

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

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 $\Theta(n^2)$
- 2nd - m^{th} times : worst-case $\Theta(n)$
- Total worst-case time : $\Theta(n^2 + mn)$
- Amortized time : $\Theta(n^2 / m + n)$

Example

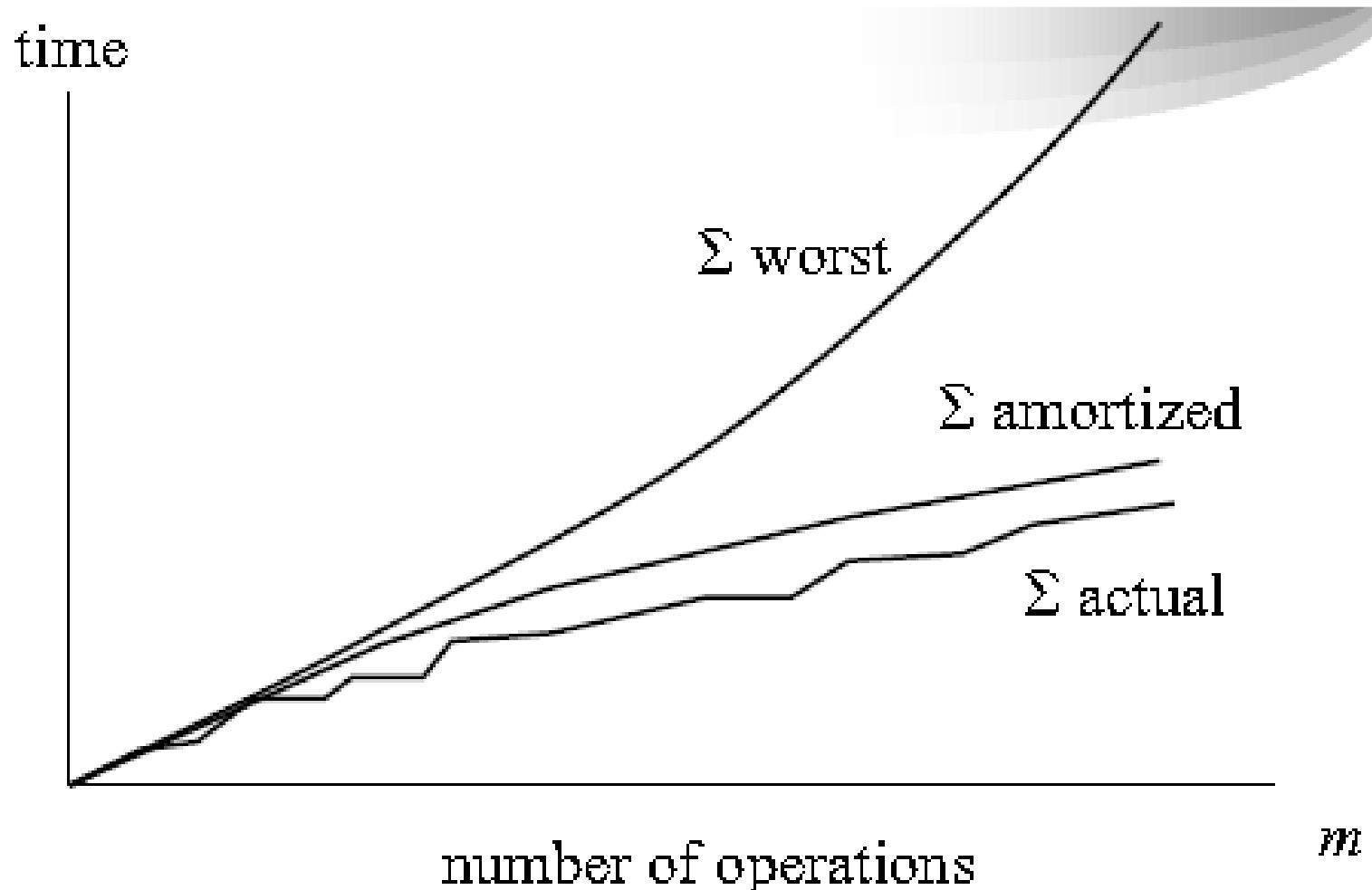
- Given a list of n elements
- Sort this list m times using SelectionSort
- First time : worst-case $\Theta(n^2)$
- 2nd - m^{th} times : worst-case $\Theta(n^2)$
- Total worst-case time : $\Theta(mn^2)$
- Amortized time : $\Theta(n^2)$

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 : $O(\log^* n)$

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

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

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

- 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

Σ (amortized cost)

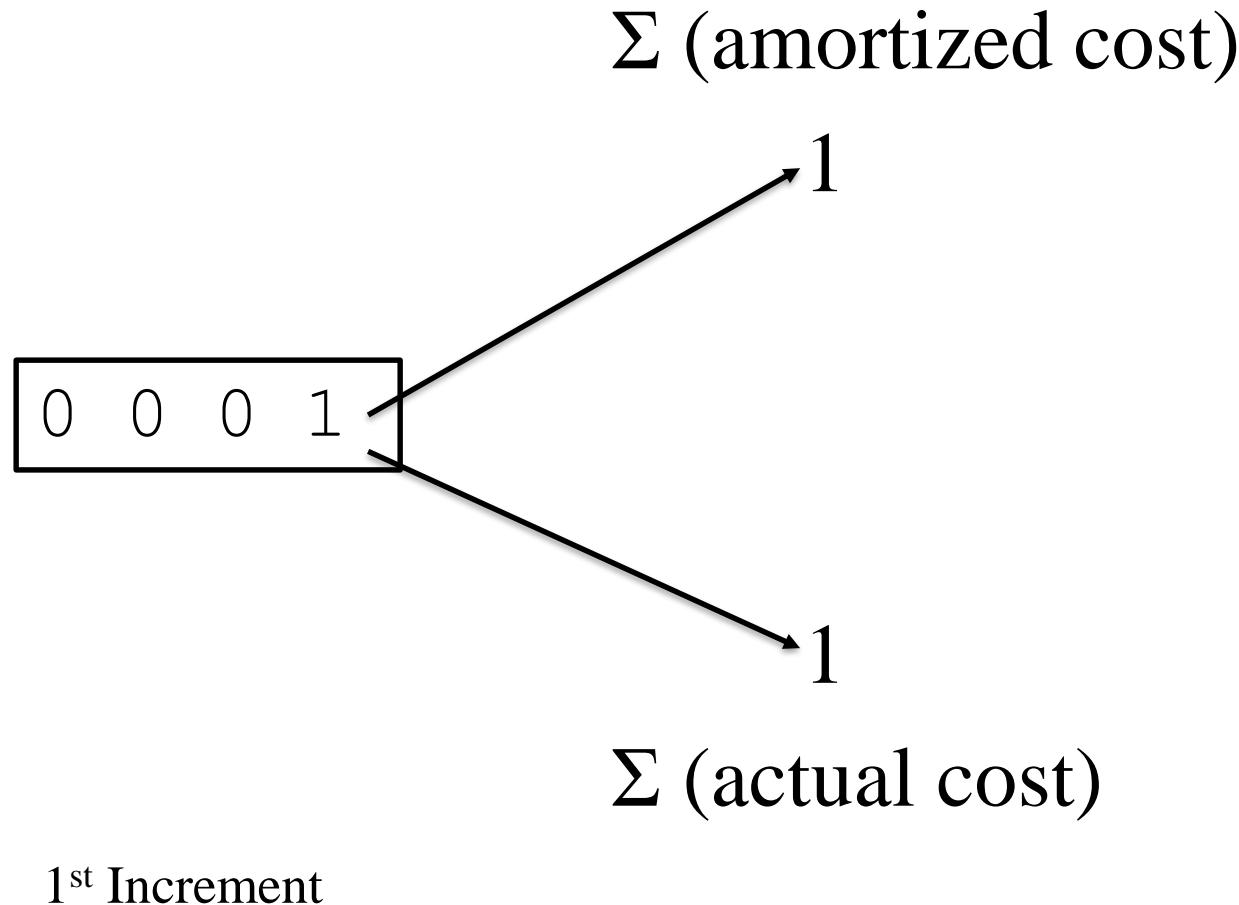
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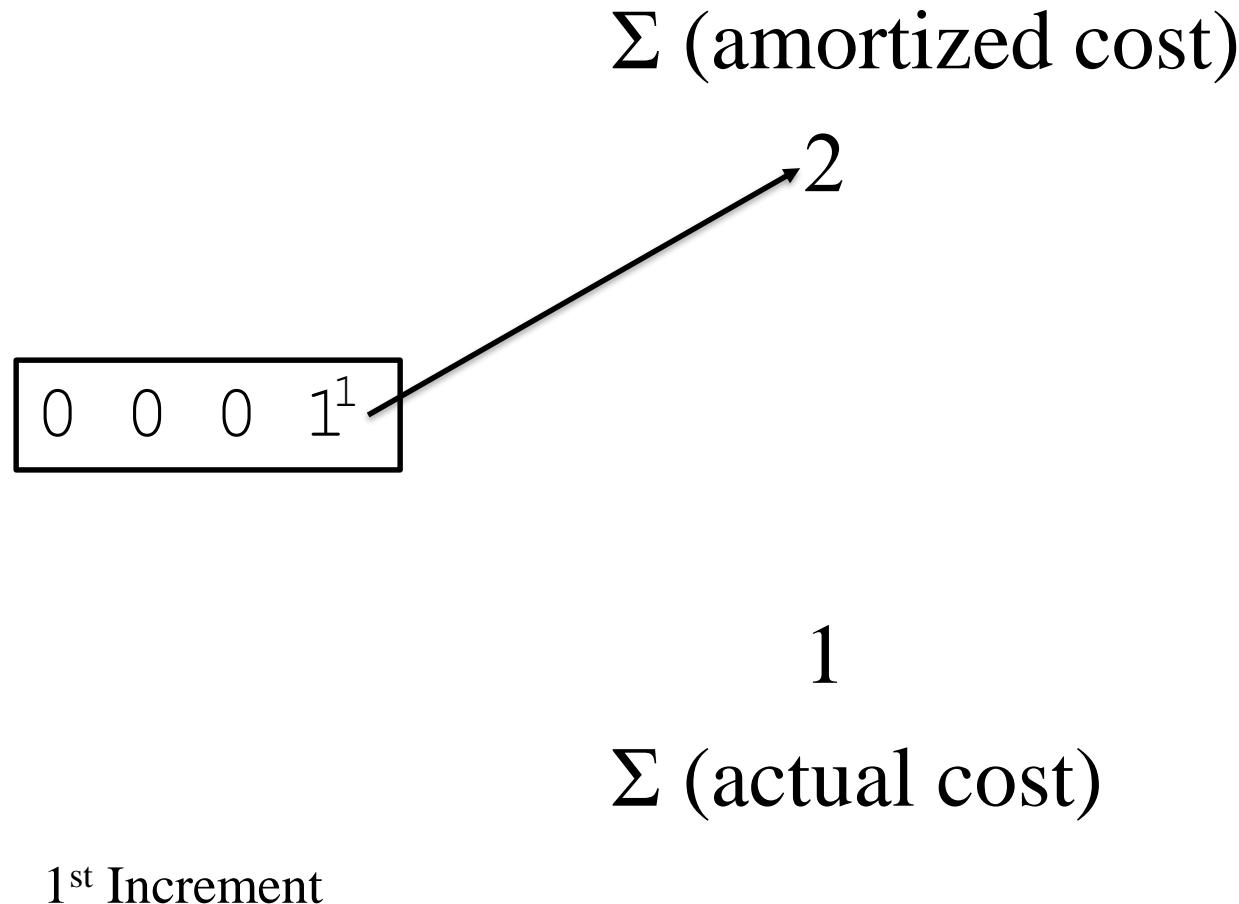
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Σ (actual cost)

Increment : Accounting Method



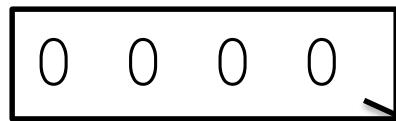
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Increment : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

2+0

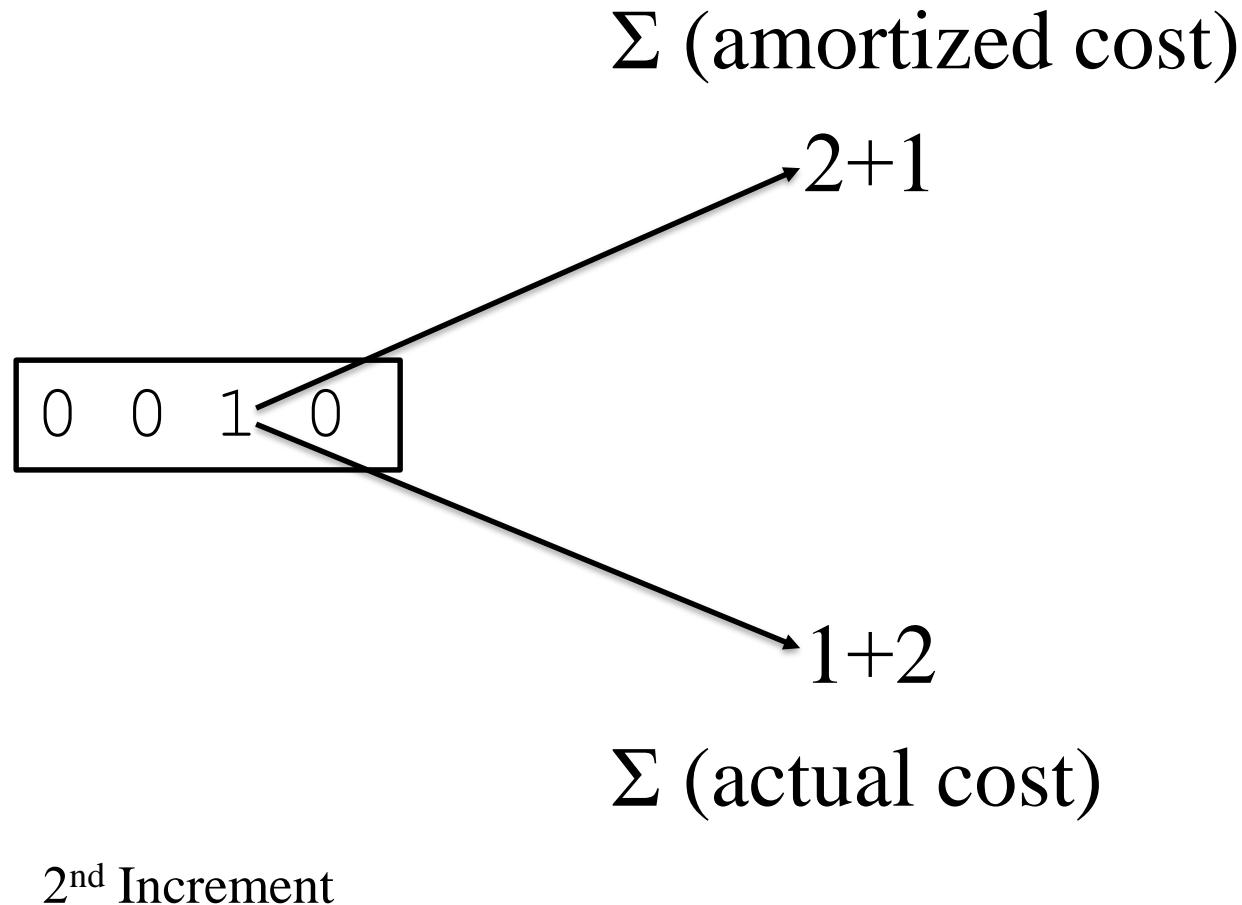


1+1

Σ (actual cost)

2nd Increment

Increment : Accounting Method



Increment : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

2+2

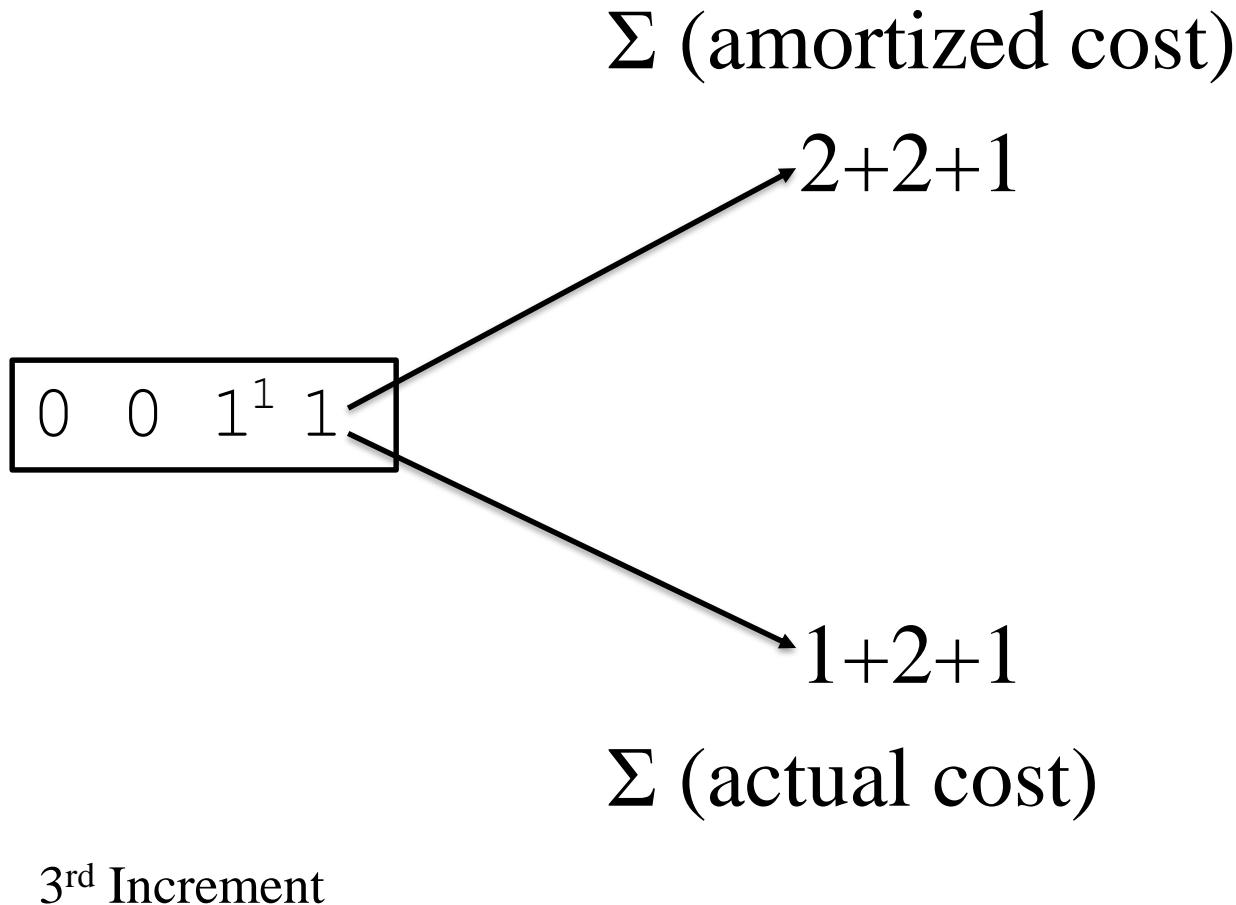
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1+2

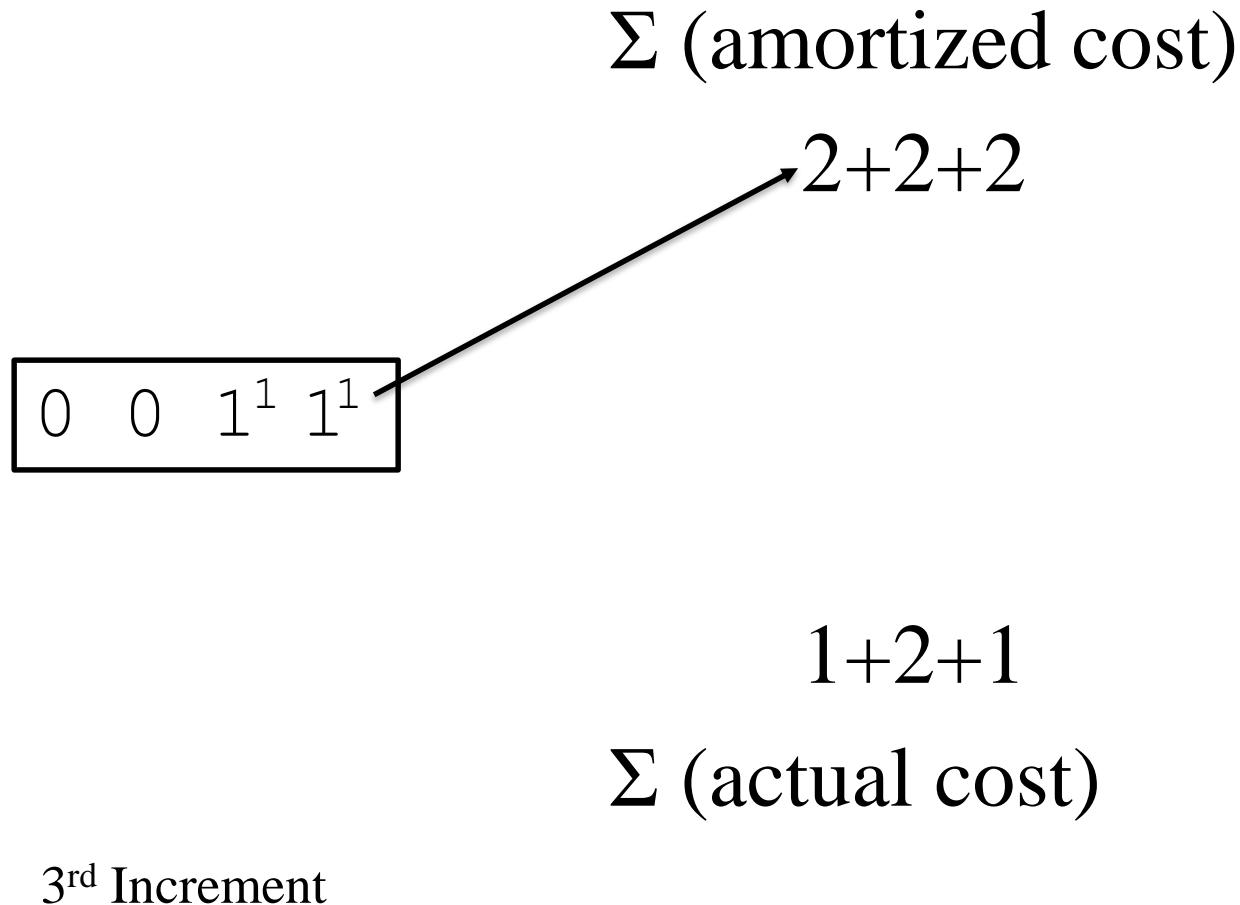
Σ (actual cost)

2nd Increment

Increment : Accounting Method



Increment : Accounting Method



Increment : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

$$2+2+2+0$$

0	0	1^1	0
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$$1+2+1+1$$

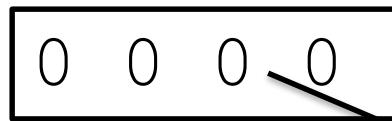
Σ (actual cost)

4th Increment

Increment : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

$$2+2+2+0$$

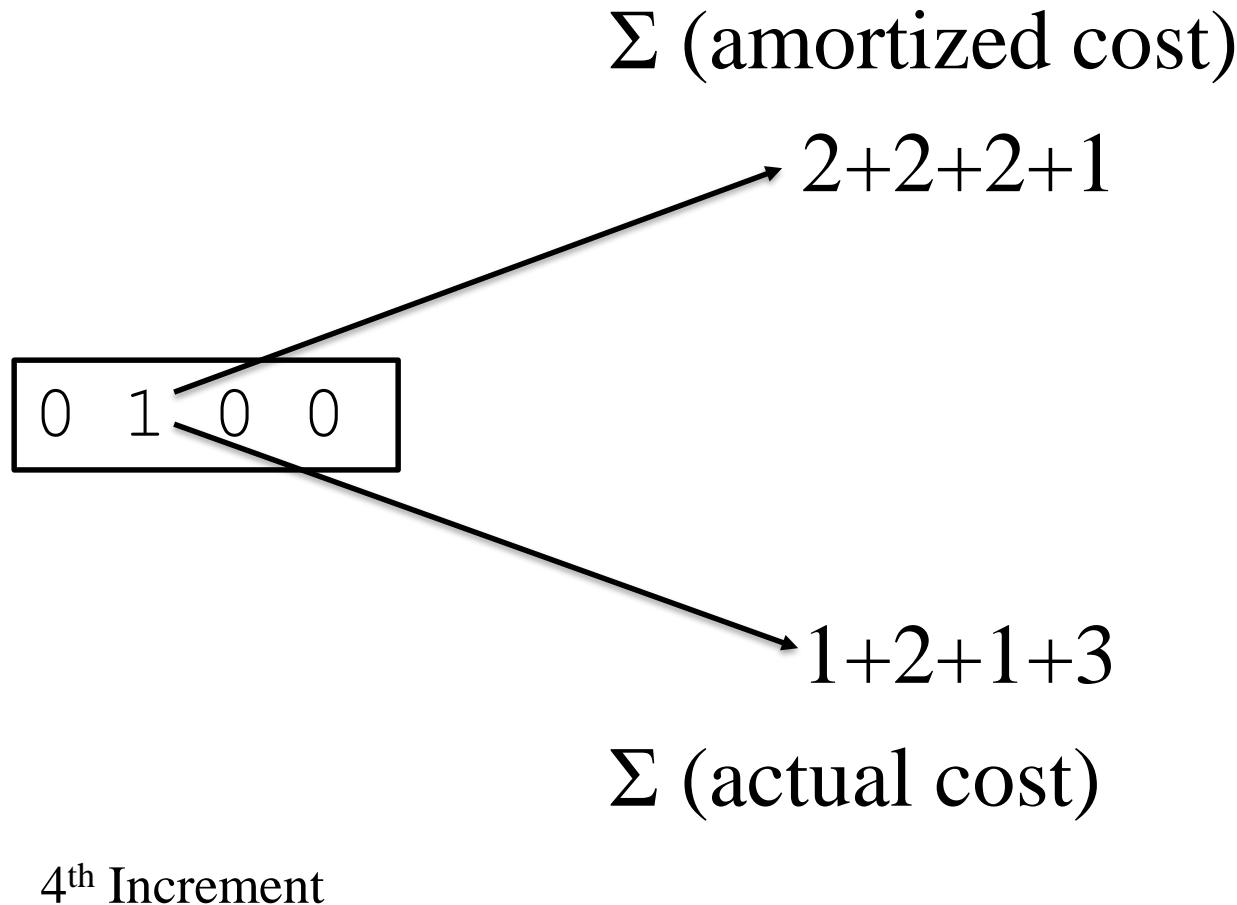


$$1+2+1+2$$

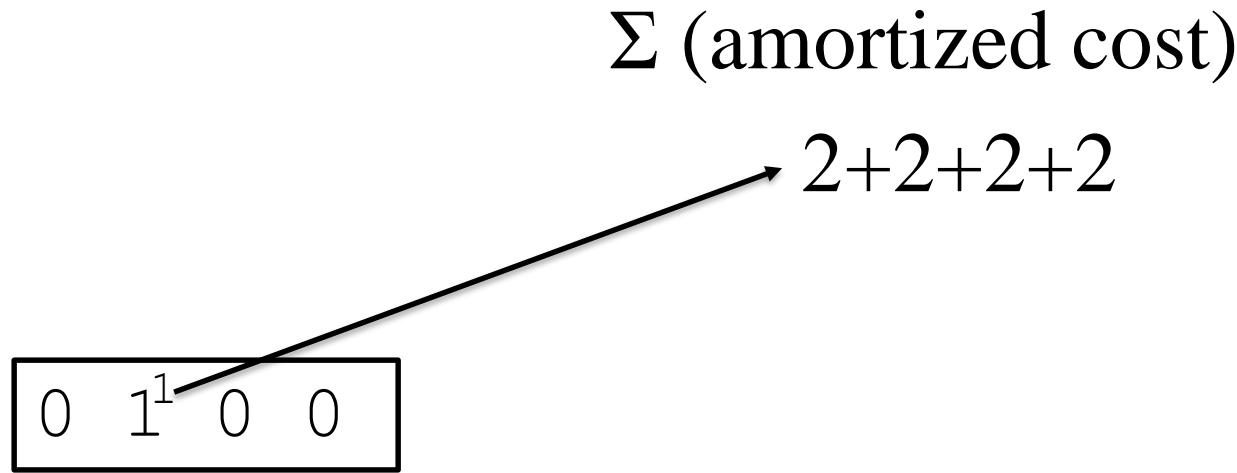
Σ (actual cost)

4th Increment

Increment : Accounting Method



Increment : Accounting Method



$1+2+1+3$

$\Sigma \text{ (actual cost)}$

4th Increment

Increment : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

$$2+2+2+2$$

0	1^1	0	0
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$$1+2+1+3$$

Σ (actual cost)

4th 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 Φ_i be potential function of the data structure after the i^{th} operation
- Let c_i be the actual cost of the i^{th} operation
- Let a_i be the amortized cost of the i^{th} operation

Potential Function

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma a_i &= \Sigma c_i + \Sigma \Phi_i - \Sigma \Phi_{i-1} \\ &= \Sigma c_i + \Phi_m - \Phi_0\end{aligned}$$

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

Increment : Potential Method

- Let b_i be the number of 1's in the counter after the i^{th} Increment
- Suppose that the i^{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

$$b_{11} = 3$$

$$b_{12} = b_{11} - r_{12} + 1$$

$$= 3 - 2 + 1 = 2$$

$$c_{12} = 3$$

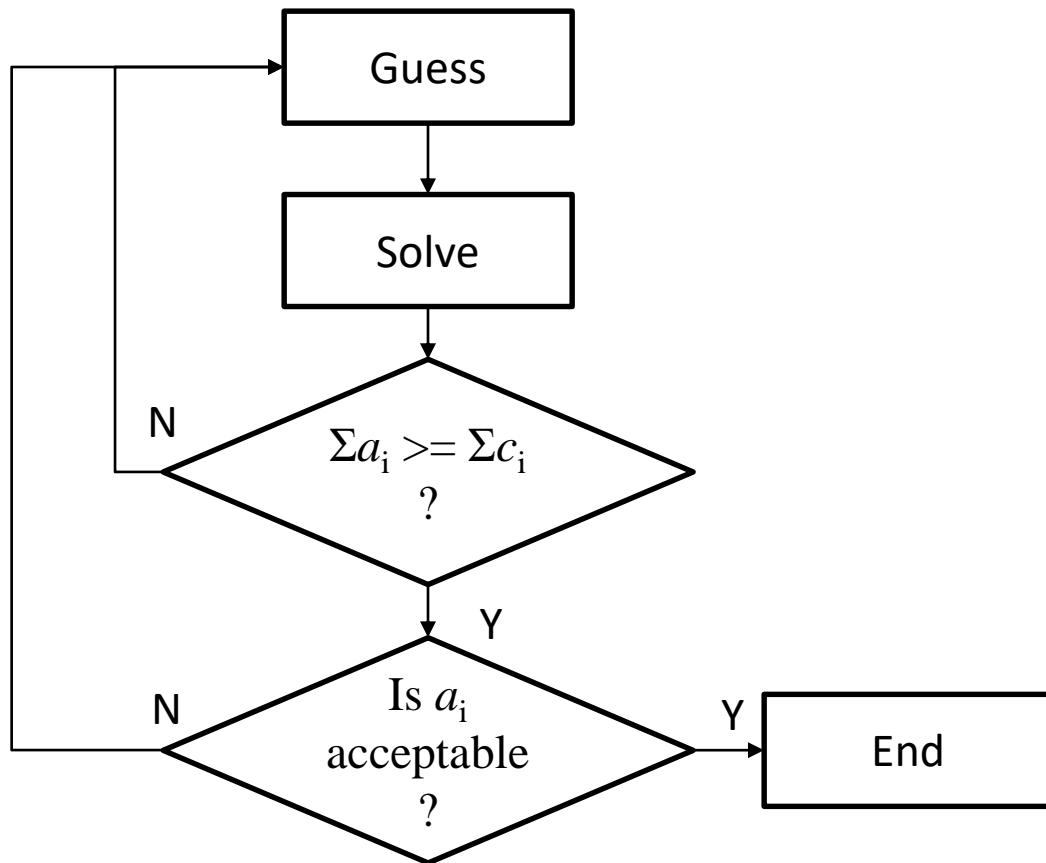
Increment : Potential Method

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
        freeTable( T )
        T = S
    insert x into Table[T]
```

<- O(n)

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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

Σ (amortized cost)

0

0

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

0

0

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

	Σ (amortized cost)
 new item	0
	
	0
	Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

1



1

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

2



1

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method



Σ (amortized cost)

3

1

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

	Σ (amortized cost)
Σ (actual cost)	1
new item	3

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

 new item

3



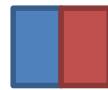
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Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

3+0



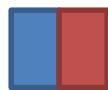
1+1

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

3+1



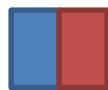
1+2

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

3+2



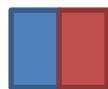
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Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

3+3



1+2

Σ (actual cost)

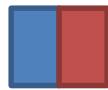
Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

3+3



1+2

Σ (actual cost)

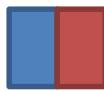
Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

3+3



1+2

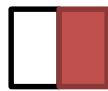
Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

 new item

3+3+0



1+2+1

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

 new item

3+3+0



1+2+2

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

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Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

3+3+3



1+2+3

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

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Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

3+3+3+3



1+2+3+1

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

3+3+3+3+0



1+2+3+1+1

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

3+3+3+3+0



1+2+3+1+2

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

$3+3+3+3+0$



$1+2+3+1+3$

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

$3+3+3+3+0$



$1+2+3+1+4$

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

3+3+3+3+1



1+2+3+1+5

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

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Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)



new item

3+3+3+3+3



1+2+3+1+5

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

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Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

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

Σ (actual cost)

Dynamic Table : Accounting Method

Σ (amortized cost)

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



\geq

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

Σ (actual cost)

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^{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

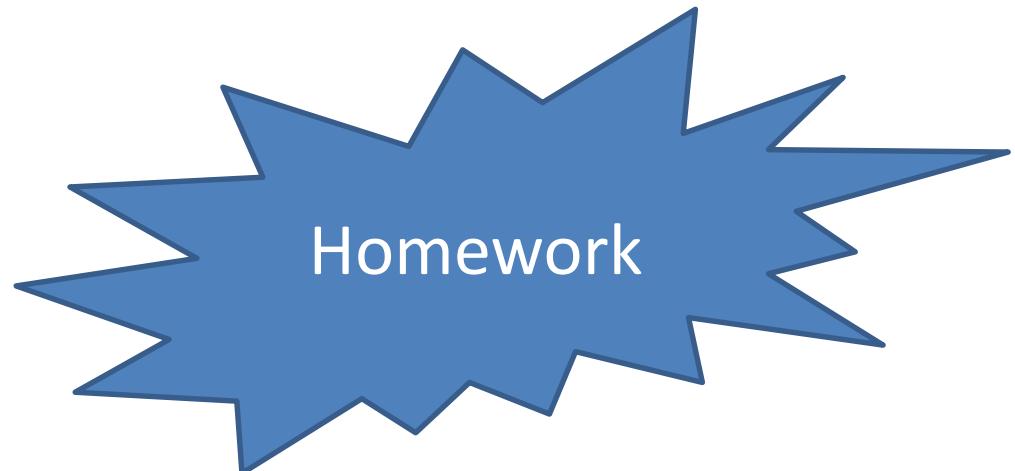
$$\Phi_i = 2n_i - s_i \quad \Phi_0 = 0 \text{ when } i = 0 \text{ or } n_i = s_i/2$$

If the i^{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 $\Phi_i \rightarrow \Phi_i \geq \Phi_i \rightarrow a_i$