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18 Join Algorithms

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WHY DO WE NEED TO JOIN?

We normalize tables in a relational database to avoid unnecessary repetition of information.

We then use the **join operator** to reconstruct the original tuples without any information loss.

JOIN ALGORITHMS

We will focus on performing binary joins (two tables) using **inner equijoin** algorithms.

→ These algorithms can be tweaked to support other joins.

→ Multi-way joins exist primarily in research literature.

In general, we want the smaller table to always be the left table ("outer table") in the query plan (compared to the right table (“inner table"))

QUERY PLAN

The operators are arranged in a tree.

Data flows from the leaves of the tree up towards the root.

The output of the root node is the result of the query.

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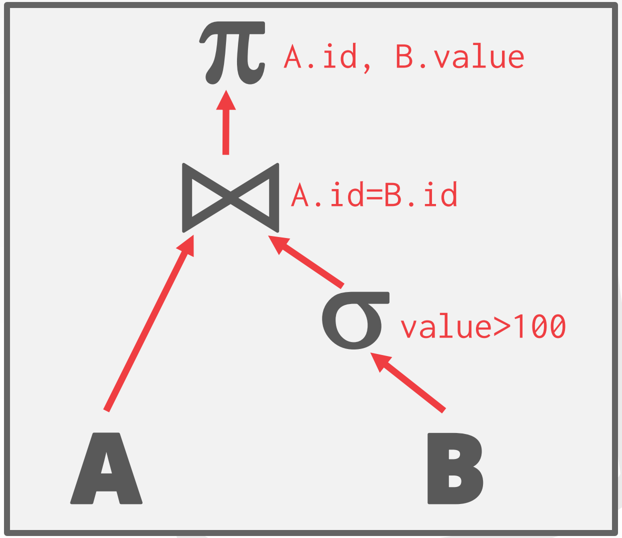
SELECT A.id, B.value
  FROM A, B
 WHERE A.id = B.id
   AND B.value > 100
```



JOIN OPERATORS

Decision #1: Output

→ What data does the join operator emit to its parent operator in the query plan tree?

Decision #2: Cost Analysis Criteria

→ How do we determine whether one join algorithm is better than another?

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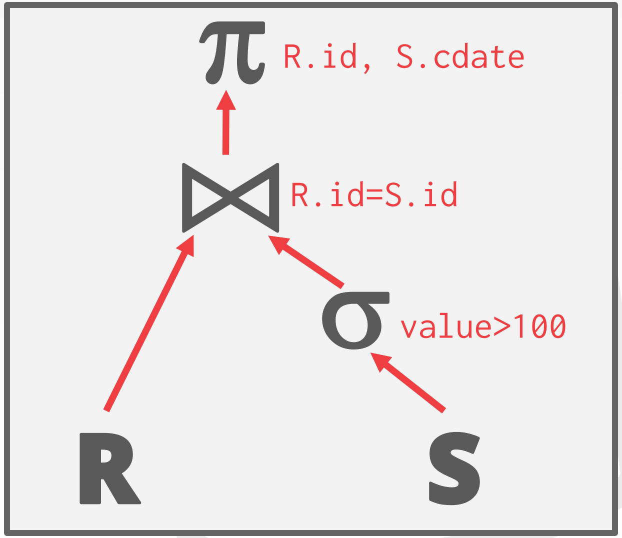

OPERATOR OUTPUT

For tuple $r \in R$ and tuple $s \in S$ that match on join attributes, concatenate r and s together into a new tuple.

Output contents can vary:

→ Depends on processing model
→ Depends on storage model
→ Depends on data requirements in query

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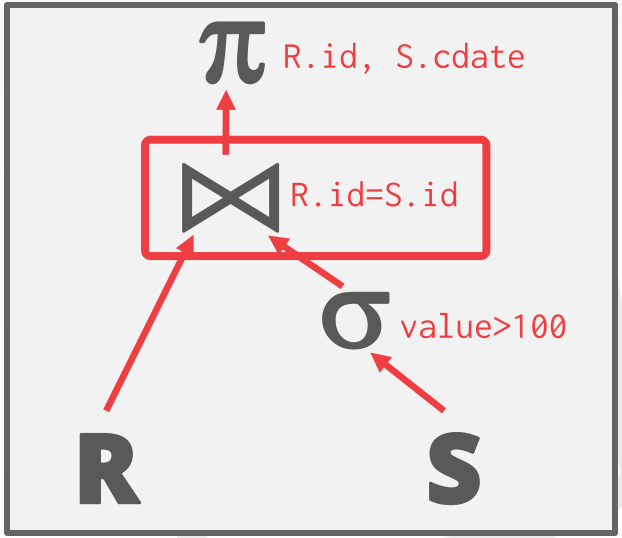

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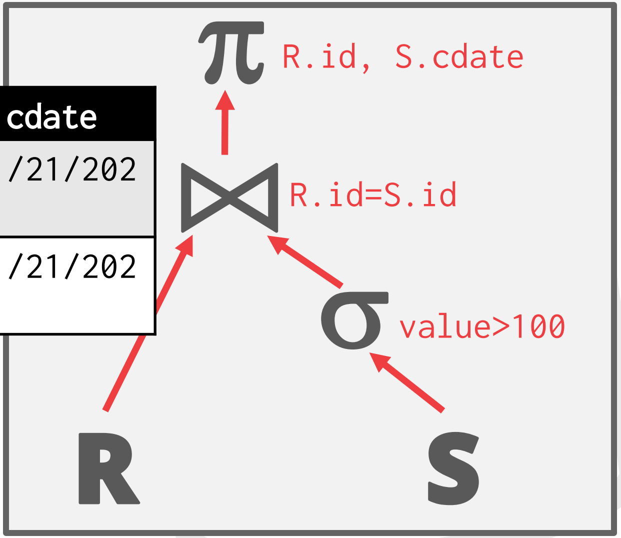

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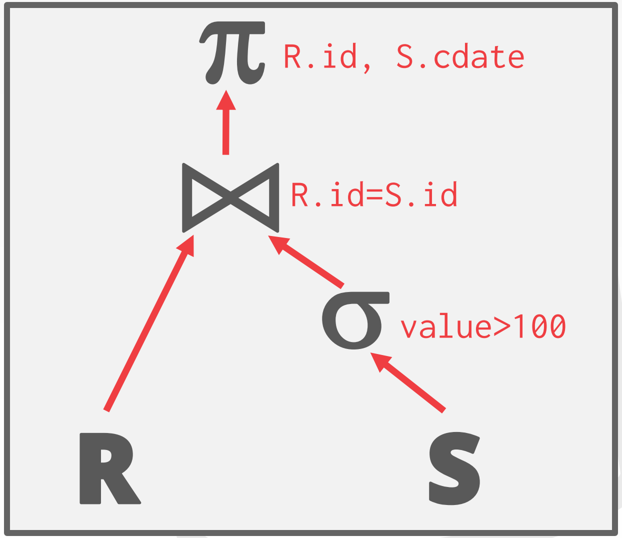
Subsequent operators in the query plan never need to go back to the base tables to get more data.



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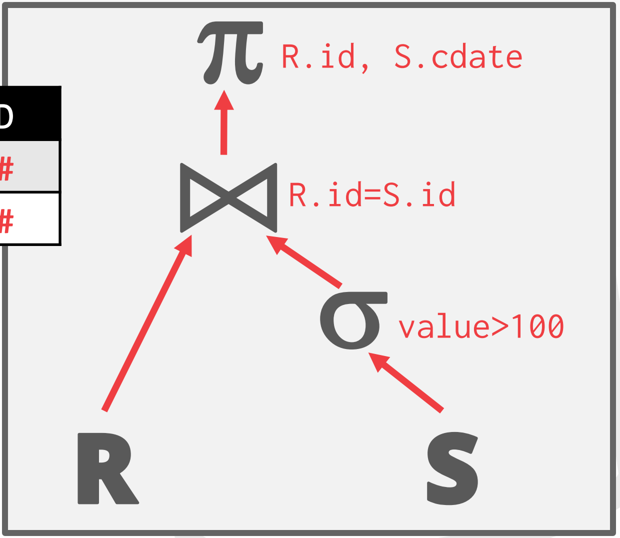

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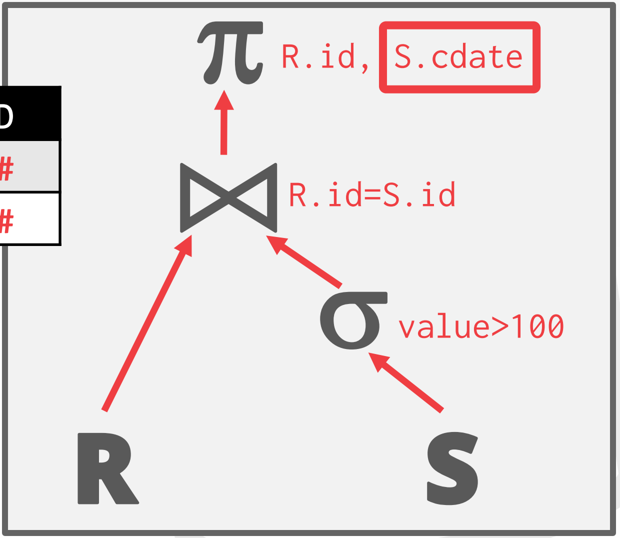

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Ideal for column stores because the DBMS does not copy data that is not needed for the query.

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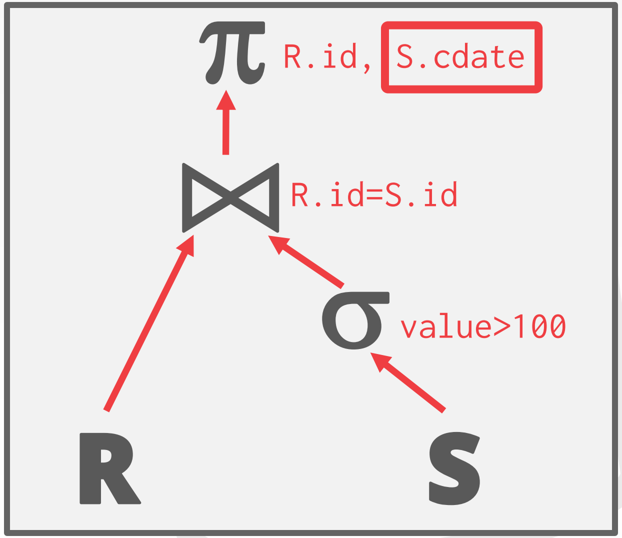

COST ANALYSIS CRITERIA

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Assume:

→ ***M*** pages in table **R**, ***m*** tuples in **R**

→ ***N*** pages in table **S**, ***n*** tuples in **S**

Cost Metric: # of IOs to compute join

We will ignore output costs since that depends on the data and we cannot compute that yet.

JOIN VS CROSS-PRODUCT

$R \bowtie S$ is the most common operation and thus must be carefully optimized.

$R \times S$ followed by a selection is inefficient because the cross-product is large.

There are many algorithms for reducing join cost, but no algorithm works well in all scenarios.

JOIN ALGORITHMS

Nested Loop Join

→ Simple / Stupid

→ Block

→ Index

Sort-Merge Join

Hash Join

NESTED LOOP JOIN

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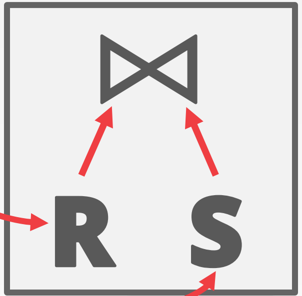

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Example database:

→ **Table R**: M = 1000, m = 100,000
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4 KB pages → 6 MB

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foreach block B_R ∈ R:
  foreach block B_S ∈ S:
    foreach tuple r ∈ B_R:
      foreach tuple s ∈ B_S:
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This algorithm performs fewer disk accesses.

→ For every block in **R**, it scans **S** once.

Cost: $M + (M \cdot N)$

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The smaller table should be the outer table.

We determine size based on the number of pages, not the number of tuples.

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→ **Table S**: N = 500, n = 40,000

Cost Analysis:

→ $M + (M \cdot N)$ = 1000 + (1000 · 500) = **501,000 IOs**

→ At 0.1 ms/IO, Total time ≈ 50 seconds

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What if we have ***B*** buffers available?

→ Use ***B*-2** buffers for scanning the outer table.

→ Use one buffer for the inner table, one buffer for storing output.

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  foreach block bS ∈ S:
    foreach tuple r ∈ B-2 blocks:
      foreach tuple s ∈ bS:
        emit, if r and s match
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→ **Cost: *M* + *N*** = 1000 + 500 = **1500 IOs**

→ At 0.1ms/IO, Total time ≈ 0.15 seconds

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We can avoid sequential scans by using an index to find inner table matches.

→ Use an existing index for the join.

INDEX NESTED LOOP JOIN

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foreach tuple r ∈ R:
  foreach tuple s ∈ Index(r_i = s_j):
    emit, if r and s match
```

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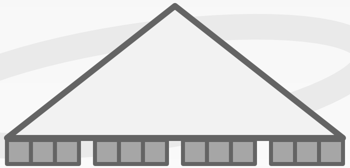

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Assume the cost of each index probe is some constant ***C*** per tuple.

Cost: *M* + (*m* · *C*)

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Key Takeaways

→ Pick the smaller table as the outer table.
→ Buffer as much of the outer table in memory as possible.
→ Loop over the inner table (or use an index).

Algorithms

→ Simple / Stupid
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SORT-MERGE JOIN

Phase #1: Sort

→ Sort both tables on the join key(s).

→ We can use the external merge sort algorithm that we talked about last class.

Phase #2: Merge

→ Step through the two sorted tables with cursors and emit matching tuples.

→ May need to backtrack depending on the join type.

SORT-MERGE JOIN

```
sort R,S on join keys
cursorR ← Rsorted, cursorS ← Ssorted
while cursorR and cursorS:
  if cursorR > cursorS:
    increment cursorS
  if cursorR < cursorS:
    increment cursorR
  elif cursorR and cursorS match:
    emit
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SORT-MERGE JOIN

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Merge Cost: $(M + N)$

Total Cost: Sort + Merge

SORT-MERGE JOIN

Example database:

→ **Table R**: M = 1000, m = 100,000

→ **Table S**: N = 500, n = 40,000

With B=100 buffer pages, both R and S can be sorted in two passes:

→ Sort Cost (R) = 2000 · (1 + ⌈$\log_{99}$ 1000 /100⌉) = **4000 IOs**

→ Sort Cost (S) = 1000 · (1 + ⌈ $\log_{99}$ 500 / 100⌉) = **2000 IOs**

→ Merge Cost = (1000 + 500) = **1500 IOs**

→ Total Cost = 4000 + 2000 + 1500 = **7500 IOs**

→ At 0.1 ms/IO, Total time ≈ 0.75 seconds

SORT-MERGE JOIN

The worst case for the merging phase is when the join attribute of all the tuples in both relations contains the same value.

Cost: (M · N) + (sort cost)

WHEN IS SORT-MERGE JOIN USEFUL?

One or both tables are already sorted on join key.

Output must be sorted on join key.

HASH JOIN

If tuple $r \in R$ and a tuple $s \in S$ satisfy the join condition, then they have the same value for the join attributes.

If that value is hashed to some partition i, the R tuple must be in r_i and the S tuple in s_i.

Therefore, R tuples in r_i need only to be compared with S tuples in s_i.

BASIC HASH JOIN ALGORITHM

Phase #1: Build

→ Scan the outer relation and populate a hash table using the hash function h_1 on the join attributes.

Phase #2: Probe

→ Scan the inner relation and use h_1 on each tuple to jump to a location in the hash table and find a matching tuple.

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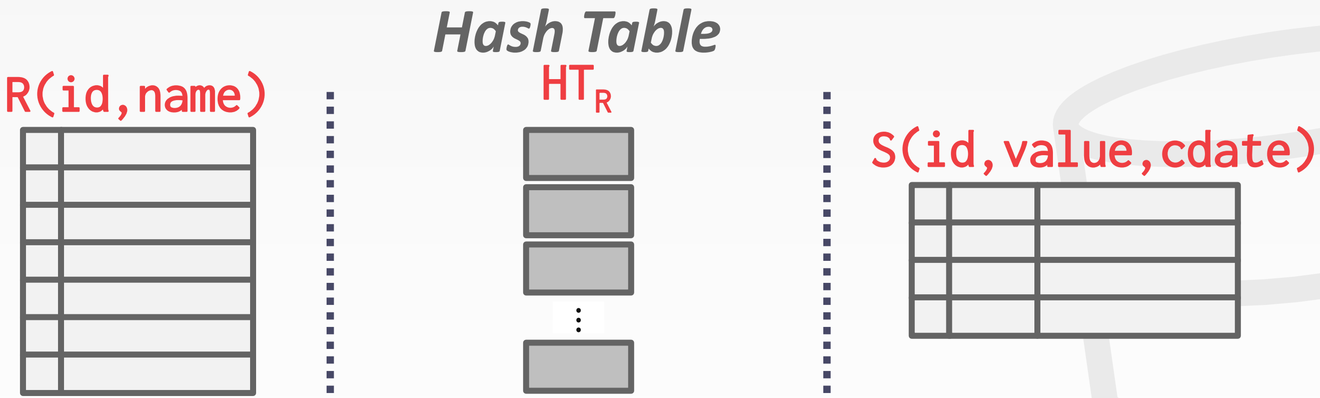

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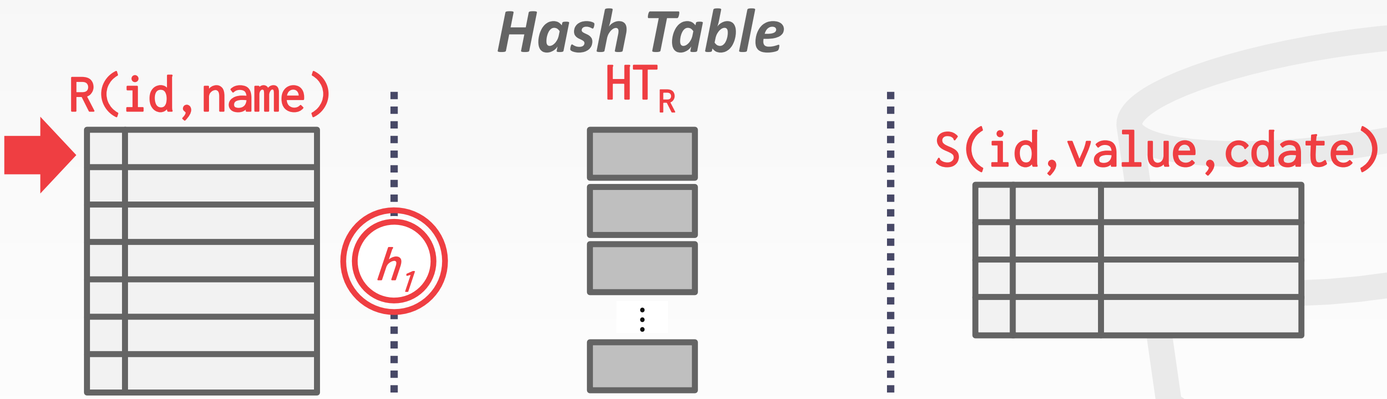

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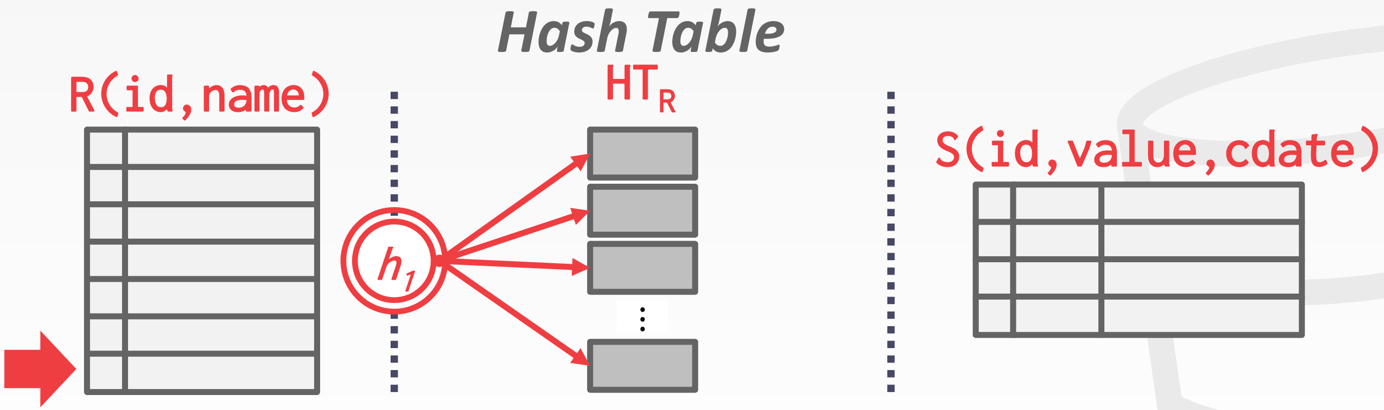

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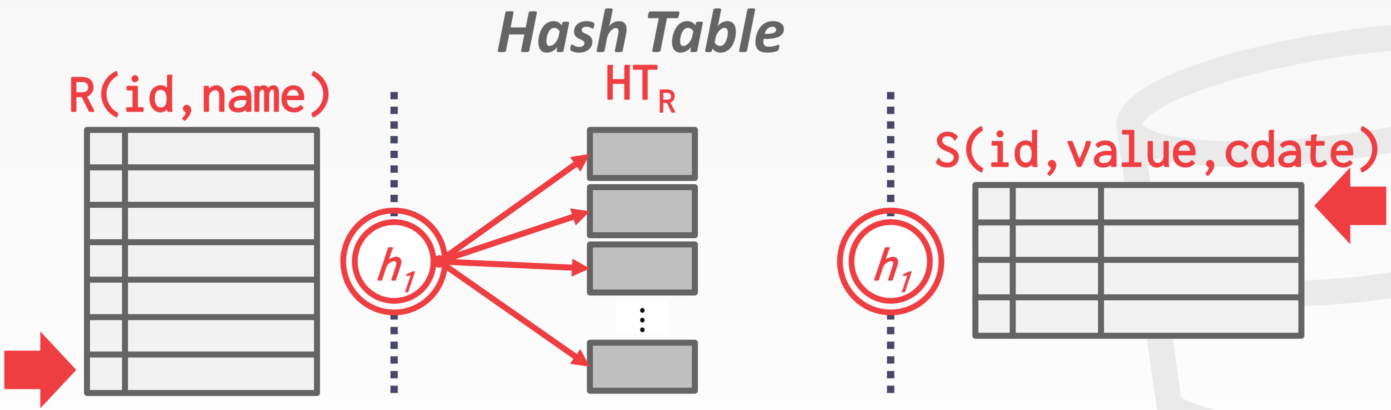

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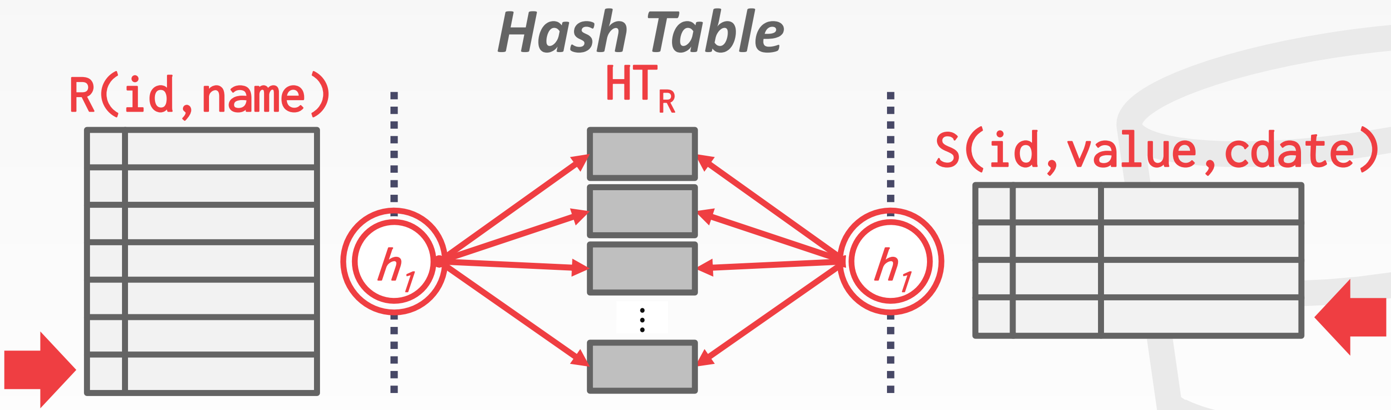

HASH TABLE CONTENTS

Key: The attribute(s) that the query is joining the tables on.

Value: Varies per implementation.

→ Depends on what the operators above the join in the query plan expect as its input.

HASH TABLE VALUES

Approach #1: Full Tuple

→ Avoid having to retrieve the outer relation's tuple contents on a match.

→ Takes up more space in memory.

Approach #2: Tuple Identifier

→ Could be to either the base tables or the intermediate output from child operators in the query plan.

→ Ideal for column stores because the DBMS does not fetch data from disk that it does not need.

→ Also better if join selectivity is low.

HASH JOIN

What happens if we do not have enough memory to fit the entire hash table?

We do not want to let the buffer pool manager swap out the hash table pages at random.

GRACE HASH JOIN

Hash join when tables do not fit in memory.

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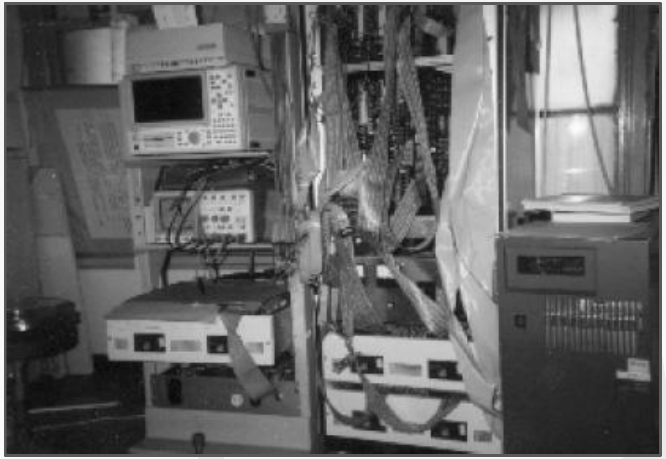

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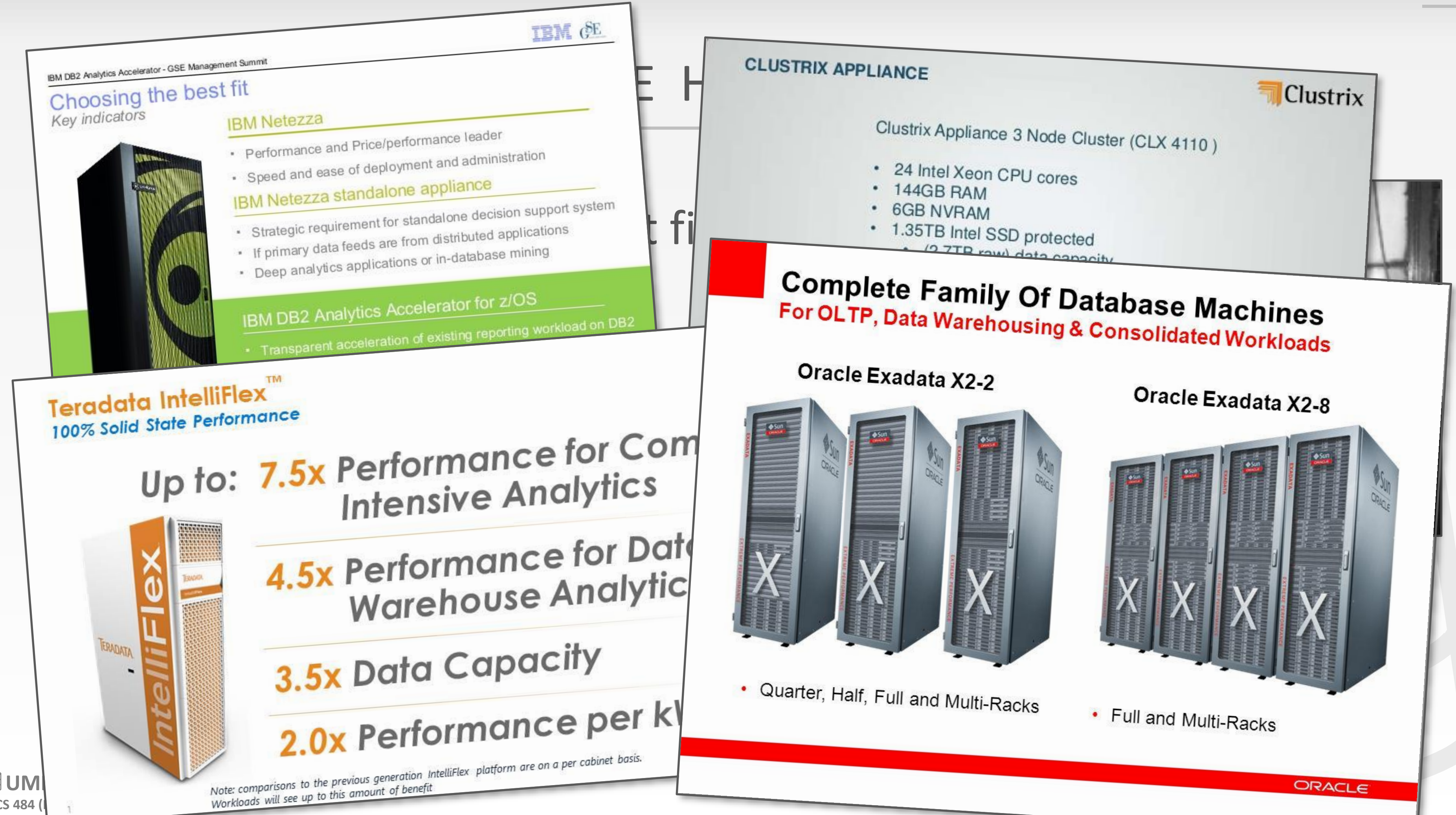
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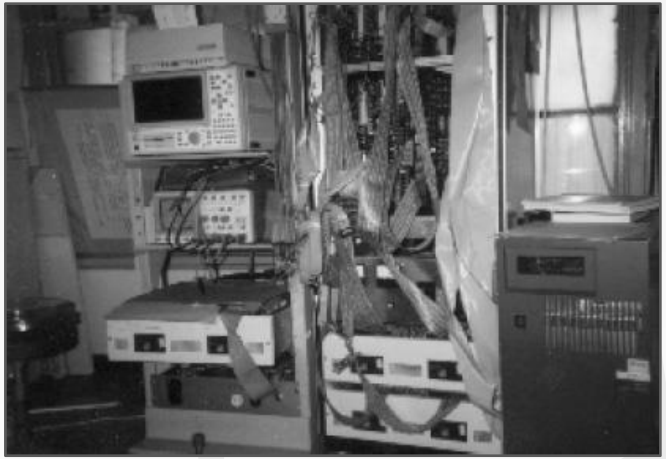

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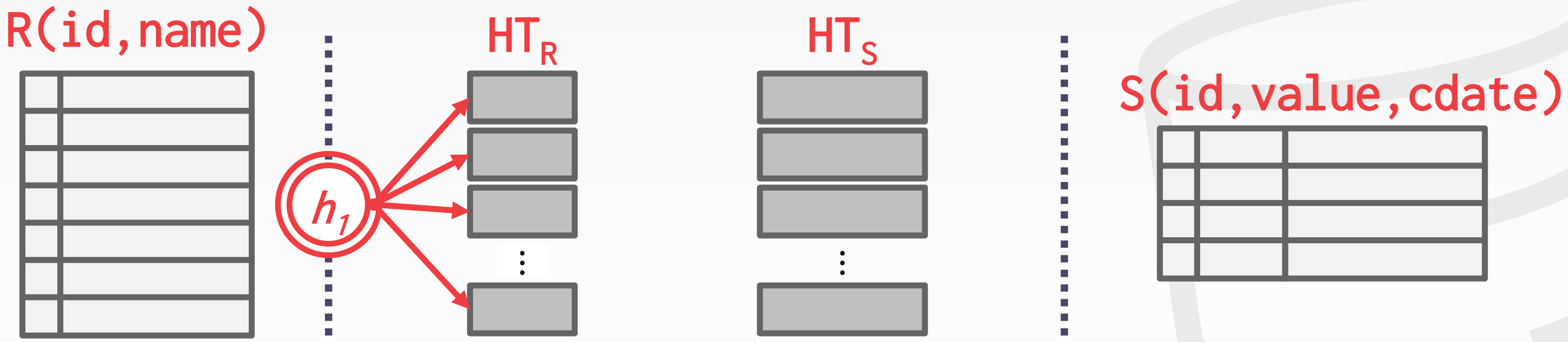

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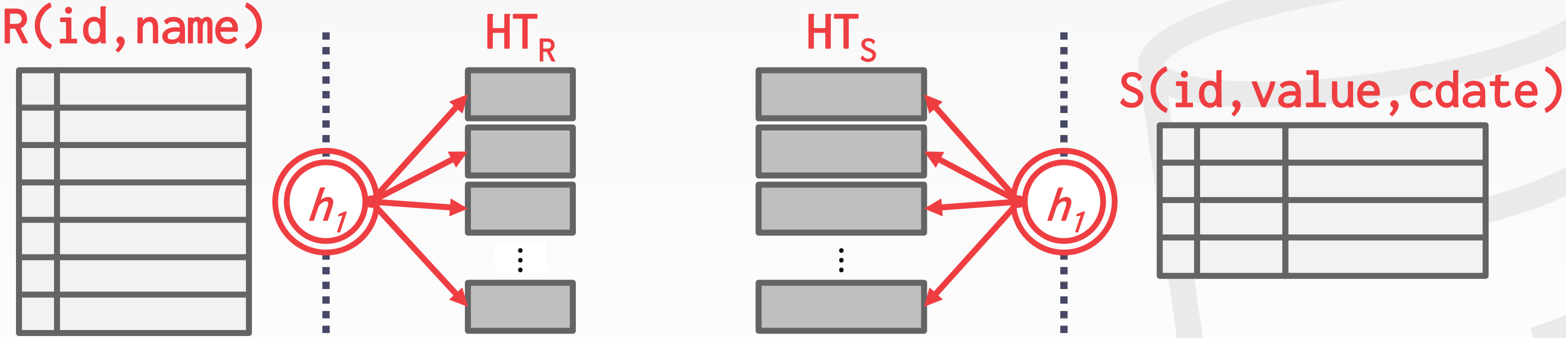

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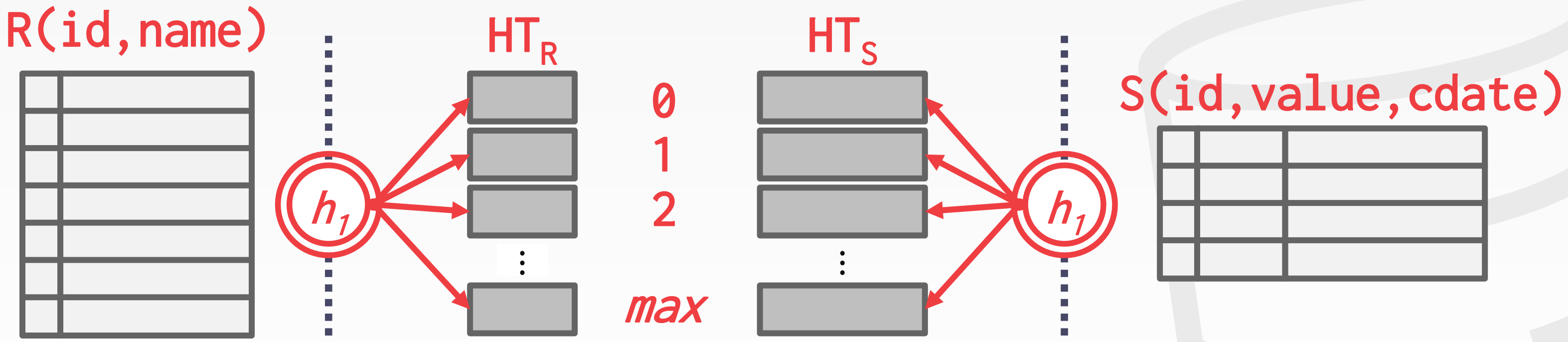

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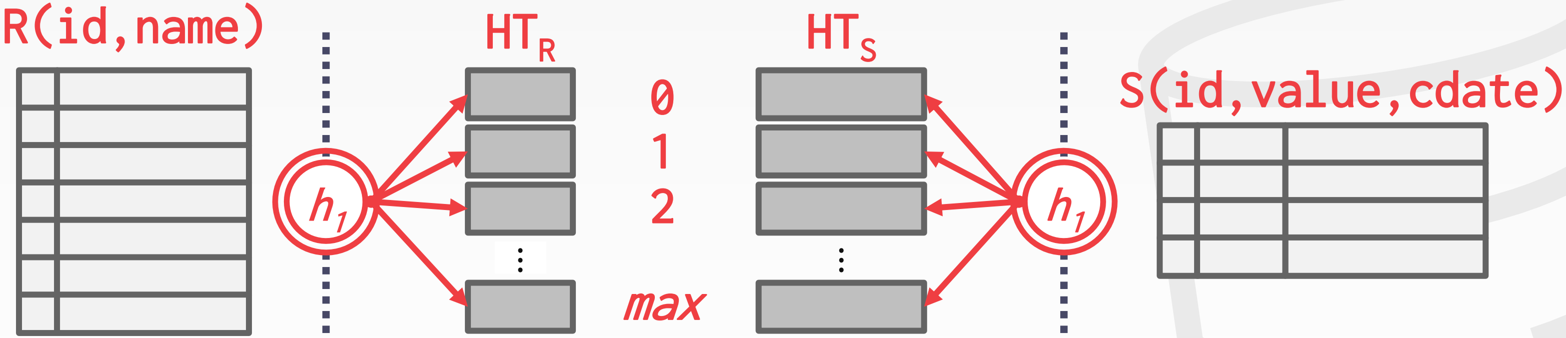

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Perform nested loop join on each pair of matching buckets in the same level between R and S.

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foreach tuple r ∈ bucket_R,0:
  foreach tuple s ∈ bucket_S,0:
    emit, if match(r, s)
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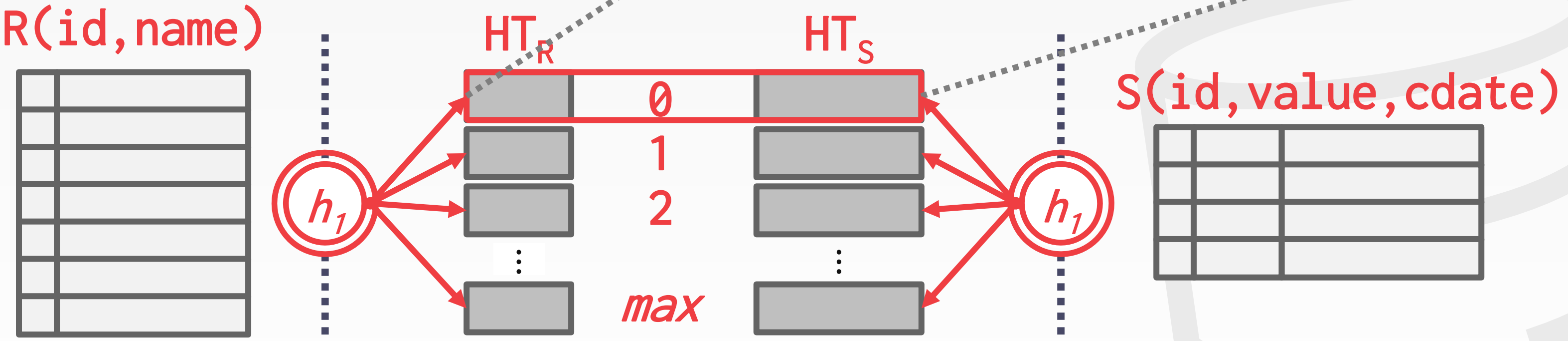

COST ANALYSIS

How big of a table can we hash using this approach?

→ ***B*-1** "spill partitions" in Phase #1

→ Each should be no more than ***B*-2** blocks big

Answer: **(*B*-1) · (*B*-2)**

→ A table of ***N*** pages needs roughly **sqrt(*N*)** buffers

→ Assumes hash distributes records evenly.
Use a "fudge factor" ***f*>1** for uneven distribution: we need roughly **sqrt(*f* · *N*)** buffers

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If the buckets do not fit in memory, then use **recursive partitioning** to split the tables into chunks that will fit.

→ Build another hash table for $\text{bucket}_{R,i}$ using hash function h_2 (with $h_2 \neq h_1$).

→ Then probe it for each tuple of the other table's bucket at that level.

RECURSIVE PARTITIONING

R(id,name)

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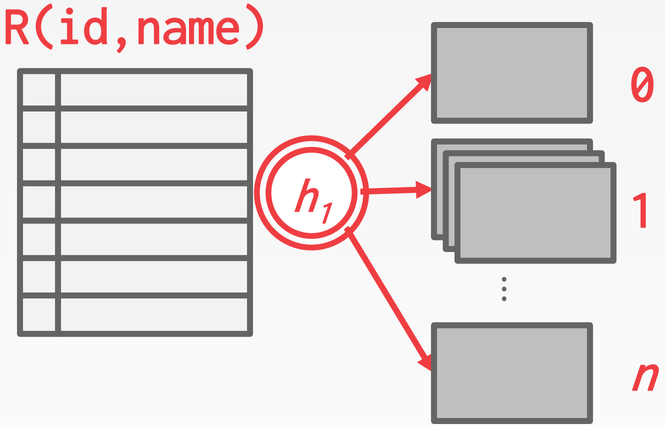

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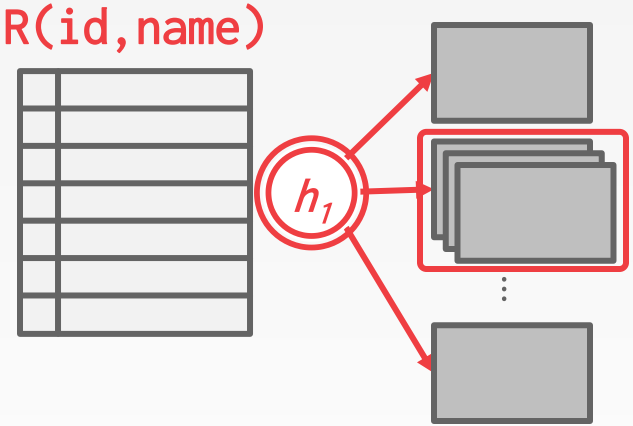

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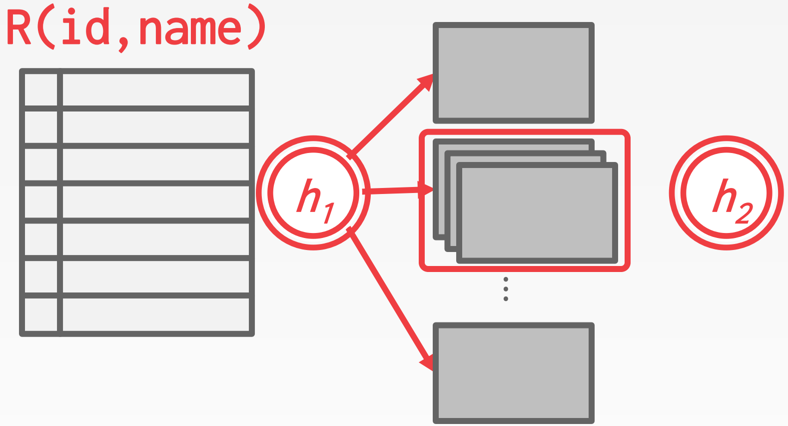

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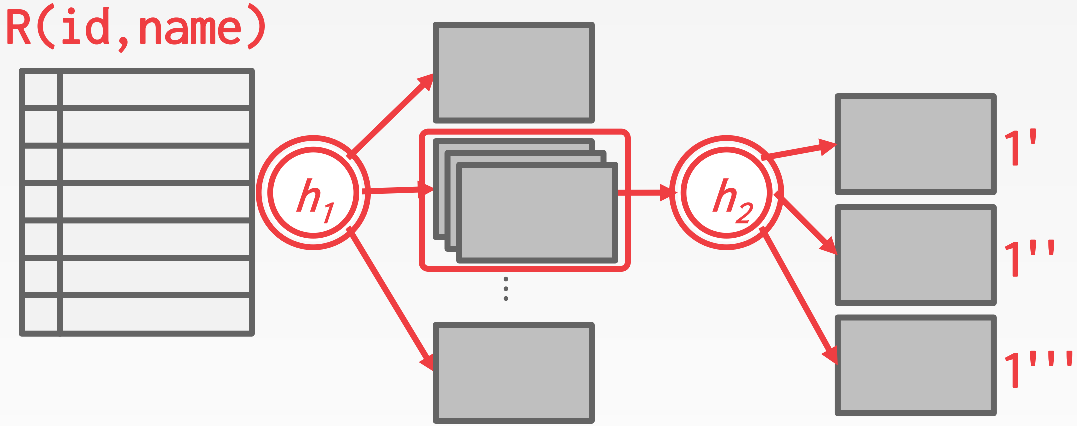

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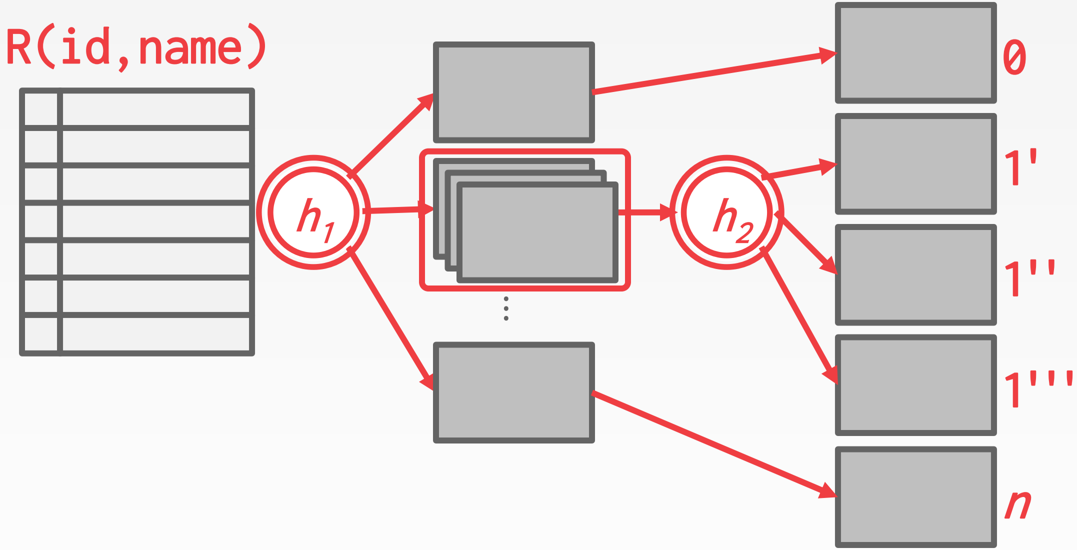

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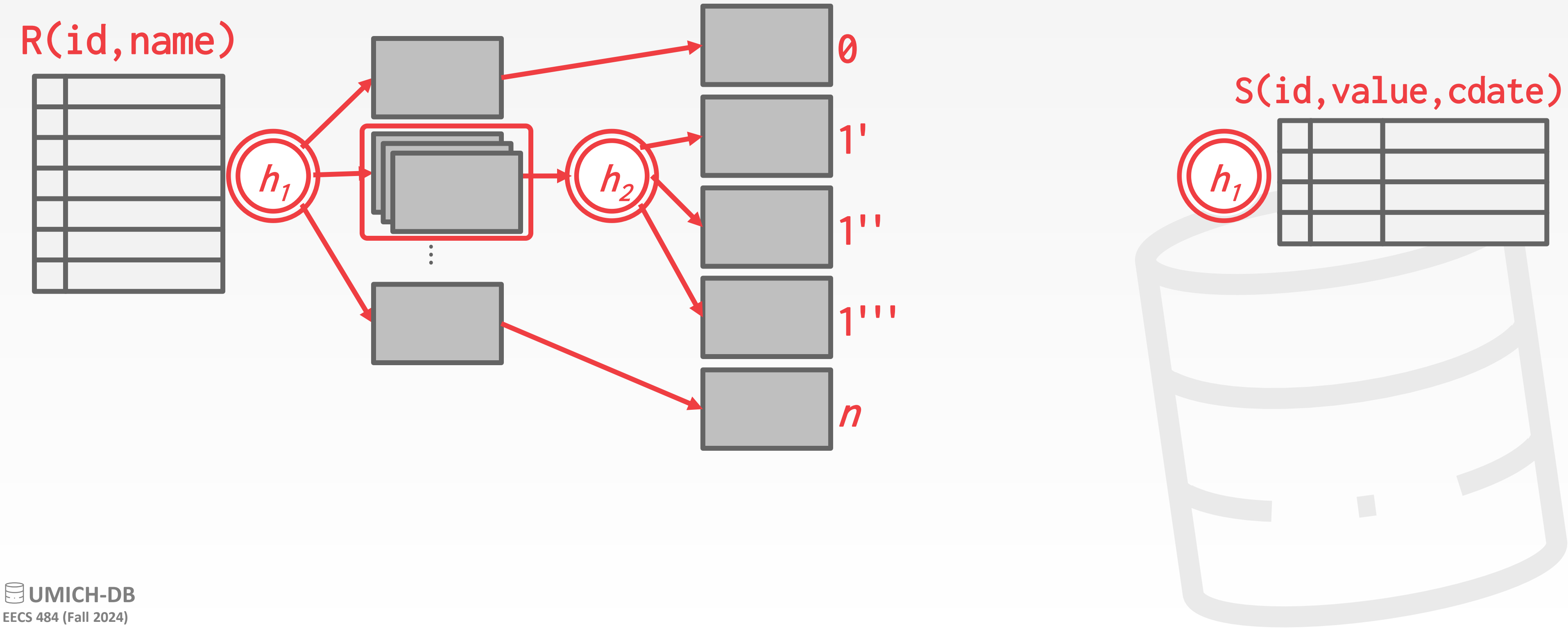

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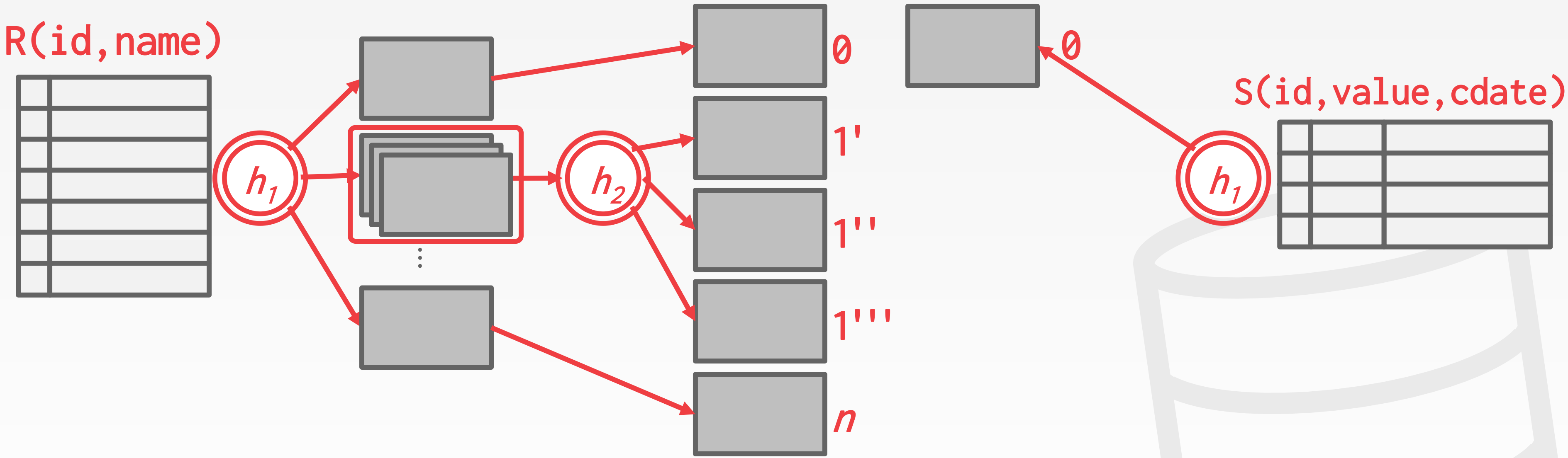

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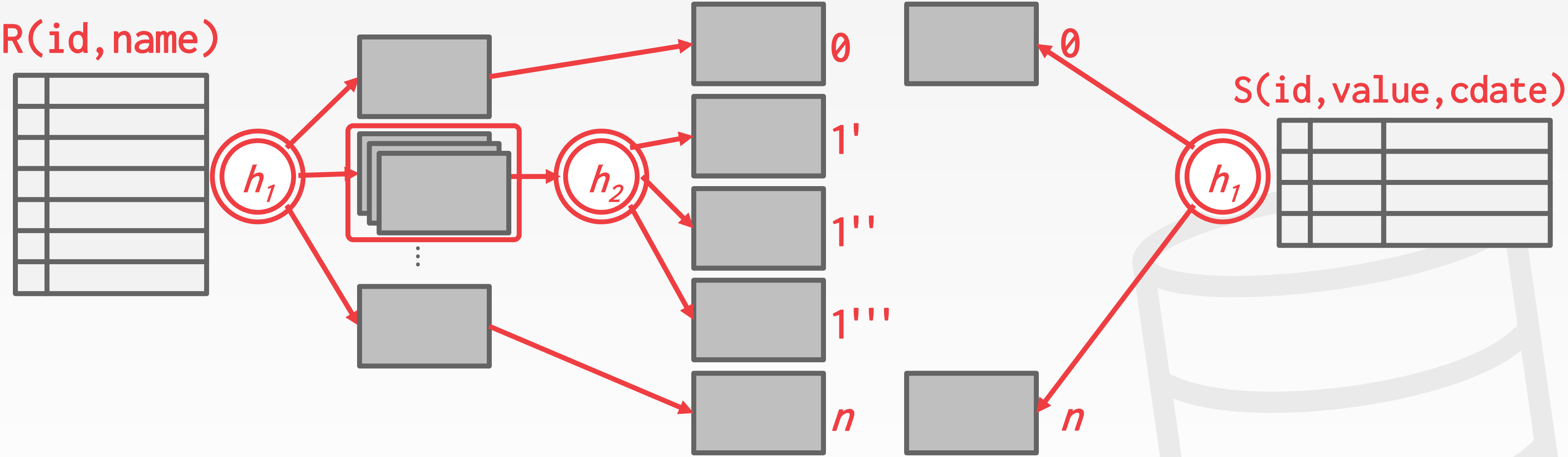

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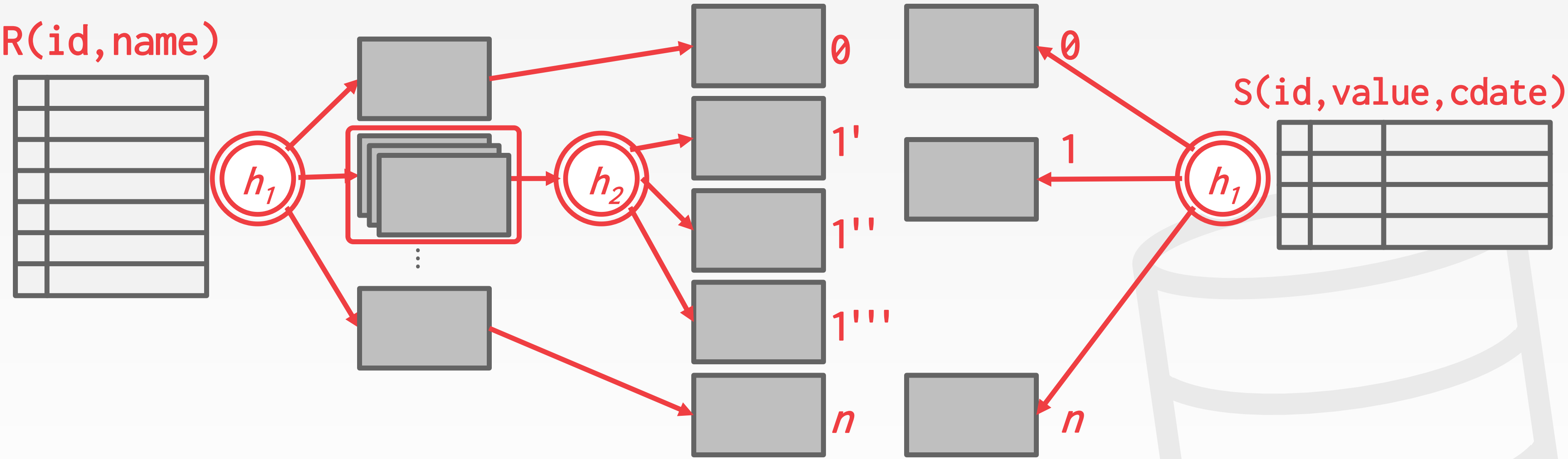

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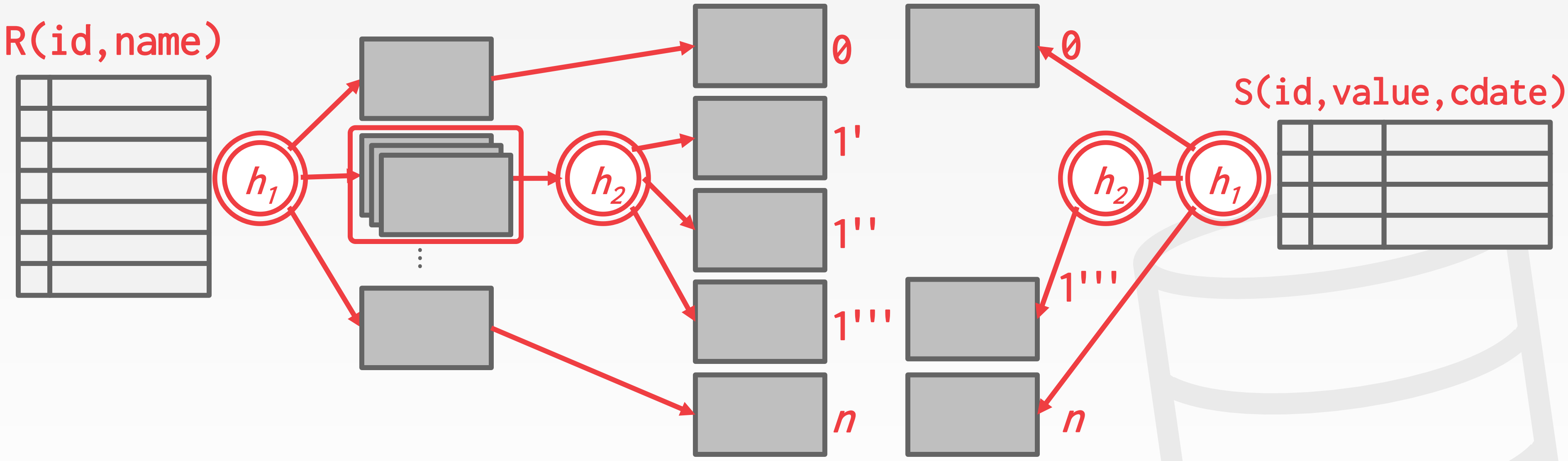

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→ **M+N** IOs

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Example database:

→ $M = 1000$, $m = 100{,}000$

→ $N = 500$, $n = 40{,}000$

Cost Analysis:

→ $3 \cdot (M + N) = 3 \cdot (1000 + 500) =$ **4,500 IOs**

→ At 0.1 ms/IO, Total time ≈ 0.45 seconds

OBSERVATION

If the DBMS knows the size of the outer table, then it can use a static hash table.

→ Less computational overhead for build / probe operations.

If we do not know the size, then we must use a dynamic hash table or allow for overflow pages.

JOIN ALGORITHMS: SUMMARY

Algorithm	IO Cost	Example
Simple Nested Loop Join	$M + (m \cdot N)$	1.3 hours
Block Nested Loop Join	$M + (M \cdot N)$	50 seconds
Block Nested Loop Join using ***B*** Buffers	$M + (\lceil M / (B-2) \rceil \cdot N)$	0.15 seconds
Index Nested Loop Join	$M + (m \cdot C)$	Variable
Sort-Merge Join	$M + N +$ (sort cost)	0.75 seconds
Hash Join	$3(M + N)$	0.45 seconds

CONCLUSION

Hashing is almost always better than sorting for operator execution.

Caveats:
→ Sorting is better on non-uniform data.
→ Sorting is better when result needs to be sorted.

Good DBMSs use either (or both).

NEXT CLASS

Composing operators together to execute queries.