Plan Generation

- selection of physical access path and [[Plan Operators]]
- selection of execution order
- convert logical query plan into optimal physical query plan
- cost query optimization must be less than actual improvements

Cost Models

- Relies on statistics (cardinalities, selectivities via histograms + estimators)
- Operator-specific and general-purpose cost models

- do not consider skew and [[Correlation]]

Query Types

• nodes: tables

• edges: join conditions

- hardness depends on structure
- types:
 - chains
 - * few join orders



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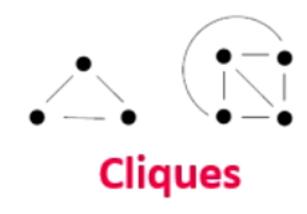
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- * central table
- * outer tables add information
- * almost no alternative join orders



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- cliques
 - * lots of different join orders
 - * difficult to calculate



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Join Tree/Plan Types

- \bullet data flow graph of tables and joins
- $\bullet\,$ edges data dependencies
- types:

Left-Deep Tree Right-Deep Tree Zig-Zag Tree Bushy Tree

Note that the state of the