CS 245: Database System Principles

Notes 13: Data Warehousing

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Recall …

- Three approaches to information integration:
  - Federated databases ← did teaser
  - Data warehousing ← next
  - Mediation

Warehousing

- Growing industry: $8 billion in 1998
- Range from desktop to huge:
  - Walmart: 900-CPU, 2,700 disk, 23TB Teradata system
- Lots of buzzwords, hype
  - slice & dice, rollup, MOLAP, pivot, ...

Outline

- What is a data warehouse?
- Why a warehouse?
- Models & operations
- Implementing a warehouse
- Future directions

What is a Warehouse?

- Collection of diverse data
  - subject oriented
  - aimed at executive, decision maker
  - often a copy of operational data
  - with value-added data (e.g., summaries, history)
  - integrated
  - time-varying
  - non-volatile

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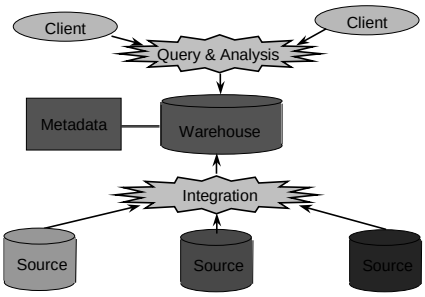
What is a Warehouse?

- Collection of tools
  - gathering data
  - cleansing, integrating, ...
  - querying, reporting, analysis
  - data mining
  - monitoring, administering warehouse

Warehouse Architecture

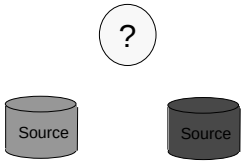


Motivating Examples

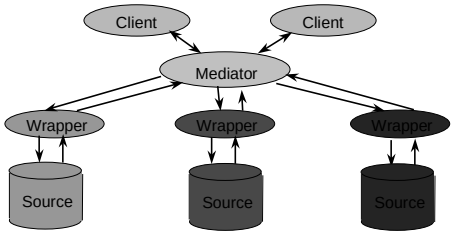
- Forecasting
- Comparing performance of units
- Monitoring, detecting fraud
- Visualization

Why a Warehouse?

- Two Approaches:
  - Mediation (Lazy)
  - Warehouse (Eager)



Mediation Approach



Advantages of Warehousing

- High query performance
- Queries not visible outside warehouse
- Local processing at sources unaffected
- Can operate when sources unavailable
- Easier to query data not stored in a DBMS
- Extra information at warehouse
  - Modify, summarize (store aggregates)
  - Add historical information

Advantages of Mediation

- No need to copy data
  - less storage
  - no need to purchase data
- More up-to-date data
- Query needs can be unknown
- Only query interface needed at sources
- May be less draining on sources

OLTP vs. OLAP

- OLTP: On Line Transaction Processing
  - Describes processing at operational sites
- OLAP: On Line Analytical Processing
  - Describes processing at warehouse

OLTP vs. OLAP

OLTP	OLAP
Mostly updates	Mostly reads
Many small transactions	Queries long, complex
Mb-Tb of data	Gb-Tb of data
Raw data	Summarized, consolidated data
Clerical users	Decision-makers, analysts as users
Up-to-date data	
Consistency, recoverability critical	

Data Marts

- Smaller warehouses
- Spans part of organization
  - e.g., marketing (customers, products, sales)
- Do not require enterprise-wide consensus
  - but long term integration problems?

Warehouse Models & Operators

- Data Models
  - relations
  - stars & snowflakes
  - cubes
- Operators
  - slice & dice
  - roll-up, drill down
  - pivoting
  - other

Star

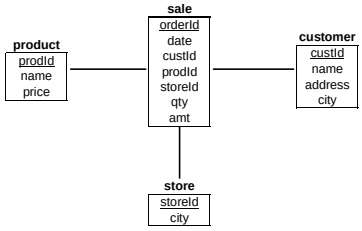
product	prodId	name	price
	p1	bolt	10
	p2	nut	5

store	storeId	city
	c1	nyc
	c2	sfo
	c3	la

sale	oderId	date	custId	prodId	storeId	qty	amt
	o100	1/7/97	53	p1	c1	1	12
	o102	2/7/97	53	p2	c1	2	11
	105	3/8/97	111	p1	c3	5	50

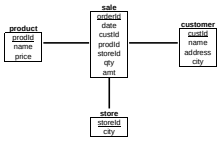
customer	custId	name	address	city
	53	joe	10 main	sfo
	81	fred	12 main	sfo
	111	sally	80 willow	la

Star Schema

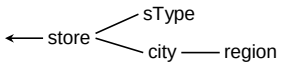


Terms

- Fact table
- Dimension tables
- Measures



Dimension Hierarchies



store	storeId	cityId	tId	mgr
	s5	sfo	t1	joe
	s7	sfo	t2	fred
	s9	la	t1	nancy

sType	tId	size	location
	t1	small	downtown
	t2	large	suburbs

city	cityId	pop	regId
	sfo	1M	north
	la	5M	south

region	regId	weather
	north	fog / heat
	south	heat

➔ snowflake schema
➔ constellations

Cube

Fact table view:

sale	prodId	storeId	amt
	p1	c1	12
	p2	c1	11
	p1	c3	50
	p2	c2	8

Multi-dimensional cube:

	c1	c2	c3
p1	12		50
p2	11	8	

dimensions = 2

3-D Cube

Fact table view:

sale	prodId	storeId	date	amt
	p1	c1	1	12
	p2	c1	1	11
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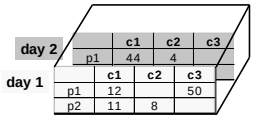

dimensions = 3

Aggregates

- Add up amounts for day 1
- In SQL: SELECT sum(amt) FROM SALE
  WHERE date = 1

sale	prodId	storeId	date	amt
	p1	c1	1	12
	p2	c1	1	11
	p1	c3	1	50
	p2	c2	1	8
	p1	c1	2	44
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Aggregates

- Add up amounts by day
- In SQL: SELECT date, sum(amt) FROM SALE
  GROUP BY date

sale	prodId	storeId	date	amt
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	p2	c2	1	8
	p1	c1	2	44
	p1	c2	2	4

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ans	date	sum
	1	81
	2	48

Another Example

- Add up amounts by day, product
- In SQL: SELECT date, sum(amt) FROM SALE GROUP BY date, prodId

sale	prodId	storeId	date	amt
	p1	c1	1	12
	p2	c1	1	11
	p1	c3	1	50
	p2	c2	1	8
	p1	c1	2	44
	p1	c2	2	4

sale	prodId	date	amt
	p1	1	62
	p2	1	19
	p1	2	48

rollup

drill-down

Aggregates

- Operators: sum, count, max, min, median, avg
- "Group by" clause
- "Having" clause

Cube Aggregation

Example: computing sums

day 2

	c1	c2	c3
p1	44	4	

day 1

	c1	c2	c3
p1	12		50
p2	11	8	

. . .

	c1	c2	c3
p1	56	4	50
p2	11	8	

	c1	c2	c3
sum	67	12	50

	sum
p1	110
p2	19

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rollup

drill-down

Cube Operators

day 2

	c1	c2	c3
p1	44	4	

day 1

	c1	c2	c3
p1	12		50
p2	11	8	

. . .

sale(c1,*,*)

	c1	c2	c3
p1	56	4	50
p2	11	8	

sale(c2,p2,*)

	c1	c2	c3
sum	67	12	50

	sum
p1	110
p2	19

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sale(*,*,*)

Extended Cube

*

	c1	c2	c3	*
p1	56	4	50	110
p2	11	8		19
*				129

day 2

	c1	c2	c3	*
p1	44	4		48

day 1

	c1	c2	c3	*
p1	12		50	62
p2	11	8		19
*	23	8	50	81

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sale(*,p2,*)

Pivoting

Fact table view:

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Query & Analysis Tools

- Query Building
- Report Writers (comparisons, growth, graphs,…)
- Spreadsheet Systems
- Web Interfaces
- Data Mining

Other Operations

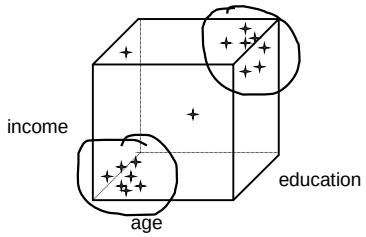
- Time functions
  - e.g., time average
- Computed Attributes
  - e.g., commission = sales * rate
- Text Queries
  - e.g., find documents with words X AND B
  - e.g., rank documents by frequency of words X, Y, Z

Data Mining

- Clustering
- Association Rules

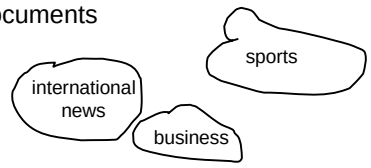
- Also:
  - Decision trees, time-series, …

Clustering



Another Example: Text

- Each document is a vector
  - e.g., <100110...> contains words 1,4,5,...
- Clusters contain "similar" documents
- Useful for understanding, searching documents



Issues

- Given desired number of clusters?
- Finding "best" clusters
- Are clusters semantically meaningful?
  - e.g., "yuppies'' cluster?
- Using clusters for disk storage

Association Rule Mining

sales records:

transaction id	customer id	products bought
tran1	cust33	p2, p5, p8
tran2	cust45	p5, p8, p11
tran3	cust12	p1, p9
tran4	cust40	p5, p8, p11
tran5	cust12	p2, p9
tran6	cust12	p9

market-basket data

- Trend: Products p5, p8 often bough together
- Trend: Customer 12 likes product p9

Association Rule

- Rule: $\{p_1, p_3, p_8\}$
- Support: number of baskets where these products appear
- High-support set: support ≥ threshold *s*
- Problem: find all high support sets

Finding High-Support Pairs

- Baskets(basket, item)
- SELECT I.item, J.item, COUNT(I.basket)
  FROM Baskets I, Baskets J
  WHERE I.basket = J.basket AND
  I.item < J.item
  GROUP BY I.item, J.item
  HAVING COUNT(I.basket) >= s;

WHY?

Example

basket	item
t1	p2
t1	p5
t1	p8
t2	p5
t2	p8
t2	p11
...	...

basket	item1	item2
t1	p2	p5
t1	p2	p8
t1	p5	p8
t2	p5	p8
t2	p5	p11
t2	p8	p11
...	...	...

check if count ≥ s

Issues

- Performance for size 2 rules

big

basket	item
t1	p2
t1	p5
t1	p8
t2	p5
t2	p8
t2	p11
...	...

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t1	p5	p8
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...	...	...

even bigger!

- Performance for size *k* rules

Implementing a Warehouse

- *Monitoring*: Sending data from sources
- *Integrating*: Loading, cleansing,...
- *Processing*: Query processing, indexing, ...
- *Managing*: Metadata, Design, ...

Monitoring

- Source Types: relational, flat file, IMS, WWW, news-wire, …
- Incremental vs. Periodic Refresh

customer	id	name	address	city
	53	joe	10 main	sfo
	81	fred	12 main	sfo
	111	**sally**	**80 willow**	**la**

new

Monitoring Techniques

- Periodic snapshots
- Database triggers
- Log shipping
- Data shipping (replication service)
- Transaction shipping
- Polling (queries to source)
- Screen scraping
- Application level monitoring

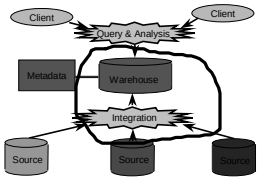
↑ Advantages & Disadvantages!!

Monitoring Issues

- Frequency
  - periodic: daily, weekly, …
  - triggered: on "big" change, lots of changes, ...
- Data transformation
  - convert data to uniform format
  - remove & add fields (e.g., add date to get history)
- Standards (e.g., ODBC)
- Gateways

Integration

- Data Cleaning
- Data Loading
- Derived Data



Data Cleaning

- Migration (e.g., yen ⇨ dollars)
- Scrubbing: use domain-specific knowledge (e.g., social security numbers)
- Fusion (e.g., mail list, customer merging)

billing DB → customer1(Joe) → merged_customer(Joe)

service DB → customer2(Joe) → merged_customer(Joe)

- Auditing: discover rules & relationships (like data mining)

Loading Data

- Incremental vs. periodic refresh
- Off-line vs. on-line
- Frequency of loading
  - At night, 1x a week/month, continuously
- Parallel/Partitioned load

Derived Data

- Derived Warehouse Data
  - indexes
  - aggregates
  - materialized views (next slide)
- When to update derived data?
- Incremental vs. periodic refresh

Materialized Views

- Define new warehouse relations using SQL expressions

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	p1	c1	1	12
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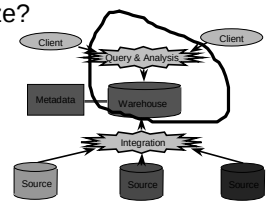
does not exist at any source

Processing

- ROLAP servers vs. MOLAP servers
- Index Structures
- What to Materialize?
- Algorithms



ROLAP Server

- Relational OLAP Server

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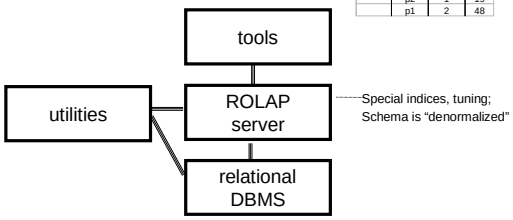
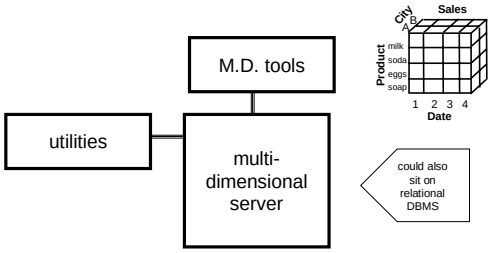
	p1	2	48



MOLAP Server

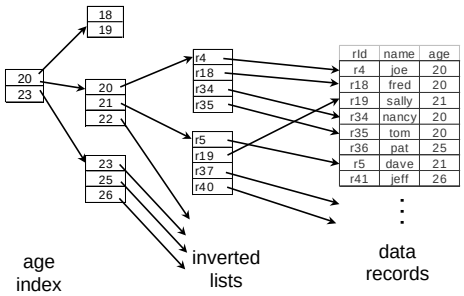
- Multi-Dimensional OLAP Server



Index Structures

- Traditional Access Methods
  - B-trees, hash tables, R-trees, grids, …
- Popular in Warehouses
  - inverted lists
  - bit map indexes
  - join indexes
  - text indexes

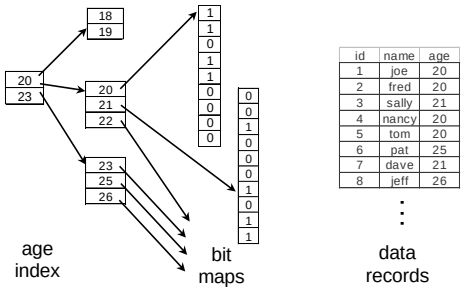
Inverted Lists



Using Inverted Lists

- Query:
  - Get people with age = 20 and name = "fred"
- List for age = 20: r4, r18, r34, r35
- List for name = "fred": r18, r52
- Answer is intersection: r18

Bit Maps



Using Bit Maps

- Query:
  - Get people with age = 20 and name = "fred"
- List for age = 20: 1101100000
- List for name = "fred": 0100000001
- Answer is intersection: 010000000000

- Good if domain cardinality small
- Bit vectors can be compressed

Join

- "Combine" SALE, PRODUCT relations
- In SQL: SELECT * FROM SALE, PRODUCT …

sale	prodId	storeId	date	amt
	p1	c1	1	12
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Join Indexes

join index

product	id	name	price	jIndex
	p1	bolt	10	r1,r3,r5,r6
	p2	nut	5	r2,r4

sale	rId	prodId	storeId	date	amt
	r1	p1	c1	1	12
	r2	p2	c1	1	11
	r3	p1	c3	1	50
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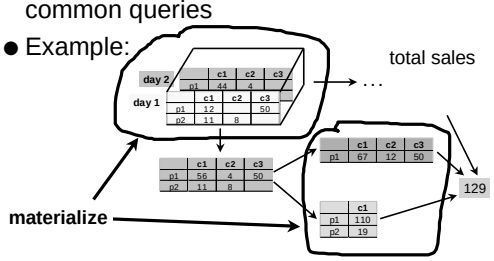
What to Materialize?

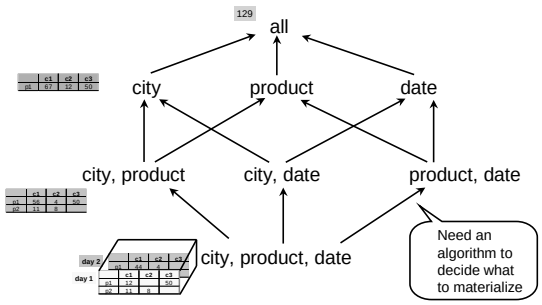
- Store in warehouse results useful for common queries
- Example:



Materialization Factors

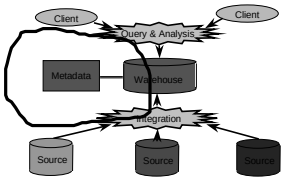
- Type/frequency of queries
- Query response time
- Storage cost
- Update cost

Cube Aggregates Lattice



Managing

- Metadata
- Warehouse Design
- Tools



Metadata

- Administrative
  - definition of sources, tools, ...
  - schemas, dimension hierarchies, …
  - rules for extraction, cleaning, …
  - refresh, purging policies
  - user profiles, access control, ...

Metadata

- Business
  - business terms & definition
  - data ownership, charging
- Operational
  - data lineage
  - data currency (e.g., active, archived, purged)
  - use stats, error reports, audit trails

Design

- What data is needed?
- Where does it come from?
- How to clean data?
- How to represent in warehouse (schema)?
- What to summarize?
- What to materialize?
- What to index?

Tools

- Development
  - design & edit: schemas, views, scripts, rules, queries, reports
- Planning & Analysis
  - what-if scenarios (schema changes, refresh rates), capacity planning
- Warehouse Management
  - performance monitoring, usage patterns, exception reporting
- System & Network Management
  - measure traffic (sources, warehouse, clients)
- Workflow Management
  - "reliable scripts" for cleaning & analyzing data

Current State of Industry

- Extraction and integration done off-line
  - Usually in large, time-consuming, batches
- Everything copied at warehouse
  - Not selective about what is stored
  - Query benefit vs storage & update cost
- Query optimization aimed at OLTP
  - High throughput instead of fast response
  - Process whole query before displaying anything

Future Directions

- Better performance
- Larger warehouses
- Easier to use
- What are companies & research labs working on?

Research (1)

- Incremental Maintenance
- Data Consistency
- Data Expiration
- Recovery
- Data Quality
- Error Handling (Back Flush)

Research (2)

- Rapid Monitor Construction
- Temporal Warehouses
- Materialization & Index Selection
- Data Fusion
- Data Mining
- Integration of Text & Relational Data

Conclusions

- Massive amounts of data and complexity of queries will push limits of current warehouses
- Need better systems:
  - easier to use
  - provide quality information