INFO20003 Database Systems

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Lecture 13
Query Optimization Part I

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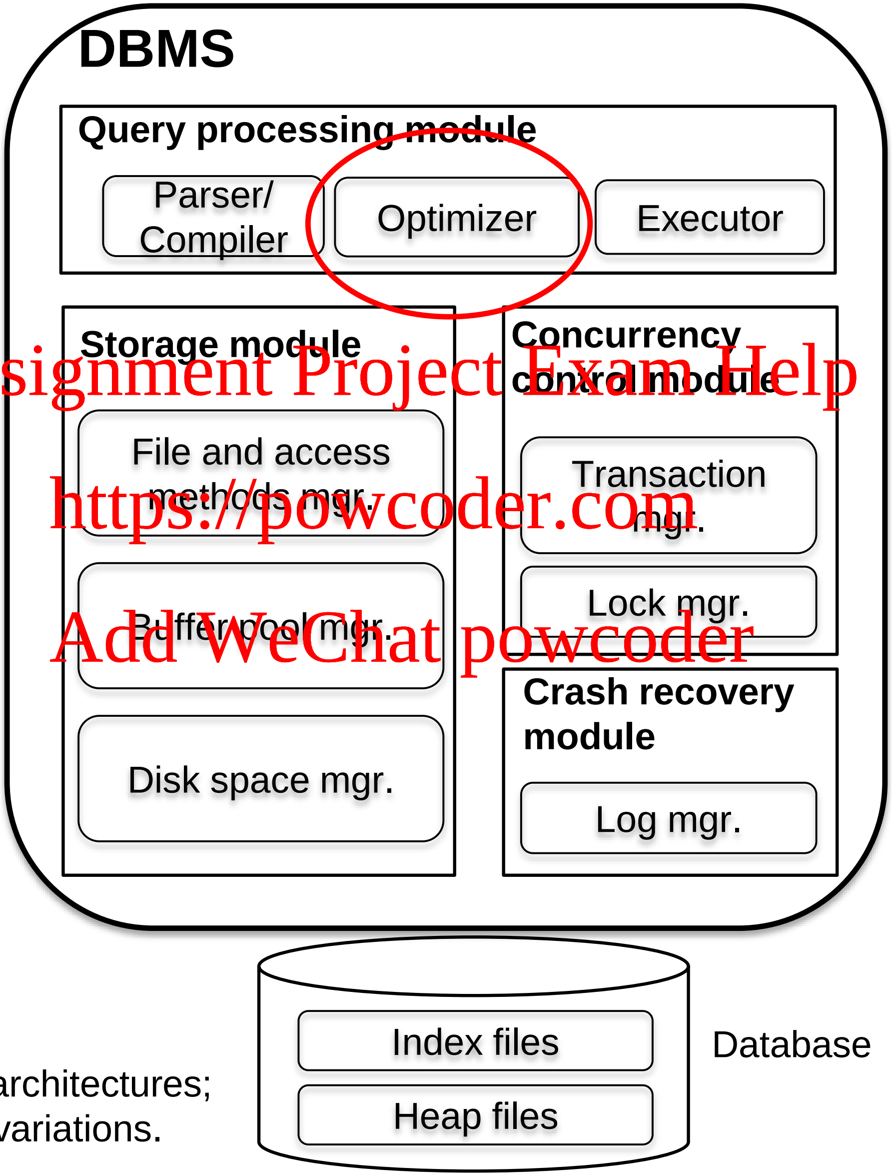
A1 Collective Feedback

- Assignment 1 Feedback will be sent by the end of this week
- Best way to prepare for the MST is to look at your mistakes, compare with the provided solution, and try to mark yourself against the provided assessments criteria
  - Self-reflection is an important part of learning
  - Pay attention to business rules that your model does not support
  - Let’s have a look at one potential solution
- This assignment was a preview of a business analyst’s life

Remember this? Components of a DBMS



TODAY & Next time

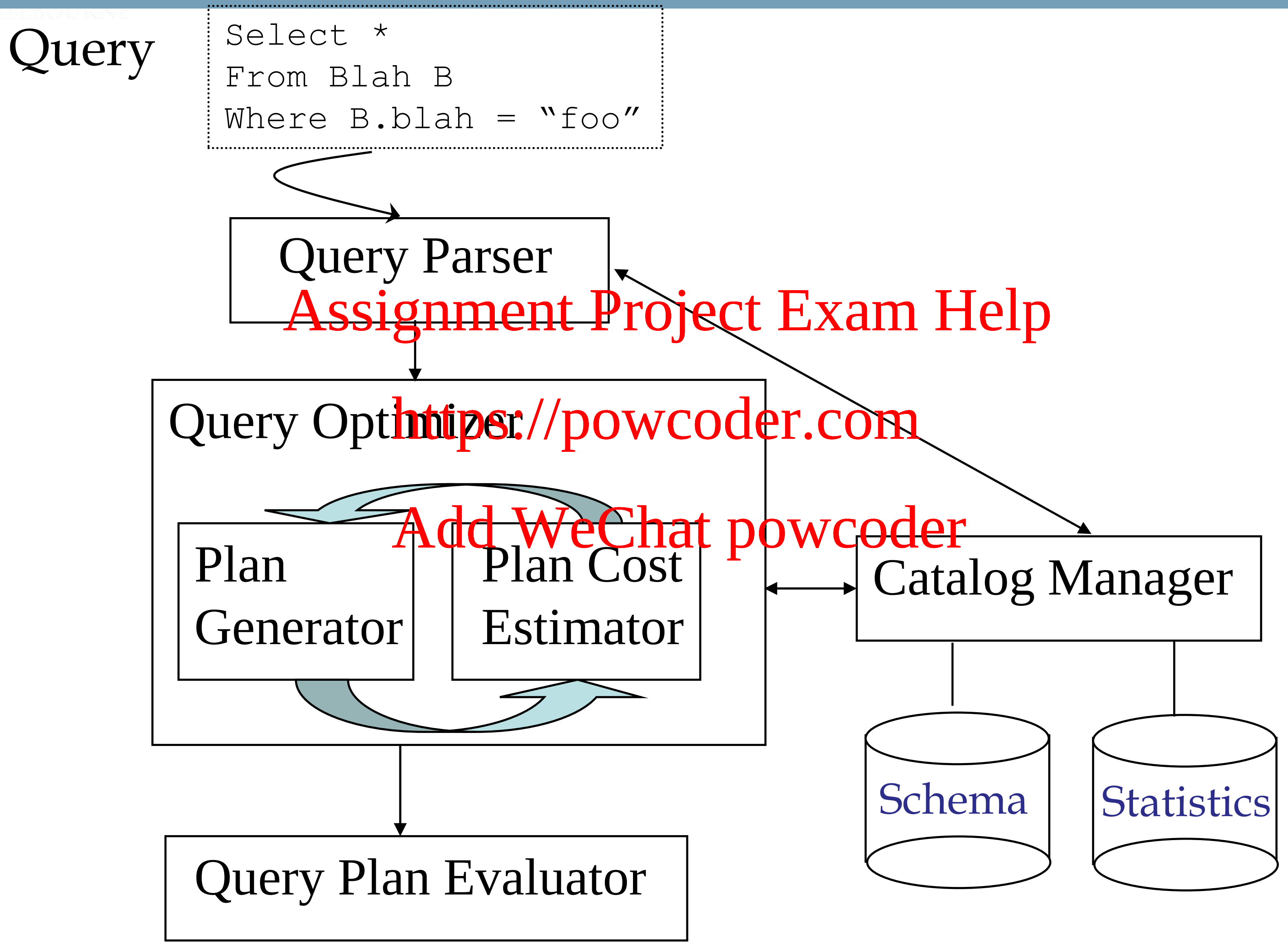
This is one of several possible architectures; each system has its own slight variations.

Coverage

- Overview
- Query optimization
- Cost estimation

Readings: Chapter 12 and 15, Ramakrishnan & Gehrke, Database Systems

Query Processing Workflow: Review



Query Optimization

- Typically there are many ways of executing a given query, all giving the same answer
- Cost of alternative methods often **varies enormously**
- Query optimization aims to find the execution strategy with the lowest cost

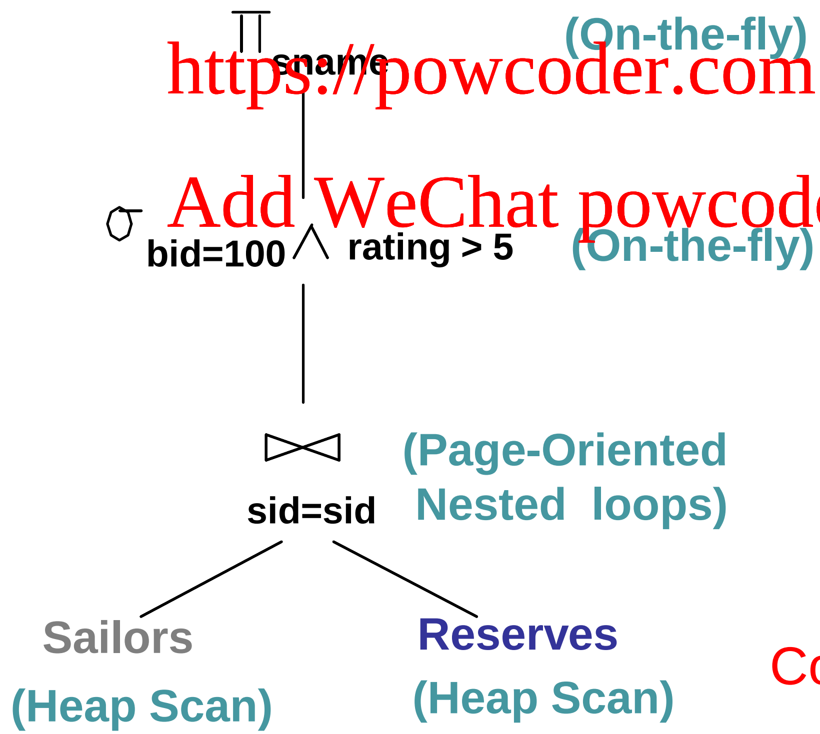
- We will cover:
  - Relational algebra equivalences
  - Cost estimation
    - Result size estimation and reduction factors
  - Enumeration of alternative plans

Query Plan

- A tree, with relational algebra operators as nodes
- Each operator labeled with a choice of algorithm

SELECT sname from Sailors NATURAL JOIN Reserves
WHERE bid = 100 and rating > 5

Plan:



Cost: 500+500*1000 I/O

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A Familiar Schema for Examples

Sailors (*sid*: integer, *sname*: string, *rating*: integer, *age*: real)

Reserves (*sid*: integer, *bid*: integer, *day*: dates, *rname*: string)

Boats (*bid*: integer, *bname*: string, *color*: string)

Query Optimization Overview

Example:

```
SELECT  S.sname
  FROM  Reserves R, Sailors S
WHERE  R.sid=S.sid AND
   R.bid=100 AND S.rating>5
```


Query optimization steps:

1. Query first broken into “blocks”
2. Each block converted to relational algebra
3. Then, for each block, several alternative query plans are considered
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Step 1: Break query into query blocks

- Query block is any statement starting with select
- Query block = unit of optimization
- Typically inner most block is optimized first, then moving towards outers

Outer block

```
SELECT  S.sname
FROM  Sailors S
WHERE  S.age IN
    (SELECT  MAX (S2.age)
     FROM  Sailors S2
     GROUP BY  S2.rating)
```

Nested block

Step 2: Convert query block into relational algebra expression

Query:

```
SELECT  S.sid
FROM  Sailors S, Reserves R, Boats B
WHERE  S.sid = R.sid AND R.bid = B.bid AND B.color = "red"
```


Relational algebra:

$$\pi_{S.sid}(\sigma_{B.color = \text{"red"}}(\text{Sailors} \bowtie \text{Reserves} \bowtie \text{Boats}))$$

Step 3: Relational Algebra Equivalences

- *Selections*: $\sigma_{c_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge c_n}(R) \equiv \sigma_{c_1}\left(\ldots\left(\sigma_{c_n}(R)\right)\right)$ $(Cascade)$

  $\sigma_{c_1}\left(\sigma_{c_2}(R)\right) \equiv \sigma_{c_2}\left(\sigma_{c_1}(R)\right)$ $(Commute)$

- *Projections:* $\pi_{a_1}(R) \equiv \pi_{a_1}\left(\ldots\left(\pi_{a_n}(R)\right)\right)$ *(Cascade)*

  a_i is a set of attributes of R and $a_i \subseteq a_{i+1}$ for $i = 1 \ldots n-1$

- These equivalences allow us to 'push' selections and projections ahead of joins.

Examples

Selection:

$$\sigma_{age<18 \wedge rating>5}\ (\text{Sailors})$$

$$\leftrightarrow \sigma_{age<18}\ (\sigma_{rating>5}\ (\text{Sailors}))$$

$$\leftrightarrow \sigma_{rating>5}\ (\sigma_{age<18}\ (\text{Sailors}))$$

Projection:

$$\cancel{\pi_{age,rating}\ (\text{Sailors}) \leftrightarrow \pi_{age}\ (\pi_{rating}\ (\text{Sailors}))}\ ?$$

$$\pi_{age,rating}\ (\text{Sailors}) \leftrightarrow \pi_{age,rating}\ (\pi_{age,rating,sid}\ (\text{Sailors}))$$

Another Equivalence

- A projection commutes with a selection that only uses attributes retained by the projection

$$\pi_{\text{age, rating, sid}}\ (\sigma_{\text{age<18} \wedge \text{rating>5}}\ (\text{Sailors}))$$

$$\leftrightarrow\ \sigma_{\text{age<18} \wedge \text{rating>5}}\ (\pi_{\text{age, rating, sid}}\ (\text{Sailors}))$$

$$\pi_{\text{age, sid}}\ (\sigma_{\text{age<18} \wedge \text{rating>5}}\ (\text{Sailors}))$$

?

$$\cancel{\leftrightarrow\ \sigma_{\text{age<18} \wedge \text{rating>5}}\ (\pi_{\text{age, sid}}\ (\text{Sailors}))}$$

Equivalences Involving Joins

$$R \bowtie (S \bowtie T) \equiv (R \bowtie S) \bowtie T \qquad \textit{(Associative)}$$

$$(R \bowtie S) \equiv (S \bowtie R) \qquad \textit{(Commutative)}$$

- These equivalences allow us to choose **different join orders**

Mixing Joins with Selections & Projections

- Converting selection + cross-product to join

$$\sigma_{S.sid = R.sid}\ (\text{Sailors x Reserves})$$

$$\leftrightarrow \text{Sailors} \bowtie_{S.sid = R.sid} \text{Reserves}$$

- Selection on just attributes of S commutes with R $\bowtie$ S

$$\sigma_{S.age<18}\ (\text{Sailors} \bowtie_{S.sid = R.sid} \text{Reserves})$$

$$\leftrightarrow (\sigma_{S.age<18}\ (\text{Sailors})) \bowtie_{S.sid = R.sid} \text{Reserves}$$

- We can also "push down" projection (*but be careful…*)

$$\pi_{S.sname}\ (\text{Sailors} \bowtie_{S.sid = R.sid} \text{Reserves})$$

$$\leftrightarrow \pi_{S.sname} (\pi_{sname,sid}(\text{Sailors}) \bowtie_{S.sid = R.sid} \pi_{sid}(\text{Reserves}))$$

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Recall: Query Optimization Overview

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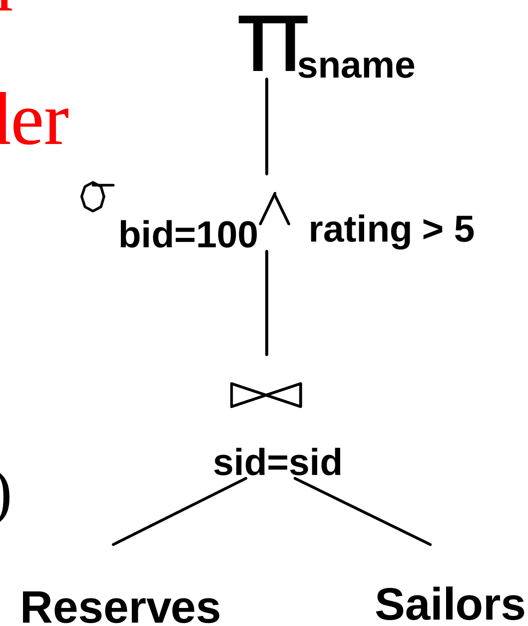


$$\pi_{(sname)}\sigma_{(bid=100 \wedge rating > 5)} (Reserves \bowtie Sailors)$$

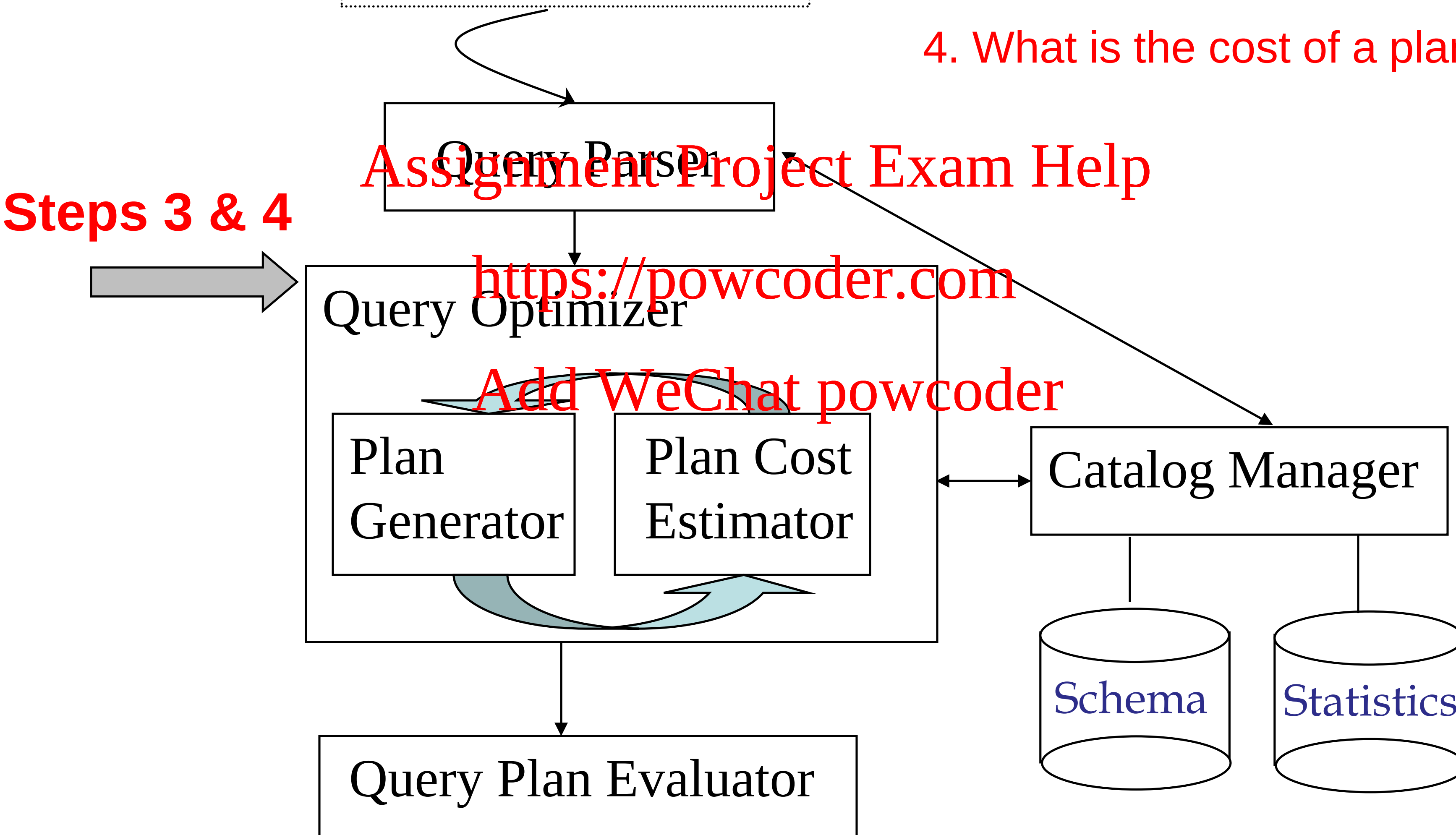
Cost-based Query Sub-System

Queries

```
Select *
From Blah B
Where B.blah = "foo"
```

3. What plans are considered?

4. What is the cost of a plan?



Cost Estimation

- For each plan considered, must estimate cost:
  - Must *estimate size of result* for each operation in tree
    - Use information about input relations (from the system catalogs), and apply rules (discussed next)
  - Must *estimate cost* of each operation in plan tree
    - Depends on input cardinalities
    - We've already discussed how to estimate the cost of operations (sequential scan, index scan, joins)
    - Next time we will calculate the cost of entire plans…

Statistics and Catalogs

- To decide on the cost, the optimizer needs information about the relations and indexes involved. This information is stored in the system **catalogs**.

- **Catalogs** typically contain at least:
  - # tuples (**NTuples**) and # pages (**NPages**) per relation
  - # distinct key values (**NKeys**) for each index (or relation attribute)
  - low/high key values (**Low/High**) for each index (or relation attribute)
  - Index height (**Height(I)**) for each tree index
  - # index pages (**NPages(I)**) for each index

- Statistics in catalogs are updated periodically

Result size estimation

- Consider a query block:

```
SELECT  attribute list
  FROM  relation list
 WHERE  predicate1 AND ... AND predicate_k
```


- Maximum number of tuples in the result is the product of the cardinalities of relations in the FROM clause

- Reduction factor (RF) associated with each predicate reflects the impact of the predicate in reducing the result size. RF is also called selectivity.

Result size estimation calculations

- Single table selection:

$$\textbf{ResultSize} = \mathbf{N}\boldsymbol{Tuples}(\boldsymbol{R})\prod_{\boldsymbol{i=1..n}}\boldsymbol{RF_i}$$

- Joins (over k tables):

$$\textbf{ResultSize} = \prod_{\boldsymbol{j=1..k}}\boldsymbol{NTuples}(\boldsymbol{R_j})\prod_{\boldsymbol{i=1..n}}\boldsymbol{RF_i}$$

- If there are no selections (no predicates), reduction factors are simply ignored, i.e. they are ==1

Calculating Reduction Factors(RF)

- Depend on the type of the predicate:

1. Col = value
   RF = 1/NKeys(Col)

2. Col > value
   RF = (High(Col) – value) / (High(Col) – Low(Col))

3. Col < value
   RF = (val – Low(Col)) / (High(Col) – Low(Col))

4. Col_A = Col_B (for joins)
   RF = 1/ (Max (NKeys(Col_A), NKeys(Col_B)))

5. In no information about Nkeys or interval, use a “magic number” 1/10
   RF = 1/10

Let's try it..

Sailors (S): NTuples(S) =1000, Nkeys(rating) = 10 interval [1-10], age interval [0-100], Nkeys(sid)=1000

*SELECT * FROM Sailors WHERE rating = 3 AND age > 50;*

Calculate result size:

NTuples(S) = 1000

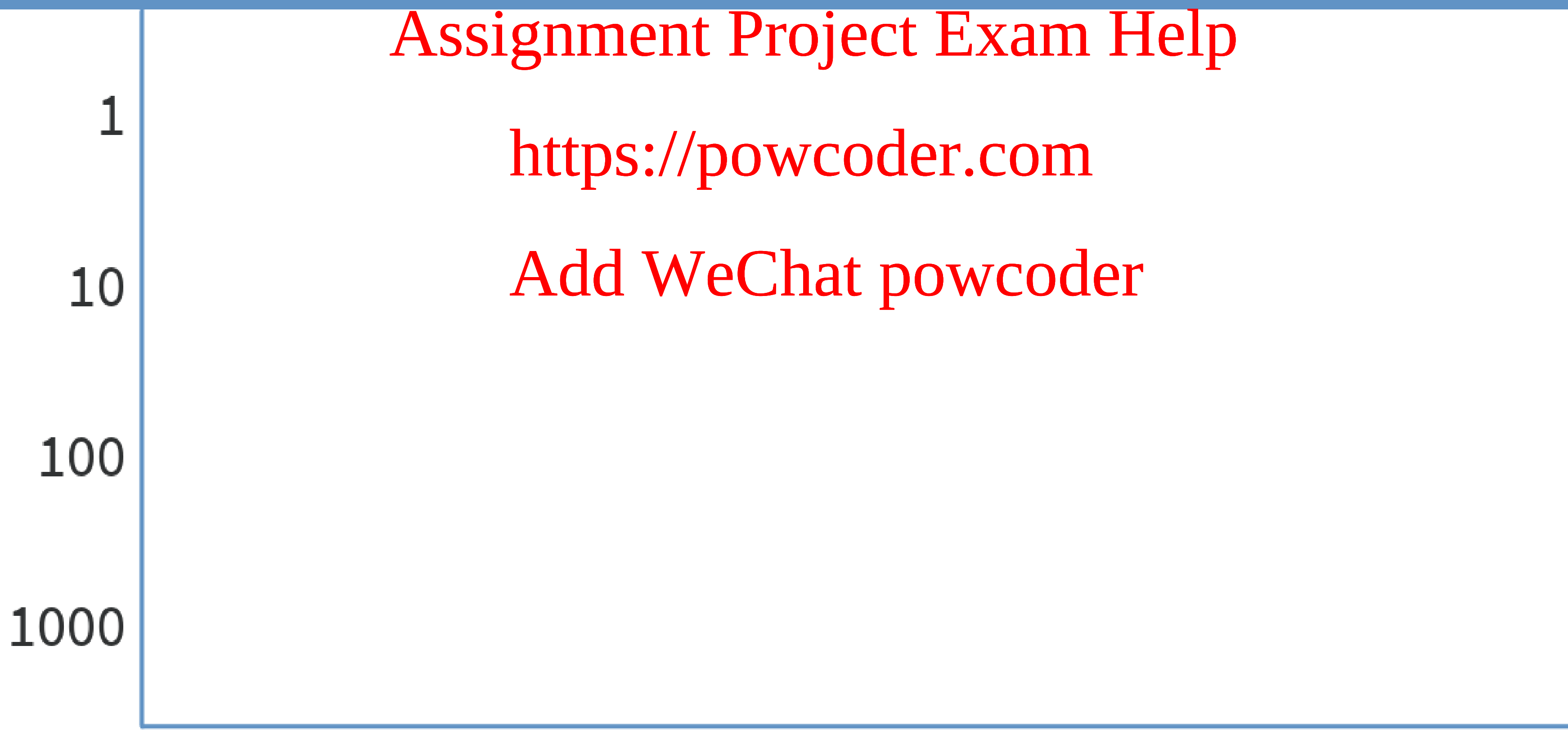
RF(rating) = 1/10 = 0.1

RF(age) = (100-50)/(100-0) = 0.5

ResultSize = NTuples(S)*RF(rating)*RF(age)

= 1000*0.1*0.5= 50 tuples

Given Reserves (R): NTuples(R) = 100, Nkeys(sid) =100 and Sailors (S): NTuples(S) =1000, Nkeys(rating) = 10 interval [1-10], age interval [0-100], Nkeys(sid)=1000 and the query: SELECT * FROM Sailors as S INNER JOIN Reserves as R ON S.SID = R.SID WHERE rating =8 and 20< age < 30; Calculate Result Size



What's examinable

- What is query optimization/describe steps?
- Equivalence classes
- Result size estimation

- Important for Assignment 3 as well

Next Lecture

- Query optimization Part II
  - Plan enumeration