



# CS 311O

## Amortized Analysis

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Today's music: "Money, Money, Money" by ABBA

# **CLICKER QUESTION 1**

# Review

Current topic: Efficiency

- Big Oh
- Hash tables (and mutability)

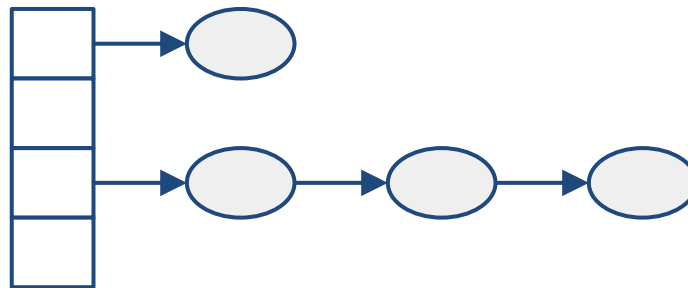
Today:

- Amortized analysis

# **REVIEW OF HASH TABLES**

# Hash table: chaining

```
type ('k, 'v) t = {  
    mutable buckets  
    : ('k * 'v) list array  
}
```



# Implementation of operations

- Insert ( $k, v$ ):
  - Hash  $k$  to find bucket  $b$
  - Search through  $b$  to delete any previous binding of  $k$  (to maintain RI)
  - Mutate bucket to add new binding of  $k$
- Find  $k$ :
  - Hash  $k$  to find bucket  $b$
  - Search through  $b$  to find binding of  $k$
- Remove  $k$ :
  - Hash  $k$  to find bucket  $b$
  - Search through  $b$  to delete any binding of  $k$

...every operation requires search through bucket

...efficiency depends on bucket length

# Load factor

Load factor = average bucket length =  $\alpha$   
(# bindings in hash table) / (# buckets in array)

- # bindings not under implementer's control
- # buckets is
- When load factor gets above some constant, make array bigger
  - Which makes load factor smaller
  - Then redistribute keys across bigger array

## **CLICKER QUESTION 2**

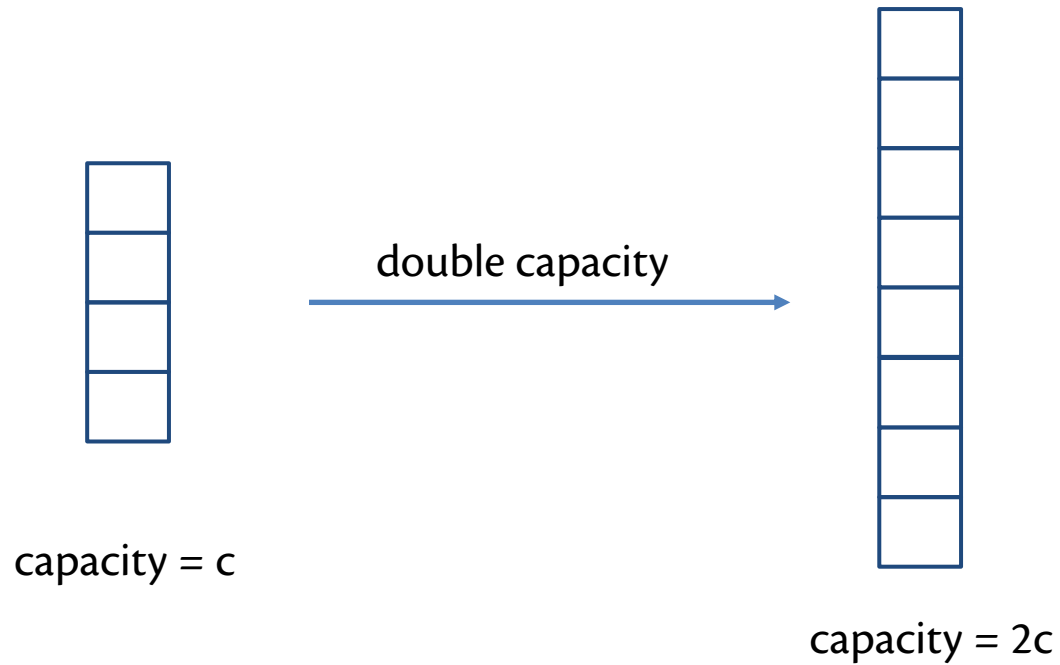


# Rehashing

- If load factor  $\geq 2.0$  then:
  - double array size
  - rehash elements into new buckets
  - thus bringing load factor back to around 1.0
- Both OCaml `Hashtbl` and `java.util.HashMap` do this
- Efficiency:
  - find, and remove: expected  $O(1)$
  - insert:  $O(n)$ , because it can require rehashing all elements
  - but we wanted  $O(1)$ ...

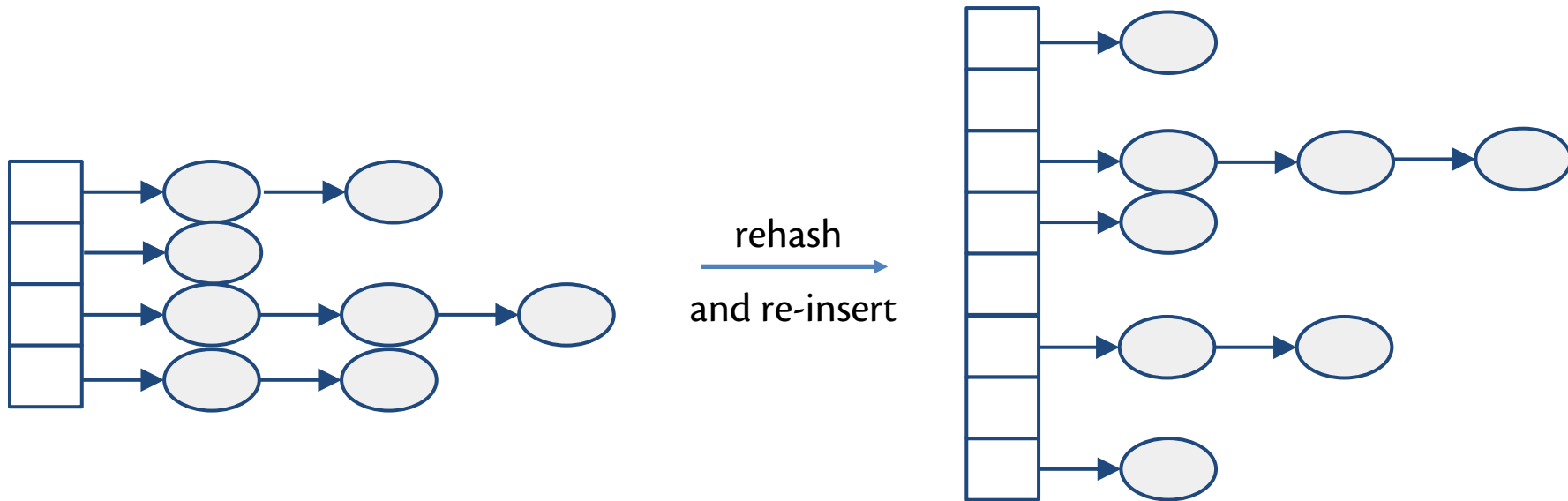
# **AMORTIZED ANALYSIS**

# Hash table resize



$$\text{Cost} = O(n) = O(2c)$$

# Hash table resize



Expected cost =  $2n \cdot O(1) = O(n)$

# Total cost to resize

Expected cost =  $O(n) + O(n) = O(n)$

Suppose the hidden constant is  $r$

- $r = x + y + z$
- $x$  is cost to allocate
- $y$  is cost to hash
- $z$  is cost to insert

Let's call that  $\$r$



# Saving money

on insert  
→  
save \$r



on resize  
→  
spend  $\$r \cdot n$

# Bank account balance

Capacity	Bindings	Load factor $\alpha$	Balance
16	16	1	\$0

# Bank account balance

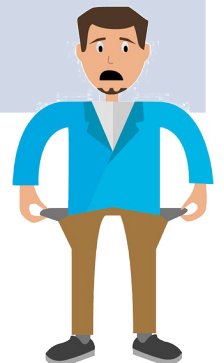
Capacity	Bindings	Load factor $\alpha$	Balance
16	16	1	\$0
Insert 16 bindings			
16	32	2	\$16r



# Bank account balance

Capacity	Bindings	Load factor $\alpha$	Balance
16	16	1	\$0
Insert 16 bindings			
16	32	2	\$16r
Resize and rehash			
32	32	1	-\$16r

Let's double the amount we save: \$2rn



# Bank account balance

Capacity	Bindings	Load factor $\alpha$	Balance
16	16	1	\$0
Insert 16 bindings			
16	32	2	\$32r

# Bank account balance

Capacity	Bindings	Load factor $\alpha$	Balance
16	16	1	\$0
Insert 16 bindings			
16	32	2	\$32r
Resize and rehash			
32	32	1	\$0

# Bank account balance

Capacity	Bindings	Load factor $\alpha$	Balance
16	16	1	\$0
Insert 16 bindings			
16	32	2	\$32r
Resize and rehash			
32	32	1	\$0
Insert 32 bindings			
32	64	2	\$64r
Resize and rehash			
64	64	1	\$0

# Budgeting



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# Budgeting

- Key idea is to analyze worst-case efficiency of
  - sequence of operations
  - not individual operations
- Rare expensive operations paid for by common inexpensive operations

# Hash table efficiency

- find, and remove: expected  $O(1)$
- insert: expected  $O(1)$ , because rehashing can be paid for with amortization

# TWO-LIST QUEUES



# Two-list queues [lec 7]

abstract:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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concrete:

front:

1	2	3
---	---	---

(enqueued since front last emptied)

back:

8	7	6	5	4
---	---	---	---	---

(recently enqueued)

# Two-list queues: AF+RI

- Rep type:
  - front of queue: list, stored in order
  - back of queue: list, stored in reverse order
- RI: if front is empty then back is empty

# Two-list queues: efficiency

- **Peek:** head of front  $O(1)$
- **Enqueue:** cons onto back  $O(1)$ 
  - But if completely empty, cons onto front instead to maintain RI  $O(1)$
- **Dequeue:** tail of front  $O(1)$ 
  - If front becomes empty, reverse back and make it the front to maintain RI  $O(n)$

# Amortized analysis

on enqueue (back)  
→  
save \$1



on reverse  
→  
spend \$n

# Bank account balance

Front length	Back length	Balance
0	0	\$0
Enqueue 1 element		
1	0	\$0
Enqueue 9 elements		
1	9	\$9
Dequeue 1 element		
0	9	\$9
Reverse back and make it front		
9	0	\$0
Dequeue 9 elements		
0	0	\$0

# **KEY IDEAS OF AMORTIZED ANALYSIS**

# Amortized analysis

- *Amortize*: put aside money at intervals for gradual payment of debt [Webster's 1964]
- In efficiency analysis:
  - Pay extra “money” for some operations as a credit
  - Use that credit to pay higher cost of some later operations
  - a.k.a. *banker's method* and *accounting method*
- Invented by Sleator and Tarjan (1985)

# Robert Tarjan



b. 1948

**Turing Award Winner (1986)  
with Prof. John Hopcroft**

*For fundamental achievements in  
the design and analysis of  
algorithms and data structures.*

**Cornell CS faculty 1972-1973**



# Upcoming events

- [Friday] Project Teams Due
- [Next week] CS 3110 goes virtual
- [Next Monday] R0 due
- [Next Wednesday] MS0 due

*This is money.*

**THIS IS 3110**