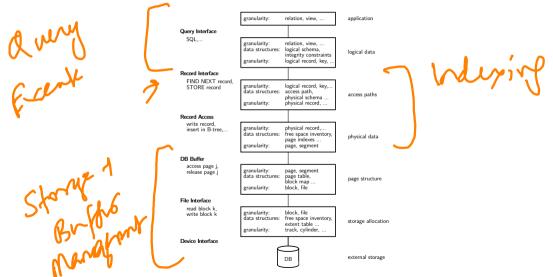
Sorting + Aggregation

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Recap

A More Detailed Architecture



Anatomy of a Database System [Monologue]

- Process Manager
 - Connection Manager + Admission Control
- Query Processor
 - Ouery Parser
 - Query Optimizer (a.k.a., Query Planner)
 - **Query Executor**
- Transactional Storage Manager
 - Lock Manager
 - Access Methods (a.k.a., Indexes)
 - Buffer Pool Manager
 - Log Manager
- Shared Utilities
 - Memory, Disk, and Networking Manager

Query Execution

We are now going to talk about how to execute queries using table heaps and indexes.

Coming weeks:

Operator Algorithms Query Processing Models

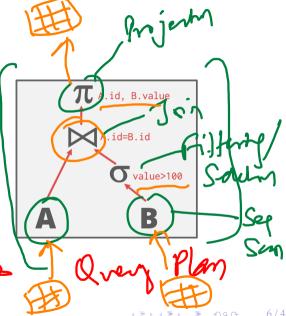
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Query Plan

- The operators are arranged in a tree.
- Data flows from the leaves of the tree up towards the root.
- The output of the root node is the result of the query.

SELECT A.id, B.value FROM A, B WHERE A.id = B.id AND B.value > 100



Disk-Oriented DBMS



- We <u>cannot</u> assume that the results of a query fits in memory.
- We are going use the uffer pool to implement query execution algorithms that need to spill to disk.
- We are also going to prefer algorithms that maximize the amount of sequential access.

Today's Agenda

- External Merge SortTree-based Sorting
- Aggregation

External Merge Sort

Why do we need to sort?

• Tuples in a table have no specific order.

But queries often want to retrieve tuples in a specific order.

Trivial to support duplicate elimination (DISTINCT).

Bulk loading sorted tuples into a B+Tree index is faster.

Aggregation (GROUP BY).



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Sorting Algorithms

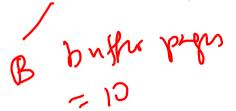
- If data fits in memory, then we can use a standard in-memory sorting algorithm like quick-sort.
- If data does not fit in memory, then we need to use a technique that is aware of the cost of writing data out to disk.

External Merge Sort

- Divide-and-conquer sorting algorithm that splits the data set into separate <u>runs</u> and then sorts them individually.
- Phase 1 Sorting
 - Sort blocks of data that fit in main-memory and then write back the sorted blocks to a file on disk.
- Phase 2 Merging
 - Combine sorted sub-files into a single larger file.



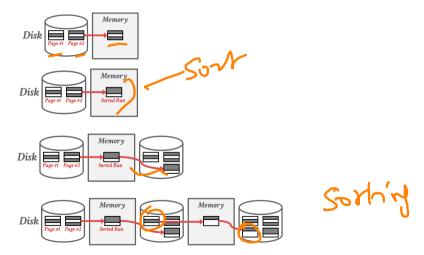
- We will start with a simple example of a 2-way external merge sort.
 - "2" represents the number of runs that we are going to merge into a new run for each pass.
- Data set is broken up into N pages.
- The DBMS has a finite number of **B** buffer pages to hold input and output data.

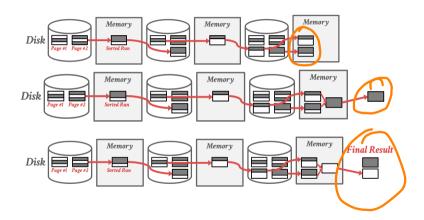


- ► Read every **B** pages of the table into memory
- Sort pages into runs and write them back to disk.

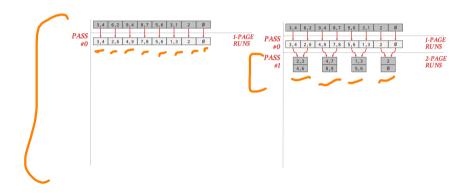
- Recursively merge pairs of runs into runs **twice** as long.
- Use three buffer pages (2 for input pages, 1 for output).

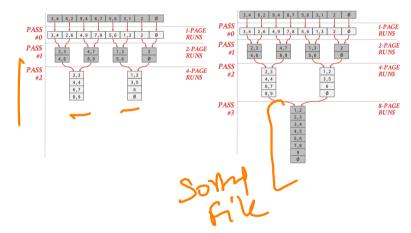






- In each pass, we read and write each page in file.
- Number of passes = $1 + \lceil \log_2 N \rceil$
- Total I/O cost = $2N \times (Number of passes)$





- This algorithm only requires three buffer pages to perform the sorting ($\underline{\mathbf{B=3}}$).
- But even if we have more buffer space available ($\underline{B>3}$), it does not effectively utilize them.

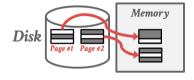
Double Buffering Optimization

Prefetch the next run in the background and store it in a second buffer while the system is processing the current run.

Reduces the wait time for I/O requests at each step by continuously utilizing the disk.

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General External Merge Sort

- Pass 0
 - ightharpoonup Use $\underline{\mathbf{B}}$ buffer pages.
 - Produce N / B sorted runs of size B
- Pass 1,2,3,...
 - ► Merge <u>**B-1**</u> runs (*i.e.*, K-way merge).
- Number of passes = $1 + \lceil \log_{B-1} N/B \rceil$
- Total I/O Cost = $2N \times (Number of passes)$

K-Way Merge Algorithm

- Input: K sorted sub-arrays
- Output: 1 sorted array
 - ightharpoonup Efficiently compute the minimum element of all $\underline{\mathbf{K}}$ sub-arrays.
 - Repeatedly transfer that element to output array
- Internally maintain a heap to efficiently compute minimum element.

Example

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- Sort 108 pages with 5 buffer pages: N=108, B=5
- Pass 0: N/B = 108/5 = 22 sorted runs of 5 pages each (last run is only 3 pages).
- Pass 1: $\overline{N'/B-1} = 22/4 = 6$ sorted runs of 20 pages each (last run is only 8 pages).
- Pass 2: $\overline{N''/B-1} = 6/4 = 2$ sorted runs, first one has 80 pages and second one has 28 pages.
 - Pass 3: Sorted file of 108 pages.
- $1 + \log_{B-1} N/B = 1 + \lceil \log_4 22 \rceil = 1 + \lceil 2.229 \rceil = 4$ passes





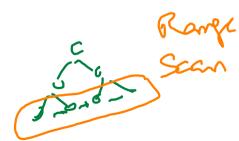
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Tree-based Sorting

Using B+Trees for Sorting



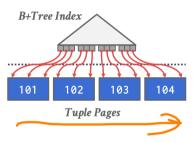
- If the table that must be sorted already has a B+Tree index on the sort attribute(s), then we can use that to accelerate sorting.
- Retrieve tuples in desired sort order by simply traversing the leaf pages of the tree.
- Cases to consider:

Clustered B+Tree Unclustered B+Tree



Case 1 – Clustered B+Tree

- Traverse to the left-most leaf page, and then retrieve tuples from all leaf pages.
- This is always better than external sorting because there is no computational cost and all disk access is sequential.

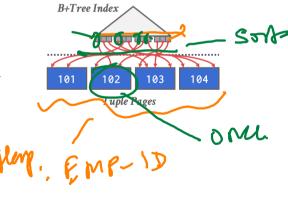


Case 2 – Unclustered B+Tree

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- Chase each pointer to the page that contains the data.
- This is almost always a bad idea. In general, one I/O per data record.



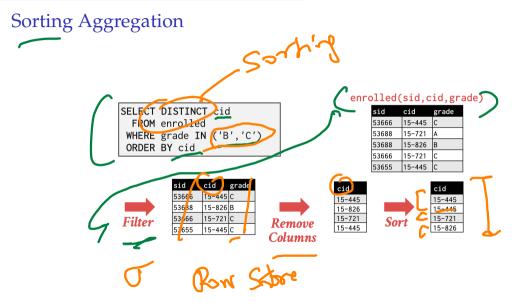
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Aggregation

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- Collapse multiple tuples into a single scalar value.
- Two implementation choices:
 - Sorting Hashing



Sorting Aggregation

Grouping - HAVING N= 1
Sorry - WHERE N= 1
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SELECT DISTINCT cid FROM enrolled WHERE grade IN ('B','C') ORDER BY cid

sid	cid	grade
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53688	15-721	A
53688	15-826	В
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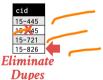


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Alternatives to Sorting

- What if we do not need the data to be ordered? S. T() G W

 Forming groups in GROUP BY (no ordering)

 Removing duplicates in DISTINCT (no ordering)
- Hashing is a better alternative in this scenario.
 - Only need to remove duplicates, no need for ordering.
 - May be computationally cheaper than sorting.

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Hashing Aggregate

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- Populate an **ephemera** hash table as the DBMS scans the table.
- For each record, check whether there is already an entry in the hash table:
 - ► GROUP BY: Perform aggregate computation.
 - ► DISTINCT: Discard duplicates.
- If everything fits in memory, then it is easy.
- If the DBMS must spill data to disk, then we need to be smarter.



External Hashing Aggregate

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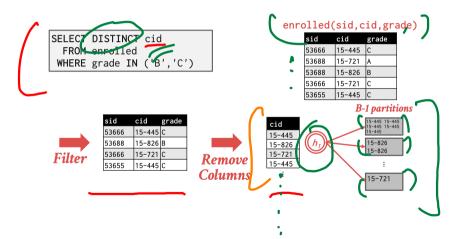
- Phase 1 Partition
 - Divide tuples into buckets based on hash key.
 - Write them out to disk when they get full.
- Phase 2 ReHash
 - Build in-memory hash table for each partition and compute the aggregation.

Phase 1 – Partition

- Use a hash function h₁ to split tuples into partitions on disk.
 - ▶ We know that all matches live in the same partition.
 - Partitions are spilled to disk via output buffers.
- Assume that we have **B** buffers.
- We will use $\underline{B-1}$ buffers for the partitions and $\underline{1}$ buffer for the input data.

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Phase 1 – Partition

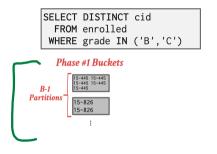


- For each partition on disk:
 - Read it into memory and build an in-memory hash table based on a second hash function h₂.
 - h₂.

 Then go through each bucket of this hash table to bring together matching tuples.

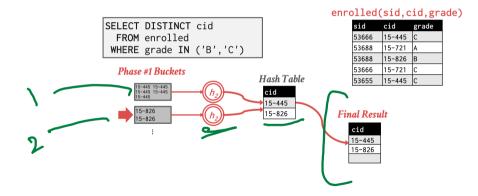
This assumes that each partition fits in memory.

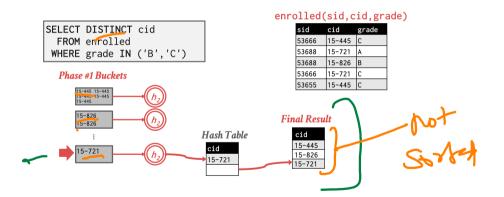




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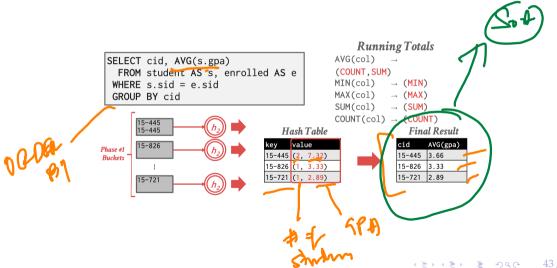


Hashing Summarization

orm (GroupKev ---> RunningVal)

- During the ReHash phase, store pairs of the form (GroupKey \longrightarrow RunningVal)
- When we want to insert a new tuple into the hash table:
 - ▶ If we find a matching GroupKey, just update the RunningVal appropriately
 - ► Else insert a new GroupKey → RunningVal

Hashing Summarization



Conclusion

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- Choice of sorting vs. hashing is subtle and depends on optimizations done in each case.
- Next Class
 - Nested Loop JoinSort-Merge Join

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