

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) 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]

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**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)
```