

Amortized Analysis

- in amortized analysis, we average the time required to perform a sequence of data structure operations over all the operations performed.
- Amortized analysis helps to show that the average cost of an operation is small, if we average over a sequence of operations, even though a single operation within the sequence might be expensive.
- Amortized analysis is different than average-case analysis.
- Amortized analysis guarantees the average performance of each operation in the worst case.

It has three most common techniques

- ① Aggregate analysis
- ② The accounting method
- ③ The potential method.

By performing amortized analysis we get insights into a particular Data Structure which helps to optimize the ~~design~~ design.

*] Aggregate analysis :-

→ In this method we show

for all n

a sequence of n operations takes worst-case time $T(n)$ in total.

→ In the worst case, the average cost or amortized cost per operation is $\frac{T(n)}{n}$

→ this amortized cost applies to each operation, even when there are several types of operations in the sequence.

Stack operations :-

Each operation runs in $O(1)$ time,

let's consider the cost of each to be 1.

total cost of a sequence of n Push & Pop operations is therefore n , and the actual running time for n operations is therefore $O(n)$.

lets take into consideration new operation

Multipop(S, k) $\rightarrow k$ is positive

\rightarrow it removes the k top objects of stack S ,

\rightarrow pops the entire stack if the stack contains fewer than k objects.

\rightarrow if k is not positive then multipop operation will not make any change in stack.

Consider the following pseudocode.

MULTIPOP(S, k)

1: while not STACK-EMPTY(S) and $k > 0$

2: POP(S)

3: $k = k - 1$

Example:

top \rightarrow 23

17

06

39

10

47

(S)

After MULTIPOP($S, 4$)

top \rightarrow 10
47

(S)

After
MULTIPOP($S, 7$)

(S)

running time of MULTIPOP(S, k) on a stack of s objects?

\rightarrow actual running time is linear in the number of pop operation actually executed.

\rightarrow this multpop is analyzed in terms of the abstract costs of

→ Each iteration of the loop makes one call to POP

→ The total cost of MULTIPOP is $\min(S, k)$ and actual running time is a linear function of this cost.

→ For sequence of n PUSH, POP and MULTIPOP operations on an initially empty stack.

Worst-case MULTIPOP is $O(n)$ \therefore size of stack is n .

Worst case time of any stack operation is $O(n)$

and hence a sequence of n operations costs $O(n^2)$

Since \uparrow $O(n)$ MULTIPOP operations costing $O(n)$ each we can have.

But this is not right

Using aggregate analysis

Better upper bound analysis can be obtained by

Considering the entire sequence of n operations.

→ Though MULTIPOP operation ^{can be} expensive

any sequence of n PUSH, POP & MULTIPOP operations on an initially empty stack is at most $O(n)$

→ Using aggregate analysis

the number of times that POP can be called on a nonempty stack, including calls within MULTIPOP, is at most the number of PUSH operations, it is at most n .

→ For any value of n , any sequence of n PUSH
 n POP
 n MULTIPOP

takes a total of $O(n)$ time.

The average cost of an operation is

Accounting method

In the accounting method

- we assign differing charges to different operations
- some operations charged more or less than they actually cost.
- the amount charged for an operation ~~it~~ is amortized cost.
- when operation's amortized cost exceeds its actual cost we assign the difference to specific objects in the data structure as credit.
- Credit can help pay for later operations whose amortized cost is less than their actual cost.