Design and Analysis of Algorithms 6.7 Multipop

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- Analyze running time for a sequence of n Push, Pop, Multipop operations
- Standard Analysis:
 - Push takes O(1)
 - Pop takes O(1)
 - MultiPop takes O(k)
 - Worst case: n MultiPop operations = $O(n^2)$
- Calculate amortized running time for each algorithm.

Each push and pop costs 1 credit. In order to be able to pop, we have to have pushed onto the stack first. So when we push, we pay ahead using a credit for a very cheap operation. Then when we pop we have credit in the bank from pushing. Averaged over n elements of Multipop, the runtime of MultiPop is O(k)/k since we average over the whole instruction set, from push to pop.

Solution

• Push: \$1+\$1 to bank

• Pop: \$0 to bank, take \$1 from the bank

• MultiPop: \$0 to bank, take \$k from bank

\$2N