COMP0178: Database Fundamentals (Term 1)

Query processing worksheet

For the following questions, express your answers in terms of the following statistics:

nTuples(R) – cardinality of R nDistinct_A(R) – number of distinct values for A in R nBlocks(R) – blocking factor of R nBlocks(R) – number of blocks in R nSC_A(R) – selection cardinality of A in R

- 1. Estimate the size of the result returned by a selection under the following conditions:
 - a. Inequality conditional (A > c)
 - b. Equal to any element in set $\{c_1, ..., c_n\}$
- 2. Estimate the cost in disk accesses for a selection under the following conditions:
 - a. Linear search on unordered file with no index
 - i. Equality condition on unique attribute
 - ii. Equality condition on non-unique attribute or inequality condition
 - b. Binary search on ordered file with no index
 - i. Equality condition on unique attribute
 - ii. Equality condition on non-unique attribute
 - c. Hash lookup on hashed attribute
 - d. Index lookup on indexed attribute
- 3. Estimate the size of the result returned by a join under the following conditions:
 - a. R equijoin S on a key in R
 - b. R equijoin S on some non-unique attribute

4.		ate the cost in disk accesses for a join under the following conditions: Basic nested loop join i. When all blocks for R and S can be loaded into memory
		ii. Loading one block of R (outer loop) and loading each block of S (inner loop) one at a time
		iii. Loading (maxBlocks – 2) blocks of R at a time and joining with one block of S (inner loop) at a time
	b.	Sort-merge join i. When the relations are already sorted on the join attribute
		ii. When the relations are not sorted on the join attribute
5.		pper and lower bounds for the size of the results of a: Set union
	b.	Set intersection
	C.	Set difference