

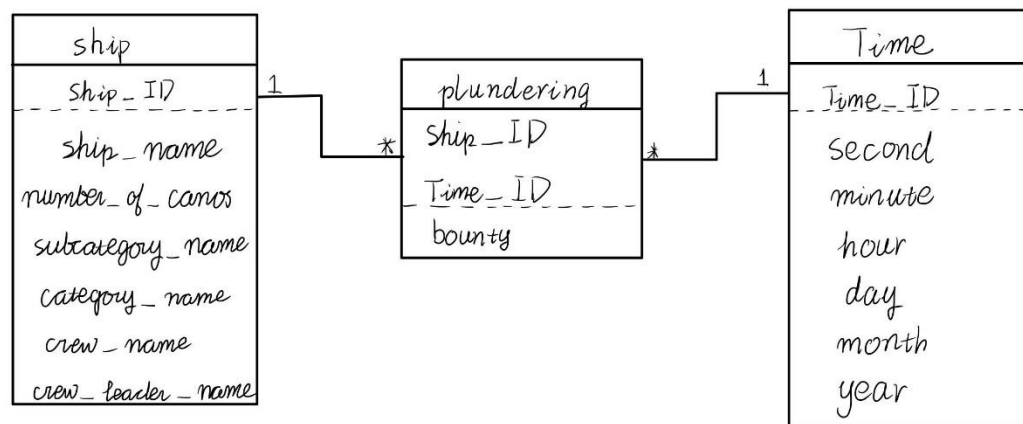
Exercise 1

(a) Fact table: plundering

Dimension table: ship, ship_subcategory, ship_category, pirate_crew, pirate_crew_leader, second, minute, hour, day, month, year.

Difference: Facts are usually numeric measurement and measurable values, while dimension describe a possible perspective of the associated facts.

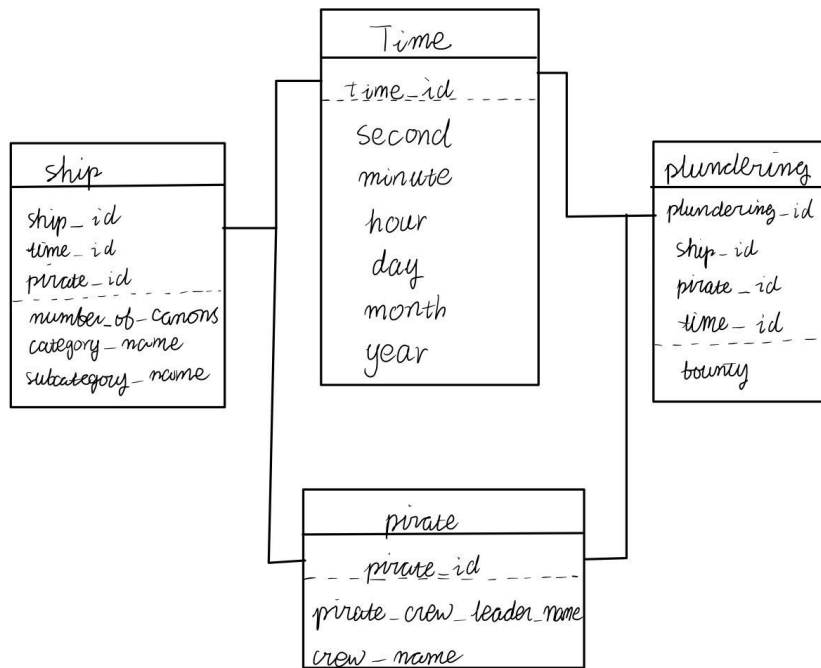
(b) It is a snowflake schema, because each level of categorization is placed in a separate table so that each table corresponds to a categorization level.



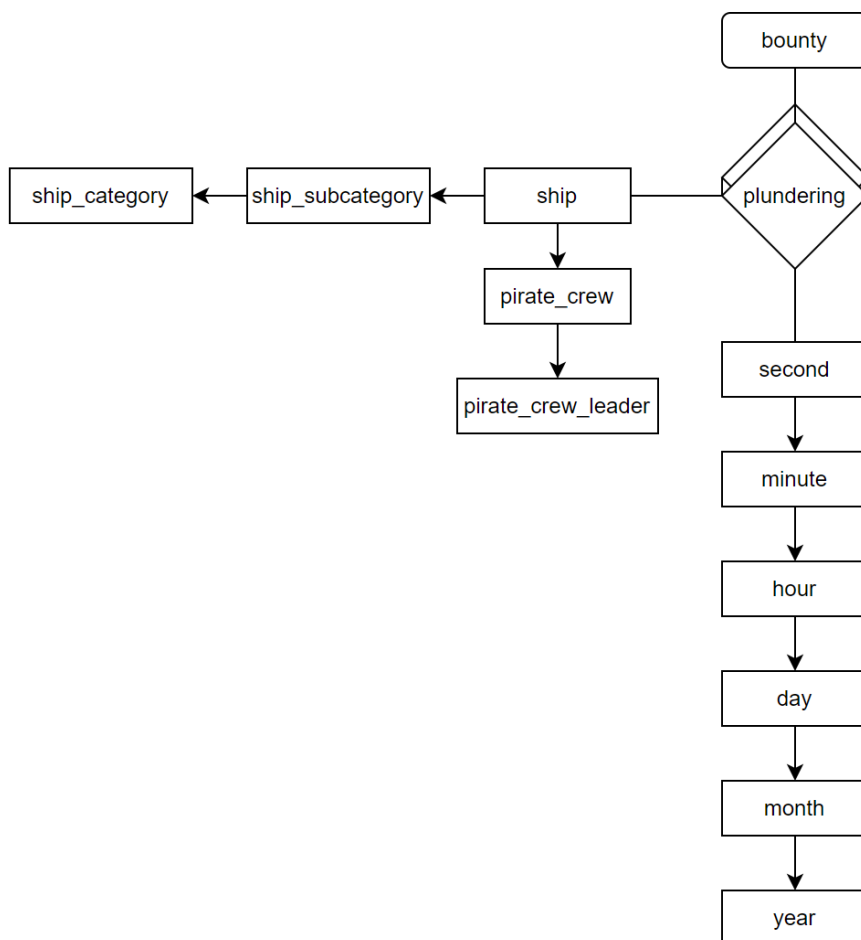
(c)

(d) Reasons for preferring the star schema: 1. simple structure (allows easy formulation of queries) 2. Simple and flexible representation of classification hierarchies (in columns in the dimension tables)

Reasons for preferring the snowflake schema:



(e)



(f)

Exercise 2

Dimension_ID	Level1_ID	Level2_ID	Level3_ID	Level
5801 S Ellis Ave	Chicago	Illinois	United States	0
Neuschwansteinstr. 20	Schwangau	Bavaria	Germany	0
Christophstr. 1	Düsseldorf	North Rhine- Westphalia	Germany	0
Universitätsstr. 1	Düsseldorf	North Rhine- Westphalia	Germany	0
Düsseldorfer Str. 1	Cologne	North Rhine- Westphalia	Germany	0
Platz der Republik 1	Berlin	Berlin	Germany	0
Chicago	Illinois	United States	NULL	1
Berlin	Berlin	Germany	NULL	1
Cologne	North Rhine- Westphalia	Germany	NULL	1
Düsseldorf	North Rhine- Westphalia	Germany	NULL	1
Schwangau	Bavaria	Germany	NULL	1
Illinois	United States	NULL	NULL	2
Berlin	Germany	NULL	NULL	2
North Rhine- Westphalia	Germany	NULL	NULL	2
Bavaria	Germany	NULL	NULL	2
United States	NULL	NULL	NULL	3
Germany	NULL	NULL	NULL	3