

Exercise 1: Dynamic Array

The *amortized cost* is the average time per operation, evaluated over a sequence of operations, when individual operations may have varying costs. There are different ways to derive the amortized cost. Using *aggregate analysis*, the amortized cost is the average cost per operation over a sequence of operations. Given a sequence of n operations with total cost $T(n)$, the amortized cost per operation is $T(n)/n$. It is usually expressed using Landau notation, so e.g. $\Theta(f(n))$.

We are going to make use of the following operations, with their respective costs:

- $A \leftarrow \text{allocate}(n)$: Create an empty Array of size n . Allocation costs $\Theta(1)$. The array size n can then be queried with the $\text{length}(A)$ function (which itself is $\Theta(1)$).
- $\text{copy}(A, B)$: Copy the contents of Array A to Array B . Cost: $\Theta(\text{length}(A))$.
- $A[i] \leftarrow x$: Set the value of A at the i th position to x . Cost: $\Theta(1)$.
- $A \leftarrow B$: Replace the array that is referenced by A with the array that is referenced by B , and deallocate the original array. This operation does not involve any moving of data, it basically just renames the array. The cost is therefore $\Theta(1)$.

Consider the following algorithms for a dynamically growing array, i.e. an array that provides an **append** method that can add an unlimited number of elements. For each of these, determine the costs of the **append** operation as $\Theta(f(n))$ in terms of the current number of elements n in the array. You should find the asymptotic *best-case* and *worst-case* cost of adding an element to an array of size n , as well as the asymptotic amortized cost of adding elements up to size n .

Algorithm 1 GrowingArray1

- (a)
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1: $A \leftarrow \text{ALLOCATE}(0)$, $n \leftarrow 0$
2: function APPEND(x)
3: $n \leftarrow n + 1$
4: $A' \leftarrow \text{ALLOCATE}(n)$
5: COPY(A, A')
6: $A \leftarrow A'$
7: $A[n] \leftarrow x$
8: end function
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**Algorithm 2** GrowingArray2

- (b)
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1:  $A \leftarrow \text{ALLOCATE}(100)$ ,  $n \leftarrow 0$ 
2: function APPEND( $x$ )
3:    $n \leftarrow n + 1$ 
4:   if  $n > \text{LENGTH}(A)$  then
5:      $A' \leftarrow \text{ALLOCATE}(n + 100)$ 
6:     COPY( $A, A'$ )
7:      $A \leftarrow A'$ 
8:   end if
9:    $A[n] \leftarrow x$ 
10: end function
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Algorithm 3 GrowingArray3

(c) 1: $A \leftarrow \text{ALLOCATE}(1)$, $n \leftarrow 0$
2: **function** APPEND(x)
3: $n \leftarrow n + 1$
4: **if** $n > \text{LENGTH}(A)$ **then**
5: $l \leftarrow \text{LENGTH}(A)$
6: $A' \leftarrow \text{ALLOCATE}(2 \cdot l)$
7: COPY(A , A')
8: $A \leftarrow A'$
9: **end if**
10: $A[n] \leftarrow x$
11: **end function**

Algorithm 4 GrowingArray4

(d) 1: $A \leftarrow \text{ALLOCATE}(100)$, $n \leftarrow 0$
2: **function** APPEND(x)
3: $n \leftarrow n + 1$
4: **if** $n > \text{LENGTH}(A)$ **then**
5: $l \leftarrow \text{LENGTH}(A)$
6: $A' \leftarrow \text{ALLOCATE}(\lceil 1.1 \cdot l \rceil)$
7: COPY(A , A')
8: $A \leftarrow A'$
9: **end if**
10: $A[n] \leftarrow x$
11: **end function**

Here, $\lceil x \rceil$ denotes rounding up x to the next integer.

Exercise 2: Queue

Write an R6 class that implements a queue with a maximum capacity of 10 elements. The class should have the following methods:

- **enqueue(x)**: add an element (of any type) to the queue
- **dequeue()**: remove and return the oldest element from the queue
- **head()**: return the oldest element from the queue
- **tail()**: return the newest element from the queue
- **size()**: return the number of elements in the queue

enqueue should throw an error if the queue is full. **dequeue**, **head**, and **tail** should throw an error if the queue is empty. Internally, the class should use a list to store the elements. It should be efficient in terms of adding and removing elements from the queue, i.e. it should not re-allocate the list for every operation.