## Chapter 4.8 Using Algorithm more than Twice - Pass

Through popularizing the algorithm, then choose to use more pass to deal with the random size Relation. In this Chapter, we only consider the method based on Sort and Hash.

### Chapter 4.8.1 Multi - Pass Algorithm based on Sorting

***Prerequisite:***

Here we extend *TPMMS* to *Three Passes Algorithm*. Actually, we have the Simple Recursive Sort Algorithm. No matter how big the Relation is, it can be sorted sequentially. Or if we are willing to, for random value n, we can build n sorted sequences.

***Assumption:***

Here we have M available main memory blocks to sort Relation R, and the Relation R is stored according to cluster. Then, doing as follow:

* *Basics:*

If Relation R can be stored into M blocks *(B(R) <= M)*, then just read Relation R into the main memory, and sort the Relation according to your favorite Sorting Algorithm, then write it back to disk.

* *Conclusion:*

If Relation R can not be stored into main memory, then divide the blocks of Relation R into M blocks, named as R1, R2, ... , RM. For each i = 1, 2, ... , M, then sort Ri recursively, then merge M sorted sequenced sub - tables.

If we not just do the Sort Operation, but do some unary operations on Relation R, such as Grouping or Selection. Then we modify the algorithm, and in the last step of Merge, just operate on the front of these sorted sequenced sub - tables.

1. *For Unary Operators:*
2. For Selection Operator, output one copy of each different tuple, and skip the other copy of this tuple.
3. For Grouping Operator, only sort on Grouping properties, and combine by using the given value on those Grouping properties.
4. *For Binary Operators:*
5. When we want to operate the Relations with Binary Operators, such as Intersection or Join, then basically using the same thinking, the only difference is divide the two Relations into the sub - tables with the M total number. Then using the recursive algorithm to sort for each sub - tables. At last, using the algorithm in the Chapters before to operate.

We assign M buffer blocks for Relation R and S. But in order to make the total pass in the least number, we normally divide all buffer areas according to the number of blocks of Relation R and S. Then divide the buffer area by proportional. The number of buffer blocks that for Relation R equals to *M( B(R) / (B(R) + B(S) ) )*, then Relation S gets the remaining number of blocks.

### Chapter 4.8.2 Performance of Multi - Pass Algorithm based on Sorting

### Chapter 4.8.3 Multi - Pass Algorithm based on Hash

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