Relational Query Optimization I: The Plan Space

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Reading: R&G 15

Architecture of a DBMS

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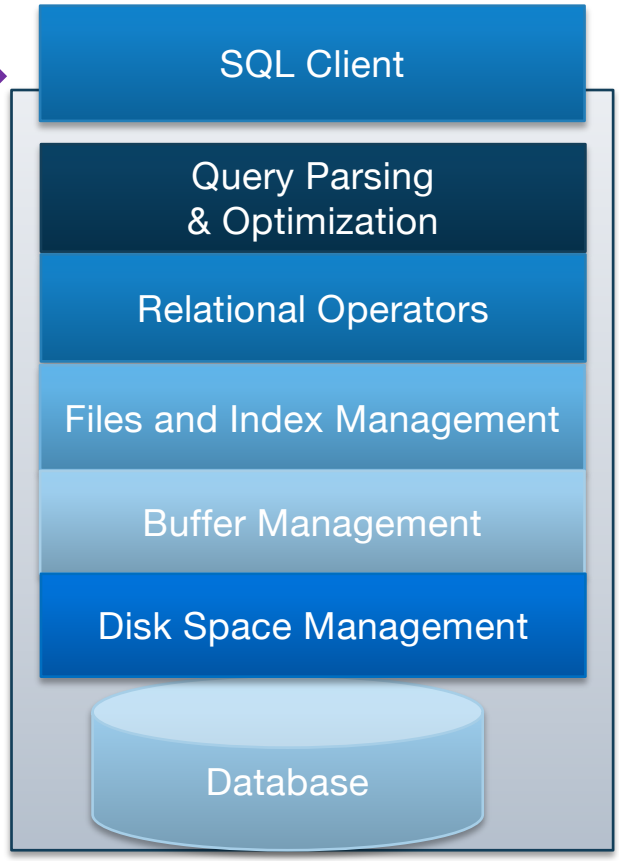


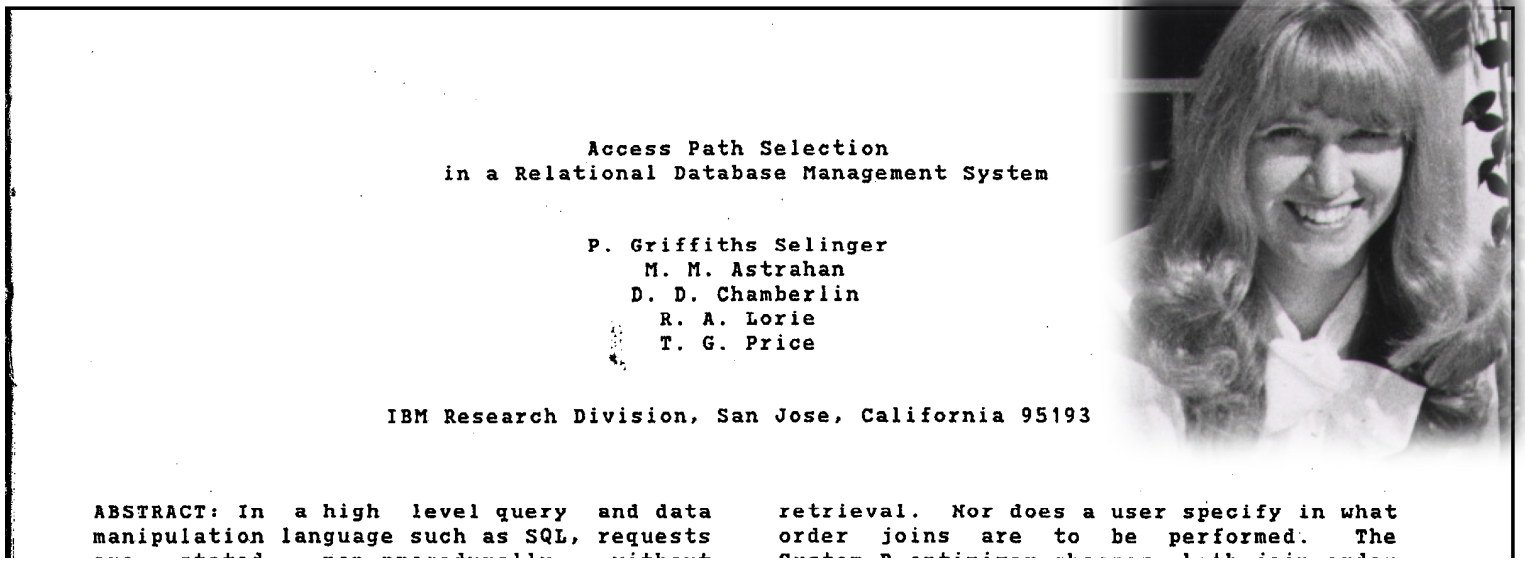
Query Optimization is Magic

- The bridge between a *declarative* domain-specific language…
  - "What" you want as an answer
- … and custom *imperative* computer programs
  - "How" to compute the answer

- A lot of smart people and a lot of time has been spent on this problem!
- Reminiscent of many cutting-edge "AI" problems
  - Similar tricks: optimization + heuristic pruning
  - Robot path planning, natural language understanding, etc

Invented in 1979 by Pat Selinger et al.

- We'll focus on "System R" ("Selinger") optimizers
  - From IBM Research in Almaden
- "Cascades" optimizer is the other common one
  - Later, with notable differences, but similar big picture



Access Path Selection
in a Relational Database Management System

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ABSTRACT: In a high level query and data manipulation language such as SQL, requests

retrieval. Nor does a user specify in what order joins are to be performed. The

Query Parsing & Optimization: Query Lifecycle

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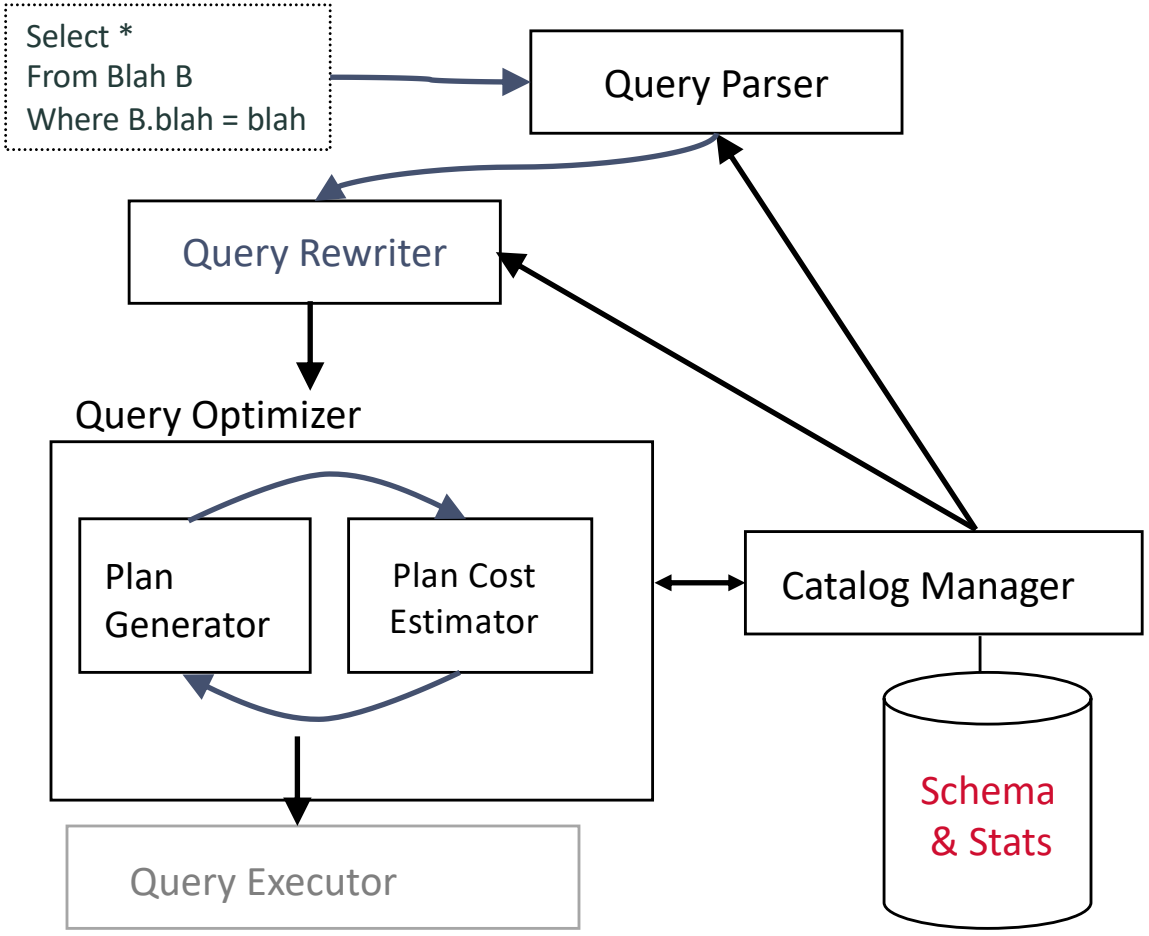
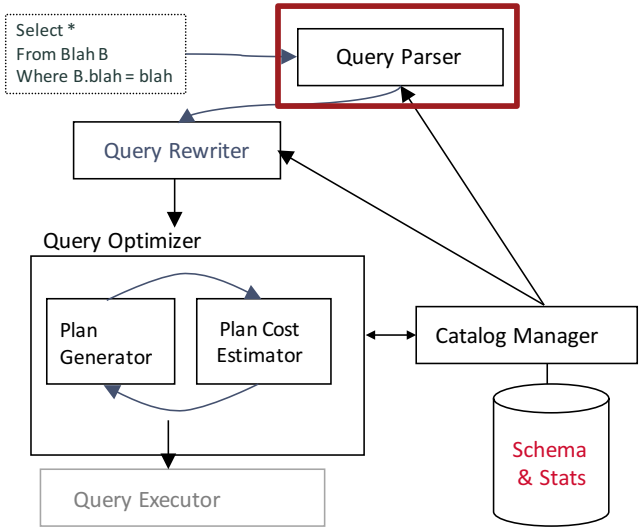


Query Parsing & Optimization Part 2

- Query parser

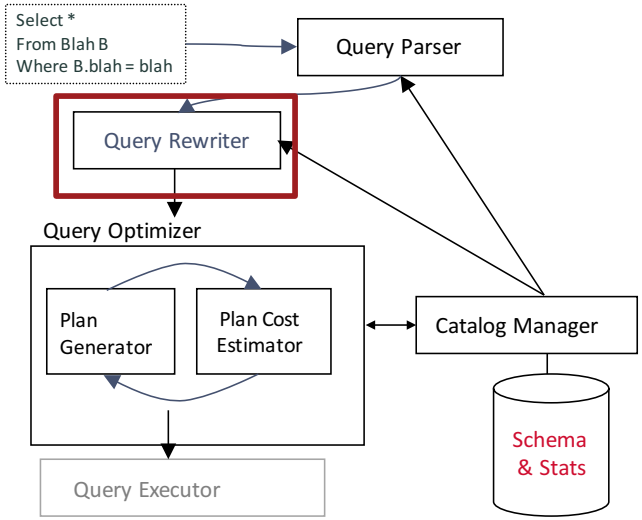
Component 1

  - Checks correctness, authorization
  - Generates a parse tree
  - Straightfoward
  - Not our focus



Query Parsing & Optimization Part 3

- Query rewriter Component 2
  - Converts queries to canonical form
    - flatten views
    - subqueries into fewer query blocks
      - e.g., by replacing w/ joins
  - Not our focus



Query Parsing & Optimization Part 4

Component 3

- "Cost-based" Query Optimizer
  - Our focus!
  - Optimizes 1 query block at a time
    - Select, Project, Join
    - GroupBy/Agg
    - Order By (if top-most block)
  - Uses catalog stats to find least-"cost" plan per query block
  - Often not truly "optimal", lots of heuristic rules and magic

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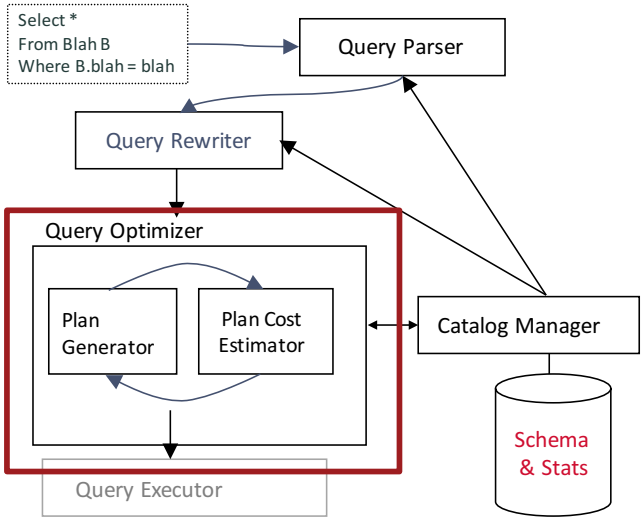

Query Optimization: The Components

- Three (mostly) orthogonal concerns:
  - Plan space:
    - for a given query, what plans are considered?
    - larger the plan space, more likely to find a cheaper plan, but harder to search
  - Cost estimation:
    - how is the cost of a plan estimated?
    - want to find the cheapest plan
  - Search strategy:
    - how do we “search” in the “plan space”?

Query Optimization: The Goal

- Optimization goal:
  - Ideally: Find the plan with least actual cost = one that runs fastest
  - Reality: Find the plan with least estimated cost.
    - At the very least, try to avoid really bad actual plans!

kinda like Dijkstra - greedy

Today

- We will get a feel for the plan space
- Explore one simple example query

Plan Space

- To generate a space of candidate plans, we need to think about how to rewrite relational algebra expressions into other ones
- Therefore, need a set of equivalence rules

Relational Algebra Equivalences: Selections

- Selections:
  - $\sigma_{c1 \wedge \ldots \wedge cn}(R) \equiv \sigma_{c1}(\ldots(\sigma_{cn}(R))\ldots)$ (cascade)
    - Intuitively, RHS says check c_n first on all tuples, then c_{n-1} etc.
  - $\sigma_{c1}(\sigma_{c2}(R)) \equiv \sigma_{c2}(\sigma_{c1}(R))$ (commute)

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- Projections: a1 stays in all expressions
  - $\pi_{a1}(\ldots(R)\ldots) \equiv \pi_{a1}(\ldots(\pi_{a1, \ldots, an\text{-}1}(R))\ldots)$ (cascade) π property
    - Essentially, allows partial projection earlier in the expression
    - As long as we're keeping a_1 (and everything else we need outside) we're OK
  - Q: Are there any commute rules for projections?

Relational Algebra Equivalences: Cartesian Product

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- Cartesian Product
  - $R \times (S \times T) \equiv (R \times S) \times T$ (associative)
  - $R \times S \equiv S \times R$ (commutative)
    - Recall that the ordering of attributes doesn't matter

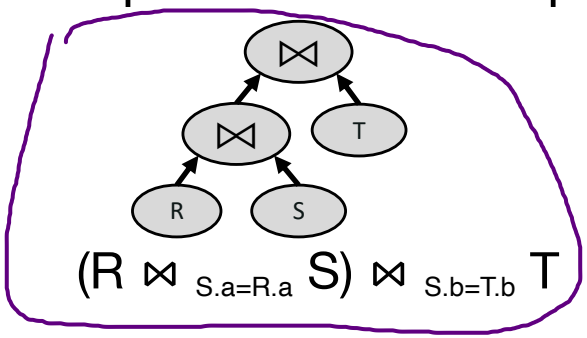
Are Joins Associative and Commutative?

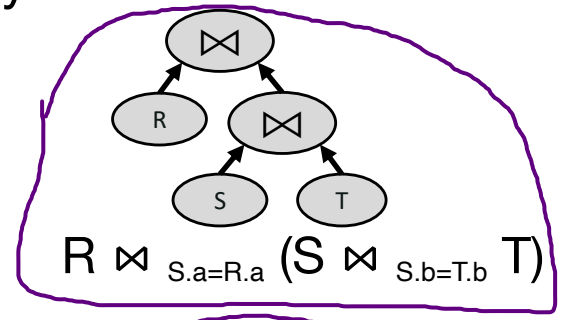
- After all, just Cartesian Products with Selections (conditions)
- SOMETIMES You can think of them as associative and commutative… "×" vs. "$\bowtie_{S.a=R.b}$"
- But beware of join turning into cross-product!
  - Consider R(a,z), S(a,b), T(b,y)
  - Attempt 1: Does this work? Why?
    - $(S \bowtie_{S.b=T.b} T) \bowtie_{S.a=R.a} R \not\equiv S \bowtie_{S.b=T.b} (T \bowtie_{S.a=R.a} R)$
      - *not* legal!! T does not have attribute "S.a"
  - Attempt 2: Does this work? Why?
    - $(S \bowtie_{S.b=T.b} T) \bowtie_{S.a=R.a} R \not\equiv S \bowtie_{S.b=T.b} (T \times R)$
      - *not* the same!! Join on S.a=R.a now gone
  - Attempt 3: Does this work?
    - $(S \bowtie_{S.b=T.b} T) \bowtie_{S.a=R.a} R \equiv S \bowtie_{S.b=T.b \wedge S.a=R.a} (T \times R)$

Yes, but left side cheaper

Join ordering, again

- Similarly, note that some join orders have cross products, some don't
- Equivalent for the query above:



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SELECT *
  FROM R, S, T
 WHERE R.a = S.a
   AND S.b = T.b;
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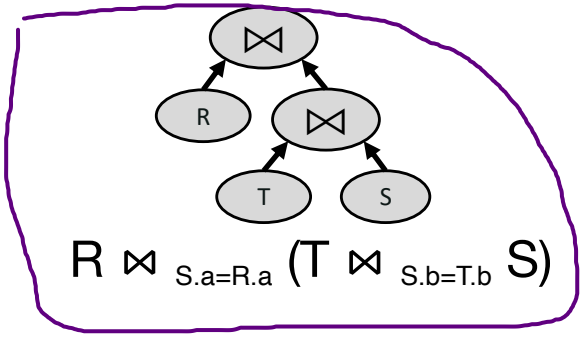

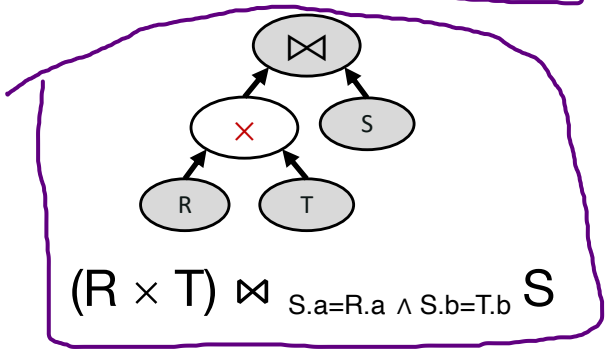

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- Next, will discuss a set of heuristics that are used to restrict attention to plans that are mostly better:
  - we've already seen one of these in the relational alg lectures.

σ ≡ where

Some Common Heuristics: Selections

- Selection cascade and pushdown
  - Apply selections as soon as you have the relevant columns
  - Ex:
    - π_{sname} ($\sigma_{(\text{bid}=100 \wedge \text{rating} > 5)}$ (Reserves $\bowtie_{\text{Reserves.sid}=\text{Sailors.sid}}$ Sailors))
    - π_{sname} ($\sigma_{\text{bid}=100}$ (Reserves) $\bowtie_{\text{Reserves.sid}=\text{Sailors.sid}}$ $\sigma_{\text{rating} > 5}$ (Sailors)) ← better
  - Why is this an improvement?
    - Selection is essentially free, joins are expensive
    - Take care of selections early -- side effect is that the intermediate inputs to joins are smaller

π = select

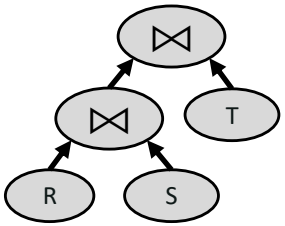
Some Common Heuristics: Projections

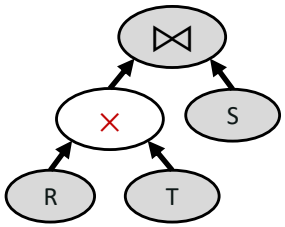
- Projection cascade and pushdown
  - Keep only the columns you need to evaluate downstream operators
  - Reserves(sid, bid, day), Sailors (sid, rating, sname)
  - Ex:
    - $\pi_{sname}\sigma_{(bid=100 \wedge rating > 5)}$ (Reserves $\bowtie_{Reserves.sid=Sailors.sid}$ Sailors)
    - Q: How might we cascade and push projections and selections down?
    - π_{sname} (π_{sid}($\sigma_{bid=100}$ (Reserves)) $\bowtie_{Reserves.sid=Sailors.sid}$ $\pi_{sname,sid}$ ($\sigma_{rating > 5}$ (Sailors)))
    - Other rewritings exist! (reorder selection and projection)

Just make all columns are retained

Some Common Heuristics

- Avoid Cartesian products
  - Given a choice, do theta-joins rather than cross-products
  - Consider R(a,b), S(b,c), T(c,d)
  - Favor $(R \bowtie S) \bowtie T$ over $(R \times T) \bowtie S$ (in general - heuristic)
  - Case where this doesn't quite improve things:
    - if R x T is small (e.g., R & T are very small and S is relatively large)
    - Still, it's a good enough heuristic that we will use it





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- Both of these were logical equivalences, will also quickly discuss physical equivalences, next.

Physical Equivalences

- Base table access
  - Heap scan
  - Index scan (if available on referenced columns)
- Equijoins
  - Block (Chunk) Nested Loop: simple, exploits extra memory
  - Index Nested Loop: often good if 1 rel small and the other indexed properly
  - Sort-Merge Join: good with small memory, equal-size tables
  - Grace/Hybrid Hash Join: even better than sort with 1 small table
- Non-Equijoins (no join conditions)
  - Block (Chunk) Nested Loop

Schema for Examples


```
Sailors  (sid: integer, sname: text, rating: integer, age: real)
Reserves (sid: integer, bid: integer, day: date, rname: text)
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- Reserves:
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  - Assume there are 100 boats (each equally likely)
- Sailors:
  - Each tuple is 50 bytes long, 80 tuples per page, 500 pages.
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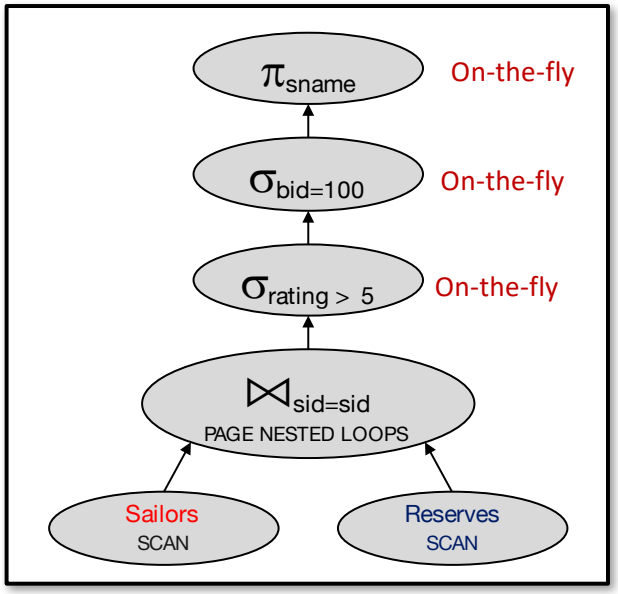
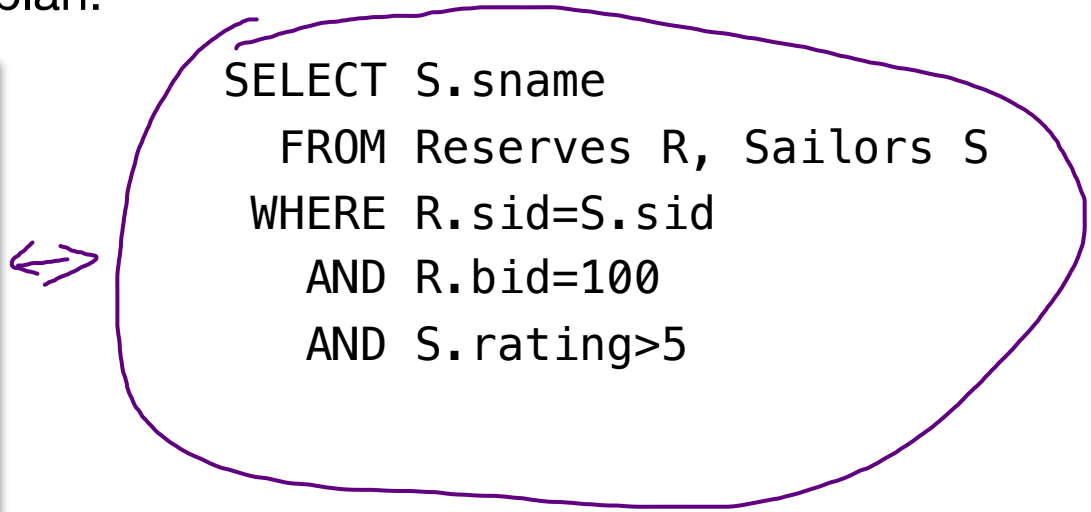
- Remember: just counting IOs

Motivating Example: Plan 1

- Here's a reasonable query plan:





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SELECT S.sname
  FROM Reserves R, Sailors S
 WHERE R.sid=S.sid
   AND R.bid=100
   AND S.rating>5
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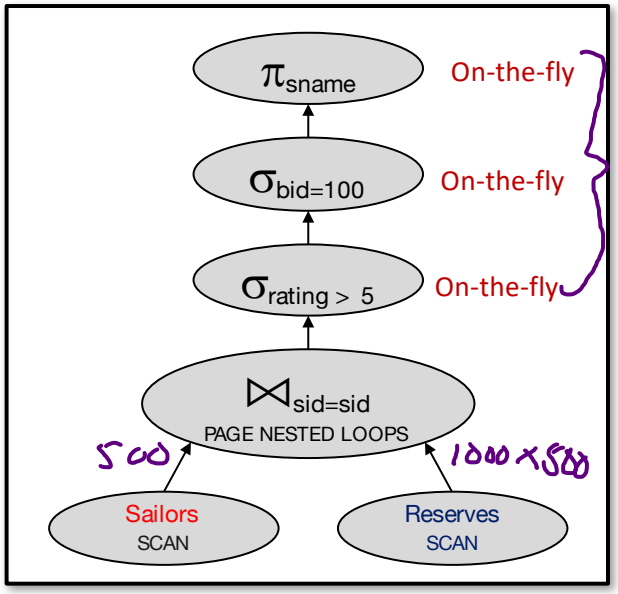

- Let's estimate the cost:
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  Scan Reserves (1000 IOs)
- Total: 500 + 500*1000
  - 500,500 IOs

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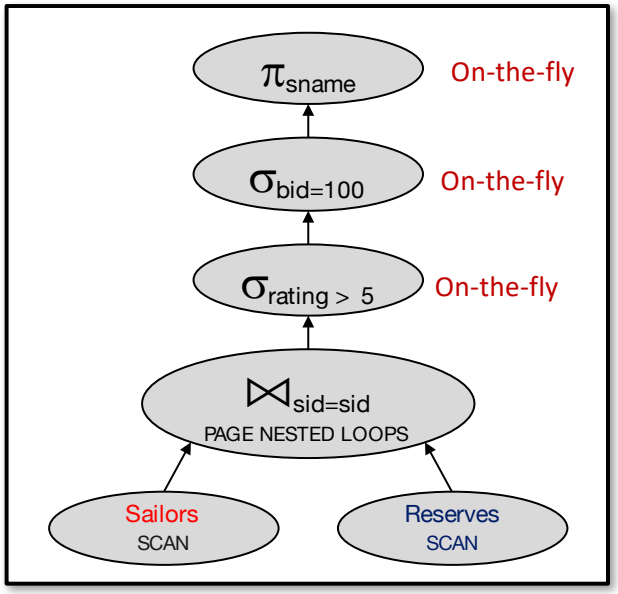

- Cost: 500+500*1000 I/Os
- By no means the worst plan!
- Misses several opportunities:
  - selections could be 'pushed' down
  - no use of indexes
- Goal of optimization:
  - Find faster plans that compute the same answer.

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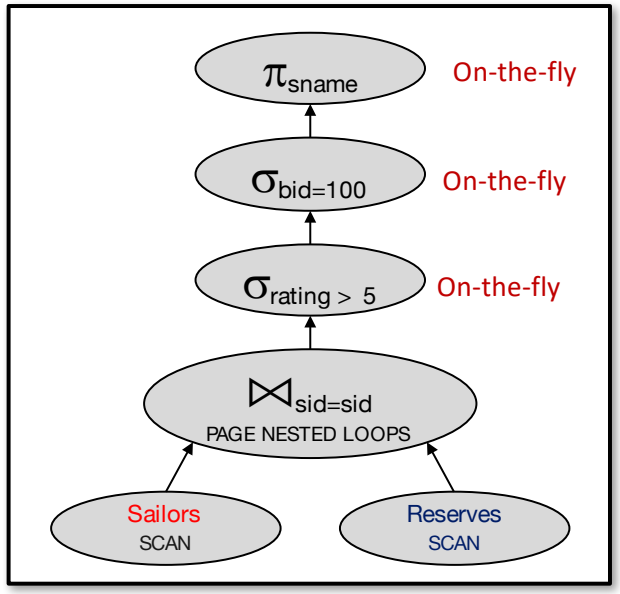

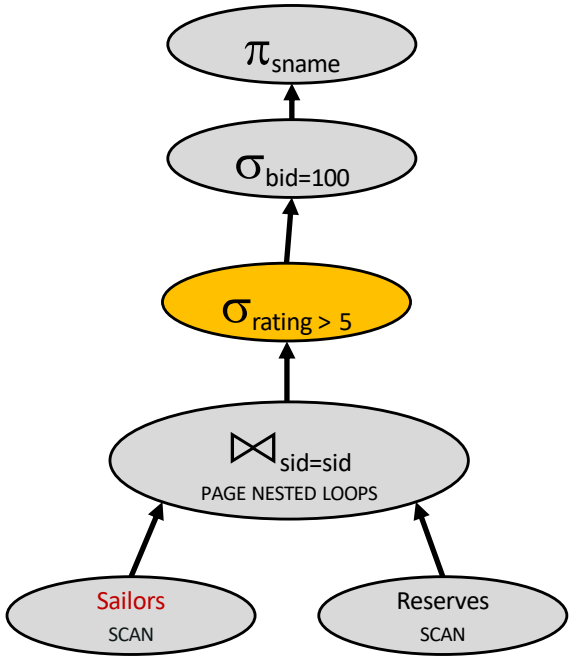

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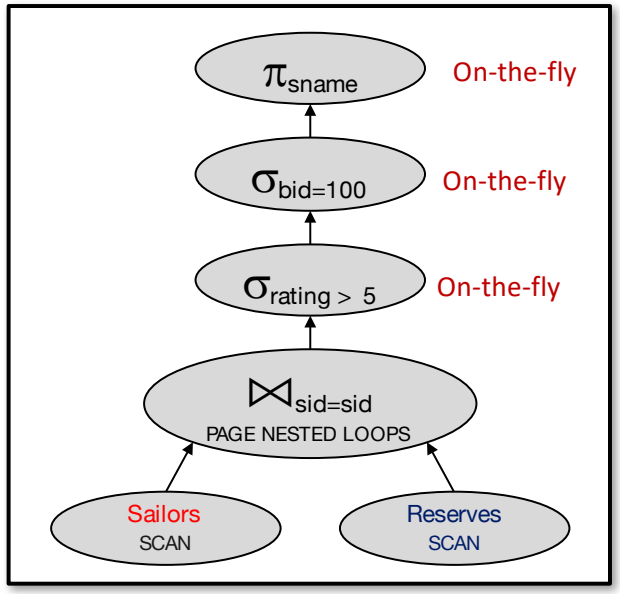

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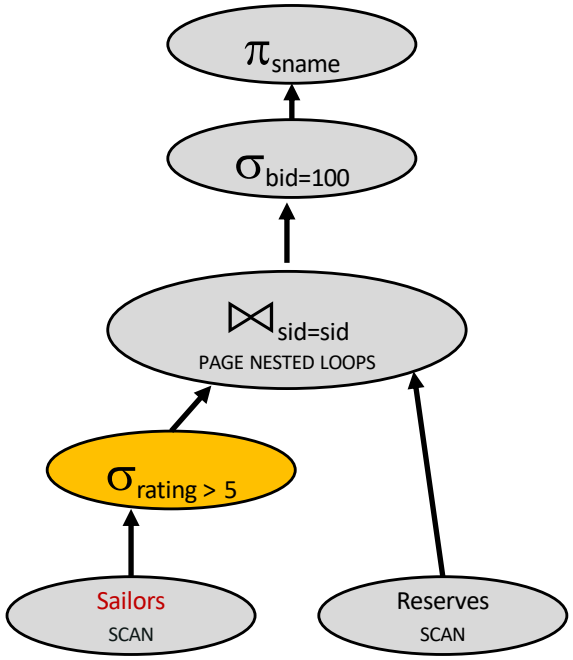
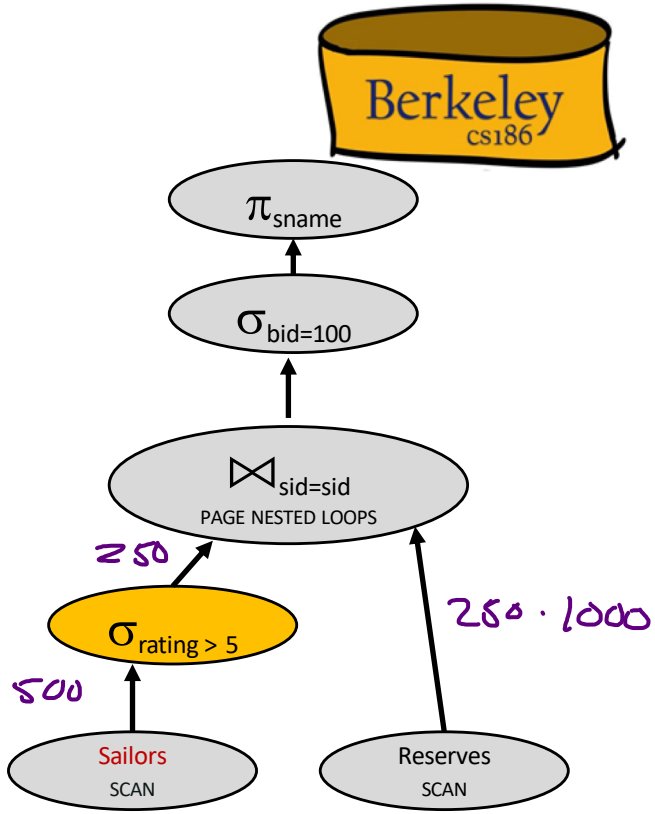


Cost?

Query Plan 2 Cost

- Let's estimate the cost:
- Scan Sailors (500 IOs)
- For each pageful of high-rated Sailors,
  Scan Reserves (1000 IOs)
- Total: 500 + ???*1000
- Remember: 10 ratings, all equally likely
- Total: 500 + 250*1000

ratings > 5 is about half the ratings



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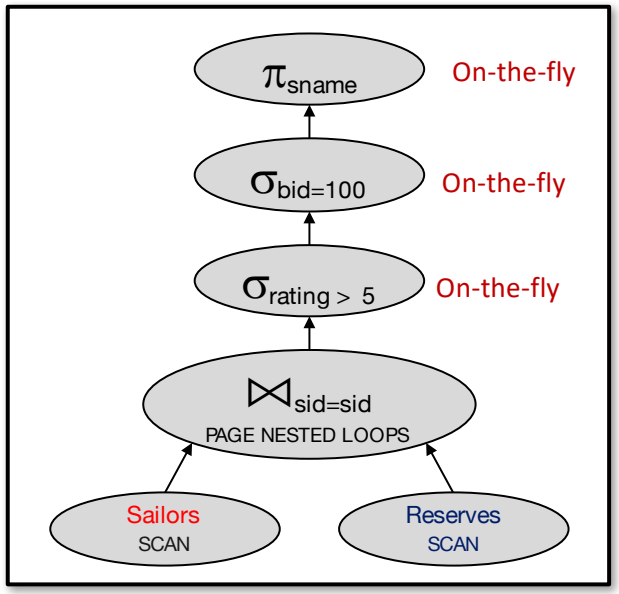

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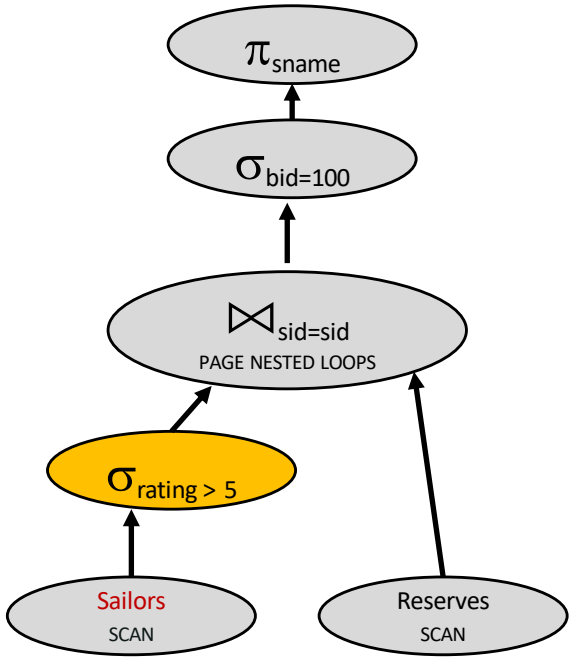

250,500 IOs

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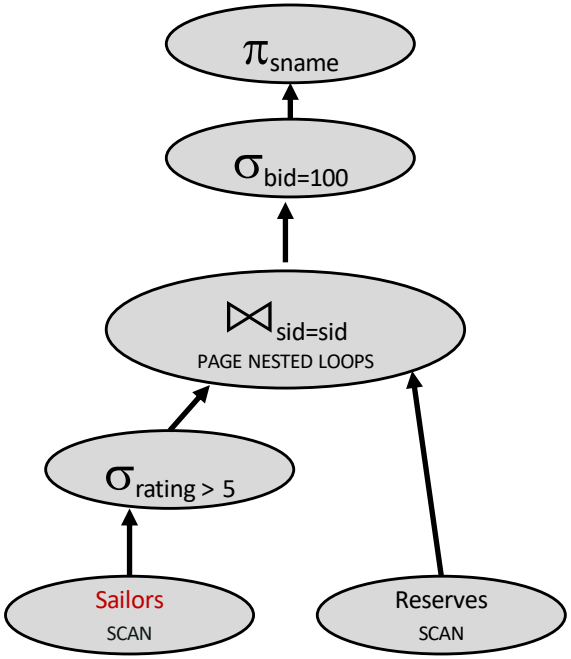

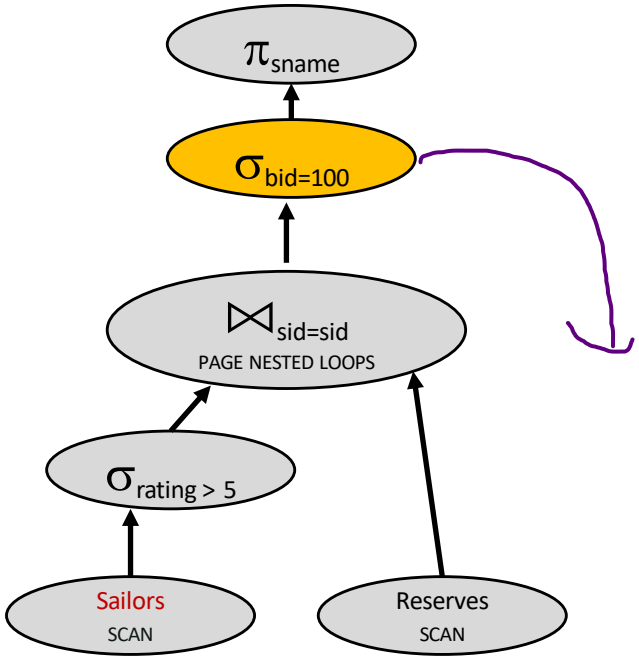

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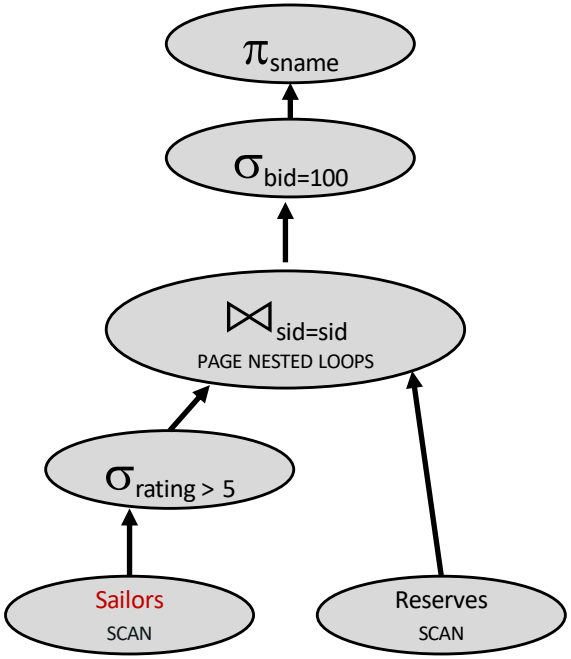

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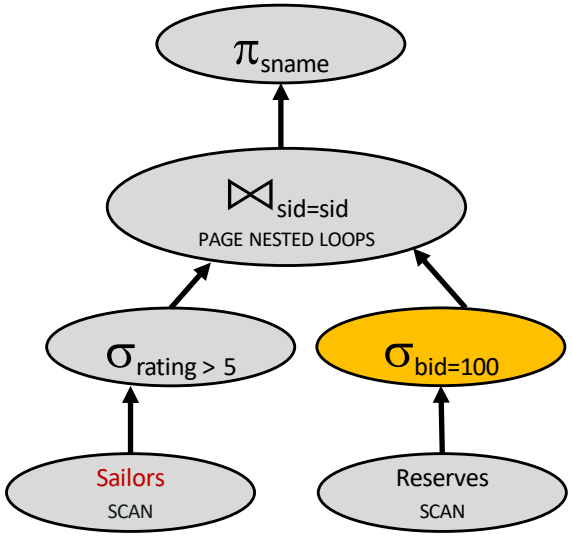
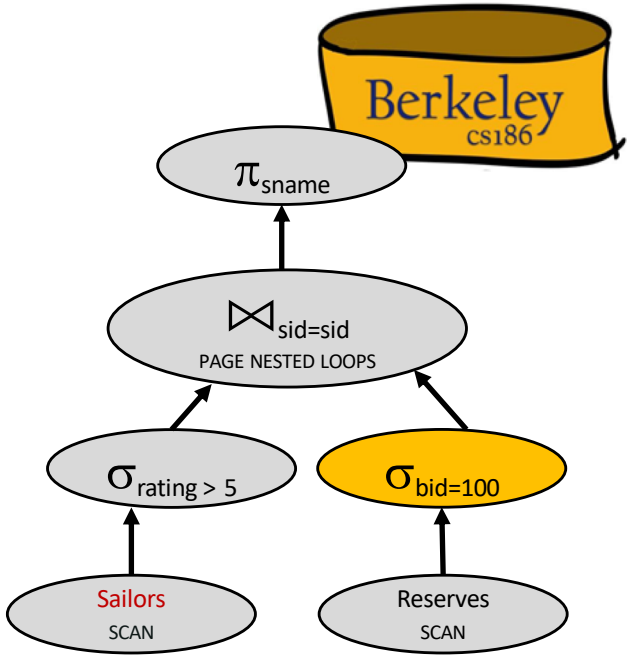


Cost???

Query Plan 3 Cost Analysis



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- For each pageful of high-rated Sailors,
  Read through Reserves tuples that match
- Total: 500 + 250*(???)
- For each scan of Reserves, we apply filter on tuples on the fly
- Problem: this doesn't actually save any IOs – to determine the Reserves tuples that match, we end up scanning Reserves the same # of times.
- Total: 500 + 250*1000!

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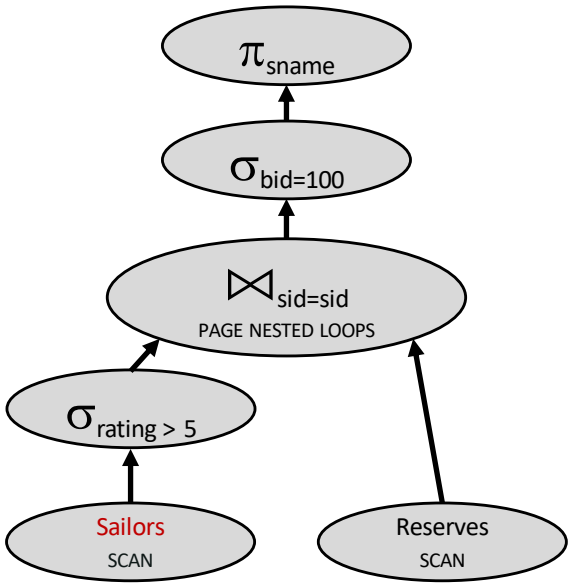
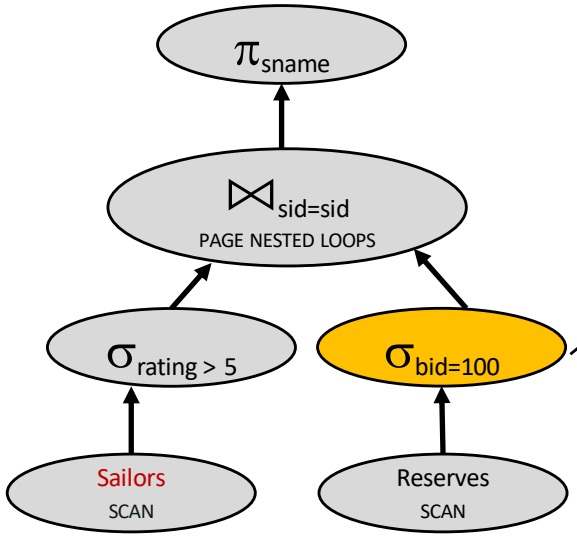


250,500 IOs



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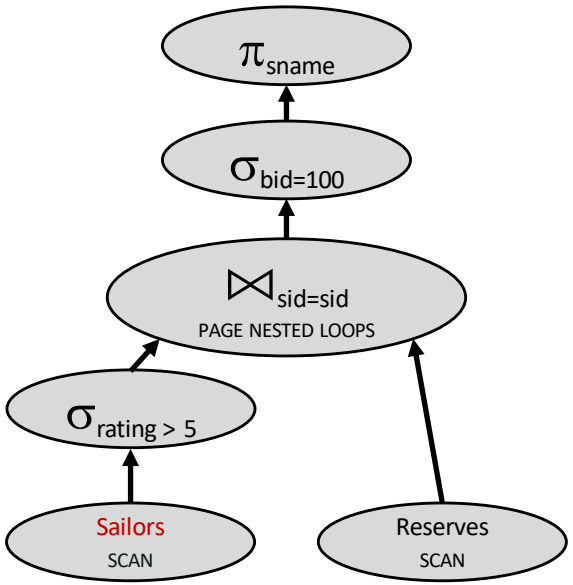
Pushing a selection into the inner loop of a nested loop join doesn't save I/Os! Essentially equivalent to having the selection above.

pseudo code:

sailors → high rating sailors
for page in high rating sailors:
  reserves → bid=100 reserves
  join (reserve, high rating sailor)

filter everytime in inner loop

Decision 2



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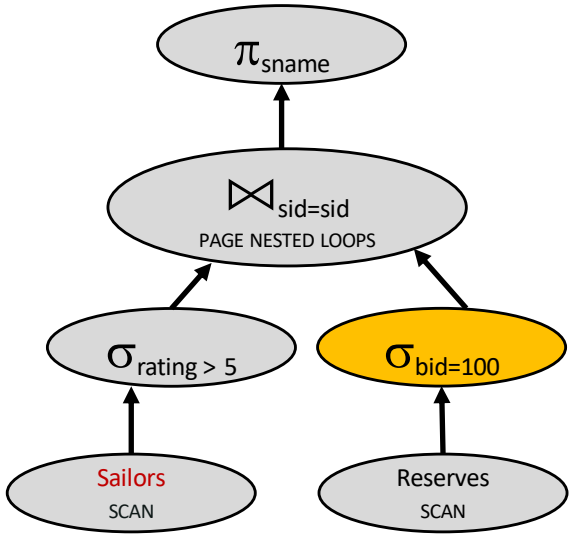

250,500 IOs

So far, we've tried

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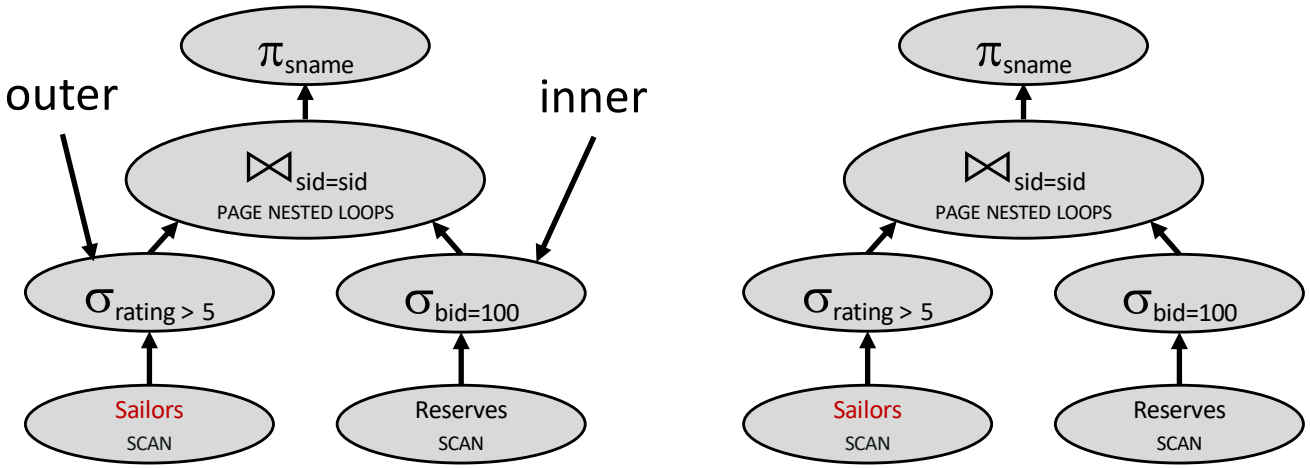
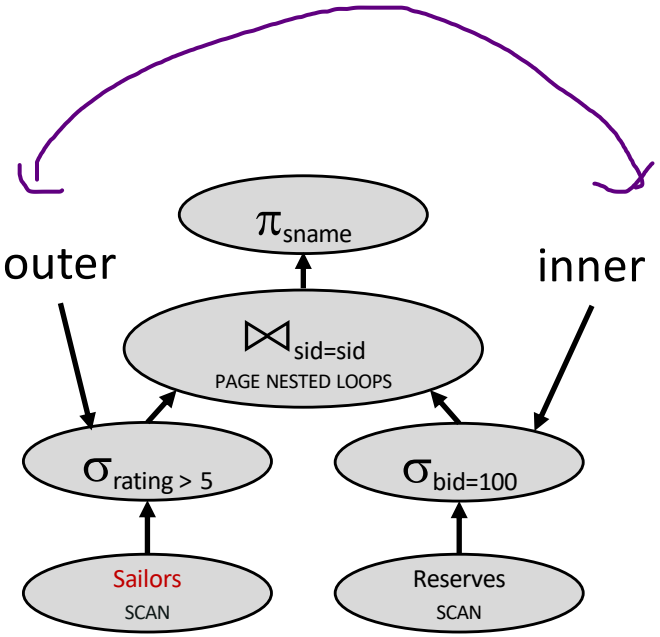
- Selection pushdown on left (250,500)
- More selection pushdown on right (250,500)
- Next up, join ordering

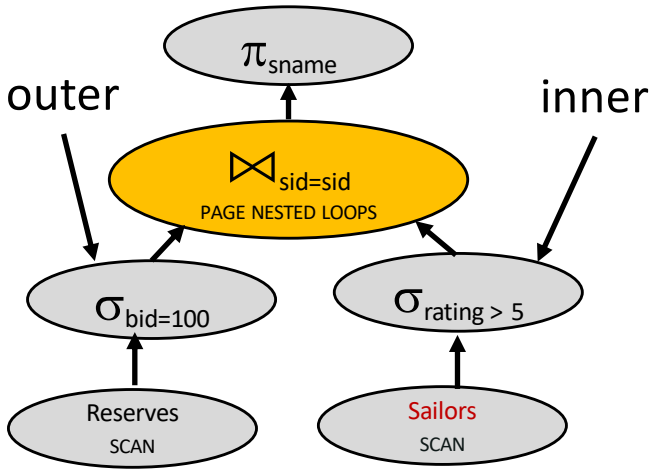
Next up: Join Ordering



250,500 IOs

Join Ordering, cont

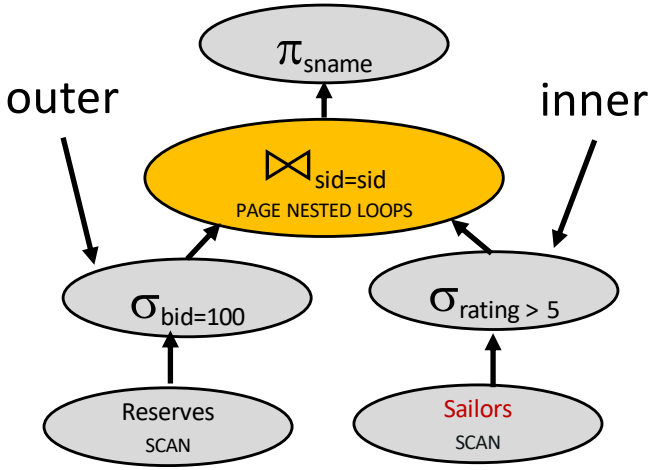




250,500 IOs

Query Plan 4 Cost

- Let's estimate the cost:
- Scan Reserves (1000 IOs)
- For each pageful of Reserves for bid 100,
  Scan Sailors (500 IOs)
- Total: 1000 +???*500
- Uniformly distributed across 100 boat values
- Total: 1000 +10*500



$\frac{num(bid=100)}{100 \text{ diff boats}} = \frac{1}{100}$

$\frac{1}{100} \cdot 100 \quad boats = 10$

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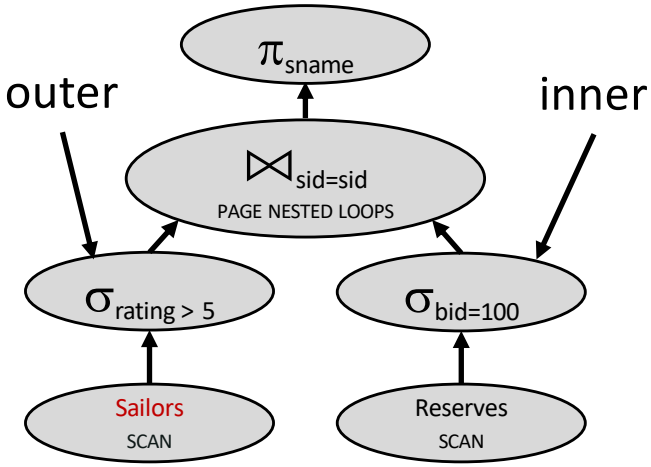
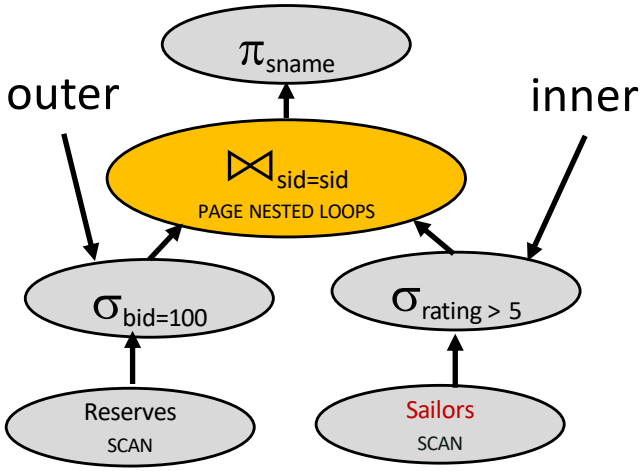
Decision 3



250,500 IOs



6000 IOs

So far, we've tried

- Basic page nested loops (500,500)
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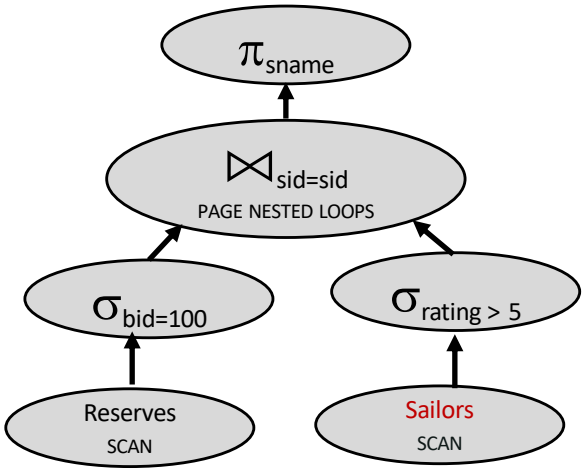
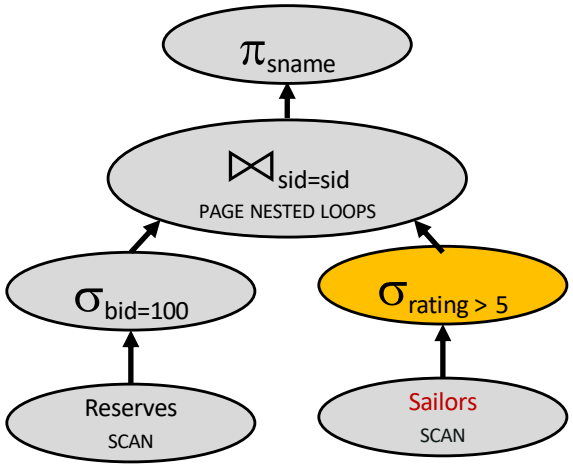
- More selection pushdown on right (250,500)
- Join ordering (6000)
- Next up, materialization …

Query Plan 5

Materializing Inner Loops



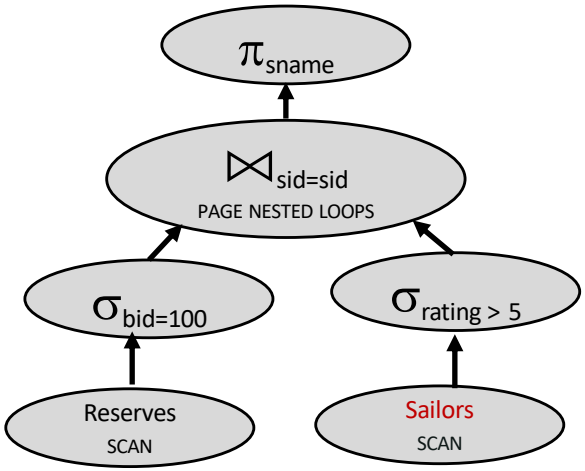
6000 IOs



If you recall, selection pushdown on the right doesn't help because it is done on the fly.

What if we materialize the result after the selection?

Materializing Inner Loops, cont



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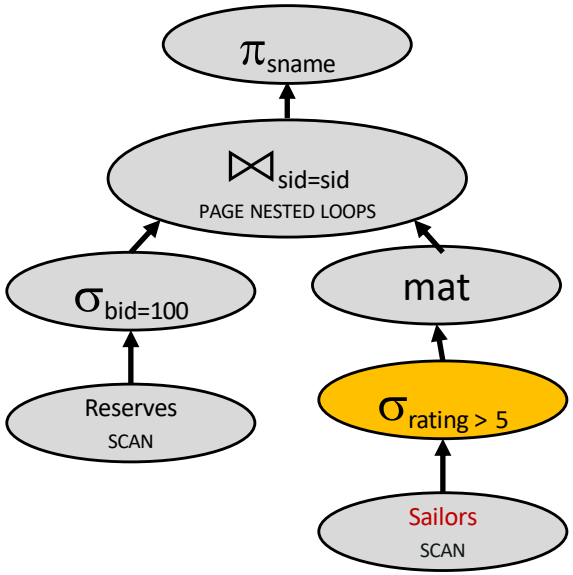
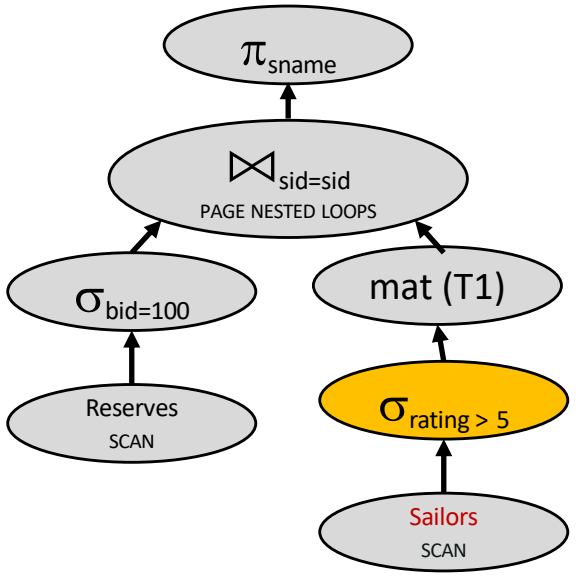


Cost???

Now don't need to rescan everytime (see query plan 3)

Plan 5 Cost Analysis

- Let's estimate the cost:
- Scan Reserves (1000 IOs)
- Scan Sailors (500 IOs)
- Materialize Temp table T1 (??? IOs)
- For each pageful of Reserves for bid 100,
  Scan T1 (??? IOs)
- Total: 1000 + 500 + ??? + 10*???
- 1000 + 500+ 250 + (10 * 250)



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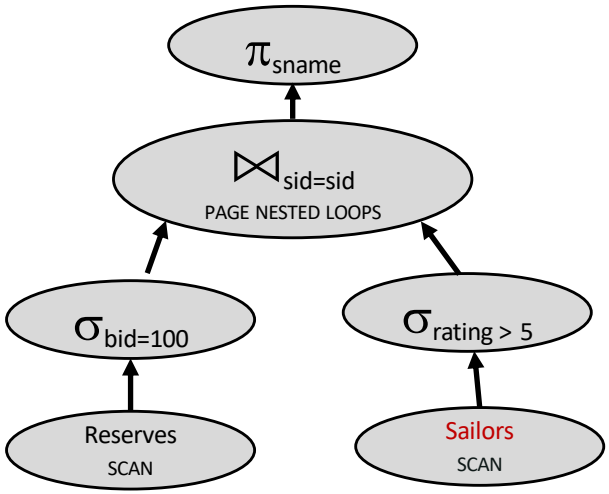
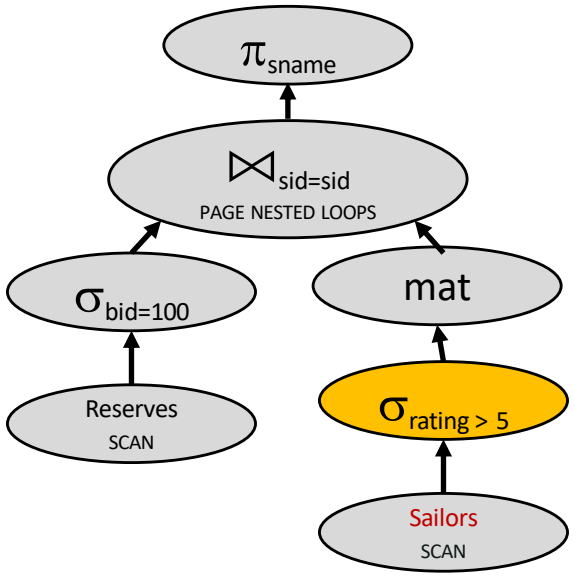
Materializing Inner Loops, cont.

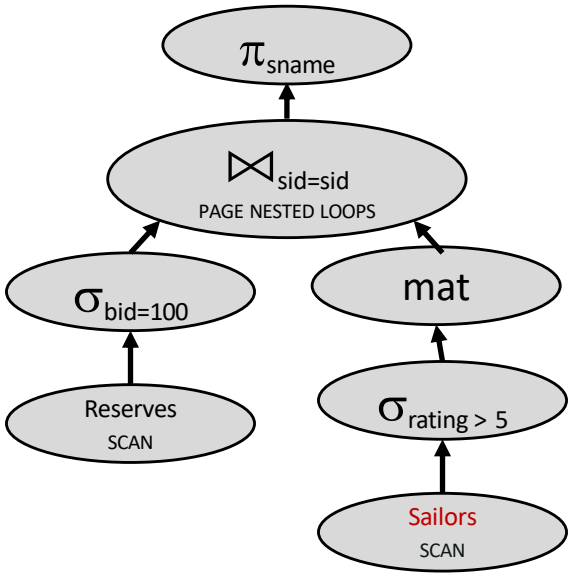


6000 IOs



4250 IOs

Join Ordering Again



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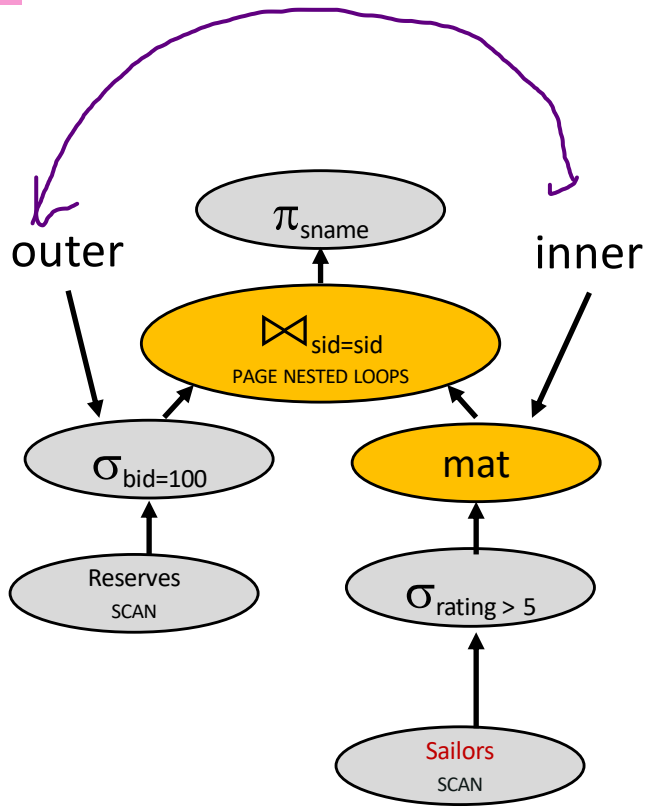
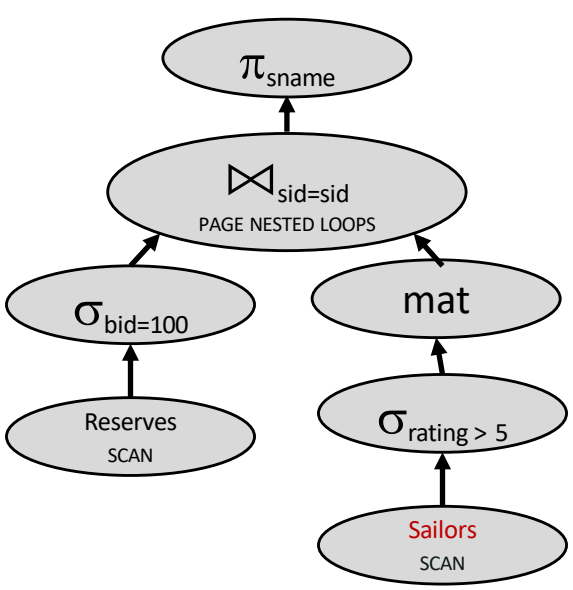


Let's try flipping the join order again with materialization trick

Join Ordering Again, Cont



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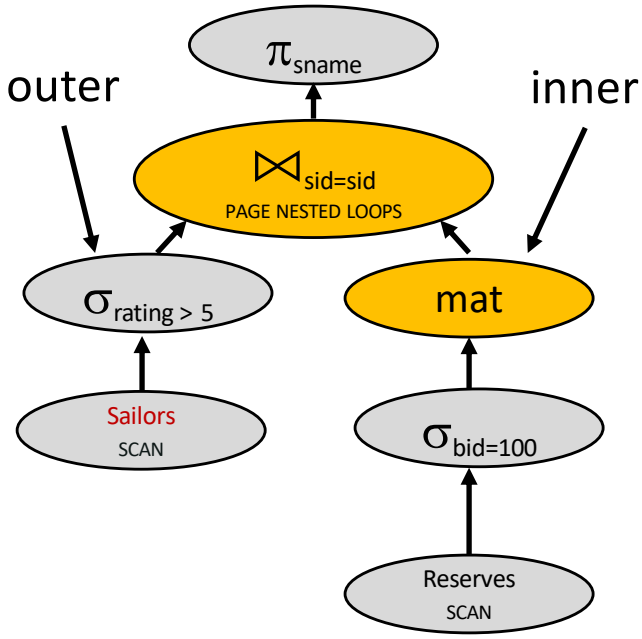
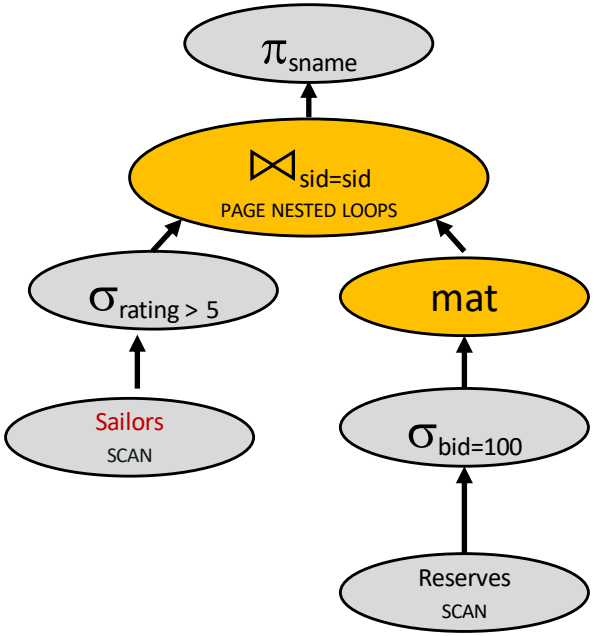


Cost???

Let's try flipping the join order again with materialization trick

Plan 6 Cost Analysis

- Let's estimate the cost:
- Scan Sailors (500 IOs)
- Scan Reserves (1000 IOs)
- Materialize Temp table T1 (??? IOs)
- For each pageful of high-rated Sailors,
  Scan T1 (??? IOs)
- Total: 500 + 1000 + ??? + 250*???
- 500 + 1000 +10 +(250 *10)



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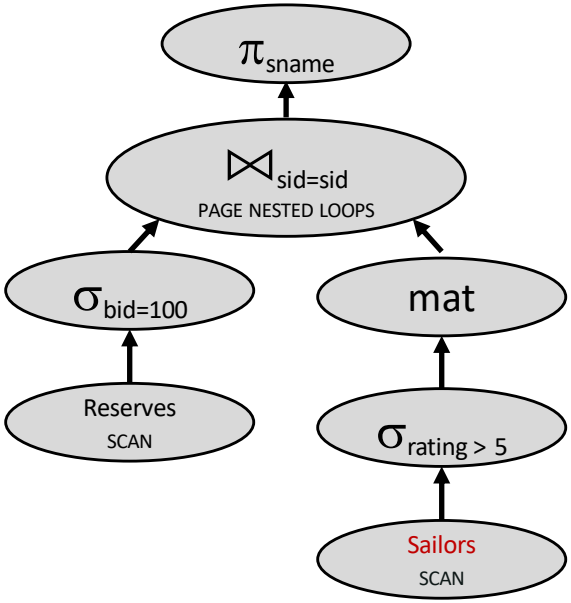
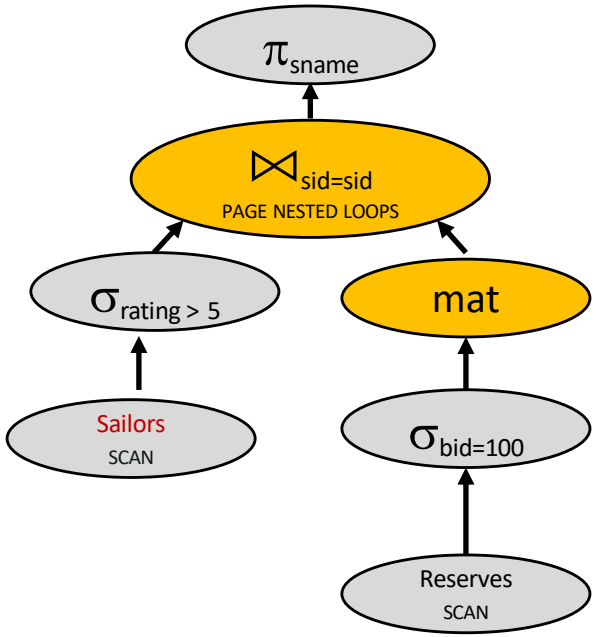
Decision 4



4250 IOs



4010 IOs

So far, we've tried

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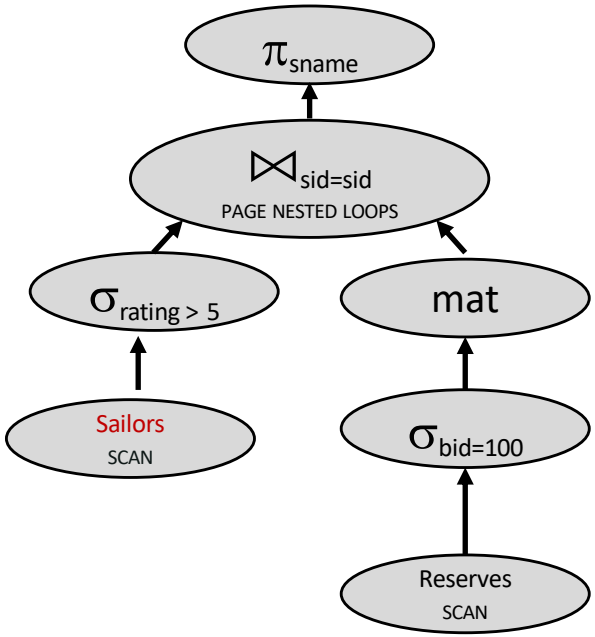
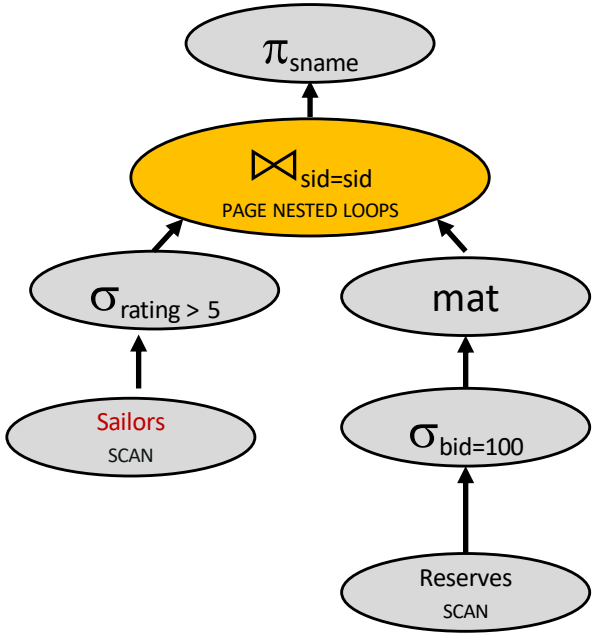
- Join ordering again with materialization (4010)
- Next up, sort merge …

Join Algorithm

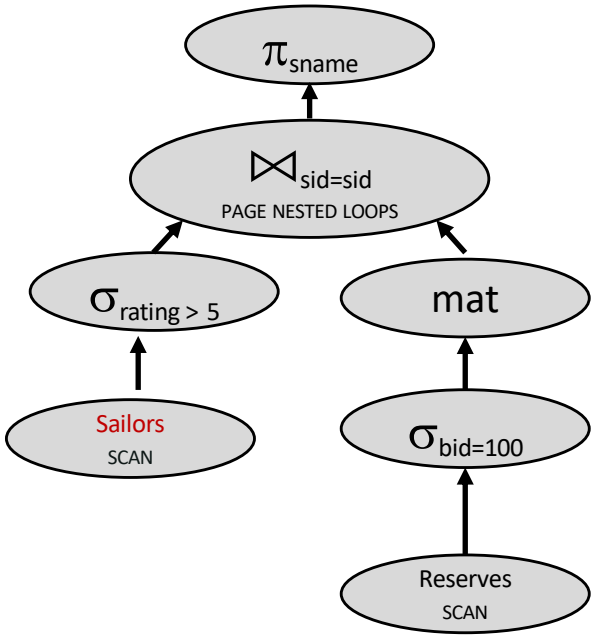


4010 IOs



What if we change the join algorithm?

Join Algorithm, cont.



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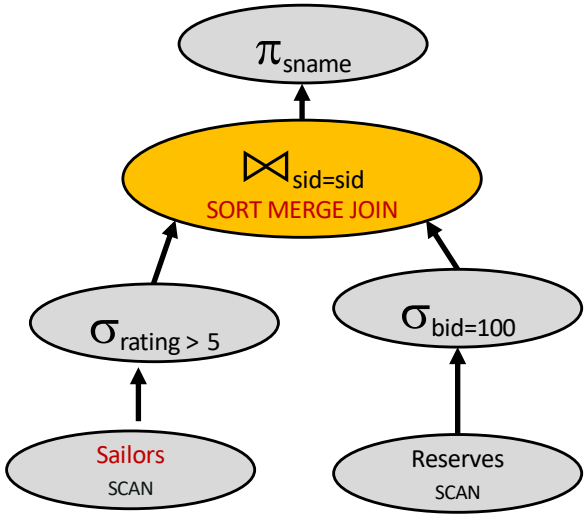


Cost???

What if we change the join algorithm?

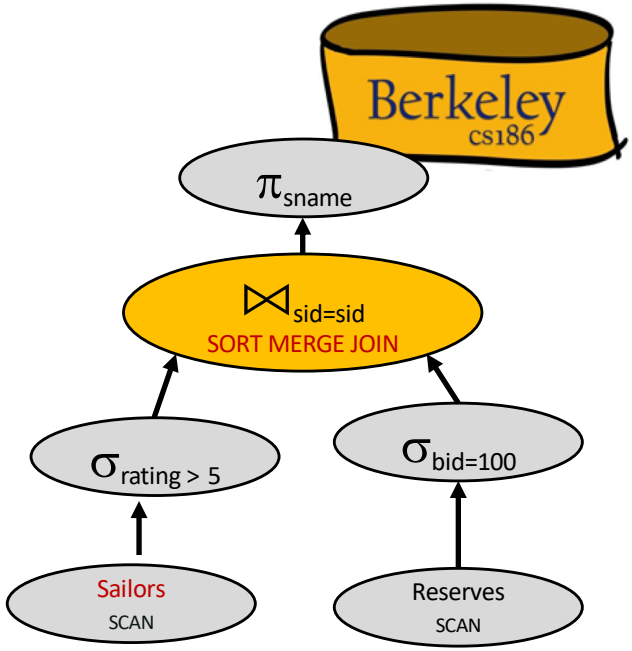
Query Plan 7 Cost Analysis

- With 5 buffers, cost of plan:
- Scan Reserves (1000)
- Scan Sailors (500)

- Sort high-rated sailors (???)
  Note: pass 0 doesn't do read I/O, just gets input from select.

- Sort reservations for boat 100 (???)
  Note: pass 0 doesn't do read I/O, just gets input from select.
- How many passes for each sort?

- Merge (10+250) = 260
- Total:



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- Assume we have B = 5 pages to use for joins

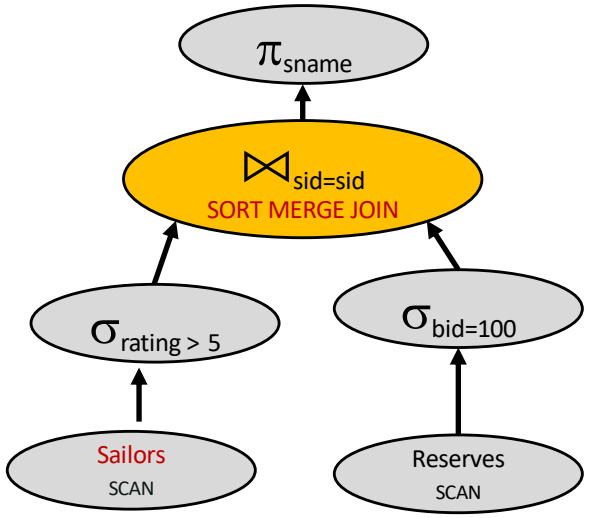
Query Plan 7 Cost Analysis Part 2

- With 5 buffers, cost of plan:
- Scan Reserves (1000)
- Scan Sailors (500)

- Sort
  - 2 passes for reserves
    pass 0 = 10 to write, pass 1 = 2*10 to read/write
  - 4 passes for sailors
    pass 0 = 250 to write, pass 1,2,3 = 2*250 to read/write

- Merge (10+250) = 260

Scan both (1000 + 500) + sort reserves(10 + 2*10) + sort sailors (250 + 3*2*250) + merge (10+250) = 3540



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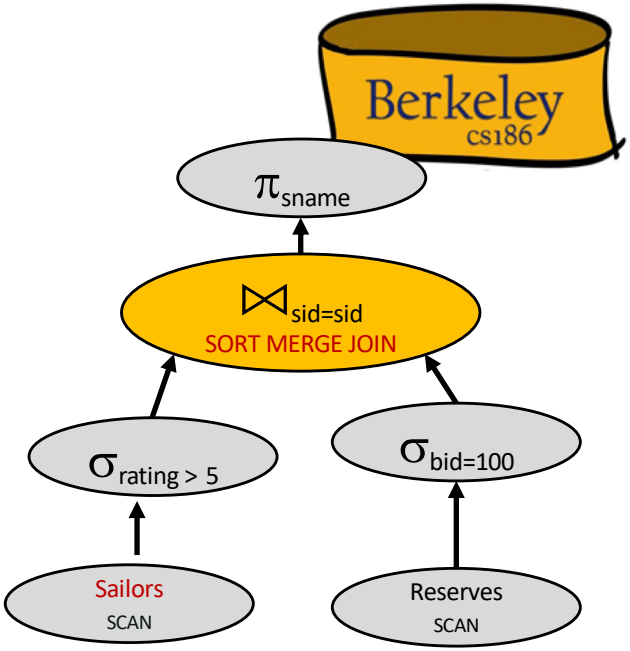
Query Plan 7 Cost Analysis Part 2

- With 5 buffers, cost of plan:
- Scan Reserves (1000)
- Scan Sailors (500)

- Sort
  - 2 passes for reserves
    pass 0 = 10 to write (2 runs of 5 each); pass 1 = 2*10 to read/write (one representative from 2 runs)
  - 4 passes for sailors
    pass 0 = 250 to write (50 runs of 5 each); pass 1 (merging to give 50/4=13 runs of 4 * 5 size each); pass 2 (merging to give 13/4=4 runs of 4 * 4 * 5 size each); pass 3 (merging to give one run of 250 in total) pass 1,2,3 = 2*250 to read/write

- Merge (10+250) = 260

Scan both (1000 + 500) + sort reserves(10 + 2*10) + sort sailors (250 + 3*2*250) + merge (10+250) = 3540



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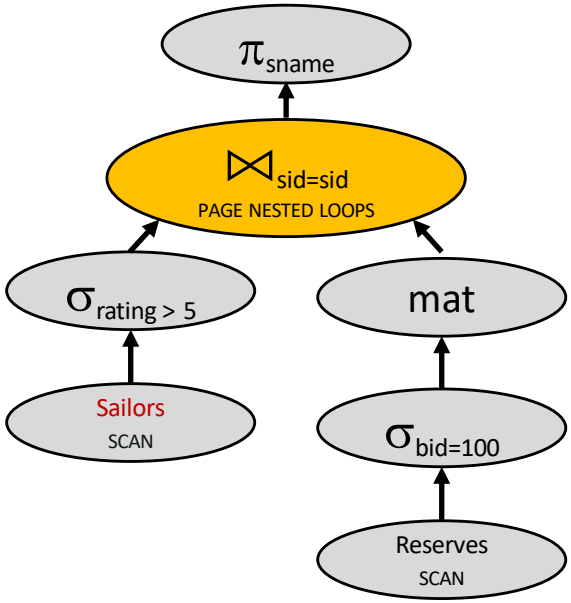
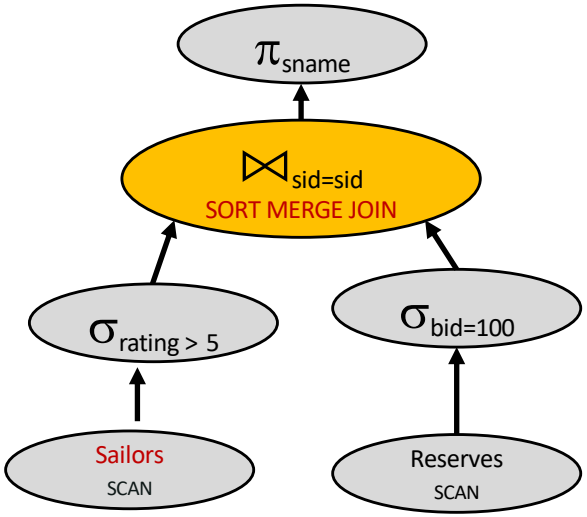
Decision 5



4010 IOs



3540 IOs

We didn’t go through the rest of the slides in class, but they are included here to show that we *really have a lot of query plans to choose from!!!*

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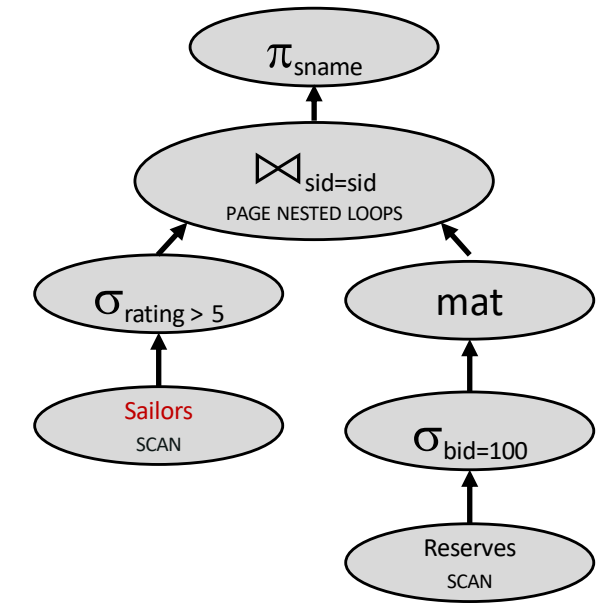
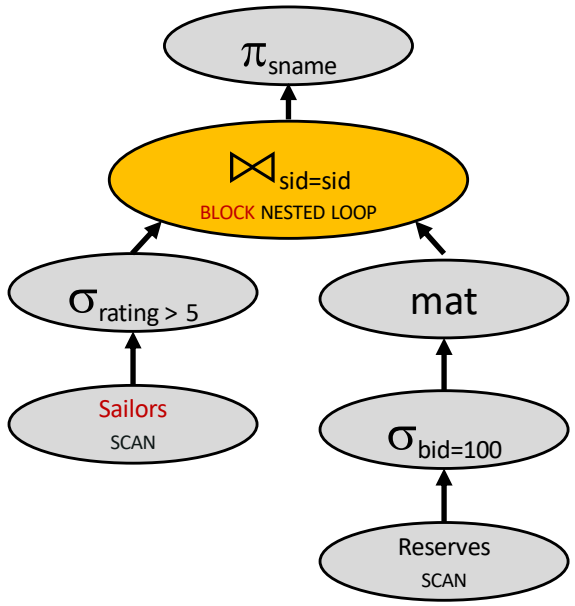
- Selection pushdown on left (250,500)
- More selection pushdown on right (250,500)
- Join ordering (6000)
- Materializing inner loop (4250)
- Join ordering again with materialization (4010)
- Sort-merge join (3540)
- Next up, block nested …

Join Algorithm Again, Again



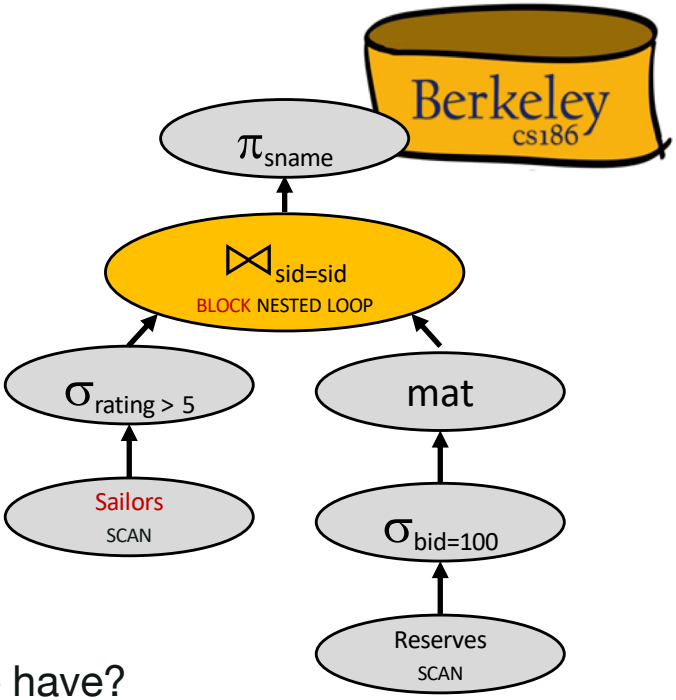
4010 IOs
(And Sort-Merge at 3540 IOs)



Cost???

Returning to our best (so far) page nested loops plan again…

Query 8 Cost Analysis



- With 5 buffers, cost of plan:

- Scan Sailors (500)
- Scan Reserves (1000)

- Write Temp T1 (10)
- For each blockful of high-rated sailors
- Loop on T1 (??? * 10)
  - What is the block size? How many blocks (???) will we have?
  - 3 pages; ceil(250/3)

- Total:

- Scan both(500 + 1000) + write out T1(10) + BNLJ (ceil(250/3) *10)

  = 500 + 1000 +10 +(84 *10) = 2350

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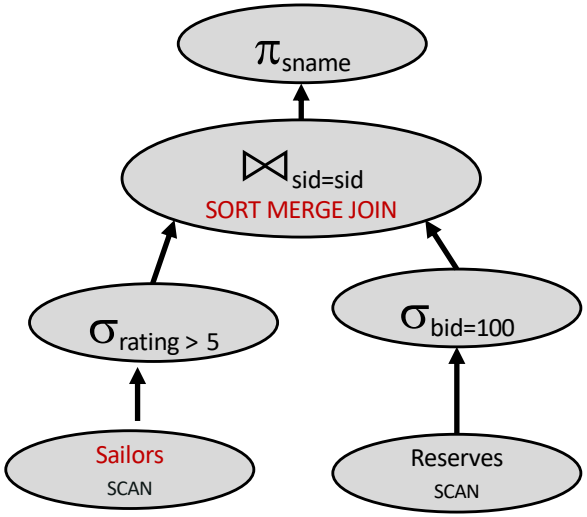
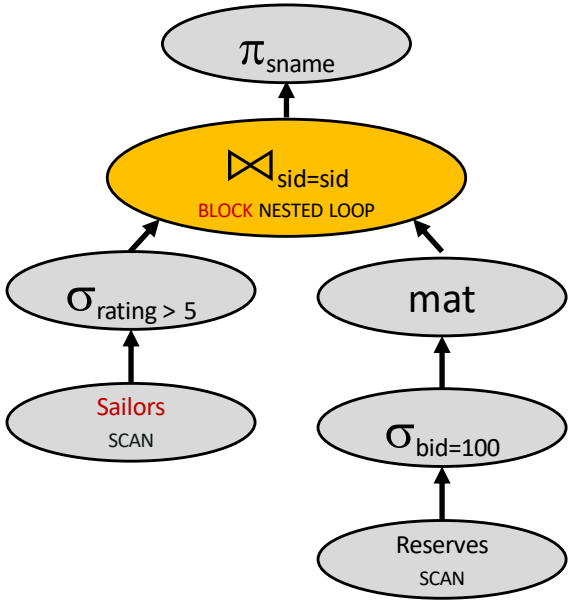


3540 IOs



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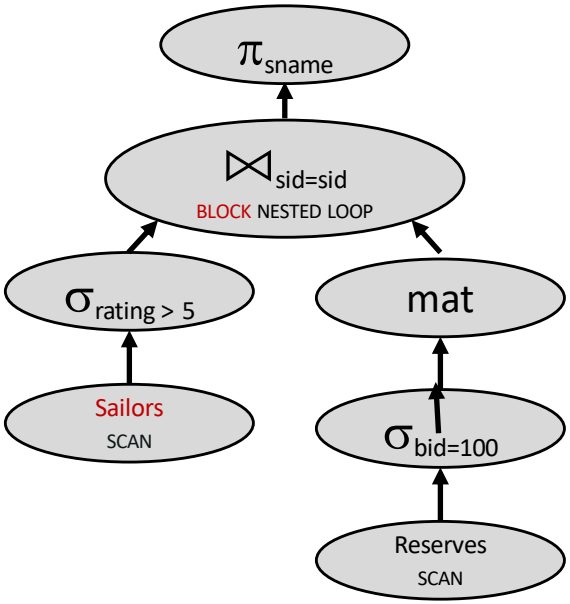

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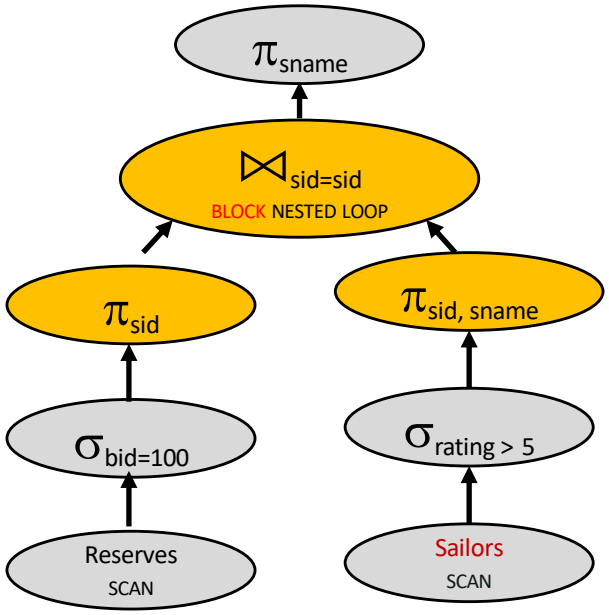
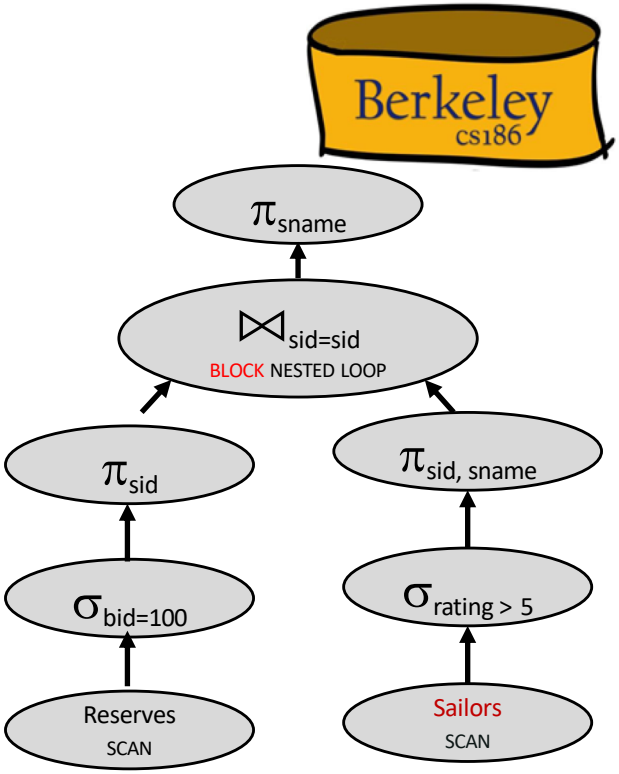


Let's look at this plan with project cascade

Query Plan 9 Cost Analysis

- With 5 buffers, cost of plan:
- Scan Reserves (1000)
- For each blockful of sids that rented boat 100
- (recall Reserve tuple is 40 bytes, assume sid is 4 bytes)
  - 10 pages down to 1 page
  - So just one chunk for the BNLJ!
- Loop on Sailors (??? * 500) = 1 * 500
- Total: 1500
- Can't do much better w/o indexes! Why?



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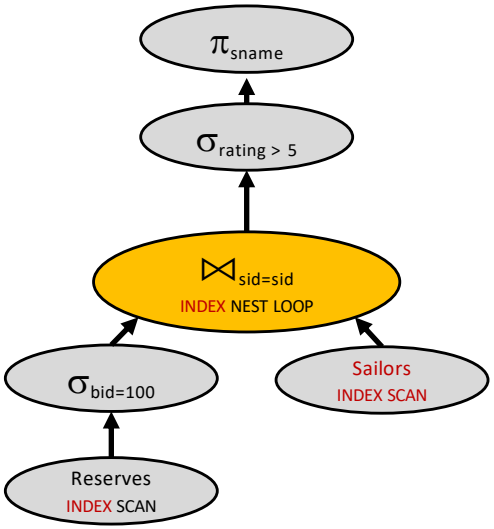
How About Indexes?

- Indexes:
  - Reserves.bid clustered
  - Sailors.sid unclustered
- Assume alt 2 indexes fit in memory



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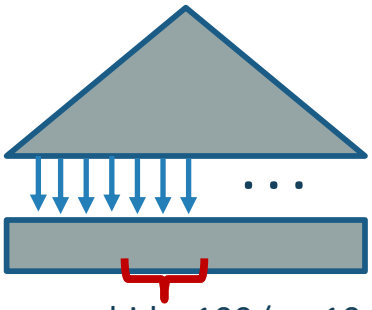

bid = 100 (on 10 pages)

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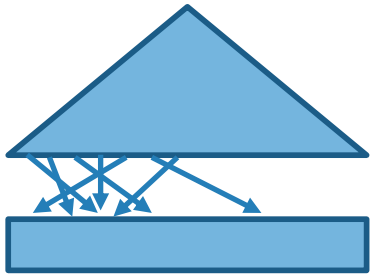

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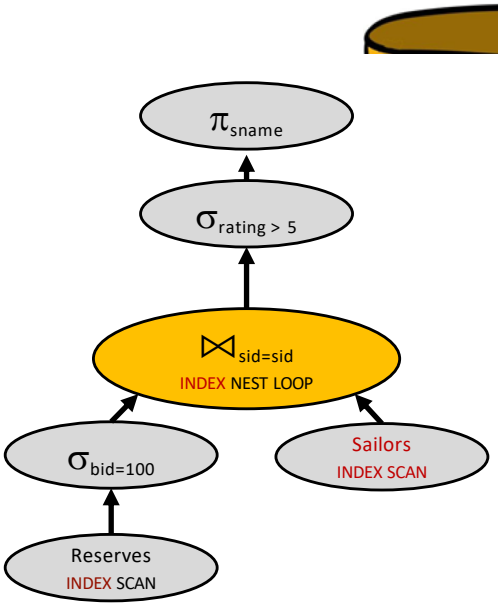
Index Cost Analysis Part 2

- With clustered index on bid of Reserves, we access how many pages of Reserves?:
  - 100,000/100 = 1000 tuples on 1000/100 = 10 pages.
- for each Reserves tuple (1000 such tuples)
  get matching Sailors tuple (1 IO)
- 10 + 1000*1
- Cost: Selection of Reserves tuples (10 I/Os); then, for each, must get matching Sailors tuple (1000); total 1010 I/Os.



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- Still only a subset of the possible plans for this query!!!

Summing up

- There are *lots* of plans
  - Even for a relatively simple query
- Engineers often think they can pick good ones
- Not so clear that's true!
  - Manual query planning can be tedious, technical
  - Machines are better at enumerating options than people
  - We will see soon how optimizers make simplifying assumptions to examine a reasonable set of plans