Report for Project One of CS307

## Basic Information

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| Task 1 | Design all tables and relations  Draw the first vision of E-R diagram | Check the design back to csv file  Make suggestions for revision |
| Task 2 |
| Task 3 | Import using python | Import using Java |
| Task 4 | 10% | 25% |
| Score | 50% | 50% |

## Task 1: E-R Diagram

I followed instinct and made a very different design from the E-R diagram above at beginning. But it is hard to draw the E-R diagram for it. Then I find that textbook shows the translation from E-R diagram to relationship in section 6.7, so I think I should make E-R diagram first then translate E-R into postgresql code, rather than make database design first then draw a E-R for it. That is, task2 should be done at the same time with task 1. Hence, I start all over again.

I find a very useful theory in section 6.9.1: if we can use the primary key of an entity

set as an attribute of another entity set, then there must be a relationship set between two entity sets. Following this theory, I design the E-R diagram below.

The diagram is generated from website <https://www.freedgo.com/>, on 2022/4/4.

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In section 6.5.2 of textbook, it writes that “we permit only one arrow out of a nonbinary relationship set”. Hence the drawing of “Contract” and “Order” above is incorrect in theory.

What needs to be emphasized is that I do have tried to solve this problem.

In section 6.5.2, textbook says “A simpler approach is to use functional dependencies, which we study in Chapter 7 (Section 7.4)”, but after some attempt to reading materials at section 7.4, I found it too difficult to learn functional dependency only by textbook.

Also in section 6.5.2, textbook suggest to “treat each instance of the non-binary relationship set as an entity”, but the book does not explain the drawing method of connecting two tables directly by lines in E-R, nor explain whether this drawing is legal.

In section 6.9.4, textbook offers an example to transmit a many-to-many ternary relationship into three binary many-to-one relationship. But after thinking, I think this method can’t be used in my problem. Textbook also writes “There may not be a way to translate constraints on the ternary relationship into constraints on the binary relationships” and gives an many-to-one example later, which is like my problem.

So I asked this problem in QQ group. Yuxin Ma says just need to put mapping cardinality on the line, like examples in slides. Later he offers an example of drawing on one website:

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Since the cardinality of 1 can be replaced by a directed line, then I maintain the drawing method at the beginning (the E-R diagram above). But to prevent ambiguity, I still decide to explain each relationship set in my E-R diagram:

**model\_class**: An entity in *product\_class* is associated with any number (zero or more) of entities in *product\_model*. An entity in *product\_model*, however, can be associated with at most one entity in *product\_class*.

**order**: A particular combination of entities from *header, product\_model* can be associated with at most one combination of entities from *sales* and *attached information*. A particular combination of entities from *sales* and *attached information* can be associated with any number of combinations of entities from *header* and *product\_model*. Thus, the primary key for the relationship *Order* is the union of primary keys in *header* and *product\_model*.

**contract**: A particular entity from *header* can be associated with at most one combination of entities from *client* and *supply.* A particular combination of entities from *client* and *supply* can be associated with any number of entity from *header*. Thus, the primary key for the relationship *contract* is the primary key of *header*.

## Task 2: Database Design

Because of our special thinking about task1 and task2, the work of task2 has already been done in task1, especially primary keys for each relationship. The rest of this phrase is just to translate E-R diagram into postgresql code. All entity sets with their primary keys are shown in E-R diagram clearly, and all relationship set with their primary keys have been explained in task 1, so no more repetition here. Instead, we introduce our thought about E-R diagram.

Looking into **contract\_info.csv**, it can be clearly seen that this table consists of four main parts:

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| Meaning of table | Content |
| unique contract information | contract number, contract date |
| supplier in SUSTC | supply center, director  (this relationship is pointed out in the project requests) |
| client who purchases goods in SUSTC | client enterprise, city, industry, country |
| salesman for client | salesman number, salesman name, gender, age, mobile phone |
| purchased product | product code, product name, unit price |

Combining the contract in real life, we created a relationship set to connect these parts. (The connected part does not include salesman because we do not find explicit relation between salesman and contract number in **contract\_info.csv**)

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| Meaning of table | Content |
| relationship set to connect contract, supplier and client | contract number, supply center, client enterprise |

Then we look **contract\_info.csv** more carefully and find that one contract number can be associated with more than one same product code, but only associated with one different product model. Also, unit price may be different for different model even these models belong to the same product code. So, we break “purchased product” into two more smaller part, and add one relationship set to connect them:

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| Meaning of table | Content |
| the specific model of product | product model, unit price |
| the abstract classification of product | product code, product name |
| relationship set to connect them | product model, product code |

Now look back at what have not been classified: the information of salesman, quantity of products, estimated delivery date and lodgement date of product. Among these entities, quantity of products is associated with product model in each contract number. So we create another relationship set to connect all remains together:

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| Meaning of table | Content |
| the order in one contract | product model, contract number, salesman number, quantity, estimated delivery date, lodgement date |

Now, all of design of database is finished, corresponding resultant E-R diagram is shown in task 1. After checking, all of designs meets the requirements in project file.

Easy to see, most of type is *varchar*. The exceptions are below:

*date* : contract date, estimated delivery date, lodgement date

*int* : unit price, quantity, age (of the salesman)

Since only city and lodgement may be NULL, so we set all other attributes to NOT NULL.

To be more rigorous, we set maximal length for every varchar. For some fixed-length variable like phone number, we set its type into char. Most variables, like country, do not have an explicit maximal length, we sort the content of this variable in **contract\_info.csv** in the order of decreasing length to find the maximal length in the table. Then we look back at the code examples in each lab class. Combine **contract\_info.csv** and lab together, we set the maximal length for each variable as below.

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| Variable | Type |
| contract number | char(10) |
| client enterprise | varchar(100) |
| supply center | varchar(30) |
| country | varchar(50) |
| city | varchar(20) |
| industry | varchar(50) |
| product code | varchar(7) |
| product name | varchar(100) |
| product model | varchar(100) |
| unit price | integer |
| quantity | integer |
| contract date | date |
| estimated delivery date | date |
| lodgement date | date |
| director | varchar(30) |
| salesman name | varchar(50) |
| salesman number | char(11) |
| gender | varchar(6) |
| age | integer |
| mobile phone | char(11) |

## Task 3: Data Import

### Methods in video

To complete this task, I firstly reference the “data-import-material” offered in sakai. In the video, 4 optimization methods are summarized to improve the efficiency of importing data:

1. only connect and close database once

2. use the *preparestatement* instead of *statement*

3. Batch processing mechanism

4. commit only once after all statements have been executed.

However, we cannot get each column in and insert required information into 9 tables designed by ourselves, since it will lead to the Error: “Duplicate key violates unique/primary constraint”. To avoid such error, I split **contract\_info.csv** into 9 corresponding **.csv** files as required in 3 steps.

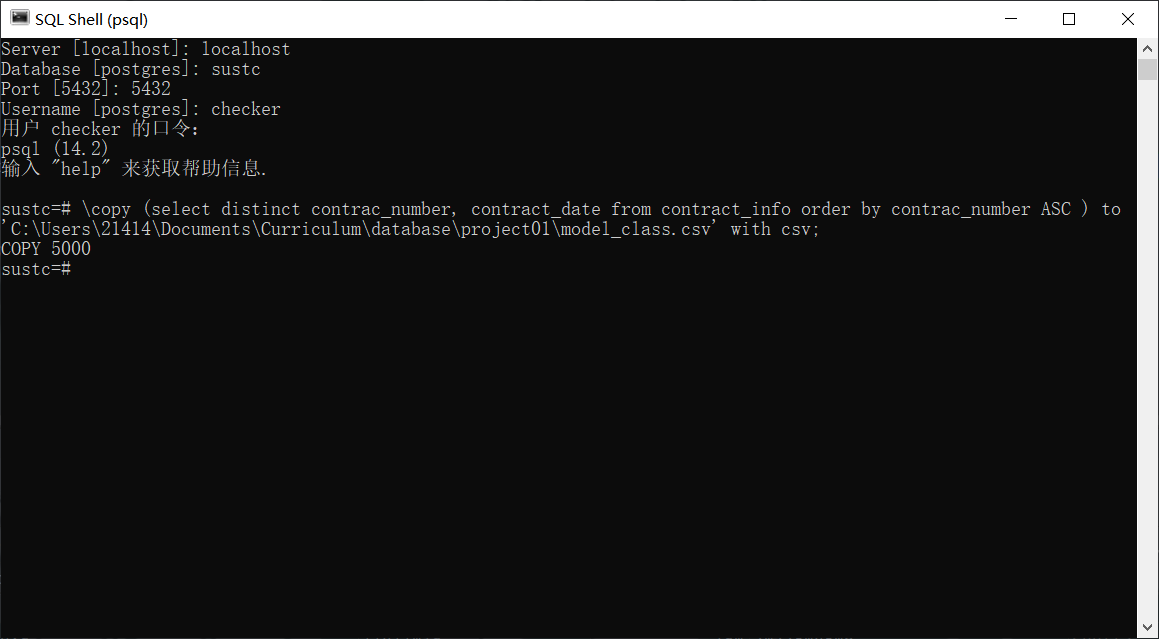
1. To get accessed to all given data, I created a corresponding table *contract\_info* in database, which has the same 20 columns. Based on the above improvement, I wrote *CSVLoader.java* to import the whole data into the table *contract\_info* reference to the given *goodloader.java.* Within the *loadData* method, there are two particular points to note:

① if the city is “NULL” or the lodgement date is blank in files, we should set them to *null*

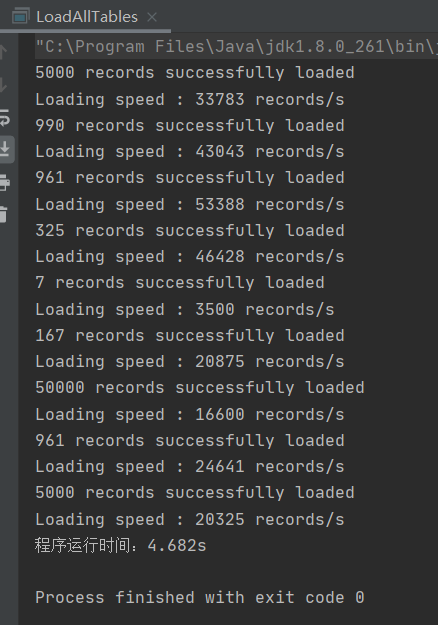
1. **if** (parts[2].equals("NULL"))
2. stmts[5].setNull(3, Types.VARCHAR);
3. **else**
4. stmts[5].setString(3, parts[2]);

② the date information should be transformed from *String* into *java.sql.Date.*

1. java.sql.Date cont\_date = **new** java.sql.Date(**new** java.util.Date(parts[1].replace("-", "/")).getTime());
2. Call the *\copy* command in psql to get 9 splited files.



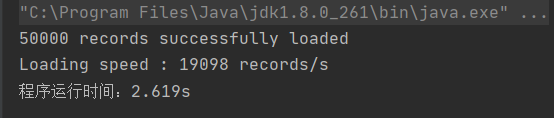
1. Write *LoadAllTables*.java to import 9 files obtained in step 2 into corresponding tables. The actual time cost is as followed:



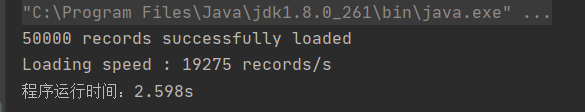
### Another method in Java

After successfully importing data, I tried to achieve in other ways.

1. Firstly, I consider improvement in file reading. The original *goodloader.java* apply *BufferedReader* to get accessed to the file. Thus I rewrote *CSVLoader.java* to get *LoadWithCSVpackage.java* with importing com.csvreader.CsvReade and get file input via CsvReader. The import efficiency of two program are showed as followed, however, there is no much difference.



CSVLoader.java

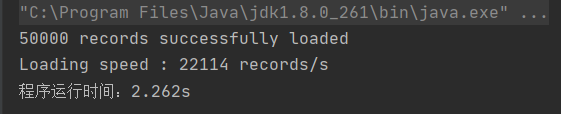


LoadWithCSVpackage.java

1. Since the execute \copy command in psql is executed very rapidly, I considered implement the command in java program with CopyManager class.
2. file = **new** FileInputStream(filename);
3. String copy = "COPY " + "contract\_info" + " FROM STDIN DELIMITER AS ','";
4. copyManager.copyIn(copy, file);

The runtime cost is as followed:

We can see that the speed of single operation and the whole runtime are both improved.



(All the above programs are timed from the first statement of the main method until the last statement )

### Some methods in Python

Besides Java, we also tried some method in python.

The most basic way to import data from csv into postgresql database is inserting the rows one by one using the function *execute()* in package *psycopg2*. Program need to transform data into memory, and then import it into database. And the constant context switching between the program and the database must slow it down.

A faster way to insert is *executemany()*, a function allows us to execute more than one sql statement in one time. This function will transform all of data into memory, and only then import then into database, so it will save the time of transformation. But this improvement is not satisfying.

Another faster way is *execute\_batch()*, a function in *psycopg2.extras*. This function can execute groups of statements in fewer server roundtrips, which saves time for server roundtrips. This is quiet a lot improvement, it can treble import speed. But this is not the fastest way.

One more faster way is *execute\_values()*. This function works by generate a huge VALUES object list to the query. VALUES make this function works more rapidly than batch.

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|  | 1/time | many/time | fewer server roundtrip | VALUES object |
| execute() | √ |  |  |  |
| executemany() | √ | √ |  |  |
| execute\_batch() | √ | √ | √ |  |
| execute\_values() | √ | √ | √ | √ |

However, VALUES is still not the fastest way. As have said before, according to document of postgresql, the *copy* command is the fastest way to import data from csv into database. The document just says that it is optimized for loading large numbers of rows, not mentioning any deep theory about it. I only find that this function uses buffer to import data.

To compare speed of these five functions, I write a test python program. Each function will be repeated 100 times and print the average speed. All five functions will import data from one same file named header.csv, which containing 5000 lines. The page size (which will explain later) of execute\_batch() and execute\_values() are both 100.

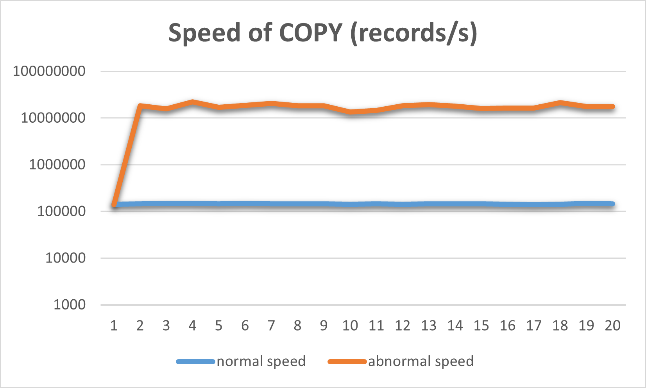
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Confusion: before start, I find that the speed of *copy* will become extremely high, even more than ten billion records per second. Only the first *copy* has normal speed (≈140,000). If open csv file just before *copy*, that is, open file 100 times and *copy* 100 times, then speed for each *copy* is normal. If only open file 1 time, then execute *copy* without open again, then the speed will become too huge. I don’t understand this situation.

In the above speed comparison, the first-time normal speed of *copy* is tested.

The below figure shows 20 continual speed test of normal and abnormal *copy*, the csv file contains 5000 lines.



In python, there is a special object called iterator. If we use iterator to store data, and import data from iterator rather than csv file, the same confusion will occur again. In continual tests, only the first result is normal, the other result is even more extreme than *copy*, that is, more than 100 billion! This amplification amount is also more than *copy*. Below figure shows the normal and abnormal result of continual 20 tests of iterator in *execute\_batch()*, both have page size 100 (explain later). The csv file contains 5000 lines.

折线图

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I have learned in CS202 that, time to access data in register is thousands faster than time to access data in memory. Inspired by this, I searched online and find that the speed to load data in memory is much faster than in disk. Also, I find that memory can be divided into several more types, each type with different access speed. So, I produce following hypothesis: this wired phenomenon is because the loading speed difference between memory and disk.

*copy* use buffer to import data. The first-time buffer opens the file, it will load all data from file (in disk) into buffer itself (in memory). Of course, buffer can only contain limited content. But our test csv file is too small, so all information in the file can be put into buffer together. That is why the first-time speed looks normal: other functions and first-time *copy* all need to access disk to get data, then import data into database. After the first-time, *copy* only needs to read data from buffer (in memory) rather than in file (in disk). So, from the second-time on, *copy* become much more faster than the first-time.

Iterator is another type of memory, different from type of memory in buffer. Iterator also need to read data from csv file (in disk) for the first-time. So, the speed of first-time is normal compared with other functions. After first-time, iterator only need to access data from its memory, which is much faster than read from csv file (in disk), so the speed after first-time is much faster than speed of first-time. And type of iterator memory is faster to access than the type of buffer in *copy*. So after first-time, iterator speed is much faster than *copy* speed.

This hypothesis also explain why the amplification amount of iterator is more than amount of *copy*. That is because, the difference between disk reading speed and *copy*-type memory reading speed, is less than difference between disk reading speed and iterator-type memory reading speed.

In function *execute\_batch* and *execute\_values*, there is a parameter called “page size”. These two functions will join the statements into multi-statement commands, each one containing at most “page size” statements. So, when the data is infinite, the bigger the page size is, the faster the speed will be.

But there do not exist an infinite data file. The reality trend can be divided into five parts:

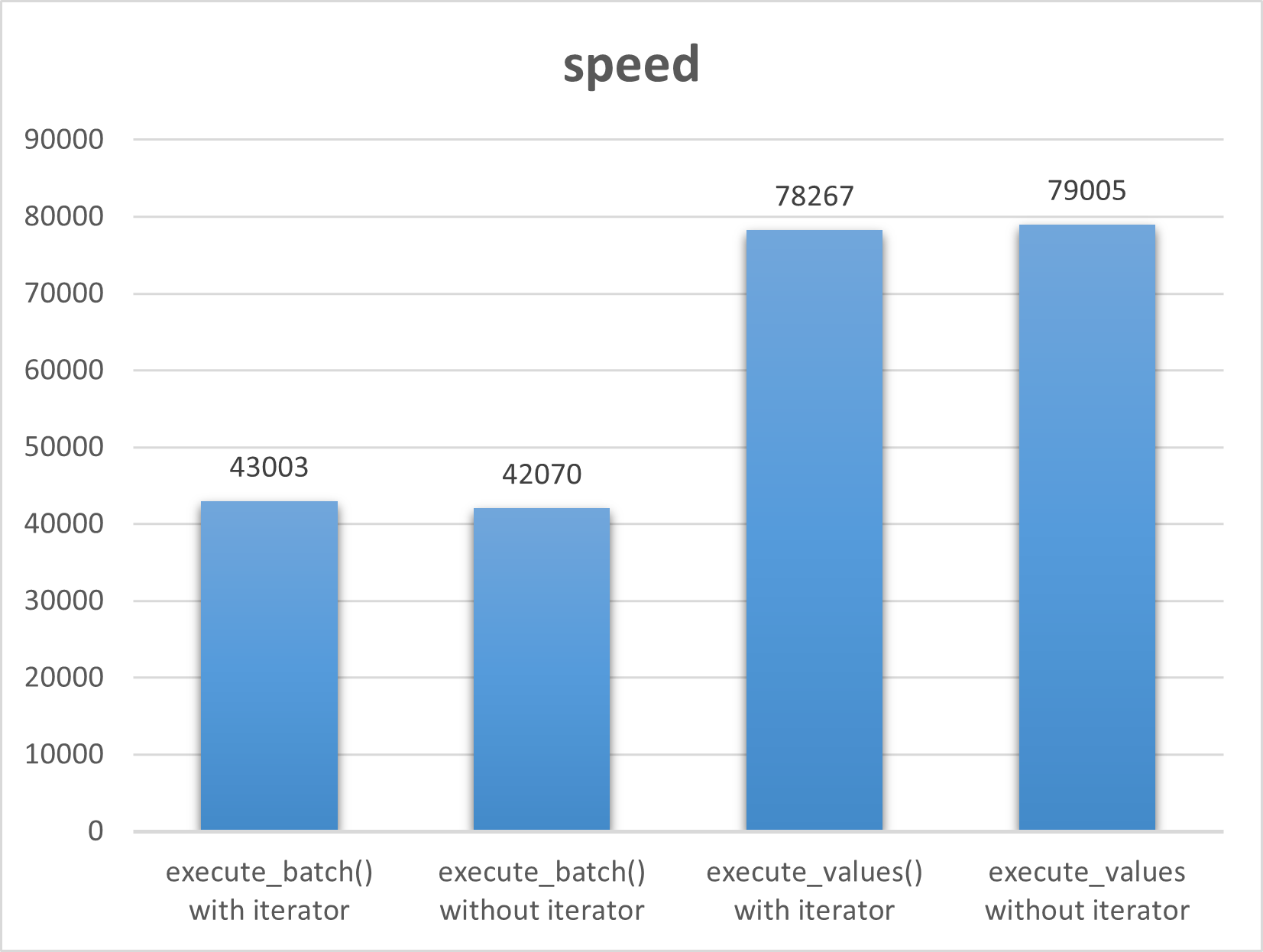
1. Given data with limited size, the speed will first go up because the increase of page size.
2. There will be a maximum speed in some page size.
3. After this optimal page size, the speed will go down for a while because the decrease of server roundtrip is less than the time to execute so many statements in one trip.
4. As page size approaching the data amount, the speed will gradually become a constant.
5. When page size exceed the number of statement needed to import data, the speed will totally become a constant. Just fluctuate because of some random factors.

The following figure shows the average speed of different page size for these two functions, which complies the reasoning. The average value is calculated by 100 times continual import tests of 5000 lines.

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We have mentioned that python has a special object called iterator. Both *execute\_batch()* and *execute\_values()* can use iterator to import data into database. To find out whether iterator can influence speed of import data into database, we do another comparison. The iterator is first-time used to keep the influence of difference between memory and disk out of this comparison. The page size of two function is both 100. The value shown in figure is the average value of 100 tests. The csv file contains 5000 lines.



Whether use or not use iterator, the difference between results is small. In our other test, each time we run the program will get different scale comparison result. After looking up some information, we find that iterator is a special contain of functions. It will invite \_\_next\_\_() function in a list or other types. So the essence of this comparison is the running speed of two functions. Functions without iterator can access data using index of list, functions with iterator need to call \_\_next\_\_() first and \_\_next\_\_() return the data using index. So not using iterator should be faster in theory. But we think this difference is too small compared with other environment factors like occupancy rate of CPU. So there’s no obvious influence on iterator.

Not having enough time, we just use two fastest function to import all data into database. The code files are copy\_from.py and execute\_values.py in attachment.

## Task 4: Compare DBMS with File I/O

## Test environment

### Python

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|  | Figure | Detail |
| Hardware | CPU model | AMD Ryzen 7 4800H with Radeon Graphics |
| CPU frequency | 2.90 GHz |
| Memory size | 16.0GB |
| Solid-state | SSD |
| Language | Python version | Python 3.10 |
| Packages | psycopg2 | 2.9.3 |