Homework 2

Suppose I have a relation Grades(student\_id, assignment\_id, score). I have 200 students and 20 assignments. I would grade all submissions of one assignment based on the submission order, and then insert the records. As a result, based on my insertion nature, the student\_id is not sorted, but the assignment\_id is. I choose heap file as my file organization. My page is quite small – it can only store 40 records, or 200 bytes in one page. The SearchKeySize is 2 bytes and PointerSize is 2 bytes. My buffer size is also small, 4 pages.

1. (50 points) If my most frequent query is to find individual students, such as  
   select \* from grades where student\_id=‘3347’;
   1. (5pts) What is the I/O cost (i.e., number of pages in terms of reading and writing) for this query if I don’t build index for student\_id? (note: student\_id can appear as many as 20 times in this relation)
   2. I want to improve the I/O cost. I am debating if I need to build index for student\_id, or to sort based on student\_id. So I need to do some estimation. Please help me by answering the following questions.
      1. (15pts) What is the I/O cost of multi-way merge sort (aka, external sort) if I sort the relation after I enter all records? Explain the process.
      2. (15pts) Suppose I decide to build B+ tree index instead of sorting. What is the smallest number of pages do you estimate the B+ tree will take?
      3. (15pts) What is the worst I/O cost for answering this query with B+ tree index now?
2. (40 points) If my most frequent query is to find all scores for an assignment, such as  
   select \* from grades where assignment\_id=‘01’;
   1. (10pts) What is the I/O cost if I don’t build index for assignment\_id? (note: assignment\_id is sorted and each assignment\_id can appear as many as 200 times in this relation)
   2. I am debating if building index for assignment\_id would further improve the I/O cost. Please help me by answering the following questions.
      1. (15pts) Suppose I decide to build B+ tree index. What is the smallest number of pages do you estimate the B+ tree will take?
      2. (15pts) What is the best I/O cost for answering this query with B+ tree index now?
3. (10 points) Suppose at the end of the semester, I need to curve the grades. I decide to increase all scores by 5 points. What is the I/O cost for this operation?

**Submission Instruction**

*Do NOT handwrite. Submit all answers in a SINGLE file, in PDF format, through your Canvas account.* Please explain your estimation for each question. You will get points deduction if you do not provide explanations.