Query Execution

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From Last Time: Indexes

Conventional indexes

B-trees

Hash indexes

Multi-key indexing

Example

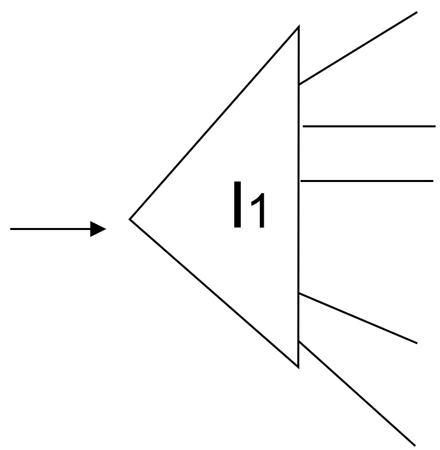
Find records where

DEPT = “Toy” AND SALARY > 50k

Strategy I:

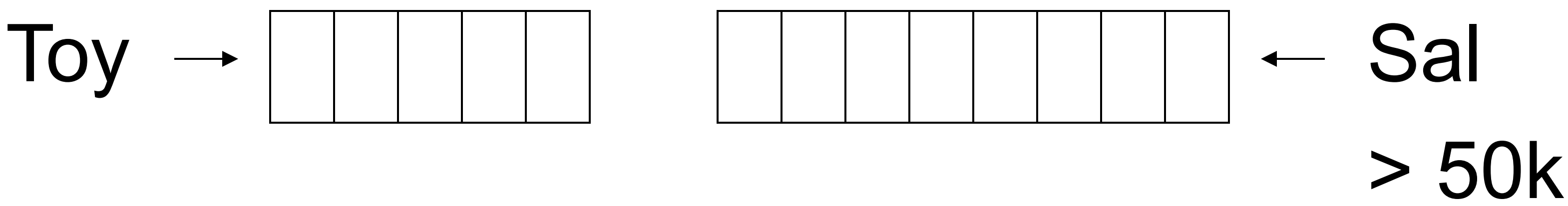
Use one index, say Dept.

Get all Dept = “Toy” records
and check their salary



Strategy II:

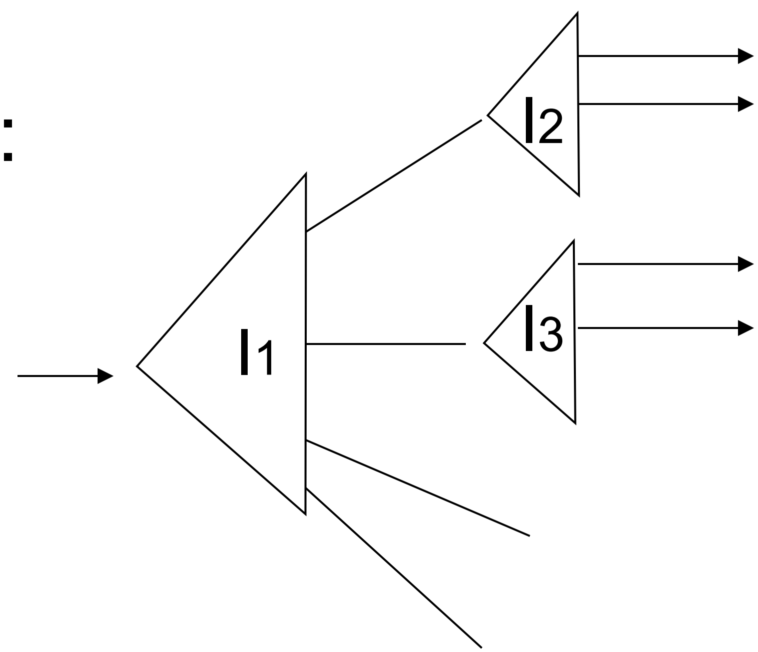
Use 2 indexes; manipulate record pointers



Strategy III:

Multi-key index

One idea:



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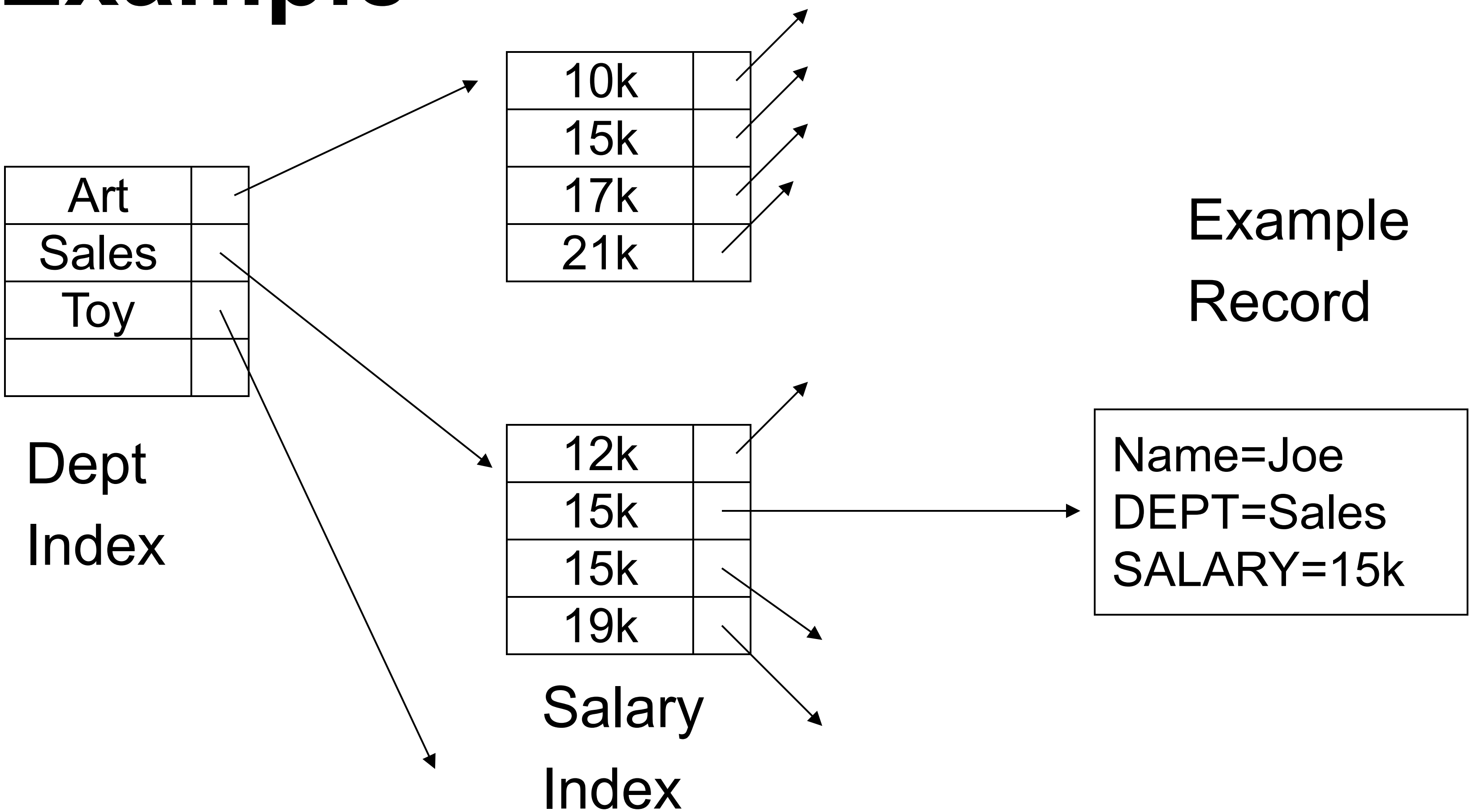
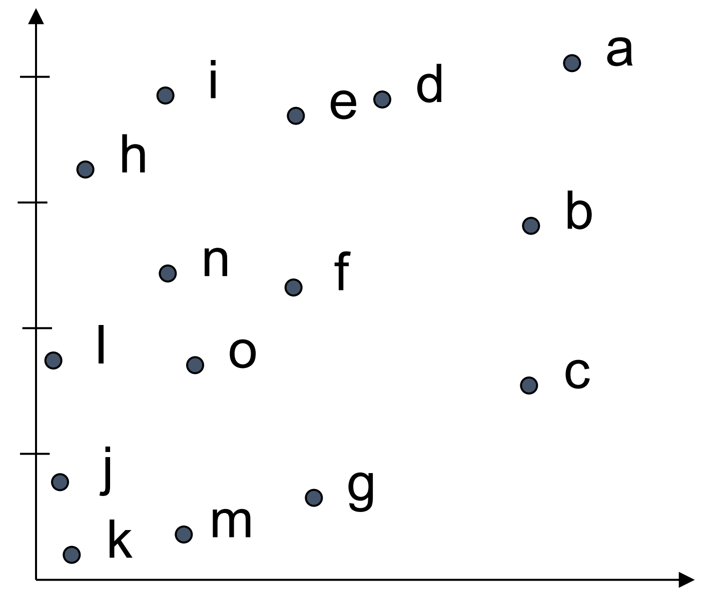

Art
Sales
Toy
Dept
Index
10k
15k
17k
21k
12k
15k
15k
19k
Salary
Index
Example
Record
Name=Joe
DEPT=Sales
SALARY=15k

k-d Tree

Splits dimensions in any order to hold k-dimensional data



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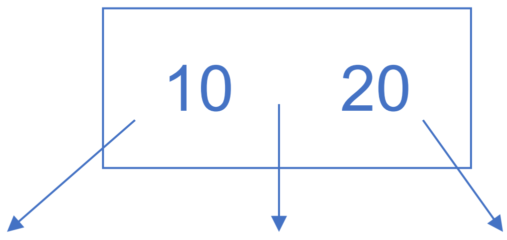

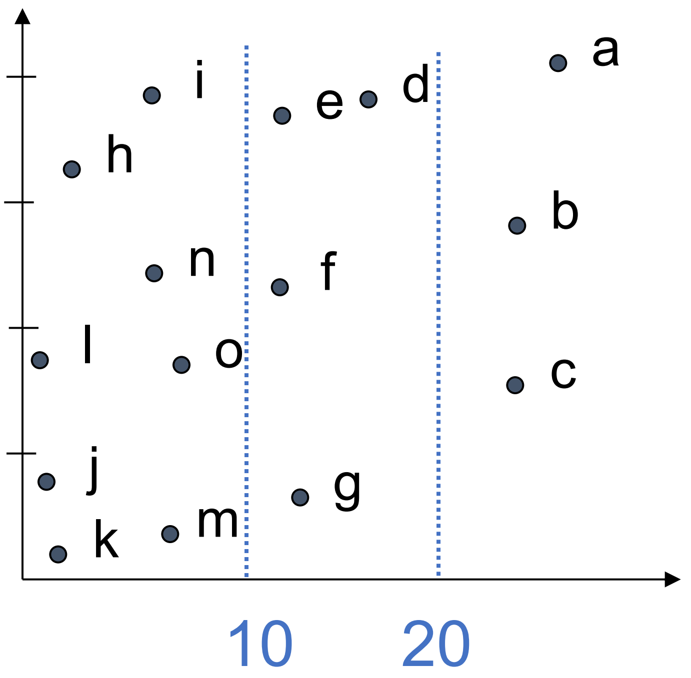

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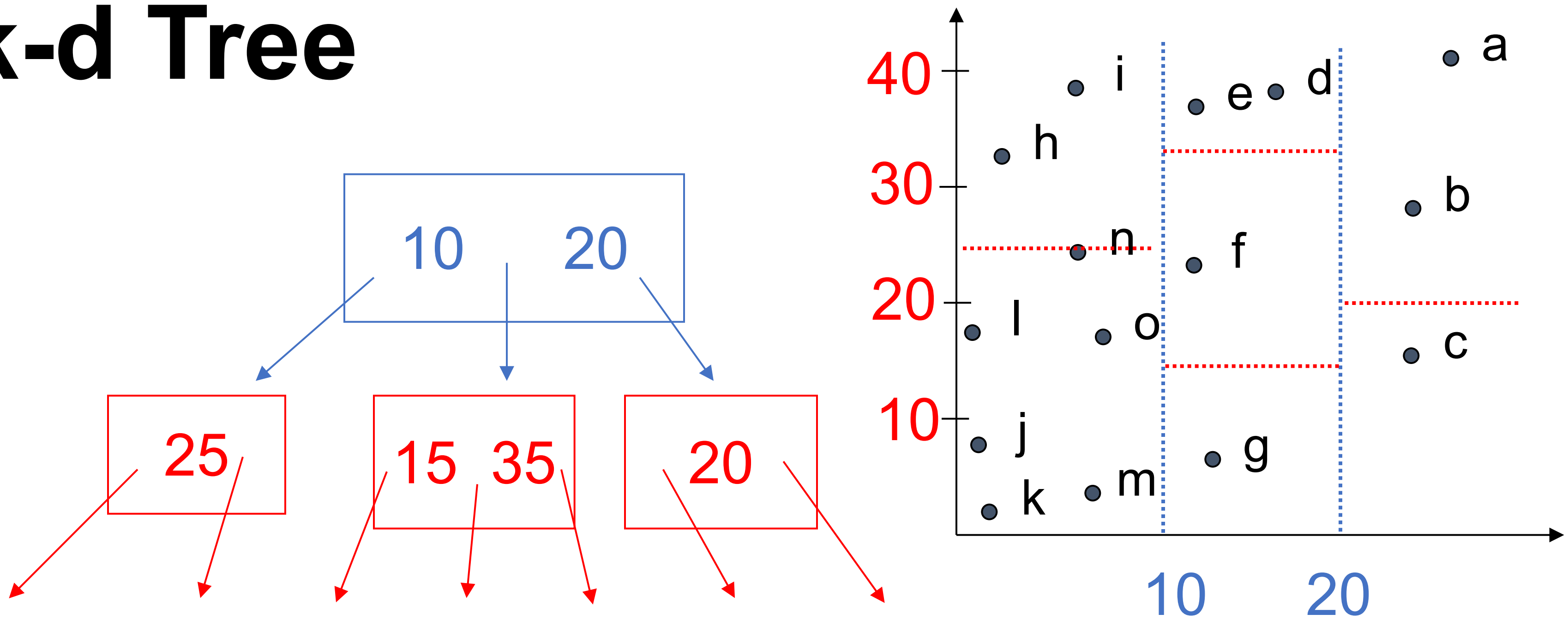

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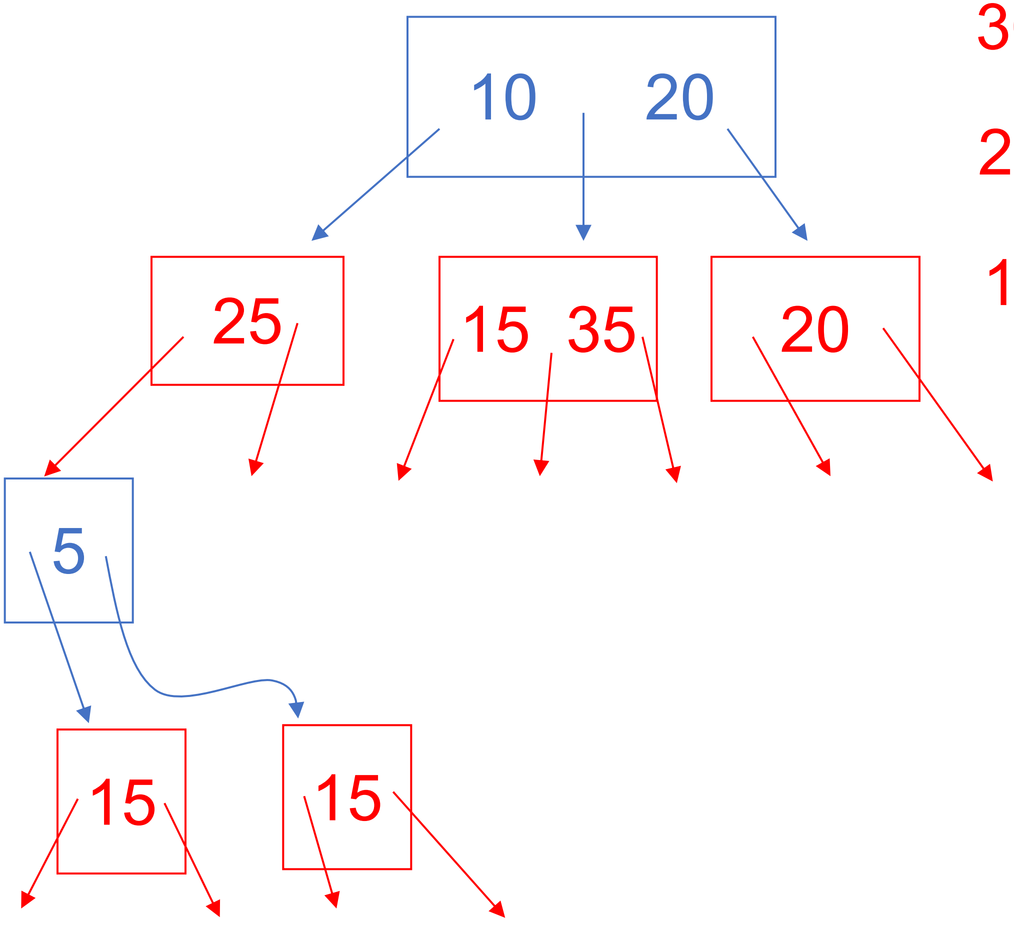

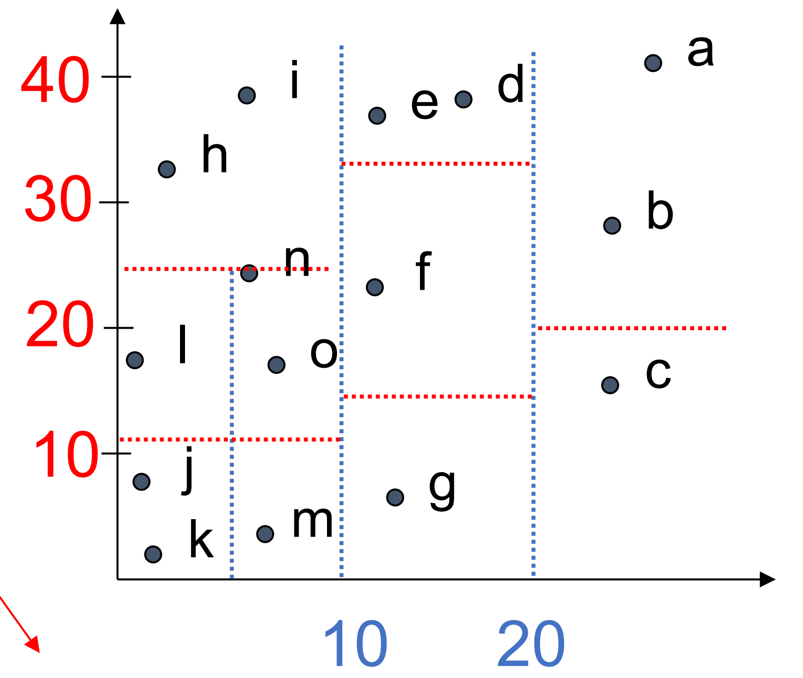

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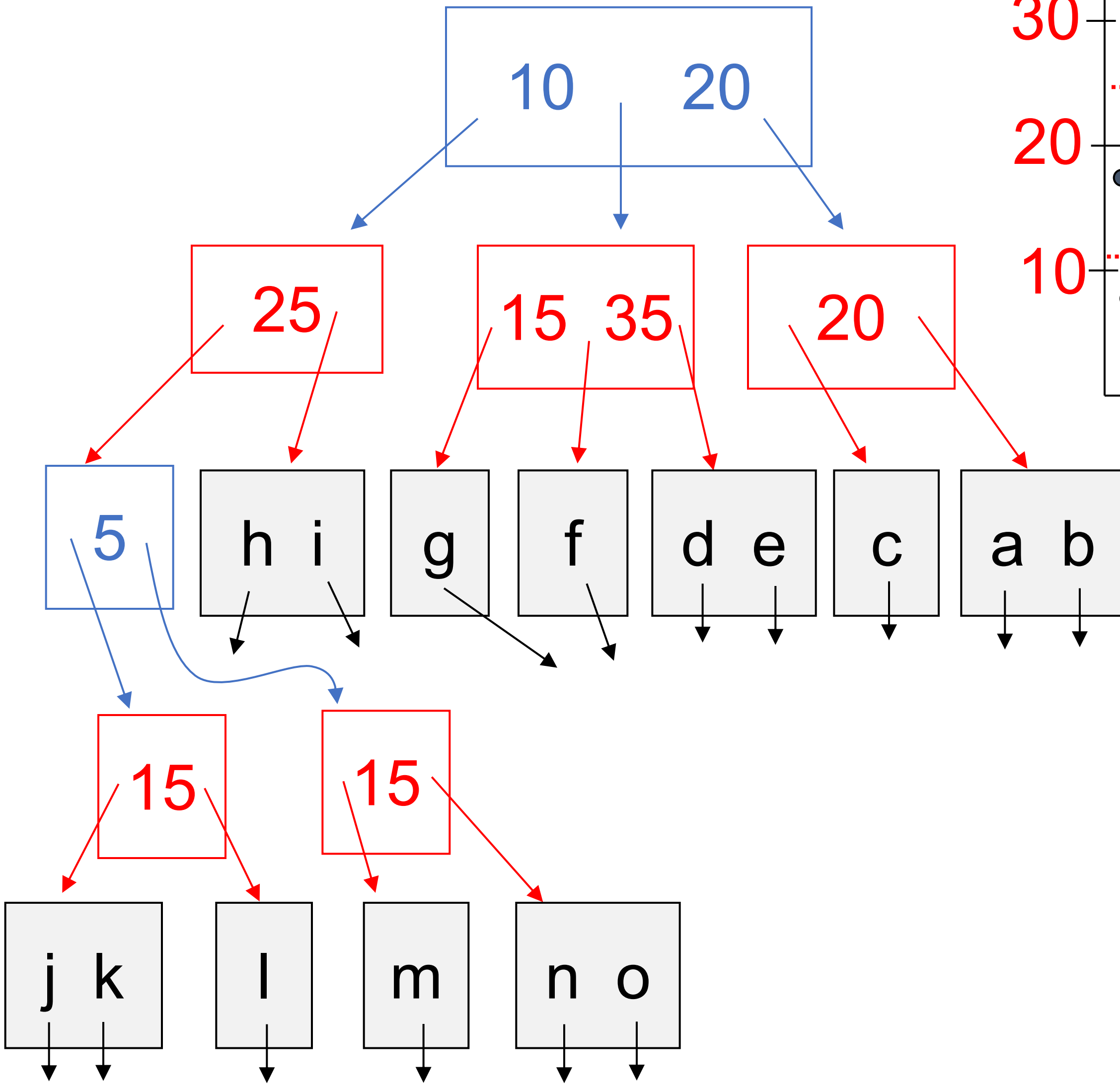

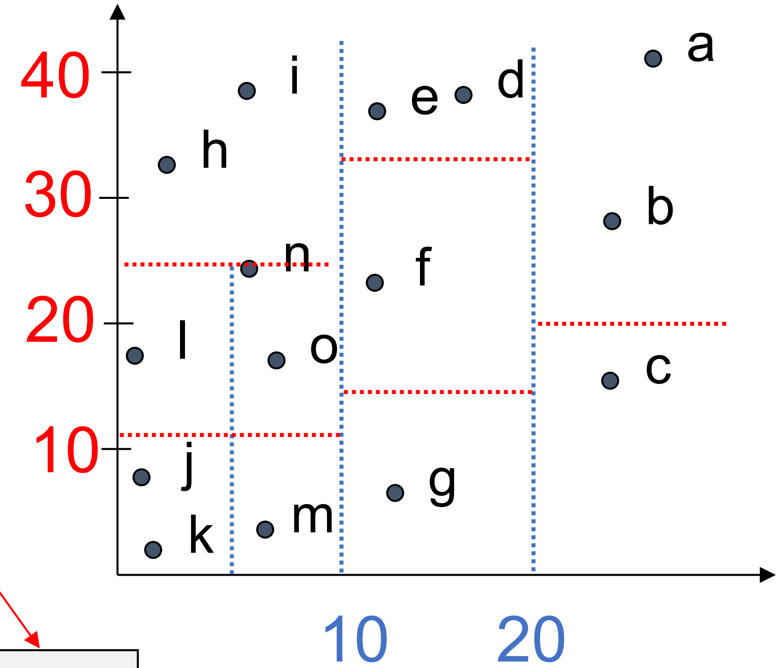

Efficient range queries in both dimensions

Summary

Wide range of indexes for different data types and queries (e.g. range vs exact)

Issues to balance: query time, update cost, and size of index

Example Storage Strategies

MySQL: transactional DBMS

» Row-oriented storage with 16 KB pages

» Variable length records with headers, overflow

» Index types:

- B-tree
- Hash (in memory only)
- R-tree (spatial data)
- Inverted lists for full text search

» Can compress pages with Lempel-Ziv

Example Storage Strategies

Apache Parquet + Hive: analytical data lake

- » Column-oriented storage as set of ~1 GB files (each file has a slice of all columns)
- » Various compression and encoding schemes at the level of pages in a file
  - Special scheme for nested fields (Dremel)
- » Header with statistics at the start of each file
  - Min/max of columns, nulls, Bloom filter
- » Files partitioned into directories by one key

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Query Execution Overview

Recall that one of our key principles in data intensive systems was **declarative APIs**

» Specify what you want to compute, not how

We saw how these can translate into many storage strategies

How to execute queries in a declarative API?

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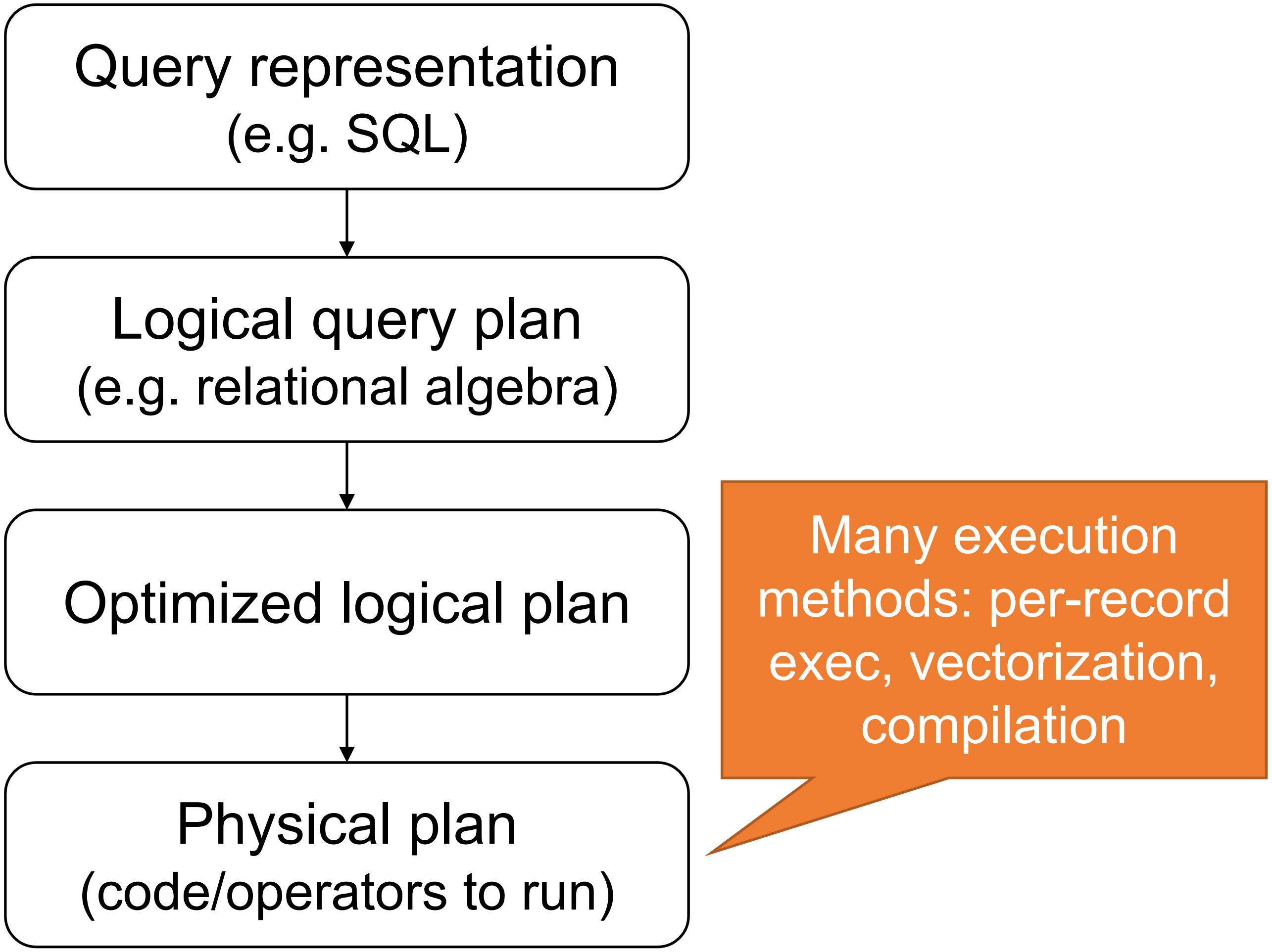


Plan Optimization Methods

Rule-based: systematically replace some expressions with other expressions

» Replace X OR TRUE with TRUE

» Replace M*A + M*B with M*(A+B) for matrices

Cost-based: propose several execution plans and pick best based on a **cost model**

Adaptive: update execution plan at runtime

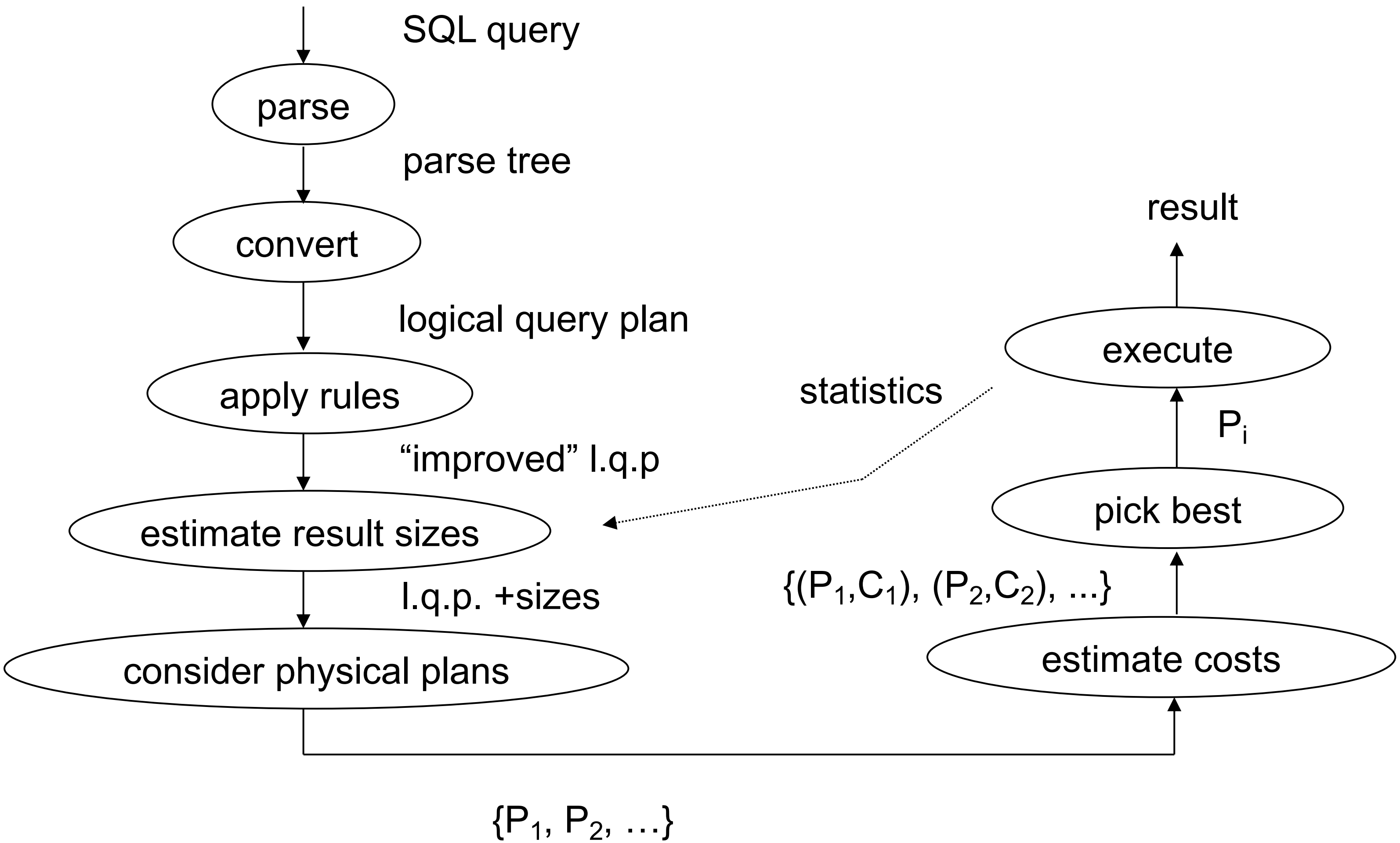
Execution Methods

Interpretation: walk through query plan operators for each record

Vectorization: walk through in batches

Compilation: generate code (like System R)

Typical RDBMS Execution



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The Relational Algebra

Collection of operators over tables (relations)

» Each table has named attributes (fields)

Codd's original RA: tables are **sets of tuples** (unordered and tuples cannot repeat)

SQL's RA: tables are **bags (multisets) of tuples**; unordered but each tuple may repeat

Relational Algebra Operators

Basic set operators:

Intersection: $R \cap S$

Union: $R \cup S$

Difference: $R - S$

} for tables with same schema

Cartesian Product: $R \times S$ $\{ (r, s) \mid r \in R, s \in S \}$

Relational Algebra Operators

Basic set operators:

Intersection: R ∩ S

Union: R ∪ S ← consider both distinct (set union) and non-distinct (bag union)

Difference: R – S

Cartesian Product: R × S

Relational Algebra Operators

Special query processing operators:

Selection: $\sigma_{condition}(R)$ { r ∈ R | condition(r) is true }

Projection: $\Pi_{expressions}(R)$ { expressions(r) | r ∈ R }

Natural Join: $R \bowtie S$ { (r, s) ∈ R × S) | r.key = s.key }
where key is the common fields

Relational Algebra Operators

Special query processing operators:

Aggregation: ${}_{keys}G_{agg(attr)}(R)$

```
SELECT agg(attr)
FROM R
GROUP BY keys
```

Examples: ${}_{department}G_{Max(salary)}(Employees)$

$G_{Max(salary)}(Employees)$

Algebraic Properties

Many properties about which combinations of operators are equivalent

- » That's why it's called an algebra!

Properties: Unions, Products and Joins

$R \cup S = S \cup R$

Tuple order in a relation doesn't matter (unordered)

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

$R \times S = S \times R$

Attribute order in a relation doesn't matter either

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

$R \bowtie S = S \bowtie R$

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

Properties: Selects

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

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

Properties: Selects

$\sigma_{p \wedge q}(R) = \sigma_p(\sigma_q(R))$

$\sigma_{p \vee q}(R) = \sigma_p(R) \cup \sigma_q(R)$

careful with repeated elements

Bags vs. Sets

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- **Option 1:** SUM of counts
  R ∪ S = {a,a,b,b,b,b,b,c,c,c,d}
- **Option 2:** MAX of counts
  R ∪ S = {a,a,b,b,b,c,c,d}

Executive Decision

Use “SUM” option for bag unions

Some rules that work for set unions cannot be used for bags

Properties: Project

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Y = set of attributes

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Properties: σ + $\bowtie$

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

Prove One, Others for Practice

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

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

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

Properties: Π + σ

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

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Properties: Π + $\bowtie$

Let x = subset of R attributes

y = subset of S attributes

z = intersection of R,S attributes

$$\Pi_{x \cup y}(R \bowtie S) = \Pi_{x \cup y}((\Pi_{x \cup z}(R)) \bowtie (\Pi_{y \cup z}(S)))$$

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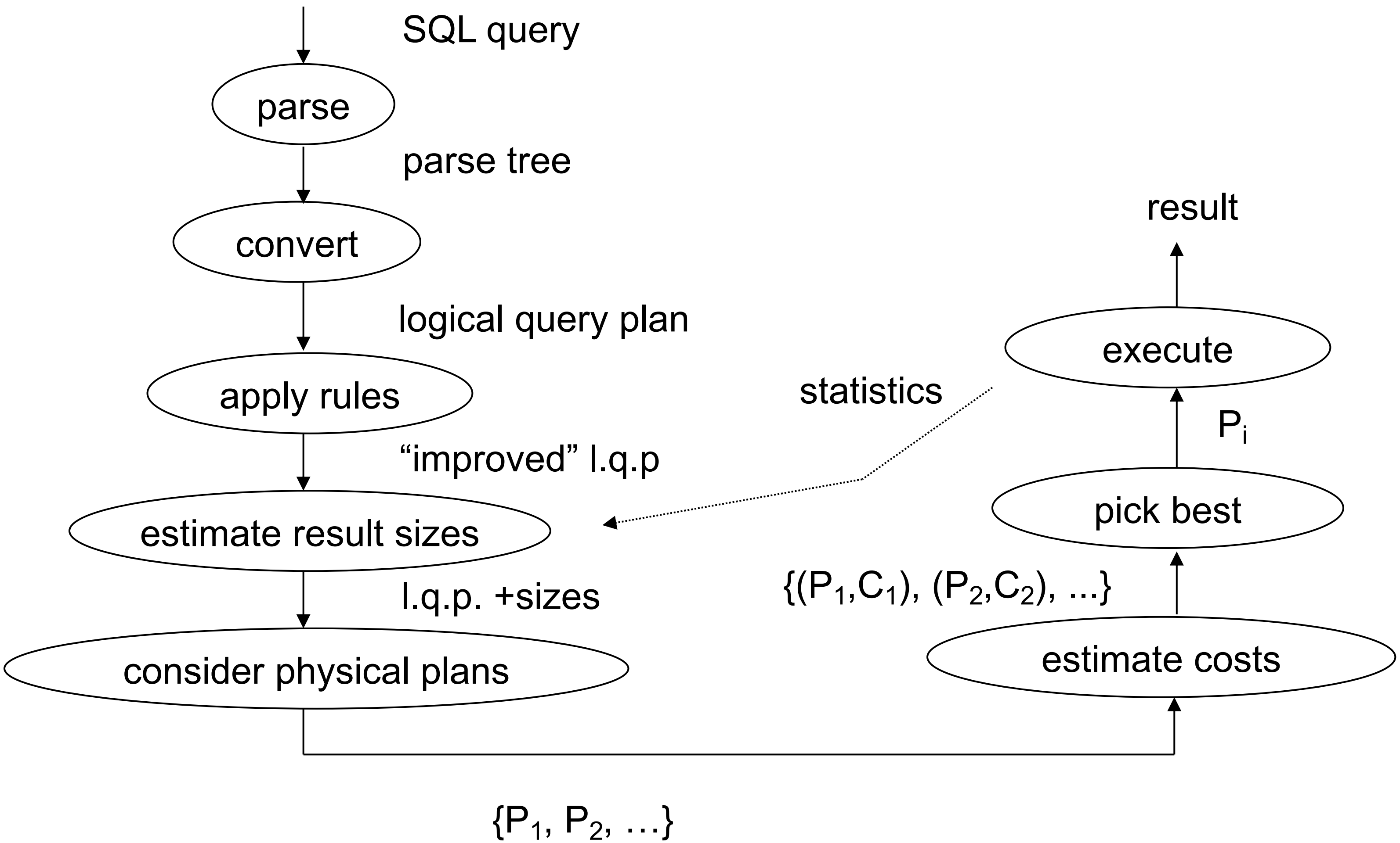
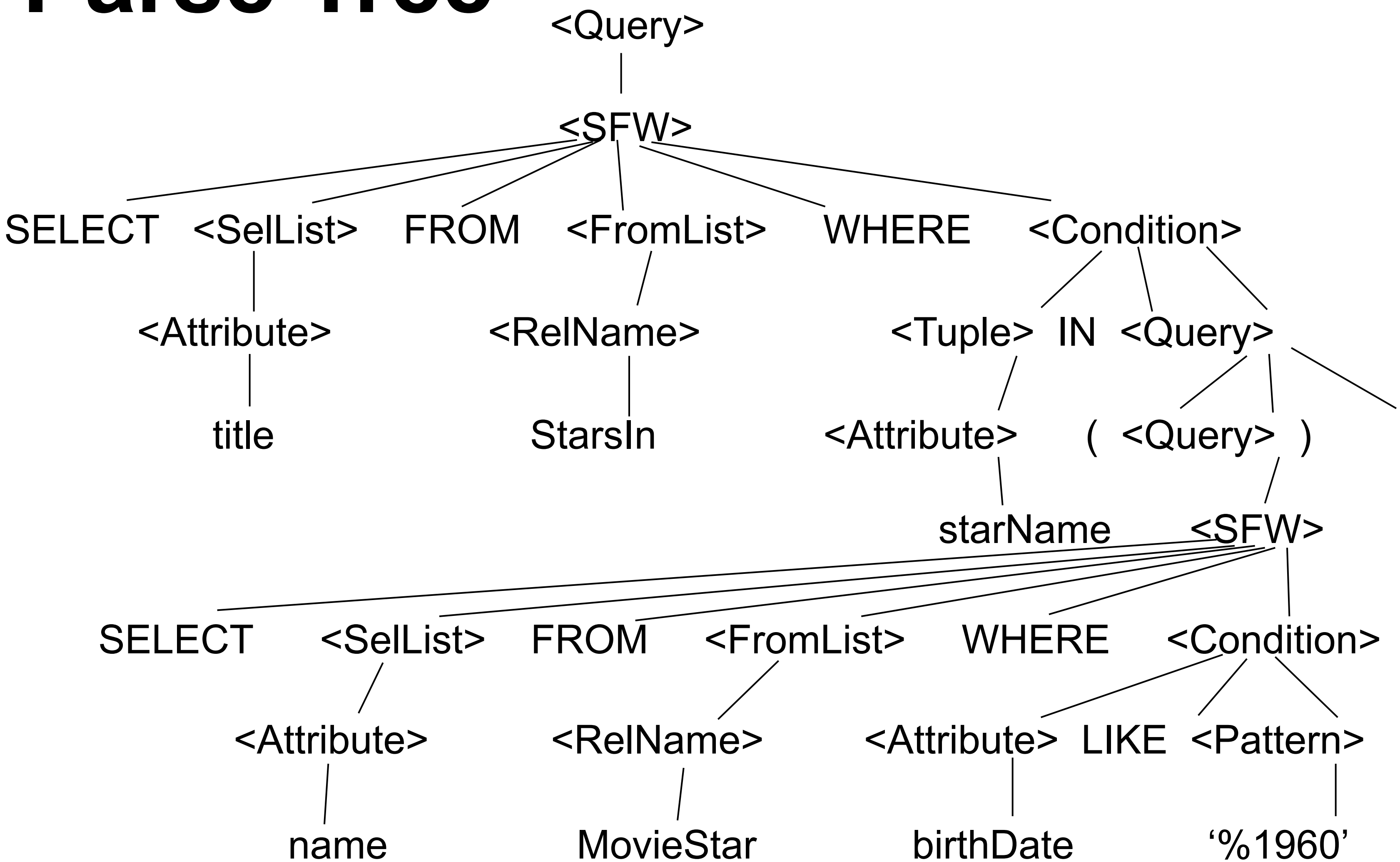


Example SQL Query

```
SELECT title
FROM StarsIn
WHERE starName IN (
        SELECT name
        FROM MovieStar
        WHERE birthdate LIKE ‘%1960’
);
```

(Find the movies with stars born in 1960)

Parse Tree



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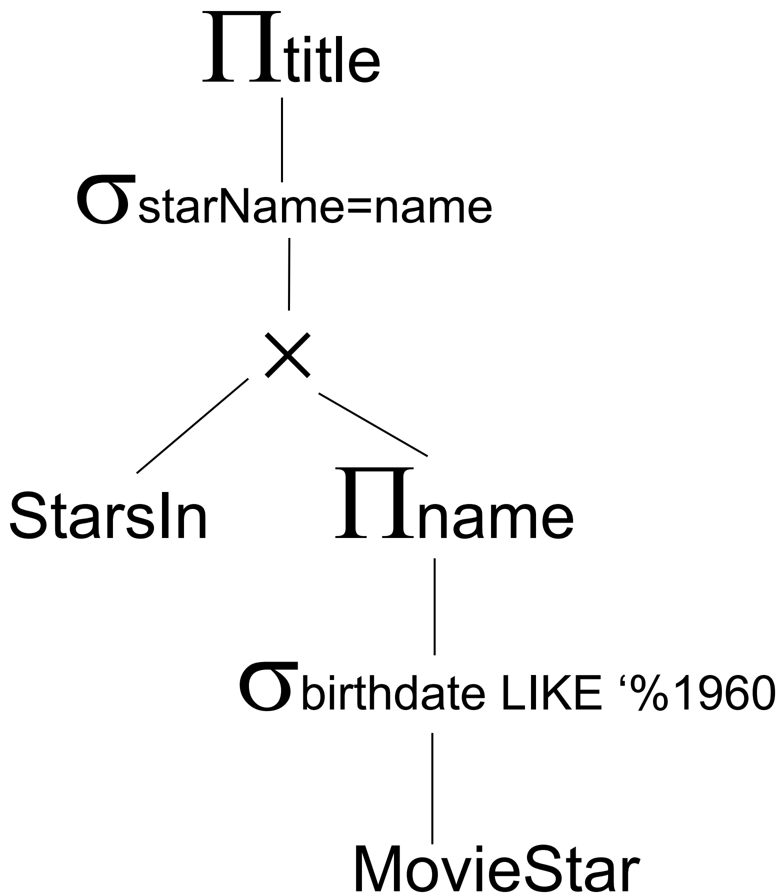
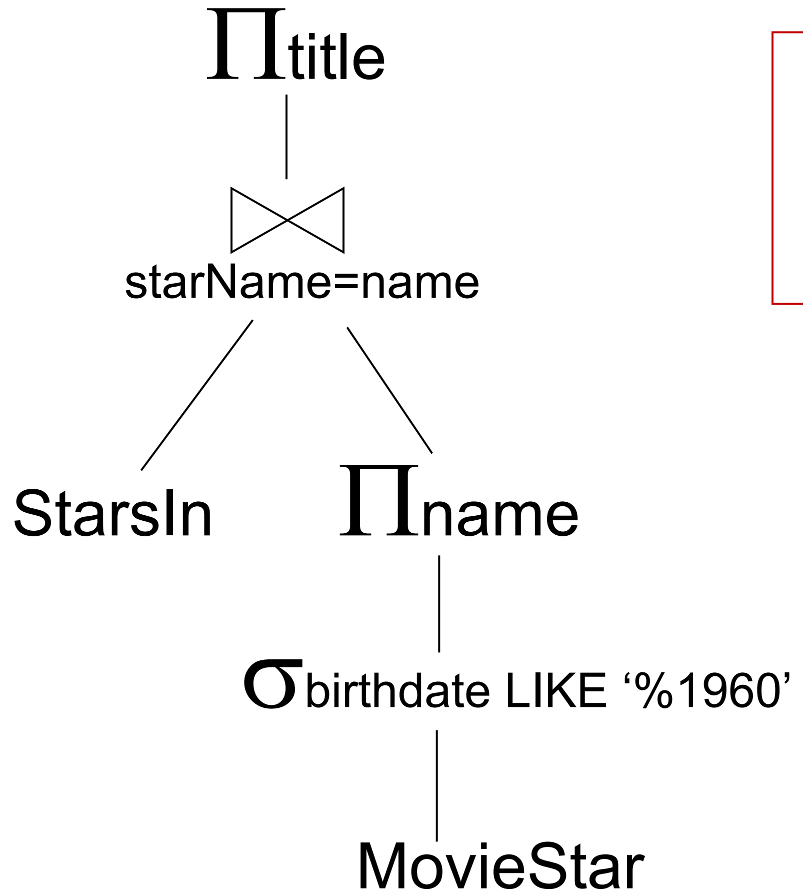
Logical Query Plan

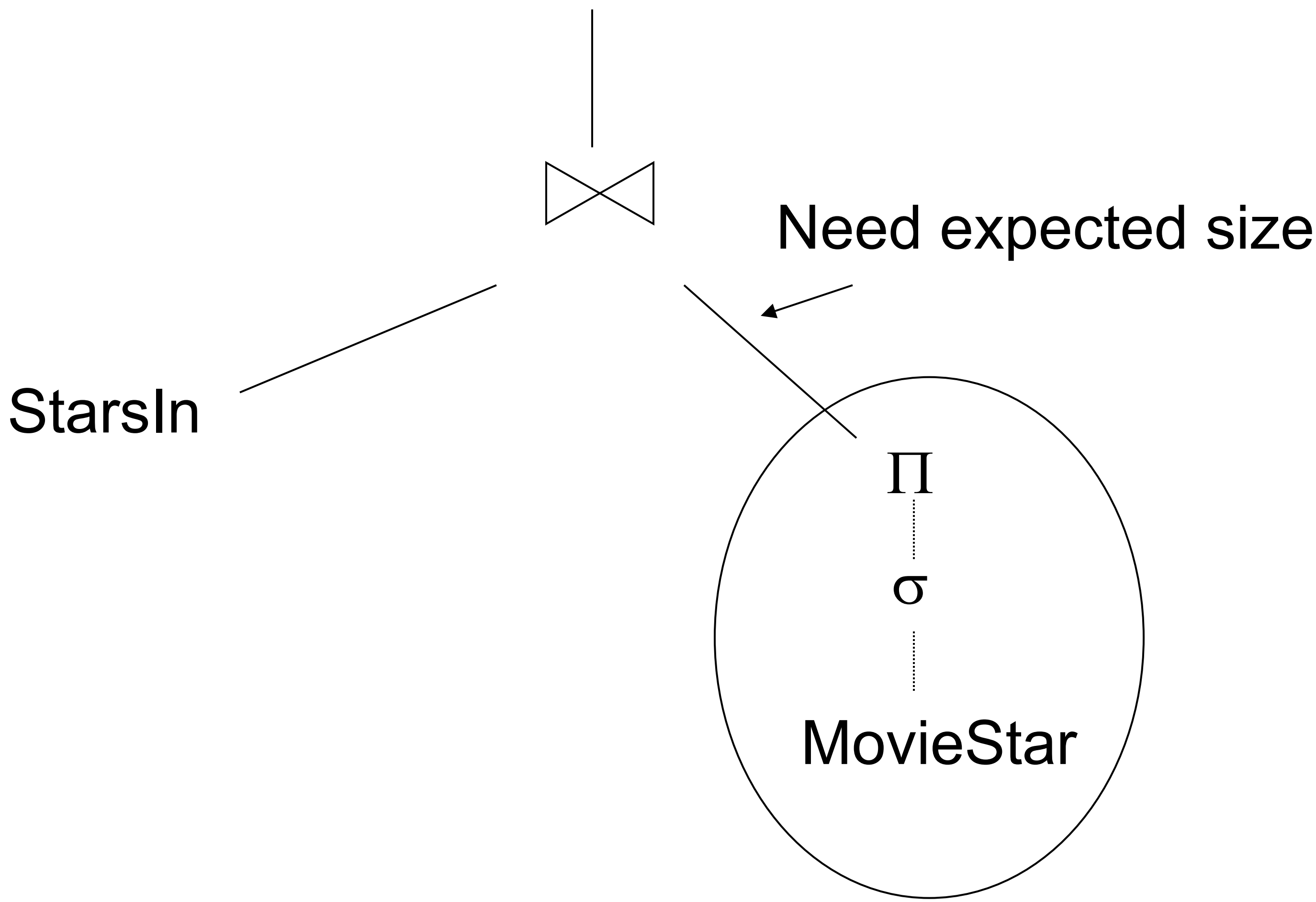


Improved Logical Query Plan

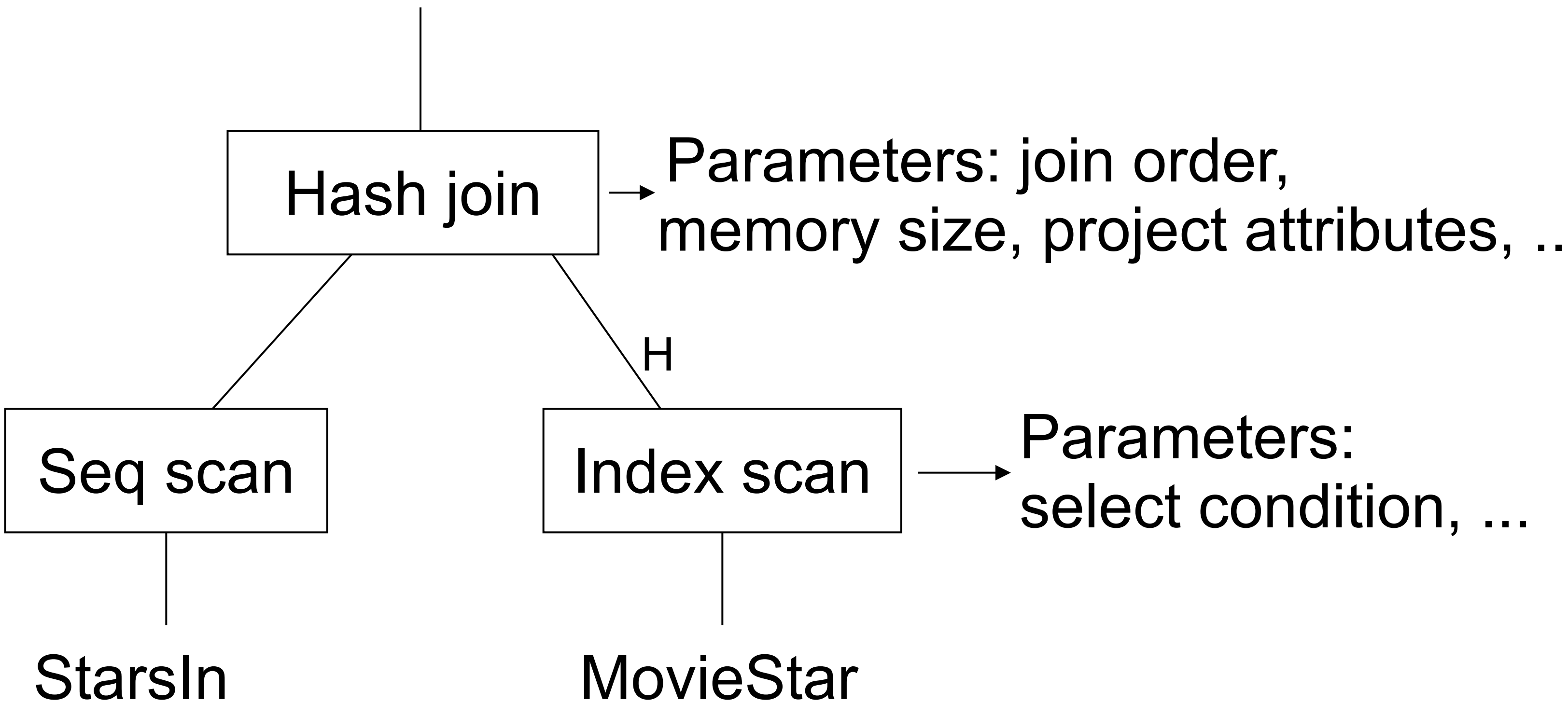


Question:
Push Πtitle to StarsIn?

Estimate Result Sizes



One Physical Plan



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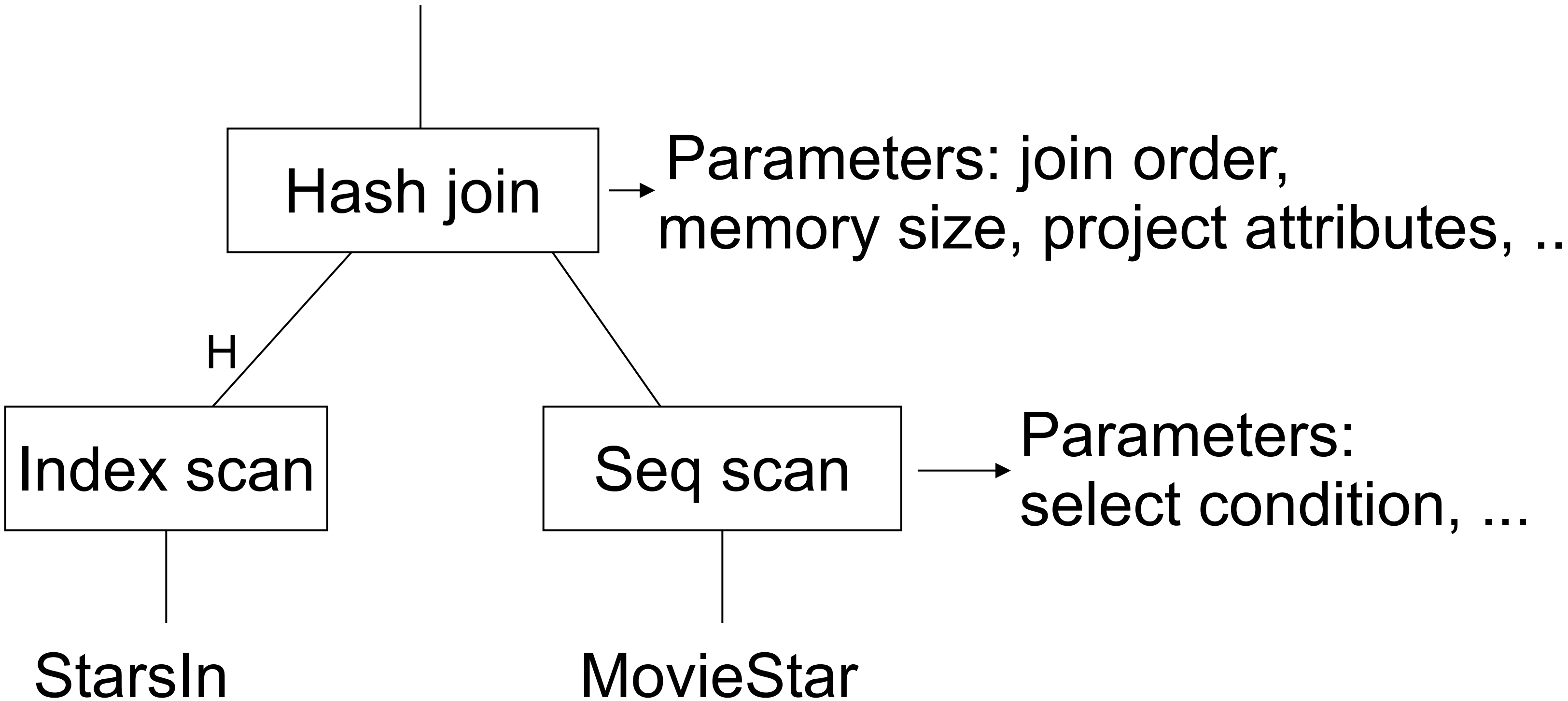

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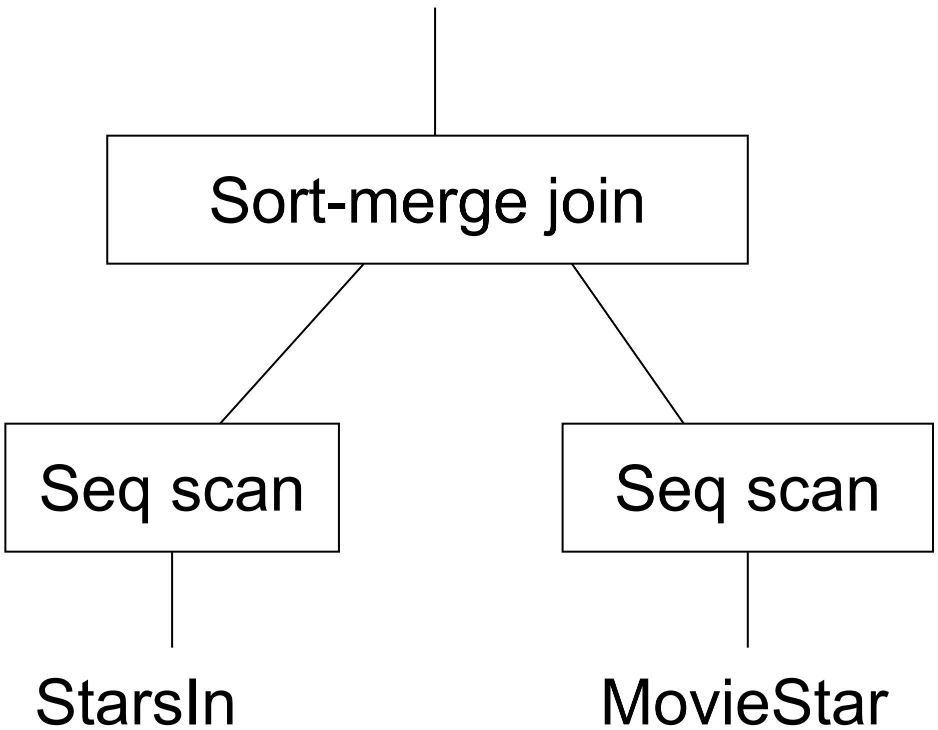
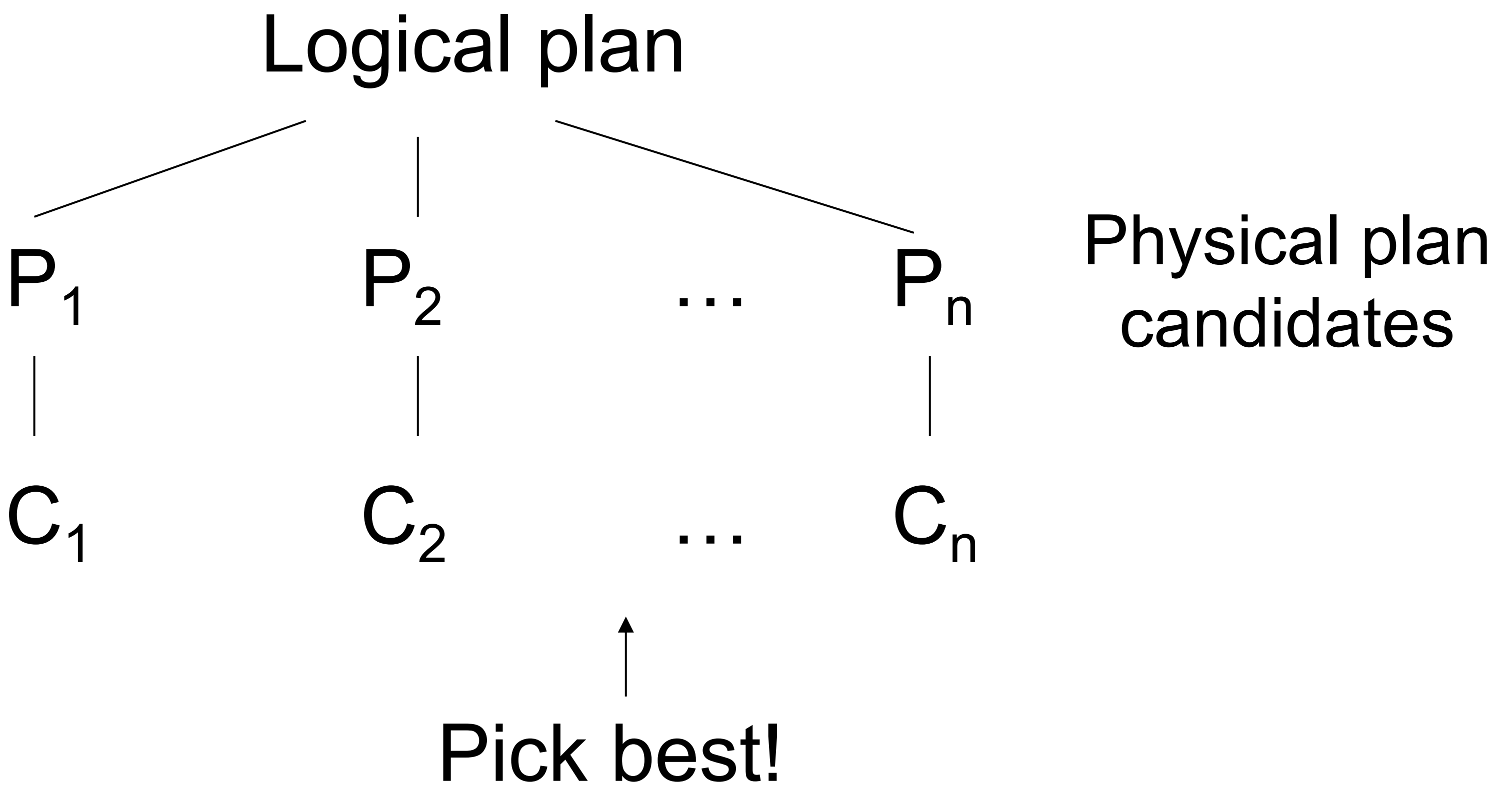


Which plan is likely to be better?

Estimating Plan Costs



Covered in next few lectures!

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Now That We Have a Plan, How Do We Run it?

Several different options that trade between complexity, setup time & performance

Example: Simple Query

```
SELECT quantity * price
  FROM orders
 WHERE productId = 75
```

$$\Pi_{quanity*price} (\sigma_{productId=75} (orders))$$

Method 1: Interpretation

```
interface Operator {
  Tuple next();
}

class TableScan: Operator {
  String tableName;
}

class Select: Operator {
  Operator parent;
  Expression condition;
}

class Project: Operator {
  Operator parent;
  Expression[] exprs;
}
```

```
interface Expression {
  Value compute(Tuple in);
}

class Attribute: Expression {
  String name;
}

class Times: Expression {
  Expression left, right;
}

class Equals: Expression {
  Expression left, right;
}
```

Example Expression Classes

```
class Attribute: Expression {
  String name;

  Value compute(Tuple in) {
    return in.getField(name);
  }
}

class Times: Expression {
  Expression left, right;

  Value compute(Tuple in) {
    return left.compute(in) * right.compute(in);
  }
}
```

probably better to use a numeric field ID instead

Example Operator Classes

```
class TableScan: Operator {
  String tableName;

  Tuple next() {
    // read next record from file
  }
}

class Project: Expression {
  Operator parent;
  Expression[] exprs;

  Tuple next() {
    tuple = parent.next();
    fields = [expr(tuple) for expr in exprs];
    return new Tuple(fields);
  }
}
```

Running Our Query with Interpretation

```
ops = Project(
        expr = Times(Attr("quantity"), Attr("price")),
        parent = Select(
          expr = Equals(Attr("productId"), Literal(75)),
          parent = TableScan("orders")
        )
      );

while(true) {
  Tuple t = ops.next();
  if (t != null) {
    out.write(t);
  } else {
    break;
  }
}
```

recursively calls Operator.next() and Expression.compute()

Pros & cons of this approach?

Method 2: Vectorization

Interpreting query plans one record at a time is simple, but it's too slow

- » Lots of virtual function calls and branches for each record (recall Jeff Dean's numbers)

Keep recursive interpretation, but make Operators and Expressions run on **batches**

Implementing Vectorization

```
class TupleBatch {
  // Efficient storage, e.g.
  // schema + column arrays
}

interface Operator {
  TupleBatch next();
}

class Select: Operator {
  Operator parent;
  Expression condition;
}

...
```

```
class ValueBatch {
  // Efficient storage
}

interface Expression {
  ValueBatch compute(
    TupleBatch in);
}

class Times: Expression {
  Expression left, right;
}

...
```

Typical Implementation

Values stored in columnar arrays (e.g. int[]) with a separate bit array to mark nulls

Tuple batches fit in L1 or L2 cache

Operators use SIMD instructions to update both values and null fields without branching

Pros & Cons of Vectorization

+ Faster than record-at-a-time if the query processes many records

+ Relatively simple to implement

– Lots of nulls in batches if query is selective

– Data travels between CPU & cache a lot

Method 3: Compilation

Turn the query into executable code

Compilation Example

$\Pi_{\text{quanity*price}}(\sigma_{\text{productId=75}}(\text{orders}))$

generated class with the right field types for orders table

```
class MyQuery {
  void run() {
    Iterator<OrdersTuple> in = openTable(“orders”);
    for(OrdersTuple t: in) {
      if (t.productId == 75) {
        out.write(Tuple(t.quantity * t.price));
      }
    }
  }
}
```

Can also theoretically generate vectorized code

Pros & Cons of Compilation

+ Potential to get fastest possible execution

+ Leverage existing work in compilers

– Complex to implement

– Compilation takes time

– Generated code may not match hand-written

What's Used Today?

Depends on context & other bottlenecks

Transactional databases (e.g. MySQL): mostly record-at-a-time interpretation

Analytical systems (Vertica, Spark SQL): vectorization, sometimes compilation

ML libs (TensorFlow): mostly vectorization (the records *are* vectors!), some compilation