

# Problem 460: LFU Cache

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 47.91%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Hash Table, Linked List, Design, Doubly-Linked List

## Problem Description

Design and implement a data structure for a [Least Frequently Used (LFU)]([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Least\\_frequently\\_used](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Least_frequently_used)) cache.

Implement the `LFUCache` class:

```
* `LFUCache(int capacity)` Initializes the object with the `capacity` of the data structure. * `int get(int key)` Gets the value of the `key` if the `key` exists in the cache. Otherwise, returns -1. * `void put(int key, int value)` Update the value of the `key` if present, or inserts the `key` if not already present. When the cache reaches its `capacity`, it should invalidate and remove the least frequently used key before inserting a new item. For this problem, when there is a tie (i.e., two or more keys with the same frequency), the least recently used `key` would be invalidated.
```

To determine the least frequently used key, a **use counter** is maintained for each key in the cache. The key with the smallest **use counter** is the least frequently used key.

When a key is first inserted into the cache, its **use counter** is set to `1` (due to the `put` operation). The **use counter** for a key in the cache is incremented either a `get` or `put` operation is called on it.

The functions `get` and `put` must each run in  $O(1)$  average time complexity.

**Example 1:**

```
Input ["LFUCache", "put", "put", "get", "put", "get", "get", "put", "get", "get", "get"] [[2], [1, 1], [2, 2], [1], [3, 3], [2], [3], [4, 4], [1], [3], [4]] Output [null, null, null, 1, null, -1, 3, null, -1, 3, 4]
```

**\*\*Explanation\*\*** // cnt(x) = the use counter for key x // cache=[] will show the last used order for tiebreakers (leftmost element is most recent) LFUCache lfu = new LFUCache(2); lfu.put(1, 1); // cache=[1,\_], cnt(1)=1 lfu.put(2, 2); // cache=[2,1], cnt(2)=1, cnt(1)=1 lfu.get(1); // return 1 // cache=[1,2], cnt(2)=1, cnt(1)=2 lfu.put(3, 3); // 2 is the LFU key because cnt(2)=1 is the smallest, invalidate 2. // cache=[3,1], cnt(3)=1, cnt(1)=2 lfu.get(2); // return -1 (not found) lfu.get(3); // return 3 // cache=[3,1], cnt(3)=2, cnt(1)=2 lfu.put(4, 4); // Both 1 and 3 have the same cnt, but 1 is LRU, invalidate 1. // cache=[4,3], cnt(4)=1, cnt(3)=2 lfu.get(1); // return -1 (not found) lfu.get(3); // return 3 // cache=[3,4], cnt(4)=1, cnt(3)=3 lfu.get(4); // return 4 // cache=[4,3], cnt(4)=2, cnt(3)=3

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

\* `1` <= capacity <= 104 \* `0` <= key <= 105 \* `0` <= value <= 109 \* At most `2 \* 105` calls will be made to `get` and `put`.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class LFUCache {
public:
    LFUCache(int capacity) {

    }

    int get(int key) {

    }

    void put(int key, int value) {

    }
};

/**
 * Your LFUCache object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * LFUCache* obj = new LFUCache(capacity);
 * int param_1 = obj->get(key);
 * obj->put(key,value);
 */
```

## Java:

```
class LFUCache {

    public LFUCache(int capacity) {

    }

    public int get(int key) {

    }

    public void put(int key, int value) {

    }

}

/**
 * Your LFUCache object will be instantiated and called as such:
 * LFUCache obj = new LFUCache(capacity);
 * int param_1 = obj.get(key);
 * obj.put(key,value);
 */
```

## Python3:

```
class LFUCache:

    def __init__(self, capacity: int):

    def get(self, key: int) -> int:

    def put(self, key: int, value: int) -> None:


    # Your LFUCache object will be instantiated and called as such:
    # obj = LFUCache(capacity)
    # param_1 = obj.get(key)
    # obj.put(key,value)
```