

# CSE544

# Data Management

Lectures 9-10

Advanced Query Processing

# Discuss the paper

- Why do they use the IMDB database instead of TPC-H?
- Do cardinality estimators typically under- or over-estimate?
- From cardinality to cost: how critical is that?

# Single Table Estimation

	median	90th	95th	max
PostgreSQL	1.00	2.08	6.10	207
DBMS A	1.01	1.33	1.98	43.4
DBMS B	1.00	6.03	30.2	104000
DBMS C	1.06	1677	5367	20471
HyPer	1.02	4.47	8.00	2084

**Table 1: Q-errors for base table selections**

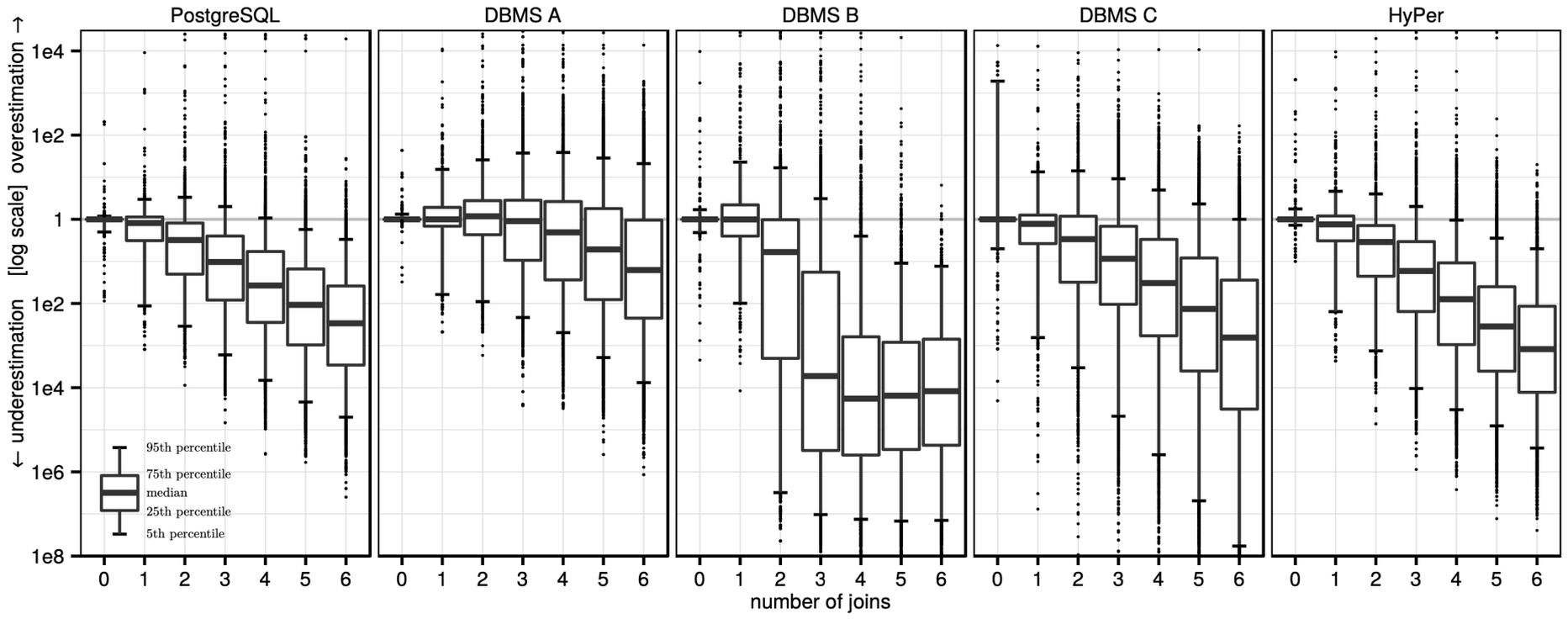
Discuss histograms v.s. samples

# Single Table Estimation

- 1d Histograms: accurate for selection on a single equality or range predicate; poor for multiple predicates; useless for LIKE
- Samples: great for correlations, or predicates like LIKE; poor for low selectivity predicates: estimate is 0, then use "magic constants"

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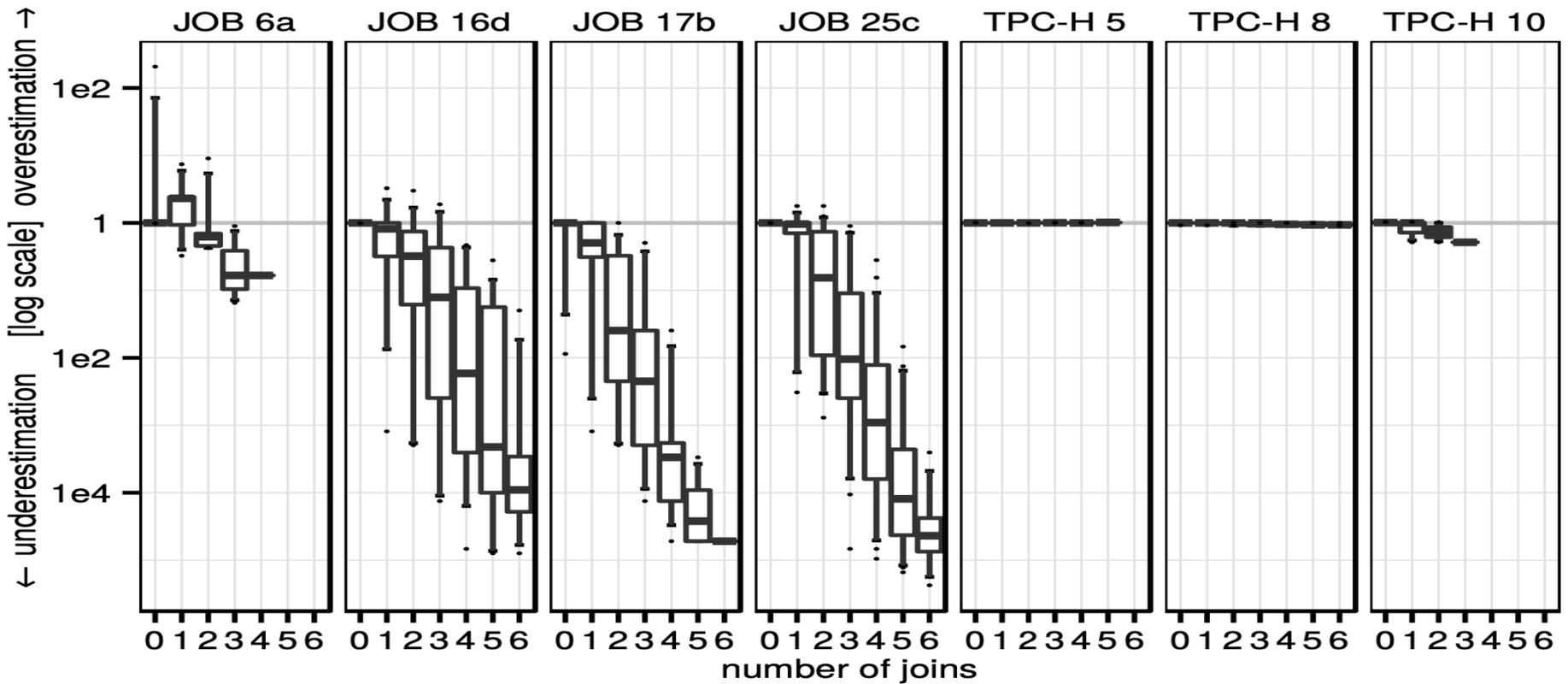
# Joins (0 to 6)



**Figure 3: Quality of cardinality estimates for multi-join queries in comparison with the true cardinalities. Each boxplot summarizes the error distribution of all subexpressions with a particular size (over all queries in the workload)**

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# TPC-H v.s. Real Data (IMDB)



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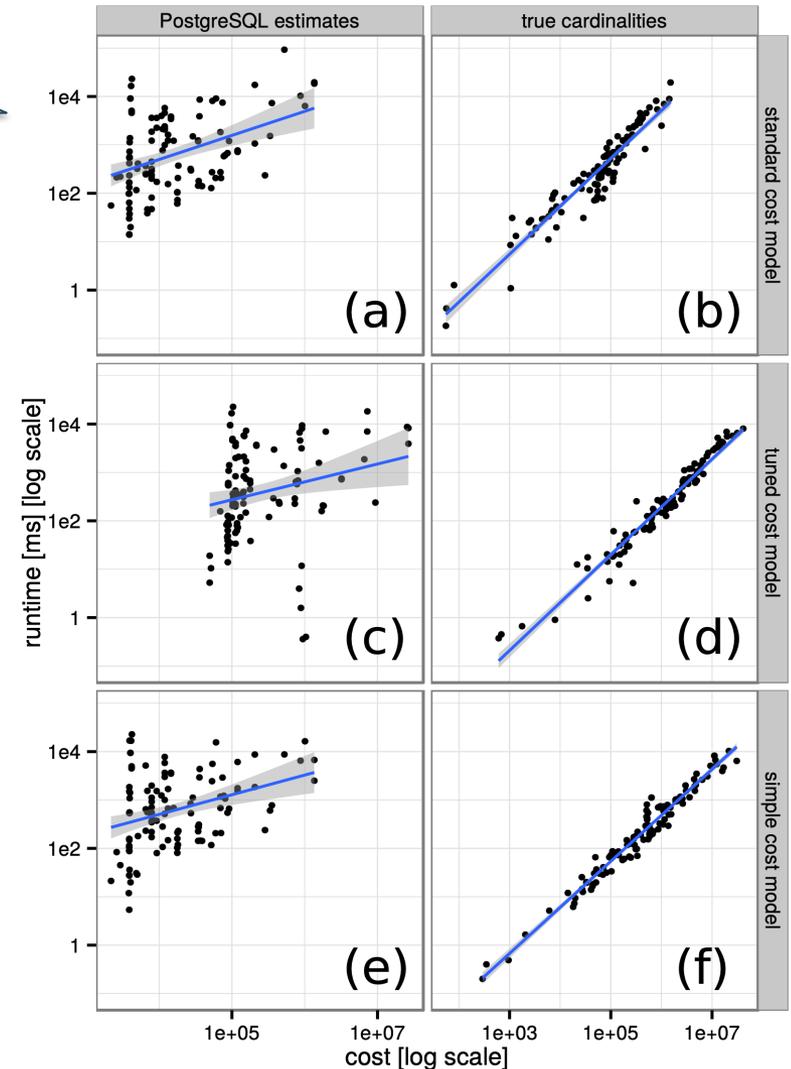
# Cardinalities to Cost

- Cardinality estimation creates largest errors
- Complex or simple cost models don't differ much

Postgres cost

No I/O, keep only CPU

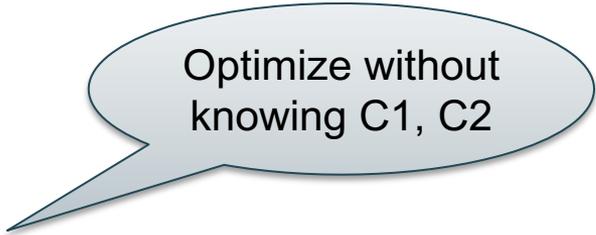
Their own simple formula



# Yet Another Difficulties

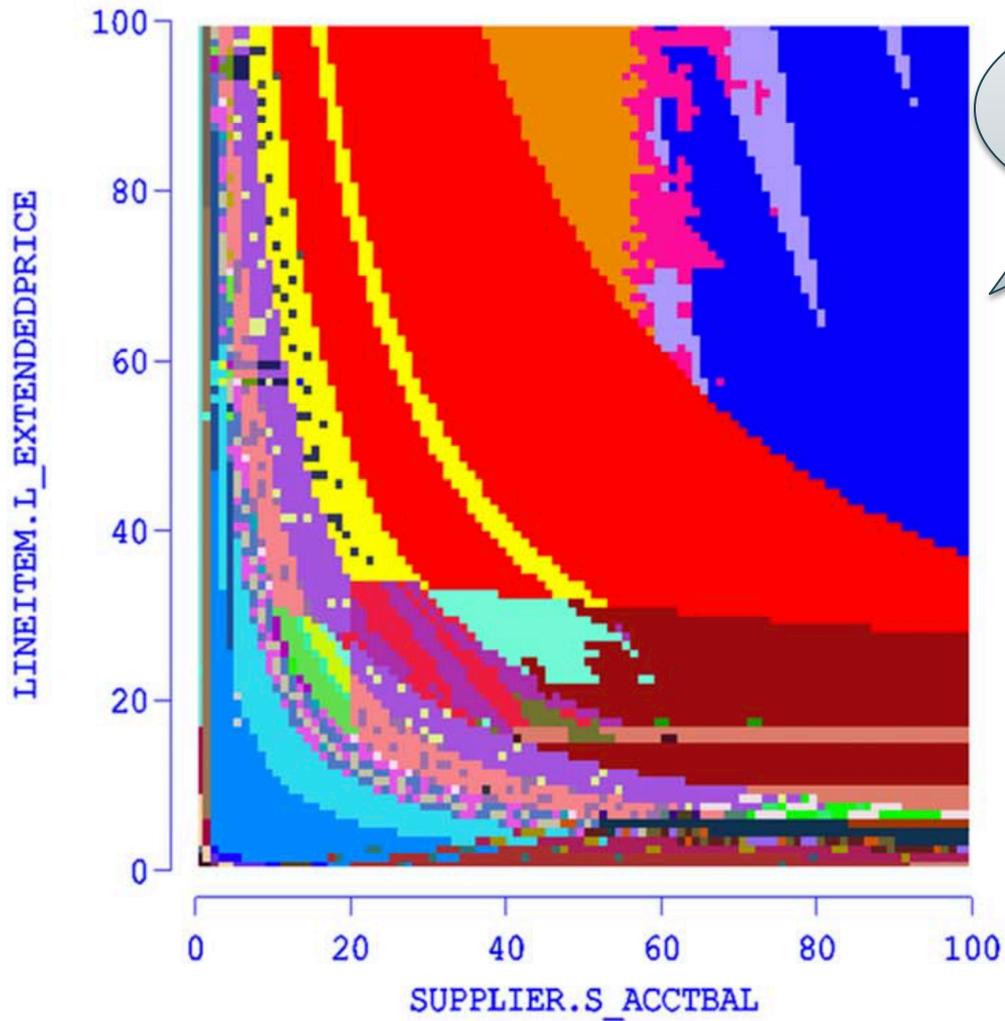
- SQL Queries are often issued from applications
- Optimized once using *prepare* statement, executed often
- The constants in the query are not know until execution time: optimized plan may be suboptimal

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select
  o_year, sum(case when nation = 'BRAZIL' then volume else 0 end) / sum(volume)
from
  (select YEAR(o_orderdate) as o_year,
    l_extendedprice * (1 - l_discount) as volume,
    n2.n_name as nation
  from part, supplier, lineitem, orders,
    customer, nation n1, nation n2, region
  where p_partkey = l_partkey and s_suppkey = l_suppkey
    and l_orderkey = o_orderkey and o_custkey = c_custkey
    and c_nationkey = n1.n_nationkey
    and n1.n_regionkey = r_regionkey
    and r_name = 'AMERICA'
    and s_nationkey = n2.n_nationkey
    and o_orderdate between '1995-01-01'
    and '1996-12-31'
    and p_type = 'ECONOMY ANODIZED STEEL'
    and s_acctbal ≤ C1 and l_extendedprice ≤ C2 ) as all_nations
group by o_year order by o_year
```



Optimize without  
knowing C1, C2

QueryTemplate Plan Diag Reduced Plan Diag Comp Cost Diag Comp Card Diag Exec Cost Diag Exec Card Diag Sel Log  
Plan Diagram QTD: DB2\_9\_opp\_U\_100\_q0\_30ap1 # of Plans: 76



Different optimal plans for different C1, C2

Min Est Cost: 8.26E5  
Max Est Cost: 1.05E6  
Min Est Card: 5.98E-2  
Max Est Card: 9.08E0

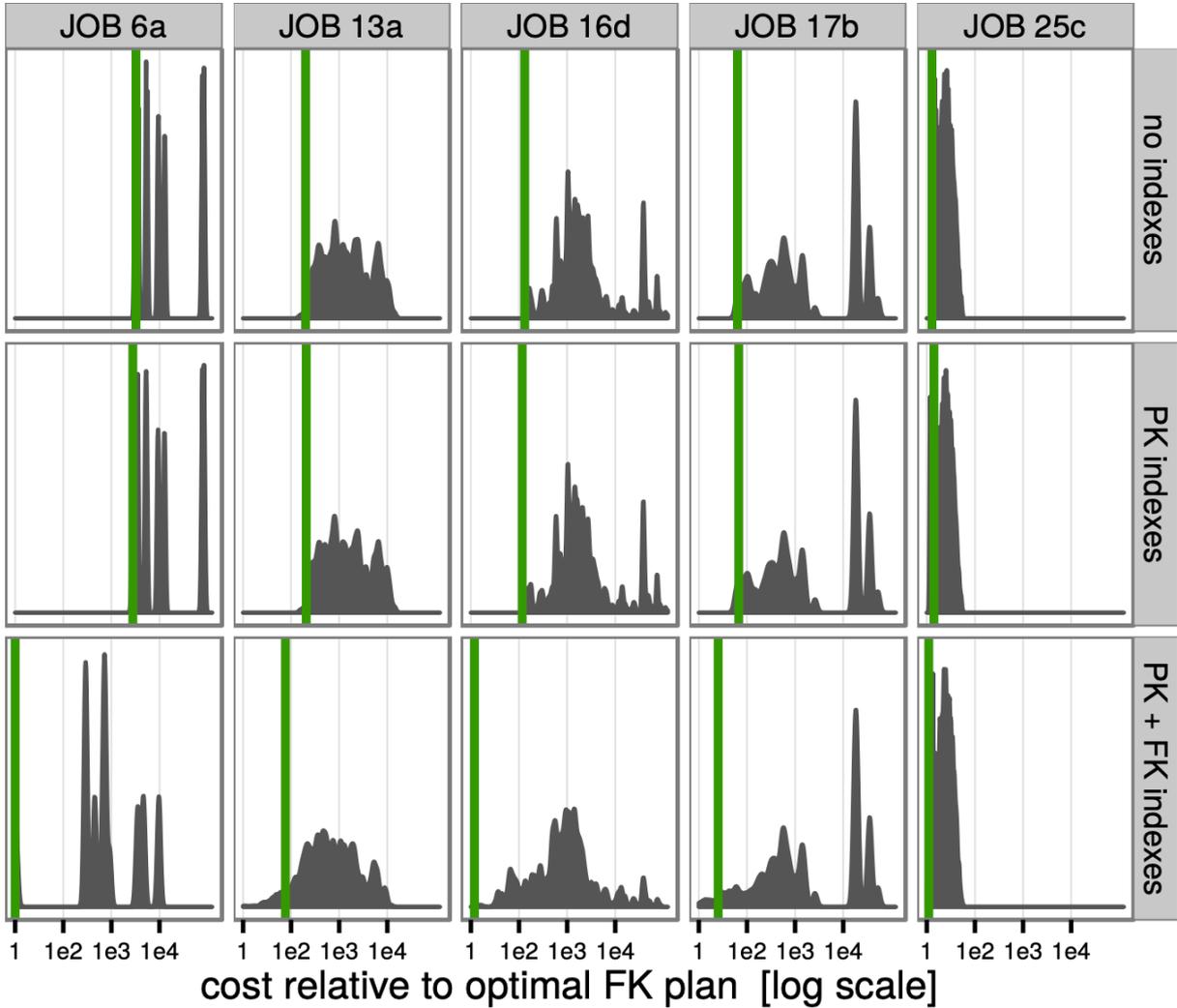
Parameter → Operator Diff  
Regenerate Diagram  
Reset View

Gini Coeff: 0.83

P1	29.60 %
P2	17.69 %
P3	8.47 %
P4	4.73 %
P5	4.19 %
P6	4.02 %
P7	2.85 %
P8	2.49 %
P9	2.43 %
P10	2.38 %
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P13	1.56 %
P14	1.30 %
P15	1.27 %
P16	1.21 %
P17	1.06 %
P18	0.91 %
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P20	0.76 %
P21	0.71 %
P22	0.71 %
P23	0.71 %
P24	0.62 %
P25	0.58 %

# Query Plans

[How good are they]



**Figure 9: Cost distributions for 5 queries and different index configurations. The vertical green lines represent the cost of the optimal plan**

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	PK indexes			PK + FK indexes		
	median	95%	max	median	95%	max
zig-zag	1.00	1.06	1.33	1.00	1.60	2.54
left-deep	1.00	1.14	1.63	1.06	2.49	4.50
right-deep	1.87	4.97	6.80	47.2	30931	738349

**Table 2: Slowdown for restricted tree shapes in comparison to the optimal plan (true cardinalities)**

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	PostgreSQL estimates			true cardinalities			PostgreSQL estimates			true cardinalities		
	median	95%	max	median	95%	max	median	95%	max	median	95%	max
Dynamic Programming	1.03	1.85	4.79	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.66	169	186367	1.00	1.00	1.00
Quickpick-1000	1.05	2.19	7.29	1.00	1.07	1.14	2.52	365	186367	1.02	4.72	32.3
Greedy Operator Ordering	1.19	2.29	2.36	1.19	1.64	1.97	2.35	169	186367	1.20	5.77	21.0

**Table 3: Comparison of exhaustive dynamic programming with the Quickpick-1000 (best of 1000 random plans) and the Greedy Operator Ordering heuristics. All costs are normalized by the optimal plan of that index configuration**

# Advanced Query Processing

## State of the art

- A lot based on heuristics

## Advanced techniques

- Find principled, provable techniques

# Outline

- AGM bound: today
- Next week:
  - Worst-case optimal algorithm
  - Acyclic queries, Yannakakis algorithm
  - Tree decomposition of cyclic queries

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WOW!

# Simple Fact #1

$$Q(X_1, \dots, X_k) = R_1(\text{Vars}_1) \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_m(\text{Vars}_m)$$

Then:

$$|Q| \leq |R_1| \times \dots \times |R_m|$$

# Simple Fact #2

$$Q(X_1, \dots, X_k) = R_1(Vars_1) \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_m(Vars_m)$$

Suppose  $R_{i_1}, R_{i_2}, \dots, R_{i_\ell}$  contain all variables (attributes)  $X_1, \dots, X_k$ . Then:

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# Not so simple Fact #3

$$Q(X_1, \dots, X_k) = R_1(\text{Vars}_1) \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_m(\text{Vars}_m)$$

Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  be *fractional edge cover*, meaning:  
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Example:  $Q(X, Y, Z) = R(X, Y) \bowtie S(Y, Z) \bowtie T(Z, X)$   
 $|Q| \leq |R|^{1/2} |S|^{1/2} |T|^{1/2} = N^{3/2}$

# Discussion

- The “simple fact #3” is called the AGM bound, after Atserias, Grohe, Marx
- We will prove this bound next
- First: a detour in graph theory (fractional edge covers) and inequalities
- Next time: an algorithm with a matching runtime, derived from the proof of the AGM bound

# Quick Review

- Graphs, hypergraphs
- Edge cover
- Fractional edge cover

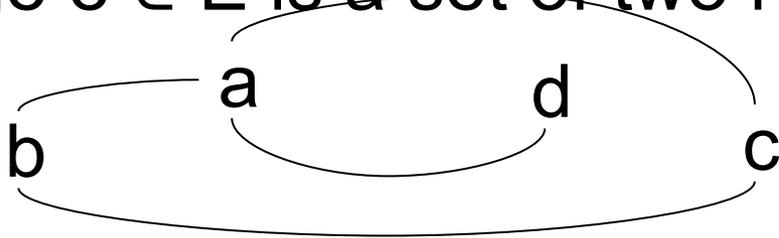
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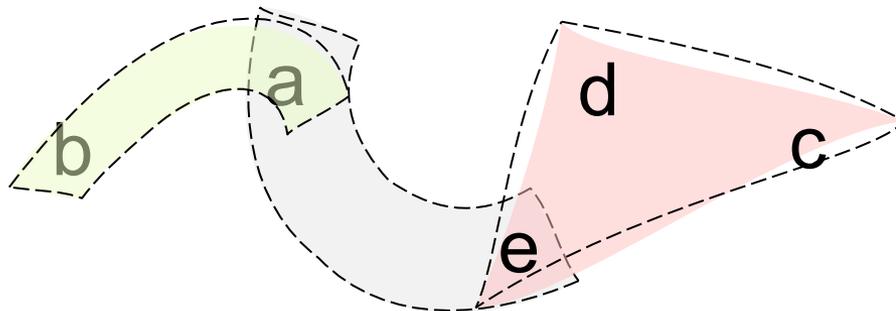


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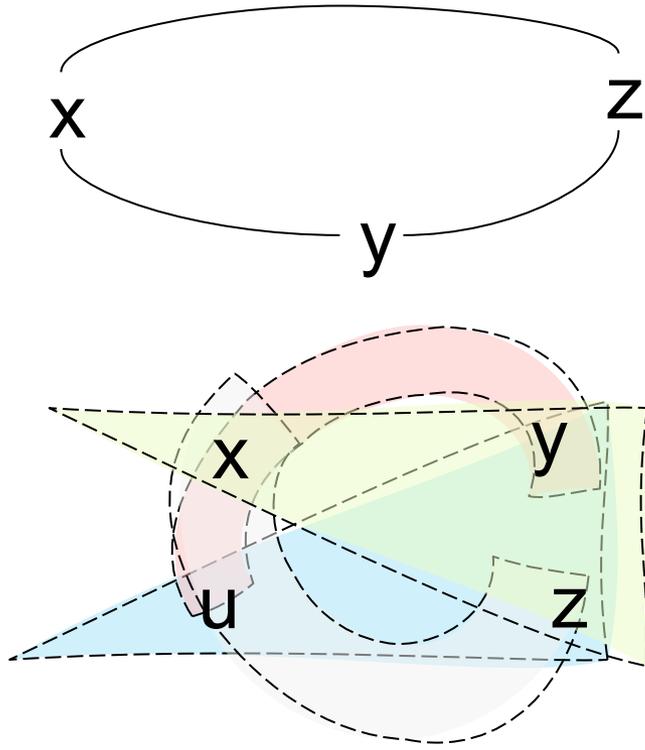


- A hypergraph is  $G = (V, E)$  where each edge is some set (of 1 or 2 or  $>2$  nodes)



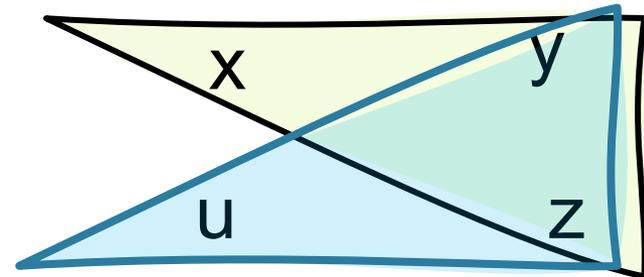
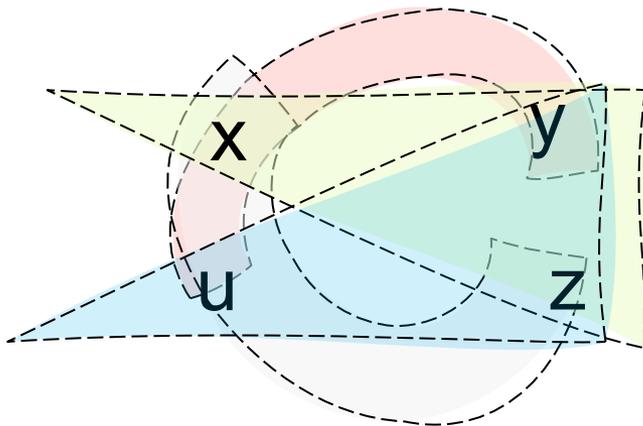
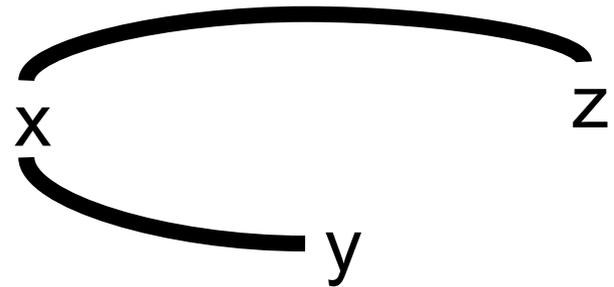
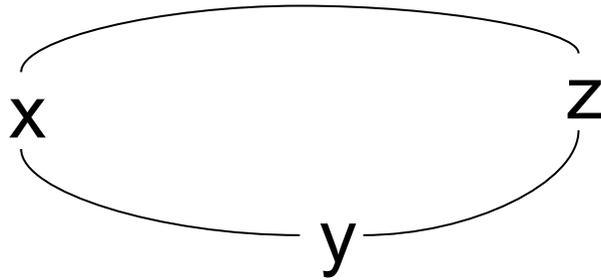
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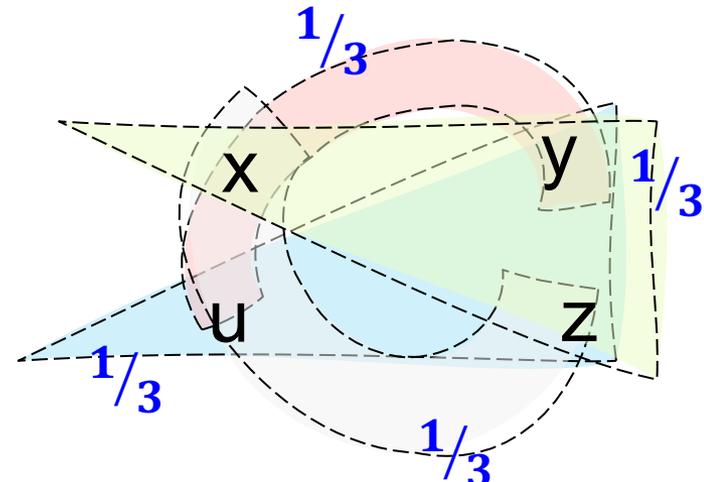
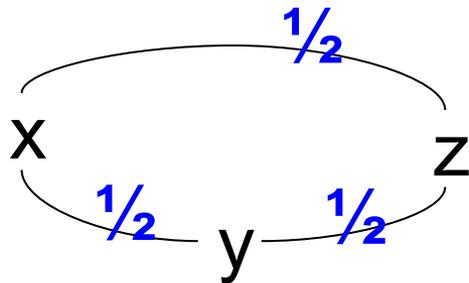
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# Fractional Edge Cover

- A fractional edge cover of a (hyper)graph are numbers  $u_e \geq 0$ , one for each edge  $e$ , such that, for every vertex  $x$ :

$$\sum_{e:x \in e} u_e \geq 1$$



# Inequalities

Cauchy-Schwartz

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Friedgut 2004

$$\sum_{i,j,k} a_{ij}^{1/2} b_{jk}^{1/2} c_{ki}^{1/2} \leq (\sum_{i,j} a_{ij})^{1/2} (\sum_{j,k} b_{jk})^{1/2} (\sum_{k,i} c_{ki})^{1/2}$$

# Friedgut's Inequality (2004)

Let  $G=(V,E)$  be a hypergraph, where:

$$V = \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}, \quad E = \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$$

Let  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m$  be a fractional edge cover. Then:

$$\sum_{x_1, \dots, x_k} a_{1,e_1}^{u_1} \cdots a_{m,e_m}^{u_m} \leq \left( \sum_{e_1} a_{1,e_1} \right)^{u_1} \cdots \left( \sum_{e_m} a_{m,e_m} \right)^{u_m}$$

Here,  $a_{1,xyz\dots}$  is a tensor; similarly  $a_{2,\dots}$  etc.

Example: think of  $a_{1,xy}, a_{2,yz}, a_{3,zx}$  as three matrices, like  $a_{xy}, b_{yz}, c_{zx}$ :

# Proof

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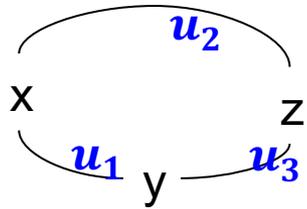
**Proof:** by induction on the number of nodes  $k$

Case 1:  $k=1$

Then  $e_1 = e_2 = \cdots = e_m = \{x_1\}$ .

The inequality is generalized Hölder's inequality

$$V = \{x, y, z\}, E = \{xy, yz, zx\}$$

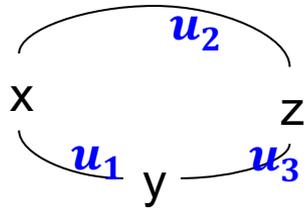


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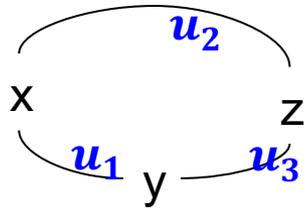
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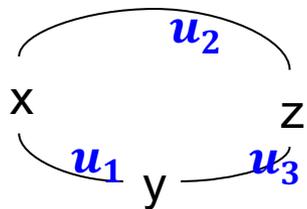
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Hölder. Why is  
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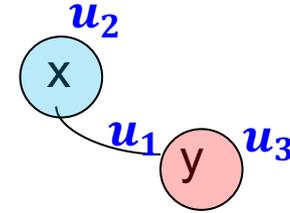
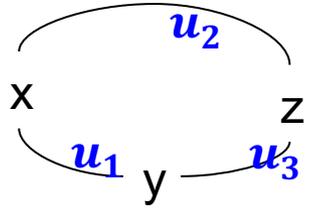
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Notations:

$$B_y = \sum_z b_{yz}, C_z = \sum_x c_{zx}$$

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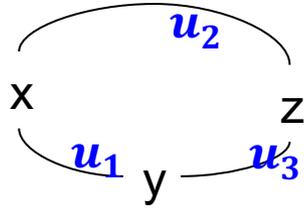
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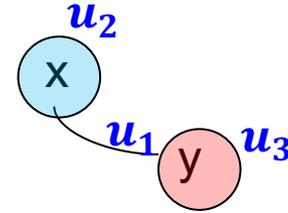
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Induction on  $V', E'$

$$V = \{x, y, z\}, E = \{xy, yz, zx\} \quad V' = \{x, y\}, E' = \{xy, y, x\}$$



# Proof



Case 2:  $k > 1$ . First we illustrate on a special case:

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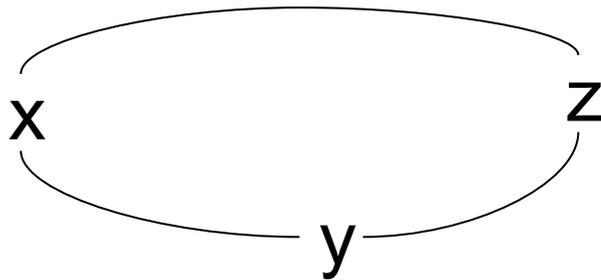
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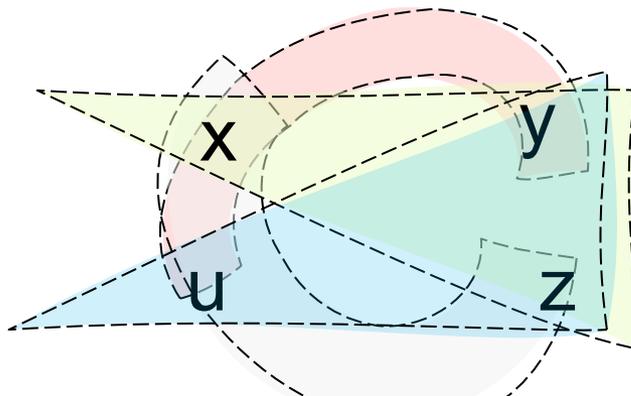
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# Conjunctive Queries are Hypergraphs

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$$Q(x, y, z) = A(x, y, z) \bowtie B(x, y, u) \bowtie C(x, z, u) \bowtie D(y, z, u)$$



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# Announcements

This week:

- Big HW3 is due on Friday!
- No paper review, no project task

Will read your project proposals soon

No class next Monday: Presidents Day

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better:

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AGM Bound

# Review: Friedgut's Inequality

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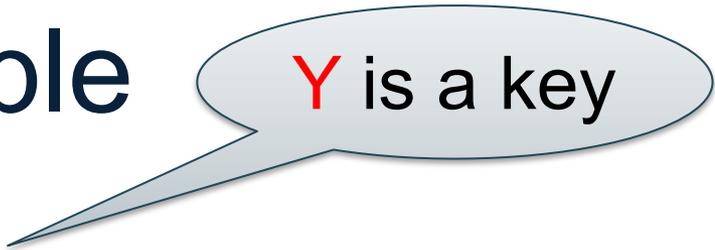
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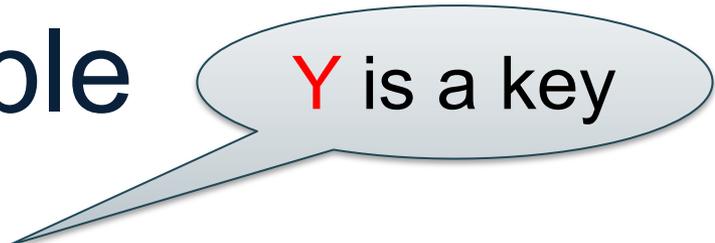
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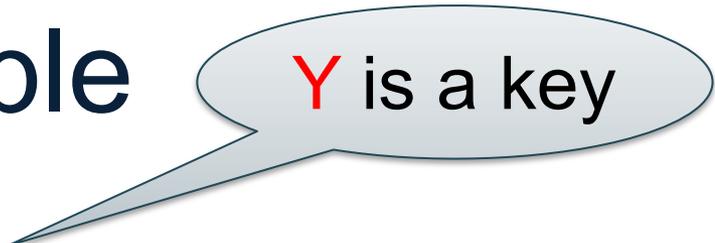


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- $\rho^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_{\text{fract edge cover}} (u_1 + \dots + u_m)$

Simplified AGM bound:  $|Q| \leq N^{\rho^*}$

# Tightness

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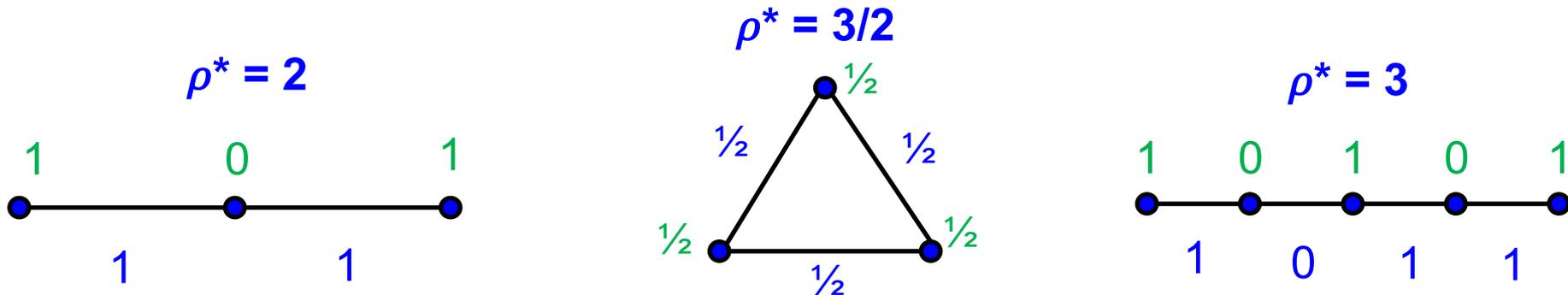
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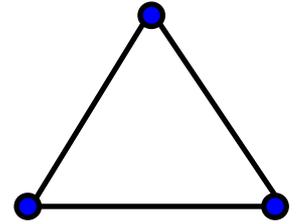
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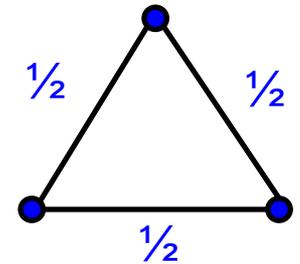
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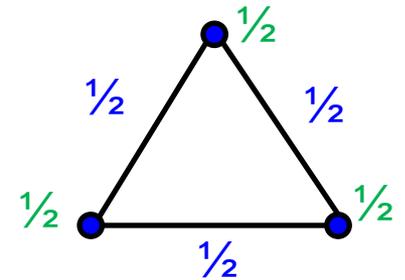
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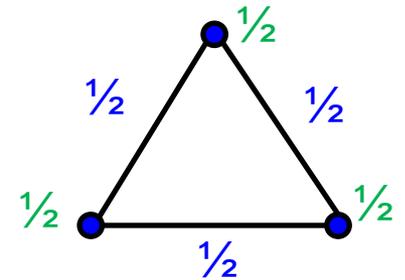
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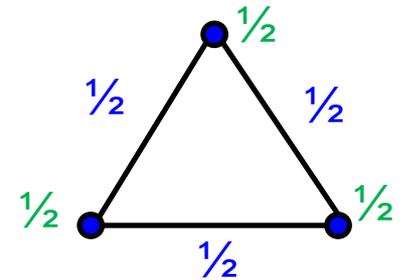
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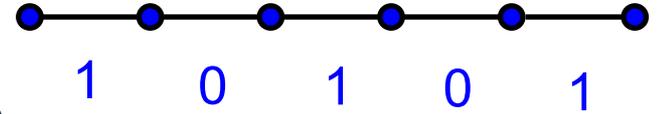
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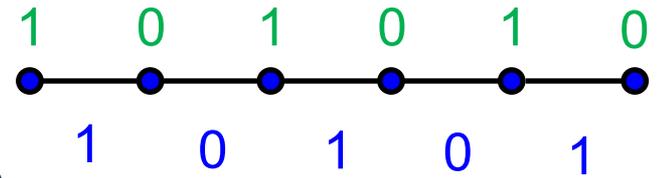
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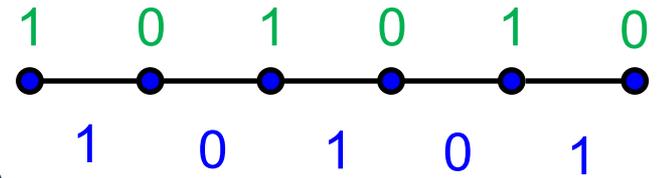
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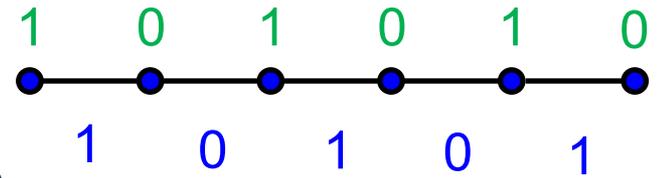
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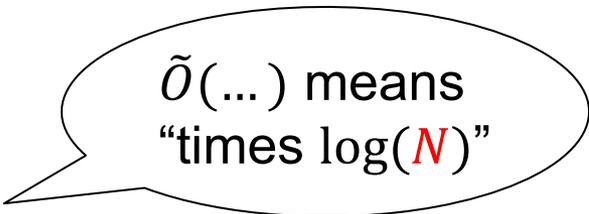


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# History

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Let  $R_{i_1}, R_{i_2}, \dots$  be all relations containing  $x$

compute  $D = \Pi_x(R_{i_1}) \cap \Pi_x(R_{i_2}) \cap \dots$

**for every value  $v \in D$  do:**

    compute  $Q_{x=v}$ ,

    where  $R_{i_1}, R_{i_2}, \dots$  are restricted to  $x = v$

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# Discussion

- All relations need to be presorted, or indexed
- Runtime is guaranteed to be worst-case optimal, *no matter* what variable order we choose
- In practice, the variable order does matter, but how exactly is poorly understood to date

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Generic-join

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  B =  $\cap$  domains for y  
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# An Application

- Fix a relational instance  $R(X_1, \dots, X_k)$
- Let  $V_1 \cup \dots \cup V_\ell$  be a partition of the variables. Then:

$$R \subseteq \Pi_{V_1}(R) \bowtie \dots \bowtie \Pi_{V_\ell}(R)$$

- A join dependency is a partition where this is an equality
- Application to schema design

# Relational Schema Design

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One person may have multiple phones, but lives in only one city

Primary key is thus (SSN, PhoneNumber)

What is the problem with this schema?

# Anomalies

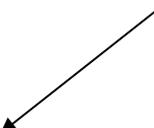
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- **Redundancy** = repeat data for Fred
- **Update anomalies** = what if Fred moves to “Bellevue”?
- **Deletion anomalies** = what if Joe deletes his phone number?

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The relation satisfies a join dependency!

$$R(\text{Name,SSN,Phone,City}) = R(\text{Name,SSN,City}) \bowtie R(\text{SSN,Phone})$$

# Problem

- Given the instance  $R(X_1, \dots, X_k)$

- Check if there exists a JD:

$$R = \Pi_{V_1}(R) \bowtie \dots \bowtie \Pi_{V_\ell}(R)$$

- Notice: we don't ask to find it, only *check if one exists*

# Solution

- **Fact.**  $R(X_1, \dots, X_k)$  satisfies some JD iff

$$R = R_1 \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_k$$

where  $R_i = \Pi_{\{X_1, \dots, X_k\} - \{X_i\}}(R)$

- **Solution:** compute  $Q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} R_1 \bowtie \dots \bowtie R_k$   
and check if  $|Q| = |R|$
- Runtime:  $AGM(|Q|) = N^{\frac{k}{k-1}}$

# Final Takeaways

- Useful beyond 544:
  - fractional edge cover/ vertex packing;
  - inequalities
- The AGM bound
  - Simple intuition based on “covers”
  - Useful recipe to compute a “bad” instance based on “packings”
- Generic Join:
  - Best choice for cyclic queries