

## Week 12

### Query Processing

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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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### Query Processing

$Q \rightarrow$  Query Plan

### Focus: Relational System

- Others?

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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    

B	D
2	x

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- How do we execute query?

One idea

- Do Cartesian product
- Select tuples
- Do projection

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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! Got one...	C	2	10	10	x	2
	.					
	.					

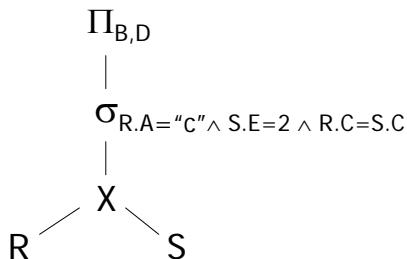
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Relational Algebra - can be used to  
describe plans...

Ex: Plan I



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

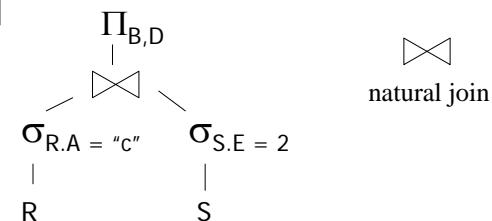
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Another idea:

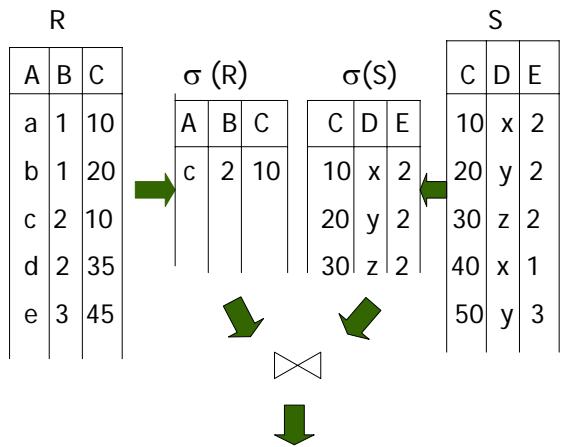
Plan II



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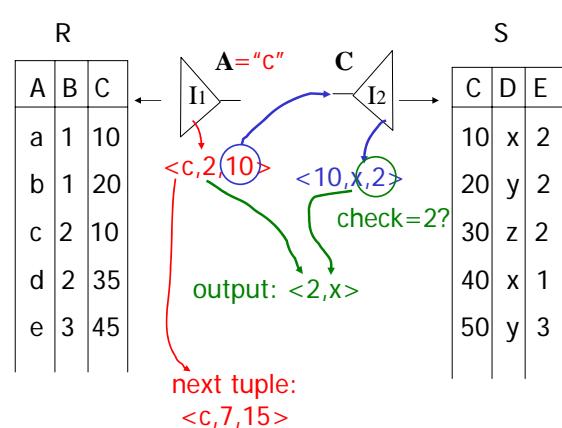
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### Plan III

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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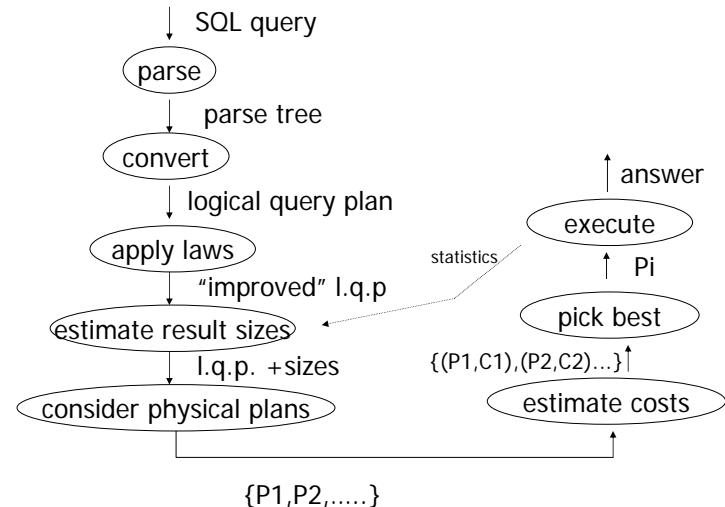
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### Overview of Query Optimization

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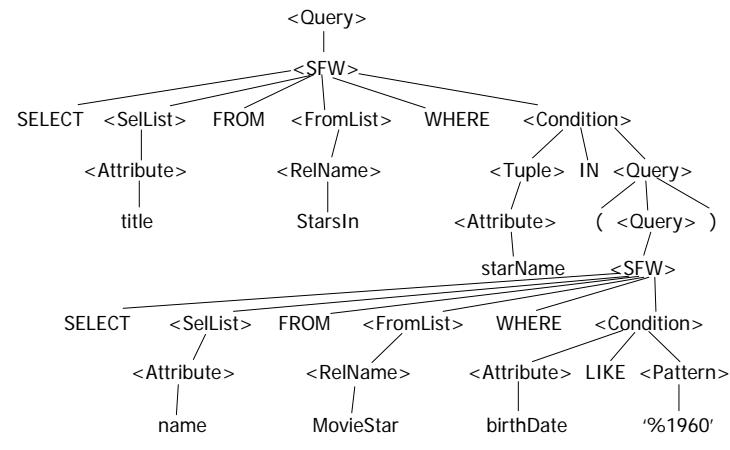


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## Example: Parse Tree



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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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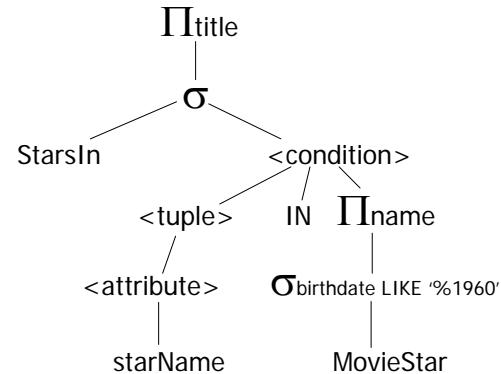
(Find the movies with stars born in 1960)

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## Example: Generating Relational Algebra

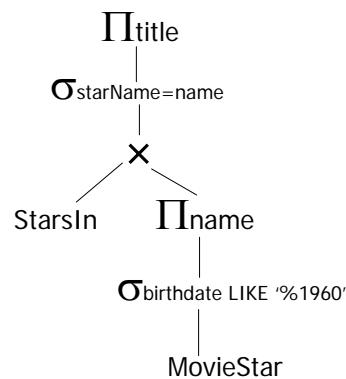
An expression using a two-argument  $\sigma$ , midway between a parse tree and relational algebra

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### Example: Logical Query Plan



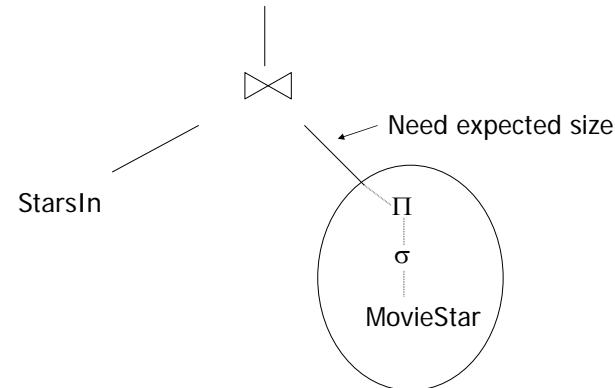
Applying the rule for IN conditions

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### Example: Estimate Result Sizes

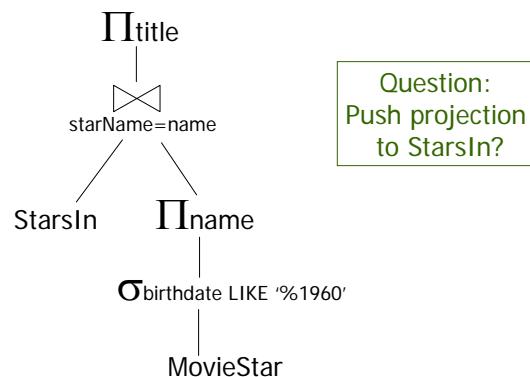


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### Example: Improved Logical Query Plan



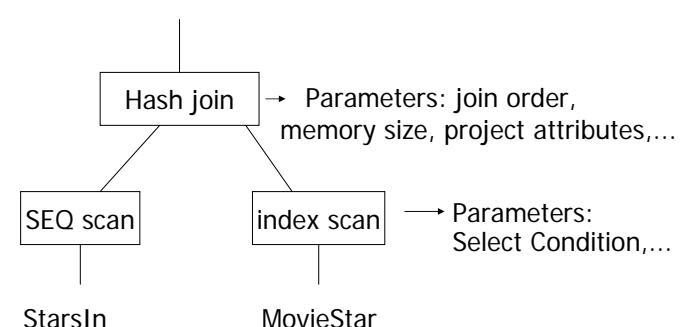
Question:  
Push projection  
to StarsIn?

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### Example: One Physical Plan

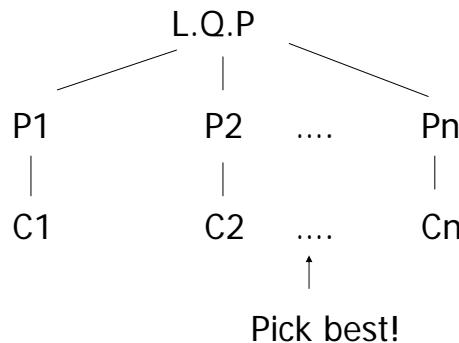


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## Example: Estimate costs



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

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## 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

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## 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?

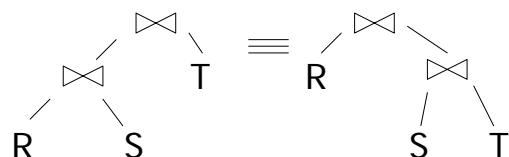
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## Note:

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



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## Rules: Natural joins & cross products & union

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

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

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## Rules: Natural joins & cross products & union

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Rules: Selects

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

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

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Option 2 (MAX) makes this rule work:

$$\sigma_{p_1 \vee p_2}(R) = \sigma_{p_1}(R) \cup \sigma_{p_2}(R)$$

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

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

$$\sigma_{p_1 \vee p_2}(R) = \{a,a,b,b,b,c\}$$

$$\sigma_{p_1}(R) = \{a,a,b,b,b\}$$

$$\sigma_{p_2}(R) = \{b,b,b,c\}$$

$$\sigma_{p_1}(R) \cup \sigma_{p_2}(R) = \{a,a,b,b,b,c\}$$

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## 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

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

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"Sum" option makes more sense:

Senators (.....)

Rep (.....)

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

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

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Union?

## Executive Decision

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

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

Let  $p$  = predicate with only R attrs  
 $q$  = predicate with only S attrs  
 $m$  = predicate with only R,S attrs

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

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

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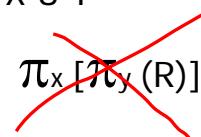
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## Rules: Project

Let:  $X$  = set of attributes  
 $Y$  = set of attributes  
 $XY = X \cup Y$

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



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

Some Rules can be Derived:

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

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

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

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**Do one, others for homework:**

$$\sigma_{p \wedge q}(R \bowtie S) = [\sigma_p(R)] \bowtie [\sigma_q(S)]$$

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

$$\sigma_m [(\sigma_p R) \bowtie (\sigma_q S)]$$

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

$$[(\sigma_p R) \bowtie S] \cup [R \bowtie (\sigma_q S)]$$

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

Let  $x$  = subset of  $R$  attributes

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

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

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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:  $\pi, \bowtie$  combined**

Let  $x$  = subset of  $R$  attributes

$y$  = subset of  $S$  attributes

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

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

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

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

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

$z' = z \cup \{\text{attributes used in } P\}$

### Rules $\sigma, \mathbf{U}$ combined:

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

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

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

similar...

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

### Which are “good” transformations?

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

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

## Bottom line:

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

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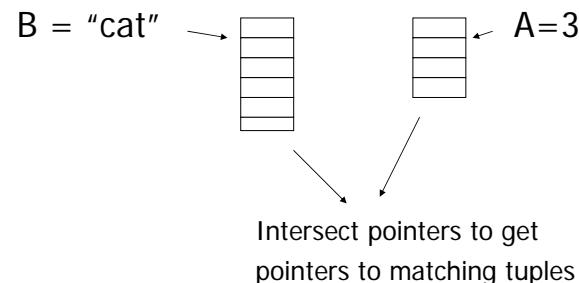
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## But What if we have A, B indexes?



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## 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

### 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

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

$$\begin{array}{ll} V(R,A) = 3 & V(R,C) = 5 \\ V(R,B) = 1 & V(R,D) = 4 \end{array}$$

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### 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

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

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

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

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

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

$$T(W) = ?$$

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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	

$$\begin{aligned}V(R,A) &= 3 \\ V(R,B) &= 1 \\ V(R,C) &= 5 \\ V(R,D) &= 4\end{aligned}$$

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

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## Assumption:

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

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## Example

## Alternate Assumption:

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

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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  
 $V(R,A)=3 \text{ } DOM(R,A)=10$   
 $V(R,B)=1 \text{ } DOM(R,B)=10$   
 $V(R,C)=5 \text{ } DOM(R,C)=10$   
 $V(R,D)=4 \text{ } DOM(R,D)=10$

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

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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	

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

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

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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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### 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:

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

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Equivalently:

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

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

- Solution # 3: Estimate values in range

Example R

	Z
	Min=1 $V(R, Z)=10$ ↓ Max=20 $W = \sigma_{z \geq 15}(R)$

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

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

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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"

- $V(R1, A) \leq V(R2, A)$   $T(W) = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{V(R2, A)}$

- $V(R2, A) \leq V(R1, A)$   $T(W) = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{V(R1, A)}$

[A is common attribute]

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

R1	A	B	C		R2	A	D	
Take 1 tuple								

Match

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

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

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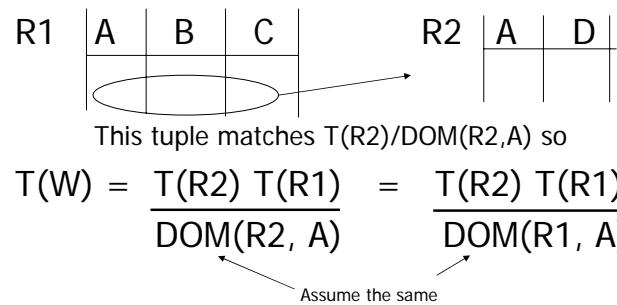
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In general  $W = R1 \bowtie R2$

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

## Case 2 with alternate assumption

Values uniformly distributed over domain



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Using similar ideas,  
we can estimate sizes of:

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

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

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

Union, intersection, diff, ....

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In all cases:

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

size of attribute A

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

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

Treat as relation U

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

Also need V (U, \*) !!

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## To estimate Vs

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

Say R1 has attrs A,B,C,D

$V(U, A) =$

$V(U, B) =$

$V(U, C) =$

$V(U, D) =$

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

$V(U, A) = 1$

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

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## 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

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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

$$Z = U \bowtie R3$$

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

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

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

### Summary

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

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## Outline

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