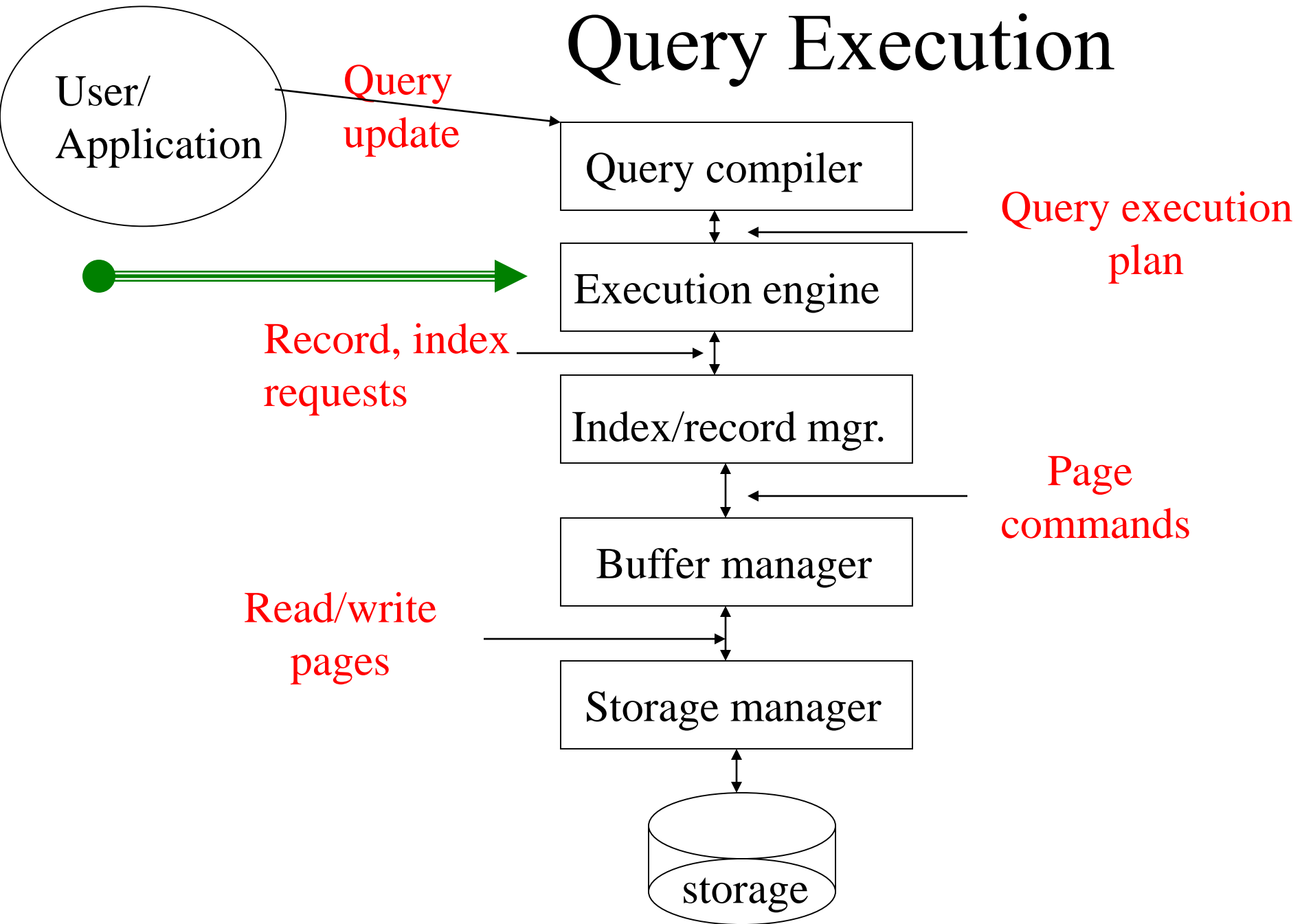


# DBMS Internals

## Execution and Optimization

# Query Execution

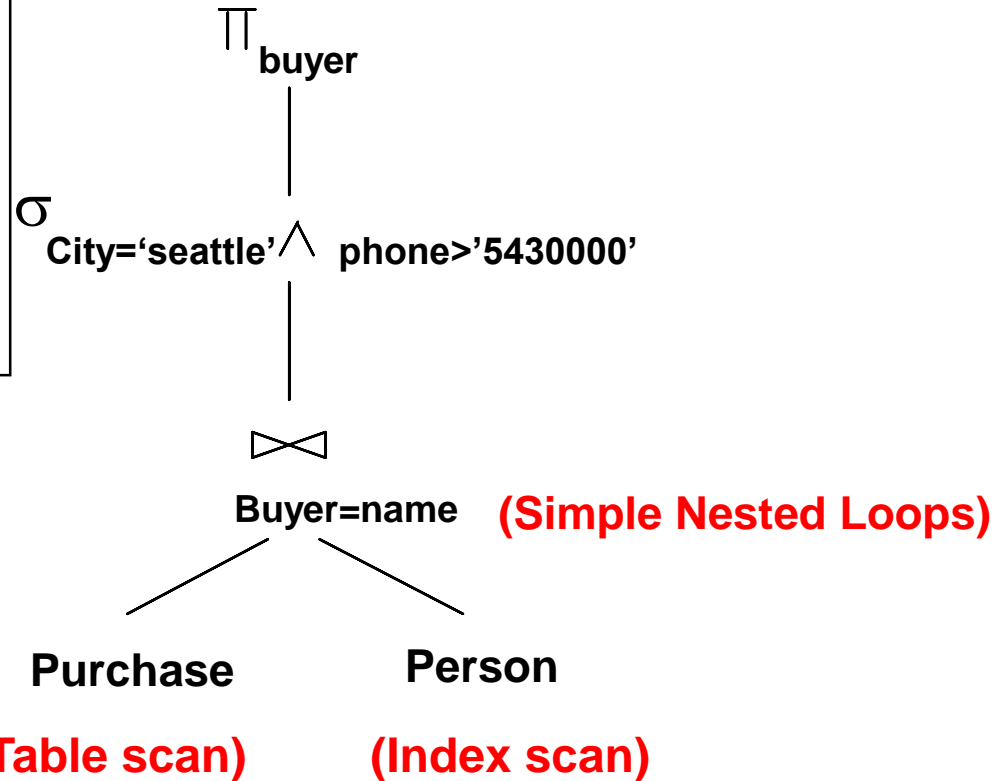


# Query Execution Plans

```
SELECT buyer
FROM Purchase P, Person Q
WHERE P.buyer=Q.name AND
      Q.city='seattle' AND
      Q.phone > '5430000'
```

## Query Plan:

- logical tree
- implementation choice at every node
- scheduling of operations.



Some operators are from relational algebra, and others (e.g., scan, group) are not.

# The Leaves of the Plan: Scans

- **Table scan:** iterate through the records of the relation.
- **Index scan:** go to the index, from there get the records in the file (when would this be better?)
- **Sorted scan:** produce the relation in order. Implementation depends on relation size.

# How do we combine Operations?

- **The iterator model.** Each operation is implemented by 3 functions:
  - Open: sets up the data structures and performs initializations
  - GetNext: returns the the next tuple of the result.
  - Close: ends the operations. Cleans up the data structures.
- Enables pipelining!
- Contrast with **data-driven materialize model.**
- Sometimes it's the same (e.g., sorted scan).

# Implementing Relational Operations

- We will consider how to implement:
  - Selection (  $\sigma$  ) Selects a subset of rows from relation.
  - Projection (  $\pi$  ) Deletes unwanted columns from relation.
  - Join (  $\bowtie$  ) Allows us to combine two relations.
  - Set-difference Tuples in reln. 1, but not in reln. 2.
  - Union Tuples in reln. 1 and in reln. 2.
  - Aggregation (SUM, MIN, etc.) and GROUP BY

# Schema for Examples

Purchase (buyer:string, seller: string, product: integer),

Person (name:string, city:string, phone: integer)

- Purchase:
  - Each tuple is 40 bytes long, 100 tuples per page, 1000 pages (i.e., 100,000 tuples, 4MB for the entire relation).
- Person:
  - Each tuple is 50 bytes long, 80 tuples per page, 500 pages (i.e, 40,000 tuples, 2MB for the entire relation).

# Simple Selections

```
SELECT *  
FROM Person R  
WHERE R.phone < '543%'
```

- Of the form  $\sigma_{R.attr \text{ op } value} (R)$
- **With no index, unsorted:** Must essentially scan the whole relation; cost is  $M$  (#pages in  $R$ ).
- **With an index on selection attribute:** Use index to find qualifying data entries, then retrieve corresponding data records. (Hash index useful only for equality selections.)
- **Result size estimation:**  
(Size of  $R$ ) \* reduction factor.  
More on this later.



# Using an Index for Selections

- Cost depends on #qualifying tuples, and clustering.
  - Cost of finding qualifying data entries (typically small) plus cost of retrieving records.
  - In example, assuming uniform distribution of phones, about 54% of tuples qualify (250 pages, 20000 tuples). With a clustered index, cost is little more than 250 I/Os; if unclustered, up to 20000 I/Os!
- *Important refinement for unclustered indexes:*
  1. Find and sort the rid's of the qualifying data entries.
  2. Fetch rids in order. This ensures that each data page is looked at just once (though # of such pages likely to be higher than with clustering).

# Two Approaches to General Selections

- First approach: Find the *most selective access path*, retrieve tuples using it, and apply any remaining terms that don't *match* the index:
  - *Most selective access path*: An index or file scan that we estimate will require the fewest page I/Os.
  - Consider *city*="seattle AND *phone*<"543%":
    - A hash index on *city* can be used; then, *phone*<"543%" must be checked for each retrieved tuple.
    - Similarly, a b-tree index on *phone* could be used; *city*="seattle" must then be checked.

# Intersection of Rids

- Second approach
  - Get sets of rids of data records using each matching index.
  - Then *intersect* these sets of rids.
  - Retrieve the records and apply any remaining terms.

# Implementing Projection

```
SELECT  DISTINCT  
        R.name,  
        R.phone  
FROM Person R
```

- Two parts:
  - (1) remove unwanted attributes,
  - (2) remove duplicates from the result.
- Refinements to duplicate removal:
  - If an index on a relation contains all wanted attributes, then we can do an *index-only* scan.
  - If the index contains a subset of the wanted attributes, you can remove duplicates *locally*.

# Equality Joins With One Join Column



JOIN

```
SELECT *  
FROM Person R, Purchase S  
WHERE R.name=S.buyer
```

- $R \bowtie S$  is a common operation. The cross product is too large. Hence, performing  $R \times S$  and then a selection is too inefficient.
- Assume:  $M$  pages in  $R$ ,  $p_R$  tuples per page,  $N$  pages in  $S$ ,  $p_S$  tuples per page.
  - In our examples,  $R$  is Person and  $S$  is Purchase.
- *Cost metric*: # of I/Os. We will ignore output costs.

# Discussion

- How would you implement join?

## Estimating IOs:

- Count # of disk blocks that must be read (or written) to execute query plan

To estimate costs, we may have additional parameters:

$B(R)$  = # of blocks containing  $R$  tuples

$f(R)$  = max # of tuples of  $R$  per block

$M$  = # memory blocks available



To estimate costs, we may have additional parameters:

$T(R)$  : # tuples in  $R$

$S(R)$  : # of bytes in each  $R$  tuple

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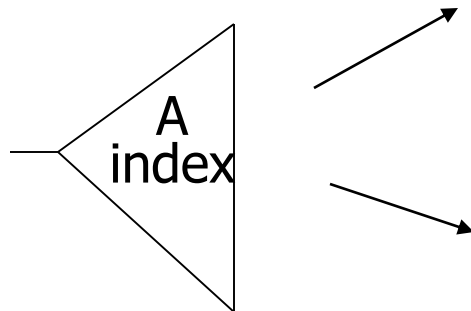
$M$  = # memory blocks available

$HT(i)$  = # levels in index  $i$

$LB(i)$  = # of leaf blocks in index  $i$

# Clustering index

Index that allows tuples to be read in an order that corresponds to physical order



A

10	
15	
17	

19	
35	
37	

# Notions of clustering

- Clustered file organization

R1 R2 S1 S2	R3 R4 S3 S4	.....
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- Clustered relation

R1 R2 R3 R4	R5 R6 R7 R8	.....
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- Clustering index

Example     $R1 \bowtie R2$  over common attribute **C**

$$T(R1) = 10,000$$

$$T(R2) = 5,000$$

$$S(R1) = S(R2) = 1/10 \text{ block (per tuple)}$$

$$\text{Memory available} = 101 \text{ blocks}$$

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→ Metric: # of IOs  
(ignoring writing of result)

# Options

- Transformations:  $R1 \bowtie R2$ ,  $R2 \bowtie R1$
- Joint algorithms:
  - Iteration (nested loops)
  - Merge join
  - Join with index
  - Hash join

- Iteration join (conceptually)
  - for each  $r \in R1$  do
    - for each  $s \in R2$  do
      - if  $r.C = s.C$  then output  $r,s$  pair

- Merge join (conceptually)

(1) if R1 and R2 not sorted, sort them

(2)  $i \leftarrow 1; j \leftarrow 1;$

While  $(i \leq T(R1)) \wedge (j \leq T(R2))$  do

    if  $R1\{i\}.C = R2\{j\}.C$  then outputTuples

    else if  $R1\{i\}.C > R2\{j\}.C$  then  $j \leftarrow j+1$

    else if  $R1\{i\}.C < R2\{j\}.C$  then  $i \leftarrow i+1$



## Procedure Output-Tuples

While  $(R1 \{ i \}.C = R2 \{ j \}.C) \wedge (i \leq T(R1))$  do

$[jj \leftarrow j;$

        while  $(R1 \{ i \}.C = R2 \{ jj \}.C) \wedge (jj \leq T(R2))$  do

            [output pair  $R1 \{ i \}, R2 \{ jj \};$

$jj \leftarrow jj+1$  ]

$i \leftarrow i+1$  ]

# Example

i	$R1\{i\}.C$	$R2\{j\}.C$	j
1	10	5	1
2	20	20	2
3	20	20	3
4	30	30	4
5	40	30	5
		50	6
		52	7

- Join with index (Conceptually)

For each  $r \in R1$  do

Assume  $R2.C$  index

[  $X \leftarrow \text{index}(R2, C, r.C)$

for each  $s \in X$  do

output  $r,s$  pair]

Note:  $X \leftarrow \text{index}(\text{rel}, \text{attr}, \text{value})$

then  $X = \text{set of rel tuples with attr} = \text{value}$

- Hash join (conceptual)
  - Hash function  $h$ , range  $0 \rightarrow k$
  - Buckets for  $R_1$ :  $G_0, G_1, \dots G_k$
  - Buckets for  $R_2$ :  $H_0, H_1, \dots H_k$

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## Algorithm

- (1) Hash  $R_1$  tuples into  $G$  buckets
- (2) Hash  $R_2$  tuples into  $H$  buckets
- (3) For  $i = 0$  to  $k$  do
  - match tuples in  $G_i, H_i$  buckets

# Simple example      hash: even/odd

R1	R2	Buckets	
2	5	Even	
4	4		
3	12		
5	3		
8	13		
9	8		
	11		
	14		
		Odd:	

Buckets	
Even	
2 4 8	4 12 8 14
R1	R2
Odd:	
3 5 9	5 3 13 11

## Factors that affect performance

- (1) Tuples of relation stored  
physically together?
- (2) Relations sorted by join attribute?
- (3) Indexes exist?

# Simple Nested Loops Join

For each tuple  $r$  in  $R$  do  
    for each tuple  $s$  in  $S$  do  
        if  $r_i == s_j$  then add  $\langle r, s \rangle$  to result

- For each tuple in the *outer* relation  $R$ , we scan the *entire inner* relation  $S$ .
  - Cost:  $M + (p_R * M) * N = 1000 + 100 * 1000 * 500$  I/Os: **140 hours!**
- Page-oriented Nested Loops join: For each *page* of  $R$ , get each *page* of  $S$ , and write out matching pairs of tuples  $\langle r, s \rangle$ , where  $r$  is in  $R$ -page and  $S$  is in  $S$ -page.
  - Cost:  $M + M * N = 1000 + 1000 * 500$  (**1.4 hours**)

$M$  pages in  $R$ ,  $p_R$  tuples per page,  $N$  pages in  $S$ ,  $p_S$  tuples per page.

Assume:  $M=1000$ ;  $N=500$ ;  $p_R=100$ ; 100 blocks/sec could be read



## Example 1(a) Iteration Join $R1 \bowtie R2$

- Relations not contiguous
- Recall  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} T(R1) = 10,000 \quad T(R2) = 5,000 \\ S(R1) = S(R2) = 1/10 \text{ block} \\ \text{MEM} = 101 \text{ blocks} \end{array} \right.$

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Cost: for each R1 tuple:

[Read tuple + Read R2]

Total = 10,000 [1 + 5000] = 50,010,000 IOs

- Can we do better?

Use our memory

- (1) Read 100 blocks of R1
- (2) Read all of R2 (using 1 block) + join
- (3) Repeat until done

## Example 1(b) Iteration Join $R1 \bowtie R2$

- Relations contiguous
- $T(R1) = 10,000$      $T(R2) = 5,000$
- $S(R1) = S(R2) = 1/10$  block

### Cost

For each R1 chunk:

Read chunk: 100 IOs

Read R2:        500 IOs  
                    600

Total= 10chunks x 600 = 6000 IOs

## Example 1(b) Iteration Join $R2 \bowtie R1$

- Relations contiguous

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- Relations contiguous

### Cost

For each R2 chunk:

Read chunk: 100 IOs

Read R1: 1000 IOs  
1,100

Total= 5 chunks x 1,100 = 5,500 IOs

# Index Nested Loops Join

```
foreach tuple r in R do  
    foreach tuple s in S where  $r_i == s_j$  do  
        add  $\langle r, s \rangle$  to result
```

- If there is an index on the join column of one relation (say S), can make it the inner.
  - Cost:  $M + (M * p_R) * \text{cost of finding matching S tuples}$
- For each R tuple, cost of probing S index is about 1.2 for hash index, 2-4 for B+ tree. Cost of then finding S tuples depends on clustering.
  - Clustered index: 1 I/O (typical), unclustered: up to 1 I/O per matching S tuple.

# Examples of Index Nested Loops

- Hash-index on *name* of Person (as inner):
  - Scan Purchase: 1000 page I/Os,  $100 \times 1000$  tuples.
  - For each Person tuple: 1.2 I/Os to get data entry in index, plus 1 I/O to get (the exactly one) matching Person tuple. Total:  $1000 + 2.2 \times 100000 = 221,000$  I/Os. (**36 minutes**)
- Hash-index on *buyer* of Purchase (as inner):
  - Scan Person: 500 page I/Os,  $80 \times 500$  tuples.
  - For each Person tuple: 1.2 I/Os to find index page with data entries, plus cost of retrieving matching Purchase tuples. Assuming uniform distribution, 2.5 purchases per buyer ( $100,000 / 40,000$ ). Cost of retrieving them is 1 or 2.5 I/Os depending on clustering.
  - Total:  $500 + 40000 \times (1.2 + 1)$  (**14 minutes, clustered**)  
 $\text{max } 500 + 40000 \times (1.2 + 2.5)$  (**24 minutes, unclustered**)



## Example 1(e) Index Join

- Assume R1.C index exists; 2 levels
- Assume R2 contiguous, unordered
- Assume R1.C index fits in memory

Cost: Reads: 500 IOs

for each R2 tuple:

- probe index - free
- if match, read R1 tuple: 1 IO

Recall

- $T(R1) = 10,000$      $T(R2) = 5,000$
- $S(R1) = S(R2) = 1/10$  block

## Selection cardinality

$SC(R,A)$  = average # records that satisfy  
equality condition on R.A

$$SC(R,A) = \begin{cases} \frac{T(R)}{V(R,A)} \\ \frac{T(R)}{DOM(R,A)} \end{cases}$$

What is expected # of matching tuples?

(a) say R1.C is key, R2.C is foreign key

then expect = 1

(b) say  $V(R1, C) = 5000$ ,  $T(R1) = 10,000$

with uniform assumption

expect =  $10,000/5,000 = 2$

$V(R, A)$  : # distinct values in R for attribute A

What is expected # of matching tuples?

(c) Say  $\text{DOM}(R1, C)=1,000,000$

$$T(R1) = 10,000$$

with alternate assumption

$$\text{Expect} = \frac{10,000}{1,000,000} = \underline{\underline{1}}_{100}$$

## Total cost with index join

(a) Total cost =  $500 + 5000(1)1 = 5,500$

(b) Total cost =  $500 + 5000(2)1 = 10,500$

(c) Total cost =  $500 + 5000(1/100)1 = 550$

## What if index does not fit in memory?

Example: say R1.C index is 201 blocks

Recall: Assume R1.C index exists; 2 levels

- Keep root + 99 leaf nodes in memory
- Expected cost of each probe is

$$E = (0)\frac{99}{200} + (1)\frac{101}{200} \approx 0.5$$

## Total cost (including probes)

$$= 500 + 5000 [\text{Probe} + \text{get records}]$$

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For case (c):

$$= 500 + 5000 [0.5 \times 1 + (1/100) \times 1]$$

$$= 500 + 2500 + 50 = 3050 \text{ IOs}$$

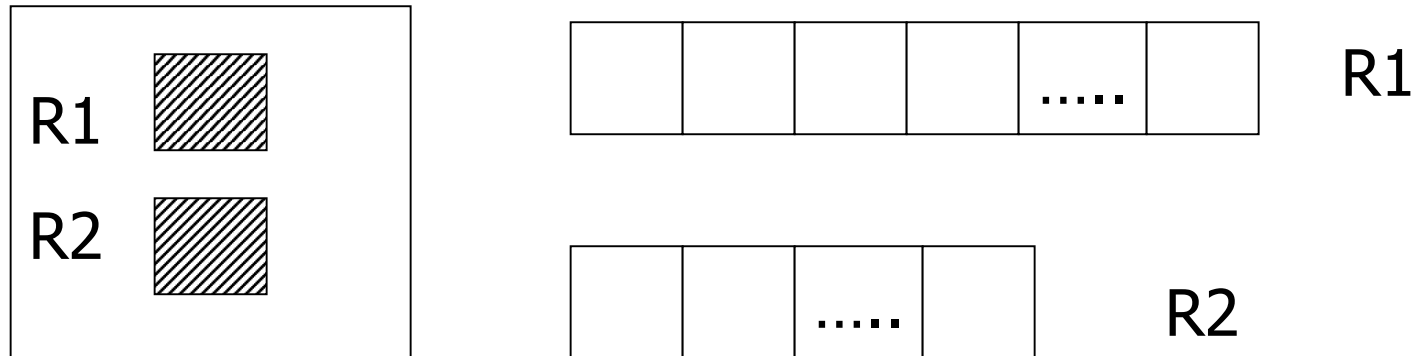
# Sort-Merge Join ( $R \bowtie_{i=j} S$ )

- Sort R and S on the join column, then scan them to do a “merge” on the join column.
  - Advance scan of R until current R-tuple  $\geq$  current S tuple, then advance scan of S until current S-tuple  $\geq$  current R tuple; do this until current R tuple = current S tuple.
  - At this point, all R tuples with same value and all S tuples with same value match; output  $\langle r, s \rangle$  for all pairs of such tuples.
  - Then resume scanning R and S.

## Example 1(c) Merge Join

- Both R1, R2 ordered by C; relations contiguous

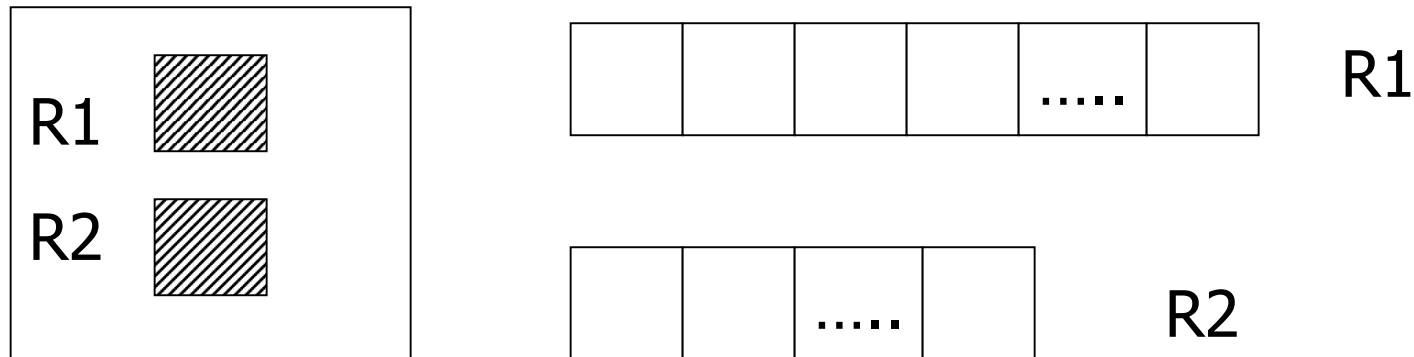
Memory



## Example 1(c) Merge Join

- Both R1, R2 ordered by C; relations contiguous

Memory



Total cost: Read R1 cost + read R2 cost  
 $= 1000 + 500 = 1,500$  IOs

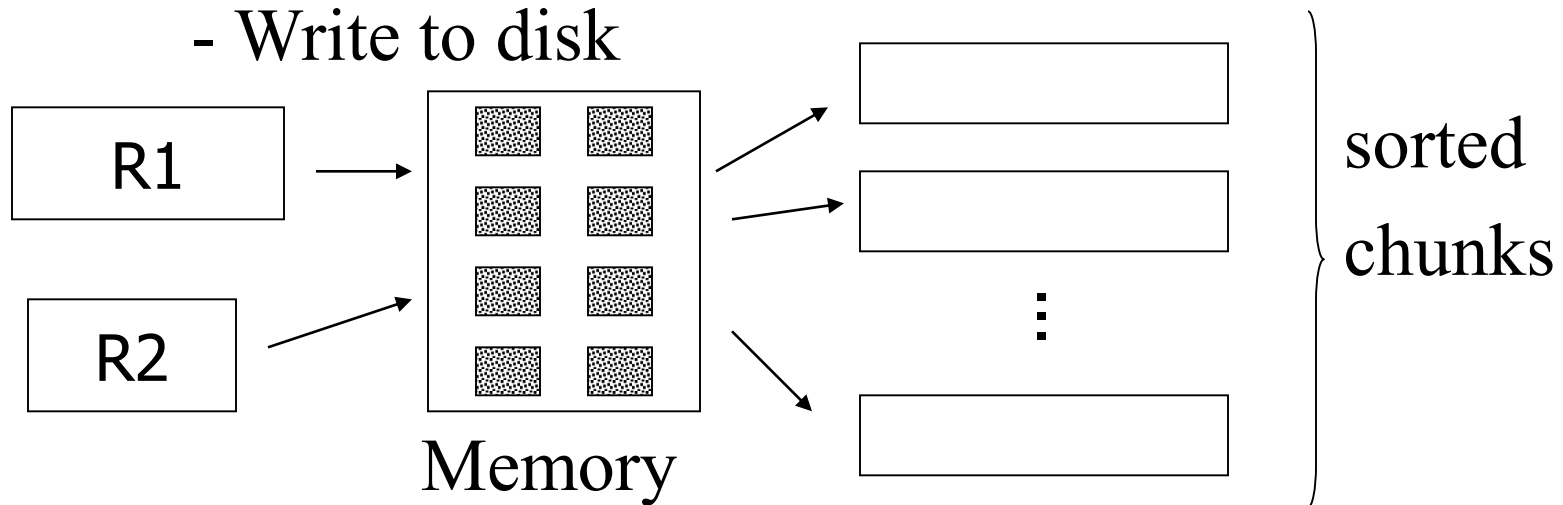
## Example 1(d) Merge Join

- R1, R2 not ordered, but contiguous
- > Need to sort R1, R2 first.... HOW?

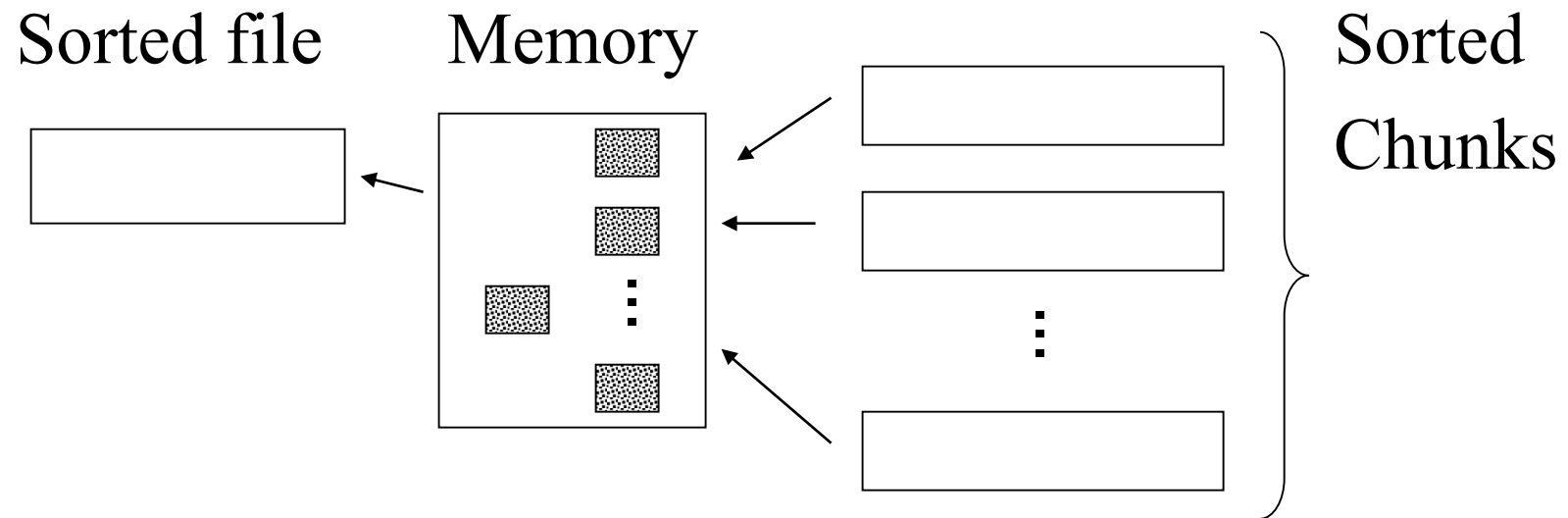
# One way to sort: Merge Sort

(i) For each 100 blk chunk of R:

- Read chunk
- Sort in memory
- Write to disk



(ii) Read all chunks + merge + write out



## Cost: Sort

Each tuple is read, written,  
read, written

so...

Sort cost R1:  $4 \times 1,000 = 4,000$

Sort cost R2:  $4 \times 500 = 2,000$



## Example 1(d) Merge Join (continued)

R1,R2 contiguous, but unordered

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total cost} &= \text{sort cost} + \text{join cost} \\ &= 6,000 + 1,500 = 7,500 \text{ IOs}\end{aligned}$$

## Example 1(d) Merge Join (continued)

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$$\begin{aligned}\text{Total cost} &= \text{sort cost} + \text{join cost} \\ &= 6,000 + 1,500 = 7,500 \text{ IOs}\end{aligned}$$

But: Iteration cost = 5,500  
so merge join does not pay off!

But say  $R1 = 10,000$  blocks

$R2 = 5,000$  blocks

Contiguous, not ordered

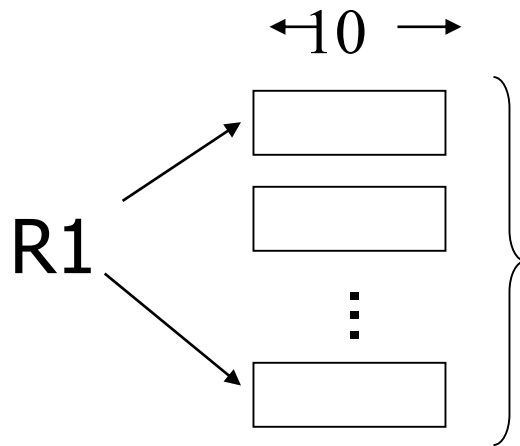
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Iterate: } \frac{5000}{100} \times (100 + 10,000) &= 50 \times 10,100 \\ &= 505,000 \text{ IOs} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Merge join: } 5(10,000 + 5,000) = 75,000 \text{ IOs}$$

Merge Join (with sort) WINS!

# How much memory do we need for merge sort?

E.g: Say I have 10 memory blocks



100 chunks  $\Rightarrow$  to merge, need  
100 blocks!

In general:

Say  $k$  blocks in memory

$x$  blocks for relation sort

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so...  $(x/k) \leq k$

or  $k^2 \geq x$       or  $k \geq \sqrt{x}$

## In our example

R1 is 1000 blocks,  $k \geq 31.62$

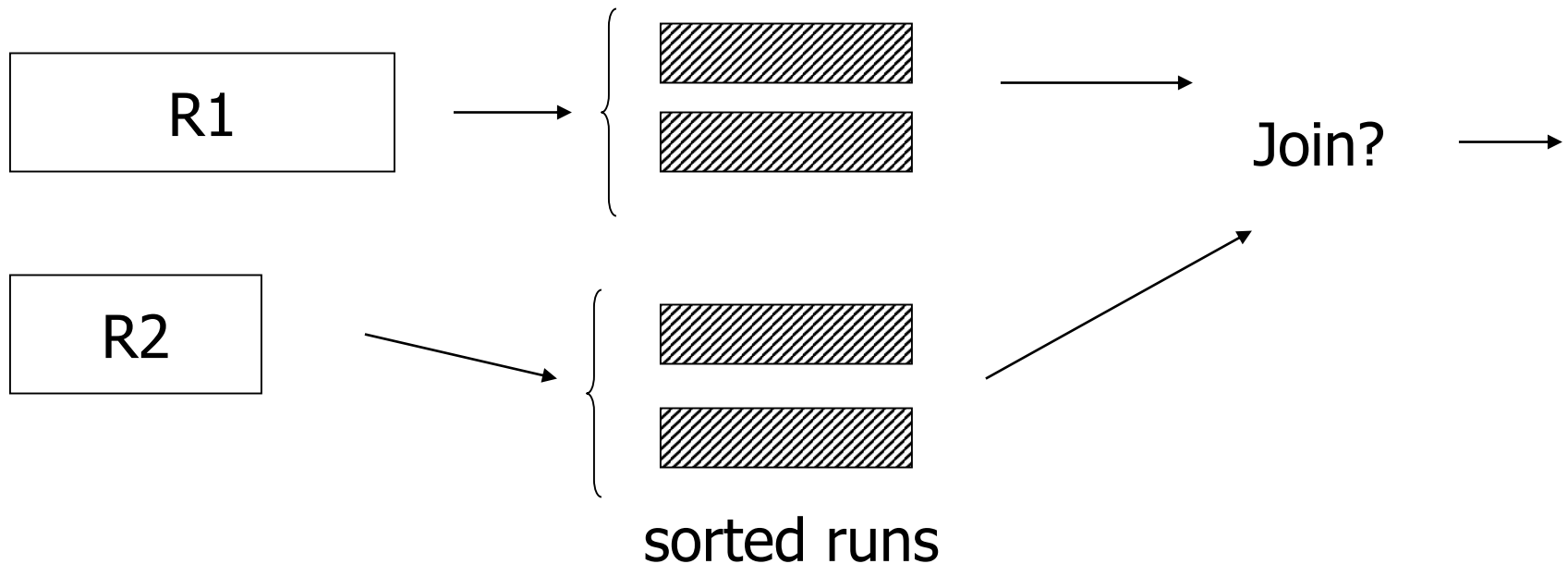
R2 is 500 blocks,  $k \geq 22.36$

Need at least 32 buffers



# Can we improve on merge join?

Hint: do we really need the fully sorted files?



## Cost of improved merge join:

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \text{Read } R1 + \text{write } R1 \text{ into runs} \\ &\quad + \text{read } R2 + \text{write } R2 \text{ into runs} \\ &\quad + \text{join} \\ &= 2 \times 1000 + 2 \times 500 + 1500 = 4500 \end{aligned}$$

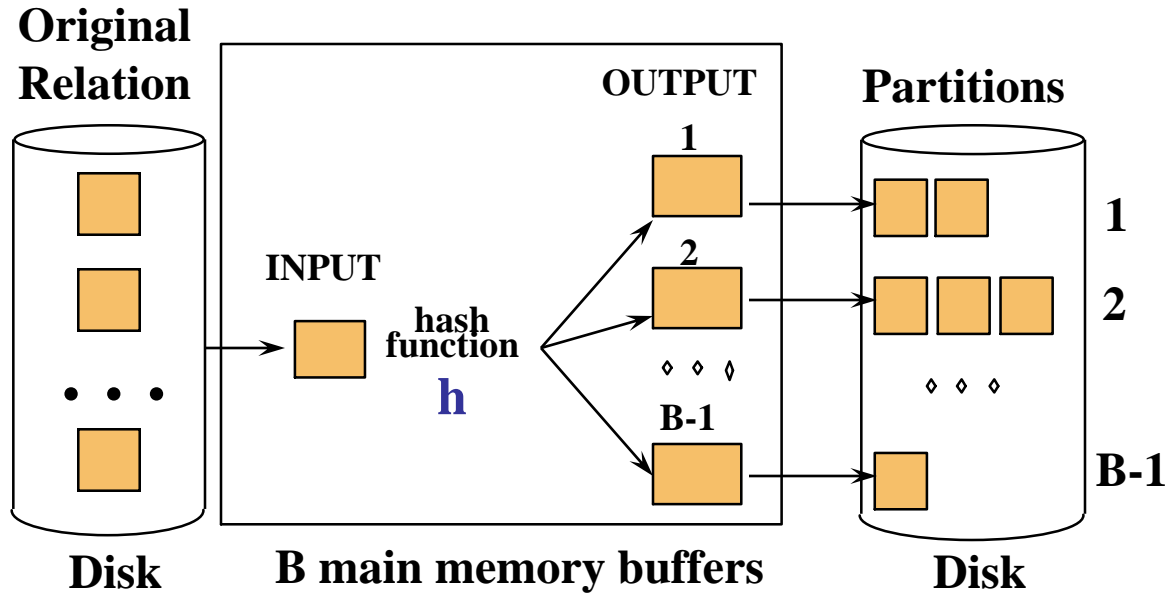
--> Memory requirement?

## So far

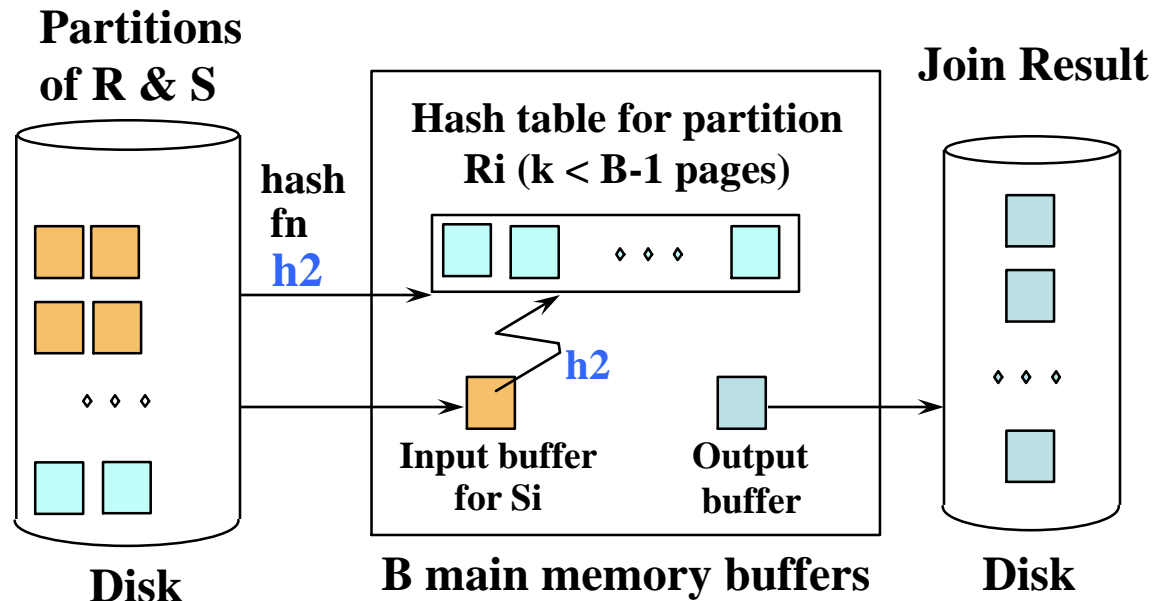
contiguous	{	Iterate R2 $\bowtie$ R1	5500
		Merge join	1500
		Sort+Merge Join	7500 $\rightarrow$ 4500
		R1.C Index	5500 $\rightarrow$ 3050 $\rightarrow$ 550
		R2.C Index	<hr/>

# Hash-Join

- Partition both relations using hash fn **h**: R tuples in partition i will only match S tuples in partition i.

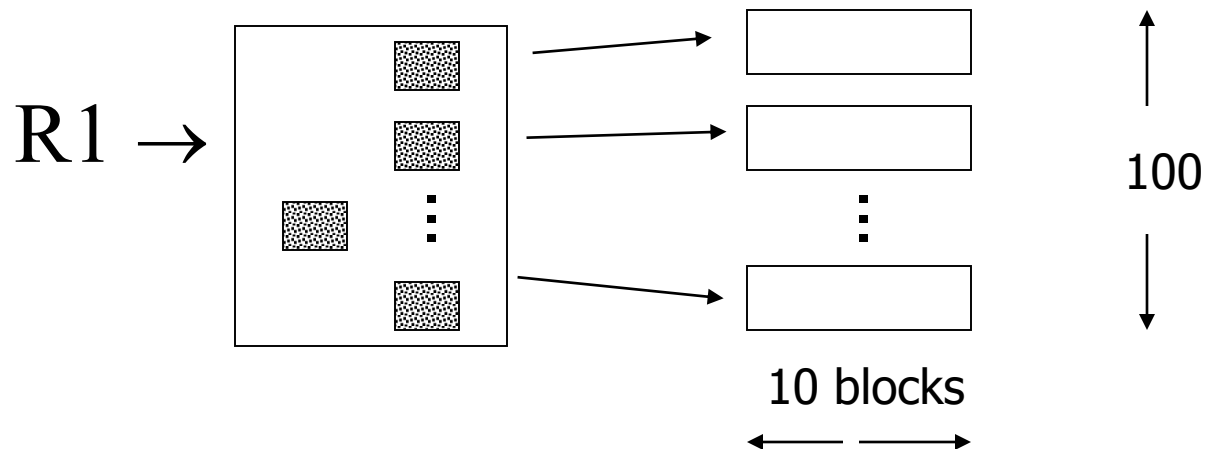


- ❖ Read in a partition of R, hash it using **h2** ( $\neq h$ !). Scan matching partition of S, search for matches.

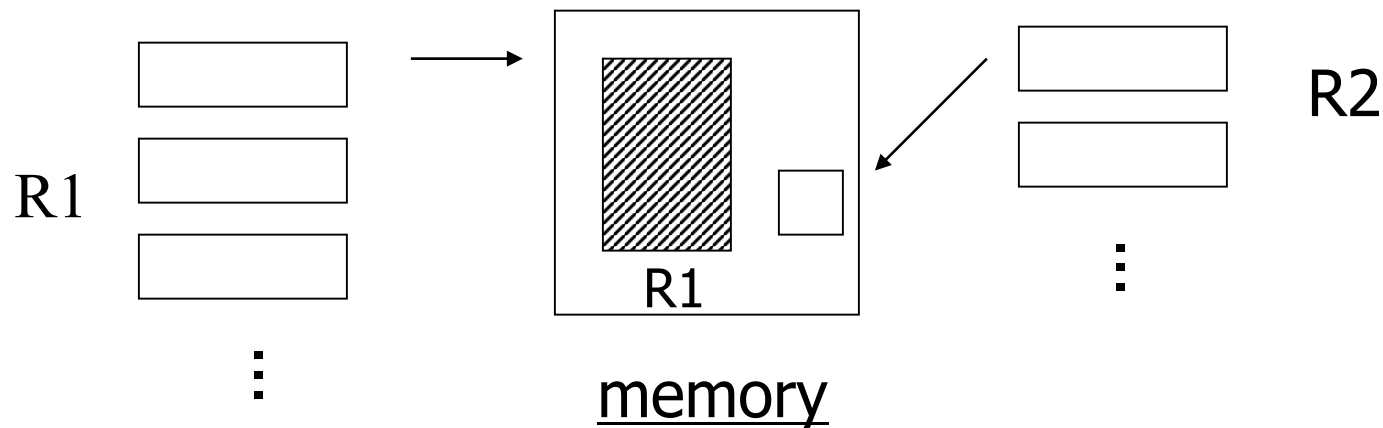


## Example 1(f) Hash Join

- R1, R2 contiguous (un-ordered)
- Use 100 buckets
- Read R1, hash, + write buckets



- > Same for R2
- > Read one R1 bucket; build memory hash table
- > Read corresponding R2 bucket + hash probe



Then repeat for all buckets

Cost:

“Bucketize:” Read R1 + write

Read R2 + write

Join: Read R1, R2

Total cost =  $3 \times [1000 + 500] = 4500$

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Note: this is an approximation since buckets will vary in size and we have to round up to blocks



# Minimum memory requirements:

Size of R1 bucket =  $(x/k)$

$k$  = number of memory buffers

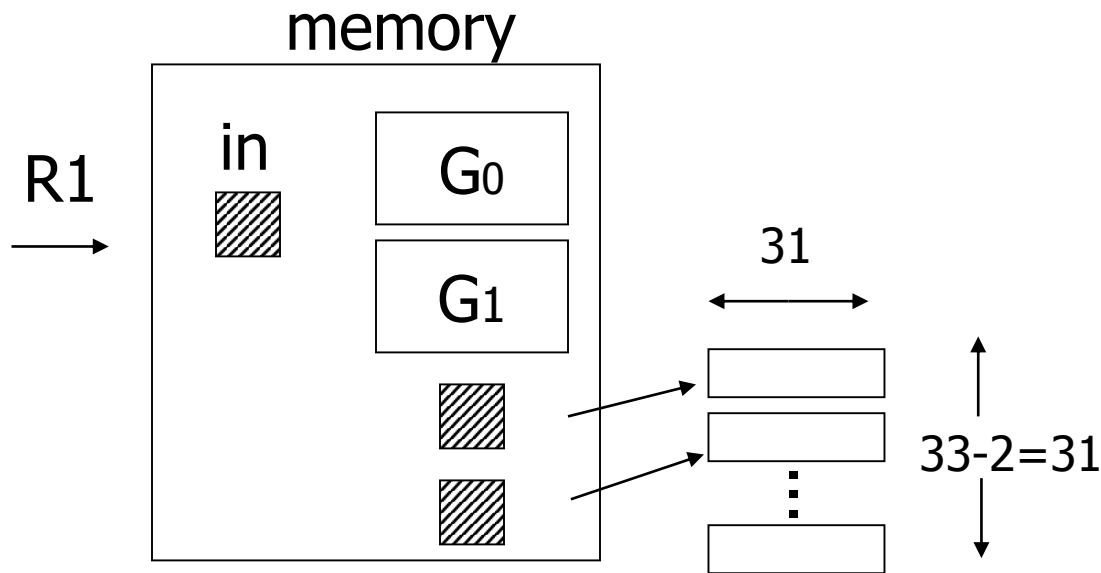
$x$  = number of R1 blocks

So...  $(x/k) < k$

$k > \sqrt{x}$       need:  $k+1$  total memory buffers

Trick: keep some buckets in memory

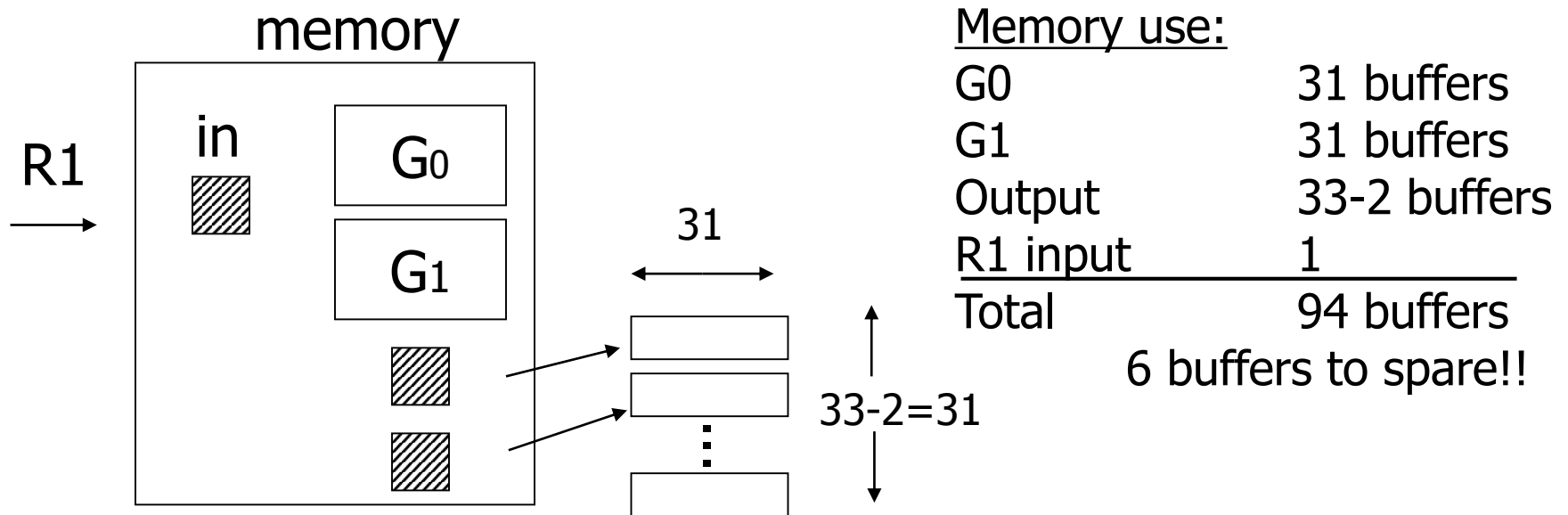
E.g.,  $k'=33$     R1 buckets = 31 blocks  
keep 2 in memory



called hybrid hash-join

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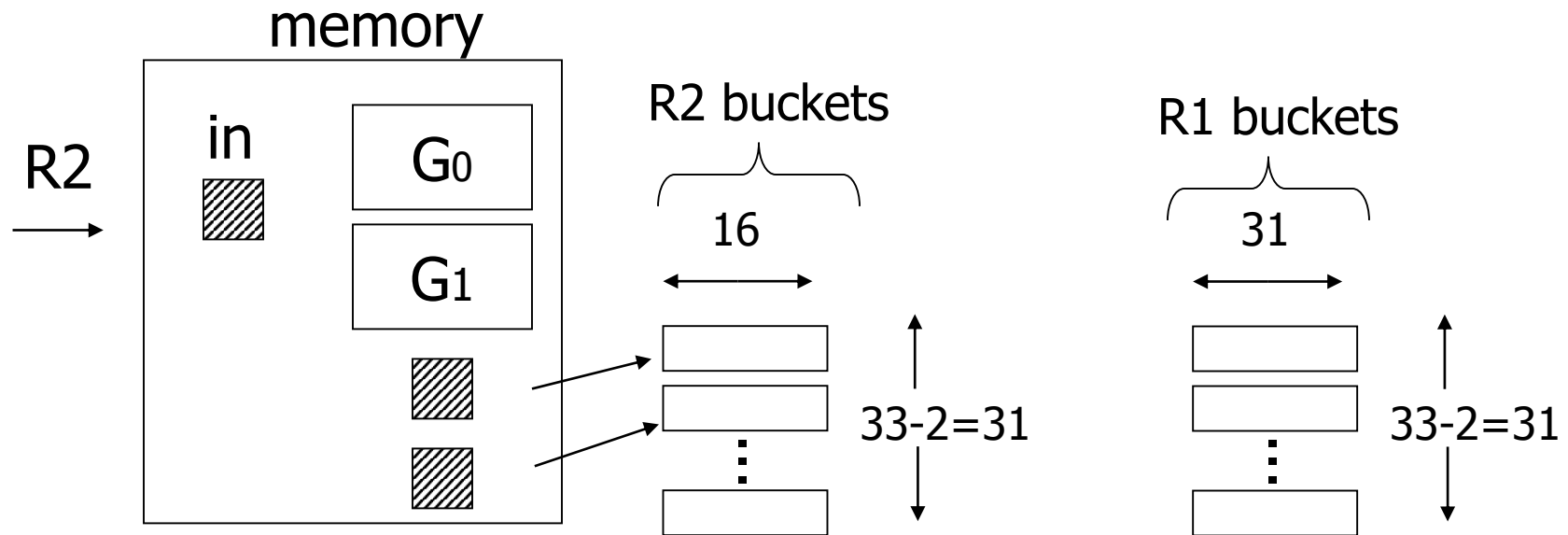
E.g.,  $k'=33$     R1 buckets = 31 blocks  
keep 2 in memory



called hybrid hash-join

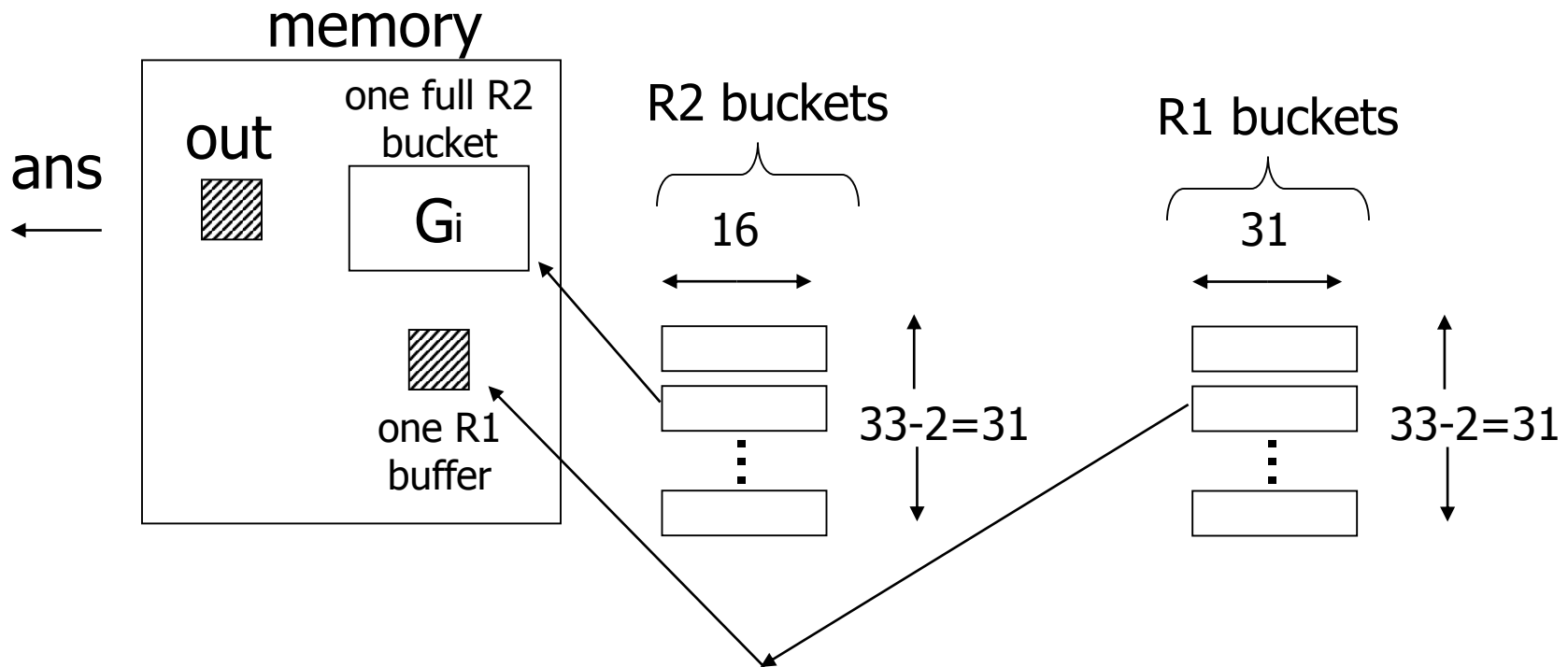
## Next: Bucketize R2

- R2 buckets =  $500/33 = 16$  blocks
- Two of the R2 buckets joined immediately with G0,G1



# Finally: Join remaining buckets

- for each bucket pair:
  - read one of the buckets into memory
  - join with second bucket

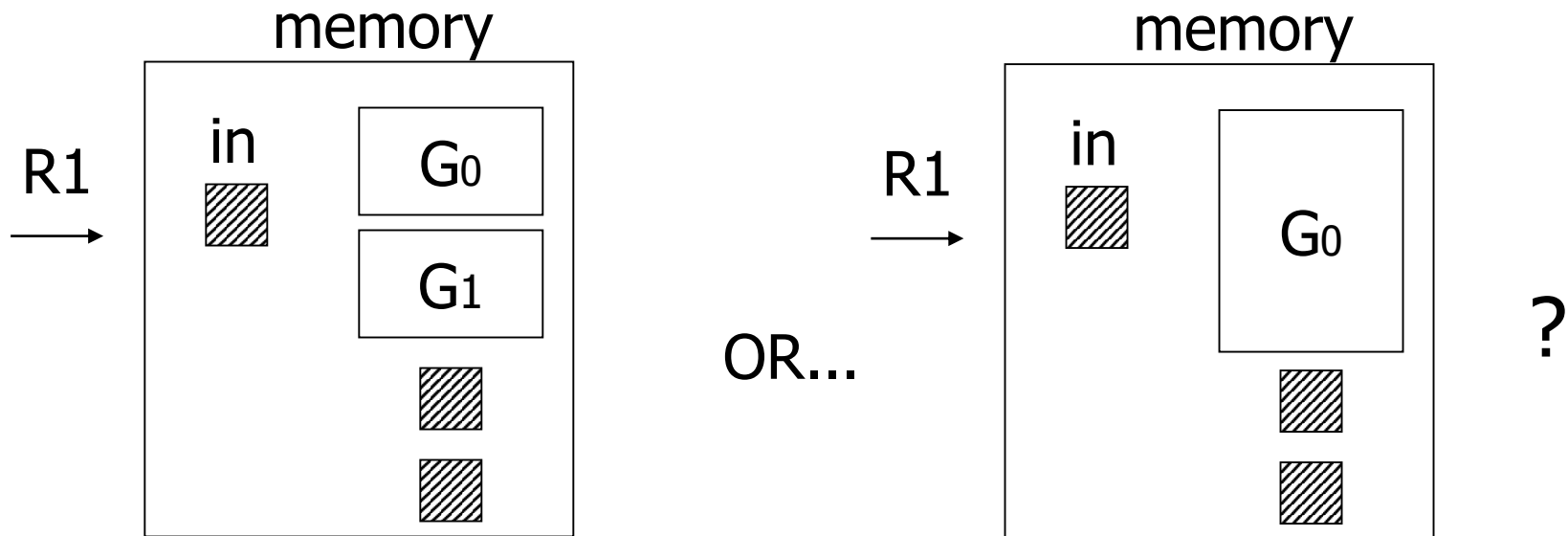


## Cost

- Bucketize R1 =  $1000 + 31 \times 31 = 1961$
- To bucketize R2, only write 31 buckets:      so,  
cost =  $500 + 31 \times 16 = 996$
- To compare join (2 buckets already done)  
read  $31 \times 31 + 31 \times 16 = 1457$

Total cost =  $1961 + 996 + 1457 = 4414$

- How many buckets in memory?



✉ See textbook for answer...

## Another hash join trick:

- Only write into buckets  
     $\langle \text{val}, \text{ptr} \rangle$  pairs
- When we get a match in join phase,  
    must fetch tuples



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<u>Total cost</u> =	Read R2:	500
	Read R1:	1000
	Get tuples:	<u>100</u>
		1600

# Cost of Hash-Join

- In partitioning phase, read+write both relations;  $2(M+N)$ .  
In matching phase, read both relations;  $M+N$  I/Os.
- In our running example, this is a total of 4500 I/Os. (**45 seconds!**)
- Sort-Merge Join vs. Hash Join:
  - Given a minimum amount of memory both have a cost of  $3(M+N)$  I/Os. Hash Join superior on this count if relation sizes differ greatly. Also, Hash Join shown to be highly parallelizable.
  - Sort-Merge less sensitive to data skew; result is sorted.

## So far:

contiguous	Iterate	5500
	Merge join	1500
	Sort+merge joint	7500
	R1.C index	5500 → 550
	R2.C index	_____
	Build R.C index	_____
	Build S.C index	_____
	Hash join	4500+
	with trick, R1 first	4414
	with trick, R2 first	_____
	Hash join, pointers	1600

# Summary

- Iteration ok for “small” relations  
(relative to memory size)
- For equi-join, where relations not  
sorted and no indexes exist,  
hash join usually best

- Sort + merge join good for  
non-equi-join (e.g.,  $R1.C > R2.C$ )
- If relations already sorted, use  
merge join
- If index exists, it could be useful  
(depends on expected result size)

# Query Optimization

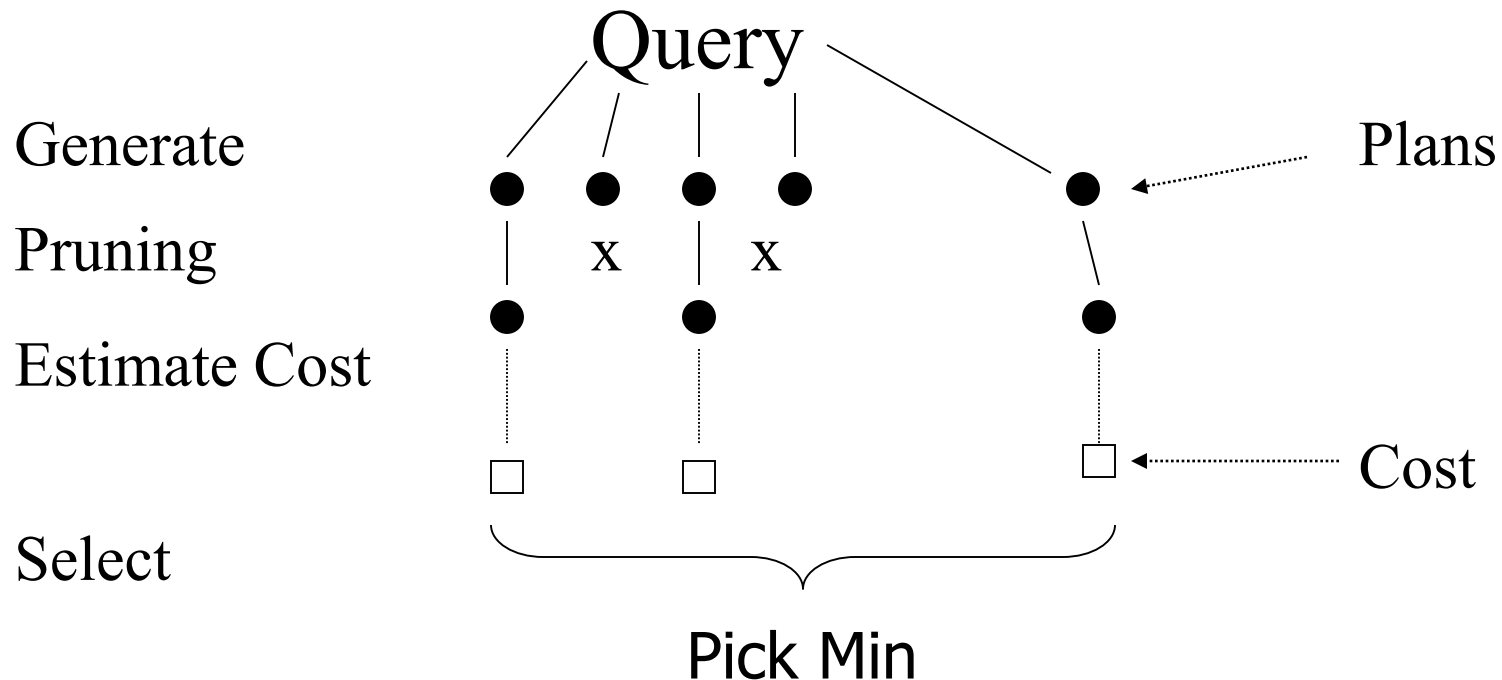


# Discussion

- How would you build a query optimizer?

# Query Optimization

--> Generating and comparing plans



# Query Optimization Process (simplified a bit)

- Parse the SQL query into a logical tree:
  - identify distinct blocks (corresponding to nested sub-queries or views).
- Query rewrite phase:
  - apply **algebraic transformations** to yield a cheaper plan.
  - Merge blocks and move predicates between blocks.
- Optimize each block: **join ordering**.
- Complete the optimization: select scheduling (pipelining strategy).

# Building Blocks

- Algebraic transformations (many and wacky).
- Statistical model: estimating costs and sizes.
- Finding the best join trees:
  - Bottom-up (dynamic programming): System-R
- *Newer* architectures:
  - Starburst: rewrite and then tree find
  - Volcano: all at once, top-down.

# Key Lessons in Optimization

- There are many approaches and many details to consider in query optimization
  - Classic search/optimization problem!
  - Not completely solved yet!
- Main points to take away are:
  - Algebraic rules and their use in transformations of queries.
  - Deciding on join ordering: System-R style (Selinger style) optimization.
  - Estimating cost of plans and sizes of intermediate results.

# Operations (revisited)

- Scan ([index], table, predicate):
  - Either index scan or table scan.
- Selection (filter)
- Projection (always need to go to the data?)
- Joins: nested loop (indexed), sort-merge, hash, outer join.
- Grouping and aggregation (usually the last).

# Algebraic Laws

- Commutative and Associative Laws
  - $R \cup S = S \cup R$ ,  $R \cup (S \cup T) = (R \cup S) \cup T$
  - $R \cap S = S \cap R$ ,  $R \cap (S \cap T) = (R \cap S) \cap T$
  - $R \bowtie S = S \bowtie R$ ,  $R \bowtie (S \bowtie T) = (R \bowtie S) \bowtie T$
- Distributive Laws
  - $R \bowtie (S \cup T) = (R \bowtie S) \cup (R \bowtie T)$

# Algebraic Laws

- Laws involving selection:
  - $\sigma_{C \text{ AND } C'}(R) = \sigma_C(\sigma_{C'}(R)) = \sigma_C(R) \cap \sigma_{C'}(R)$
  - $\sigma_{C \text{ OR } C'}(R) = \sigma_C(R) \cup \sigma_{C'}(R)$
  - $\sigma_C(R \bowtie S) = \sigma_C(R) \bowtie S$ 
    - When C involves only attributes of R
  - $\sigma_C(R - S) = \sigma_C(R) - S$
  - $\sigma_C(R \cup S) = \sigma_C(R) \cup \sigma_C(S)$
  - $\sigma_C(R \cap S) = \sigma_C(R) \cap S$



# Algebraic Laws

- Example:  $R(A, B, C, D), S(E, F, G)$

- $\sigma_{F=3} (R \bowtie_{D=E} S) =$  ?

- $\sigma_{A=5 \text{ AND } G=9} (R \bowtie_{D=E} S) =$  ?

# Algebraic Laws

- Laws involving projections
  - $\Pi_M(R \bowtie S) = \Pi_N(\Pi_P(R) \bowtie \Pi_Q(S))$ 
    - Where N, P, Q are appropriate subsets of attributes of M
  - $\Pi_M(\Pi_N(R)) = \Pi_{M,N}(R)$
- Example  $R(A,B,C,D), S(E, F, G)$ 
  - $\Pi_{A,B,G}(R \bowtie_{D=E} S) = \Pi_{?}(\Pi_{?}(R) \bowtie_{D=E} \Pi_{?}(S))$

# Query Rewrites: Sub-queries

```
SELECT Emp.Name
FROM Emp
WHERE Emp.Age < 30
      AND Emp.Dept# IN
      (SELECT Dept.Dept#
       FROM Dept
       WHERE Dept.Loc = "Seattle"
        AND Emp.Emp#=Dept.Mgr)
```

# The Un-Nested Query

```
SELECT Emp.Name  
FROM Emp, Dept  
WHERE    Emp.Age < 30  
        AND Emp.Dept#=Dept.Dept#  
        AND Dept.Loc = "Seattle"  
        AND Emp.Emp#=Dept.Mgr
```

# Converting Nested Queries

```
Select distinct x.name, x.maker
From product x
Where x.color= "blue"
      AND x.price >= ALL (Select y.price
                          From product y
                          Where x.maker = y.maker
                          AND y.color="blue")
```

# Converting Nested Queries

Let's compute the complement first:

```
Select distinct x.name, x.make
From product x
Where x.color= "blue"
      AND x.price < SOME (Select y.price
                          From product y
                          Where x.make = y.make
                          AND y.color="blue")
```

# Converting Nested Queries

This one becomes a SFW query:

```
Select distinct x.name, x.make  
From product x, product y  
Where x.color="blue" AND x.make = y.make  
      AND y.color="blue" AND x.price < y.price
```

This returns exactly the products we DON'T want, so...

# Converting Nested Queries

```
(Select x.name, x.make  
From product x  
Where x.color = "blue")
```

EXCEPT

```
(Select x.name, x.make  
From product x, product y  
Where x.color="blue" AND x.make = y.make  
AND y.color="blue" AND x.price < y.price)
```



# Semi-Joins, Magic Sets

- You can't always un-nest sub-queries (it's tricky).
- But you can often use a semi-join to reduce the computation cost of the inner query.
- A magic set is a superset of the possible bindings in the result of the sub-query.
- Also called “sideways information passing”.
- *Great idea; reinvented every few years on a regular basis.*

# Semijoin

- $R \bowtie S = \Pi_{A_1, \dots, A_n} (R \bowtie S)$
- Where  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are the attributes in  $R$
- Example:
  - Employee  $\bowtie$  Departments

# Rewrites: Magic Sets

Create View DepAvgSal AS

```
(Select E.did, Avg(E.sal) as avgsal  
From Emp E  
Group By E.did)
```

Select E.eid, E.sal

From Emp E, Dept D, DepAvgSal V

Where E.did=D.did AND D.did=V.did

And E.age < 30 and D.budget > 100k

And E.sal > V.avgsal

# Rewrites: SIPs

Select E.eid, E.sal

From Emp E, Dept D, DepAvgSal V

Where E.did=D.did AND D.did=V.did

And E.age < 30 and D.budget > 100k

And E.sal > V.avgsal

- DepAvgSal needs to be evaluated only for departments where V.did IN

Select E.did

From Emp E, Dept D

Where E.did=D.did

And E.age < 30 and D.budget > 100K

# Supporting Views

1. Create View PartialResult as  
(Select E.eid, E.sal, E.did  
From Emp E, Dept D  
Where E.did=D.did  
And E.age < 30 and D.budget > 100K)
2. Create View Filter AS  
Select DISTINCT P.did FROM PartialResult P.
2. Create View LimitedAvgSal as  
(Select F.did Avg(E.Sal) as avgSal  
From Emp E, Filter F  
Where E.did=F.did  
Group By F.did)

# And Finally...

Transformed query:

Select P.eid, P.sal

From PartialResult P, LimitedAvgSal V

Where P.did=V.did

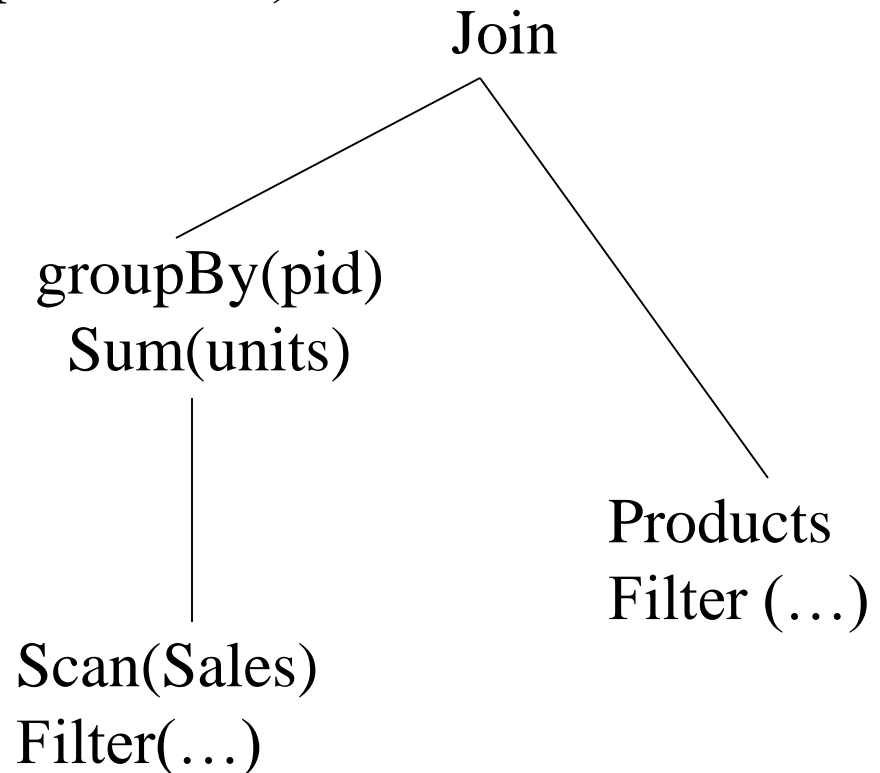
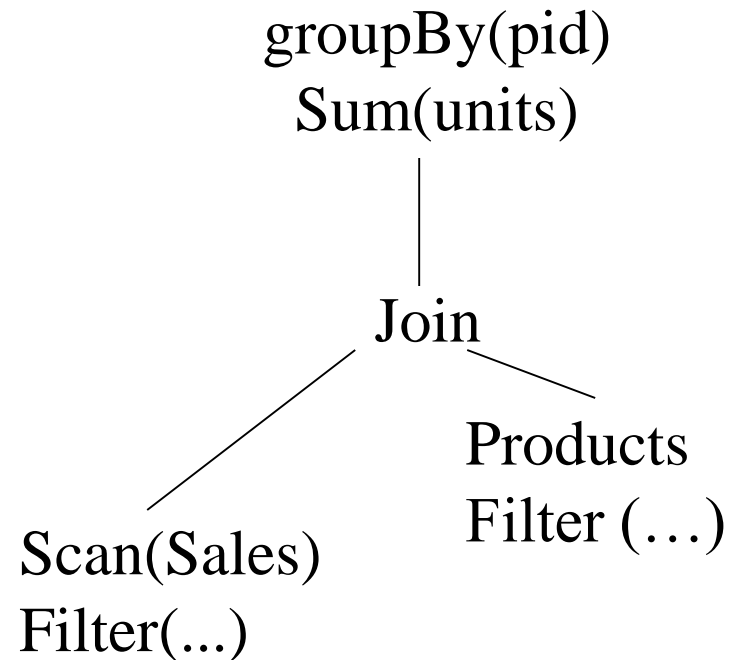
And P.sal > V.avgsal

# Rewrites: Group By and Join

- Schema:

- Product (**pid**, unitprice,...)
- Sales(tid, date, store, **pid**, units)

- Trees:



# Rewrites: Operation Introduction

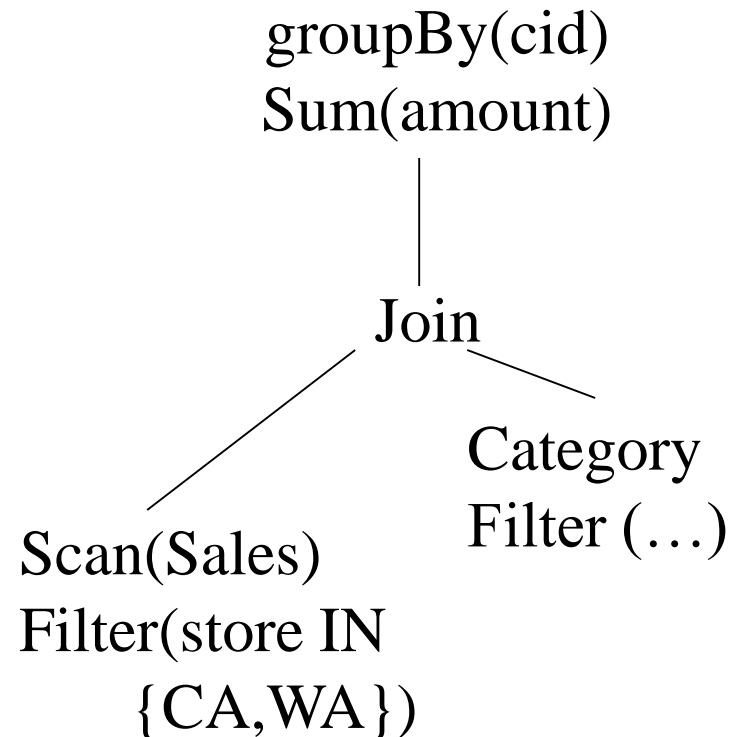
- **Schema:** (pid determines cid)

- Category (**pid**, cid, details)

- Sales(tid, date, store, **pid**, amount)

groupBy(cid)  
Sum(amount)

- **Trees:**



**groupBy(pid)**  
**Sum(amount)**

Scan(Sales)  
Filter(store IN {CA,WA})

Category  
Filter (...)

Join



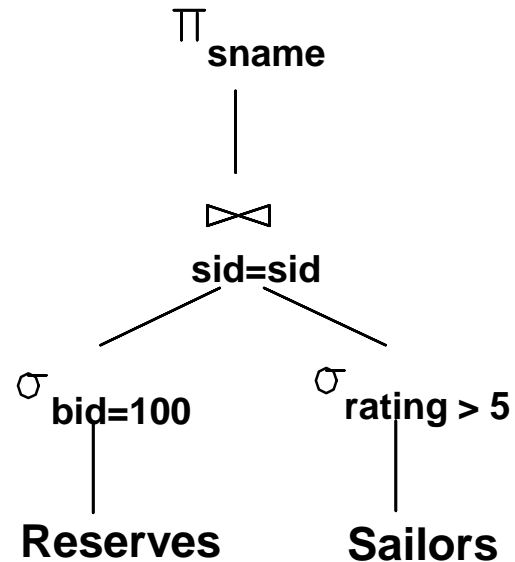
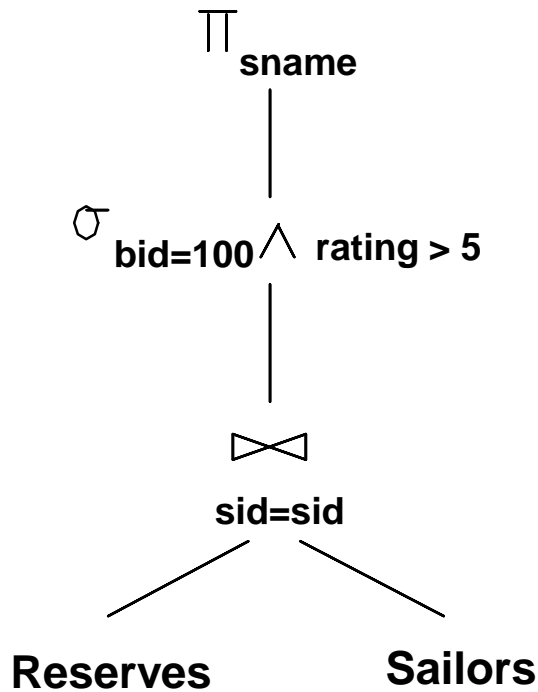
# Schema for Some Examples

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

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

- Reserves:
  - Each tuple is 40 bytes long, 100 tuples per page, 1000 pages
- Sailors:
  - Each tuple is 50 bytes long, 80 tuples per page, 500 pages.

# Query Rewriting: Predicate Pushdown



The earlier we process selections, less tuples we need to manipulate higher up in the tree.

# Query Rewrites: Predicate Pushdown (through grouping)

```
Select  bid, Max(age)
From    Reserves R, Sailors S
Where   R.sid=S.sid
GroupBy bid
Having  Max(age) > 40
```

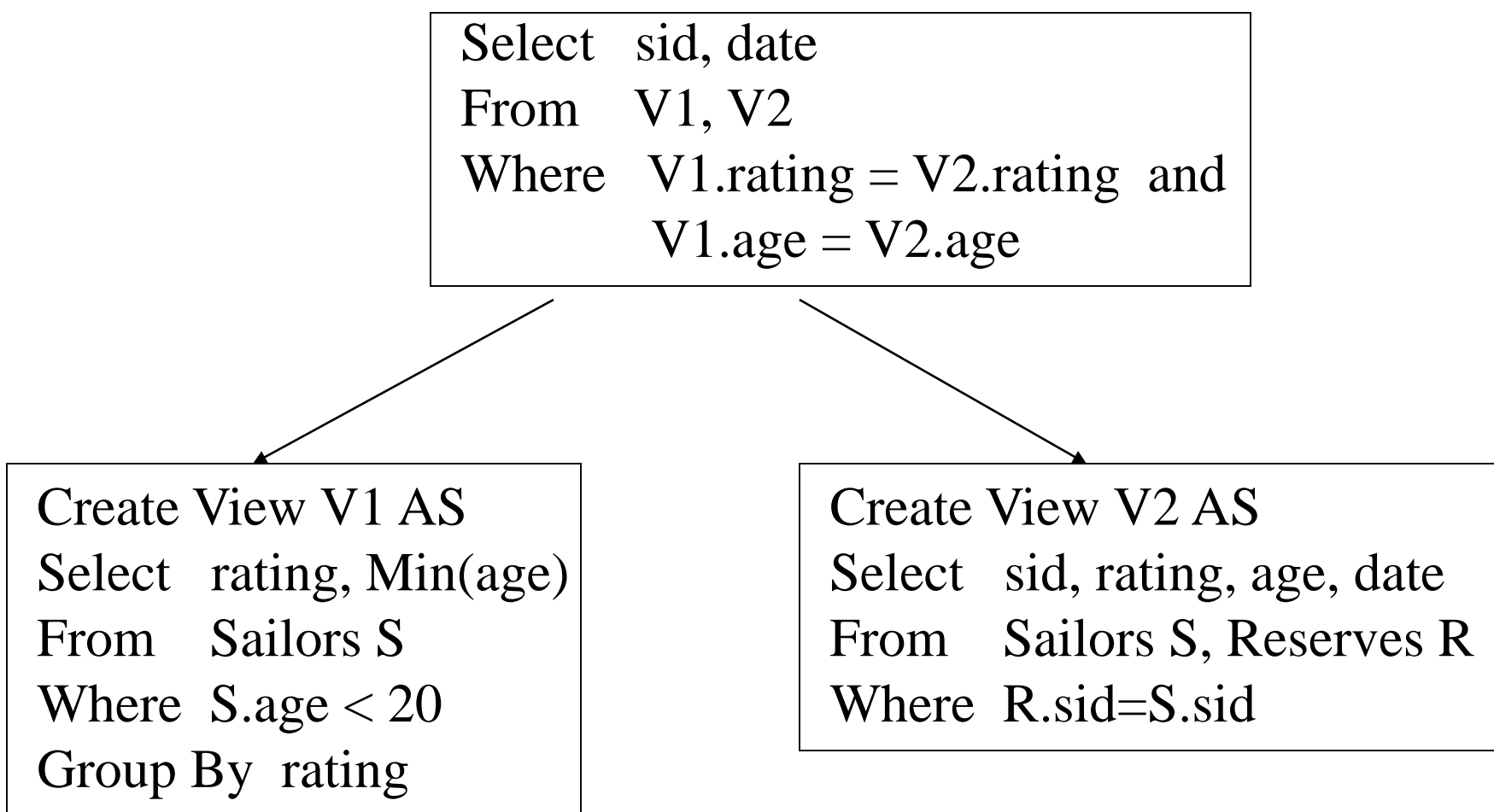
```
Select  bid, Max(age)
From    Reserves R, Sailors S
Where   R.sid=S.sid and
        S.age > 40
GroupBy bid
```

- *For each boat, find the maximal age of sailors who've reserved it.*
- Advantage: the size of the join will be smaller.
- Requires transformation rules specific to the grouping/aggregation operators.
- **Will it work if we replace Max by Min?**

# Query Rewrite: Predicate Movearound

Sailing wiz dates: when did the youngest of each sailor level rent boats?

```
Select  sid, date
From    V1, V2
Where   V1.rating = V2.rating and
        V1.age = V2.age
```



```
graph TD; A[Query] --> B[Create View V1 AS]; A --> C[Create View V2 AS]
```

```
Create View V1 AS
Select  rating, Min(age)
From    Sailors S
Where   S.age < 20
Group By rating
```

```
Create View V2 AS
Select  sid, rating, age, date
From    Sailors S, Reserves R
Where   R.sid=S.sid
```

# Query Rewrite: Predicate Movearound

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*First, move  
predicates up the  
tree.*

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        V1.age = V2.age, age < 20
```

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Where   S.age < 20
Group By rating
```

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Where   R.sid=S.sid
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Where   V1.rating = V2.rating and
        V1.age = V2.age, and age < 20
```

*Then, move them  
down.*

```
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From    Sailors S
Where   S.age < 20
Group By rating
```

```
Create View V2 AS
Select  sid, rating, age, date
From    Sailors S, Reserves R
Where   R.sid=S.sid, and
        S.age < 20.
```

# Query Rewrite Summary

- The optimizer can use any *semantically correct* rule to transform one query to another.
- Rules try to:
  - move constraints between blocks (because each will be optimized separately)
  - Unnest blocks
- Especially important in decision support applications where queries are very complex.
- In a few minutes of thought, you'll come up with your own rewrite. Some query, somewhere, will benefit from it.
- Theorems?

# Cost Estimation

- For each plan considered, must estimate cost:
  - Must *estimate cost* of each operation in plan tree.
    - Depends on input cardinalities.
  - Must *estimate size of result* for each operation in tree!
    - Use information about the input relations.
    - For selections and joins, assume independence of predicates.
- We'll discuss the **System R** cost estimation approach.
  - Very inexact, but works ok in practice.
  - More sophisticated techniques known now.



# Statistics and Catalogs

- Need information about the relations and indexes involved.  
*Catalogs* typically contain at least:
  - # tuples (NTuples) and # pages (NPages) for each relation.
  - # distinct key values (NKeys) and NPages for each index.
  - Index height, low/high key values (Low/High) for each tree index.
- Catalogs updated periodically.
  - Updating whenever data changes is too expensive; lots of approximation anyway, so slight inconsistency ok.
- More detailed information (e.g., histograms of the values in some field) are sometimes stored.

# Size Estimation and Reduction Factors

```
SELECT attribute list  
FROM relation list  
WHERE  $term_1$  AND ... AND  $term_k$ 
```

- Consider a query block:
- Maximum # tuples in result is the product of the cardinalities of relations in the FROM clause.
- *Reduction factor (RF)* associated with each *term* reflects the impact of the *term* in reducing result size. *Result cardinality* = Max # tuples \* product of all RF's.
  - **Implicit assumption** that *terms* are independent!
  - Term *col=value* has RF  $1/NKeys(I)$ , given index I on *col*
  - Term *col1=col2* has RF  $1/MAX(NKeys(I1), NKeys(I2))$
  - Term *col>value* has RF  $(High(I)-value)/(High(I)-Low(I))$

# Histograms

- Key to obtaining good cost and size estimates.
- Come in several flavors:
  - Equi-depth
  - Equi-width
- Which is better?
- Compressed histograms: special treatment of frequent values.

# Histograms

- Statistics on data maintained by the RDBMS
- Makes size estimation much more accurate (hence, cost estimations are more accurate)

# Histograms

Employee(ssn, name, salary, phone)

- Maintain a histogram on salary:

Salary:	0..20k	20k..40k	40k..60k	60k..80k	80k..100k	> 100k
Tuples	200	800	5000	12000	6500	500

- $T(\text{Employee}) = 25000$ , but now we know the distribution

# Histograms

Ranks(rankName, salary)

- Estimate the size of Employee  $\bowtie_{\text{Salary}}$  Ranks

Employee	0..20k	20k..40k	40k..60k	60k..80k	80k..100k	> 100k
	200	800	5000	12000	6500	500

Ranks	0..20k	20k..40k	40k..60k	60k..80k	80k..100k	> 100k
	8	20	40	80	100	2

# Histograms

- Assume:
  - $V(\text{Employee}, \text{Salary}) = 200$
  - $V(\text{Ranks}, \text{Salary}) = 250$
- Then  $T(\text{Employee} \bowtie_{\text{Salary}} \text{Ranks}) =$ 

$$= \sum_{i=1,6} T_i T_i' / 250$$

$$= (200 \times 8 + 800 \times 20 + 5000 \times 40 +$$

$$12000 \times 80 + 6500 \times 100 + 500 \times 2) / 250$$

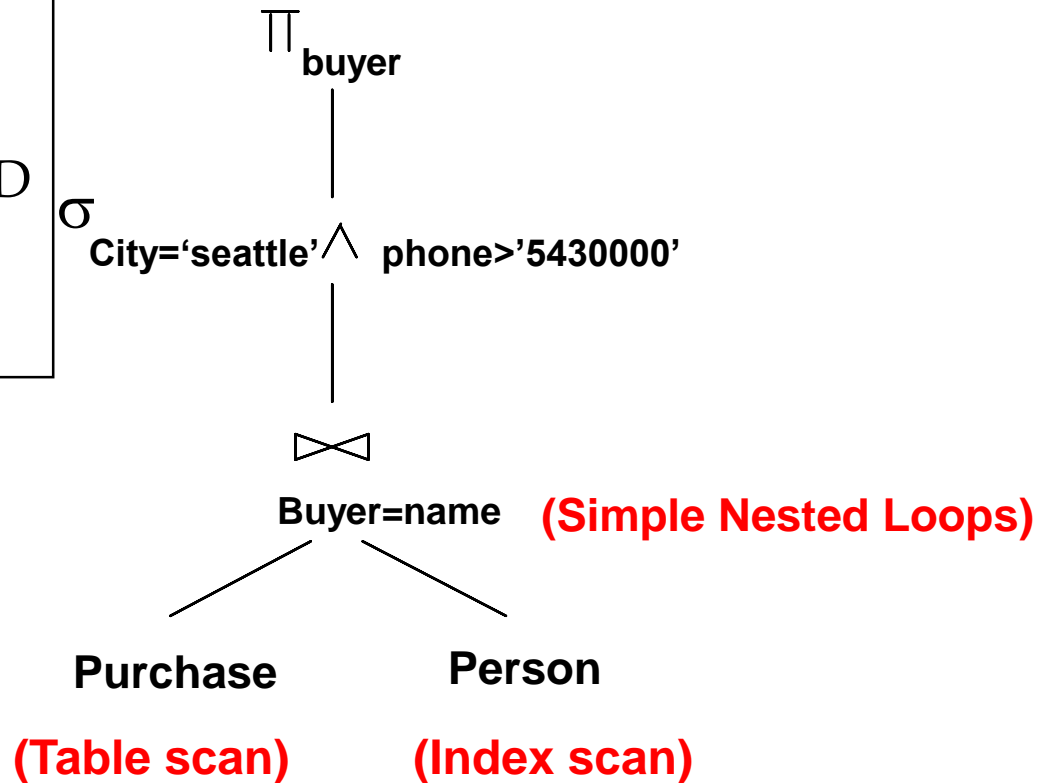
$$= \dots$$

# Query Execution Plans

```
SELECT buyer
FROM Purchase P, Person Q
WHERE P.buyer=Q.name AND
      Q.city='seattle' AND
      Q.phone > '5430000'
```

## Query Plan:

- logical tree
- implementation choice at every node
- scheduling of operations.



Some operators are from relational algebra, and others (e.g., scan, group) are not.



# We've Seen So Far

- Transformation rules
- The cost module:
  - Given a candidate plan: what is its expected cost and size of the result?
- Now: putting it all together.

# Plans for Single-Relation Queries

## (Prep for Join ordering)

- **Task:** create a query execution plan for a single Select-project-group-by block.
- **Key idea:** consider each possible *access path* to the relevant tuples of the relation. Choose the cheapest one.
- The different operations are essentially carried out together (e.g., if an index is used for a selection, projection is done for each retrieved tuple, and the resulting tuples are *pipelined* into the aggregate computation).

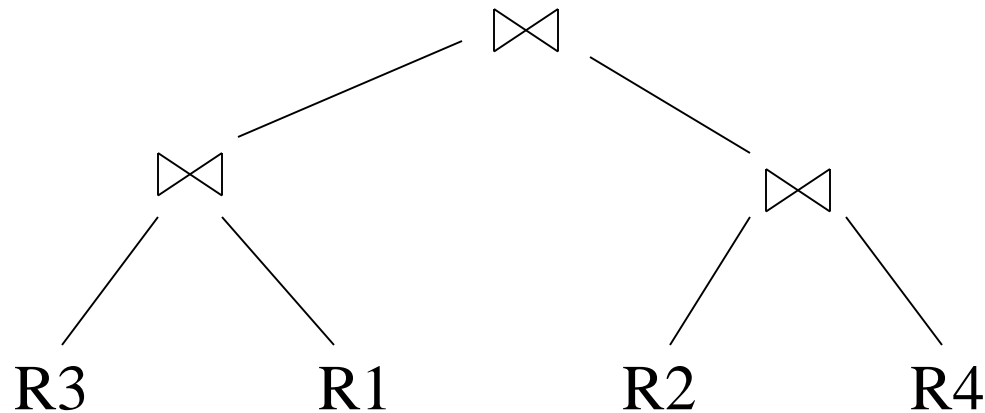
# Example

```
SELECT S.sid  
FROM Sailors S  
WHERE S.rating=8
```

- If we have an **Index on *rating***:
  - $(1/NKeys(I)) * NTuples(S) = (1/10) * 40000$  tuples retrieved.
  - **Clustered index**:  $(1/NKeys(I)) * (NPages(I) + NPages(S)) = (1/10) * (50 + 500)$  pages are retrieved (**= 55**).
  - **Unclustered index**:  $(1/NKeys(I)) * (NPages(I) + NTuples(S)) = (1/10) * (50 + 40000)$  pages are retrieved.
- If we have an **index on *sid***:
  - Would have to retrieve all tuples/pages. With a **clustered** index, the **cost** is **50+500**.
- Doing a **file scan**: we retrieve all file pages (**500**).

# Determining Join Ordering

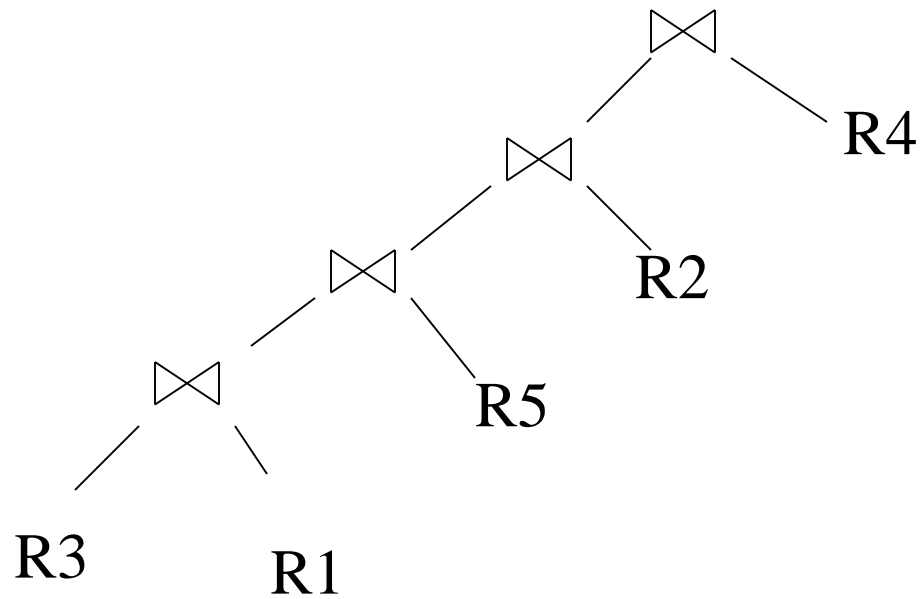
- $R_1 \bowtie R_2 \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_n$
- Join tree:



- A join tree represents a plan. An optimizer needs to inspect many (all ?) join trees

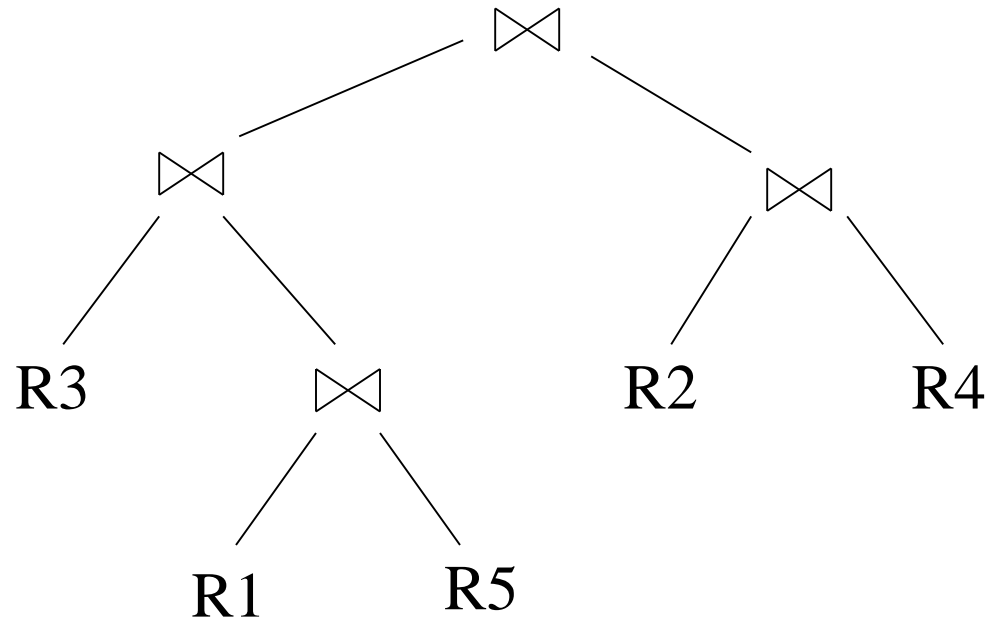
# Types of Join Trees

- Left deep:



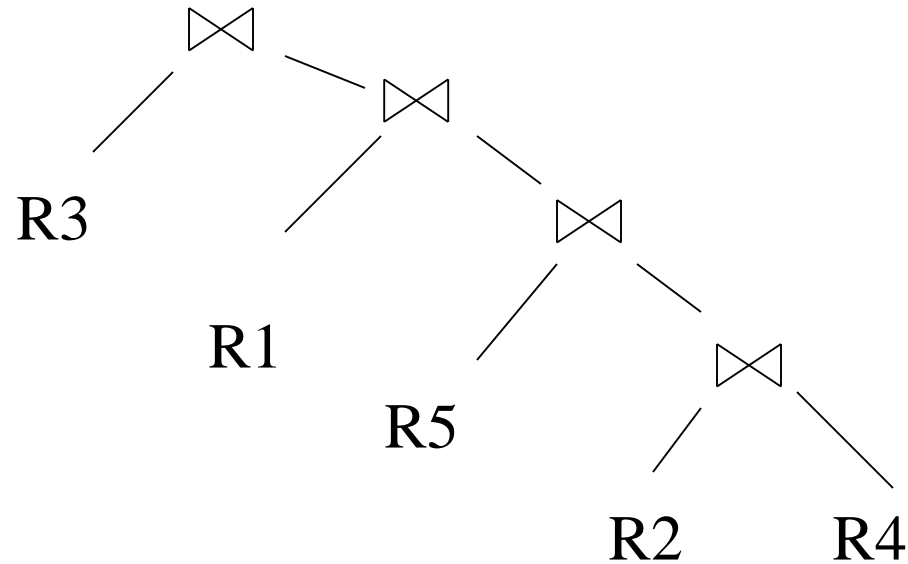
# Types of Join Trees

- Bushy:



# Types of Join Trees

- Right deep:



# Problem

- Given: a query  $R_1 \bowtie R_2 \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_n$
- Assume we have a function  $\text{cost}()$  that gives us the cost of every join tree
- Find the best join tree for the query



# Dynamic Programming

- Idea: for each subset of  $\{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$ , compute the best plan for that subset
- In increasing order of set cardinality:
  - Step 1: for  $\{R_1\}, \{R_2\}, \dots, \{R_n\}$
  - Step 2: for  $\{R_1, R_2\}, \{R_1, R_3\}, \dots, \{R_{n-1}, R_n\}$
  - ...
  - Step n: for  $\{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$
- A subset of  $\{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$  is also called a *subquery*

# Dynamic Programming

- For each subquery  $Q \subseteq \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$  compute the following:
  - $\text{Size}(Q)$
  - A best plan for  $Q$ :  $\text{Plan}(Q)$
  - The cost of that plan:  $\text{Cost}(Q)$

# Dynamic Programming

- **Step 1:** For each  $\{R_i\}$  do:
  - $\text{Size}(\{R_i\}) = B(R_i)$
  - $\text{Plan}(\{R_i\}) = R_i$
  - $\text{Cost}(\{R_i\}) = (\text{cost of scanning } R_i)$

# Dynamic Programming

- **Step i:** For each  $Q \subseteq \{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$  of cardinality  $i$  do:
  - Compute  $\text{Size}(Q)$  (later...)
  - For every pair of subqueries  $Q', Q''$   
s.t.  $Q = Q' \bowtie Q''$   
compute  $\text{cost}(\text{Plan}(Q') \bowtie \text{Plan}(Q''))$
  - $\text{Cost}(Q) =$  the smallest such cost
  - $\text{Plan}(Q) =$  the corresponding plan

# Dynamic Programming

- Return  $\text{Plan}(\{R_1, \dots, R_n\})$

# Dynamic Programming

- Summary: computes optimal plans for subqueries:
  - Step 1:  $\{R_1\}, \{R_2\}, \dots, \{R_n\}$
  - Step 2:  $\{R_1, R_2\}, \{R_1, R_3\}, \dots, \{R_{n-1}, R_n\}$
  - ...
  - Step n:  $\{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$
- We used naïve size/cost estimations
- In practice:
  - more realistic size/cost estimations (next)
  - heuristics for Reducing the Search Space
    - Restrict to left linear trees
    - Restrict to trees “without cartesian product”
  - need more than just one plan for each subquery:
    - “interesting orders”

# Query Optimization Summary

- Create initial (naïve) query execution plan.
- Apply transformation rules:
  - Try to un-nest blocks
  - Move predicates and grouping operators.
- Consider each block at a time:
  - Determine join order
  - Push selections, projections if possible.