



Query Optimization

2. Exercise

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Exercise 1

For relations R_1 , R_2 , predicates p_1 , p_2 , $\mathcal{F}(p_1) \subseteq \mathcal{A}(R_1)$ and assuming set semantics.

- Prove the following equivalence:

$$\sigma_{p_1}(R_1 \bowtie_{p_2} R_2) = \sigma_{p_1}(R_1) \bowtie_{p_2} R_2$$

- Does the equivalence also hold for outer joins? Justify your answer.

$$\sigma_{p_1}(R_1 \ltimes_{p_2} R_2) \stackrel{?}{=} \sigma_{p_1}(R_1) \ltimes_{p_2} R_2$$

Exercise 2

Given $|R_1|$, $|R_2|$, the domain of $R_1.x$ and $R_2.y$, and the information if $R_1.x$ and/or $R_2.y$ are keys of R_1 and R_2 .

1. How can we estimate the selectivity of $\sigma_{R_1.x=c}$, where c is a constant?
2. How can we estimate the selectivity of $\bowtie_{R_1.x=R_2.y}$?

Note that we don't know the output size of $\sigma_{R_1.x=c}$ ($\bowtie_{R_1.x=R_2.y}$, respectively), so we can't simply use the definition of selectivity.

Exercise 3

Given are two relations R and S , with sizes 1,000 and 100,000 pages respectively. Each page has 50 tuples. The relations are stored on a disk, the average access time for the disk is 10 ms and the transfer speed is 10,000 pages/sec. How long does it take to perform the Nested Loops Join of R and S ? How long does it take to perform the Block Nested Loops Join with a block size of 100 pages? Assume that CPU costs are negligible and ignore I/O costs for the join output.