Introduction to Database Systems CSE 344

Lecture 11: Basics of Query Optimization and Query Cost Estimation

Announcements

- HW3 due Wed evening
- HW4 will be out on Wed
- Extra OHs (today and) tomorrow

Review

- What is a disk block? (aka page)
- What is an index?
  - What data structures are used to represent indexes in memory?
- What are clustered/unclustered indexes?

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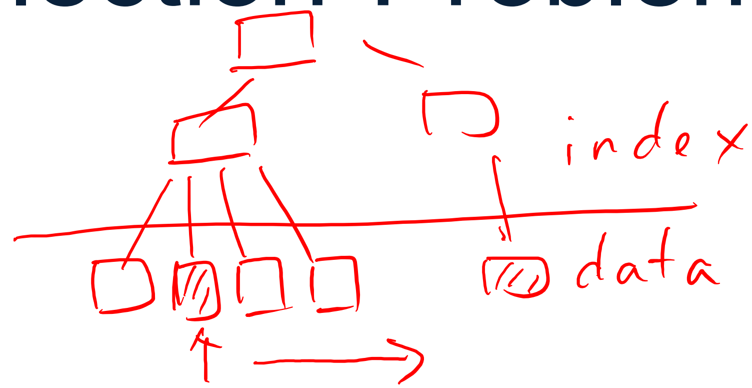
A: V(N) and V(P) (hash tables or B-trees)

The Index Selection Problem 2



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A: definitely V(N) (must B-tree); unsure about V(P)

The Index Selection Problem 3

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1000000 queries:

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A: V(N, P)

How does this index differ from:

1. Two indexes V(N) and V(P)?
2. An index V(P, N)?

The Index Selection Problem 4

```
V(M, N, P);
```

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What indexes ?

The Index Selection Problem 4

```
V(M, N, P);
```

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```

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```
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```

A: V(N) secondary, V(P) primary index

Two typical kinds of queries

```
SELECT *
FROM Movie
WHERE year = ?
```

- Point queries
- What data structure should be used for index?

```
SELECT *
FROM Movie
WHERE year >= ? AND
           year <= ?
```

- Range queries
- What data structure should be used for index?

Basic Index Selection Guidelines

- Consider queries in workload in order of importance
- Consider relations accessed by query
  - No point indexing other relations
- Look at WHERE clause for possible search key
- Consider how each query will be processed
  - Which predicate will be processed first?
- Try to choose indexes that speed-up multiple queries

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SELECT *
FROM R
WHERE K>? and K<?
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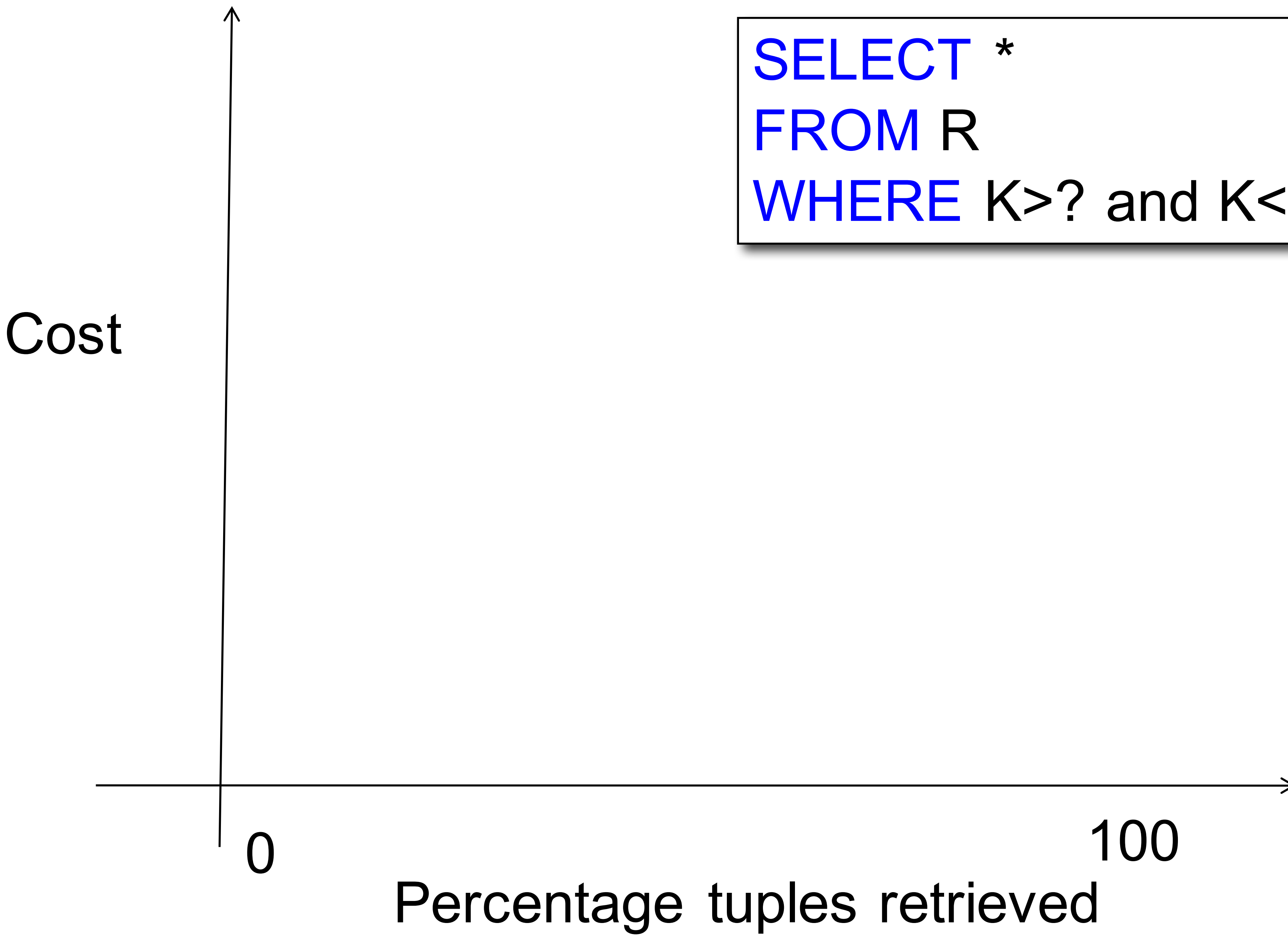

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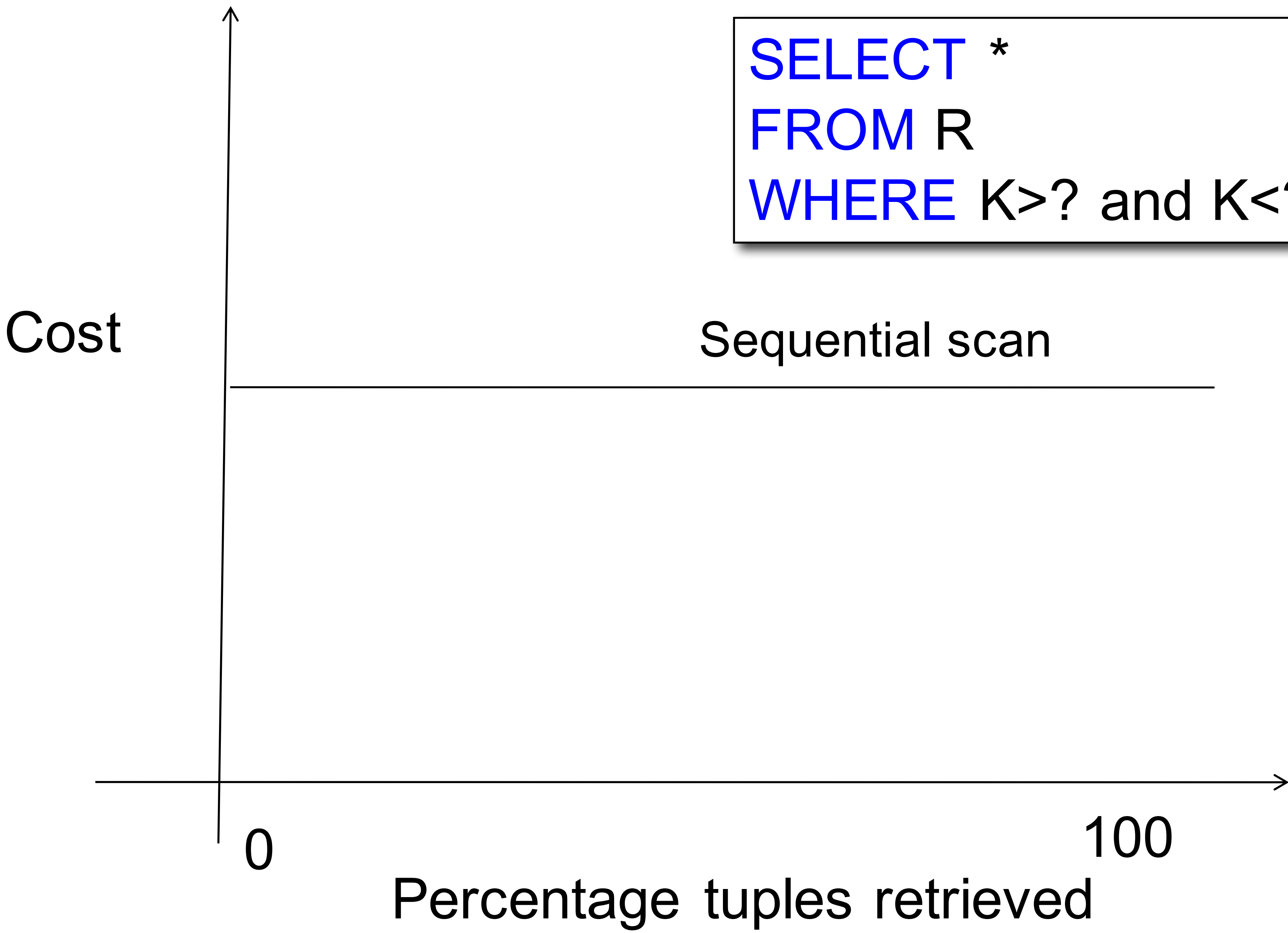

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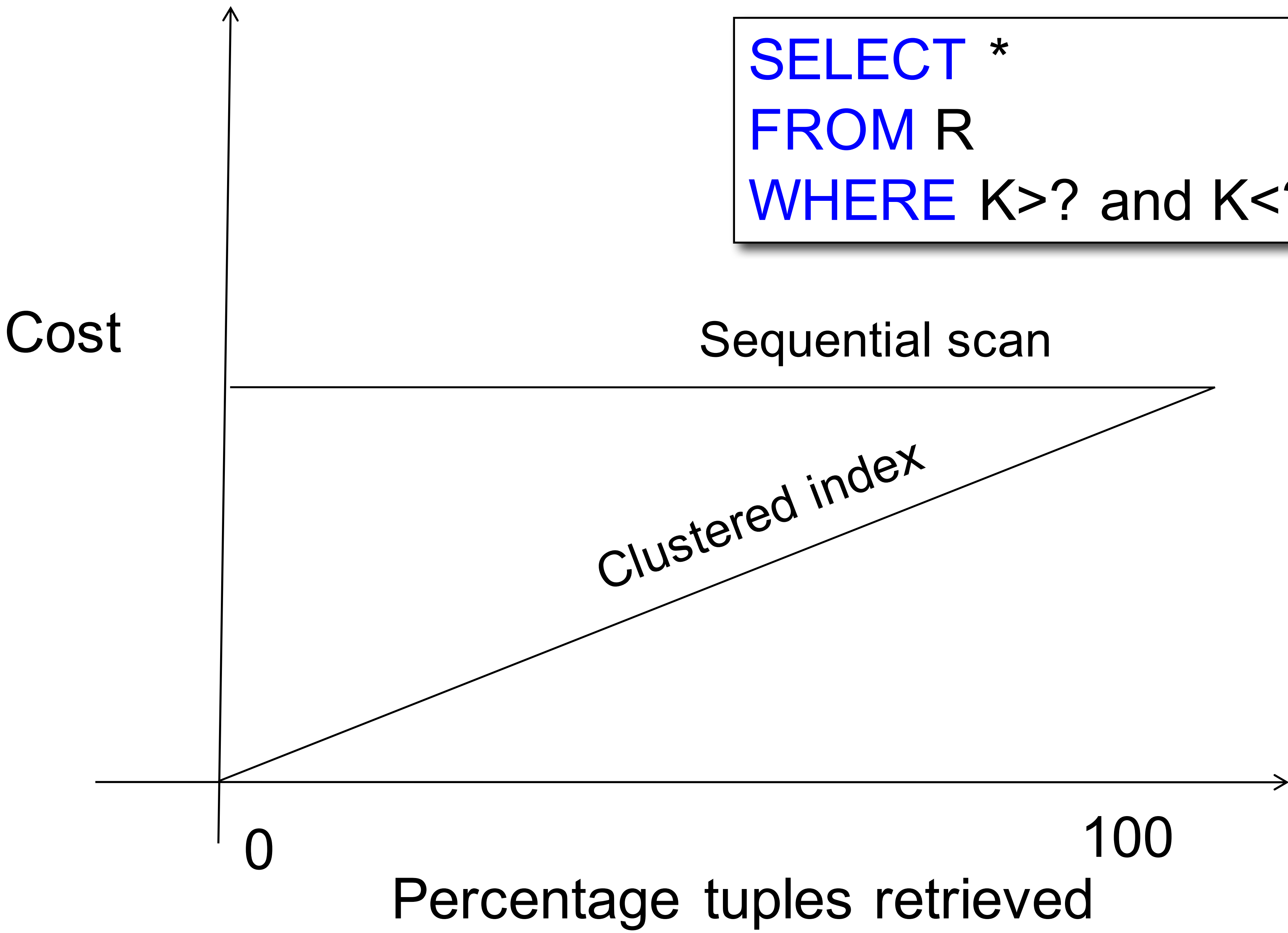

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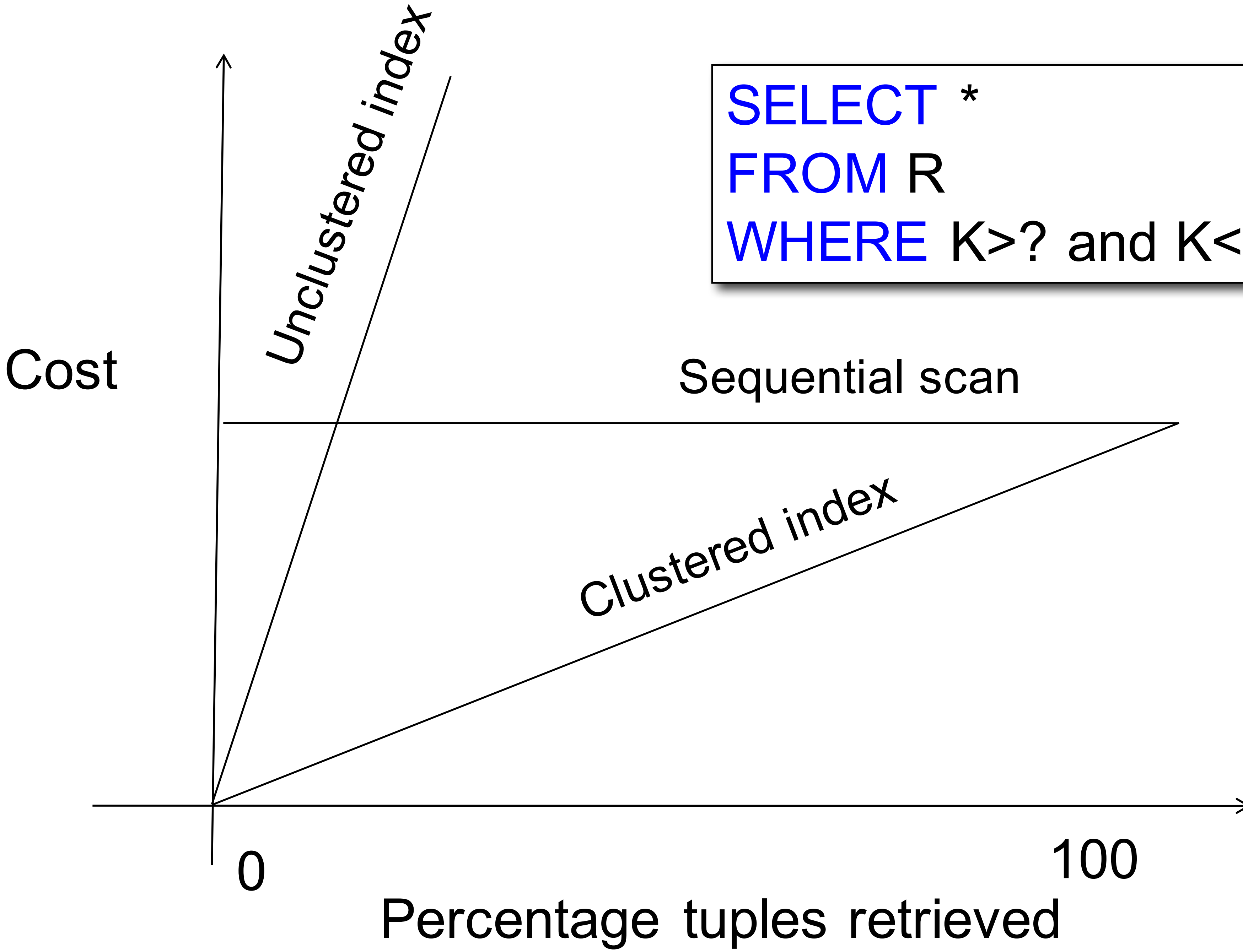


Choosing Index is Not Enough

- To estimate the cost of a query plan, we still need to consider other factors:
  - How each operator is implemented
  - The cost of each operator
  - Let's start with the basics

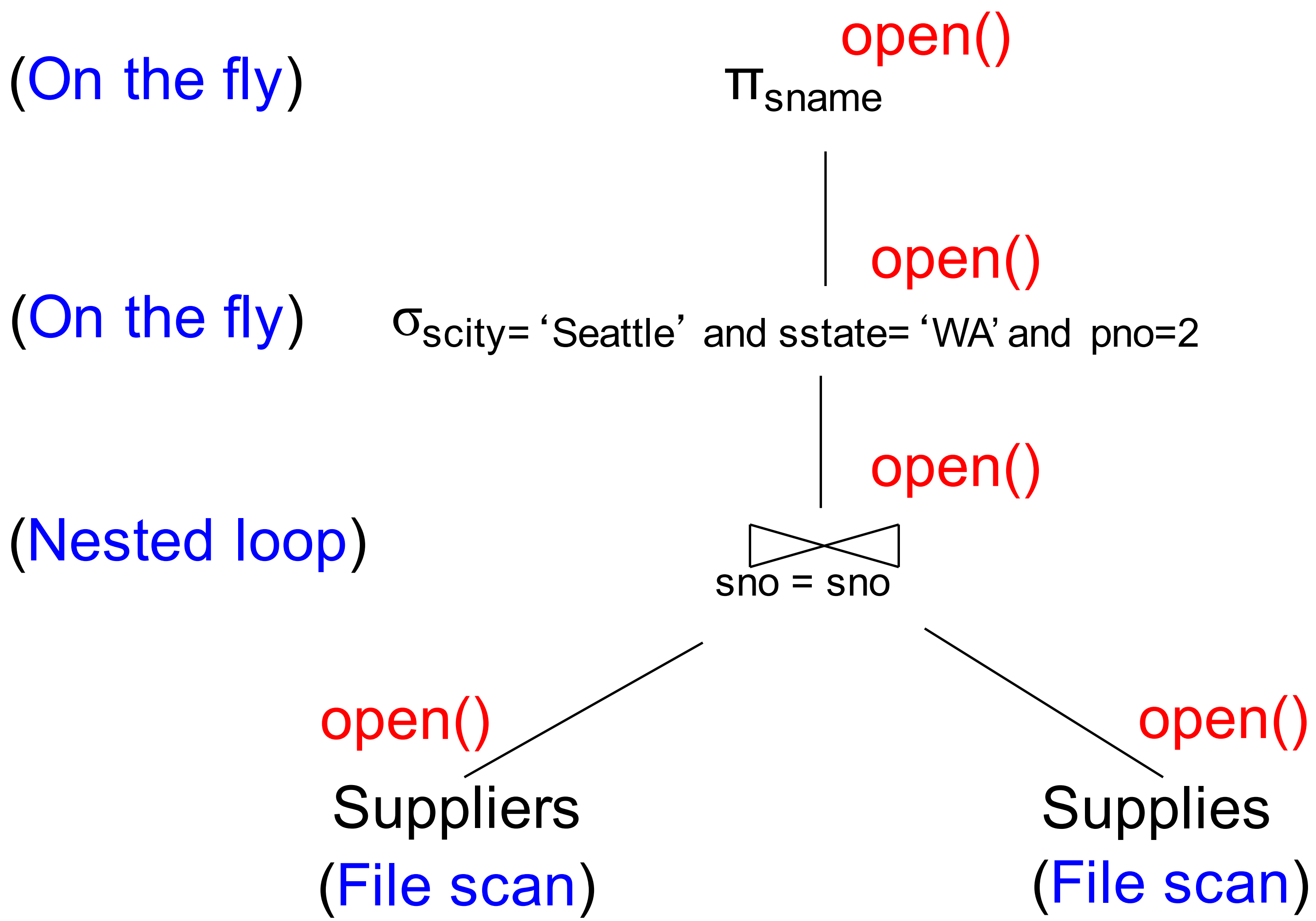
Query Execution

Iterator Interface for Query Operators

- **open()**
  - Initializes operator state
  - Sets parameters such as selection condition
- **next()**
  - Operator invokes get_next() recursively on its inputs
  - Performs processing and produces an output tuple
- **close()**: clean-up state

- (more in 444)

Pipelined Query Execution



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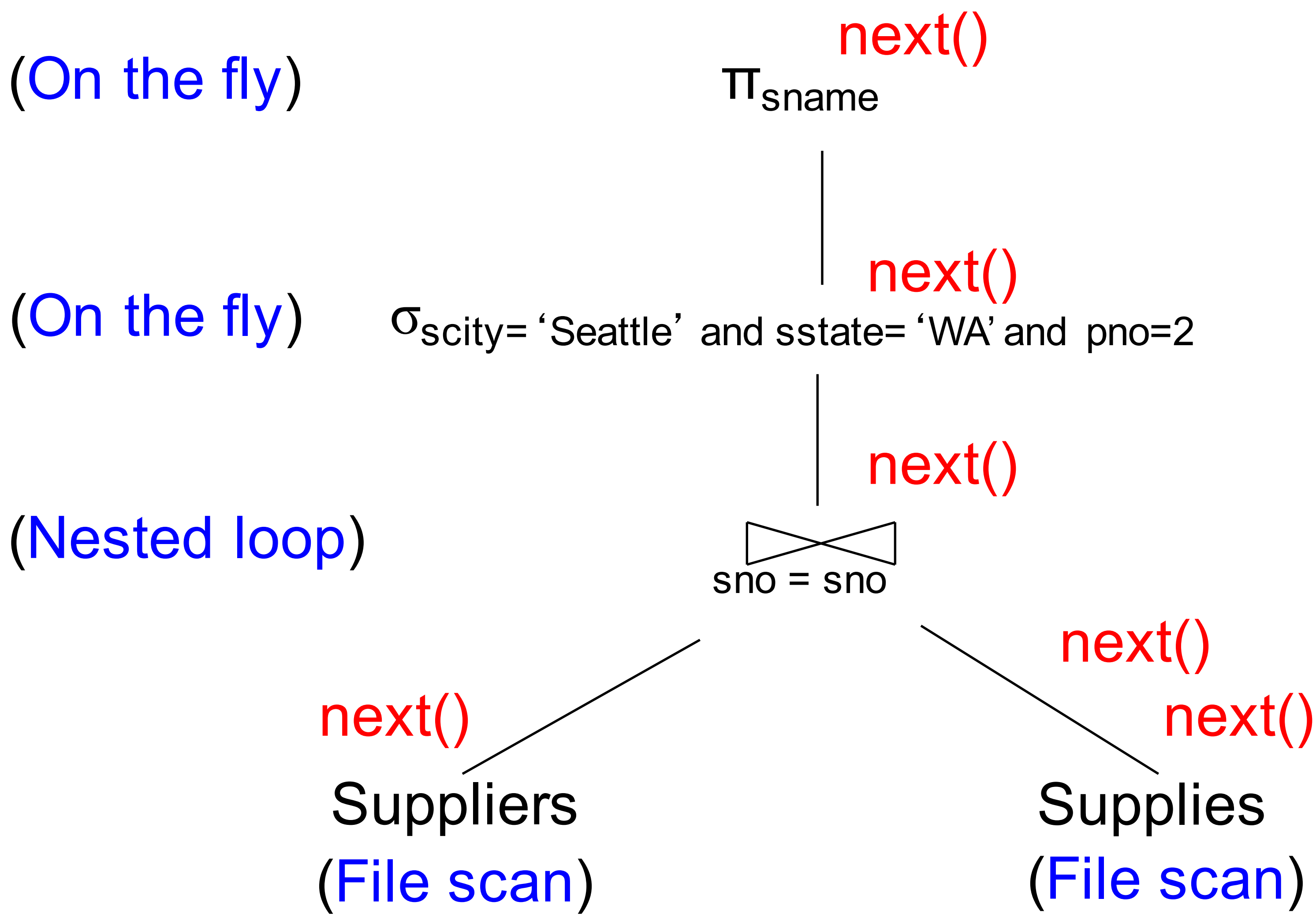

Cost of Reading Data From Disk

Cost Parameters

- Cost = I/O + ~~CPU~~ + ~~Network~~ BW
  - We will focus on I/O in this class
- Parameters:
  - **B(R)** = # of blocks (i.e., pages) for relation R
  - **T(R)** = # of tuples in relation R
  - **V(R, a)** = # of distinct values of attribute a
    - When **a** is a key, **V(R,a) = T(R)**
    - When **a** is not a key, **V(R,a)** can be anything <= **T(R)**
- Where do these values come from?
  - DBMS collects statistics about data on disk

Selectivity Factors for Conditions

- A = c /* $\sigma_{A=c}(R)$ */
  - Selectivity = 1/V(R,A)
- A < c /* $\sigma_{A<c}(R)$*/
  - Selectivity = (c - min(R, A))/(max(R,A) - min(R,A))
- c1 < A < c2 /* $\sigma_{c1<A<c2}(R)$*/
  - Selectivity = (c2 – c1)/(max(R,A) - min(R,A))

Cost of Reading Data From Disk

- Sequential scan for relation R costs **B(R)**
- Index-based selection
  - Estimate selectivity factor **X** (see previous slide)
  - Clustered index: X***B(R)**
  - Unclustered index X***T(R)**

Note: we ignore I/O cost for index pages