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Design Problem

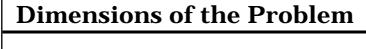
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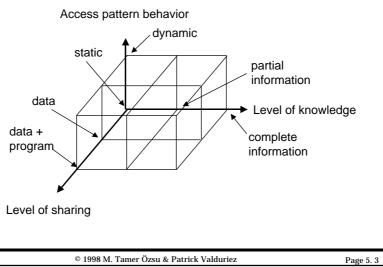
Making decisions about the placement of *data* and *programs* across the sites of a computer network as well as possibly designing the network itself.

- In Distributed DBMS, the placement of applications entails
 - placement of the distributed DBMS software; and
 - placement of the applications that run on the database

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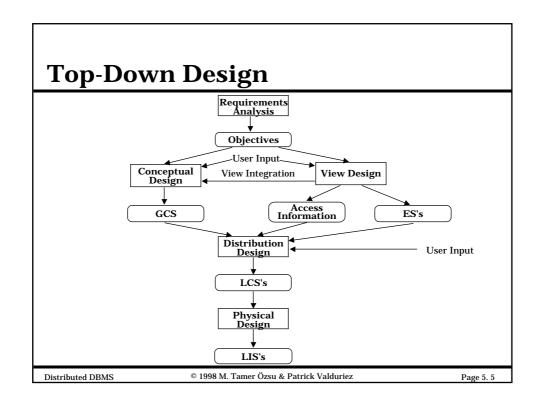
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Distribution Design

- **■** Top-down
 - mostly in designing systems from scratch
 - mostly in homogeneous systems
- **■** Bottom-up
 - when the databases already exist at a number of sites

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Distribution Design Issues

- Why fragment at all?
- **2** How to fragment?
- **19** How much to fragment?
- **4** How to test correctness?
- 6 How to allocate?
- **6** Information requirements?

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Fragmentation

- Can't we just distribute relations?
- What is a reasonable unit of distribution?
 - relation
 - ◆ views are subsets of relations ⇒ locality
 - ◆ extra communication
 - fragments of relations (sub-relations)
 - ◆ concurrent execution of a number of transactions that access different portions of a relation
 - views that cannot be defined on a single fragment will require extra processing
 - semantic data control (especially integrity enforcement) more difficult

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Fragmentation Alternatives – Horizontal

 $PROJ_1$: projects with budgets less than \$200,000

 $PROJ_2$: projects with budgets greater than or equal to \$200,000

PROJ

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P1 P2 P3 P4 P5	Instrumentation Database Develop CAD/CAM Maintenance CAD/CAM	250000	Montreal Paris Boston

PROJ₁

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P1	Instrumentation	150000	Montreal
P2	Database Develop.	135000	New York

PROJ₂

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P3	CAD/CAM	250000	New York
P4	Maintenance	310000	Paris
P5	CAD/CAM	500000	Boston

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Fragmentation Alternatives - Vertical

PROJ₁:information about project budgets
PROJ₂:information about project names and locations

PROJ				
PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC	
P1 P2 P3 P4 P5	Instrumentation Database Develop CAD/CAM Maintenance CAD/CAM	150000 135000 250000 310000 500000	Montreal Paris Boston	
гэ	CAD/CAIVI	300000	DUSIUIT	

PROJ₁

PNO	BUDGET
P1 P2 P3 P4	150000 135000 250000 310000
P5	500000

 $PROJ_2$

F	PNO	PNAME	LOC
	P1 P2 P3 P4 P5	Instrumentation Database Develop. CAD/CAM Maintenance CAD/CAM	Montreal New York New York Paris Boston

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Degree of Fragmentation

tuples relations or attributes

Finding the suitable level of partitioning within this range

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Correctness of Fragmentation

■ Completeness

Decomposition of relation R into fragments R_1 , R_2 , ..., R_n is complete if and only if each data item in R can also be found in some R_i

■ Reconstruction

■ If relation R is decomposed into fragments R_1 , R_2 , ..., R_n , then there should exist some relational operator—such that

$$R = {}_{1 i n}R_i$$

Disjointness

■ If relation R is decomposed into fragments R_1 , R_2 , ..., R_n , and data item d_i is in R_j , then d_i should not be in any other fragment R_k (k j).

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Allocation Alternatives

- Non-replicated
 - partitioned : each fragment resides at only one site
- Replicated
 - **➡** fully replicated : each fragment at each site
 - partially replicated : each fragment at some of the sites
- Rule of thumb:

If $\frac{\text{read - only queries}}{\text{update quries}}$ 1 replication is advantageous,

otherwise replication may cause problems

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Comparison of Replication Alternatives

	Full-replication	Partial-replication	Partitioning	_
QUERY PROCESSING	Easy	Same D	ifficulty	
DIRECTORY MANAGEMENT	Easy or Non-existant	Same D	ifficulty	
CONCURRENCY CONTROL	Moderate	Difficult	Easy	
RELIABILITY	Very high	High	Low	
REALITY	Possible application	Realistic	Possible application	_

Information Requirements

- **■** Four categories:
 - **■** Database information
 - Application information
 - Communication network information
 - Computer system information

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Fragmentation

- **■** Horizontal Fragmentation (HF)
 - **➡** Primary Horizontal Fragmentation (PHF)
 - **➡** Derived Horizontal Fragmentation (DHF)
- Vertical Fragmentation (VF)
- Hybrid Fragmentation (HF)

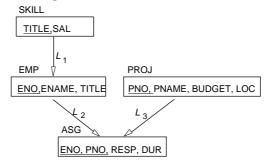
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PHF - Information Requirements

- **■** Database Information



⇒ cardinality of each relation: *card*(*R*)

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PHF - Information Requirements

- **■** Application Information
 - **⇒ simple predicates** : Given $R[A_1, A_2, ..., A_n]$, a simple predicate p_i is

$$p_i: A_i$$
 Value

where $\{=,<, .>, .\}$, *Value* D_i and D_i is the domain of A_i .

For relation R we define $Pr = \{p_1, p_2, ..., p_m\}$

Example:

PNAME = "Maintenance"

BUDGET 200000

minterm predicates: Given R and $Pr=\{p_1, p_2, ..., p_m\}$ define $M=\{m_1, m_2, ..., m_r\}$ as

$$M = \{ \ m_i | \ m_i = \ \ _{p_j \ Pr} \ p_j^* \ \}, \ 1 \ j \ m, \ 1 \ i \ z$$
 where $p_j^* = p_j$ or $p_j^* = \neg (p_j).$

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PHF - Information Requirements

Example

*m*₁: PNAME="Maintenance" BUDGET 200000

m₂: NOT(PNAME="Maintenance") BUDGET 200000

*m*₃: PNAME= "Maintenance" **NOT**(BUDGET 200000)

 m_4 : NOT(PNAME="Maintenance") NOT(BUDGET 200000)

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PHF - Information Requirements

- **■** Application Information
 - \rightarrow minterm selectivities: $sel(m_i)$
 - ◆ The number of tuples of the relation that would be accessed by a user query which is specified according to a given minterm predicate m_i.
 - \rightarrow access frequencies: $acc(q_i)$
 - ◆ The frequency with which a user application qi accesses data.
 - Access frequency for a minterm predicate can also be defined.

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Primary Horizontal Fragmentation

Definition:

$$R_j = F_j(R), 1 \quad j \quad w$$

where F_j is a selection formula, which is (preferably) a minterm predicate.

Therefore,

A horizontal fragment R_i of relation R consists of all the tuples of R which satisfy a minterm predicate m_i .

Given a set of minterm predicates M, there are as many horizontal fragments of relation R as there are minterm predicates.

Set of horizontal fragments also referred to as *minterm* fragments.

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PHF - Algorithm

Given: A relation R, the set of simple predicates Pr

Output: The set of fragments of $R = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_w\}$

which obey the fragmentation rules.

Preliminaries:

- ightharpoonup Pr should be *complete*
- **→** Pr should be minimal

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Completeness of Simple Predicates

■ A set of simple predicates *Pr* is said to be *complete* if and only if the accesses to the tuples of the minterm fragments defined on *Pr* requires that two tuples of the same minterm fragment have the same probability of being accessed by any application.

■ Example :

- → Assume PROJ[PNO,PNAME,BUDGET,LOC] has two applications defined on it.
- **➡** Find the budgets of projects at each location. (1)
- Find projects with budgets less than \$200000. (2)

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Completeness of Simple Predicates

According to (1),

Pr={LOC="Montreal",LOC="New York",LOC="Paris"}

which is not complete with respect to (2).

Modify

Pr ={LOC="Montreal",LOC="New York",LOC="Paris", BUDGET 200000,BUDGET>200000}

which is complete.

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Minimality of Simple Predicates

- If a predicate influences how fragmentation is performed, (i.e., causes a fragment f to be further fragmented into, say, f_i and f_j) then there should be at least one application that accesses f_i and f_i differently.
- In other words, the simple predicate should be *relevant* in determining a fragmentation.
- If all the predicates of a set *Pr* are relevant, then *Pr* is *minimal*.

 acc(m)
 acc(m)

 ---- card(f)

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Minimality of Simple Predicates

Example:

Pr ={LOC="Montreal",LOC="New York", LOC="Paris",
BUDGET 200000,BUDGET>200000}

is minimal (in addition to being complete). However, if we add

PNAME = "Instrumentation"

then Pr is not minimal.

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COM_MIN Algorithm

Given: a relation R and a set of simple

predicates Pr

Output: a complete and minimal set of simple

predicates Pr' for Pr

Rule 1: a relation or fragment is partitioned into at least two parts which are accessed differently by at least one application.

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COM_MIN Algorithm

- **O** Initialization:
 - find a p_i Pr such that p_i partitions R according to $Rule\ 1$
 - set $Pr' = p_i$; $Pr Pr p_i$; $F f_i$
- **2** Iteratively add predicates to Pr' until it is complete
 - find a p_j Pr such that p_j partitions some f_k defined according to minterm predicate over Pr' according to Rule 1
 - set Pr' = Pr' p_i ; Pr $Pr p_i$; F F
 - if p_k Pr' which is nonrelevant then Pr' $Pr' p_k$

 $F - f_k$

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PHORIZONTAL Algorithm

Makes use of COM_MIN to perform fragmentation.

Input: a relation R and a set of simple

predicates Pr

Output: a set of minterm predicates *M* according to which relation *R* is to be fragmented

- \bullet Pr' COM_MIN (R,Pr)
- ${\bf Q}$ determine the set M of minterm predicates
- \bullet determine the set *I* of implications among p_i *Pr*
- $oldsymbol{0}$ eliminate the contradictory minterms from M

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PHF - Example

- Two candidate relations : PAY and PROJ.
- **■** Fragmentation of relation PAY
 - **➡** Application: Check the salary info and determine raise.
 - ➡ Employee records kept at two sites application run at two sites
 - **➡** Simple predicates

 p_1 : SAL 30000

 p_2 : SAL > 30000

 $Pr = \{p_1, p_2\}$ which is complete and minimal Pr' = Pr

■ Minterm predicates

 m_1 : (SAL 30000)

 $m_2 : NOT(SAL 30000) = (SAL > 30000)$

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PHF - Example

PAY₁

I .	
TITLE	SAL
Mech. Eng.	27000
Programmer	24000

PAY₂

TITLE	SAL
Elect. Eng.	40000
Syst. Anal.	34000

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PHF - Example

- **■** Fragmentation of relation PROJ
 - **■** Applications:
 - ◆ Find the name and budget of projects given their no.✓ Issued at three sites
 - ◆ Access project information according to budget

 ✓ one site accesses 200000 other accesses >200000
 - **■** Simple predicates
 - **■** For application (1)

 p_1 : LOC = "Montreal"

 p_2 : LOC = "New York"

 p_3 : LOC = "Paris"

➡ For application (2)

p₄: BUDGET 200000

 p_5 : BUDGET > 200000

 $Pr = Pr' = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5\}$

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PHF - Example

- **■** Fragmentation of relation PROJ continued
 - Minterm fragments left after elimination

 m_1 : (LOC = "Montreal") (BUDGET 200000)

 m_2 : (LOC = "Montreal") (BUDGET > 200000)

 m_3 : (LOC = "New York") (BUDGET 200000)

 m_4 : (LOC = "New York") (BUDGET > 200000)

 m_5 : (LOC = "Paris") (BUDGET 200000)

 m_6 : (LOC = "Paris") (BUDGET > 200000)

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PHF - Example

PROJ₁

PROJ₂

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P1	Instrumentation	150000	Montreal

ı	PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
	P2	Database Develop.	135000	New York

PROJ₄

PROJ₆

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P3	CAD/CAM	250000	New York

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P4	Maintenance	310000	Paris

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PHF - Correctness

- **■** Completeness
 - **■** Since *Pr'* is complete and minimal, the selection predicates are complete
- **■** Reconstruction
 - **■** If relation R is fragmented into $F_R = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_r\}$

$$R = R_i FR R_i$$

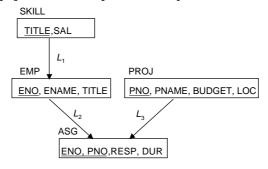
- Disjointness
 - Minterm predicates that form the basis of fragmentation should be mutually exclusive.

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Derived Horizontal Fragmentation

- Defined on a member relation of a link according to a selection operation specified on its owner.
 - Each link is an equijoin.
 - Equijoin can be implemented by means of semijoins.



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DHF - **Definition**

Given a link L where owner(L)=S and member(L)=R, the derived horizontal fragments of R are defined as

$$R_i = R \ltimes_F S_i$$
, 1 i w

where w is the maximum number of fragments that will be defined on R and

$$S_i = F_i(S)$$

where F_i is the formula according to which the primary horizontal fragment S_i is defined.

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DHF - Example

Given link L_1 where owner(L_1)=SKILL and member(L_1)=EMP

 $EMP_1 = EMP \bowtie SKILL_1$ $EMP_2 = EMP \bowtie SKILL_2$

where

 $SKILL_1 = SAL_{30000} (SKILL)$

 $SKILL_2 = SAL>30000 (SKILL)$

Mech. Eng.

EMP₁

E7

ENO ENAME TITLE

E3 A. Lee Mech. Eng.
E4 J. Miller Programmer

R. Davis

ENO	ENAME	TITLE
E1	J. Doe	Elect. Eng.
E2	M. Smith	Syst. Anal.
E5	B. Casey	Syst. Anal.
E6	L. Chu	Elect. Eng.
E8	J. Jones	Syst. Anal.

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EMP₂

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DHF - Correctness

- **■** Completeness
 - **■** Referential integrity
 - Let R be the member relation of a link whose owner is relation S which is fragmented as $F_S = \{S_1, S_2, ..., S_n\}$. Furthermore, let A be the join attribute between R and S. Then, for each tuple t of R, there should be a tuple t' of S such that

t[A]=t'[A]

- **■** Reconstruction
 - **■** Same as primary horizontal fragmentation.
- Disjointness
 - Simple join graphs between the owner and the member fragments.

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Vertical Fragmentation

- Has been studied within the centralized context
 - design methodology
 - physical clustering
- More difficult than horizontal, because more alternatives exist.

Two approaches:

- grouping
 - ◆ attributes to fragments
- ⇒ splitting
 - ◆ relation to fragments

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Vertical Fragmentation

- **■** Overlapping fragments
 - **⇒** grouping
- Non-overlapping fragments
 - **⇒** splitting

We do not consider the replicated key attributes to be overlapping.

Advantage:

Easier to enforce functional dependencies (for integrity checking etc.)

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VF - Information Requirements

- **■** Application Information
 - **➡** Attribute affinities
 - a measure that indicates how closely related the attributes are
 - ◆ This is obtained from more primitive usage data
 - **➡** Attribute usage values
 - ♦ Given a set of queries $Q = \{q_1, \ q_2, ..., \ q_q\}$ that will run on the relation $R[A_1, \ A_2, ..., \ A_n],$

 $use(q_i, A_j) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if attribute } A_j \text{ is referenced by query } q_i \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

 $use(q_i, \bullet)$ can be defined accordingly

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VF - Definition of $use(q_i, A_i)$

Consider the following 4 queries for relation PROJ

 q_1 : SELECT BUDGET q_2 : SELECT PNAME, BUDGET

FROM PROJ FROM PROJ

WHERE PNO=Value

 q_3 : SELECT PNAME q_4 : SELECT SUM(BUDGET)

FROM PROJ FROM PROJ

WHERE LOC=Value WHERE LOC=Value

Let A_1 = PNO, A_2 = PNAME, A_3 = BUDGET, A_4 = LOC

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VF - Affinity Measure $aff(A_i, A_i)$

The attribute affinity measure between two attributes A_i and A_j of a relation $R[A_1, A_2, ..., A_n]$ with respect to the set of applications $Q = (q_1, q_2, ..., q_q)$ is defined as follows:

$$aff(A_i, A_j) = all \text{ queries that access } A_i \text{ and } A_j \text{ (query access)}$$

query access =
$$\frac{\text{access frequency of a query}}{\text{all sites}} = \frac{\text{access frequency of a query}}{\text{execution}}$$

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VF - Calculation of $aff(A_i, A_i)$

Assume each query in the previous example accesses the attributes once during each execution.

Also assume the access frequencies

Then

 $aff(A_1, A_3) = 15*1 + 20*1 + 10*1$ = 45

and the attribute affinity matrix AA is

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VF - Clustering Algorithm

- Take the attribute affinity matrix *AA* and reorganize the attribute orders to form clusters where the attributes in each cluster demonstrate high affinity to one another.
- Bond Energy Algorithm (BEA) has been used for clustering of entities. BEA finds an ordering of entities (in our case attributes) such that the global affinity measure

AM = (affinity of A_i and A_j with their neighbors)

is maximized.

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Bond Energy Algorithm

Input: The AA matrix

Output: The clustered affinity matrix *CA* which is a perturbation of *AA*

- *Initialization*: Place and fix one of the columns of *AA* in *CA*.
- **②** *Iteration*: Place the remaining *n-i* columns in the remaining *i*+1 positions in the *CA* matrix. For each column, choose the placement that makes the most contribution to the global affinity measure.
- **②** Row order: Order the rows according to the column ordering.

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Bond Energy Algorithm

"Best" placement? Define contribution of a placement:

$$cont(A_i, A_k, A_j) = 2bond(A_i, A_k) + 2bond(A_k, A_l) - 2bond(A_i, A_j)$$

where

$$bond(A_{x}, A_{y}) = \int_{z=1}^{n} aff(A_{z}, A_{x}) aff(A_{z}, A_{y})$$

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BEA - Example

Consider the following AA matrix and the corresponding CA matrix where A_1 and A_2 have been placed. Place A_3 :

And
$$A_2$$
 have been placed. Place A_3 .

$$A_1 \quad A_2 \quad A_3 \quad A_4 \qquad A_1 \quad A_2$$

$$A_4 \quad 45 \quad 0 \quad 5 \quad 0$$

$$0 \quad 80 \quad 5 \quad 75$$

$$45 \quad 0 \quad 80$$

$$45 \quad 5 \quad 53 \quad 3$$

$$A_4 \quad 0 \quad 75 \quad 3 \quad 78$$

$$CA = \begin{cases}
A_1 \quad A_2 \\
0 \quad 80 \\
45 \quad 5 \\
0 \quad 75
\end{cases}$$

Ordering (0-3-1):

 $cont(A_0, A_3, A_1) = 2bond(A_0, A_3) + 2bond(A_3, A_1) - 2bond(A_0, A_1)$

= 2*0 + 2*4410 - 2*0 = 8820

Ordering (1-3-2):

 $cont(A_1, A_3, A_2) = 2bond(A_1, A_3) + 2bond(A_3, A_2) - 2bond(A_1, A_2)$ = 2* 4410 + 2* 890 - 2*225 = 10150

Ordering (2-3-4):

 $cont(A_2, A_3, A_4) = 1780$

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BEA - Example

Therefore, the CA matrix has to form

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BEA - Example

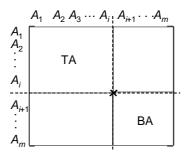
When A_4 is placed, the final form of the CA matrix (after row organization) is

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VF - Algorithm

How can you divide a set of clustered attributes $\{A_1, A_2, ..., A_n\}$ into two (or more) sets $\{A_1, A_2, ..., A_i\}$ and $\{A_i, ..., A_n\}$ such that there are no (or minimal) applications that access both (or more than one) of the sets.



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VF - ALgorithm

Define

TQ =set of applications that access only TA

BQ =set of applications that access only BA

OQ = set of applications that access both TA and BA

and

CTQ = total number of accesses to attributes by applications that access only TA

CBQ = total number of accesses to attributes by applications that access only BA

COQ = total number of accesses to attributes by applications that access both TA and BA

Then find the point along the diagonal that maximizes

CTQ CBQ-COQ2

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VF - Algorithm

Two problems:

- **O** Cluster forming in the middle of the *CA* matrix
 - ➡ Shift a row up and a column left and apply the algorithm to find the "best" partitioning point
 - **■** Do this for all possible shifts
 - \longrightarrow Cost $O(m^2)$
- 2 More than two clusters
 - *m*-way partitioning
 - → try 1, 2, ..., m-1 split points along diagonal and try to find the best point for each of these
 - \longrightarrow Cost $O(2^m)$

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VF - Correctness

A relation R, defined over attribute set A and key K, generates the vertical partitioning $F_R = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_r\}$.

- **■** Completeness
 - **■** The following should be true for *A*:

$$A = A_{R_i}$$

- **■** Reconstruction
 - Reconstruction can be achieved by

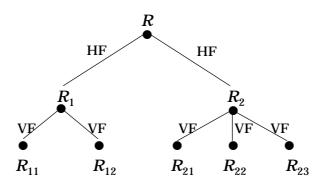
$$R = \bowtie_K R_i \quad R_i \quad F_R$$

- Disjointness
 - ➡ TID's are not considered to be overlapping since they are maintained by the system
 - Duplicated keys are not considered to be overlapping

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Hybrid Fragmentation



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Fragment Allocation

■ Problem Statement

Given

$$\begin{split} F &= \{F_1, \ F_2, \ ..., \ F_n\} & \text{fragments} \\ S &= \{S_1, \ S_2, \ ..., \ S_m\} & \text{network sites} \\ Q &= \{q_1, \ q_2, ..., \ q_q\} & \text{applications} \end{split}$$

Find the "optimal" distribution of F to S.

- **■** Optimality
 - **■** Minimal cost
 - ◆ Communication + storage + processing (read & update)
 - ◆ Cost in terms of time (usually)
 - → Performance

Response time and/or throughput

- Constraints
 - ◆ Per site constraints (storage & processing)

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Information Requirements

- **■** Database information
 - **■** selectivity of fragments
 - size of a fragment
- **■** Application information
 - access types and numbers
 - **■** access localities
- **■** Communication network information
 - **■** unit cost of storing data at a site
 - unit cost of processing at a site
- **■** Computer system information
 - **⇒** bandwidth
 - latency
 - communication overhead

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Allocation

File Allocation (FAP) vs Database Allocation (DAP):

- Fragments are not individual files
 - ◆ relationships have to be maintained
- **■** Access to databases is more complicated
 - ♦ remote file access model not applicable
 - ◆ relationship between allocation and query processing
- Cost of integrity enforcement should be considered
- Cost of concurrency control should be considered

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Allocation – Information Requirements

- Database Information
 - **■** selectivity of fragments
- **■** Application Information
 - m number of read accesses of a query to a fragment
 - m number of update accesses of query to a fragment
 - → A matrix indicating which queries updates which fragments
 - **■** A similar matrix for retrievals
 - **■** originating site of each query
- **■** Site Information
 - unit cost of storing data at a site
 - unit cost of processing at a site
- Network Information
 - **■** communication cost/frame between two sites
 - **➡** frame size

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Allocation Model

General Form

min(Total Cost)

subject to

response time constraint storage constraint processing constraint

Decision Variable

 $x_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if fragment } F_i \text{ is stored at site } S_j \\ 0 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$

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Allocation Model

■ Total Cost

query processing cost + $\frac{\text{cost of storing a fragment at a site}}{\text{all sites}} \quad \text{all fragments}$

■ Storage Cost (of fragment F_i at S_k)

(unit storage cost at S_k) (size of F_i) x_{ik}

■ Query Processing Cost (for one query)

processing component + transmission component

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Allocation Model

■ Query Processing Cost

Processing component

access cost + integrity enforcement cost + concurrency control cost

(no. of update accesses+ no. of read accesses) all sites all fragments

 x_{ij} local processing cost at a site

- Integrity enforcement and concurrency control costs
 - ♦ Can be similarly calculated

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Allocation Model

■ Query Processing Cost

Transmission component

cost of processing updates + cost of processing retrievals

Cost of updates

acknowledgment cost

■ Retrieval Cost

 $\underset{all\ fragments}{min}_{all\ sites} (cost\ of\ retrieval\ command\ \ +$

cost of sending back the result)

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Allocation Model

- **■** Constraints
 - **■** Response Time

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{execution time of query} & \text{max. allowable response time} \\ \text{for that query} & \end{array}$

➡ Storage Constraint (for a site)

storage requirement of a fragment at that site all fragments

storage capacity at that site

➡ Processing constraint (for a site)

processing load of a query at that site

processing capacity of that site

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Allocation Model

- **■** Solution Methods
 - **FAP is NP-complete**
 - **DAP also NP-complete**
- Heuristics based on
 - **■** single commodity warehouse location (for FAP)
 - **➡** knapsack problem
 - branch and bound techniques
 - **■** network flow

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Allocation Model

- Attempts to reduce the solution space
 - assume all candidate partitionings known; select the "best" partitioning
 - **■** ignore replication at first
 - sliding window on fragments

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