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Q: SELECT Lname FROM EMPLOYEE, WORKS_ON, PROJECT WHERE Pname='Aquarius' AND Pnumber=Pno AND Essn=Ssn AND Bdate > '1957-12-31';

The initial query tree for Q is shown in Figure 19.5(a). Executing this tree directly first creates a very large file containing the CARTESIAN PRODUCT of the entire EMPLOYEE, WORKS_ON, and PROJECT files. That is why the initial query tree is never executed, but is transformed into another equivalent tree that is efficient to

Figure 19.5

Steps in converting a query tree during heuristic optimization.

- (a) Initial (canonical) query tree for SQL query Q.
- (b) Moving SELECT operations down the query tree.
- (c) Applying the more restrictive SELECT operation first.
- (d) Replacing CARTESIAN PRODUCT and SELECT with JOIN operations.
- (e) Moving PROJECT operations down the query tree.







