Distributed Databases

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Topics

- Introduction
- Background
- Distributed DBMS Architecture
- Distributed Database Design
- Semantic Data Control
- Distributed Query Processing
- Distributed Transaction Management
- Parallel Database Systems
- Distributed Object DBMS
- Database Interoperability
- Current Issues

Outline

- □ Design what?
- Fragmentation
- Allocation

Design Approaches

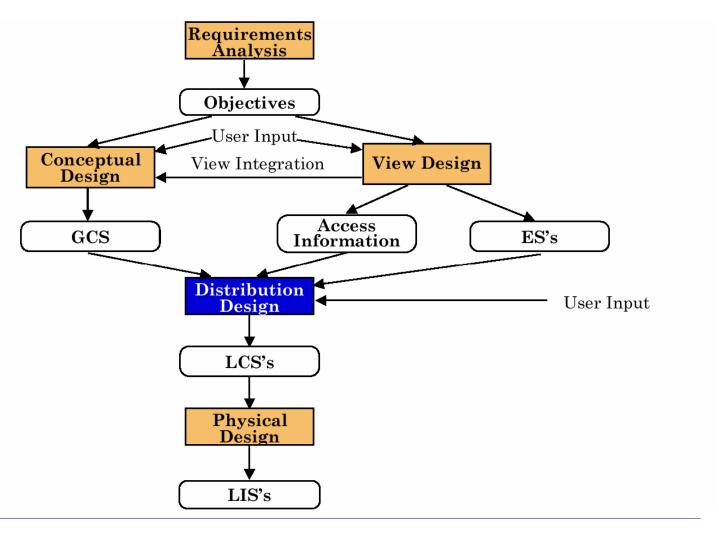
■ Top-down

- mostly in designing systems from scratch
- mostly in homogeneous systems

■ Bottom-up

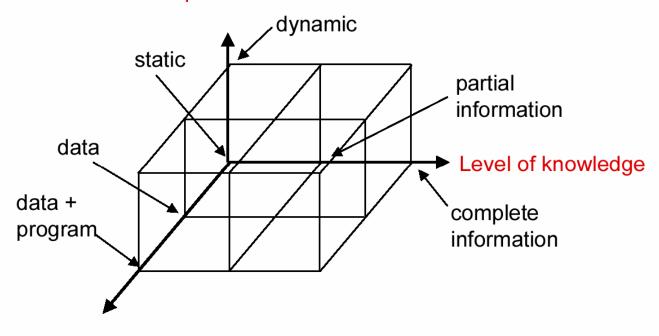
when the databases already exist at a number of sites

Top-Down Design



Dimensions of the Design Problem

Access pattern behavior



Level of sharing

Distribution Design Issues

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

Fragmentation

- Can't we just distribute relations?
- What is a reasonable unit of distribution?
 - relation
 - views are subsets of relations; partition to achieve 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

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	Instrumentation Database Develop. CAD/CAM Maintenance CAD/CAM	150000	Montreal
P2		135000	New York
P3		250000	New York
P4		310000	Paris
P5		500000	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

Fragmentation Alternatives - Vertical

PROJ₁: information about project budgets

PROJ₂: information about project names and locations

PROJ

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P1	Instrumentation Database Develop. CAD/CAM Maintenance CAD/CAM	150000	Montreal
P2		135000	New York
P3		250000	New York
P4		310000	Paris
P5		500000	Boston

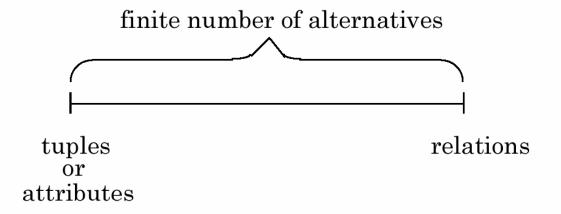
PROJ₁

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

$PROJ_2$

PN	Ю	PNAME	LOC
P' P' P' P'	2 3 4	Instrumentation Database Develop. CAD/CAM Maintenance CAD/CAM	Montreal New York New York Paris Boston

Degree of Fragmentation



Finding the suitable level of partitioning within this range

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

$$R = \nabla_{1 \le i \le n} R_i$$

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 $(k \neq j)$.

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

otherwise replication may cause problems

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)

Our Running Example

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ENO	ENAME	TITLE
E1 E2 E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E8	J. Doe M. Smith A. Lee J. Miller B. Casey L. Chu R. Davis J. Jones	Elect. Eng. Syst. Anal. Mech. Eng. Programmer Syst. Anal. Elect. Eng. Mech. Eng. Syst. Anal.

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ENO	PNO	RESP	DUR
E1 E2 E3 E3 E4 E5 E6 E7 E7	P1 P2 P3 P4 P2 P2 P4 P3 P5	Manager Analyst Analyst Consultant Engineer Programmer Manager Manager Engineer Engineer Manager	12 24 6 10 48 18 24 48 36 23 40

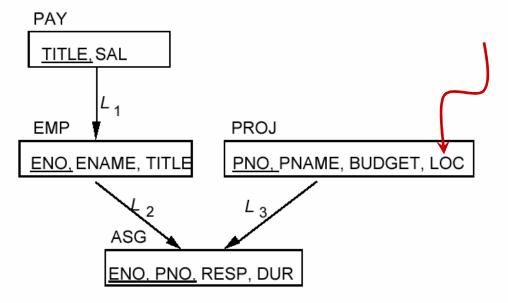
PROJ

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET
P1 P2 P3 P4	Instrumentation Database Develope CAD/CAM Maintenance	150000 135000 250000 310000

PAY

TITLE	SAL
Elect. Eng.	40000
Syst. Anal.	34000
Mech. Eng.	27000
Programmer	24000

- Database Information
 - relationship



ightharpoonup cardinality of each relation: card(R)

Application Information

simple predicates: Given $R[A_1, A_2, ..., A_n]$, a simple predicate p_j is $p_j: A_i \ \theta \ Value$

where $\theta \in \{=,<,\leq,>,\geq,\neq\}$, $Value \in D_i$ and D_i is the domain of A_i .

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

Example:

PNAME = "Maintenance" $BUDGET \le 200000$

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

Example

 m_1 : PNAME="Maintenance" \land BUDGET ≤ 200000

 m_2 : NOT(PNAME="Maintenance") \land BUDGET \le 200000

 m_3 : PNAME= "Maintenance" \wedge **NOT**(BUDGET \leq 200000)

 m_4 : **NOT**(PNAME="Maintenance") \land **NOT**(BUDGET \leq 200000)

Application Information

- \longrightarrow 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 q_i accesses data.
 - Access frequency for a minterm predicate can also be defined.

Primary Horizontal Fragmentation

Definition:

$$R_j = \sigma_{F_j}(R), \quad 1 \le j \le w$$

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*.

Selecting Simple Predicates

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
- ightharpoonup Pr should be minimal

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)

Completeness of Simple Predicates

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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_j 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.

Minimality of Simple Predicates

Example:

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Pr ={LOC="Montreal",LOC="New York", LOC="Paris",
BUDGET≤200000,BUDGET>200000}
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is minimal (in addition to being complete). However, if we add

PNAME = "Instrumentation"

then Pr is not minimal.

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.

COM_MIN Algorithm

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

$$\begin{array}{l} Pr' \leftarrow Pr' - p_k \\ F \leftarrow F - f_k \end{array}$$

PHORIZANTAL 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 determine the set *I* of implications among $p_i \in Pr$
- $oldsymbol{0}$ eliminate the contradictory minterms from M

- 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

 $p_1: SAL \le 30000$

 p_2 : SAL > 30000

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

Minterm predicates

 m_1 : (SAL \leq 30000)

 m_2 : **NOT**(SAL \leq 30000) = (SAL > 30000)

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Mech. Eng. Programmer	$27000 \\ 24000$

PAY₁

TITLE	SAL	
Mech. Eng.	27000	
Programmer	24000	

 PAY_2

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

■ 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)

$$p_4 : BUDGET \le 200000$$

$$p_5 : BUDGET > 200000$$

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

PROJ

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P1	Instrumentation	150000	Montreal
P2	Database Develop	135000	New York
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■ Fragmentation of relation PROJ continued

Minterm fragments left after elimination

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\begin{split} m_1: & (\text{LOC} = \text{``Montreal''}) \land (\text{BUDGET} \leq 200000) \\ m_2: & (\text{LOC} = \text{``Montreal''}) \land (\text{BUDGET} > 200000) \\ m_3: & (\text{LOC} = \text{``New York''}) \land (\text{BUDGET} \leq 200000) \\ m_4: & (\text{LOC} = \text{``New York''}) \land (\text{BUDGET} > 200000) \\ m_5: & (\text{LOC} = \text{``Paris''}) \land (\text{BUDGET} \leq 200000) \\ \end{split}
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 \begin{aligned} i_1 \colon & p_1 \Rightarrow \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3 \\ i_2 \colon & p_2 \Rightarrow \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_3 \\ i_3 \colon & p_3 \Rightarrow \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \\ i_4 \colon & p_4 \Rightarrow \neg p_5 \\ i_5 \colon & p_5 \Rightarrow \neg p_4 \\ i_6 \colon & \neg p_4 \Rightarrow p_5 \\ i_7 \colon & \neg p_5 \Rightarrow p_4 \end{aligned}
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PROJ₁

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P1	Instrumentation	150000	Montreal

 $PROJ_2$

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P2	Database Develop.	135000	New York

 $PROJ_4$

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P3	CAD/CAM	250000	New York

 PROJ_6

PNO	PNAME	BUDGET	LOC
P4	Maintenance	310000	Paris

Correctness

Completeness

Since *Pr*' is complete and minimal, the selection predicates are complete

■ Reconstruction

■ If relation R is fragmented into $F_R = \{R_1, R_2, ..., R_r\}$

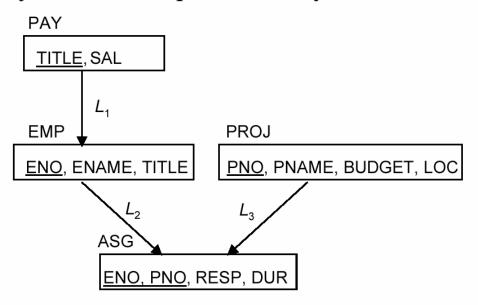
$$R = \bigcup_{\forall R_i \in F_R} R_i$$

Disjointness

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

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.



Definition

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

$$R_i = R \bowtie S_i$$
 , $1 \le i \le w$

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

$$S_i = \sigma_{F_i}(S)$$

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

Example

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

$$EMP_1 = EMP \bowtie PAY_1$$

$$EMP_2 = EMP \triangleright PAY_2$$

where

$$PAY_1 = \sigma_{SAL \leq 30000} (PAY)$$

$$PAY_2 = \sigma_{SAL>30000}(PAY)$$

PAY₁

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PAY₂

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Syst. Anal.	34000

EMP₁

ENO	ENAME	TITLE
E3	A. Lee	Mech. Eng.
E4	J. Miller	Programmer
E7	R. Davis	Mech. Eng.

 EMP_2

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.

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 $R[A_1, A_2, ..., A_n]$,

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

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

VF – Information Requirements

Consider the following 4 queries for relation PROJ

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q_1: SELECT BUDGET q_2: SELECT PNAME, BUDGET
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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

Algorithm: 1. Affinity Measure $aff(A_i, A_i)$

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

$$aff(A_i, A_j) = \sum_{\substack{k \mid use(q_k, A_i) = 1 \land use(q_k, A_j) = 1}} \sum_{\forall R_l} ref_l(q_k) \times acc_l(q_k)$$

where R_l is a fragment of R in site S_l , $ref_l(q_k)$ is the number of access to attributes (A_i,A_j) for each execution of the query q_k at site S_l and $acc_l(q_k)$ is the query access frequency measure

Algorithm: 2. Affinity Matrix AA

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

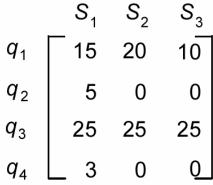
Also assume the access frequencies

Then

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

= 45

and the attribute affinity matrix AA is



Algorithm: 3. BEA to Reorder AA

- 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

$$AM = \sum_{i} \sum_{j}$$
 (affinity of A_i and A_j with their neighbors)

is maximized.

Affinity Measure

$$AM = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} aff(A_i, A_j) \left[aff(A_i, A_{j-1}) + aff(A_i, A_{j+1}) + aff(A_{i-1}, A_j) + aff(A_{i+1}, A_j) \right]$$

Boundary conditions:

$$aff(A_0, A_i) = aff(A_i, A_0) = aff(A_{n+1}, A_i) = aff(A_i, A_{n+1}) = 0$$

And since the AA matrix is symmetric, we revise the definition of affinity measure to:

$$AM = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} aff(A_{i}, A_{j}) \left[aff(A_{i}, A_{j-1}) + aff(A_{i}, A_{j+1}) \right]$$

Bond Energy Algorithm (BEA)

Input: The AA matrix

Output: The clustered affinity matrix CA which

is a perturbation of AA

1 *Initialization*: Place and fix one of the columns of *AA* in *CA*.

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

Bond Energy Algorithm (BEA)

$$AA = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & A_3 & A_4 \\ A_1 & 45 & 0 & 45 & 0 \\ 0 & 80 & 5 & 75 \\ 45 & 5 & 53 & 3 \\ 0 & 75 & 3 & 78 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow CA = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_3 & A_2 & A_4 \\ A_5 & 45 & 0 & 0 \\ 45 & 53 & 5 & 3 \\ 0 & 5 & 80 & 75 \\ A_4 & 0 & 3 & 75 & 78 \end{bmatrix}$$

At each step *i*:

$$\underbrace{A_1 \ A_2 \dots A_r \ A_{r+1} \dots A_i}_{AM_{old}} \qquad \underbrace{A_1 \ A_2 \dots A_r \ A_t \ A_{r+1} \dots A_i}_{AM_{new}}$$

$$cont(A_r, A_t, A_{r+1}) = AM_{new} - AM_{old}$$

Bond Energy Algorithm (BEA)

Define $bond(A_x, A_y)$:

$$bond(A_x, A_y) \equiv \sum_{z=1}^{n} aff(A_z, A_x) \times aff(A_z, A_y)$$

But:

$$AM = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} aff(A_{i}, A_{j}) \Big[aff(A_{i}, A_{j-1}) + aff(A_{i}, A_{j+1}) \Big]$$

$$\Rightarrow AM = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \Big[bond(A_{j}, A_{j-1}) + bond(A_{j}, A_{j+1}) \Big]$$

Do the math:

$$\begin{split} cont(A_r, A_t, A_{r+1}) &= AM_{new} - AM_{old} \\ &= 2bond(A_r, A_t) + 2bond(A_t, A_{r+1}) - 2bond(A_r, A_{r+1}) \end{split}$$

BEA Example

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

$$AA = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 & A_3 & A_4 & A_1 & A_2 \\ A_1 & 45 & 0 & 45 & 0 \\ 0 & 80 & 5 & 75 \\ 45 & 5 & 53 & 3 \\ A_4 & 0 & 75 & 3 & 78 \end{bmatrix} \quad CA = \begin{bmatrix} A_1 & A_2 \\ 45 & 0 \\ 0 & 80 \\ 45 & 5 \\ 0 & 75 \end{bmatrix}$$

Ordering (0-3-1):

$$\begin{array}{ll} cont(A_0,\!A_3,\!A_1) &= 2bond(A_0\;,A_3) + 2bond(A_3\;,A_1) - 2bond(A_0\;,A_1) \\ &= 2^*\;0 + 2^*\;4410 - 2^*0 = 8820 \end{array}$$

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):

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

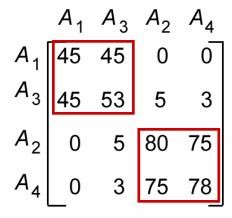
BEA Example

Therefore, the *CA* matrix has to form

$$\begin{bmatrix}
A_1 & A_3 & A_2 \\
45 & 45 & 0 \\
0 & 5 & 80 \\
45 & 53 & 5 \\
0 & 3 & 75
\end{bmatrix}$$

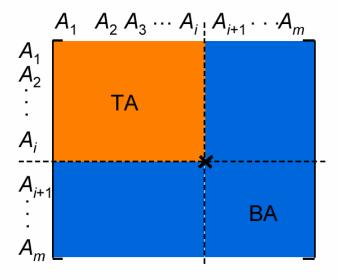
BEA Example

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



Algorithm: 4. Clustering CA

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



Clustering Measure

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

$$Cxx = \sum_{q_i \in xx} \sum_{\forall S_l} ref_l(q_i) \times acc_l(q_i)$$

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

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

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

Then find the point along the diagonal that maximizes

$$CTQ*CBQ-COQ^2$$

Clustering Problems

Two problems:

- 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
 - ightharpoonup Cost $O(2^m)$

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
 - \blacksquare The following should be true for A:

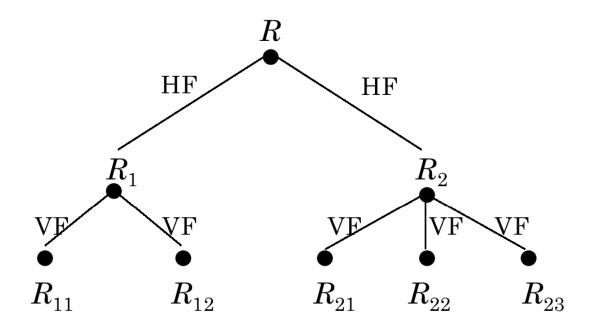
$$A = \bigcup A_{R_i}$$

- Reconstruction
 - Reconstruction can be achieved by

$$R = \bowtie_{\mathsf{K}} R_i \quad \forall R_i \in F_R$$

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

Hybrid Fragmentation



Outline

- Design what?
- Fragmentation
- Allocation

Fragment Allocation Problem

■ Problem Statement

Given

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

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)

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

Allocation Solution

■ DAP is NP-complete

- Heuristics based on
 - → single commodity warehouse location
 - knapsack problem
 - branch and bound techniques
 - network flow