Big data is a set of techniques and technologies that require new forms of integration to uncover large hidden values from large datasets that are diverse, complex, and of a massive scale2

Big Data V

Volume: zettabyte, records, tables, files

Velocity: persistent, batch oriented, real time

Variety: structured, unstructured, linked, dynamic

Value: meaningful, statistical, correlations ss

Variability: changing data, changing model, linkage

Veracity: uncertain, noisy, incomplete, empty

Big Data Challenges

– Various formats, types, and structures: Text, numerical, images, audio, video, sequences, time series, social media data, multi-dim arrays, etc...

– Static data vs. streaming data

– A single application can be generating/collecting many types of data eg facebook email etc

Data is begin generated fast and need to be processed fast

– Online Data Analytics, Late decisions ➔ missing opportunities

– Examples E-Promotions: Based on your current location, your purchase history, what you like ➔ send promotions right now for store next to you.

Healthcare monitoring: sensors monitoring your activities and body ➔ any abnormal measurements require immediate reaction

What is Business Intelligence (BI)?

– The process, technologies and tools needed to turn data into information, information into knowledge and knowledge into plans that drive profitable business action

Typical BI applications are

– Customer segmentation

– Propensity to buy (customer disposition to buy)

– Customer profitability

– Fraud detection

– Customer attrition (loss of customers)

– Channel optimization (connecting with the customer)

Lecture 12

Real-time ≠ fast

– Real time DW has the capability to enforce time constraints

Simplified Explanation of ETL and Real-Time Constraints

Why the 5-Minute Constraint is a Challenge

1. **Batch Processing**: ETL usually runs on a fixed schedule (like at night) to avoid disturbing users working with the database. This means updates are delayed until the next batch, but the 5-minute constraint requires data to be updated **immediately**.
2. **Downtime**: During the "Load" step, the Data Warehouse is often **unavailable** for queries because data is being updated. This works fine at night, but not for real-time needs.
3. **Flat Files in Staging Area**: Data is extracted into flat files (temporary storage) outside the database before being loaded. While in this staging area, data is **not usable** for analysis.
4. **Long Processing Times**: ETL can take **hours** to process large amounts of data, but with a 5-minute constraint, it has to be much faster.

Solutions enabling real-time ETL

– Microbatch

– Direct Trickle-feed

– Trickle & Flip

– External Real-time Data Cache (ERDC)

Simple Explanation of Real-Time ETL Techniques

When companies like **Amazon or Walmart** need to process huge amounts of data in real time, they can't afford to wait for traditional ETL (Extract, Transform, Load) processes that usually run at night or every few hours. Instead, they need methods that allow them to see the latest data **within minutes or even seconds**. Here's a simple explanation of the techniques used to achieve this:

1️⃣ Microbatches

This approach is like taking **small, frequent batches** instead of one large batch.

🔍 *How it works:*

- Instead of running ETL every night, it runs every **3-4 hours** (or even less).
- The system processes smaller amounts of data, so it's faster.
- Everything is **automated**, and no human intervention is required.

📉*Drawbacks:*

- It's still not "real-time" because it works on intervals (like every 3-4 hours).
- The smaller the interval, the higher the system load (more processing power is required).

Example:

Imagine collecting sales data from different stores. Instead of waiting for all stores to close at night, you process data every 3 hours. This means sales data from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM is available by 3:01 PM.

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2 Direct Trickle-Feed

This is like a **continuous flow of data** into the warehouse.

How it works:

- As soon as a transaction happens, the data is sent directly to the **Data Warehouse (DW)**.
- It works just like social media feeds (Instagram, Facebook) — you get updates instantly.

Drawbacks:

- The DW could get **overloaded** if too much data is coming in.
- When too many users are querying the data at the same time, **system slowdown** can happen.

Example:

Imagine you're tracking product sales every second. As soon as a product is sold, the sales data is **instantly sent** to the DW. Now, if 10,000 users are checking reports at the same time, the system might slow down because **everyone is querying the same table**.

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3 Real-Time Partition

This is like having a **special temporary table** that holds the most recent data.

How it works:

- New incoming data goes into a **real-time partition** (a mini temporary table).
- The big main table (which is updated at night) is called the **static table**.
- When users run a query, the system looks at both the **static table** and the **real-time partition**.

Drawbacks:

- It works well only if the size of the new data is small (like 150 MB per day for Amazon).
- If the real-time data grows too big, queries slow down.

Example:

Think of a shopping website. Sales from today (10:30 AM, December 6) are stored in the **real-time partition**, while data from previous days is stored in the **static table**. If a manager wants to compare sales from today with the past 3 Tuesdays, the system combines data from both tables.

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4 Trickle & Flip

This method is like **flipping two containers**.

How it works:

- **New data** goes into a **copy** of the fact table (called a **staging table**).
- After a certain period (like every 5 minutes), the system **flips** (switches) the copy to become the new main table.
- The old table is **deleted** and the process starts again.

Drawbacks:

- The process of copying large fact tables can be slow.
- If the table is too large, the flip takes too long.

Example:

Imagine you have a cup of water (the current fact table) and you're filling another cup with fresh water (the staging table). Once the second cup is full, you **swap** them. This swapping process happens so fast (microseconds) that users barely notice it.

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5 ERDC (External Real-Time Data Cache)

This method is like using a **temporary storage space** for real-time data.

How it works:

- Instead of sending all real-time data to the main warehouse, it's stored in a **separate cache**.
- Users can query this cache for fresh data.
- Every night, the data in the cache is **merged** with the main Data Warehouse.

Drawbacks:

- The system requires an extra **database server** to store the cache.
- Users may see a slight difference between cached data and DW data (since the two aren't fully in sync).

Example:

Think of a vending machine. **Real-time sales** are stored in a small counter (cache) on the machine. At night, the counter is sent to the warehouse to update the main sales database. This way, users can see **real-time sales** from the cache, but at the end of the day, the final total is updated in the warehouse.

Comparison of Real-Time ETL Techniques

Technique	Speed	Data Freshness	Complexity	Drawback
Microbatches	□ Medium	□ Every 3-4 hours	⭐ Simple	Can't achieve <5 min
Direct Trickle-Feed	□ Fast	□ Real-time	🔥 Complex	Query contention
Real-Time Partition	□ Fast	□ Real-time	🔥 Complex	Needs more memory
Trickle & Flip	□ Medium	□ Near real-time	⚙ Medium	Slow copy process
ERDC	□ Fast	□ Real-time	🔥 Complex	Needs extra storage

Summary

- Traditional **batch ETL** takes too long to update data (like nightly or weekly).
- To achieve **real-time ETL**, companies use methods like **microbatches**, **trickle-feed**, **real-time partitions**, **trickle & flip**, and **external caches (ERDC)**.
- Each method has trade-offs between speed, data freshness, and system complexity.
- The fastest approach is **Direct Trickle-Feed**, but it can cause system slowdowns.
- Companies like **Amazon and Walmart** use **Real-Time Partition** or **Trickle & Flip** for better scalability.

🔍 What are Logical Partitions?

- A **logical partition** is a **subdivision** of a larger storage or memory structure into smaller, independent segments.
- Each partition can be processed **independently** of the others.
- These partitions exist **logically**, not physically. This means the underlying data (like disk pages) is not moved or split, but the system treats it as if it were in smaller, isolated "chunks."

⚙ What Does "Unnecessary Dependencies" Mean?

- **Unnecessary dependencies** happen when multiple components or processes must **wait for each other** to complete before proceeding.
- For example, in the **MESHJOIN** algorithm:
    - The entire **disk buffer** might need to be loaded into memory before joining it with the stream.
    - If one part of the disk buffer is delayed, it affects the whole join process.
    - This creates a **bottleneck** since the system depends on the availability of the entire dataset.

📉 Why Is This a Problem?

- If all components (like disk pages) are treated as a single **block** or unit, they are **interdependent**.
- When a process **waits for one part** (like one page of disk data) to load, it **pauses the entire join process**.
- This causes **delays and inefficiencies** in data streaming, especially for **large datasets**.

✅ How Do Logical Partitions Solve This?

- **Logical partitions** divide the disk buffer into **smaller, independent chunks**.
- Each partition can be processed **separately**, without waiting for other partitions to load or complete.
- Instead of waiting for **all the disk pages** to be loaded, the system can start processing each logical partition **as soon as it becomes available**.
- This eliminates the bottleneck caused by the entire disk buffer being treated as one large block.

What is Data Skew?

- **Data skew** occurs when some values in a dataset appear **much more frequently** than others.
- For example, in an **online shopping site**, certain products like "smartphones" are bought much more often than others like "fax machines."
- This causes **imbalanced data distribution**, leading to certain values being processed more frequently than others.

⚙ What Does "Does Not Handle Data Skew" Mean?

- When a join algorithm **does not handle data skew**, it means the algorithm **treats all data equally** and does not prioritize or optimize the processing of frequently occurring tuples.
- This becomes a problem in **stream-based joins** because popular data items (like "smartphones" in e-commerce) will appear more often in the stream, causing **repeated and unnecessary lookups** in the master data.

📉 Why Is It a Problem?

- When the same frequently occurring stream tuple arrives repeatedly, the join system processes it **from scratch every time**.
- Without optimizing for skew, the system repeatedly **fetches the same master data from disk**.
- This wastes **time, memory, and disk I/O**, leading to **slow performance**.

📘 Easy Notes on Stream-based Joins

1️⃣ What is a Stream-based Join?

A **stream-based join** is a method to **combine real-time stream data with another stream or a disk-based master dataset**. This technique is essential for **real-time data analytics** where incoming data must be processed immediately.

📌 *Applications of Stream-based Join*

- **Enrichment**: Enhance the stream data with master data.
- **Key Replacement**: Replace key identifiers with descriptive information.
- **Duplicate Detection**: Identify duplicate records from multiple streams.
- **Data Merging**: Merge two or more data streams.

2️⃣ Types of Joins

1. **Stream-Stream Join** (Θ(s1, s2)): Combines data from two continuous streams.
2. **Semi-Stream Join** (Θ(s, r)): Joins a continuous stream with a disk-based master data table.

3️⃣ Research Challenges

1. **Different Arrival Rates**:
   - **Stream data** arrives rapidly and unpredictably.
   - **Disk data** has slow arrival due to **disk I/O cost**, causing bottlenecks.
2. **Data Skew and Non-Uniform Data**:
   - Real-time stream data is non-uniform and skewed, requiring optimized approaches to handle it efficiently.

4️⃣ Types of Stream-based Joins

Full Stream Joins	Semi-Stream Joins
Symmetric Hash Join (SHJ)	**Index Nested Loop Join (INLJ)**
Early Hash Join (EHJ)	**Mesh Join (MESHJOIN)**
X-Join	**Partition-based Join**
Double Pipeline Hash Join (DPHJ)	**Semi-Stream Index Join (SSIJ)**
Hash Merge Join (HMJ)	**Reduced Mesh Join (R-MESHJOIN)**
MJoin	**Hybrid Join (HYBRIDJOIN)**
	Cache Join (CACHEJOIN)

5️⃣ Detailed Explanation of Join Techniques

1️⃣ Index Nested Loop Join (INLJ)

- **How it works**: Each incoming stream tuple is matched against master data one at a time.
- **Issues**:
    - **High Disk I/O**: Does not amortize disk access cost.
    - **Slow Processing**: Handles one stream tuple at a time.
    - **Does not handle data skew**: It cannot optimize based on common patterns in the stream.
- **Diagram**:

```
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Stream → INLJ Operator → Join Output
           ↑
           Master Data
```

2️⃣ MESHJOIN

- **How it works**:
    - Uses **two buffers**:
        - **Stream Buffer**: Temporarily stores stream tuples.
        - **Disk Buffer**: Holds disk pages in memory for efficient lookup.
    - The disk-based relation is loaded into memory in small chunks (pages) and matched with incoming stream tuples.
- **Components**:
    - **Disk Buffer**: Pages from disk-based master data.
    - **Stream Buffer**: Temporarily holds stream tuples.
    - **Hash Table**: Used to match stream tuples with disk tuples.
    - **Queue**: Keeps track of tuples in the hash table.
- **Problems**:

    - **Poor Memory Management**: Allocating memory for stream and disk buffers is difficult.
    - **Performance Decreases with Data Size**: Large master data slows it down.
    - **Cannot Handle Intermittent Streams**: If the stream stops for a while, MESHJOIN cannot adjust.
    - **Does Not Consider Skew**: Stream data skew isn't handled properly.
- **Diagram**:

```
Disk-based Master Data (R) → Disk Buffer → Hash Table
Stream (S) → Stream Buffer → Hash Table
```

3️⃣ Reduced Mesh Join (R-MESHJOIN)

- **How it works**:
    - **Improves memory allocation** by dividing the disk buffer into **logical partitions**.
    - **Reduces dependency** among join components.
- **Key Features**:
    - **Partitioned Disk Buffer**: The disk buffer is split into partitions, which are loaded sequentially.
    - **Improves Memory Distribution**: Logical partitions reduce unnecessary dependencies.
- **Diagram**:

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Disk-based Master Data (R) → Disk Buffer (partitioned) → Hash Table
Stream (S) → Stream Buffer → Hash Table
```

4️⃣ Hybrid Join (HYBRIDJOIN)

- **How it works**:
    - Uses an **index-based approach** to access disk data.
    - It **sorts the master data** by access frequency to prioritize frequently accessed tuples.
- **Key Features**:
    - **Index-based Disk Access**: Uses an index to access master data.
    - **Memory Optimization**: Reduces I/O by focusing on frequently accessed data.
- **Diagram**:

```
Disk-based Master Data (R) → Index → Disk Buffer → Hash Table
Stream (S) → Stream Buffer → Hash Table
```

5️⃣ Cache Join (CACHEJOIN)

- **How it works**:
    - Uses a **cache to store frequently accessed tuples** from the master data.
    - When a stream tuple arrives, it first checks the **cache**.
    - If a match is not found, it checks the **disk**.
- **Key Features**:
    - **Two Hash Tables**:
        - **HR**: Holds disk tuples that are frequently accessed.
        - **HS**: Holds stream tuples.
    - **Two Phases**:

        - **Stream Probing Phase**: Matches stream tuples with the cache.
        - **Disk Probing Phase**: If the cache fails, the disk is accessed.
- **Diagram**:

```
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Disk-based Master Data (R) → Disk Buffer → Hash Table (HR)
Stream (S) → Stream Buffer → Hash Table (HS)
```

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6 Performance Comparisons

- **Setup**:
    - **Hardware**: Core i5, 8GB RAM, 500GB HDD.
    - **Synthetic Dataset**:
        - Master Data (R) = 100M tuples (11.18 GB)
        - Stream tuples = 20 bytes each
        - Queue pointer size = 12 bytes
- **Performance Metrics**:
    - **Processing Time**: Time to process stream tuples.
    - **Service Rate**: How many tuples per second the system can process.
    - **Waiting Time**: Time spent waiting for disk or cache access.

Algorithm	**Performance**	**Memory Usage**	**Handles Skew?**
MESHJOIN	Low	High	✗ No
R-MESHJOIN	Medium	Medium	✗ No
HYBRIDJOIN	High	Medium	✓ Yes
CACHEJOIN	Very High	Low	✓ Yes

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7 Experimental Setup

- **Synthetic Dataset**:
    - **Master Data**: 100M tuples, 11.18 GB.
    - **Stream Data**: 20 bytes per tuple.
- **Evaluation Metrics**:
    - **Service Rate**: How fast the join process happens.
    - **Waiting Time**: Time the stream waits for the join to process.
    - **Confidence Interval**: Used to measure variability.

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8 Summary

- Stream-based joins are crucial for real-time processing.
- Key challenges are **data arrival rates, disk I/O, and data skew**.

- Various join algorithms address these issues:
    - **MESHJOIN**: Uses buffers but struggles with large data.
    - **R-MESHJOIN**: Improves memory allocation.
    - **HYBRIDJOIN**: Uses indexing to speed up disk access.
    - **CACHEJOIN**: Uses a cache to reduce disk access.

🎉 Conclusion

- For **real-time stream processing**, **CACHEJOIN** is the most efficient as it handles skew, non-uniform streams, and reduces disk I/O.
- **HYBRIDJOIN** is ideal when master data can be indexed.
- **R-MESHJOIN** works well when disk buffers are partitioned properly.
- Each method has its use case, but **CACHEJOIN** generally performs best due to its efficient use of cache.

These notes give a complete, easy-to-understand view of **stream-based joins** and the associated **diagrams, challenges, and comparisons**. Let me know if you'd like any details clarified or if you'd like a deeper focus on any specific join technique.

Problem in MESHJOIN

Problem 1: Due to unnecessary dependency, memory distribution among the join components is not optimal.

• Problem 2: The performance of the algorithm is inversely proportional to the size of master data.

• Problem 3: Cannot deal with intermittency in stream data.

• Problem 4: Typical characteristics of stream data such as non-uniform data are not considered.

We propose following novel algorithms to solve the highlighted problems.

• Reduced Mesh Join (R-MESHJOIN): clarifies the dependency among the components more appropriately.

• Hybrid Join (HYBRIDJOIN): introduces an index-based strategy to access the master data.

• Cache Join (CACHJOIN): considers non-uniform characteristic in stream data.

Lecture 10

Joins are commutative and associative

– R ⋈ S ≡ S ⋈ R

– R ⋈ (S ⋈T) ≡ (S ⋈ R) ⋈ T

How Many Join Trees Are Possible?

For nnn relations, the number of possible join tree shapes is represented by T(n)T(n)T(n).

Base Case:

- When there's only **1 relation** (n=1n = 1n=1), there's only **1 join tree** possible: T(1)=1T(1) = 1T(1)=1

Recursive Formula:

For nnn relations:

- We split the nnn relations into two groups:
  - iii relations in the **left subtree**.
  - n−in-in−i relations in the **right subtree**.
- The number of join trees depends on all possible splits of the relations: T(n)=∑i=1n−1T(i)⋅T(n−i)T(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} T(i) \cdot T(n-i)T(n)=i=1∑n−1T(i)⋅T(n−i)

What Does This Mean?

- **T(i):** The number of possible join trees for iii relations in the left subtree.
- **T(n−i):** The number of possible join trees for n−i relations in the right subtree.
- The recursive sum calculates the total number of join trees for all possible ways of splitting the n relations into two groups.

Example Calculation in notes

This passage explains **join heuristics** in two contexts: **OLTP (Online Transaction Processing)** and **DW (Data Warehousing)**. It highlights when certain heuristics work well and when they don't, especially for **star schema joins**.

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1. Join Heuristics in OLTP

- **Key Heuristic:**
  Avoid joining tables that are not directly connected via a common attribute.
  - Why? Joining unrelated tables often leads to a **Cartesian product**, which is computationally expensive and produces meaningless intermediate results.

Example: Geo and Time Table Join

- **Tables:**
  - `Geography (Geo)` contains details like `Geo_ID`, `Store`, `State`, and `Country`.
  - `Time` contains details like `Time_ID`, `Day`, `Month`, and `Year`.
- If we try to join `Geo` and `Time` without a common attribute:
  - **Result:** A Cartesian product, which combines every row from `Geo` with every row from `Time`.
  - **Problem:** This creates a huge, meaningless intermediate table with no logical connection.

Why This Works in OLTP:

- OLTP systems prioritize quick, transactional operations over large, complex queries.
- In OLTP, tables are typically joined on directly related attributes to ensure efficiency and minimize intermediate results.

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2. Why OLTP Heuristics Don't Work in DW

In Data Warehousing, where **star schemas** are common, the OLTP heuristic (avoiding joins between unrelated tables) is **not always suitable.**

Example: Sales and Geo Join

- **Scenario:**
  - The `Sales` table has 10 million records.
  - In Germany, there are:
    - 10 stores.
    - Sales occurred on 20 days in January.
    - The electronics group includes 50 products.
  - Assume 20% of sales occurred in Germany.
- **Intermediate Results:**
  - Even after filtering for Germany, the result is still large:
    - 10 stores×20 days×50 products=10,000 records
  - Additional filtering (e.g., country = Germany) helps, but intermediate results remain significant.

Problem:

- Joins between fact and dimension tables can generate **large intermediate results**, making index optimizations on dimension tables less effective.

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3. Star Joins and Dimensional Cross Products

In DW, **star joins** often involve a **cross-product** of dimension tables before joining with the fact table. This can be effective under certain conditions.

Dimensional Cross Product

- Combine all dimension tables first, then join with the fact table.
- **Example:**
  - Dimensions:
    - Geography: 10 stores.
    - Time: 20 days.
    - Product: 50 products.
  - Cross Product:
    - $10 \times 20 \times 50 = 10{,}000$ records
  - Result:
    - The cross product reduces the complexity of joining dimensions with the fact table (e.g., sales).

Why It Can Be Useful:

- **High Selectivity:**
  If the filtering conditions (e.g., country = Germany, month = January, group = Electronics) are restrictive enough, the resulting dataset is small enough to leverage indexing efficiently.

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4. Challenges of Dimensional Cross Products

- **When They Become Expensive:**
  - **Loose Restrictions:**
    If the query has broad filters, the cross-product of dimensions generates a massive intermediate result.
  - **Large Number of Dimensions:**
    More dimensions significantly increase the size of the cross-product.

Example:

- Query: Sales of all electronic products in 2015.
  - Dimensions:
    - 100 stores in Germany.
    - 1,000 products in the electronics group.
    - 300 working days in 2015.
  - Cross Product:
    - $100 \times 300 \times 1{,}000 = 30{,}000{,}000$

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5. Summary

1. **In OLTP:**
   - Avoid joining unrelated tables to prevent Cartesian products.
   - Focus on direct relationships and quick operations.
2. **In DW:**
   - The OLTP heuristic doesn’t apply as well due to the complexity of star schemas.

   - Dimensional cross products can be useful when restrictions are strong, but they can also become expensive with loose filters or many dimensions.
3. **Key Takeaway:**
   - Use cross products selectively in DW, and prioritize indexing and filtering to manage intermediate results effectively.

A **Materialized View (MV)** is a database object that contains the results of a query and stores them physically on disk. Unlike regular views, which are just saved SQL queries executed when accessed, a materialized view saves the actual query result for faster access.

Materialized views are commonly used in scenarios where:

- Queries involve complex calculations or joins.
- Data is accessed frequently.
- Performance optimization is needed.

• **Aspect**	**View**	**Materialized View (MV)**
Definition	A virtual table representing a saved SQL query.	A physical table storing the query's result.
Storage	Does not store data physically; dynamically retrieves data from base tables.	Stores the query's result on disk.
Performance	Slower for complex queries, as data is fetched in real time.	Faster for complex queries, as data is precomputed and stored.

LECTURE 11

Typical OLAP operations

– Roll-up – Drill-down – Slice and dice – Pivot (rotate)

• **Other operations**

– Aggregate functions

– Ranking and comparing

– Drill-across

– Drill-through

Hierarchical roll-ups

– Performed on the fact table and some dimension tables by climbing up the attribute hierarchies

• E.g.,climbed theTime hierarchy to Quarter and Article hierarchy to Prod.group

Dimensional roll-ups

– Are done solely on the fact table by dropping one or more dimensions

• E.g.,drop the Client dimension

Drill down: –Requires the existence of materialized finer grained data

<u>Pivot (rotate):</u>re-arranging data for viewing purposes

– The simplest view of pivoting is that it selects two dimensions to aggregate the measure

Aspect	**Slice**	**Dice**
Condition Type	Equality condition on a single dimension	Range or multiple equality conditions on dimensions

Language:

In OLTP we have SQL as the standard query language, However,OLAP operations are hard to express in SQL.

– There is no standard query language for OLAP

– Choices are: SQL-99 for ROLAP

• MDX (Multidimensional expressions) for both MOLAP and ROLAP – designed by Microsoft.

Shortcomings of SQL/92 with regard to OLAP Queries

– Hard or impossible to express in SQL

• Multiple aggregations, Comparisons (with aggregation), Reporting features

– Performance penalty: Poor execution of queries with many AND and OR conditions

– Lack of support for statistical functions

Feature	**Description**
Self-Join in SQL/92	Used to compare rows within the same table, such as comparing sales across years.
Grouping Operators	Advanced SQL/99 features like `GROUPING SETS`, `ROLLUP`, and `CUBE` simplify aggregations over multiple dimensions.
ROLLUP	Adds subtotals to grouped results, with results dependent on column order.
CUBE	Provides all combinations of aggregations, including cross-tabulations.
MDX	A specialized query language for multidimensional data, used in OLAP systems for slicing, dicing, and analyzing large datasets.

Grouping Operators in SQL/99

SQL/99 introduced advanced grouping operators like **GROUPING SETS**, **ROLLUP**, and **CUBE** to simplify aggregation over multiple dimensions.

1. **GROUPING SETS**
   - Allows combining multiple `GROUP BY` queries into a single query.
   - Example:

```
SELECT dept_name, COUNT(*)
FROM personnel
GROUP BY dept_name
UNION ALL
```

```
SELECT job_title, COUNT(*)
FROM personnel
GROUP BY job_title;
```

- **Equivalent SQL using GROUPING SET**

```
SELECT dept_name, job_title, COUNT(*)
FROM personnel
GROUP BY GROUPING SETS (dept_name, job_title);
```

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2. **ROLLUP**
   - Produces subtotal rows in addition to grouped rows.
   - **Key Points:**
     - Order of columns matters.
     - N elements in `ROLLUP` generate N+1 grouping sets.
   - Example:

```
SELECT year, brand, SUM(qty)
FROM sales
GROUP BY ROLLUP(year, brand);
```

     - **Result:** Includes total sales for each brand and year, as well as overall totals.

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3. **CUBE**
   - Computes all possible combinations of aggregations, including cross-tabulations.
   - N elements in `CUBE` generate 2^N grouping sets.
   - Example:

```
SELECT year, brand, SUM(qty)
FROM sales
GROUP BY CUBE(year, brand);
```

     - **Result:** Includes all subtotals (e.g., by year, by brand, by year and brand, and overall totals).

MDX (MultiDimensional eXpressions)

MDX is a query language specifically designed for OLAP databases, commonly used in multidimensional data analysis.

1. **Syntax Overview:**
   - **SELECT Clause:** Defines the axes dimensions (e.g., rows and columns).
   - **FROM Clause:** Specifies the source data cube.
   - **WHERE Clause:** Acts as a slicer to restrict the data area.
2. **Example Query:**

```
SELECT
    {Deutschland, Niedersachsen, Bayern, Frankfurt} ON COLUMNS,
    {Qtr1.CHILDREN, Qtr2, Qtr3} ON ROWS
FROM SalesCube
```

```
WHERE (Measures.Sales, Time.[2008], Products.[All Products]);
```

- **Explanation:**
  - `COLUMNS`: Represents specific regions.
  - `ROWS`: Represents time periods (e.g., quarters).
  - `WHERE`: Filters the data to include only sales for the year 2008 and all products.

3. **Applications:**
   - Used in OLAP systems like Microsoft SQL Server Analysis Services.
   - Translated into SQL for ROLAP (Relational OLAP) systems.

4. **Feature**	**ROLLUP**	**CUBE**
Purpose	Hierarchical subtotals	All combinations of subtotals
Subtotals Produced	Along the grouping hierarchy only,	Includes cross-tabulations