

Query Processing (II)

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DBMS: Operator execution

Purpose:

Execute a dataflow by operation on tuples and files.

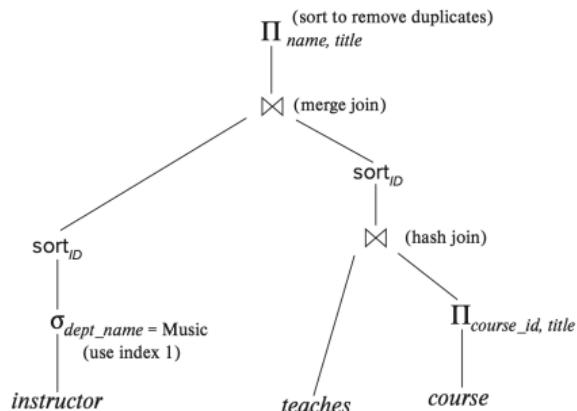


Figure: DBMS architecture



Recap

- Tables: R, S
- Tuples: t_r, t_s
- Number of tuples: $|R|, |S|$
- Number of pages: $P(R), P(S)$
- Number of available buffer pool pages: B
- Cost metric: number of I/O's

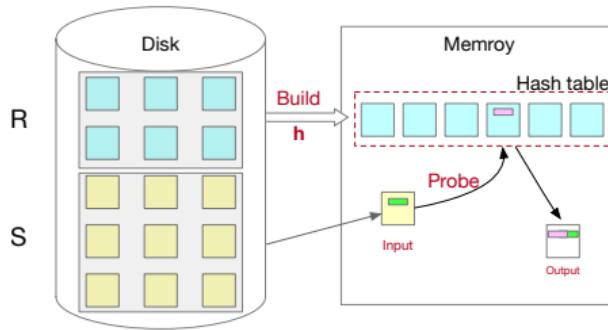


Hash join

- Applicable for **equi-joins** and **natural joins**, e.g., $R \bowtie_{R.A=S.B} S$.
- If $t_1 \in R$ and $t_2 \in S$ can join, then they have the same value on the join attributes.
- Use a hash function **h** to partition both relations.
- Compute the join results **on each partition**.



Basic in-memory hash join



- **Build phase:** scan the outer table R and construct a hash table using a hash function h on the join attributes.
- **Probe phase:** scan the inner table S and use h on each tuple $t \in S$ to jump to the location in the hash table and find a matching tuple.
- **Cost:** $P(R) + P(S)$.
- **Assumption:** $B \geq P(R) + 2$ or roughly the outer table R can fit in memory.

▶ Hash join: partition phase

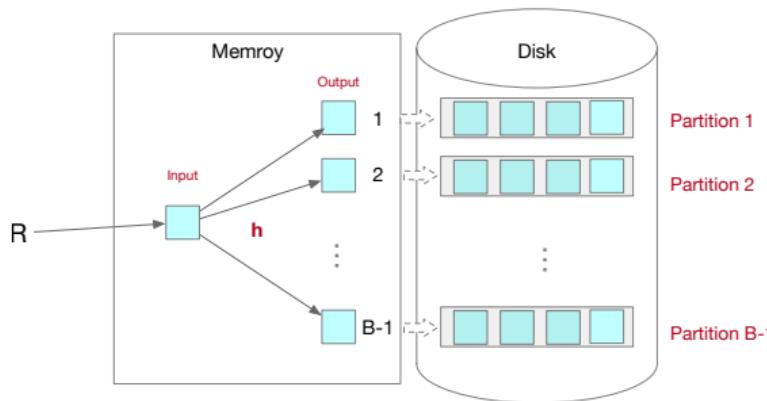
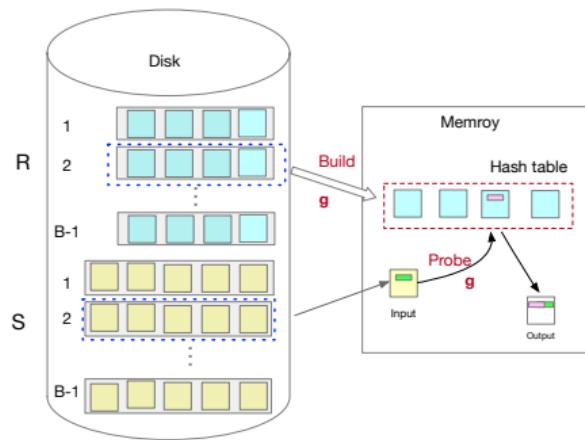


Figure: Partition R with h (need to do the same for S)

- Partition both R into $B - 1$ partitions, using a hash function h on the join attributes.
- A block/page is reserved as the output buffer for each partition.
- Partition table S in the same way.

► Hash join: build & probe phase



- Read each **partition R_i** of **R** and build a hash table using another hash function **g** .
 - The hash functions **g** and **h** must be **different**. Why?
- Read the corresponding partition **S_i** of **S** in a per-page basis; then probe and join.
- R is the **build relation** and S is the **probe relation**.



Cost analysis

- **Cost:** $3(P(R) + P(S))$
- **Assumption.** Partition phase divides table R into $(B - 1)$ partitions evenly. That is, each partition of R has $\lceil P(R)/B - 1 \rceil$ pages.
- Build & probe requires $\lceil P(R)/B - 1 \rceil \leq B - 2$, i.e., every partition of R fits into memory.
- $P(R) \leq (B - 1)(B - 2) \approx B^2$. Thus roughly $B \geq \sqrt{P(R)}$.
- We have no size requirement for the probe relation S .
 - Use the smaller input as the build relation R .

Question. What if a partition is too large for memory?



Hash-based algorithms

- Union, intersection, difference.
 - More or less like hash join.
- Duplicate elimination.
 - Eliminate duplicates within each partition.
- Group by aggregation.
 - (i) Use hash functions to the group-by columns.
 - (ii) Tuples in the same group will hash to the same partition.

Index nested loop join

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1. for each tuple t_r in R do
 2. for each tuple t_s in $\text{Index}(t_r.A)$ do
 3. add $t_r \bowtie t_s$ to the result
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Figure: Algorithm for $R \bowtie_{R.A=S.B} S$, using an index of S on attribute B

- **Cost analysis:** $P(R) + |R| * C$.
- C is the I/O cost of an index lookup, which is 2 – 4 I/O's typically.
- If both R and S support index lookup, better pick the smaller one as the outer relation.

Join algorithms (recap)

Algorithms	I/O costs
Naive Nested Loop Join	$P(R) + R * P(S)$
Block Nested Loop Join	$P(R) + P(R) * P(S)$
Indexed Nested Loop Join	$P(R) + R * C$
Merge Join	$P(R) + P(S)$
In-memory Hash Join	$P(R) + P(S)$
Hash Join	$3 * (P(R) + P(S))$

Table: Algorithms for $R \bowtie S$

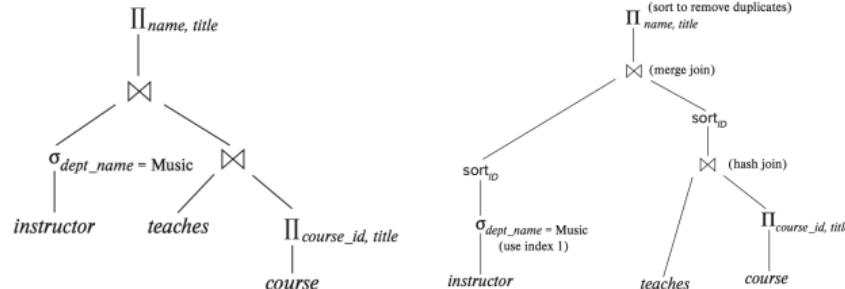


Query Processing Model



Query processing overview

```
SELECT name, title  
FROM instructor natural join teaches  
    natural join course  
WHERE dept_name = 'Music';
```



- Each node of a **logical plan** is a relational operator.
- Each node of a **physical plan** represents an **operator algorithm**.
- Data flows from the leaves of the physical plan tree **up towards** the root.



Processing model

A DBMS's **processing model** defines how the system executes a physical query plan.

Materialization Model

- Compute the tree bottom-up.
- Children write intermediate results to temporary files.
- Parents read temporary files.

Iterator Model

- Do not materialize intermediate results.
- Children pipeline their results to parents.
- Also known as **volcano model** or **pipeline model**.

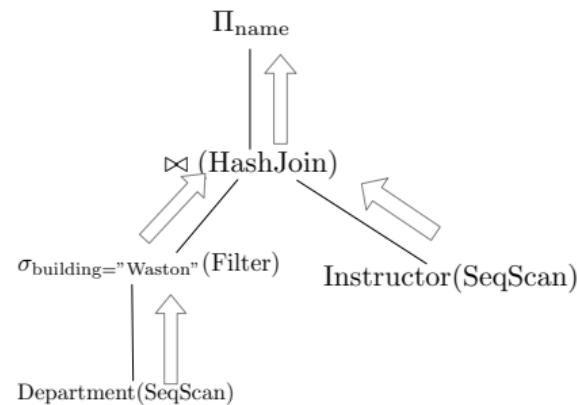
Materialization model

- Evaluate one operator at a time, starting at the leaves.
- Use intermediate results materialized into temporary relations to evaluate next-level operators.

Example.

```
SELECT name  
FROM department NATURAL JOIN instructor  
WHERE department.building="Watson"
```

- Good for queries that touches a few records at a time, e.g., OLTP workload.
- Not good for OLAP queries with large intermediate results.





Iterator model

Every operator maintains its own `execution state` and implements a `next_tuple` method.

```
class Operator {  
public:  
    virtual Status init() = 0;  
    virtual Status next_tuple(Tuple &tuple) = 0;  
};
```

Figure: Operator Iterator Interface

One each invocation, the operator

- Return the next tuple in the result
- Or return a null pointer if there are no more tuples.
- Adjust state to allow subsequent tuples to be obtained.



Iterator model example (1): SeqScan Operator

```
class SeqScanOperator : public Operator {
public:
    SeqScanOperator(Table *table) : table(table) {}
    Status init() override {
        iter = table->begin();
        return Status::InitOk;
    }
    Status next_tuple(Tuple &tuple) override {
        if (iter != table->end()) {
            tuple = iter.get_tuple();
            iter = iter.forward();
            return Status::HaveMoreOutput;
        }
        return Status::Finished;
    }
private:
    Table *table;
    TableIterator iter;
};
```



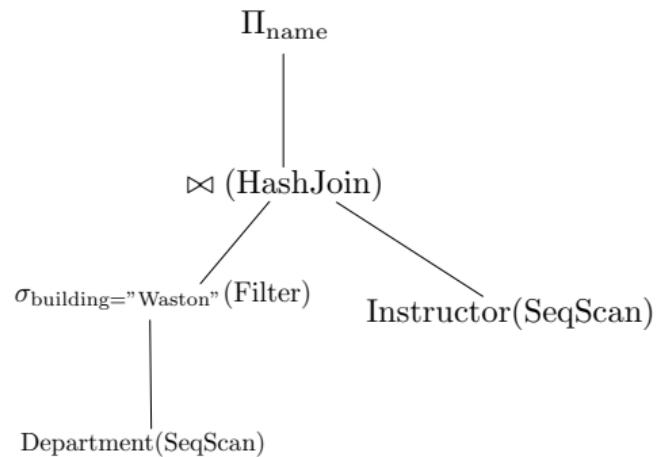
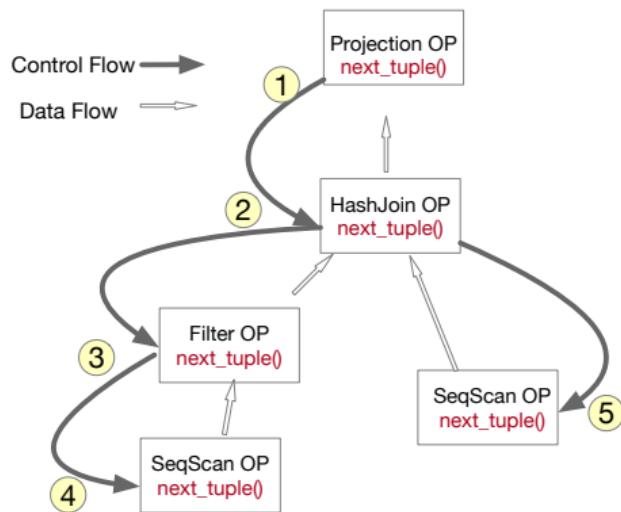
Iterator model example (2): Filter Operator

```
class FilterOperator : public Operator {
public:
    FilterOperator(Operator *child, Expression *predicate)
        : child(child), predicate(predicate) {}
    Status init() override { return child->init(); }
    Status next_tuple(Tuple &tuple) override {
        Status status;
        Tuple child_tuple;
        while ((status = child->next_tuple(child_tuple)) ==
               Status::HaveMoreOutput) {
            if (predicate->eval(child_tuple) == BooleanValue::True()) {
                tuple = child_tuple;
                return Status::HaveMoreOutput;
            }
        }
        return status;
    }
    ...
};
```

Iterator model example (3): HashJoin Operator

```
    Status next_tuple(Tuple &tuple) override {
        while (true) {
            switch (state) {
                case HashJoinState::Build:
                    // TODO: use the left table to build a hash table
                    state = HashJoinState::ProbeRight;
                    break;
                case HashJoinState::ProbeRight:
                    // TODO: use the left table to probe
                    if (status != Status::HaveMoreOutput) { return status; }
                    break;
                case HashJoinState::MatchLeft:
                    // TODO: join
                    state = HashJoinState::ProbeRight;
                    break;
            }
        }
    }
```

Iterator model example: put it together



- **Pull-based execution:** (i) Call `next_tuple()` repeatedly on the root; (ii) Iterators recursively call `next_tuple()` on the inputs.
- Some operators have to **block** until their children emit all of their tuples, e.g., **Joins, Sort**.

► Vectorization model

Like the iterator model, every operator maintains its own **execution state** and implements a **next_chunk** method¹.

```
class Operator {  
public:  
    virtual Status init() = 0;  
    // A DataChunk contains multiple arrays (i.e. column segments)  
    virtual Status next_chunk(DataChunk &chunk) = 0;  
};
```

- Each invocation emits a batch of tuples instead of a single tuple.
- Ideal for OLAP workloads since it greatly reduces the number of invocations per operator.
- Allows for operators to use vectorized (**SIMD**) instructions to process batches of tuples.

¹See canvas for an example.