

W09: Amortisation

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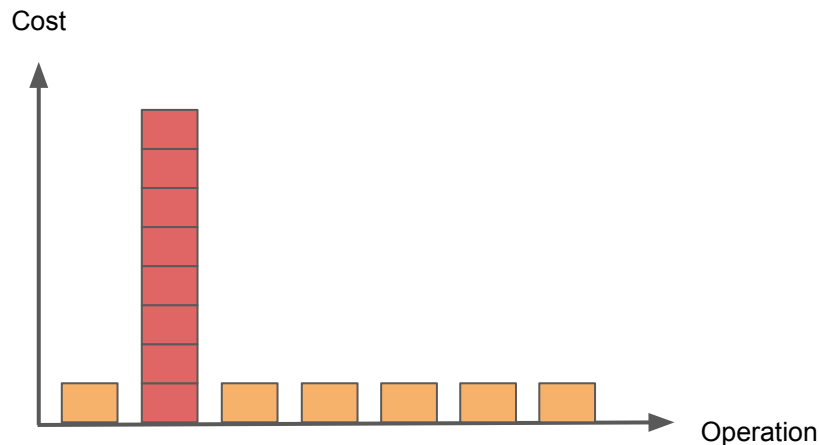
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- But! You might be **overcounting!** What if some operations actually take **way less** cost?



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 - Now rent is "cheap" -- because your **savings paid for it** and it **doesn't take anything from today's daily allowance**



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- When the expensive operation comes, use money from the bank instead! [analogy: paying rent with savings]

Living Expenses

Scenario: You just started life. Bank contains no money

What you have to pay
for today

Daily Allowance

How much you save

<i>Day</i>	<i>Actual Cost</i>	<i>Amortised Cost</i>	<i>To the bank</i>
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Living Expenses

Day 1: You bought Chicken Rice for \$10. And you saved \$5

What you have to pay
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Day 2: You try another food that also costs \$10.
Also saved \$5

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Living Expenses

Day 3: Not hungry, but bought groceries for \$5

What you have to pay
for today

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2	\$10	\$15	\$5
3	\$5	\$15	\$10



Living Expenses

Day 30: After a sequence of operation, let's say
you have \$150 in the bank!

What you have to pay
for today

Daily Allowance

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Living Expenses

Day 31: Rent payment of \$120 comes! You still need to buy food for \$10

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Use the saved-up money first

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The rent is “cheap” (compared to daily allowance)
-- the thrifty you in the past paid for it! So
focus on today’s expenses

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Only costs \$10 like usual, but you are ready to pay \$15 -- \$5 to the bank!

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Suppose 31 days = \$310
and rent = \$120

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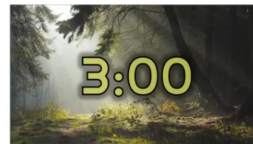
Question 1: T/F on Amortisation

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Which of the following statements is **false**?

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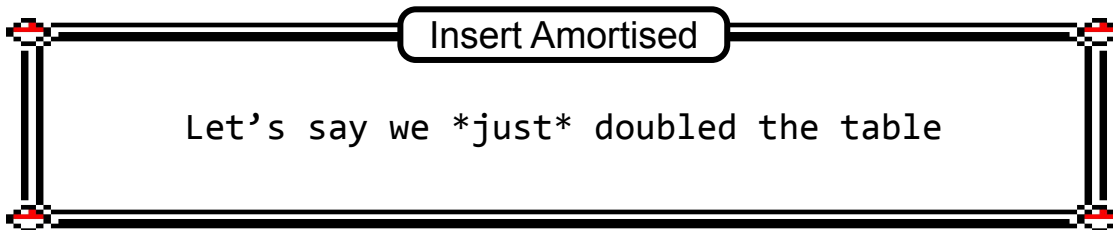
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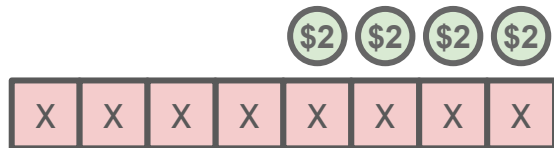
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Insert Amortised

Then let's say we insert 4 more times. Each one of them stores \$2 to the bank

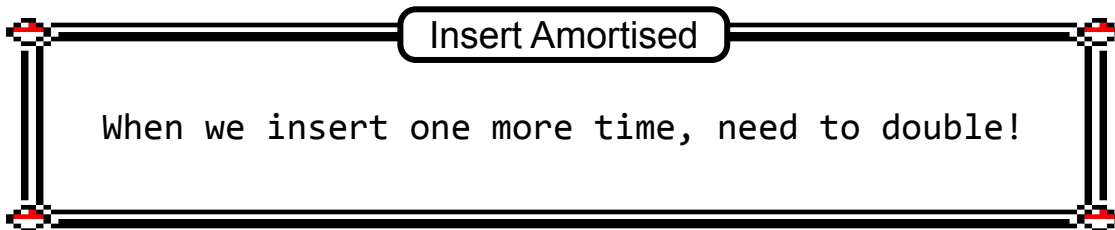
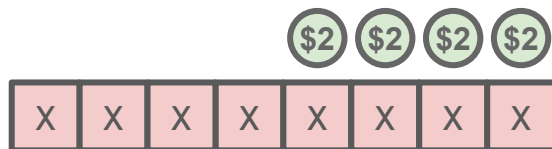
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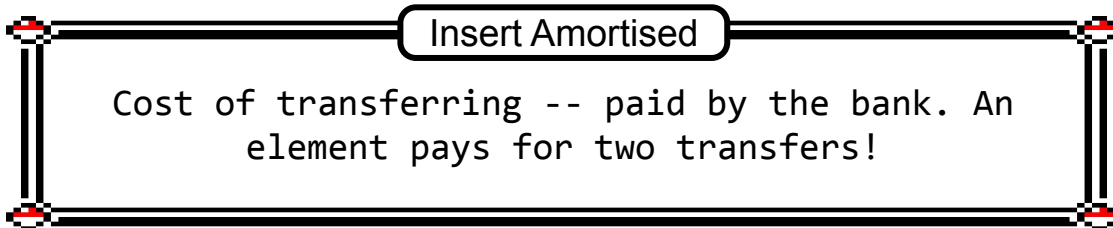
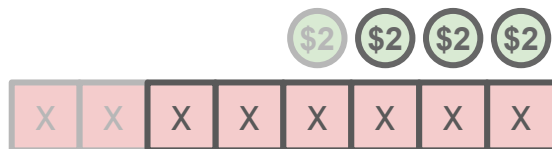
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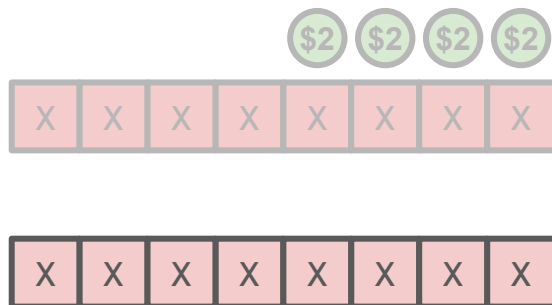
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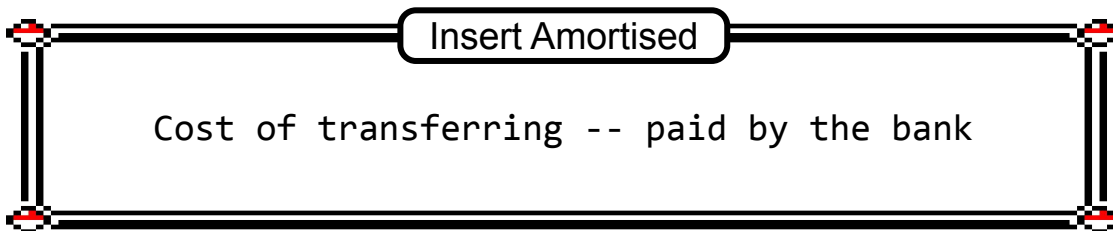
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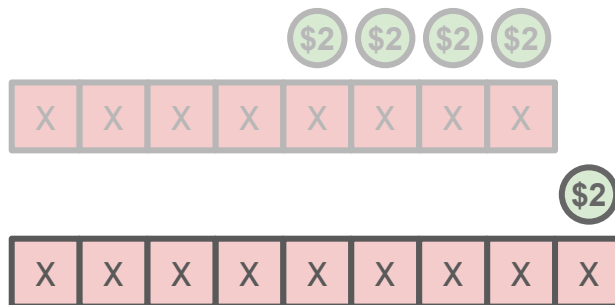
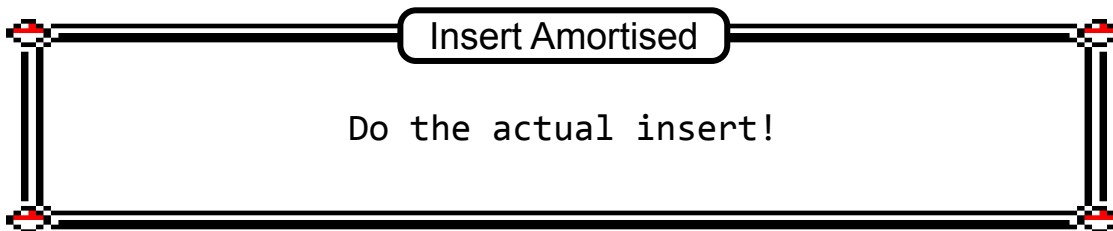
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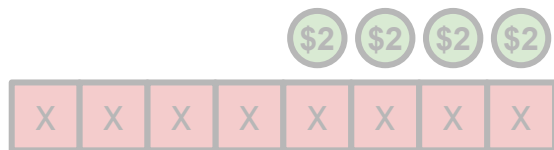
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Option B: **False**

Recall insertion example -- our amortised cost for the operation is \$3, but the **actual cost is more** than \$3! (Probably something like 9 here. Copy 8 elements and insert the actual element)



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Total amortised cost must be larger than sum of actual costs

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$$0 \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{c}_i - \sum_{i=1}^n c_i$$

Question 2:
Fancier Queue (Accounting Method)

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Start off with an empty queue

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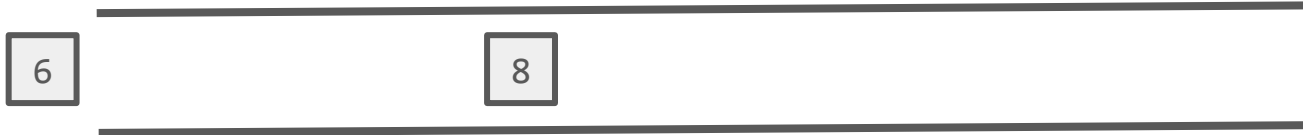
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- **Using accounting method**, prove these time complexities
 - To use accounting method, you need to state the charge (this is the amortised cost)

Question 2



- Consider a data structure that is based on a queue with four operations:
 - **ENQUEUE**(*a*): Add the element *a* into the queue
 - **DEQUEUE**(): Dequeue a single element from the queue
 - **DELETE**(*k*): Dequeue *k* elements from the queue
 - **ADD**(*A*): Enqueue all elements in *A*
- **Claim:** **ENQUEUE**, **DEQUEUE** and **DELETE** run in amortized $O(1)$ time while **ADD** runs in amortized $O(|A|)$ time.
- Using accounting method, can you show that these time complexities are correct?
- (Please state the charge for each operation.)



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- Pre-charge other operations to “pay in advance” for deletion

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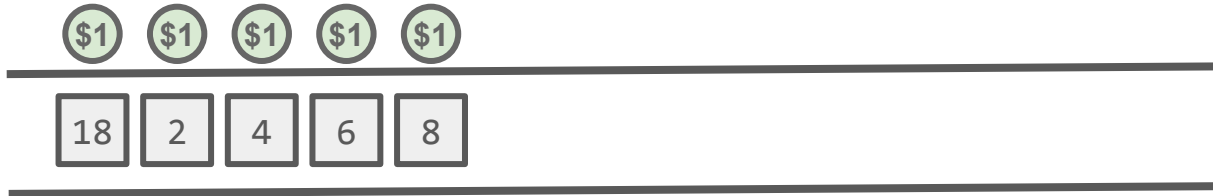
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- \$1 for the actual insertion
- \$1 in the bank, for future dequeue

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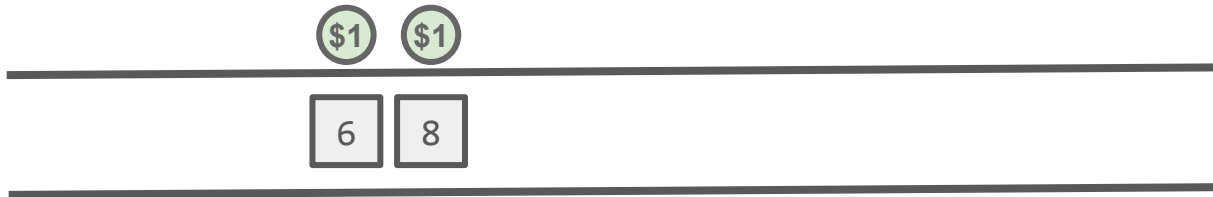


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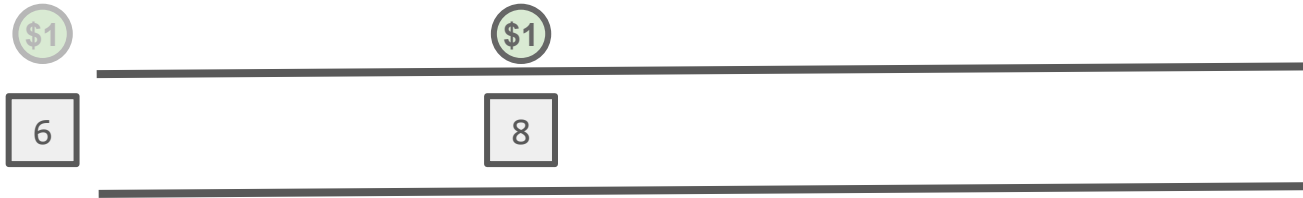


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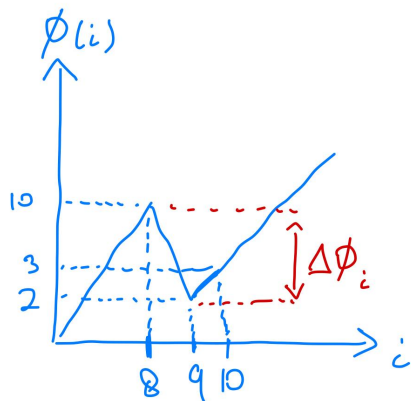
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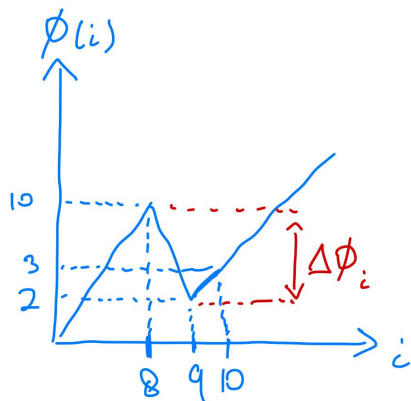
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Try to view carefully the costly operation and see if there is some quantity that is “**decreasing**” during the operation.

Question 3:
Fancier Queue (Potential Method)

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For enqueue(a):

- Actual cost $t(i) = 1$
- **One new element:** $\phi(i) - \phi(i-1) = \Delta\phi_i = 1$
- Amortised Cost $c(i) = t(i) + \Delta\phi_i = 1 + 1 = 2$

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For `dequeue()`:

- Actual cost $t(i) = 1$
- **One LESS element:** $\phi(i) - \phi(i-1) = \Delta\phi_i = -1$
- Amortised Cost $c(i) = t(i) + \Delta\phi_i = 1 + (-1) = 0$

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For delete(k):

- Actual cost $t(i) = k$
- **k LESS element:** $\phi(i) - \phi(i-1) = \Delta\phi_i = -k$
- Amortised Cost $c(i) = t(i) + \Delta\phi_i = k + (-k) = 0$

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For `add(A)`:

- Actual cost $t(i) = |A|$
- $|A|$ new element: $\phi(i) - \phi(i-1) = \Delta\phi_i = |A|$
- Amortised Cost $c(i) = t(i) + \Delta\phi_i = |A| + |A| = 2|A|$

Potential Method -- to fulfill

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In the beginning, we have empty queue $\rightarrow \phi(0) = 0$

Never do we have negative elements $\rightarrow \phi(i) \geq 0$

Question 4: Dynamic Table (Delete-only)

Question 4

```
def DynamicTableDeleteOnly(T):  
    0. n = number of elements in T  
    1. delete last element x from T  
    2. n -= 1  
    3. if n == 0:  
    4.     free(T)  
    5. else:  
    6.     if n == size(T)/2:  
    7.         T' = create_table(n/2)  
    8.         copy all elements from T to T'  
    9.         free(T)  
    10.        T = T'
```

The idea:

- Start with a full table
- Once number of elements is half the elements it can hold, halve it

Note: we do not call any other operations on T

Show that amortised cost of
DynamicTableDeleteOnly is $O(1)$

Question 4



Delete x from T ;

$n \leftarrow n - 1$;

If ($n = 0$)

 free(T);

Else

 If($n = \text{size}(T)/2$)

 { $T' \leftarrow \text{createTable}(n/2)$;

 copy(T, T');

 free(T);

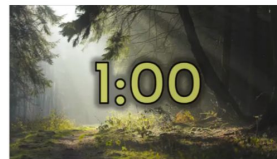
$T \leftarrow T'$

 }

Note, T is the dynamic table that supports only deletions.

Using Potential method show that the amortized cost of each Deletion operation is $O(1)$.

(State your potential function.)

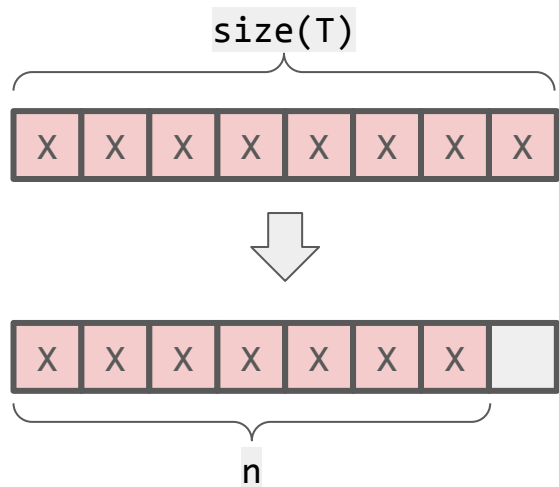


Question 4 Idea

There are two possibilities when deleting:

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This is cheap!

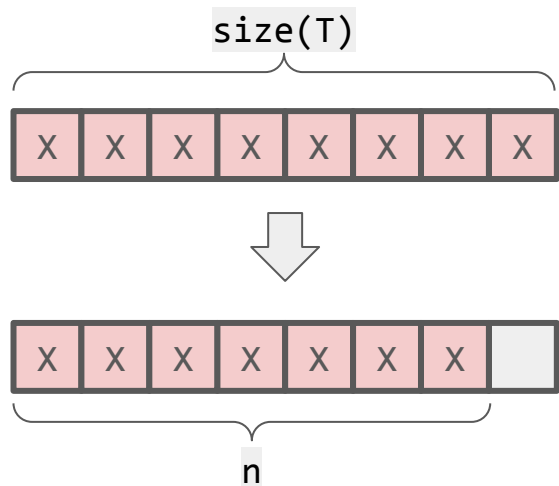


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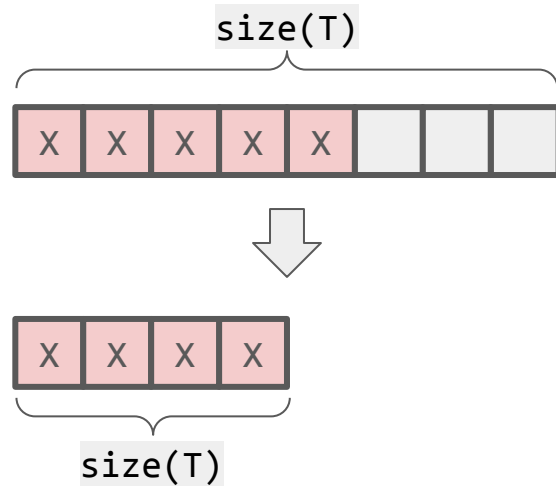
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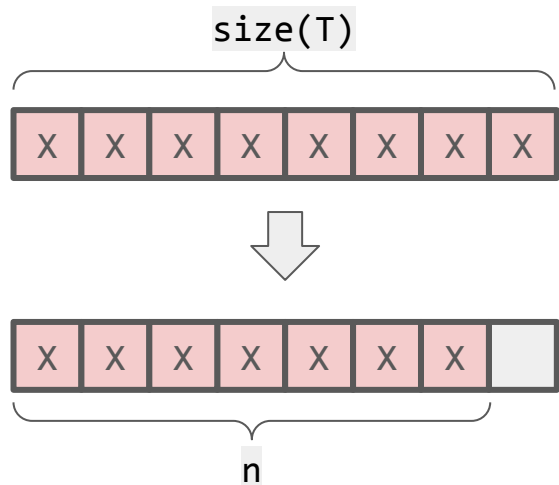
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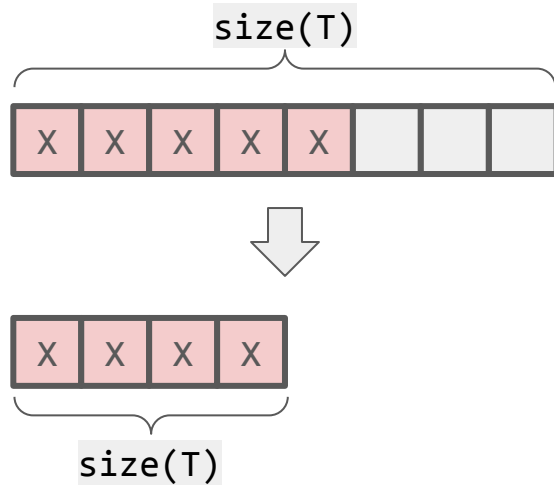
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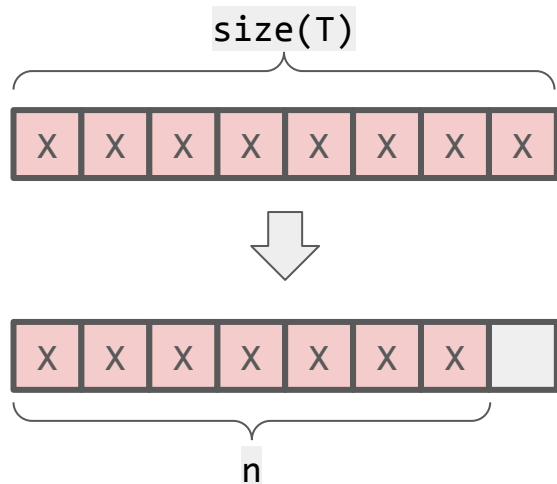
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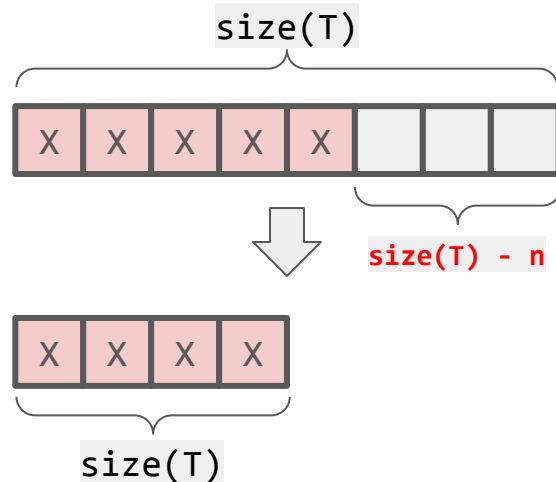


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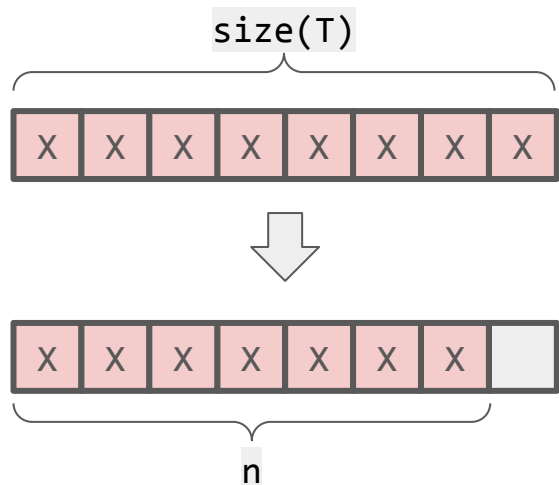
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Verify that it satisfies these properties

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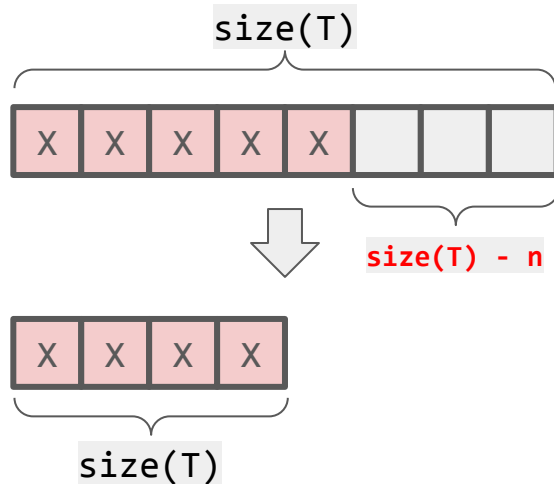
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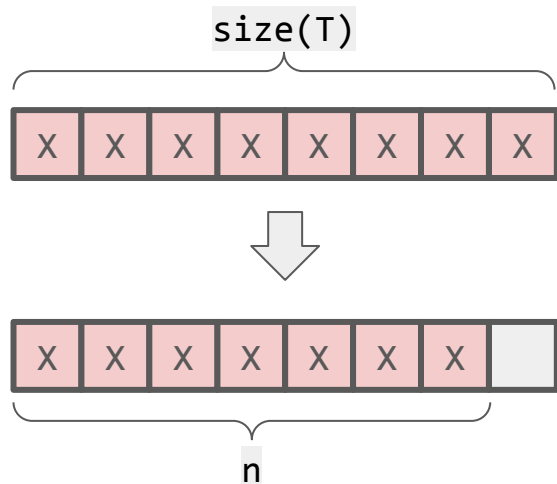
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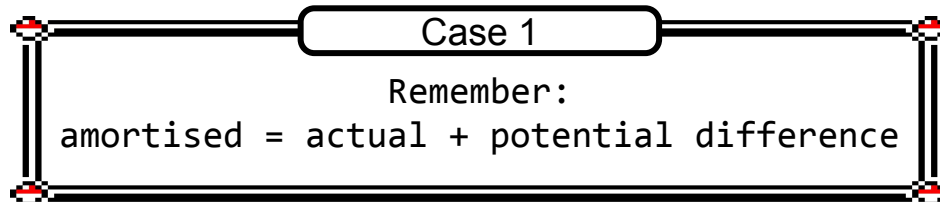


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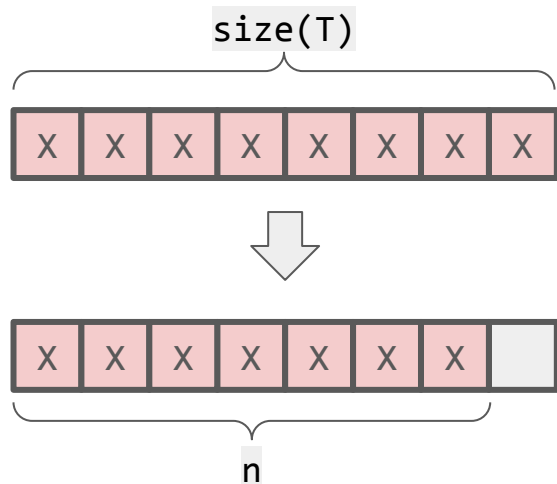


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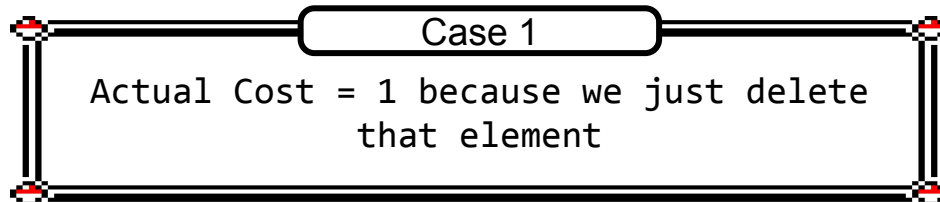


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1		

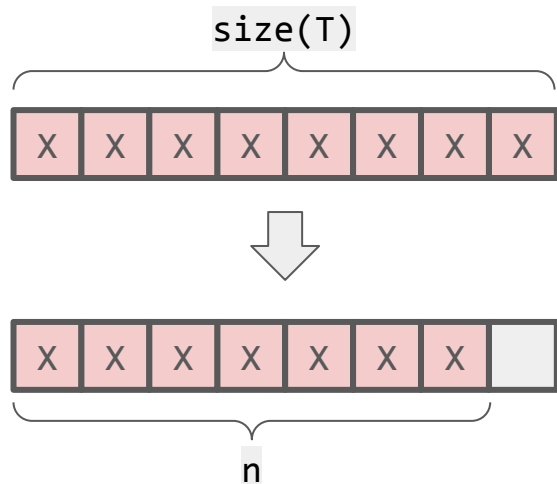


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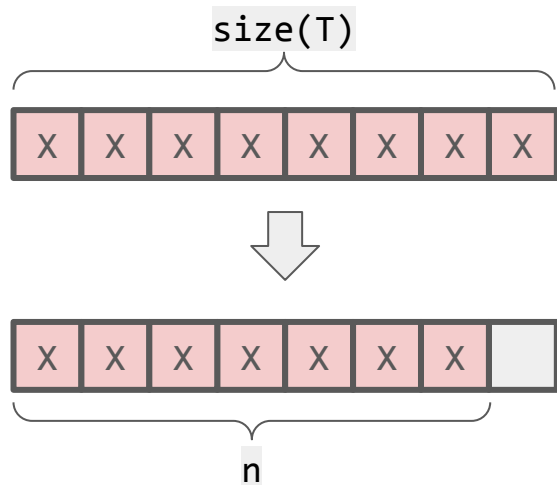
Potential difference is $1 - 0 = 1$
Recall: potential is empty slots in table

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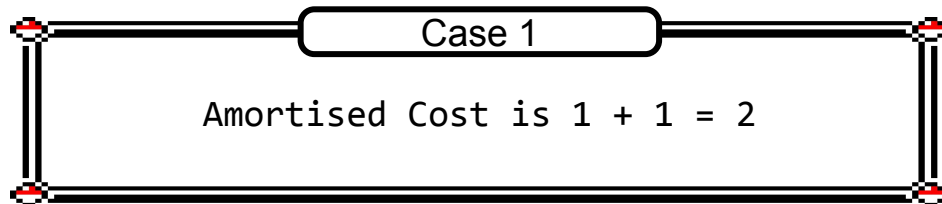


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Actual Cost	$\Delta\phi_i$	Amortised Cost
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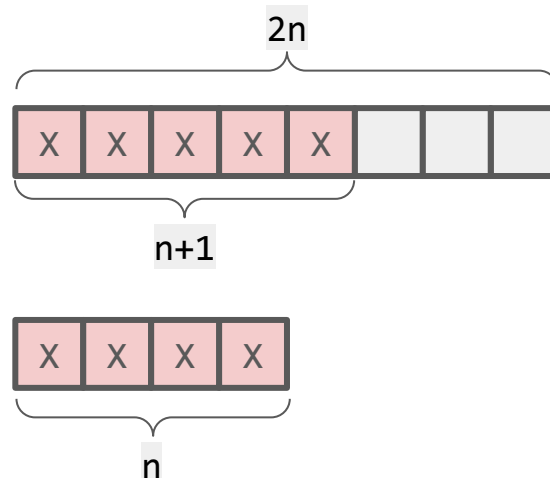
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Case 2: Table **shrinks**

This operation is **expensive!**

Case 2

For simplicity, I will base number of elements to the final number of elements



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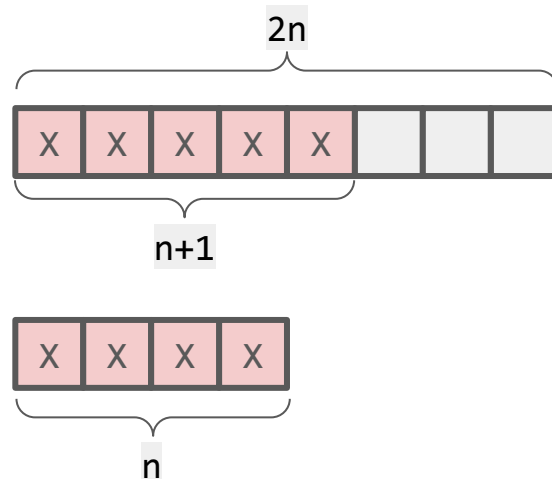
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Actual cost is $n+1$, because we delete one of the elements, and copy the rest



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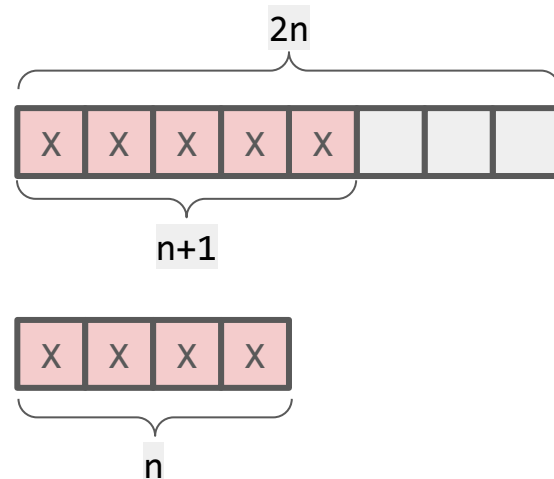
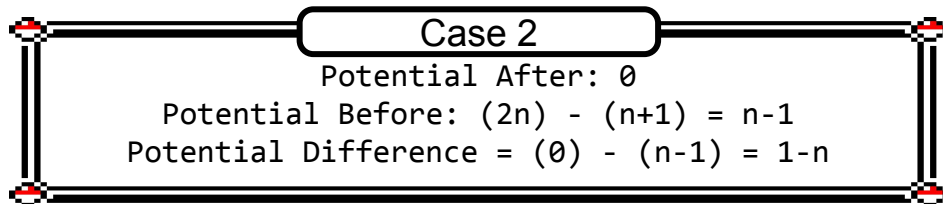
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$\phi(i)$: `size(T) - n`

Actual Cost	$\Delta\phi_i$	Amortised Cost
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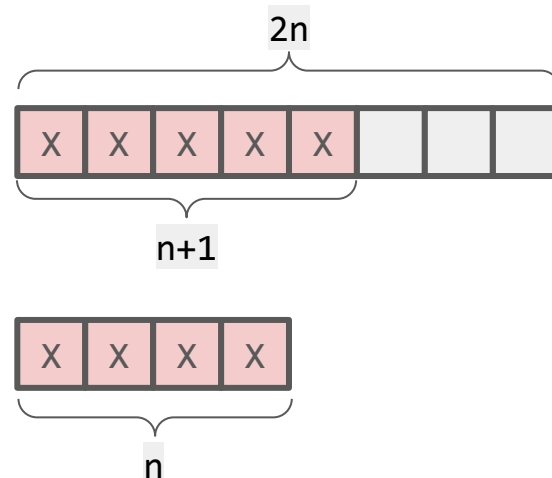
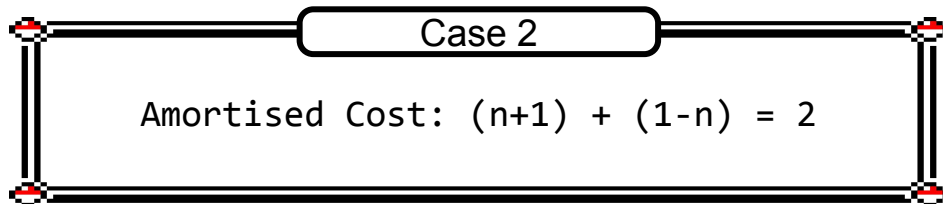
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Q4 Summary

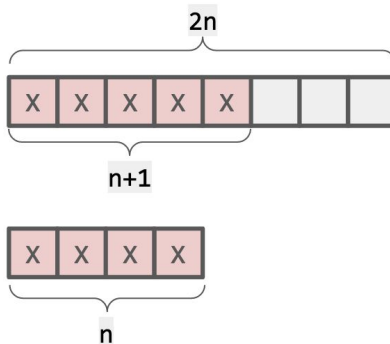
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Cases	Actual Cost	$\Delta\phi_i$	Amortised Cost
Case 1: No shrink	1	1	2
Case 2: Shrinking	$n+1$	$1-n$	2



Thus, the amortised cost of this deletion operation is $O(1)$