

# Chapter 4&5. Data Cube: Concepts and Operations

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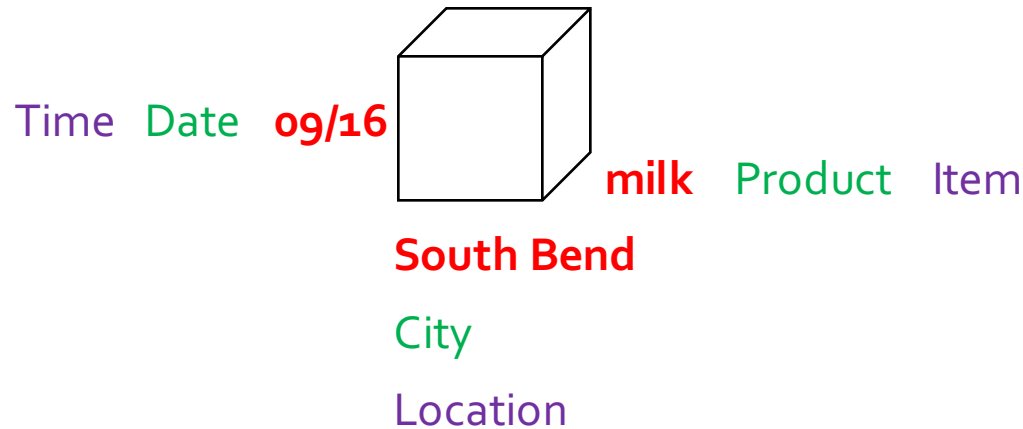
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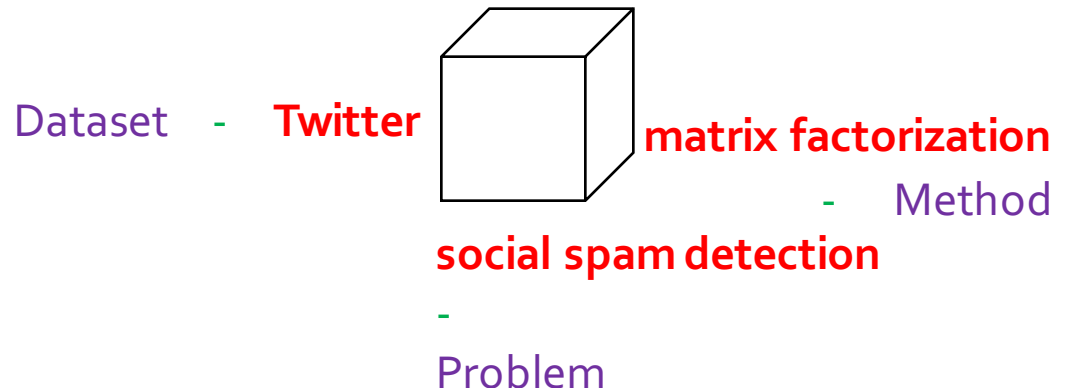


# Cells: Dimension, Dimension Level and Dimension Value

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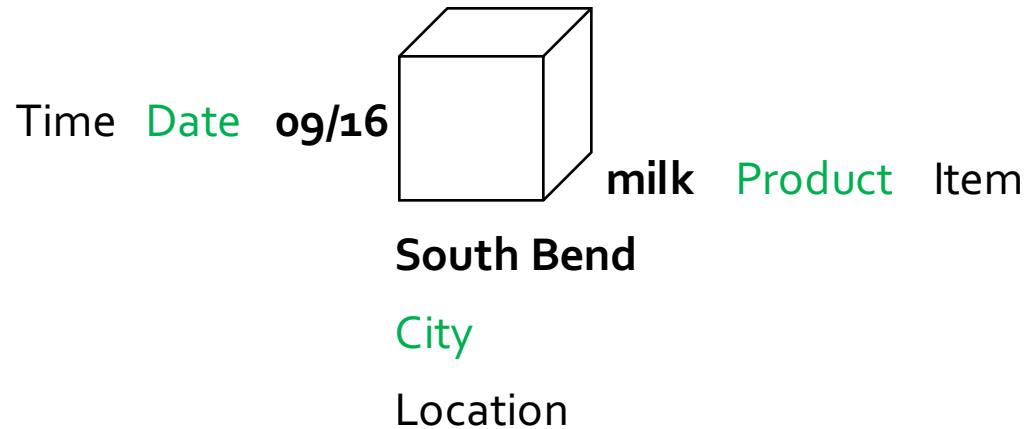


*A cell of papers:*



# Cells: Dimension Level and Concept Hierarchy

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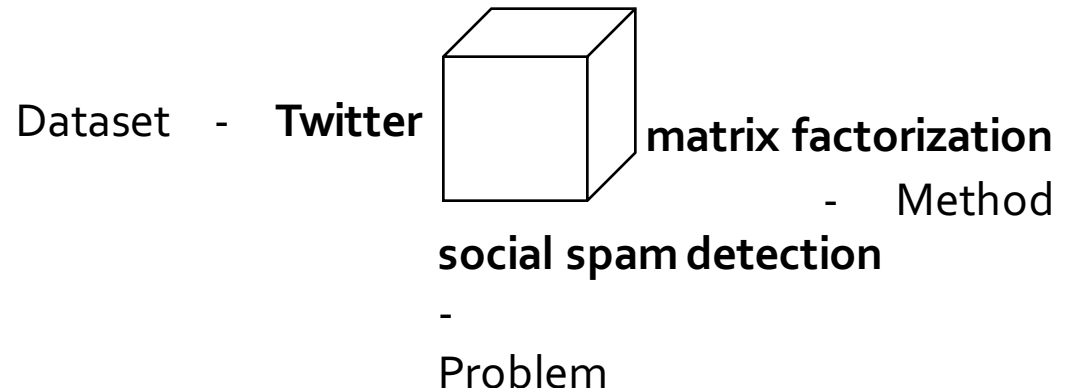


**Time:** Year-Quarter-Month-Week-Day

**Location:** Country-State-City-Street

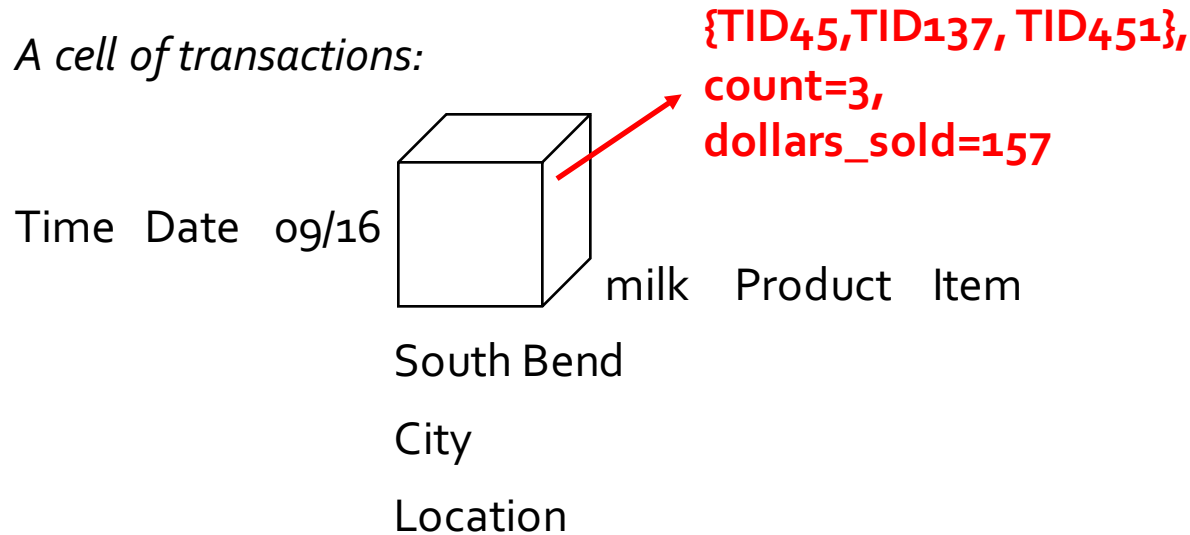
**Item:** Department-Product-Model

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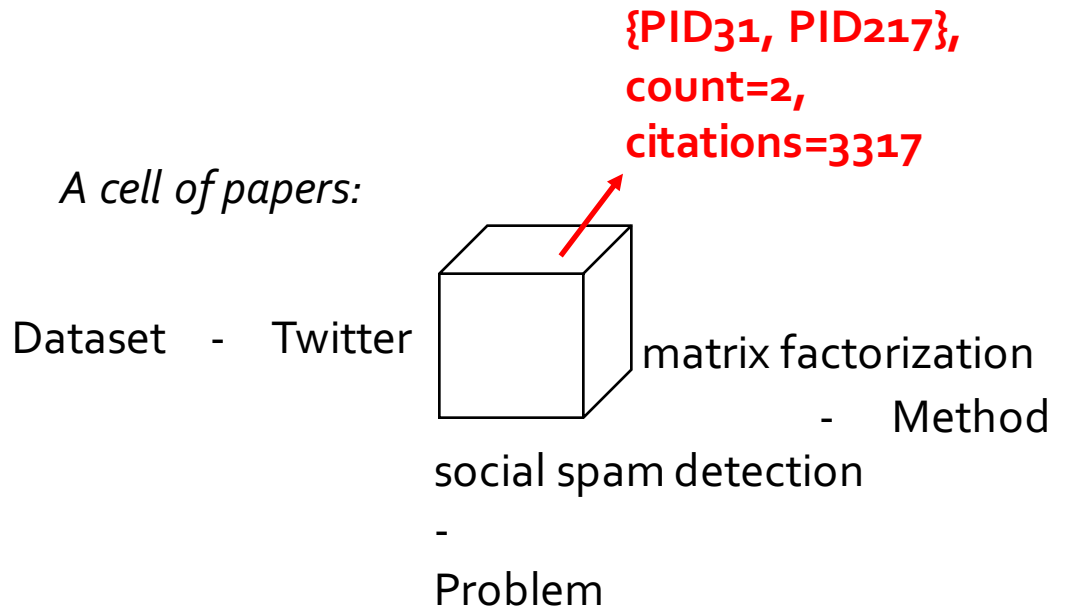


# Cells: Facts or Measures

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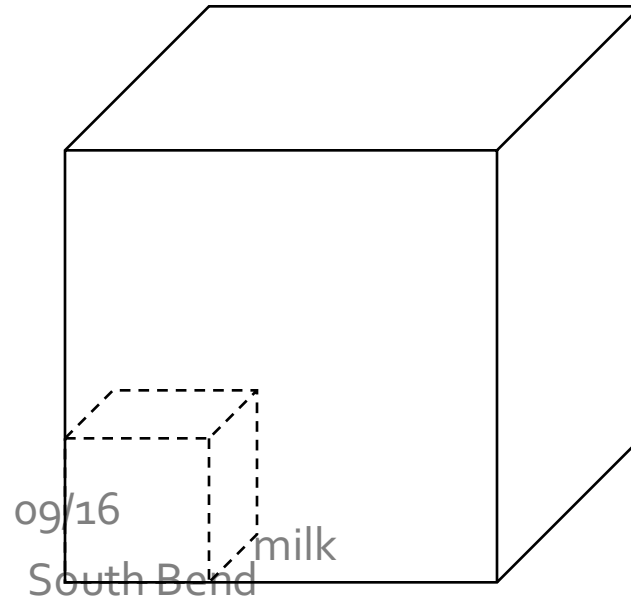


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# Cuboids: Dimension, Dimension Level

Time Date



Product Item

City

Location

# Base Cells and Aggregate Cells

- Suppose a cuboid has 3 dimensions (time, location, item) at specific dimension levels (date, city, product).
- Base cells
  - (09/16, South Bend, milk)
- Aggregate cells
  - (\*, South Bend, milk)
  - (09/16, \*, milk)
  - (09/16, South Bend, \*)
  - (\*, \*, milk)
  - (\*, South Bend, \*)
  - (09/16, \*, \*)
  - (\*, \*, \*), called the **Apex cell**

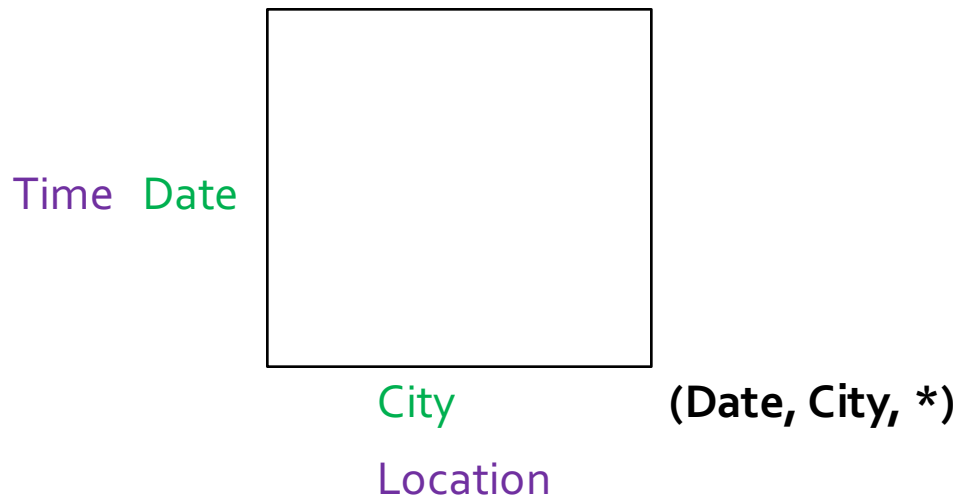
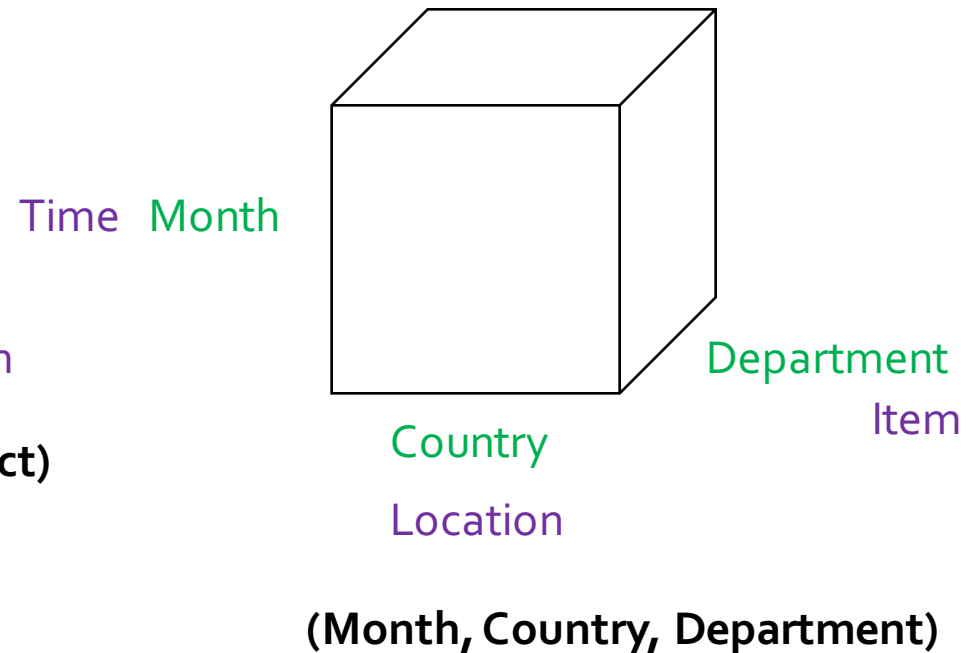
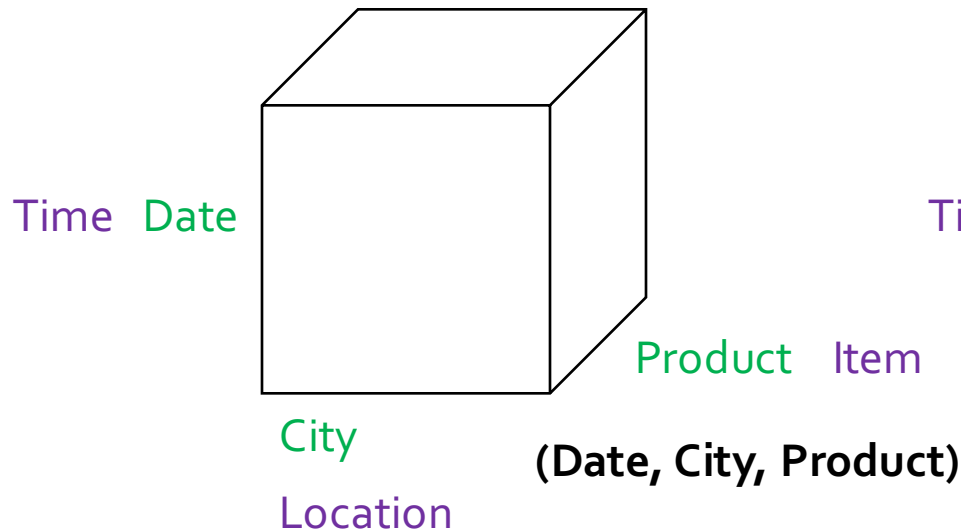
parent vs child cells

ancestor vs descendant cells

sibling cell:

(09/16, Mishawaka, milk)

# Base Cuboids and Aggregate Cuboids

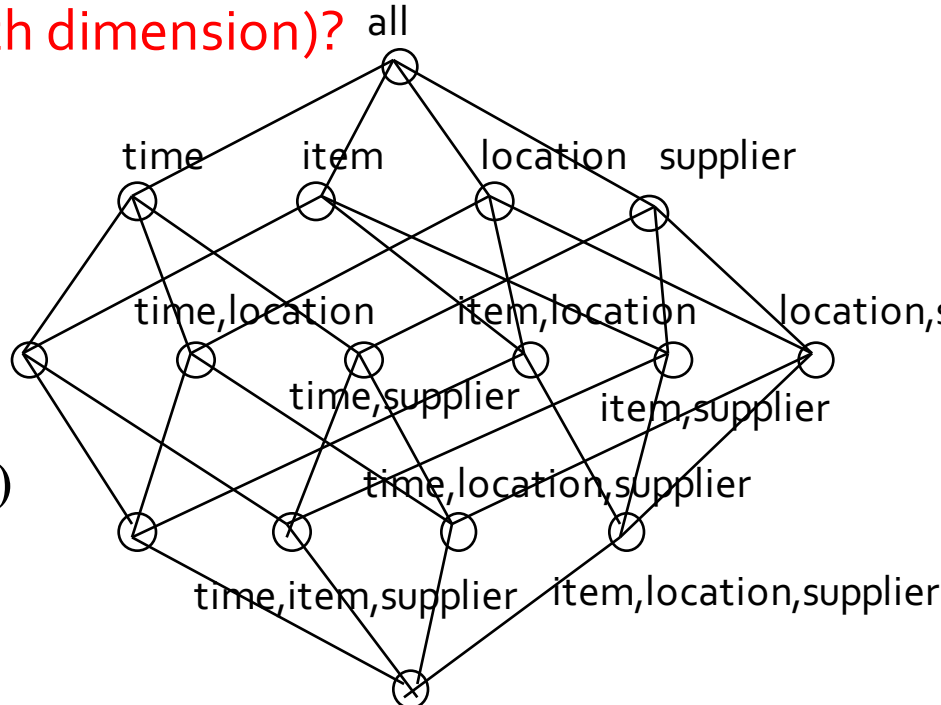


Apex cuboid: (\*, \*, \*)

# (N-Dimensional) Data Cube

- Data cube can be viewed as a lattice of cuboids
  - The bottom-most cuboid is the base cuboid
  - The top-most cuboid (apex) contains only one cell
  - How many cuboids in an n-dimensional cube with  $L_i$  levels (at the i-th dimension)?

$$T = \prod_{i=1}^n (L_i + 1)$$



0-D (apex) cuboid

1-D cuboids

2-D cuboids

3-D cuboids

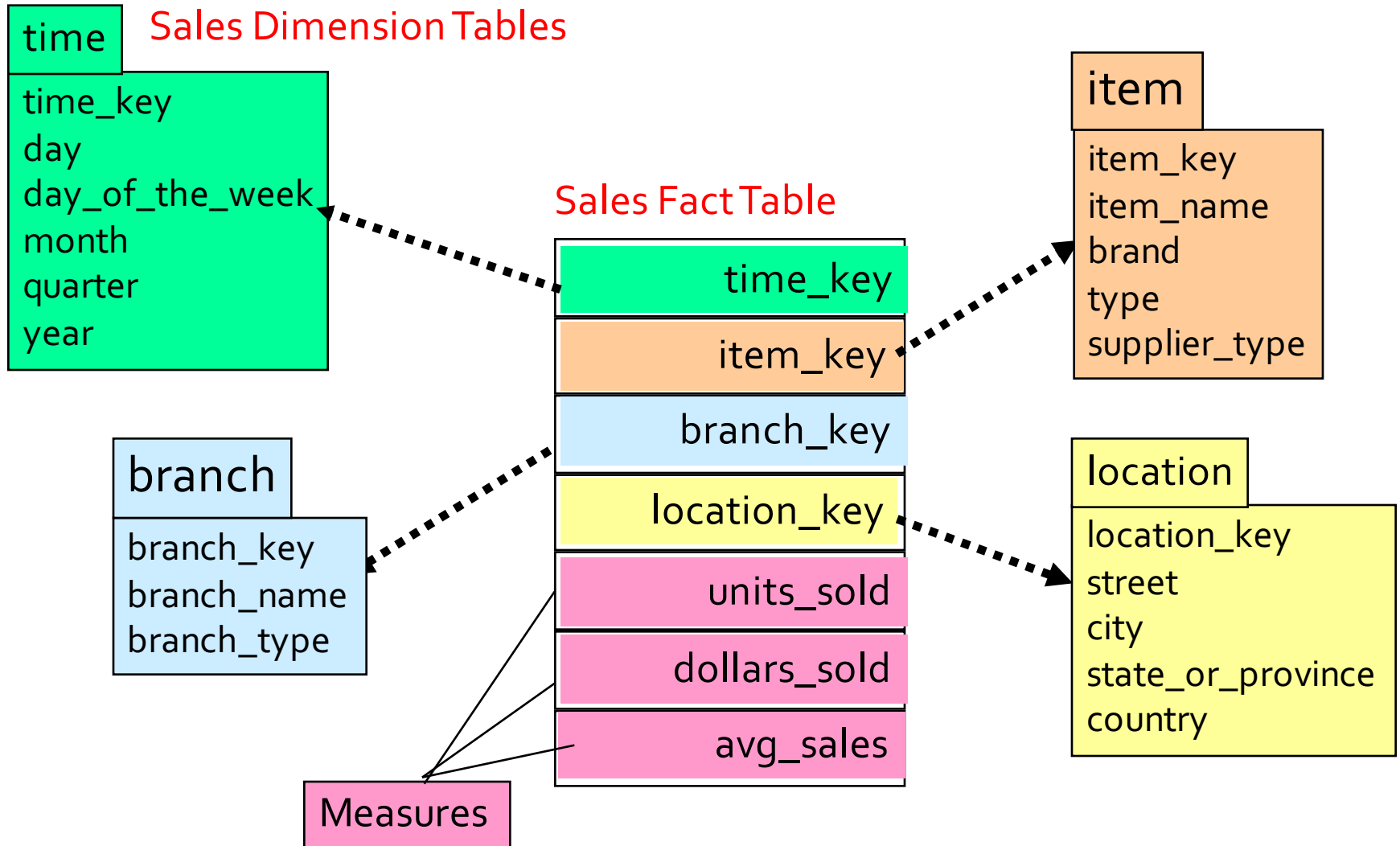
4-D (base) cuboid



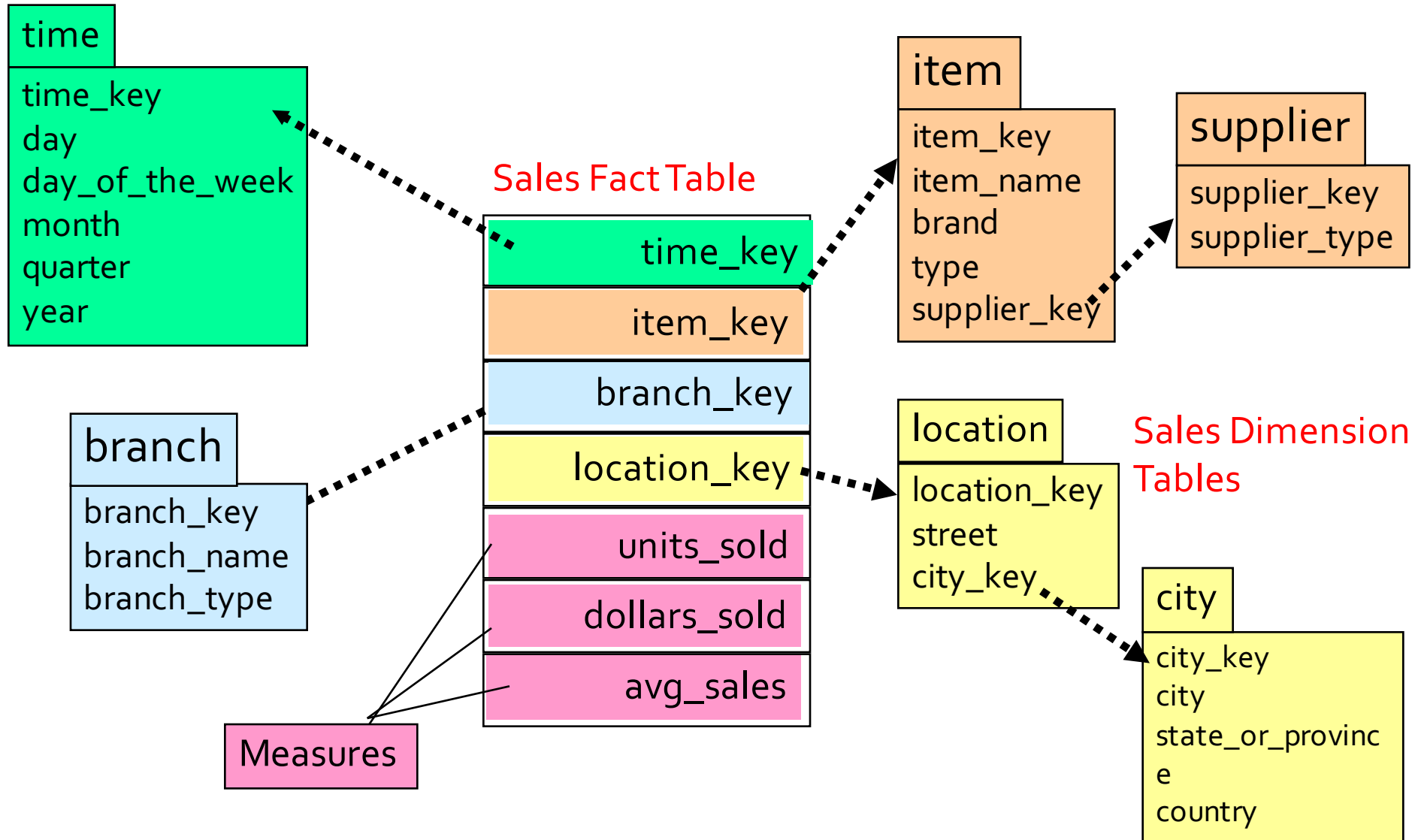
# Data Cube

- **Data cube:** A lattice of cuboids
  - In data warehousing literature, an **n-D base cube** is called a **base cuboid**
  - The top most **o-D cuboid**, which holds the highest-level of summarization, is called the **apex cuboid**
  - The lattice of cuboids forms a **data cube**
- A data cube, such as sales, allows data to be modeled and viewed in multiple dimensions
  - **Dimension tables**, such as item (item\_name, brand, type), or time (day, week, month, quarter, year)
  - **Fact table** contains **measures** (such as dollars\_sold) and keys to each of the related dimension tables
  - Schemas: Dimension tables and Fact tables

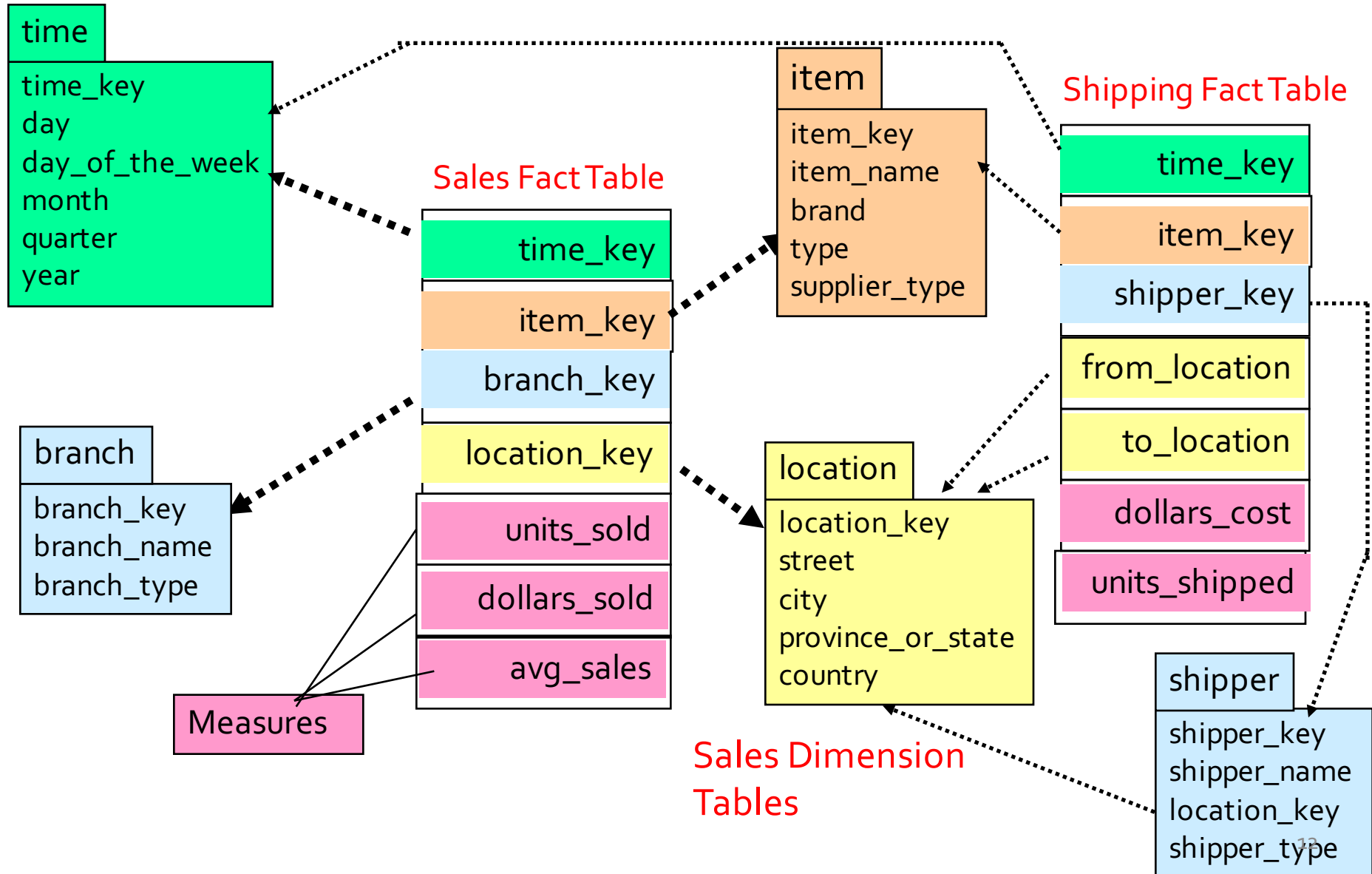
# Star Schema



# Snowflake Schema



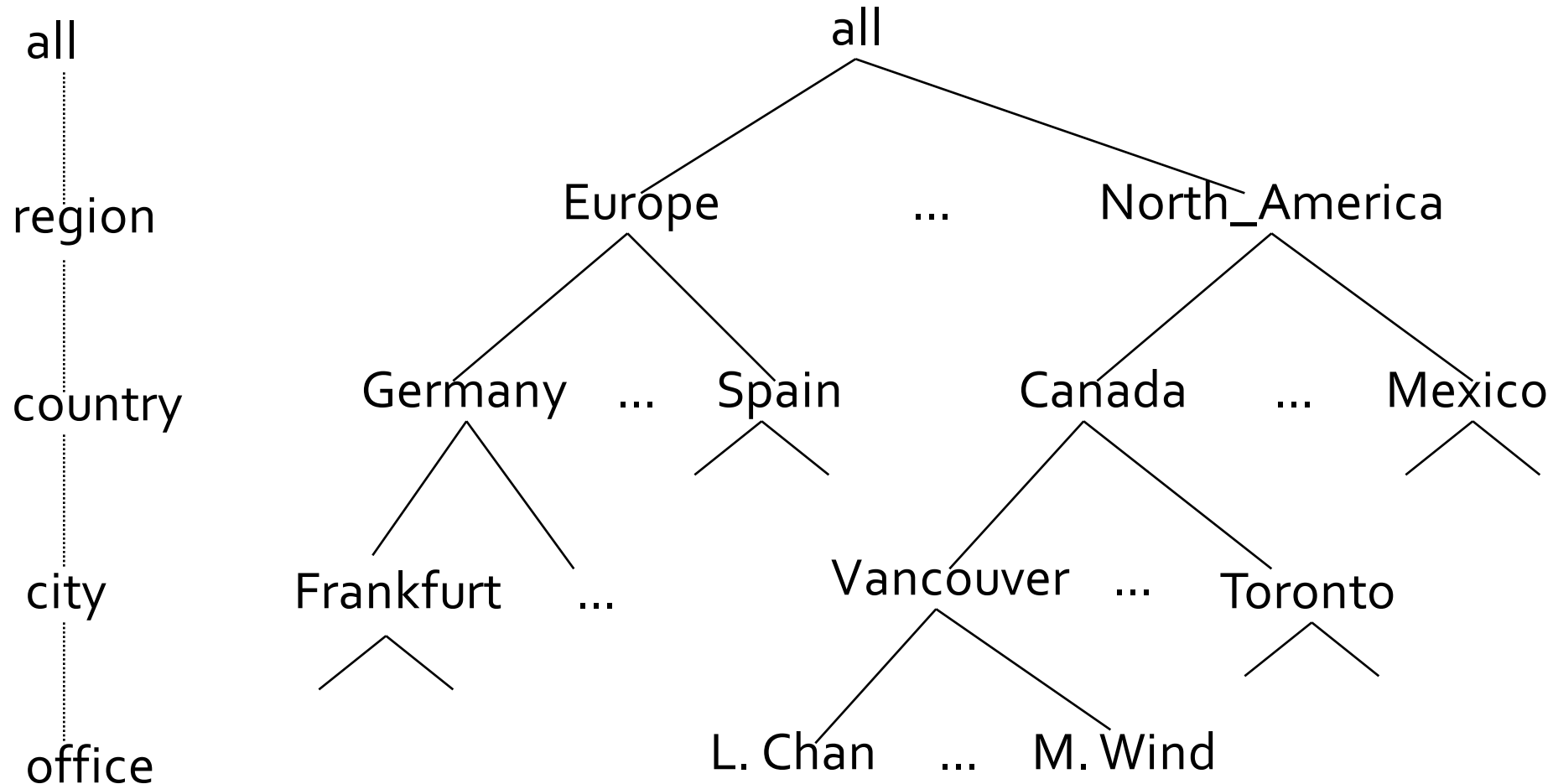
# Fact Constellation



# Modeling of Data Cubes

- Modeling data cubes: dimensions & measures
  - **Star schema:** A **fact table** in the middle connected to a set of **dimension tables**
  - **Snowflake schema:** A refinement of star schema where some dimensional hierarchy is normalized into **a set of smaller dimension tables**, forming a shape similar to snowflake
  - **Fact constellations:** **Multiple fact tables** share dimension tables, viewed as a collection of stars, therefore called galaxy schema or fact constellation

# Concept Hierarchy: Dimension Level and Dimension Value



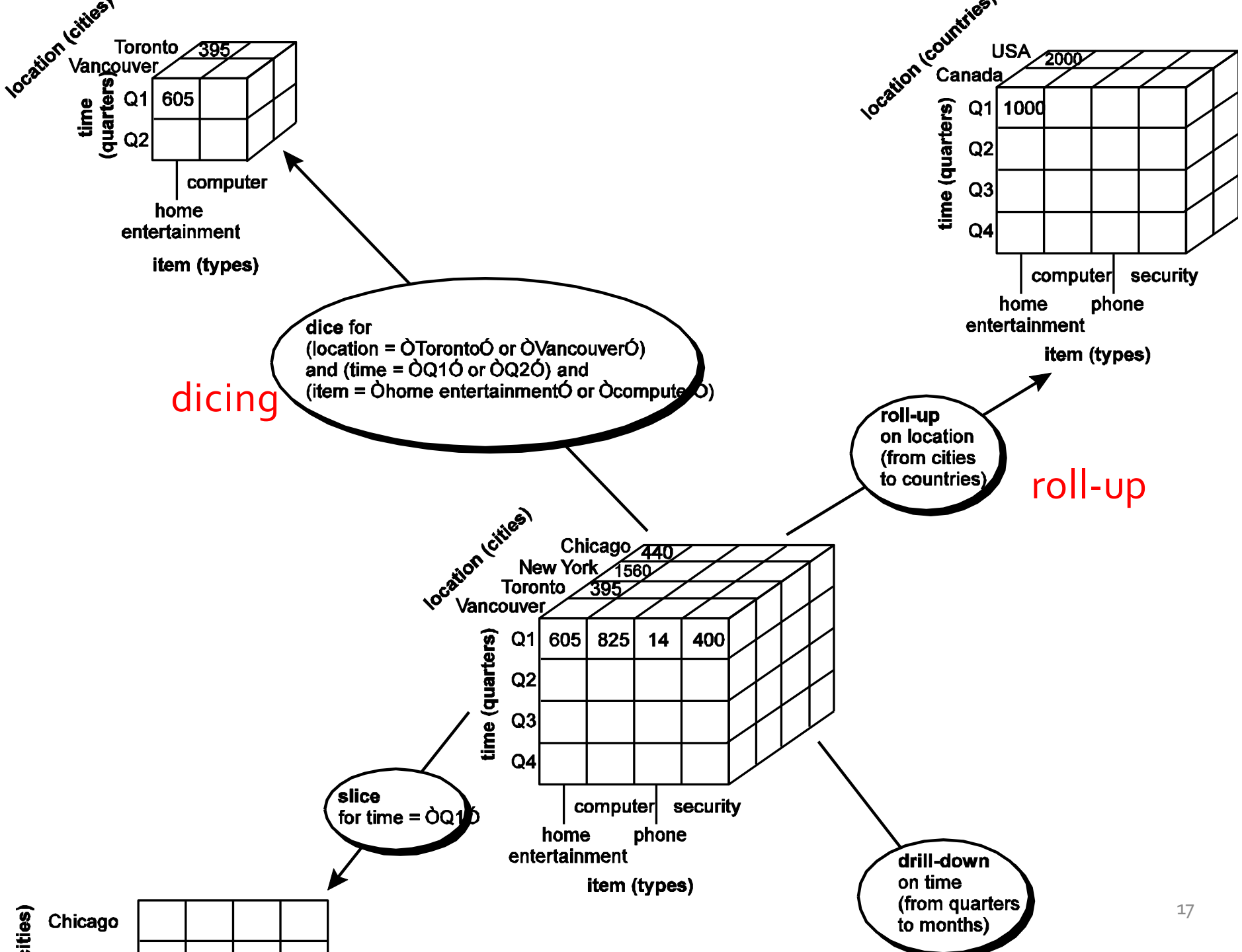
# Data Cube Measures: Three Categories

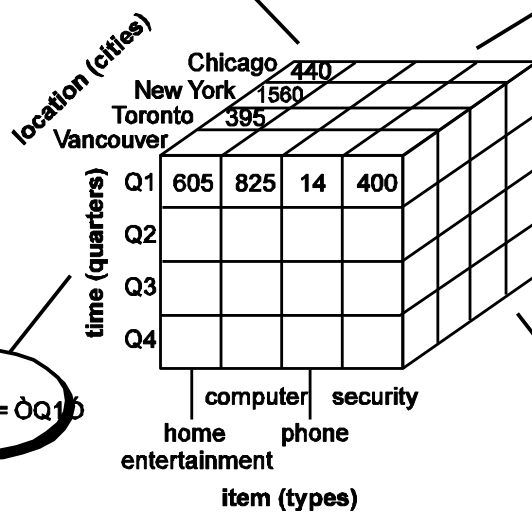
- **Distributive**: if the result derived by applying the function to  $n$  aggregate values is the same as that derived by applying the function on all the data without partitioning
  - E.g., `count()`, `sum()`, `min()`, `max()`
- **Algebraic**: if it can be computed by an **algebraic function** with  $M$  arguments (where  $M$  is a bounded integer), each of which is obtained by applying a **distributive aggregate function**
  - $\text{avg}(x) = \text{sum}(x) / \text{count}(x)$
- **Holistic**: if there is no constant bound on the storage size needed to describe a sub-aggregate.
  - E.g., `median()`, `mode()`, `rank()`
- Q: How about `standard_deviation()`, `Q1()`, `Q3()`?

# Typical Data Cube Operations

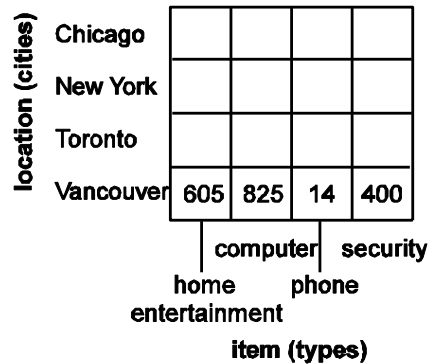
- **Roll up (drill-up):** summarize data
  - *by climbing up hierarchy or by dimension reduction*
- **Drill down (roll down):** reverse of roll-up
  - *from higher level summary to lower level summary or detailed data, or introducing new dimensions*
- **Slice and dice:** *project and select*
- **Pivot (rotate):** *reorient the cube, visualization*





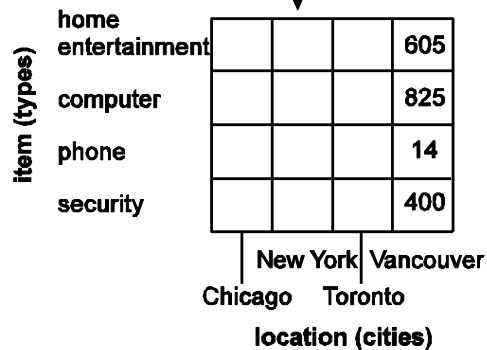


slice  
for time = Q1



slicing

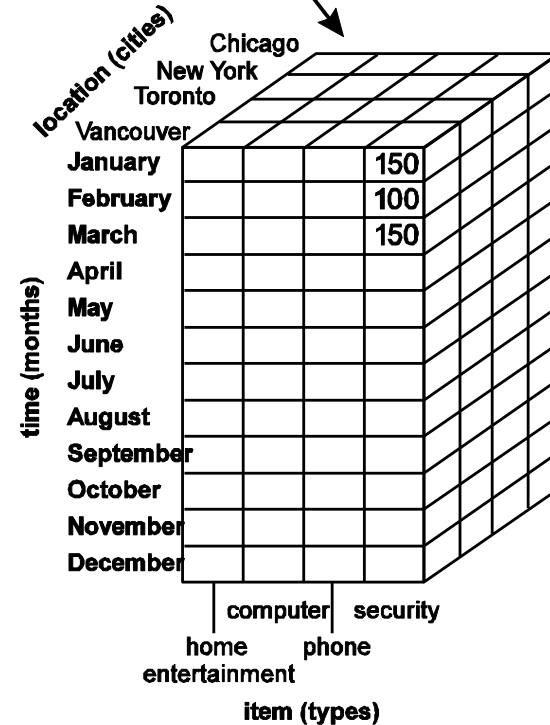
pivot



pivot

drill-down  
on time  
(from quarters  
to months)

drill-down



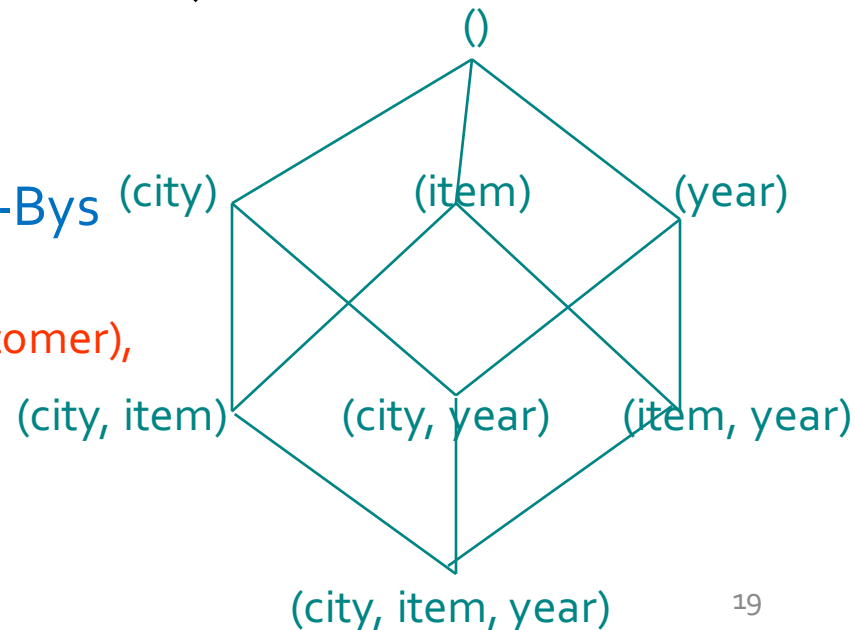
# The “Compute Cube” Operator

- Cube definition and computation  
`define cube sales [item, city, year]: sum (sales_in_dollars)`  
`compute cube sales`
- Transform it into a SQL-like language (with a new operator `cube by`, introduced by [Gray et al.'97](#))

```
SELECT item, city, year, SUM (amount)
FROM SALES
```

```
CUBE BY item, city, year
```

- Need compute the following **Group-Bys**  
`(year, product, customer),`  
`(year, product), (year, customer), (product, customer),`  
`(year), (product), (customer)`  
`()`



# Data Cube History

Data cube: A relational aggregation operator generalizing group-by, cross-tab, and sub-totals

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## Data Cube: A Relational Aggregation Operator Generalizing Group-By, Cross-Tab, and Sub-Totals

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## Jim Gray Summary Home Page

### [Microsoft eScience Group](#)

As you may be aware, Jim Gray has [gone missing](#).

We (his colleagues in Microsoft Research) have heard from many of his collaborators about projects and collaborations that he had underway with them and who are unsure how to proceed. If you find yourself in this situation, please email [grayproj@microsoft.com](mailto:grayproj@microsoft.com) and we will follow up with you to find the best way forward.

Jim Gray is a researcher and manager of Microsoft Research's [eScience Group](#). His primary research interests are in databases and transaction processing systems -- with particular focus on using computers to make scientists more productive. He and his group are working in the areas of astronomy, geography, hydrology, oceanography, biology, and health care. He continues a long-standing interest on building supercomputers with commodity components, thereby reducing the cost of storage, processing, and networking by factors of 10x to 1000x over low-volume solutions. This includes work on building fast networks, on building huge web servers with *CyberBricks*, and building very inexpensive and very high-performance storage servers.

Jim also is working with the astronomy community to build the [world-wide telescope](#) and has been active in building online databases like <http://terraService.Net> and <http://skyserver.sdss.org>. When the entire world's astronomy data is on the Internet and is accessible as a single distributed database, the Internet will be the world's best telescope. This is part of the larger agenda of getting all information online and easily accessible (digital libraries, digital government, online science ...). More generally, he is working with the science community (Oceanography, Hydrology, environmental monitoring, ..) to build the world-wide digital library that integrates all the world's scientific literature and the data in one easily-accessible collection. He is active in the research community, is an ACM, NAE, NAS, and AAAS Fellow, and received the ACM Turing Award for his work on transaction processing. He also edits of a series of books on data management.





**James Nicholas "Jim" Gray** (born January 12, 1944; presumed lost at sea January 28, 2007; declared deceased May 16, 2012<sup>[4]</sup>) was an [American computer scientist](#) who received the [Turing Award](#)<sup>[5]</sup> in 1998 "for seminal contributions to [database](#) and [transaction processing](#) research and technical leadership in system implementation."

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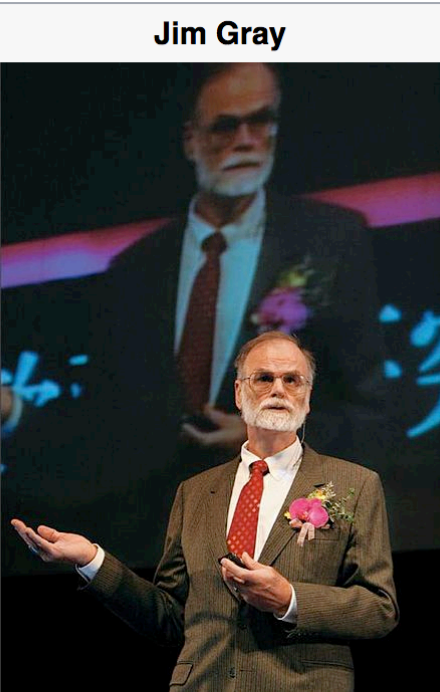
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Early years [ edit ]

Gray was born in [San Francisco, California](#), the second child of a mother who was a teacher and a father in the U.S. Army; the family moved to [Rome](#) where Gray spent most of the first three years of his life, learning to speak Italian before English.<sup>[2]</sup> The family then moved to [Virginia](#), spending about four years there, until Gray's parents divorced, after which he returned to San Francisco with



Gray in 2006

<b>Born</b>	James Nicholas Gray January 12, 1944 <sup>[1]</sup> <a href="#">San Francisco, California</a> <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Disappeared</b>	January 28, 2007 (aged 63) Waters near <a href="#">San Francisco</a>
<b>Status</b>	<a href="#">Dead in absentia</a> , May 16, 2012 (aged 68)
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Alma mater</b>	<a href="#">University of California, Berkeley</a> (Ph.D)
<b>Occupation</b>	Computer scientist
<b>Employer</b>	<a href="#">IBM</a> <a href="#">Tandem Computers</a> <a href="#">DEC</a> <a href="#">Microsoft</a>

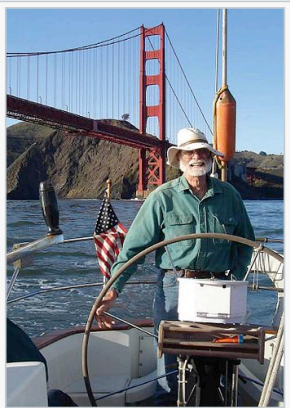
On Sunday, January 28, 2007, during a short solo [sailing](#) trip to the [Farallon Islands](#) near [San Francisco](#) to scatter his mother's ashes, Gray and his 40-foot yacht, *Tenacious*, were reported missing by his wife, Donna Carnes. The [Coast Guard](#) searched for four days using a [C-130](#) plane, helicopters, and patrol boats but found no sign of the vessel.<sup>[21][22][23][24]</sup>

Gray's boat was equipped with an automatically deployable EPIRB ([Emergency Position-Indicating Radio Beacon](#)), which should have deployed and begun transmitting the instant his vessel sank. The area around the Farallon Islands where Gray was sailing is well north of the East-West ship channel used by freighters entering and leaving [San Francisco Bay](#). The weather was clear that day and no ships reported striking his boat, nor were any distress radio transmissions reported.

On February 1, 2007, the [DigitalGlobe](#) satellite did a scan of the area, generating thousands of images.<sup>[25]</sup> The images were posted to [Amazon Mechanical Turk](#) in order to distribute the work of searching through them, in hopes of spotting his boat.

In the immediate aftermath of the disappearance, many theories were put forward on how Gray disappeared.<sup>[26]</sup>

After being missing for five years, Gray was legally assumed to have died at sea on January 28, 2012.<sup>[4][33]</sup>



Jim Gray on the *Tenacious* in January 2006

# Discussion

- Why do you look for aggregate cells/cuboids to analyze structured paper datasets?