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Chapter 3: Query processing and optimization

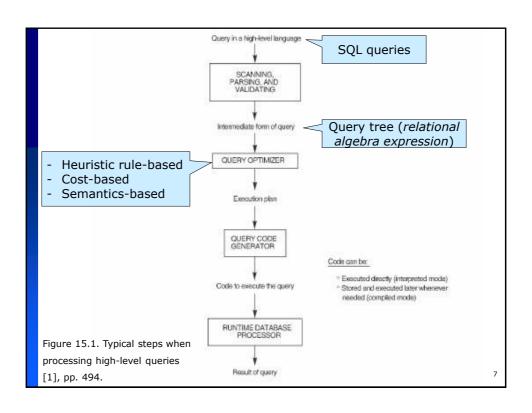
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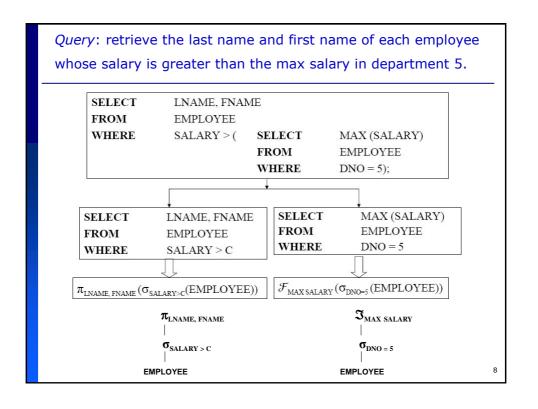
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3.1. An overview of query processing and optimization

- To process, optimize, and execute high-level queries
 - A query expressed in a high-level query language such as SQL must first be scanned, parsed, and validated.
 - SQL queries are decomposed into query blocks, which form the basic units that can be translated into the algebraic operators and optimized.
 - A query block contains a single SELECT-FROM-WHERE expression, as well as GROUP BY and HAVING clauses if these are part of the block.
 - The query must also be validated, by checking that all attribute and relation names are valid and semantically meaningful names in the schema of the particular database being queried.
 - An internal representation of the query is then created, usually as a tree data structure called a query tree.
 - The DBMS must then devise an execution strategy for retrieving the result of the query from the database files.
 - a reasonably efficient strategy for executing the query

Query in a high-level language SCANNING, PARSING, AND VALIDATING Intermediate form of query QUERY OPTIMIZER Execution plan QUERY CODE GENERATOR Code can be: 9 Executed directly (interpreted mode) Code to execute the query Stored and executed later whenever needed (compiled mode) PROCESSOR Figure 15.1. Typical steps when processing high-level queries Result of query [1], pp. 494.





- Databases are stored physically as *files of records*, which are typically stored on magnetic disks.
 - Computer storage medium
 - Data persistence
 - Volume of data
 - Cost of storage per unit of data
 - Access time
 - Data in secondary storage cannot be processed directly by the CPU; it must first be copied into primary storage.
 - Data unit used in transfer is block.

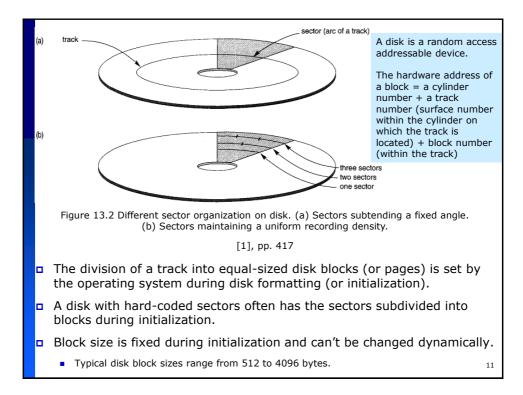
read/write head spindle disk rotation

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Figure 13.1 (a) A single-sided disk with read/write hardware.

(b) A disk pack with read/write hardware.

[1], pp. 416

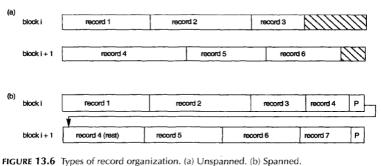


- Secondary storage technology
 - RAID (<u>Redundant Arrays of Inexpensive</u> (<u>Independent</u>) <u>Disks</u>) – RAID 0-6
 - Parallelism to improve disk performance
 - Redundancy to improve reliability
 - SAN (<u>S</u>torage <u>A</u>rea <u>N</u>etworks)
 - Online storage peripherals are configured as nodes on a high-speed network and can be attached and detached from servers in a very flexible manner.

- Each record is a collection of data values that can be interpreted as facts about entities, their attributes, and their relationships.
 - Records should be stored on disk in a manner that makes it possible to locate them efficiently whenever they are needed.
- Primary file organizations determine how the records of a file are physically placed on the disk, and hence how the records can be accessed.
 - File organization + Access method
- A secondary organization or auxiliary access structure allows efficient access to the records of a file based on alternate fields than those that have been used for the primary file organization.

3.2. File organization

- Types of record organization
 - Unspanned
 - Spanned
 - \rightarrow The blocking factor (*bfr*) = (average) number of records per block for the file



- Primary file organizations
 - A heap (pile/unordered) file places the records on disk in no particular order by appending new records at the end of the file.
 - A sorted (ordered/sequential) file keeps the records ordered by the value of a particular field (called the sort key/ordering field).
 - A hashed (direct) file uses a has function applied to a particular field (called the hash key) to determine a record's placement on disk.
 - External hashing
 - Static vs. dynamic hashing

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3.2. File organization

- Operations on files
 - Reset
 - Find (or Locate)
 - Read (or Get)
 - FindNext
 - Delete
 - Modify
 - Insert

- FindAll
- Find (or Locate) n
- FindOrdered
- Reorganize
- Open
- Close

Adapted from Table 13.2 Average Access Times for Basic File Organizations [1], pp. 434.

Type of organization	Access/Search method	Average time to access a specific record	
Heap (unordered)	Sequential scan (linear search)	b/2	
Ordered	Sequential scan	b/2	
Ordered	Binary search	log₂b	
Hashed (direct)	Static hashing	~1	
Hashed (direct)	Linear (dynamic) hashing	1	
Hashed (direct)	Extendible (dynamic hashing)	1-2	

Note: a file with b blocks

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3.3. Indexing

Indexes

- Additional auxiliary access structures
- → To provide secondary access paths, which provide alternative ways of accessing the records without affecting the physical placement of records on disk
- → To speed up the retrieval of records in response to certain search conditions

Index types

Index structures

- B-tree/B+-tree
- R-tree

3.3. Indexing

■ Index types

- Single-level ordered indexes/Multilevel indexes
 - □ Single-level ordered index: an index on a data file
 - Multilevel index: index that includes index on index, ... index on index, index on a data file
- Primary/Clustering/Secondary indexes

TABLE 14.1 Types OF INDEXES BASED ON THE PROPERTIES OF THE INDEXING FIELD

	INDEX FIELD USED FOR ORDERING THE FILE	INDEX FIELD NOT USED FOR ORDERING THE FILE
Indexing field is key	Primary index	Secondary index (Key)
Indexing field is nonkey	Clustering index	Secondary index (NonKey)

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TYPE OF INDEX	NUMBER OF (FIRST-LEVEL) INDEX ENTRIES	DENSE OR NONDENSE	BLOCK ANCHORING ON THE DATA FILE
Primary	Number of blocks in data file	Nondense	Yes
Clustering	Number of distinct index field values	Nondense	Yes/no ^a
Secondary (key)	Number of records in data file	Dense	No
Secondary (nonkey)	Number of records ^b or Number of distinct index field values ^c	Dense or Nondense	No

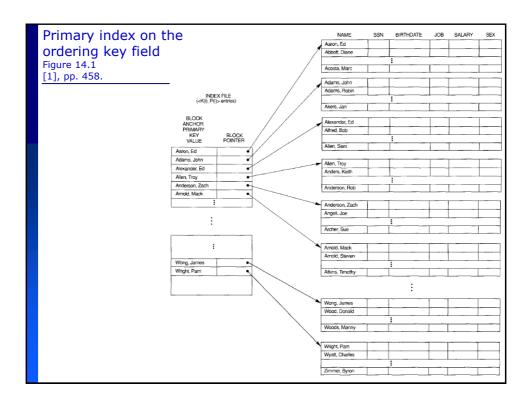
^aYes if every distinct value of the ordering field starts a new block; no otherwise.

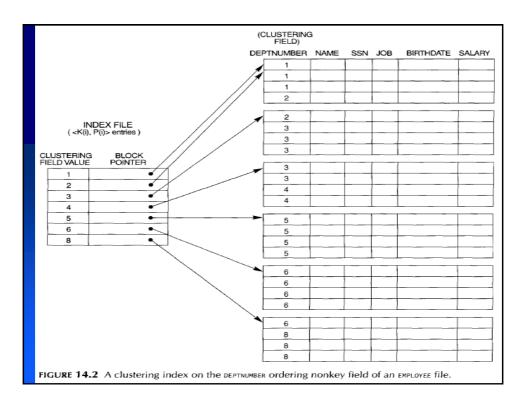
Dense index: one index entry for each record in the data file, which contains the value of the secondary key for the record and a pointer either to the block in which the record is stored or to the record itself

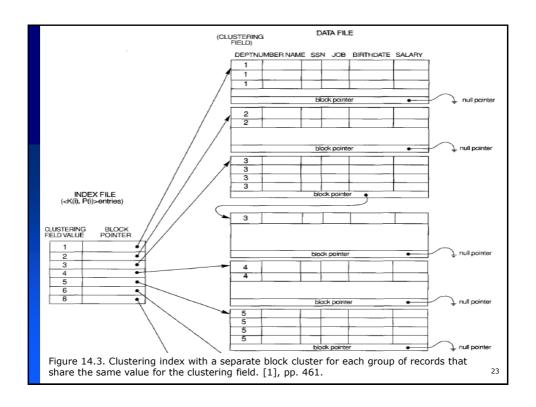
Block anchor (anchor record): the first record in each block of the data file

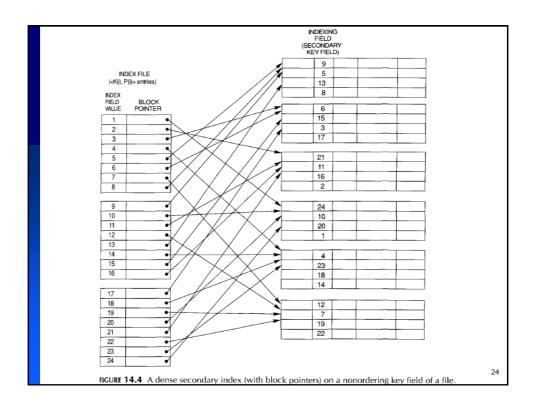
^bFor option 1.

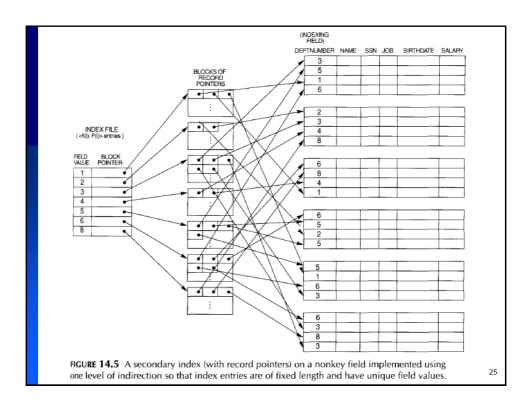
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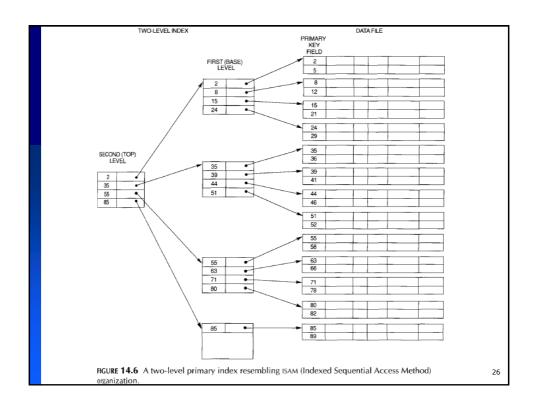












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Single level ordered index

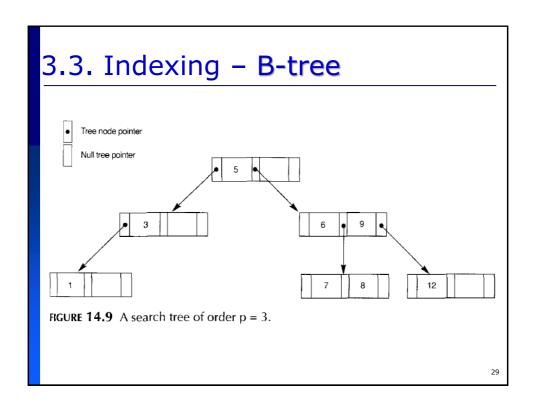
- A binary search is applied to the index to locate pointers to a disk block or to a record (or records) in the file having a specific index field value.

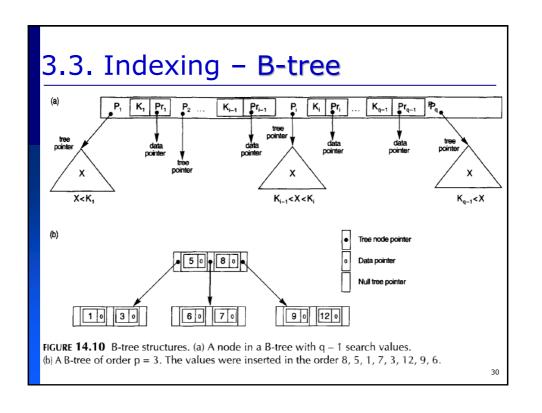
Multilevel index

- A multilevel index considers the index file, which we will now refer to as the first (or base) level of a multilevel index, as an ordered file with a distinct value for each value K(i) in index entry.
 - Search by a factor bfr_i, the blocking factor for the index (aka the fan-out fo), which is larger than 2: log_{fo}b_i block accesses

3.3. Indexing - B-tree

- A balanced tree structure used as a dynamic multilevel index to guide the search for records in a data file
 - Supported operators: =, >, >=, <, <=, between
 - Each node is kept between 50 and 100 percent full.
 - Pointers to the data blocks are stored in both internal nodes and leaf nodes.





3.3. Indexing – B-tree

- A B-tree of order *p*, when used as an access structure on a key field to search for records in a data file, can be defined as follows:
 - 1. Each internal node is of the form:

$$<$$
P₁, $<$ K₁, P r₁ $>$, P ₂, $<$ K₂, P r₂ $>$, ..., $<$ K_{q-1}, P r_{q-1} $>$, P _q $>$

- Where $q \le p$. Each P_i is a tree pointer a pointer to another node in the B-tree. Each Pr_j is a data pointer a pointer to the record whose search key field value is equal to K_i (or to the data file block containing that record).
- 2. Within each node, $K_1 < K_2 < ... < K_{q-1}$

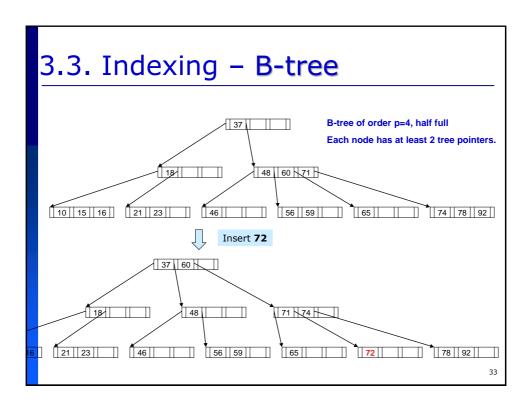
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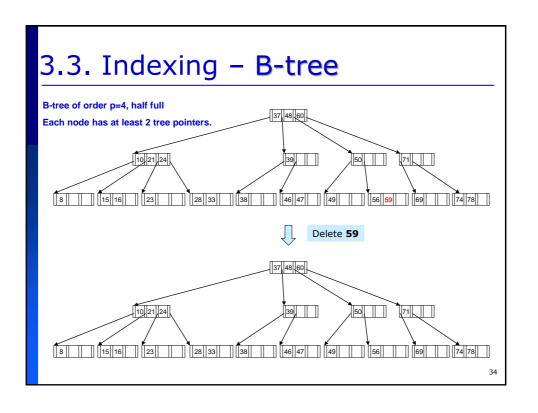
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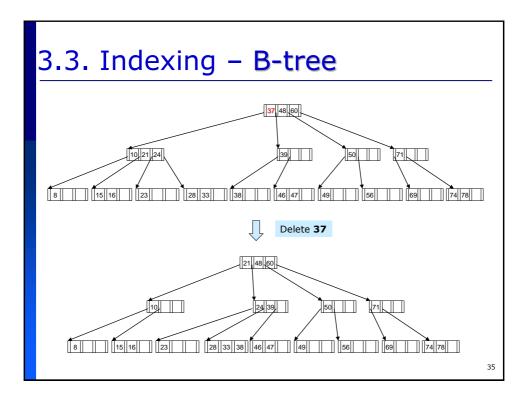
- A B-tree of order p
 - 3. For all search key field values X in the subtree pointed at by Pi, we have:

$$K_{i-1} < X < K_i$$
 for $1 < i < q$; $X < K_i$ for $i = 1$; and $K_{i-1} < X$ for $i = q$

- 4. Each node has at most p tree pointers.
- 5. Each node, except the root and leaf nodes, has at least [p/2] tree pointers. The root node has at least two tree pointers unless it is the only node in the tree.
 - at least $\lceil p/2 \rceil$ tree pointers \rightarrow how full the tree is: 69%, ...
- 6. A node with q tree pointers, q<=p, has q-1 search key field values (and hence has q-1 data pointers).
- 7. All leaf nodes are at the same level. Leaf nodes have the same structure as internal nodes except that all of their tree pointers Pi are null.







3.3. Indexing - B+-tree

- A variation of the B-tree data structure
 - Data pointers are stored only at the leaf nodes of tree.
 - The structure of leaf nodes differs from the structure of internal nodes.
 - The leaf nodes have an entry for every value of the search field, along with a data pointer to the record (or to the block that contains this record) if the search field is a key field.
 - For a nonkey search field, the pointer points to a block containing pointers to the data file records, creating an extra level of indirection.

3.3. Indexing - B+-tree

A variation of the B-tree data structure

- The leaf nodes of the B+-tree are usually linked together to provide ordered access on the search field to the records.
- These leaf nodes are similar to the first (base) level of an index.
- Internal nodes of the B+-tree correspond to the other levels of a multilevel index.
- Some search field values from the leaf nodes are repeated in the internal nodes of the B+-tree to guide the search.

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3.3. Indexing - B+-tree

- The structure of the internal nodes of a B+-tree of order p is as follows:
 - 1. Each internal node is of the form:

$$<$$
P₁, K₁, P₂, K₂, . . . , P_{q-1}, K_{q-1}, P_q $>$

- \blacksquare Where q<=p and each P_i is a tree pointer.
- 2. Within each internal node, K₁ < K₂ <... < K_{a-1}.
- 3. For all search field values X in the subtree pointed at by P_i, we have K_{i-1}<X<=K_i for 1<i<q; X<=K_i for i=1; and K_{i-1}<X for i=q.</p>
- 4. Each internal node has at most p tree pointers.
- 5. Each internal node, except the root, has at least \[\text{p/2} \] tree pointers. The root node has at least two tree pointer if it is an internal node.
- 6. An internal node with q pointers, q<=p, has q-1 search field values.

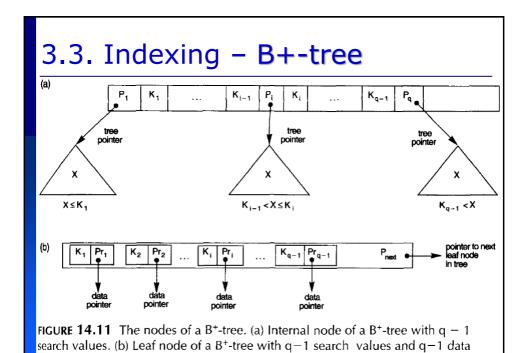
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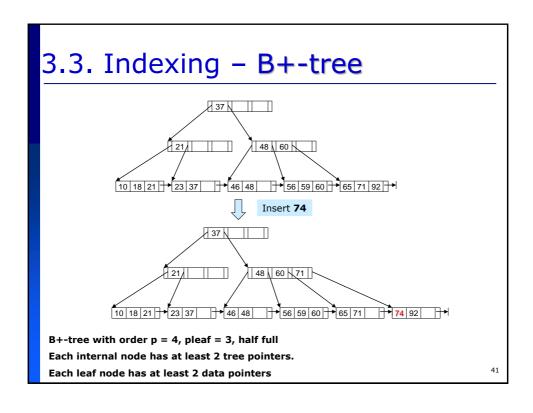
- The structure of the leaf nodes of a B+-tree of order p is as follows:
 - 1. Each leaf node is of the form:

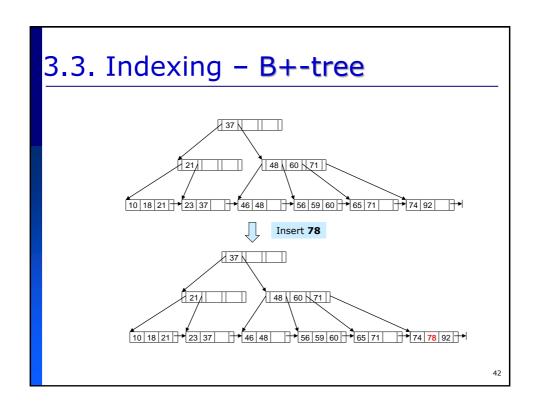
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K₁, $Pr_1>$, $<$ K₂, $Pr_2>$, ..., $<$ K_{q-1}, $Pr_{q-1}>$, $P_{next}>$

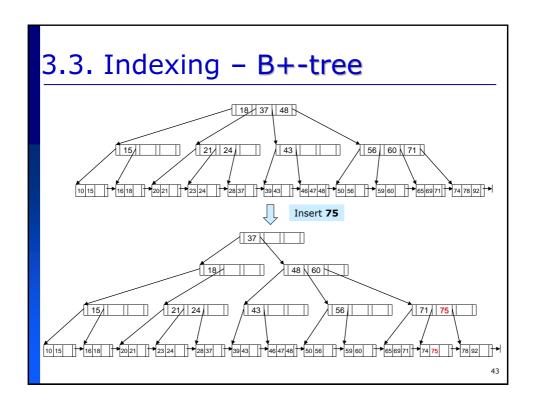
- f v Where q<=p, each Pr_i is a data pointer, and P_{next} points to the next leaf node of the B+-tree.
- 2. Within each leaf node, $K_1 < K_2 < ... < K_{q-1}$, q < = p.
- 3. Each Pr_i is a data pointer that points to the record whose search field value is K_i or to a file block containing the record (or to a block of record pointers that point to records whose search field value is K_i if the search field is not a key).
- 4. Each leaf node has at least [p/2] values.
- 5. All leaf nodes are at the same level.

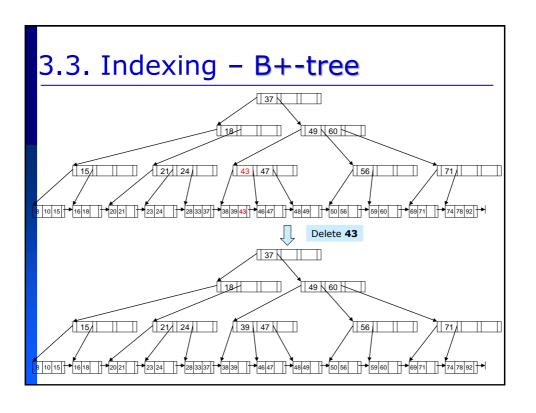
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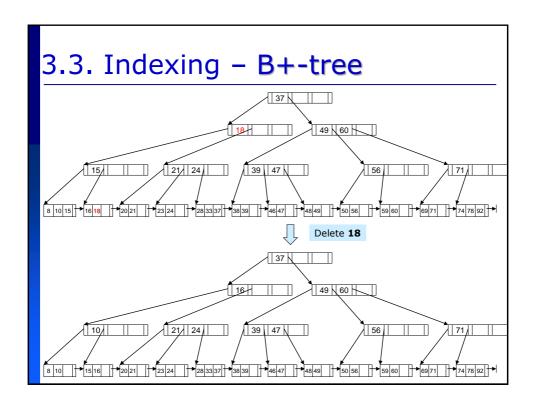


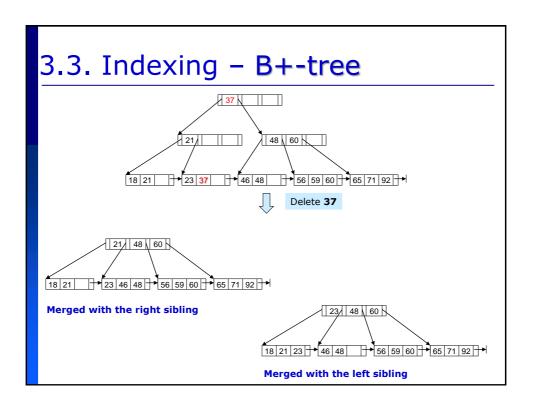












3.3. Indexing - B-tree vs. B+-tree

EXAMPLE 4: Suppose the search field is V = 9 bytes long, the disk block size is B = 512 bytes, a record (data) pointer is $P_r = 7$ bytes, and a block pointer is P = 6 bytes. Each B-tree node can have *at most* p tree pointers, p = 1 data pointers, and p = 1 search key field values (see Figure 14.10a). These must fit into a single disk block if each B-tree node is to correspond to a disk block. Hence, we must have:

$$(p * P) + ((p - 1) * (P_r + V)) \le B$$

 $(p * 6) + ((p - 1) * (7 + 9)) \le 512$
 $(22 * p) \le 528$

We can choose p to be a large value that satisfies the above inequality, which gives p = 23 (p = 24 is not chosen because of the reasons given next).

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3.3. Indexing - B-tree vs. B+-tree

EXAMPLE 5: Suppose that the search field of Example 4 is a nonordering key field, and we construct a B-tree on this field. Assume that each node of the B-tree is 69 percent full. Each node, on the average, will have p * 0.69 = 23 * 0.69 or approximately 16 pointers and, hence, 15 search key field values. The **average fan-out** fo =16. We can start at the root and see how many values and pointers can exist, on the average, at each subsequent level:

Root: 1 node 15 entries 16 pointers Level 1: 16 nodes 240 entries 256 pointers Level 2: 256 nodes 3840 entries 4096 pointers Level 3: 4096 nodes 61,440 entries

At each level, we calculated the number of entries by multiplying the total number of pointers at the previous level by 15, the average number of entries in each node. Hence, for the given block size, pointer size, and search key field size, a two-level B-tree holds 3840 + 240 + 15 = 4095 entries on the average; a three-level B-tree holds 65,535 entries on the average.

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EXAMPLE 6: To calculate the order p of a B⁺-tree, suppose that the search key field is V = 9 bytes long, the block size is B = 512 bytes, a record pointer is $P_r = 7$ bytes, and a block pointer is P = 6 bytes, as in Example 4. An internal node of the B⁺-tree can have up to p tree pointers and p = 1 search field values; these must fit into a single block. Hence, we have:

$$(p * P) + ((p - 1) * V) \le B$$

 $(p * 6) + ((p - 1) * 9) \le 512$
 $(15 * p) \le 521$

We can choose p to be the largest value satisfying the above inequality, which gives p = 34. This is larger than the value of 23 for the B-tree, resulting in a larger fan-out and more entries in each internal node of a B^+ -tree than in the corresponding B-tree. The leaf

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more entries in each internal node of a B^+ -tree than in the corresponding B-tree. The leaf nodes of the B^+ -tree will have the same number of values and pointers, except that the pointers are data pointers and a next pointer. Hence, the order p_{leaf} for the leaf nodes can be calculated as follows:

$$(p_{leaf} * (P_r + V)) + P \le B$$

 $(p_{leaf} * (7 + 9)) + 6 \le 512$
 $(16 * p_{leaf}) \le 506$

It follows that each leaf node can hold up to $p_{leaf} = 31$ key value/data pointer combinations, assuming that the data pointers are record pointers.

3.3. Indexing - B-tree vs. B+-tree

EXAMPLE 7: Suppose that we construct a B^+ -tree on the field of Example 6. To calculate the approximate number of entries of the B^+ -tree, we assume that each node is 69 percent full. On the average, each internal node will have 34 * 0.69 or approximately 23 pointers, and hence 22 values. Each leaf node, on the average, will hold 0.69 * $p_{leaf} = 0.69 * 31$ or approximately 21 data record pointers. A B^+ -tree will have the following average number of entries at each level:

Root: 1 node 22 entries 23 pointers Level 1: 23 nodes 506 entries 529 pointers Level 2: 529 nodes 11,638 entries 12,167 pointers Leaf level: 12,167 nodes 255,507 record pointers

For the block size, pointer size, and search field size given above, a three-level B⁺-tree holds up to 255,507 record pointers, on the average. Compare this to the 65,535 entries for the corresponding B-tree in Example 5.

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3.3. Indexing – R-tree

- R-tree index structure
 - Proposed by A. Guttman in 1984
 - A. Guttman. R-trees a dynamic index structure for spatial searching. Proc. ACM SIGMOD Int. Conf. on Management of Data, pp. 47-57, 1984.
 - An R-tree is a height-balanced tree similar to a B-tree with index records in its leaf nodes containing pointers to data objects.
 - Nodes correspond to disk pages if the index is disk-resident, and the structure is designed so that a spatial search requires visiting only a small number of nodes.
 - The index is completely dynamic; inserts and deletes can be intermixed with searches and no periodic reorganization is required.

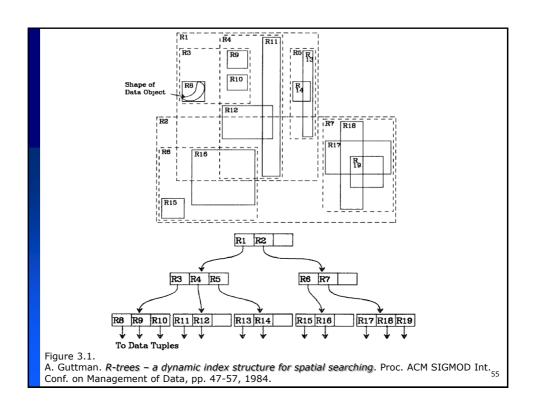
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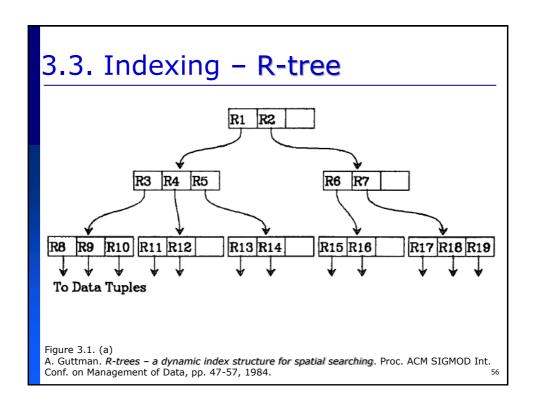
- Leaf nodes in an R-tree contain index record entries of the form: (I, tuple-identifier).
 - tuple-identifier: refers to a tuple in the database.
 - I: an n-dimensional rectangle which is the bounding box of the spatial object indexed

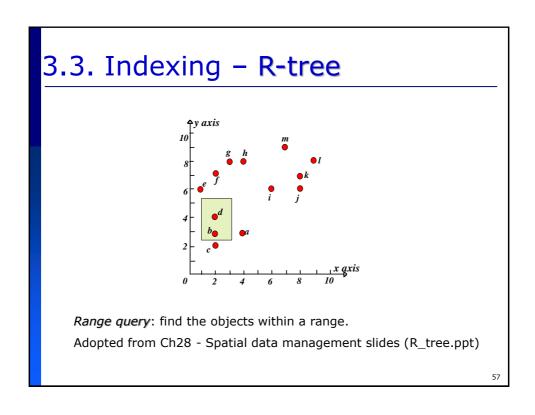
$$I = (I_0, I_1, ..., I_{n-1})$$

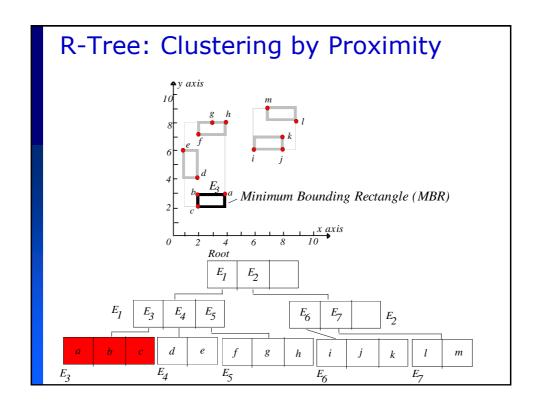
- Non-leaf nodes contain entries of the form: (I, child-pointer).
 - *child-pointer*: is the address of a lower node in the R-tree.
 - I: covers all rectangles in the lower node's entries.

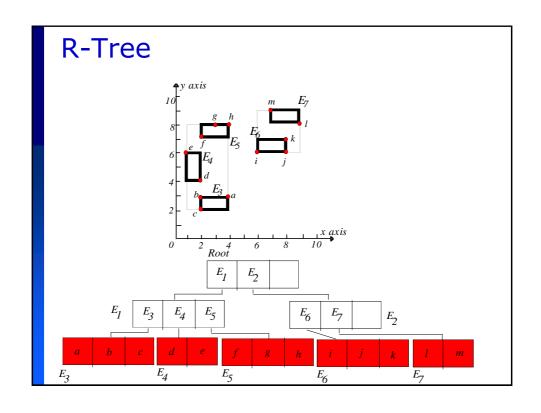
- M: the maximum number of entries that will fit in one node
- m (m≤M/2): a parameter specifying the minimum number of entries in a node
- R-tree satisfies the following properties:
 - Every leaf node contains between m and M index records unless it is the root.
 - For each index record (*I*, tuple-identifier) in a leaf node, I is the smallest rectangle that spatially contains the n-dimensional data object.
 - Every non-leaf node has between m and M children unless it is the root.
 - For each entry (*I*, *child-pointer*) in a non-leaf node, I is the smallest rectangle that spatially contains the rectangles in the child node.
 - The root node has at least two children unless it is a leaf.
 - All leaves appear on the same level.

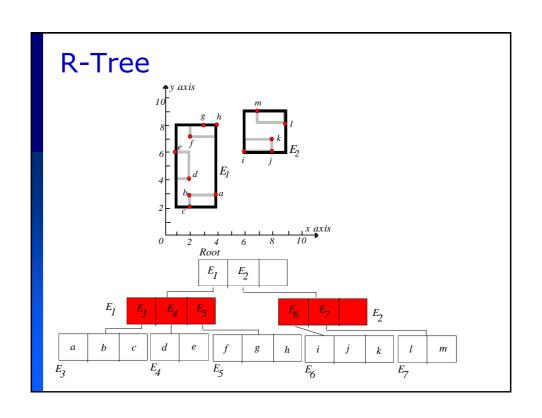


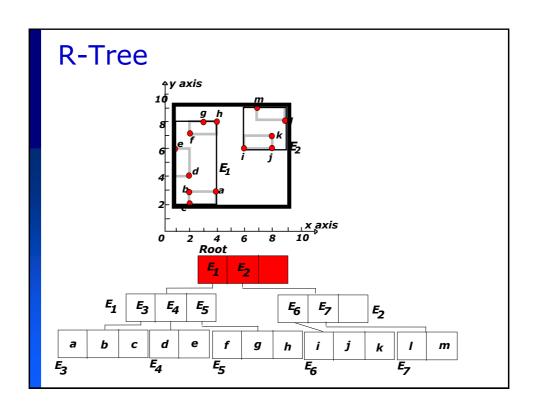


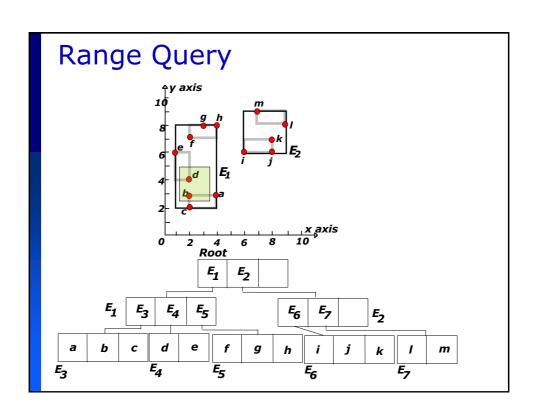


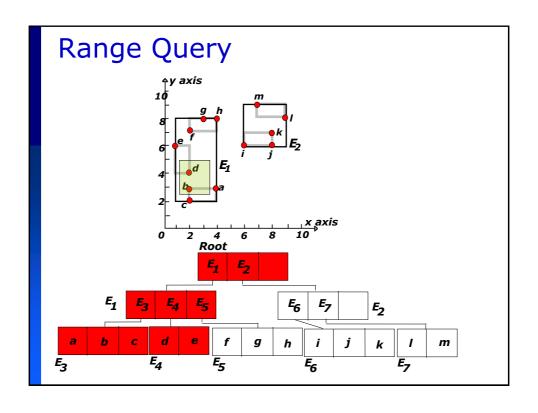


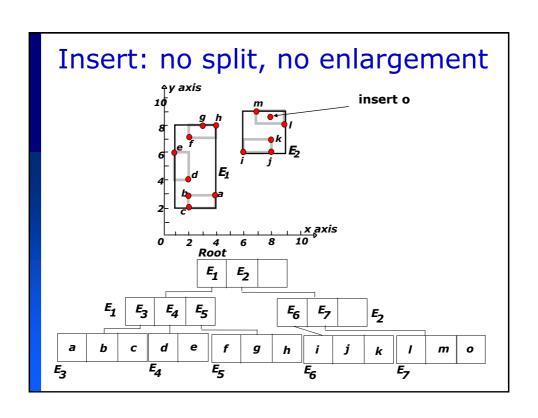


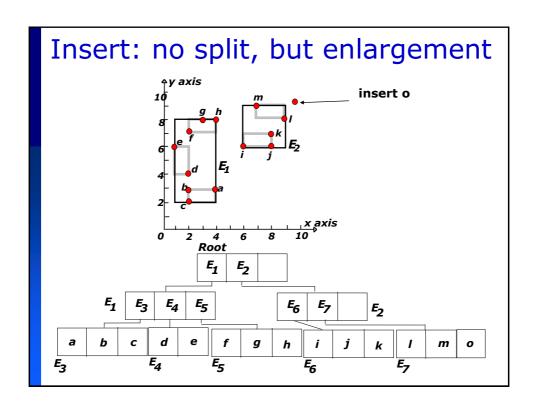


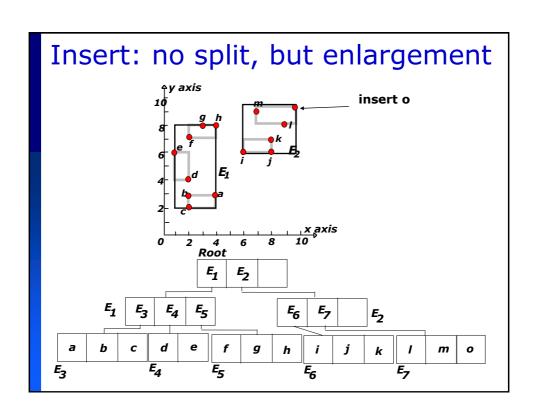


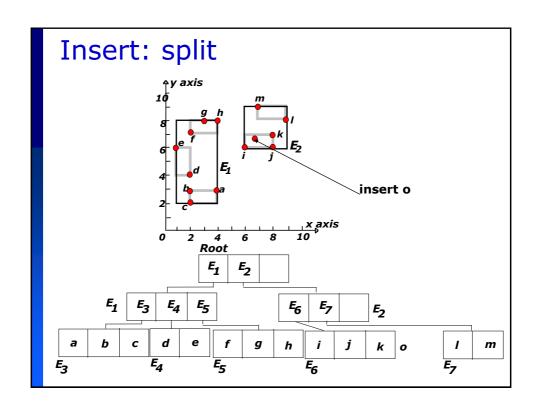


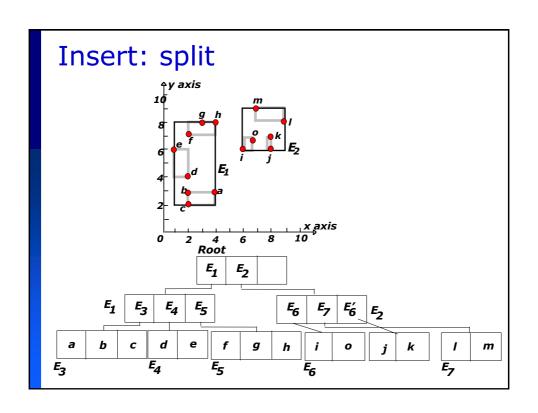












3.4. SQL (structured query language)

- Data Definition Language (DDL): Create,Alter, Drop
- Data Manipulation Language (DML): Select,Insert, Update, Delete
- Data Control Language (DCL): Commit,Rollback, Grant, Revoke

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3.4. SQL (structured query language)

CREATE TABLE TableName

```
{(colName dataType [NOT NULL] [UNIQUE]

[DEFAULT defaultOption]

[CHECK searchCondition] [,...]}

[PRIMARY KEY (listOfColumns),]

{[UNIQUE (listOfColumns),] [...,]}

{[FOREIGN KEY (listOfFKColumns)

REFERENCES ParentTableName [(listOfCKColumns)],

[ON UPDATE referentialAction]

[ON DELETE referentialAction ]] [,...]}

{[CHECK (searchCondition)] [,...]})
```

3.4. SQL (structured query language)

```
CREATE TABLE EMPLOYEE
     ( FNAME
                       VARCHAR(15)
                                        NOT NULL.
      MINIT
                       CHAR
      LNAME
                       VARCHAR(15)
                                        NOT NULL.
      SSN
                       CHAR(9)
                                        NOT NULL,
      BDATE
                       DATE ,
      ADDRESS
                       VARCHAR(30),
      SEX
                       CHAR
      SALARY
                       DECIMAL(10,2),
      SUPERSSN
                       CHAR(9),
      DNO
                                        NOT NULL.
 PRIMARY KEY (SSN)
 FOREIGN KEY (SUPERSSN) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(SSN)
 FOREIGN KEY (DNO) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(DNUMBER));
CREATE TABLE DEPARTMENT
     ( DNAME
                       VARCHAR(15)
                                        NOT NULL,
      DNUMBER
                       INT
      MGRSSN
                       CHAR(9)
      MGRSTARTDATE
                       DATE,
    PRIMARY KEY (DNUMBER),
    UNIQUE (DNAME)
    FOREIGN KEY (MGRSSN) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(SSN));
CREATE TABLE DEPT_LOCATIONS
    ( DNUMBER
                       INT
                                        NOT NULL
                       VARCHAR(15)
      DI OCATION
                                        NOT NULL
     PRIMARY KEY (DNUMBER, DLOCATION)
     FOREIGN KEY (DNUMBER) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(DNUMBER) );
```

3.4. SQL (structured query language)

```
CREATE TABLE PROJECT
     ( PNAME
                        VARCHAR(15)
                                         NOT NULL,
      PNUMBER
                                         NOT NULL,
      PLOCATION
                        VARCHAR(15),
      DNUM
                                         NOT NULL,
                       INT
     PRIMARY KEY (PNUMBER),
     UNIQUE (PNAME)
     FOREIGN KEY (DNUM) REFERENCES DEPARTMENT(DNUMBER));
CREATE TABLE WORKS_ON
                       CHAR(9)
                                         NOT NULL,
     (ESSN
      PNO
                       INT
                                         NOT NULL,
      HOURS
                       DECIMAL(3,1)
                                         NOT NULL,
     PRIMARY KEY (ESSN, PNO),
     FOREIGN KEY (ESSN) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(SSN)
     FOREIGN KEY (PNO) REFERENCES PROJECT(PNUMBER));
CREATE TABLE DEPENDENT
     (ESSN
                          CHAR(9)
                                         NOT NULL,
      DEPENDENT_NAME
                          VARCHAR(15)
                                         NOT NULL.
                          CHAR,
      SFX
      BDATE
                          DATE
      RELATIONSHIP
                          VARCHAR(8)
   PRIMARY KEY (ESSN, DEPENDENT_NAME)
   FOREIGN KEY (ESSN) REFERENCES EMPLOYEE(SSN));
                                                                    72
```

3.4. SQL (structured query language)

```
SELECT [DISTINCT | ALL]

{* | [columnExpression [AS newName]] [,...] }

FROM TableName [alias] [, ...]

[WHERE condition]

[GROUP BY columnList]

[HAVING condition]

[ORDER BY columnList]
```

3.4. SQL (structured query language)

For each project on which more than two employees work, retrieve the project number, project name, and the number of employees who work on that project.

SELECT PNUMBER, PNAME, COUNT (*)
FROM PROJECT, WORKS_ON
WHERE PNUMBER=PNO
GROUP BY PNUMBER, PNAME
HAVING COUNT (*) > 2

- Algorithms for external sorting
- Algorithms for select operation
- Algorithms for join operation
- Algorithms for project operation
- Algorithms for set operations

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3.5. Algorithms for query processing

- Algorithms for external sorting
 - Sorting is one of the primary algorithms used in query processing.
 - Whenever an SQL query specifies an ORDER BY-clause, the query result must be sorted.
 - Sorting is also a key component in sort-merge algorithms used for JOIN and other operations (UNION and INTERSECTION), and in duplicate elimination algorithms for the PROJECT operation (when an SQL query specifies the DISTINCT option in the SELECT clause).
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a Algorithms for external sorting

- The typical external sorting algorithm uses a sortmerge strategy
 - Sort small subfiles called runs of the main file
 - Runs (portions or pieces) of the file that can fit in the available buffer space are read into main memory, sorted using an internal sorting algorithm, written back to disk as temporary sorted subfiles (or runs).
 - Merge the sorted runs, creating larger sorted subfiles that are merged in turn
 - The sorted runs are merged during one or more passes.
 - In each pass, one buffer block is needed to hold one block from each of the runs being merged, and one block is needed for containing one block of the merge result.

- Algorithms for select operation
 - Many options for executing a SELECT operation; some depend on the file having specific access paths and may apply only to certain types of selection conditions
 - Examples
 - **ΟΡ1**): σ_{SSN='123456789'}(EMPLOYEE)
 - □ (OP2): $\sigma_{DNUMBER>5}$ (DEPARTMENT)
 - □ (OP3): $\sigma_{DNO=5}$ (EMPLOYEE)
 - f OP4): $\sigma_{DNO=5 \text{ AND SALARY}>30000 \text{ AND SEX='F'}}$ (EMPLOYEE)
 - □ (OP5): $\sigma_{ESSN='123456789'ANDPNO=10}$ (WORKS_ON)
 - □ (OP49): $\sigma_{DNO=5 \text{ OR SALARY}>30000 \text{ OR SEX} = 'F'}$ (EMPLOYEE)

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- Algorithms for select operation
 - S1. Linear search (brute force): retrieve every record in the file, and test whether its attribute values satisfy the selection condition.
 - S2. Binary search to retrieve a single record: if the selection condition involves an equality comparison on a key attribute on which the file is ordered, binary search can be used.
 - S3. Using a primary index (or hash key) to retrieve a single record: if the selection condition involves an equality comparison on a key attribute with a primary index (or hash key), use the primary index (or hash key) to retrieve the record.

□ Algorithms for select operation

- S4. Using a primary index to retrieve multiple records: if the comparison condition is >, >=, <, or <= on a key field with a primary index, use the index to find the record satisfying the corresponding equality condition, then retrieve all subsequent records in the (ordered) file.
- S5. Using a clustering index to retrieve multiple records: if the selection condition involves an equality comparison on a non-key attribute with a clustering index, use the index to retrieve all the records satisfying the condition.

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3.5. Algorithms for query processing

Algorithms for select operation

- S6. Using a secondary (B+-tree) index on an equality comparison: this search method can be used to retrieve a single record if the indexing field is a key (has unique values) or to retrieve multiple records if the indexing field is not a key. This can also be used for comparisons involving >, >=, <, or <= (range queries).
- S7. Conjunctive selection using an individual index: if an attribute involved in any single simple condition in the conjunctive condition has an access path that permits the use of one of the methods S2-S6, use that condition to retrieve the records and then check whether each retrieved record satisfies the remaining simple conditions in the conjunctive condition.

- Algorithms for select operation
 - S8. Conjunctive selection using a composite index: if two or more attributes are involved in equality conditions in the conjunctive condition and a composite index (or hash structure) exists on the combined fields, use the index directly.
 - S9. Conjunctive selection by intersection of record pointers: if secondary indexes (or other access paths) are available on more than one of the fields involved in simple conditions in the conjunctive condition, and if the indexes include record pointers (rather than block pointers), then each index can be used to retrieve the set of record pointers that satisfy the individual condition. The intersection of these sets of record pointers gives the record pointers that satisfy the conjunctive condition, which are then used to retrieve those records directly. If only some of the conditions have secondary indexes, each retrieved record is further tested to determine whether it satisfied the remaining conditions.

3.5. Algorithms for query processing

- Algorithms for select operation
 - Selection with a disjunctive condition
 - Compared to a conjunctive selection condition, a disjunctive condition (where simple conditions are connected by the OR logical connective rather than by AND) is much harder to process and optimize.
 - Little optimization can be done because the records satisfying the disjunctive condition are the union of the records satisfying the individual conditions.
 - If any one of the conditions does not have an access path, use the brute force linear search approach.
 - Only if an access path exists on every condition, optimize the selection by retrieving the records satisfying each condition and then applying the union operation to eliminate duplicates.

- Algorithms for select operation
 - Examples

```
Ο(OP1): σ<sub>SSN='123456789'</sub>(EMPLOYEE)
```

- **□** (OP2): σ_{DNUMBER>5}(DEPARTMENT)
- \circ (OP3): $\sigma_{DNO=5}(EMPLOYEE)$
- \circ (OP4): $\sigma_{DNO=5 \text{ AND SALARY}>30000 \text{ AND SEX='F'}}$ (EMPLOYEE)
- \circ (OP5): $\sigma_{\text{ESSN}='123456789'}$ AND PNO=10 (WORKS_ON)
- □ (OP49): $\sigma_{DNO=5 \text{ OR SALARY}>30000 \text{ OR SEX} = 'F'}$ (EMPLOYEE)
- → What selection methods should be applied on each example?

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3.5. Algorithms for query processing

- Algorithms for join operation
 - Form: R ▷<I_{A=B} S
 - A and B are domain-compatible attributes of R and S, respectively
 - Example:
 - $lue{}$ (OP6): EMPLOYEE $lack \lhd_{\mathsf{DNO}=\mathsf{DNUMBER}}\mathsf{DEPARTMENT}$
 - □ (OP7): DEPARTMENT ▷<\|_MGRSSN=SSNEMPLOYEE
 - Methods:
 - □ J1. Nested-loop join (brute force)
 - □ J2. Single-loop join
 - □ J3. Sort-merge join
 - J4. Hash-join

- Algorithms for join operation
 - J1. Nested-loop join (brute force): For each record t in R (outer loop), retrieve every record s from S (inner loop) and test whether the two records satisfy the join condition t[A] = s[B].
 - J2. Single-loop join (using an access structure to retrieve the matching records): If an index (or hash key) exists for one of the two join attributes-say, B of S-retrieve each record t in R, one at a time (single loop), and then use the access structure to retrieve directly all matching records s from S that satisfy s[B] =t[A].

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- Algorithms for join operation
 - J3. Sort-merge join: If the records of R and S are physically sorted (ordered) by value of the join attributes A and B, respectively, we can implement the join in the most efficient way possible. Both files are scanned concurrently in order of the join attributes, matching the records that have the same values for A and B. If the files are not sorted, they may be sorted first by using external sorting. In this method, pairs of file blocks are copied into memory buffers in order and the records of each file are scanned only once each for matching with the other file-unless both A and B are nonkey attributes, in which case the method needs to be modified slightly.

- Algorithms for join operation
 - J4. Hash-join: The records of files R and S are both hashed to the same hash file, using the same hashing function on the join attributes A of R and B of S as hash keys. First, a single pass through the file with fewer records (say, R) hashes its records to the hash file buckets; this is called the partitioning phase, since the records of R are partitioned into the hash buckets. In the second phase, called the probing phase, a single pass through the other file (S) then hashes each of its records to probe the appropriate bucket, and that record is combined with all matching records from R in that bucket. This simplified description of hash-join assumes that the smaller of the two files fits entirely into memory buckets after the first phase.

3.5. Algorithms for query processing

- Algorithms for project operation
 - A PROJECT operation $\pi_{\text{-attribute list>}}(R)$ is straightforward to implement if <attribute list> includes a key of relation R, because in this case the result of the operation will have the same number of tuples as R, but with only the values for the attributes in <attribute list> in each tuple.
 - If <attribute list> does not include a key of R, duplicate tuples must be eliminated.
 - Sorting the result of the operation and then eliminating duplicate tuples, which appear consecutively after sorting.
 - Hashing: as each record is hashed and inserted into a bucket of the hash file in memory, it is checked against those already in the bucket; if it is a duplicate, it is not inserted.

- a Algorithms for set operations (U, \cap , -)
 - Apply only to union-compatible relations, which have the same number of attributes and the same attribute domains
 - Use variations of the sort-merge technique: the two relations are sorted on the same attributes, and, after sorting, a single scan through each relation is sufficient to produce the result
 - Implement the UNION operation, RUS, by scanning and merging both sorted files concurrently, and whenever the same tuple exists in both relations, only one is kept in the merged result
 - $f ext{o}$ For the INTERSECTION operation, R \cap S, keep in the merged result only those tuples that appear in *both relations*

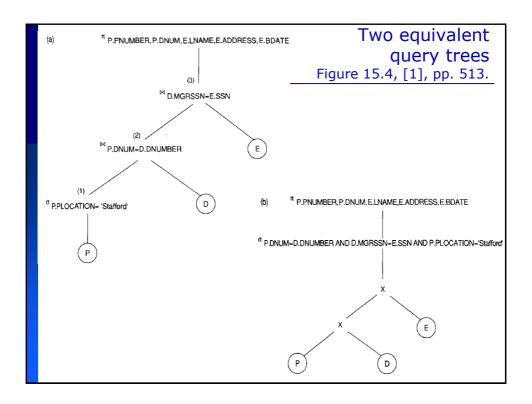
3.6. Rule-based query optimization

- *Example*: For every project located in 'Stafford', retrieve the project number, the controlling department number and the department manager's last name, address and birthdate.
- □ SQL query:

SELECT P.NUMBER, P.DNUM, E.LNAME, E.ADDRESS, E.BDATE
FROM PROJECT AS P, DEPARTMENT AS D, EMPLOYEE AS E
WHERE P.DNUM=D.DNUMBER AND D.MGRSSN=E.SSN AND
P.PLOCATION='STAFFORD';

Relational algebra expression:

π PNUMBER, DNUM, LNAME, ADDRESS, BDATE(((σPLOCATION='STAFFORD'(PROJECT))) $\lor \lhd σ$ DNUM=DNUMBER (DEPARTMENT)) $\lor \lhd σ$ MGRSSN=SSN (EMPLOYEE))



3.6. Rule-based query optimization

- 1. The main heuristic is to apply first the operations that reduce the size of intermediate results.
- 2. Perform SELECT operations as early as possible to reduce the number of tuples and perform PROJECT operations as early as possible to reduce the number of attributes. (This is done by moving SELECT and PROJECT operations as far down the tree as possible.)
- 3. The SELECT and JOIN operations that are most restrictive should be executed before other similar operations. (This is done by reordering the leaf nodes of the tree among themselves and adjusting the rest of the tree appropriately.)

General Transformation Rules for Relational Algebra Operations:

 Cascade of σ: A conjunctive selection condition can be broken up into a cascade (sequence) of individual selection operations:

$$\sigma_{c1 \text{ AND } c2 \text{ AND } ... \text{ AND } cn}(R) = \sigma_{c1}(\sigma_{c2}(...(\sigma_{cn}(R))...))$$

2. Commutativity of σ : The σ operation is commutative:

$$\sigma_{c1}(\sigma_{c2}(R)) = \sigma_{c2}(\sigma_{c1}(R))$$

3. Cascade of π : In a cascade (sequence) of π operations, all but the last one can be ignored:

$$\pi_{List1}(\pi_{List2}(...(\pi_{Listn}(R))...)) = \pi_{List1}(R)$$

4. Commuting σ with π : If the selection condition c involves only the attributes A1, ..., An in the projection list, the two operations can be commuted:

$$\pi_{A1, A2,.., An}(\sigma_c(R)) = \sigma_c(\pi_{A1, A2,.., An}(R))$$

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General Transformation Rules for Relational Algebra Operations:

5. Commutativity of $\triangleright \triangleleft$ (and \times): The operation is commutative as the \times operation:

$$R \triangleright \triangleleft S = S \triangleright \triangleleft R$$
; $R \times S = S \times R$

6. Commuting σ with $\triangleright \triangleleft$ (or \times): If all the attributes in the selection condition c involve only the attributes of one of the relations being joined - say, R- the two operations can be commuted as follows :

$$\sigma_c(R \rhd \lhd S) = (\sigma_c(R)) \rhd \lhd S$$

Alternatively, if the selection condition c can be written as (c1 and c2), where condition c1 involves only the attributes of C and condition C involves only the attributes of C, the operations commute as follows:

$$\sigma_{c}(R \triangleright \triangleleft S) = (\sigma_{c1}(R)) \triangleright \triangleleft (\sigma_{c2}(S))$$

General Transformation Rules for Relational Algebra Operations:

7. Commuting π with $\triangleright \triangleleft$ (or \times): Suppose that the projection list is L = {A1, ..., An, B1, ..., Bm}, where A1, ..., An are attributes of R and B1, ..., Bm are attributes of S. If the join condition c involves only attributes in L, the two operations can be commuted as follows:

$$\pi_L(R \rhd \lhd_C S) = (\pi_{A1, \dots, An}(R)) \rhd \lhd_C (\pi_{B1, \dots, Bm}(S))$$

If the join condition c contains additional attributes not in L, these must be added to the projection list, and a final operation is needed.

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General Transformation Rules for Relational Algebra Operations:

- 8. Commutativity of set operations: The set operations \cup and \cap are commutative but is not.
- 9. Associativity of $\triangleright \triangleleft$, x, \cup , and \cap : These four operations are individually associative; that is, if θ stands for any one of these four operations (throughout the expression), we have

$$(R \theta S) \theta T = R \theta (S \theta T)$$

10. Commuting σ with set operations: The σ operation commutes with \cup , \cap , and -. If θ stands for any one of these three operations, we have

$$\sigma_{c} (R \theta S) = (\sigma_{c} (R)) \theta (\sigma_{c} (S))$$

General Transformation Rules for Relational Algebra Operations:

11. The π operation commutes with \cup .

$$\pi_L(R \cup S) = (\pi_L(R)) \cup (\pi_L(S))$$

12. Converting a (σ, \times) sequence into $\triangleright \triangleleft$: If the condition c of a σ that follows a \times corresponds to a join condition, convert the (σ, \times) sequence into a $\triangleright \triangleleft$ as follows:

$$(\sigma_{C}(R \times S)) = (R \triangleright \triangleleft_{C} S)$$

13. Other transformations for NOT, AND, OR.

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Outline of a Heuristic Algebraic Optimization Algorithm

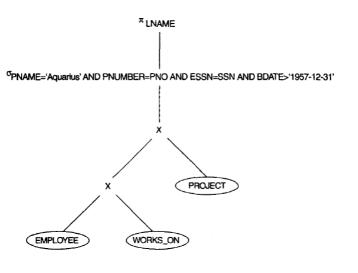
- 1. Using rule 1, break up any select operations with conjunctive conditions into a cascade of select operations.
- 2. Using rules 2, 4, 6, and 10 concerning the commutativity of select with other operations, move each select operation as far down the query tree as is permitted by the attributes involved in the select condition.
- 3. Using rule 9 concerning associativity of binary operations, rearrange the leaf nodes of the tree so that the leaf node relations with the most restrictive select operations are executed first in the query tree representation.

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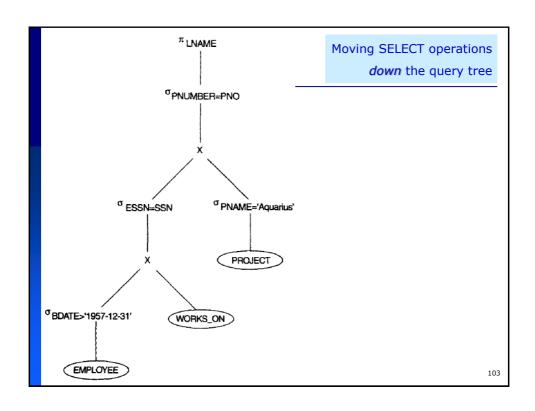
- 4. Using Rule 12, combine a cartesian product operation with a subsequent select operation in the tree into a join operation.
- 5. Using rules 3, 4, 7, and 11 concerning the cascading of project and the commuting of project with other operations, break down and move lists of projection attributes down the tree as far as possible by creating new project operations as needed.
- 6. Identify subtrees that represent groups of operations that can be executed by a single algorithm.

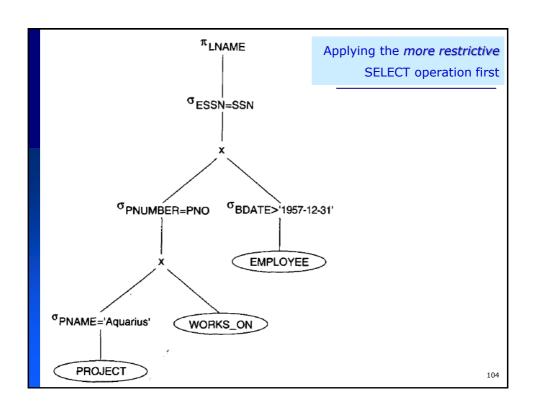
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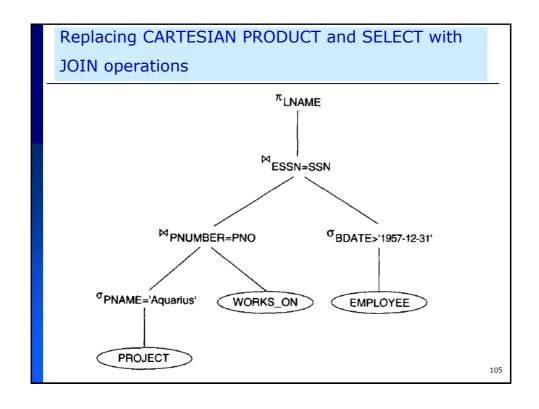
3.6. Rule-based query optimization

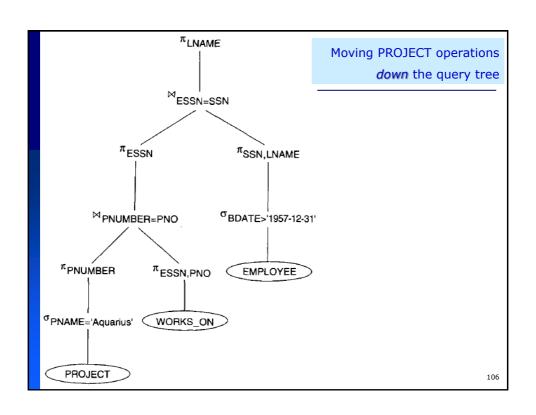


Assume: original query tree.









Cost-based query optimization: Estimate and compare the costs of executing a query using different execution strategies and choose the strategy with the lowest cost estimate.

Issues

- Cost function
- Number of execution strategies to be considered

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3.7. Cost-based query optimization

Cost Components for Query Execution

- 1. Access cost to secondary storage
- 2. Storage cost
- 3. Computation cost
- 4. Memory usage cost
- 5. Communication cost

Note: Different database systems may focus on different cost components.

Catalog Information Used in Cost Functions

- Information about the size of a file
 - number of records (tuples) (r)
 - record size (R)
 - number of blocks (b)
 - blocking factor (bfr)
- Information about indexes and indexing attributes of a file
 - Number of levels (x) of each multilevel index
 - Number of first-level index blocks (bl1)
 - Number of distinct values (d) of an attribute
 - Selectivity (sl) of an attribute
 - Selection cardinality (s) of an attribute. (s = sl * r)

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3.7. Cost-based query optimization

Cost Functions for SELECT

S1. Linear search (brute force) approach:

$$C_{S1a} = b;$$

For an equality condition on a key, $C_{S1b} = (b/2)$ if the record is found; otherwise $C_{S1a} = b$.

■ S2. Binary search:

$$C_{S2} = log_2b + \Gamma(s/bfr) \gamma - 1$$

For an equality condition on a unique (key) attribute,

$$C_{S2} = log_2b$$

S3. Using a primary index (S3a) or hash key (S3b) to retrieve a single record:

$$C_{S3a} = x + 1$$
; $C_{S3b} = 1$ for static or linear hashing;

$$C_{S3b} = 2$$
 for extendible hashing

Cost Functions for SELECT (cont.)

S4. Using an ordering index to retrieve multiple records:

For the comparison condition on a key field with an ordering index, $C_{S4} = x + (b/2)$

S5. Using a clustering index to retrieve multiple records for an equality condition:

$$C_{S5} = x + \Gamma(s/bfr) \gamma$$

■ S6. Using a secondary (B+-tree) index:

For an equality comparison, $C_{S6a} = x + s$

For a comparison condition such as >, <, >=, or <=,

$$C_{S6b} = x + (bI1/2) + (r/2)$$

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Cost Functions for SELECT (cont.)

S7. Conjunctive selection:

Use either S1 or one of the methods S2 to S6 to solve. For the latter case, use one condition to retrieve the records and then check in the memory buffer whether each retrieved record satisfies the remaining conditions in the conjunction.

■ S8. Conjunctive selection using a composite index:

Same as S3a, S5 or S6a, depending on the type of index.

Example

- $r_{E} = 10,000$, $b_{E} = 2000$, $bfr_{E} = 5$
- Access paths:
 - 1. A clustering index on SALARY, with levels x_{SALARY} = 3 and average selection cardinality S_{SALARY} = 20.
 - 2. A secondary index on the key attribute SSN, with x_{SSN}
 = 4 (S_{SSN} = 1).
 - 3. A secondary index on the nonkey attribute DNO, with x_{DNO} = 2 and first-level index blocks b_{I1DNO} = 4. There are d_{DNO} = 125 distinct values for DNO, so the selection cardinality of DNO is S_{DNO} = (r/d_{DNO}) = 80.
 - 4. A secondary index on SEX, with $x_{SEX} = 1$. There are $d_{SEX} = 2$ values for the sex attribute, so the average selection cardinality is $S_{SEX} = (r/d_{SEX}) = 5000$.

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Example

- □ (op1): $\sigma_{SSN='123456789'}$ (EMPLOYEE)
 - $C_{S1b} = 1000$
 - $C_{S6a} = x_{SSN} + 1 = 4 + 1 = 5$
- □ (op2): $\sigma_{DNO>5}$ (EMPLOYEE)
 - $C_{S1a} = 2000$
 - $C_{S6b} = X_{DNO} + (b_{I1DNO}/2) + (r/2) = 2 + 4/2 + 10000/2 = 5004$

Example

- □ (op3): $\sigma_{DNO=5}$ (EMPLOYEE)
 - $C_{S1a} = 2000$
 - $C_{S6a} = x_{DNO} + s_{DNO} = 2 + 80 = 82$
- \circ (op4): $\sigma_{DNO=5 \text{ AND SALARY}>30000 \text{ AND SEX='F'}}$ (EMPLOYEE)
 - $C_{S6a-DNO} = 82$
 - $C_{S4-SALARY} = X_{SALARY} + (b/2) = 3 + 2000/2 = 1003$
 - $C_{S6a-SEX} = x_{SEX} + s_{SEX} = 1 + 5000 = 5001$
 - => chose DNO=5 first and check the other conditions

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3.7. Cost-based query optimization

Cost Functions for JOIN

Join selectivity (js)

$$js = | (R \triangleright \triangleleft_C S) | / | R x S | = | (R \triangleright \triangleleft_C S) | / (|R| * |S|)$$

If condition C does not exist, js = 1.

If no tuples from the relations satisfy condition C, js = 0.

Usually, $0 \le js \le 1$.

Size of the result file after join operation

$$|(R \triangleright \triangleleft_C S)| = js * |R| * |S|$$

Cost Functions for JOIN (cont.)

□ J1. Nested-loop join:

$$C_{J1} = b_R + (b_R * b_S) + ((js * |R| * |S|)/bfr_{RS})$$

(Use *R* for outer loop)

■ **J2. Single-loop join**(using an access structure to retrieve the matching record(s))

If an index exists for the join attribute B of S with index levels x_B , we can retrieve each record s in R and then use the index to retrieve all the matching records t from S that satisfy t[B] = s[A].

The cost depends on the type of index.

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Cost Functions for JOIN (cont.)

J2. Single-loop join (cont.)

For a secondary index,

$$C_{12a} = b_R + (|R| * (x_B + s_B)) + ((js* |R| * |S|)/bfr_{RS});$$

For a clustering index,

$$C_{J2b} = b_R + (|R| * (x_B + (s_B/bfr_B))) + ((js* |R|* |S|)/bfr_{RS});$$

For a primary index,

$$C_{J2c} = b_R + (|R| * (x_B + 1)) + ((js* |R|* |S|)/bfr_{RS});$$

If a hash key exists for one of the two join attributes $-\ B$ of S

$$C_{12d} = b_R + (|R| * h) + ((js* |R| * |S|)/bfr_{RS});$$

h: the average number of block accesses to retrieve a record, given its hash key value, $h\!>=\!1$

J3. Sort-merge join:

$$C_{J3a} = C_S + b_R + b_S + ((js* |R|* |S|)/bfr_{RS});$$

(C_S : Cost for sorting files)

Example

- Suppose that we have the EMPLOYEE file described in the previous example
- Assume that the DEPARTMENT file of $r_D = 125$ and $b_D = 13$, $x_{DNUMBER} = 1$, secondary index on MGRSSN of DEPARTMENT, $s_{MGRSSN} = 1$, $x_{MGRSSN} = 2$, $j_{SOP6} = (1/IDEPARTMENTI) = 1/125$, $bf_{ED} = 4$
- □ (op6): EMPLOYEE ▷<IDNO=DNUMBER DEPARTMENT
- □ (op7): DEPARTMENT ▷<|MGRSSN=SSNEMPLOYEE

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Example

J1: nested-loop join J2: single-loop join

- □ (op6): EMPLOYEE ▷<!-- DND=DNUMBER DEPARTMENT
 - Method J1 with Employee as outer:

```
 C_{J1} = b_E + (b_E * b_D) + ((js_{OP6} * r_E * r_D)/bfr_{ED}) 
 = 2000 + (2000 * 13) + (((1/125) * 10,000 * 125)/4) = 30,500
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Method J1 with Department as outer:

```
C_{J1} = b_D + (b_E * b_D) + (((js_{OP6} * r_E * r_D)/bfr_{ED})

C_{J1} = 13 + (13 * 2000) + (((1/125) * 10,000 * 125/4) = 28,513
```

Method J2 with EMPLOYEE as outer loop:

```
□ C_{J2c} = b_E + (r_E * (x_{DNUMBER} + 1)) + ((js_{OP6} * r_E * r_D)/bfr_{ED}

□ = 2000 + (10,000 * 2) + (((1/125) * 10,000 * 125/4) = 24,500
```

Method J2 with DEPARTMENT as outer loop:

```
_{D} _{D}
```

```
Assume that the DEPARTMENT file of r_D = 125 and b_D = 13 , x_{DNUMBER} = 1, secondary index on MGRSSN of DEPARTMENT, s_{MGRSSN} = 1, s_{MGRSSN} = 2, s_{MGRSSN} = 1, s_{MGRSSN} = 4, s_{MGRSSN} = 1).
```

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Method J1 with Employee as outer:

```
□ C_{11} = b_E + (b_E * b_D) + ((js_{OP7} * r_E * r_D)/bfr_{ED})
= 2000 + (2000 * 13) + (((1/10,000) * 10,000 * 125)/4) = _{\Gamma}28,031.25_{\gamma} = 28,032
```

Method J1 with Department as outer:

```
□ C_{J1} = b_D + (b_E * b_D) + (((js_{OP7} * r_E * r_D)/bfr_{ED})
= 13 + (13 * 2000) + (((1/10,000) * 10,000 * 125/4) = _{\Gamma}26,044.25_{\Gamma} = 26,045
```

Method J2 with EMPLOYEE as outer loop:

```
□ C_{\text{J2c}} = b_{\text{E}} + (r_{\text{E}} * (x_{\text{MGRSSN}} + s_{\text{MGRSSN}})) + ((js_{\text{OP7}} * r_{\text{E}} * r_{\text{D}})/bfr_{\text{ED}}
= 2000 + (10,000 * (2+1)) + (((1/10,000) * 10,000 * 125/4) = _{\text{G}}32,031.25_{\text{T}} = 32,032
```

Method J2 with DEPARTMENT as outer loop:

```
□ C_{J2a} = b_D + (r_D * (x_{SSN} + s_{SSN})) + ((js_{OP7} * r_E * r_D)/bfr_{ED})
= 13 + (125 * (4 + 1)) + (((1/10,000) * 10,000 * 125/4) = _{\Gamma}669.25_{\Gamma} = 670
```

3.8. Semantics-based query optimization

- Uses constraints specified on the database schema - such as unique attributes and other more complex constraints - in order to modify one query into another query that is more efficient to execute
 - → Searching through many constraints to find those that are applicable to a given query and that may semantically optimize it can also be quite timeconsuming.
 - → Inclusion of *active rules* in database systems

3.8. Semantics-based query optimization

- Example: a query retrieves the names of employees who earn more than their supervisors.
 - a constraint on the database schema that stated that no employee can earn more than his or her direct supervisor
 - → not execute the query at all because it knows that the result of the query will be empty

```
SELECT E.LNAME, M.LNAME
```

FROM EMPLOYEE AS E, EMPLOYEE AS M

WHERE E.SUPERSSN=M.SSN AND E.SALARY > M.SALARY

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3.9. Conclusion

- Query processing and optimization for highlevel SQL queries
 - The most reasonable execution plan
 - Heuristic rules
 - Cost
 - Semantics
 - → How data are stored on secondary storage devices
 - → How data are accessed from secondary storage devices
- □ Index structures: B-tree, B+-tree, R-tree



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Review

■ Review questions and exercises in [1], chapters 13-15.

Next - Chapter 4: Database security

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