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Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Data Management Systems

Database	Definition 1.1.1
<p>A large collection of organized data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can apply to any structured collection of data (e.g a relational table, data structures such as vectors & sets, graphs etc.)	
System	Definition 1.1.2
<p>A collection of components interacting to achieve a greater goal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Usually applicable to many domains (e.g a database, operating system, webserver). The goal is domain-agnostic• Designed to be flexible at runtime (deal with other interacting systems, real conditions) (e.g OS with user input, database with varying query volume and type)• Operating conditions are unknown at development time (Database does not know schema prior, OS does not know number of users prior, Tensorflow does not know matrix dimensionality prior) <p>Large & complex systems are typically developed over years by multiple teams.</p>	
Data Management System	Definition 1.1.3
<p>A system built to control the entire lifecycle of some data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation, modification, inspection and deletion of data• Classic examples include <i>Database Management Systems</i>	
Data Processing System	Definition 1.1.4
<p>A system for processing data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support part of the data lifecycle• A strict superset of Data Management Systems (all data management systems are data processing systems) <p>For example a tool as small as grep could be considered a data processing system.</p>	

Building data management systems is hard!

- Often must fetch data continuously from multiple sources
- Needs to be highly reliable (availability/low downtime & data retention)
- Needs to be efficient (specification may contain performance requirements)

Storage	Needs to be persistent (but also needs to be fast)
Data Ingestions	Needs to allow for easy import of data (e.g by providing a csv, another database's url)
Concurrency	To exploit parallelism in hardware (e.g multithreaded, distributed over several machines)
Data Analysis	For inspection (typically the reason to hold data in for first place)
Standardized Programming Model	Features are not implemented in an ad-hoc way but through common abstractions, users and developers do not need to radically change how they approach a new feature.
User Defined Functions	
Access Control	Not all data is shared between all users.
Self-Optimization	Monitors its own workloads in an attempt to optimise (e.g keeping frequently accessed data in memory)

1.2 Data Intensive Applications

Data Intensive Application	Definition 1.2.1
An application the acquires, stores and processes a significant amount of information. Core functionality of the application is based on data.	

There are several common patterns for data-intensive applications:

Online Transaction Processing (OTP)

- High volume of small updates to a persistent database
- ACID is important

Goal: Throughput

Online Analytical Processing (OLAP)

- Running a single data analysis task.
- A mixture of
- Queries are ad-hoc

Goal: Latency

Reporting

- Running a set of data analysis tasks
- Fixed time budget
- Queries known in advance

Goal: Resource Efficiency

Daily Struggle	Example Question 1.2.1
Provide some examples of <i>Reporting</i> pattern being used in industry.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A supermarket getting the day's sales, and stock-take. • A trading firm computing their position and logging the days trades at market-close and informing regulators, clearing, risk department. • A company's payroll systems running weekly using week long timesheets. 	

Hybrid Transactional / Analytical Processing (HTAP)

- Small updates interwoven with larger analytics
- Need to be optimal for combination of small and large task sizes

HTAP is a relatively new pattern used to solve the need for separate systems to work on OTP and OLAP workloads (which introduced complexity and cost as data is frequently copied between the two systems). Read more here.

Data-Intensive Applications can be differentiated from *Data Management Systems* (though there is ample ambiguity):

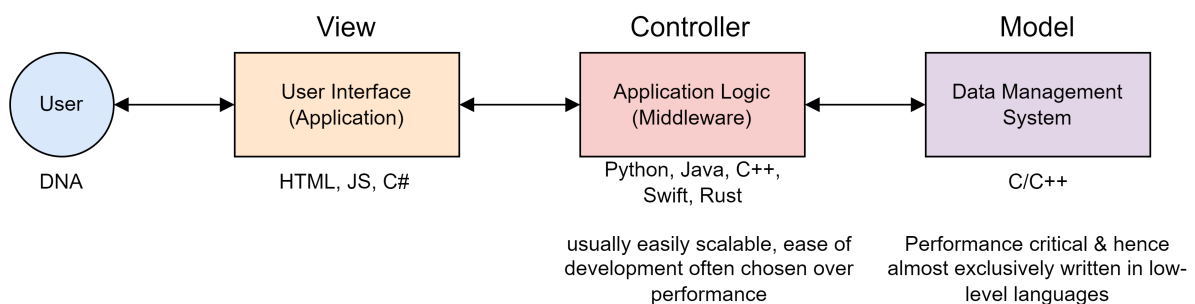
- Applications are domain-specific, and hence contain domain-specific optimisations that prevent fully general-purpose usage
- Data Management Systems are required to be highly generalised
- The cost of application specific data management (e.g developer time) outweighs any benefits for the majority of cases

Model View Controller (MVC)

Definition 1.2.2

A common design pattern separating software into components for user interaction (view), action (controller) and storing state (model) which interact.

A typical *data intensive application* has the following architecture:



Big Business

Extra Fun! 1.2.2

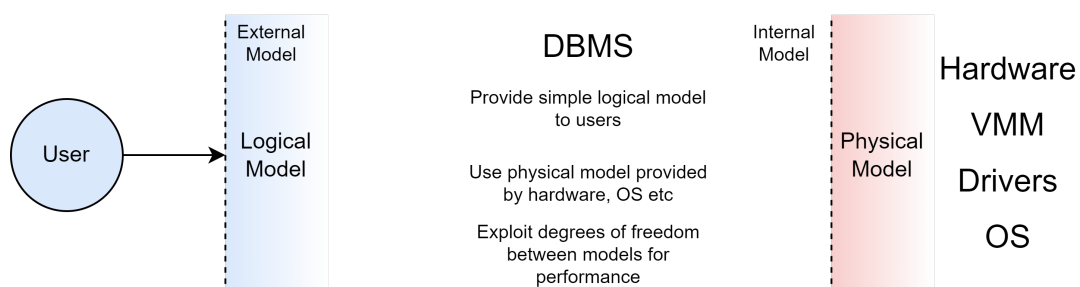
The enterprise data management systems market has been valued at \$82.25 billion (2021) with annual growth exceeding 10% (grand view research).

1.3 Data Management Systems

1.3.1 Non-Functional Requirements

Efficiency	Ideally should be as fast as a bespoke, hand-written solution.
Resilience	Must be able to recover from failures (software crashes, power failure, hardware failure)
Robustness	Predictable performance (semantically small change in query \Rightarrow similarly small change in performance)
Scalability	Can scale performance with available resources.
Concurrency	Can serve multiple clients concurrently with a clear model for how concurrency will affect results.

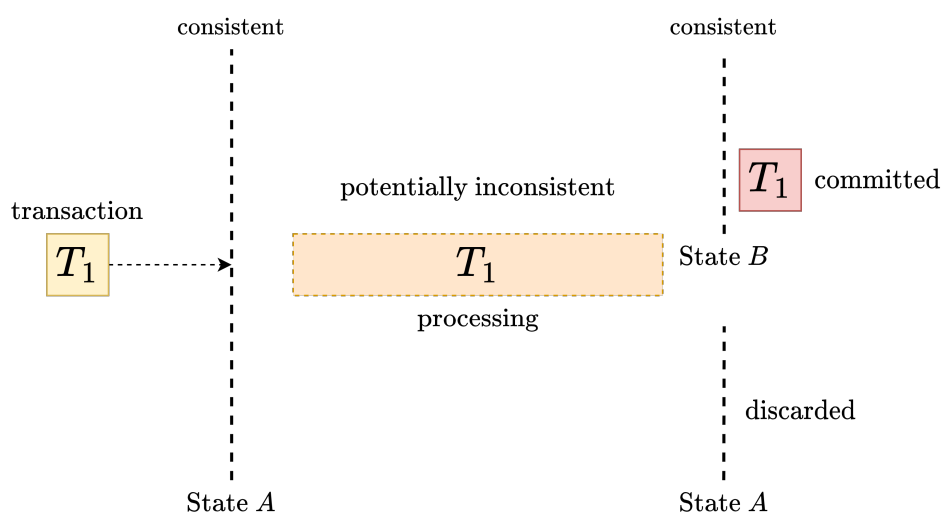
1.3.2 Logical/Physical Data Model Separation



1.3.3 Transactional Concurrency

Actions to be performed on a data management system can be wrapped up as a *transaction* to be received, processed and committed.

ACID	Definition 1.3.1
A set of useful properties for database management systems.	
Atomic	A transaction either runs entirely (and is committed) or has no effect. (All or nothing)
Consistent	A transaction can only bring the database from one valid (for some invariants) state to another. Note that there may be inconsistency between.
Isolated	Many transactions run concurrently, however each leaves the database in some state equivalent to running the transactions in some sequential order. (Run as if alone on the system).
Durable	Once a transaction is committed, it is persistent (even in case of failure - e.g power failure).



"Isolated" is the most flexible ACID property, several *isolation levels* describe how concurrent transactions interact. The more isolation is enforced, the more locking is required which can affect performance (contention & blocking).

Concurrency Controls	Extra Fun! 1.3.1
In order to support efficient concurrent access & mutation of data without race conditions concurrency control is used:	
Lock Based	Each object (e.g record, table) contains a lock (read-write) used for synchronisation of access. The most common technique is <i>two-phase locking</i> .
Multiversion	Each object and transaction is timestamped, by maintaining multiple timestamped versions of an object a transaction can effectively operate on a snapshot of the database at its own timestamp.

1.3.4 Read Phenomena

Dirty Read / Uncommitted Dependency	Definition 1.3.2
A transaction reads a record updated by a transaction that has not yet committed.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The uncommitted transaction may fail or be rolled back rendering the dirty-read data invalid. 	

Non-Repeatable Read	Definition 1.3.3	Phantom Reads	Definition 1.3.4
When a transaction reads a record twice with different results (another committed transaction updated the row between the reads).		When a transaction reads a set of records twice, but the sets of records are not equal as another transaction committed between the reads.	

1.3.5 Isolation levels

Serialisable	Definition 1.3.5		
	<i>Dirty Read</i> Prevented	<i>Non-repeatable Read</i> Prevented	<i>Phantom Read</i> Prevented
Execution of transactions is can be serialized (it is equivalent to some sequential history of transactions).			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In lock-based concurrency control locks are released at the end of a transaction, and range-locks are acquired for <code>SELECT ... FROM ... WHERE ...</code> ; to avoid <i>phantom reads</i>. Prevents all 3 read phenomena and is the strongest isolation level. 			

Repeatable Reads	Definition 1.3.6		
	<i>Dirty Read</i> Prevented	<i>Non-repeatable Read</i> Prevented	<i>Phantom Read</i> Allowed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlike <i>serialisable</i> Range locks are not used, only locks per-record. Write skew can occur (when concurrent transactions write to the same table & column using data read from the table, resulting in a mix of both transactions) 			

Read Committed	Definition 1.3.7		
	<i>Dirty Read</i> Prevented	<i>Non-repeatable Read</i> Allowed	<i>Phantom Read</i> Allowed
Mutual exclusion is held for writes, but reads are only exclusive until the end of a <code>SELECT ...</code> ; statement, not until commit time.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In lock-based concurrency, write locks are held until commit, read locks released after select completed. 			

Read Uncommitted	Definition 1.3.8		
	<i>Dirty Read</i> Allowed	<i>Non-repeatable Read</i> Allowed	<i>Phantom Read</i> Allowed
The weakest isolation level and allows for all <i>read phenomena</i> .			

1.3.6 Declarative Data Analysis

In order to make complex data management tools easier to use, a programmer describes the result they need declaratively, and the database system then plans the operations that must occur to provide the requested result.

This is present in almost all databases (e.g SQL)

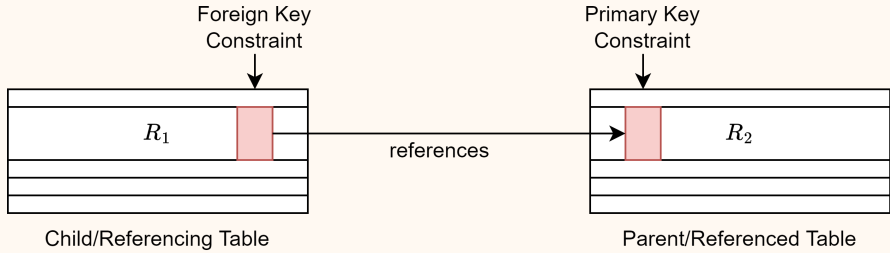
Chapter 2

Relational Algebra

2.1 Relational Structures

2.1.1 Preliminaries

Schema	Definition 2.1.1
A description of the database structure.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tables, names and types.	
<pre>CREATE TABLE foo (bing INTEGER, zog TEXT, bar INTEGER);</pre>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Integrity constraints (foreign keys, nullability, uniqueness etc)	
<pre>ALTER TABLE foo ADD CONSTRAINT foo_key UNIQUE(bing);</pre>	

Foreign Key	Example Question 2.1.1
What is a foreign key constraint? Is it <i>like a pointer</i> ?	
 <p>The diagram shows two tables, R_1 and R_2. R_1 is on the left and is labeled 'Child/Referencing Table'. It has a red vertical bar on its right side, labeled 'Foreign Key Constraint'. R_2 is on the right and is labeled 'Parent/Referenced Table'. It has a red vertical bar on its left side, labeled 'Primary Key Constraint'. An arrow labeled 'references' points from the red bar in R_1 to the red bar in R_2.</p>	
It adds the invariant that there is a record referenced by the foreign key.	
It is not really <i>like a pointer</i> as:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not in memory (e.g on disk, different machine etc)• No constant lookup (a pointer can be dereferenced in constant time, but looking up a key in a table is not necessarily)	

Data structures used include:

Vector	Ordered collection of objects (same type)
Tuple	Ordered collection of objects (can be different types)
Bag	Unordered collection of objects (same type)
Set	Unordered collection of unique objects (same type)


```

    ) NATURAL JOIN OrderedItem
  ) NATURAL JOIN Book
)
GROUP BY Book.Author
WHERE COUNT(*) = 1;

```

2.1.2 Nomenclatures

Expression	A composition of operators
Logical Plan/Plan	An expression.
Cardinality	The number of tuples in a set.

2.2 Implementing Relational Algebra in C++

In order to implement relations we will make use of several containers from the STL (standard template library).

```

#include <set>
#include <array>
#include <string>
#include <tuple>
#include <variant>

```

```
using namespace std;
```

We will also make use of *variadict templates/parameter packs* to make our structures not only generic, but generic over n types.

```
template<typename... some_types>
```

We will also create an operator to inherit from for all operator types:

```
template <typename... types> struct Operator : public Relation<types...> {};
```

Finally when concatenating lists of types in templates, we will make use of the following:

```

// declare the empty struct used to bind types
template <typename, typename> struct ConcatStruct;

// Table both types, create a type alias within the scope of ConcatStruct that
// concatenates the lists of types
template <typename... First, typename... Second>
struct ConcatStruct<std::tuple<First...>, std::tuple<Second...>> {
    using type = std::tuple<First..., Second...>;
};

// expose the type alias outside of the scope of concatStruct
template <typename L, typename R>
using Concat = typename ConcatStruct<L, R>::type;

```

2.2.1 Relation

```

template <typename... types> struct Relation {
    // To allow relations to be composed, an output type is required
    using OutputType = tuple<types...>;

    set<tuple<types...>> data; // table records
    array<string, sizeof...(types)> schema; // column names

    Relation(array<string, sizeof...(types)> schema, set<tuple<types...>> data)
        : schema(schema), data(data) {}
};

```

We can hence create a relation using the `Relation` constructor.

```
Relation<string, int, int> rel(
    {"Name", "Age", "Review"},
    {{ "Jim",    33,    3},
      { "Jay",    23,    5},
      {"Mick",    34,    4}}
);
```

2.2.2 Project

$$\Pi_{\underbrace{a_1, \dots, a_n}_{\text{columns}}}(R)$$

A unary operator returning a relation containing only the columns projected (a_1, \dots, a_n) .

We can first create a projection to

```
template <typename InputOperator, typename... outputTypes>
struct Project : public Operator<outputTypes...> {
    // the single input
    InputOperator input;

    // a variant is a type safe union. It is either a function on rows, or a
    // mapping of columns
    variant<function<tuple<outputTypes...>(typename InputOperator::OutputType)>,
           set<pair<string, string>>>
        projections;

    // Constructor for function application
    Project(InputOperator input,
            function<tuple<outputTypes...>(typename InputOperator::OutputType)>
            projections)
        : input(input), projections(projections) {}

    // Constructor for column mapping
    Project(InputOperator input, set<pair<string, string>> projections)
        : input(input), projections(projections) {}
};
```

SQL vs RA

Extra Fun! 2.2.1

The default SQL projection does not return a set but rather a multiset / bag. In order to remove duplicates the `DISTINCT` keyword must be used.

2.2.3 Select

$$\sigma_{\text{predicate}}(R)$$

Produce a new relation of input tuples satisfying the predicate. Here we narrow this to a condition.

```
enum class Comparator { less, lessEqual, equal, greaterEqual, greater };

// user must explicitly set string as a column (less chance of mistake)
struct Column {
    string name;
    Column(string name) : name(name) {}
};

// type alias for comparable values
using Value = variant<string, int, float>;
```

```

struct Condition {
    Comparator compare;

    Column leftHandSide;
    variant<Column, Value> rightHandSide;

    Condition(Column leftHandSide, Comparator compare,
              variant<Column, Value> rightHandSide)
        : leftHandSide(leftHandSide), compare(compare),
          rightHandSide(rightHandSide) {}
};

```

Enums vs Enum classes		Extra Fun! 2.2.2
enum class		enum
Enumerations are in the scope of the class		Enumerations are in the same scope as the enum
No implicit conversions.		Implicit conversions to integers.
Enum classes are generally preferred over enums due to the above differences.		

2.2.4 Cross Product / Cartesian

$$R_1 \times R_2$$

Creates a new schema concatenating the columns and with the cartesian product of records.

```

// Concat<> is used to concatenate the types from both input relations to
// produce a new schema
template <typename LeftInputOperator, typename RightInputOperator>
struct CrossProduct
    : public Operator<Concat<typename LeftInputOperator::OutputType,
                          typename RightInputOperator::OutputType>> {
    // The input relations
    LeftInputOperator leftInput;
    RightInputOperator rightInput;

    CrossProduct(LeftInputOperator leftInput, RightInputOperator rightInput)
        : leftInput(leftInput), rightInput(rightInput){};
};

```

2.2.5 Union

$$R_1 \cup R_2$$

The union of both relations, duplicates are eliminated.

```

template <typename LeftInputOperator, typename RightInputOperator>
struct Union : public Operator<typename LeftInputOperator::outputType> {
    LeftInputOperator leftInput;
    RightInputOperator rightInput;

    Union(LeftInputOperator leftInput, RightInputOperator rightInput)
        : leftInput(leftInput), rightInput(rightInput){};
};

```

2.2.6 Difference

$$R_1 - R_2$$

Get the set difference between two relations.

```

template <typename LeftInputOperator, typename RightInputOperator>
struct Difference : public Operator<typename LeftInputOperator::outputType> {

    LeftInputOperator leftInput;
    RightInputOperator rightInput;

    Difference(LeftInputOperator leftInput, RightInputOperator rightInput)
        : leftInput(leftInput), rightInput(rightInput){};
};

```

2.2.7 Group Aggregation

$$\Gamma_{(\text{grouping attributes}), (\text{aggregates})}(R)$$

- Records are grouped by equality on the *grouping attributes*
- A set of *aggregates* are produced (either a grouping attribute, the result of an aggregate function, or output attribute (e.g constants))

This is implemented by **GROUP BY** in SQL:

```

SELECT -- aggregates
FROM -- R
GROUP BY -- grouping attributes

// Aggregate functions to apply, 'agg' is for using groupAttributes
enum class AggregationFunction { min, max, sum, avg, count, agg };

template <typename InputOperator, typename... Output>
struct GroupedAggregation : public Operator<Output...> {
    InputOperator input;

    // the attributes to group by (column names)
    set<string> groupAttributes;

    // (column, aggregate function, new column name)
    set<tuple<string, AggregationFunction, string>> aggregations;

    GroupedAggregation(
        InputOperator input, set<string> groupAttributes,
        set<tuple<string, AggregationFunction, string>> aggregations)
        : input(input), groupAttributes(groupAttributes),
          aggregations(aggregations){};
};

```

2.2.8 Top-N

$$TopN_{(n, \text{attribute})}(R)$$

Get the top n records from a table, given the ordering of *attribute*

This is implemented with **LIMIT** and **ORDER BY** in SQL:

```

SELECT -- ...
FROM -- R
ORDER BY

// note that here we include N in the type (know at compile time), we could also
// take it as a parameter constructor (known at runtime)
template <typename InputOperator, size_t N>
struct TopN : public Operator<typename InputOperator::OutputType> {
    InputOperator input;
    string predicate;
};

```

```
TopN(InputOperator input, string predicate)
    : input(input), predicate(predicate){};
};
```

Chapter 3

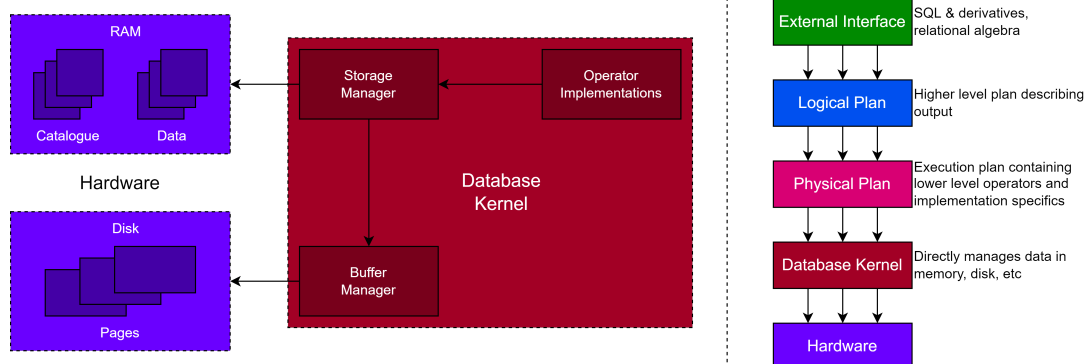
Storage

Great Exceptions!

Extra Fun! 3.0.1

There are exceptions to many of the rules, implementation details discussed in this course. Most of the good (and bad) ideas considered here have been implemented several ways.

3.1 Database Management System Kernel



Database Kernel

Definition 3.1.1

The core of the database management system.

- Manages interaction with hardware (e.g I/O, memory management, operations)
- Library of functionality that implements physical plan & upwards.
- Provides an interface to access subsystems

Many often bypass the operating system to implement functionality usually associated with OS kernels.

3.2 Storage

3.2.1 Storage Manager

Multi-dimensional data must be stored in a 1-dimensional memory.

- Here we assume the tuples contain data types of a fixed size.
- Access latency of memory is determined by cache, hence locality is a key consideration.
- We need to consider the access pattern.
- Tables are externally represented as a set of tuples.
- We assume no concurrency for simplicity here.

The 60001 - Advanced Computer Architecture module by Prof Paul Kelly covers caches and access latency in great depth.

Locality

Definition 3.2.1

Average memory access latency is reduced using multiple levels of caches. These caches are designed to take advantage of locality in memory accesses within a program.

Spatial	Accessing nearby/- contiguous locations.	A cache miss on a word results in entire line (typically larger than a word) begin cached. Hardware prefetchers fetch lines adjacent to misses.
Temporal	Accessing the same location.	Lines stay until evicted due to capacity or flush, load-store queues effectively cache recent accesses.

N-ary Storage

Definition 3.2.2

Tuples are stored adjacently.

A1	B1	C1
A2	B2	C2
A3	B3	C3

... [A1 B1 C1 A2 B2 C2 A3 B3 C3] ...

- Good spatial locality on access to all fields in a tuple.
- Works well for lookups and inserts (common in *OTP* where transactions typically run on recent data)

Decomposed Storage

Definition 3.2.3

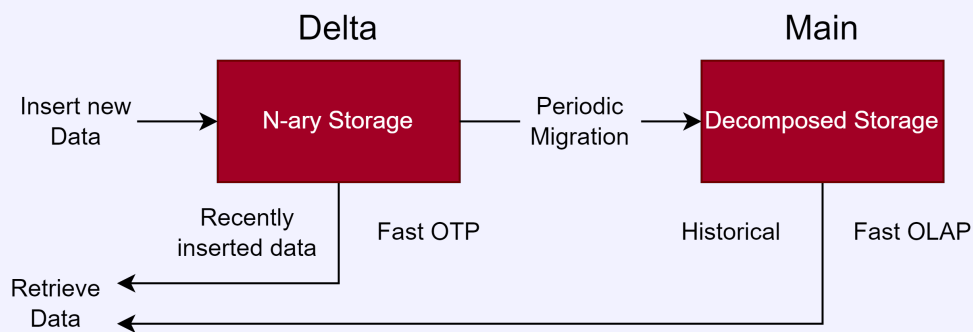
Each field of the tuple is stored in a separate array.

A1	B1	C1
A2	B2	C2
A3	B3	C3

... [A1 A2 A3] ... [B1 B2 B3] ... [C1 C2 C3] ...

- Good spatial locality when accessing one field of many tuples.
- Requires tuples to be reconstructed.
- Works well for scan-heavy queries (common in *OLAP* - aggregate, join and filtering)

A hybrid of *n-ary* and *decomposed* storage.



- Complicates some operations (e.g lookups)
- Regular migrations can reduce database availability at some points (lock up table to merge)
- Can be implemented as a pattern using two separate DBMS (transactional system and data warehouse).

3.2.2 Catalogue

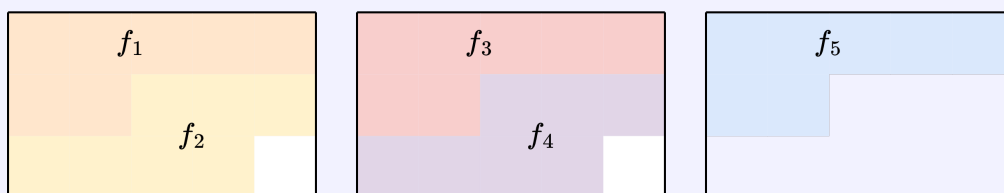
3.2.3 Variable Size Data

3.2.4 Disk Storage

Manages disk-resident data and manages data transfer to *pages* in memory.

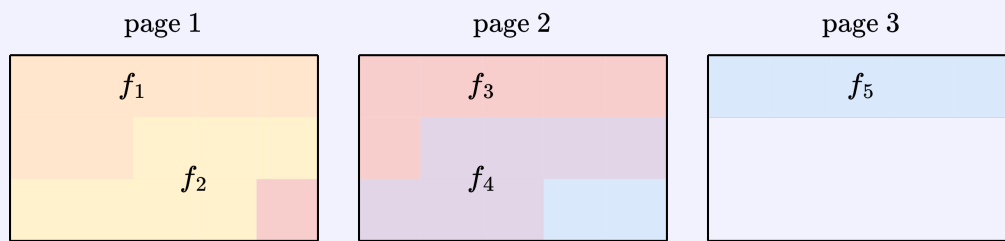
- Unstructured files → structured tables
- Ensures fixed size for files.
- Safely writes data to disk when necessary (to ensure durability).

Records only allocated on the page is there is space.

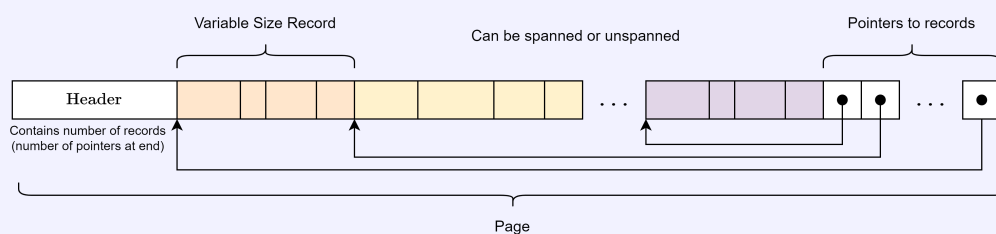


- Space wasted (larger as tuple size increases)
- If the record size > page size, it is not possible to use this strategy
- If records are variable size, no constant time random access.

Records placed across page boundaries.



- Minimises wasted space
- Supports very large record sizes (larger than a page)
- Complex to implement, and reduced random access performance
- No in-page random access for variable size records



3.3 Example Sketch Implementation