

15 | Query Planning & Optimization – Part 2



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Project #3 will be released this week.
It is due Sun Nov 17th @ 11:59pm.

Homework #4 will be released next week.
It is due Wed Nov 13th @ 11:59pm.



QUERY OPTIMIZATION

Heuristics / Rules

- Rewrite the query to remove stupid / inefficient things.
- These techniques may need to examine catalog, but they do not need to examine data.

Cost-based Search

- Use a model to estimate the cost of executing a plan.
- Evaluate multiple equivalent plans for a query and pick the one with the lowest cost.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Plan Cost Estimation

Plan Enumeration

Nested Sub-queries



COST ESTIMATION

How long will a query take?

- CPU: Small cost; tough to estimate
- Disk: # of block transfers
- Memory: Amount of DRAM used
- Network: # of messages

How many tuples will be read/written?

It is too expensive to run every possible plan to determine this information, so the DBMS need a way to derive this information...

STATISTICS

The DBMS stores internal statistics about tables, attributes, and indexes in its internal catalog.

Different systems update them at different times.

Manual invocations:

- Postgres/SQLite: **ANALYZE**
- Oracle/MySQL: **ANALYZE TABLE**
- SQL Server: **UPDATE STATISTICS**
- DB2: **RUNSTATS**



STATISTICS

For each relation **R**, the DBMS maintains the following information:

- N_R : Number of tuples in **R**.
- $V(A, R)$: Number of distinct values for attribute **A**.



DERIVABLE STATISTICS

The selection cardinality $SC(A, R)$ is the average number of records with a value for an attribute A given $N_R / V(A, R)$

Note that this assumes *data uniformity*.

→ 10,000 students, 10 colleges – how many students in SCS?

SELECTION STATISTICS

Equality predicates on unique keys are easy to estimate.

```
SELECT * FROM people  
WHERE id = 123
```

What about more complex predicates? What is their selectivity?

```
SELECT * FROM people  
WHERE val > 1000
```

```
SELECT * FROM people  
WHERE age = 30  
AND status = 'Lit'
```

```
CREATE TABLE people (  
  id INT PRIMARY KEY,  
  val INT NOT NULL,  
  age INT NOT NULL,  
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);
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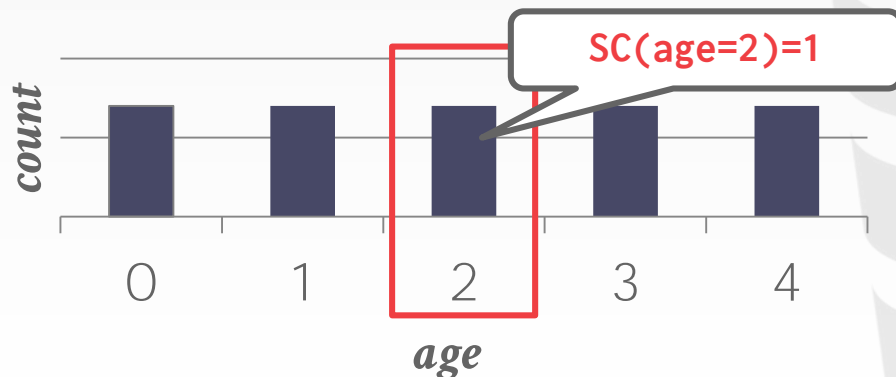
Assume that $V(\text{age}, \text{people})$ has five distinct values (0–4) and $N_R = 5$

Equality Predicate: $A = \text{constant}$

→ $\text{sel}(A = \text{constant}) = SC(P) / N_R$

→ Example: $\text{sel}(\text{age} = 2) = 1/5$

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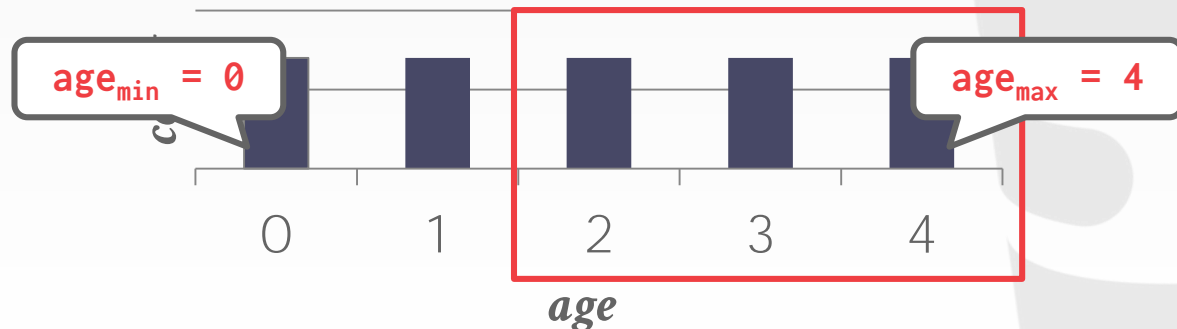
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Range Predicate:

→ $\text{sel}(A \geq a) = (A_{\max} - a) / (A_{\max} - A_{\min})$

→ Example: $\text{sel}(\text{age} \geq 2) \approx (4 - 2) / (4 - 0)$
 $\approx 1/2$

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SELECT * FROM people  
WHERE age >= 2
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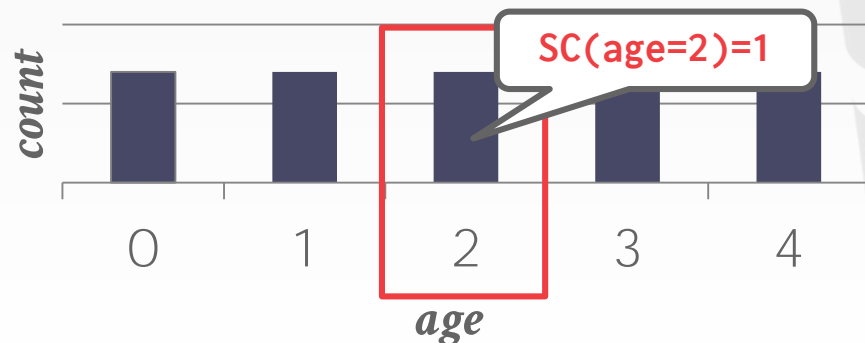
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Observation: Selectivity \approx Probability



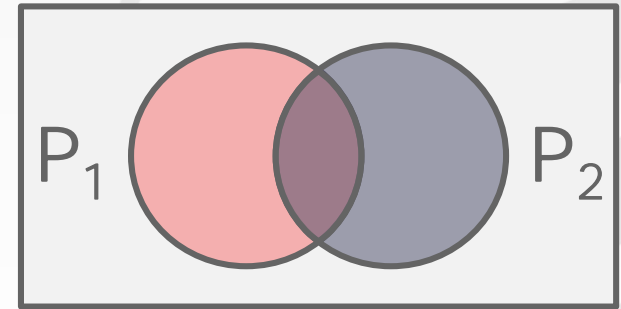
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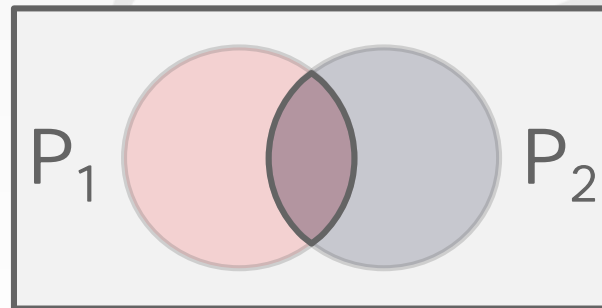
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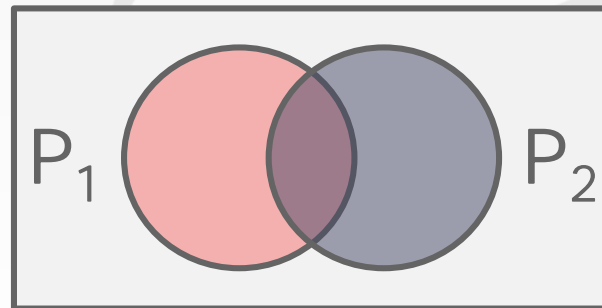
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Disjunction:

→ $\text{sel}(P1 \vee P2)$
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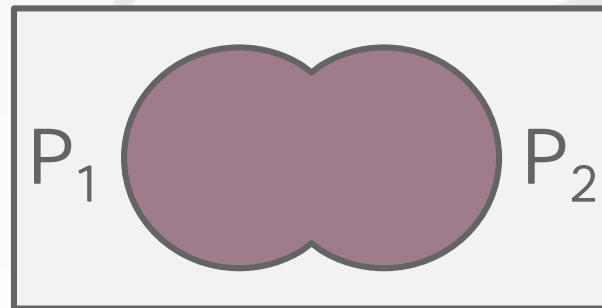
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SELECTION CARDINALITY

Assumption #1: Uniform Data

→ The distribution of values (except for the heavy hitters) is the same.

Assumption #2: Independent Predicates

→ The predicates on attributes are independent

Assumption #3: Inclusion Principle

→ The domain of join keys overlap such that each key in the inner relation will also exist in the outer table.

CORRELATED ATTRIBUTES

Consider a database of automobiles:

→ # of Makes = 10, # of Models = 100

And the following query:

→ `(make="Honda" AND model="Accord")`

With the independence and uniformity assumptions, the selectivity is:

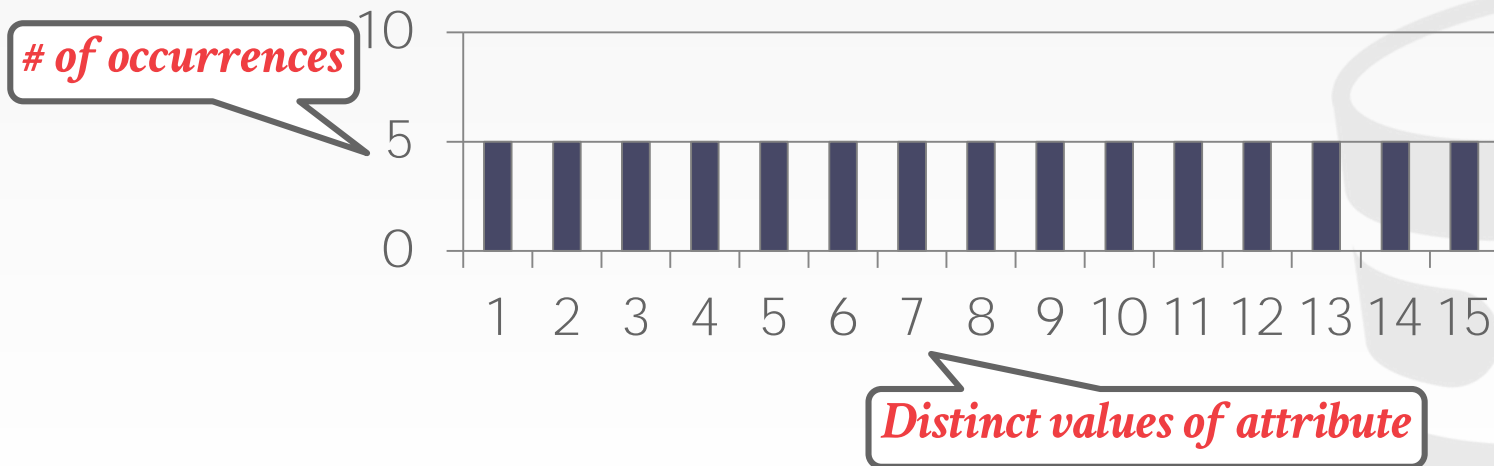
→ $1/10 \times 1/100 = 0.001$

But since only Honda makes Accords the real selectivity is $1/100 = 0.01$

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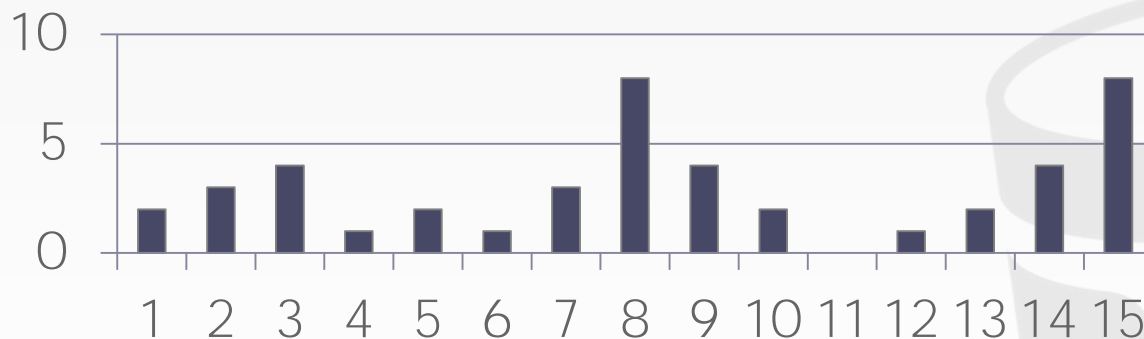
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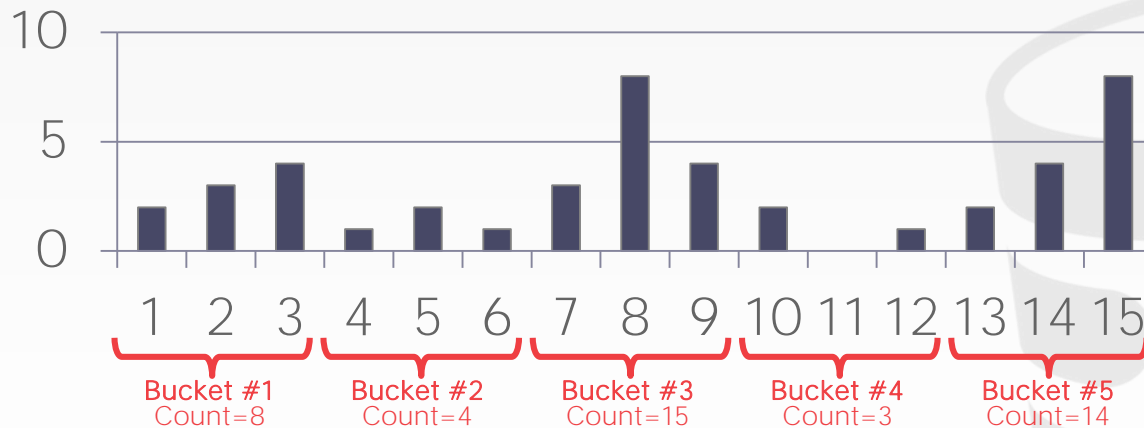
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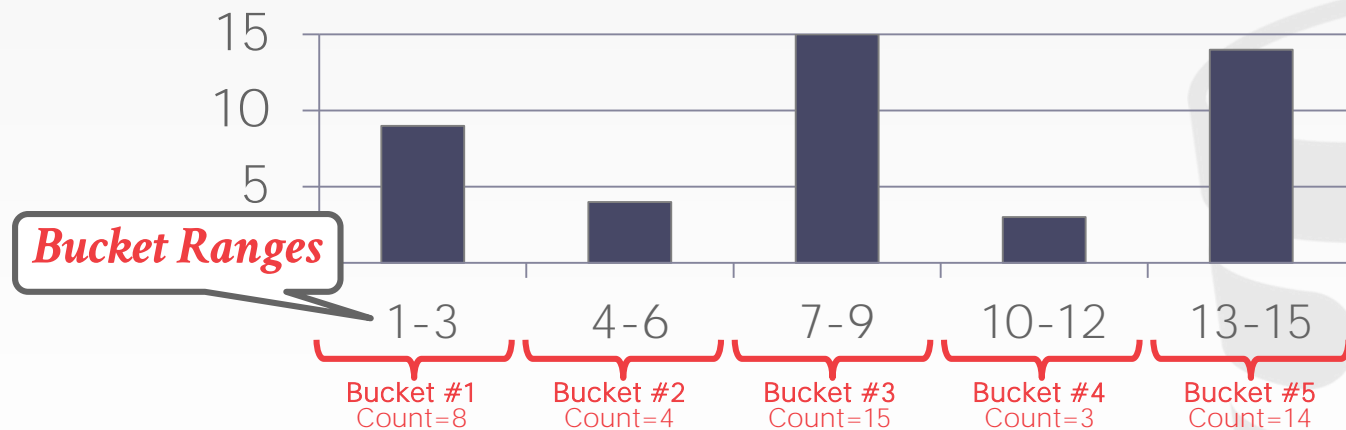
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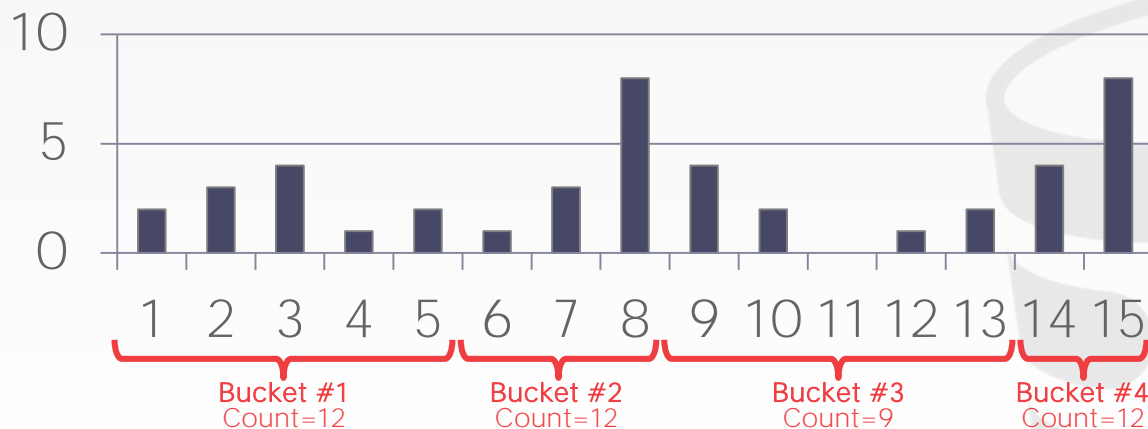
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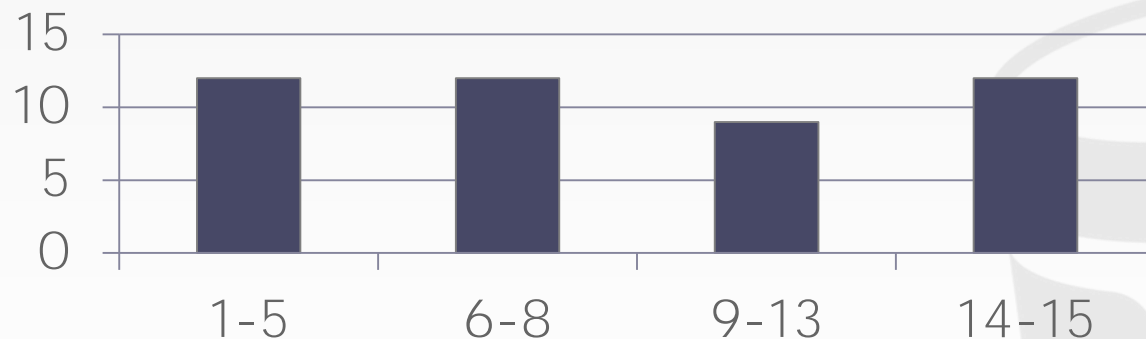
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OBSERVATION

Now that we can (roughly) estimate the selectivity of predicates, what can we actually do with them?



QUERY OPTIMIZATION

After performing rule-based rewriting, the DBMS will enumerate different plans for the query and estimate their costs.

- Single relation.
- Multiple relations.
- Nested sub-queries.

It chooses the best plan it has seen for the query after exhausting all plans or some timeout.

SINGLE-RELATION QUERY PLANNING

Pick the best access method.

- Sequential Scan
- Binary Search (clustered indexes)
- Index Scan

Predicate evaluation ordering.

Simple heuristics are often good enough for this.

OLTP queries are especially easy...


OLTP QUERY PLANNING

Query planning for OLTP queries is easy because they are **sargable** (**Search **Argument **Able****).**

- It is usually just picking the best index.
- Joins are almost always on foreign key relationships with a small cardinality.
- Can be implemented with simple heuristics.

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MULTI-RELATION QUERY PLANNING

As number of joins increases, number of alternative plans grows rapidly

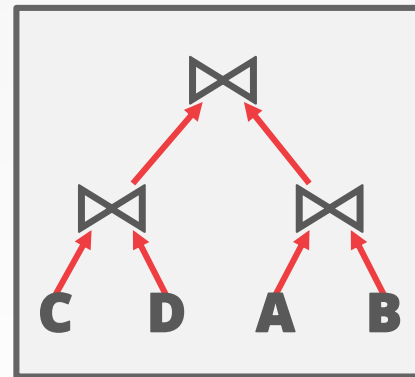
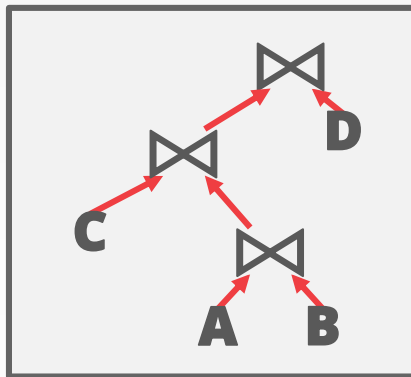
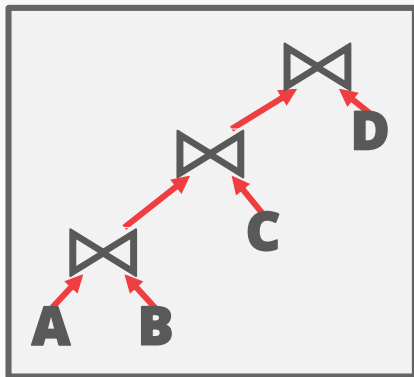
→ We need to restrict search space.

Fundamental decision in **System R**: only left-deep join trees are considered.

→ Modern DBMSs do not always make this assumption anymore.

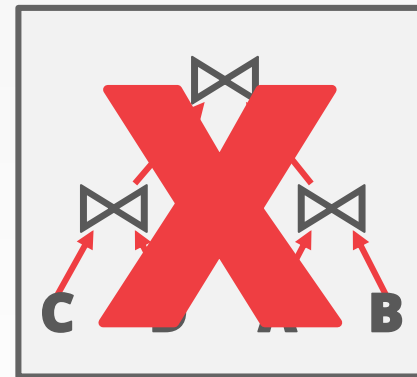
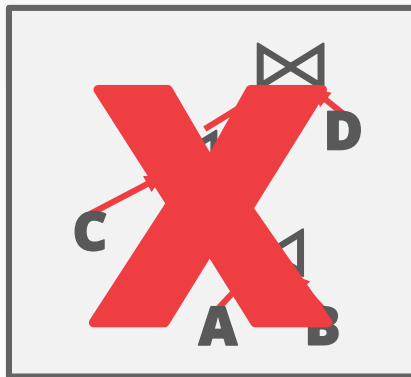
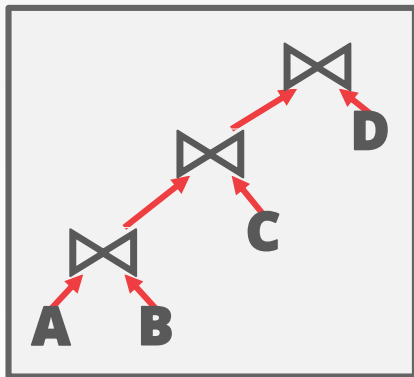
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Allows for fully pipelined plans where intermediate results are not written to temp files.
→ Not all left-deep trees are fully pipelined.

MULTI-RELATION QUERY PLANNING

Enumerate the orderings

→ Example: Left-deep tree #1, Left-deep tree #2...

Enumerate the plans for each operator

→ Example: Hash, Sort-Merge, Nested Loop...

Enumerate the access paths for each table

→ Example: Index #1, Index #2, Seq Scan...

Use **dynamic programming** to reduce the number of cost estimations.

DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING

Hash Join

R.a=S.a **Cost: 300**

SortMerge Join

R.a=S.a **Cost: 400**

SortMerge Join

T.b=S.b **Cost: 280**

Hash Join

T.b=S.b **Cost: 200**

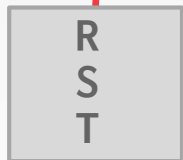
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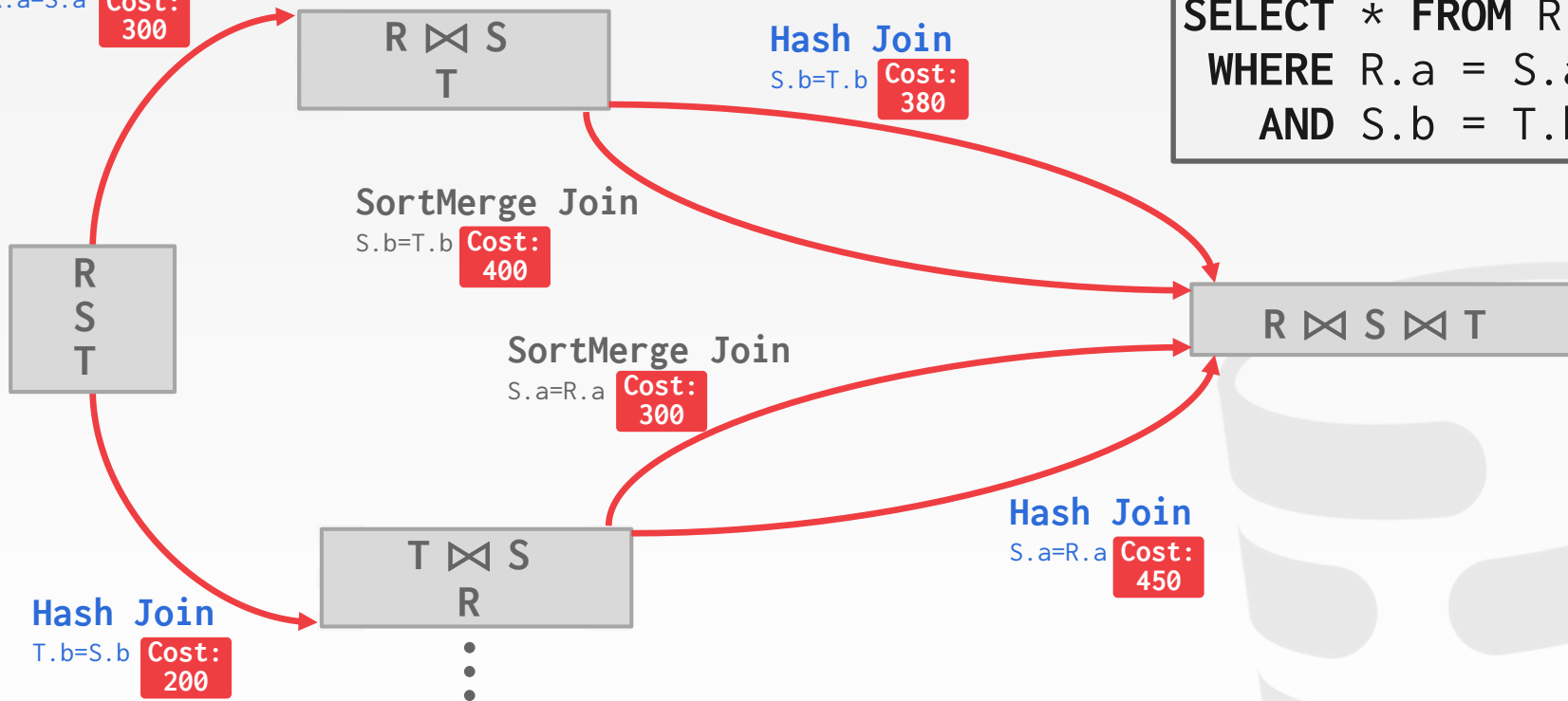
S.a=R.a Cost: 300

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Hash Join

T.b=S.b Cost: 200



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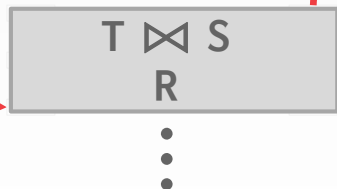
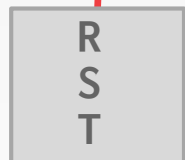
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Cost:
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Cost:
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CANDIDATE PLAN EXAMPLE

How to generate plans for search algorithm:

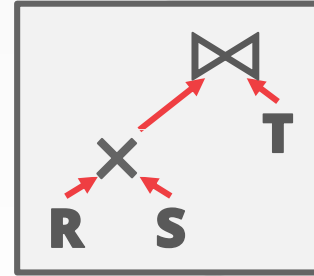
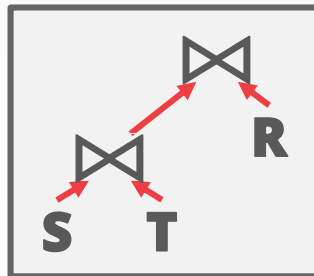
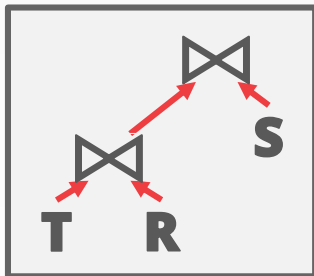
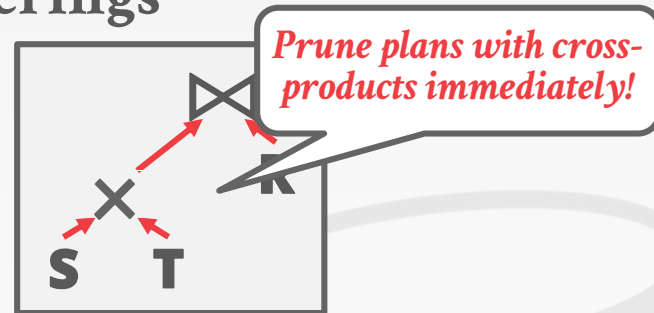
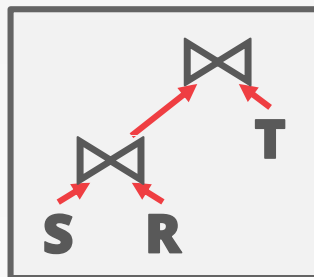
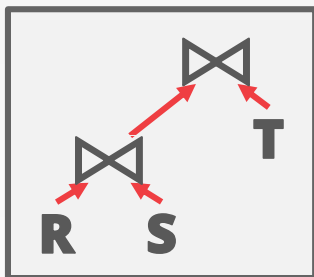
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No real DBMSs does it this way.
It's actually more messy...

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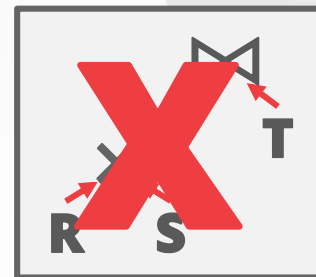
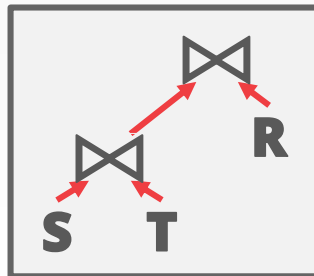
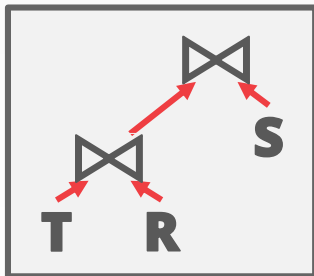
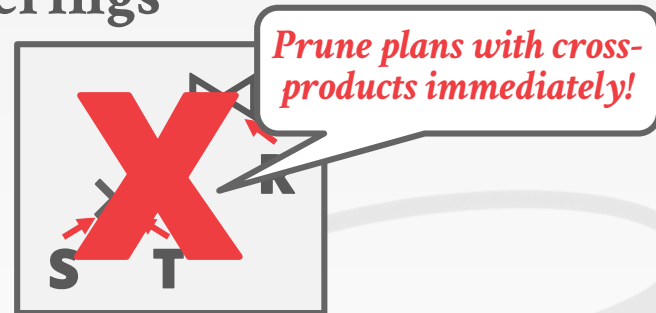
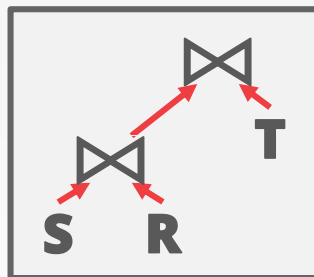
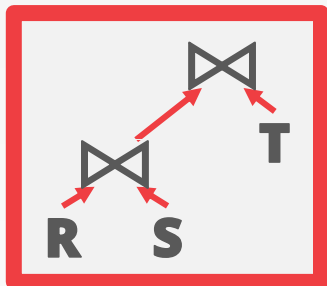
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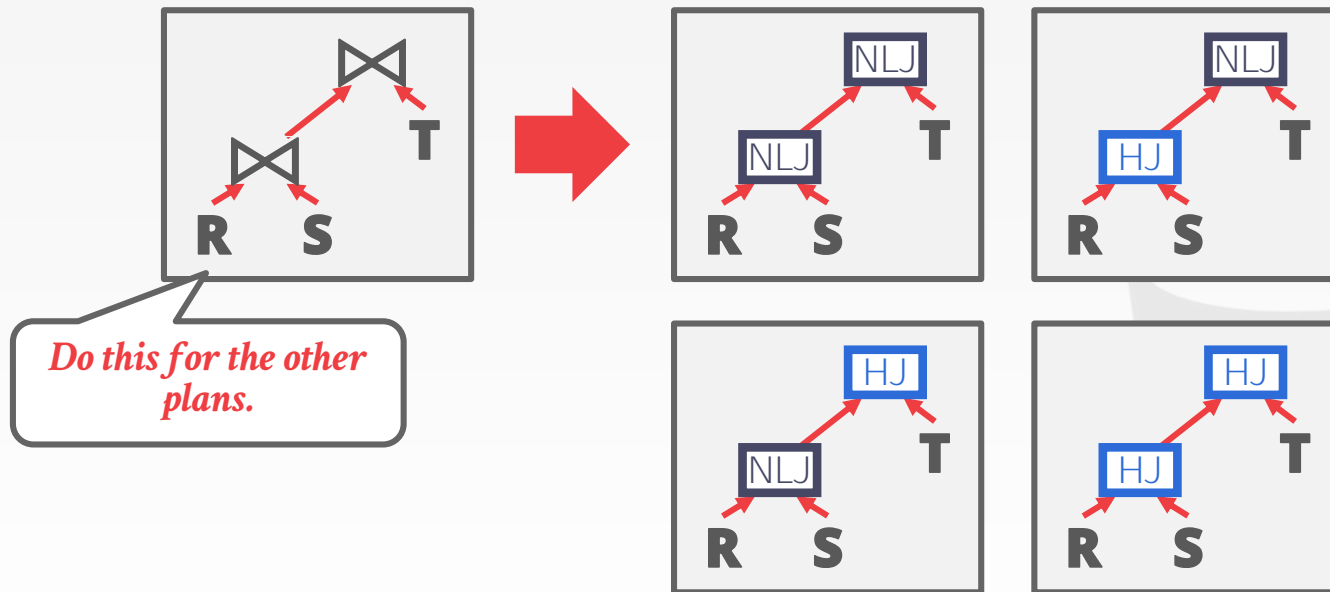
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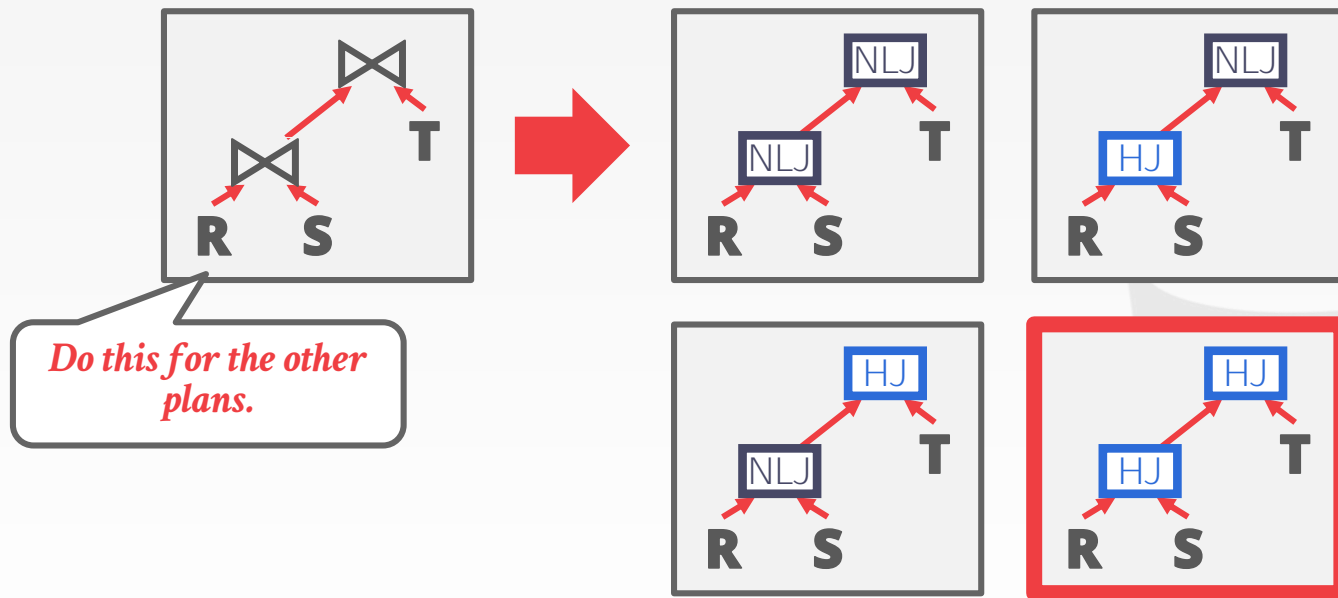
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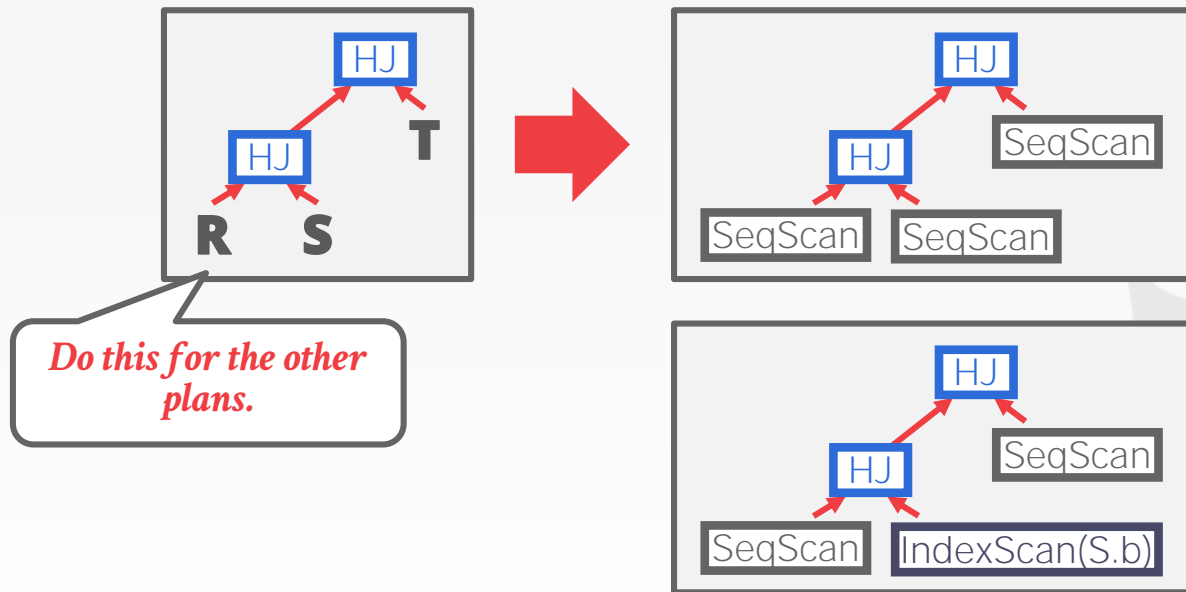
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Step #3: Enumerate access method choices



POSTGRES OPTIMIZER

Examines all types of join trees

→ Left-deep, Right-deep, bushy

Two optimizer implementations:

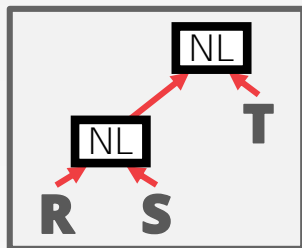
→ Traditional Dynamic Programming Approach

→ Genetic Query Optimizer (GEQO)

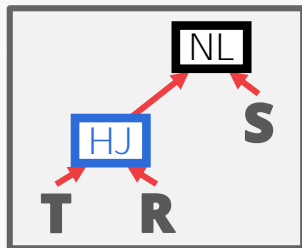
Postgres uses the traditional algorithm when # of tables in query is less than 12 and switches to GEQO when there are 12 or more.

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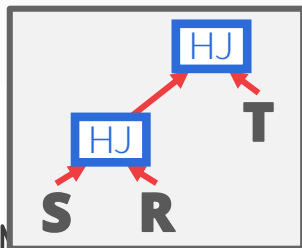
1st Generation



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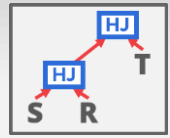


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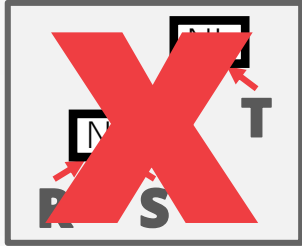
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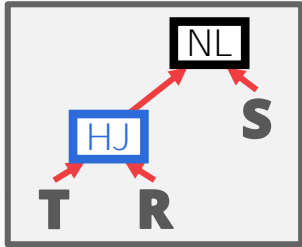


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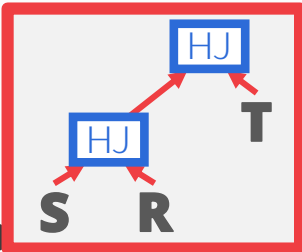
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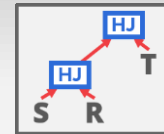


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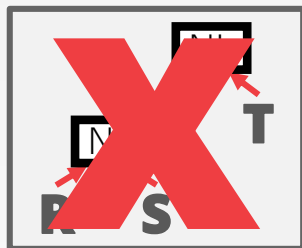
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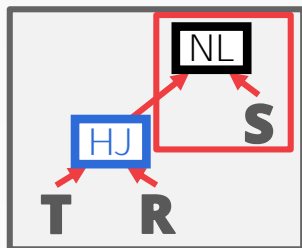


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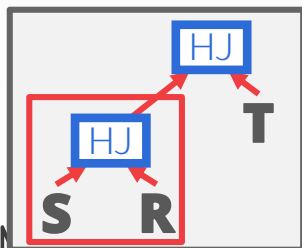
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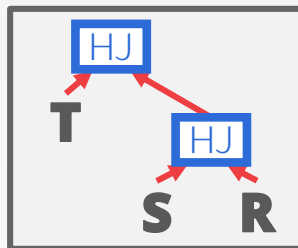


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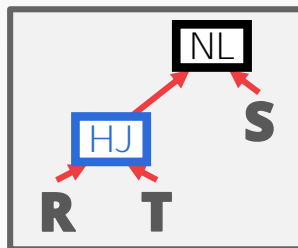


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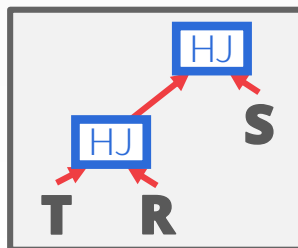
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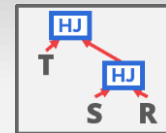


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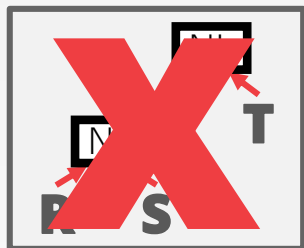
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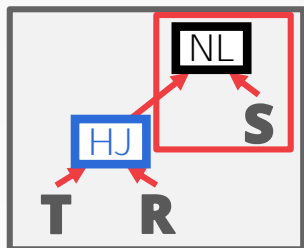


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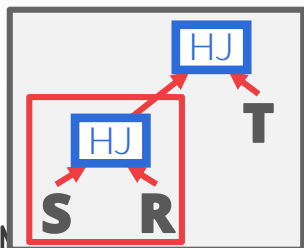
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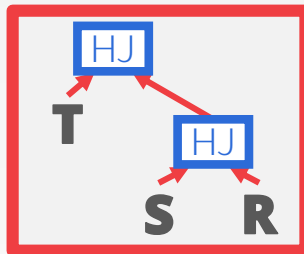


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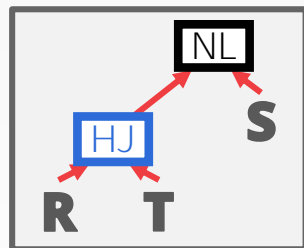


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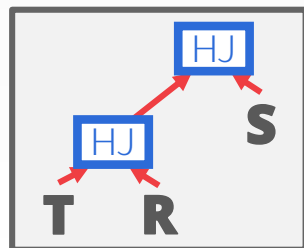
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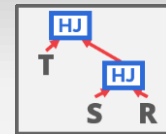


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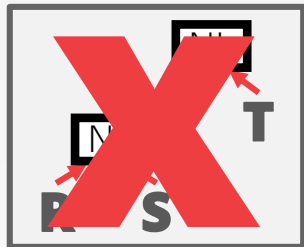
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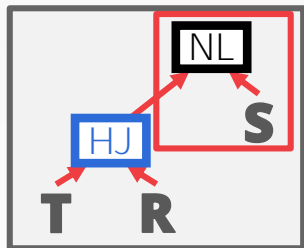


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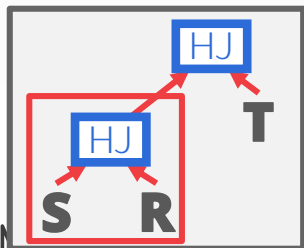
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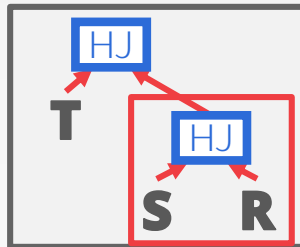


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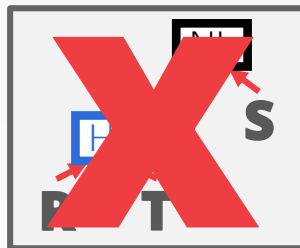


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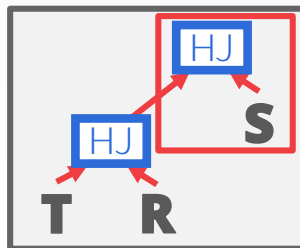
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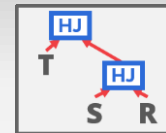


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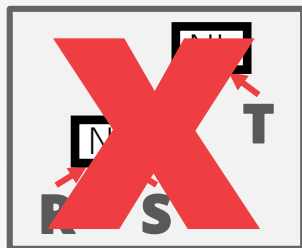
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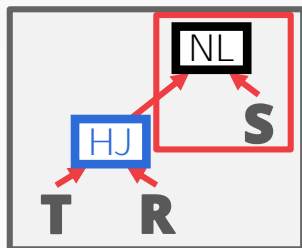


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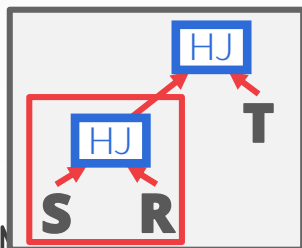
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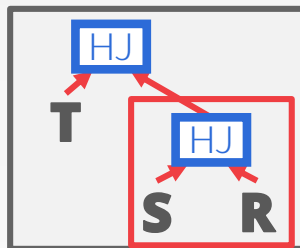


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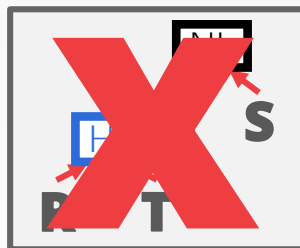


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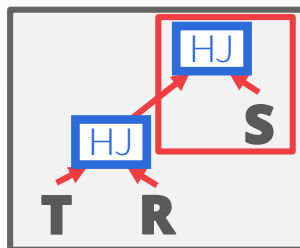
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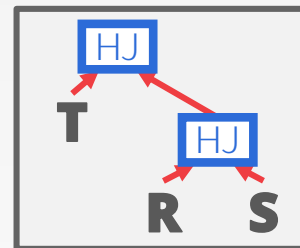


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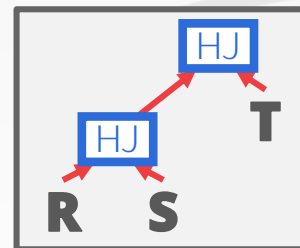


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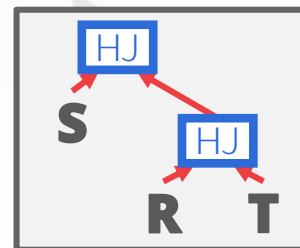
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Cost:
120

NESTED SUB-QUERIES

The DBMS treats nested sub-queries in the where clause as functions that take parameters and return a single value or set of values.

Two Approaches:

- Rewrite to de-correlate and/or flatten them
- Decompose nested query and store result to temporary table

NESTED SUB-QUERIES: REWRITE

```
SELECT name FROM sailors AS S
WHERE EXISTS (
  SELECT * FROM reserves AS R
  WHERE S.sid = R.sid
  AND R.day = '2018-10-15'
)
```

NESTED SUB-QUERIES: REWRITE

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```



```
SELECT name
FROM sailors AS S, reserves AS R
WHERE S.sid = R.sid
AND R.day = '2018-10-15'
```

NESTED SUB-QUERIES: DECOMPOSE

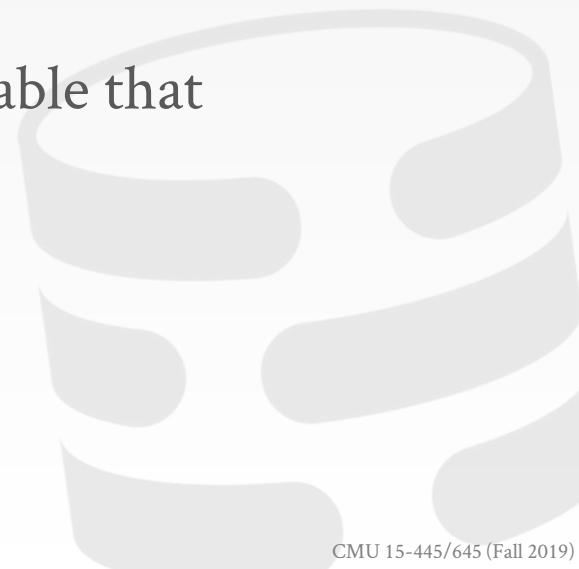
```
SELECT S.sid, MIN(R.day)
  FROM sailors S, reserves R, boats B
 WHERE S.sid = R.sid
   AND R.bid = B.bid
   AND B.color = 'red'
   AND S.rating = (SELECT MAX(S2.rating)
                   FROM sailors S2)
 GROUP BY S.sid
HAVING COUNT(*) > 1
```

For each sailor with the highest rating (over all sailors) and at least two reservations for red boats, find the sailor id and the earliest date on which the sailor has a reservation for a red boat.

DECOMPOSING QUERIES

For harder queries, the optimizer breaks up queries into blocks and then concentrates on one block at a time.

Sub-queries are written to a temporary table that are discarded after the query finishes.



DECOMPOSING QUERIES

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Nested Block

DECOMPOSING QUERIES

```
SELECT MAX(rating) FROM sailors
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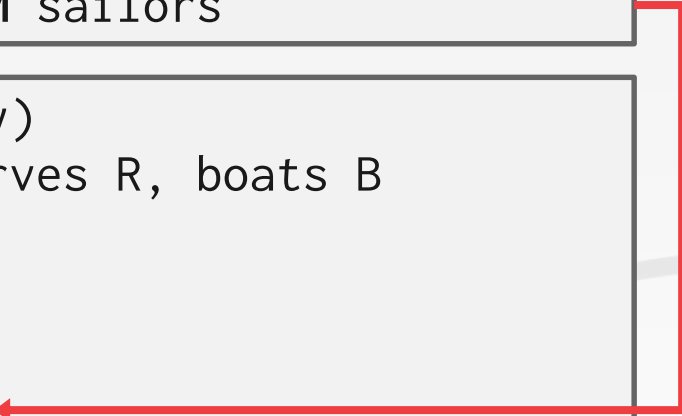
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Nested Block

DECOMPOSING QUERIES

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DECOMPOSING QUERIES

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Outer Block

CONCLUSION

Filter early as possible.

Selectivity estimations

- Uniformity
- Independence
- Histograms
- Join selectivity

Dynamic programming for join orderings

Rewrite nested queries

Again, query optimization is hard...

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PumpkinDB

PumpkinDB is a low-level event sourcing database engine that is ACID-compliant. It is a database engine that could be used to build different types of event sourcing systems such as embedded and client-server ones.

PumpkinDB is designed to be immutable, the reason behind this is that overwriting data could be unsafe, valuable history of data will be erased. As the cost of storage dropping, a more effective way of managing data is to enforcing immutability of key's value. And writing to the database is close to functional, such that writing side doesn't have to wait for shared resources, the read side will figure out the correct result.

In order to have control over querying costs, it provides an embedded executable imperative language, PumpkinScript, which is a low-level untyped language inspired by MUMPS.

PumpkinDB does not have custom protocols for communication, instead, it has a pipeline to a script executor. When the applications need to communicate with PumpkinDB, small PumpkinScript programs are sent through a network interface in order to do that.

History

PumpkinDB is a descendant of an event capture and querying framework ES4j. The difference from ES4j is that PumpkinDB has a HLC timestamp, a UUID, complies with the ELF format, and it treats events as binary blobs. It started as a backend for a lazy event sourcing approach on 2017.

Concurrency Control

Not Supported

Data Model

Key/Value

It supports binary keys and values, which enables the use of any encoding such as XML, JSON and Protobuf.



Website

<http://pumpkindb.org/>

Source Code

<https://github.com/PumpkinDB/PumpkinDB>

Tech Docs

<http://pumpkindb.org/doc/>

Developer

Yurii Rashkovskii

Country of Origin

CA

Start Year

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