Database Systems Architecture

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Objective:

To obtain insight into the internal operation and implementation of systems designed to manage and process large amounts of data ("database management systems").

- Storage management
- Query processing
- Transaction management

Examples of data management systems:

- Relational DBMSs
- NoSQL DBMS
- Graph databases
- Stream processing systems/Complex event processing systems
- Distributed compute engines, e.g. Spark, Flink, ... (to some extent)
- But also: parts of Machine Learning systems

Focus on relational DBMS, with discussion on how the foundational ideas of relational DBMSs are modified in other systems

Why is this interesting?

- Understand how typical data management systems work
- Predict data management system behavior, tune its performance
- Many of the techniques studied transfer to settings other than data management systems

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(MMORPGs, Financial market analysis, distributed computation, ...)
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What this course is not:

- Introduction to databases
- Focused on particular DBMS (Oracle, IBM,...)

Organisation

- Combination of lectures; exercise sessions; guided self-study; and project work.
- Evaluation: project and written exam

Course material

- Database Systems: The Complete Book (H. Garcia-Molina, J. D. Ullman, and J. Widom) second edition
- Course notes (available on website)

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Course Prerequisites

An introductory course on relational database systems

- Understanding of the Relational Algebra
- Understanding of SQL

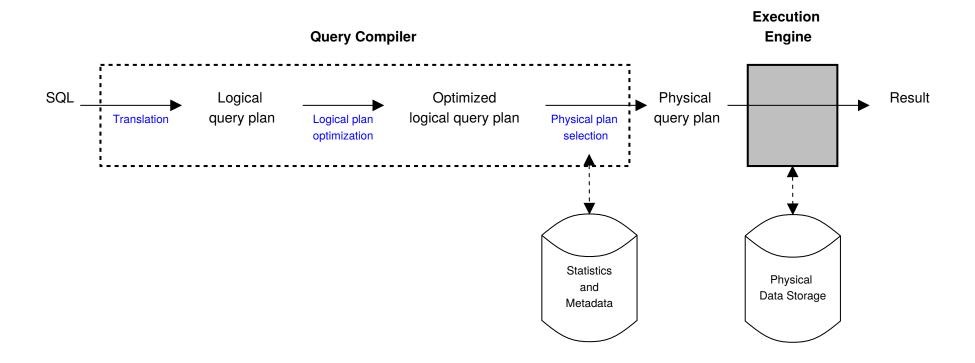
Background on basic data structures and algorithms

- Search trees
- Hashing
- ullet Analysis of algorithms: worst-case complexity and big-oh notation (e.g., $O(n^3)$)
- Basic knowledge of what it means to be NP-complete

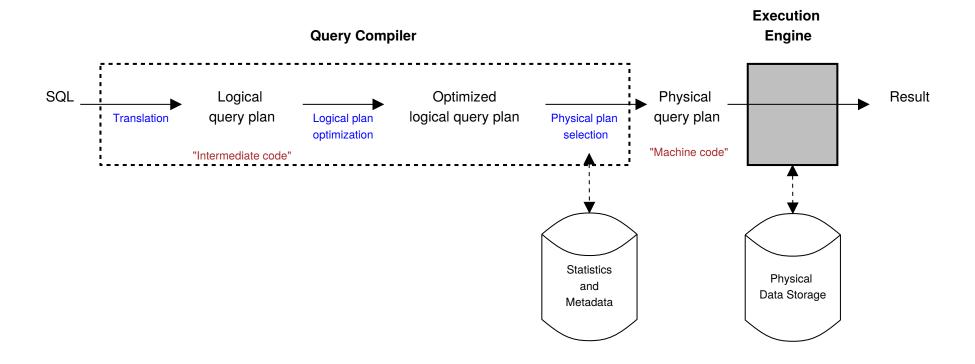
Proficiency in Programming (Java or C/C++)

• Necessary for completing the project assignment

Query processing: overview



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Translation of SQL into Relational Algebra From SQL text to logical query plans

Translation of SQL into relational algebra: overview

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We will only show how to translate SQL-92 queries

And we adopt a set-based semantics of SQL. (In contrast, real SQL is bag-based.)

What will we use as logical query plans?

The extended relational algebra (interpreted over sets).

Prerequisites

- SQL: see chapter 6 in TCB
- Extended relational algebra: chapter 5 in TCB

Relations are tables whose columns have names, called attributes

The set of all attributes of a relation is called the schema of the relation.

The rows in a relation are called tuples.

A relation is set-based if it does not contain duplicate tuples. It is called bag-based otherwise.

Unless specified otherwise, we assume that relations are set-based.

Each Relational Algebra operator takes as input 1 or more relations, and produces a new relation.

Union (set-based)

Input relations must have the same schema (same set of attributes)

Intersection (set-based)

Input relations must have same set of attributes

Difference (set-based)

Input relations must have same set of attributes

Selection

$$\sigma_{A>=3} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c} A & B \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{array}$$

Projection (set-based)

$$\pi_{A,C} \begin{pmatrix} A & B & C & D \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & C \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Cartesian product

Input relations must have disjoint schema (set of attributes)

Natural Join

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Theta Join

Renaming

$$\rho_T \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{c|c} T.A & T.B \\ \hline 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{array}$$

Renaming specifies that the input relation (and its attributes) should be given a new name.

Relational algebra expressions:

- Built using relation variables
- And relational algebra operators

$$\sigma_{\texttt{length} \geq 100}(\texttt{Movie}) \bowtie_{\texttt{title=movietitle}} \texttt{StarsIn}$$

The extended relational algebra

Adds some operators to the algebra (sorting, grouping, ...) and extends others (projection).

Grouping:

$$\gamma_{A,\min(B)\to D} \begin{pmatrix}
A & B & C \\
\hline
1 & 2 & a \\
1 & 3 & b \\
2 & 3 & c \\
2 & 4 & a \\
2 & 5 & a
\end{pmatrix} =
\begin{matrix}
A & D \\
\hline
1 & 2 \\
2 & 3
\end{matrix}$$

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Extend projection to allow renaming of attributes:

$$\pi_{A,C\to D} \begin{pmatrix} A & B & C & D \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 5 \\ 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A & D \\ \hline 1 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Projection (bag-based)

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The other operators are straightforwardly extended to bags: simply do the same operation, taking into account duplicates

Translation of SQL into relational algebra: overview

SQL Stream Abstract Lexical of tokens Syntactic Analysis Analysis Analysis Abstract Syntax Tree Transformation query plan "Intermediate code"

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In the examples that follow, we will use the following database:

- Movie(title: string, year: int, length: int, genre: string, studioName: string, producerC#: int)
- MovieStar(name: string, address: string, gender: char, birthdate: date)
- StarsIn(movieTitle: string, movieYear: string, starName: string)
- MovieExec(name: string, address: string, CERT#: int, netWorth: int)
- Studio(name: string, address: string, presC#: int)

Select-from-where statements without subqueries

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FROM StarsIn S, MovieStar M

WHERE S.starName = M.name AND M.birthdate = 1960

Algebra: ???

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Select statements in general contain subqueries

```
SELECT movieTitle FROM StarsIn S
WHERE S.starName IN (SELECT name
FROM MovieStar
WHERE birthdate=1960)
```

Subqueries in the where-clause

Occur through the operators =, <, >, <=, >=, <>; through the quantifiers ANY, or ALL; or through the operators EXISTS and IN and their negations NOT EXISTS and NOT IN.

We can always normalize subqueries to use only EXISTS and NOT EXISTS

```
SELECT movieTitle FROM StarsIn

WHERE starName IN (SELECT name
FROM MovieStar
WHERE birthdate=1960)
```

⇒ SELECT movieTitle FROM StarsIn

WHERE EXISTS (SELECT name

FROM MovieStar

WHERE birthdate=1960 AND name=starName)

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⇒ SELECT name FROM MovieExec

WHERE NOT EXISTS(SELECT E.netWorth

FROM MovieExec E

WHERE netWorth < E.netWorth)

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```
SELECT C FROM S
WHERE C IN (SELECT SUM(B) FROM R
GROUP BY A)
```

 \Rightarrow ???

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```
⇒ SELECT C FROM S

WHERE EXISTS (SELECT SUM(B) FROM R

GROUP BY A

HAVING SUM(B) = C)
```

Translating subqueries - First step: normalization

- Before translating a query we first normalize it such that all of the subqueries that occur in a WHERE condition are of the form EXISTS or NOT EXISTS.
- We may hence assume without loss of generality in what follows that all subqueries in a WHERE condition are of the form EXISTS or NOT EXISTS.

Correlated subqueries

A subquery can refer to attributes of relations that are introduced in an outer query.

```
SELECT movieTitle
FROM StarsIn S
WHERE EXISTS (SELECT name
FROM MovieStar
WHERE birthdate=1960 AND name=S.starName)
```

Definition

- We call such subqueries correlated subqueries.
- The "outer" relations from which the correlated subquery uses some attributes are called the context relations of the subquery.
- The set of all attributes of all context relations of a subquery are called the parameters of the subquery.

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Translation of correlated select-from-where subqueries

2. Next, we translate the FROM clause of the outer query. This gives us:

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3. We "synchronize" these subresults by means of a join. From the subquery we only need to retain the parameter attributes.

$$(\boldsymbol{\rho_S}(\texttt{StarsIn}) \times \boldsymbol{\rho_M}(\texttt{Movie})) \bowtie \\ \boldsymbol{\pi_{\texttt{S.movieTitle,S.movieYear,S.starName}}} \boldsymbol{\sigma_{\text{birthdate}=1960}}_{\texttt{\land name}=\texttt{S.starName}} \\ (\texttt{MovieStar} \times \boldsymbol{\rho_S}(\texttt{StarsIn}))$$

Translation of correlated select-from-where subqueries

4. We can simplify this by omitting the first $\rho_S(StarsIn)$

$$\begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{M}(\texttt{Movie}) \bowtie \\ \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\texttt{S.movieTitle,S.movieYear,S.starName}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\substack{\texttt{birthdate} = 1960 \\ \land \texttt{name} = \texttt{S.starName}}} \\ (\texttt{MovieStar} \times \boldsymbol{\rho}_{S}(\texttt{StarsIn})) \end{array}$$

Translation of correlated select-from-where subqueries

5. Finally, we translate the remaining subquery-free conditions in the WHERE clause, as well as the SELECT list

```
\begin{aligned} \pmb{\pi}_{\texttt{S.movieTitle},\texttt{M.studioName}} & \sigma_{\texttt{S.movieYear}>=2000 \land \texttt{S.movieTitle}=\texttt{M.title}} \\ & \left( \pmb{\rho}_{M}(\texttt{Movie}) \bowtie \pmb{\pi}_{\texttt{S.movieTitle},\texttt{S.movieYear},\texttt{S.starName}} \right. \\ & \left. \pmb{\sigma}_{\substack{\texttt{birthdate}=1960 \\ \land \texttt{name}=\texttt{S.starName}}} \left( \texttt{MovieStar} \times \pmb{\rho}_{S}(\texttt{StarsIn}) \right) \right) \end{aligned}
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Here, the antijoin $R \bowtie S \equiv R - (R \bowtie S)$.

Simplification is not possible: we cannot remove the first $\rho_S(\texttt{StarsIn})$.

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SELECT Select-list FROM From-list WHERE \psi AND EXISTS(Q) AND \cdots AND NOT EXISTS(P) AND \cdots
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SELECT Select-list FROM From-list WHERE A=B AND NOT(EXISTS(Q) AND C<6)
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1. We first transform the condition into disjunctive normal form:

```
SELECT Select-list FROM From-list
WHERE (A=B AND NOT EXISTS(Q)) OR (A=B AND C>=6)
```

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2. We then distribute the OR.

```
(SELECT Select-list FROM From-list
WHERE (A=B AND NOT EXISTS(Q)))
UNION
(SELECT Select-list FROM From-list
WHERE (A=B AND C>=6))
```

Union, intersection, and difference

```
SQL: (SELECT * FROM R R1) INTERSECT (SELECT * FROM R R2)
```

Algebra: $\rho_{R_1}(R) \cap \rho_{R_2}(R)$

SQL: (SELECT * FROM R R1) UNION (SELECT * FROM R R2)

Algebra: $\rho_{R_1}(R) \cup \rho_{R_2}(R)$

SQL: (SELECT * FROM R R1) EXCEPT (SELECT * FROM R R2)

Algebra: $\boldsymbol{\rho}_{R_1}(R) - \boldsymbol{\rho}_{R_2}(R)$

Union, intersection, and difference in subqueries

Consider the relations R(A, B) and S(C).

```
SELECT S1.C, S2.C
FROM S S1, S S2
WHERE EXISTS (
   (SELECT R1.A, R1.B FROM R R1
   WHERE A = S1.C AND B = S2.C)
UNION
   (SELECT R2.A, R2.B FROM R R2
   WHERE B = S1.C)
)
```

In this case we translate the subquery as follows:

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_{S_1.C,S_2.C,R_1.A\to A,R_1.B\to B} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\substack{A=S_1.C\\ \land B=S_2.C}} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_{R_1}(R)\times \boldsymbol{\rho}_{S_1}(S)\times \boldsymbol{\rho}_{S_2}(S))$$

$$\cup \boldsymbol{\pi}_{S_1.C,S_2.C,R_2.A\to A,R_2.B\to B} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{B=S_1.C} (\boldsymbol{\rho}_{R_2}(R)\times \boldsymbol{\rho}_{S_1}(S)\times \boldsymbol{\rho}_{S_2}(S))$$

Join-expressions

```
SQL: (SELECT * FROM R R1) CROSS JOIN (SELECT * FROM R R2)
```

Algebra: $\rho_{R_1}(R) \times \rho_{R_2}(R)$

Algebra:
$$\boldsymbol{\rho}_{R_1}(R) \underset{R_1,A=R_2,B}{\bowtie} \boldsymbol{\rho}_{R_2}(R)$$

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   WHERE B = S1.C)
)
```

In this case we translate the subquery as follows:

$$\begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{S_1.C,S_2.C,R_1.A,R_1.B} \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{A=S_1.C \atop \wedge B=S_2.C} \, (\boldsymbol{\rho}_{R_1}(R) \times \boldsymbol{\rho}_{S_1}(S) \times \boldsymbol{\rho}_{S_2}(S)) \\ & \bowtie \boldsymbol{\pi}_{S_1.C,R_2.A,R_2.B} \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{B=S_1.C} \, (\boldsymbol{\rho}_{R_2}(R) \times \boldsymbol{\rho}_{S_1}(S)) \end{array}$$

GROUP BY and HAVING

```
SQL: SELECT name, SUM(length) FROM MovieExec, Movie WHERE cert# = producerC# GROUP BY name HAVING MIN(year) < 1930 \pi_{\text{name},\text{SUM(length)}} \sigma_{\text{MIN(year)} < 1930} \gamma_{\text{name},\text{MIN(year)},\text{SUM(length)}} \sigma_{\text{cert#=producerC#}} (\text{MovieExec} \times \text{Movie})
```

Subqueries in the From-list

```
SQL: SELECT movieTitle
```

FROM StarsIn, (SELECT name FROM MovieStar

WHERE birthdate = 1960) M

WHERE starName = M.name

Algebra:

$$oldsymbol{\pi}_{ exttt{movieTitle}}oldsymbol{\sigma}_{ exttt{starName}= exttt{M.name}}(exttt{StarsIn}$$

 $\times \, \boldsymbol{\rho}_{\texttt{M}} \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\texttt{name}} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\texttt{birthdate}=1960}(\texttt{MovieStar}))$

Lateral subqueries in SQL-99

```
SELECT S.movieTitle
FROM (SELECT name FROM MovieStar
     WHERE birthdate = 1960) M,
    LATERAL
     (SELECT movieTitle
     FROM StarsIn
     WHERE starName = M.name) S
```

1. We first translate the first subquery

$$E_1 = \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\mathtt{name}} \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathtt{birthdate}=1960}(\mathtt{MovieStar}).$$

2. We then translate the second subquery, which has E_1 as context relation:

$$E_2 = \rho_S \boldsymbol{\pi}_{\mathtt{name},\mathtt{movieTitle}} \, \boldsymbol{\sigma}_{\mathtt{starName} = \mathtt{M.name}} (\mathtt{StarsIn} \times E_1).$$

3. Finally, we translate the whole FROM-clause by means of a join due to the correlation:

$$\pi_{\mathtt{movieTitle}}(E_1 \bowtie E_2).$$

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4. In this example, however, all relevant tuples of E_1 are already contained in the result of E_2 , and we can hence simplify:

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_{\mathtt{movieTitle}}(E_2).$$

Subqueries in the select-list

Consider again the relations R(A,B) and S(C), and assume that A is a key for R. The following query is then permitted:

```
SELECT C, (SELECT B FROM R WHERE A=C)
FROM S
```

Such queries can be rewritten as queries with LATERAL subqueries in the from-list:

```
SELECT C, T.B

FROM (SELECT C FROM S),

LATERAL

(SELECT B FROM R

WHERE A=C) T
```

We can hence first rewrite them in LATERAL form, and subsequently translate the rewritten query into the relational algebra.