Lecture 4, Data Cube Computation

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A Roadmap for Data Cube Computation

- **Full Cube**
  - Full materialization
  - Materializing all the cells of all of the cuboids for a given data cube
  - Issues in time and space

- **Iceberg Cube**
  - Partial materialization
  - Materializing the cells of only interesting cuboids
  - Materializing only the cells in a cuboid whose measure value is above the minimum threshold

- **Closed Cube**
  - Materializing only closed cells
Typical Computation Process

- **Example**
  - **Aggregating**
    - Aggregating from the smallest child cuboid
  - **Caching**
    - Caching the result of a cuboid for the computation of other cuboids to reduce disk I/O
  - **Sorting, Hashing and Grouping**
    - Sorting, hashing, and grouping operations are applied to a dimension in order to reorder and cluster
  - **Pruning**
    - A priori pruning the cells with lower support than minimum threshold
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- Multi-way Array Aggregation
- BUC: Iceberg Cube Computation
- Star-Cubing
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Multi-Way Array Aggregation

- Features
  - Array-based “bottom-up” approach
  - Uses multi-dimensional chunks
  - No direct tuple comparisons
  - Simultaneous aggregation on multiple dimensions
  - Intermediate aggregate values are re-used for computing ancestor cuboids
  - Full materialization (No iceberg optimization, No Apriori pruning)
Aggregation Strategy

- **Partitions array into chunks**
  - Chunk: a small sub-cube which fits in memory

- **Data addressing**
  - Uses chunk id and offset

- **Multi-way Aggregation**
  - Computes aggregates in multi-way
  - Visits chunks in the order
    - to minimize memory access
    - to minimize memory space

Aggregation Process

- **Example**
Aggregation Process

- Example - Continued

Optimization of Memory Usage

- What is the best traversing order?
  - Depends on the memory space required

- Example
  - Suppose the data size on each dimension A, B and C is 40, 400 and 4000, respectively.
  - Minimum memory required when traversing the order, 1,2,3,4,5,..., 64
  - Total memory required is 100×1000 + 40×1000 + 40×400
Summary of Multi-Way

- **Method**
  - Cuboids should be sorted and computed according to the data size on each dimension
  - Keeps the smallest plane in the main memory, fetches and computes only one chunk at a time for the largest plane

- **Limitations**
  - Full materialization
  - Computes well only for a small number of dimensions (high dimensional data → partial materialization)

- **Reference**

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- **BUC**: Iceberg Cube Computation
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Bottom-Up Computation (BUC)

- **Characteristics**
  - "Top-down" approach
  - Partial materialization (iceberg cube computation)
  - Divides dimensions into partitions and facilitates iceberg pruning
  - No simultaneous aggregation

Iceberg Pruning Process

- **Partitioning**
  - Sorts data values
  - Partitions into blocks that fit in memory

- **Apriori Pruning**
  - For each partition
    - If it does not satisfy min_sup, its descendants are pruned
    - If it satisfies min_sup, materialization and a recursive call including the next dimension
Apriori Pruning Example

- **Description in SQL**
  - Iceberg cube computation

```sql
compute cube iceberg_cube as
select A, B, C, D, count(*)
from R
cube by A, B, C, D
having count(*) \geq min_sup
```

- **Example**

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- (\*, \*, \*, \*) \rightarrow 0-D cuboid
- (a1, \*, \*, \*) \rightarrow 1-D cuboid
- (a1, b1, \*, \*) \rightarrow 2-D cuboid
- (a1, b1, c1, \*) \rightarrow 3-D cuboid
- (a1, b1, c1, d1) \rightarrow pruning
- (a1, b1, c2, \*) \rightarrow 3-D cuboid
- (a1, b2, \*, \*) \rightarrow pruning

Summary of BUC

- **Method**
  - Computation of sparse data cubes

- **Limitations**
  - Sensitive to the order of dimensions
    - The most discriminating dimension should be used first
    - Dimensions should be in the order of decreasing cardinality
    - Dimensions should be in the order of increasing maximum number of duplicates

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Characteristics of Star-Cubing

- Characteristics
  - Integrated method of "top-down" and "bottom-up" cube computation
  - Explores both multidimensional aggregation (as Multi-way) and apriori pruning (as BUC)
  - Explores shared dimensions
    - e.g., dimension A is a shared dimension of ACD and AD
    - e.g., ABD/AB means ABD has the shared dimension AB
Iceberg Pruning Strategy

- Iceberg Pruning in a Shared Dimension
  - If AB is a shared dimension of ABD, then the cuboid AB is computed simultaneously with ABD
  - If the aggregate on a shared dimension does not satisfy the iceberg condition ($\min_{sup}$), then all the cells extended from this shared dimension cannot satisfy the condition either
  - If we can compute the shared dimensions before the actual cuboid, we can apply Apriori pruning
    → Pruning while aggregating simultaneously on multiple dimensions

Cuboid Trees

- Cuboid Trees
  - Tree structure to represent cuboids
  - Base cuboid tree, 3-D cuboid trees, 2-D cuboid trees, ...
  - Each level represents a dimension
  - Each node represents an attribute
  - Each node includes the attribute value, aggregate value, descendant(s)
  - The path from the root to a leaf represents a tuple
  - Example
    - $\text{count}(a1,b1,*,*) = 10$
    - $\text{count}(a1,b1,c1,*) = 5$
Star Nodes

- **Star Nodes**
  - If the single dimensional aggregate does not satisfy \( \text{min\_sup} \), no need to consider the node in the iceberg cube computation
  - The nodes are replaced by *
  - Example (\( \text{min\_sup} = 2 \))

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Star Tree Structure

- **Star Tree**
  - A cuboid tree that is compressed using star nodes

- **Star Tree Construction**
  - Uses the compressed table
  - Keeps the star table for lookup of star nodes
  - Lossless compression from the original cuboid tree
Multi-Way Star-Tree Aggregation

Aggregation
- DFS (depth-first-search) from the root of a star tree
- Creates star trees for the cuboids on the next level

Pruning
- Prunes if the aggregates do not satisfy min_sup
- Prunes if all the nodes in the generated tree are star nodes

Implementation of Star Cubing

Method
- Multi-way aggregation & iceberg pruning
Summary of Star Cubing

- **Limitations**
  - Sensitive to the order of dimensions
  - The order of decreasing cardinality

- **Reference**
  - Xin, D., Han, J., Li, X. and Wah, B.W., “Star-Cubing: Computing Iceberg Cubes by Top-Down and Bottom-Up Integration”, In Proceedings of VLDB (2003)

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- **Motivations**
  - The computation and storage of iceberg cube are still costly for high dimensional data ("the curse of dimensionality").
  - Hard to determine an appropriate iceberg threshold.
  - No update in an iceberg cube.

- **Features**
  - Reduces a high dimensional cube into a set of lower dimensional cubes.
  - Lossless reduction.
  - Online re-construction of high-dimensional data cube.

Fragmentation Strategy

- **Observation**
  - OLAP occurs only on a small subset of dimensions at a time.

- **Fragmentation**
  - Partitions the set of dimensions into shell fragments.
  - Computes data cubes for each shell fragment.
    - 20 3-D data cube computation is much better than 1 60-D data cube.
  - Retains inverted indices or value-list indices.

- **Semi-Online Computation**
  - Given the pre-computed fragment cubes, dynamically compute cube cells of the high-dimensional cube online.
Inverted Index

- Example
  - Divides the 5 dimensions into 2 shell fragments, (A, B, C) and (D, E)
  - Builds the inverted index (1-D inverted index)

- Example
  - Value | TID List | Size
    - a1 | 1 2 3 | 3
    - a2 | 4 5 | 2
    - b1 | 1 4 5 | 3
    - b2 | 2 3 | 2
    - c1 | 1 2 3 4 5 | 5
    - d1 | 1 3 4 5 | 4
    - d2 | 2 | 1
    - e1 | 1 2 | 2
    - e2 | 3 4 | 2
    - e3 | 5 | 1

Cube Computation

- Process
  - Generalizes the 1-D inverted indices to multi-dimensional inverted indices
  - Computes cuboids using the inverted indices

- Example
  - Shell fragment cube ABC contains 7 cuboids, A, B, C, AB, AC, BC, ABC
  - The cuboid AB is computed using the 2-D inverted index below

- Example
  - Cell | Intersection | TID List | Size
    - (a1,b1) | (1,2,3)∩(1,4,5) | {1} | 1
    - (a1,b2) | (1,2,3)∩(2,3) | {2,3} | 2
    - (a2,b1) | (4,5)∩(1,4,5) | {4,5} | 2
    - (a2,b2) | (4,5)∩(2,3) | {} | 0
Online Query Computation

- **Process**
  - Given shell fragment cubes
  - Divides the query into shell fragments
  - Fetches the corresponding TID list for each fragment from the cubes
  - Intersects the TID lists from each fragment to construct instantiated base table
  - Computes the **online cube** using the base table with any data cube computation algorithm
  - Computes the query

Shell Fragment Cube Process

```
Dimensions
A B C D E F...
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```
ABC Cube
DEF Cube
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Online Query Process

Instantiated Base Table → Online Cube

Advantages
- Significant increase of the speed of data cube computation
- Significant decrease of the storage usage
- Various applications in very high dimensional data

Limitations
- Tradeoffs between the preprocessing time to construct a data cube and the online computation time for queries
- Tradeoffs between the storage for a data cube and the memory for online computation

Reference
Questions?

- Lecture Slides are found on the Course Website, www.ecs.baylor.edu/faculty/cho/4352