CSE 444: Database Internals

Lecture 9
Query Plan Cost Estimation

Announcements

- Lab 2 / part 1 due tonight 11pm
- Homework 2 due Wednesday 11pm

Query Optimization Summary

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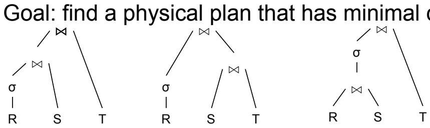

What is the cost of a plan?
For each operator, cost is function of CPU, IO, network bw
Cost of plan is total for all operators
In this class, we look only at IO

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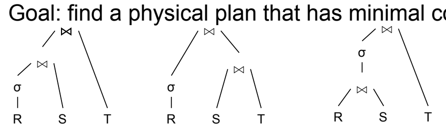

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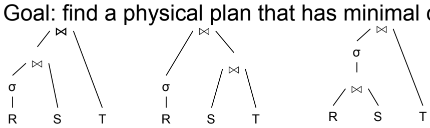

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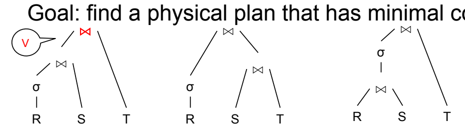

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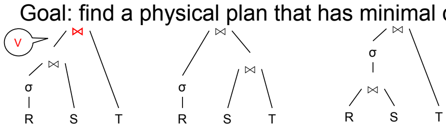

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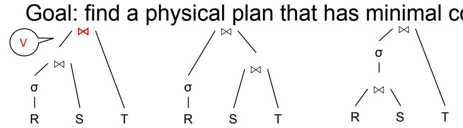

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Cardinality estimation problem: e.g. estimate T(σ(R) ⋈ S)

Database Statistics

- Collect statistical summaries of stored data
- Estimate size (=cardinality) in a bottom-up fashion
  - This is the most difficult part, and still inadequate in today's query optimizers
- Estimate cost by using the estimated size
  - Hand-written formulas, similar to those we used for computing the cost of each physical operator

Database Statistics

- Number of tuples (cardinality) T(R)
- Indexes, number of keys in the index V(R,a)
- Number of physical pages B(R)
- Statistical information on attributes
  - Min value, Max value, V(R,a)
- Histograms

- Collection approach: periodic, using sampling

Size Estimation Problem

Q = SELECT list
FROM R1, …, Rn
WHERE $cond_1$ AND $cond_2$ AND . . . AND $cond_k$

Given T(R1), T(R2), …, T(Rn)
Estimate T(Q)

How can we do this ? Note: doesn't have to be exact.

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- Assuming independence, multiply the selectivity factors

Example

R(A,B)
S(B,C)
T(C,D)

Q = SELECT *
FROM R, S, T
WHERE R.B=S.B and S.C=T.C and R.A<40

T(R) = 30k, T(S) = 200k, T(T) = 10k

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A: T(Q) = 30k * 200k * 10k * 1/3 * 1/10 * ½ = 10^{12}

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- A = B /* $R \bowtie_{A=B} S$ */
  - Selectivity = 1 / max(V(R,A),V(S,A))
  - (will explain next)

Assumptions

- *Containment of values*: if V(R,A) <= V(S,B), then all values R.A occur in S.B
  - Note: this indeed holds when A is a foreign key in R, and B is a key in S
- *Preservation of values*: for any other attribute C, $V(R \bowtie_{A=B} S, C) = V(R, C)$ (or V(S, C))
  - Note: we don't need this to estimate the size of the join, but we need it in estimating the next operator

Selectivity of $R \bowtie_{A=B} S$

Assume V(R,A) <= V(S,B)

- A tuple t in R joins with T(S)/V(S,B) tuple(s) in S
- Hence $T(R \bowtie_{A=B} S) = T(R)\,T(S) / V(S,B)$

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Size Estimation for Join

Example:

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

(In class…)

Complete Example

Supplier(sid, sname, scity, sstate)
Supply(sid, pno, quantity)

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SELECT sname
FROM Supplier x, Supply y
WHERE x.sid = y.sid
   and y.pno = 2
   and x.scity = 'Seattle'
   and x.sstate = 'WA'
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- Some statistics
  - T(Supplier) = 1000 records
  - T(Supply) = 10,000 records
  - B(Supplier) = 100 pages
  - B(Supply) = 100 pages
  - V(Supplier,scity) = 20, V(Suppliers,state) = 10
  - V(Supply,pno) = 2,500
  - Both relations are clustered
- M = 11

Computing the Cost of a Plan

- Estimate cardinality in a bottom-up fashion
  - Cardinality is the size of a relation (nb of tuples)
  - Compute size of *all* intermediate relations in plan
- Estimate cost by using the estimated cardinalities

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Physical Query Plan 1

(On the fly) π sname

Selection and project on-the-fly
-> No additional cost.

(On the fly)
σ scity='Seattle' ∧sstate='WA' ∧ pno=2

(Nested loop) sno = sno

Total cost of plan is thus cost of join:
= B(Supplier)+B(Supplier)*B(Supply)
= 100 + 100 * 100
= 10,100 I/Os

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Physical Query Plan 2

(On the fly) π sname (d)

(Sort-merge join) sno = sno (c)

(Scan write to T1)
(a) σ scity='Seattle' ∧sstate='WA'

(Scan write to T2)
(b) σ pno=2

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Total cost
= 100 + 100 * 1/20 * 1/10 (a)
+ 100 + 100 * 1/2500 (b)
+ 2 (c)
+ 0 (d)

Total cost ≈ **204 I/Os**

M = 11

Plan 2 with Different Numbers

What if we had:
10K pages of Supplier
10K pages of Supply

π sname (d)

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(Scan write to T1)
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Supplier (File scan)

Supply (File scan)

Total cost
= 10000 + 50 (a)
+ 10000 + 4 (b)
+ 3*50 + 4 (c)
+ 0 (d)

Total cost ≈ 20,208 I/Os

Need to do a two-pass sort algorithm

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Physical Query Plan 3

(On the fly) (d) π sname

(On the fly)
(c) σ scity='Seattle' ∧sstate='WA'

(b) sno = sno (Index nested loop)

(Use hash index) 4 tuples
(a) σ pno=2

Supply (Hash index on pno) Assume: clustered

Supplier (Hash index on sno) Clustering does not matter

Total cost
= 1 (a)
+ 4 (b)
+ 0 (c)
+ 0 (d)

Total cost ≈ **5 I/Os**

Histograms

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

Histograms

Employee(ssn, name, age)

T(Employee) = 25000, V(Empolyee, age) = 50
min(age) = 19, max(age) = 68

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Estimate = 25000 / 50 = 500 Estimate = 25000 * 6 / 50 = 3000

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Estimate = 1200 Estimate = 1*80 + 5*500 = 2580

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- Eq-Depth
- Compressed
- V-Optimal histograms

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Eq-depth:

Age:	0..33	33..38	38-43	43-45	45-54	> 54
Tuples	1800	2000	2100	2200	1900	1800

Compressed: store separately highly frequent values: (48,1900)

V-Optimal Histograms

- Defines bucket boundaries in an optimal way, to minimize the error over all point queries
- Computed rather expensively, using dynamic programming
- Modern databases systems use V-optimal histograms or some variations

Difficult Questions on Histograms

- Small number of buckets
  - Hundreds, or thousands, but not more
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Difficult Questions on Histograms

- Small number of buckets
  - Hundreds, or thousands, but not more
  - WHY? All histograms are kept in main memory during query optimization; plus need fast access
- *Not* updated during database update, but recomputed periodically
  - WHY? Histogram update creates a write conflict; would dramatically slow down transaction throughput
- Multidimensional histograms rarely used
  - WHY? Too many possible multidiimensional histograms, unclear which ones to choose