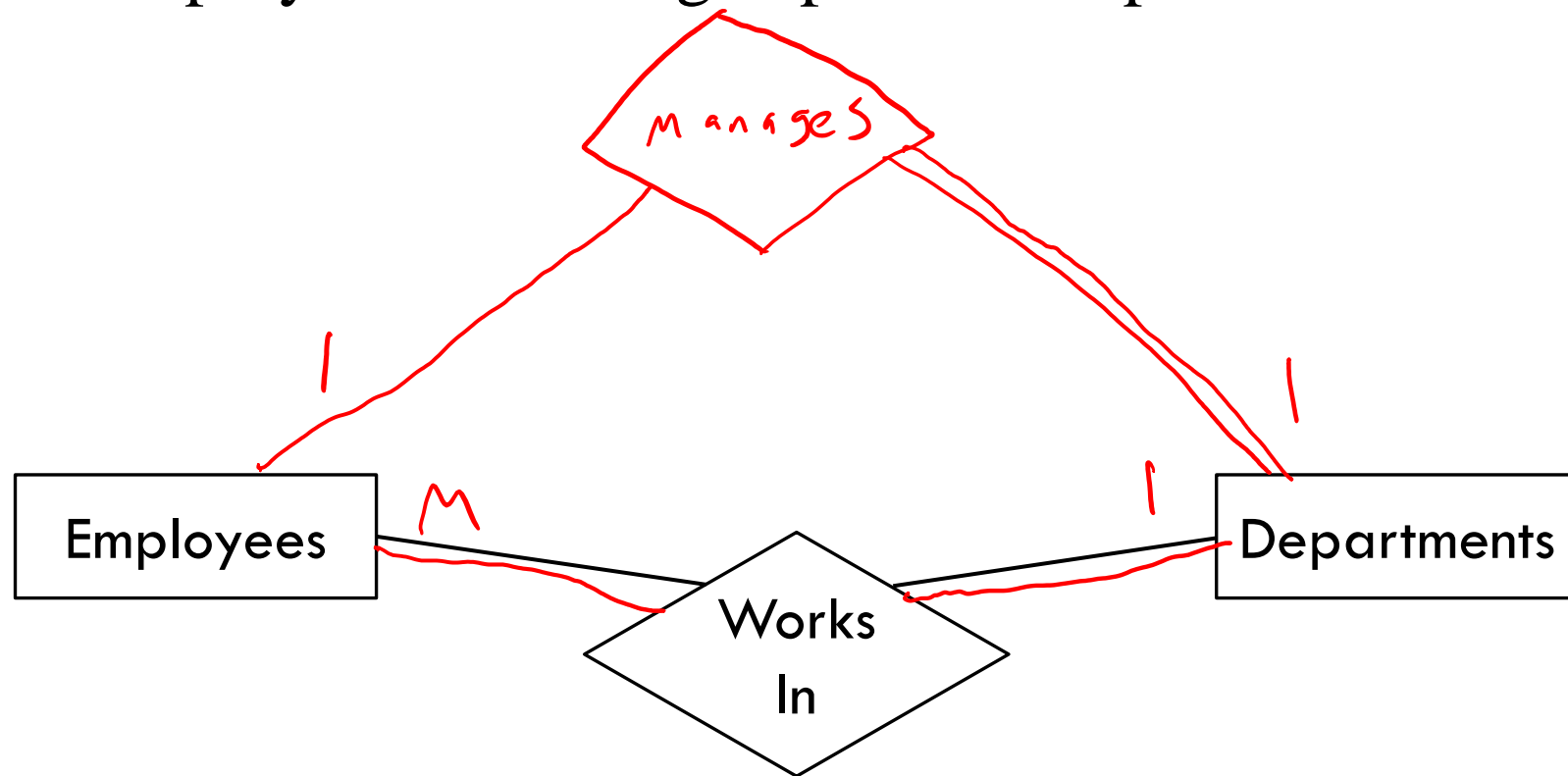
# Practice – Annotate Diagram

- An **A** has at most one **B**
- A **B** has *at least one* **A**



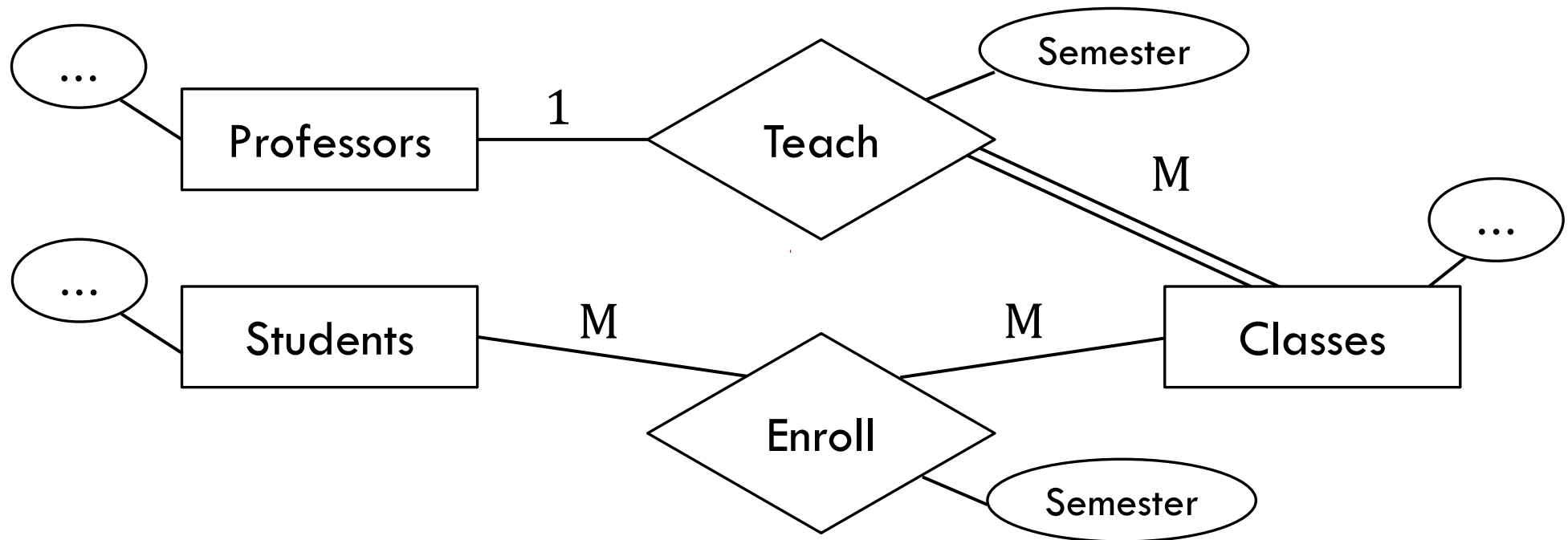
# Practice

- A department has at least one employee
- An employee works for exactly one department
- A department has exactly one manager
- An employee can manage up to one department



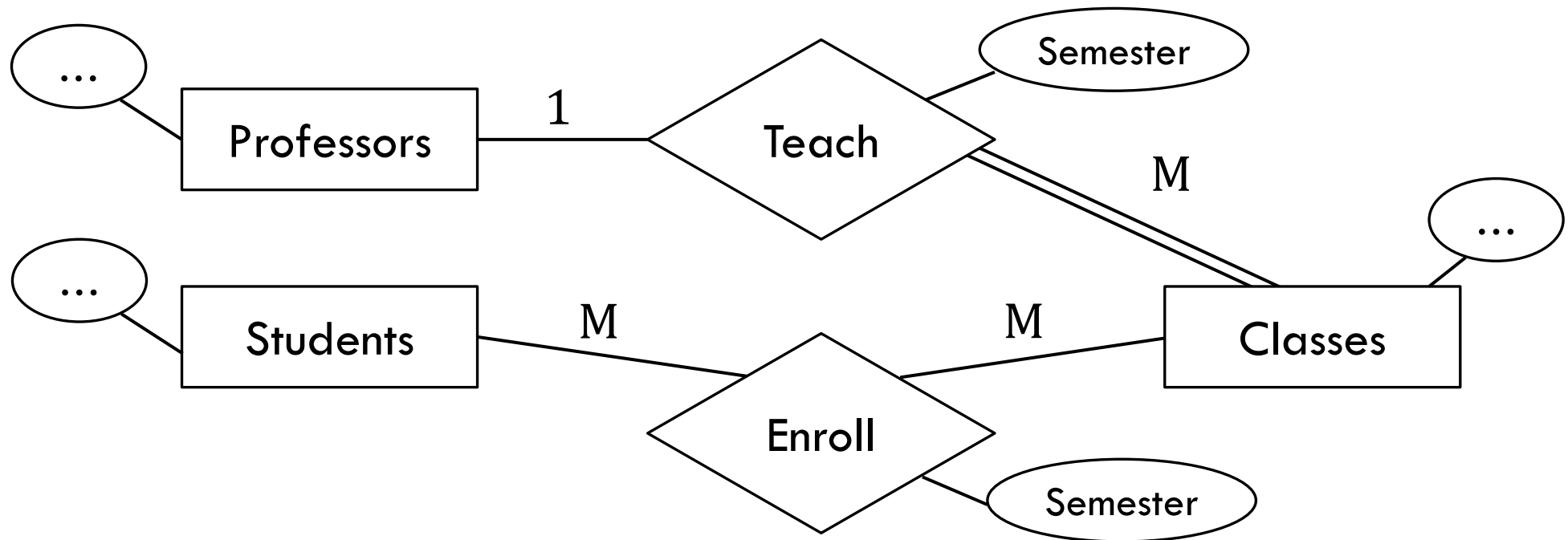
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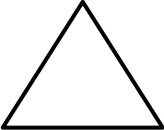
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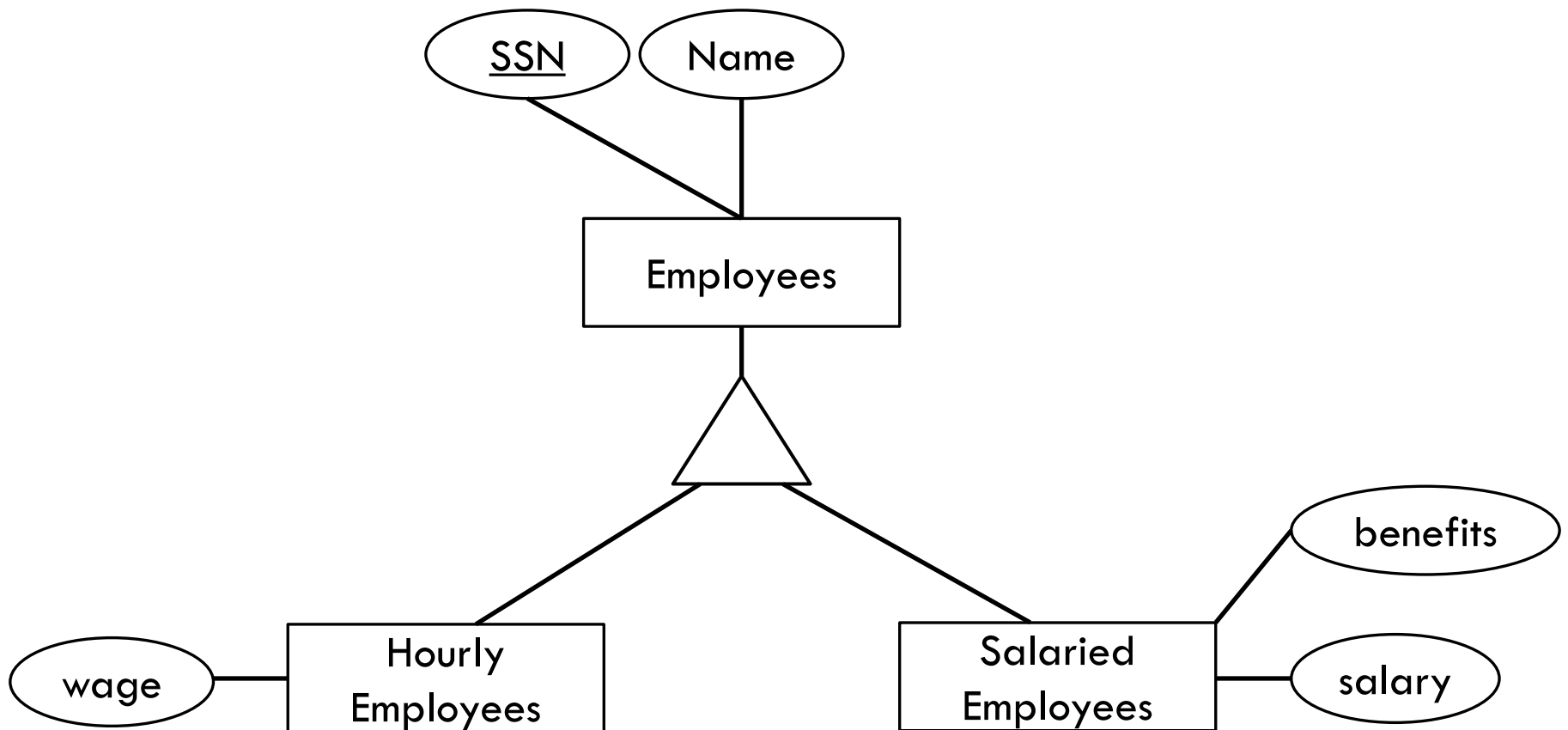
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- HourlyEmployee “IS-A” Employee

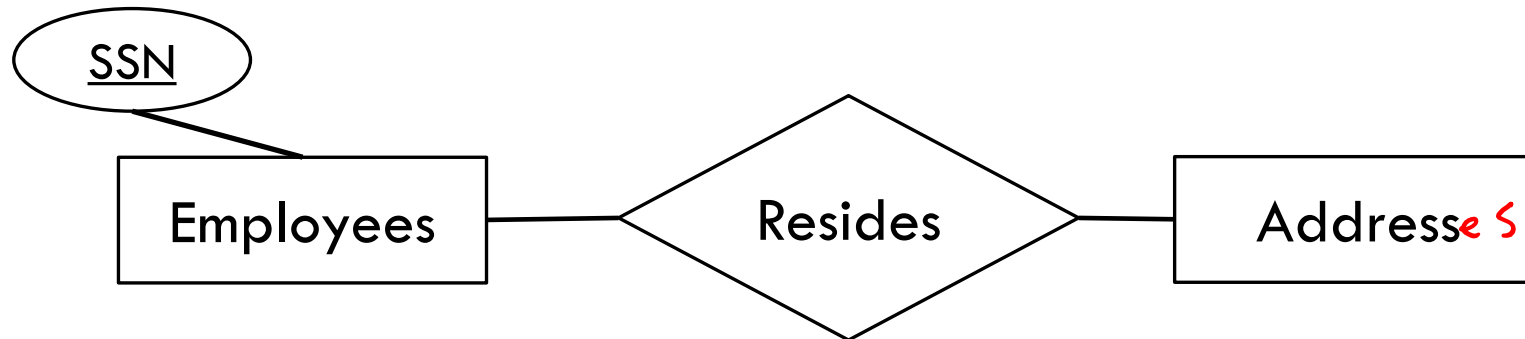
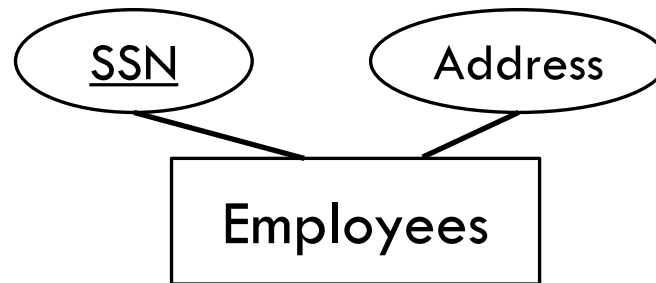
# “IS-A”

 = IS-A



# Entity or Attribute?

- Am employee has an address





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- It's usually obvious:
  - A student is an entity
  - A student ID is **not** an entity

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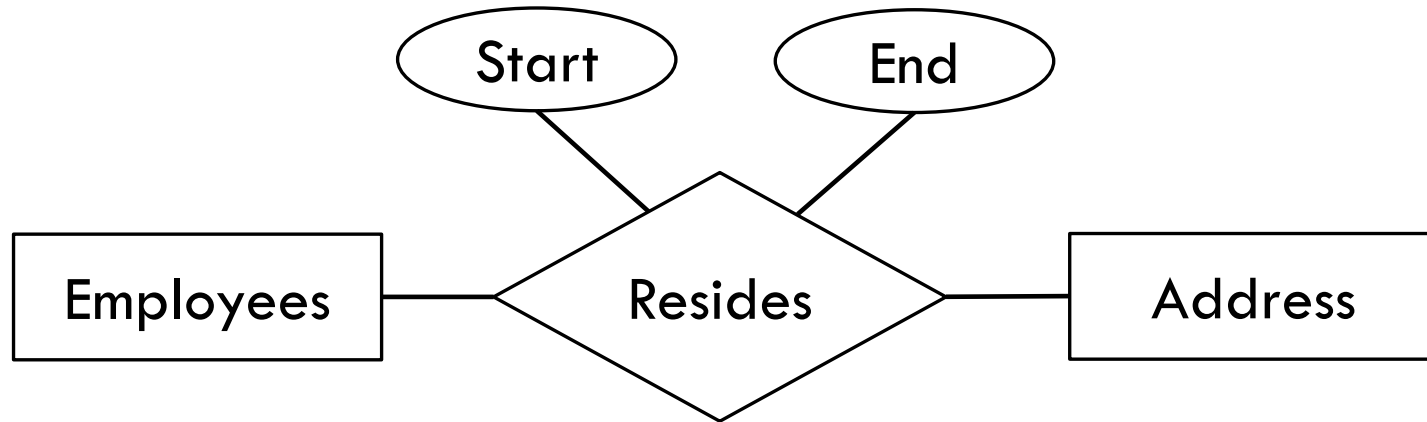
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  - But not always!

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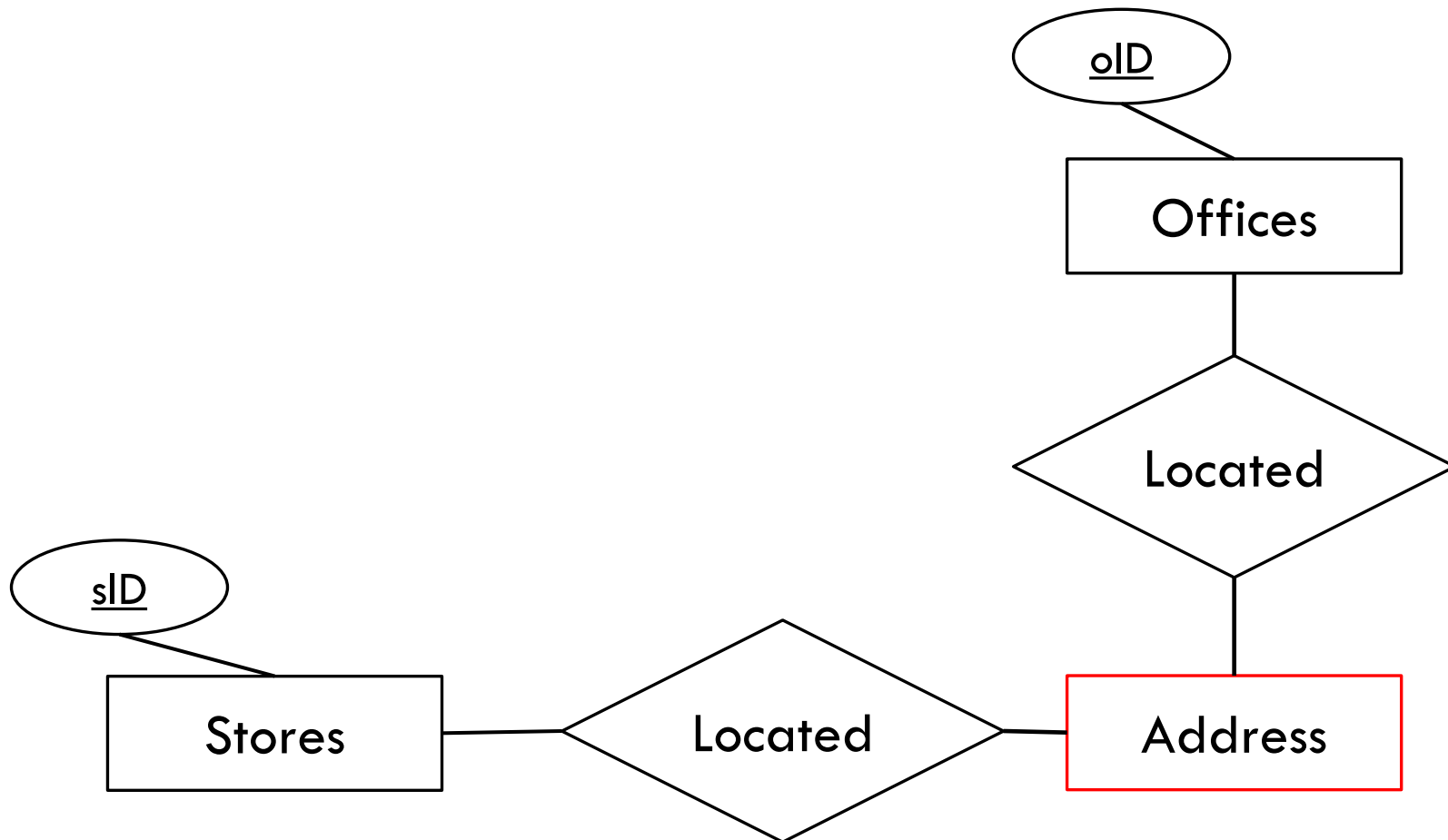
- Track full residence history



- Now an employee can have multiple addresses

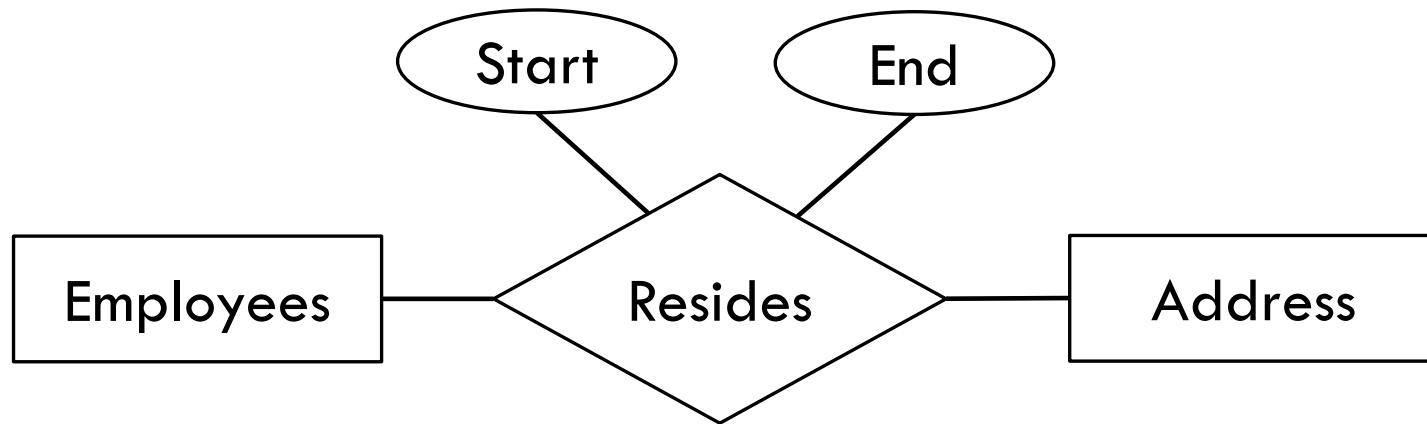
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- A company has retail locations and office locations



# Ponder

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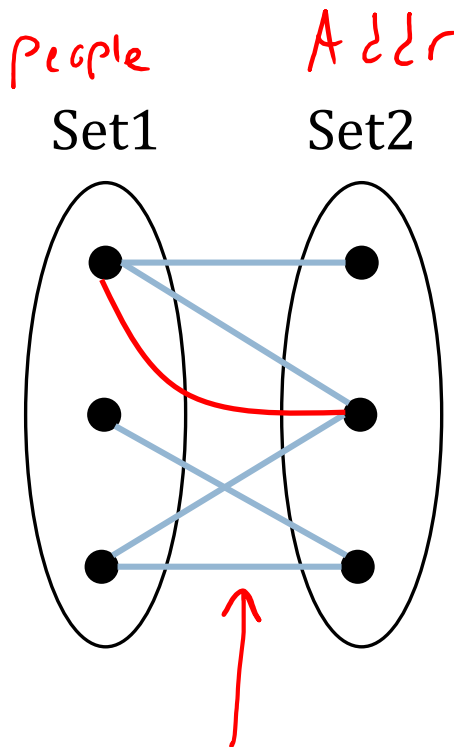
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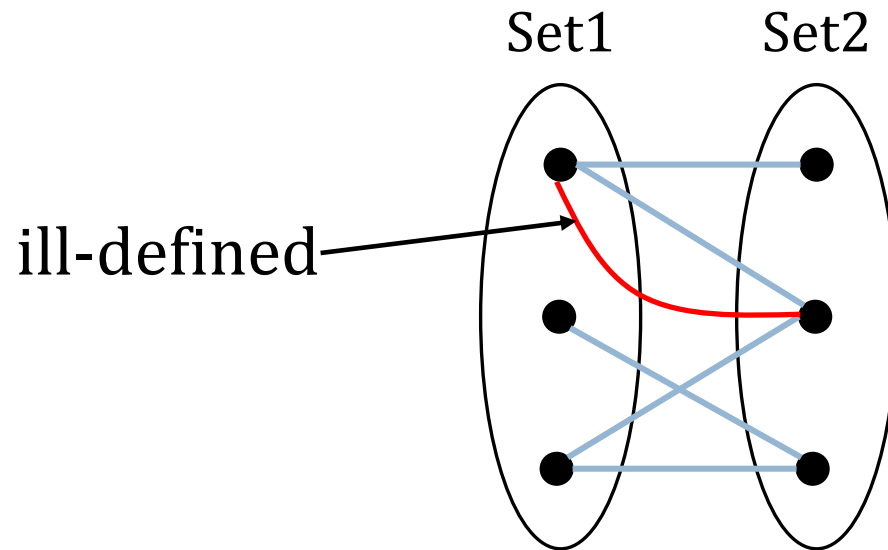
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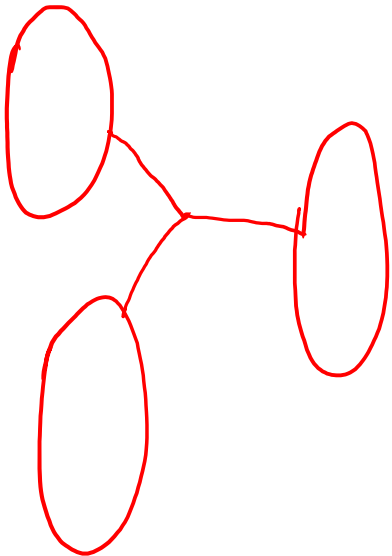
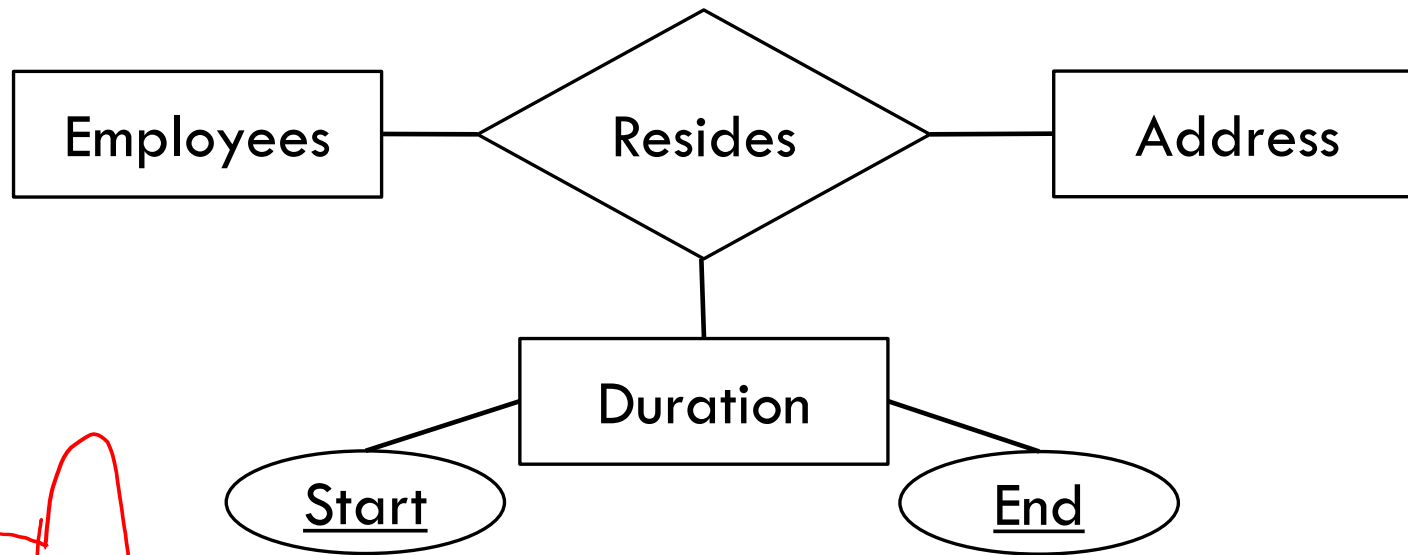
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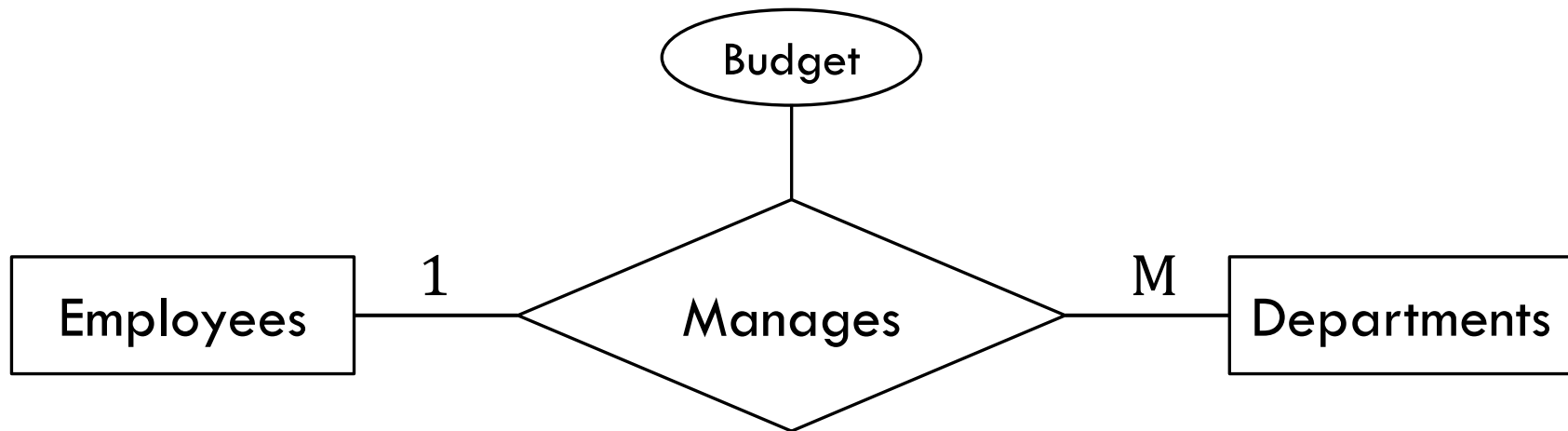
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# Ternary Relationship



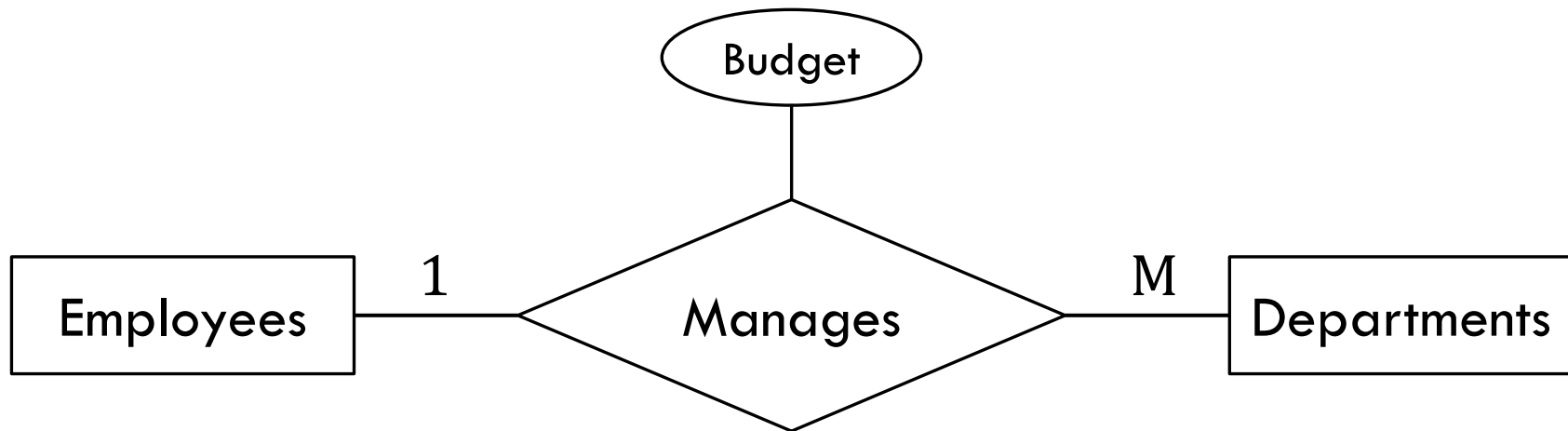
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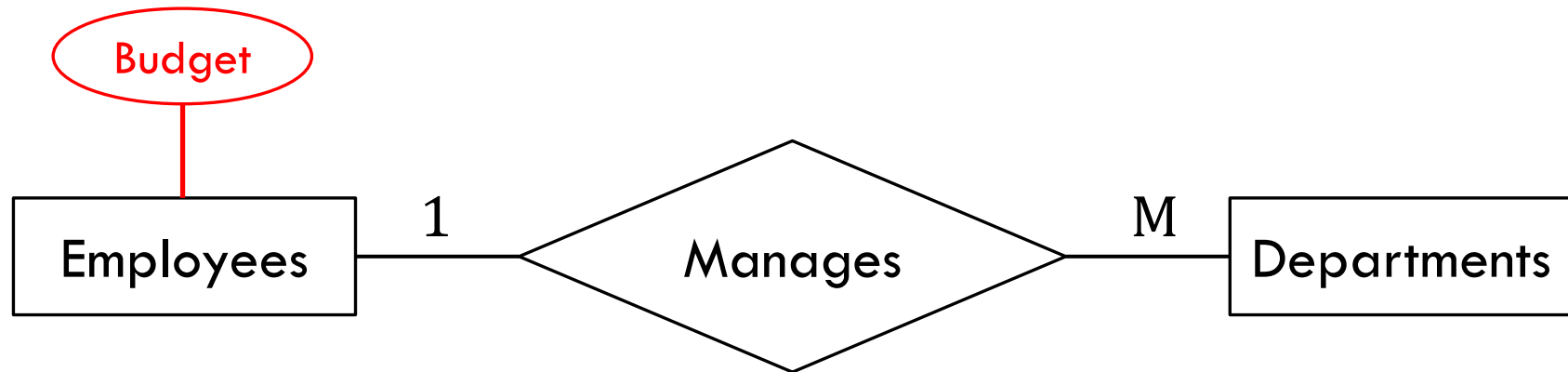
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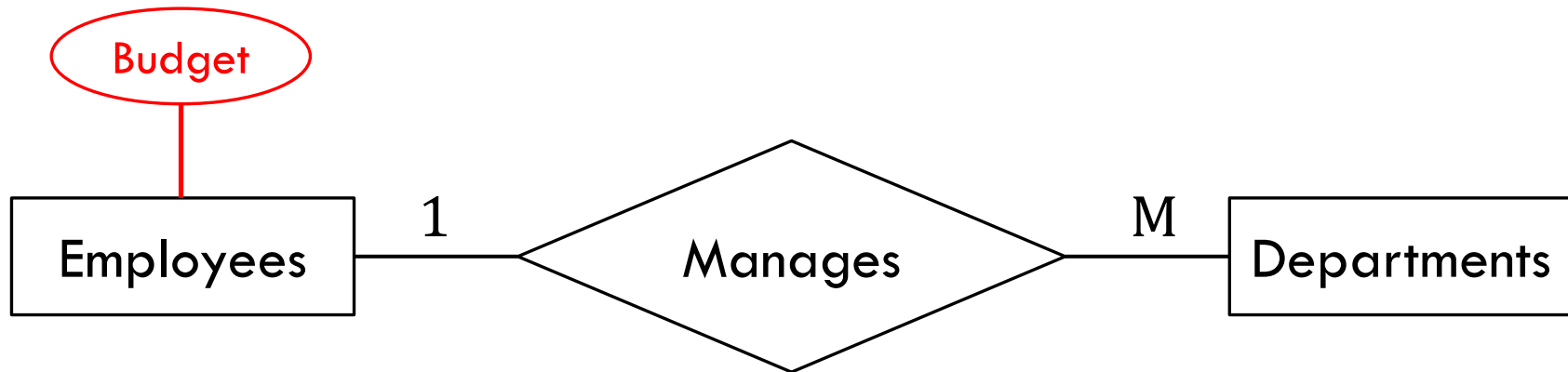
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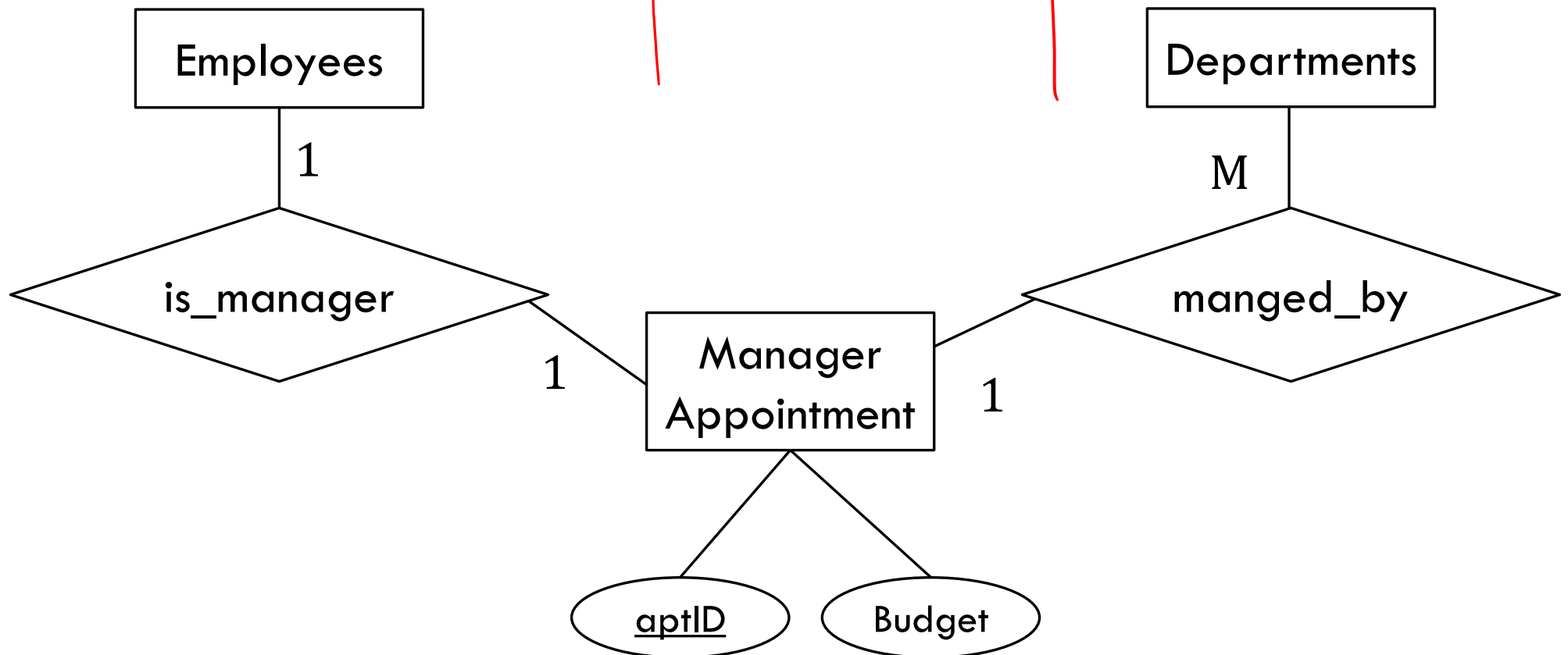


- **What we need:** an “entity” that defines a management roll

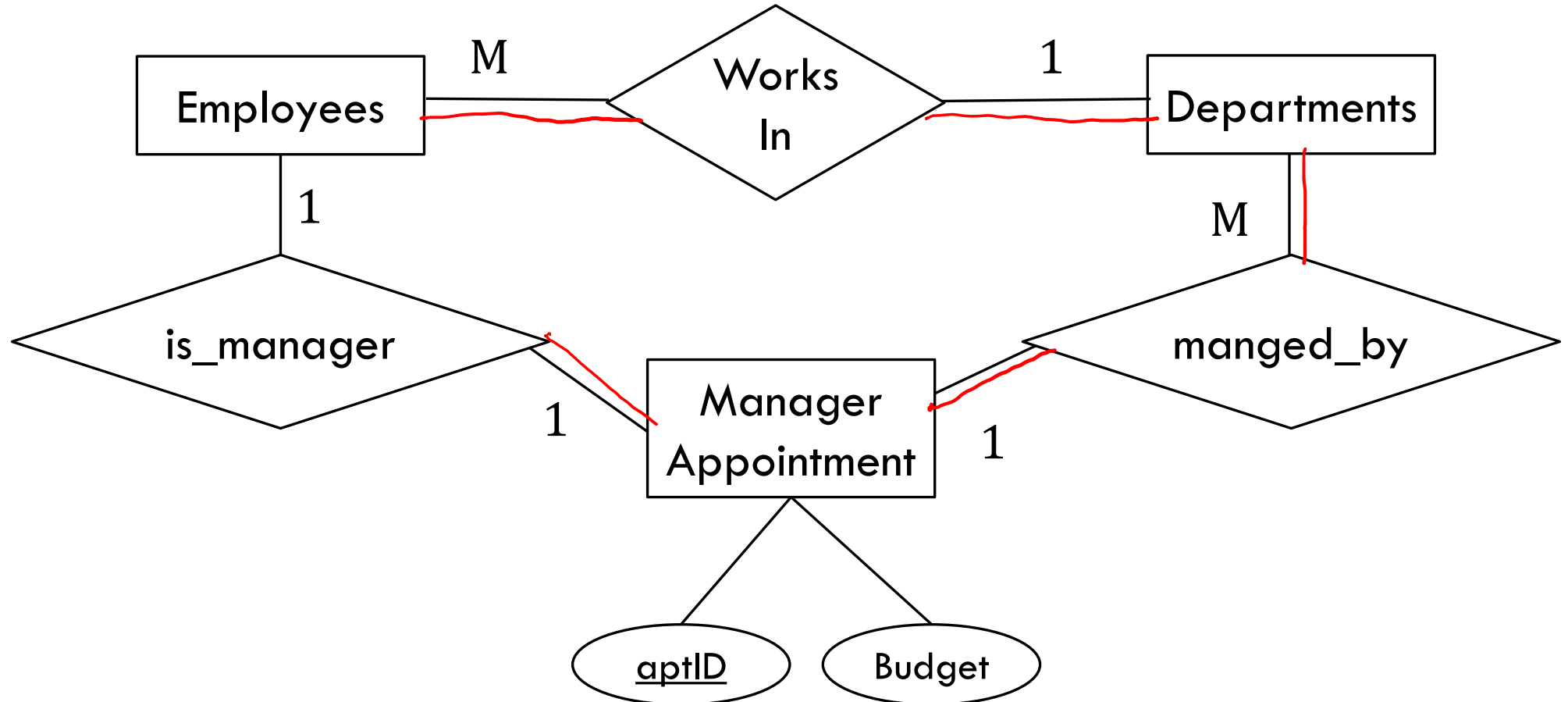


# Appointment Entity

Steve  $\rightarrow (1, 10K) \rightarrow CS$   
 $\rightarrow math$



# Annotate



# ER Diagram Notations

- There are lots of different notations
- We will use **Chen notation** (what we studied today)

# Try it Out

- Good options

- draw.io – free!
- lucidchart – better, but not free

- Working options

- Powerpoint
- Illustrator
- MS Paint