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Databases and Data Warehouses



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Learning Objectives

- Define Database, DBMS, and Data Warehouse
- Create a relational model for a given problem
- Draw an ER diagram for a given relational model (and vice versa)
- Normalize a small relational model into a redundant-free model
- List the result of an inner join of two tables to resolve relationships
- Formulate SQL queries for a relational model
- Create a Star-Schema from a relational model (and formulate queries)
- Sketch the operations for an OLAP cube
- Appraise the pro/cons of OLAP vs. traditional relational model
- Describe DBMS optimizations: index, bulk loading, garbage cleaning

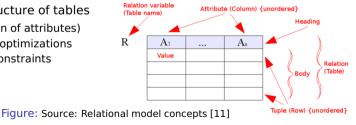
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Relational Model [10]

- Database model based on first-order predicate logic
 - Theoretic foundations: relational algebra and calculus
- Data is represented as tuples
- Relation/Table: groups similar tuples
 - Table consists of rows and named columns (attributes)
 - No duplicates of complete rows allowed
- In a pure form, no support for collections in tuples
- Schema: specify structure of tables
 - Datatypes (domain of attributes)
 - Organization and optimizations
 - Consistency via constraints



Example Schema for our Students Data

Description

Database for information about students and lectures

Relational model

Matrikel	Name	Birthday
242	Hans	22.04.1955
245	Fritz	24.05.1995

Table: Student table

- 1 HPDA
- 2 Hochleistungsrechnen

Table: Lecture table

Matrikel	LectureID
242	1
242	2
245	2

Table: Attends table representing a relation

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Relationships

- Model relationships between data entities
- Cardinality defines how many entities are related
 - One-to-many: One entity of type A with many entities of type B
 - Many-to-many: One-to-many in both directions
 - One-to-one: One entity of type A with at most one entity of type B
 - Relationships can be expressed with additional columns (this is not optimal!)
 - Packing data of entities together in the table
 - Alternatively: provide a "reference" to other tables

Matrikel	Name	Birthday	Lecture ID	Lecture Name
242	Hans	22.04.1955	1	HPDA
242	Hans	22.04.1955	2	Hochleistungsrechnen
245	Fritz	24.05.1995	2	Hochleistungsrechnen

Table: Student table with attended lecture information embedded

Entity Relationship Diagrams

- Illustrate the relational model and partly the database schema
- Elements: Entity, relation, attribute
 - > Additional information about them, e.g., cardinality, data types

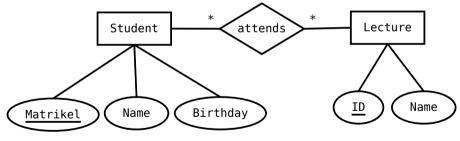


Figure: A student/lecture example in modified Chen notation * is the cardinality and means any number is fine

Keys [16, 17, 18]

- A Superkey¹ allows addressing specific tuples in a table
 - Superkey: Set of attributes that identify/address each tuple in a table
 - There can be at most one tuple for each possible key value
 - A superkey does not have to be minimal
 - e.g., all columns together are a Superkey of any table
 - After removing an attribute, it can still be a key
 - Simple key: key is only one attribute
 - Compound key: consists of at least two attributes
- Candidate key: a minimal key, i.e., no attribute can be removed
 - Primary key: the selected candidate key for a table
 - Foreign key: inherited key of another table
- Natural key: key that naturally is unique, e.g., matrikel
- Surrogate key: artificial key, e.g., numeric ID for a row

¹ Often it is just called key

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Exampl	e Keys	5								
	Ta	able: Stu	ident table					Table: Lecture tak	ble	
	Matrikel	Name	Birthday				ID	Name	Semester	
	242	Hans	22.04.1955		_	-	1	HPDA	SS15	
	245	Fritz	24.05.1995				2	Hochleistungsrechnen	WS1516	
			Table:	Atte	nds table	represent	ing a	relation		
					Matrikel	LectureID)			
					242	1				
					242	2				
					245	2				
St	udent ta	ble								

- Candidate keys: Matrikel, (name, birthday, city), social insurance ID
- Primary key: Matrikel (also a natural key)

Lecture table

- Candidate keys: ID, (Name, Semester)
- Primary key: ID (also a Surrogate Key)

Attends table

- Candidate key: (Matrikel, Lecture ID)
- Primary key: (Matrikel, Lecture ID)

Normalization [10]: My Simplified Perspective

Normalization: process of organizing tables to minimize redundancy[19]

- Reduces dependencies within and across tables
- Prevents inconsistency across replicated information
- Normally, reduces required storage space and speeds up updates
- There are different normal forms with increasing requirements
 - 1NF: It follows our notion of a table.
 - No collections in the table. A primary key exists.
 - 2NF: No redundancy of data
 - i.e., entities of many-to-many relations are stored in separate tables
 - Every column must depend on each candidate key and not a subset
 - > 3NF: Columns are not functional dependent to sth. else than a candidate key
 - 4NF: Do not store multiple relationships in one table

4NF is a good choice² for transactional data processing but not big data

² It has been shown that 4NF can always be achieved for relational data

Example for Unnormalized Data

Μ	atrikel	Name	Birthday	Name
24	42	Hans	22.04.1955	[HPDA, Hochleistungsrechnen]
24	45	Fritz	24.05.1995	Hochleistungsrechnen

Table: Not normalized Student and lecture table/relation, contains identical column names and collections. Problematic if we want to update the name of an lecture.

Matrikel	Name	Birthday	Lecture Name
242	Hans	22.04.1955	HPDA
242	Hans	22.04.1955	Hochleistungsrechnen
245	Fritz	24.05.1995	Hochleistungsrechnen

Table: Student and lecture table/relation in 1NF, it contains a many-to-many relation. Changing lecture name requires still to touch multiple rows.

Example for Unnormalized Data

Matrikel	Name	Birthday	Age
242	Hans	22.04.1955	40
245	Fritz	24.05.1995	20

Table: In 2NF but not 3NF: Age is functional depending on birthday

Matrikel	Attended lecture	Attended seminar
242	BDA	SIW
242	HR	SIW
242	BDA	NTH
242	HR	NTH

Table: In 3NF but not 4NF: Candidate key depends on all three columns

Outline



2 Databases and SQL

- Databases
- Overview
- Schemas
- Queries
- Joins
- Mutating Tables
- Performance Aspects
- 3 Advanced Features for Analytics

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Databases [29]

Database: an organized collection of data

- Includes layout (schemes), queries, views
- > Database models: Relational, graph, document, ...

Database management system (DBMS): software application that **interacts** with the user, other applications and the database itself **to capture and analyze data** [29]

▶ Functionality: Definition, creation, update, querying and administration of databases

DBMS functions for managing databases

- Data definition: Creation, modification of definitions for data organization
- Update: Insertion, modification and deletion of data
- Query/Retrieval: Retrieve stored and computing derived data
- Administration of users, security, monitoring, data integrity, recovery

Structured Query Language (SQL) [20]

- Declarative language: specify **what** to achieve and **not how**
- Evolving standard with growing feature set

Language elements

- Statement: instructions to perform, terminate by ;
 - Query: alternative name; usually only retrieves/computes data
- Clause: components of statements
- Predicates: conditions limiting the affected rows/columns
- Expressions: produce scalar values or tables
- Operators: compare values, change column names
- Functions: transform/compute values

PostgreSQL [10]

A popular database implementation

- Semantics: ACID support for transactions
 - > A transaction is a batch of operations that either fails or succeeds
- Implements majority of SQL:2011 standard
 - Syntax may differ from SQL standard and extensions are provided
- Interactive shell via psql

Excerpt of features

- Materialized views (create physical tables from virtual table)
- Fulltext search
- Regular expression
- Statistics and histograms
- User defined objects (functions, operators)
- Triggers: events upon insert or update statements; may invoke functions
- New versions support semi-structed data in arrays, XML, JSON³

³ See http://www.postgresql.org/docs/14/arrays.html and .../functions-json.html

Schemas (in Postgres)

Creation of a database and table

1 CREATE ROLE "bigdata" NOSUPERUSER LOGIN PASSWORD 'mybigdata'; 2 CREATE DATABASE bigdata OWNER "bigdata";

Create our tables

- 1 CREATE TABLE students (matrikel INT, name VARCHAR, birthday DATE, PRIMARY KEY(matrikel));
- 2 CREATE TABLE lectures (id SERIAL, name VARCHAR, PRIMARY KEY(id));
- 3 CREATE TABLE attends (matrikel INT, lid INT,
- 4 FOREIGN KEY (matrikel) REFERENCES students(matrikel),
- 5 FOREIGN KEY (lid) REFERENCES lectures(id));
- 6 --\d <TABLE> prints the schema

Constraints (keeps data clean \Rightarrow data governance)

1 -- minimum length of the name shall be 5
2 ALTER TABLE students ADD CONSTRAINT length (CHECK (char_length(name) > 3);
3 -- tor emove the constraint later: ALTER TABLE students DROP CONSTRAINT length ;
-- minimum age of students should be 10 years
5 ALTER TABLE students ADD CONSTRAINT age CHECK (extract('year' from age(birthday)) > 10);
6 -- disallow NULL values in students
7 ALTER TABLE students ALTER COLUMN birthday SET NOT NULL; -- during CREATE with "birthday DATE NOT NULL"
8 ALTER TABLE students ALTER COLUMN hame SET NOT NULL; -- during CREATE with "birthday DATE NOT NULL"

Populating the Tables

```
-- Explicit specification of columns, not defined values are NULL
2 INSERT INTO students (matrikel, name, birthday)
    VALUES (242, 'Hans', '22.04.1955');
3
4 -- Insertation of the same name twice could be prevented using a constraint
  INSERT INTO students (matrikel, name) VALUES (246, 'Hans');
5
6 -- Order is expected to match the columns in the table
  INSERT INTO students VALUES (245. 'Fritz', '24.05.1995'):
  INSERT INTO lectures VALUES (1. 'HPDA'):
8
  INSERT INTO lectures VALUES (2, 'Hochleistungsrechnen');
10
  -- Populate relation
11
  INSERT into attends VALUES(242, 1):
12
13 INSERT into attends VALUES(242, 2):
14 INSERT into attends VALUES(245, 2);
15
16 -- Insertations that will fail due to table constraints:
17 INSERT INTO students (matrikel, name) VALUES (250, 'Hans'):
18 -- ERROR: null value in column "birthday" violates not-null constraint
19 INSERT INTO students VALUES (250, 'Hans', '22,04,2009'):
-- ERROR: new row for relation "students" violates check constraint "age"
21 INSERT INTO students VALUES (245. 'Fritz'. '24.05.1995');
22 -- ERROR: duplicate key value violates unique constraint "students_pkey"
  -- DETAIL: Kev (matrikel)=(245) alreadv exists.
23
```

Queries [20]

- A query retrieves/computes a (sub)table from tables
 - It does not change/mutate any content of existing tables
- Statement: SELECT < column1 >, < column2 >,...
- Subqueries: nesting of queries is possible to create temporary tables

Supported clauses

- FROM: specify the table(s) to retrieve data
- WHERE: filter rows returned
- GROUP BY: group rows together that match conditions
- HAVING: filters grouped rows
 - ORDER BY: sort the rows

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```
1 -- Example comment, alternatively /* */
2 select * from students
3 where (name != 'fritz' and name != 'nena') -- two constraints
4 order by name desc; -- descending sorting order
```

Aggregation functions

```
1 -- There are several aggregate functions such as max, min, sum, avg
2 select max(birthday) from students;
3 -- 1995-05-24
4 5
5 -- It is not valid to combine reductions with non-reduced columns e.g.
6 select matrikel, max(birthday) from students; -- Erroneous...
```

Counting the number of students

```
1 -- Number of students in the table and rename the column to number
2 SELECT count(*) AS number FROM students;
3 -- number
4 -- 2
```

Subqueries

A subquery creates a new (virtual) named table to be accessed

Identify the average age

1	Identify the min, max, avg age; we create a new table and convert the date
2	<pre>select min(age), avg(age), max(age) from</pre>
3	Here we create the virtual table with the name ageTbl
4	(SELECT age(birthday) as age from students) as ageTbl;
5	min avg max
6	20 years 3 mons 30 days 40 years 4 mons 15 days 12:00:00 60 years

Identify students which are not attending any course

-- We use a subquery and comparison with the set
 select matrikel from students
 where matrikel not in -- compare a value with entries in a column
 (select matrikel from attends);

Subquery expressions: exists, in, some, all, (operators, e.g., <) ⁴

⁴ See http://www.postgresql.org/docs/14/functions-subquery.html

Grouping of Data

Data can be grouped by one or multiple (virtual) columns It leads to errors when including non-grouped / non-reduced values

Identify students with the same name and birthday, count them

```
1 select name, birthday, count(*) from students group by name, birthday;
2 -- name | max | count
3 ------+
4 -- Fritz | 1995-05-24 | 1
5 -- Hans | 1955-04-22 | 1
```

Figure out the number of people starting with the same letter

Filtering Groups of Data

- With the HAVING clause, groups can be filtered
- ORDER BY is the last clause and can be applied to aggregates

Identify students with the same name and birthday, and return the total number of non-"duplicates"

```
select sum(mcount) from
    (select count(*) as mcount from students
2
      group by name, birthday having count(*) = 1 order by count(*)) as groupCount:
 3
  -- SUM
4
  -- 2
5
  -- Alternatively in a subquery you can use:
7
  select sum(count) from
8
     (select count(*) as count from students
9
     group by name, birthday) as groupCount
10
     where count = 1:
11
```

Joins [10]

- A join combines records from multiple tables
 - Used to resolve relations of entities in normalized schemes
 - Usually filtering tuples according to a condition during this process

Types of joins

- CROSS JOIN: Cartesian product of two tables (all combination of rows)
- NATURAL JOIN: All combinations that are equal on their common attributes (i.e, both tables contain the matrikel column)
- INNER JOIN: Return all rows that have matching records based on a condition
- OUTER JOIN: Return all rows of both tables even if they are not matching the condition
 - ▶ LEFT OUTER JOIN: Return all combinations and all tuples from the left table
 - ▶ RIGHT OUTER JOIN: ... from the right table
 - ► FULL OUTER JOIN: Return all combinations

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Exar	nple Joins			
1	<pre>select * from students as s1 CROSS JOIN s</pre>	tudents as s2;		
2	matrikel name birthday matrik	el name birthday		
3	++++++	++		
4		42 Hans 1955-04-22		
5		45 Fritz 1995-05-24		
6		42 Hans 1955-04-22		
7	245 Fritz 1995-05-24 2	45 Fritz 1995-05-24		
8				
9	<pre>select * from students NATURAL JOIN atte</pre>	nds;		
10	matrikel name birthday lid			
11	++++++			
12				
13				
14	245 Fritz 1995-05-24 2			
15				
16	<pre>select * from students INNER JOIN attends</pre>		ds.matrikel;	
17	matrikel name birthday matrik	el lid		
18		+		
19		42 1		
20		42 2		
21	245 Fritz 1995-05-24 2	45 2		

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1 2 3	This join select * from matrikel	n student						
4 5 6 7	242 242 242 242 245	Hans Hans	1955-04-22 1955-04-22 1955-04-22 1955-04-22 1995-05-24	242	1 2 2			
9 10	select * from	n student		OUTER JOIN	attends as a ON s.ma <i>lid</i>	atrikel = a.lid;		
11 12		++ 		242				
13 14 15		 Hans	1955-04-22	242 245 	2 2 			
16 17	Now ident:	ify all l						
	<pre>select s.name, l.name from students as s INNER JOIN attends as a ON s.matrikel</pre>							
19 20 21	+	 PDA						
22 23			ngsrechnen ngsrechnen					

Mutating Tables

- UPDATE statement changes values of columns
- DELETE statement removes rows
- Each operation yields the ACID semantics⁵
- Transactions allow to batch operations together

⁵ In fact, when AUTOCOMMIT is enabled, every statement is wrapped in a transaction. To change this behavior on the shell, invoke: SET AUTOCOMMIT [OFF|ON]

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Transactions

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- Transaction: A sequence of operations executed with ACID semantics
 - It either succeeds and becomes visible and durable; or it fails
 - Note: Complex data dependencies of concurrent operations may create a unresolvable state that requires restart of the transaction
- Isolation: queries access data in the version when the transaction started
 - The isolation level can be relaxed, e.g., to see uncommited changes
- Internally, complex locking schemes ensure conflict detection

Example: Atomic money transfer between bank accounts

```
1 START TRANSACTION;
2 UPDATE account SET balance=balance-1000.40 WHERE account=4711;
3 UPDATE account SET balance=balance+1000.40 WHERE account=5522;
4 
5 -- if anything failed, revert to the original state
6 IF ERRORS=0 COMMIT; -- make the changes durable
7 IF ERRORS!=0 ROLLBACK; -- revert
```

Group Work

Discuss the creation of a relational schema for organizing music (albums)

- Describe a schema (there is really wrong answer)
- List 1-2 operations and their implementation using SQL
- Time: 10 min

Organization: breakout groups - please use your mic or chat

Performance Aspects

Problem: When searching for a variable with a condition, e.g., x=y, the table data needs to be read completely (full scan)

Indexes

Index allows lookup of rows for which a condition (likely) holds

Postgres supports B-tree, hash, GiST, SP-GiST and GIN indexes⁶

CREATE INDEX ON students (name);

Optimizing the execution of operations (query plan)

- Postgres uses several methods to optimize the query plan
 - The query planer utilizes statistics about access costs
 - Knowing how values are distributed helps optimizing access
- ANALYZE statement triggers collection of statistics
- Alternatively: automatically collect statistics
- EXPLAIN statement: describes the query plan (for debugging)

⁶ See http://www.postgresql.org/docs/14/sql-createindex.html

Performance Aspects (2) [22]

Bulk Loads/Restores

- Combine several INSERTS into one transaction
- Perform periodic commits
- Create indexes/foreign key/constraints after data was inserted

Garbage cleaning / vacuuming: Cleaning empty space

- When changing or inserting rows, additional space is needed
- It is expensive to identify deleted / empty rows and compact them
 - \Rightarrow Just append new data
 - Mark data, e.g., in a bitmap as outdated
- Periodically space is reclaimed and data structures are cleaned
- VACCUUM statement also triggers cleanup
 - ANALYZE also estimates the amount of garbage to optimize queries

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Views

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View: virtual table based on a query

- Can be used to re-compute complex dependencies/apply joins
- > The query is evaluated at runtime, which may be costly
- Materialized view: copies data when it is created/updated⁷
 - Better performance for complex queries
 - Suitable for data analytics of data analysts
 - Export views with permissions and reduce knowledge of schema

```
CREATE VIEW studentsView AS
    SELECT s.matrikel, s.name as studentName, l.name as lectureName, age(birthday) as age from students
2
          \hookrightarrow as s INNER JOIN attends as a ON s matrikel = a matrikel INNER JOIN lectures as 1 ON
         \hookrightarrow a.lid=l.id:
  select * from studentsView:
5 -- matrikel | studentname |
                                 lecturename
                                                                age
          242 | Hans | HPDA | 60 years 5 mons 1 day
          242 | Hans | Hochleistungsrechnen | 60 years 5 mons 1 day
8
  - -
          245 | Fritz
                       | Hochleistungsrechnen | 20 years 3 mons 30 days
  -- To replace the data with new data
10
  REFRESH MATERIALIZED VIEW studentsView:
11
```

www.postgresql.org/docs/14/sql-creatematerializedview.html

Regular Expressions

- PostgreSQL supports several styles of regular expressions⁸
- We will look at POSIX regular expressions (regex)
- Operator: \sim for matching and \sim * for not matching
- regexp_matches(string, pattern) returns text array with all matches

Examples

```
-- Any lecture which name contains Data
   select name from lectures where name~*'data':
   -- HPDA
 3
   -- Lectures starting with HP
   select name from lectures where name~'^HP.*$':
   8
   -- Students whose name contain at least two vocals
 9
   select name from students where name~'(i|a|o|u).*(a|i|o|u)';
10
11
   -- Students whose name contain at least one vacal and at most three
12
   select name from students where name~'^([^auiu]*(i|a|o|u)[^aiou]*){1.3}$':
13
14
15
   -- Retrieve all lower case letters in the names
   select regexp_matches(name, '[a-z]', 'q') as letter from students;
16
   -- {a}, {n} ...
```

8 See http://www.postgresgl.org/docs/14/functions-matching.html Julian Kunkel HPDA-21

Array Operations

Operations allow manipulation of multidimensional arrays⁹

Useful operators: unnest, array_agg, array_length

JSON support in new PostgreSQL version (not discussed here)

```
-- Alternative schema for our student/lecture example using an array for the attends relationship
   CREATE TABLE studentsA (matrikel INT, name VARCHAR, birthday DATE, attends INT[], PRIMARY KEY(matrikel));
   CREATE TABLE lectures (id SERIAL, name VARCHAR, PRIMARY KEY(id)):
   INSERT INTO studentsA VALUES (242, 'Hans', '22.04.1955', '{1,2}' );
   INSERT INTO studentsA VALUES (245, 'Fritz', '24,05,1995', '{2}'):
   -- Addressing array elements: first lecture attended by each student
   SELECT attends[1] from studentsA:
   -- Slicing is supported: First three lectures
10
   SELECT attends[1:3] from studentsA:
12
13
   -- Retrieve the lecture name attended for each student
14
   SELECT s.name, l.name from studentsA AS s INNER JOIN lectures AS l ON l.id = ANY(s.attends):
   - - Hans
            15
           | Hochleistungsrechnen
16
   -- Hans
17
   -- Fritz | Hochleistungsrechnen
18
   -- Now retrieve the lectures in an array per person
19
20
   SELECT s.name, array agg(l.name) from studentsA AS s INNER JOIN lectures AS L ON l.id = ANY(s.attends) GROUP by s.matrikel:
21
   -- Hans | {"HPDA".Hochleistungsrechnen}
22
   -- Fritz | {Hochleistungsrechnen}
```

⁹ See http://www.postgresql.org/docs/14/arrays.html

Processing Geospatial Data with PostGIS [30, 31]

PostGIS is a PostgreSQL extension providing datatapes and functions for

- Topology: Faces, Edges and Nodes
 - · Defines constraints on data, e.g., sharing of edges in maps
- Geometry/Geography: coordinates according to SRID
 - Spatial Reference System Identifier (SRID) defines coordinate system
 - · Lon/Lat coordinates on a sphere with the unit degrees
 - Points, lines, poligones
- Raster data: like pixels, square-based split of a 2D plane
 - Example: Import / export of images
- QGIS viewer¹⁰ can visualize geometry and raster data

¹⁰ http://qgis.org/

PostGIS: Example [31]

```
-- Creating a database with geography data (SRID 4326 => WGS 84 => for GPS => lon/lat)
2 CREATE TABLE cities(gid serial PRIMARY KEY. n TEXT. loc geography(POINT.4326) ):
  CREATE INDEX cities idx ON cities USING GIST ( loc ):
  -- Insert three cities with Lon/Lat coordinates
  INSERT INTO cities (n, loc) VALUES('Hamburg', ST_GeographyFromText('POINT(9.99 53.5)'));
6
  INSERT INTO cities (n. loc) VALUES('Tokio'.ST_GeographyFromText('POINT(139.8 35.65)')):
  INSERT INTO cities (n. loc) VALUES('Aleppo'.ST_GeographyFromText('POINT(37 36)')):
  -- Compute distance between Hamburg and Tokio
10
  SELECT ST_Distance( (Select loc from cities where n = 'Hamburg'),
11
                       (Select loc from cities where n = 'Tokio')):
12
  --9012369.89691784 == 9012 \ km
13
14
15 -- How far is Allepo from a plane flying from Hamburg to Tokio, here as text
  SELECT ST_Distance('LINESTRING(9.99 53.5, 139.8 35.65)'::geography,
16
        'POINT(37 36)':: geography):
17
  -- 2833 km
18
```

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- Typical OLAP Operations
- Alternative Schemas

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Data Warehouse

"A data warehouse (DW or DWH), also known as an enterprise data warehouse (EDW), is a system used for reporting and data analysis." [27]

- Central repository for structured data
- Integrates data from multiple inhomogeneous sources
- Data analysts use a simplified data model: a multidimensional data cube
- Provides tools for the data analyst to support descriptive analysis
- May provide some tools for predictive analysis
- Many queries are executed periodically and used in reports
- Often used for business data

Databases vs. Data Warehouses for Structured Data

Database management systems (DBMS)

- Standardized systems and methods to process structured data
- Use the relational model for data representation
- Use SQL for processing
- Online Transaction Processing (OLTP)
 - Real-time processing
 - Offer ACID qualities
 - Relies on normalized schemes (avoid redundant information)

Online Analytical Processing (OLAP)

- Systems and methods to analyze large quantities of data
- Utilizes data warehouses with non-normalized schemes
- Extract, Transform and Load (ETL): import data from OLTP

OLAP

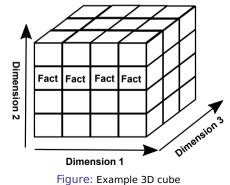
- Online analytical process with large quantities of business data
- Utilizes denormalized dimensional model to avoid costly joins
- Technology alternatives:
 - ▶ MOLAP (Multidimensional OLAP): problem-specific solution
 - ROLAP: use relational databases to represent cube
 - Star schema
 - Snowflake schema
- Dimensional modeling: design techniques and concepts [26]
 - 1 Choose the business process, e.g., sales situation
 - 2 Declare the grain: what does the model focus on, e.g., item purchased
 - 3 Identify the dimensions
 - 4 Identify the facts

Databases and SQL

Summary

The OLAP Cube: Typical Operations [27]

- Slice: Fix one value to reduce the dimension by one
- Dice: Pick specific values of multiple dimensions
- Roll-up: Summarize data along a dimension
 - Formulas can be applied, e.g., profit = income expense
- Pivot: Rotate the cube to see the faces



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The OLAP Cube: Slice [27]

- Slice: Fix one value to reduce the dimension by one
- Example: Sales (in Euro) for worlwide stores

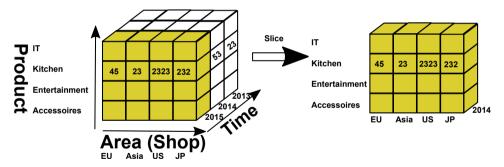


Figure: Example cube for sales in stores

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The OLAP Cube: Dice [27]

Dice: Pick specific values of multiple dimensions

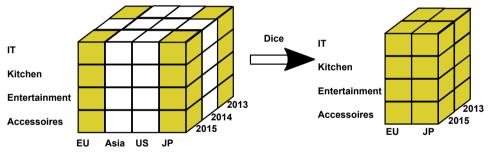


Figure: Example cube for sales in stores

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Summary

The OLAP Cube: Drill Down/Up [27]

Drill Down/Up: Navigate the aggregation level

- Drill down increases the detail level
- Drill up decreases the detail level

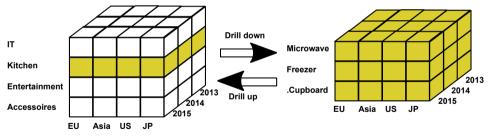


Figure: Example cube for sales in stores

Star (and Snowflake) Schemas [23]

Implement the OLAP cube in relational databases

Data model

- Fact table: records measurements/metrics for a specific event
 - Center of the star
 - Transaction table: records a specific event, e.g., sale
 - Snapshot table: record facts at a given point in time, e.g., account balance at the end of the month
 - Accumulating table: aggregate facts for a timespan, e.g., month-to-date sales for a product
 - \Rightarrow A fact table retains information at a low granularity and can be huge
 - Dimension tables: describe the facts in one dimension
 - Contains, e.g., time, geography, product (hierarchy), employee, range
 - The fact table contains a FOREIGN KEY to all dimension tables
 - \Rightarrow Comparably small tables

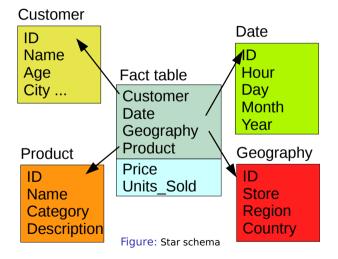
Snowflake schema normalizes dimensions to reduce storage costs

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Data Warehouses

Star Schema Example Model



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Star Schema: Example Query

Analyze the sales of TVs per country and brand [23]

```
SELECT P.Brand, S.Country AS Countries, SUM(F.Units_Sold)
  FROM Fact Sales F
2
  INNER JOIN Date
                      D ON (F.Date_Id = D.Id)
3
  INNER JOIN Store
                      S ON (F.Store Id = S.Id)
  INNER JOIN Product P ON (F.Product_Id = P.Id)
5
6
 7
  WHERE D.Year = 1997 AND P.Product_Category = 'ty'
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  GROUP BY
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    P.Brand,
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    S.Countrv
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Star Schema [23]

Advantages

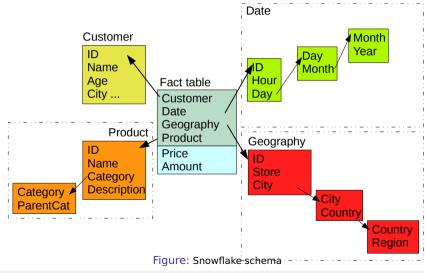
- Simplification of queries and performance gains
- Emulates OLAP cubes

Disadvantages

- Data integrity is not guaranteed
- No natural support for many-to-many relations



Snowflake Schema Example Model



Relational Model	Databases and SQL	Advanced Features for Analytics	Data Warehouses	Summary
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Summary

- ER-diagrams visualize the relational data model
- Keys allow addressing of tuples (rows)
- Normalization reduces dependencies
 - Avoids redundancy, prevents inconsistency
- SQL combines data retrieval/modification and computation
 - Insert, Select, Update, Delete
 - Joins combine records
- Transactions executes a sequence of operations with ACID semantics
- A database optimizes the execution of the queries (query planer)
- Semi-structured data analysis is possible within JSON and XML
- OLAP (Cube) deals with multidimensional business data
- Data warehouses store facts along their dimensions
- Star-schema implements OLAP in a relational schema

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