

9. Let S be an initially empty stack. We wish to perform two operations on S : $Add(x)$ and $DeleteUntil(x)$. These are defined as follows:

- (a) $Add(x)$: Add the element x to the top of the stack S . This operation takes $O(1)$ time per invocation.
- (b) $DeleteUntil(x)$: Delete elements from the top of the stack up to and including the first x encountered. If p elements are deleted, the time taken is $O(p)$.

Consider any sequence of n stack operations ($Adds$ and $DeleteUntils$). Show how to amortize the cost of the Add and $DeleteUntil$ operations so that the amortized cost of each is $O(1)$. From this, conclude that the time needed to perform any such sequence of operations is $O(n)$.

The worst case is that there are $n-1$ Add operation and the last is DeleteUntil, the amortize cost of per operation is $O\left(\frac{(n-1) \times 2}{n}\right) = O(1)$

\Rightarrow which means any such sequence of operation need $O(n)$ time.