Sample Solution to Exercise

Disclaimer 1: This is only one possible solution. The solution provided intends to show as many features of ER diagram as possible and there may be other models.

Solution to Part 1:



Notes about sample solution:

- Since we are assuming that an employee works in at least one department and a department has at least one employee, the lines between the two entities are bold to indicate the participation constraints.
- The restriction that each department has at most one manager is indicated in the ER diagram by using an arrow from Departments to manages.
- The total participation of Dependents in Policy is indicated by linking them with a dark line. The arrow from Dependents to Policy indicates that each Dependents entity appears in at most one Policy relationship.

Disclaimer 2: There may be other restrictions and anomalies because of the modeling decisions made in the solution. Please feel free to find them and point them out.

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Solution to Part 2:

CREATE TALBE Employees (ssn	CHAR(11),
	name	CHAR(30),
	lot	INTEGER,
PRIMARY KEY (ssn))		
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	budget	REAL
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	FOREIGN KE	Y (ssn) REFERENCES Employees)
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	did	INTEGER
	Since	DATE
PRIMARY KEY (ssn, did),		DAIL,
		J
	FOREIGN KEY	(did) REFERENCES Dept_Mgr)
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CREATE TABLE Dept_Folicy		CHAR(20),
	age	INTEGER,
	cost	KEAL,
	ssn	CHAK(11),
PRIMARY KEY (pname, ssn),		
FOREIGN KEY (ssn) REFERENCES Employ		EY (ssn) REFERENCES Employees,

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Notes about this solution:

- The foreign key in the referencing relation must match the primary key of the referred relation.
- Since Dependents is a weak entity associated with Employees, we can merge the entity Dependents and the relationship policy into a single table Dept_Policy. We use cascade deletes because Dependents is a weak entity of the Employees, and if the row of an Employees is removed from the database, the dependents of that employee should be removed as well.
- The table Dept Mgr is an example of including the information about the relationship set • in the table corresponding to the entity set with the key and taking advantage of the key constraint. Since a department has at most one manager, we can add the key fields of the Employees tuple denoting the manager and the *since* attribute to the Department tuple. The only drawback to this approach is that space could be wasted if several departments have no managers.