

Practice-sheet : **Amortized Analysis**

1. Deleting half elements

Design a data structure to support the following two operations for a dynamic multiset S of integers, which allows the duplicate values:

- $Insert(S, x)$: inserts x into S .
- $Delete-Larger-Half(S)$: delete the largest $\lceil |S|/2 \rceil$ elements from S .

Explain how to implement this data structure so that any sequence of m $Insert$ and $Delete-Larger-Half$ operations run in $O(m)$ time. Your implementation should also include a way to output the elements of S in $O(|S|)$ time.

2. Simulating a queue using stacks

Show how to implement a queue with two ordinary stacks so that amortized cost of each $Enqueue$ and each $Dequeue$ operation is $O(1)$.

3. Alternate potential functions

We discussed the algorithm for the fully dynamic table in Lecture 25. Using a specific potential function, we showed that the amortized cost of each operation is $O(1)$. For each of the following potential functions, verify whether it will also ensure $O(1)$ amortized cost for each insert/delete operation ?

- (a) $c(4n - \text{size}(T))$
- (b) If $n \geq \text{size}(T)/2$ then $c(2n - \text{size}(T))$; else $c(\text{size}(T)/2 - n)$.

4. Credit based analysis for dynamic table

We discussed the algorithm for the fully dynamic table in Lecture 25. Using a specific potential function, we showed that the amortized cost of each operation is $O(1)$. Use a credit based analysis for the algorithm and show that the actual time complexity of any sequence of n operations (insert/delete) will be $O(n)$.

5. Dynamic table with worst case $O(1)$ time per insertion

Design an algorithm for dynamic table under insertion of elements such that the following constraints are satisfied.

- At any stage of time, there has to be a table that should contain all the elements.
- Total space utilization should be greater than a positive constant factor (independent of the number of elements).
- The worst case time of inserting any element should be $O(1)$.

Hint: Use more than 1 table.

6. Using arrays for binary search of a dynamic set

Binary search of a sorted array takes logarithmic search time, but the time to insert a new element is linear in the size of the array. We can improve the time for insertion by keeping several sorted arrays. Design a data-structure which is a collection of arrays only that can support any sequence of n insertions in $O(n \log n)$ time. The worst case time for the search is $O(\log^2 n)$.

Hint: Get inspiration from a binary counter, especially the way the bits are flipped during an increment operation.