

Design Analysis and Algorithms

Homework - 17.

1. Aggregate Method

The aggregate method calculates the total cost of operations and divides by the number of operations to find the average cost per operation.

- Suppose we have dynamic array that starts with a capacity of 1.

- Each time we insert an element and array is full, array size doubles requiring copying all elements to the new array.

To analyze the cost:

Single Insertions: Inserting an element costs $O(1)$ unless resizing is required.

Resizing: Each time resizing happens, all elements need to be copied to the new array, so

cost of resizing after k insertions is $O(k)$

When we insert n elements, total cost consists of both the simple $O(1)$ cost for each insertion and cost each resizing operation.

The total cost of inserting n elements is

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\log n} O(2^i) = O(n)$$

Thus, amortized cost per insertion is $O(1)$.

b) Accounting Method:

The accounting method is used to analyze the amortized cost of a sequence of operations by charging some operations more than their actual cost and saving the excess as credits.

Pseudocode:

for $i = 1$ to n

if table is full

new-table = Create new table with size $2 \times$
current size

then copy elements from old table to new table

table = new table

insert element i into table

initialize charge = 0

for $i = 1$ to n

charges $+= 2$

if table double in size from m to $2m$

credit $+= m$

$$\text{Total charge} = 2 * n = O(n)$$

$$\text{Total credit} = m + 2m + \dots + n/2 * m = O(n)$$

$$\text{Amortized cost per insertion} = \frac{\text{Total by}}{n} = O(n/n)$$

$$= O(1)$$

$$\text{Run times per insertion} = O(1)$$

$$\text{Total time} = O(n)$$