



On-Line Analytical Processing (OLAP)

Introduction

Two broad types of database activity

■ OLTP – Online Transaction Processing

- Short transactions
- Simple queries
- Touch small portions of data
- Frequent updates

■ OLAP – Online Analytical Processing

- Long transactions
- Complex queries
- Touch large portions of the data
- Infrequent updates

More terminology

- Data warehousing

Bring data from operational (OLTP) sources into a single “warehouse” for (OLAP) analysis

- Decision support system (DSS)

Infrastructure for data analysis

E.g., data warehouse tuned for OLAP

“Star Schema”

■ Fact table

Updated frequently, often append-only, very large

Sales transactions, course enrollments, page views

■ Dimension tables

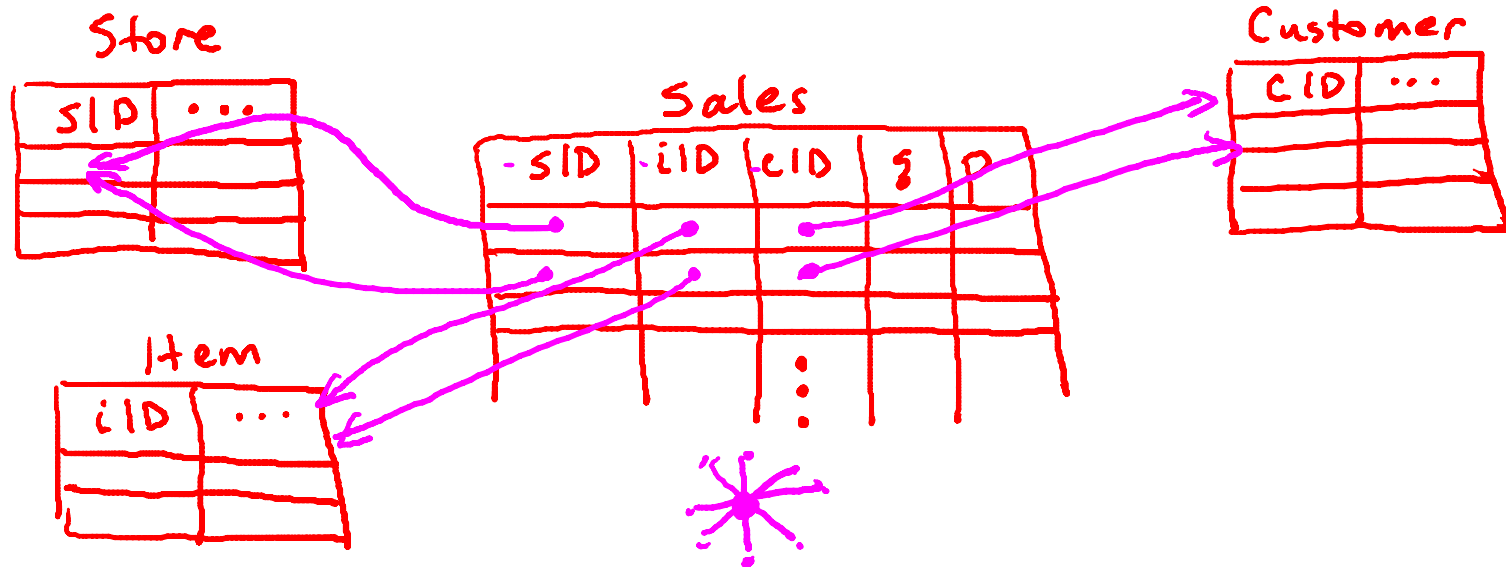
Updated infrequently, not as large

- Stores, items, customers
- Students, courses
- Web pages, users, advertisers

Star Schema – fact table references dimension tables

(F) Sales(storeID, itemID, custID, qty, price)
 (D) Store(storeID, city, state)
 Item(itemID, category, brand, color, size)
 Customer(custID, name, address)

Dimension
attributes
Dependent
attributes



OLAP queries

```
Sales(storeID, itemID, custID, qty, price)  
Store(storeID, city, state)  
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Customer(custID, name, address)
```

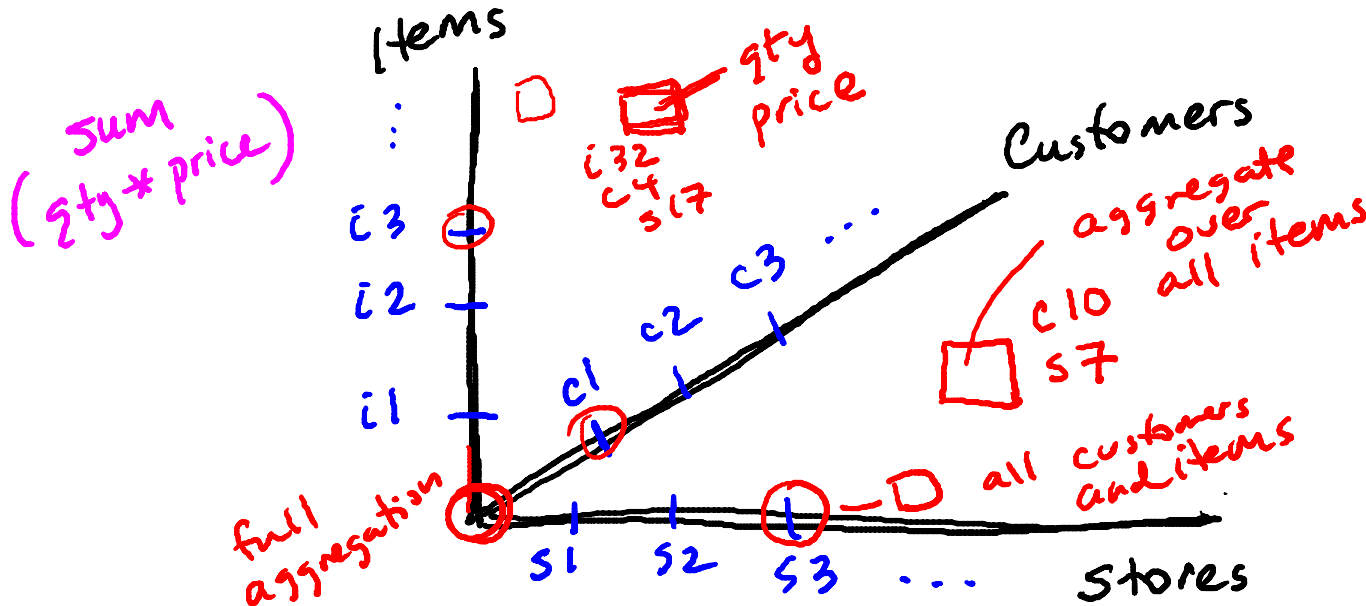
Join → Filter → Group → Aggregate

* Performance

- Inherently very slow:
special indexes, query processing techniques |
- Extensive use of materialized views

Data Cube (a.k.a. multidimensional OLAP)

- Dimension data forms axes of "cube"
- Fact (dependent) data in cells
- Aggregated data on sides, edges, corner



Fact table uniqueness for data cube

Sales(storeID, itemID, custID, qty, price)



- If dimension attributes not key, must aggregate
- Date can be used to create key

Dimension or dependent?



Drill-down and Roll-up

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Examining summary data, break out by dimension attribute

```
— Select state, brand, Sum(qty*price)
— From Sales F, Store S, Item I
— Where F.storeID = S.storeID And F.itemID = I.itemID
— Group By state, brand
```

category

Drill-down and **Roll-up**

Examining data, summarize by dimension attribute

```
Select state, brand, Sum(qty*price)
From Sales F, Store S, Item I
Where F.storeID = S.storeID And F.itemID = I.itemID
Group By state, brand
```

SQL Constructs

With Cube and With Rollup

```
Select dimension-attrs, aggregates  
From tables  
Where conditions  
Group By dimension-attrs With Cube
```

Add to result: faces, edges, and corner of cube using NULL values

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With Cube **and** With Rollup

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For hierarchical dimensions, portion of **With Cube**

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- Data cubes
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