

14 – Query Planning & Optimization 1

1. Query Plan

A. Logical vs. Physical

- i. Logical plan : make optimal relational algebra
- ii. Physical plan : make optimal operator selection
(join algorithm, compression, index, etc)

2. Query Optimization (NP-Hard)

A. Heuristics & Rules – remove things that cause inefficiency

B. Cost-Based Search – estimate cost, find minimum

3. Relational Algebra Equivalences

A. Relational algebra expression A, B are equivalent if A, B's result are same

B. Query rewriting is for lower cost, same result

C. Technique

- i. Predicate pushdown : reduce operands
- ii. Ignoring useless predicate & projection : get rid of useless operation
- iii. Merging predicate : reduce operation

4. Plan Cost Estimation

A. CPU, Disk, Memory, Network are all matter of plan cost estimation

B. Use statistics to see what tables look like