

CSE-4411A  
Assignment #2 & #3

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1. (15 points) **Join Enumeration.** *Down for the count.*

[SHORT ANSWER]

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a. (3 points) Name two advantages of left-linear join trees compared with join trees generally.

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b. (3 points) Name a disadvantage of left-linear join trees when many joins are involved.

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Consider a query with five tables, **A**, **B**, **C**, **D**, and **E**, such that there is a join condition between each pair.

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c. (3 points) How many left-linear join trees are possible?

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d. (3 points) At least how many plans involving three tables are carried forward from stage 3 to stage 4 of System R's join enumeration algorithm?

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e. (3 points) At least how many plans will System R have enumerated before choosing the final one?

2. (10 points) **Query Planning I.** *Sign up!*

[EXERCISE]

**Schema:**

**Student**(id, name, major)  
**Enrol**(id, course#, section, term, grade)  
    FK (id) refs **Student**  
    FK (course#, section, term) refs **Class**  
**Class**(course#, section, term, instructor, room, time)

**Statistics:**

- **Student:** 100,000 records on 2,000 pages
  - major: 100 distinct values
- **Enrol:** 4,000,000 records on 40,000 pages
  - course#: 1000, ..., 4999 (so 4000 values)
- **Class:** 200,000 records on 6,000 pages
  - instructor: 8,000 distinct values

**Indexes:**

- **Student:**
  - hash index on id (linear hash, 200 data entries per page)
- **Enrol:**
  - clustered tree index on id, course#, section, term (50 data entries per page)
  - unclustered tree index on course#, section, term, id (50 data entries per page)
- **Class:**
  - clustered tree index on course#, section, term (60 data entries per page)
  - unclustered tree index on instructor# (200 data entries per page)

All indexes are of alternative #2. For each tree index, the index pages are 3 deep.

**Query:**

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select name, instructor, C.term
  from Student S, Enrol E, Class C
 where S.id = E.id
       and E.course# = C.course# and E.section = C.section
       and E.term = C.term
       and instructor = 'Dogfurry';
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a. (3 points) How many records should the query produce?

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b. (12 points) Devise a good query plan for the query. Show the query tree, *fully* annotated with the chosen algorithms and access paths.

You have an allocation of 20 buffer-pool frames.

Estimate the cost of your plan. For full credit, you should have a plan that costs less than 2,000 I/O's.

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3. (15 points) **Query Planning II.** *Of course a course is par for the course.* [EXERCISE]

**Schema:**

**Student**(sid, sname, startdate, major, advisor)  
FK (advisor) refs **Prof** (pid)  
**Class**(cid, dept, number, section, term, year, room, time, pid, ta)  
FK (pid) refs **Prof**  
FK (ta) refs **Student** (sid)  
**Enrol**(sid, cid, date, grade)  
FK (sid) refs **Student**  
FK (cid) refs **Class**  
**Prof**(pid, pname, pdept, office)

Assume no attribute is nullable. The attribute **pid** in **Class** refers to the the professor / instructor for the class. The attribute **ta** in **Class** refers to the teaching assistant for the class. The attribute **advisor** in **Student** refers to the student's academic advisor.

**Statistics:**

- **Student:** 50,000 records on 1,000 pages
  - advisor: 2,500 distinct values
- **Enrol:** 2,000,000 records on 20,000 pages
  - sid: 50,000 distinct values
  - cid: 80,000 distinct values
- **Class:** 80,000 records on 1,600 pages
  - pid: 4,000 distinct values
  - ta: 5,000 distinct values
- **Prof:** 4,000 records on 40 pages

**Indexes:**

- **Student:**
  - clustered tree index on sid (200 data entries per page)
- **Enrol:**
  - clustered tree index on cid, sid (167 data entries per page)
  - unclustered tree index on sid, cid (167 data entries per page)
- **Class:**
  - clustered tree index on cid (200 data entries per page)
- **Prof:**
  - clustered tree index on pid (200 data entries per page)

All indexes are of alternative #2. For each tree index, the index pages are 3 deep, except for the index on **Prof.pid** which is 2 deep.

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select sid, sname, dept, number, section, term, year, pid
  from Student S, Enrol E, Class C
 where S.sid = E.sid and E.cid = C.cid
    and S.advisor = C.pid;
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a. (2 points) Estimate the number of rows the query returns.

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b. (8 points) Devise the best query plan for the query. Show the query tree, *fully* annotated with the chosen algorithms and access paths.

Assume you have an allocation of 50 buffer-pool frames.

Estimate the cost of your plan.

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- c. (5 points) Name an additional index that would allow a less expensive query plan than in 3b, and sketch briefly that query plan using the index.

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4. (5 points) **Index Usage.** *The DBA playoffs.* [analysis]

Consider the following schema.

**Employee**(e#, name, salary, d#)  
FK (d#) refs **Department**  
**Department**(d#, name, location, budget)

It is important that the following queries be fast to be evaluated.

- A.** Find the location where a user-specified employee works.
- B.** List all the departments such that the sum of the employees' salaries who belong to the department exceeds the department's budget.

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What indexes would you make to benefit queries **A** and **B**? Indicate which are clustered and their types (B+ tree, hash).

Briefly explain how they would be useful.