Experiment 1C

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Aim: Perform Amortized Analysis using Potential method.

Theory: According to the computational complexity theory, the potential method is defined as: A method implemented to analyze the amortized time and space complexity of a data structure, a measure of its performance over sequence of operations that eliminate the cost of infrequent but expensive operations.

→ The potential approach focuses on how the current potential may be calculated directly from the algorithms or data structures present state.

→ The potential technique chooses a function ϕ that changes the data structure states into non-negative values.

→ At each stage of the computation, the potential function should be able to maintain the tracks of the precharged time.

→ It calculates the amount of time that can be saved up to cover expensive operations.

→ Intriguingly though it simply depends on the data structure current state, regardless of the history of the computation that led to that state.

→ We then define the amortized time of an operation as:

$$c + \phi(a') - \phi(a)$$

where c is the original cost of the operation and a and a' are the states of the data structure before.

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and after the operation respectively.

→ As a result, the amortized time is calculated as the actual time plus the prospective change.

→ The amortized time of each operation should ideally be low when defined.

Conclusion: Hence, we studied the potential method

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def potential(n):
    size = 1
    total = 0
    dcost = 0
    icost = 0
    bank = 0
    phi = 0
    ci = 0
    phi_prev = 0
    print("Elements\tDoubling Copying Cost\tInsertion Cost\tTotal Cost\t\tBank\t\tSize\t\tPhi\t\tCi")
    for i in range(1, n + 1):
        icost = 1
        if i > size:
            size *= 2
            dcost = i - 1
        total = icost + dcost
        phi = 2 * i - size
        ci = total + phi - phi_prev
        bank += (3 - total)
        print(i, "\t\t\t\t", dcost, "\t\t", icost, "\t", total, "\t\t\t", bank, "\t\t", size, "\t\t", phi, "\t\t", ci)
        icost = 0
        dcost = 0
        phi_prev = phi
potential(10)
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Output :