ACM-DB Lab3

This is the answer document for lab3.

Design Choices

- 1. Exercise 1:
 - Simple nested loop for join.
- 2. Exercise 2:
 - Use HashMap to record aggregation results.
- 3. Exercise 3:
 - InsertTuple: find HeapPage with empty slots and insert, or create a new HeapPage.
 - DeleteTuple: just call HeapPage.deleteTuple.
- 4. Exercise 4:
 - Call DbFile.insertTuple to insert and DbFile.deleteTuple to delete.
 - Add dirty pages into BufferPool pages.

Changes to API

- A new static method merge() in Tuple.java, used to merge two tuples into a new one.
- New method getPage(), getEmptyPage() in HeapFile.java, similar to these in BTreeFile.java

Missing Components

I believe None

Time Spent

1 week

- Stuck on HashEquiJoin.java for some time, confused about what it is.
- Stuck on a weired bug in BufferPoolWriteTest.java where a changed HeapPage can't be
 found during the check process. It turned out that these changed pages are not recorded in
 BufferPool in my implementation since they're created manually. Therefore, we need to add
 dirty pages into BufferPool in BufferPool.insertTuple.