
DS-306 Data Warehousing and Business Intelligence

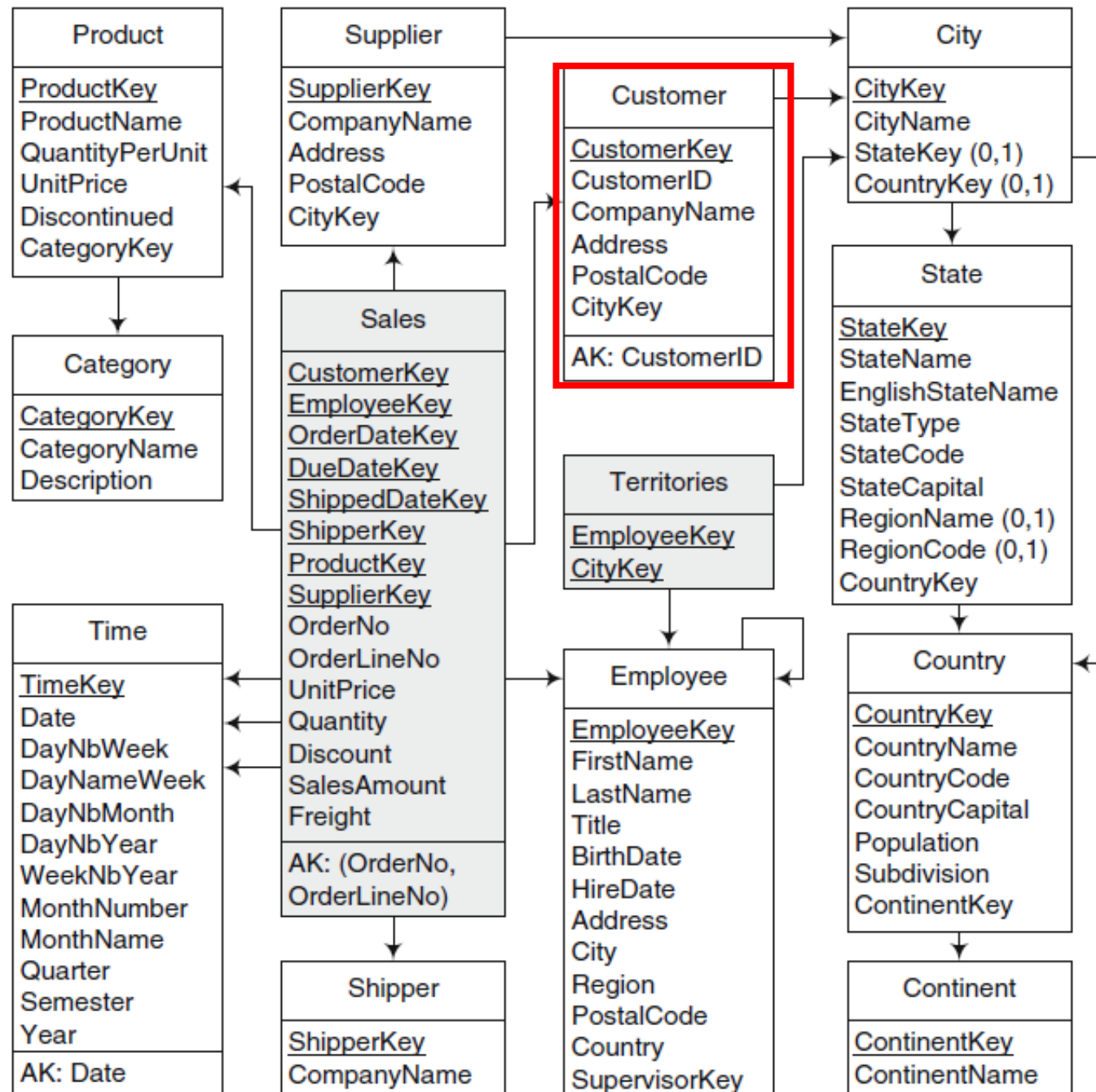
Topic 4: Logical DW Design

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Two possibilities of keys

- There are two possibilities of defining the keys of dimension levels
 - Generating Surrogate keys
 - Keeping DB key as DW key

Surrogate key is
added to Customer



Implications of rules

- In all rules, surrogate keys can be generated for each dimension level
- Reasons: Provide independence from keys of the underlying sources
- That is, underlying keys can change across time
- Also, Surrogate keys are integers that increases efficiency compared to strings

Conceptual to Logical

Relational Implementation

- Set of rules are applied to translate conceptual model (MultiDim model) to relational model

Rule 1

- A **level L**, provided that it is **not related to a fact** with **one-to-one relationship**, is mapped to table T_L that contains all attributes of the level
- A **surrogate key** may be added
 - Depending upon the type of changes
- Or, the **identifier** of the level will be the key of the table

Rule 2

- A **fact F** is mapped to a table T_F that includes as attributes all measures of the fact
- Further, a **surrogate key** may be added to the table

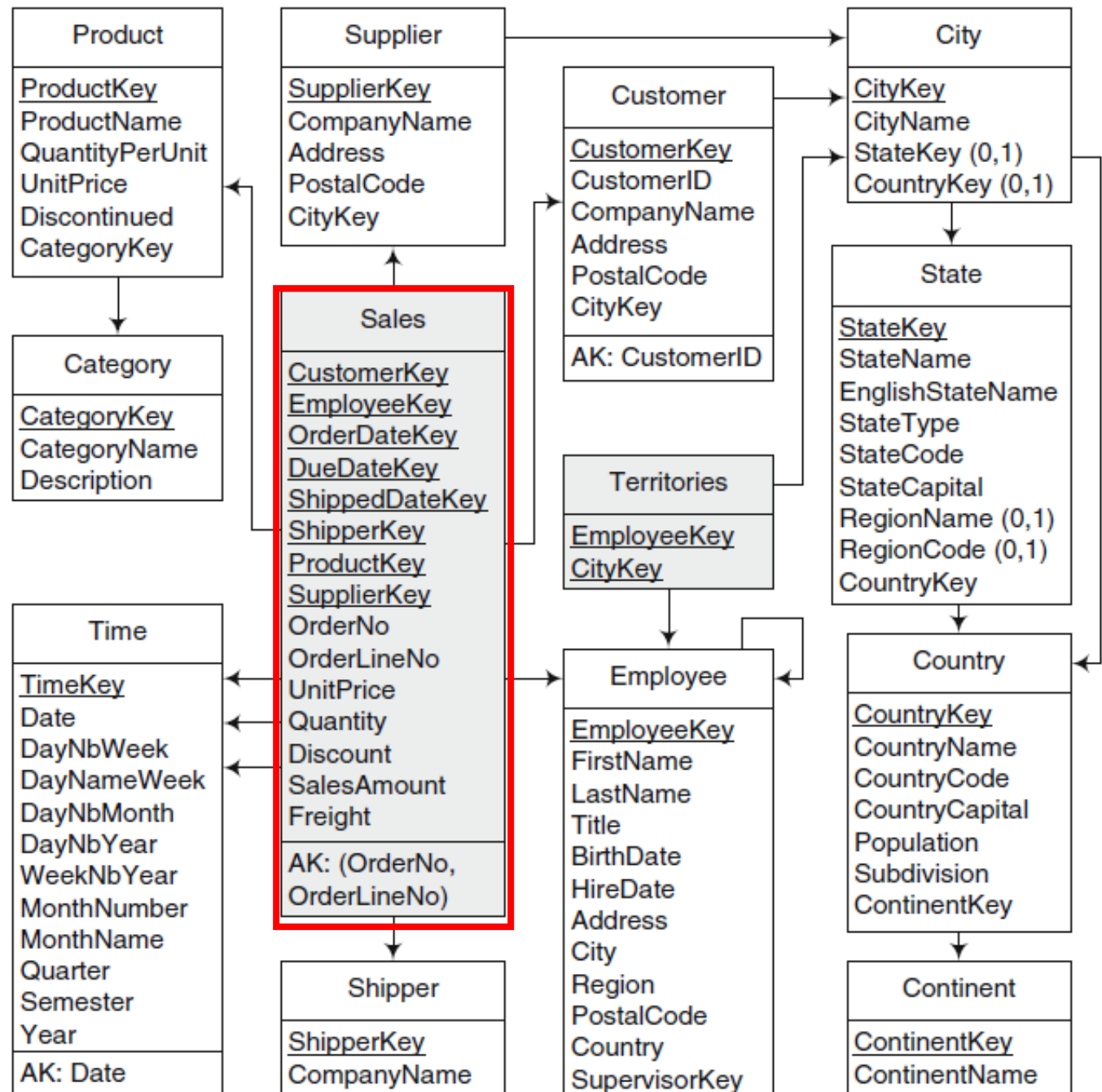
Rule 3

- A relationship **between** either a **fact F** and a **dimension level L**, or between dimension level **L_P** and **L_C** (parent child) can be mapped in three different ways
 - ❑ **One-to-one relation**
 - ❑ **One-to-many relation**
 - ❑ **Many-to-many**

Rule 3a

- **Rule 3a:** If the relationship is one-to-one, the table corresponding to the fact T_F or to the child T_C is extended with all the attributes of dimension level or the parent level

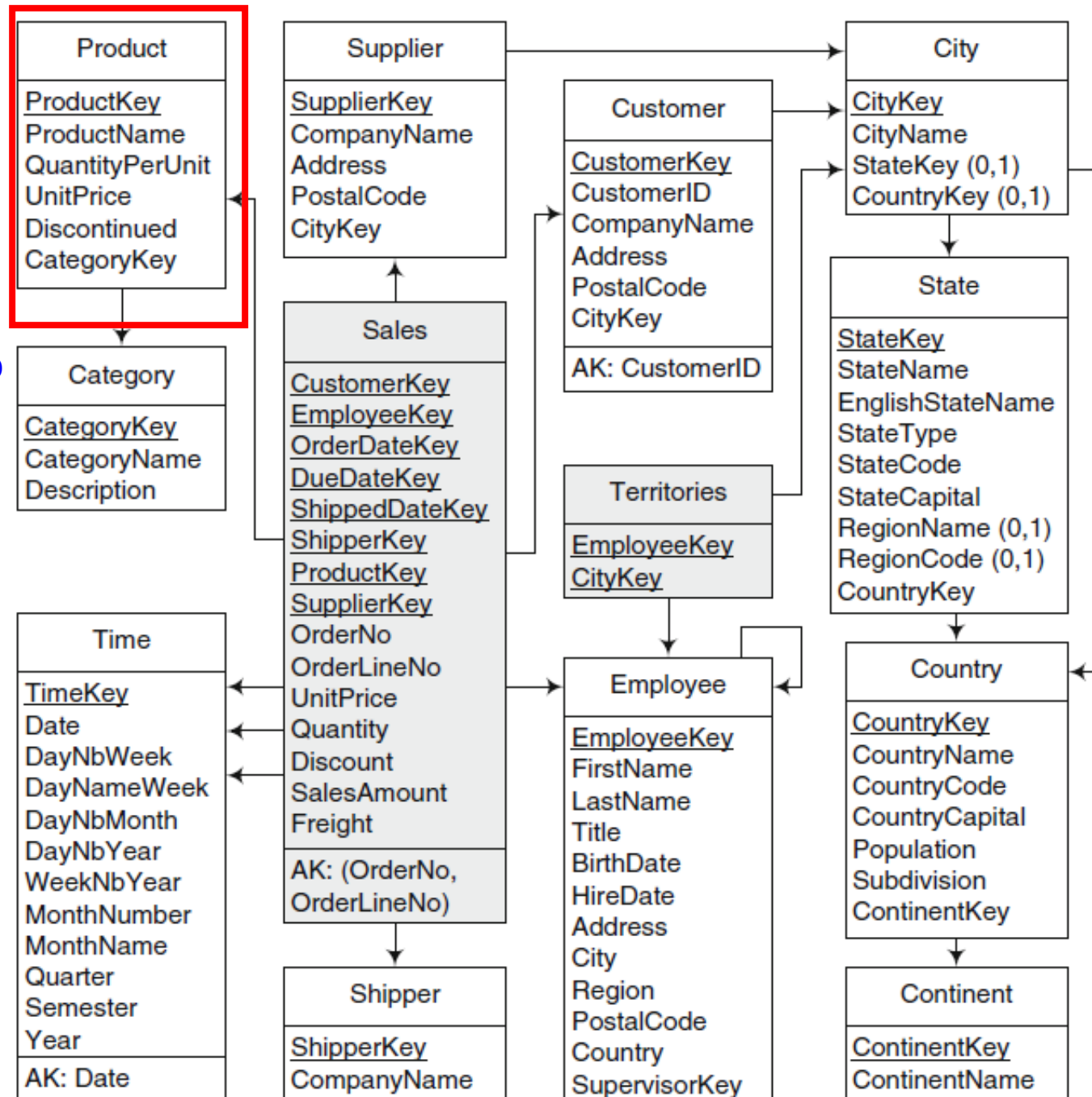
OrderNo
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are dimensions but
included in fact table



Rule 3b

- **Rule 3b:** If the relationship is one-to-many, the **table corresponding to the fact T_F or to the child level T_C is extended with the surrogate** key of the table corresponding to the dimension level T_L or the parent level
- That is, a foreign key in the fact or child table pointing to the other table

Product, Supplier
Have 1:M relationship



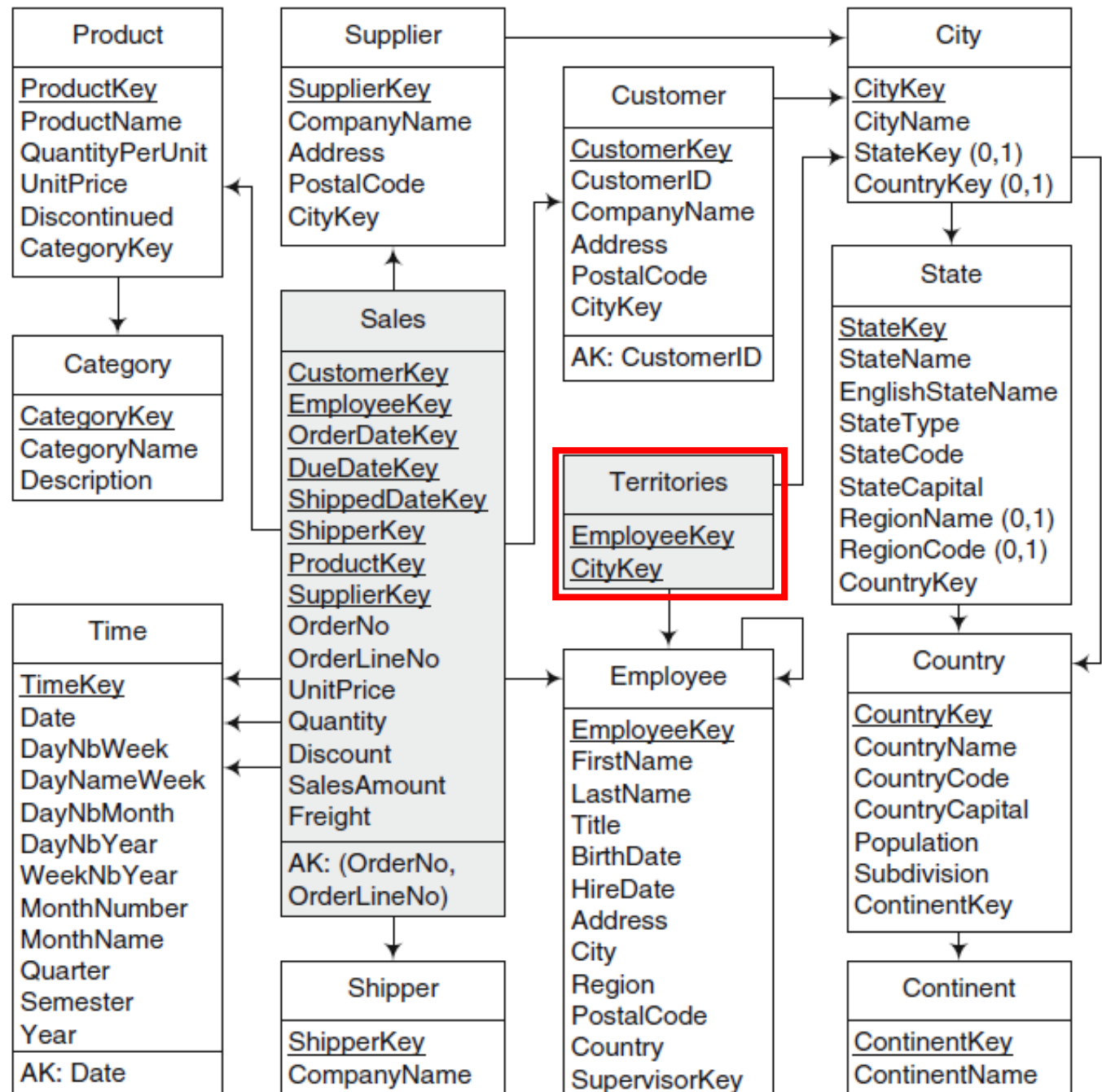
Rule 3c

- **Rule 3c:** If the relationship is many-to-many, a new table T_B (bridge table) is created that contains as attributes the surrogate keys to the corresponding to the fact T_F and the dimension level T_L , or the parent T_P and child level T_C
- The key of the table is the combination of both surrogate keys

Many-to-Many Relationship

- Many-to-many relationship parent-child relationship between Employee and territory is mapped to the table territories containing two foreign keys

Employee, City
have M:M relation
New table is added



Time Dimension

- DW is historical DB. So, time dimension is present in every DW
- Time information is included both as foreign keys in a fact table
- Contains aggregation level in which facts can be aggregated across time
- This information is defined from DATE

Logical representation of hierarchies

Recall, Dimensional Hierarchies

- Types of dimensional hierarchies
 - Balanced Hierarchies
 - Unbalanced Hierarchies
 - Generalized Hierarchies
 - Alternative Hierarchies
 - Parallel Hierarchies
 - Nonstrict Hierarchies

Balanced Hierarchies

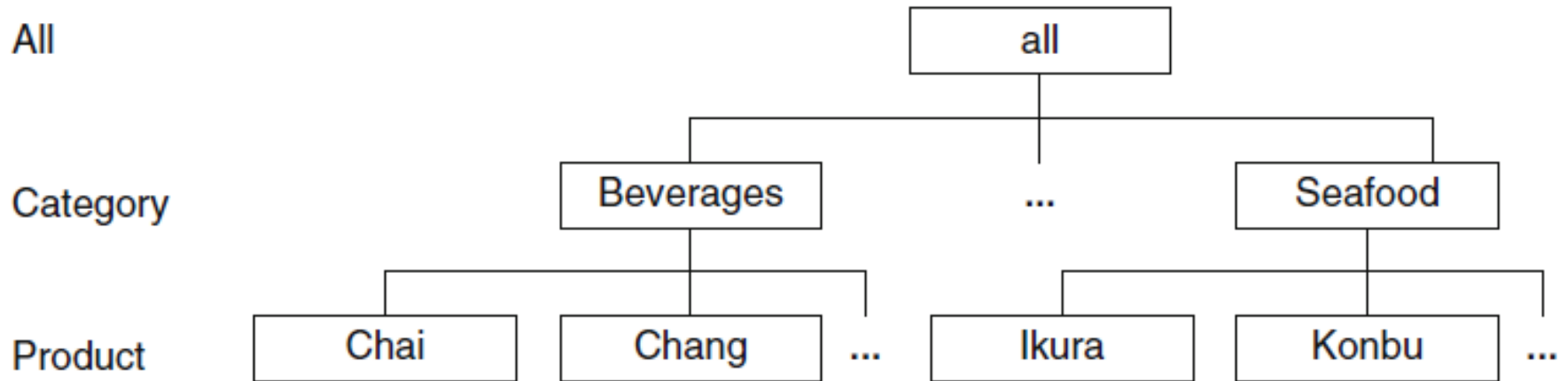
- **Recall,**

- A balanced hierarchy has only **one path** where all the levels are **mandatory**
- All the branches have the **same length**

- Levels of dimension hierarchies are represented independently
- Are linked by parent-child relationships

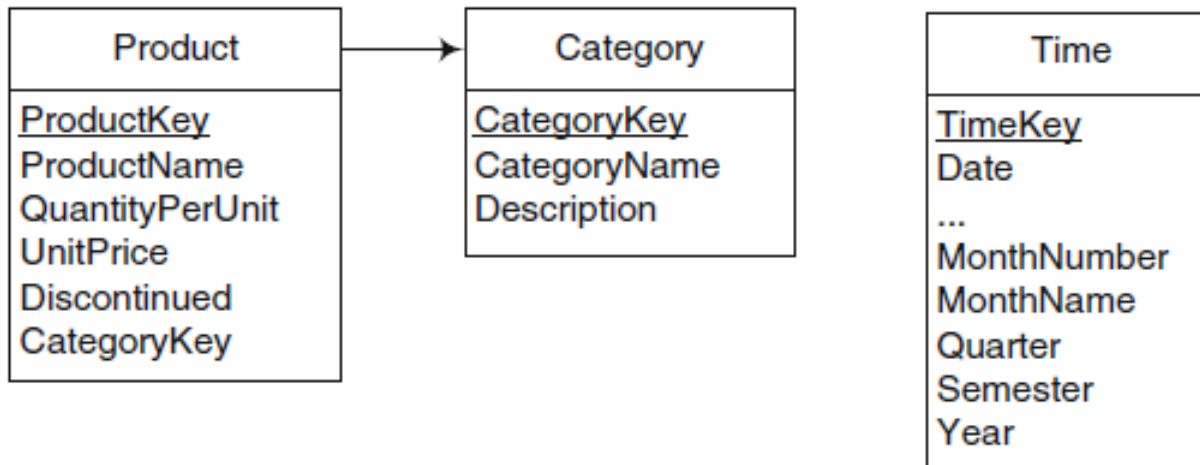
Balanced Hierarchies

■ Balanced Hierarchy (instance level)



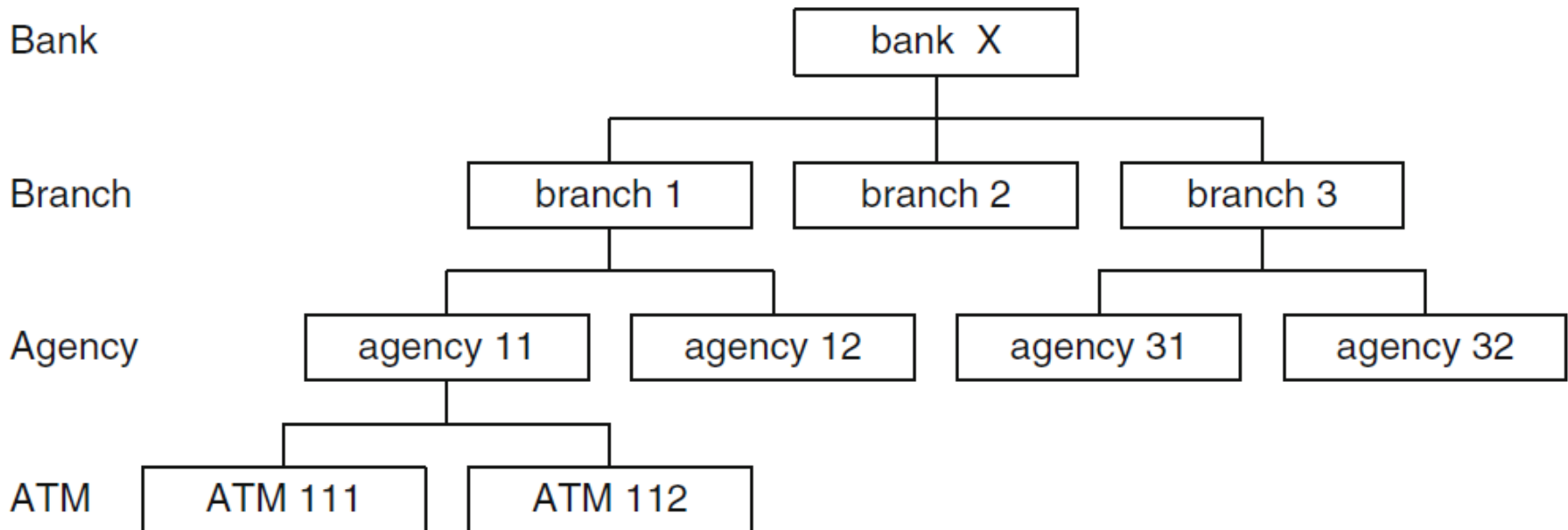
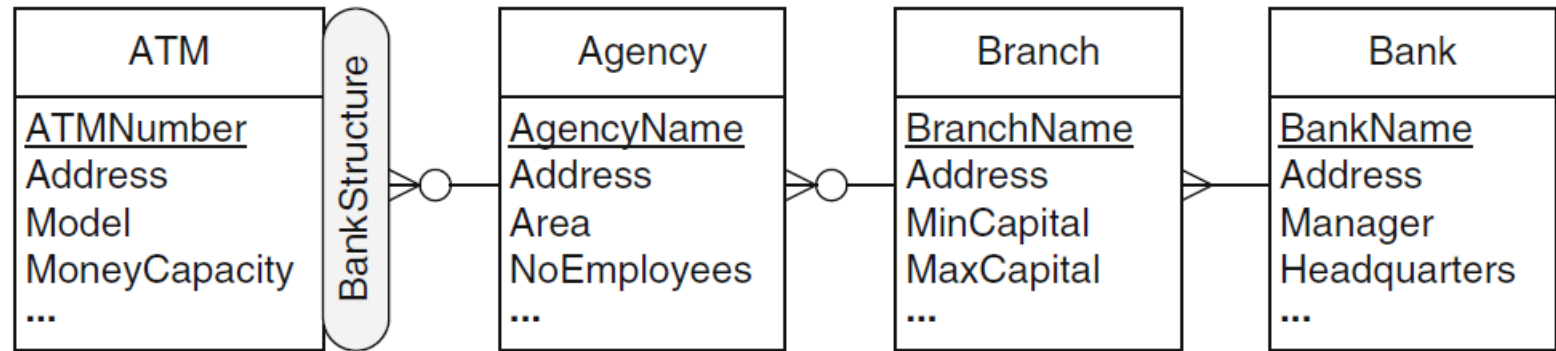
Balanced Hierarchies: **Logical**

- Example snowflake structure on left
- Flat table on right (denormalized table), if star is required
 - May contain several levels



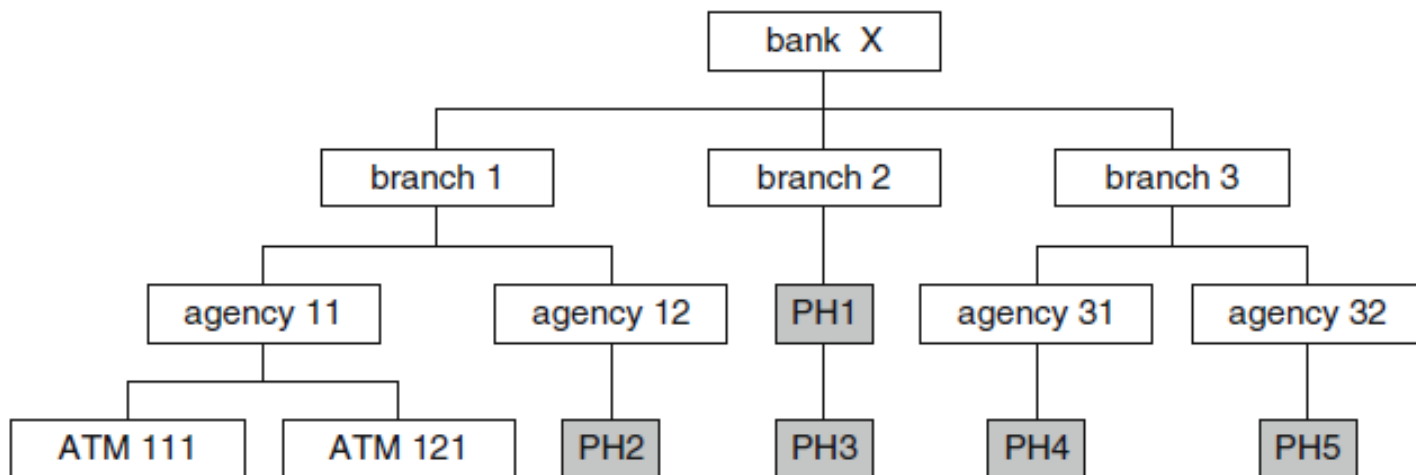
g. 5.5 Relations for a balanced hierarchy. (a) Snowflake structure. (b) Flat table

Unbalanced Hierarchies: Conceptual

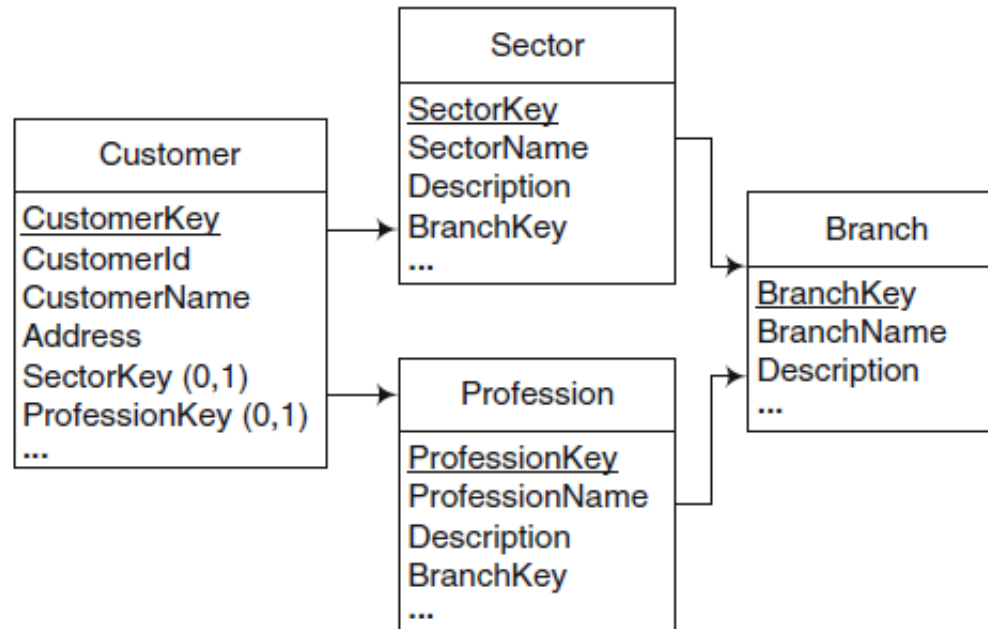
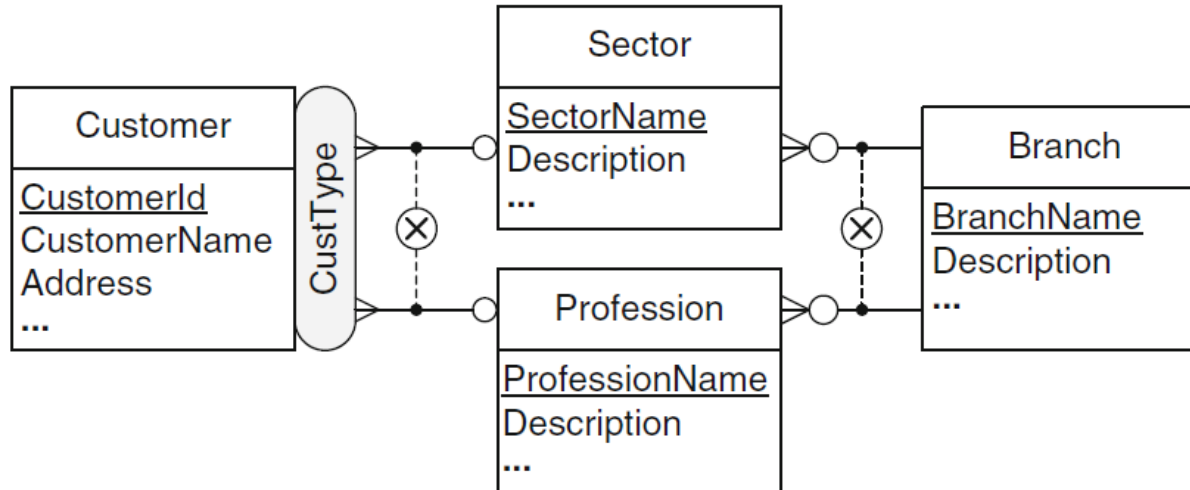


Unbalanced Hierarchies: Logical

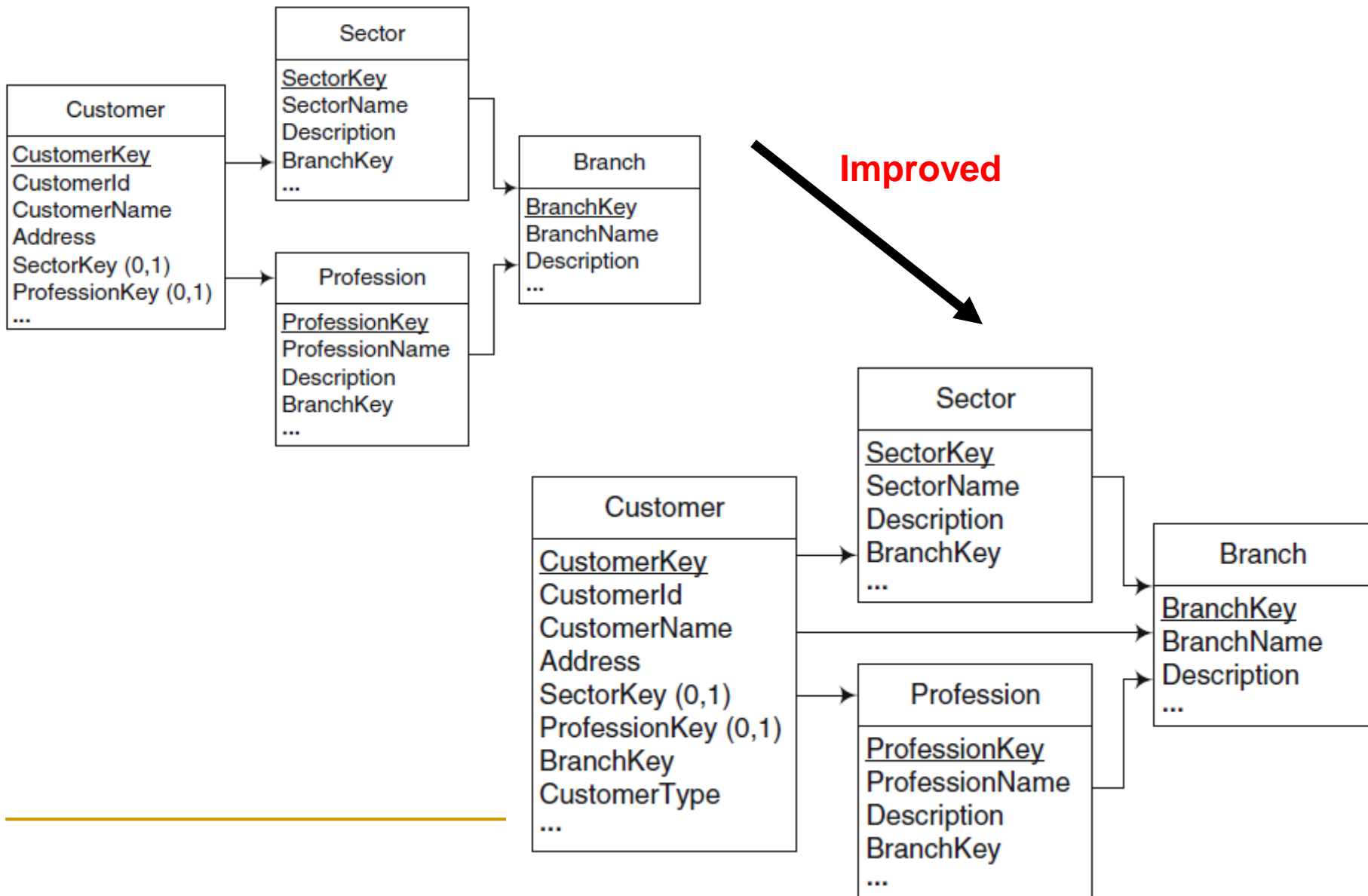
- **Problem:** Measures are associated with ATMs
 - ❑ Measures will aggregate only for those agencies that have ATMs
- **Solution:** Transform unbalanced hierarchy to balanced using placeholders



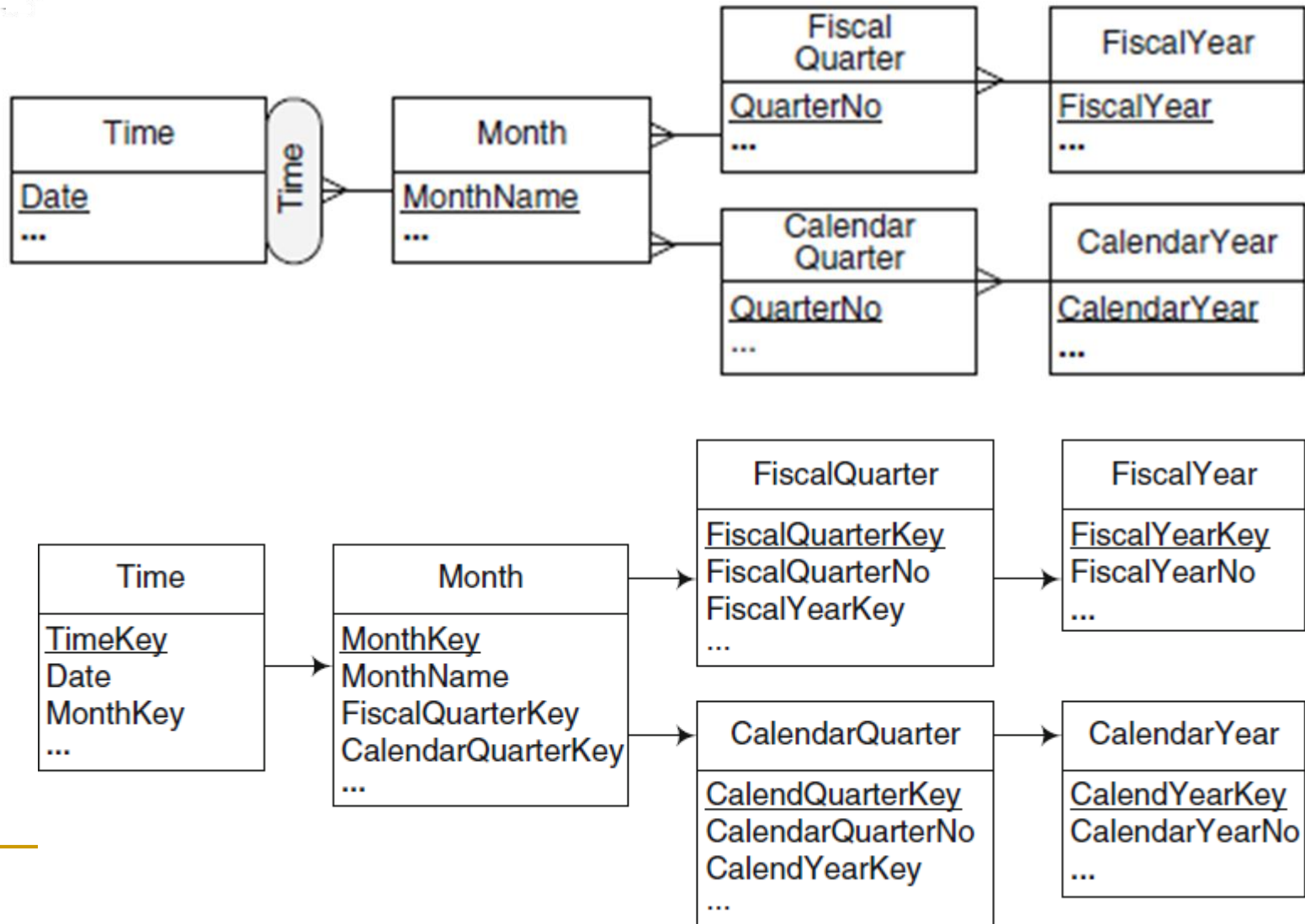
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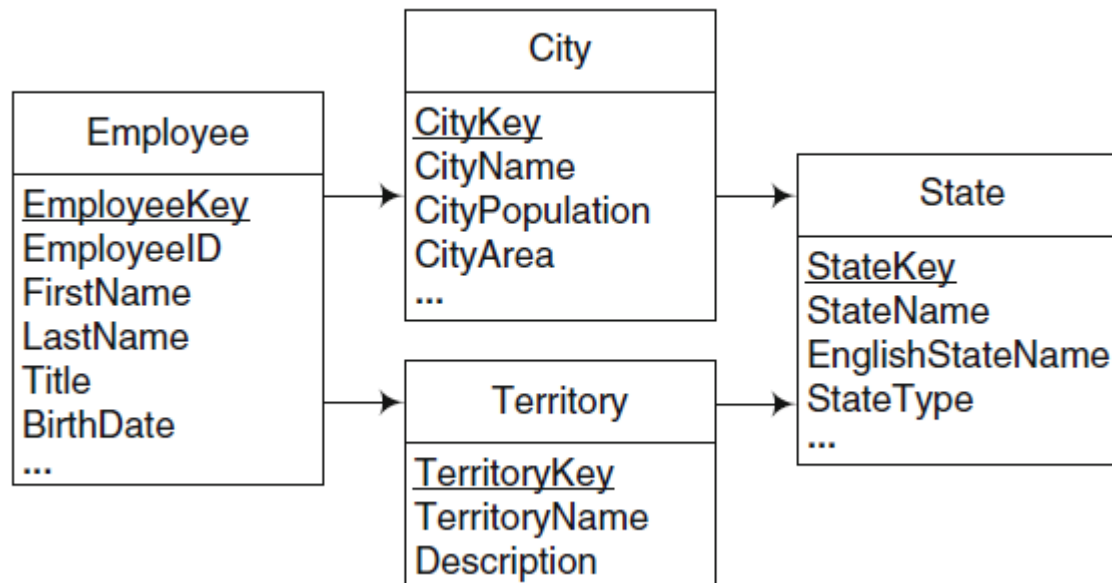
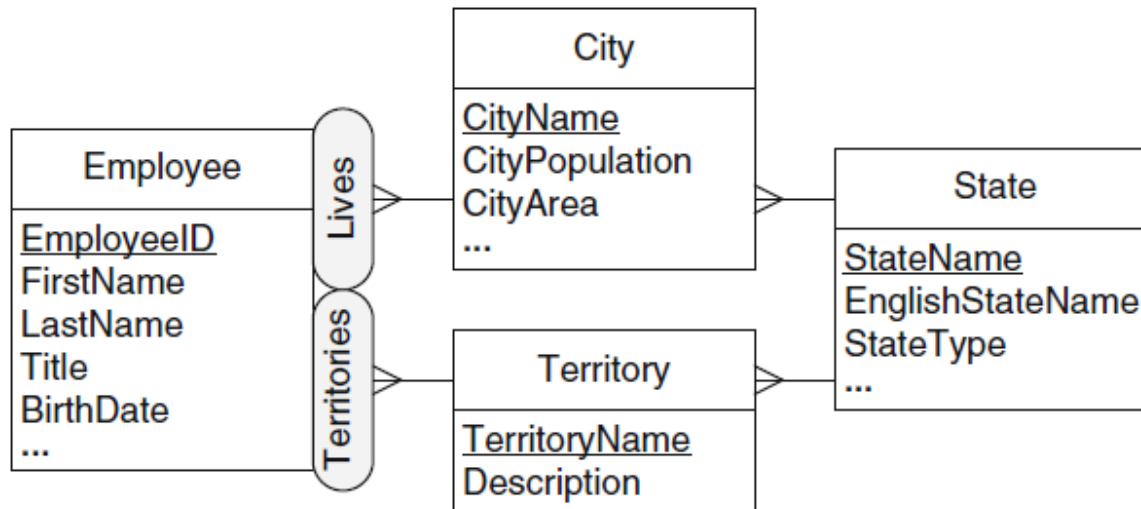
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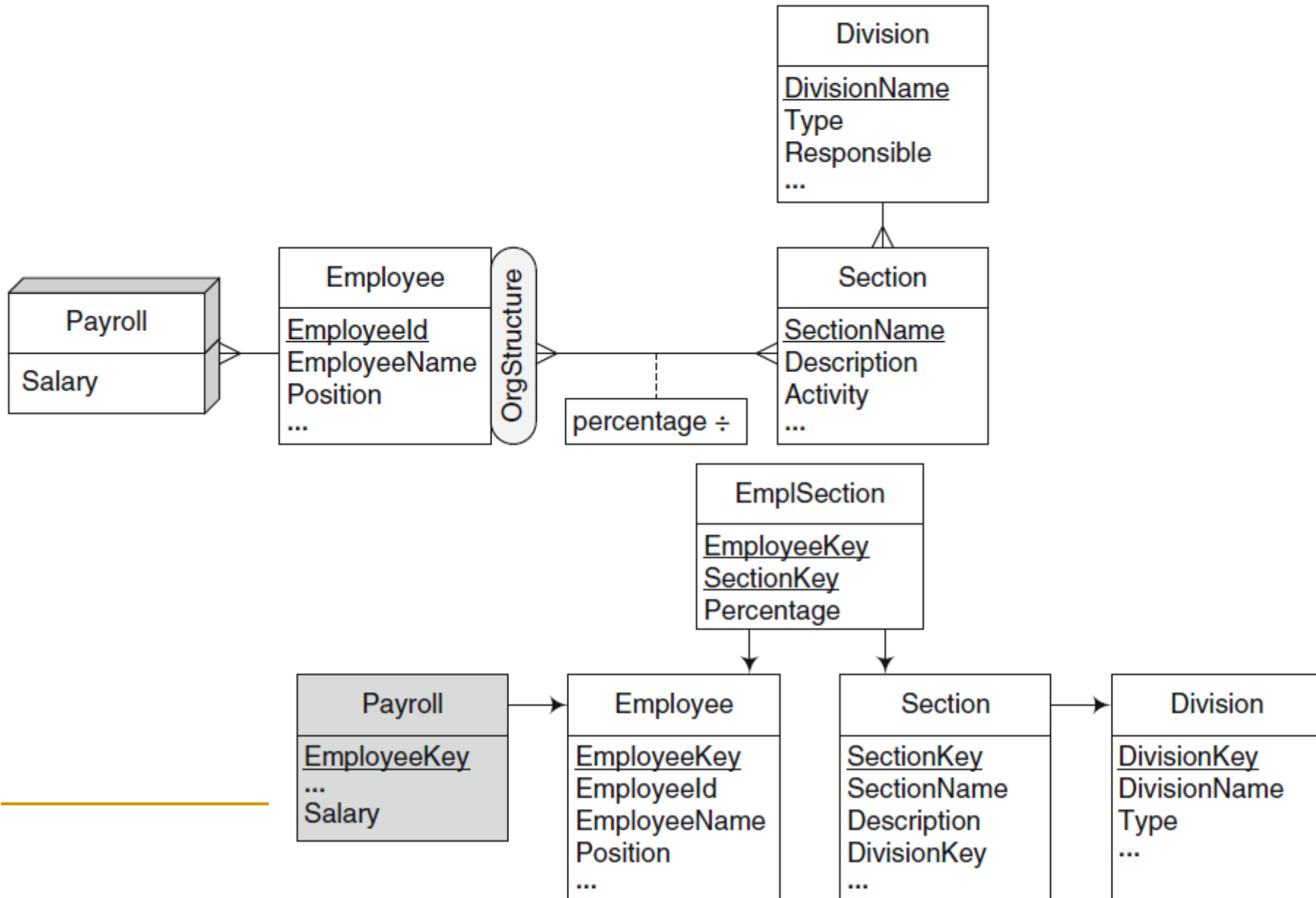
Alternative Hierarchy: Logical



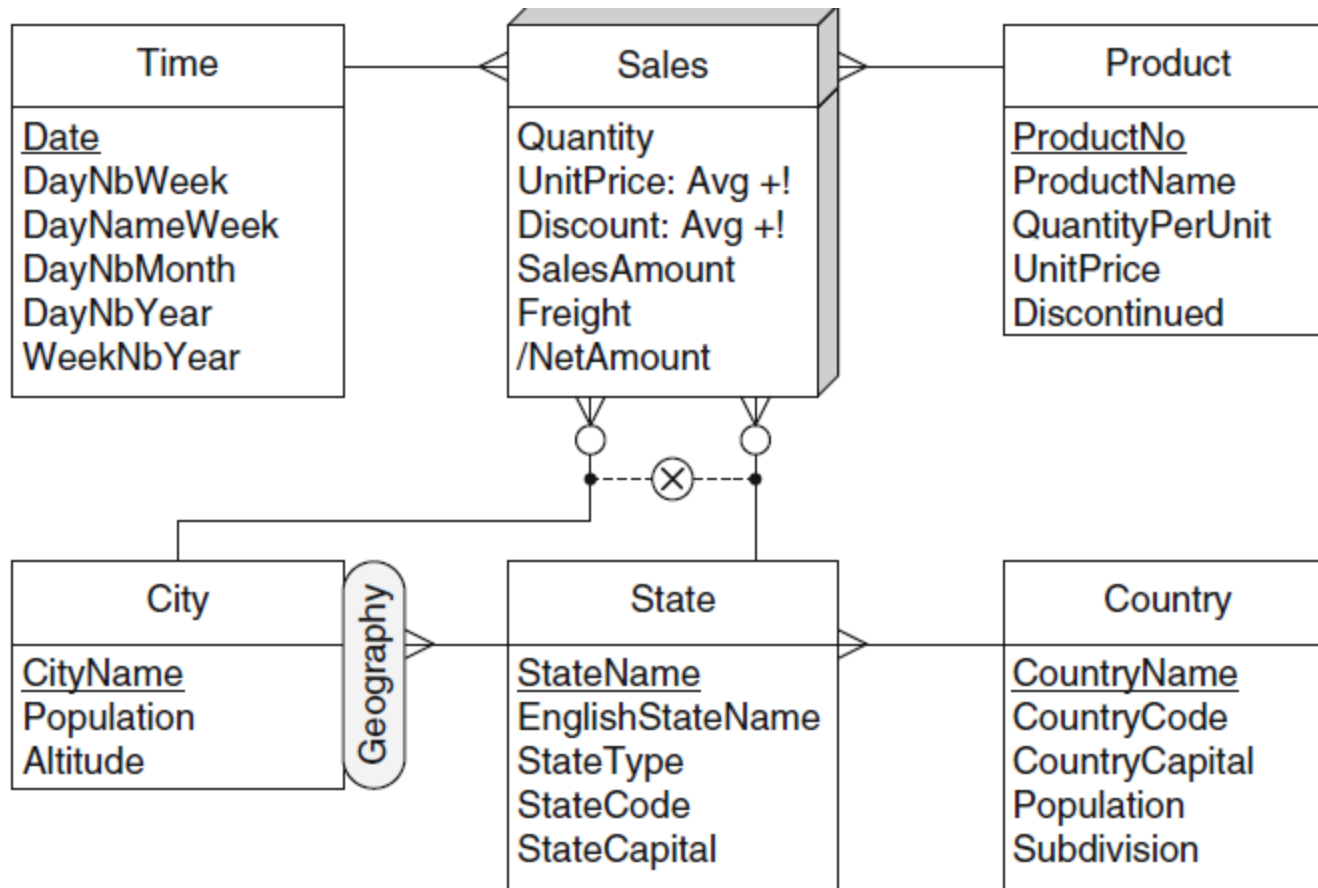
Parallel Dependent hierarchies



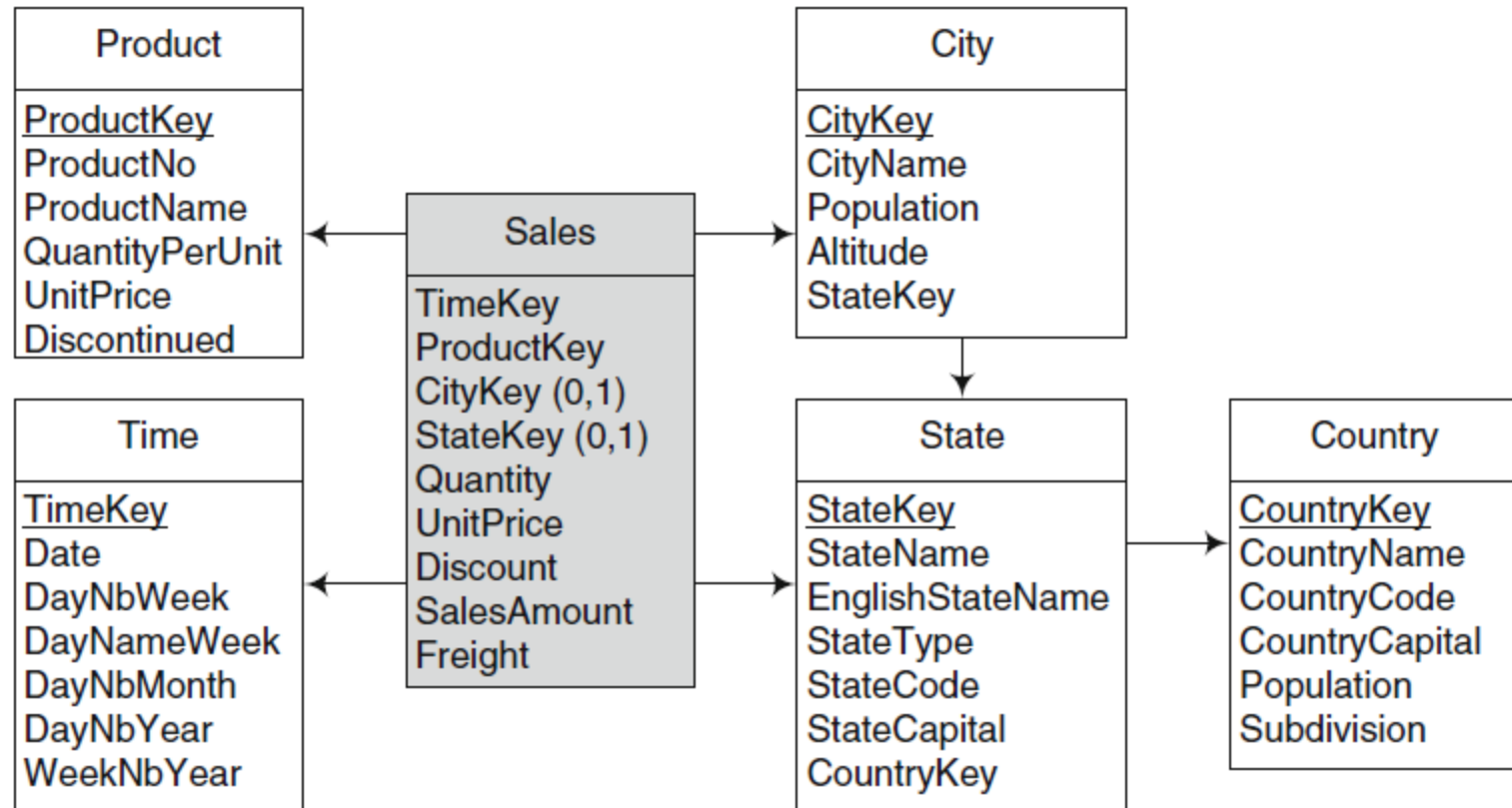
Parallel Nonstrict hierarchies



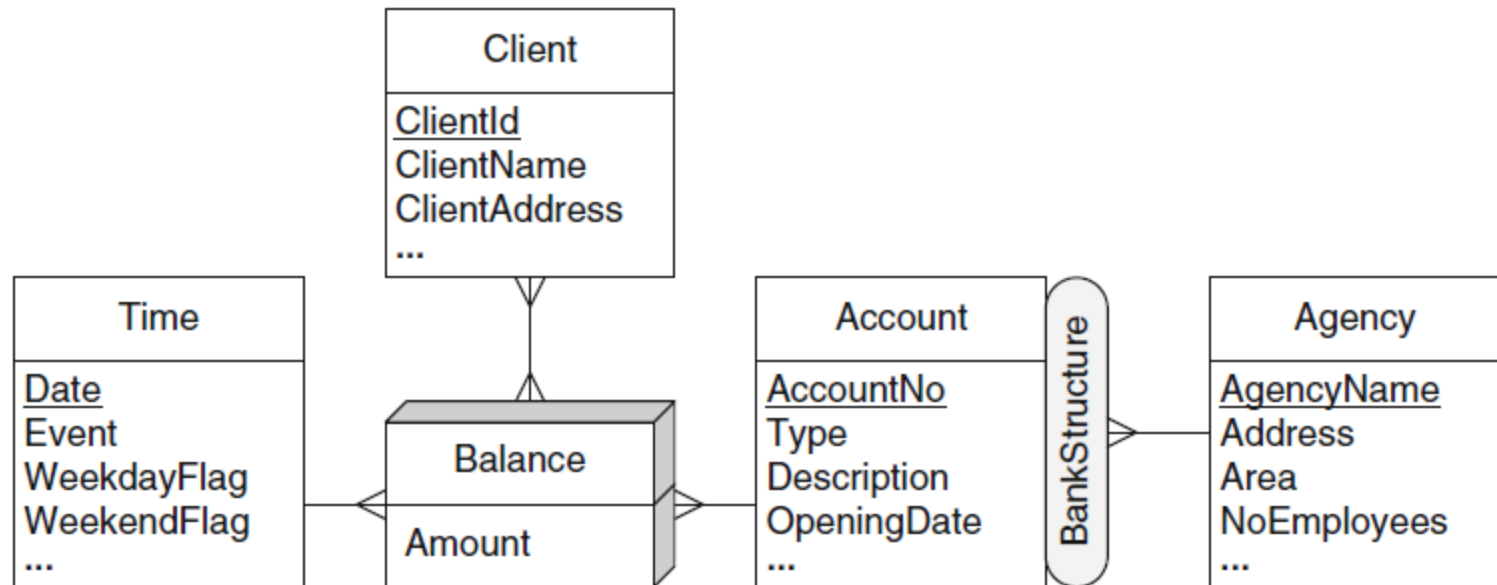
Multiple granularities for the sales fact



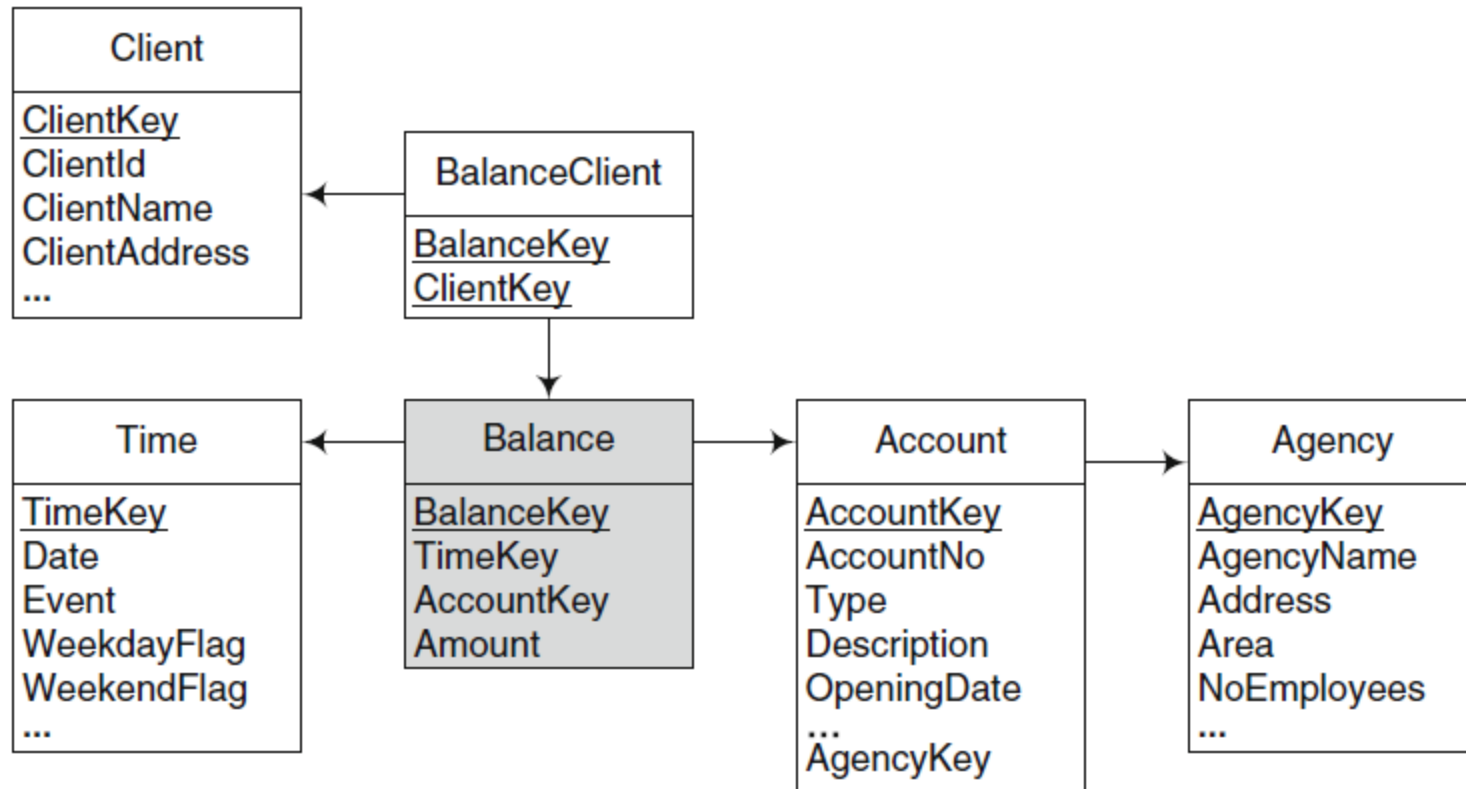
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Many-to-Many Dimensions



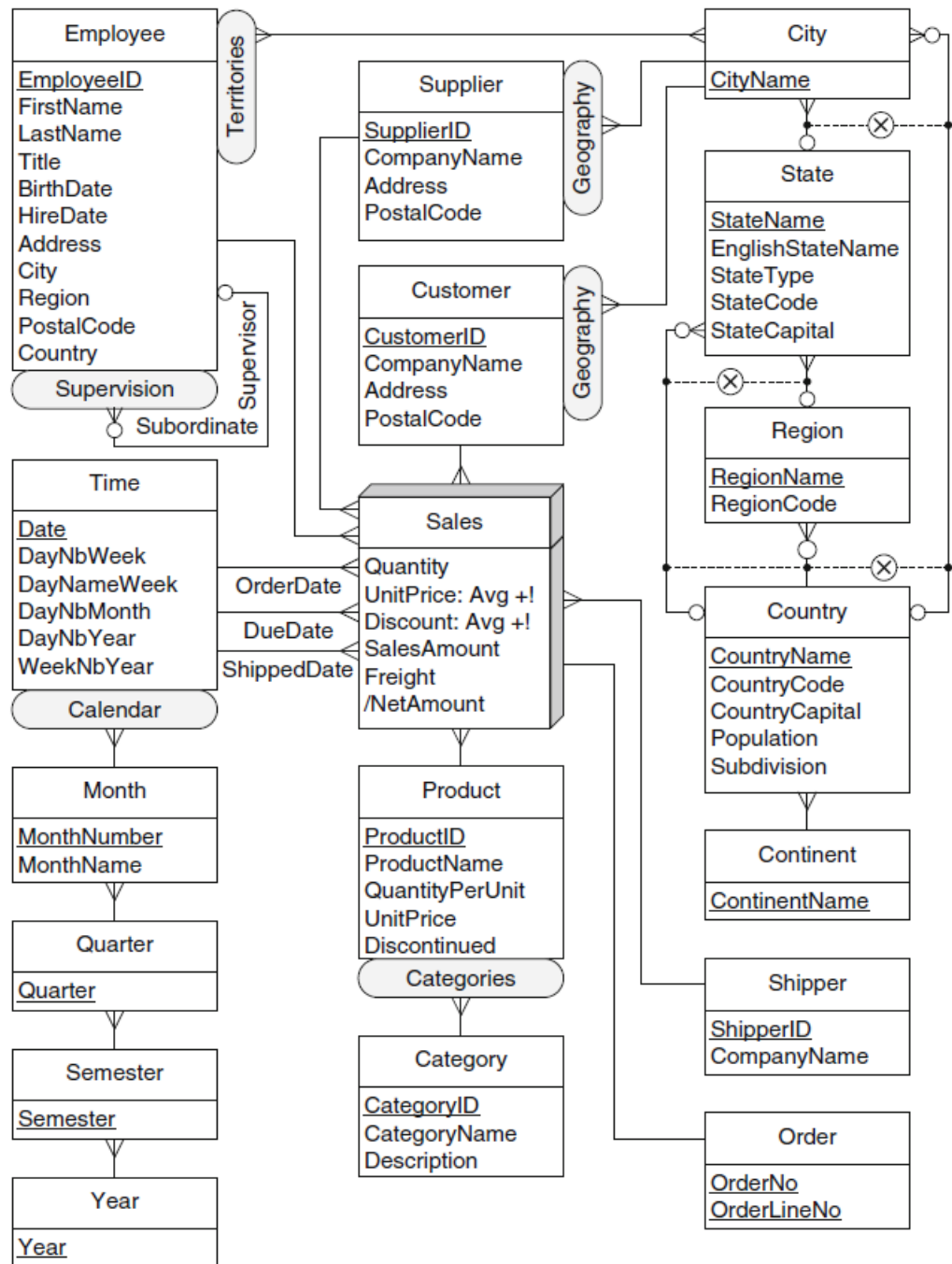
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Lab Case Study

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Conceptual Model



Logical Model

