*** In this example, the ALBUM_ID in the BIG_DWH_TABLE_2 has a very bad Clustering Factor

SQL> SELECT index_name, leaf_blocks, clustering_factor FROM user_indexes WHERE index_name like 'BIG_DWH%ALBUM_ID_I';

INDEX_NAME LEAF_BLOCKS CLUSTERING_FACTOR
BIG_DWH_2_ALBUM_ID_I 2090 989933
BIG_DWH_ALBUM_ID_I 2090 4948

SQL> SELECT * from big_dwh_table_2 WHERE album_id IS NOT NULL ORDER BY album_id; 1000000 rows selected.

Execution Plan

Plan hash value: 1154224976

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	TempSpc	Cost (%CP	טי) Time	Ī
0 1 * 2	SELECT STATEMENT SORT ORDER BY TABLE ACCESS FULL	BIG_DWH_TABLE_2	1000K 1000K 1000K	28M 28M 28M	ј 91мј	9300 ((1) 00:01:52 (1) 00:01:52 (2) 00:00:14	

*** With the bad CF, Oracle picked the FTS when retrieving all rows from the table, where previously with the BIG_DWH_TABLE example, it had used the index

SQL> SELECT * from big_dwh_table_2 WHERE album_id BETWEEN 1 AND 1000 ORDER BY album_id; 100000 rows selected.

Execution Plan

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Plan hash value: 1154224976

Id	Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	TempSpc	Cost	(%CPU)	Time	Ī
0 1 * 2	SELECT STATEMENT SORT ORDER BY TABLE ACCESS FULL	 BIG_DWH_TABLE_2	100K 100K 100K	2929K 2929K 2929K	j 9432K	1928 1928 1108	(2)	00:00:24 00:00:24 00:00:14	

*** Oracle still fancies the FTS, even when selecting just 10% of the rows with the poor CF

SQL> SELECT * from big_dwh_table_2 WHERE album_id BETWEEN 1 AND 100 ORDER BY album_id; 10000 rows selected.

Execution Plan

Plan hash value: 1154224976

Id Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	TempSpc	Cost ((%CPU) Time	
O SELECT STATEMENT SORT ORDER BY TABLE ACCESS FULL	 BIG_DWH_TABLE_2	10001 10001 10001	292K 292K 292K	952K 	1192 1192 1107	(2) 00:0 (2) 00:0 (2) 00:0	0:15

*** Still fancies the FTS with just 1% of data ...

SQL> SELECT * from big_dwh_table_2 WHERE album_id BETWEEN 1 AND 15 ORDER BY album_id; 1500 rows selected.

Execution Plan

Plan hash value: 1154224976

Ī	Id	Ī	Operation	Name	Ī	Rows	Ī	Bytes	Ī	Cost	(%CPU)	Time	Ī
	0 1 2		SELECT STATEMENT SORT ORDER BY TABLE ACCESS FULL	BIG_DWH_TABLE_2		1500	İ	45000 45000 45000	İ	1108 1108 1107	(2)	00:00:14 00:00:14 00:00:14	- İ

*** Still fancies the FTS with just 0.15% of data \dots

SQL> SELECT * from big_dwh_table_2 WHERE album_id BETWEEN 1 AND 11 ORDER BY album_id; 1100 rows selected.

Execution Plan

Plan hash value: 1165252589

Id Operation	Name	Rows	Bytes	Cost	(%CPU) Time
0 SELECT STATEMENT		1100	33000	1096	
1 TABLE ACCESS BY INDEX ROWID	BIG_DWH_TABLE_2	1100	33000	1096	
* 2 INDEX RANGE SCAN	BIG_DWH_2_ALBUM_ID_I	1100		5	

*** It wasn't until just 0.11% of data was retrieved that the CBO used the index to retrieve the data and eliminate the sort operation