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WORKED OUT ANSWERS

Part 1

Problem 1

1. Suppose $B(R) = B(S) = 10,000$. For what value of M would we need to compute $R \bowtie S$ using the nested-loop join algorithm with no more than the following number of I/Os? (8 points, 4 points each)

Using the equation given in Section 15.3.4 of the textbook, solve for M :

$$I/O = B(S) + \frac{B(S)B(R)}{(M-1)}$$

(a) 100,000

$$100,000 = 10,000 + \frac{(10,000 \times 10,000)}{(M-1)}$$

$$M = 1,112.1 \text{ or } \text{ceil}(M) = 1,113$$

(b) 25,000

$$25,000 = 10,000 + \frac{(10,000 \times 10,000)}{(M-1)}$$

$$M = 6,667.7 \text{ or } \text{ceil}(M) = 6,668$$

2. If two relations R and S are both unclustered, it seems that the nested-loop join algorithm requires about $T(R)T(S)/M$ disk I/Os. How can you do significantly better than this cost? Describe your modified version of the nested-loop algorithm and give the number of disk I/Os required for your algorithm. We assume that M is large enough such that $M \gg 1$, and that $B(R) \gg T(R)$ and $B(S) \gg T(S)$; that is, the number of tuples of a relation is much greater than that of blocks of the relation. (8 points)

Note that the cost of algorithm given in the question is $T(R)T(S)/M$, which means it is using tuple-based nested-loop join. In order to improve the disk I/O cost of nested-loop join algorithm, we need to use block-based nested-loop join. In order to carry out block-based nested loop join efficiently, we need the inner relation clustered, and search structure built on the common attributes of R and S .

Let R be the inner relation (assuming S is smaller):