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# Tutorial 11

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# Overview

## Query Optimization

- Heuristics
  - Relational Algebra Equivalences
  - Logical Query Optimization
  - Nested Queries
  - Expression Rewriting
- Exercise

# Why we need Query Optimization

Remember that SQL is declarative.

--User tells the DBMS what answer they want, not how to get the answer.

There can be a big difference in performance based on plan is used

## Heuristics / Rules

- Rewrite the query to remove stupid / inefficient things.
- These techniques may need to examine catalog, but they do not need to examine data.

## Cost-based Search

- Use a model to estimate the cost of executing a plan.
- Evaluate multiple equivalent plans for a query and pick the one with the lowest cost.

A DBMS can use **Heuristics/Rules** to transform relational algebra expressions into equivalent expressions with lower costs, thereby achieving query optimization. These rules are typically applied to all queries. For example:

**Predicate Pushdown**

**Projections Pushdown**

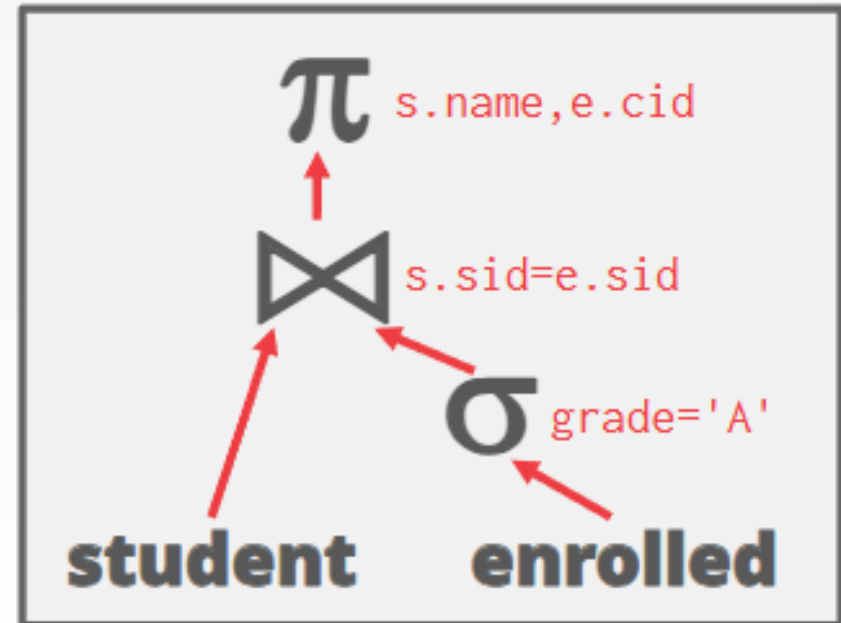
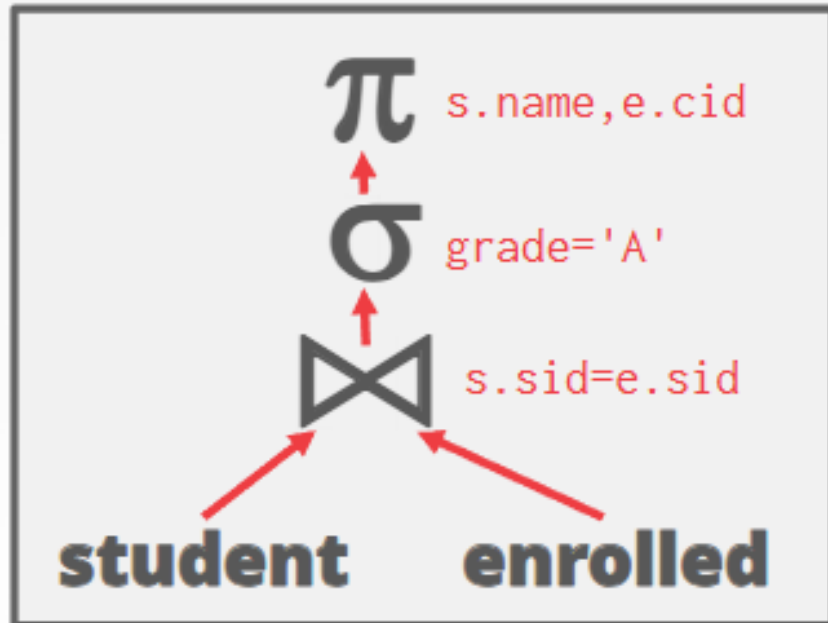
**Nested Query Rewriting**

**Expression Rewriting**

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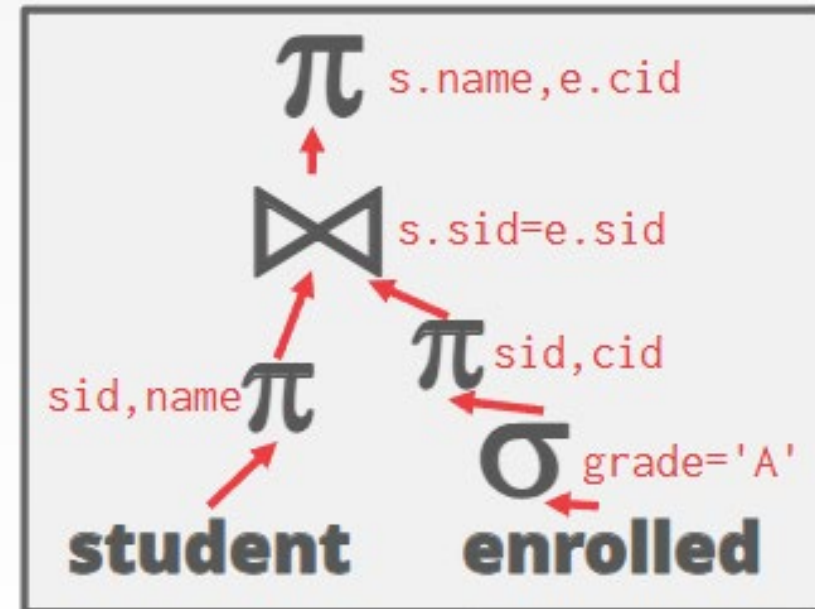
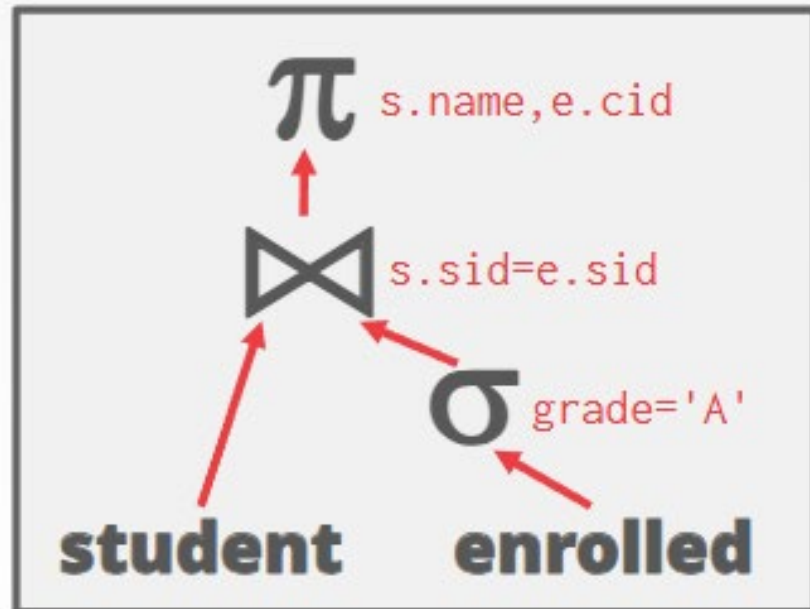
## Predicate Pushdown

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FROM student AS s, enrolled AS e  
WHERE s.sid = e.sid  
AND e.grade = 'A'
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## Projections Pushdown

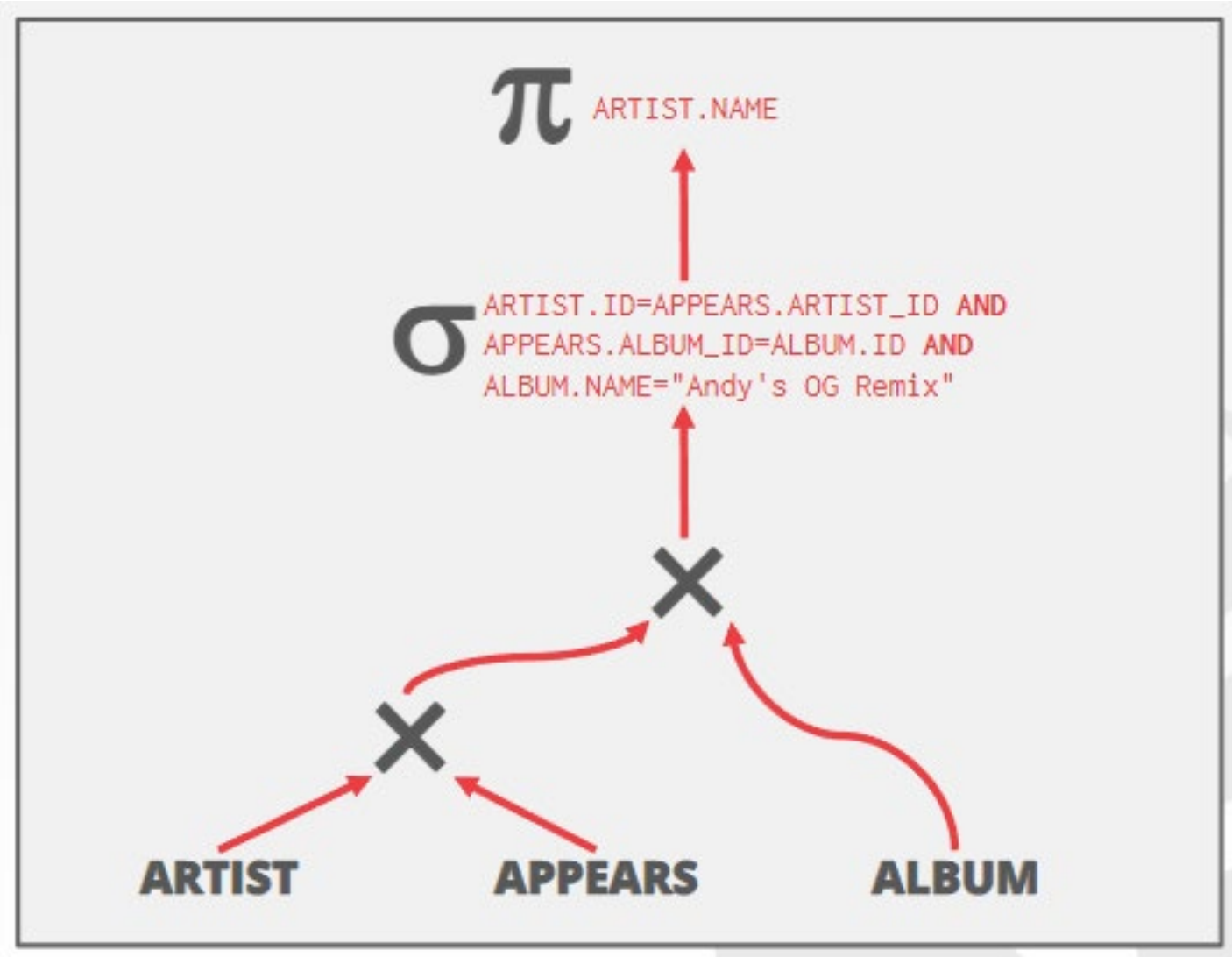
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FROM ARTIST, APPEARS, ALBUM  
WHERE ARTIST.ID=APPEARS.ARTIST_ID  
AND APPEARS.ALBUM_ID=ALBUM.ID  
AND ALBUM.NAME="Andy's OG Remix"
```

Decompose predicates into their simplest forms

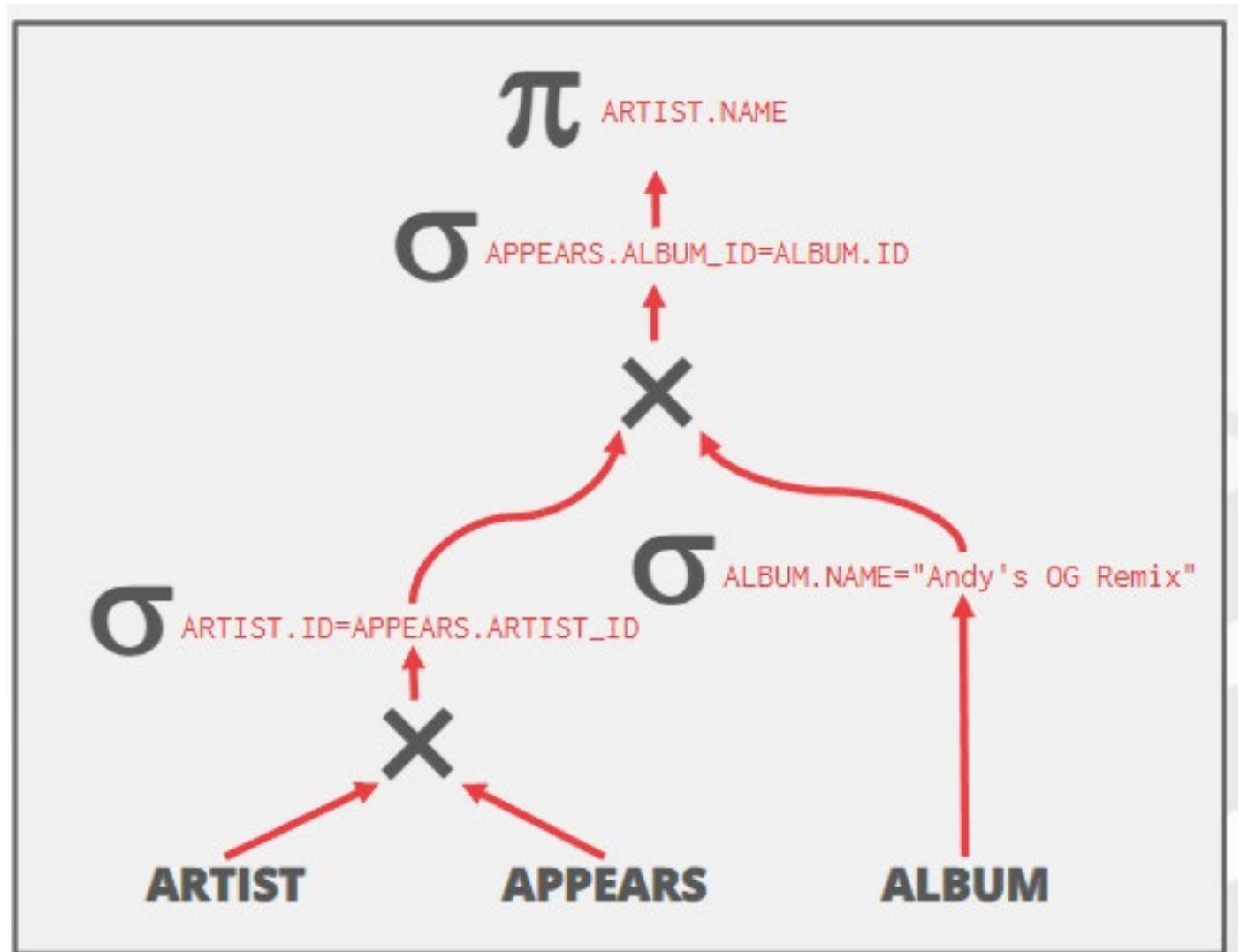
Move the predicate to the lowest applicable point in the plan.





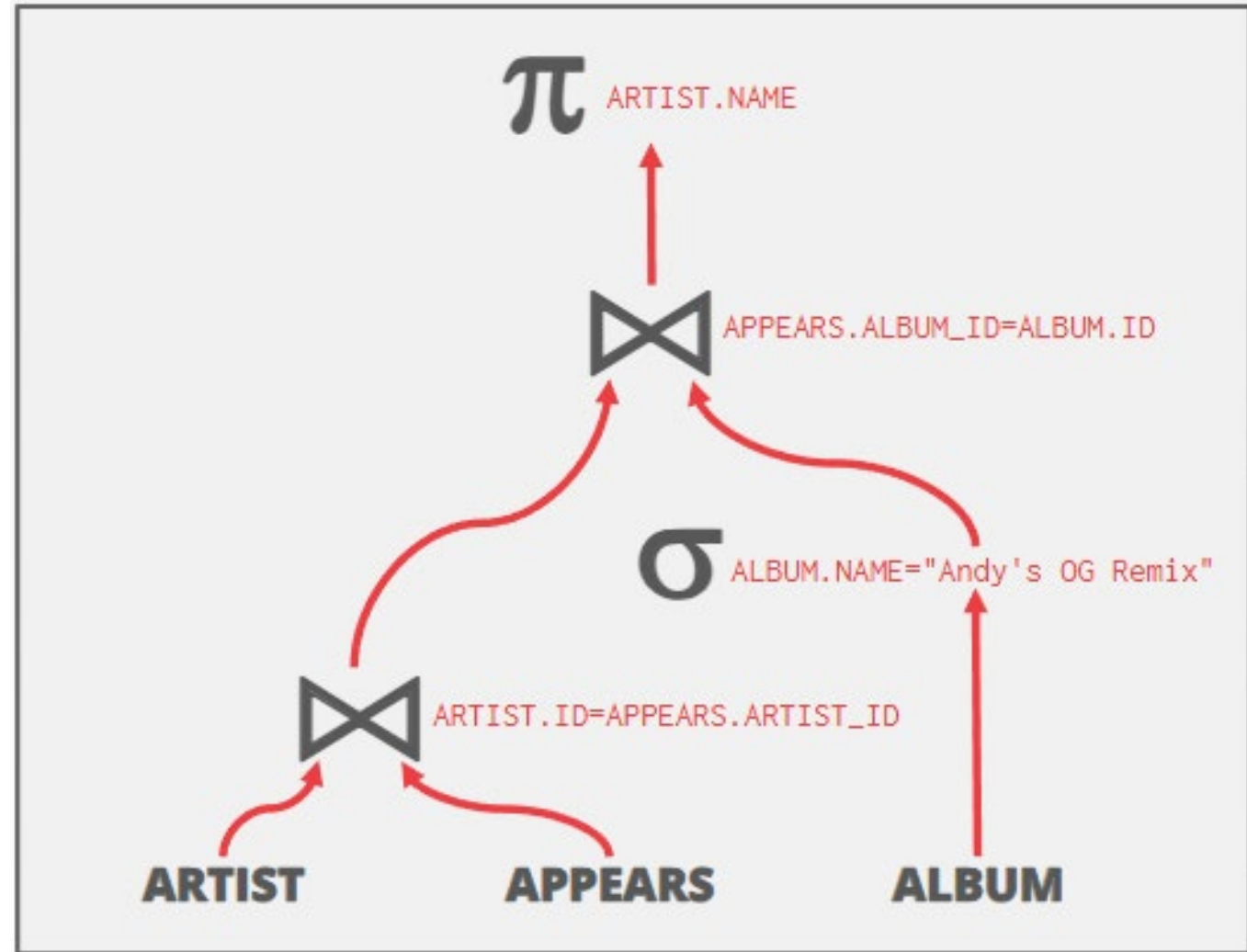
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Replace all Cartesian Products with inner joins using the join predicates.



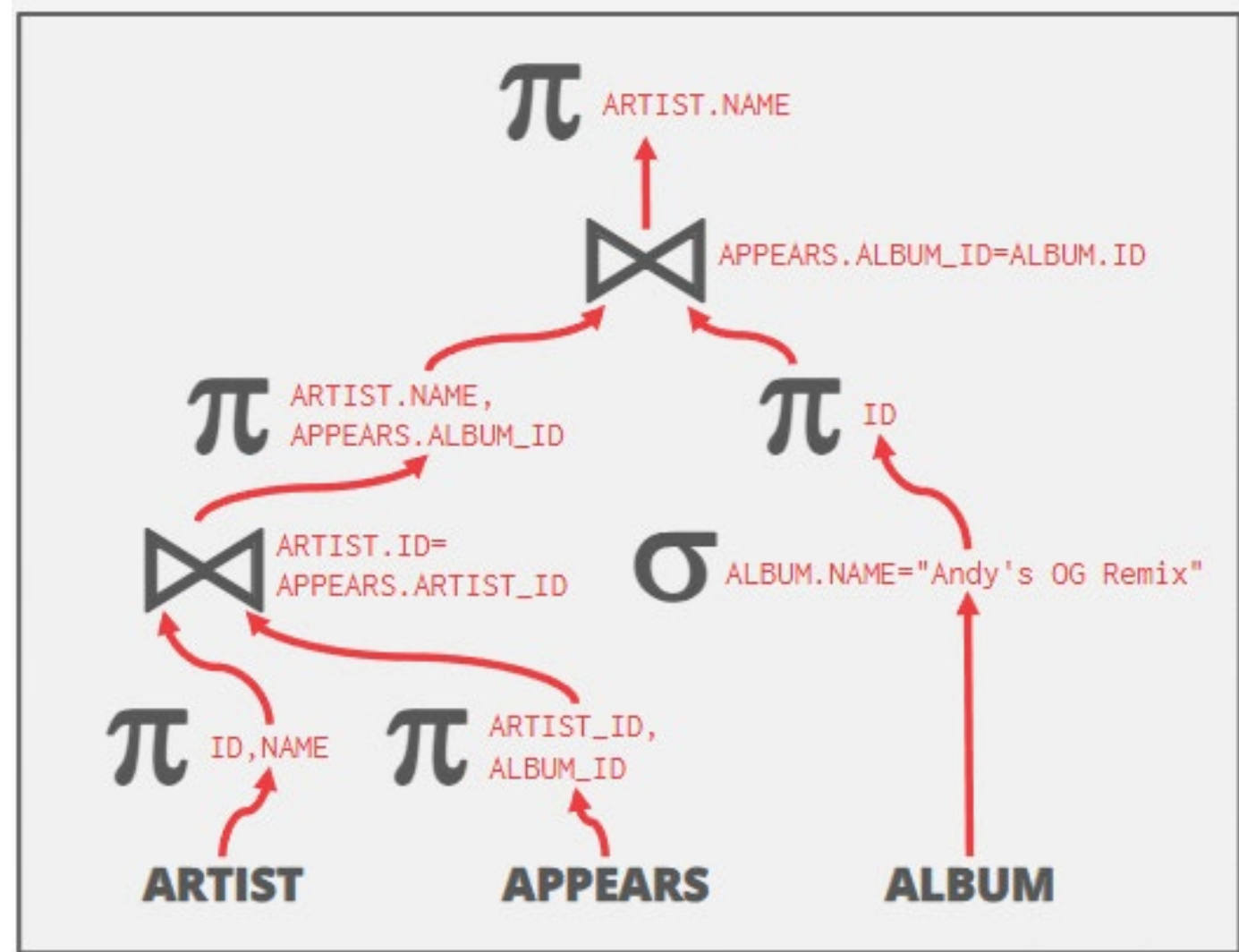
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## Nested Query Rewrite

```
SELECT name FROM sailors AS S
WHERE EXISTS (
    SELECT * FROM reserves AS R
    WHERE S.sid = R.sid
    AND R.day = '2018-10-15'
)
```



```
SELECT name
FROM sailors AS S, reserves AS R
WHERE S.sid = R.sid
AND R.day = '2018-10-15'
```

## Nested Query Decompose

```
SELECT S.sid, MIN(R.day)
FROM sailors S, reserves R, boats B
WHERE S.sid = R.sid
AND R.bid = B.bid
AND B.color = 'red'
AND S.rating = (SELECT MAX(S2.rating)
                FROM sailors S2)
GROUP BY S.sid
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1
```

*Nested Block*

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SELECT MAX(rating) FROM sailors
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*Outer Block*

## Expression Rewrite

### Impossible/Unnecessary predicate

```
SELECT * FROM A WHERE 1 = 0;
```

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```

```
SELECT * FROM A WHERE 1 = 1;
```

```
SELECT * FROM A;
```

### Join estimate

```
SELECT A1.*  
FROM A AS A1 JOIN A AS A2  
ON A1.id = A2.id;
```

```
SELECT * FROM A;
```

```
SELECT * FROM A AS A1  
WHERE EXISTS(SELECT val FROM A AS A2  
              WHERE A1.id = A2.id);
```

```
SELECT * FROM A;
```

### Predicates merge

```
SELECT * FROM A  
WHERE val BETWEEN 1 AND 100  
OR val BETWEEN 50 AND 150;
```

```
SELECT * FROM A  
WHERE val BETWEEN 1 AND 150;
```

# Exercise



For the student-course database, query the names of all courses taken by students in the Faculty of Computer Science:

**Select** Cname

**From** Student, Course, Score

**Where** Student.Sno=Score.Sno **and** Score.Cno=Course.Cno **and** Student.Sdept="CS"

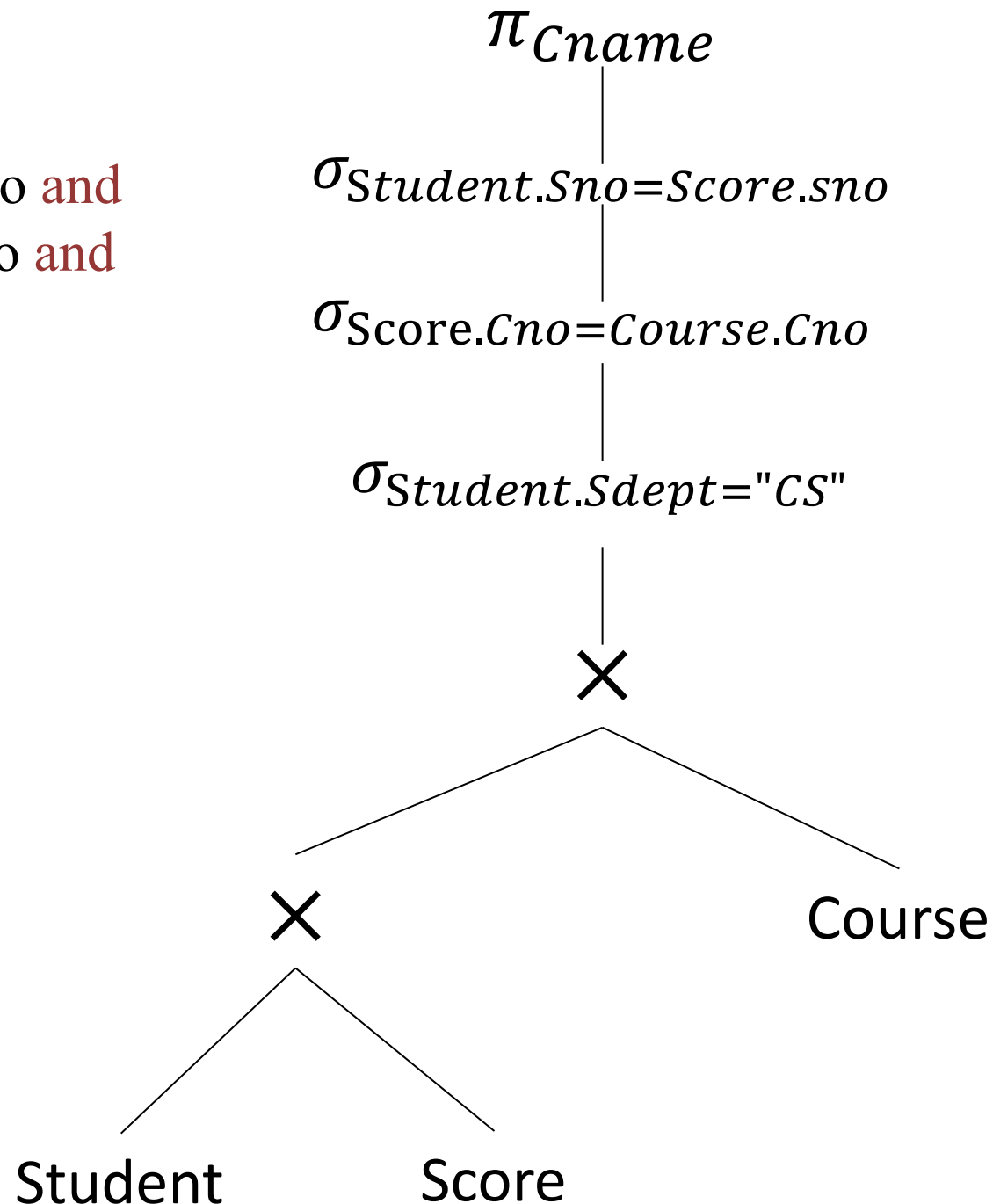
Draw the syntax tree and optimize the syntax tree with relational algebra and draw the optimized syntax tree

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1.Predicate Pushdown.

2.Replacing the Cartesian  
product using Inner join.

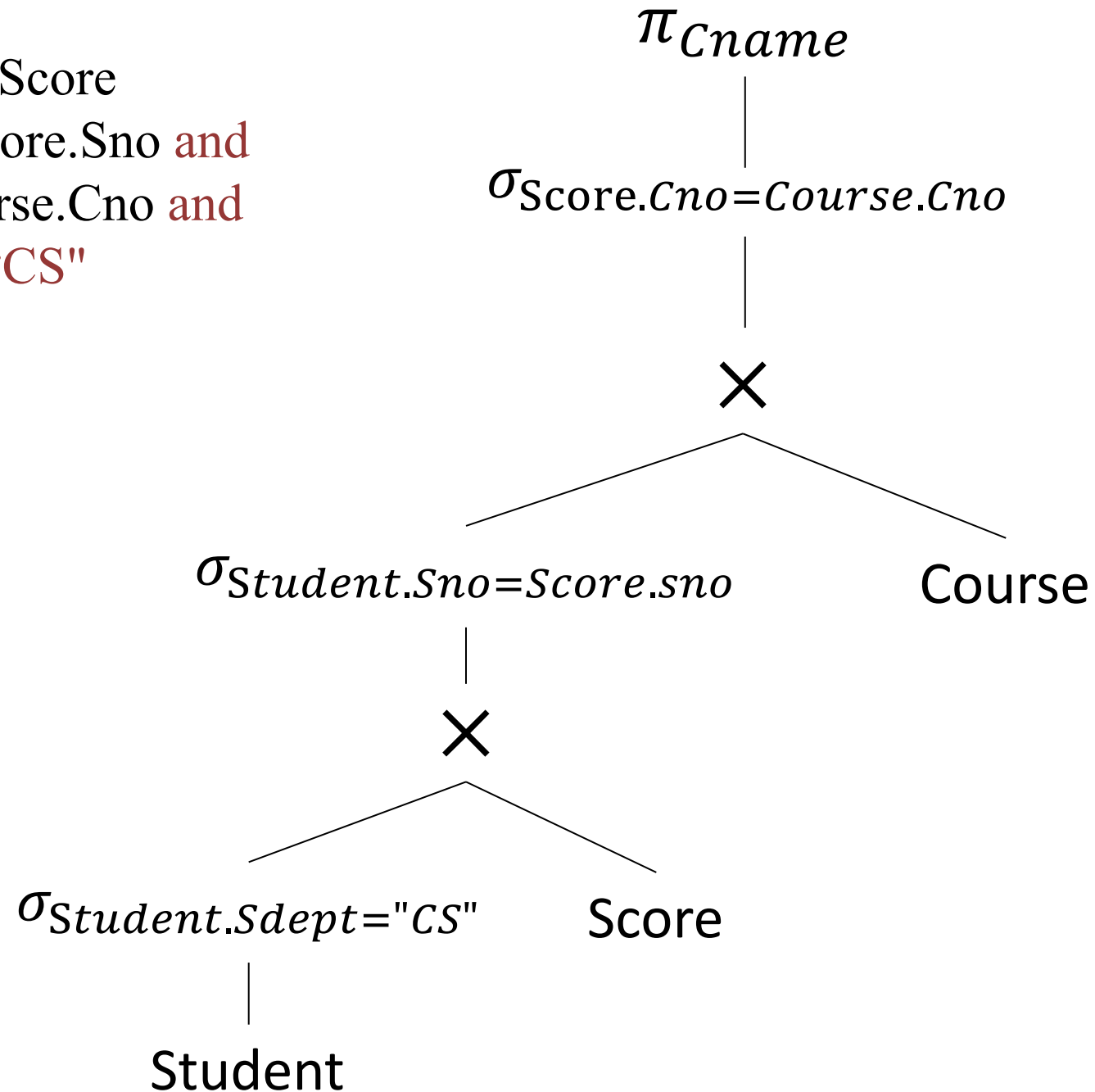
3.Projection Pushdown.



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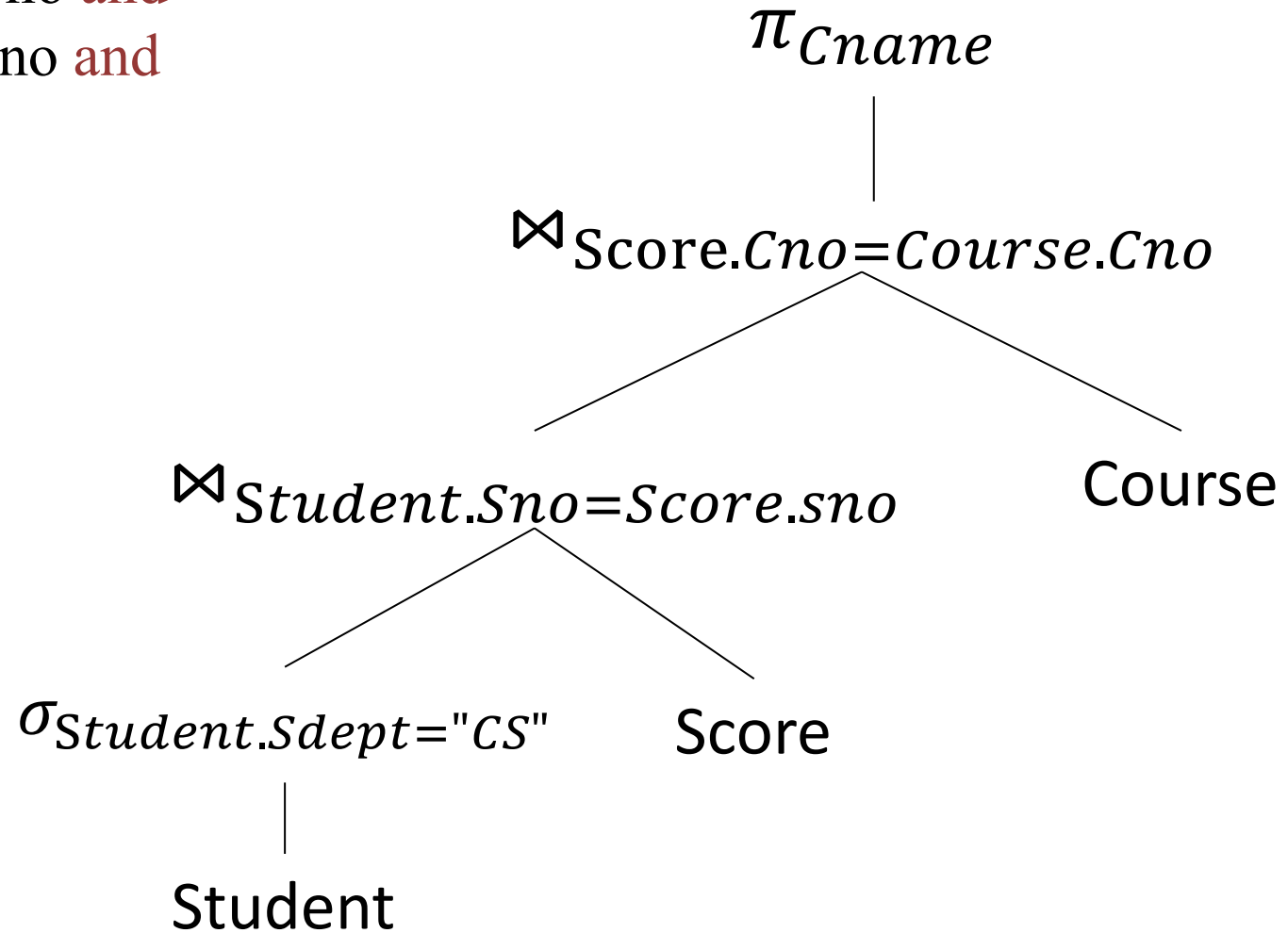
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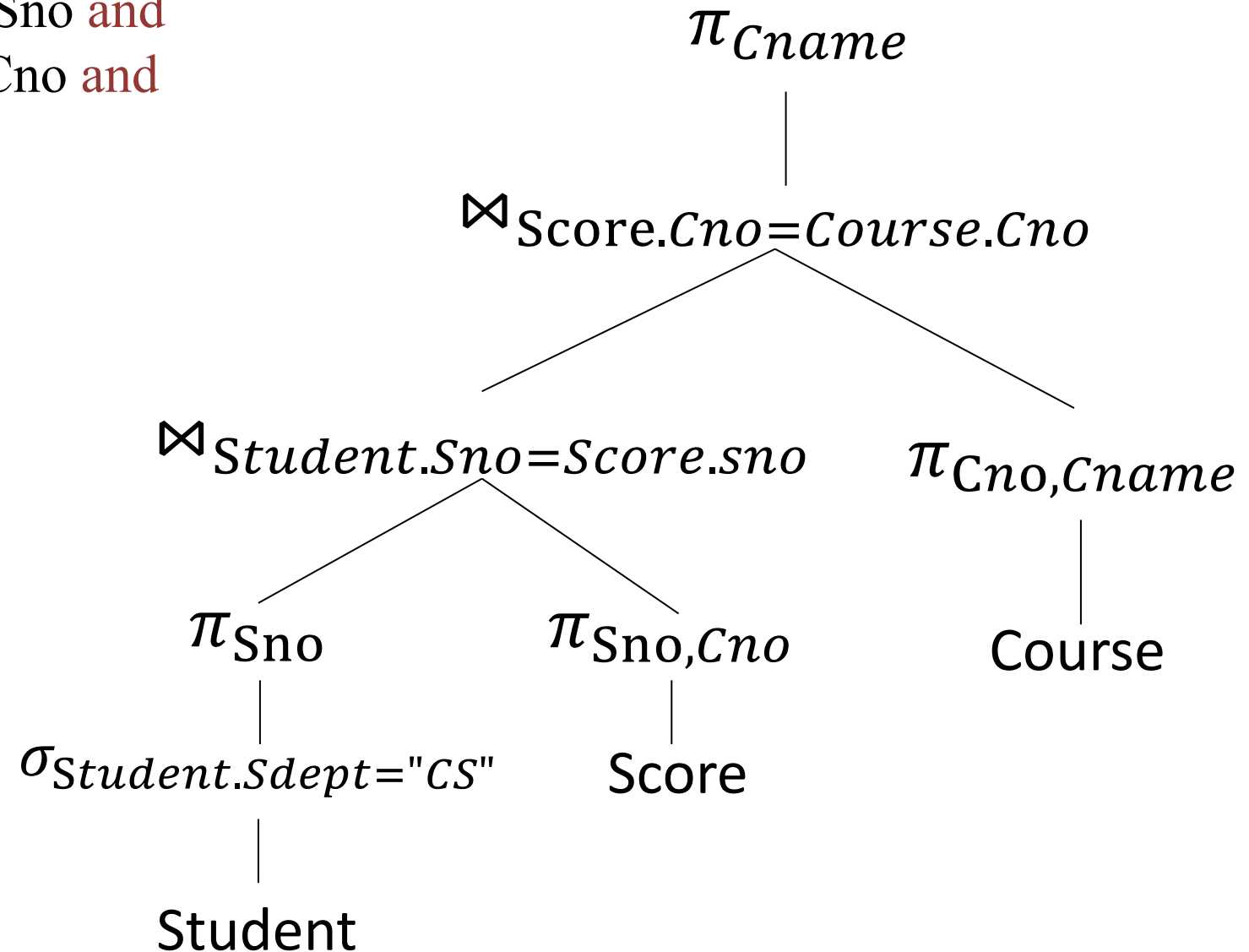
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# Q&A