CowabungaDB

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Overall Design



Table

Overview

- Vector of **page ranges** for storing data
- Also holds the **indexer** and **page directory**
 - Indexer is a B-Tree that maps keys to sets of RIDs
 - Page directory maps RIDs to addresses
- Holds reference to shared buffer pool manager

Implementation

- Struct Table holding structures above
 - Additional fields for number of columns, table name, and so on
- Exposed to Python via Py03
- Buffer pool accessed via Arc<Mutex<BufferPool>>
 - Memory safety!



Page Ranges

Overview

- Dynamic created as necessary
- Fixed number of **base pages**, unlimited number of **tail pages**
- Serves as component of record address

Implementation

- Struct PageRange with...
 - Array (fixed size) of LogicalPage<Base>
 - Vector of LogicalPage<Tail>
- Generic type arguments → **readability** and **flexible implementation**
 - We take advantage of the Rust type system to prevent logical bugs as well as memory bugs!



Logical Pages

Base Page



Tail Page

Every physical page represents one column!

Physical Pages

Overview and Implementation

- Physical pages are fixed at **4096** bytes
- "Cells" indexed from 0 to 511
 - Holds 512 values
- Values are either None or an 164
- Represented by struct Page

Physical Page (4096 bytes)



Buffer Pool Interface

Virtual Buffer Pool

Overview and Implementation

- Although our database is volatile, it's built on top of a **virtual buffer pool**
- Future durability changes should minimally impact more abstract areas of the codebase
- Implemented as BufferPool struct with several methods for reading to / writing from physical pages and cells
- Buffer pool is shared by all tables!
- Rust doesn't allow multiple mutable references → wrap with Arc<Mutex>>
 - Arc → "smart pointer enabling sharing data between threads" ρ
 - Mutex \rightarrow locks / unlocks value \mathcal{P}
 - The result is **memory safety**

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"Buffer Pool" Methods

- In addition to Cell and Page structs, interfaces for reading and writing from pages also provided
 - Namely write(), write_next(), and read()
- Many writes to physical pages (e.g. during insert() and update() queries) write to the next available Cell in a page
- We maintain a **cell_count** that keeps track of the next available index / number of occupied cells

read(2) or write(2, 42)



"Buffer Pool" Space Handling

- What happens when a page is filled? Or a write is made to a nonexistent page?
- Errors propagate upward into more abstract layers, which prompts allocation
- Example PageRange::insert_tail() may receive an Err originating in write_next()
- insert_tail() must now allocate a new tail page via LogicalPage::new(), which itself calls BufferPool::allocate_pages()





Insert

- Arguments...
 - An array of column values
- The primary key may be **any column**
- Insert adds this record to the next available base page along with relevant metadata columns





Update

- Takes the primary key and the columns that need to be updated as arguments
- Creates tail record and points indirection column of base page to the RID of the tail page



RID \rightarrow Physical Address of Base Page



Select

- Arguments...
 - Search key, search key index, and the columns the user wants (the projection)
- Obtain the RIDs of the records that match the search key from the appropriate index tree
- **select_by_rid** for a given RID, peek at a base (and possibly tail) record and return the appropriate record only containing the projected columns (indicated via 0's or 1's as appropriate)

select(SK, SK index, projected columns)





Return updated values in the projected columns

Delete

- Arguments
 - Primary key of the record to be deleted
- First make sure that a record with such key exists, and if it does we remove its entries from the indexer
- Add the base RID and any tail RIDs via the indirection column to a "dead RIDs" vector kept by the Table
- This a *logical delete*, which we will handle properly in Milestone 2

Read column values of base RID, search Indexer trees with those values and delete the base RID from each leaf Add RIDs to dead_rids

delete(PK)

 $PK \rightarrow RID$

(Use an Indexer tree to test for

and find the base RID for PK)

Find tail RIDs for this record by iteratively following Indirection column values

 $RID \rightarrow Physical$

Address of Base Page

Sum

- Arguments
 - Start range, end range, and the column in which we want a sum
- Obtain all RIDs in the range from the appropriate indexer tree
- Call select_by_rid on each RID, projecting on the column of interest and adding the result to a running total
 - Return this total!

RID range := $\{RID_i | y \in [start, end] \text{ and } RID_i \in Indexer_{col_index}(y)\}$

$$\sum_{x \in \text{RID range}} \text{select}_{by}_{rid(x, \text{ proj}_{on}_{col}_{index})[0]}$$





Indexing

Indexer Class - B-Tree for every column, mapping each key to a collection of RIDs...

- Built-in **range** capabilities
- Can trivially acquire all RIDs sharing a key value
- Possesses an "enabled" flag-external schema control

Changes reflected **with every** insertion, update and delete (exposed methods), with tree restructuring or simply just atomic *find-and-alter* actions.

Additional uses - test for presence of a record with some primary key



Rust's standard BTreeMap is cache efficient (the more a node uses from one I/O, the better), and like *B+* trees allows efficient range-based queries. Amortized, it's fast in general!

Duplicate keys are a non-issue.



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Indexing - Find & Alter
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This could be parallelizable. What about other operations?





Query Performance





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Conclusion - Regardless of database size, queries take the same amount of time!

Physical Page Size



Ran 1,000,000 insert queries using several different page sizes. There was no *significant* difference in the total runtime.

Base Pages per Range



Ran 1,000,000 insert queries using several different base page counts. **There was no** *significant* difference in the total runtime.

Demonstration

