

A. "Multiple" ChoiceTest (17 pont)

1. The depth of a typical B+ tree based index is around 30.
2. The size of a node in a typical B+ tree based index corresponds to the size of a block on the hdd.
3. The typical size of block on the hdd is around 1kB.
4. A typical (B+ tree based) database index supports well queries with a high selectivity.
5. A B+ tree based index I(A,B) created for the table T(A,B,C) can be used for range queries on attribute A.
6. A B+ tree based index can only be used for exact match queries.
7. A B+ tree based index I(A,B) created for the table T(C,B,A) can be used for range query conditions on attribute A.
8. A B+ tree based index I(A,B) created for the table T(C,B,A) can be used for an exact match query condition on attribute B.
9. A function based join condition is typically executed by the sort-merge join method.
10. The join condition $T1.A < T2.B$ is typically executed by the hash join method.
11. If a table grows by a factor of 10 000, the corresponding B+ tree based index will typically require 10 times more space.
12. A B+ tree based index supports well queries selecting/aggregating a large number of records (queries typical for data warehouses).
13. If an INNER JOIN is replaced by an RIGHT OUTER JOIN in a query, the number of the records in the result may increase.
14. If an INNER JOIN is replaced by a FULL OUTER JOIN in a query, the number of the records in the result always increases.
15. Schema constraints (e.g. foreign key, not null) make query execution typically more expensive.
16. The joins in a query are executed in exactly the same order as they appear in the SELECT command.
17. During cost-based query optimization, the result of the query may change slightly.

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B. Cost based query optimization (7 points)

The goal of the cost based query optimization is to find an execution plan with a relatively low resource requirement for a declarative query given in SQL. After a syntax check, the query is transformed into an internal representation, called On this, several transformations can be done, which change but do not affect

As a rule of thumb, intermediate results shall be.....

Examples of decisions a cost based query optimizer makes:

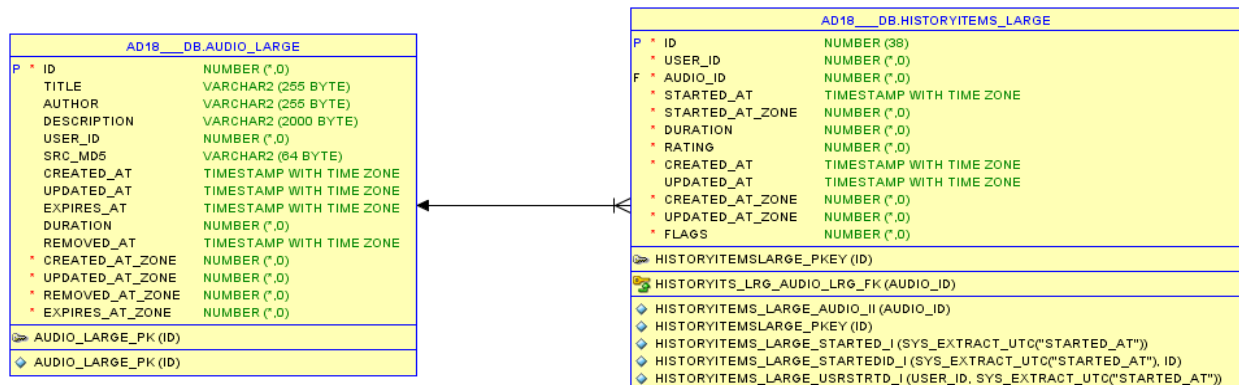
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C. Index usage (5 points)

Explain index usage (and query costs) as the selectivity of a query changes. (What did you learn from the relevant tasks?)

D. (11 points)

The following 2 tables are given. (Primary and foreign keys are noted with P and F. A red star indicates a NOT NULL constraint. Indexes with their attributes are also included.)



The following queries and the execution plans created by Oracle are given:

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SELECT COUNT(*)
FROM audio_large
INNER JOIN historyitems_large
ON audio_large.id = historyitems_large.audio_id;
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OPERATION	OBJECT_NAME	CARDINALITY	COST
SELECT STATEMENT		1	1711
SORT (AGGREGATE)		1	
INDEX (FAST FULL SCAN)	HISTORYITEMS_LARGE_AUDIO_II	3000000	1711

1.1 How can it happen, that the join is not executed? (2p)

1.2 Why is it possible to answer the query by accessing only the index historyitems_large_audio_ii? (2p)

1.3 How is the index used? If the table would grow by a factor of 1000, how would "COST" change? Why (2p)

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SELECT COUNT(historyitems_large.rating)
FROM audio_large
INNER JOIN historyitems_large
ON audio_large.id = historyitems_large.audio_id;
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OPERATION	OBJECT_NAME	CARDINALITY	COST
SELECT STATEMENT		1	1711
SORT (AGGREGATE)		1	
INDEX (FAST FULL SCAN)	HISTORYITEMS_LARGE_AUDIO_II	3000000	1711

2.1 Why is it possible to answer the query by accessing only the index historyitems_large_audio_ii (instead of the table historyitems_large)? (2p)

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SELECT AVG(historyitems_large.rating)
FROM audio_large
INNER JOIN historyitems_large
ON audio_large.id = historyitems_large.audio_id;
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OPERATION	OBJECT_NAME	CARDINALITY	COST
SELECT STATEMENT		1	7212
↓ SORT (AGGREGATE)		1	
↓ TABLE ACCESS (FULL)	HISTORYITEMS_LARGE	3000000	7212

3.1 What is the difference in the execution plan with respect to 1? (1)

3.2 Why did the execution plan change? (2p)

E. Covering index (3 points)

Create a covering index for the following query! (SQL command for creating the index.) Explain your solution!

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SELECT user_id, AVG(rating)
FROM historyitems_large
WHERE user_id < 10
GROUP BY user_id;
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