CS 133: Databases

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Goals for Today

- Learn about the components of query processing and idea of different algorithms for relational operators
- Understand the importance of **out-of-core** a.k.a. **external** sorting and hashing algorithms
- Reason about the I/O cost of sorting or hashing algorithms given size of relations and available buffer pool space

Simplified RDBMS Architecture



Cost-based Query Sub-System







General External Merge Sort: Passes 1, 2, ...

- In each of Pass 1, 2, etc.: merge B-1 runs
 - Creates runs of (B-1) * (size of runs from previous pass)



Number of Passes with External Sort (with *B* Buffer Frames and *N* pages)

Ν	B=3	B=5	B=9	B=17	B=129	B=257
100	7	4	3	2	1	1
1,000	10	5	4	3	2	2
10,000	13	7	5	4	2	2
100,000	17	9	6	5	3	3
1,000,000	20	10	7	5	3	3
10,000,000	23	12	8	6	4	3
100,000,000	26	14	9	7	4	4
1,000,000,000	30	15	10	8	5	4

Cost of External Merge Sort

- Cost = 2N * (# of passes)
 - In each pass, read and write each page of file
 - (N is size of relation in pages)
- Try Exercise (2-3)
- E.g., with 5 buffer pages, to sort 108 page file:
 Pass 0: [108 / 5]= 22 sorted runs of 5 pages each (last only 3)
 - Pass 1: [22 / 4] = 6 sorted runs of 20 pages each (last only 8)
 - Pass 2: yields 2 sorted runs, 80 pages and 28 pages
 - Pass 3: yields one sorted run of 108 pages
- Number of passes: $1 + \lceil \log_{B-1} \lceil N / B \rceil \rceil$ - Formula check: $1 + \lceil \log_{4} 22_{1} = 1 + 3 \rightarrow 4$ passes

Algorithm for Internal Sort

- Quicksort is a fast way to sort in memory.
- An alternative is "tournament sort" (a.k.a. "heap sort")
 - Idea: create initial sorted runs that are longer than B pages
 - See book for more...





Alternative: Hashing

- We do not always require *order* for tuples
 - Removing duplicates
 - Forming groups
- Just need "like" things to be together
 - Hashing!
 - But how to build hash table without staying in RAM?

External Hashing: Divide and Conquer

- **Divide**: Use a hash function h_p to separate records into disk-based partitions
- Conquer: Read partitions into RAM-based hash table one at a time
 - For each partition, hash with *another* hash function h_r
- Note: Two different hash functions: $h_{\rm p}$ is coarser-grained than $h_{\rm r}$

Projection: DupElim Based on Hashing

- Partition phase:
 - Read relation using one input buffer frame, retaining only necessary fields for projection
 - Hashing on h_p to yield B-1 partitions



Projection: DupElim Based on Hashing

- Duplicate Elimination phase
- For each partition:
 - Read in pages
 - Build an in-memory hash table, using second hash function h., and eliminating duplicates as you go
- If a partition does not entirely fit in buffer pool, need to recursively partition before this phase



Note: ignoring small overhead in memory for hash data structure

Example: Hashing DupElim

- Cost for Projection with DupElim using hashing?
 - Assume each of the partitions formed in first pass fits in buffer pool...
- For *Reserves* query:
 - Read 1000 pages
 - Write out partitions of projected tuples
 250 pages, because 25% of record retained
 - Read and do duplicate elimination on each partition
 total 250 page reads
- Total : 1000 + 250 + 250 = 1500 I/Os.