

Star Schema

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one fact table and number of dimension tables
all dimension table are connected with fact table
(centralized table)

Snowflake Schema

one fact table and number of dimension tables
dimensional table is partitioned into additional table
all dimension tables are connected with fact table

Fact Constellation Schema

more than one fact tables
dimension tables are connected with fact tables

Star Schema

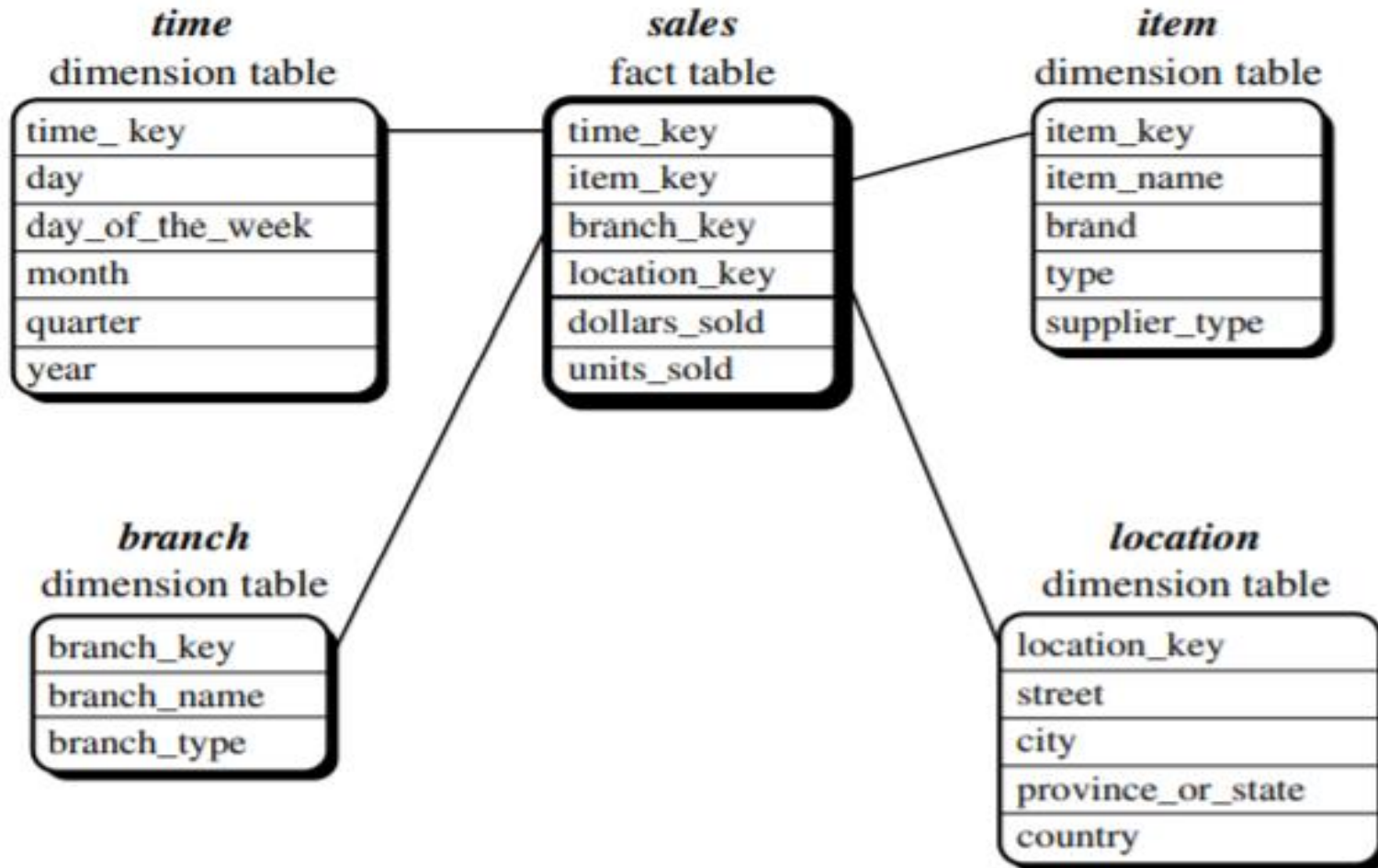
Sales are considered along four dimensions, namely, time, item, branch, and location.

The schema contains a central fact table for sales that contains keys to each of the four dimensions, along with **two measures: dollars sold and units sold** -

Data Models for Data warehouse



Star Schema



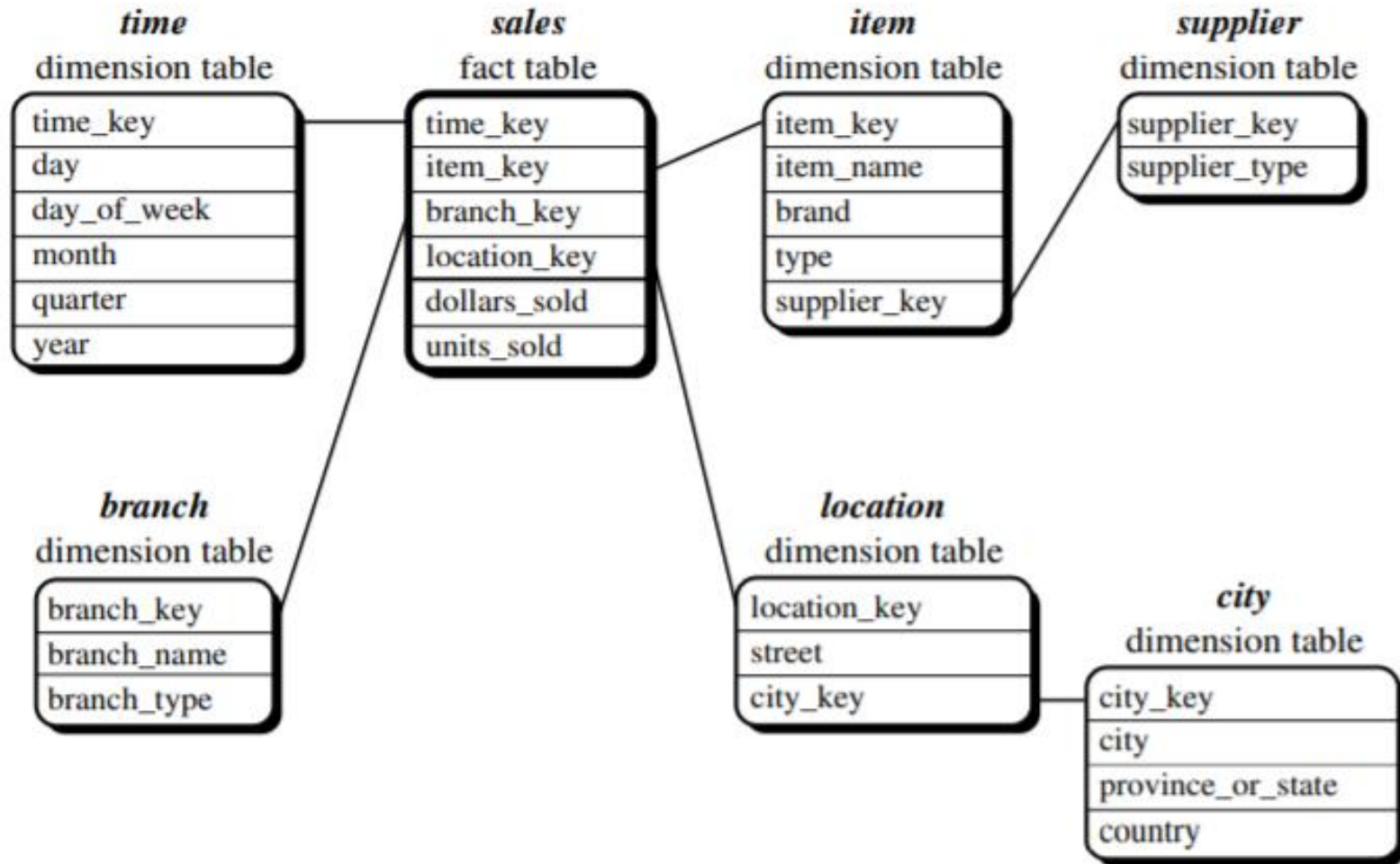
Snowflake Schema

The snowflake schema is a variant of the star schema model, where some dimension tables are normalized, thereby further splitting the data into additional tables

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Snowflake Schema



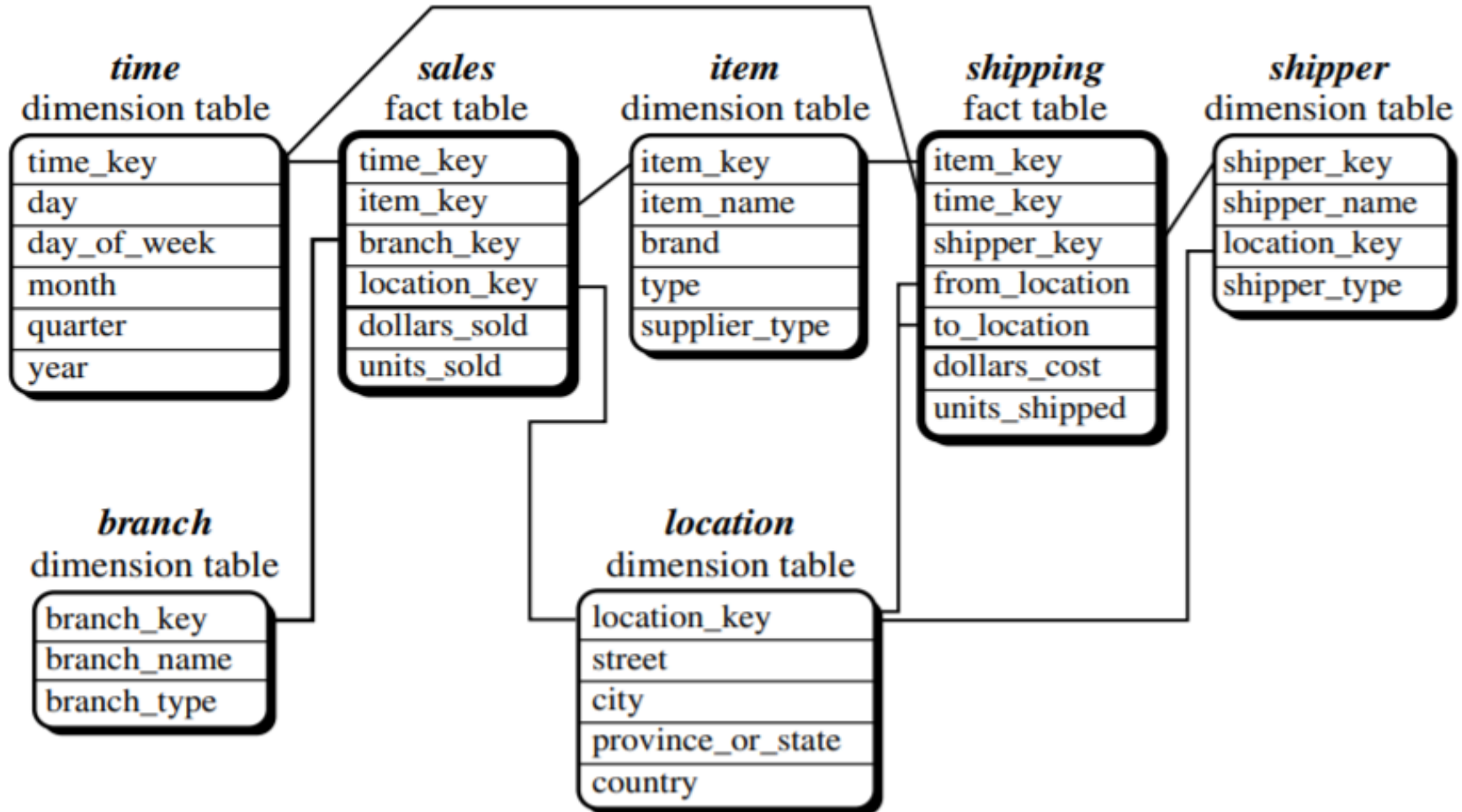
Fact Constellation Schema

“Sophisticated applications may require multiple fact tables to share dimension tables. This kind of schema can be viewed as a collection of stars, and hence is called a galaxy schema or a fact constellation.”

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Fact Constellation Schema



DMQL for data modelling Schemas:

```
define cube <cube_name> [<dimension_list>]: <measure_list>
```

The *dimension definition* statement has the following syntax:

```
define dimension <dimension_name> as (<attribute_or_dimension_list>)
```


Examples of DMQL for data modelling Schemas:

1. Star Schema

```
define cube sales_star [time, item, branch, location]:  
    dollars_sold = sum(sales_in_dollars), units_sold = count(*)
```

```
define dimension time as (time_key, day, day_of_week, month, quarter, year)  
define dimension item as (item_key, item_name, brand, type, supplier_type)  
define dimension branch as (branch_key, branch_name, branch_type)  
define dimension location as (location_key, street, city, province_or_state,  
    country)
```

Examples of DMQL for data modelling Schemas: 2. Snowflake Schema

```
define cube sales_snowflake [time, item, branch, location]:  
    dollars_sold = sum(sales_in_dollars), units_sold = count(*)  
define dimension time as (time_key, day, day_of_week, month, quarter, year)  
define dimension item as (item_key, item_name, brand, type, supplier  
    (supplier_key, supplier_type))  
define dimension branch as (branch_key, branch_name, branch_type)  
define dimension location as (location_key, street, city  
    (city_key, city, province_or_state, country))
```

3. Fact constellation Schema

define cube sales [time, item, branch, location]:

dollars_sold = sum(sales_in_dollars), units_sold = count(*)

define dimension time as (time_key, day, day_of_week, month, quarter, year)

define dimension item as (item_key, item_name, brand, type, supplier_type)

define dimension branch as (branch_key, branch_name, branch_type)

define dimension location as (location_key, street, city, province_or_state,
country)

define cube shipping [time, item, shipper, from_location, to_location]:

dollars_cost = sum(cost_in_dollars), units_shipped = count(*)

define dimension time as time in cube sales

define dimension item as item in cube sales

define dimension shipper as (shipper_key, shipper_name, location as
location in cube sales, shipper_type)

define dimension from_location as location in cube sales

define dimension to_location as location in cube sales

Measures (in Fact Tables) : Their Categorization and Computation

1. **Distributive Measures-** function is applied on each partition
2. **Algebraic Measures** – algebraic function with M arguments
3. **Holistic Measures-** an algebraic function is holistic if there is no constant bound on the storage size

Concept Hierarchies

“A concept hierarchy defines a sequence of mappings from a set of low-level concepts to higher-level, more general concepts”

Ex: Location

It is defined with Country

It is defined with state, and country

It is defined with city, state, and country

It is defined with street, city, state, and country

Concept Hierarchies for Location

street < city < province or state < country

Concept Hierarchies

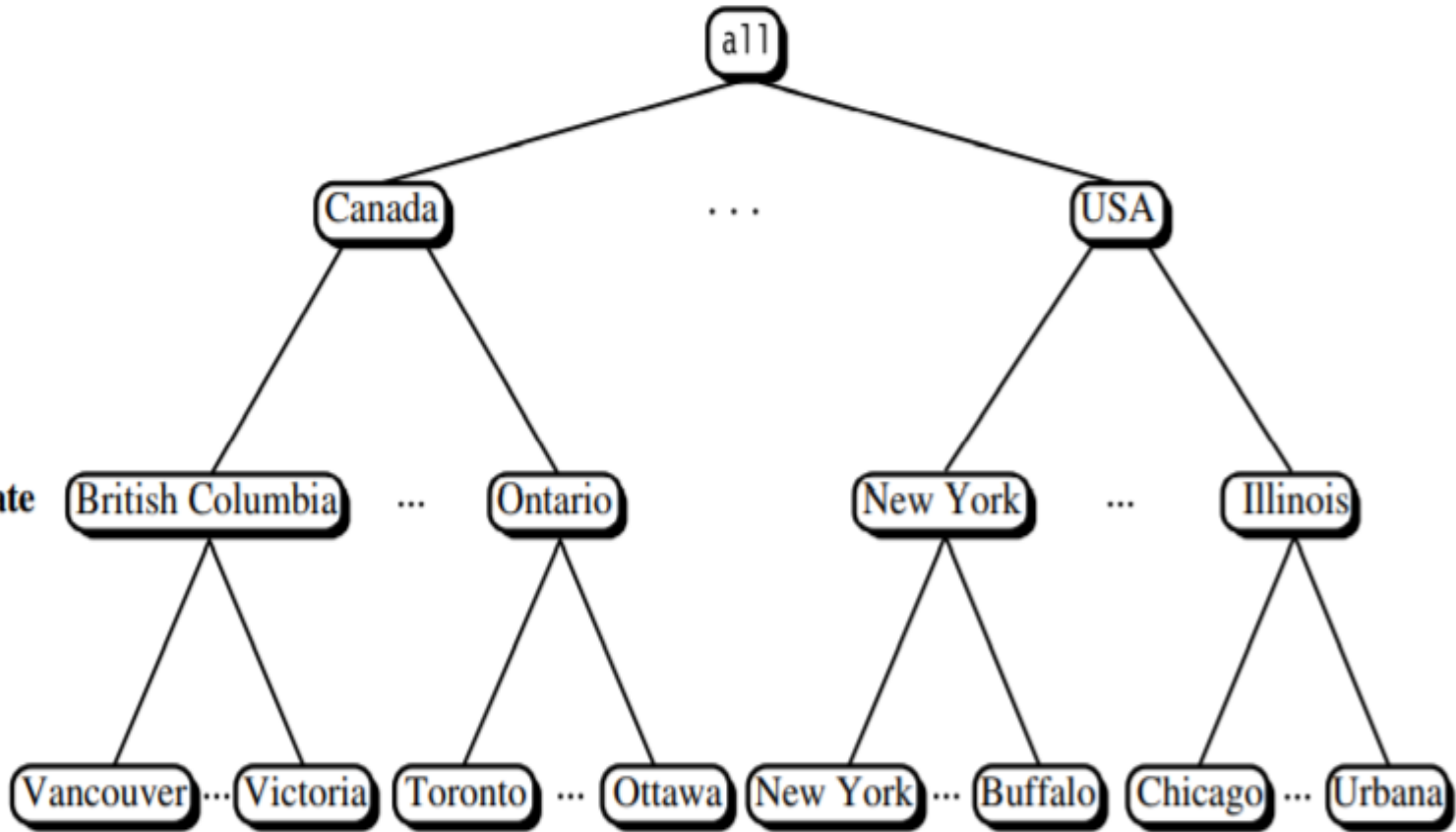
location

all

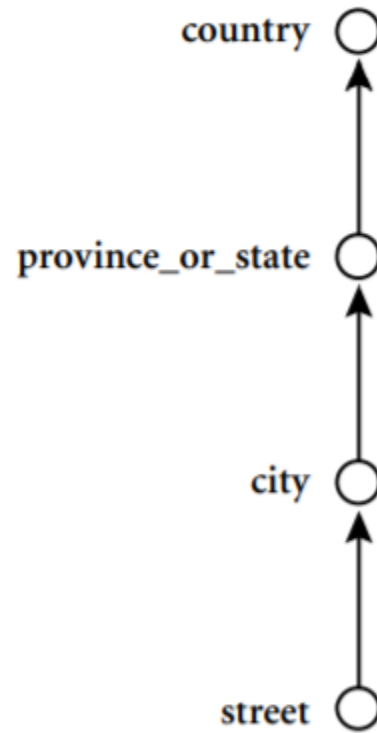
country

province_or_state

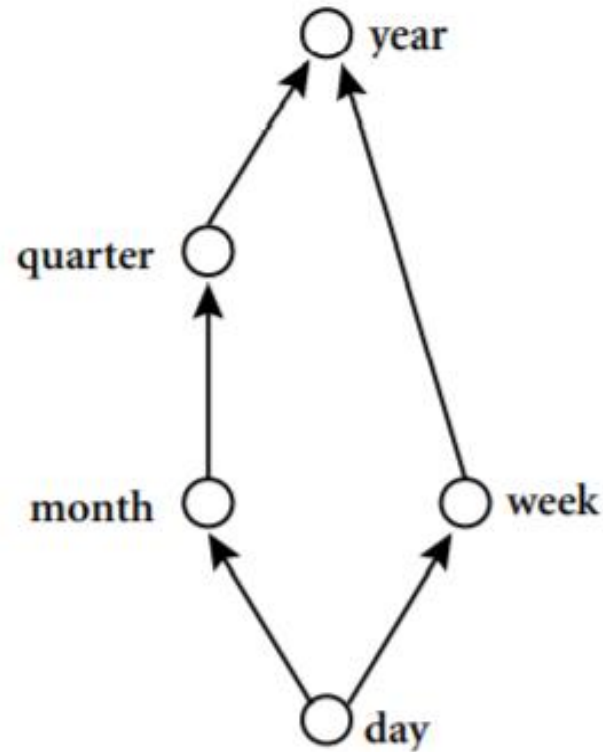
city



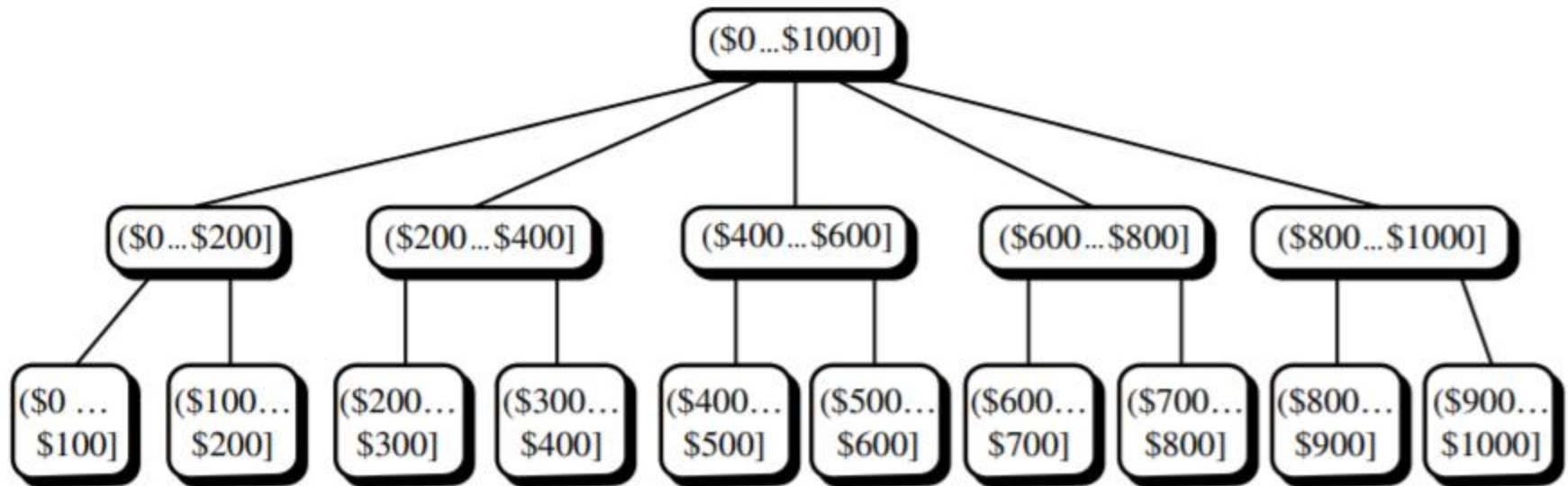
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Concept Hierarchies



OLAP Operations in the Multidimensional Data Model



How are concept hierarchies useful in OLAP?

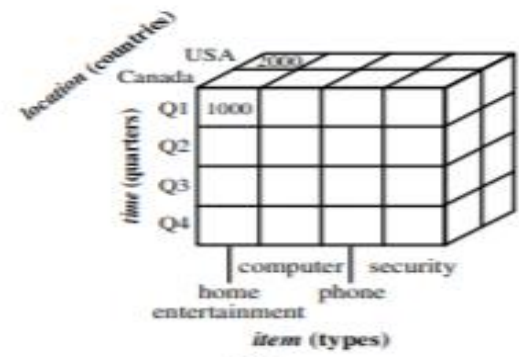
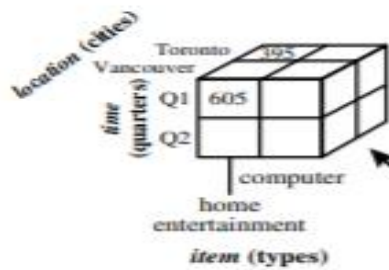
“” In the multidimensional model, data are organized into multiple dimensions, and each dimension contains multiple levels of abstraction defined by concept hierarchies”

OLAP Operations in the Multidimensional Data Model



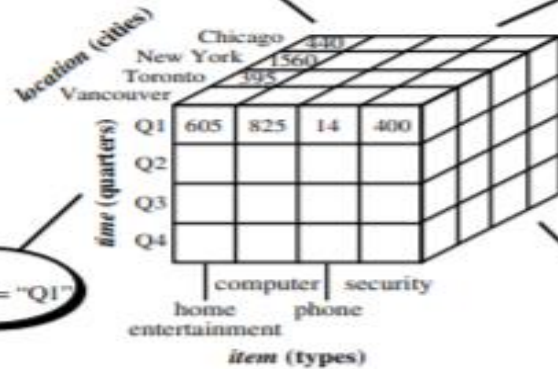
OLAP Operations

1. Roll-Up
2. Drill-down
3. Slice and Dice
4. Pivot



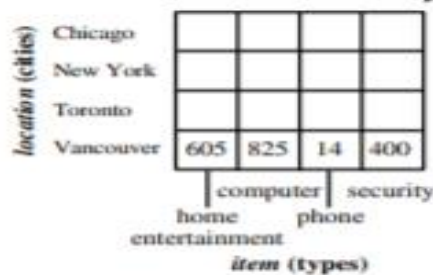
dice for
 (location = "Toronto" or "Vancouver")
 and (time = "Q1" or "Q2") and
 (item = "home entertainment" or "computer")

roll-up
 on location
 (from cities to countries)



slice
 for time = "Q1"

drill-down
 on time
 (from quarters to months)



pivot

