

# Design and Analysis of Data Structures and Algorithms :: Amortized Analysis

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## **PART 5:**

## **ALGORITHM ANALYSIS: AMORTIZED ANALYSIS**

# Outline

- Definition
- Aggregate Method
- Accounting Method
- Potential Method
- Examples : Binary Counter and Dynamic Table

# Cost of A Sequence of Operations

- Let operation  $A$  requires  $\Theta(n)$  cost in worst-case
- Calling  $A$   $m$  times costs  $\Theta(mn)$  ?
- **Not necessary** : it may cost  $O(mn)$
- Sometimes worst cases do not happen consecutively in a sequence of calls
- Actual worst-case cost may be  $o(mn)$

# Amortized Analysis

- The worst-case cost for any sequence of  $m$  operations
- Average performance of each operation in worst case (**no probability is involved**).

$$\text{amortized time} = \frac{\text{worst time for a sequence of } m \text{ ops}}{m}$$

# Example

- Given a list of  $n$  elements
- Sort this list  $m$  times using InsertionSort
- First time : worst-case  $\Theta( n^2 )$
- $2^{\text{nd}}$  -  $m^{\text{th}}$  times : worst-case  $\Theta( n )$
- Total worst-case time :  $\Theta( n^2 + mn )$
- Amortized time :  $\Theta( n^2 / m + n )$

# Example

- Given a list of  $n$  elements
- Sort this list  $m$  times using SelectionSort
- First time : worst-case  $\Theta( n^2 )$
- $2^{\text{nd}}$  -  $m^{\text{th}}$  times : worst-case  $\Theta( n^2 )$
- Total worst-case time :  $\Theta( mn^2 )$
- Amortized time :  $\Theta( n^2 )$

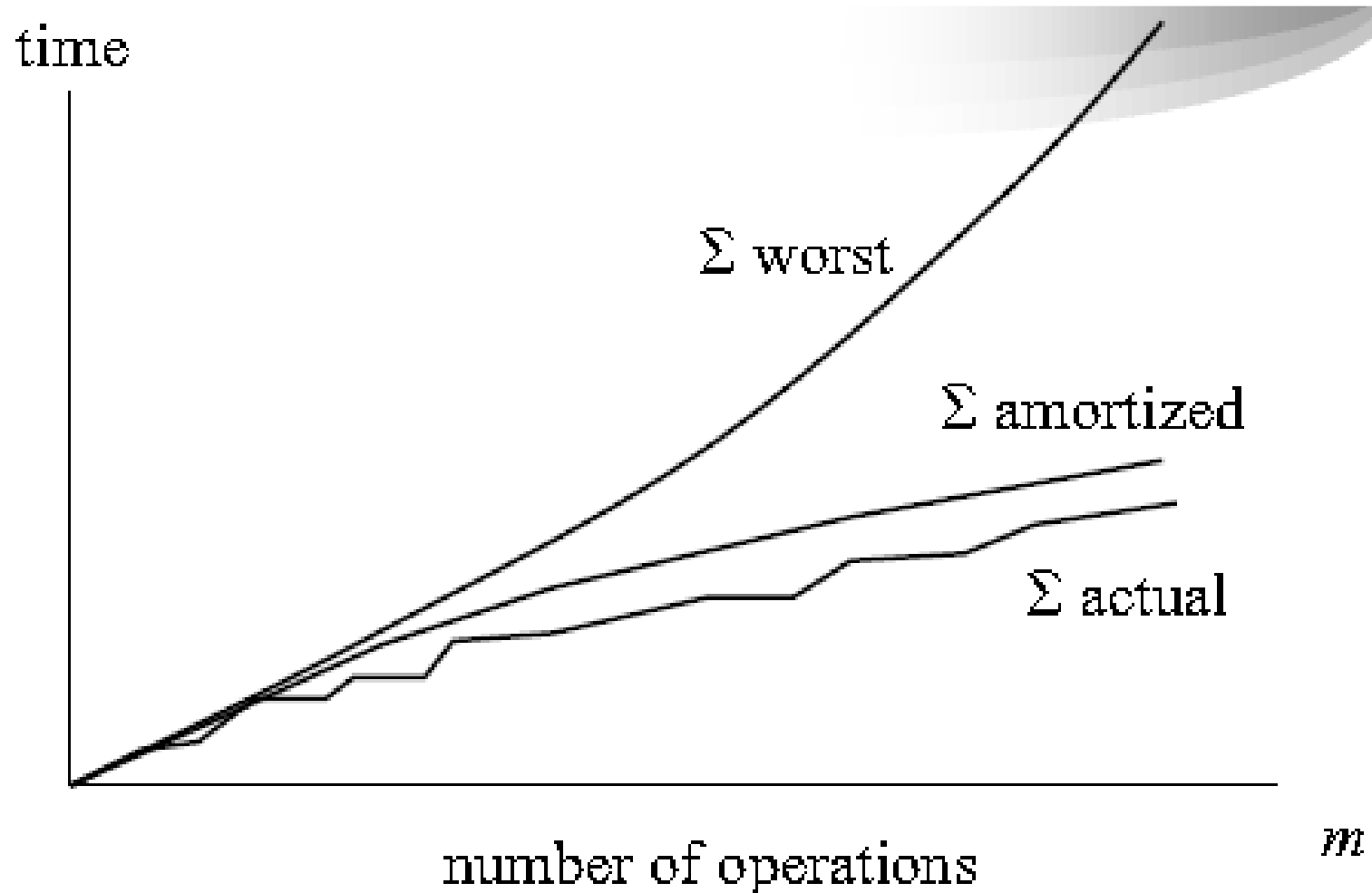


# Disjoint Sets

- Union : Union by rank :  $O(1)$
- Find : Path compression :  $O(\log n)$
- A sequence of  $m$  Union and Find operations perform on  $n$  elements :  $O(m \log^* n)$
- Amortized cost :  $O(\log^* n)$

$$\log^* 2^{2^{2^2}} = 4$$

# Amortized Analysis



# Amortized Analysis Techniques

- Aggregate Method
- Accounting Method
- Potential Method

# Aggregate Method

- Compute the worst-case time  $T(m)$  in total of a sequence of  $m$  operations
- Amortized cost =  $T(m) / m$
- Amortized cost of each operation is the same even when there are several types of operations in the sequence.

# Accounting Method

- Assign (**guess**) amortized cost for each operation
- If an operation's actual cost is less than its amortized cost, the difference is assigned to specific objects in the data structure as credit
- Credit can be used later for operations whose actual cost exceeds their amortized cost
- **Correct if the credit is nonnegative at all times**

# Potential Method

- Assign (*guess*) a potential function for the entire data structure
- Potential energy increases if amortized cost exceeds actual cost
- Potential energy decreases if amortized cost is less than actual cost
- Amortized cost = Actual cost +  $\Delta(\text{potential})$
- Correct if potential is never less than its initial

# Binary Counter

- a  $k$ -bit binary counter  $A[0..k-1]$
- $A[k-1]$  : MSB,  $A[0]$  : LSB
- count upward from 0  $m$  times

0	0	0	0
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	0	1	1
0	1	0	0

# Increment Binary Counter

```
Increment( A[0..k-1] )
{
    i = 0
    while ( i < k and A[i] = 1 )
        A[i] = 0
        i = i+1
    if ( i < k )
        A[i] = 1
}
```

Actual cost, Worst cost, Amortized cost = ?



# Increment : Actual Cost

- Actual cost is linear in the number of bits flipped

0	0	0	0	Actual cost
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	0	2
0	0	1	1	1
0	1	0	0	3
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	2

# Increment : Worst Cost

- $A[0..k-1] : k$  bits
- Worst when all bits are flipped  $\Theta(k)$

1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0

- $m$  Increments on an initially zero  $k$ -bit counter takes time  $O(mk)$

# Increment : Aggregate Method

- Tighten the worst-case cost of  $m$  Increments
- $A[0]$  flips every time :  $m$  times
- $A[1]$  flips every other time :  $m/2$  times
- $A[2]$  flips every fourth time :  $m/4$  times ( $m/2^2$ )...
- $A[i]$  flips every  $2^i$ th time :  $m/2^i$  times
- The total number of flips in  $m$  Increments is

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\lceil \lg m \rceil} \frac{m}{2^i} < m \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = 2m = O(m)$$

- Amortize cost =  $O(m)/m = O(1)$

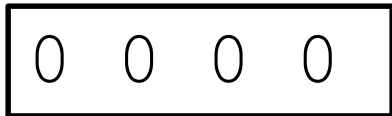
# Increment : Accounting Method

- Assign 2-baht amortized cost for an Increment
- 1 baht for flipping a 0-bit to 1-bit
- 1 baht kept at the 1-bit for later flipping back to 0

# Increment : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

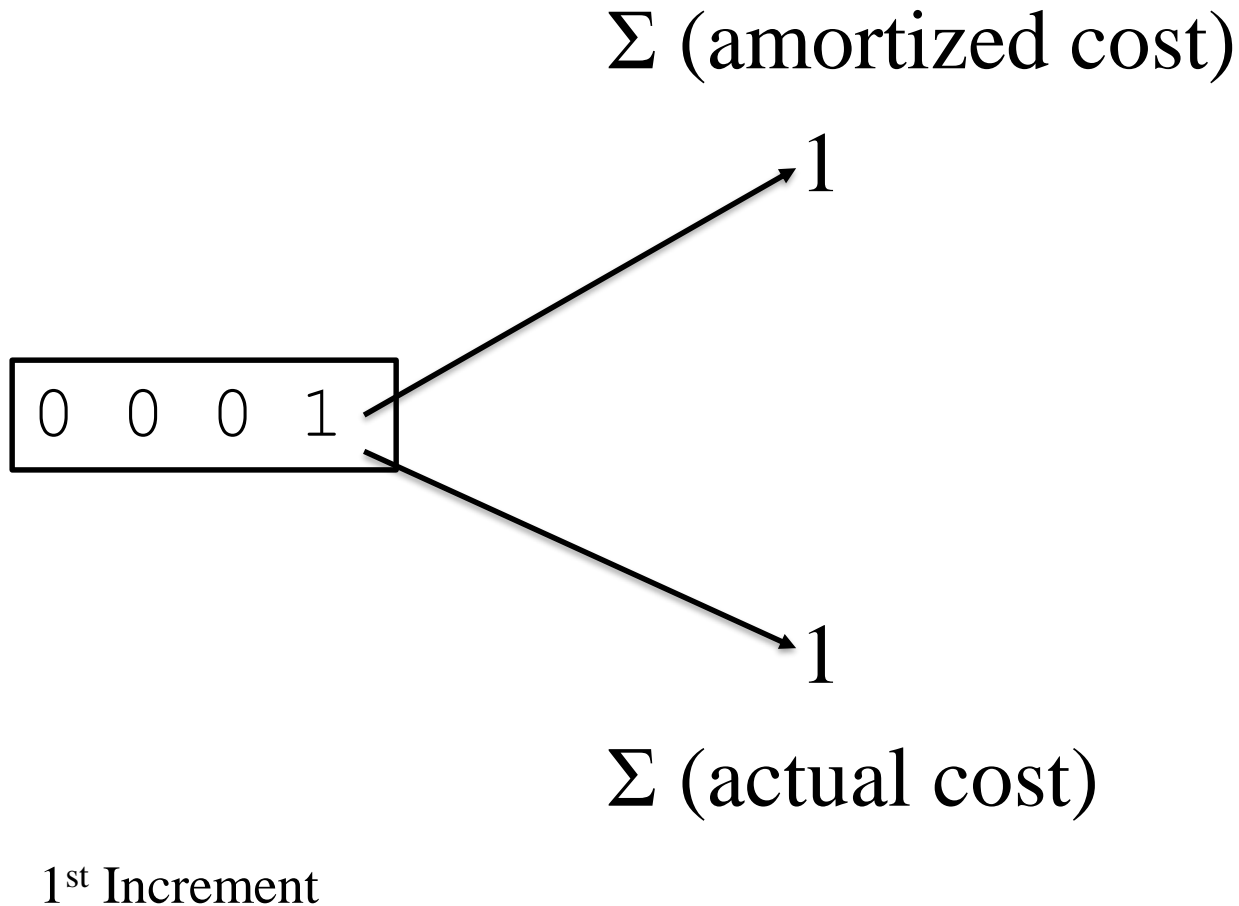
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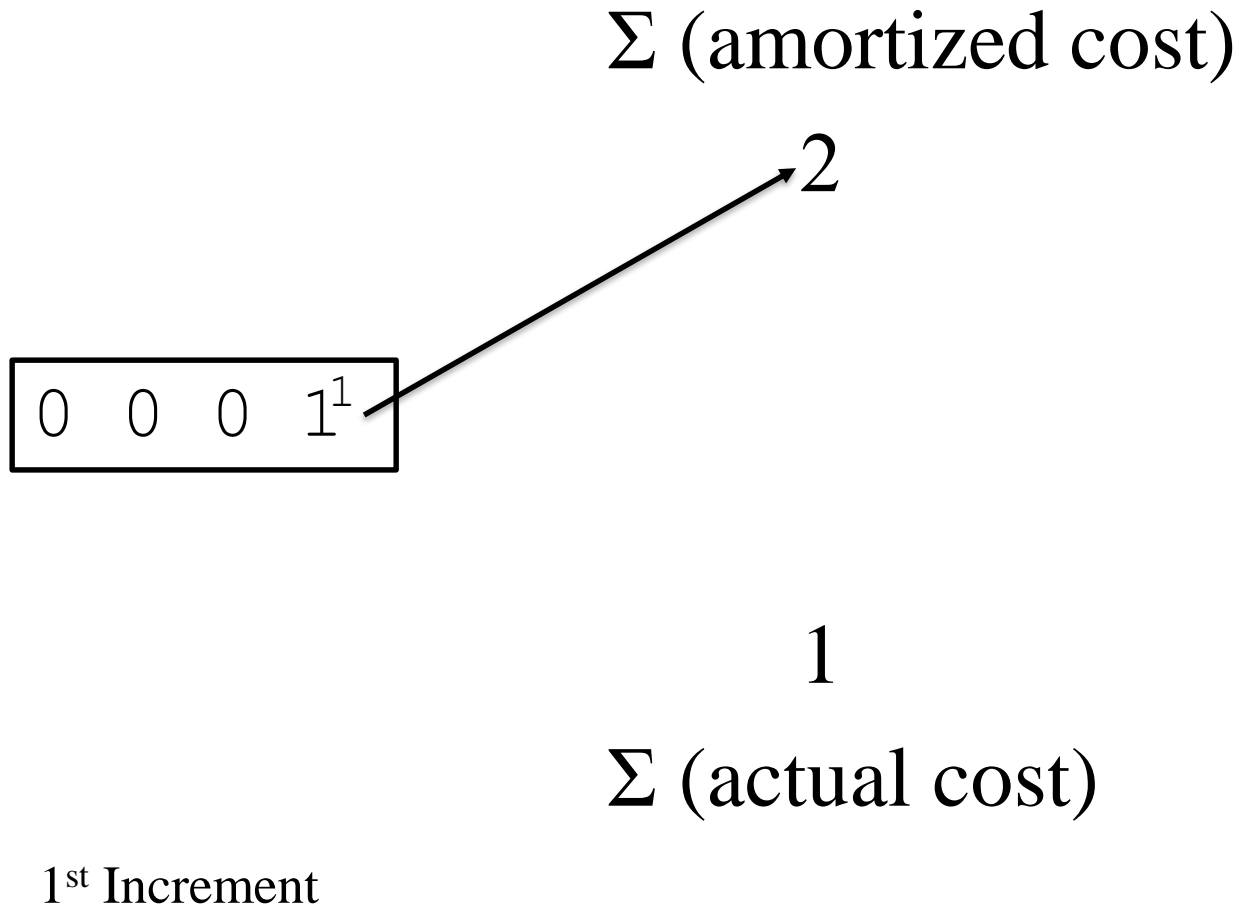
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$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Increment : Accounting Method



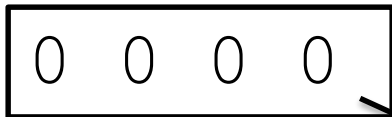
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$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$2+0$$



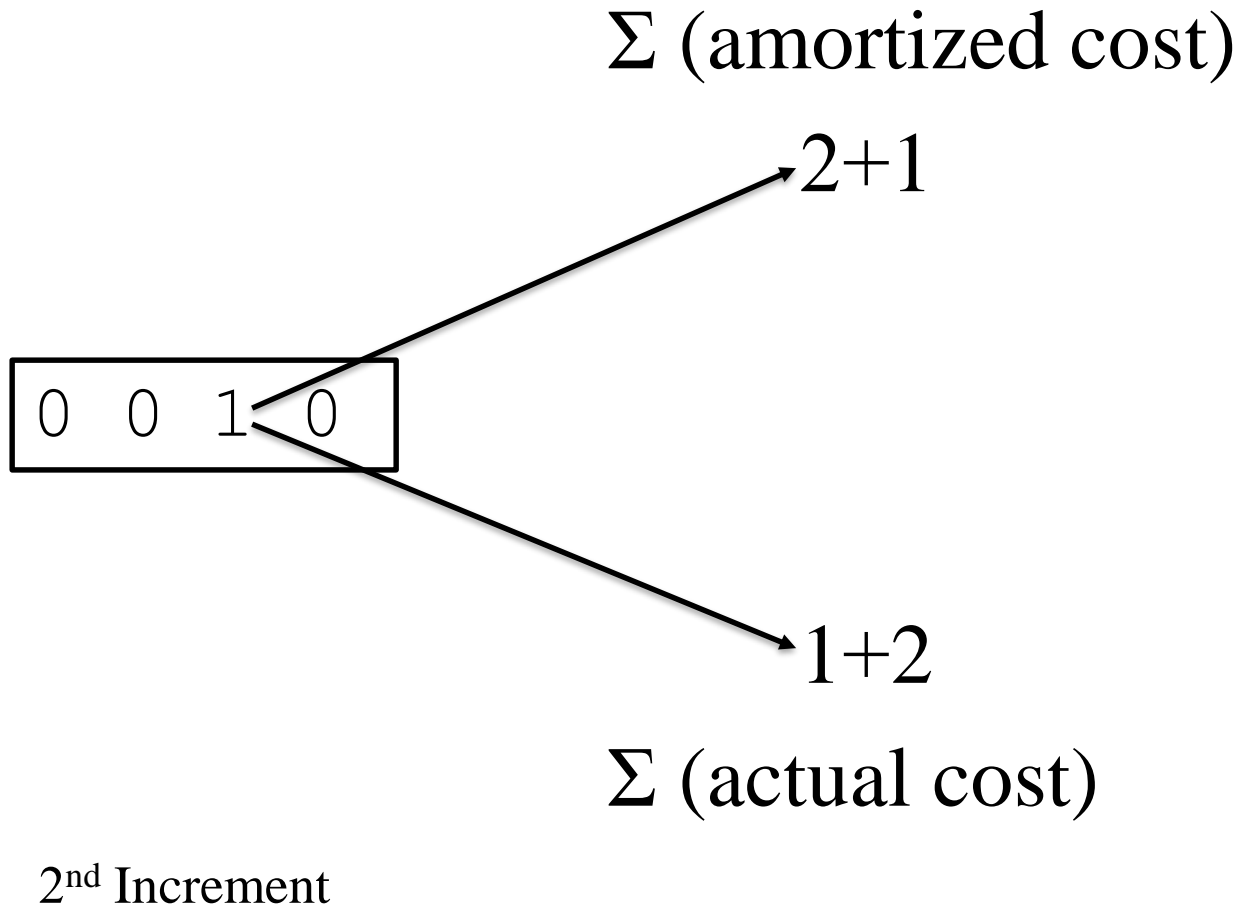
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$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

2<sup>nd</sup> Increment



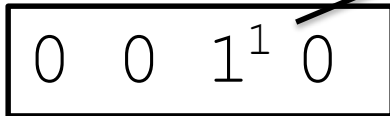
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$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

2+2

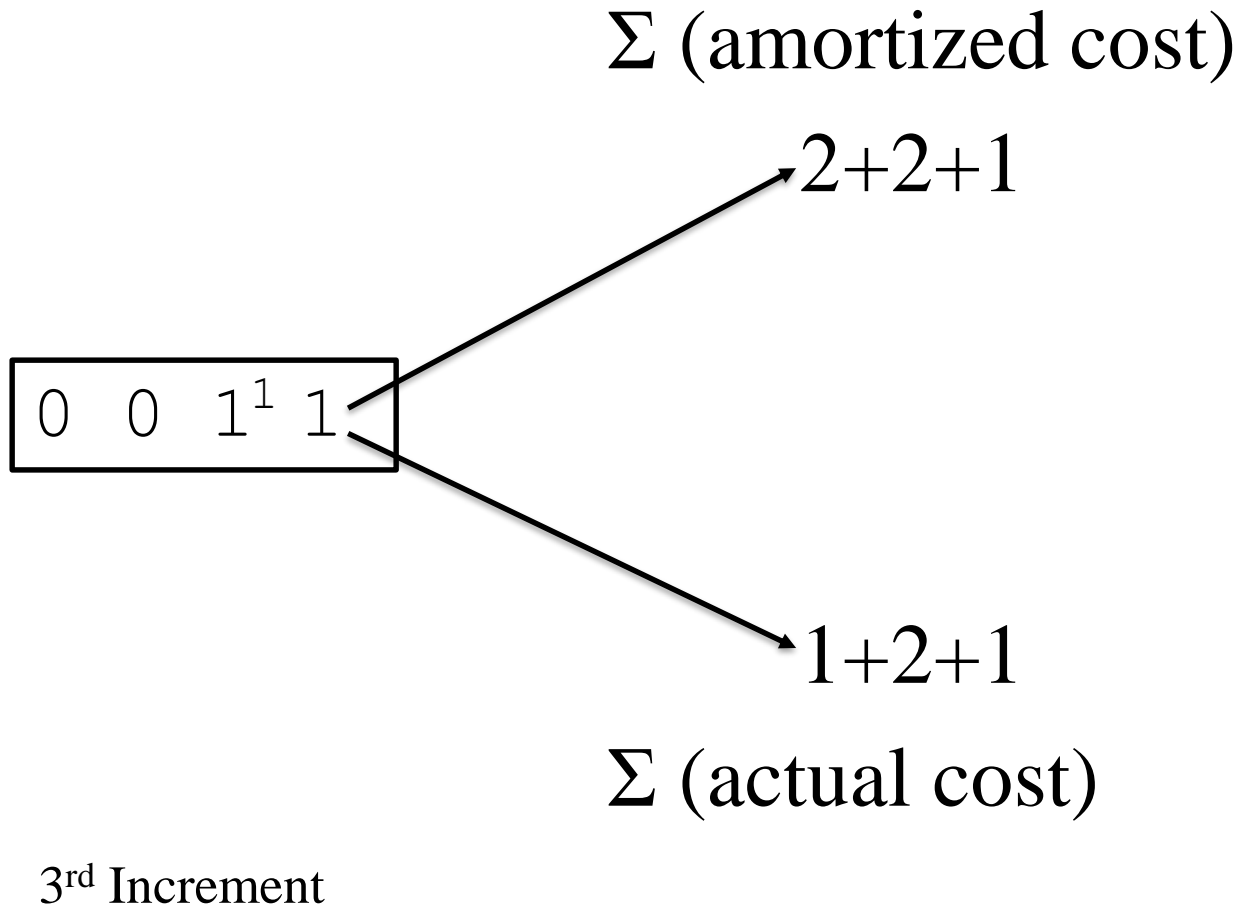


1+2

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

2<sup>nd</sup> Increment

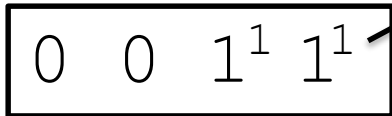
# Increment : Accounting Method



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$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$2+2+2$$



$$1+2+1$$

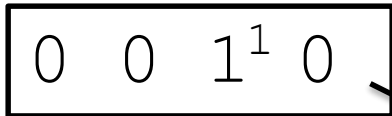
$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

3<sup>rd</sup> Increment

# Increment : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$2+2+2+0$$



$$1+2+1+1$$

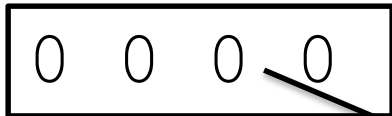
$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

4<sup>th</sup> Increment

# Increment : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$2+2+2+0$$

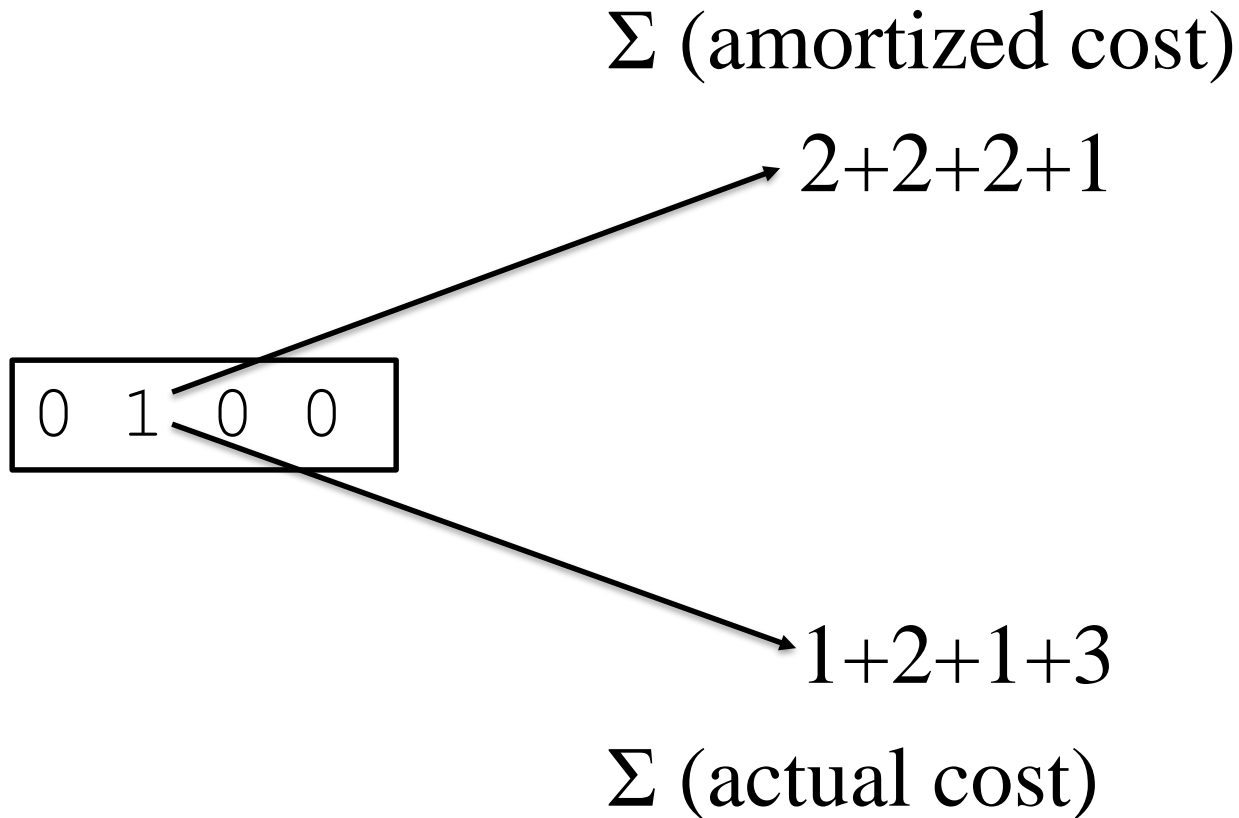


$$1+2+1+2$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

4<sup>th</sup> Increment

# Increment : Accounting Method

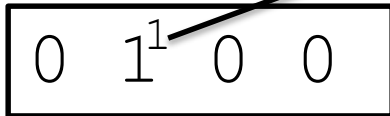


4<sup>th</sup> Increment

# Increment : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$2+2+2+2$$



$$1+2+1+3$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

4<sup>th</sup> Increment



# Increment : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$2+2+2+2$$

0	1 <sup>1</sup>	0	0
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$$1+2+1+3$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

4<sup>th</sup> Increment

# Increment : Accounting Method

- Each `Increment` costs at most two bahts since at most one bit is set to “1”
- No negative credit happens
- $\Sigma(\text{amortized cost}) \geq \Sigma(\text{actual cost})$  at all times
- Increment is  $O(1)$  amortized time

# Increment : Potential Method

- Let  $\Phi_i$  be potential function of the data structure after the  $i^{\text{th}}$  operation
- Let  $c_i$  be the actual cost of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  operation
- Let  $a_i$  be the amortized cost of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  operation

# Potential Function

- Potential energy increases if  $a_i > c_i$
- Potential energy decreases if  $a_i < c_i$

$$\Phi_i = \Phi_{i-1} + (a_i - c_i)$$

$$a_i = c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1}$$

$$\Sigma a_i = \Sigma c_i + \Sigma \Phi_i - \Sigma \Phi_{i-1}$$

$$= \Sigma c_i + \Phi_m - \Phi_0$$

$$\Sigma a_i \geq \Sigma c_i \text{ if } \Sigma \Phi_m \geq \Sigma \Phi_0$$

# Increment : Potential Method

- Let  $b_i$  be the number of 1's in the counter after the  $i^{\text{th}}$  Increment
- Suppose that the  $i^{\text{th}}$  operation resets  $r_i$  bits

$$c_i \leq r_i + 1$$

$$b_i \leq b_{i-1} - r_i + 1$$

0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	0	0

$$b_{11} = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_{12} &= b_{11} - r_{12} + 1 \\ &= 3 - 2 + 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$c_{12} = 3$$

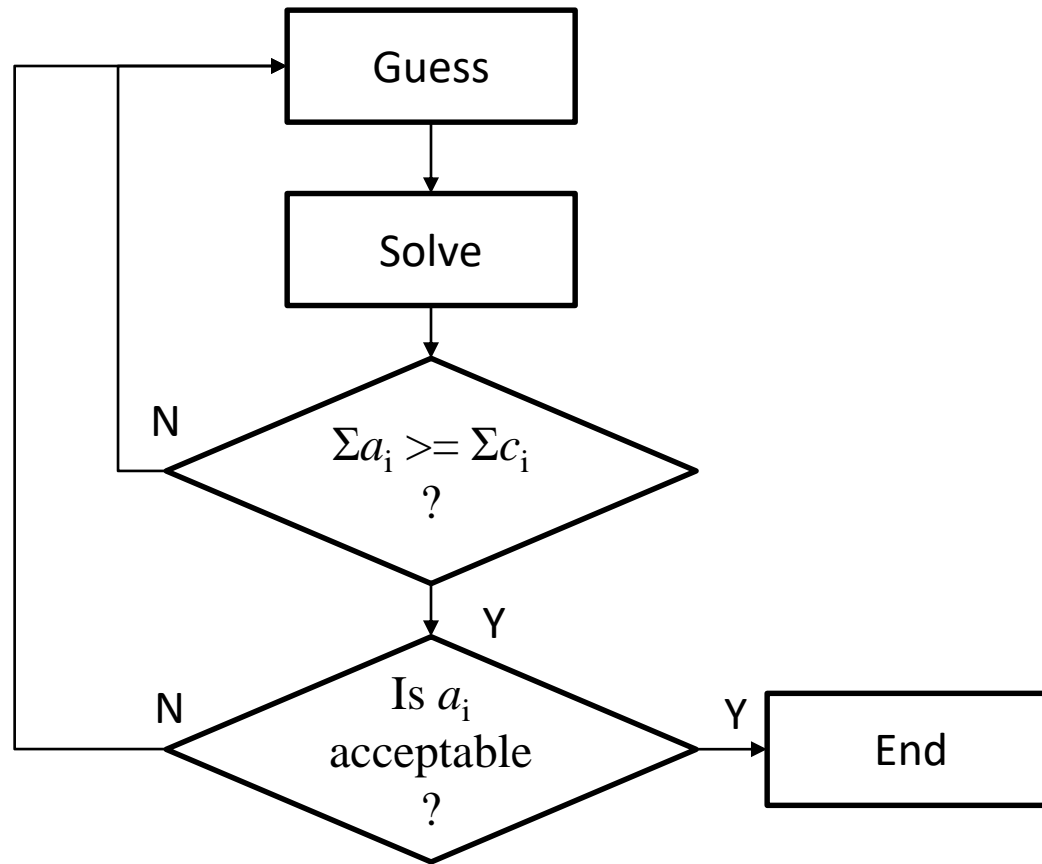
# Increment : Potential Method

Let  $\Phi_i = b_i$ ,  $\Phi_0 = 0$ ,  $\Phi_i \geq \Phi_0$

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1} &= b_i - b_{i-1} \\ &\leq (b_{i-1} - r_i + 1) - b_{i-1} \\ &= 1 - r_i\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}a_i &= c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1} \\ &\leq (r_i + 1) + 1 - r_i \\ &= 2 = O(1)\end{aligned}$$

# Analysis Loop



# Dynamic Table

- Table that can expand or contract as needed

```
Table_Insert( T, x )  
    if ( T.size = 0 )  
        T = CreateTable( 1 )  
    if ( T.num = T.size )  
        S = CreateTable( 2*T.size )  
        insert all items of T into S          <- O(n)  
        freeTable( T )  
        T = S  
    insert x into Table[T]                  <- O(n)
```



# Dynamic Table : Sequence of Inserts

- A sequence of  $n$  `Table_Insert` on initially empty table
- Double the table size when inserting into the full table
- Worst case of `Table_Insert` is  $O(n)$
- Worst case of the sequence is  $O(n^2)$
- Not tight : table expansion occurs infrequently

# Worst Case of $n$ Insertions

- Aggregate Method
- Observe that  $c_i = i$  if  $i-1$  is an exact power of 2, otherwise  $c_i = 1$
- Amortized cost is  $3 = O(1)$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n c_i &\leq n + \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} 2^j \\ &\leq n + 2^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor + 1} - 1 \\ &< n + 2n \\ &= 3n\end{aligned}$$

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

- Why is amortized cost of a `Table_Insert` 3 ?
- 1 is to move the item into the table (actual cost)
- 1 is kept for future movement during expansion
- 1 is kept for another older item in the table for future movement during expansion

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

0

0

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)



new item

0

0

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

0



new item



0

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

1



1

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

2



1

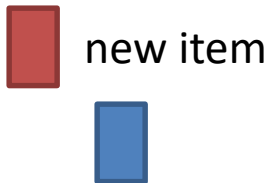
$\Sigma$  (actual cost)



# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

3



1

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

3

 new item



1

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

3

 new item



1

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

3+0



1+1

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+1$$



$$1+2$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

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$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3$$



$$1+2$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3$$



new item



$$1+2$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)



# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3$$

 new item



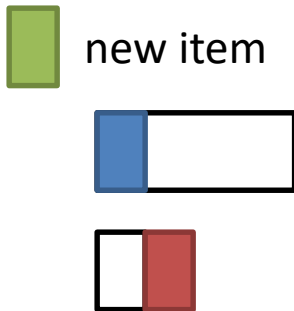
$$1+2$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+0$$



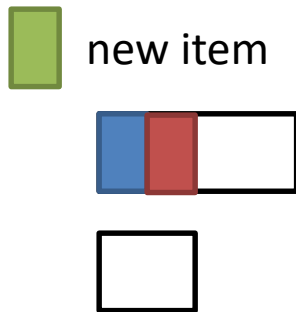
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$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+0$$



$$1+2+2$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+1$$



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$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3$$

 new item



$$1+2+3$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+1$$



$$1+2+3+1$$

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$$1+2+3+1$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3$$

 new item




$$1+2+3+1$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3+0$$

 new item



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 new item



$$1+2+3+1+3$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3+0$$

 new item



$$1+2+3+1+4$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3+1$$



$$1+2+3+1+5$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)



# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3+2$$



$$1+2+3+1+5$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

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$$1+2+3+1+5$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3+3$$

 new item



$$1+2+3+1+5$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3+3+1$$



$$1+2+3+1+5+1$$

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$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3+3+2$$



$$1+2+3+1+5+1$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

# Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

$\Sigma$  (amortized cost)

$$3+3+3+3+3+3$$



$\geq$

$$1+2+3+1+5+1$$

$\Sigma$  (actual cost)

$$\text{amortized cost} \leq 3 = O(1)$$

# Dynamic Table : Potential Method

- Let  $n_i$  be the number of items in the table
- Let  $s_i$  be size of the table
- We want the potential to be zero initially and after every expansion
- We want the potential to build to the table size when the table is full
- Potential is used for moving items during expansion

# Dynamic Table :Potential Function

$$\Phi_i = 2n_i - s_i \quad \Phi_0 = 0 \text{ when } i = 0 \text{ or } n_i = s_i/2$$

If the  $i^{\text{th}}$  insertion does not trigger an expansion

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &= c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1} \\ &= 1 + (2n_i - s_i) - (2n_{i-1} - s_{i-1}) \\ &= 1 + (2n_i - s_i) - (2(n_i - 1) - s_i) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$



# Dynamic Table :Potential Function

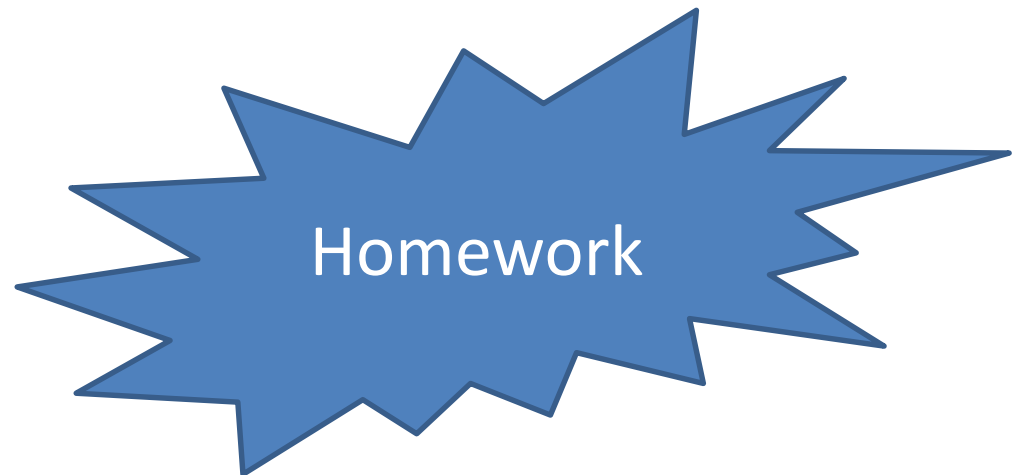
$$\Phi_i = 2n_i - s_i \quad \Phi_0 = 0 \text{ when } i = 0 \text{ or } n_i = s_i/2$$

If the  $i^{\text{th}}$  insertion does trigger an expansion ( $n_{i-1} = s_{i-1}$ )

$$\begin{aligned} a_i &= c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1} \\ &= n_i + (2n_i - s_i) - (2n_{i-1} - s_{i-1}) \\ &= n_i + (2n_i - 2s_{i-1}) - (2s_{i-1} - s_i) \\ &= 3n_i - 3s_{i-1} \\ &= 3n_i - 3(n_i - 1) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

# Dynamic Table : Contraction

- Idea : halve the size of the table when deletion causes the table to become less than  $1/4$  full.



# Conclusion

- Amortized cost is the worst cost of sequence of operations
- Better estimate than  $m * (\text{worst cost per operation})$
- Used in the analysis of advanced data structures
- Accounting : guess  $a_i \rightarrow$  no negative credit
- Potential function : guess  $\Phi_i \rightarrow \Phi_i \geq \Phi_{i-1} \rightarrow a_i$