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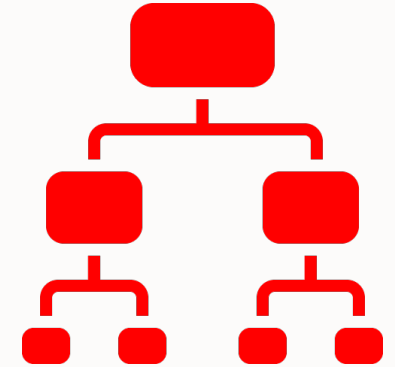
INTERPRETING EXECUTION PLANS FOR SQL STATEMENTS

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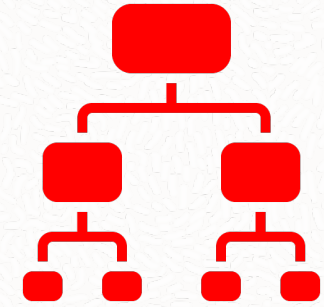
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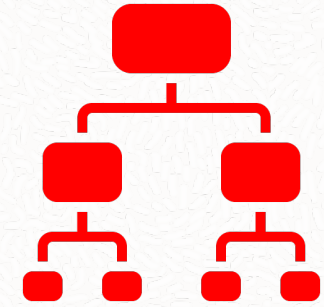
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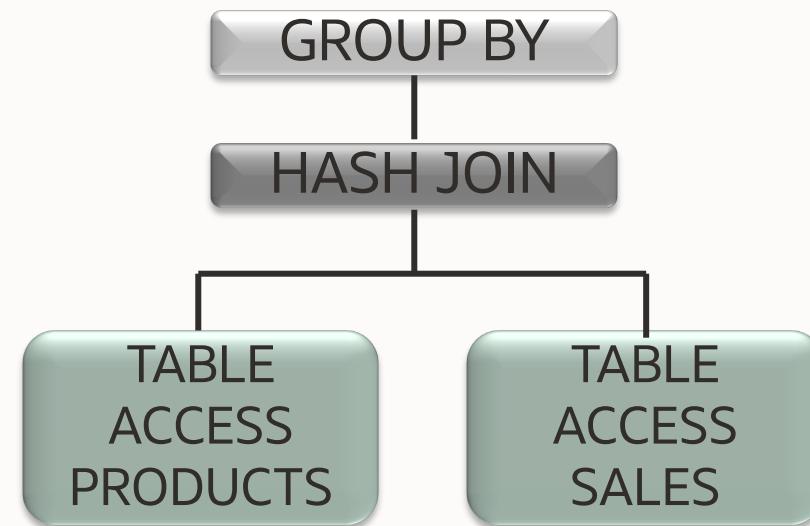
What is an execution plan?

Query:

```
SELECT prod_category, avg(amount_sold)
FROM sales s, products p
WHERE p.prod_id = s.prod_id
GROUP BY prod_category;
```

Tabular representation of plan Tree-shaped representation of plan

Id	Operation	Name
0	SELECT STATEMENT	
1	HASH GROUP BY	
* 2	HASH JOIN	
3	TABLE ACCESS FULL	PRODUCTS
4	TABLE ACCESS FULL	SALES



Additional information under the execution plan

```
SELECT /*+ gather_plan_statistics */ count(*) FROM sales2 WHERE  
prod_id=to_number('139')
```

Plan hash value: 1631620387

Id	Operation	Name	Starts	E-Rows	Cost (%CPU)	A-Rows
0	SELECT STATEMENT		1		35 (100)	1
1	SORT AGGREGATE		1	1		1
* 2	INDEX RANGE SCAN	MY_PROD_IND	1	12762	35 (0)	11574

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

2 - access("PROD_ID"=139)

Access predicate

- Where clause predicate used for data retrieval
 - The start and stop keys for an index
 - If rowids are passed to a table scan

Additional information under the execution plan

```
SQL> SELECT username
  2  FROM    my_users
  3  WHERE   username LIKE 'MAR%';
```

USERNAME

MARIA

Plan hash value: 2982854235

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT				2 (100)	
* 1	TABLE ACCESS FULL	MY_USERS	1	66	2 (0)	00:00:01

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

1 - filter("USERNAME" LIKE 'MAR%')

Filter predicate

- Where clause predicate that is not used for data retrieval but to eliminate uninteresting row once the data is found

Additional information under the execution plan

```
SELECT      p.prod_name, sum(s.amount_sold) amt FROM      Sales s,  
Products p WHERE      s.prod_id=p.prod_id AND      p.supplier_id =  
:sup_id group by p.prod_name
```

Plan hash value: 187119048

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)
0	SELECT STATEMENT				573 (100)
1	HASH GROUP BY		71	3550	573 (10)
* 2	HASH JOIN		72	3600	572 (10)
3	VIEW	VW_GBC_5	72	1224	570 (10)
4	HASH GROUP BY		72	648	570 (10)
5	PARTITION RANGE ALL		918K	8075K	530 (3)
6	TABLE ACCESS FULL	SALES	918K	8075K	530 (3)
* 7	INDEX RANGE SCAN	PROD_SUPP_ID_INDX	72	2376	1 (0)

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

```
2 - access("ITEM_1"="P"."PROD_ID")  
7 - access("P"."SUPPLIER_ID"=:SUP_ID)
```

Note

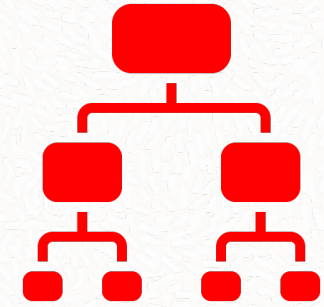
```
- SQL plan baseline SQL_PLAN_11v9s0fh9t3z1aa1ba510 used for this statement
```

Note Section

- Details on Optimizer features used such as:
 - Rule Based Optimizer (RBO)
 - Dynamic Sampling
 - Outlines
 - SQL Profiles or plan baselines
 - Adaptive Plans
 - Hints (Starting in 19c)

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Many ways to view an execution plan

Autotrace

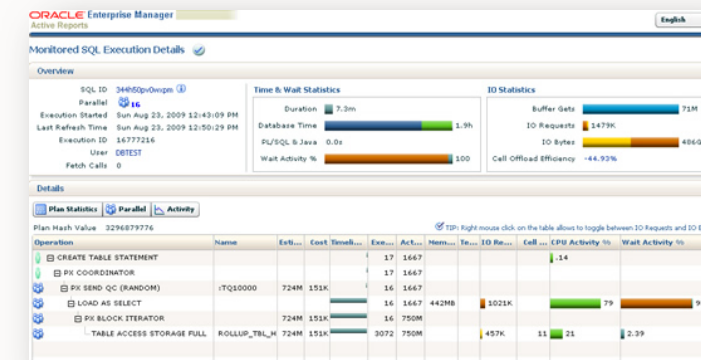
```
SQL> set autotrace on
SQL> select * from dual;
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Elapsed: 00:00:00.74
Execution Plan
-----
Plan hash value: 272062066

   Id  Operation                   Name                  Rows    Bytes    Cost (%CPU)  Time
--  -  -
   0    SELECT STATEMENT
   1    TABLE ACCESS FULL    DUAL                  1         2         2   (0)  00:00:01

Statistics
-----
   1 recursive calls
   0 db block gets
   6 consistent gets
   0 physical reads
   0 redo size
  342 bytes sent via SQL*Net to client
  472 bytes received via SQL*Net from client
   2 SQL*Net roundtrips to/from client
   0 sorts (memory)
   0 sorts (disk)
   1 rows processed
SQL>
```

SQL Developer



SQL Monitor



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```
SELECT job_id,SUM(salary),COUNT(*) FROM employees GROUP BY job_id
HAVING SUM(salary)=(SELECT MAX(SUM(salary)) FROM EMPLOYEES GROUP BY
job_id)

call      count          cpu    elapsed       disk      query    current    rows
-----
Parse     1             0.01       0.00         0           0           0         0
Execute   1             0.00       0.00         0           0           0         0
Fetch     2             0.00       0.04         0          14           0         1
total     4             0.01       0.04         0          14           0         1

Misses in library cache during parse: 1
Optimizer mode: ALL_ROWS
Parsing user id: 85

Rows      Row Source Operation
-----
   1  FILTER (cr=14 pr=0 pw=0 time=0 us)
  19  HASH GROUP BY (cr=7 pr=0 pw=0 time=90 us cost=4 size=13 card=1)
 107  TABLE ACCESS FULL EMPLOYEES (cr=7 pr=0 pw=0 time=318 us cost=3 size=1391 card=107)
   1  SORT AGGREGATE (cr=7 pr=0 pw=0 time=0 us cost=4 size=13 card=1)
  19  SORT GROUP BY (cr=7 pr=0 pw=0 time=72 us cost=4 size=13 card=1)
 107  TABLE ACCESS FULL EMPLOYEES (cr=7 pr=0 pw=0 time=318 us cost=3 size=1391 card=107)

Elapsed times include waiting on following events:
Event waited on-----Times waitedMax. WaitTotal Waited
SQL*Net message to client                2          0.00          0.00
Disk file operations I/O                  1          0.03          0.03
SQL*Net message from client               2          0.01          0.01
asynch descriptor resize                  1          0.00          0.00
*****
```

.....But there are actually only 2 ways to generate one



How to generate an execution plan

Two methods for looking at the execution plan

1. EXPLAIN PLAN command

- Displays an execution plan for a SQL statement without actually executing the statement

2. V\$SQL_PLAN

- A dictionary view introduced in Oracle 9i that shows the execution plan for a SQL statement that has been compiled into a cursor in the cursor cache

Under certain conditions the plan shown with EXPLAIN PLAN can be different from the plan shown using V\$SQL_PLAN

How to generate an execution plan

EXPLAIN PLAN command & dbms_xplan.display function

```
SQL> EXPLAIN PLAN FOR
      SELECT  p.prod_name, avg(s.amount_sold)
      FROM    sales s, products p
      WHERE   p.prod_id = s.prod_id
      GROUP BY p.prod_name;
```

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM
```

```
table(dbms_xplan.display('plan_table',null,'basic'));
```

↑ ↑ ↑
PLAN TABLE STATEMENT FORMAT
NAME ID

How to generate an execution plan

Generate & display plan for last SQL statements executed in session

```
SQL> SELECT  p.prod_name, avg(s.amount_sold)
        FROM    sales s, products p
        WHERE   p.prod_id = s.prod_id
        GROUP BY p.prod_name;
```

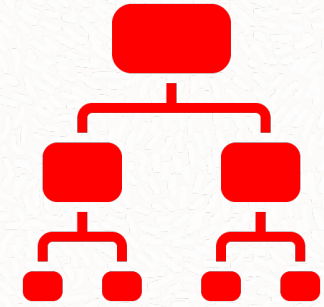
```
SQL> SELECT * FROM
      table(dbms_xplan.display_cursor(null, null, 'basic'));
                                ↑      ↑      ↑
                                SQL_ID  CHILD  FORMAT
                                NUMBER
```

- Format* is highly customizable - Basic ,Typical, All
 - Additional low-level parameters show more detail

*More information on formatting on [Optimizer blog](#)

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Cardinality

What is it?

Estimate of number rows that will be returned by each operation

How does the Optimizer Determine it?

Cardinality for a single column equality predicate = $\frac{\text{total num of rows}}{\text{num of distinct values}}$

For example: A table has **100** rows, a column has **5** distinct values
 \Rightarrow cardinality=**20** rows

More complicated predicates have more complicated cardinality calculation

Why should you care?

It influences everything! Access method, Join type, Join Order etc.

Identifying cardinality in an execution plan

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT				12 (100)	
1	NESTED LOOPS					
2	NESTED LOOPS		1	211	12 (9)	00:00:01
3	NESTED LOOPS		1	185	11 (10)	00:00:01
* 4	HASH JOIN		1	155	10 (10)	00:00:01
5	MERGE JOIN CARTESIAN		107	8774	6 (0)	00:00:01
* 6	TABLE ACCESS FULL	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	3 (0)	00:00:01
7	BUFFER SORT		107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
8	TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
9	TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	7811	3 (0)	00:00:01
* 10	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	1 (0)	00:00:01
* 11	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	DEPT_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
* 12	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	JOB_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
13	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	JOBS	1	26	1 (0)	00:00:01

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

```

4 - access("E"."MANAGER_ID"="E"."EMPLOYEE_ID" AND
      "E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
      filter("E"."SALARY">("E"."SALARY"+("E"."COMMISSION_PCT")
            *("E"."SALARY"+("E"."COMMISSION_PCT"))))

```

```

6 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')

```

```

10 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')

```

```

11 - access("E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")

```

```

12 - access("E"."JOB_ID"="J"."JOB_ID")

```

Cardinality - estimated # of rows returned

Determine correct cardinality using a SELECT COUNT(*) from each table applying any WHERE Clause predicates belonging to that table

Checking cardinality estimates

```
SELECT /*+ gather_plan_statistics */  
       p.prod_name, SUM(s.quantity_sold)  
FROM   sales s, products p  
WHERE  s.prod_id = p.prod_id  
GROUP BY p.prod_name ;
```

```
SELECT * FROM table (  
    DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY_CURSOR(FORMAT=> 'ALLSTATS LAST' ));
```

Checking cardinality estimates

```
SELECT * FROM table (  
    DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY_CURSOR(FORMAT=>'ALLSTATS LAST'));
```

Id	Operation	Name	Starts	E-Rows	A-Rows	A-Time	Buffers	OMem	1Mem	Used-Mem
0	SELECT STATEMENT		1		71	00:00:00.57	1638			
1	HASH GROUP BY		1	71	71	00:00:00.57	1638	799K	799K	3079K (0)
* 2	HASH JOIN		1	918K	918K	00:00:00.85	1638	933K	933K	1279K (0)
3	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	PRODUCTS	1	72	72	00:00:00.01	3			
4	PARTITION RANGE ALL		1	918K	918K	00:00:00.37	1635			
5	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	SALES	28	918K	918K	00:00:00.20	1635			

Compare estimated number of rows (**E-Rows**) with actual rows returned (**A-Rows**)

Checking cardinality estimates

Extra information you get with ALLSTATS

```
SELECT * FROM table (  
    DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY_CURSOR(FORMAT=>'ALLSTATS LAST'));
```

Id	Operation	Name	Starts	E-Rows	A-Rows	A-Time	Buffers	OMem	1Mem	Used-Mem
0	SELECT STATEMENT		1		71	00:00:00.57	1638			
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5	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	SALES	28	918K	918K	00:00:00.20	1635			

Starts indicates the number of times that step, or operation was done

In this case the SALES table is partitioned and has 28 partitions

Checking cardinality estimates

Extra information you get with ALLSTATS

```
SELECT * FROM table (  
    DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY_CURSOR(FORMAT=>'ALLSTATS LAST'));
```

Id	Operation	Name	Starts	E-Rows	A-Rows	A-Time	Buffers	OMem	1Mem	Used-Mem
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Buffers indicates the number of buffers that need to be read for each step

Checking cardinality estimates

Extra information you get with ALLSTATS

```
SELECT * FROM table (  
    DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY_CURSOR(FORMAT=>'ALLSTATS LAST'));
```

Id	Operation	Name	Starts	E-Rows	A-Rows	A-Time	Buffers	OMem	1Mem	Used-Mem
0	SELECT STATEMENT		1		71	00:00:00.57	1638			
1	HASH GROUP BY		1	71	71	00:00:00.57	1638	799K	799K	3079K (0)
* 2	HASH JOIN		1	918K	918K	00:00:00.85	1638	933K	933K	1279K (0)
3	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	PRODUCTS	1	72	72	00:00:00.01	3			
4	PARTITION RANGE ALL		1	918K	918K	00:00:00.37	1635			
5	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	SALES	28	918K	918K	00:00:00.20	1635			

OMem - estimated amount of memory needed

1Mem - amount of memory needed to perform the operation in 1 pass

Used-Mem - actual amount of memory used and number of passes required

Checking cardinality estimates for Parallel Execution

```
SELECT * FROM table (  
    DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY_CURSOR(FORMAT=>'ALLSTATS LAST'));
```

Id	Operation	Name	Starts	E-Rows	A-Rows	A-Time	Buffers	OMem	1Mem	Used-Mem
0	SELECT STATEMENT		1		71	00:00:00.00				
1	PX COORDINATOR		1		71	00:00:00.00				
2	PX SEND QC (RANDOM)	:TQ10002	0	71	0	00:00:00.00				
3	HASH GROUP BY		0	71	0	00:00:00.00				
4	PX RECEIVE		0	71	0	00:00:00.00				
5	PX SEND HASH	:TQ10001	0	71	0	00:00:00.00				
6	HASH GROUP BY		0	71	0	00:00:00.00				
* 7	HASH JOIN		0	918K	0	00:00:00.00				
8	PX RECEIVE		0	72	0	00:00:00.00				
9	PX SEND BROADCAST	:TQ10000	0	72	0	00:00:00.00				
10	PX BLOCK ITERATOR		0	72	0	00:00:00.00				
* 11	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	PRODUCTS	0	72	0	00:00:00.00				
12	PX BLOCK ITERATOR		0	918K	0	00:00:00.00				
* 13	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	SALES	0	918K	0	00:00:00.00				

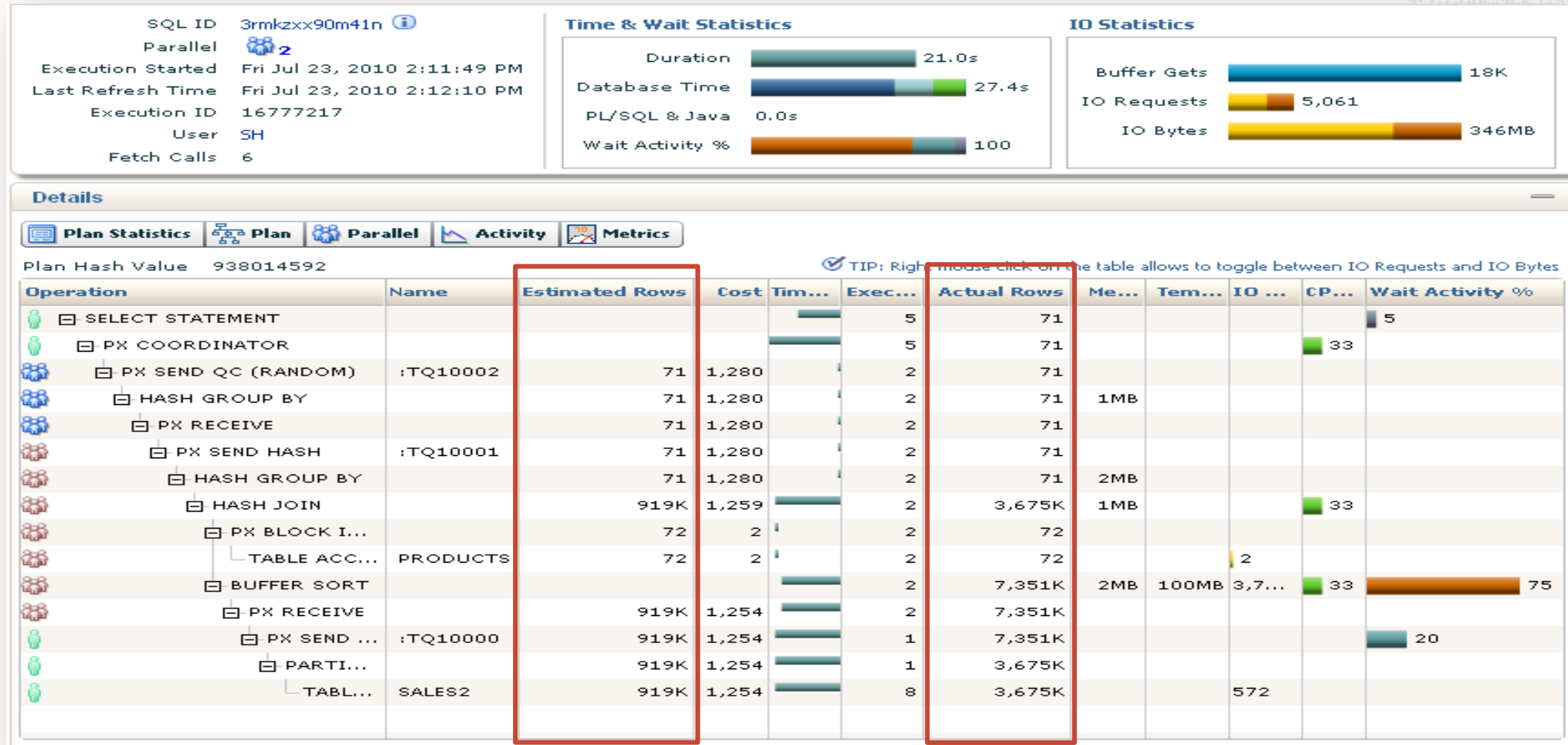
Note: a lot of the data is zero in the A-rows column because we only show last execution of the cursor which is done by the QC. Need to use ALLSTATS ALL to see info on all parallel server processes execution of cursors

Checking cardinality estimates for Parallel Execution

```
SELECT * FROM table (  
    DBMS_XPLAN.DISPLAY_CURSOR(FORMAT=>'ALLSTATS ALL'));
```

Id	Operation	Name	Starts	E-Rows	A-Rows	A-Time	Buffers	OMem	1Mem	O/1/M
0	SELECT STATEMENT		1		71	00:00:00.65	51			
1	PX COORDINATOR		1		71	00:00:00.65	51			
2	PX SEND QC (RANDOM)	:TQ10002	0	71	0	00:00:00.01	0			
3	HASH GROUP BY		16	71	10	00:00:01.00	0	858K	858K	16/0/0
4	PX RECEIVE		16	71	498	00:00:00.76	0			
5	PX SEND HASH	:TQ10001	0	71	0	00:00:00.01	0			
6	HASH GROUP BY		16	71	520	00:00:02.93	446	813K	813K	16/0/0
* 7	HASH JOIN		16	918K	127K	00:00:03.65	446	1089K	1089K	16/0/0
8	PX RECEIVE		16	72	1152	00:00:01.09	0			
9	PX SEND BROADCAST	:TQ10000	0	72	0	00:00:00.01	0			
10	PX BLOCK ITERATOR		16	72	40	00:00:00.01	2			
* 11	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	PRODUCTS	1	72	40	00:00:00.01	2			
12	PX BLOCK ITERATOR		16	918K	127K	00:00:02.00	446			
* 13	TABLE ACCESS STORAGE FULL	SALES	223	918K	127K	00:00:00.09	446			

Check cardinality using SQL Monitor



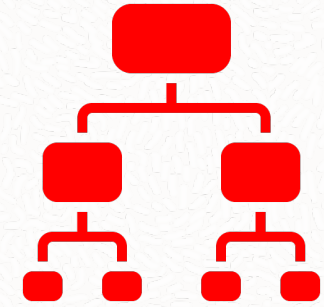
Easiest way to compare the **estimated** number of rows returned with **actual** rows returned

Solutions to incorrect cardinality estimates

Cause	Solution
Stale or missing statistics	DBMS_STATS
Data Skew	Create a histogram
Multiple single column predicates on a table	Create a column group using DBMS_STATS.CREATE_EXTENDED_STATS
Function wrapped column	Create statistics on the funct wrapped column using DBMS_STATS.CREATE_EXTENDED_STATS
Multiple columns used in a join	Create a column group on join columns using DBMS_STATS.CREATE_EXTENDED_STAT
Complicated expression containing columns from multiple tables	Use dynamic sampling level 4 or higher

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Access Paths – Getting the data

Access Path	Explanation
Full table scan	Reads all rows from table & filters out those that do not meet the where clause predicates. Used when no index, DOP set etc.
Table access by Rowid	Rowid specifies the datafile & data block containing the row and the location of the row in that block. Used if rowid supplied by index or directly in a where clause predicate
Index unique scan	Only one row will be returned. Used when table contains a UNIQUE or a PRIMARY KEY constraint that guarantees that only a single row is accessed e.g. equality predicate on PRIMARY KEY column
Index range scan	Accesses adjacent index entries returns ROWID values Used with equality on non-unique indexes or range predicate on unique indexes (<.>, between etc)
Index skip scan	Skips the leading edge (column) of the index & uses the rest Advantageous if there are few distinct values in the leading column and many distinct values in the non-leading column or columns of the index
Full index scan	Processes all leaf blocks of an index, but only enough branch blocks to find 1 st leaf block. Used when all necessary columns are in index & order by clause matches index structure or if a sort merge join is done
Fast full index scan	Scans all blocks in index used to replace a Full Table Scan when all necessary columns are in the index. Using multi-block IO & can go parallel
Index joins	Hash join of several indexes that together contain all the table columns that are referenced in the query. Won't eliminate a sort operation
Bitmap indexes	Uses a bitmap for key values and a mapping function that converts each bit position to a rowid. Can efficiently merge indexes that correspond to several conditions in a WHERE clause

Identifying access paths in an execution plan

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT				12 (100)	
1	NESTED LOOPS					
2	NESTED LOOPS		1	211	12 (9)	00:00:01
3	NESTED LOOPS		1	185	11 (10)	00:00:01
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7	BUFFER SORT		107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
8	TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
9	TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	7811	3 (0)	00:00:01
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* 11	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	DEPT_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
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Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

```

4 - access("E"."MANAGER_ID"="E"."EMPLOYEE_ID" AND
      "E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
      filter("E"."SALARY"+("E"."SALARY"+"E"."COMMISSION_PCT")>="E"."SALARY"+("E"."SAL
      ARY"+"E"."COMMISSION_PCT"))
6 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')
10 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')
11 - access("E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
12 - access("E"."JOB_ID"="J"."JOB_ID")
    
```

Look in Operation section to see how an object is being accessed

If the wrong access method is being used check cardinality, join order...

Access path example 1

What plan would you expect for this query?

Table customers contains 10K rows & has a primary key on cust_id

```
SELECT country_id, name
FROM customers
WHERE cust_id IN (100,200,100000);
```

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT		3	39	3 (0)	00:00:01
1	INLIST ITERATOR					
2	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	CUSTOMERS	3	39	3 (0)	00:00:01
* 3	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	C_ID_IDX	3		2 (0)	00:00:01

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

3 - access("CUST_ID"=100 OR "CUST_ID"=200 OR "CUST_ID"=100000)

Access path example 2

What plan would you expect for this query?

Table customers contains 10K rows & has a primary key on cust_id

```
SELECT country_id, name
FROM   customers
WHERE  cust_id BETWEEN 100 AND 150;
```

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT		1	13	3 (0)	00:00:01
1	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID BATCHED	CUSTOMERS	1	13	3 (0)	00:00:01
* 2	INDEX RANGE SCAN	C_ID_IDX	1		2 (0)	00:00:01

Access path example 3

What plan would you expect for this query?

Table customers contains 10K rows & has a primary key on cust_id

```
SELECT country_id, name
FROM   customers
WHERE  country_name = 'USA';
```

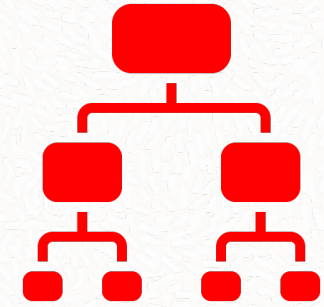
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0	SELECT STATEMENT		30	480	5 (0)	00:00:01
* 1	TABLE ACCESS FULL	CUSTOMERS	30	480	5 (0)	00:00:01

Common access path issues

Issue	Cause
Uses a table scan instead of index	DOP on table but not index, value of MBRC
Picks wrong index	Stale or missing statistics Cost of full index access is cheaper than index look up followed by table access Picks index that matches most # of column

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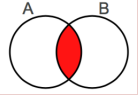
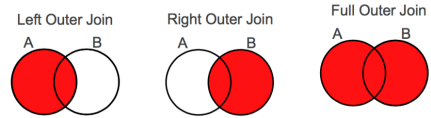
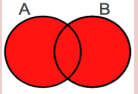
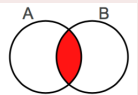
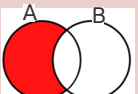
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Join methods

Join Methods	Explanation
Nested Loops joins	For every row in the outer table, Oracle accesses all the rows in the inner table Useful when joining small subsets of data and there is an efficient way to access the second table (index look up)
Hash Joins	The smaller of two tables is scanned and resulting rows are used to build a hash table on the join key in memory. The larger table is then scanned, join column of the resulting rows are hashed and the values used to probe the hash table to find the matching rows. Useful for larger tables & if equality predicate
Sort Merge joins	Consists of two steps: 1. Sort join operation: Both the inputs are sorted on the join key. 2. Merge join operation: The sorted lists are merged together. Useful when the join condition between two tables is an inequality condition

Join types

Join Type	Explanation
Inner Joins 	Returns all rows that satisfy the join condition
Outer Joins 	Returns all rows that satisfy the join condition and also returns all of the rows from the table without the (+) for which no rows from the other table satisfy the join condition
Cartesian Joins 	Joins every row from one data source with every row from the other data source, creating the Cartesian Product of the two sets. Only good if tables are very small. Only choice if there is no join condition specified in query
Semi-Join 	Returns a row from the outer table when a matching row exists in the subquery data set. Typically used when there is an EXISTS or an IN predicate, where we aren't interested in returning rows from the subquery but merely checking a match exists
Anti-Join 	Returns a row from the outer table when a matching row does not exist in the subquery data set. Typically used when there is a NOT EXISTS or NOT IN predicate, where we aren't interested in returning rows from the subquery but merely checking a match doesn't exist

Identifying join methods in an execution plan

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT				12 (100)	
1	NESTED LOOPS					
2	NESTED LOOPS		1	211	12 (9)	00:00:01
3	NESTED LOOPS		1	185	11 (10)	00:00:01
* 4	HASH JOIN		1	155	10 (10)	00:00:01
5	MERGE JOIN CARTESIAN		107	8774	6 (0)	00:00:01
* 6	TABLE ACCESS FULL	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	3 (0)	00:00:01
7	BUFFER SORT		107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
8	TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
9	TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	7811	3 (0)	00:00:01
* 10	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	1 (0)	00:00:01
* 11	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	DEPT_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
* 12	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	JOB_ID_PK	1			
13	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	JOBS	1			

Look in the Operation section to check the right join method is used

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

```

4 - access("E"."MANAGER_ID"="E"."EMPLOYEE_ID" AND
          "E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
    filter("E"."SALARY"+("E"."SALARY"+"E"."COMMISSION_PCT")>="E"."SALARY"+("E"."SAL

```

If wrong join type is used check stmt is written correctly & cardinality estimates

Join method example 1

What join method would you expect for this query?

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.salary, d.department_name
FROM    hr.employees e, hr.departments d
WHERE    d.departments_name IN ('Marketing', 'Sales')
AND      e.department_id = d.department_id;
```

Employees has 107 rows

Departments has 27 rows

Foreign key relationship between Employees and Departments on dept_id

Join method example 1

What join method would you expect for this query?

```
SELECT e.last_name, e.salary, d.department_name
FROM    hr.employees e, hr.departments d
WHERE    d.departments_name IN ('Marketing','Sales')
AND      e.department_id = d.department_id;
```

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT		19	722	3 (0)	00:00:01
1	NESTED LOOPS					
2	NESTED LOOPS		19	722	3 (0)	00:00:01
* 3	TABLE ACCESS FULL	DEPARTMENTS	2	32	2 (0)	00:00:01
* 4	INDEX RANGE SCAN	EMP_DEPARTMENT_IX	10		0 (0)	00:00:01
5	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	EMPLOYEES	10	220	1 (0)	00:00:01

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

- 3 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Marketing' OR "D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')
- 4 - access("E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")

Join method example 2

What join method would you expect for this query?

```
SELECT o.customer_id, l.unit_price * l.quantity  
FROM    oe.orders o, oe.order_items l  
WHERE    l.order_id = o.order_id;
```

Orders has 105 rows

Order Items has 665 rows

Join method example 2

What join method would you expect for this query?

```
SELECT o.customer_id, l.unit_price * l.quantity
FROM    oe.orders o, oe.order_items l
WHERE    l.order_id = o.order_id;
```

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)
0	SELECT STATEMENT		665	13300	8 (25)
* 1	HASH JOIN		665	13300	8 (25)
2	TABLE ACCESS FULL	ORDERS	105	840	4 (25)
3	TABLE ACCESS FULL	ORDER_ITEMS	665	7980	4 (25)

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

1 - access("L"."ORDER_ID"="O"."ORDER_ID")

Join method example 3

What join method would you expect for this query?

```
SELECT o.order_id, o.order_date ,e.name  
FROM oe.orders o , hr.employees e;
```

Orders has 105 rows

Employees has 107 rows

Join method example 3

What join method would you expect for this query?

```
SELECT o.order_id, o.order_date ,e.name
FROM oe.orders o , hr.employees e;
```

Plan hash value: 3229651169

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT		11235	120K	33 (7)	00:00:01
1	MERGE JOIN CARTESIAN		11235	120K	33 (7)	00:00:01
2	INDEX FULL SCAN	ORDER_PK	105	420	1 (0)	00:00:01
3	BUFFER SORT		107	749	32 (7)	00:00:01
4	INDEX FAST FULL SCAN	EMP_NAME_IX	107	749	0 (0)	00:00:01

Join method example 4

What join method would you expect for this query?

```
SELECT    s.quantity_sold
FROM      sales s, customers c
WHERE      s.cust_id =c.cust_id;
```

Sales table has 960 Rows

Customer table has 55,500 rows

Customer has a primary key created on cust_id

Sales has a foreign key created on cust_id

Join method example 4

What join method would you expect for this query?

```
SELECT    s.quantity_sold
FROM      sales s, customers c
WHERE     s.cust_id =c.cust_id;
```

No join is needed




Table elimination transformation
Optimizer realizes that the join to customers tables is redundant as no columns are selected Presence of primary –foreign key relationship means we can remove table

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Plan hash value: 2489314924

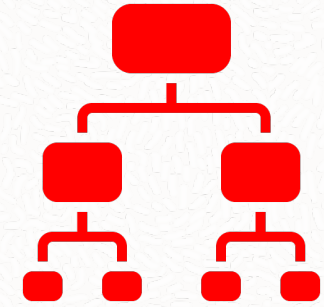
Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time	Pstart	Pstop
0	SELECT STATEMENT		960	2880	5 (0)	00:00:01		
1	PARTITION RANGE ALL		960	2880	5 (0)	00:00:01	1	16
2	TABLE ACCESS FULL	SALES	960	2880	5 (0)	00:00:01	1	16

What causes wrong join method to be selected

Issue	Cause
Nested loop selected instead of hash join	Adaptive Plans in 12c can address these problems on the fly by changing the join method after oracle sees what data is coming out of the left-hand side of the join 
Hash join selected instead of nested loop	
Cartesian Joins	Cardinality underestimation

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Join order

- The order in which the tables are join in a multi table statement
- Ideally start with the table that will eliminate the most rows
- Strongly affected by the access paths available
- Some basic rules
 - Joins guaranteed to produce at most one row always go first
 - Joins between two row sources that have only one row each
- When outer joins are used the table with the outer join operator must come after the other table in the predicate
- If view merging is not possible all tables in the view will be joined before joining to the tables outside the view

Identifying join methods in an execution plan

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT				12 (100)	
1	NESTED LOOPS					
2	NESTED LOOPS		1	211	12 (9)	00:00:01
3	NESTED LOOPS		1	185	11 (10)	00:00:01
* 4	HASH JOIN		1	155	10 (10)	00:00:01
5	MERGE JOIN CARTESIAN		107	8774	6 (0)	00:00:01
* 6	1 TABLE ACCESS FULL	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	3 (0)	00:00:01
7	BUFFER SORT		107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
8	2 TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
9	3 TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	7811	3 (0)	00:00:01
* 10	4 TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	1 (0)	00:00:01
* 11	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	DEPT_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
* 12	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	JOB_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
13	5 TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	JOBS	1	26	1 (0)	00:00:01

Want to start with the table that reduce the result set the most

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

```

4 - access("E"."MANAGER_ID"="E"."EMPLOYEE_ID" AND
          "E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
    filter("E"."SALARY"+("E"."SALARY"+"E"."COMMISSION_PCT")>="E"."SALARY"+("E"."SAL

```

If the join order is not correct, check the statistics, cardinality & access methods

Finding the join order for complex SQL

It can be hard to determine Join Order for Complex SQL statements but it is easily visible in the outline data of plan

```
SELECT * FROM table(dbms_xplan.display_cursor(format=>'TYPICAL +OUTLINE'));
```

Outline Data

```
/*+
  BEGIN_OUTLINE_DATA
  IGNORE_OPTIM_EMBEDDED_HINTS
  OPTIMIZER_FEATURES_ENABLE('11.2.0.2')
  DB_VERSION('11.2.0.2')
  ALL_ROWS
  OUTLINE_LEAF(@"SEL$5428C7F1")
  MERGE(@"SEL$2")
  MERGE(@"SEL$3")
  OUTLINE(@"SEL$1")
  OUTLINE(@"SEL$2")
  OUTLINE(@"SEL$3")
  FULL(@"SEL$5428C7F1" "D"@"SEL$3")
  INDEX_RS_ASC(@"SEL$5428C7F1" "E"@"SEL$3" ("EMPLOYEES"."DEPARTMENT_ID"))
  INDEX_RS_ASC(@"SEL$5428C7F1" "E"@"SEL$2" ("EMPLOYEES"."MANAGER_ID"))
  INDEX_RS_ASC(@"SEL$5428C7F1" "J"@"SEL$2" ("JOBS"."JOB_ID"))
  INDEX(@"SEL$5428C7F1" "D"@"SEL$2" ("DEPARTMENTS"."DEPARTMENT_ID"))
  LEADING(@"SEL$5428C7F1" "D"@"SEL$3" "E"@"SEL$3" "E"@"SEL$2" "J"@"SEL$2" "D"@"SEL$2")
  USE_NL(@"SEL$5428C7F1" "E"@"SEL$3")
```

The leading hint tells you the join order

What causes the wrong join order

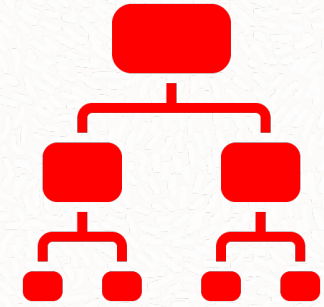
Causes

Incorrect single table cardinality estimates

Incorrect join cardinality estimates

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Example SQL Statement

Find all the employees who make as much or more than their manager

```
SELECT  e1.last_name, e1.job_title, e1.total_comp
FROM    ( SELECT   e.manager_id, e.last_name, j.job_title,
                e.salary+(e.salary+e.commission_pct) total_comp
            FROM     employees e, jobs j, departments d
            WHERE    d.department_name = 'Sales'
            AND     e.department_id    = d.department_id
            AND     e.job_id            = j.job_id ) e1,
  ( SELECT e.employee_id, e.salary+(e.salary+e.commission_pct) tc
    FROM   employees e, departments d
    WHERE  d.department_name = 'Sales'
    AND   e.department_id    = d.department_id ) e2
WHERE  e1.manager_id = e2.employee_id
AND    e1.total_comp >= e2.tc;
```

Is it a good execution plan?

1. Is the estimated number of rows being returned accurate?

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT				12 (100)	
1	NESTED LOOPS					
2	NESTED LOOPS		1	211	12 (9)	00:00:01
3	NESTED LOOPS		1	185	11 (10)	00:00:01
* 4	HASH JOIN		1	155	10 (10)	00:00:01
5	MERGE JOIN CARTESIAN		107	8774	6 (0)	00:00:01
* 6	TABLE ACCESS FULL	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	3 (0)	00:00:01
7	BUFFER SORT		107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
8	TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
9	TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	7811	3 (0)	00:00:01
* 10	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	1 (0)	00:00:01
* 11	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	DEPT_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
* 12	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	JOB_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
13	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	JOBS	1	26	1 (0)	00:00:01

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

```
4 - access("E"."MANAGER_ID"="E"."EMPLOYEE_ID" AND
      "E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
      filter("E"."SALARY"+("E"."SALARY"+"E"."COMMISSION_PCT")>="E"."SALARY"+("E"."SAL
      ARY"+"E"."COMMISSION_PCT"))
6 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')
10 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')
11 - access("E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_
12 - access("E"."JOB_ID"="J"."JOB_ID")
```

Note

- dynamic sampling used for this statement (level=2)

3. Are the access method correct?

2. Are the cardinality estimates accurate?

Means no stats gathered
strong indicator this won't be
best possible plan

Example cont'd execution plan

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost (%CPU)	Time
0	SELECT STATEMENT				12 (100)	
1	NESTED LOOPS					
2	NESTED LOOPS		1	211	12 (8)	00:00:01
3	NESTED LOOPS		1	185	11 (10)	00:00:01
* 4	HASH JOIN		1	155	10 (10)	00:00:01
5	MERGE JOIN CARTESIAN		107	8774	6 (0)	00:00:01
* 6	1 TABLE ACCESS FULL	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	3 (0)	00:00:01
7	BUFFER SORT		107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
8	2 TABLE ACCESS FULL	EMPLOYEES	107	5564	3 (0)	00:00:01
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* 10	4 TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	DEPARTMENTS	1	30	1 (0)	00:00:01
* 11	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	DEPT_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
* 12	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	JOB_ID_PK	1		0 (0)	
13	5 TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	JOBS	1	26	1 (0)	00:00:01

4. Are the right join methods being used?

5. Is the join order correct? Is the table that eliminates the most rows accessed first?

Predicate Information (identified by operation id):

```

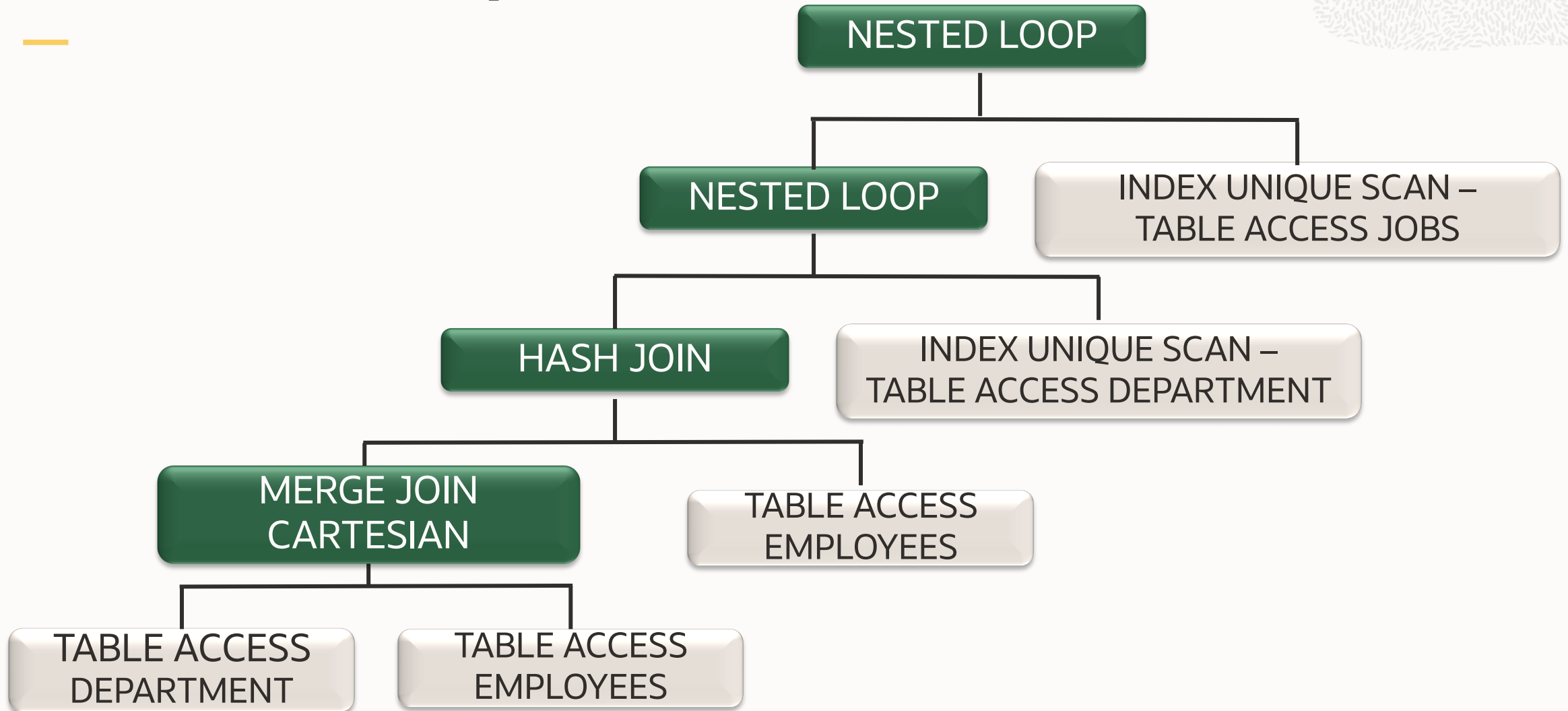
4 - access("E"."MANAGER_ID"="E"."EMPLOYEE_ID" AND
           "E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
   filter("E"."SALARY">("E"."SALARY"+"E"."COMMISSION_PCT"))
6 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')
10 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')
11 - access("E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
12 - access("E"."JOB_ID"="J"."JOB_ID")

```

Note

- dynamic sampling used for this statement (level=2)

What does the plan tree look like?



Solution

1. Only 1 row is actually returned, and the cost is 4 lower now

Id	Operation	Name							
0	SELECT STATEMENT							8 (100)	
1	NESTED LOOPS								
2	NESTED LOOPS								
3	NESTED LOOPS								
4	NESTED LOOPS								
5	NESTED LOOPS								
* 6	TABLE ACCESS FULL	DEPARTMENTS							
7	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	EMPLOYEES							
8	INDEX RANGE SCAN	EMP_DEPARTMENT_IX							
9	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	EMPLOYEES							
10	INDEX RANGE SCAN	EMP_MANAGER_IX							
11	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	JOBS							
* 12	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	JOB_ID_PK							
* 13	INDEX UNIQUE SCAN	DEPT_ID_PK							
* 14	TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	DEPARTMENTS							

4. Join methods have changed to be all NL

5. The join order has changed

3. Access methods have changed for some tables

2. Cardinalities are correct and with each join number of rows reduced

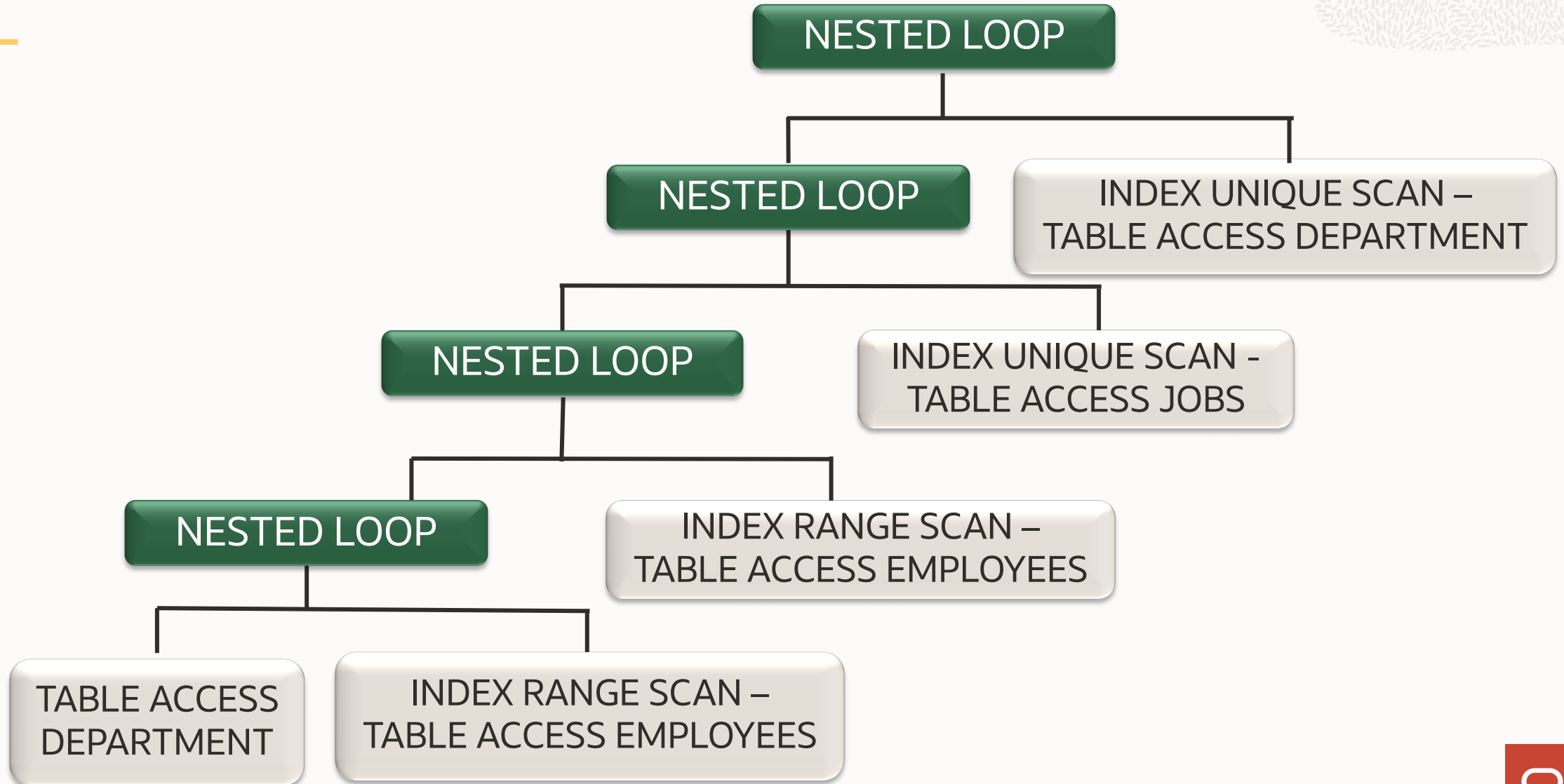
Predicate Information (identified by operation)

```

6 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')
8 - access("E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
9 - filter("E"."SALARY"+("E"."SALARY"+"E"."COMMISSION_PCT")>="E"."S
    "COMMISSION_PCT"))
10 - access("E"."MANAGER_ID"="E"."EMPLOYEE_ID")
12 - access("E"."JOB_ID"="J"."JOB_ID")
13 - access("E"."DEPARTMENT_ID"="D"."DEPARTMENT_ID")
14 - filter("D"."DEPARTMENT_NAME"='Sales')





```

What does the plan tree look like?





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