# CSE 444: Database Internals 

Lecture 9<br>Query Plan Cost Estimation

## 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
Total_Cost $=$ CPUCost $+\mathrm{w}_{\text {IO }}$ IOCost $+\mathrm{w}_{\text {BW }}$ BWCost
Cost of plan is total for all operators
In this class, we look only at IO

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Cardinality estimation problem: e.g. estimate $T(\sigma(R) \bowtie S)$

## 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

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& \text { FROM R1, ... Rn } \\
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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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## Selectivity Factor

- Each condition cond reduces the size by some factor called selectivity factor
- Assuming independence, multiply the selectivity factors


## Example

| $R(A, B)$ | $Q=$ SELECT * |
| :--- | :--- |
| $S(B, C)$ | FROM R, $S, T$ |
| T(C,D) | WHERE R.B=S.B and $S . C=T . C$ and $R . A<40$ |

$T(R)=30 k, T(S)=200 k, T(T)=10 k$
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A: T(Q)=30 k * 200 k * 10 k * 1 / 3 * 1 / 10 * 1 / 2=10^{12}
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- $A=B$

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/ * R \bowtie_{A=B} S * /
$$

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


## Assumptions

- Containment of values: if $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{A})<=\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{B})$, 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 , $V\left(R \bowtie_{A=B} S, C\right)=V(R, C) \quad(o r V(S, C))$
- 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 $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{A})<=\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{B})$

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

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T\left(R \bowtie_{A=B} S\right)=T(R) T(S) / \max (V(R, A), V(S, B))
$$

## 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)

- Some statistics
- T(Supplier) = 1000 records
- T(Supply) = 10,000 records
- B(Supplier) = 100 pages
- B(Supply) = 100 pages
- V (Supplier,scity) $=20, \mathrm{~V}$ (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


## Physical Query Plan 1

(On the fly)
$\boldsymbol{\pi}_{\text {sname }}$
Selection and project on-the-fly
-> No additional cost.
(On the fly)
$\sigma_{\text {scity='Seattle' }} \wedge$ sstate='WA' $\wedge$ pno=2
(Nested loop)

Supplier
(File scan)


Total cost of plan is thus cost of join:
= B(Supplier)+B(Supplier)*B(Supply)
$=100+100$ * 100
$=10,100 \mathrm{I} / \mathrm{Os}$
Supply
(File scan)

## Physical Query Plan 2

(On the fly)
(Sort-merge join)
$\boldsymbol{\pi}_{\text {sname }}$
(d)

Total cost
$=100+100 * 1 / 20 * 1 / 10(a)$
$+100+100 * 1 / 2500(b)$
+2 (c)
+0 (d)
(Scan
write to T1)
(a) $\sigma_{\text {scity }}=$ 'Seattle' $\wedge$ sstate $=$ 'WA'
(b) $\sigma_{\text {pno }=2}^{\text {write to T2) }}$

Supplier
(File scan)

## Supply

(File scan)

## Plan 2 with Different Numbers



Supplier
(File scan)
(d)

Total cost
$=10000+50(\mathrm{a})$
$+10000+4(\mathrm{~b})$
$+3^{*} 50+4(\mathrm{c})$
$+0(\mathrm{~d})$

Supply
Need to do a twopass sort algorithm

## Physical Query Plan 3

## (On the fly) (d) $\boldsymbol{\pi}_{\text {sname }}$ <br> Total cost

(On the fly)
$=1$ (a)
+4 (b)
(c) $\sigma_{\text {scity }}=$ 'Seattle' $\wedge$ sstate $=$ 'WA'
+0 (c)
+0 (d)
Total cost $\approx 5$ I/Os (Index nested loop)
(Use hash index) 4 tuples
(a) $\sigma_{\mathrm{pno}}=2$

Supply
(Hash index on pno ) (Hash index on sno)
Assume: clustered Clustering does not matter

## 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)

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

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| Estimate $=1 * 80+5 * 500=2580 \quad 32$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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- 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

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- 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 multidimensional histograms, unclear which ones to choose

