

→ Insertion

~~Algorithm~~
 Algo SkipInsert(k, v)

$p = \text{SkipSearch}(k)$

$q = \text{None}$

// represents top node in new item tower

$i = -1$

repeat

$i = i + 1$

if $i \geq h$ then

$h = h + 1$

// add new lvl to skip list

$t = \text{next}(s)$

$s = \text{insertAfterAbove}(\text{None}, s, (-\infty, \text{None}))$ // grow leftmost tower

$\text{insertAfterAbove}(s, t, (+\infty, \text{None}))$ // grow rightmost tower

while $\text{above}(p)$ is None

$p = \text{prev}(p)$

// scan backward

$p = \text{above}(p)$

// jump up higher lvl

$q = \text{insertAfterAbove}(p, q, (k, v))$

until $\text{coinFlip}() == \text{tails}$ → $\text{coinFlip}()$ returns heads or tails w/ probability $1/2$

$n = n + 1$

return q

→ Removal

→ to perform map operation del $M[k]$, begin by executing $\text{SkipSearch}(k)$

→ remove p and all positions above p

→ while removing levels, re-establish links between horizontal neighbors of each removed position