

# CS61B Week7 Note- Asymptotics

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## One.Operation Counting

```
public static boolean dup1(int[] A) {
    for (int i = 0; i < A.length; i += 1) {
        for (int j = i + 1; j < A.length; j += 1) {
            if (A[i] == A[j]) {
                return true;
            }
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

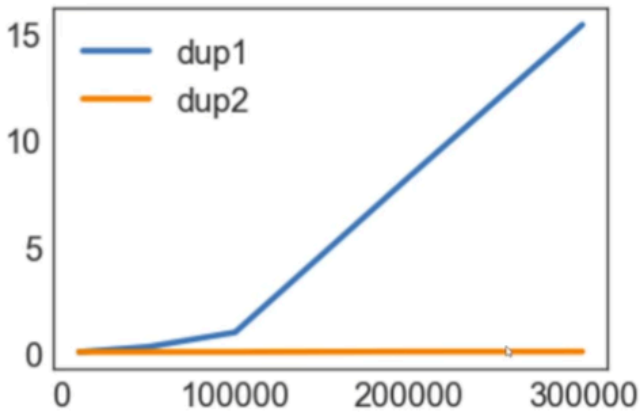
dup1

```
public static boolean dup2(int[] A) {
    for (int i = 0; i < A.length - 1; i += 1) {
        if (A[i] == A[i + 1]) {
            return true;
        }
    }
    return false;
}
```

dup2

升序数组中是否有元素相同的两种算法

| N      | dup1 | dup2 |
|--------|------|------|
| 10000  | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| 50000  | 0.32 | 0.08 |
| 100000 | 1.00 | 0.08 |
| 200000 | 8.26 | 0.1  |
| 400000 | 15.4 | 0.1  |



Time to complete (in seconds)

```
for (int i = 0; i < A.length; i += 1) {
    for (int j = i+1; j<A.length; j += 1) {
        if (A[i] == A[j]) {
            return true;
        }
    }
}
return false;
```

| operation       | symbolic count                | count, N=10000  |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| i = 0           | 1                             | 1               |
| j = i + 1       | 1 to N                        | 1 to 10000      |
| less than (<)   | 2 to (N <sup>2</sup> +3N+2)/2 | 2 to 50,015,001 |
| increment (+=1) | 0 to (N <sup>2</sup> +N)/2    | 0 to 50,005,000 |
| equals (==)     | 1 to (N <sup>2</sup> -N)/2    | 1 to 49,995,000 |
| array accesses  | 2 to N <sup>2</sup> -N        | 2 to 99,990,000 |

Intutive Simplification :

1. Consider only the worst cases
2. Pick some representative operation to act as a proxy for the overall runtime.(The biggest increment)
3. Ignore the lower order terms
4. Ignore multiplicative constants

#### simplified growth analysis process:

1. Choose a representative operation to count
2. Using the intuition and inspection to determine order of growth

• e.g.

```
int N = A.length;
for (int i = 0; i < N; i += 1)
    for (int j = i + 1; j < N; j += 1)
        if (A[i] == A[j])
            return true;
return false;
```

- i. choose the "==" operation as the counting model
- ii. In the worst case, the "==" operation is approximately operated  $\frac{N^2}{2}$  times
- iii. So  $R(N) = \frac{N^2}{2} \in \Theta(N^2)$

## Two. Formalizing Order of growth--Time Complexity $\Theta$

• Definition:

Given the program's runtime  $R(N)$ ,  $R(N) \in \Theta(f(N))$  means there exists positive constants  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  such that:

$$k_1 f(N) \leq R(N) \leq k_2 f(N)$$

e.g

$$N^3 + 3N^4 \in \Theta(N^4),$$

$$Ne^N + N \in \Theta(Ne^N)$$

so we can conclude the time complexity of the two algorithms at the beginning of the note are  $\Theta(N^2)$  and  $\Theta(N)$

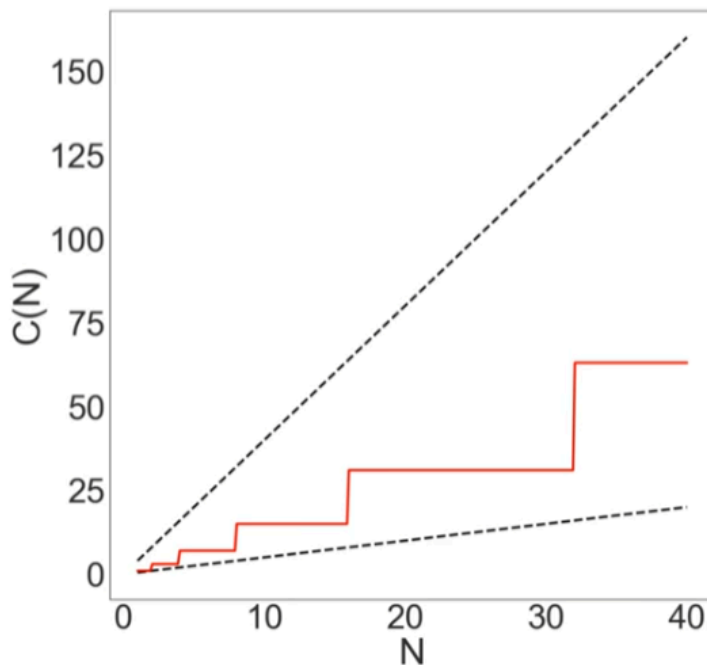
• A Example of Time Complexity

```
public static void printParty(int N) {
    for (int i = 1; i <= N; i = i * 2) {
        for (int j = 0; j < i; j += 1) {
            System.out.println("hello");
            int ZUG = 1 + 1;
        }
    }
}
```

Consider when  $N = 2^n$ :

take the print operation as the counting model

$$\text{times} = 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{\log_2(N)} = \frac{2^{\log_2(N)+1} - 1}{2 - 1} = 2n - 1, R(N) \in \Theta(N)$$



**Reflection:** Cannot simply calculate the time complexity by counting the times of nested loops

1. There are **no magic shortcut** for the problem of calculating the time complexity.

But we can know:

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + Q = \frac{Q(Q+1)}{2} \in \Theta(Q^2)$$

$$1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + Q = 2Q - 1 \in \Theta(Q)$$

to help us analyze the time complexity.

- Strategies:
  - Find the exact sum
  - Write out examples .
  - Draw pictures

### Three. Some examples of Time Complexity analysis

#### • Exercise1: Tree Recursive

Find a simple  $f(N)$  such that the runtime  $R(N) \in \Theta(f(N))$ .

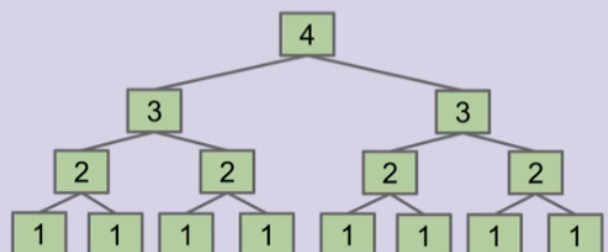
```
public static int f3(int n) {
    if (n <= 1)
        return 1;
    return f3(n-1) + f3(n-1);
}
```

Another approach: Count number of calls to f3, given by  $C(N)$ .

- $C(3) = 1 + 2 + 4$
- $C(N) = 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + ???$

What is the final term of the sum?

- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| A. $N$     | D. $2^{N-1}$   |
| B. $2^N$   | E. $2^{N-1}-1$ |
| C. $2^N-1$ |                |



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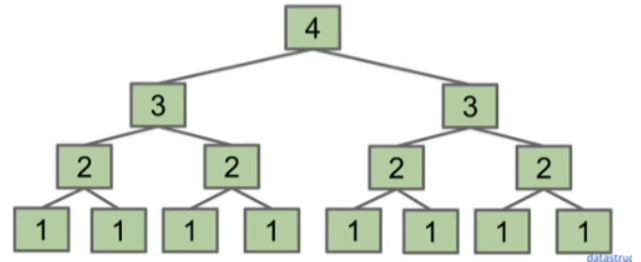
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- $C(N) = 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{N-1}$
- Solving, we get  $C(N) = 2^N - 1$

Since work during each call is constant:

- $R(N) = \Theta(2^N)$

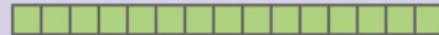


#### • Exercise2: Binary Search

```
static int binarySearch(String[] sorted, String x, int lo, int hi)
{
    if (lo > hi) return -1;
    int m = (lo + hi) / 2;
    int cmp = x.compareTo(sorted[m]);
    if (cmp < 0) return binarySearch(sorted, x, lo, m - 1);
    else if (cmp > 0) return binarySearch(sorted, x, m + 1, hi);
    else return m;
}
```

Goal: Find runtime in terms of  $N = hi - lo + 1$  [i.e. # of items being considered]

- Intuitively, what is the order of growth of the worst case runtime?
  - A. 1
  - B.  $\log_2 N$
  - C.  $N$
  - D.  $N \log_2 N$
  - E.  $2^N$



Intuitive:

if  $C$  is the times of calls to binarysearch, solve for  $1 = \frac{N}{2^C}$ , so  $C = \log_2(N)$

Exact Count:

When  $N=6$

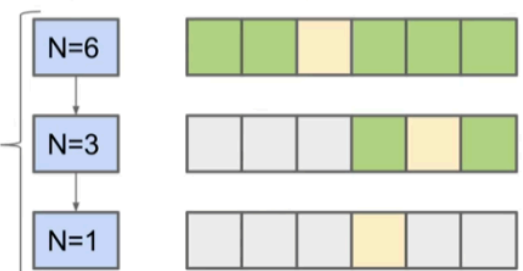
Goal: Find worst case runtime in terms of  $N = hi - lo + 1$  [i.e. # of items]

Cost model: Number of binarySearch calls.

- What is  $C(6)$ , number of total calls for  $N = 6$ ?

**B. 3**

3 calls

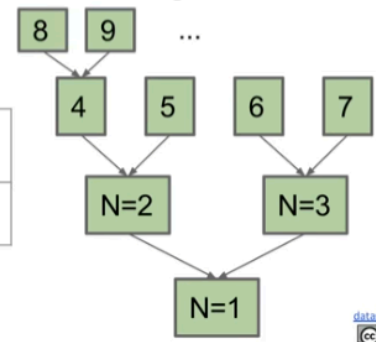


Three total calls, where  $N = 6$ ,  $N = 3$ , and  $N = 1$ .

Search time worst case running in terms of  $N$  in terms of  $\log N$  or  $\log N$  or  $\log N$

- Cost model: Number of binarySearch calls.

|      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| N    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| C(N) | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  |

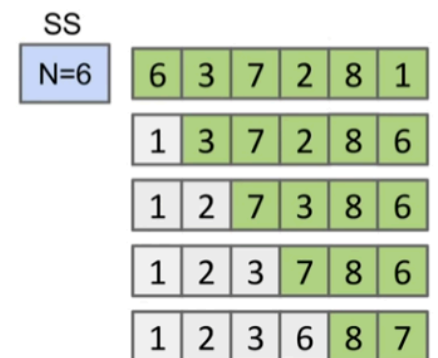


$$C(N) = \log_2(N) + 1 = \Theta(\log N)$$

- Example3: Selection Sort (选择排序) (A prelude(序曲) to Mergesort)

Runtime of selection sort is  $\Theta(N^2)$ :

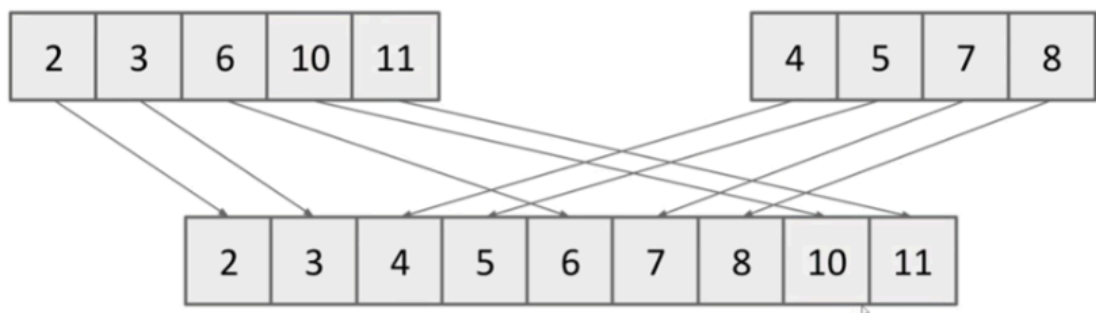
- Look at all  $N$  unfixed items to find smallest.
- Then look at  $N-1$  remaining unfixed.
- ...
- Look at last two unfixed items.
- Done, sum is  $2+3+4+5+\dots+N = \Theta(N^2)$



- Example4: Merge Sort(归并排序)

Array Merging:

Given two sorted arrays, the merge operation combines them into a single sorted array by successively copying the smallest item from the two arrays into a target array.



Time Complexity:  $\Theta(N)$  (Use array writes as cost model)

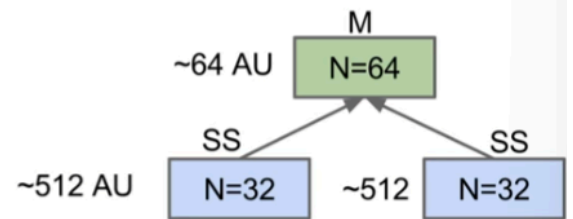
Since the selection sort is slow, the key idea of merge sort is to **divide the array into subarrays** to reduce the scale of selection sort to increase the speed

N=64: ~1088 AU.

- **Merge**: ~64 AU.
- **Selection sort**:  $\sim 2 \cdot 512 = \sim 1024$  AU.

Still  $\Theta(N^2)$ , but faster since  $N + 2 \cdot (N/2)^2 < N^2$

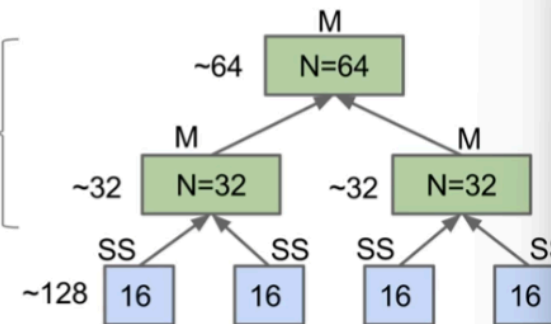
- ~1088 vs. ~2048 AU for N=64.



Let's continue to break the array into smaller pieces:

Runtime for each sort:

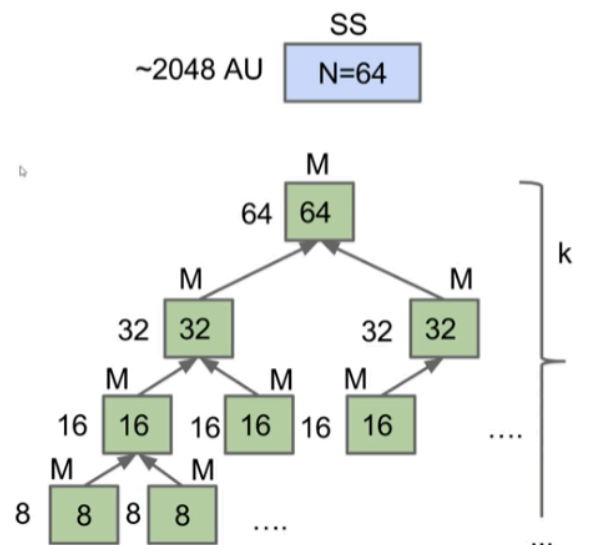
- Selection sort only: ~2048 AU.
- One layer of merges: ~1088 AU.
- Two layers of merges: ~640 AU.
  - **Merge**: ~64 AU +  $2 \cdot \sim 32$  AU.
  - **Selection sort**:  $4 \cdot \sim 128$ .



When the subarrays' size is 1, we even don't need to sort !!!

Mergesort does merges all the way down (no selection sort):

- If array is of size 1, return.
- Mergesort the left half:  $\Theta(??)$ .
- Mergesort the right half:  $\Theta(??)$ .
- Merge the results:  $\Theta(N)$ .



Calculate the time complexity:

- The first layer:  
Sort:  $N^2$ , Merge: 0
- The second layer:  
Sort:  $2 \cdot (\frac{N}{2})^2$ , Merge:  $N$

- The third layer:  
Sort:  $4\left(\frac{N}{4}\right)^2$ , Merge:  $2N$   
...
- The  $k$ th layer,  $k = \log_2(N)$ , where each subarray's size = 1:  
Sort:  $N\left(\frac{N}{N}\right)^2$ , Merge:  $(k-1)N = (\log_2(N) - 1)N$   
So time complexity =  $\Theta(N \log N)$

For each layer, we conduct a merge whose scale is  $N$ . In the  $k$ th layer, we totally need to merge in a scale of  $(k-1)N$ .

### Four. Big O

Whereas  $\Theta$  can informally be thought of as something like "equals", Big O can be thought of as "less than or equal" e.g.

$$N^3 + 3N^4 \in O(N^4)$$

$$N^3 + 3N^4 \in O(N^6)$$

$$N^3 + 3N^4 \in O(N!)$$

1. Definition:  
 $R(N) \in O(f(N))$  means that there exists positive constants  $k_2$  such that:  $R(N) \leq k_2 f(N)$  for all values of  $N$  greater than some  $N_0$
2. Contrast between  $\Theta$  and  $O$   
 $\Theta$  is more informative than  $O$ , but in real world we usually use  $O$ .  
e.g. We often say mergesort is  $O(N \log(N))$  rather than  $\Theta(N \log(N))$ . The idea is that  $O$

Allows us to make simple blanket statements, e.g. can just say “binary search is  $O(\log N)$ ” instead of “binary search is  $\Theta(\log N)$  in the worst case”.

We don't essentially need to know the exact time, but just the upper bound.

### Five. Big $\Omega$

Big Omega can be thought of as "greater than or equal" e.g.

$$N^3 + 3N^4 \in \Omega(N^4)$$

$$N^3 + 3N^4 \in \Omega(N^2)$$

$$N^3 + 3N^4 \in \Omega(\log(N))$$

1. Definition:  
 $R(N) \in \Omega(f(N))$  means that there exists positive constants  $k_2$  such that:  $k_2 f(N) \leq R(N)$  for all values of  $N$  greater than some  $N_0$
2.  $\Theta$ ,  $O$  and  $\Omega$

|                             | Informal meaning:                                    | Family        | Family Members                       |
|-----------------------------|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| Big Theta<br>$\Theta(f(N))$ | Order of growth is $f(N)$ .                          | $\Theta(N^2)$ | $N^2/2$<br>$2N^2$<br>$N^2 + 38N + N$ |
| Big O<br>$O(f(N))$          | Order of growth is less than or equal to $f(N)$ .    | $O(N^2)$      | $N^2/2$<br>$2N^2$<br>$\lg(N)$        |
| Big Omega<br>$\Omega(f(N))$ | Order of growth is greater than or equal to $f(N)$ . | $\Omega(N^2)$ | $N^2/2$<br>$2N^2$<br>$e^N$           |



## Six. Amortized Analysis

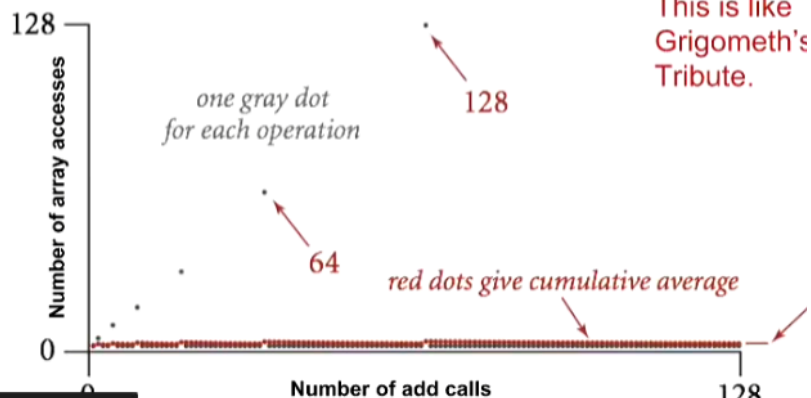
1. Take the resizing array insert as the example:

Resizes to accommodate additional entries.

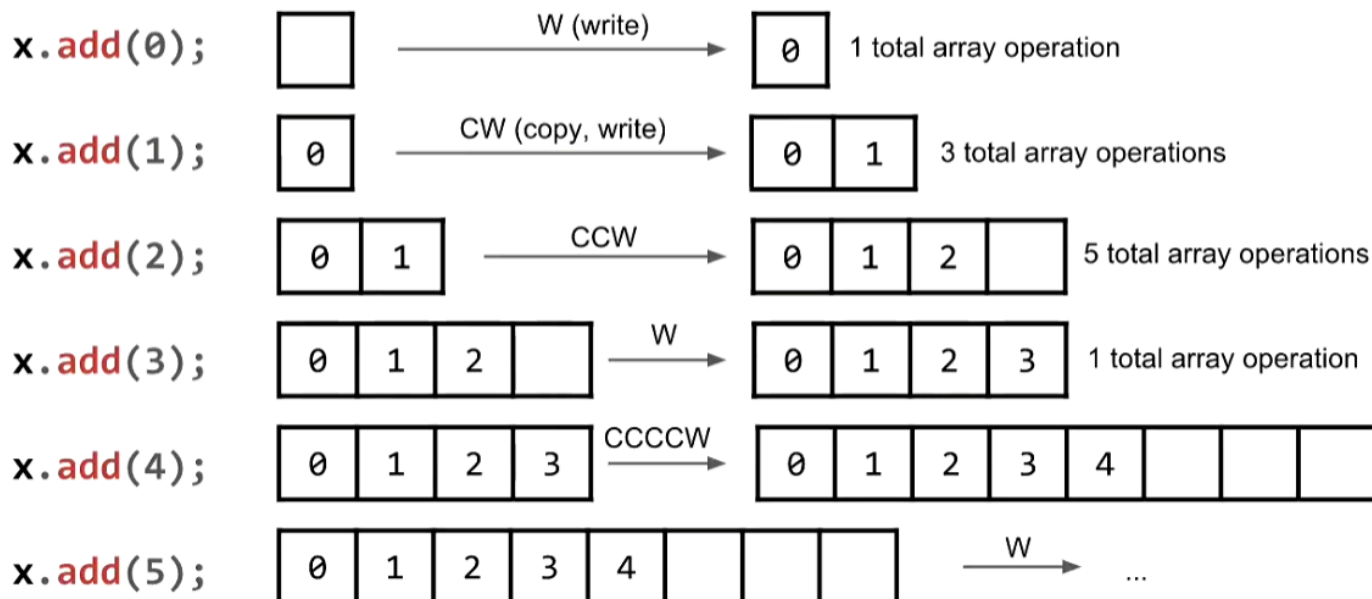
ArrayList

- When the array inside the ArrayList is full, double in size.
- Most add operations are constant time, but some are very expensive.

```
public void add(T x) {
    if (size == items.length) {
        resize(size * 2);
    }
    items[size] = x;
    size += 1;
}
```



ArrayList<Integer> x = new ArrayList<Integer>(1);



| Insert #                 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7  | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| a[i] = cost (write cost) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| resize cost (copy cost)  | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 16 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| total cost for insert #  | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1  | 9  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 17 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| cumulative cost          | 1 | 4 | 9 | 10 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 |

- "Amortized (平均的)" total cost seems to be about  $44/14 = 3.14$  accesses/item.
- R=Even though some elements cost linear time  $\Theta(N)$ , average cost insert is  $\Theta(1)$

### 2. Potentials ( $\Phi$ ) and Amortized Cost Bounds

i. Definition of potential:

Let  $\Phi_i$  be the potential at time i. The potential represent the cumulative (积累的) difference between arbitrary amortized costs and actual costs over time.

- Let the amortized cost be 3



|                       |   |   |   |    |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| actual cost, $c_i$    | 1 | 2 | 0 | 4  | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| amortized cost, $a_i$ | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3  | 3 | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  |
| change in potential   | 2 | 1 | 3 | -1 | 3 | 3  | 3  | 3  | -5 | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  | 3  |
| potential $\Phi_i$    | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5  | 8 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 12 | 15 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 27 |

- Let the amortized cost be 5

|                       |   |   |   |   |    |   |    |    |     |   |    |    |    |    |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|----|---|----|----|-----|---|----|----|----|----|
| Insert #              | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5 | 6  | 7  | 8   | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| total cost, $c_i$     | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9  | 1 | 1  | 1  | 17  | 1 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| amortized cost, $a_i$ | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5  | 5 | 5  | 5  | 5   | 5 | 5  | 5  | 5  | 5  |
| change in potential   | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | -4 | 4 | 4  | 4  | -12 | 4 | 4  | 4  | 4  | 4  |
| potential $\Phi_i$    | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 18  | 6 | 10 | 14 | 18 | 22 |