

# Week 12

## Query Processing

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### Query Processing

$Q \rightarrow$  Query Plan

### Focus: Relational System

- Others?

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## Example

Select B,D  
From R,S  
Where R.A = "c"  $\wedge$  S.E = 2  $\wedge$  R.C=S.C

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R	A	B	C	S	C	D	E
a	1	10		10	x	2	
b	1	20		20	y	2	
c	2	10		30	z	2	
d	2	35		40	x	1	
e	3	45		50	y	3	

Answer    
$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{B} & \text{D} \\ \hline 2 & x \end{array}$$

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- How do we execute query?

One idea

- Do Cartesian product
- Select tuples
- Do projection

R×S

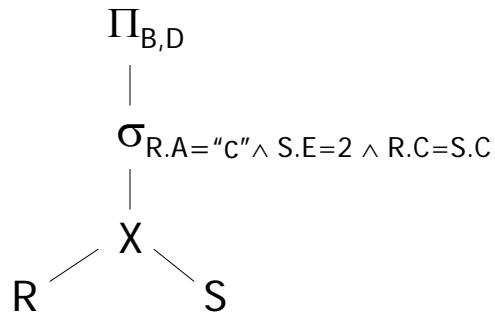
	R.A	R.B	R.C	S.C	S.D	S.E
	a	1	10	10	x	2
	a	1	10	20	y	2
	.					
	.					
Bingo!	C	2	10	10	x	2
Got one...	.					
	.					

→

Arrows point from the circled values C, 2, 10, 10, x, and 2 in the R×S table to the corresponding columns in the R and S tables.

**Relational Algebra** - can be used to  
describe plans...

Ex: Plan I



OR:  $\Pi_{B,D} [ \sigma_{R.A = "c" \wedge S.E = 2 \wedge R.C = S.C} (R \times S) ]$

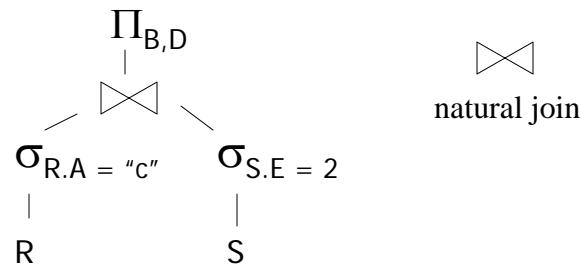
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**Another idea:**

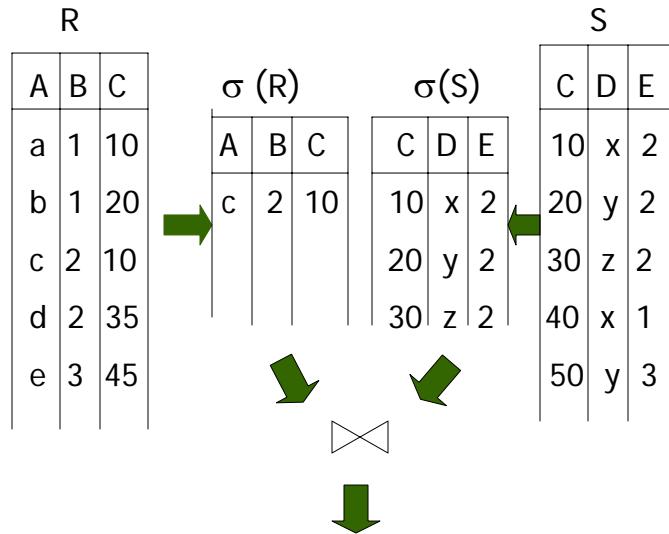
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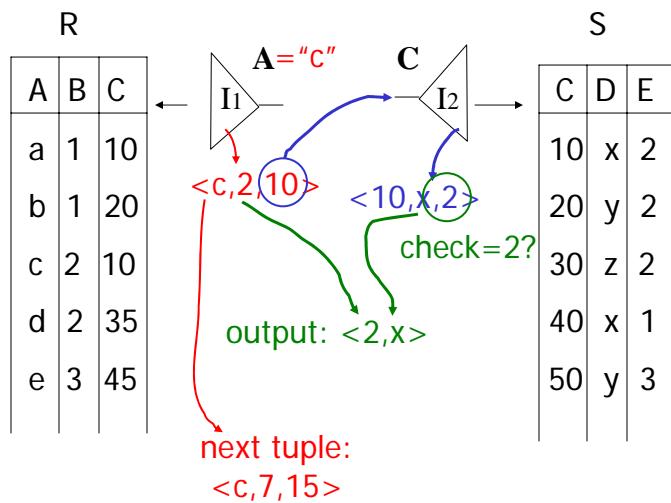
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## Plan III

Use R.A and S.C Indexes

- (1) Use R.A index to select R tuples with R.A = "c"
- (2) For each R.C value found, use S.C index to find matching tuples
- (3) Eliminate S tuples S.E  $\neq$  2
- (4) Join matching R,S tuples, project B,D attributes and place in result



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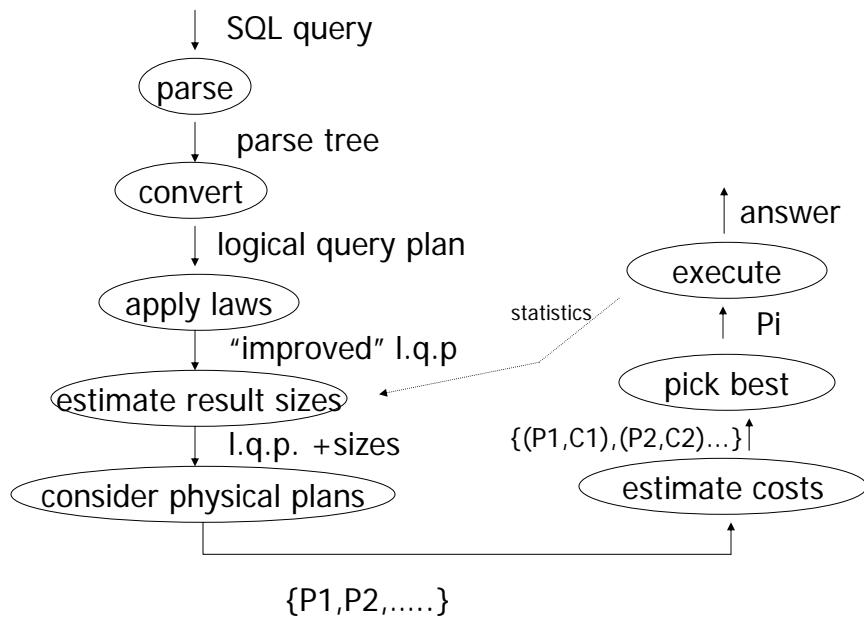
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## Overview of Query Optimization

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## Example: SQL query

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SELECT title
FROM StarsIn
WHERE starName IN (
    SELECT name
    FROM MovieStar
    WHERE birthdate LIKE '%1960'
);
    
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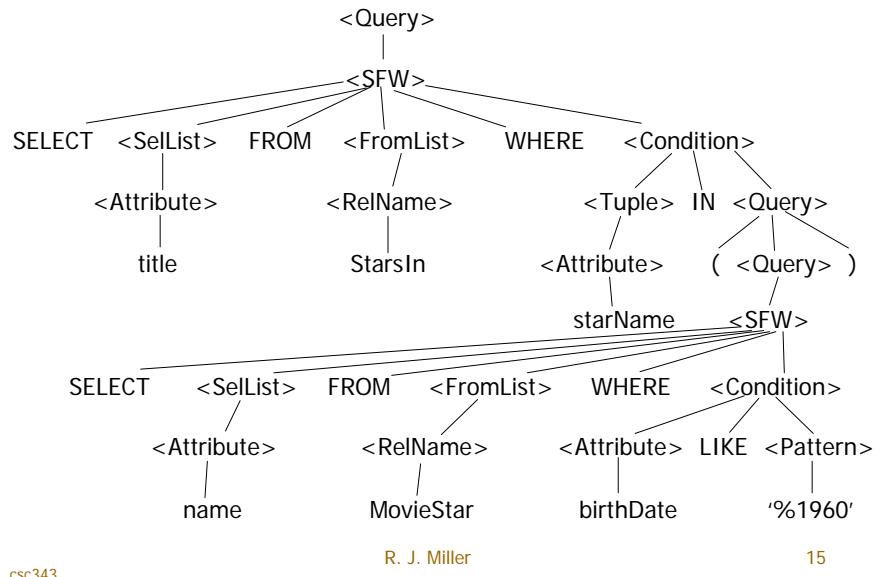
(Find the movies with stars born in 1960)

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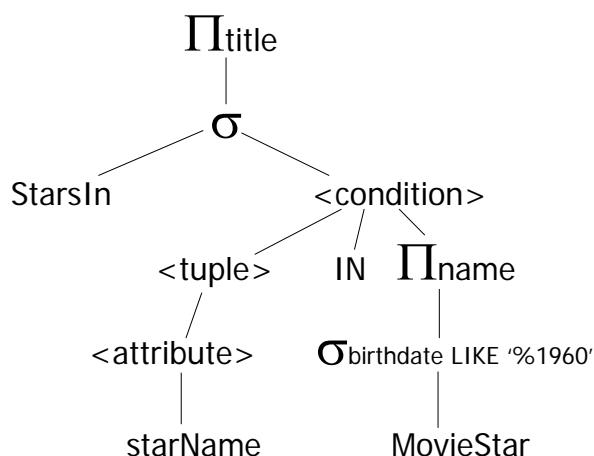
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## Example: Parse Tree

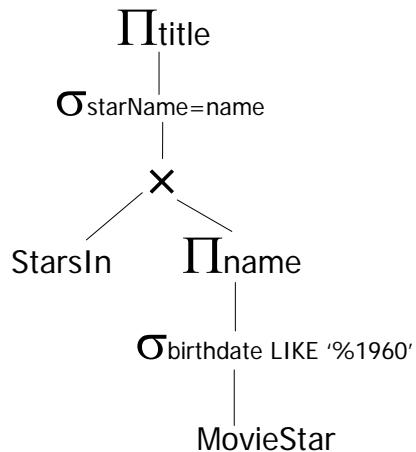


## Example: Generating Relational Algebra



An expression using a two-argument  $\sigma$ , midway between a parse tree and relational algebra

## Example: Logical Query Plan



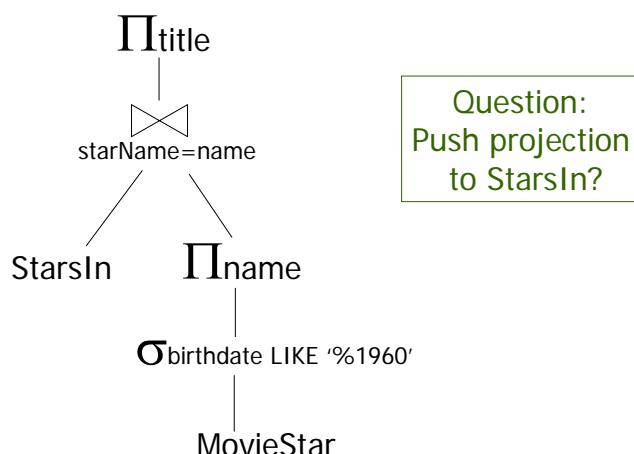
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## Example: Improved Logical Query Plan

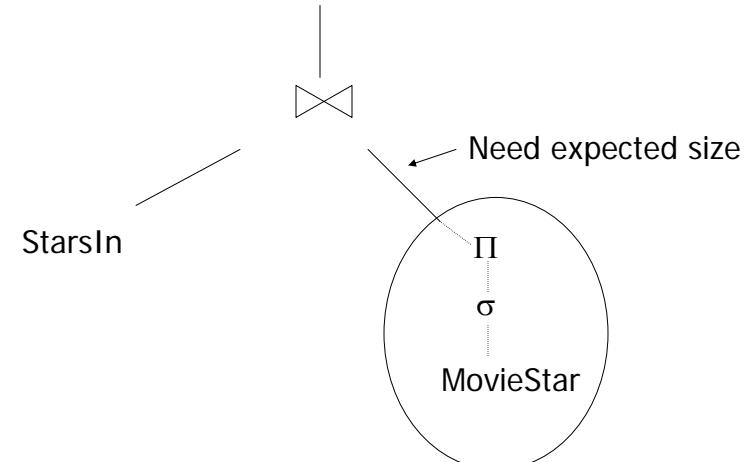


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## Example: Estimate Result Sizes

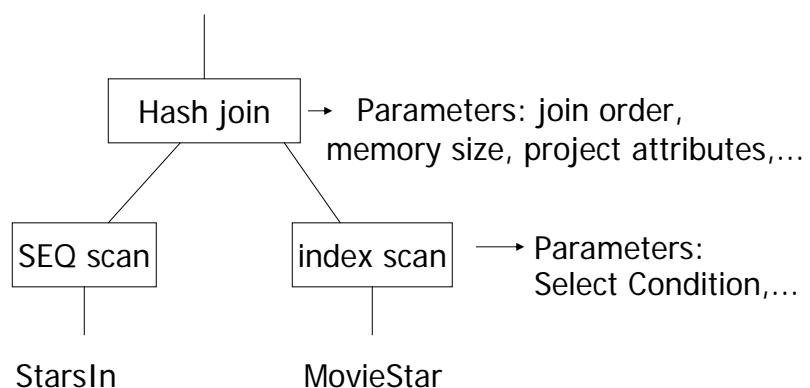


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## Example: One Physical Plan

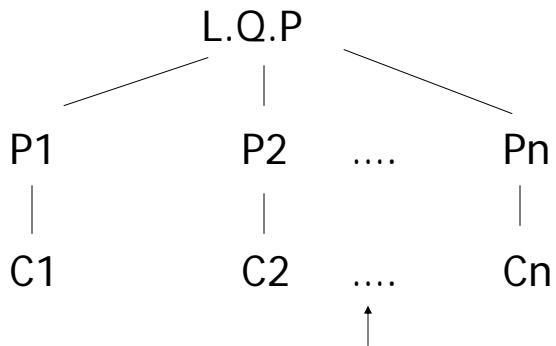


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## Example: Estimate costs



Pick best!

## Outline

Algebra for queries [bags vs sets]

- Select, project, join, .... [project list  
a,a+b->x,...]
- Duplicate elimination, grouping, sorting

Physical operators

- Scan, sort, ...

Implementing operators +  
estimating their cost

Parsing  
Algebraic laws  
Parse tree -> logical query plan  
Estimating result sizes  
Cost based optimization

## Query Optimization

- Relational algebra level
- Detailed query plan level
  - Estimate Costs
    - without indexes
    - with indexes
  - Generate and compare plans

## Relational algebra optimization

- Transformation rules  
(preserve equivalence)
- What are good transformations?

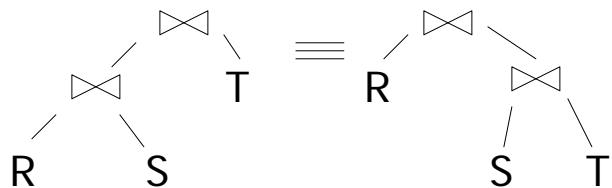
## Rules: Natural joins & cross products & union

$$R \bowtie S = S \bowtie R$$

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

## Note:

- Carry attribute names in results, so order (of attributes!) is not important
- Can also write as trees, e.g.:



## Rules: Natural joins & cross products & union

$$R \bowtie S = S \bowtie R$$

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

$$R \times S = S \times R$$

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

$$R \cup S = S \cup R$$

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

## Rules: Selects

$$\Sigma_{p_1 \wedge p_2}(R) = \Sigma_{p_1} [\Sigma_{p_2}(R)]$$

$$\Sigma_{p_1 \vee p_2}(R) = [\Sigma_{p_1}(R)] \cup [\Sigma_{p_2}(R)]$$

## Bags vs. Sets

$$R = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$$

$$S = \{b, b, c, c, d\}$$

$$RUS = ?$$

- Option 1 SUM

$$RUS = \{a, a, b, b, b, b, c, c, c, d\}$$

- Option 2 MAX

$$RUS = \{a, a, b, b, b, c, c, d\}$$

Option 2 (MAX) makes this rule work:

$$\sigma_{p1 \vee p2}(R) = \sigma_{p1}(R) \cup \sigma_{p2}(R)$$

Example:  $R = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$

P1 satisfied by a,b; P2 satisfied by b,c

$$\sigma_{p1 \vee p2}(R) = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$$

$$\sigma_{p1}(R) = \{a, a, b, b, b\}$$

$$\sigma_{p2}(R) = \{b, b, b, c\}$$

$$\sigma_{p1}(R) \cup \sigma_{p2}(R) = \{a, a, b, b, b, c\}$$

"Sum" option makes more sense:

Senators (.....)

Rep (.....)

$T1 = \pi_{yr, state}$  Senators;  $T2 = \pi_{yr, state}$  Reps

T1	Yr	State		T2	Yr	State
	97	CA			99	CA
	99	CA			99	CA
	98	AZ			98	CA

Union?

## Executive Decision

- Use “SUM” option for bag unions
- Some rules cannot be used for bags

## Rules: Project

Let:  $X = \text{set of attributes}$

$Y = \text{set of attributes}$

$XY = X \cup Y$

$$\pi_{xy}(R) = \cancel{\pi_x[\pi_y(R)]}$$

## Rules: $\sigma + \bowtie$ combined

Let  $p$  = predicate with only R attrs

$q$  = predicate with only S attrs

$m$  = predicate with only R,S attrs

$$\Sigma_p (R \bowtie S) = [\Sigma_p (R)] \bowtie S$$

$$\Sigma_q (R \bowtie S) = R \bowtie [\Sigma_q (S)]$$

## Rules: $\sigma + \bowtie$ combined (continued)

Some Rules can be Derived:

$$\Sigma_{p \wedge q} (R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\Sigma_{p \wedge q \wedge m} (R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\Sigma_{p \vee q} (R \bowtie S) =$$

**Do one, others for homework:**

$$\Sigma_{p \wedge q} (R \bowtie S) = [\Sigma_p (R)] \bowtie [\Sigma_q (S)]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{p \wedge q \wedge m} (R \bowtie S) &= \\ \Sigma_m \left[ (\Sigma_p R) \bowtie (\Sigma_q S) \right] &\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_{p \vee q} (R \bowtie S) &= \\ \left[ (\Sigma_p R) \bowtie S \right] \cup \left[ R \bowtie (\Sigma_q S) \right] &\end{aligned}$$

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→ Derivation for first one:

$$\Sigma_{p \wedge q} (R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\Sigma_p [\Sigma_q (R \bowtie S)] =$$

$$\Sigma_p [R \bowtie \Sigma_q (S)] =$$

$$[\Sigma_p (R)] \bowtie [\Sigma_q (S)]$$

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## Rules: $\pi, \sigma$ combined

Let  $x$  = subset of  $R$  attributes

$z$  = attributes in predicate  $P$   
(subset of  $R$  attributes)

$$\pi_x[\sigma_p(R)] = \pi_x \{ \sigma_p [\cancel{\pi_x}(R)] \}$$

## Rules: $\pi, \bowtie$ combined

Let  $x$  = subset of  $R$  attributes

$y$  = subset of  $S$  attributes

$z$  = intersection of  $R, S$  attributes

$$\pi_{xy}(R \bowtie S) =$$

$$\pi_{xy} \{ [\pi_{xz}(R)] \bowtie [\pi_{yz}(S)] \}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_{xy} \{ \sigma_p (R \bowtie S) \} &= \\ \pi_{xy} \{ \sigma_p [\pi_{xz'}(R) \bowtie \pi_{yz'}(S)] \} \\ z' = z \cup \{\text{attributes used in } P\}\end{aligned}$$

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## Rules for $\sigma, \pi$ combined with X

similar...

$$\text{e.g., } \sigma_p (R \times S) = ?$$

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## Rules $\sigma, U$ combined:

$$\sigma_p(R \cup S) = \sigma_p(R) \cup \sigma_p(S)$$

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

## Which are “good” transformations?

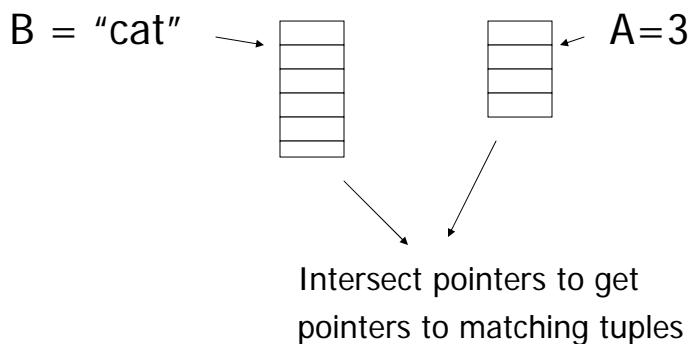
- $\sigma_{p1 \wedge p2}(R) \rightarrow \sigma_{p1}[\sigma_{p2}(R)]$
- $\sigma_p(R \bowtie S) \rightarrow [\sigma_p(R)] \bowtie S$
- $R \bowtie S \rightarrow S \bowtie R$
- $\pi_x[\sigma_p(R)] \rightarrow \pi_x\{\sigma_p[\pi_{xz}(R)]\}$

## Conventional wisdom: do projects early (always?)

Example:  $R(A,B,C,D,E)$      $x = \{E\}$   
 $P: (A=3) \wedge (B=\text{"cat"})$

$\pi_x \{\sigma_p(R)\}$     vs.     $\pi_E \{\sigma_p(\pi_{ABE}(R))\}$

### But What if we have A, B indexes?



## **Bottom line:**

- No transformation is always good
- Usually good: early selections

## **Outline - Query Processing**

- Relational algebra level
  - transformations
  - good transformations
- Detailed query plan level
  - estimate costs
  - generate and compare plans

- **Estimating cost of query plan**

- (1) Estimating size of results
- (2) Estimating # of IOs

## Estimating result size

- Keep statistics for relation R
  - $T(R)$  : # tuples in R
  - $S(R)$  : # of bytes in each R tuple
  - $B(R)$ : # of blocks to hold all R tuples
  - $V(R, A)$  : # distinct values in R  
for attribute A

## Example

R

	A	B	C	D
cat	1	10	a	
cat	1	20	b	
dog	1	30	a	
dog	1	40	c	
bat	1	50	d	

- A: 20 byte string
- B: 4 byte integer
- C: 8 byte date
- D: 5 byte string

$$T(R) = 5 \quad S(R) = 37$$

$$V(R, A) = 3 \quad V(R, C) = 5$$

$$V(R, B) = 1 \quad V(R, D) = 4$$

## Size estimates for $W = R1 \times R2$

$$T(W) = T(R1) \times T(R2)$$

$$S(W) = S(R1) + S(R2)$$

## Size estimate for $W = \sigma_{A=a}(R)$

$$S(W) = S(R)$$

$$T(W) = ?$$

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### Example

R	A	B	C	D
cat	1	10	a	
cat	1	20	b	
dog	1	30	a	
dog	1	40	c	
bat	1	50	d	

$$V(R,A)=3$$

$$V(R,B)=1$$

$$V(R,C)=5$$

$$V(R,D)=4$$

$$W = \sigma_{z=val}(R) \quad T(W) = \frac{T(R)}{V(R,Z)}$$

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## Assumption:

Values in select expression  $Z = \text{val}$   
are uniformly distributed  
over possible  $V(R, Z)$  values.

## Alternate Assumption:

Values in select expression  $Z = \text{val}$   
are uniformly distributed  
over domain with  $\text{DOM}(R, Z)$  values.

## Example

R

	A	B	C	D
cat	1	10	a	
cat	1	20	b	
dog	1	30	a	
dog	1	40	c	
bat	1	50	d	

Alternate assumption

$V(R,A)=3 \quad DOM(R,A)=10$

$V(R,B)=1 \quad DOM(R,B)=10$

$V(R,C)=5 \quad DOM(R,C)=10$

$V(R,D)=4 \quad DOM(R,D)=10$

$$W = \sigma_{z=val}(R) \quad T(W) = ?$$

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$$\begin{aligned} C=val \Rightarrow T(W) &= (1/10)1 + (1/10)1 + \dots \\ &= (5/10) = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$B=val \Rightarrow T(W) = (1/10)5 + 0 + 0 = 0.5$$

$$\begin{aligned} A=val \Rightarrow T(W) &= (1/10)2 + (1/10)2 + (1/10)1 \\ &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

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### Example

R

	A	B	C	D
cat	1	10	a	
cat	1	20	b	
dog	1	30	a	
dog	1	40	c	
bat	1	50	d	

Alternate assumption  
 $V(R,A)=3 \quad DOM(R,A)=10$   
 $V(R,B)=1 \quad DOM(R,B)=10$   
 $V(R,C)=5 \quad DOM(R,C)=10$   
 $V(R,D)=4 \quad DOM(R,D)=10$

$$W = \sigma_{z=val}(R) \quad T(W) = \frac{T(R)}{DOM(R,Z)}$$

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### Selection cardinality

$SC(R,A)$  = average # records that satisfy  
 equality condition on R.A

$$SC(R,A) = \begin{cases} \frac{T(R)}{V(R,A)} \\ \frac{T(R)}{DOM(R,A)} \end{cases}$$

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What about  $W = \sigma_{z \geq \text{val}}(R)$  ?

$$T(W) = ?$$

- Solution # 1:

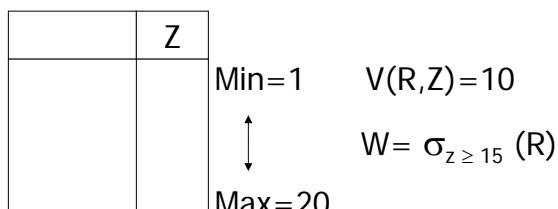
$$T(W) = T(R)/2$$

- Solution # 2:

$$T(W) = T(R)/3$$

- Solution # 3: Estimate values in range

Example R



$$f = \frac{20-15+1}{20-1+1} = \frac{6}{20} \quad (\text{fraction of range})$$

$$T(W) = f \times T(R)$$

Equivalently:

$f \times V(R, Z) = \text{fraction of distinct values}$

$$T(W) = [f \times V(Z, R)] \times \frac{T(R)}{V(Z, R)} = f \times T(R)$$

### Size estimate for $W = R1 \bowtie R2$

Let  $x$  = attributes of  $R1$

$y$  = attributes of  $R2$

Case 1

$$X \cap Y = \emptyset$$

Same as  $R1 \times R2$

Case 2

$$W = R1 \bowtie R2 \quad X \cap Y = A$$

R1	A	B	C	R2	A	D

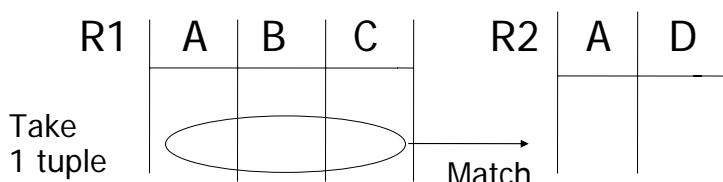
### Assumption:

$$V(R1, A) \leq V(R2, A) \Rightarrow \text{Every } A \text{ value in } R1 \text{ is in } R2$$

$$V(R2, A) \leq V(R1, A) \Rightarrow \text{Every } A \text{ value in } R2 \text{ is in } R1$$

"containment of value sets"

### Computing $T(W)$ when $V(R1, A) \leq V(R2, A)$



1 tuple matches with  $\frac{T(R2)}{V(R2, A)}$  tuples...

$$\text{so } T(W) = \frac{T(R2)}{V(R2, A)} \times T(R1)$$

- $V(R_1, A) \leq V(R_2, A) \quad T(W) = \frac{T(R_2) T(R_1)}{V(R_2, A)}$
- $V(R_2, A) \leq V(R_1, A) \quad T(W) = \frac{T(R_2) T(R_1)}{V(R_1, A)}$

[A is common attribute]

In general    $W = R_1 \bowtie R_2$

$$T(W) = \frac{T(R_2) T(R_1)}{\max\{V(R_1, A), V(R_2, A)\}}$$

## Case 2 with alternate assumption

Values uniformly distributed over domain

R1	<table border="1"><tr><td>A</td><td>B</td><td>C</td></tr></table>	A	B	C	<table border="1"><tr><td>A</td><td>D</td></tr></table>	A	D
A	B	C					
A	D						

This tuple matches  $T(R2)/DOM(R2, A)$  so

$$T(W) = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{DOM(R2, A)} = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{DOM(R1, A)}$$

Assume the same

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In all cases:

$$S(W) = S(R1) + S(R2) - S(A)$$

size of attribute A

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Using similar ideas,  
we can estimate sizes of:

$\Pi_{AB}(R) \dots$

$\sigma_{A=a \wedge B=b}(R) \dots$

$R \bowtie S$  with common attrs. A,B,C

Union, intersection, diff, ....

Note: for complex expressions, need  
intermediate T,S,V results.

E.g.  $W = [\underbrace{\sigma_{A=a}(R1)}_{\text{Treat as relation U}}] \bowtie R2$

$$T(U) = T(R1)/V(R1, A) \quad S(U) = S(R1)$$

Also need  $V(U, *)$  !!

## To estimate Vs

E.g.,  $U = \sigma_{A=a}(R1)$

Say R1 has attrs A,B,C,D

$V(U, A) =$

$V(U, B) =$

$V(U, C) =$

$V(U, D) =$

## Example

R1	A	B	C	D
cat	1	10	10	
cat	1	20	20	
dog	1	30	10	
dog	1	40	30	
bat	1	50	10	

$$V(R1, A) = 3$$

$$V(R1, B) = 1$$

$$V(R1, C) = 5$$

$$V(R1, D) = 3$$

$$U = \sigma_{A=a}(R1)$$

$$V(U, A) = 1 \quad V(U, B) = 1 \quad V(U, C) = \frac{T(R1)}{V(R1, A)}$$

$V(D, U) \dots$  somewhere in between

Possible Guess    $U = \sigma_{A=a}(R)$

$$V(U, A) = 1$$

$$V(U, B) = V(R, B)$$

For Joins    $U = R1(A, B) \bowtie R2(A, C)$

$$V(U, A) = \min \{ V(R1, A), V(R2, A) \}$$

$$V(U, B) = V(R1, B)$$

$$V(U, C) = V(R2, C)$$

[“preservation of value sets”]

### Example:

$$Z = R1(A,B) \bowtie R2(B,C) \bowtie R3(C,D)$$

R1	T(R1) = 1000	V(R1,A)=50	V(R1,B)=100
R2	T(R2) = 2000	V(R2,B)=200	V(R2,C)=300
R3	T(R3) = 3000	V(R3,C)=90	V(R3,D)=500

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**Partial Result:**  $U = R \bowtie S$

$$\begin{aligned} T(U) &= \frac{1000 \times 2000}{200} & V(U,A) &= 50 \\ && V(U,B) &= 100 \\ && V(U,C) &= 300 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U} \bowtie \mathbf{R3}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} T(Z) = \frac{1000 \times 2000 \times 3000}{200 \times 300} & V(Z,A) = 50 \\ & V(Z,B) = 100 \\ & V(Z,C) = 90 \\ & V(Z,D) = 500 \end{array}$$

## Summary

- Estimating size of results is an “art”
- Don’t forget:
  - Statistics must be kept up to date...  
(cost?)

## Outline

- Estimating cost of query plan
  - Estimating size of results ← done!
  - Estimating # of IOs      ← occurs next...
- Generate and compare plans ...Final step