12 | Query Execution – Part I

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QUERY PLAN

The operators are arranged in a tree.

Data flows from the leaves of the tree up towards the root.

The output of the root node is the result of the query.

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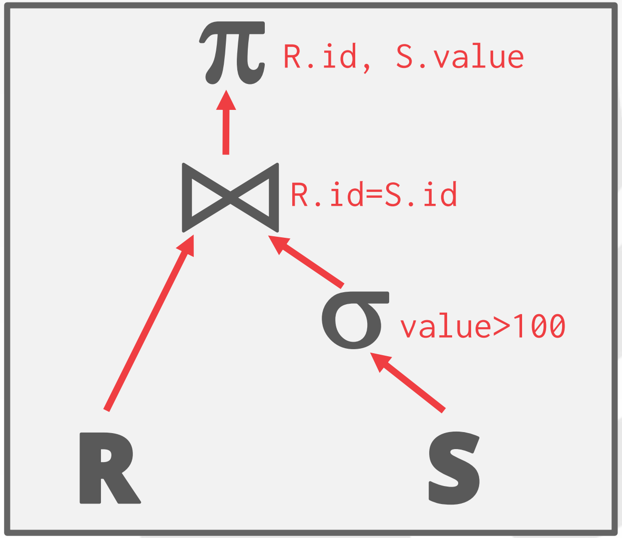

TODAY'S AGENDA

Processing Models
Access Methods
Expression Evaluation

PROCESSING MODEL

A DBMS's **processing model** defines how the system executes a query plan.
→ Different trade-offs for different workloads.

Approach #1: Iterator Model

Approach #2: Materialization Model

Approach #3: Vectorized / Batch Model

ITERATOR MODEL

Each query plan operator implements a **Next** function.

- → On each invocation, the operator returns either a single tuple or a null marker if there are no more tuples.
- → The operator implements a loop that calls next on its children to retrieve their tuples and then process them.

Also called **Volcano** or **Pipeline** Model.

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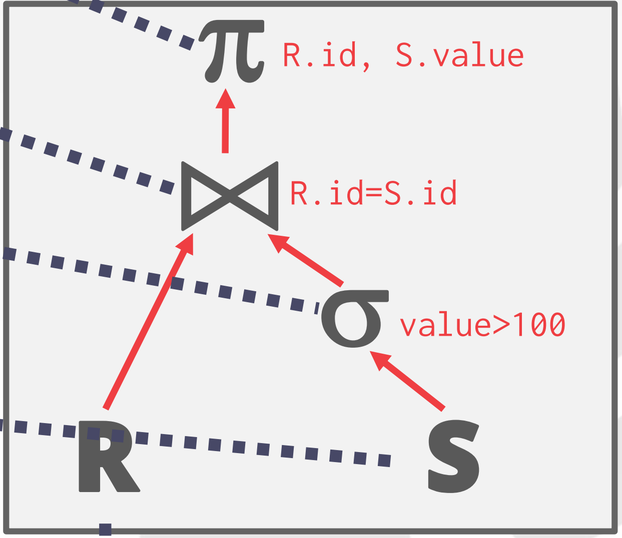

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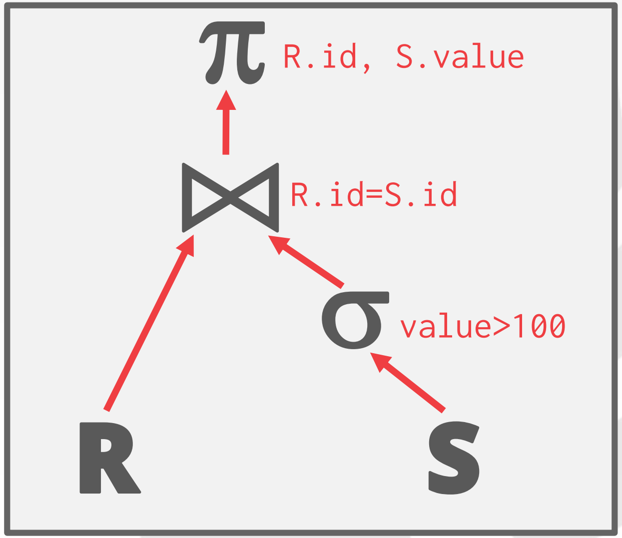

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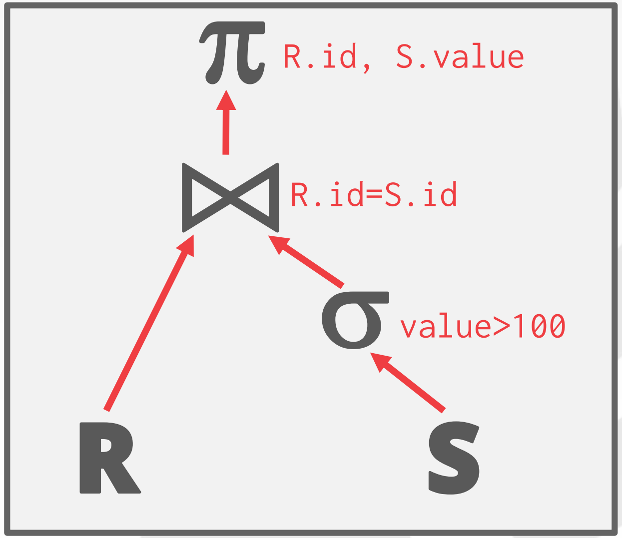

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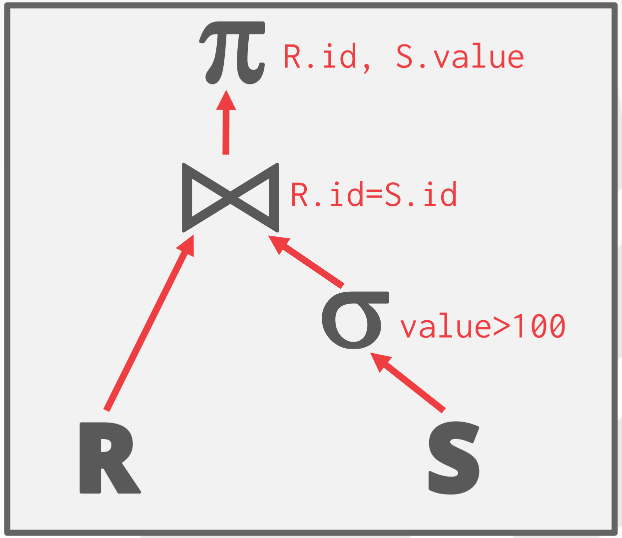

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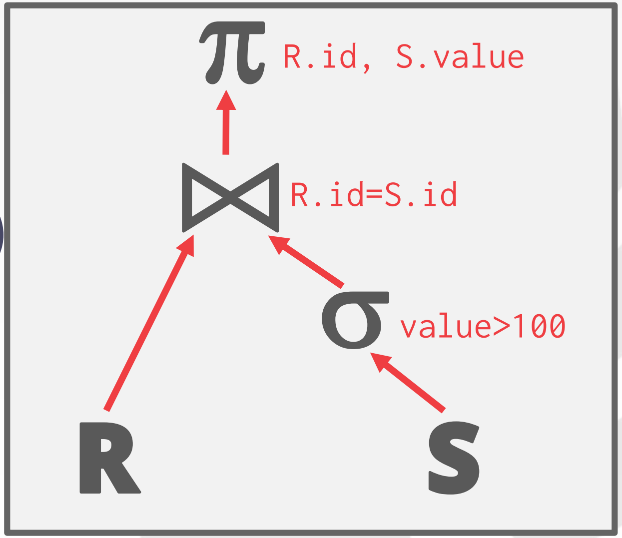

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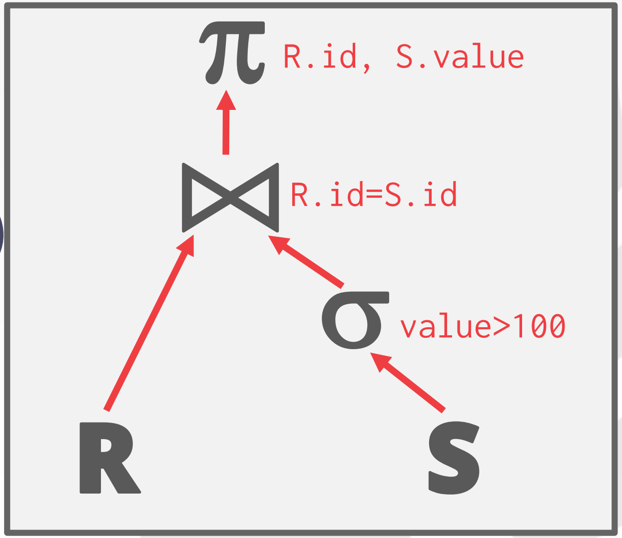

ITERATOR MODEL

This is used in almost every DBMS. Allows for tuple **pipelining**.

Some operators have to block until their children emit all of their tuples.
→ Joins, Subqueries, Order By

Output control works easily with this approach.

MATERIALIZATION MODEL

Each operator processes its input all at once and then emits its output all at once.

→ The operator "materializes" its output as a single result.
→ The DBMS can push down hints into to avoid scanning too many tuples.
→ Can send either a materialized row or a single column.

The output can be either whole tuples (NSM) or subsets of columns (DSM)

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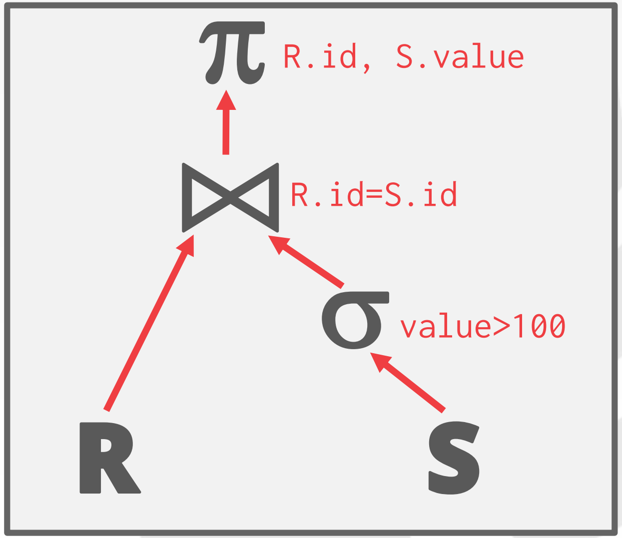

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All Tuples

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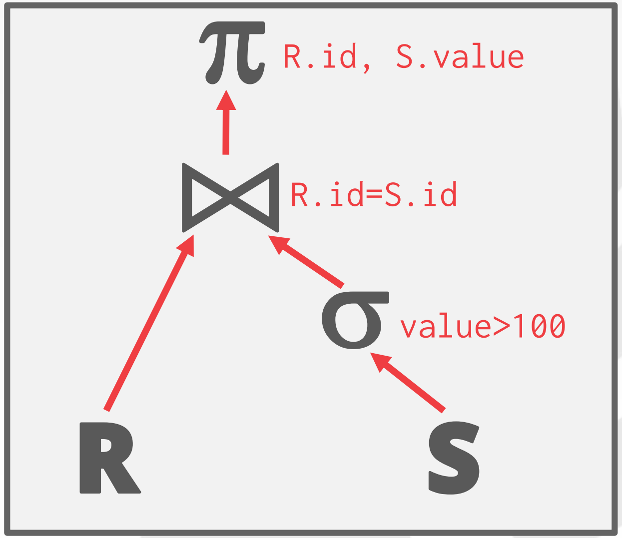

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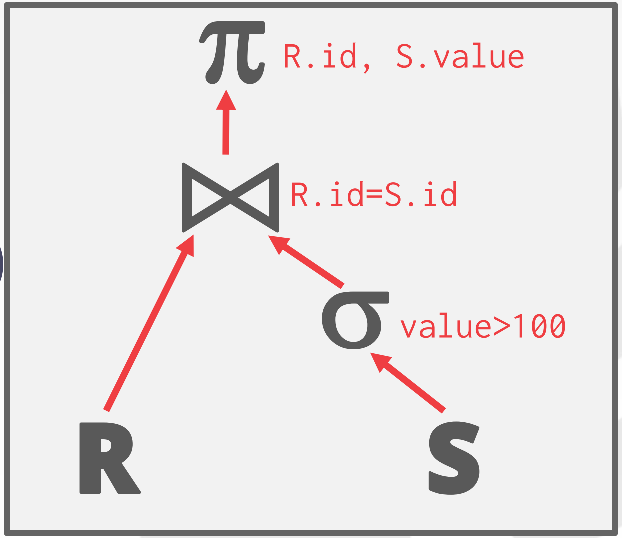

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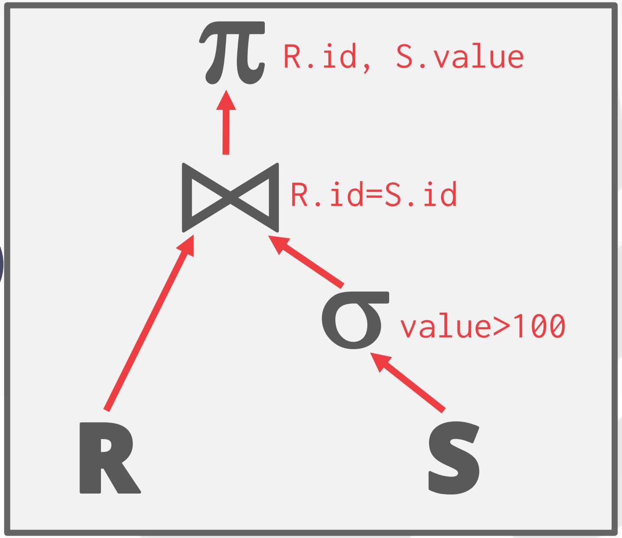

MATERIALIZATION MODEL

Better for OLTP workloads because queries only access a small number of tuples at a time.
→ Lower execution / coordination overhead.
→ Fewer function calls.

Not good for OLAP queries with large intermediate results.

VECTORIZATION MODEL

Like the Iterator Model where each operator implements a **Next** function in this model.

Each operator emits a **batch** of tuples instead of a single tuple.

→ The operator's internal loop processes multiple tuples at a time.

→ The size of the batch can vary based on hardware or query properties.

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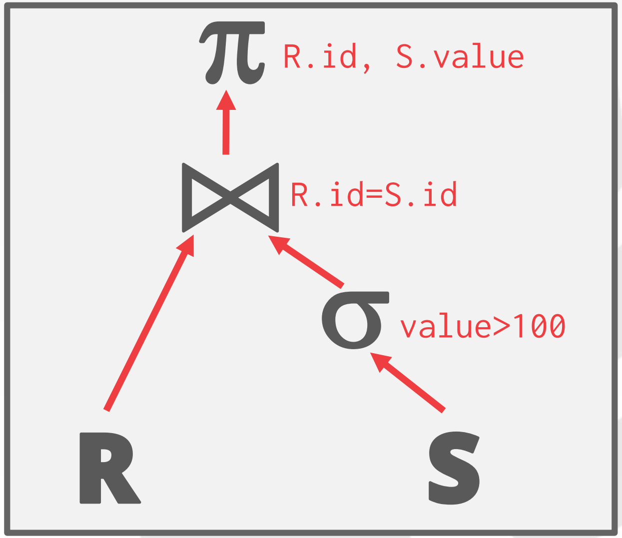

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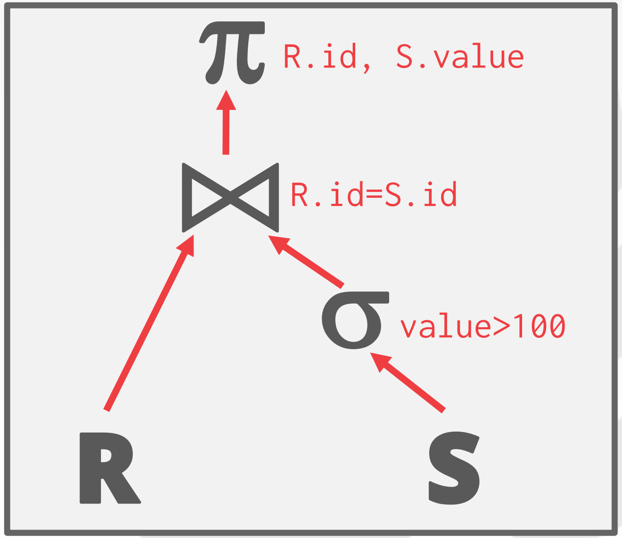

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Ideal for OLAP queries because it greatly reduces the number of invocations per operator.

Allows for operators to use vectorized (SIMD) instructions to process batches of tuples.

PLAN PROCESSING DIRECTION

Approach #1: Top-to-Bottom

→ Start with the root and "pull" data up from its children.
→ Tuples are always passed with function calls.

Approach #2: Bottom-to-Top

→ Start with leaf nodes and push data to their parents.
→ Allows for tighter control of caches/registers in pipelines.

ACCESS METHODS

An **access method** is a way that the DBMS can access the data stored in a table.
→ Not defined in relational algebra.

Three basic approaches:
→ Sequential Scan
→ Index Scan
→ Multi-Index / "Bitmap" Scan

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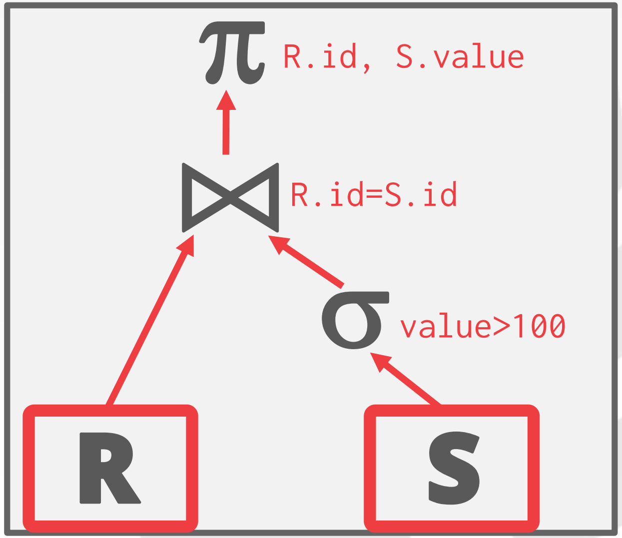

SEQUENTIAL SCAN

For each page in the table:
→ Retrieve it from the buffer pool.
→ Iterate over each tuple and check whether to include it.

```
for page in table.pages:
  for t in page.tuples:
    if evalPred(t):
      // Do Something!
```

The DBMS maintains an internal **cursor** that tracks the last page / slot it examined.

SEQUENTIAL SCAN: OPTIMIZATIONS

This is almost always the worst thing that the DBMS can do to execute a query.

Sequential Scan Optimizations:
→ Prefetching
→ Buffer Pool Bypass
→ Parallelization
→ Zone Maps
→ Late Materialization
→ Heap Clustering

ZONE MAPS

Pre-computed aggregates for the attribute values in a page. DBMS checks the zone map first to decide whether it wants to access the page.

```
SELECT * FROM table
 WHERE val > 600
```

Original Data

val
100
200
300
400
400

Zone Map

type	val
MIN	100
MAX	400
AVG	280
SUM	1400
COUNT	5

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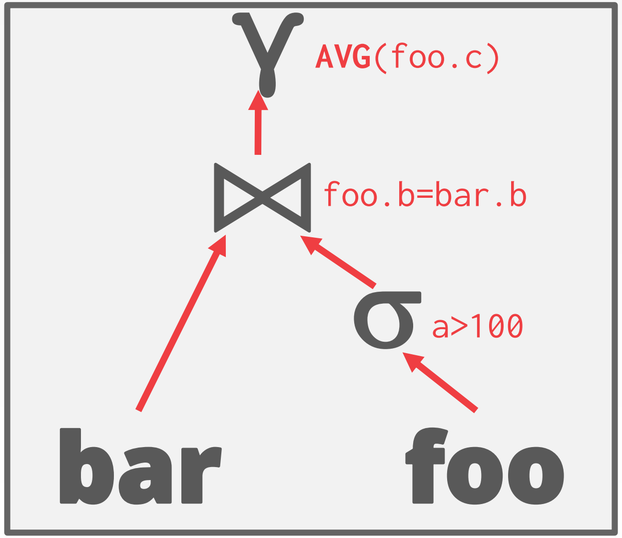


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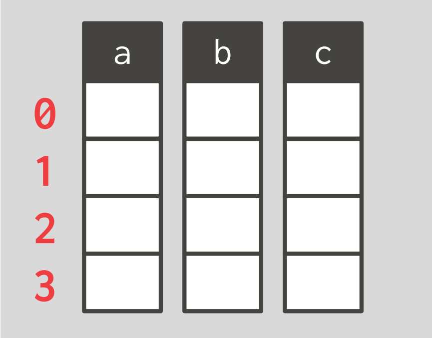

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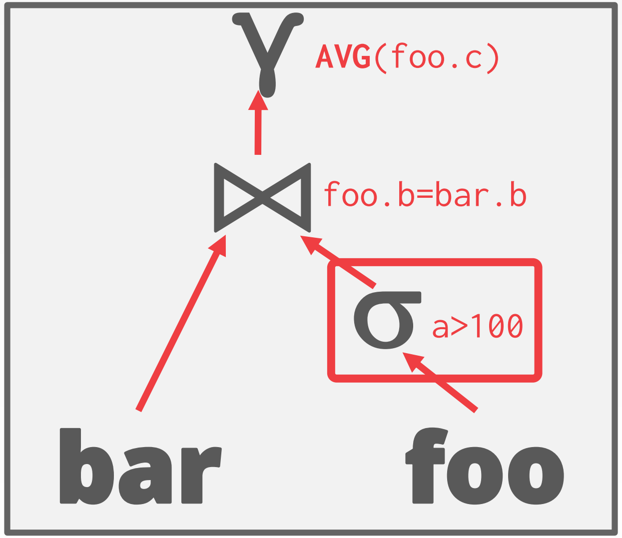

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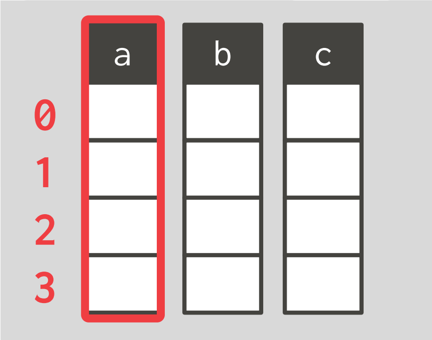

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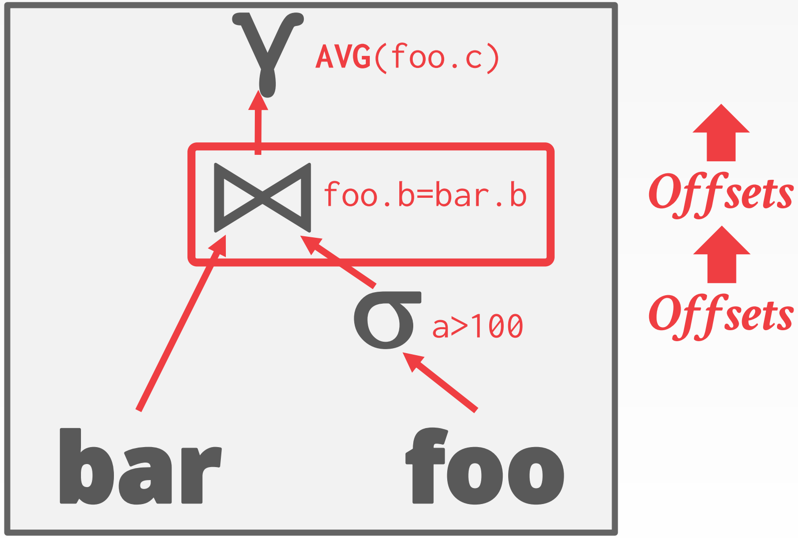


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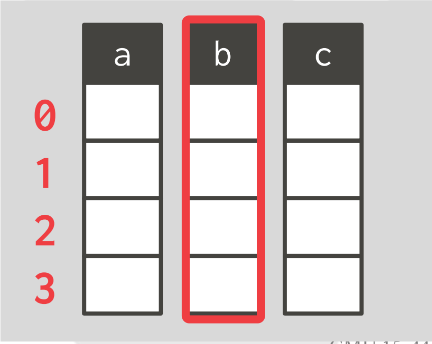

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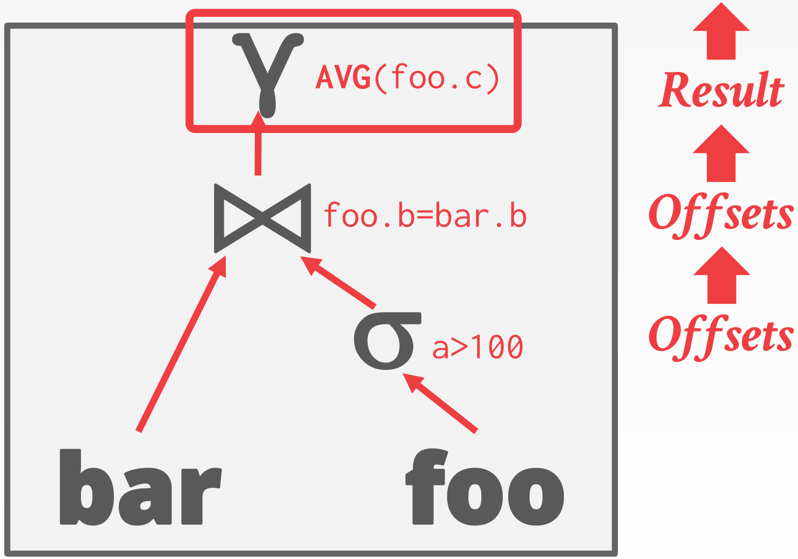


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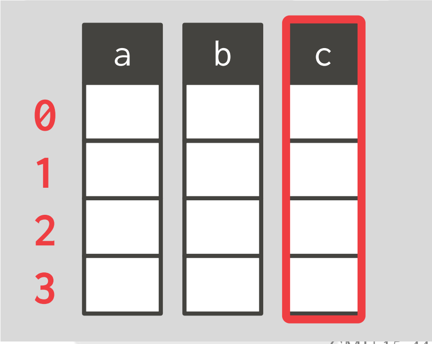
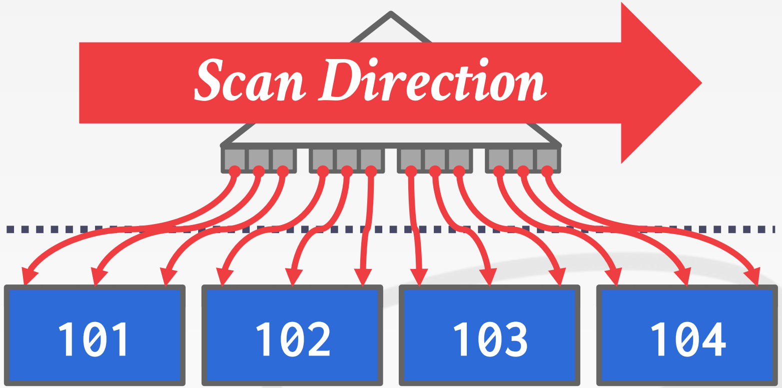


HEAP CLUSTERING

Tuples are sorted in the heap's pages using the order specified by a clustering index.

If the query accesses tuples using the clustering index's attributes, then the DBMS can jump directly to the pages that it needs.



INDEX SCAN

The DBMS picks an index to find the tuples that the query needs.

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Which index to use depends on:

→ What attributes the index contains
→ What attributes the query references
→ The attribute's value domains
→ Predicate composition
→ Whether the index has unique or non-unique keys

INDEX SCAN

```
SELECT * FROM students
 WHERE age < 30
   AND dept = 'CS'
   AND country = 'US'
```

Suppose that we a single table with 100 tuples and two indexes:

→ Index #1: **age**
→ Index #2: **dept**

Scenario #1

There are 99 people under the age of 30 but only 2 people in the CS department.

Scenario #2

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MULTI-INDEX SCAN

If there are multiple indexes that the DBMS can use for a query:

→ Compute sets of record ids using each matching index.
→ Combine these sets based on the query's predicates (union vs. intersect).
→ Retrieve the records and apply any remaining predicates.

Postgres calls this Bitmap Scan.

MULTI-INDEX SCAN

With an index on **`age`** and an index on **`dept`**,

- → We can retrieve the record ids satisfying **`age<30`** using the first,
- → Then retrieve the record ids satisfying **`dept='CS'`** using the second,
- → Take their intersection
- → Retrieve records and check **`country='US'`**.

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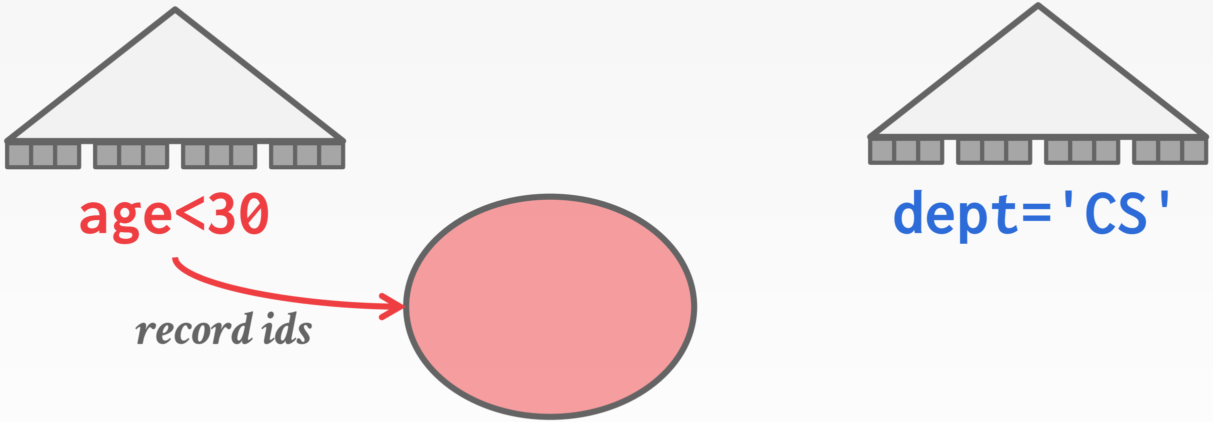

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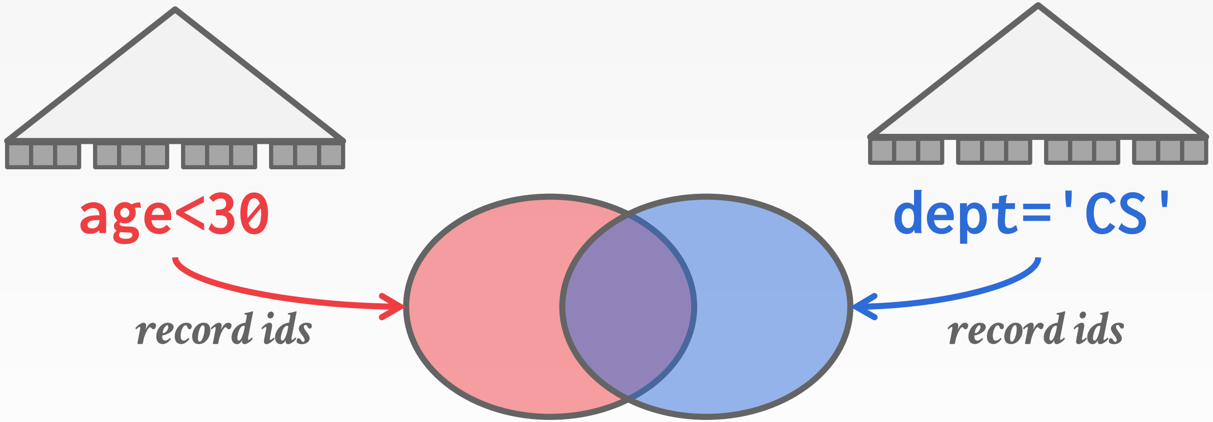

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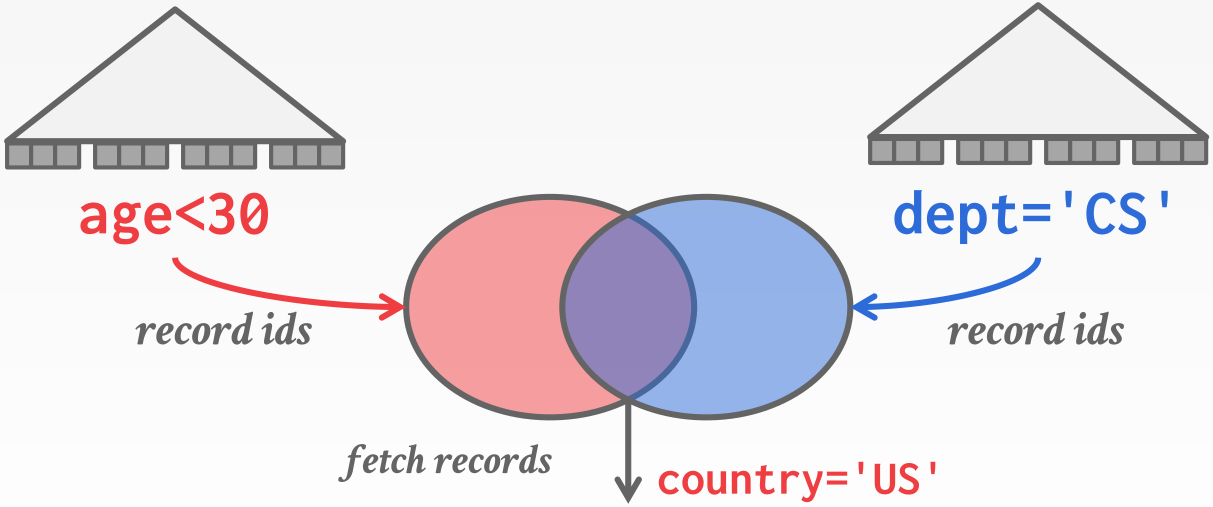

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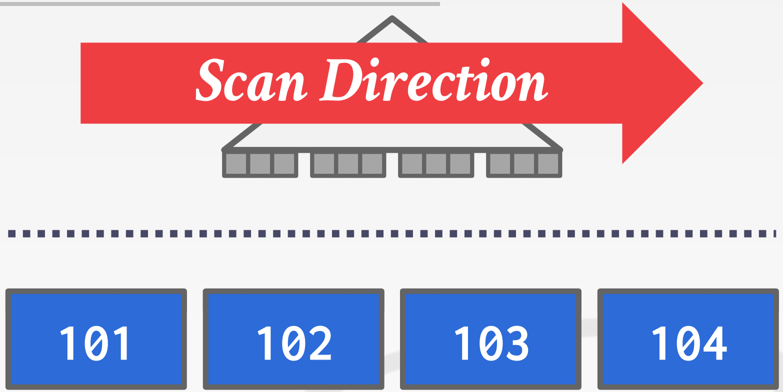

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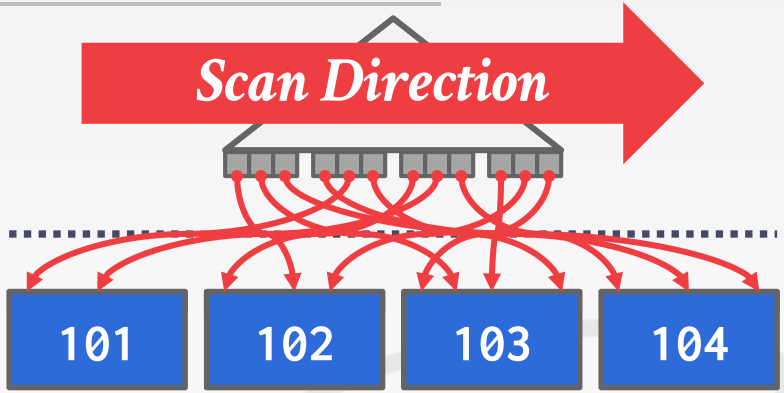

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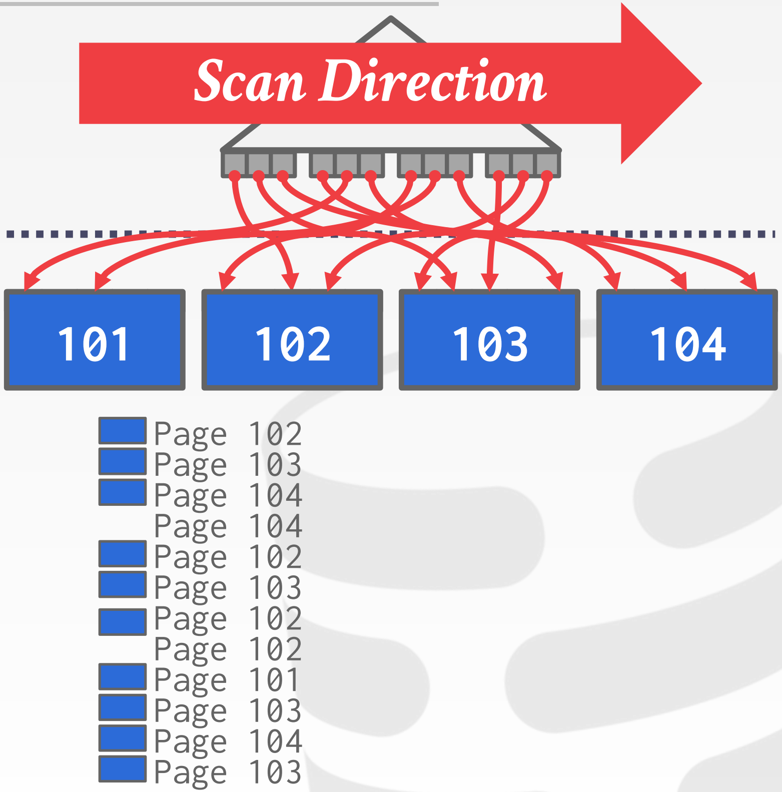

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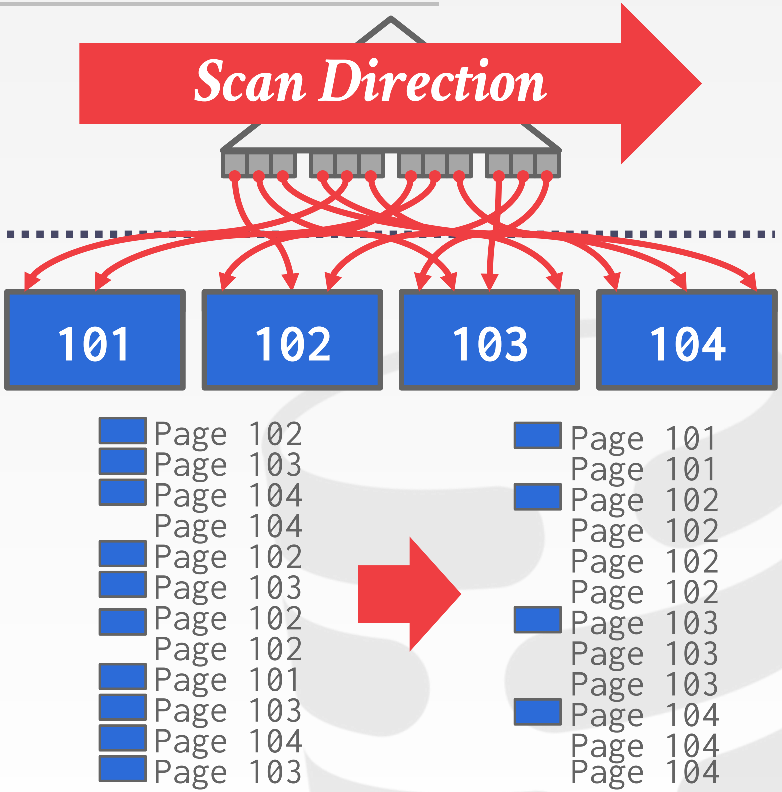

EXPRESSION EVALUATION

The DBMS represents a **WHERE** clause as an **expression tree**.

The nodes in the tree represent different expression types:

→ Comparisons (=, <, >, !=)
→ Conjunction (AND), Disjunction (OR)
→ Arithmetic Operators (+, -, *, /, %)
→ Constant Values
→ Tuple Attribute References

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    ON R.id = S.id
 WHERE S.value > 100
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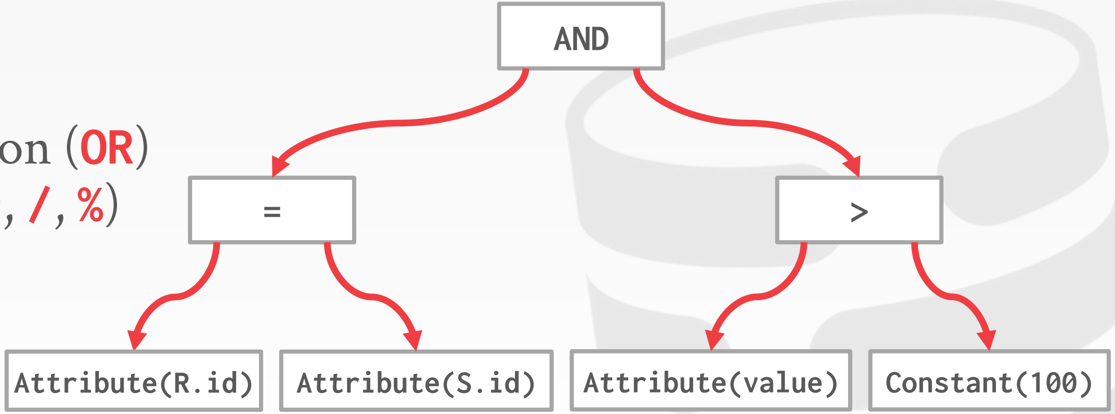

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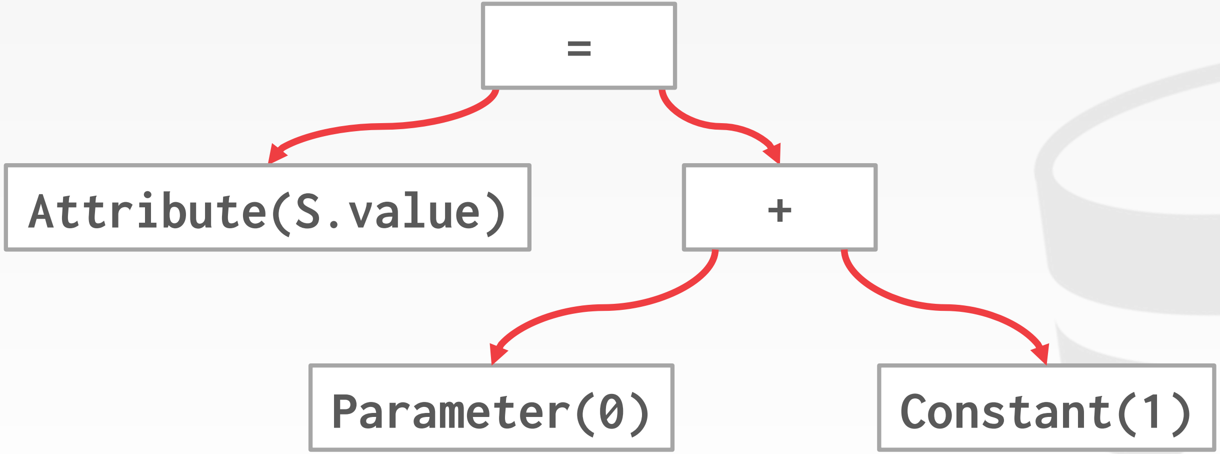

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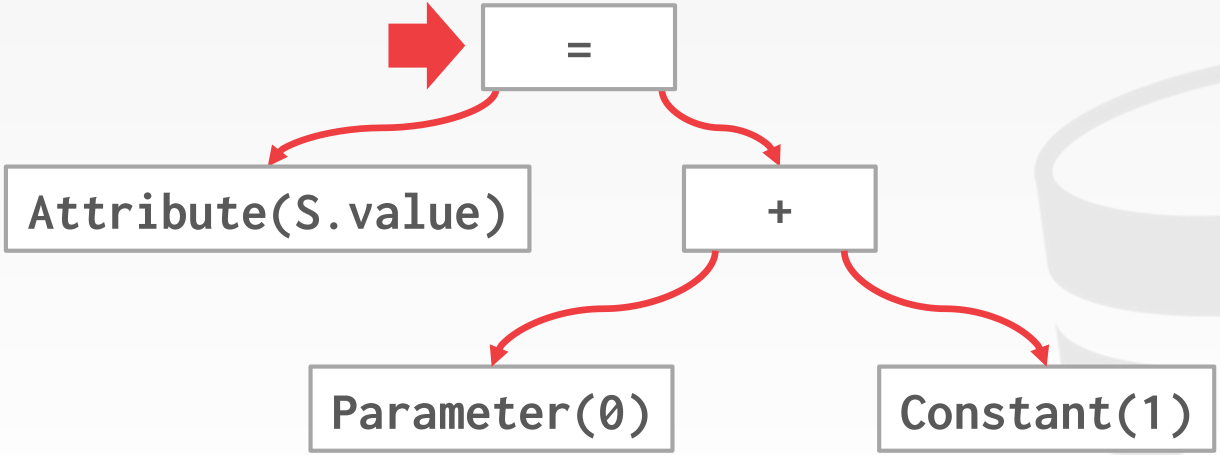

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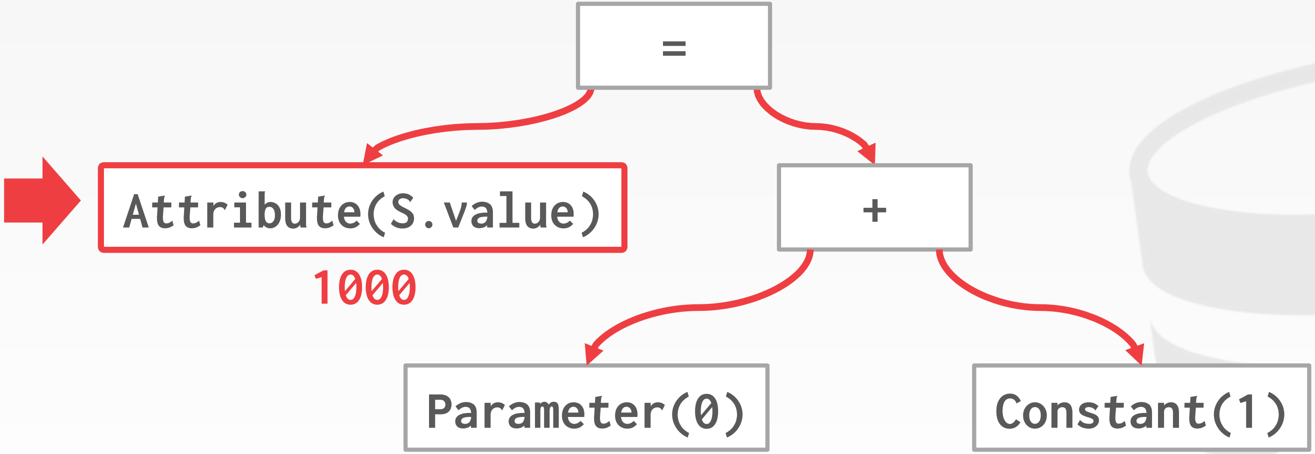

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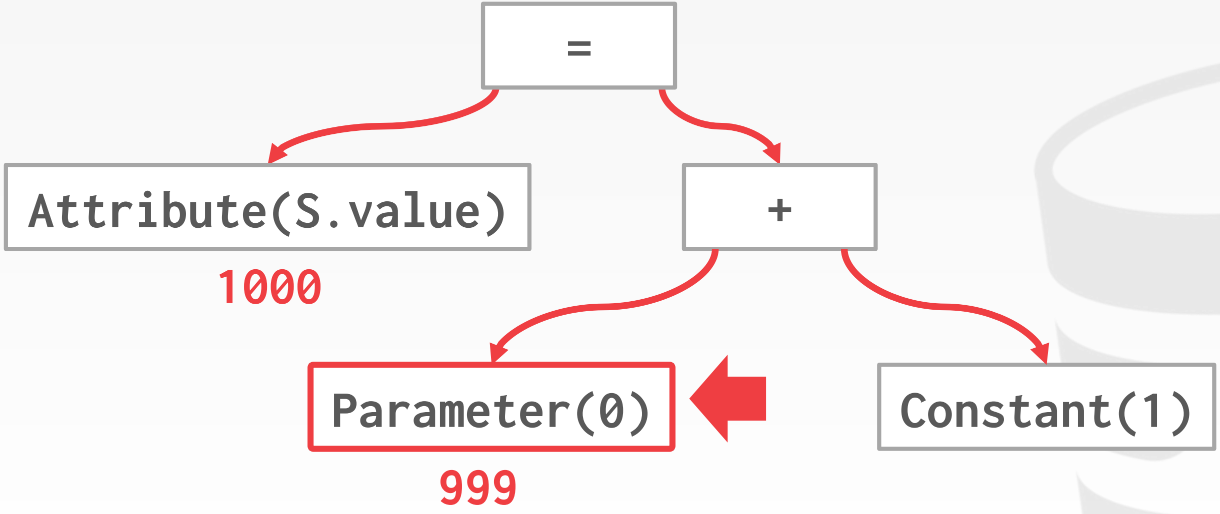

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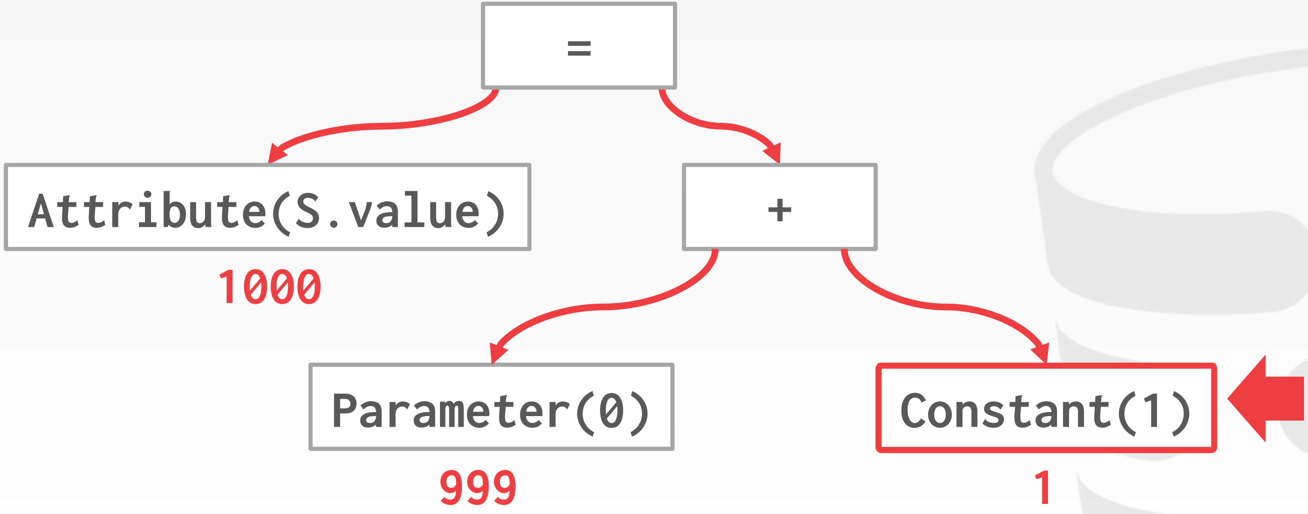

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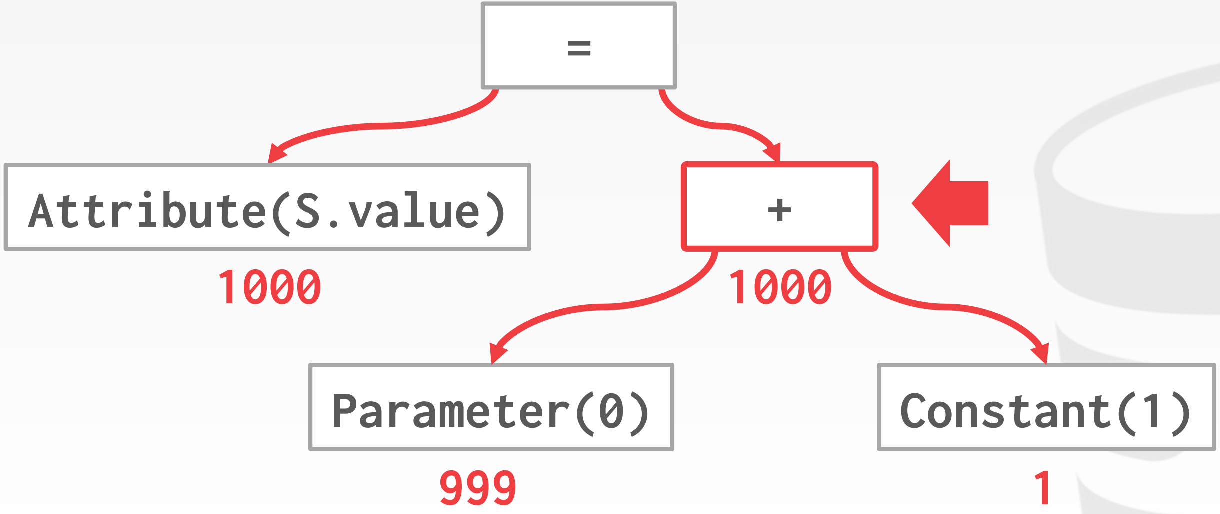

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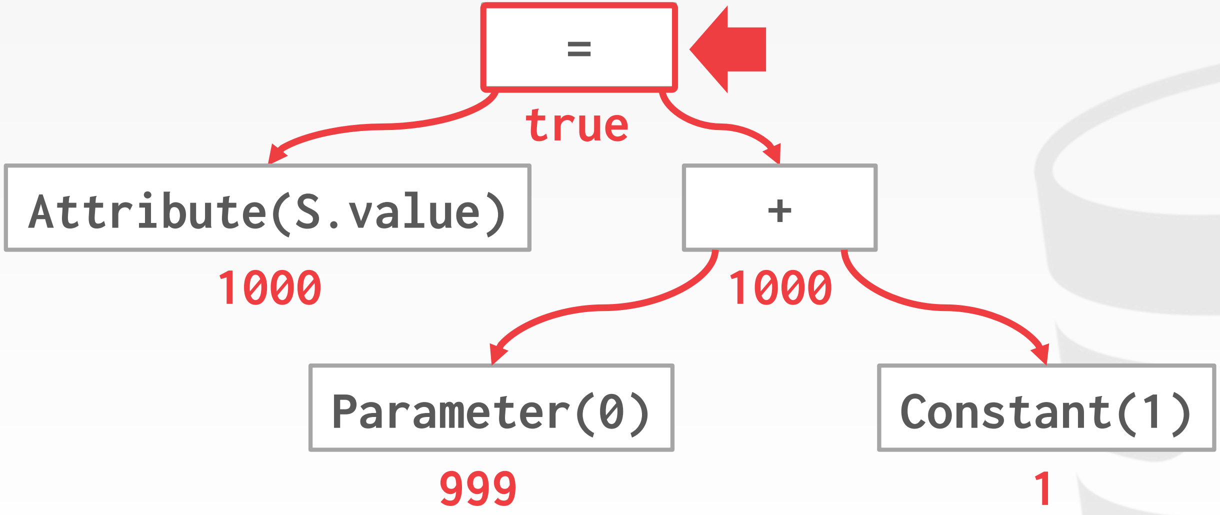
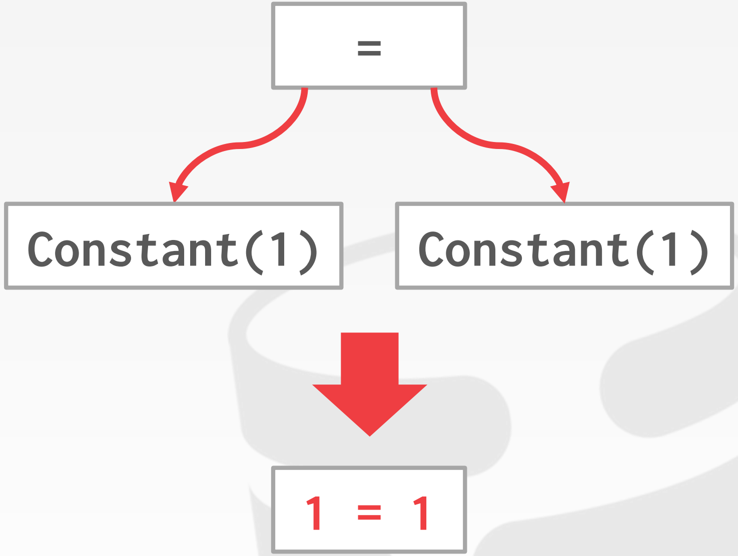


EXPRESSION EVALUATION

Evaluating predicates in this manner is slow.
→ The DBMS traverses the tree and for each node that it visits it must figure out what the operator needs to do.

Consider the predicate "WHERE 1=1"

A better approach is to just evaluate the expression directly.
→ Think JIT compilation



CONCLUSION

The same query plan be executed in multiple ways.

(Most) DBMSs will want to use an index scan as much as possible.

Expression trees are flexible but slow.

NEXT CLASS

Parallel Query Execution