

Amortized Time Complexity – Aggregate Method

***This is also known as the “summation method”.
The brute force procedure is to calculate $T(m)$
worst – case time for a sequence of all
operations O_1, O_2, \dots, O_m . The amortized time
can be calculated as follows:***

Amortized cost per operation =

$$\frac{\text{Cost of } m \text{ operations}}{m} = \frac{T(m)}{m}$$

***As such operation is possible only in Amortized
operations in dynamically, the table drawn
according to cost is known as
Dynamic Tables.***

Insertion 1

Item no. 1 inserted

Dynamic Table size: 1

Total cost(C_1) = 1

Cost per operation : $\frac{(\text{Cost of 1 operation})}{1} = 1$

= 1

Cost of Doubling and Copying = 0

Insertion 2

Item no. 2 inserted

Dynamic Table size increases to: 2

Total cost(C_2) = 2 [As 1st element is copied to the table making table increase its size]

Cost per operation : $\frac{(\text{Cost of 2 operation})}{2} = 1$

Cost of Doubling and Copying = $2^0 = 1$ [As 1 element is copied]

Insertion 3

Item no. 3 inserted

Dynamic Table size increases to: 4

Total cost(C_1) = 3

[As 1st element and 2nd element is copied to the table and 3rd element is inserted making table increase its size]

Cost per operation : $\frac{(\text{Cost of 3 operation})}{3} = 1$

Cost of Doubling and Copying = $2^1 = 2$ [As 2 element is copied]

Insertion 4

Item no. 4 inserted

Dynamic Table size remain to: 4

Total cost(C_1) = 1

***[As 1 element is inserted and nothing change s]
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Cost per operation : $\frac{(\text{Cost of 1 operation})}{1} = 1$

Cost of Doubling and Copying = 0.

Analysizing above we can put them in tables:

<i>Item No. (i)</i>	<i>Table Size</i>	<i>Total Cost_i(C_i)</i>	<i>Cost Of Operation</i>	<i>Cost of Doubling And Copying</i>
1	1	1	1	0
2	2	2(1+1)	1	1 = 2⁰
3	4	3(2+1)	1	2 = 2¹
4	4	1	1	0
5	8	5(4+1)	1	4 = 2²
6	8	1	1	0
7	8	1	1	0
8	8	1	1	0
9	16	9(8+1)	1	8 = 2³
10	16	1	1	0
11	16	1	1	0
12	16	1	1	0
13	16	1	1	0
14	16	1	1	0
15	16	1	1	0
16	16	1	1	0
17	32	17(16+1)	1	16 = 2⁴

Here we see worst case for time complexity for single insertion (whenever there is an overflow) = $O(n)$

Hence worst case time complexity of n^{th} insertion:

$$n \times O(n) = O(n^2)$$

$$\text{Cost of } i^{th} \text{ insertion} = \begin{cases} i, \text{ when } i - 1 \text{ is an exact power of } 2 \\ 1 \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Cost of 5 is 5 when $i = 5$ and $i - 1 = 2^2 = 4$

Therefore we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cost}(C) \text{ of } n \text{ iterations} &= \sum_{i=1}^n C_i \\ &= n + \sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n-1)} 2^i \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log_2(n-1)} 2^i = \text{The series some thing stands like this:}$$

$$= 2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots + 2^{\log_2(n-1)}$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + 2^{\log_2(n-1)}$$

This is a geometric progression:

Hence we have geometric sum rule:

$$= a_1 \times \frac{(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

Here $a_1 = 1, r = 2, n = \log_2(n - 1) + 1$

$$= 1 \times \frac{1 - 2^{\log_2(n-1)+1}}{1 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 2^{\log_2(n-1)+1}}{1 - 2}$$

$$= \frac{1 - (2^{\log_2(n-1)} \times 2)}{-1} [\Rightarrow a^{b+c} = a^b \times a^c]$$

$$= \frac{1 - ((n - 1) \times 2)}{-1} [\Rightarrow a^{\log_a(b)} = b]$$

$$= \frac{1 - (2n - 2)}{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 2n + 2}{-1}$$

$$= \frac{-2n + 3}{-1}$$

$$= 2n - 3$$

Now , coming to the equation we have: $n + 2n - 3 = 3n - 3$

$$O(3n - 3) = O(3n) = O(n)$$

Alternative way(2):

If we see the series = $2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + 2^3 + \dots$

It looks like := $2^{\log_2 1} + 2^{\log_2 2} + 2^{\log_2 4} + 2^{\log_2 8} + \dots + 2^{\log_2 2n}$

where, $\log_2 1 = 0; \log_2 2 = 1; \log_2 4 = 2; \dots$ etc.

Now , if we leave the 1st i. e. $2^{\log_2 1} = 2^0 = 1$.

We get a series = $\sum_{i=1}^n 2^{\log_2 2i}$

$$= 2^{\log_2 1} + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{\log_2 2i}$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n 2^{\log_2 2i}$$

This is a geometric progression:

Hence we have geometric sum rule:

$$= a_1 \times \frac{(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

Where $a_1 = 2, r = 2, r^n = 2^{\log_2 2n}$

$$= 2 \times \frac{(1 - 2^{\log_2 2n})}{1 - 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\log_2 2n} = 2n, \text{ Hence } = 2 \times \frac{(1 - 2n)}{1 - 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times \frac{1 - 2n}{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times \frac{-1(2n - 1)}{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times (2n - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4n - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Now, } 1 + 4n - 2 = 4n - 1 = O(4n) = O(n)$$

Alternative way(3):

When we have a series like: $2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots$ like this:

We get a geometric sequence =

$$\begin{aligned} & 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{2} + n \\ &= n + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{8} + \dots + 4 + 2 + 1 \\ &= \frac{n}{2^0} + \frac{n}{2^1} + \frac{n}{2^2} + \frac{n}{2^3} + \dots + 2^2 + 2^1 + 2^0 \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^n \left(\frac{n}{2^i} \right) \\ &= n + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n}{2^i} \right) \end{aligned}$$

A geometric sequence has a constant ratio r and is defined by $a_n = a_1 \times r^{n-1}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n}{2^i} \right)$$

$$a_i = \frac{n}{2^i}, a_{i+1} = \frac{n}{2^{(i+1)}}$$

Computing the adjacent ratio: $r = \frac{a_{i+1}}{a_i}$

$$r = \frac{\frac{n}{2^{(i+1)}}}{\frac{n}{2^i}} = \frac{n}{2^{(i+1)}} \times \frac{2^i}{n} = \frac{1}{2^{(i+1-i)}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

when $i = n$, then:

$$a_i = a_1 r^{i-1}$$

$$a_1 = \frac{n}{2} \text{ and } r = \frac{1}{2} , \text{ hence:}$$

$$a_i = \frac{n}{2^i} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{i-1}$$

$$a_i = \frac{n}{2^i} \times \frac{1}{2^{i-1}}$$

$$a_i = \frac{n}{2^i} \times \frac{1}{2^{i-1}}$$

$$a_i = \frac{n}{2^{i-1+1}} = \frac{n}{2^i}$$

Geometric sequence sum formula:

$$S_n = a_1 \times \frac{1 - r^i}{1 - r}, \text{ where } r \neq 1$$

Now put the values:

$$i = n, a_1 = \frac{n}{2}, r = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \times \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{n \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right)}{2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \right)} \\
&= \frac{n \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right)}{2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)} \\
&= n \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n}{2^i} \right) = n \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{And, } n + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{n}{2^i} \right) &= n + n \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right) \\
&= n + n - n \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \\
&= 2n - n \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Hence, we have } O \left(2n - n \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n \right) = O(2n) = O(n)$$

$$\text{Therefore Amortized cost} = \frac{O(n)}{n} = O(1)$$

We can write $\Theta(1)$ as it is just giving us the Average case complexity.

Example 2: Consider the following sequence of push and pop operation operations is 1. If the sequence is given as follows:

1 push 1push 1push 3 pops 2push 2pops 2push 2pops

then, what is the amortized cost?

Solution:

As per the cost given , the cost of the sequence would be as follows:

$t_i = 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 2$

$$\text{Cost} = \frac{1 + 1 + 1 + 3 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2}{(\text{No. of push pops})8} = \frac{14}{8} = 1.75$$
