

Lecture 22: Query Optimization

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Outline

- An example
- Query optimization: algebraic laws 16.2
- Cost-based optimization 16.5, 16.6
- Cost estimation: 16.4

Example

Product(pname, maker), **Company**(cname, city)

```
Select Product.pname  
From Product, Company  
Where Product.maker=Company.cname  
and Company.city = "Seattle"
```

- How do we execute this query ?

Example

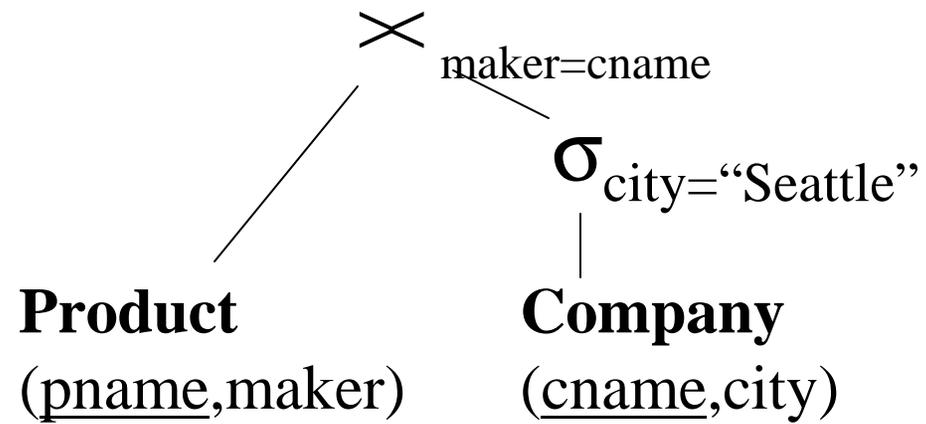
Product(pname, maker), **Company**(cname, city)

Assume:

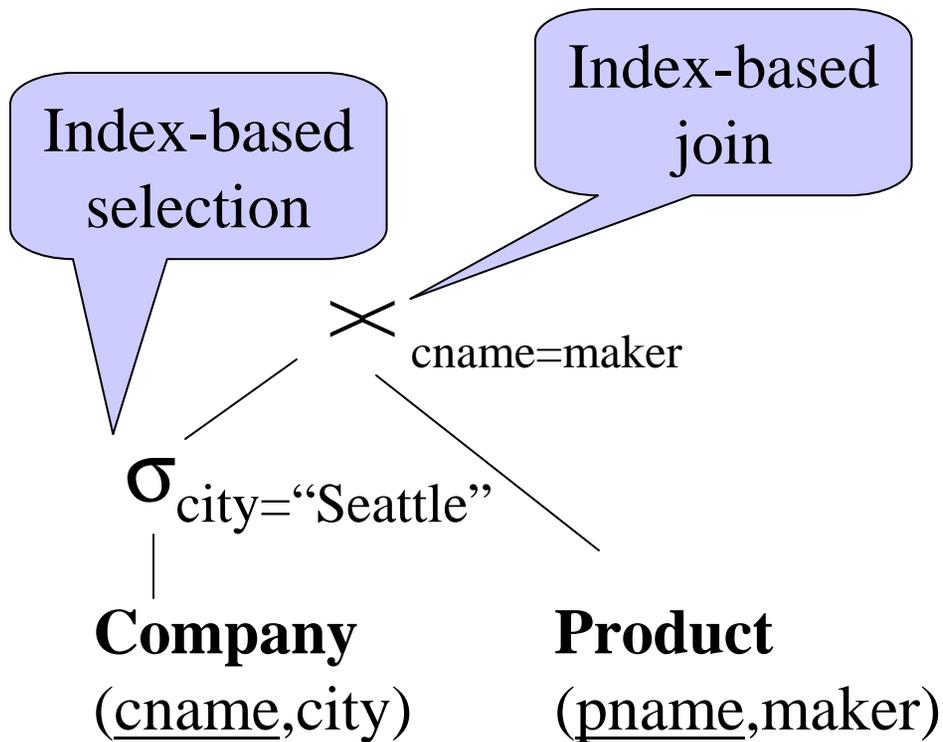
Clustered index: **Product**.pname, **Company**.cname

Unclustered index: **Product**.maker, **Company**.city

Logical Plan:

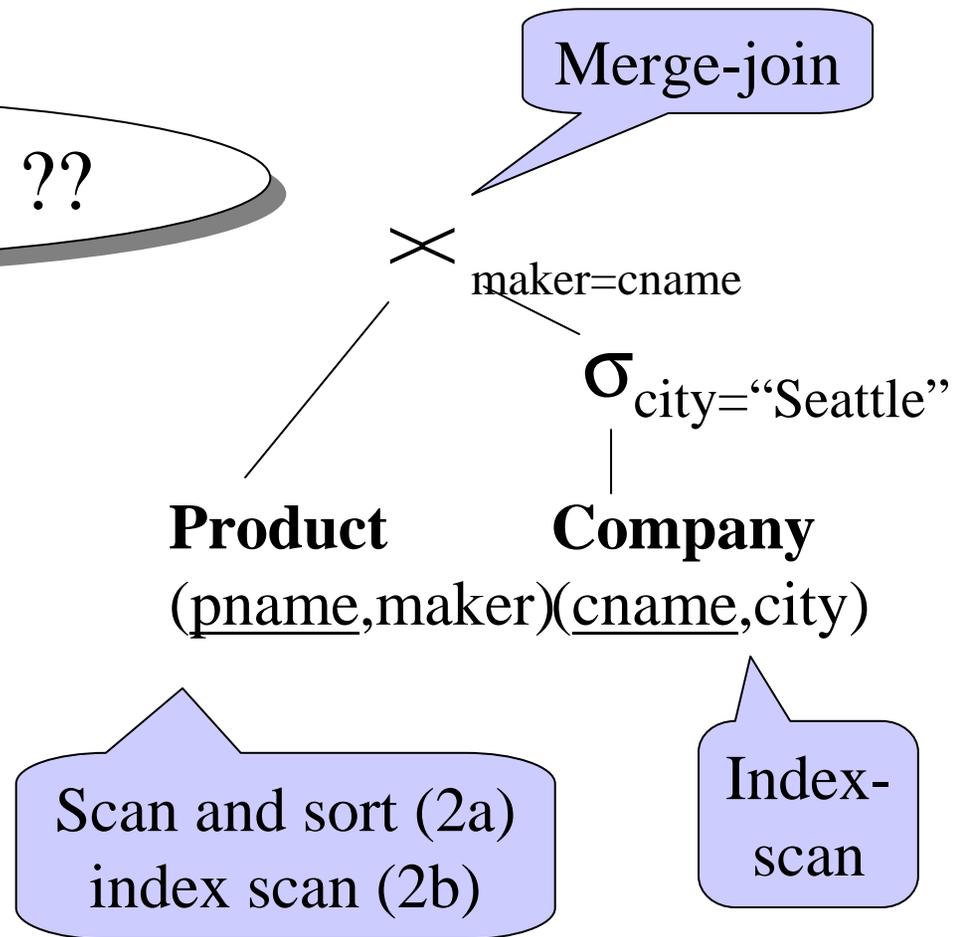


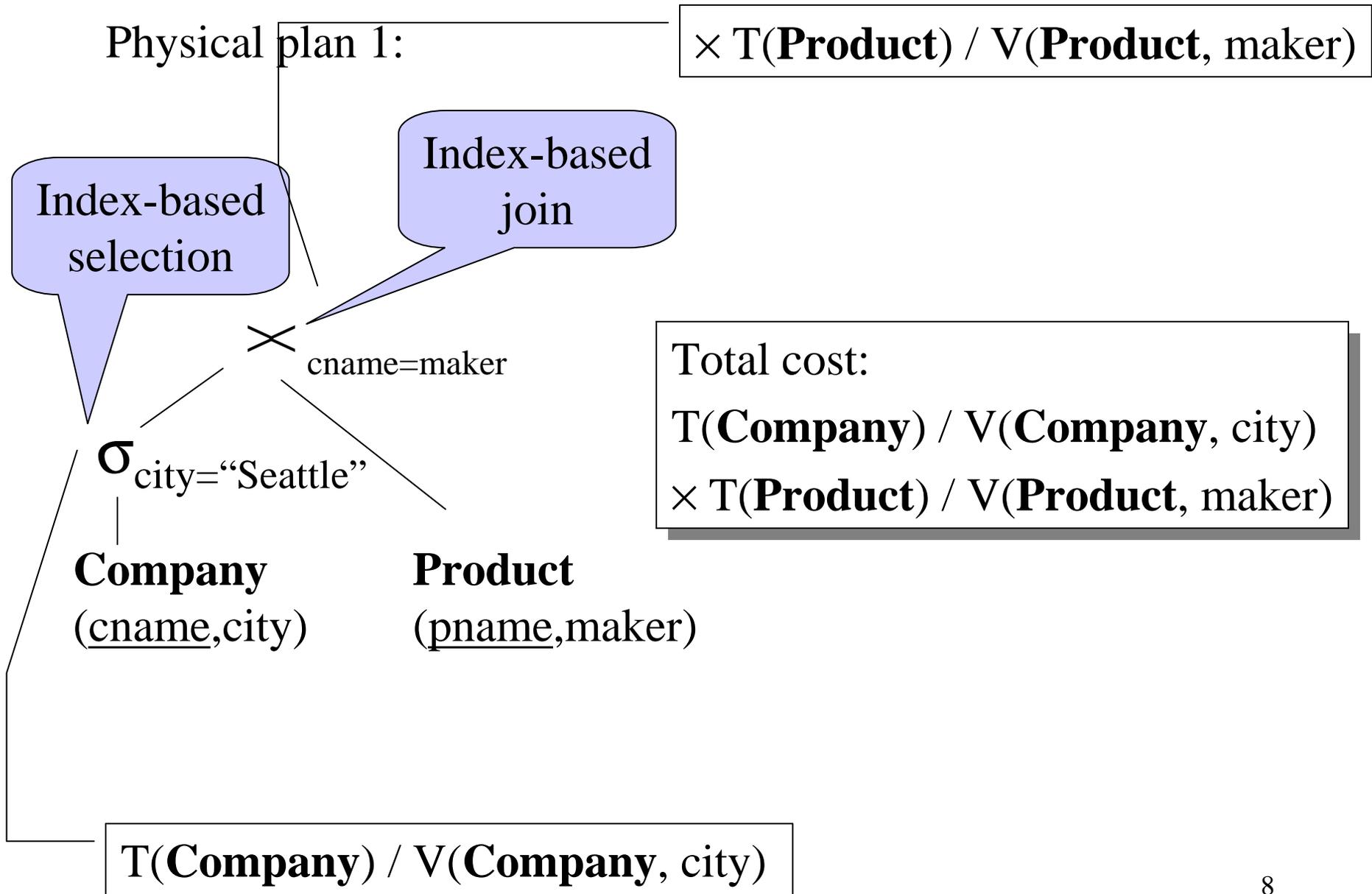
Physical plan 1:



Physical plans 2a and 2b:

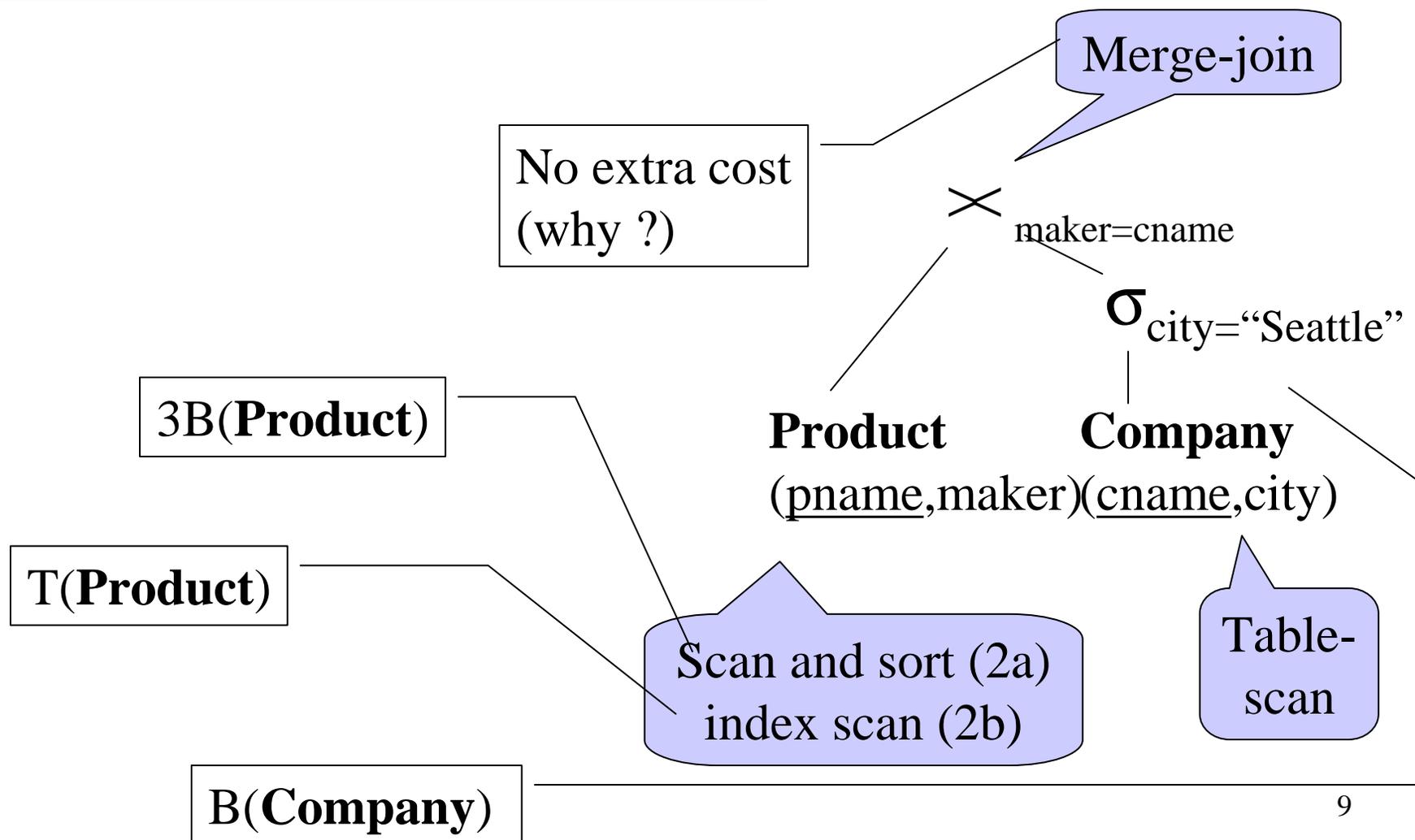
Which one is better ??





Total cost:
(2a): $3B(\text{Product}) + B(\text{Company})$
(2b): $T(\text{Product}) + B(\text{Company})$

Physical plans 2a and 2b:



Plan 1: $T(\mathbf{Company})/V(\mathbf{Company},\text{city}) \times$
 $T(\mathbf{Product})/V(\mathbf{Product},\text{maker})$

Plan 2a: $B(\mathbf{Company}) + 3B(\mathbf{Product})$

Plan 2b: $B(\mathbf{Company}) + T(\mathbf{Product})$

Which one is better ??

It depends on the data !!

Example

$$T(\mathbf{Company}) = 5,000 \quad B(\mathbf{Company}) = 500 \quad M = 100$$

$$T(\mathbf{Product}) = 100,000 \quad B(\mathbf{Product}) = 1,000$$

We may assume $V(\mathbf{Product}, \text{maker}) \approx T(\mathbf{Company})$ (why ?)

- Case 1: $V(\mathbf{Company}, \text{city}) \approx T(\mathbf{Company})$

$$V(\mathbf{Company}, \text{city}) = 2,000$$

- Case 2: $V(\mathbf{Company}, \text{city}) \ll T(\mathbf{Company})$

$$V(\mathbf{Company}, \text{city}) = 20$$

Which Plan is Best ?

Plan 1: $T(\mathbf{Company})/V(\mathbf{Company},\text{city}) \times T(\mathbf{Product})/V(\mathbf{Product},\text{maker})$

Plan 2a: $B(\mathbf{Company}) + 3B(\mathbf{Product})$

Plan 2b: $B(\mathbf{Company}) + T(\mathbf{Product})$

Case 1:

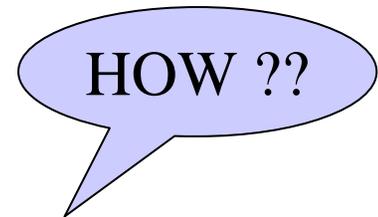
Case 2:

Lessons

- Need to consider several physical plan
 - even for one, simple logical plan
- No magic “best” plan: depends on the data
- In order to make the right choice
 - need to have *statistics* over the data
 - the B’s, the T’s, the V’s

Query Optimization

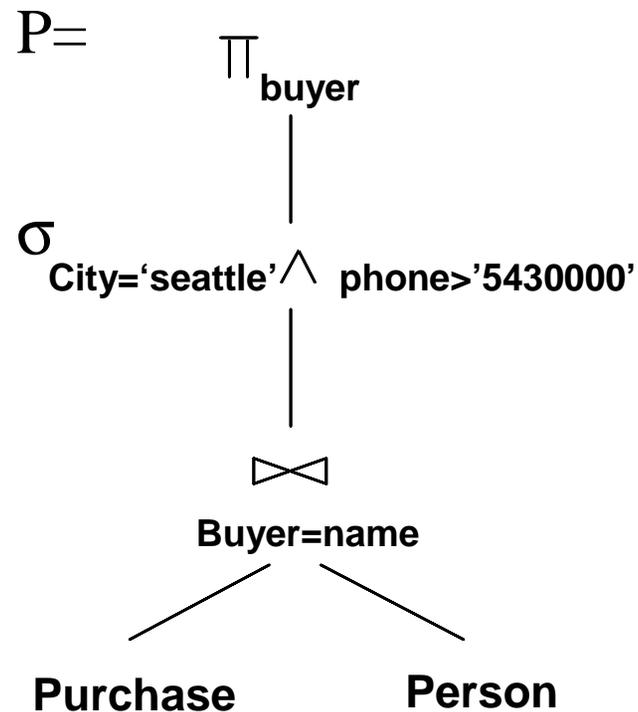
- Have a SQL query Q
- Create a plan P
- Find equivalent plans $P = P' = P'' = \dots$
- Choose the “cheapest”.



Logical Query Plan

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

Purchase(buyer, city)
Person(name, phone)



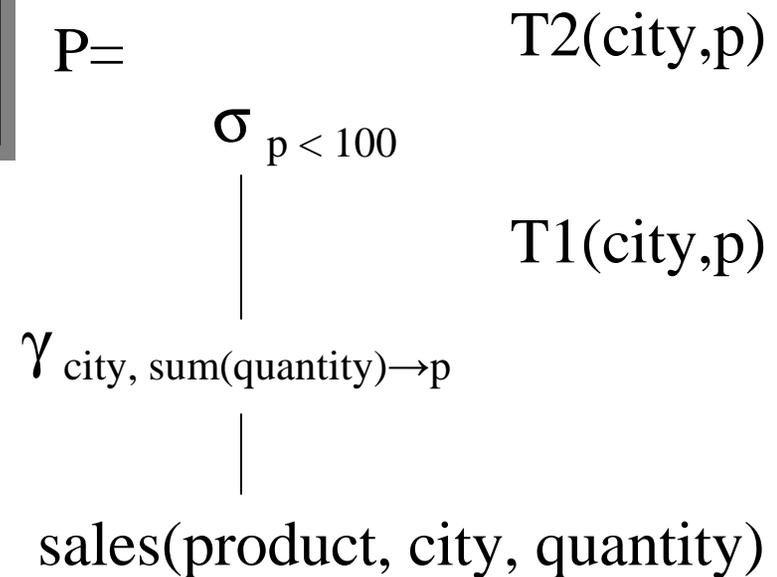
In class:
find a “better” plan P’

Logical Query Plan

Q=

```
SELECT city, sum(quantity)
FROM sales
GROUP BY city
HAVING sum(quantity) < 100
```

P=



In class:
find a “better” plan P’

The three components of an optimizer

We need three things in an optimizer:

- Algebraic laws
- An optimization algorithm
- A cost estimator

Algebraic Laws (incomplete list)

- Commutative and Associative Laws

$$R \cup S = S \cup R, \quad R \cup (S \cup T) = (R \cup S) \cup T$$

$$R \times S = S \times R, \quad R \times (S \times T) = (R \times S) \times T$$

- Distributive Laws

$$R \times (S \cup T) = (R \times S) \cup (R \times T)$$

Algebraic Laws (incomplete list)

- Laws involving selection:

$$\sigma_{C \text{ AND } C'}(R) = \sigma_C(\sigma_{C'}(R))$$

$$\sigma_{C \text{ OR } C'}(R) = \sigma_C(R) \cup \sigma_{C'}(R)$$

- When C involves only attributes of R

$$\sigma_C(R \bowtie S) = \sigma_C(R) \bowtie S$$

$$\sigma_C(R - S) = \sigma_C(R) - S$$

$$\sigma_C(R \bowtie S) = \sigma_C(R) \bowtie S$$

Algebraic Laws

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

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

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

Algebraic Laws

- Laws involving projections

$$\Pi_M(\mathbf{R} \bowtie \mathbf{S}) = \Pi_M(\Pi_P(\mathbf{R}) \bowtie \Pi_Q(\mathbf{S}))$$

$$\Pi_M(\Pi_N(\mathbf{R})) = \Pi_{M,N}(\mathbf{R})$$

- Example $\mathbf{R}(A,B,C,D), \mathbf{S}(E, F, G)$

$$\Pi_{A,B,G}(\mathbf{R} \bowtie_{D=E} \mathbf{S}) = \Pi_{?}(\Pi_{?}(\mathbf{R}) \bowtie_{D=E} \Pi_{?}(\mathbf{S}))$$

Algebraic Laws

- Laws involving grouping and aggregation:

$$\delta(\gamma_{A, \text{agg}(B)}(\mathbf{R})) = \gamma_{A, \text{agg}(B)}(\mathbf{R})$$

$$\gamma_{A, \text{agg}(B)}(\delta(\mathbf{R})) = \gamma_{A, \text{agg}(B)}(\mathbf{R}) \text{ if agg is "duplicate insensitive"}$$

- Which of the following are “duplicate insensitive” ?
sum, count, avg, min, max

$$\gamma_{A, \text{agg}(D)}(\mathbf{R}(A,B) \mid \times \mid_{B=C} \mathbf{S}(C,D)) = \\ \gamma_{A, \text{agg}(D)}(\mathbf{R}(A,B) \mid \times \mid_{B=C} (\gamma_{C, \text{agg}(D)} \mathbf{S}(C,D)))$$

Cost-based Optimizations

- Main idea: apply algebraic laws, until estimated cost is minimal
- Practically: start from partial plans, introduce operators one by one
 - Will see in a few slides
- Problem: there are too many ways to apply the laws, hence too many (partial) plans

Cost-based Optimizations

Approaches:

- **Top-down:** the partial plan is a top fragment of the logical plan
- **Bottom up:** the partial plan is a bottom fragment of the logical plan

Dynamic Programming

Originally proposed in System R (the first research prototype for a relational database system -- late 70s)

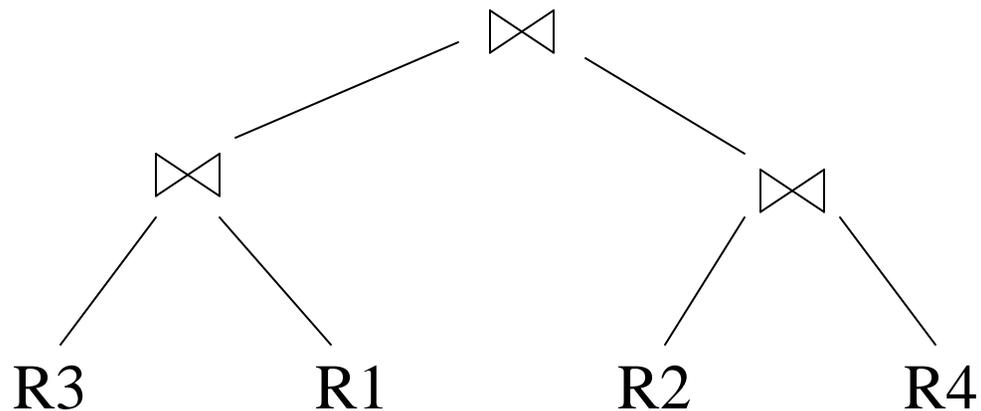
- Only handles single block queries:

```
SELECT list  
FROM list  
WHERE cond1 AND cond2 AND . . . AND condk
```

- Heuristics: selections down, projections up
- Dynamic programming: *join reordering*

Join Trees

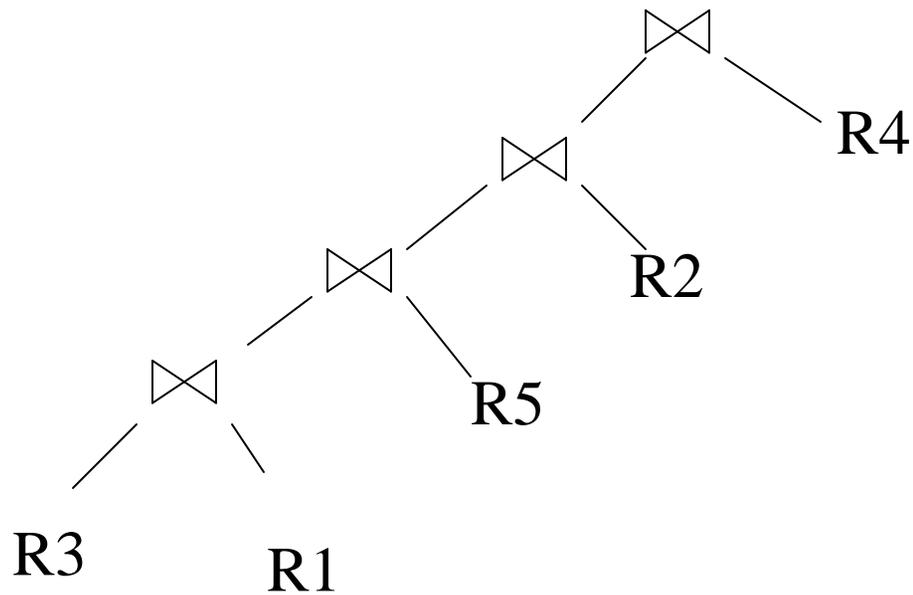
- $R_1 \bowtie R_2 \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_n$
- Join tree:



- A plan = a join tree
- A partial plan = a subtree of a join tree

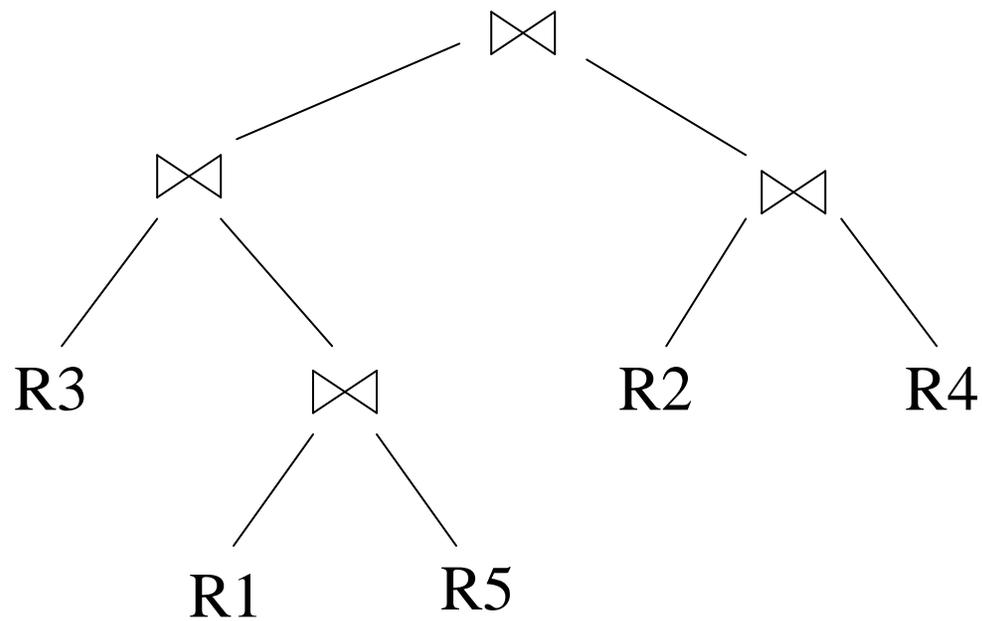
Types of Join Trees

- Left deep:



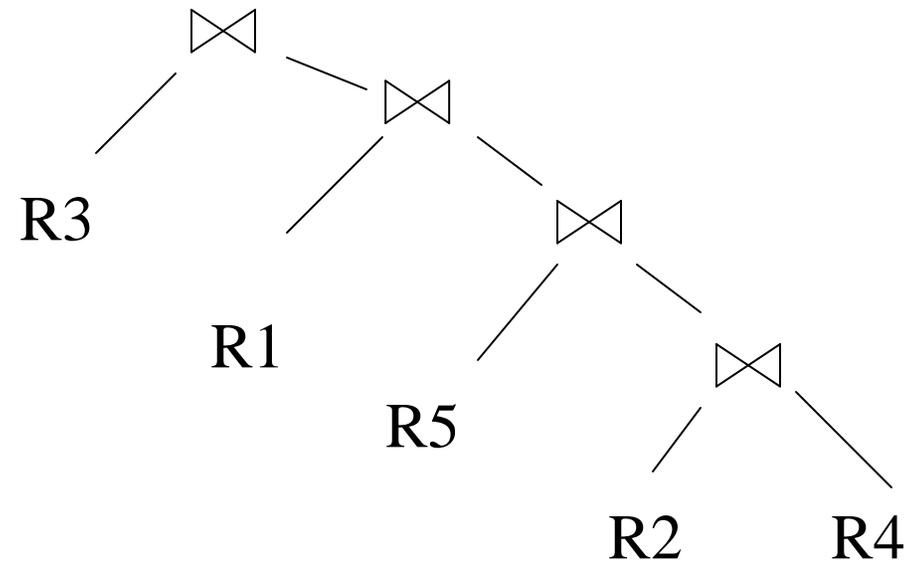
Types of Join Trees

- Bushy:



Types of Join Trees

- Right deep:



Dynamic Programming

- Given: a query $R_1 \bowtie R_2 \dots \bowtie R_n$
- 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 $\{R_1, \dots, R_n\}$
- It is a bottom-up strategy
- 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. $Q = Q' \cup Q''$
compute $\text{cost}(\text{Plan}(Q') \times \text{Plan}(Q''))$
 - $\text{Cost}(Q) =$ the smallest such cost
 - $\text{Plan}(Q) =$ the corresponding plan

Dynamic Programming

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

Dynamic Programming

To illustrate, we will make the following simplifications:

- $\text{Cost}(P_1 \mid \times \mid P_2) = \text{Cost}(P_1) + \text{Cost}(P_2) + \text{size}(\text{intermediate result(s)})$
- Intermediate results:
 - If P_1 = a join, then the size of the intermediate result is $\text{size}(P_1)$, otherwise the size is 0
 - Similarly for P_2
- Cost of a scan = 0

Dynamic Programming

- Example:
- $\text{Cost}(\text{R5} \mid \times \mid \text{R7}) = 0$ (no intermediate results)
- $\text{Cost}((\text{R2} \mid \times \mid \text{R1}) \mid \times \mid \text{R7})$
= $\text{Cost}(\text{R2} \mid \times \mid \text{R1}) + \text{Cost}(\text{R7}) + \text{size}(\text{R2} \mid \times \mid \text{R1})$
= $\text{size}(\text{R2} \mid \times \mid \text{R1})$

Dynamic Programming

- Relations: R, S, T, U
- Number of tuples: 2000, 5000, 3000, 1000
- Size estimation: $T(A \bowtie B) = 0.01 * T(A) * T(B)$

Subquery	Size	Cost	Plan
RS			
RT			
RU			
ST			
SU			
TU			
RST			
RSU			
RTU			
STU			
RSTU			

Subquery	Size	Cost	Plan
RS	100k	0	RS
RT	60k	0	RT
RU	20k	0	RU
ST	150k	0	ST
SU	50k	0	SU
TU	30k	0	TU
RST	3M	60k	(RT)S
RSU	1M	20k	(RU)S
RTU	0.6M	20k	(RU)T
STU	1.5M	30k	(TU)S
RSTU	30M	60k+50k=110k	(RT)(SU)

Reducing the Search Space

- Left-linear trees v.s. Bushy trees
- Trees without cartesian product

Example: $R(A,B) \times S(B,C) \times T(C,D)$

Plan: $(R(A,B) \times T(C,D)) \times S(B,C)$ has a cartesian product –
most query optimizers will not consider it

Dynamic Programming: Summary

- Handles only join queries:
 - Selections are pushed down (i.e. early)
 - Projections are pulled up (i.e. late)
- Takes exponential time in general, BUT:
 - Left linear joins may reduce time
 - Non-cartesian products may reduce time further

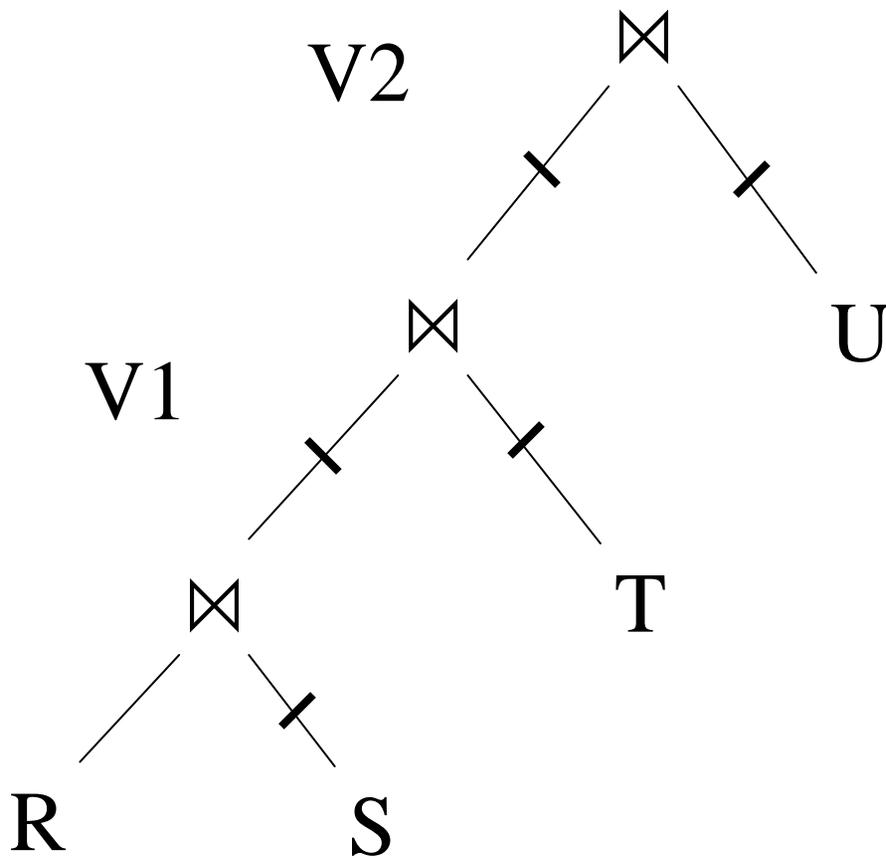
Rule-Based Optimizers

- *Extensible* collection of rules
 - Rule = Algebraic law with a direction
- Algorithm for firing these rules
 - Generate many alternative plans, in some order
 - Prune by cost
- Volcano (later SQL Server)
- Starburst (later DB2)

Completing the Physical Query Plan

- Choose algorithm to implement each operator
 - Need to account for more than cost:
 - How much memory do we have ?
 - Are the input operand(s) sorted ?
- Decide for each intermediate result:
 - To materialize
 - To pipeline

Materialize Intermediate Results Between Operators



```
HashTable ← S  
repeat  read(R, x)  
        y ← join(HashTable, x)  
        write(V1, y)
```

```
HashTable ← T  
repeat  read(V1, y)  
        z ← join(HashTable, y)  
        write(V2, z)
```

```
HashTable ← U  
repeat  read(V2, z)  
        u ← join(HashTable, z)  
        write(Answer, u)
```

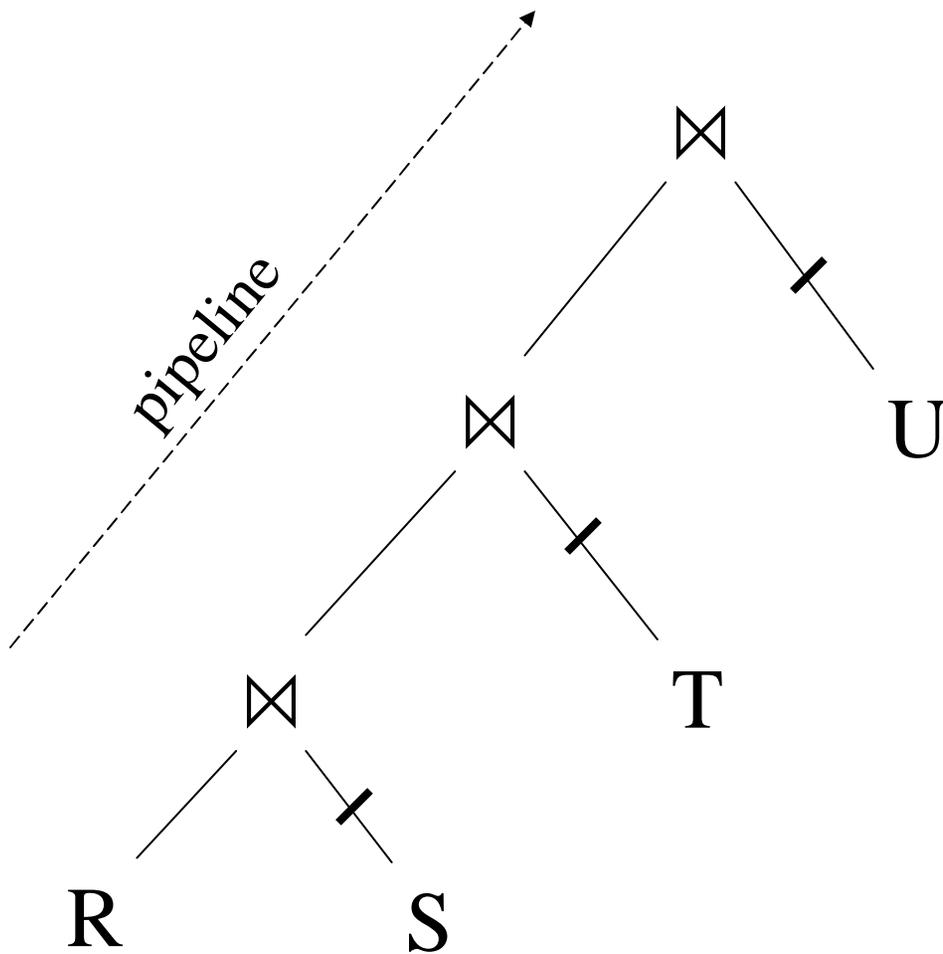
Materialize Intermediate Results Between Operators

Question in class

Given $B(R)$, $B(S)$, $B(T)$, $B(U)$

- What is the total cost of the plan ?
 - Cost =
- How much main memory do we need ?
 - M =

Pipeline Between Operators



```
HashTable1 ← S
HashTable2 ← T
HashTable3 ← U
repeat  read(R, x)
        y ← join(HashTable1, x)
        z ← join(HashTable2, y)
        u ← join(HashTable3, z)
        write(Answer, u)
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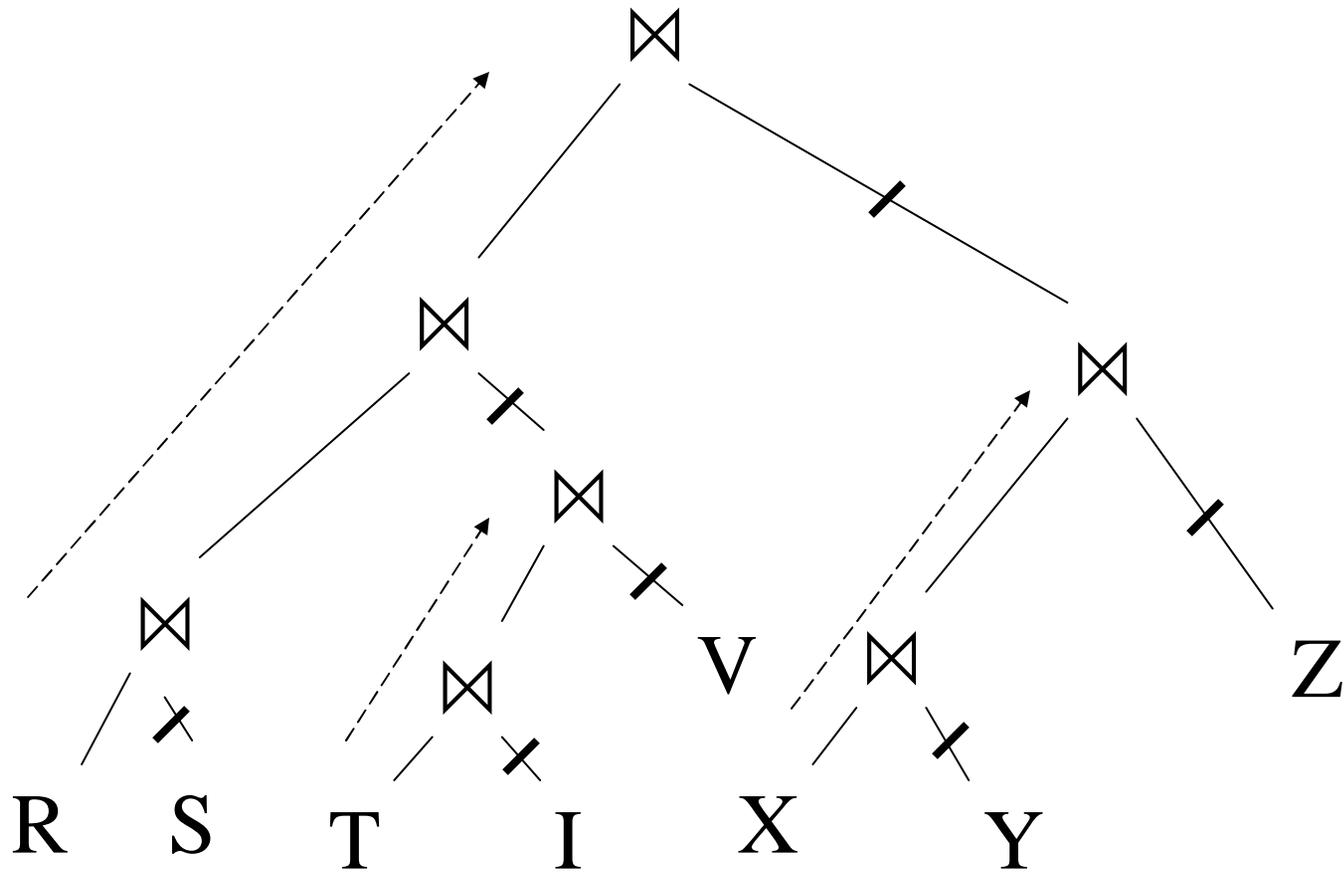
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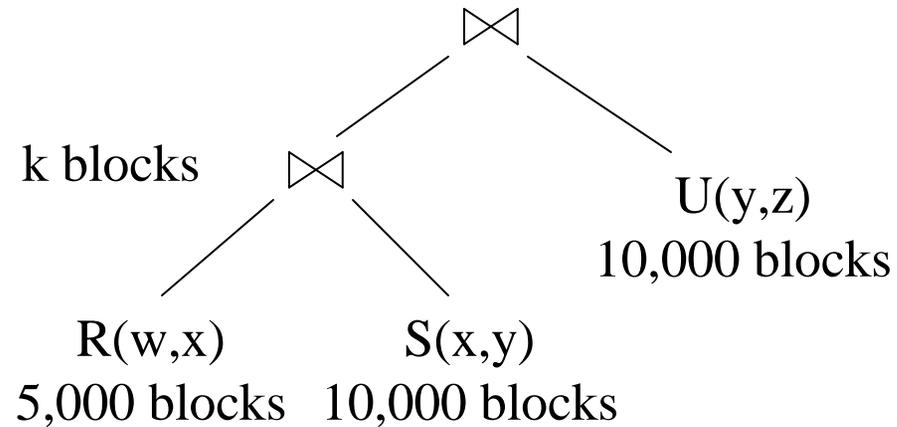
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Pipeline in Bushy Trees



Example

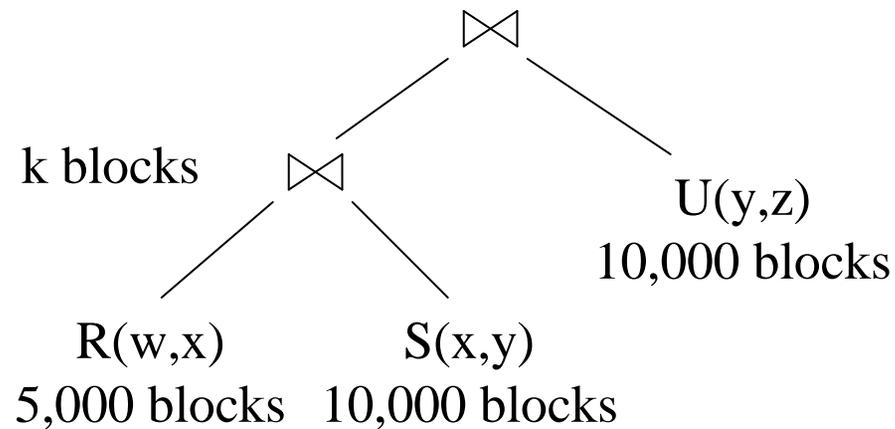
- Logical plan is:



- Main memory $M = 101$ buffers

Example

$M = 101$

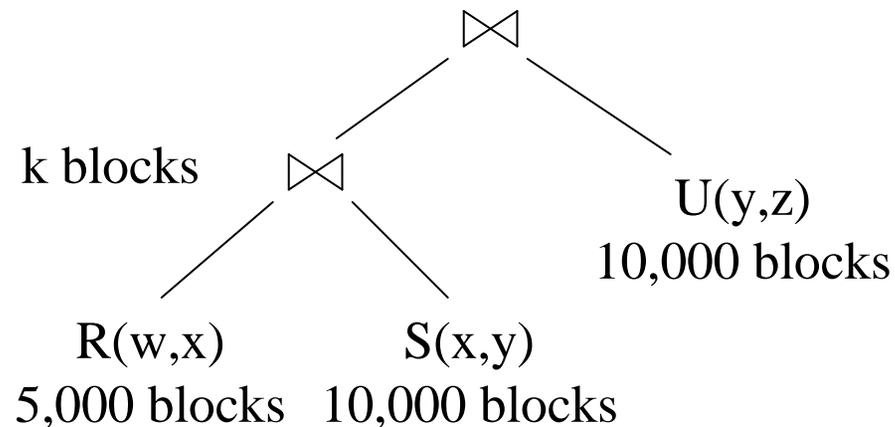


Naïve evaluation:

- 2 partitioned hash-joins
- Cost $3B(R) + 3B(S) + 4k + 3B(U) = 75000 + 4k$

Example

$M = 101$

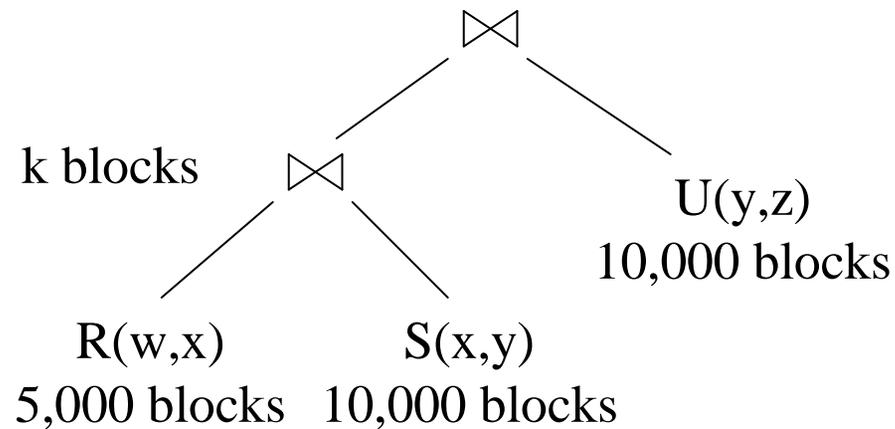


Smarter:

- Step 1: hash R on x into 100 buckets, each of 50 blocks; to disk
- Step 2: hash S on x into 100 buckets; to disk
- Step 3: read each R_i in memory (50 buffer) join with S_i (1 buffer); hash result on y into 50 buckets (50 buffers) -- here we pipeline
- Cost so far: $3B(R) + 3B(S)$

Example

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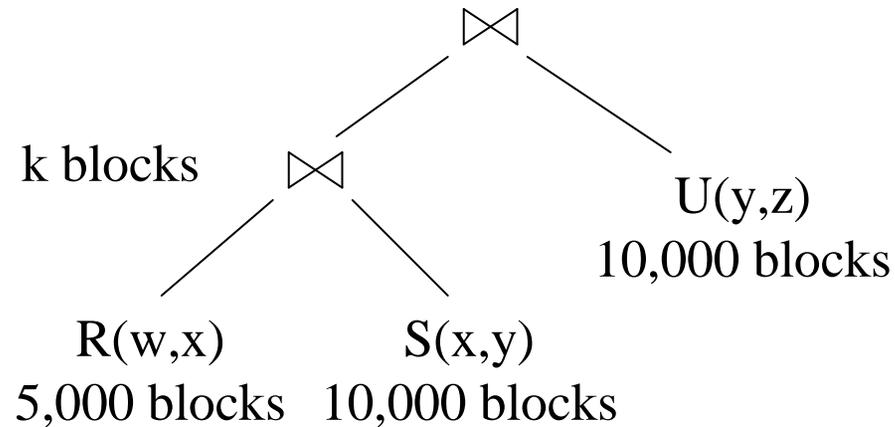


Continuing:

- How large are the 50 buckets on y ? Answer: $k/50$.
- If $k \leq 50$ then keep all 50 buckets in Step 3 in memory, then:
- Step 4: read U from disk, hash on y and join with memory
- Total cost: $3B(R) + 3B(S) + B(U) = 55,000$

Example

$M = 101$

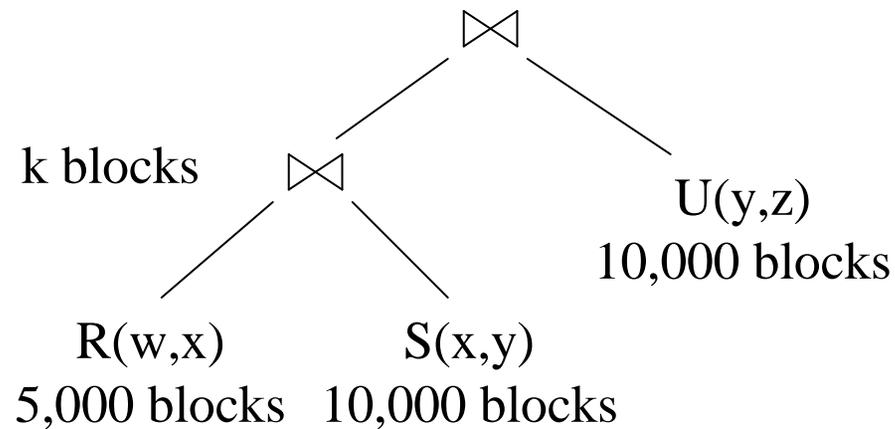


Continuing:

- If $50 < k \leq 5000$ then send the 50 buckets in Step 3 to disk
 - Each bucket has size $k/50 \leq 100$
- Step 4: partition U into 50 buckets
- Step 5: read each partition and join in memory
- Total cost: $3B(R) + 3B(S) + 2k + 3B(U) = 75,000 + 2k$

Example

$M = 101$



Continuing:

- If $k > 5000$ then materialize instead of pipeline
- 2 partitioned hash-joins
- Cost $3B(R) + 3B(S) + 4k + 3B(U) = 75000 + 4k$

Example

Summary:

- If $k \leq 50$, $\text{cost} = 55,000$
- If $50 < k \leq 5000$, $\text{cost} = 75,000 + 2k$
- If $k > 5000$, $\text{cost} = 75,000 + 4k$

Size Estimation

The problem: Given an expression E , compute $T(E)$ and $V(E, A)$

- This is hard without computing E
- Will 'estimate' them instead

Size Estimation

Estimating the size of a projection

- Easy: $T(\Pi_L(R)) = T(R)$
- This is because a projection doesn't eliminate duplicates

Size Estimation

Estimating the size of a selection

- $S = \sigma_{A=c}(R)$
 - $T(S)$ can be anything from 0 to $T(R) - V(R,A) + 1$
 - Estimate: $T(S) = T(R)/V(R,A)$
 - When $V(R,A)$ is not available, estimate $T(S) = T(R)/10$
- $S = \sigma_{A<c}(R)$
 - $T(S)$ can be anything from 0 to $T(R)$
 - Estimate: $T(S) = (c - \text{Low}(R, A))/(\text{High}(R,A) - \text{Low}(R,A))T(R)$
 - When Low, High unavailable, estimate $T(S) = T(R)/3$

Size Estimation

Estimating the size of a natural join, $R \bowtie_A S$

- When the set of A values are disjoint, then $T(R \bowtie_A S) = 0$
- When A is a key in S and a foreign key in R, then $T(R \bowtie_A S) = T(R)$
- When A has a unique value, the same in R and S, then $T(R \bowtie_A S) = T(R) T(S)$

Size Estimation

Assumptions:

- Containment of values: if $V(R,A) \leq V(S,A)$, then the set of A values of R is included in the set of A values of S
 - Note: this indeed holds when A is a foreign key in R, and a key in S
- Preservation of values: for any other attribute B,
 $V(R \bowtie_A S, B) = V(R, B)$ (or $V(S, B)$)

Size Estimation

Assume $V(R,A) \leq V(S,A)$

- Then each tuple t in R joins *some* tuple(s) in S
 - How many ?
 - On average $T(S)/V(S,A)$
 - t will contribute $T(S)/V(S,A)$ tuples in $R \bowtie_A S$
- Hence $T(R \bowtie_A S) = T(R) T(S) / V(S,A)$

In general: $T(R \bowtie_A S) = T(R) T(S) / \max(V(R,A), V(S,A))$

Size Estimation

Example:

- $T(R) = 10000$, $T(S) = 20000$
- $V(R,A) = 100$, $V(S,A) = 200$
- How large is $R \bowtie_A S$?

Answer: $T(R \bowtie_A S) = 10000 \cdot 20000 / 200 = 1M$

Size Estimation

Joins on more than one attribute:

- $T(R \bowtie_{A,B} S) =$

$$T(R) T(S) / (\max(V(R,A), V(S,A)) * \max(V(R,B), V(S,B)))$$

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 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

- Eqwidth

0..20	20..40	40..60	60..80	80..100
2	104	9739	152	3

- Eqdepth

0..44	44..48	48..50	50..56	55..100
2000	2000	2000	2000	2000