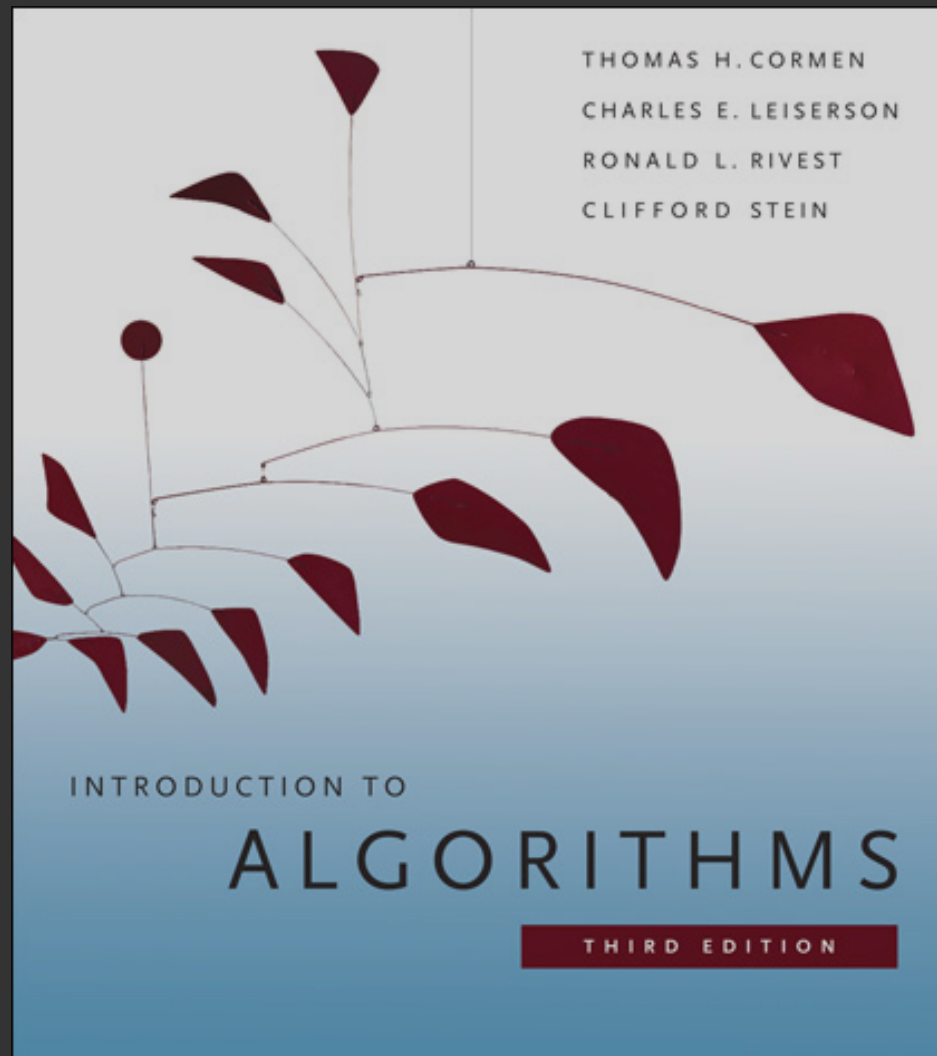


# DATA STRUCTURES I, II, III, AND IV

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- I. Amortized Analysis*
- II. Binary and Binomial Heaps*
- III. Fibonacci Heaps*
- IV. Union-Find*



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# Data structures

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**Static problems.** Given an input, produce an output.

**Ex.** Sorting, FFT, edit distance, shortest paths, MST, max-flow, ...

**Dynamic problems.** Given a sequence of operations (given one at a time), produce a sequence of outputs.

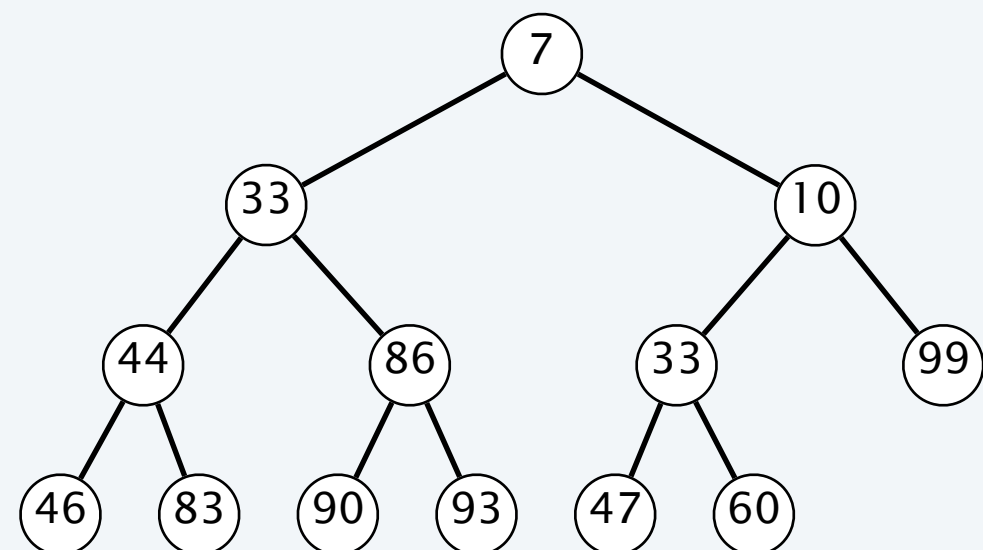
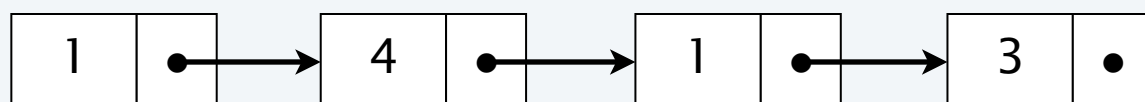
**Ex.** Stack, queue, priority queue, symbol table, union-find, ....

**Algorithm.** Step-by-step procedure to solve a problem.

**Data structure.** Way to store and organize data.

**Ex.** Array, linked list, binary heap, binary search tree, hash table, ...

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
33	22	55	23	16	63	86	9



# Appetizer

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**Goal.** Design a data structure to support all operations in  $O(1)$  time.

- $\text{INIT}(n)$ : create and return an **initialized** array (all zero) of length  $n$ .
- $\text{READ}(A, i)$ : return element  $i$  in array.
- $\text{WRITE}(A, i, \text{value})$ : set element  $i$  in array to  $\text{value}$ .

**Assumptions.**

true in C or C++, but not Java



- Can MALLOC an uninitialized array of length  $n$  in  $O(1)$  time.
- Given an array, can read or write element  $i$  in  $O(1)$  time.

**Remark.** An array does  $\text{INIT}$  in  $\Theta(n)$  time and  $\text{READ}$  and  $\text{WRITE}$  in  $\Theta(1)$  time.

# Appetizer

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**Data structure.** Three arrays  $A[1..n]$ ,  $B[1..n]$ , and  $C[1..n]$ , and an integer  $k$ .

- $A[i]$  stores the current value for READ (if initialized).
- $k$  = number of initialized entries.
- $C[j]$  = index of  $j^{th}$  initialized element for  $j = 1, \dots, k$ .
- If  $C[j] = i$ , then  $B[i] = j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, k$ .

**Theorem.**  $A[i]$  is initialized iff both  $1 \leq B[i] \leq k$  and  $C[B[i]] = i$ .

**Pf.** Ahead.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
A[ ]	?	22	55	99	?	33	?	?
B[ ]	?	3	4	1	?	2	?	?
C[ ]	4	6	2	3	?	?	?	?

$k = 4$

$A[4]=99$ ,  $A[6]=33$ ,  $A[2]=22$ , and  $A[3]=55$  initialized in that order

# Appetizer

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**INIT** ( $A, n$ )

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$k \leftarrow 0.$

$A \leftarrow \text{MALLOC}(n).$

$B \leftarrow \text{MALLOC}(n).$

$C \leftarrow \text{MALLOC}(n).$

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**READ** ( $A, i$ )

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**IF** (**IS-INITIALIZED** ( $A[i]$ ))

**RETURN**  $A[i].$

**ELSE**

**RETURN** 0.

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**WRITE** ( $A, i, value$ )

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**IF** (**IS-INITIALIZED** ( $A[i]$ ))

$A[i] \leftarrow value.$

**ELSE**

$k \leftarrow k + 1.$

$A[i] \leftarrow value.$

$B[i] \leftarrow k.$

$C[k] \leftarrow i.$

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**IS-INITIALIZED** ( $A, i$ )

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**IF** ( $1 \leq B[i] \leq k$ ) and ( $C[B[i]] = i$ )

**RETURN** *true*.

**ELSE**

**RETURN** *false*.

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# Appetizer

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**Theorem.**  $A[i]$  is initialized iff both  $1 \leq B[i] \leq k$  and  $C[B[i]] = i$ .

**Pf.**  $\Rightarrow$

- Suppose  $A[i]$  is the  $j^{th}$  entry to be initialized.
- Then  $C[j] = i$  and  $B[i] = j$ .
- Thus,  $C[B[i]] = i$ .

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# Appetizer

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**Theorem.**  $A[i]$  is initialized iff both  $1 \leq B[i] \leq k$  and  $C[B[i]] = i$ .

**Pf.**  $\Leftarrow$

- Suppose  $A[i]$  is uninitialized.
- If  $B[i] < 1$  or  $B[i] > k$ , then  $A[i]$  clearly uninitialized.
- If  $1 \leq B[i] \leq k$  by coincidence, then we still can't have  $C[B[i]] = i$  because none of the entries  $C[1..k]$  can equal  $i$ . ■

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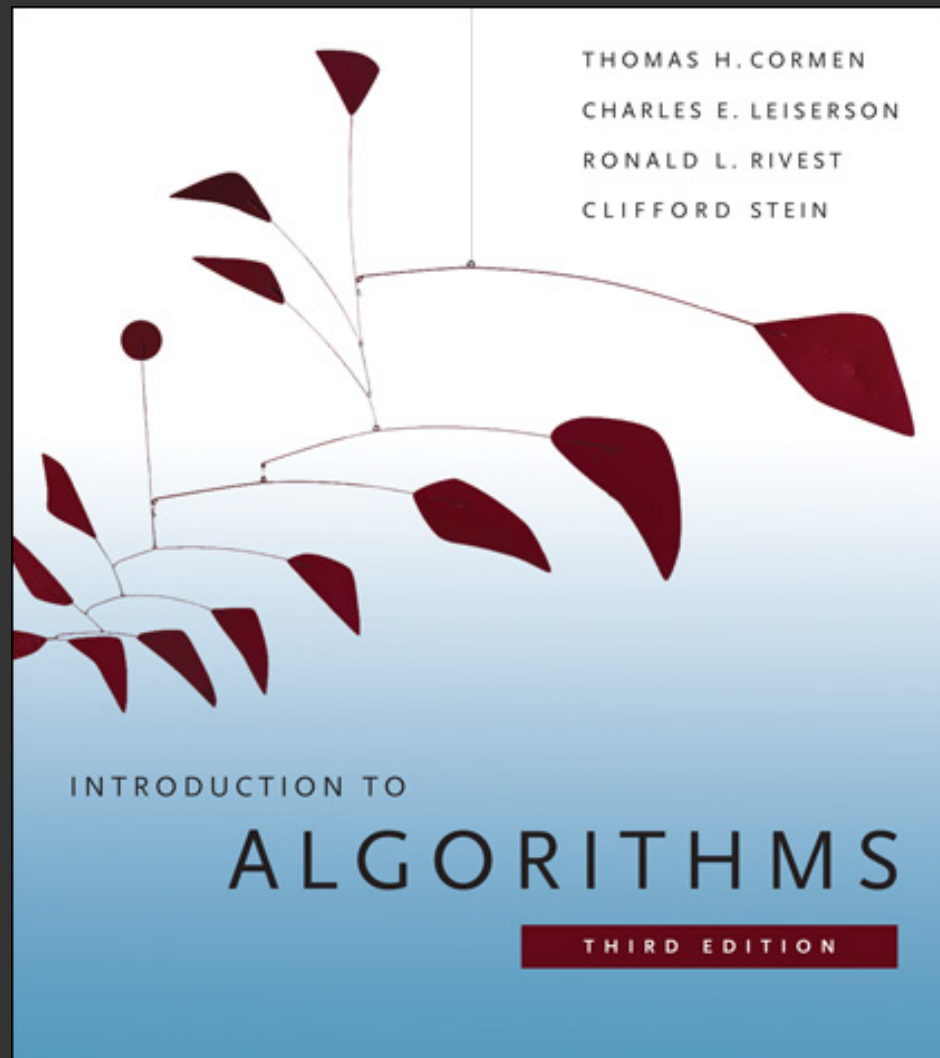
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# AMORTIZED ANALYSIS

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- ▶ *binary counter*
- ▶ *multi-pop stack*
- ▶ *dynamic table*



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# Amortized analysis

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**Worst-case analysis.** Determine worst-case running time of a data structure operation as function of the input size  $n$ .



can be too pessimistic if the only way to encounter an expensive operation is when there were lots of previous cheap operations

**Amortized analysis.** Determine worst-case running time of a **sequence** of  $n$  data structure operations.

**Ex.** Starting from an empty stack implemented with a dynamic table, any sequence of  $n$  push and pop operations takes  $O(n)$  time in the worst case.

# Amortized analysis: applications

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- Splay trees.
- Dynamic table.
- Fibonacci heaps.
- Garbage collection.
- Move-to-front list updating.
- Push–relabel algorithm for max flow.
- Path compression for disjoint-set union.
- Structural modifications to red–black trees.
- Security, databases, distributed computing, ...

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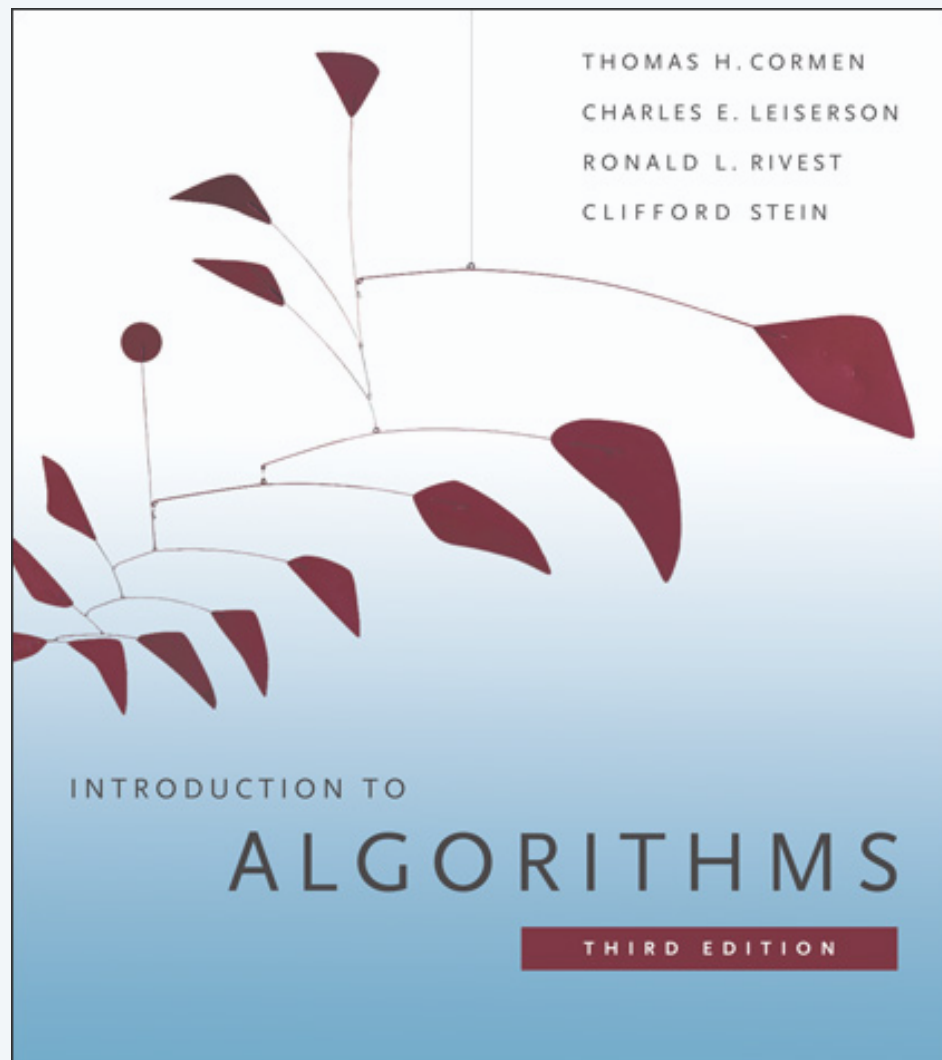
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## AMORTIZED COMPUTATIONAL COMPLEXITY\*

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**Abstract.** A powerful technique in the complexity analysis of data structures is *amortization*, or averaging over time. Amortized running time is a realistic but robust complexity measure for which we can obtain surprisingly tight upper and lower bounds on a variety of algorithms. By following the principle of designing algorithms whose amortized complexity is low, we obtain “self-adjusting” data structures that are simple, flexible and efficient. This paper surveys recent work by several researchers on amortized complexity.

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## CHAPTER 17

# AMORTIZED ANALYSIS

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- ▶ *binary counter*
- ▶ *multi-pop stack*
- ▶ *dynamic table*

# Binary counter

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**Goal.** Increment a  $k$ -bit binary counter (mod  $2^k$ ).

**Representation.**  $a_j = j^{th}$  least significant bit of counter.

Counter value	A[7]	A[6]	A[5]	A[4]	A[3]	A[2]	A[1]	A[0]
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
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**Cost model.** Number of bits flipped.

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**Theorem.** Starting from the zero counter, a sequence of  $n$  INCREMENT operations flips  $O(nk)$  bits. ← overly pessimistic upper bound

**Pf.** At most  $k$  bits flipped per increment. ■

# Aggregate method (brute force)

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Aggregate method. Analyze cost of a **sequence** of operations.

Counter value	A[7]	A[6]	A[5]	A[4]	A[3]	A[2]	A[1]	A[0]	Total cost
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	11
8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15
9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	16
10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	18
11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	19
12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	22
13	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	23
14	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	25
15	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	26
16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	31

## Binary counter: aggregate method

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Starting from the zero counter, in a sequence of  $n$  INCREMENT operations:

- Bit 0 flips  $n$  times.
- Bit 1 flips  $\lfloor n / 2 \rfloor$  times.
- Bit 2 flips  $\lfloor n / 4 \rfloor$  times.
- ...

**Theorem.** Starting from the zero counter, a sequence of  $n$  INCREMENT operations flips  $O(n)$  bits.

**Pf.**

- Bit  $j$  flips  $\lfloor n / 2^j \rfloor$  times.
- The total number of bits flipped is 
$$\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^j} \right\rfloor < n \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^j}$$
$$= 2n \quad \blacksquare$$

**Remark.** Theorem may be false if initial counter is not zero.

# Accounting method (banker's method)

Assign (potentially) different charges to each operation.

- $D_i$  = data structure after  $i^{th}$  operation.
- $c_i$  = actual cost of  $i^{th}$  operation.
- $\hat{c}_i$  = amortized cost of  $i^{th}$  operation = amount we charge operation  $i$ .
- When  $\hat{c}_i > c_i$ , we store credits in data structure  $D_i$  to pay for future ops; when  $\hat{c}_i < c_i$ , we consume credits in data structure  $D_i$ .
- Initial data structure  $D_0$  starts with 0 credits.

can be more or less  
than actual cost

**Credit invariant.** The total number of credits in the data structure  $\geq 0$ .

$$\sum_{i=1} \hat{c}_i - \sum_{i=1} c_i \geq 0$$

our job is to choose suitable amortized costs so that this invariant holds






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**Pf.** The amortized cost of the sequence of  $n$  operations is:  $\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{c}_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n c_i$ . ■

credit  
invariant



**Intuition.** Measure running time in terms of credits (time = money).

# Binary counter: accounting method

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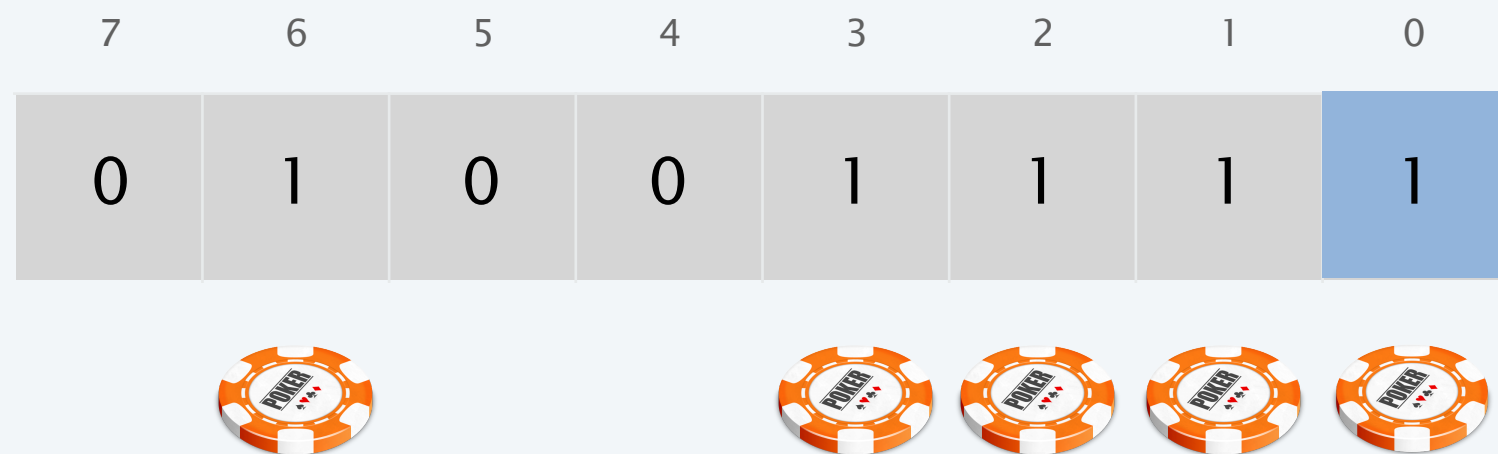
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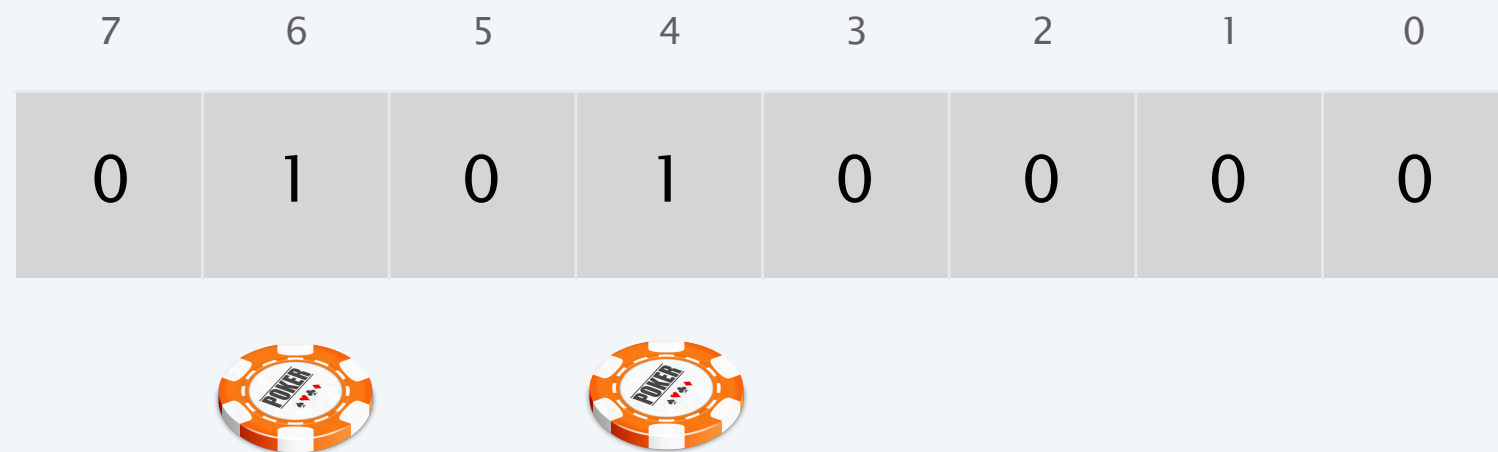
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**Theorem.** Starting from the zero counter, a sequence of  $n$  INCREMENT operations flips  $O(n)$  bits.

**Pf.**

- Each INCREMENT operation flips at most one 0 bit to a 1 bit, so the amortized cost per INCREMENT  $\leq 2$ .
- Invariant  $\Rightarrow$  number of credits in data structure  $\geq 0$ .
- Total actual cost of  $n$  operations  $\leq$  sum of amortized costs  $\leq 2n$ . ■

accounting method theorem

the rightmost 0 bit  
(unless counter overflows)

# Potential method (physicist's method)

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**Potential function.**  $\Phi(D_i)$  maps each data structure  $D_i$  to a real number s.t.:

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each data structure  $D_i$ .

**Actual and amortized costs.**

- $c_i$  = actual cost of  $i^{th}$  operation.
- $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1})$  = amortized cost of  $i^{th}$  operation.

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**Pf.** The amortized cost of the sequence of operations is:

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{c}_i &= \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1})) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i + \Phi(D_n) - \Phi(D_0) \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \quad \blacksquare\end{aligned}$$

# Binary counter: potential method

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**Potential function.** Let  $\Phi(D)$  = number of 1 bits in the binary counter  $D$ .

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

**increment**

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1





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**Theorem.** Starting from the zero counter, a sequence of  $n$  INCREMENT operations flips  $O(n)$  bits.

**Pf.**

- Suppose that the  $i^{\text{th}}$  INCREMENT operation flips  $t_i$  bits from 1 to 0.
- The actual cost  $c_i \leq t_i + 1$ .  operation flips at most one bit from 0 to 1 (no bits flipped to 1 when counter overflows)
- The amortized cost  $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1})$   
 $\leq c_i + 1 - t_i$   potential decreases by 1 for  $t_i$  bits flipped from 1 to 0 and increases by 1 for bit flipped from 0 to 1  
 $\leq 2$ .
- Total actual cost of  $n$  operations  $\leq$  sum of amortized costs  $\leq 2n$ . ■

  
potential method theorem

# Famous potential functions

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Fibonacci heaps.  $\Phi(H) = 2 \text{ trees}(H) + 2 \text{ marks}(H)$

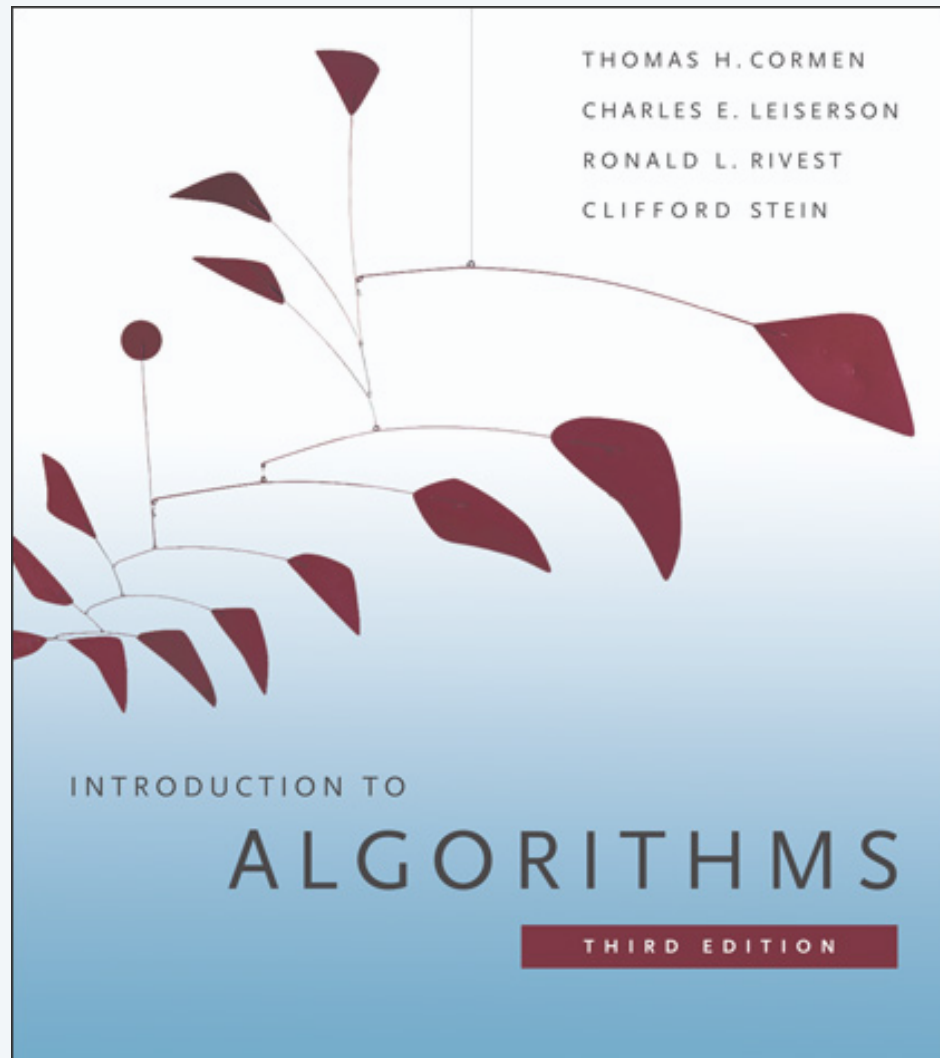
Splay trees.  $\Phi(T) = \sum_{x \in T} \lfloor \log_2 \text{size}(x) \rfloor$

Move-to-front.  $\Phi(L) = 2 \text{ inversions}(L, L^*)$

Preflow-push.  $\Phi(f) = \sum_{v : \text{excess}(v) > 0} \text{height}(v)$

Red-black trees.  $\Phi(T) = \sum_{x \in T} w(x)$

$$w(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is red} \\ 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is black and has no red children} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is black and has one red child} \\ 2 & \text{if } x \text{ is black and has two red children} \end{cases}$$



## SECTION 17.4

# AMORTIZED ANALYSIS

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- ▶ *binary counter*
- ▶ *multi-pop stack*
- ▶ *dynamic table*

# Multipop stack

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**Goal.** Support operations on a set of elements:

- $\text{PUSH}(S, x)$ : add element  $x$  to stack  $S$ .
- $\text{POP}(S)$ : remove and return the most-recently added element.
- $\text{MULTI-POP}(S, k)$ : remove the most-recently added  $k$  elements.

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MULTI-POP( $S, k$ )
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  FOR  $i = 1$  TO  $k$ 
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    POP( $S$ ).
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**Exceptions.** We assume POP throws an exception if stack is empty.

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**Theorem.** Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  PUSH, POP, and MULTI-POP operations takes  $O(n^2)$  time.

**Pf.**

- Use a singly linked list.
- POP and PUSH take  $O(1)$  time each.
- MULTI-POP takes  $O(n)$  time. ■

← overly pessimistic upper bound



# Multipop stack: aggregate method

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**Pf.**

- An element is popped at most once for each time that it is pushed.
- There are  $\leq n$  PUSH operations.
- Thus, there are  $\leq n$  POP operations (including those made within MULTI-POP). ■



# Multipop stack: accounting method

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**Credits.** 1 credit pays for either a PUSH or POP.

**Invariant.** Every element on the stack has 1 credit.

**Accounting.**

- PUSH( $S, x$ ): charge 2 credits.
  - use 1 credit to pay for pushing  $x$  now
  - store 1 credit to pay for popping  $x$  at some point in the future
- POP( $S$ ): charge 0 credits.

**Theorem.** Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  PUSH, POP, and MULTI-POP operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.**

- Invariant  $\Rightarrow$  number of credits in data structure  $\geq 0$ .
- Amortized cost per operation  $\leq 2$ .
- Total actual cost of  $n$  operations  $\leq$  sum of amortized costs  $\leq 2n$ . ■



accounting method theorem

# Multipop stack: potential method

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**Potential function.** Let  $\Phi(D)$  = number of elements currently on the stack.

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

**Theorem.** Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  PUSH, POP, and MULTI-POP operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** [Case 1: push]

- Suppose that the  $i^{th}$  operation is a PUSH.
- The actual cost  $c_i = 1$ .
- The amortized cost  $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 + 1 = 2$ .

# Multipop stack: potential method

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**Potential function.** Let  $\Phi(D)$  = number of elements currently on the stack.

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- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

**Theorem.** Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  PUSH, POP, and MULTI-POP operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** [Case 2: pop]

- Suppose that the  $i^{th}$  operation is a POP.
- The actual cost  $c_i = 1$ .
- The amortized cost  $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 - 1 = 0$ .

# Multipop stack: potential method

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**Potential function.** Let  $\Phi(D)$  = number of elements currently on the stack.

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

**Theorem.** Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  PUSH, POP, and MULTI-POP operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** [Case 3: multi-pop]

- Suppose that the  $i^{th}$  operation is a MULTI-POP of  $k$  objects.
- The actual cost  $c_i = k$ .
- The amortized cost  $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = k - k = 0$ . ■

# Multipop stack: potential method


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**Potential function.** Let  $\Phi(D)$  = number of elements currently on the stack.

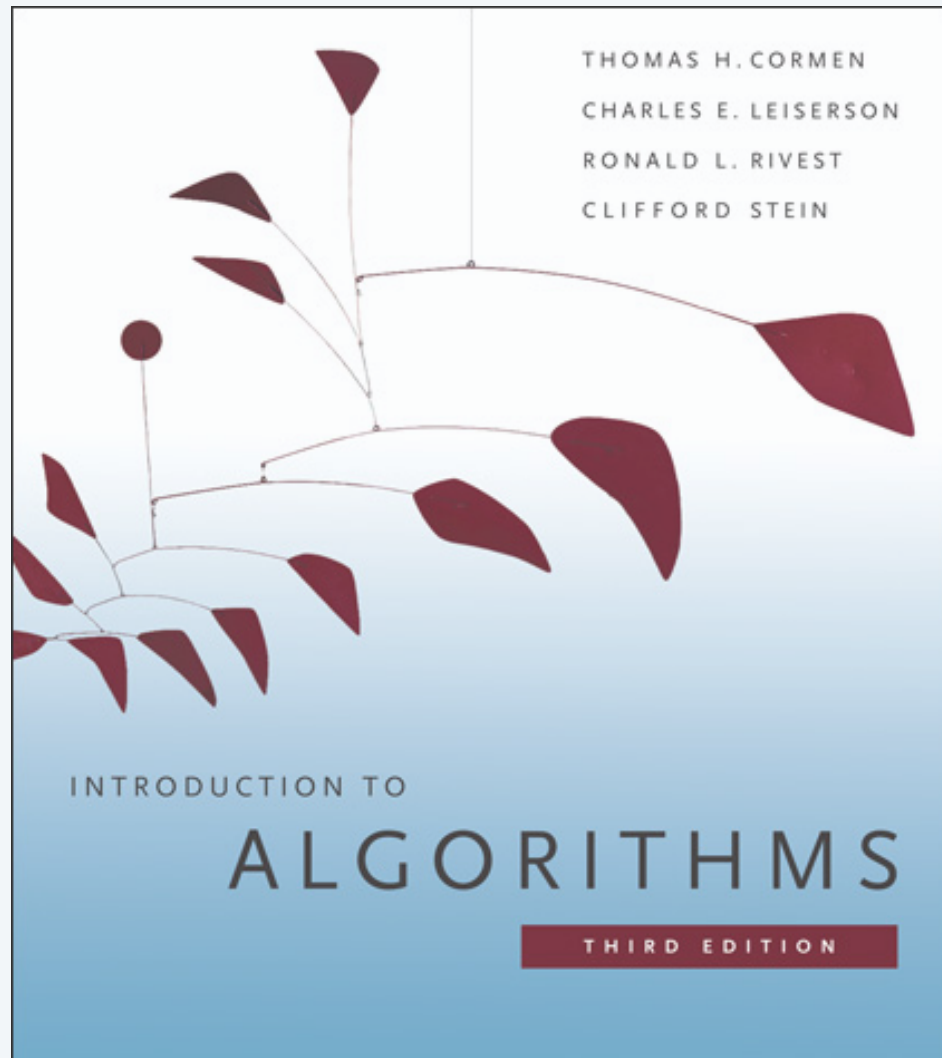
- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

**Theorem.** Starting from an empty stack, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  PUSH, POP, and MULTI-POP operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** [putting everything together]

- Amortized cost  $\hat{c}_i \leq 2$ .  2 for push; 0 for pop and multi-pop
- Sum of amortized costs  $\hat{c}_i$  of the  $n$  operations  $\leq 2n$ .
- Total actual cost  $\leq$  sum of amortized cost  $\leq 2n$ . ■

  
potential method theorem



## SECTION 17.4

# AMORTIZED ANALYSIS

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- ▶ *binary counter*
- ▶ *multi-pop stack*
- ▶ *dynamic table*

# Dynamic table

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**Goal.** Store items in a table (e.g., for hash table, binary heap).

- Two operations: INSERT and DELETE.
  - too many items inserted  $\Rightarrow$  **expand** table.
  - too many items deleted  $\Rightarrow$  **contract** table.
- Requirement: if table contains  $m$  items, then space =  $\Theta(m)$ .

**Theorem.** Starting from an empty dynamic table, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  INSERT and DELETE operations takes  $O(n^2)$  time.

**Pf.** Each INSERT or DELETE takes  $O(n)$  time. ■

← overly pessimistic  
upper bound

## Dynamic table: insert only

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- When inserting into an empty table, allocate a table of capacity 1.
- When inserting into a full table, allocate a new table of twice the capacity and copy all items.
- Insert item into table.

insert	old capacity	new capacity	insert cost	copy cost
1	0	1	1	–
2	1	2	1	1
3	2	4	1	2
4	4	4	1	–
5	4	8	1	4
6	8	8	1	–
7	8	8	1	–
8	8	8	1	–
9	8	16	1	8
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮

**Cost model.** Number of items written (due to insertion or copy).



## Dynamic table: insert only (aggregate method)

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**Theorem.** [via aggregate method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** Let  $c_i$  denote the cost of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  insertion.

$$c_i = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } i - 1 \text{ is an exact power of } 2 \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Starting from empty table, the cost of a sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations is:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i &\leq n + \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} 2^j \\ &< n + 2n \\ &= 3n \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

# Dynamic table demo: insert only (accounting method)



**Insert.** Charge 3 credits (use 1 credit to insert; save 2 with new item).

**Invariant.** 2 credits with each item in right half of table; none in left half.

**insert N**

capacity = 16



# Dynamic table: insert only (accounting method)

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**Insert.** Charge 3 credits (use 1 credit to insert; save 2 with new item).

**Invariant.** 2 credits with each item in right half of table; none in left half.

**Pf.** [induction]

- Each newly inserted item gets 2 credits.
- When table doubles from  $k$  to  $2k$ ,  $k / 2$  items in the table have 2 credits.
  - these  $k$  credits pay for the work needed to copy the  $k$  items
  - now, all  $k$  items are in left half of table (and have 0 credits)

↑  
slight cheat if table capacity = 1

**Theorem.** [via accounting method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.**

- Invariant  $\Rightarrow$  number of credits in data structure  $\geq 0$ .
- Amortized cost per INSERT = 3.
- Total actual cost of  $n$  operations  $\leq$  sum of amortized cost  $\leq 3n$ . ■

↑  
accounting method theorem

# Dynamic table: insert only (potential method)

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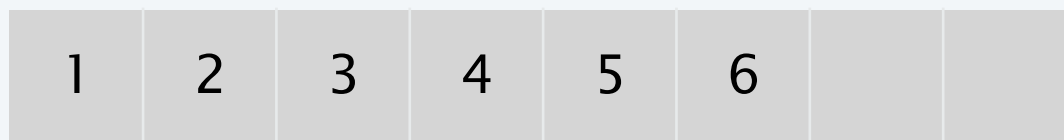
**Theorem.** [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** Let  $\Phi(D_i) = 2 \text{ size}(D_i) - \text{capacity}(D_i)$ .

↑  
number of  
elements

↑  
capacity of  
array

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ . ← immediately after doubling  
 $\text{capacity}(D_i) = 2 \text{ size}(D_i)$



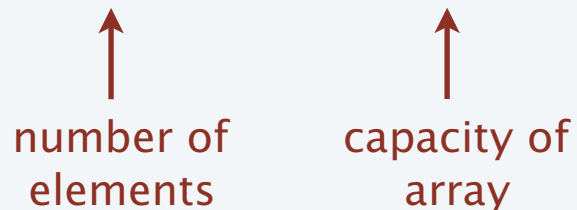
size = 6  
capacity = 8  
 $\Phi = 4$

# Dynamic table: insert only (potential method)

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**Theorem.** [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** Let  $\Phi(D_i) = 2 \text{ size}(D_i) - \text{capacity}(D_i)$ .

  
number of elements      capacity of array

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

**Case 0.** [first insertion]

- Actual cost  $c_1 = 1$ .
- $$\begin{aligned}\Phi(D_1) - \Phi(D_0) &= (2 \text{ size}(D_1) - \text{capacity}(D_1)) - (2 \text{ size}(D_0) - \text{capacity}(D_0)) \\ &= 1.\end{aligned}$$
- Amortized cost  $\hat{c}_i = c_i + (\Phi(D_1) - \Phi(D_0))$   
$$\begin{aligned}&= 1 + 1 \\ &= 2.\end{aligned}$$

# Dynamic table: insert only (potential method)

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**Theorem.** [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** Let  $\Phi(D_i) = 2 \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{number of} \\ \text{elements}}}{\text{size}(D_i)} - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{capacity of} \\ \text{array}}}{\text{capacity}(D_i)}$ .

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

**Case 1.** [no array expansion]  $\text{capacity}(D_i) = \text{capacity}(D_{i-1})$ .

- Actual cost  $c_i = 1$ .
- $$\begin{aligned} \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) &= (2 \text{size}(D_i) - \text{capacity}(D_i)) - (2 \text{size}(D_{i-1}) - \text{capacity}(D_{i-1})) \\ &= 2. \end{aligned}$$
- Amortized cost 
$$\begin{aligned} \hat{c}_i &= c_i + (\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1})) \\ &= 1 + 2 \\ &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

# Dynamic table: insert only (potential method)

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**Theorem.** [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** Let  $\Phi(D_i) = 2 \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{number of} \\ \text{elements}}}{size(D_i)} - \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{capacity of} \\ \text{array}}}{capacity(D_i)}$ .

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

**Case 2.** [array expansion]  $capacity(D_i) = 2 \cdot capacity(D_{i-1})$ .

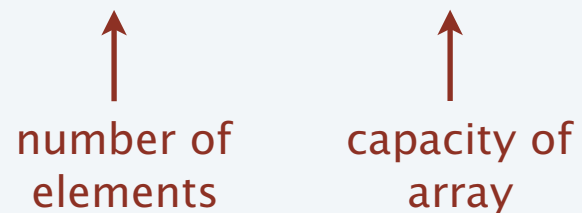
- Actual cost  $c_i = 1 + capacity(D_{i-1})$ .
- $$\begin{aligned}\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) &= (2 \cdot size(D_i) - capacity(D_i)) - (2 \cdot size(D_{i-1}) - capacity(D_{i-1})) \\ &= 2 - capacity(D_i) + capacity(D_{i-1}) \\ &= 2 - capacity(D_{i-1}).\end{aligned}$$
- Amortized cost  $\hat{c}_i = c_i + (\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}))$ 
$$\begin{aligned}&= 1 + capacity(D_{i-1}) + (2 - capacity(D_{i-1})) \\ &= 3.\end{aligned}$$

# Dynamic table: insert only (potential method)

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**Theorem.** [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.** Let  $\Phi(D_i) = 2 \text{ size}(D_i) - \text{capacity}(D_i)$ .

  
number of elements      capacity of array

- $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for each  $D_i$ .

[putting everything together]

- Amortized cost per operation  $\hat{c}_i \leq 3$ .
- Total actual cost of  $n$  operations  $\leq$  sum of amortized cost  $\leq 3n$ . ■

  
potential method theorem



# Dynamic table: doubling and halving

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## Thrashing.

- INSERT: when inserting into a full table, double capacity.
- DELETE: when deleting from a table that is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -full, halve capacity.

## Efficient solution.

- When inserting into an empty table, initialize table size to 1; when deleting from a table of size 1, free the table.
- INSERT: when inserting into a full table, double capacity.
- DELETE: when deleting from a table that is  $\frac{1}{4}$ -full, halve capacity.

**Memory usage.** A dynamic table uses  $\Theta(n)$  memory to store  $n$  items.

**Pf.** Table is always between 25% and 100% full. ■

# Dynamic table demo: insert and delete (accounting method)



**Insert.** Charge 3 credits (1 to insert; save 2 with item if in right half).

**Delete.** Charge 2 credits (1 to delete; save 1 in empty slot if in left half).

**Invariant 1.** 2 credits with each item in right half of table.

**Invariant 2.** 1 credit with each empty slot in left half of table.

**delete M**

capacity = 16

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M			
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# Dynamic table: insert and delete (accounting method)

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**Insert.** Charge 3 credits (1 to insert; save 2 with item if in right half).

**Delete.** Charge 2 credits (1 to delete; save 1 in empty slot if in left half).

discard any existing or extra credits

**Invariant 1.** 2 credits with each item in right half of table. ← to pay for expansion

**Invariant 2.** 1 credit with each empty slot in left half of table. ← to pay for contraction

**Theorem.** [via accounting method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  INSERT and DELETE operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.**

- Invariants  $\Rightarrow$  number of credits in data structure  $\geq 0$ .
- Amortized cost per operation  $\leq 3$ .
- Total actual cost of  $n$  operations  $\leq$  sum of amortized cost  $\leq 3n$ . ■

↑  
accounting method theorem

# Dynamic table: insert and delete (potential method)

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**Theorem.** [via potential method] Starting from an empty dynamic table, any intermixed sequence of  $n$  INSERT and DELETE operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf sketch.**

- Let  $\alpha(D_i) = \text{size}(D_i) / \text{capacity}(D_i)$ .
- Define  $\Phi(D_i) = \begin{cases} 2 \text{size}(D_i) - \text{capacity}(D_i) & \text{if } \alpha(D_i) \geq 1/2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \text{capacity}(D_i) - \text{size}(D_i) & \text{if } \alpha(D_i) < 1/2 \end{cases}$
- $\Phi(D_0) = 0, \Phi(D_i) \geq 0$ . [a potential function]
- When  $\alpha(D_i) = 1/2, \Phi(D_i) = 0$ . [zero potential after resizing]
- When  $\alpha(D_i) = 1, \Phi(D_i) = \text{size}(D_i)$ . [can pay for expansion]
- When  $\alpha(D_i) = 1/4, \Phi(D_i) = \text{size}(D_i)$ . [can pay for contraction]
- ...