

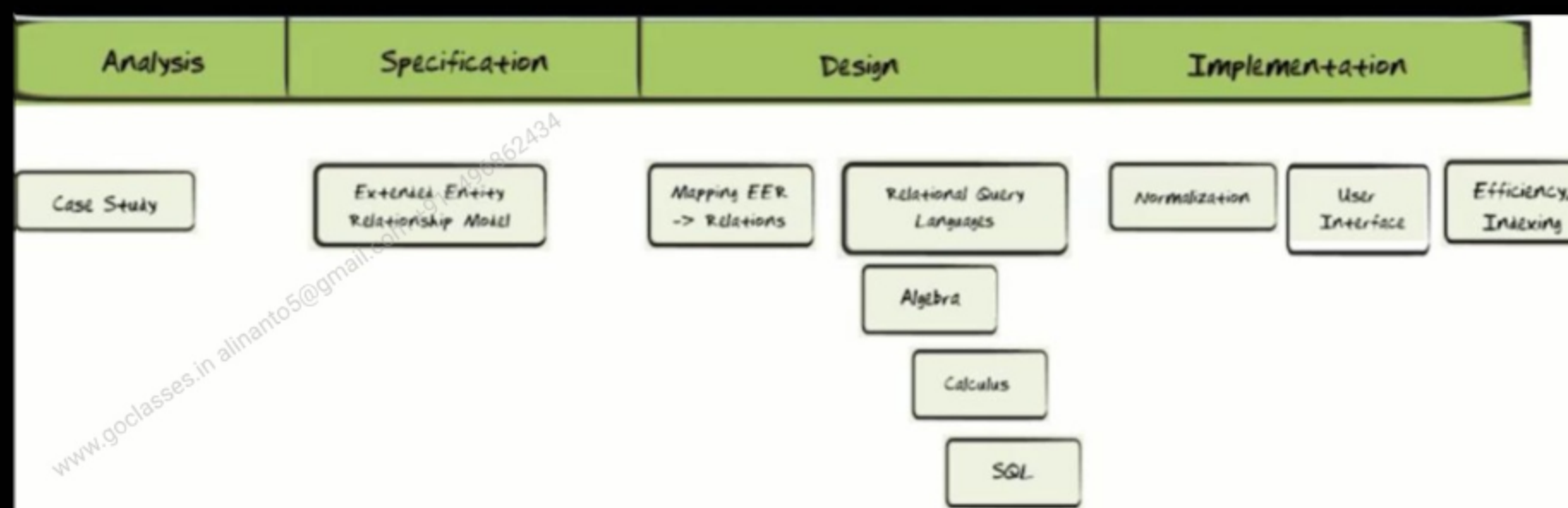
ER Model → Design Process ③

- Requirement Analysis
- Conceptual Design → ER Model
- Logical design → Relational Model

(Chen 1976)

→ NO DBMS slw on ER model → Conversion → why?

Why models? → Answer | examine | analyse → without the cost



Entity → definition, notation

Attribute → Attribute Name & Domain → What underline means → Primary key attribute

Entity-set → Collection of similar Entity → Same set of attributes (Named-unique)

→ Keys in ER Model & similarity to Relational Model

→ Cardinality of entity set

Relationships → Definition

→ Notation

→ Relationship set → similar relations btw same entity types

→ Named-unique

Formally, a relationship-set is a mathematical relation involving n entity-sets, $n \geq 2$

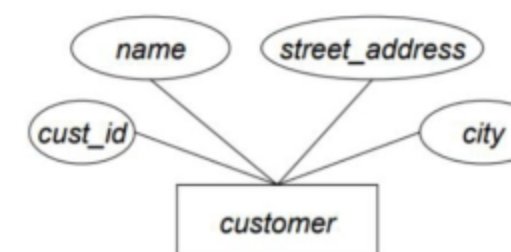
- $E_1, E_2, \dots, E_n$ are entity sets
- A relationship set R is a subset of: $\{(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \mid e_1 \in E_1, e_2 \in E_2, \dots, e_n \in E_n\}$
- $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n)$ is a relationship

→ Relationship attributes (Descriptive attributes)

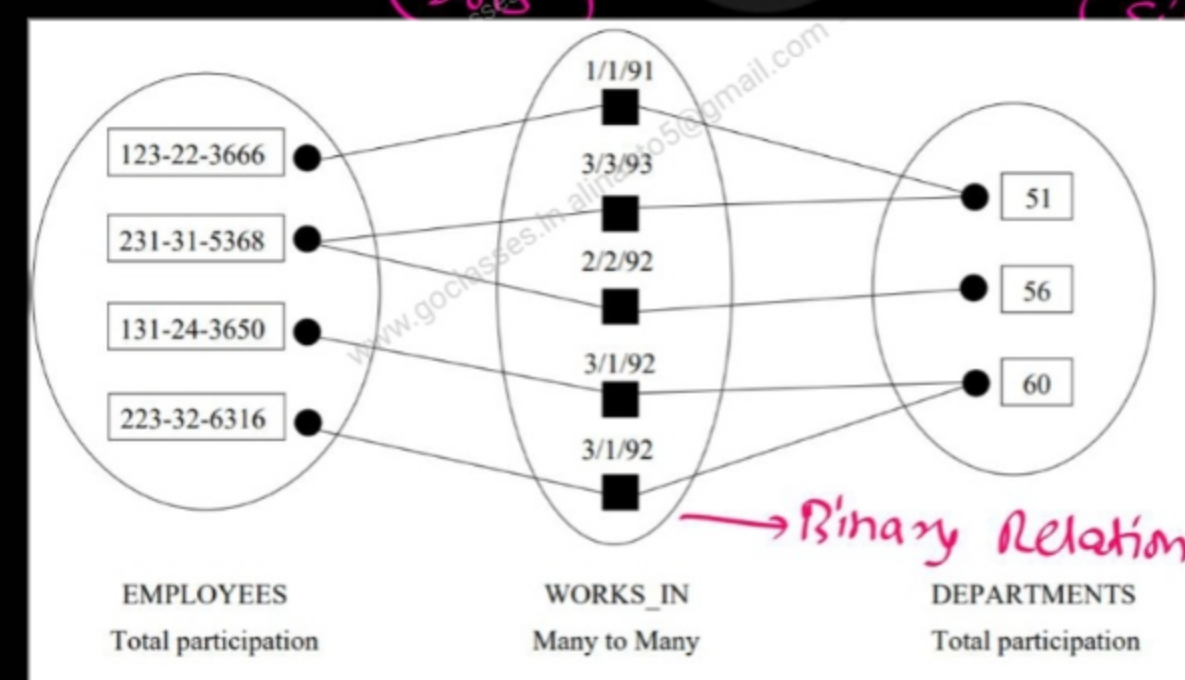
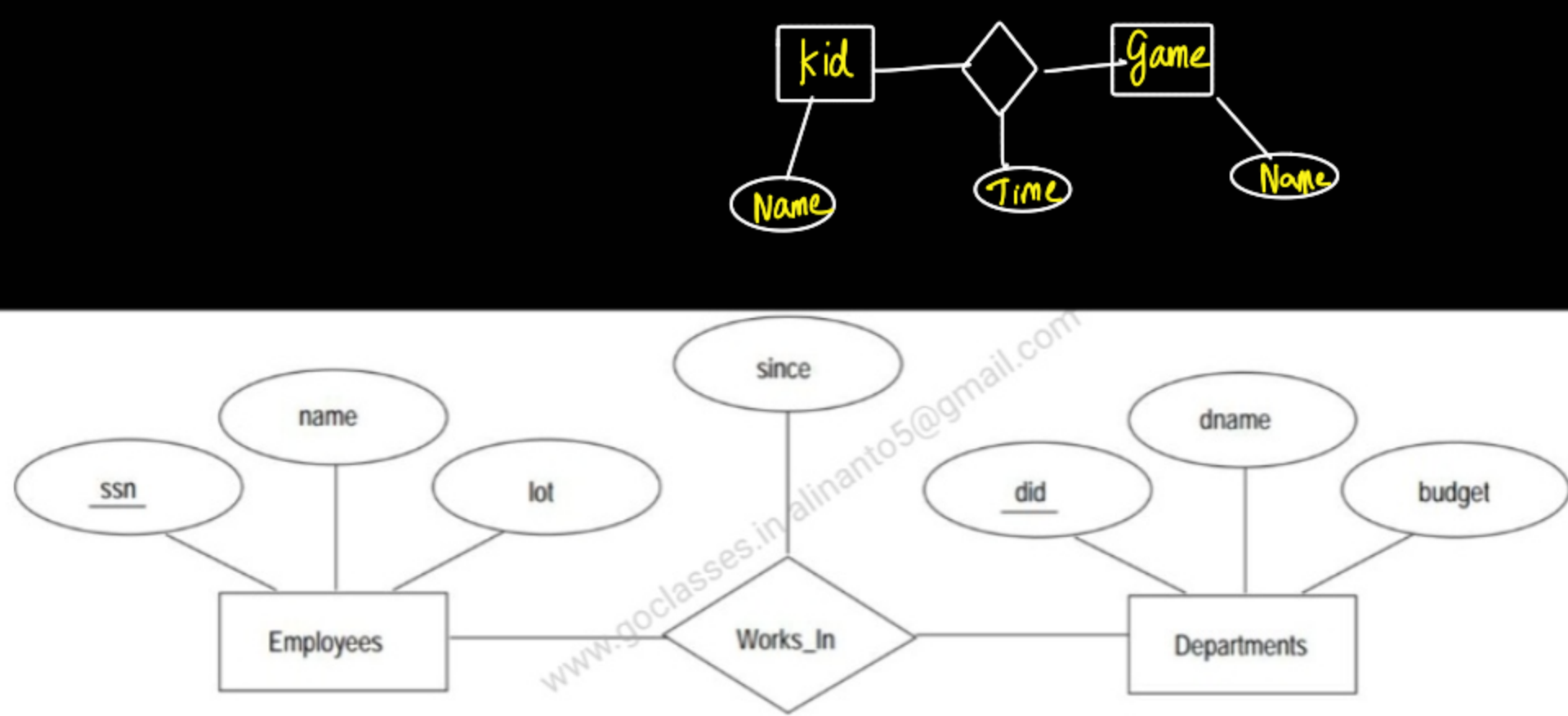
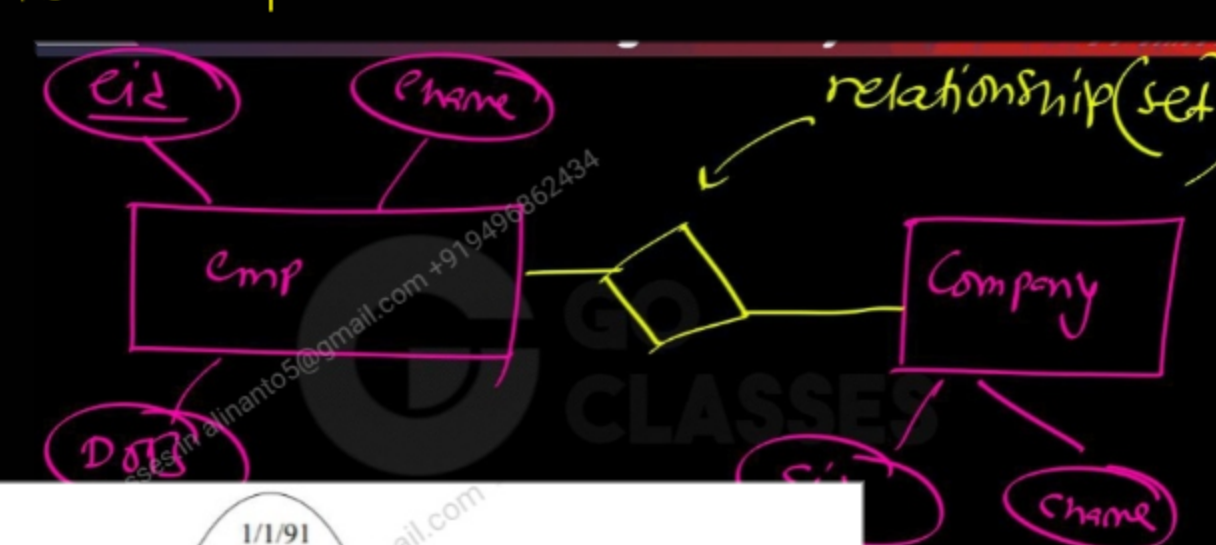
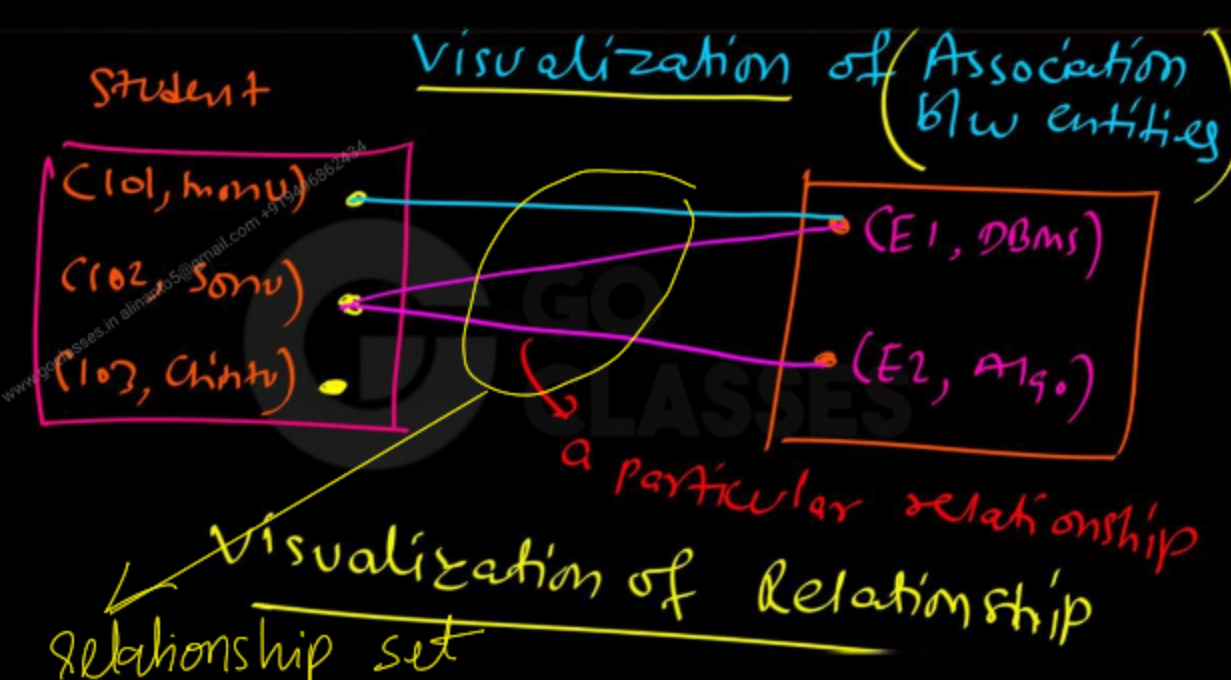
Example: a customer entity-set

• Attributes:

- cust_id
- name
- street_address
- city



- Entity-set is a box
- Attributes are ovals
- Lines connect attributes to entity-set



Relationship (cont...)

→ Degree of relationship set → # Entity set participating

→ Binary relationship set → Most common

Types of Attributes ②

- Simple vs Composite
- Single valued vs multivalued
- Derived vs Base/source

Base attributes (aka source attributes) are stored in the database

- e.g. the birth_date of a customer entity

Derived attributes are computed from other attributes

→ from Base eg Age from DOB

Simple attributes are atomic – they have no subparts

- e.g. amount attribute is a single numeric value

Composite attributes have subparts

- Can refer to composite attribute as a whole

- Can also refer to subparts individually

- e.g. address attribute, composed of street, city, state, postal_code attributes

• Single-valued attributes only store one value

- e.g. a customer's cust_id only has one value

• Multi-valued attributes can store zero or more values

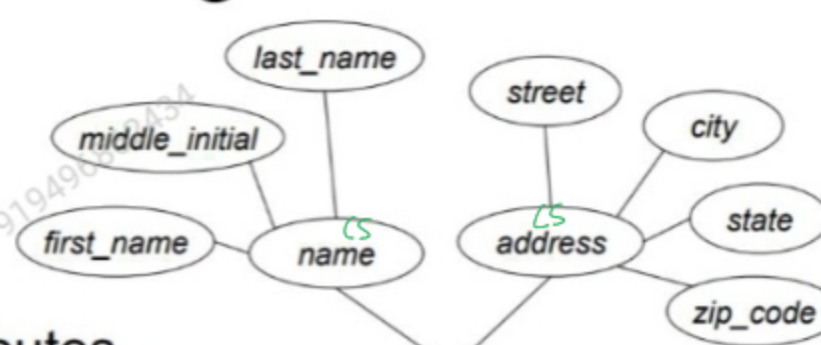
- e.g. a customer can have multiple phone_number values

- Different customer entities can have different sets of phone numbers

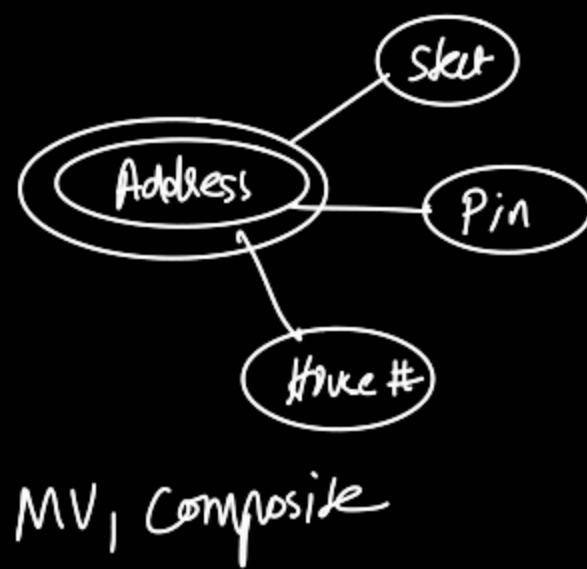
- Lower and upper bounds can be specified too

• Can set upper bound on phone_number to 2

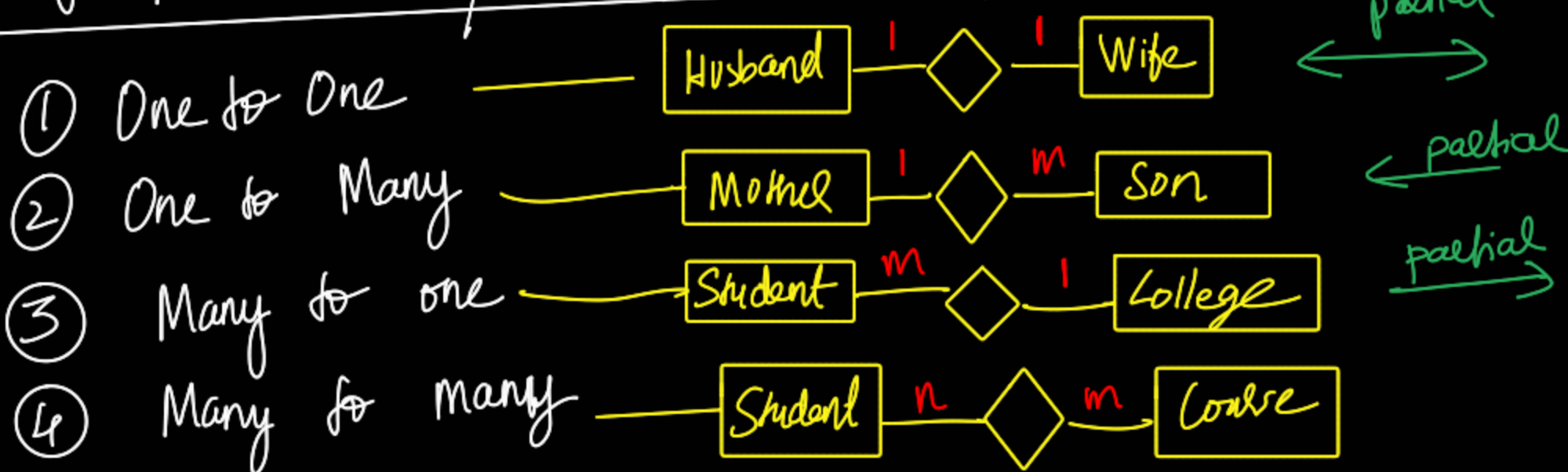
Diagramming Attributes



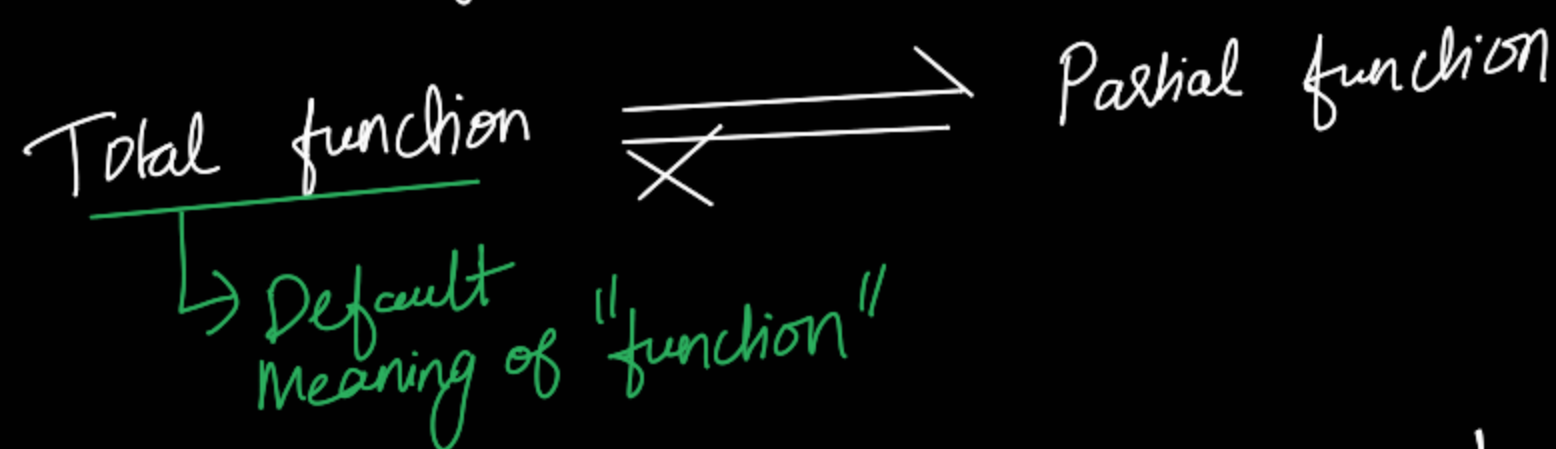
- Composite attributes**
- sub-parts connected
- Multivalued attributes**
- double oval
- Derived attributes**
- dashed ovals



Types of Relationships / Mappings cardinality / Cardinality ratio



- Partial function → Every element of domain is mapped to **at most** one element of codomain
- Total function → Every element of domain is mapped to **exactly** one element of codomain

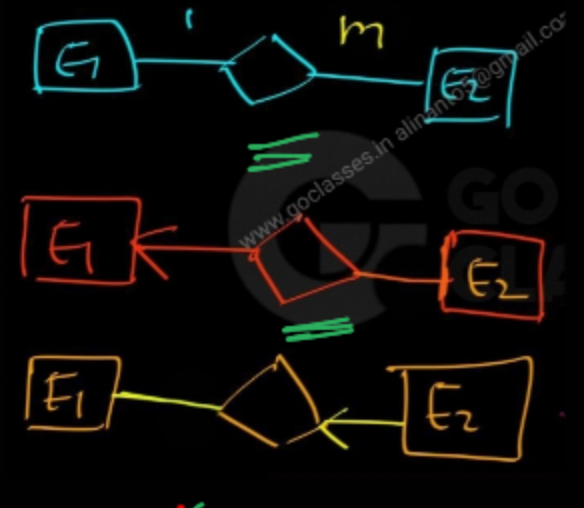
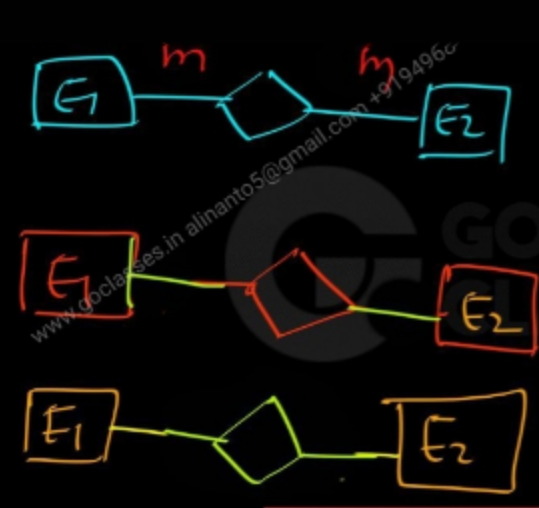
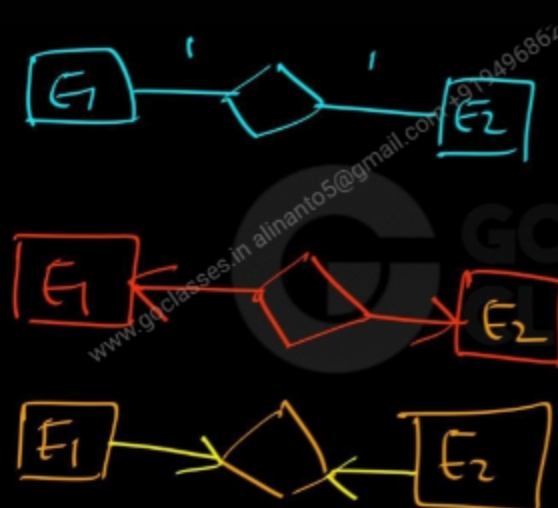


participation → Total
at least one

vs partial



← Total function



Example: borrower relationship between customer and loan

One-to-one mapping:

- Each customer can have only one loan
- Customers can't share loans (e.g. with spouse or business partner)

Many-to-one mapping:

- Each customer can have only one loan
- Customers can share loans too

Many-to-many mapping:

- A customer can have multiple loans
- Customers can share loans too

One-to-many mapping:

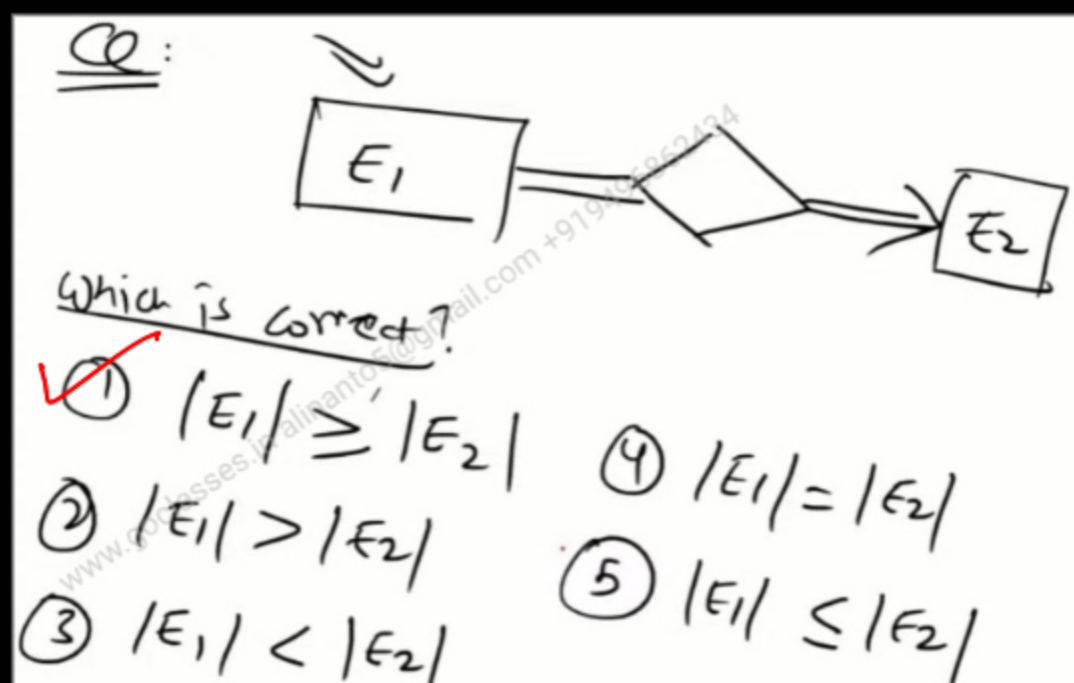
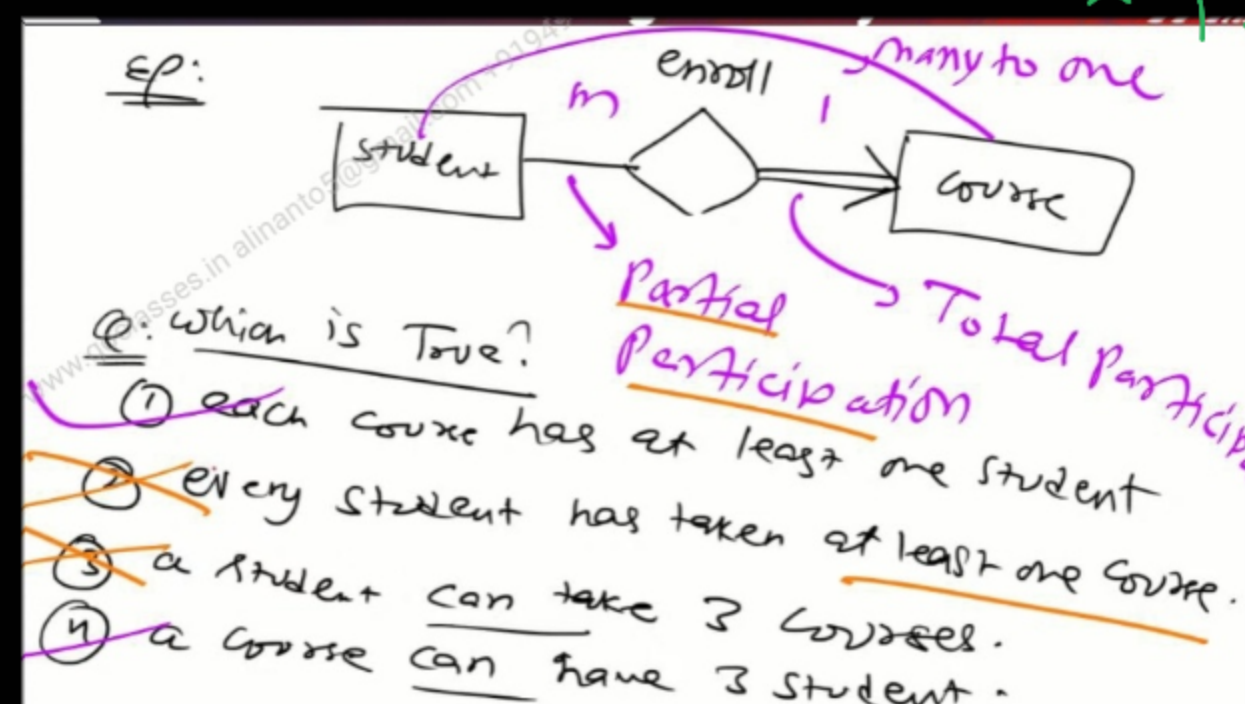
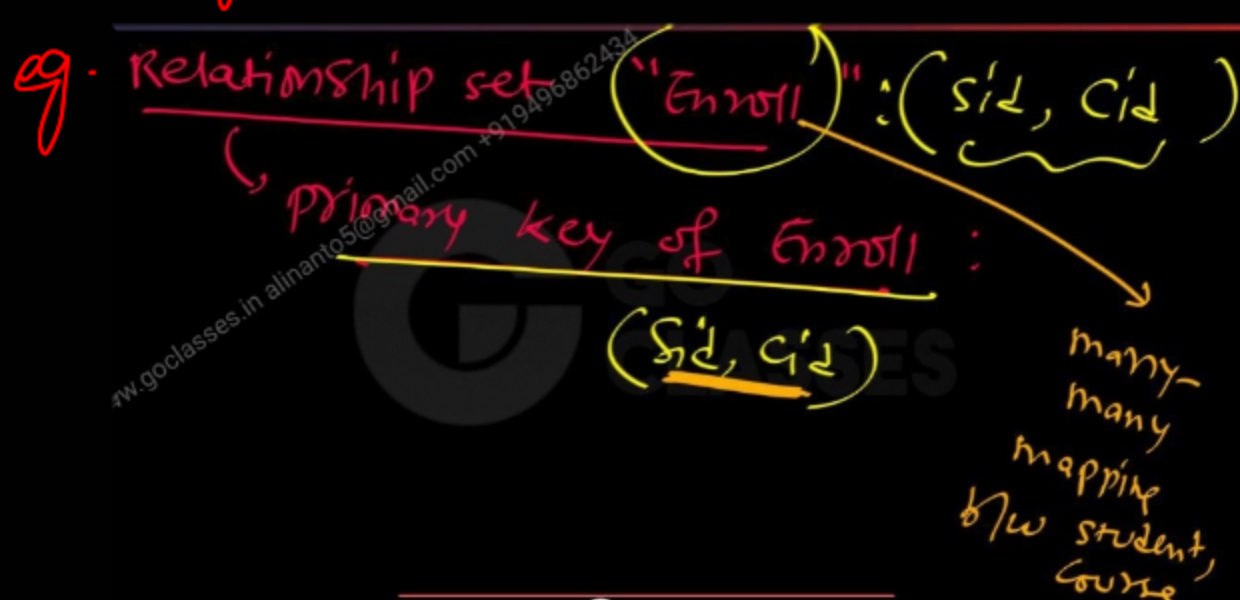
- A customer can have multiple loans
- Customers still can't share loans

Best choice for *borrower* relation is many-to-many.
Handles real-world needs!

Relationships are identified by the entities participating in the relationship

- Relationship instances are uniquely identified by primary keys of participating entities

→ Not by descriptive attributes



$|E_1|$ = cardinality



$R(e_1, e_2, a)$

1-1 : Primary key of R: e_1 or e_2

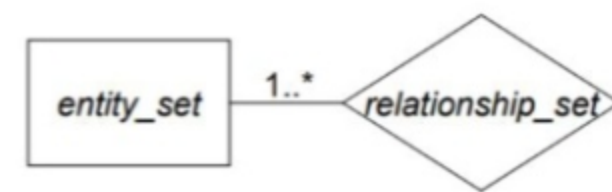
1-m : " " " " : e_2

m-1 : " " " " : e_1

m-n : " " " " : $e_1 e_2$

Numerical Constraints

- Can state numerical participation constraints
 - Specifies how many different relationship instances each entity in the entity-set can participate in
 - Indicated on link between entity and relationship
- Form: lower..upper
 - * means "unlimited"
 - 1..* = one or more
 - 0..3 = between zero and three, inclusive
 - etc.



Numerical Constraint Example

- What does this mean?
-
- Each *customer* entity may participate in zero or more relationships in this relationship-set
 - A customer can have zero or more loans.
 - Each *loan* entity must participate in exactly one relationship (no more, no less) in this relationship-set
 - Each loan must be owned by exactly one customer.

1...1 → Total participation many side of 1 to many

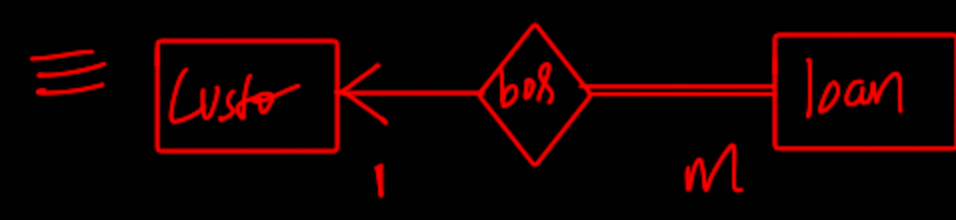
1...* → Total participation one side of 1 to many

0...* → partial → 1 side of 1 to many

0...1 → partial → many side of 1 to many

Lower bound → decided total or partial participation

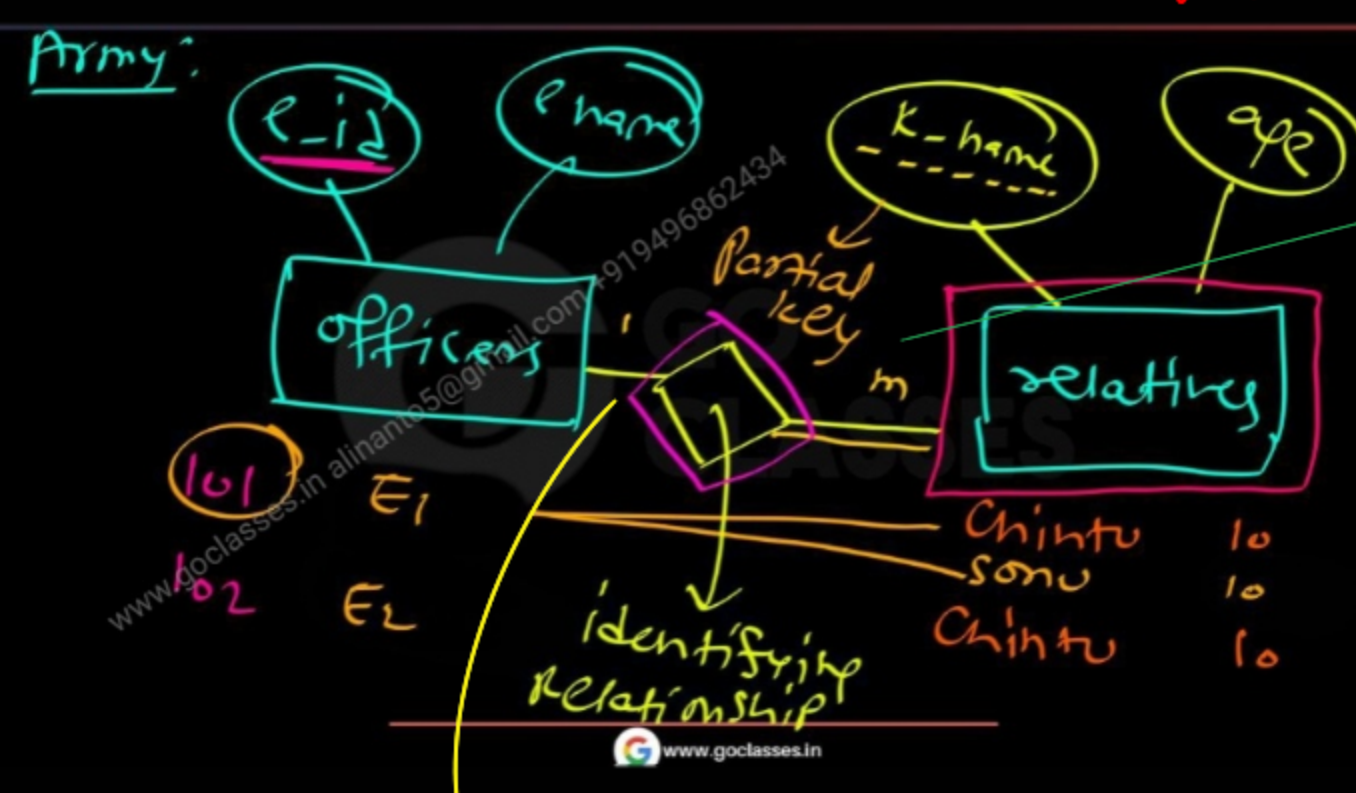
Upper bound → 1 or many.



Self referential relationships → roles → Recursive relation - Cyclic relation

Weak entity set → Not uniquely identifiable → No key → Notation

Identifying Relationship SE 1 $\diamond$ 1/m WE



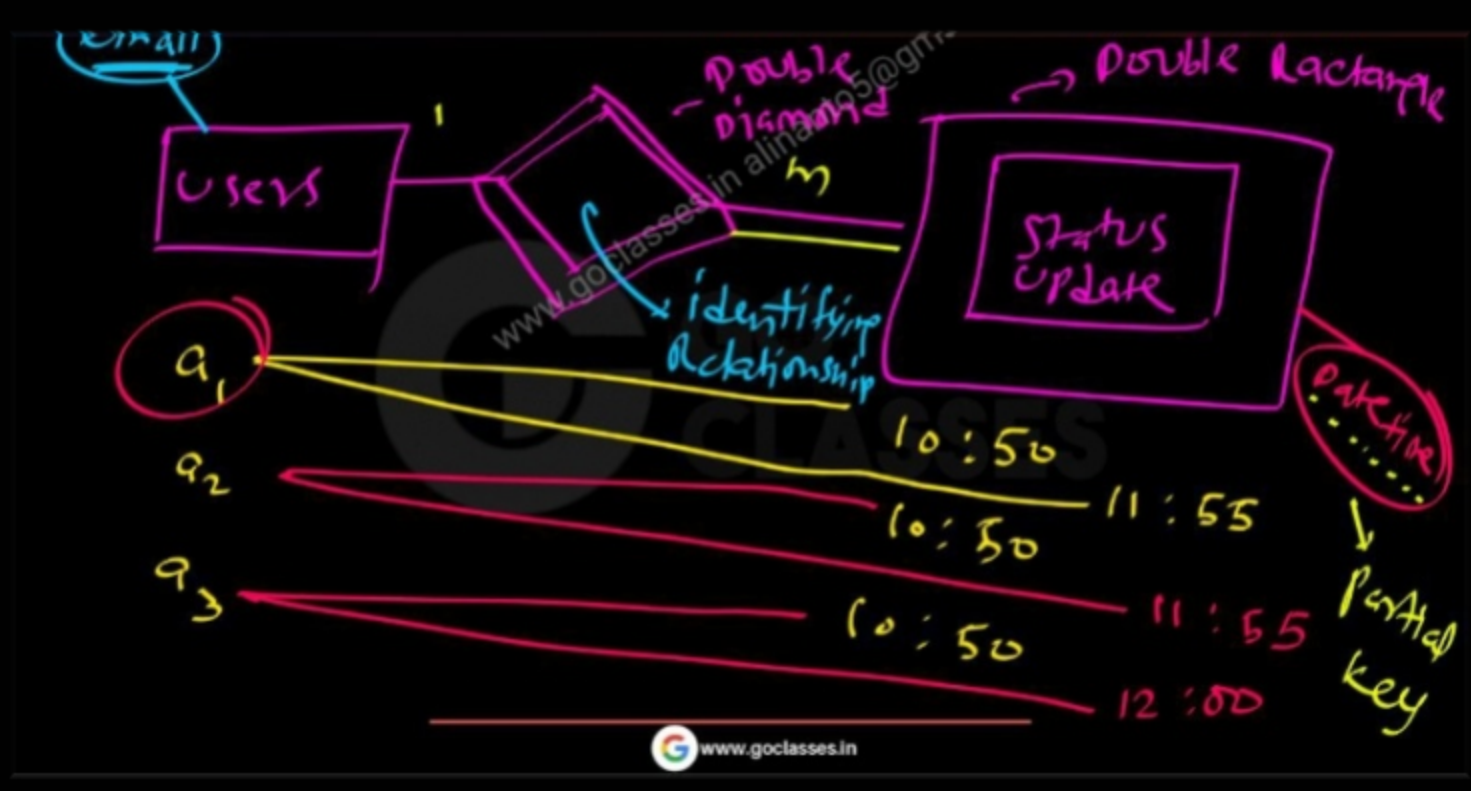
Partial key

Primary key =

Primary key of owner strong ES, partial key of WES

- Weak entity-sets *must* be associated with another (strong) entity-set
 - Called the identifying entity-set, or owner entity-set
 - The identifying entity-set owns the weak entity-set
 - Association called the identifying relationship
- Every weak entity *must* be associated with an identifying entity
 - Weak entity's participation in relationship-set is total
 - The weak entity-set is existence dependent on the identifying entity-set
 - If the identifying entity is removed, its weak entities should also cease to exist

Must be 1 or cannot identify relationship uniquely ☆☆



- Weak entity-sets don't have a primary key
 - Still need to distinguish between weak entities associated with a particular strong entity
- Weak entities have a discriminator
 - A set of attributes that distinguishes between weak entities associated with a strong entity
 - Also known as a partial key

For a weak entity-set W, and an identifying entity-set S, primary key of W is:

$primary_key(S) \cup discriminator(W)$

Discriminator may not be a key & can repeat.

But given a owner entity's key, discriminator cannot repeat

Which of the following is necessarily true:

- No two provinces can have premiers with the same name.
- No two cities can have mayors with the same name.
- No two cities can have the same name.
- No person can be the mayor of Cities in two different province
- None of the above

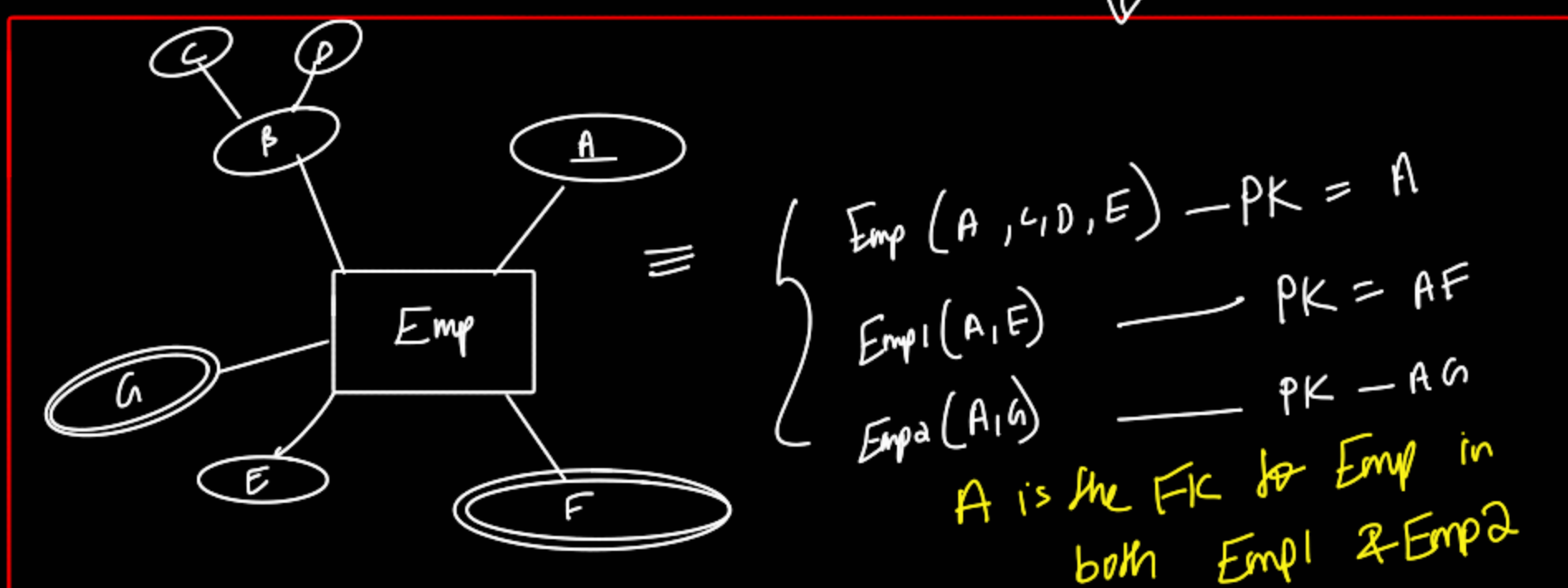
E is correct

Conversion ER to relational

- ① Entity name $\rightarrow$ Relation name
- ② Attribute $\rightarrow$ Attributes
- ③ Key Attributes $\rightarrow$ Primary key
- ④ Composite Attributes $\rightarrow$ Not stored, only components stored
- ⑤ Multivalued $\rightarrow$ New relation for each MVA
- ⑥ Derived $\rightarrow$ Not stored

why? $\rightarrow$ Problem 1 $\rightarrow$ Store in same table $\Rightarrow$ Key has to include MVA $\Rightarrow$ Null values not allowed

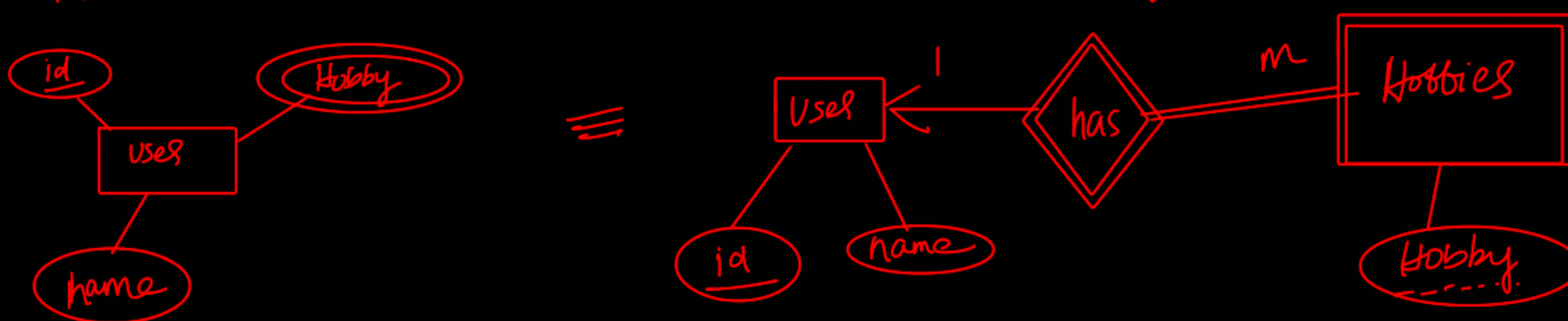
$\rightarrow$ Problem 2 $\rightarrow$ Key $\rightarrow$ other attributes } Redundancy in Relation.
 key + MVA = new key



$\rightarrow$ No primary key required for strong entity sets

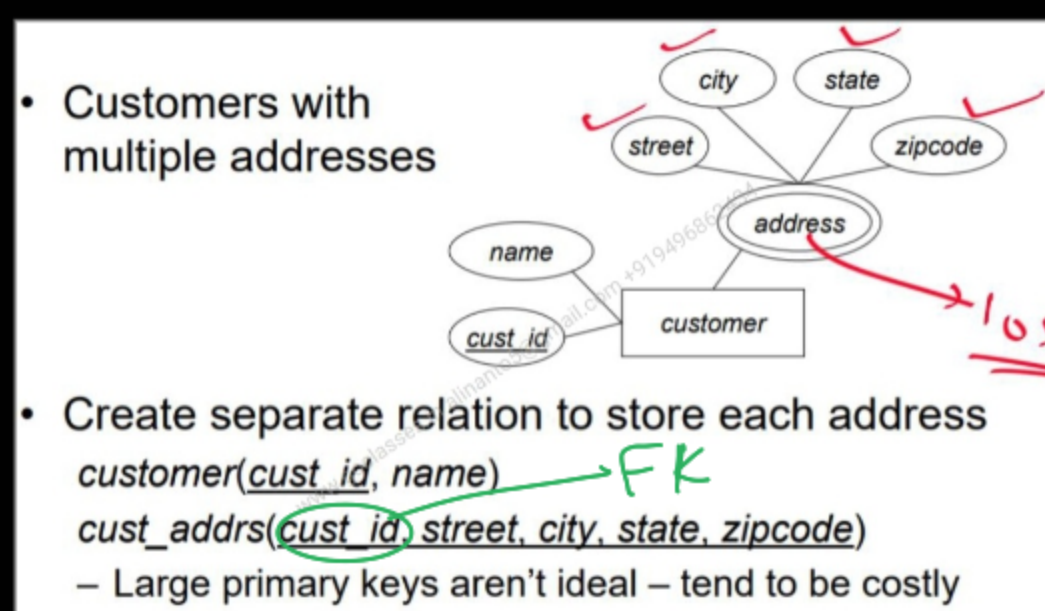
$\rightarrow$ MVA can be converted to Weak Entity & new relation can be made for each MVA as a weak entity.

$\Rightarrow$ Every MVA can be converted in a Weak Entity set.

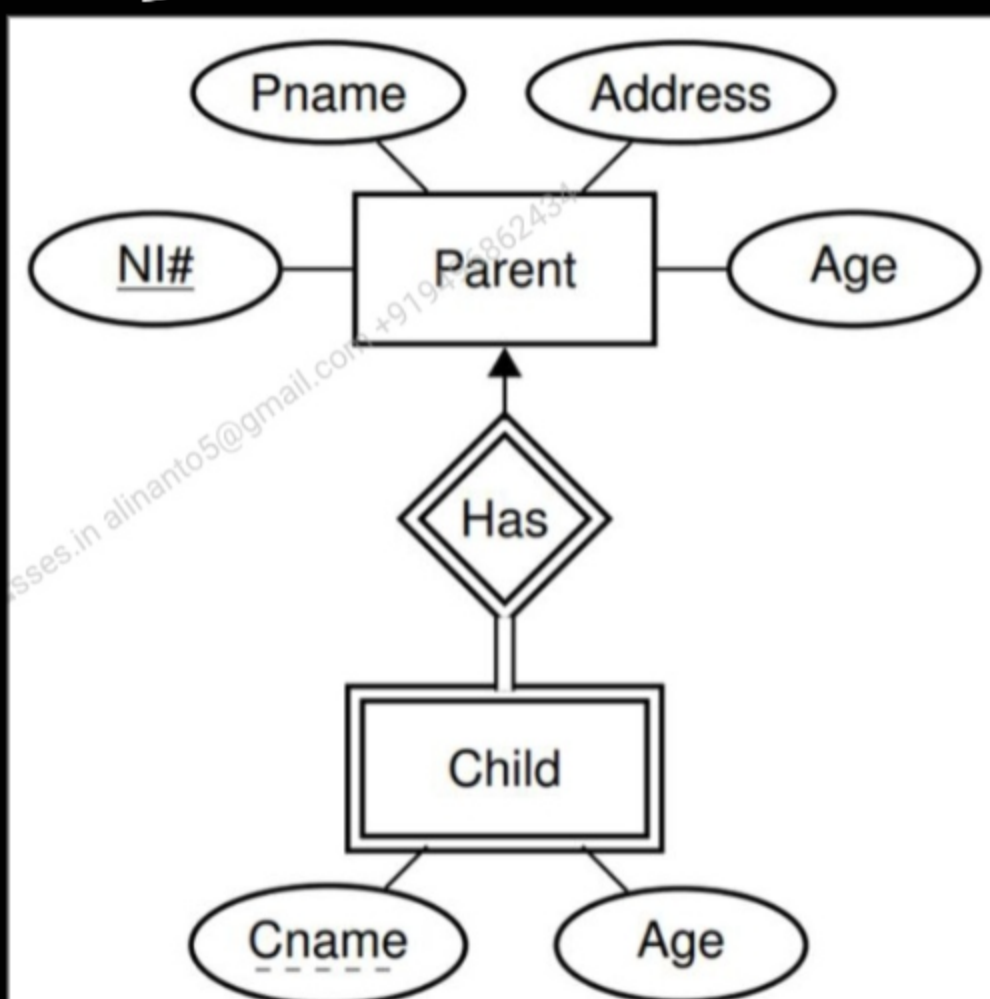


$User(id, name) - PK = id$
 $Hobby(id, hobby) - PK = id, hobby$
 Partial key = hobby
 FK for User relation = id

$\rightarrow$ Multivalued + Composite Attributes = Complex Attributes



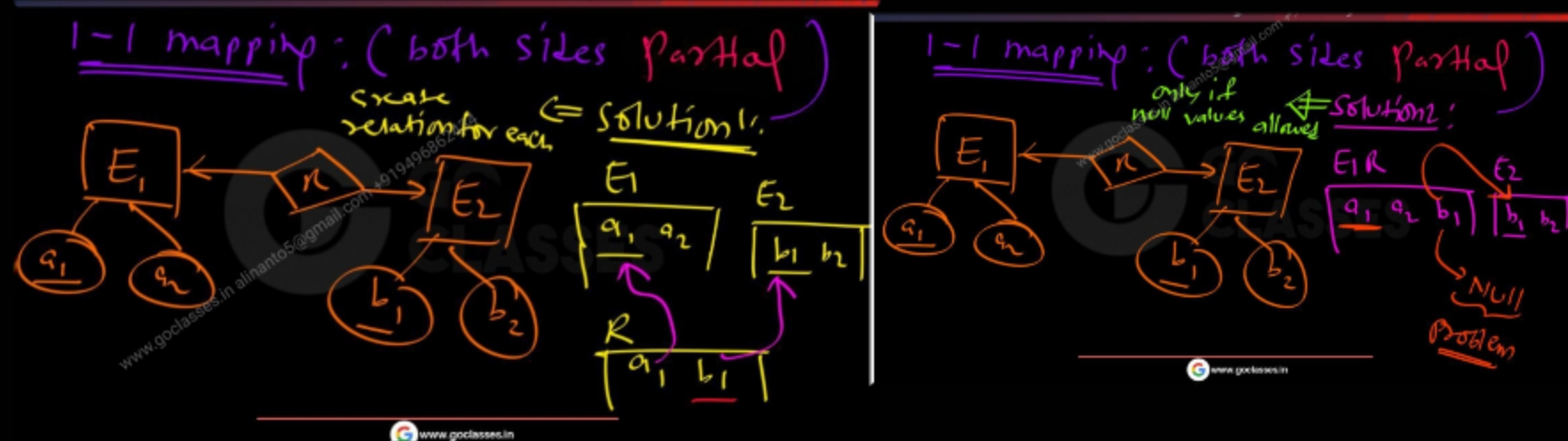
Weak Entity



$Parent(NI\#, Pname, Age, Address)$
 $Child(NI\#, Cname, Age)$
 $NI\# \rightarrow$ FK of child on parent

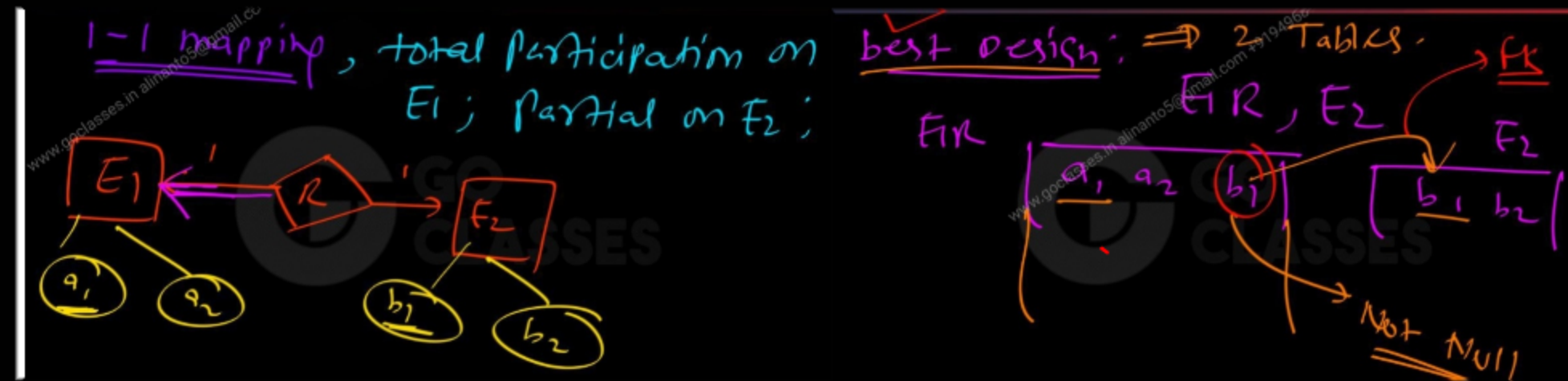
Mapping Cardinality / Participation

1-1 mapping
(Both side partial partial)

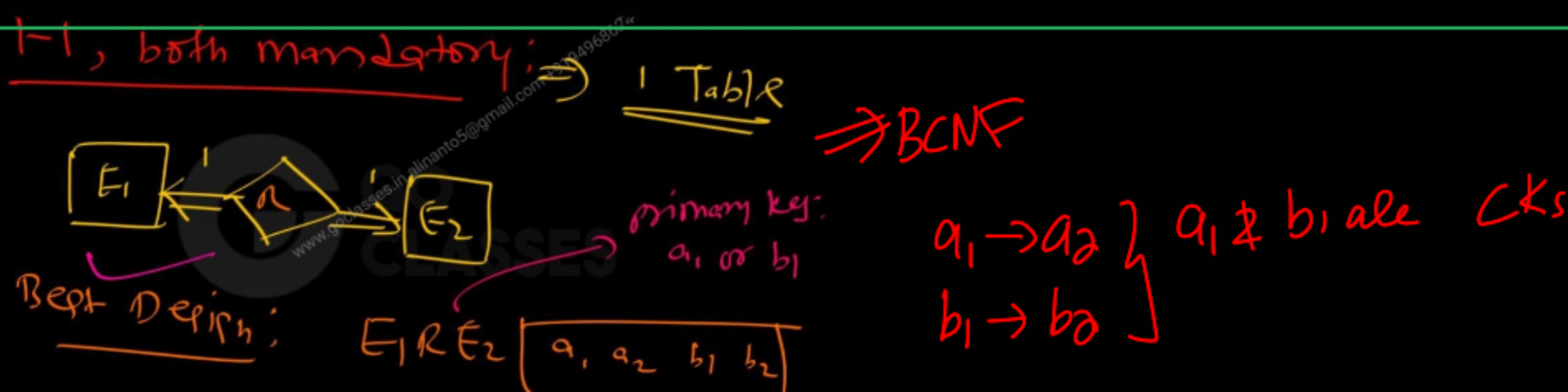


1-1 mapping, both sides optional:
Possible solutions:
① $E_1 R, E_2$ problem of Null values
OR $E_2 R, E_1$ (better design only if Null values allowed)
② E_1, R, E_2 better design

1-1 mapping
(Any one side total participation)



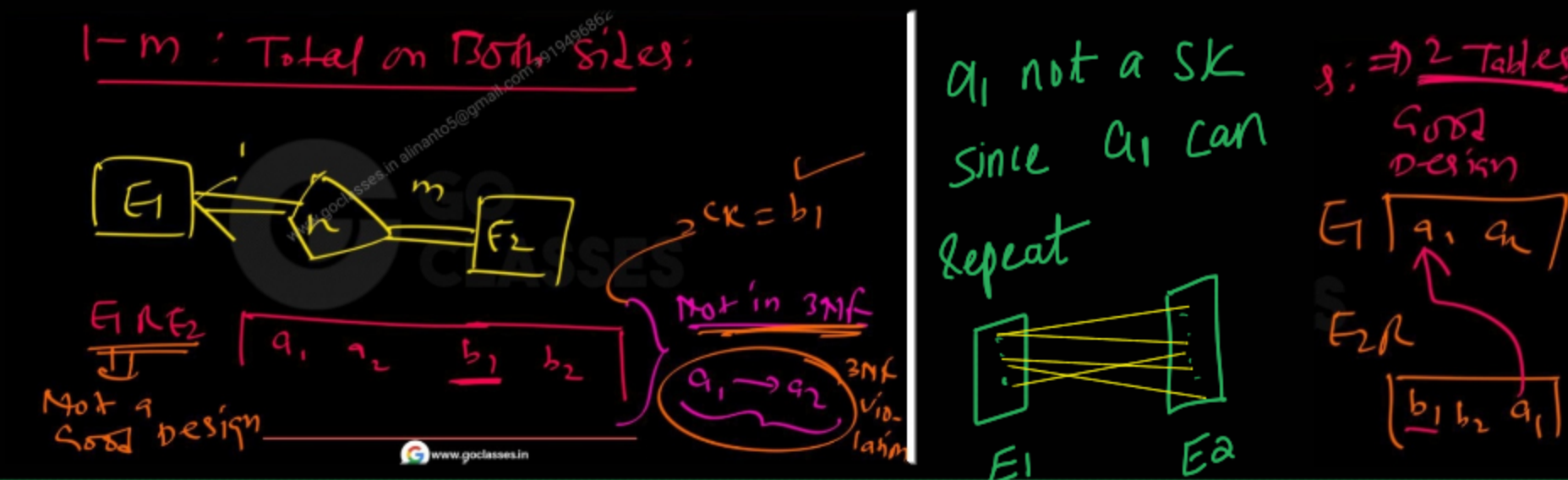
1-1 mapping
(Both side total participation)



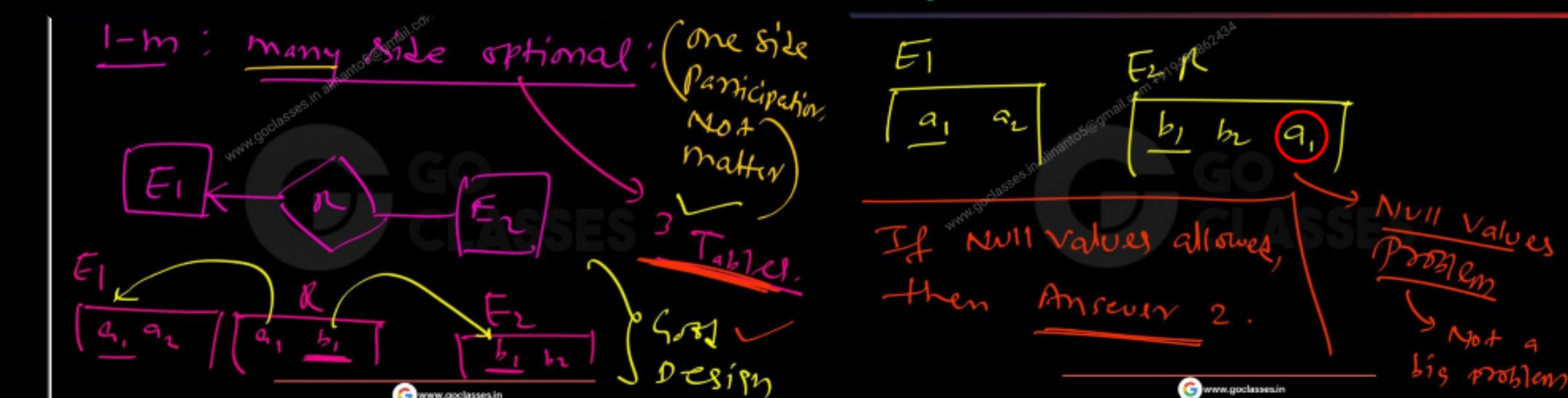
1-many mapping
(Total on many side)



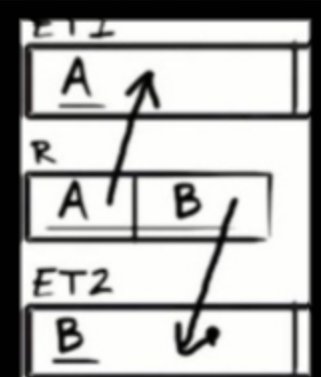
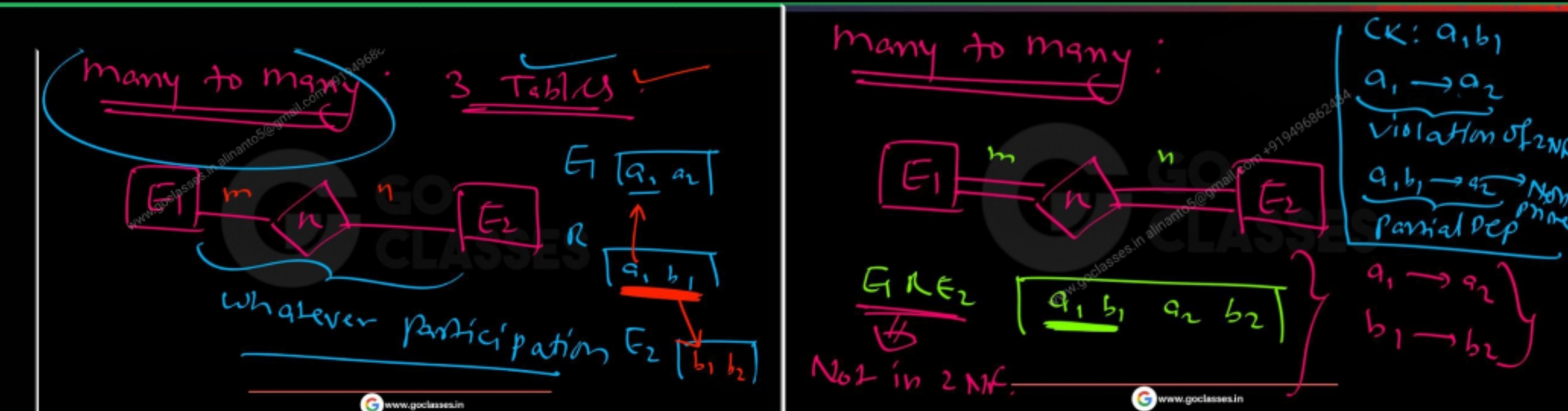
1-many mapping
(Total participation on both sides)



1-many mapping
(both side partial participation)



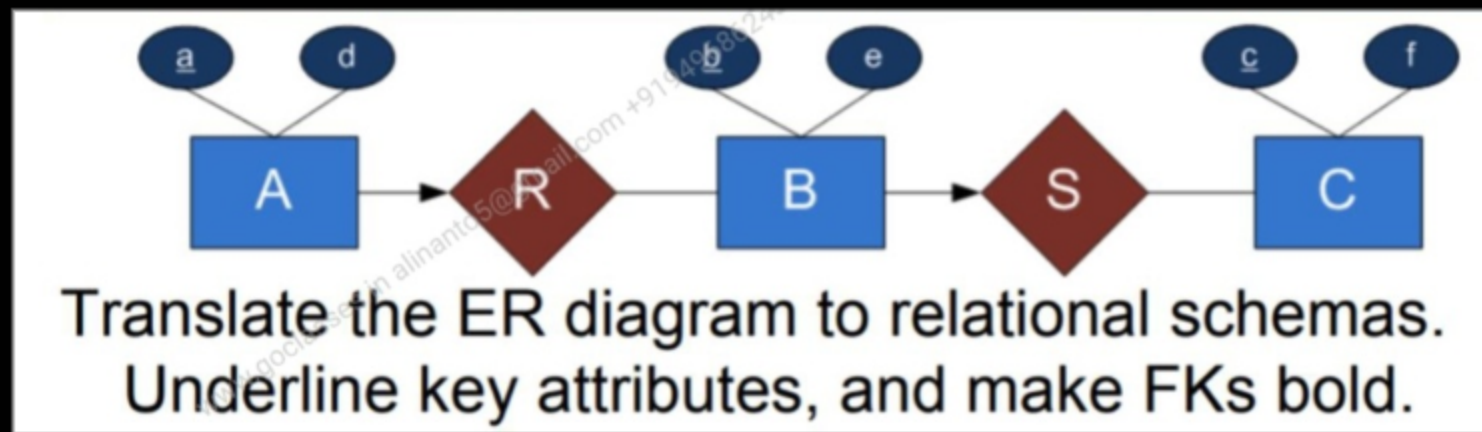
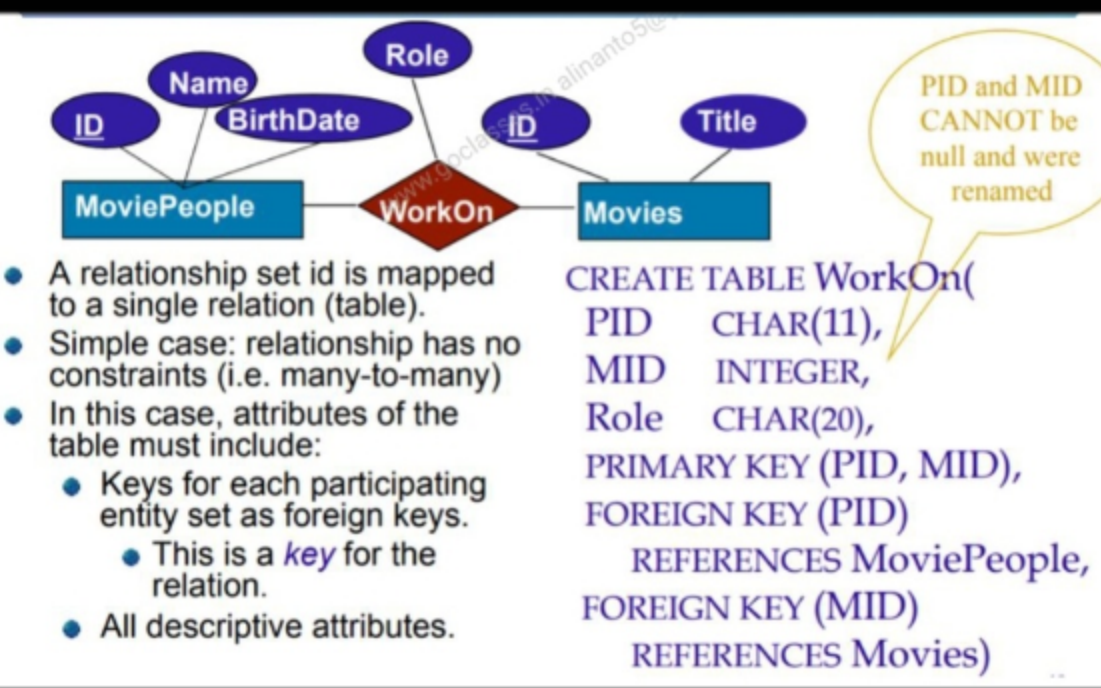
many-many
(whatever participation)



Cardinality	Membership Class	Number of Relations	Notes
1 : 1	Both Mandatory	1	all attributes in a single table
1 : 1	One Mandatory One Optional	2	Identifier of optional entity held in the mandatory entity relation
1 : 1	Both Optional	3	one relation for each entity and the relationship between them
1 : N	Both Mandatory	2	One relation for each entity and identifier of "one" end held in "many" end entity relation
1 : N	One Mandatory One Optional	2	if the many end is mandatory: one relation for each entity and identifier of the optional entity (the "one" end) held in the mandatory entity relation (the "many" end)
1 : N	One Mandatory One Optional	3	if the many end is optional: one relation for each entity and one for the relationship between them
1 : N	Both Optional	3	one relation for each entity and one for the relationship between them

M : N	Both Mandatory	3	one relation for each entity and one for the relationship between them
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Relationship set



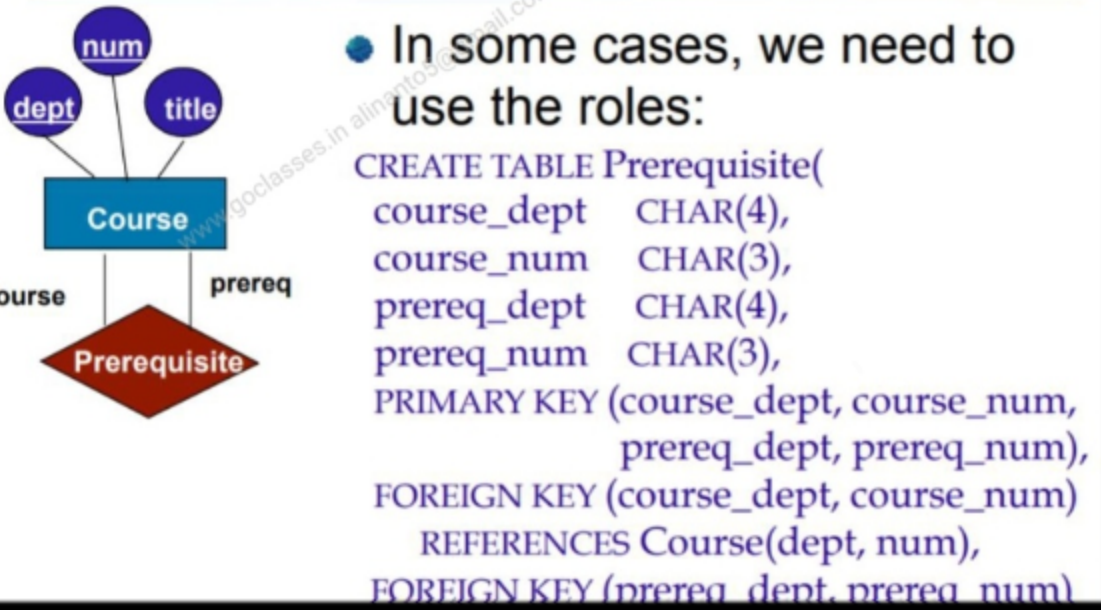
$A(a, d)$ $R(\underline{a}, b)$
 $B(\underline{b}, e)$ $S(\underline{c}, b)$
 $C(c, f)$

$AR(\underline{a}, d, b)$
 $BS(\underline{b}, e, c)$
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if NULL not allowed

if NULL allowed

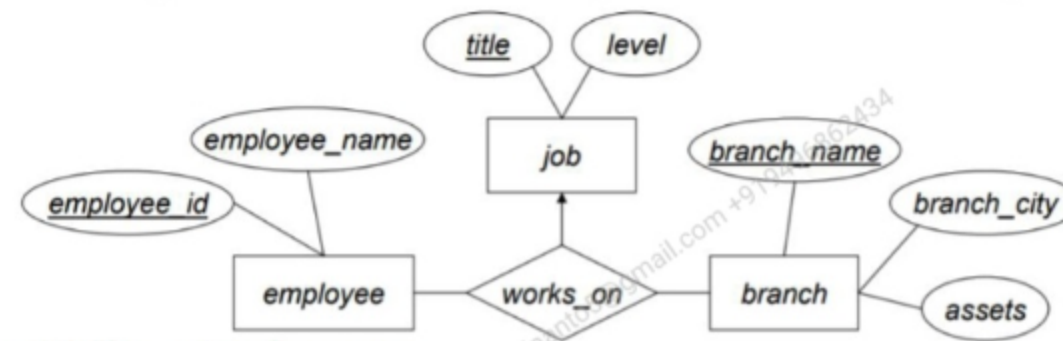
Relationship Sets to Tables (cont')



N-ary Relationship Primary Keys

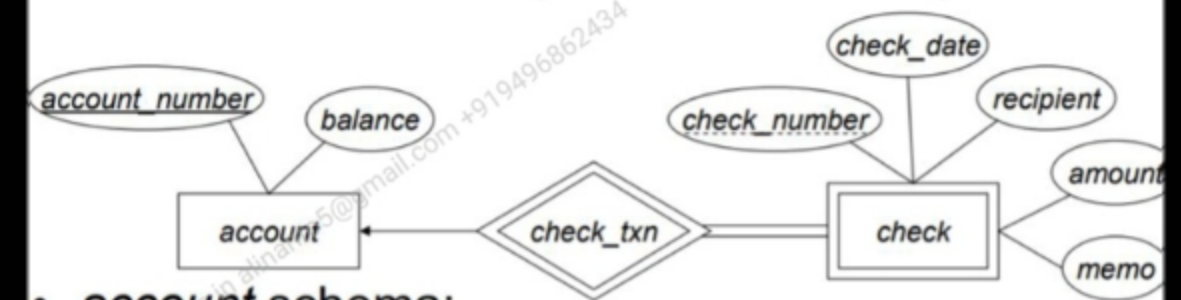
- For degree > 2 relationship-sets:
 - If no arrows ("many-to-many" mapping), relationship-set primary key is union of all participating entity-sets' primary keys
 - If one arrow ("one-to-many" mapping), relationship-set primary key is union of primary keys of entity-sets without an arrow
 - Don't allow more than one arrow for relationship-sets with degree > 2

N-ary Relationship-Set Example



- Entity-set schemas:
 - job(title, level)
 - employee(employee_id, employee_name)
 - branch(branch_name, branch_city, assets)
- Relationship-set schema:
 - Primary key includes entity-sets on non-arrow links
 - works_on(employee_id, branch_name, title)

Weak Entity-Set Example



- account schema:
 - account(account_number, balance)
- check schema:
 - Discriminator is check_number
 - Primary key for check is: (account_number, check_number)
 - check(account_number, check_number, check_date, recipient, amount, memo)

6.1 Er Diagram: GATE CSE 2005 | Question: 75

https://gateoverflow.in/1298



Let E_1 and E_2 be two entities in an E/R diagram with simple-valued attributes. R_1 and R_2 are two relationships between E_1 and E_2 , where R_1 is one-to-many and R_2 is many-to-many. R_1 and R_2 do not have any attributes of their own. What is the minimum number of tables required to represent this situation in the relational model?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5

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