
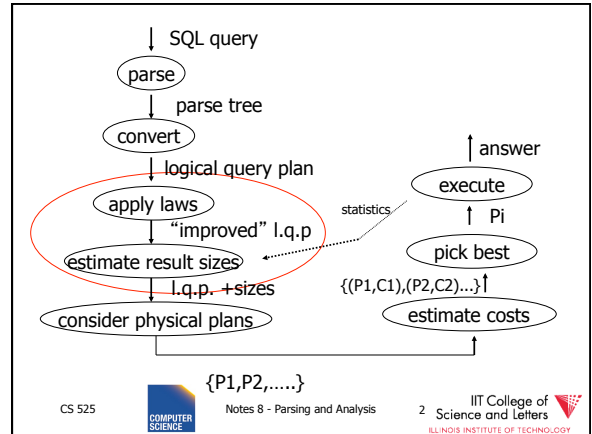


CS 525: Advanced Database Organisation
09: Query Optimization Logical
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Query Optimization

- Relational algebra level
- Detailed query plan level

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 - Estimate Costs
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Relational algebra optimization

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

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Query Equivalence

- Two queries q and q' are equivalent:
 - If for every database instance I
 - Contents of all the tables
 - Both queries have the same result

$q \equiv q' \text{ iff } \forall I: q(I) = q'(I)$

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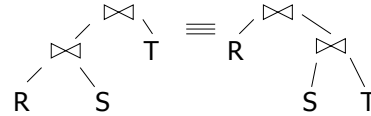
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Note:

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



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

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

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Rules: Selects

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

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

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Bags vs. Sets

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

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

$$R \cup S = ?$$

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Bags vs. Sets

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

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

$R \cup S = ?$

- Option 1 SUM

$R \cup S = \{a,a,b,b,b,b,b,c,c,c,d\}$

- Option 2 MAX

$R \cup S = \{a,a,b,b,b,c,c,d\}$

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

P_1 satisfied by a,b ; P_2 satisfied by b,c

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

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

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

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“Sum” option makes more sense:

Senators (.....)

Rep (.....)

$T_1 = \pi_{yr,state} \text{Senators}; T_2 = \pi_{yr,state} \text{Reps}$

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

Union?

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Executive Decision

-> Use “SUM” option for bag unions

-> Some rules cannot be used for bags

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Rules: Project

Let: $X =$ set of attributes

$Y =$ set of attributes

$XY = X \cup Y$

$\pi_{xy}(R) =$

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Let: X = set of attributes
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XY = X U Y

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

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Rules: $\sigma + \bowtie$ combined

Let p = predicate with only R attribs
q = predicate with only S attribs
m = predicate with only R,S attribs

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

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

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

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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:

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

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

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

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

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--> 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: π, σ combined

Let x = subset of R attributes

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

$$\pi_x [\sigma_p (R)] =$$

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

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

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Rules: π, \bowtie combined

Let x = subset of R attributes

y = subset of S attributes

z = intersection of R,S attributes

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

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Rules: π, \bowtie combined

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Rules for σ, π combined with X

similar...

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

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Rules σ, \cup 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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Which are “good” transformations?

- $\sigma_{p_1 \wedge p_2} (R) \rightarrow \sigma_{p_1} [\sigma_{p_2} (R)]$
- $\sigma_p (R \bowtie S) \rightarrow [\sigma_p (R)] \bowtie S$
- $R \bowtie S \rightarrow S \bowtie R$
- $\pi_x [\sigma_p (R)] \rightarrow \pi_x \{ \sigma_p [\pi_{xz} (R)] \}$

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Conventional wisdom:
do projects early

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

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

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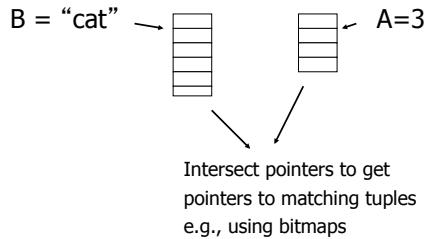


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But What if we have A, B indexes?



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Bottom line:

- No transformation is always good
- Usually good: early selections
 - Exception: expensive selection conditions
 - E.g., UDFs

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More transformations

- Eliminate common sub-expressions
- Detect constant expressions
- Other operations: duplicate elimination

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Pushing Selections

- Idea:
 - Join conditions equate attributes
 - For parts of algebra tree (scope) store which attributes have be the same
 - Called Equivalence classes
- Example: $R(a,b), S(c,d)$

$$\sigma_{b=3} (R \bowtie_{b=c} S) = \sigma_{b=3} (R) \bowtie_{b=c} \sigma_{c=3} (S)$$

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Outer-Joins

- Not commutative
 - $R \bowtie S \neq S \bowtie R$
 - p – condition over attributes in A
 - A list of attributes from R
- $$\sigma_p (R \bowtie_{A=B} S) \equiv \sigma_p (R) \bowtie_{A=B} S$$
- Not $\sigma_p (R \bowtie_{A=B} S) \equiv R \bowtie_{A=B} \sigma_p (S)$

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Summary Equivalences

- Associativity: $(R \circ S) \circ T \equiv R \circ (S \circ T)$
- Commutativity: $R \circ S \equiv S \circ R$
- Distributivity: $(R \circ S) \otimes T \equiv (R \otimes T) \circ (S \otimes T)$
- Difference between Set and Bag Equivalences
- Only some equivalence are useful

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Outline - Query Processing

- Relational algebra level
 - transformations
 - good transformations
- Detailed query plan level
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- Estimating cost of query plan

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

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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

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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	

A: 20 byte string

B: 4 byte integer

C: 8 byte date

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

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

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

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Size estimates for $W = R_1 \times R_2$

$$T(W) =$$

$$S(W) =$$

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Size estimates for $W = R_1 \times R_2$

$$T(W) = T(R_1) \times T(R_2)$$

$$S(W) = S(R_1) + S(R_2)$$

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

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

$$T(W) = ?$$

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Assumption:

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

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Alternate Assumption:

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

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

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

$C=\text{val} \Rightarrow T(W) = (1/10)1 + (1/10)1 + \dots$
 $= (5/10) = 0.5$

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

$A=\text{val} \Rightarrow T(W) = (1/10)2 + (1/10)2 + (1/10)1$
 $= 0.5$

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

Selection cardinality

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

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

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

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- Solution # 2:

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- Solution # 3: Estimate values in range

Example R

	Z

Min=1
↓
Max=20

$V(R,Z)=10$

$W = \sigma_{z \geq 15}(R)$

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- Solution # 3: Estimate values in range

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↓
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$V(R,Z)=10$

$W = \sigma_{z \geq 15}(R)$

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

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

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Equivalently:

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

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

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Size estimate for $W = R1 \bowtie R2$

Let $x = \text{attributes of } R1$

$y = \text{attributes of } R2$

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Size estimate for $W = R1 \bowtie R2$

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$y = \text{attributes of } R2$

Case 1

$$X \cap Y = \emptyset$$

Same as $R1 \times R2$

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Case 2 $W = R1 \bowtie R2$ $X \cap Y = A$


R1	A	B	C	R2	A	D
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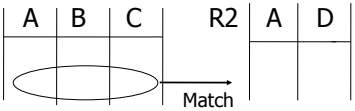
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Assumption:
 $V(R1,A) \leq V(R2,A) \Rightarrow$ Every A value in R1 is in R2
 $V(R2,A) \leq V(R1,A) \Rightarrow$ Every A value in R2 is in R1

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

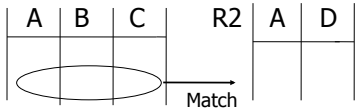
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Take 1 tuple  Match

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

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Take 1 tuple  Match


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

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

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- $V(R1,A) \leq V(R2,A)$ $T(W) = \frac{T(R2) T(R1)}{V(R2,A)}$
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[A is common attribute]

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In general $W = R1 \bowtie R2$

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

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Case 2 with alternate assumption

Values uniformly distributed over domain



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

Assume the same

In all cases:

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

size of attribute A

Using similar ideas,
we can estimate sizes of:

- $\Pi_{AB} (R)$
- $\sigma_{A=a \wedge B=b} (R)$
- $R \bowtie S$ with common attribs. A,B,C
- Union, intersection, diff,

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

E.g. $W = [\sigma_{A=a} (R1)] \bowtie R2$

Treat as relation U

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

Also need V (U, *) !!

To estimate Vs

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

$V(R1,A)=3$
 $V(R1,B)=1$
 $V(R1,C)=5$
 $V(R1,D)=3$
 $U = \sigma_{A=a} (R1)$

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

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

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

$V(D,U)$... somewhere in between

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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
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R2	T(R2) = 2000	V(R2,B)=200	V(R2,C)=300
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R3	T(R3) = 3000	V(R3,C)=90	V(R3,D)=500
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Partial Result: $U = R1 \bowtie R2$

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

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$Z = U \bowtie R3$

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

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Approximating Distributions

- Summarize the distribution
 - Used to better estimate result sizes
 - Without the need to look at all the data
- Concerns
 - Error metric: How to measure preciseness
 - Memory consumption
 - Computational Complexity

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Approximating Distributions

- Parameterized distribution
 - E.g., gauss distribution
 - Adapt parameters to fit data
- Histograms
 - Divide domain into ranges (buckets)
 - Store the number of tuples per bucket
- Both need to be maintained

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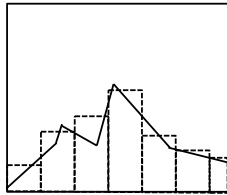


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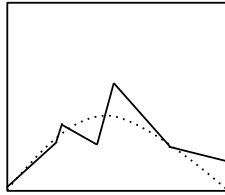
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Histograms



Parameterized Distribution



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Maintaining Statistics

- Use separate command that triggers statistics collection
 - Postgres: ANALYZE
- During query processing
 - Overhead for queries
- Use Sampling?

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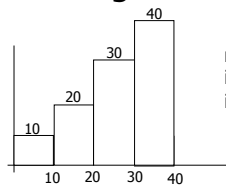


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Estimating Result Size using Histograms



number of tuples
in R with A value
in given range

$$\sigma_{A=val}(R) = ?$$

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Estimating Result Size using Histograms

- $\sigma_{A=val}(R) = ?$
- $|B|$ - number of values per bucket
- $\#B$ - number of records in bucket

$$\frac{\#B}{|B|}$$

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Join Size using Histograms

- $R \bowtie S$
- Use

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

- Apply for each bucket

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Join Size using Histograms

- $V(R1,A) = V(R2,A) = \text{bucket size } |B|$

$$T(W) = \sum_{\text{buckets}} \frac{\#B(R2) \#B(R1)}{|B|}$$

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Equi-width vs. Equi-depth

- Equi-width
 - All buckets contain the same number of values
 - Easy, but inaccurate
- Equi-depth (used by most DBMS)
 - All buckets contain the same number of tuples
 - Better accuracy, need to sort data to compute

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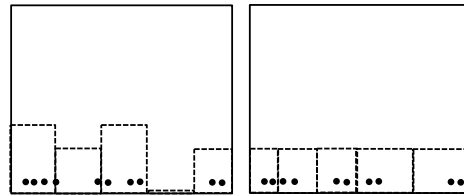


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Equi-width vs. Equi-depth



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Construct Equi-depth Histograms

- Sort input
- Determine size of buckets
 - $\# \text{bucket} / \# \text{tuples}$
- Example 3 buckets
 1, 5, 44, 6, 10, 12, 3, 6, 7
1, 3, 5, 6, 6, 7, 10, 12, 44
[1-5] [6-8] [9-44]

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Advanced Techniques

- Wavelets
- Approximate Histograms
- Sampling Techniques
- Compressed Histograms

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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 ← next...
 - Operator Implementations
- Generate and compare plans

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