CS3120 Database Management Systems Laboratory

Assignment-9

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- **Q1.** Consider the following queries to the 'payment' table:
 - a. Fetch all the transactions where the transaction amount is always greater than \$3.
 - b. Fetch all the details of the transactions performed by the customer with id = '380'.

Create a partial index on the search keys to make the queries efficient. Justify why a partial index is used here by comparing the execution time of the above queries with and without using the index.

a) Execution time without any index.

Creating the partial index

```
dvdrental=# CREATE INDEX pay_amt ON payment(amount) WHERE amount > 3;
CREATE INDEX
dvdrental=#
```

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Execution time after creating the index

b) Since there is already a default index present in the table, I am temporarily dropping that index to measure the correct execution time without any index.

Execution time without any index.

```
dvdrental=# \i solution.sql
BEGIN
DROP INDEX

QUERY PLAN

Seq Scan on payment (cost=10000000000.00..10000001941.45 rows=35 width=435) (actual time=48.261..50.205 rows=35 loops=1)
Filter: (customer_id = '380'::smallint)
Rows Removed by Filter: 14561
Planning Time: 0.119 ms
JIT:
Functions: 4
Options: Inlining true, Optimization true, Expressions true, Deforming true
Timing: Generation 0.920 ms, Inlining 6.081 ms, Optimization 29.727 ms, Emission 12.191 ms, Total 48.919 ms
Execution Time: 51.170 ms
(9 rows)

ROLLBACK
```

Creating the partial index.

```
dvdrental=# CREATE INDEX pay_cust_id ON payment(customer_id) WHERE customer_id = '380';
CREATE INDEX
dvdrental=# |
```

Execution time with index.

```
dvdrental=# \i solution.sql
BEGIN
DROP INDEX

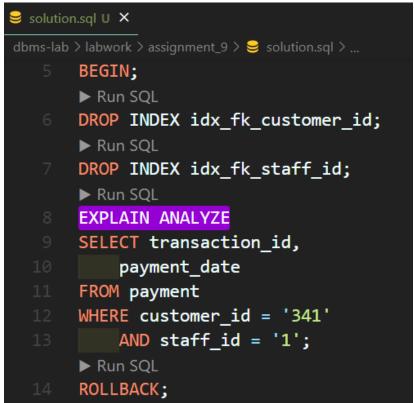
QUERY PLAN

Bitmap Heap Scan on payment (cost=8.32..133.95 rows=35 width=435) (actual time=0.013..0.035 rows=35 loops=1)
Recheck Cond: (customer_id = '380'::smallint)
Heap Blocks: exact=17
-> Bitmap Index Scan on pay_cust_id (cost=0.00..8.32 rows=35 width=0) (actual time=0.005..0.005 rows=35 loops=1)
Planning Time: 0.099 ms
Execution Time: 0.092 ms
(6 rows)
ROLLBACK
```

We can observe that by using a partial index, the execution time has been reduced significantly in both cases. We are using partial indexing here because we are querying only certain parts of the data table which satisfy the WHERE clause. Hence, it is the best option to make use of the partial index so that indexing is applied efficiently and the execution time improves significantly.

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- **Q2.** Fetch the transaction ID and the payment date of the customer with ID = '341' and staff ID = '1' using the 'payment' table. Create a multi-column index on the search keys to make the queries efficient.
 - a. Justify the decision over the order chosen to create the index by comparing the execution time of the above queries with and without using the index.
 - b. Change the order of creation of the multi-column index and showcase the change in the execution times which are encountered.
- **a)** Since there is already a default index present in the table, I am temporarily dropping that index to measure the correct execution time without any index.



Execution time without any index.

```
dvdrental=# \i solution.sql
BEGIN
DROP INDEX
DROP INDEX

QUERY PLAN

Seq Scan on payment (cost=10000000000.00..10000001977.94 rows=11 width=24) (actual time=45.969..47.471 rows=8 loops=1)
   Filter: ((customer_id = '341'::smallint) AND (staff_id = '1'::smallint))
   Rows Removed by Filter: 14588
Planning Time: 0.111 ms
JIT:
   Functions: 4
   Options: Inlining true, Optimization true, Expressions true, Deforming true
   Timing: Generation 0.896 ms, Inlining 5.905 ms, Optimization 29.128 ms, Emission 10.514 ms, Total 46.444 ms
   Execution Time: 48.419 ms
(9 rows)

ROLLBACK
```

As the number of distinct <code>customer_ids</code> is more than <code>staff_ids</code>, we will prioritize <code>customer_id</code> first while creating the multi-column index.

Creating the multi-column index.

```
dvdrental=# CREATE INDEX pay_cust_staff_id ON payment(customer_id, staff_id);
CREATE INDEX
dvdrental=# |
```

Execution time with index.

We can observe that the execution time has decreased significantly.

b) Creating the index in reversed order of the search keys and dropping the previous index.

```
dvdrental=# DROP INDEX pay_cust_staff_id;
DROP INDEX
dvdrental=# CREATE INDEX pay_cust_staff_id2 ON payment(staff_id, customer_id);
CREATE INDEX
dvdrental=# |
```

Execution time with the new order of search keys in the multi-column index.

```
dvdrental=# \i solution.sql
BEGIN
DROP INDEX
DROP INDEX

QUERY PLAN

Index Scan using pay_cust_staff_id2 on payment (cost=0.29..43.11 rows=11 width=24) (actual time=0.021..0.027 rows=8 loops=1)
    Index Cond: ((staff_id = '1'::smallint) AND (customer_id = '341'::smallint))
Planning Time: 0.300 ms
Execution Time: 0.067 ms
(4 rows)
ROLLBACK
```

We can observe that the execution time has been increased from the previous case due to order reversal which was also expected as we are now having redundant data in our index tree.

- **Q3.** Fetch the movie name and the year in which it was released of all the movies which have a rent greater than \$3 and have a running time of at least 100 minutes.
 - a. Create a covering index to cover any particular attribute of your choice inside the index. Compare the execution time of the fetch query with and without using this index.
 - b. Create a multi-column index over the same data set and compare the execution times of this newly created index with the covering index created in the previous question. Explain the guery plan.
- a) Execution time without any index.

Creating the covering index using the rental rate attribute and including the length attribute

```
dvdrental=# CREATE INDEX rental_rate_length ON film(length, rental_rate) INCLUDE(title);
CREATE INDEX
```

Execution time with covering index.

We can observe that the execution time has decreased significantly.

b) Since the number of distinct values of the <code>length</code> attribute is more than that of the <code>rental_rate</code> attribute, we will give more priority to the <code>length</code> attribute while creating the multi-column index.

```
dvdrental=# SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT length), COUNT(DISTINCT rental_rate) FROM film;
count | count
-----+------
140 | 3
(1 row)
```

Dropping the previous index and creating the multi-column index.

```
dvdrental=# DROP INDEX rental_rate_length;
DROP INDEX
dvdrental=# CREATE INDEX rental_rate_length2 ON film(length, rental_rate);
CREATE INDEX
dvdrental=#
```

Execution time with the multi-column index.

We can observe that the execution time has even decreased more as compared to the case when using the covering index. This tells us that the multi-column index is faster than the covering index.

The query plan in the case of the multi-column index is first doing a Bitmap Heap Scan on the table and filtering out the blocks satisfying the query condition and then using a Bitmap Index scan that we created, it is filtering out all the records that satisfy our query condition and then finally displaying the results. It also tells us about the number of records that were obtained from the result of the query execution (in this case 209). A bitmap is often used when we have multiple constraints because logical operations can be done very efficiently using bitmaps rather than operating on partially generated result data.

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