

# CS 245: Database System Principles

## Notes 6: Query Processing

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## Query Processing

$Q \rightarrow \text{Query Plan}$

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## Query Processing

$Q \rightarrow \text{Query Plan}$

Focus: Relational System

- Others?

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## Example

Select B,D

From R,S

Where  $R.A = "c" \wedge S.E = 2 \wedge R.C = S.C$

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R	A	B	C	S	C	D	E
	a	1	10		10	x	2
	b	1	20		20	y	2
	c	2	10		30	z	2
	d	2	35		40	x	1
	e	3	45		50	y	3

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Answer 

B	D
2	x

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- How do we execute query?

One idea

- Do Cartesian product
- Select tuples
- Do projection

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RXS	R.A	R.B	R.C	S.C	S.D	S.E
	a	1	10	10	x	2
	a	1	10	20	y	2
	.					
	.					
	C	2	10	10	x	2
	.					
	.					

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RXS	R.A	R.B	R.C	S.C	S.D	S.E
	a	1	10	10	x	2
	a	1	10	20	y	2
	.					
	.					
Bingo! Got one...	C	2	10	10	x	2
	.					
	.					

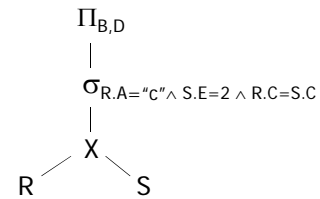
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Relational Algebra - can be used to describe plans...

Ex: Plan I



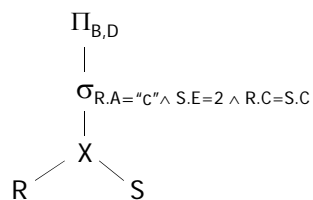
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Relational Algebra - can be used to describe plans...

Ex: Plan I



OR:  $\Pi_{B,D} [\sigma_{R.A='c' \wedge S.E=2 \wedge R.C=S.C} (RXS)]$

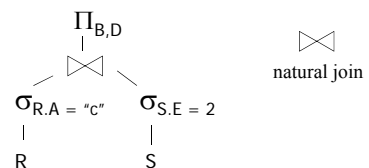
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Another idea:

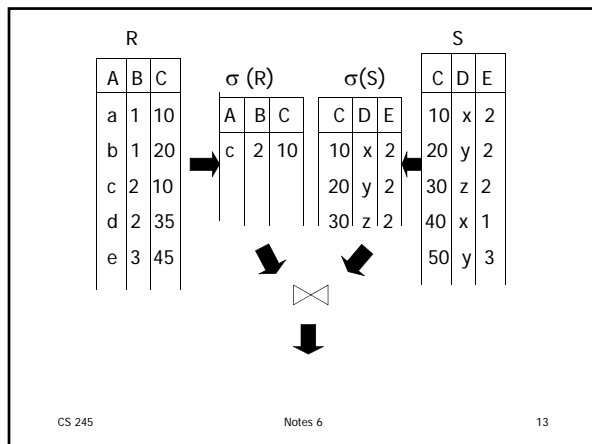
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### Plan III

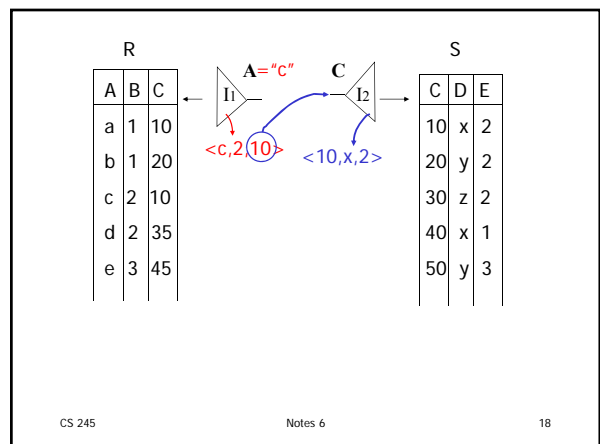
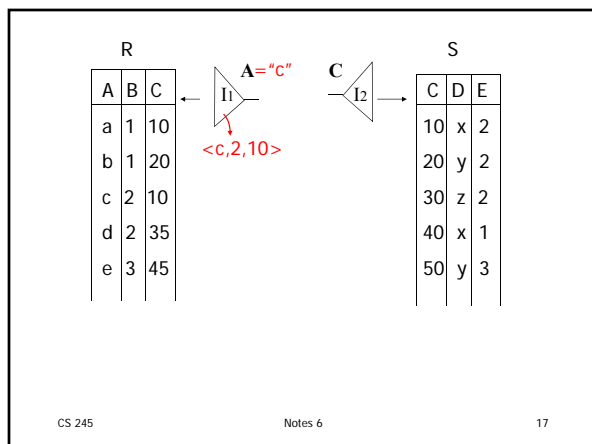
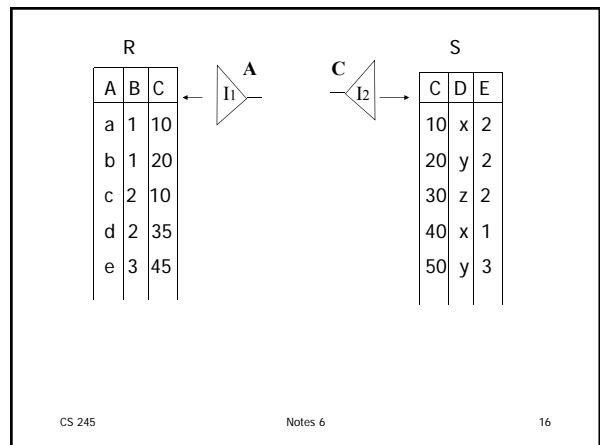
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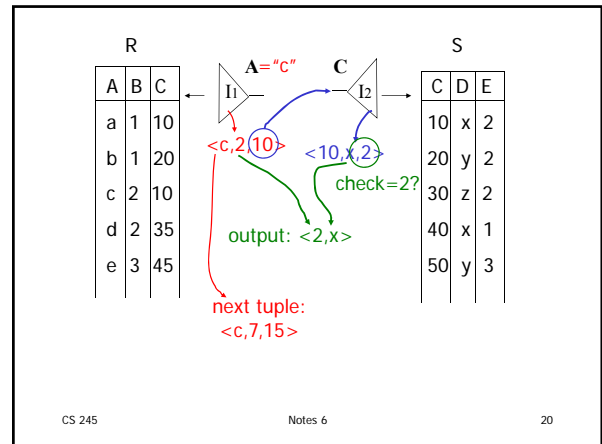
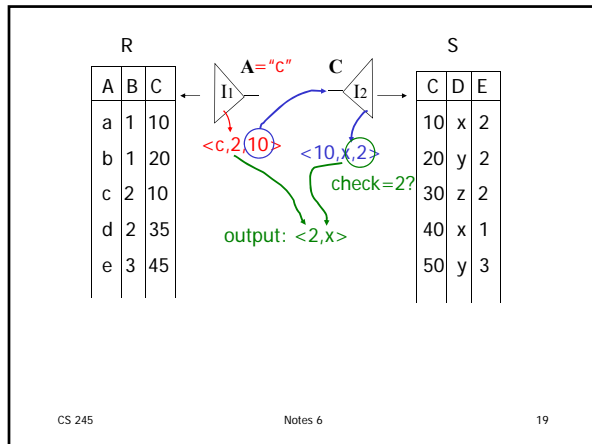
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- (2) For each R.C value found, use S.C index to find matching tuples

### Plan III

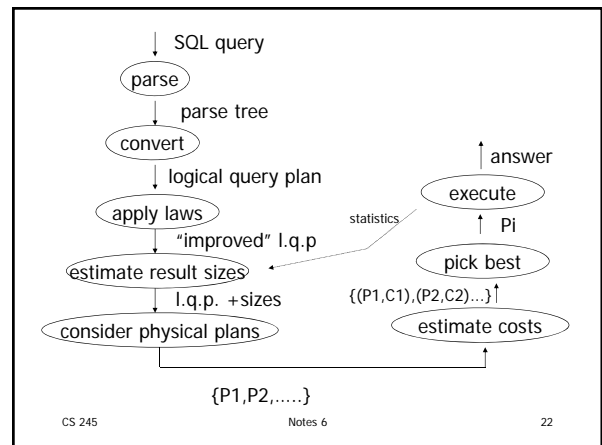
Use R.A and S.C Indexes

- (1) Use R.A index to select R tuples with R.A = "c"
- (2) For each R.C value found, use S.C index to find matching tuples
- (3) Eliminate S tuples S.E  $\neq$  2
- (4) Join matching R,S tuples, project B,D attributes and place in result





## Overview of Query Optimization



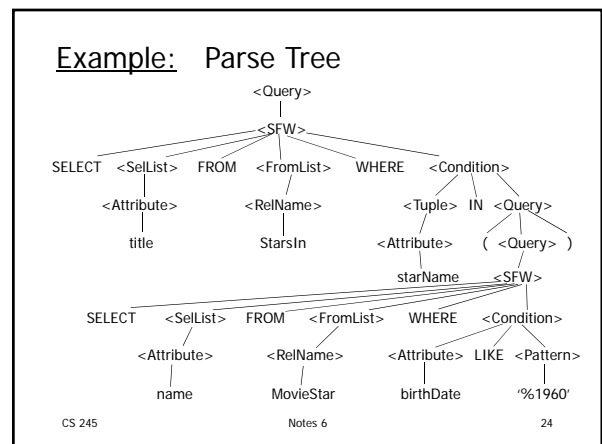
**Example: SQL query**

```

SELECT title
FROM StarsIn
WHERE starName IN (
  SELECT name
  FROM MovieStar
  WHERE birthdate LIKE '%1960'
);
  
```

(Find the movies with stars born in 1960)

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### Example: Generating Relational Algebra

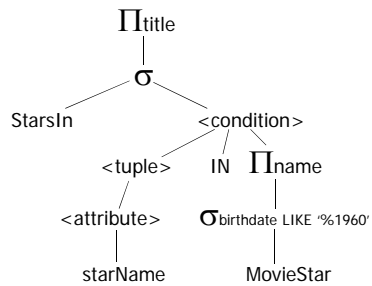


Fig. 7.15: An expression using a two-argument  $\sigma$ , midway between a parse tree and relational algebra

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### Example: Logical Query Plan

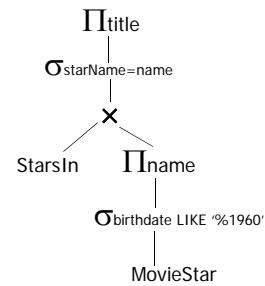


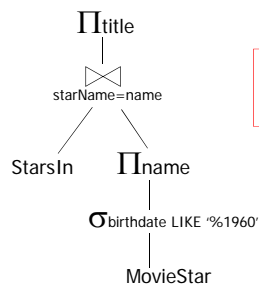
Fig. 7.18: Applying the rule for IN conditions

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### Example: Improved Logical Query Plan



Question:  
Push project to  
StarsIn?

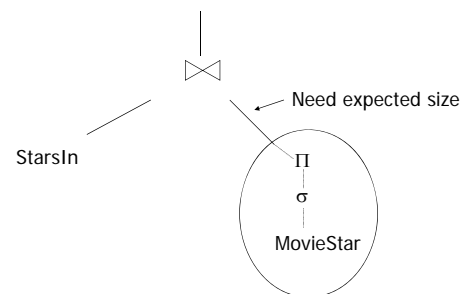
Fig. 7.20: An improvement on fig. 7.18.

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### Example: Estimate Result Sizes

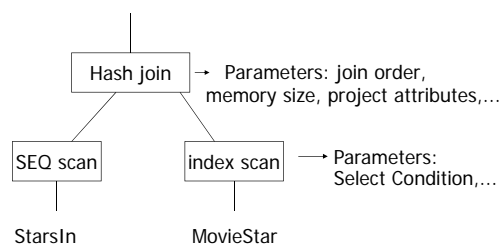


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### Example: One Physical Plan

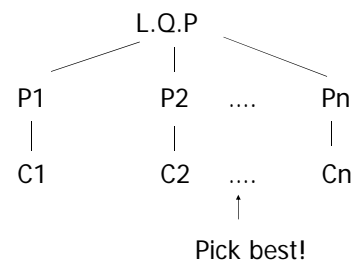


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### Example: Estimate costs



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## Textbook outline

### Chapter 15

- 5 Algebra for queries [bags vs sets]  
[Ch 5] - Select, project, join, .... [project list  
a, a+b->x,...]  
- Duplicate elimination, grouping, sorting

### 15.1 Physical operators

- [15.1] - Scan, sort, ...

### 15.2 - 15.6 Implementing operators + [15.2-15.6] estimating their cost

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## Chapter 16

- 16.1[16.1] Parsing  
16.2[16.2] Algebraic laws  
16.3[16.3] Parse tree -> logical query plan  
16.4[16.4] Estimating result sizes  
16.5-7[16.5-7] Cost based optimization

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## Reading textbook - Chapters 15, 16

### Optional:

- Sections 15.7, 15.8, 15.9 [15.7, 15.8]
- Sections 16.6, 16.7 [16.6, 16.7]

### Optional: Duplicate elimination operator grouping, aggregation operators

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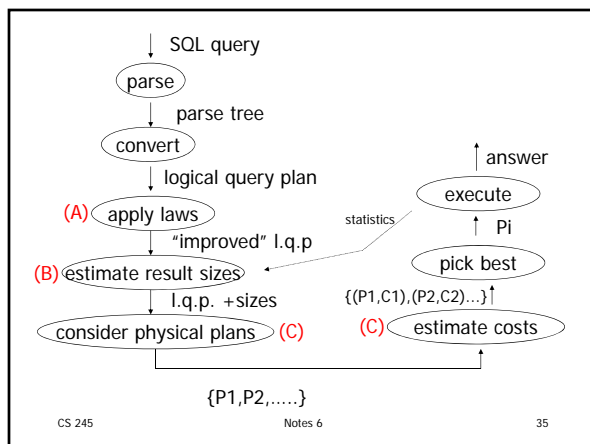
## Query Optimization - In class order

- Relational algebra level (A)
- Detailed query plan level
  - Estimate Costs (B)
    - without indexes
    - with indexes
  - Generate and compare plans (C)

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## Relational algebra optimization

- Transformation rules (preserve equivalence)
- What are good transformations?

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Rules: Natural joins & cross products & union

$$R \bowtie S = S \bowtie R$$

$$(R \bowtie S) \bowtie T = R \bowtie (S \bowtie T)$$

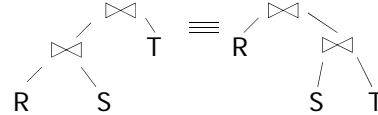
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Note:

- Carry attribute names in results, so order is not important
- Can also write as trees, e.g.:



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Rules: Natural joins & cross products & union

$$R \bowtie S = S \bowtie R$$

$$(R \bowtie S) \bowtie T = R \bowtie (S \bowtie T)$$

$$R \times S = S \times R$$

$$(R \times S) \times T = R \times (S \times T)$$

$$R \cup S = S \cup R$$

$$R \cup (S \cup T) = (R \cup S) \cup T$$

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Rules: Selects

$$\sigma_{p1 \wedge p2}(R) =$$

$$\sigma_{p1 \vee p2}(R) =$$

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Rules: Selects

$$\sigma_{p1 \wedge p2}(R) = \sigma_{p1} [\sigma_{p2}(R)]$$

$$\sigma_{p1 \vee p2}(R) = [\sigma_{p1}(R)] \cup [\sigma_{p2}(R)]$$

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Bags vs. Sets

$$R = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$$

$$S = \{b, b, c, c, d\}$$

$$R \cup S = ?$$

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### Bags vs. Sets

$R = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$

$S = \{b, b, c, c, d\}$

$R \cup S = ?$

- Option 1 SUM  
 $R \cup S = \{a, a, b, b, b, b, b, c, c, c, d\}$
- Option 2 MAX  
 $R \cup S = \{a, a, b, b, b, c, c, d\}$

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### Option 2 (MAX) makes this rule work:

$$\sigma_{p1 \vee p2}(R) = \sigma_{p1}(R) \cup \sigma_{p2}(R)$$

Example:  $R = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$

P1 satisfied by a,b; P2 satisfied by b,c

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P1 satisfied by a,b; P2 satisfied by b,c

$$\sigma_{p1 \vee p2}(R) = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$$

$$\sigma_{p1}(R) = \{a, a, b, b, b\}$$

$$\sigma_{p2}(R) = \{b, b, b, c\}$$

$$\sigma_{p1}(R) \cup \sigma_{p2}(R) = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$$

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### "Sum" option makes more sense:

Senators (.....)

Rep (.....)

$T1 = \pi_{yr, state} \text{ Senators}; T2 = \pi_{yr, state} \text{ Reps}$

T1	Yr	State	T2	Yr	State
	14	CA		16	CA
	16	CA		16	CA
	15	AZ		15	CA

Union?

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### Executive Decision

- > Use "SUM" option for bag unions
- > Some rules cannot be used for bags

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### Rules: Project

Let:  $X$  = set of attributes

$Y$  = set of attributes

$$XY = X \cup Y$$

$$\pi_{xy}(R) =$$

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### Rules: Project

Let: X = set of attributes  
Y = set of attributes  
XY = X U Y

$$\pi_{xy}(R) = \pi_x[\pi_y(R)]$$

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### Rules: $\sigma + \bowtie$ combined

Let p = predicate with only R attribs  
q = predicate with only S attribs  
m = predicate with only R,S attribs

$$\sigma_p(R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\sigma_q(R \bowtie S) =$$

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### Rules: $\sigma + \bowtie$ combined

Let p = predicate with only R attribs  
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m = predicate with only R,S attribs

$$\sigma_p(R \bowtie S) = [\sigma_p(R)] \bowtie S$$

$$\sigma_q(R \bowtie S) = R \bowtie [\sigma_q(S)]$$

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### Rules: $\sigma + \bowtie$ combined (continued)

#### Some Rules can be Derived:

$$\sigma_{p \wedge q}(R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\sigma_{p \wedge q \wedge m}(R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\sigma_{p \vee q}(R \bowtie S) =$$

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Do one, others for homework:

$$\sigma_{p \wedge q}(R \bowtie S) = [\sigma_p(R)] \bowtie [\sigma_q(S)]$$

$$\sigma_{p \wedge q \wedge m}(R \bowtie S) = \sigma_m[(\sigma_p(R) \bowtie (\sigma_q(S))]$$

$$\sigma_{p \vee q}(R \bowtie S) = [(\sigma_p(R) \bowtie S)] \cup [R \bowtie (\sigma_q(S))]$$

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--> Derivation for first one:

$$\sigma_{p \wedge q} (R \bowtie S) =$$

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--> Derivation for first one:

$$\sigma_{p \wedge q} (R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\sigma_p [\sigma_q (R \bowtie S)] =$$

$$\sigma_p [R \bowtie \sigma_q (S)] =$$

$$[\sigma_p (R)] \bowtie [\sigma_q (S)]$$

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Rules:  $\pi, \sigma$  combined

Let  $x$  = subset of  $R$  attributes  
 $z$  = attributes in predicate  $P$   
(subset of  $R$  attributes)

$$\pi_x [\sigma_p (R)] =$$

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Rules:  $\pi, \sigma$  combined

Let  $x$  = subset of  $R$  attributes  
 $z$  = attributes in predicate  $P$   
(subset of  $R$  attributes)

$$\pi_x [\sigma_p (R)] = \{ \sigma_p [ \pi_x (R) ] \}$$

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Rules:  $\pi, \sigma$  combined

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 $z$  = attributes in predicate  $P$   
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$$\pi_x [\sigma_p (R)] = \pi_x \{ \sigma_p [ \overset{\pi_{xz}}{\cancel{\pi_x}} (R) ] \}$$

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Rules:  $\pi, \bowtie$  combined

Let  $x$  = subset of  $R$  attributes  
 $y$  = subset of  $S$  attributes  
 $z$  = intersection of  $R, S$  attributes

$$\pi_{xy} (R \bowtie S) =$$

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$$\pi_{xy} (R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\pi_{xy} \{ [\pi_{xz} (R)] \bowtie [\pi_{yz} (S)] \}$$

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$$\pi_{xy} \{ \sigma_p (R \bowtie S) \} =$$

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$$\pi_{xy} \{ \sigma_p (R \bowtie S) \} =$$

$$\pi_{xy} \{ \sigma_p [\pi_{xz'} (R) \bowtie \pi_{yz'} (S)] \}$$

$$z' = z \cup \{ \text{attributes used in } P \}$$

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Rules for  $\sigma, \pi$  combined with  $X$

similar...

$$\text{e.g., } \sigma_p (R \bowtie S) = ?$$

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Rules  $\sigma, \cup$  combined:

$$\sigma_p (R \cup S) = \sigma_p (R) \cup \sigma_p (S)$$

$$\sigma_p (R - S) = \sigma_p (R) - S = \sigma_p (R) - \sigma_p (S)$$

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Which are "good" transformations?

- ☐  $\sigma_{p1 \wedge p2} (R) \rightarrow \sigma_{p1} [\sigma_{p2} (R)]$
- ☐  $\sigma_p (R \bowtie S) \rightarrow [\sigma_p (R)] \bowtie S$
- ☐  $R \bowtie S \rightarrow S \bowtie R$
- ☐  $\pi_x [\sigma_p (R)] \rightarrow \pi_x \{ \sigma_p [\pi_{xz} (R)] \}$

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Conventional wisdom:  
do projects early

Example:  $R(A,B,C,D,E)$   $x=\{E\}$   
 $P: (A=3) \wedge (B=\text{"cat"})$

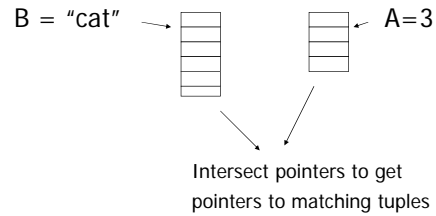
$\pi_x \{ \sigma_p (R) \}$  vs.  $\pi_E \{ \sigma_p \{ \pi_{ABE}(R) \} \}$

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**But** What if we have A, B indexes?



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Bottom line:

- No transformation is always good
- Usually good: early selections

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In textbook: more transformations

- Eliminate common sub-expressions
- Other operations: duplicate elimination

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Outline - Query Processing

- Relational algebra level
  - transformations
  - good transformations
- Detailed query plan level
  - estimate costs
  - generate and compare plans

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- Estimating cost of query plan

- (1) Estimating size of results
- (2) Estimating # of IOs

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### Estimating result size

- Keep statistics for relation R
  - $T(R)$  : # tuples in R
  - $S(R)$  : # of bytes in each R tuple
  - $B(R)$  : # of blocks to hold all R tuples
  - $V(R, A)$  : # distinct values in R for attribute A

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### Example

R	A	B	C	D
	cat	1	10	a
	cat	1	20	b
	dog	1	30	a
	dog	1	40	c
	bat	1	50	d

A: 20 byte string  
B: 4 byte integer  
C: 8 byte date  
D: 5 byte string

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### Example

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C: 8 byte date  
D: 5 byte string

$$T(R) = 5 \quad S(R) = 37$$

$$V(R, A) = 3 \quad V(R, C) = 5$$

$$V(R, B) = 1 \quad V(R, D) = 4$$

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### Size estimates for $W = R1 \times R2$

$$T(W) =$$

$$S(W) =$$

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### Size estimates for $W = R1 \times R2$

$$T(W) = T(R1) \times T(R2)$$

$$S(W) = S(R1) + S(R2)$$

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### Size estimate for $W = \sigma_{A=a}(R)$

$$S(W) = S(R)$$

$$T(W) = ?$$

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### Example

R	A	B	C	D
cat	1	10	a	
cat	1	20	b	
dog	1	30	a	
dog	1	40	c	
bat	1	50	d	

$$\begin{aligned} V(R,A) &= 3 \\ V(R,B) &= 1 \\ V(R,C) &= 5 \\ V(R,D) &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$W = \sigma_{Z=\text{val}}(R) \quad T(W) =$$

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### Example

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what is probability this tuple will be in answer?

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$$W = \sigma_{Z=\text{val}}(R) \quad T(W) = \frac{T(R)}{V(R,Z)}$$

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### Assumption:

Values in select expression  $Z = \text{val}$  are uniformly distributed over possible  $V(R,Z)$  values.

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### Alternate Assumption:

Values in select expression  $Z = \text{val}$  are uniformly distributed over domain with  $\text{DOM}(R,Z)$  values.

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### Example

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cat	1	10	a	
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dog	1	40	c	
bat	1	50	d	

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Alternate assumption} \\ V(R,A) &= 3 \quad \text{DOM}(R,A) = 10 \\ V(R,B) &= 1 \quad \text{DOM}(R,B) = 10 \\ V(R,C) &= 5 \quad \text{DOM}(R,C) = 10 \\ V(R,D) &= 4 \quad \text{DOM}(R,D) = 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$W = \sigma_{Z=\text{val}}(R) \quad T(W) = ?$$

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### Example

R

A	B	C	D
cat	1	10	a
cat	1	20	b
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dog	1	40	c
bat	1	50	d

Alternate assumption

$$V(R,A)=3 \quad \text{DOM}(R,A)=10$$

$$V(R,B)=1 \quad \text{DOM}(R,B)=10$$

$$V(R,C)=5 \quad \text{DOM}(R,C)=10$$

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### Example

R

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$$W = \sigma_{Z=\text{val}}(R) \quad T(W) = \frac{T(R)}{\text{DOM}(R,Z)}$$

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### Selection cardinality

$SC(R,A)$  = average # records that satisfy equality condition on R.A

$$SC(R,A) = \begin{cases} \frac{T(R)}{V(R,A)} \\ \frac{T(R)}{\text{DOM}(R,A)} \end{cases}$$

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What about  $W = \sigma_{Z \geq \text{val}}(R)$  ?

$$T(W) = ?$$

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- Solution # 2:

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- Solution # 3: Estimate values in range

Example R

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 $\updownarrow$   
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- Solution # 3: Estimate values in range

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Min=1    V(R,Z)=10  
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$$f = \frac{20-15+1}{20-1+1} = \frac{6}{20} \quad (\text{fraction of range})$$

$$T(W) = f \times T(R)$$

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Equivalently:

$$f \times V(R,Z) = \text{fraction of distinct values}$$

$$T(W) = \frac{[f \times V(Z,R)] \times T(R)}{V(Z,R)} = f \times T(R)$$

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Size estimate for  $W = R1 \bowtie R2$

Let x = attributes of R1

y = attributes of R2

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Case 1

$$X \cap Y = \emptyset$$

Same as  $R1 \times R2$

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Case 2     $W = R1 \bowtie R2$      $X \cap Y = A$

R1	A	B	C

R2	A	D

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Case 2  $W = R1 \bowtie R2$   $X \cap Y = A$

R1	A	B	C

R2	A	D

Assumption:

$V(R1,A) \leq V(R2,A) \Rightarrow$  Every A value in R1 is in R2

$V(R2,A) \leq V(R1,A) \Rightarrow$  Every A value in R2 is in R1

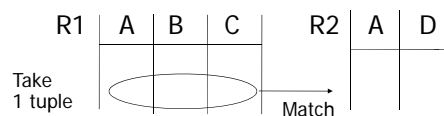
"containment of value sets" Sec. 7.4.4

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Computing  $T(W)$  when  $V(R1,A) \leq V(R2,A)$

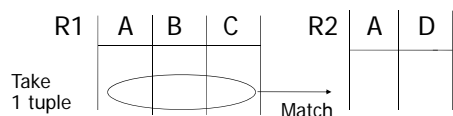


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Computing  $T(W)$  when  $V(R1,A) \leq V(R2,A)$



1 tuple matches with  $\frac{T(R2)}{V(R2,A)}$  tuples...

$$\text{so } T(W) = \frac{T(R2)}{V(R2,A)} \times T(R1)$$

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$$\bullet V(R1,A) \leq V(R2,A) \quad T(W) = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{V(R2,A)}$$

$$\bullet V(R2,A) \leq V(R1,A) \quad T(W) = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{V(R1,A)}$$

[A is common attribute]

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In general  $W = R1 \bowtie R2$

$$T(W) = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{\max\{V(R1,A), V(R2,A)\}}$$

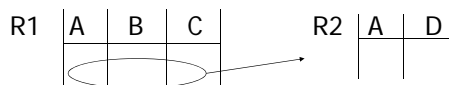
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Case 2 with alternate assumption

Values uniformly distributed over domain



$$T(W) = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{DOM(R2,A)} = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{DOM(R1,A)}$$

Assume the same

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In all cases:

$$S(W) = S(R1) + S(R2) - S(A)_{\text{size of attribute A}}$$

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Using similar ideas,  
we can estimate sizes of:

$\Pi_{AB}(R)$  ..... Sec. 16.4.2 (same for either edition)

$\sigma_{A=a \wedge B=b}(R)$  .... Sec. 16.4.3

$R \bowtie S$  with common attribs. A,B,C  
Sec. 16.4.5

Union, intersection, diff, ....  
Sec. 16.4.7

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Note: for complex expressions, need  
intermediate T,S,V results.

E.g.  $W = [\sigma_{A=a}(R1)] \bowtie R2$

Treat as relation U

$$T(U) = T(R1)/V(R1,A) \quad S(U) = S(R1)$$

Also need  $V(U, *)$  !!

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To estimate Vs

E.g.,  $U = \sigma_{A=a}(R1)$

Say R1 has attribs A,B,C,D

$$V(U, A) =$$

$$V(U, B) =$$

$$V(U, C) =$$

$$V(U, D) =$$

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Example

R1	A	B	C	D
cat	1	10	10	
cat	1	20	20	
dog	1	30	10	
dog	1	40	30	
bat	1	50	10	

$$V(R1,A)=3$$

$$V(R1,B)=1$$

$$V(R1,C)=5$$

$$V(R1,D)=3$$

$$U = \sigma_{A=a}(R1)$$

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$$V(R1,D)=3$$

$$U = \sigma_{A=a}(R1)$$

$$V(U,A) = 1 \quad V(U,B) = 1 \quad V(U,C) = \frac{T(R1)}{V(R1,A)}$$

$V(D,U)$  ... somewhere in between

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Possible Guess  $U = \sigma_{A=a}(R)$

$$\begin{aligned} V(U,A) &= 1 \\ V(U,B) &= V(R,B) \end{aligned}$$

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For Joins  $U = R1(A,B) \bowtie R2(A,C)$

$$\begin{aligned} V(U,A) &= \min \{ V(R1, A), V(R2, A) \} \\ V(U,B) &= V(R1, B) \\ V(U,C) &= V(R2, C) \end{aligned}$$

[called "preservation of value sets" in section 7.4.4]

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Example:

$$Z = R1(A,B) \bowtie R2(B,C) \bowtie R3(C,D)$$

<b>R1</b>	$T(R1) = 1000$	$V(R1,A)=50$	$V(R1,B)=100$
<b>R2</b>	$T(R2) = 2000$	$V(R2,B)=200$	$V(R2,C)=300$
<b>R3</b>	$T(R3) = 3000$	$V(R3,C)=90$	$V(R3,D)=500$

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Partial Result:  $U = R1 \bowtie R2$

$$\begin{aligned} T(U) &= \frac{1000 \times 2000}{200} & V(U,A) &= 50 \\ & & V(U,B) &= 100 \\ & & V(U,C) &= 300 \end{aligned}$$

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$$Z = U \bowtie R3$$

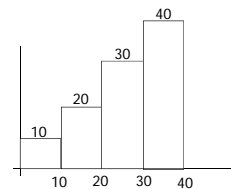
$$\begin{aligned} T(Z) &= \frac{1000 \times 2000 \times 3000}{200 \times 300} & V(Z,A) &= 50 \\ & & V(Z,B) &= 100 \\ & & V(Z,C) &= 90 \\ & & V(Z,D) &= 500 \end{aligned}$$

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## A Note on Histograms



number of tuples  
in R with A value  
in given range

$$\sigma_{A=\text{val}}(R) = ?$$

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## Summary

- Estimating size of results is an “art”
- Don’t forget:  
Statistics must be kept up to date...  
(cost?)

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## Outline

- Estimating cost of query plan
  - Estimating size of results ← done!
  - Estimating # of IOs ← next...
- Generate and compare plans

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