

Convex Hull

Graham Scan: Analysis - Amortization

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Monotonicity

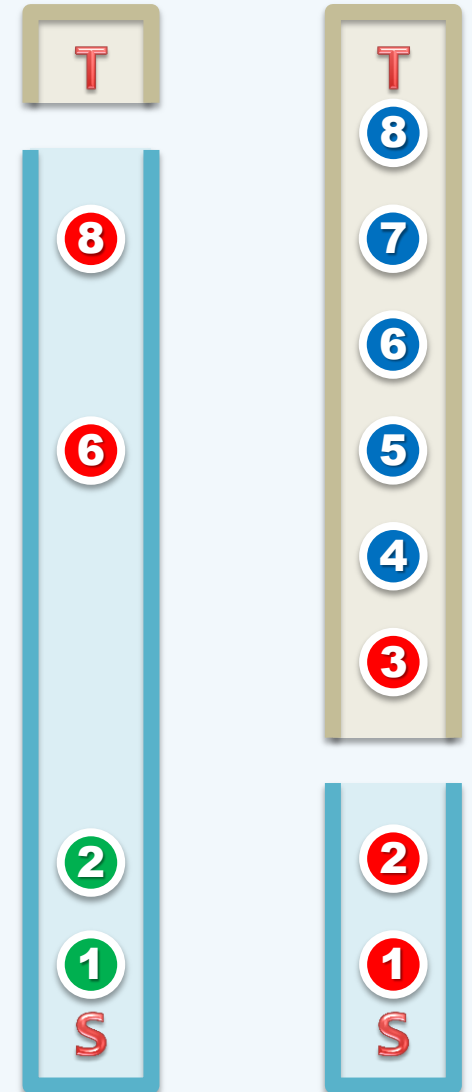
❖ In your IDE

- set a `break point`
at the entrance of
the `while` loop and
- `watch` the expression:

$$\mathcal{A} = \text{S.size()} + 2 * \text{T.size()}$$

❖ Claim: after each iteration, \mathcal{A} decreases by `exactly 1`

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if : S.size()++; T.size()--;    // 1 - 2
else : S.size()--;             // -1 + 0
```



Amortization

❖ Before the loop starts:

$$\mathcal{A} = 2 + 2*(n-2) = 2n - 2$$

❖ When the loop finishes:

$$\mathcal{A} \geq 3$$

❖ It's implied that

the `while` loop will terminate

in no more than $2n - 5 = O(n)$ iterations

