

DATA STRUCTURES

- amortized analysis
- binomial heaps
- Fibonacci heaps
- union-find

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Data structures

Static problems. Given an input, produce an output.

Ex. Sorting, FFT, edit distance, shortest paths, MST, max-flow, ...

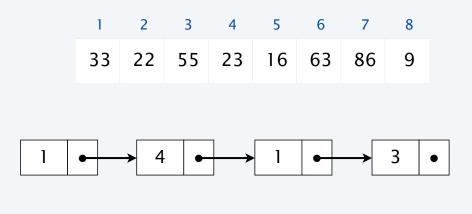
Dynamic problems. Given a sequence of operations (given one at a time), produce a sequence of outputs.

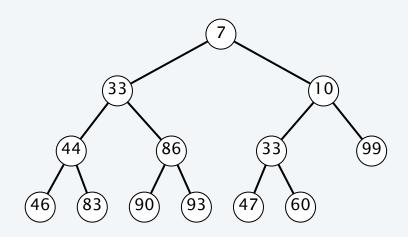
Ex. Stack, queue, priority queue, symbol table, union-find,

Algorithm. Step-by-step procedure to solve a problem.

Data structure. Way to store and organize data.

Ex. Array, linked list, binary heap, binary search tree, hash table, ...





Goal. Design a data structure to support all operations in O(1) time.

- INIT(n): create and return an initialized array (all zero) of length n.
- READ(A, i): return ith element of array.
- WRITE(A, i, value): set i^{th} element of array to value.

Assumptions.

true in C or C++, but not Java

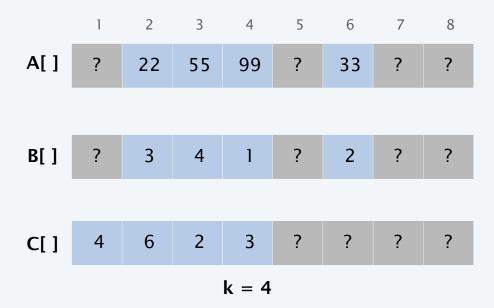
- Can MALLOC an uninitialized array of length n in O(1) time.
- Given an array, can read or write i^{th} element in O(1) time.

Remark. An array does Init in O(n) time and READ and WRITE in O(1) time.

Data structure. Three arrays A[1...n], B[1...n], and C[1...n], and an integer k.

- A[i] stores the current value for READ (if initialized).
- k = number of initialized entries.
- $C[j] = \text{index of } j^{th} \text{ initialized entry for } j = 1, ..., k.$
- If C[j] = i, then B[i] = j for j = 1, ..., k.

Theorem. A[i] is initialized iff both $1 \le B[i] \le k$ and C[B[i]] = i. Pf. Ahead.



A[4]=99, A[6]=33, A[2]=22, and A[3]=55 initialized in that order

INIT(A, n)

 $k \leftarrow 0$.

 $A \leftarrow MALLOC(n)$.

 $B \leftarrow MALLOC(n)$.

 $C \leftarrow MALLOC(n)$.

 $s \leftarrow MALLOC(n)$.

READ (A, i)

IF (INITIALIZED (A[i]))

RETURN A[i].

ELSE

RETURN 0.

WRITE (A, i, value)

IF (INITIALIZED (A[i]))

 $A[i] \leftarrow value$.

ELSE

$$k \leftarrow k + 1$$
.

 $A[i] \leftarrow value$.

 $B[i] \leftarrow k$.

 $C[k] \leftarrow i$.

INITIALIZED (A, i)

IF $(1 \le B[i] \le k)$ and (C[B[i]] = i)

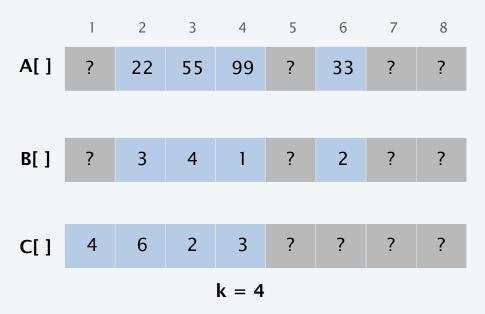
RETURN true.

ELSE

RETURN false.

Theorem. A[i] is initialized iff both $1 \le B[i] \le k$ and C[B[i]] = i. Pf. \Rightarrow

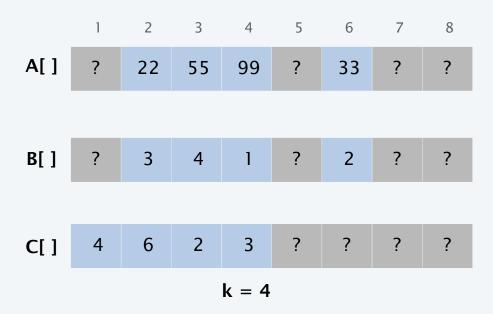
- Suppose A[i] is the j^{th} entry to be initialized.
- Then C[j] = i and B[i] = j.
- Thus, C[B[i]] = i.



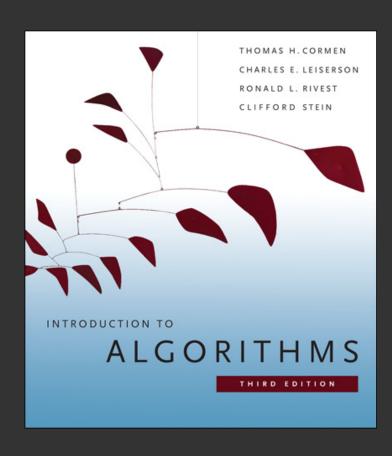
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Theorem. A[i] is initialized iff both $1 \le B[i] \le k$ and C[B[i]] = i.

- Suppose A[i] is uninitialized.
- If B[i] < 1 or B[i] > k, then A[i] clearly uninitialized.
- If $1 \le B[i] \le k$ by coincidence, then we still can't have C[B[i]] = i because none of the entries C[1...k] can equal i.



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Amortized analysis

Worst-case analysis. Determine worst-case running time of a data structure operation as function of the input size.

can be too pessimistic if the only way to encounter an expensive operation is if there were lots of previous cheap operations

Amortized analysis. Determine worst-case running time of a sequence of data structure operations as a function of the input size.

Ex. Starting from an empty stack implemented with a dynamic table, any sequence of n push and pop operations takes O(n) time in the worst case.

Amortized analysis: applications

- Splay trees.
- Dynamic table.
- · Fibonacci heaps.
- Garbage collection.
- Move-to-front list updating.
- Push-relabel algorithm for max flow.
- Path compression for disjoint-set union.
- Structural modifications to red-black trees.
- Security, databases, distributed computing, ...

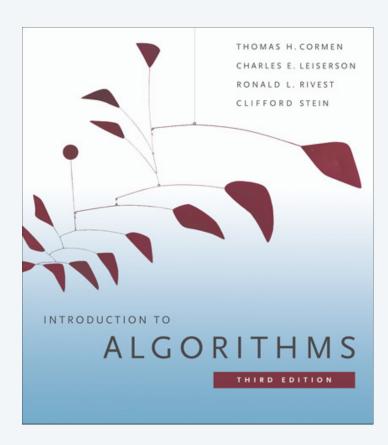
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AMORTIZED COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY*

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Abstract. A powerful technique in the complexity analysis of data structures is *amortization*, or averaging over time. Amortized running time is a realistic but robust complexity measure for which we can obtain surprisingly tight upper and lower bounds on a variety of algorithms. By following the principle of designing algorithms whose amortized complexity is low, we obtain "self-adjusting" data structures that are simple, flexible and efficient. This paper surveys recent work by several researchers on amortized complexity.

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CHAPTER 17

AMORTIZED ANALYSIS

- binary counter
- multipop stack
- dynamic table

Binary counter

Goal. Increment a k-bit binary counter (mod 2^k). Representation. $a_j = j^{th}$ least significant bit of counter.

Counter value	MT	M6	N5	MA	M3	M2	MI	MO)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
13	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
14	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
15	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
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Cost model. Number of bits flipped.

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Theorem. Starting from the zero counter, a sequence of n INCREMENT operations flips $O(n \, k)$ bits.

Pf. At most *k* bits flipped per increment. ■

Aggregate method (brute force)

Aggregate method. Sum up sequence of operations, weighted by their cost.

Counter value	MINGHEN HANESHONING	Total cost
0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	0
1	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	1
2	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	3
3	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1	4
4	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	7
5	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	8
6	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0	10
7	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	11
8	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	15
9	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1	16
10	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0	18
11	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1	19
12	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0	22
13	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1	23
14	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0	25
15	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1	26
16	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0	31

Binary counter: aggregate method

Starting from the zero counter, in a sequence of n INCREMENT operations:

- Bit 0 flips *n* times.
- Bit 1 flips $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ times.
- Bit 2 flips $\lfloor n/4 \rfloor$ times.
- ...

Theorem. Starting from the zero counter, a sequence of n INCREMENT operations flips O(n) bits.

Pf.

- Bit j flips $\lfloor n/2^j \rfloor$ times.
- The total number of bits flipped is $\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^j} \right\rfloor < n \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^j}$ = 2n

Remark. Theorem may be false if initial counter is not zero.

Accounting method (banker's method)

Assign different charges to each operation.

- D_i = data structure after operation i.
- c_i = actual cost of operation i.

can be more or less than actual cost

- \hat{c}_i = amortized cost of operation i = amount we charge operation i.
- When $\hat{c}_i > c_i$, we store credits in data structure D_i to pay for future ops.
- Initial data structure D_0 starts with zero credits.

Key invariant. The total number of credits in the data structure ≥ 0 .

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Theorem. Starting from the initial data structure D_0 , the total actual cost of any sequence of n operations is at most the sum of the amortized costs.

Pf. The amortized cost of the sequence of operations is: $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{c}_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i$.

Intuition. Measure running time in terms of credits (time = money).

Credits. One credit pays for a bit flip.

Invariant. Each bit that is set to 1 has one credit.

Accounting.

• Flip bit j from 0 to 1: charge two credits (use one and save one in bit j).

increment



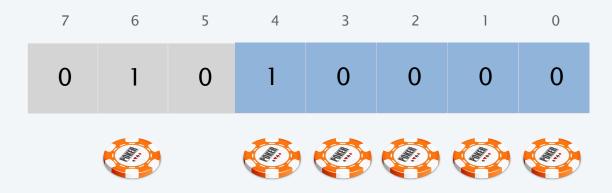
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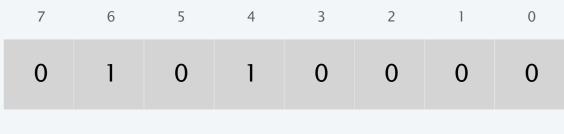


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Theorem. Starting from the zero counter, a sequence of n INCREMENT operations flips O(n) bits.

Pf. The algorithm maintains the invariant that any bit that is currently set to 1 has one credit \Rightarrow number of credits in each bit ≥ 0 .

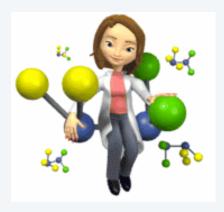
Potential method (physicist's method)

Potential function. $\Phi(D_i)$ maps each data structure D_i to a real number s.t.:

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$.
- $\Phi(D_i) \ge 0$ for each data structure D_i .

Actual and amortized costs.

- c_i = actual cost of i^{th} operation.
- $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1}) = \text{amortized cost of } i^{th} \text{ operation.}$



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$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \hat{c}_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i + \Phi(D_n) - \Phi(D_0)$$

$$\geq \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i$$

Potential function. Let $\Phi(D)$ = number of 1 bits in the binary counter D.

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$.
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increment

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
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Pf.

- Suppose that the i^{th} increment operation flips t_i bits from 1 to 0.
- The actual cost $c_i \le t_i + 1$. \leftarrow operation sets one bit to 1 (unless counter resets to zero)
- The amortized cost $\hat{c_i} = c_i + \Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1})$ $\leq c_i + 1 - t_i$ ≤ 2 .

Famous potential functions

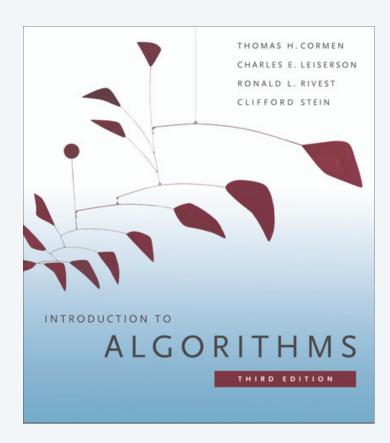
Fibonacci heaps. $\Phi(H) = trees(H) + 2 marks(H)$.

Splay trees.
$$\Phi(T) = \sum_{x \in T} \lfloor \log_2 size(x) \rfloor$$

Move-to-front. $\Phi(L) = 2 \times inversions(L, L^*)$.

Red-black trees.
$$\Phi(T) \ = \ \sum_{x \in T} w(x)$$

$$w(x) \ = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if x is red} \\ 1 & \text{if x is black and has no red children} \\ 0 & \text{if x is black and has one red child} \\ 2 & \text{if x is black and has two red children} \end{cases}$$



SECTION 17.4

AMORTIZED ANALYSIS

- binary counter
- multipop stack
- dynamic table

Multipop stack

Goal. Support operations on a set of *n* elements:

- PUSH(S,x): push object x onto stack S.
- POP(S): remove and return the most-recently added object.
- MULTIPOP(S, k): remove the most-recently added k objects.

MULTIPOP (S, k)FOR i = 1 TO kPOP (S).

Exceptions. We assume POP throws an exception if stack is empty.

Multipop stack

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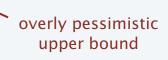
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Theorem. Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of n Push, Pop, and MultiPop operations takes $O(n^2)$ time.

Pf.

- Use a singly-linked list.
- Pop and Push take O(1) time each.
- MULTIPOP takes *O*(*n*) time. ■





Multipop stack: aggregate method

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Theorem. Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of n PUSH, POP, and MULTIPOP operations takes O(n) time.

- An object is popped at most once for each time it is pushed onto stack.
- There are $\leq n$ PUSH operations.
- Thus, there are ≤ n Pop operations
 (including those made within MultiPop).

Multipop stack: accounting method

Credits. One credit pays for a push or pop.

Accounting.

- PUSH(S,x): charge two credits.
 - use one credit to pay for pushing x now
 - store one credit to pay for popping *x* at some point in the future
- No other operation is charged a credit.

Theorem. Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of n Push, Pop, and MultiPop operations takes O(n) time.

Pf. The algorithm maintains the invariant that every object remaining on the stack has 1 credit \Rightarrow number of credits in data structure ≥ 0 .

Multipop stack: potential method

Potential function. Let $\Phi(D)$ = number of objects currently on the stack.

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$.
- $\Phi(D_i) \ge 0$ for each D_i .

Theorem. Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of n Push, Pop, and MultiPop operations takes O(n) time.

Pf. [Case 1: push]

- Suppose that the i^{th} operation is a PUSH.
- The actual cost $c_i = 1$.
- The amortized cost $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 + 1 = 2$.

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Pf. [Case 2: pop]

- Suppose that the i^{th} operation is a POP.
- The actual cost $c_i = 1$.
- The amortized cost $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 1 = 0$.

Multipop stack: potential method

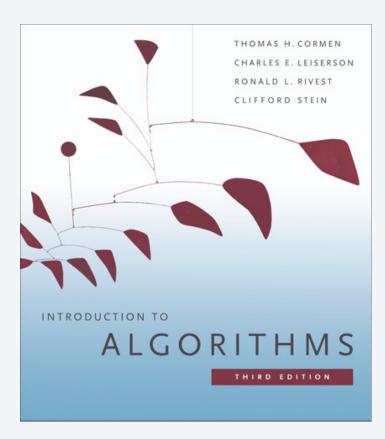
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Pf. [Case 3: multipop]

- Suppose that the i^{th} operation is a MULTIPOP of k objects.
- The actual cost $c_i = k$.
- The amortized cost $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1}) = k k = 0$.



SECTION 17.4

AMORTIZED ANALYSIS

- binary counter
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- dynamic table

Dynamic table

Goal. Store items in a table (e.g., for hash table, binary heap).

- Two operations: INSERT and DELETE.
 - too many items inserted \Rightarrow expand table.
 - too many items deleted ⇒ contract table.
- Requirement: if table contains m items, then space = $\Theta(m)$.

Theorem. Starting from an empty dynamic table, any intermixed sequence of n INSERT and DELETE operations takes $O(n^2)$ time.

Pf. A single INSERT or DELETE takes O(n) time. • overly pessimistic upper bound

- Initialize table to be size 1.
- INSERT: if table is full, first copy all items to a table of twice the size.

insert	old size	new size	cost
1	1	1	-
2	1	2	1
3	2	4	2
4	4	4	-
5	4	8	4
6	8	8	-
7	8	8	-
8	8	8	-
9	8	16	8
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Cost model. Number of items that are copied.

Theorem. [via aggregate method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of n INSERT operations takes O(n) time.

Pf. Let c_i denote the cost of the i^{th} insertion.

$$c_i = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } i - 1 \text{ is an exact power of 2} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Starting from empty table, the cost of a sequence of n INSERT operations is:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i \leq n + \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} 2^j$$

$$< n + 2n$$

$$= 3n \quad \blacksquare$$



Accounting.

• INSERT: charge 3 credits (use 1 credit to insert; save 2 with new item).

Theorem. [via accounting method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of n INSERT operations takes O(n) time.

Pf. The algorithm maintains the invariant that there are 2 credits with each item in right half of table.

- When table doubles, one-half of the items in the table have 2 credits.
- This pays for the work needed to double the table. •

Theorem. [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of n INSERT operations takes O(n) time.

Pf. Let
$$\Phi(D_i) = 2 \ size(D_i) - capacity(D_i)$$
.

number of capacity of elements array

1 2 3 4 5 6



Theorem. [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of n INSERT operations takes O(n) time.

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number of capacity of elements array

Case 1. [does not trigger expansion] $size(D_i) \leq capacity(D_{i-1})$.

- Actual cost $c_i = 1$.
- $\Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 2$.
- Amortized costs $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 + 2 = 3$.

Case 2. [triggers expansion] $size(D_i) = 1 + capacity(D_{i-1})$.

- Actual cost $c_i = 1 + capacity(D_{i-1})$.
- $\Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 2 capacity(D_i) + capacity(D_{i-1}) = 2 capacity(D_{i-1})$.
- Amortized costs $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 + 2 = 3$.

Dynamic table: doubling and halving

Thrashing.

- Initialize table to be of fixed size, say 1.
- INSERT: if table is full, expand to a table of twice the size.
- Delete: if table is ½-full, contract to a table of half the size.

Efficient solution.

- Initialize table to be of fixed size, say 1.
- INSERT: if table is full, expand to a table of twice the size.
- DELETE: if table is ¼-full, contract to a table of half the size.

Memory usage. A dynamic table uses O(n) memory to store n items.

Pf. Table is always at least ¼-full (provided it is not empty).

Theorem. [via aggregate method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any intermixed sequence of n INSERT and DELETE operations takes O(n) time.

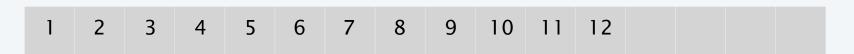
Pf.

- In between resizing events, each INSERT and DELETE takes O(1) time.
- Consider total amount of work between two resizing events.
 - Just after the table is doubled to size m, it contains m/2 items.
 - Just after the table is halved to size m, it contains m/2 items.
 - Just before the next resizing, it contains either m/4 or 2m items.
 - After resizing to m, we must perform $\Omega(m)$ operations before we resize again (either $\geq m$ insertions or $\geq m/4$ deletions).
- Resizing a table of size *m* requires *O*(*m*) time. ■

insert



delete





resize and delete

1 2 3 4



Accounting.

- INSERT: charge 3 credits (1 credit for insert; save 2 with new item).
- DELETE: charge 2 credits (1 credit to delete, save 1 in emptied slot).

discard any existing credits

Theorem. [via accounting method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any intermixed sequence of n INSERT and DELETE operations takes O(n) time.

- Pf. The algorithm maintains the invariant that there are 2 credits with each item in the right half of table; 1 credit with each empty slot in the left half.
 - When table doubles, each item in right half of table has 2 credits.
 - When table halves, each empty slot in left half of table has 1 credit.

Theorem. [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any intermixed sequence of n INSERT and DELETE operations takes O(n) time.

Pf sketch.

• Let $\alpha(D_i) = size(D_i) / capacity(D_i)$.

$$\Phi(D_i) = \begin{cases} 2 \operatorname{size}(D_i) - \operatorname{capacity}(D_i) & \text{if } \alpha \ge 1/2\\ \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{capacity}(D_i) - \operatorname{size}(D_i) & \text{if } \alpha < 1/2 \end{cases}$$

- When $\alpha(D) = 1/2$, $\Phi(D) = 0$. [zero potential after resizing]
- When $\alpha(D) = 1$, $\Phi(D) = size(D_i)$. [can pay for expansion]
- When $\alpha(D) = 1/4$, $\Phi(D) = size(D_i)$. [can pay for contraction]

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