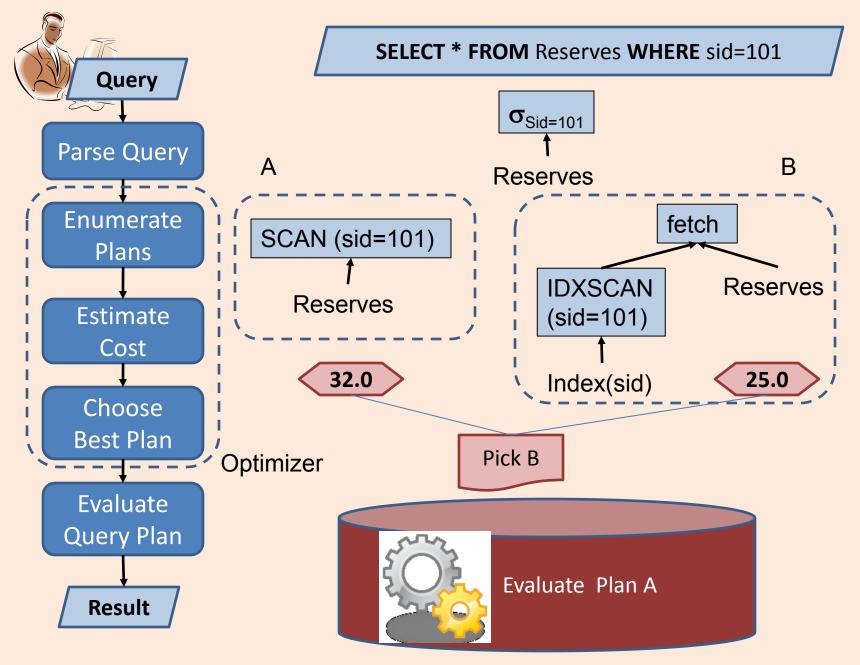
ICS 321 Fall 2011 Overview of Query Processing

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Query Processing

- Query Execution Plan (QEP): tree of database operators.
 - At high-level, relational algebra operators are used
 - At low-level, RA operators with particular implementation algorithm.
- Plan enumeration: find equivalent plans
 - Different QEPs that return the same results
 - Query rewriting : transformation of one QEP to another equivalent QEP.
- **Cost estimation:** a mapping of a QEP to a cost
 - Cost Model: a model of what counts in the cost estimate. Eg. Disk accesses, CPU cost ...

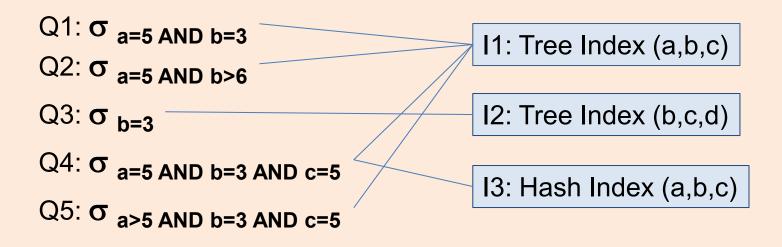
• Query Optimizer:

- Explores the space of equivalent plan for a query
- Chooses the best plan according to a cost model

Access Paths

- An <u>access path</u> is a method of retrieving tuples. Eg. Given a query with a selection condition:
 - File or table scan
 - Index scan
- Index matching problem: given a selection condition, which indexes can be used for the selection, i.e., matches the selection ?
 - Selection condition normalized to conjunctive normal form (CNF), where each term is a *conjunct*
 - Eg. (day<8/9/94 AND rname='Paul') OR bid=5 OR sid=3
 - CNF: (day<8/9/94 OR bid=5 OR sid=3) AND (rname='Paul' OR bid=5 OR sid=3)

Index Matching



- A tree index matches a selection condition if the selection condition is a prefix of the index search key.
- A hash index matches a selection condition if the selection condition has a term *attribute=value* for every attribute in the index search key

One Approach to Selections

- 1. Find the most selective access path, retrieve tuples using it
- 2. Apply remaining terms in selection not matched by the chosen access path
- The <u>selectivity</u> of an access path is the size of the result set (in terms of tuples or pages).
 - Sometimes selectivity is also used to mean <u>reduction</u> <u>factor</u>: fraction of tuples in a table retrieved by the access path or selection condition.
- Eg. Consider the selection: day<8/9/94 AND bid=5 AND sid=3
 - Tree Index(day)
 - Hash index (bid,sid)

Query Execution Plans

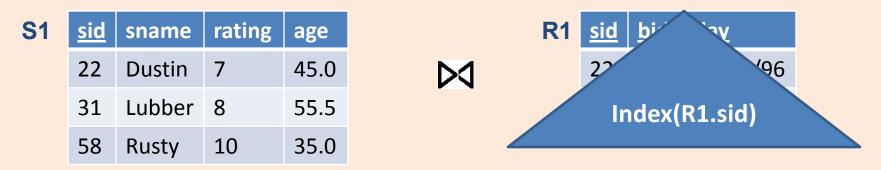
- A tree of database operators: each operator is a RA operator with specific implementation
- Selection σ : Index Scan or Table Scan
- Projection π:
 - Without DISTINCT : Table Scan
 - With DISTINCT : requires sorting or index scan
- Join 🖂 :
 - Nested loop joins (naïve)
 - Index nested loop joins
 - Sort merge joins

Nested Loop Join

S1	<u>sid</u>	sname	rating	age	R1	<u>sid</u>	<u>bid</u>	<u>day</u>
	22	Dustin	7	45.0		22	101	10/10/96
	31	Lubber	8	55.5		58	103	11/12/96
	58	Rusty	10	35.0				

For each data page P_{s1} of S1
For each tuple s in P_{s1}
For each data page P_{R1} of R1
For each tuple r in P_{R1}
if (s.sid==r.sid)
then output s,r
• Worst case number of disk reads
= Npages(S1) + |S1|*Npages(R1)

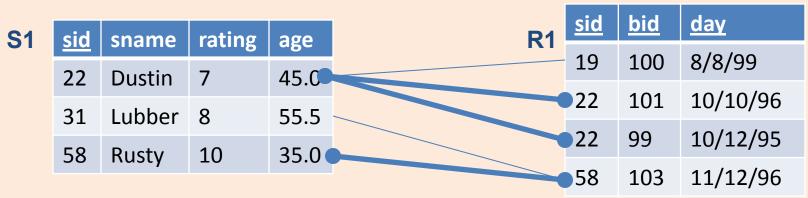
Index Nested Loop Join



For each data page P_{s1} of S1
For each tuple s in P_{s1}
if (s.sid ∈ Index(R1.sid))
then fetch r & output <s,r>

- Worst case number of disk reads with tree index
 = Npages(S1) + |S1|*(1 + log_F Npages(R1))
- Worst case number of disk reads with hash index
 = Npages(S1) + |S1|* 2

Sort Merge Join



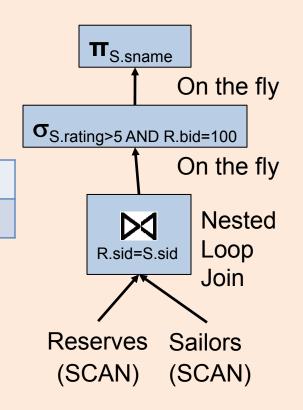
- 1. Sort S1 on SID
- 2. Sort R1 on SID
- 3. Compute join on SID using Merging algorithm
- If join attributes are relatively unique, the number of disk pages
 - = Npages(S1) log Npages(S1)
 - + Npages(R1) log Npages(R1)
 - + Npages(S1) + Npages(R1)
- What if the number of duplicates is large?
 - the number of disk pages approaches that of nested loop join.

Example

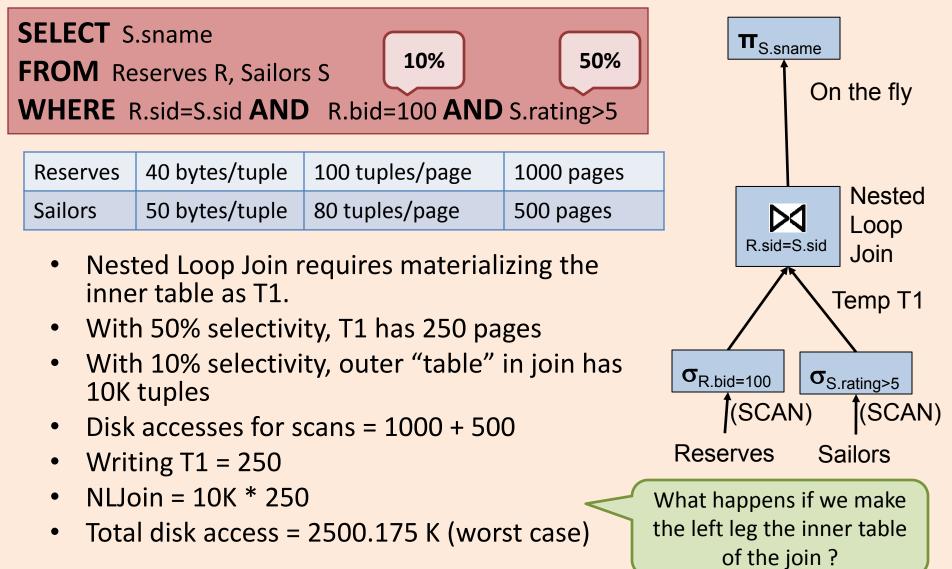
SELECT S.sname FROM Reserves R, Sailors S WHERE R.sid=S.sid AND R.bid=100 AND S.rating>5

Reserves	40 bytes/tuple	100 tuples/page	1000 pages
Sailors	50 bytes/tuple	80 tuples/page	500 pages

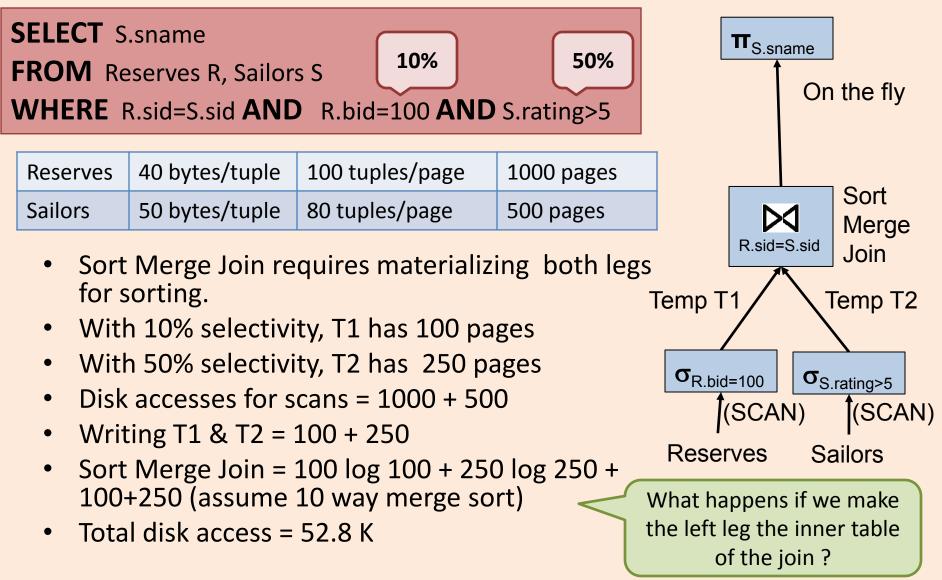
- Nested Loop Join cost 1K+ 100K*500
- On the fly selection and project does not incur any disk access.
- Total disk access = 500001K (worst case)



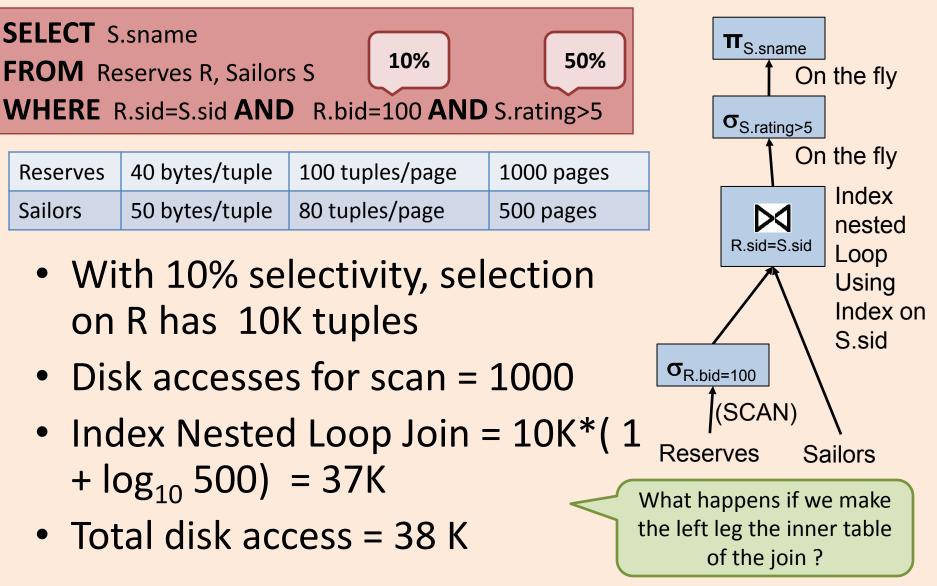
Example: Predicate Pushdown



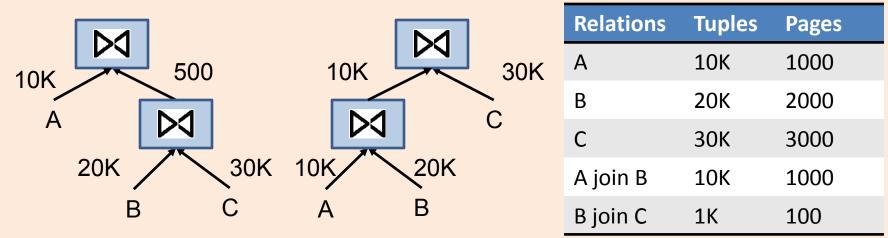
Example: Sort Merge Join



Example: Index Nested Loop Join



Join Ordering



- Independent of what join algorithm is chosen, the order in which joins are perform affects the performance.
- Rule of thumb: do the most "selective" join first
- In practice, left deep trees (eg. the right one above) are preferred --- why ?

Statistics & Cost Estimation

- Page size
- Data Statistics:
 - Record size -> number of records per data page
 - Cardinality of relations (including temporary tables)
 - Selectivity of selection operator on different columns of a relation
- (Tree) Index Statistics
 - number of leaf pages, index entries
 - Height
- Statistics collection is user triggered
 - DB2: RUNSTATS ON TABLE mytable AND INDEXES ALL