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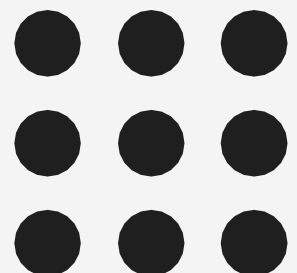
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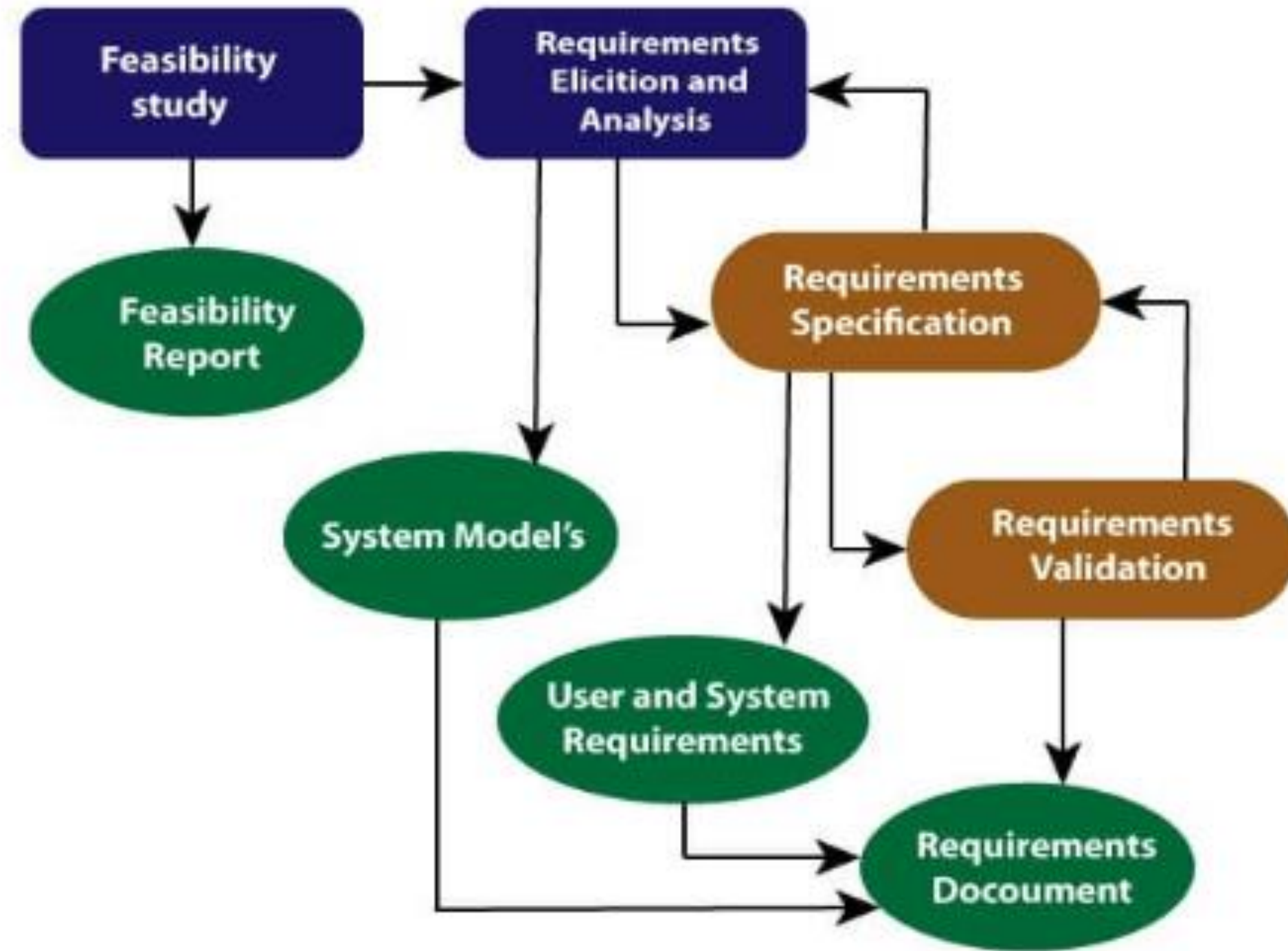
Course Name – Software Engineering

II Year / III Semester

Requirement Engineering Process

It is a four-step process, which includes
1. Requirement Elicitation and Analysis
2. Software Requirement Specification
3. Software Requirement Validation
4. Software Requirement Management


Requirement Engineering Process

1. Requirement Elicitation and Analysis:

-     This is also known as the **gathering of requirements**. Here, requirements are identified with the help of customers and existing systems processes, if available.

Analysis of requirements starts with requirement elicitation.

- The requirements are analyzed to identify inconsistencies, defects, omission, etc.
- We describe requirements in terms of relationships and also resolve conflicts if any.

Problems of Elicitation and Analysis

- Getting all, and only, the right people involved.
- Stakeholders often don't know what they want
- Stakeholders express requirements in their terms.
- Stakeholders may have conflicting requirements.
- Requirement change during the analysis process.
- Organizational and political factors may influence system requirements.

Elicitation and Analysis Process
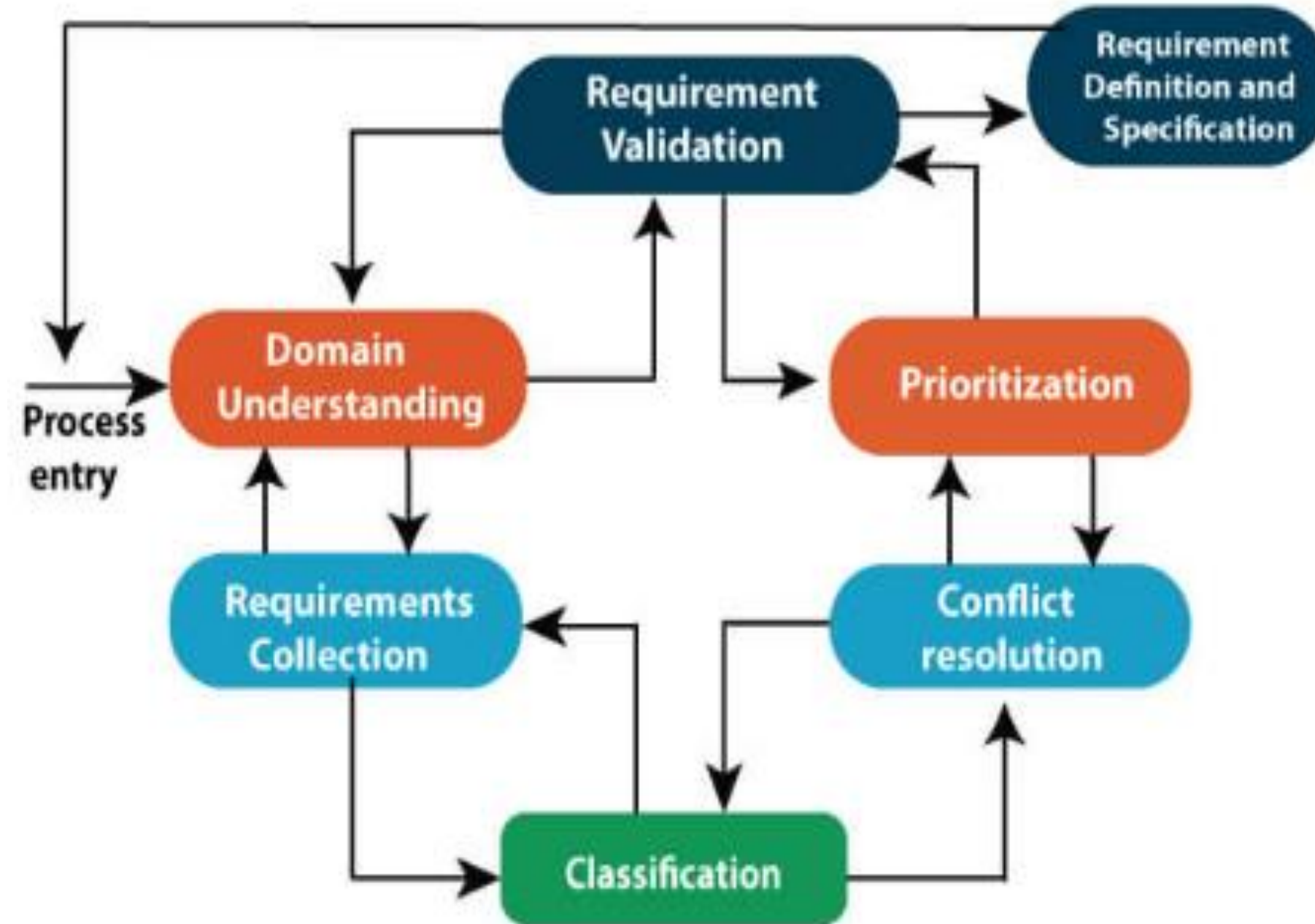
2. Software Requirement Specification:

Software requirement specification is a kind of document which is created by a software analyst after the requirements collected from the various sources - the requirement received by the customer written in ordinary language. It is the job of the analyst to write the requirement in technical language so that they can be understood and beneficial by the development team.

The models used at this stage include ER diagrams, data flow diagrams (DFDs), function decomposition diagrams (FDDs), data dictionaries, etc.

•**Data Flow Diagrams:** Data Flow Diagrams (DFDs) are used widely for modeling the requirements. DFD shows the flow of data through a system. The system may be a company, an organization, a set of procedures, a computer hardware system, a software system, or any combination of the preceding. The DFD is also known as a data flow graph or bubble chart.
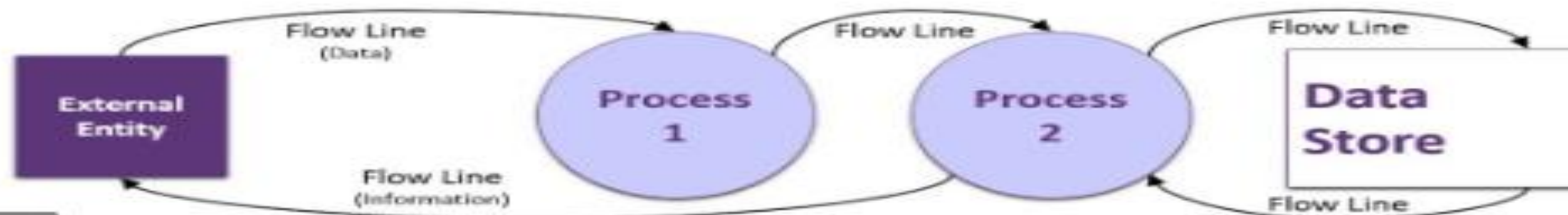
•**Data Dictionaries:** Data Dictionaries are simply repositories to store information about all data items defined in DFDs. At the requirements stage, the data dictionary should at least define customer data items, to ensure that the customer and developers use the same definition and terminologies.

•**Entity-Relationship Diagrams:** Another tool for requirement specification is the entity-relationship diagram, often called an "***E-R diagram***." It is a detailed logical representation of the data for the organization and uses three main constructs i.e. data entities, relationships, and their associated attributes
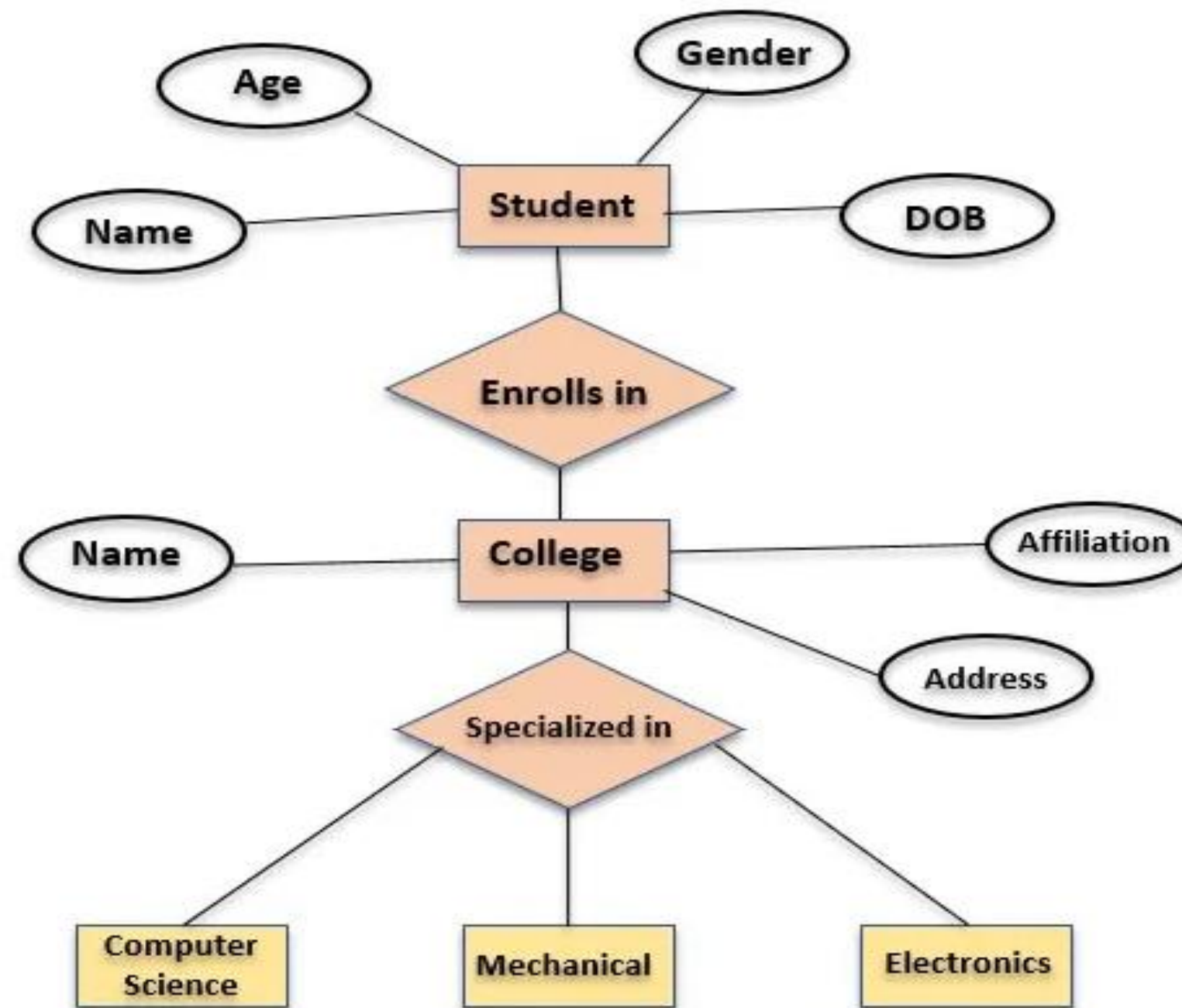
3. Software Requirement Validation:

After requirement specifications developed, the requirements discussed in this document are validated. The user might demand illegal, impossible solution or experts may misinterpret the needs. Requirements can be the check against the following conditions -

•If they can practically implement

•If they are correct and as per the functionality and specially of software

•If there are any ambiguities

•If they are full

•If they can describe
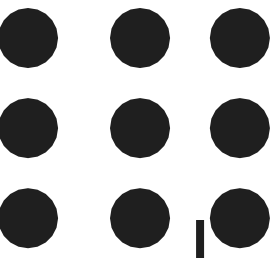
4. Software Requirement Management:

- Requirement management is the process of managing changing requirements during the requirements engineering process and system development.
- New requirements emerge during the process as business needs a change, and a better understanding of the system is developed.
- The priority of requirements from different viewpoints changes during development process.
- The business and technical environment of the system changes during the development.

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