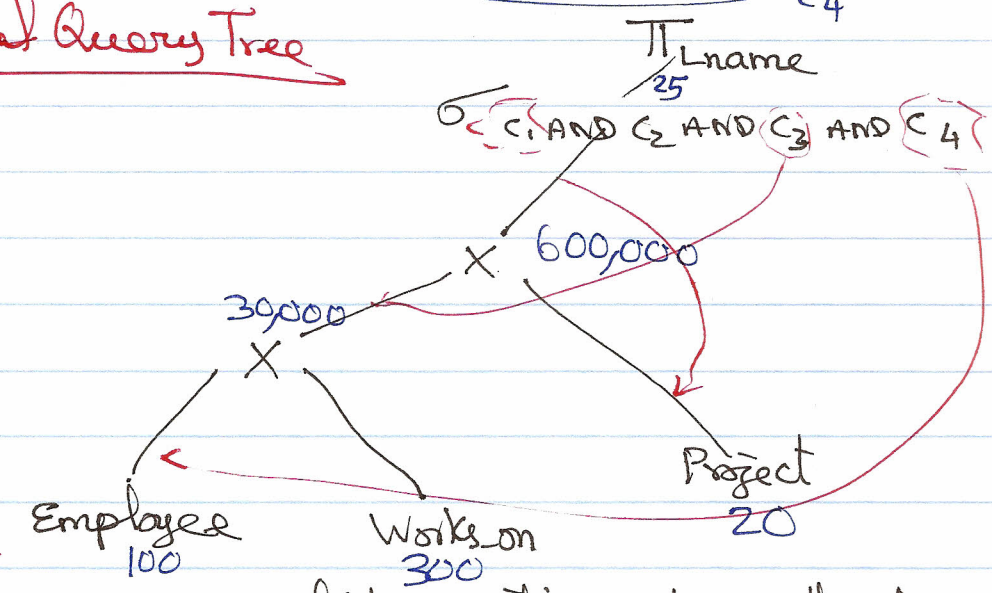
Query Optimization illustration

List the lastname of employees who work for 'AQUARIUS' Project and born after '1982-12-31'.

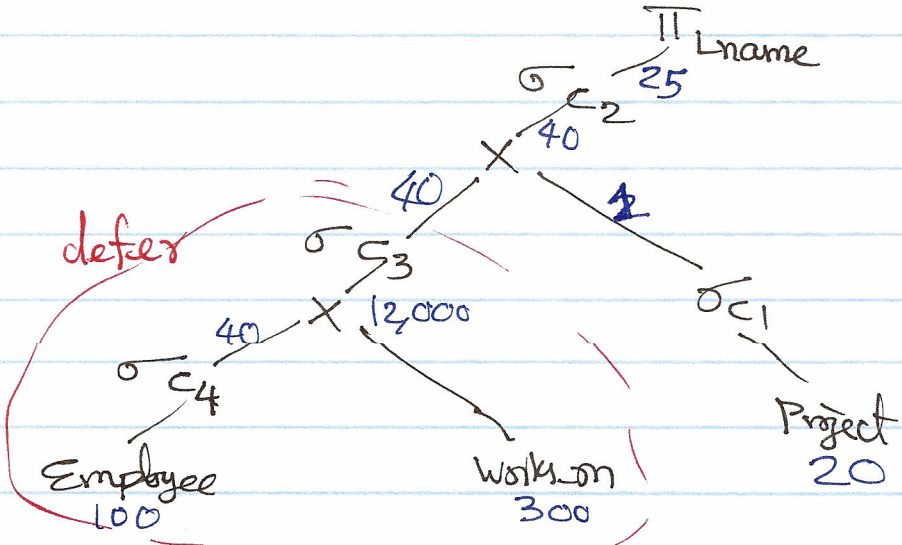
Given SQL Query

```
(3) SELECT Lname
(1) FROM  Employee, works_on, Project
(2) WHERE Pname='AQUARIUS'   C1   AND
          Pnumber=Pno        C2   AND
          ESSN=SSN           C3   AND
          Bdate > '1982-12-31'  C4
```

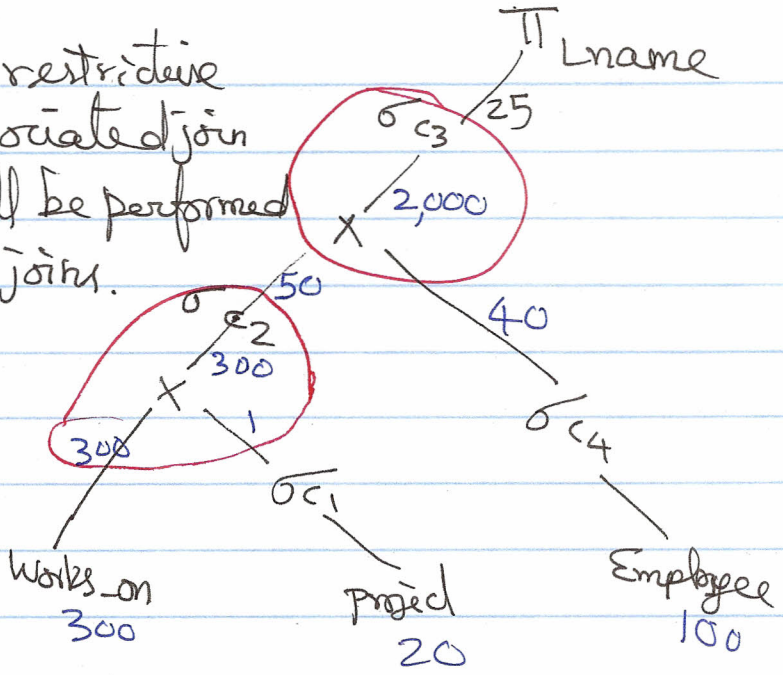
Initial Query Tree



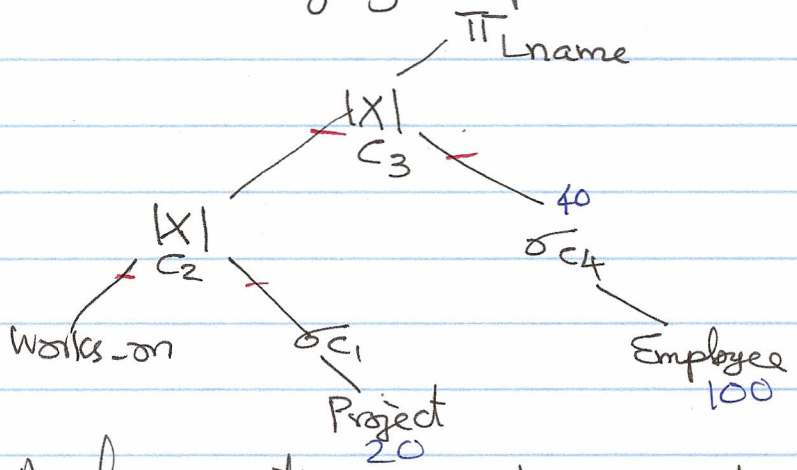
Step1: Move select conditions down the tree.



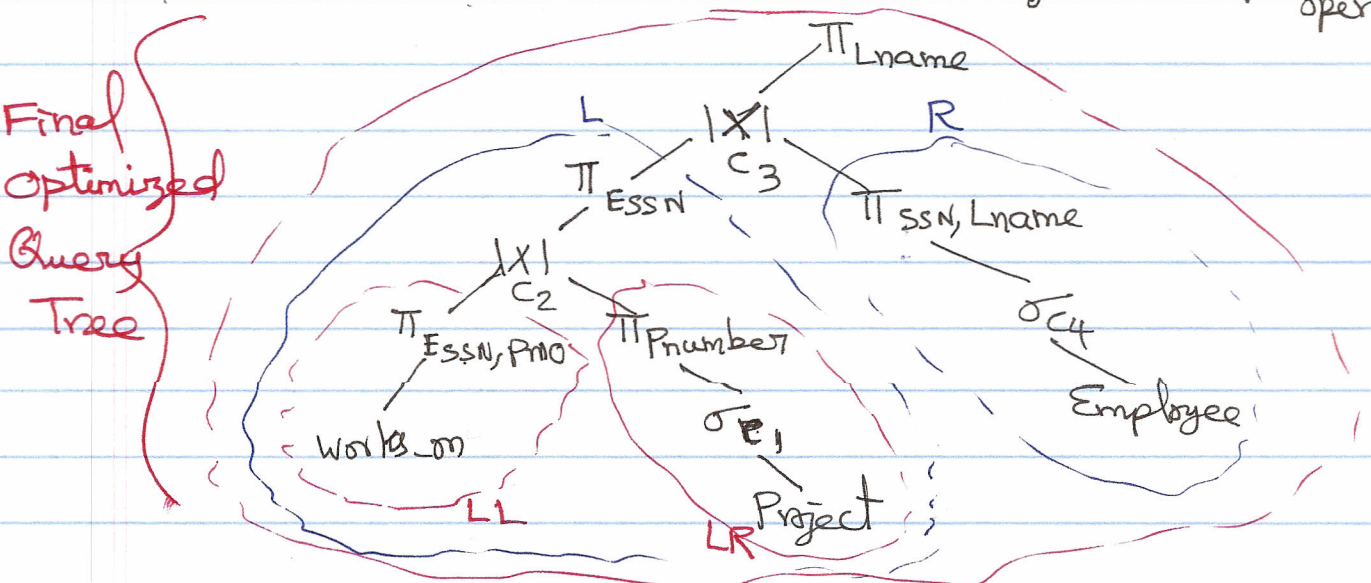
Step 2: Swap the most restrictive selection & its associated join so that this join will be performed earlier than other joins.



Step 3: Replace cross product & selection pair with sort-merge join operation



Step 4: Apply projection on each incoming branch of join operations.



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SELECT  Lname
FROM  ( SELECT ESSN
        FROM  (   LL   )
              JOIN
              (   LR   )
              ON C2                ) as L
      JOIN
      (   R   )
      ON  C3
```

Complete SQL Query for the optimized tree:

```
SELECT  Lname
FROM  ( Select ESSN
        FROM  ( Select ESSN, PNO
                From works_on ) as LL
              JOIN
              ( Select Pnumber
                From Project
                Where Pname='AQUARIUS') as LR
              ON LL.PNO = LR.Pnumber ) as L
      JOIN
      ( Select SSN, Lname
        From Employee
        Where Bdate > '1982-12-31') as R
      ON L.ESSN = R.SSN;
```

Tuning Queries

- Partitioning a table and store them on multiple physical disks to exploit concurrent disk I/O operations.
- Creating relevant indexes for retrieval queries.
- Apply denormalization and store derived results to speed up future queries on the same set of tables.