Lecture 23: Query Execution

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Outline

- Query execution (6.1-6.5)
  - Sorting based algorithms (6.5)
  - Two pass algorithms based on hashing (6.6)
  - Two pass algorithms based on indexes (6.7)

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Cost Parameters

- B(R) = number of blocks for relation R
- T(R) = number of tuples in relation R
- V(R, a) = number of distinct values of attribute a

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Cost

Cost of an operation =
number of disk I/Os needed to:
- read the operands
- compute the result

Cost of writing the result to disk is *not included*

Question: the cost of sorting a table with B blocks ?
Answer:

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Scanning Tables

- The table is *clustered* (i.e. blocks consists only of records from this table):
  - Table-scan: if we know where the blocks are
  - Index scan: if we have a sparse index to find the blocks
- The table is *unclustered* (e.g. its records are placed on blocks with other tables)
  - May need one read for each record

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Sorting While Scanning

- Sometimes it is useful to have the output sorted
- Three ways to scan it sorted:
  - If there is a primary or secondary index on it, use it during scan
  - If it fits in memory, sort there
  - If not, use multi-way merge sort

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Cost of the Scan Operator

- Clustered relation:
  - Table scan: B(R); to sort: 3B(R)
  - Index scan: B(R); to sort: B(R) or 3B(R)
- Unclustered relation
  - T(R); to sort: T(R) + 2B(R)

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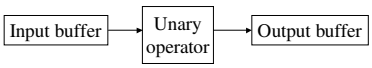
One-Pass Algorithms

Selection $\sigma(R)$, projection $\Pi(R)$

- Both are *tuple-at-a-time* algorithms
- Cost: B(R)



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One-pass Algorithms

Duplicate elimination $\delta(R)$

- Need to keep tuples in memory
- When new tuple arrives, need to compare it with previously seen tuples
- Balanced search tree, or hash table
- Cost: B(R)
- Assumption: $B(\delta(R)) <= M$

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One-pass Algorithms

Grouping: $\gamma_{city,\ sum(price)}$ (R)

- Need to store all cities in memory
- Also store the sum(price) for each city
- Balanced search tree or hash table
- Cost: B(R)
- Assumption: number of cities fits in memory

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One-pass Algorithms

Binary operations: $R \cap S$, $R \cup S$, $R - S$

- Assumption: $\min(B(R), B(S)) <= M$
- Scan one table first, then the next, eliminate duplicates
- Cost: B(R)+B(S)

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Nested Loop Joins

- Tuple-based nested loop $R \bowtie S$

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for each tuple r in R do
  for each tuple s in S do
    if r and s join then output (r,s)
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- Cost: T(R) T(S), sometimes T(R) B(S)

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Nested Loop Joins

- Block-based Nested Loop Join

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for each (M-1) blocks bs of S do
  for each block br of R do
    for each tuple s in bs
      for each tuple r in br do
        if r and s join then output(r,s)
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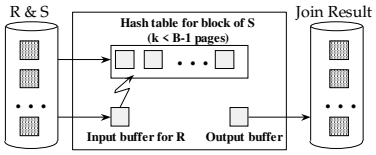
Nested Loop Joins



Question: suppose B(R1) = 1000, B(R2) = 2, M = 3.
What is the best way to do a nested loop join ? Its cost ?

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Nested Loop Joins

- Block-based Nested Loop Join
- Cost:
  - Read S once: cost B(S)
  - Outer loop runs B(S)/(M-1) times, and each time need to read R: costs B(S)B(R)/(M-1)
  - Total cost: B(S) + B(S)B(R)/(M-1)
- Notice: it is better to iterate over the smaller relation first
- R ⋊ S: R=outer relation, S=inner relation

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Two-Pass Algorithms Based on Sorting

- Recall: multi-way merge sort needs only two passes !
- Assumption: $B(R) <= M^2$
- Cost for sorting: 3B(R)

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Two-Pass Algorithms Based on Sorting

Duplicate elimination $\delta(R)$

- Trivial idea: sort first, then eliminate duplicates
- Step 1: sort chunks of size M, write
  - cost 2B(R)
- Step 2: merge M-1 runs, but include each tuple only once
  - cost B(R)
- Total cost: 3B(R), Assumption: $B(R) <= M^2$

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Two-Pass Algorithms Based on Sorting

Grouping: $\gamma_{city,\ sum(price)}$ (R)

- Same as before: sort, then compute the sum(price) for each group
- As before: compute sum(price) during the merge phase.
- Total cost: 3B(R)
- Assumption: $B(R) <= M^2$

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Two-Pass Algorithms Based on Sorting

Binary operations: R ∩ S, R U S, R – S

- Idea: sort R, sort S, then do the right thing
- A closer look:
  - Step 1: split R into runs of size M, then split S into runs of size M. Cost: 2B(R) + 2B(S)
  - Step 2: merge M/2 runs from R; merge M/2 runs from S; ouput a tuple on a case by cases basis
- Total cost: 3B(R)+3B(S)
- Assumption: B(R)+B(S)<= M^2

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Two-Pass Algorithms Based on Sorting

Join R⋊S

- Start by sorting both R and S on the join attribute:
  - Cost: 4B(R)+4B(S) (because need to write to disk)
- Read both relations in sorted order, match tuples
  - Cost: B(R)+B(S)
- Difficulty: many tuples in R may match many in S
  - If at least one set of tuples fits in M, we are OK
  - Otherwise need nested loop, higher cost
- Total cost: 5B(R)+5B(S)
- Assumption: B(R) <= M^2, B(S) <= M^2

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Two-Pass Algorithms Based on Sorting

Join R⋊ S

- If the number of tuples in R matching those in S is small (or vice versa) we can compute the join during the merge phase
- Total cost: 3B(R)+3B(S)
- Assumption: B(R) + B(S) <= M^2

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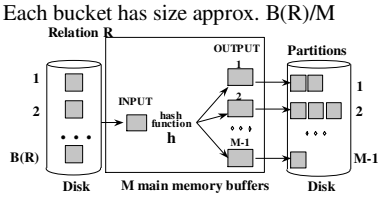
Two Pass Algorithms Based on Hashing

- Idea: partition a relation R into buckets, on disk
- Each bucket has size approx. B(R)/M



- Does each bucket fit in main memory ?
  - Yes if B(R)/M <= M, i.e. B(R) <= M^2

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Hash Based Algorithms for δ

- Recall: δ(R) = duplicate elimination
- Step 1. Partition R into buckets
- Step 2. Apply δ to each bucket (may read in main memory)

- Cost: 3B(R)
- Assumption:B(R) <= M^2

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Hash Based Algorithms for γ

- Recall: γ(R) = grouping and aggregation
- Step 1. Partition R into buckets
- Step 2. Apply γ to each bucket (may read in main memory)

- Cost: 3B(R)
- Assumption:B(R) <= M^2

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Hash-based Join

- R ⋊ S
- Recall the *main memory hash-based join*:
  - Scan S, build buckets in main memory
  - Then scan R and join

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Partitioned Hash Join

R ⋊ S

- Step 1:
  - Hash S into M buckets
  - send all buckets to disk
- Step 2
  - Hash R into M buckets
  - Send all buckets to disk
- Step 3
  - Join every pair of buckets

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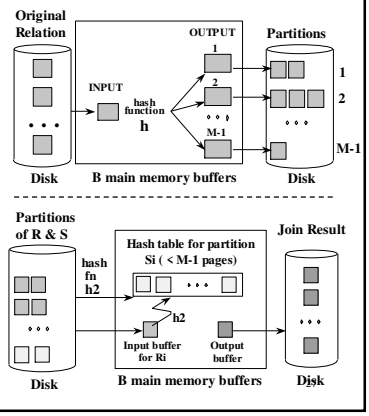
Hash-Join

- 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 (<> h!)**. Scan matching partition of S, search for matches.



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Partitioned Hash Join

- Cost: 3B(R) + 3B(S)
- Assumption: min(B(R), B(S)) <= M^2

Hybrid Hash Join Algorithm

- Partition S into k buckets
- But keep first bucket S_1 in memory, k-1 buckets to disk
- Partition R into k buckets
  - First bucket R_1 is joined immediately with S_1
  - Other k-1 buckets go to disk
- Finally, join k-1 pairs of buckets:
  - (R_2,S_2), (R_3,S_3), …, (R_k,S_k)

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Hybrid Join Algorithm

- How big should we choose k ?
- Average bucket size for S is B(S)/k
- Need to fit B(S)/k + (k-1) blocks in memory
  - B(S)/k + (k-1) <= M
  - k slightly smaller than B(S)/M

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Hybrid Join Algorithm

- How many I/Os ?
- Recall: cost of partitioned hash join:
  - 3B(R) + 3B(S)
- Now we save 2 disk operations for one bucket
- Recall there are k buckets
- Hence we save 2/k(B(R) + B(S))
- Cost: (3-2/k)(B(R) + B(S)) =
  (3-2M/B(S))(B(R) + B(S))

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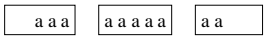
Indexed Based Algorithms

- Recall that in a clustered index all tuples with the same value of the key are clustered on as few blocks as possible



- Note: book uses another term: "clustering index". Difference is minor…

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Index Based Selection

- Selection on equality: $\sigma_{a=v}(R)$
- Clustered index on a: cost B(R)/V(R,a)
- Unclustered index on a: cost T(R)/V(R,a)

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Index Based Selection

- Example: B(R) = 2000, T(R) = 100,000, V(R, a) = 20, compute the cost of $\sigma_{a=v}(R)$
- Cost of table scan:
  - If R is clustered: B(R) = 2000 I/Os
  - If R is unclustered: T(R) = 100,000 I/Os
- Cost of index based selection:
  - If index is clustered: B(R)/V(R,a) = 100
  - If index is unclustered: T(R)/V(R,a) = 5000
- Notice: when V(R,a) is small, then unclustered index is useless

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Index Based Join

- $R \bowtie S$
- Assume S has an index on the join attribute
- Iterate over R, for each tuple fetch corresponding tuple(s) from S
- Assume R is clustered. Cost:
  - If index is clustered: B(R) + T(R)B(S)/V(S,a)
  - If index is unclustered: B(R) + T(R)T(S)/V(S,a)

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Index Based Join

- Assume both R and S have a sorted index (B+ tree) on the join attribute
- Then perform a merge join (called zig-zag join)
- Cost: B(R) + B(S)

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