

A Space-Efficient Array Stack



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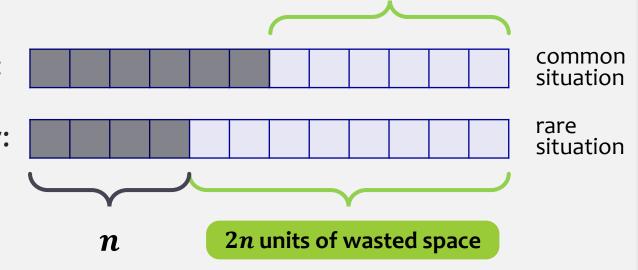
Wasted Space (memory)

no wasted space

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• immediately after a **resize()** operation:

• 2/3 of the backing array can be empty:



wasted space

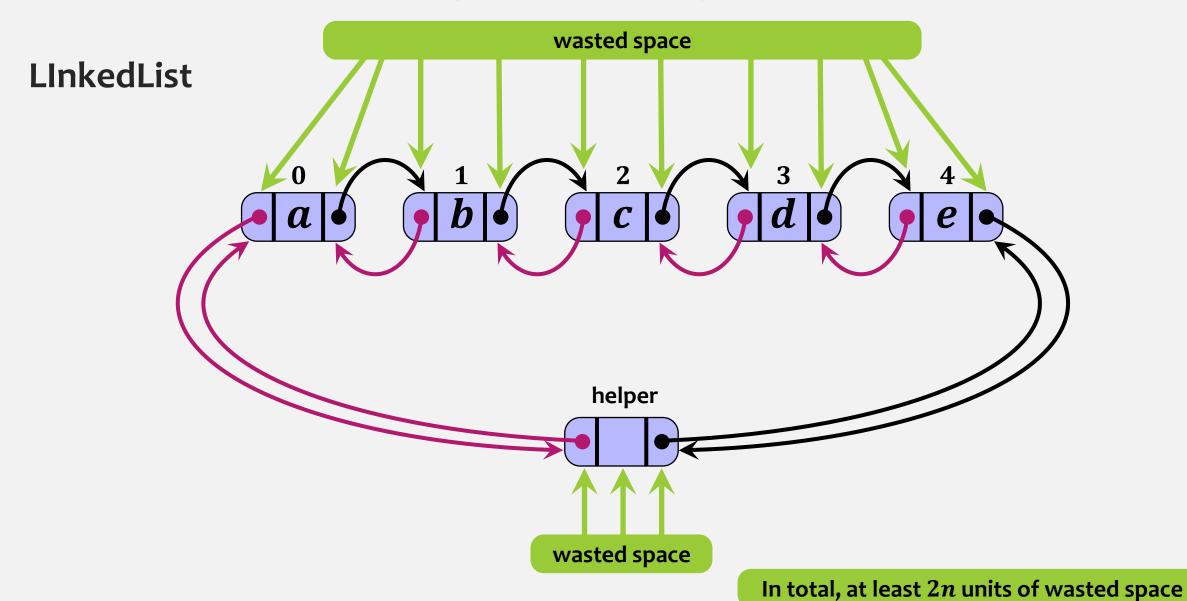
Wasted space (memory) – any memory location not being used to store the only copy of some data item.

one unit of wasted space \rightarrow T[] a - pointer to the array one unit of wasted space \rightarrow int n - list size

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situation

Wasted Space (memory)



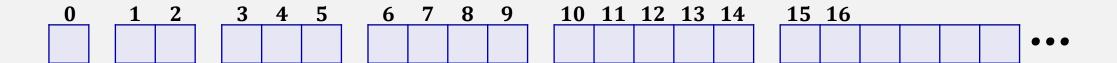
All List implementations, we saw so far, **often** waste $oldsymbol{\Omega}(oldsymbol{n})$ units of space.

RootishArrayStack is a List implementation that wastes only $m{O}(\sqrt{n})$ space.

\boldsymbol{n}	2 <i>n</i>	\sqrt{n}
10000	20000	100
1000000	200000	1000
10000000	20000000	10000

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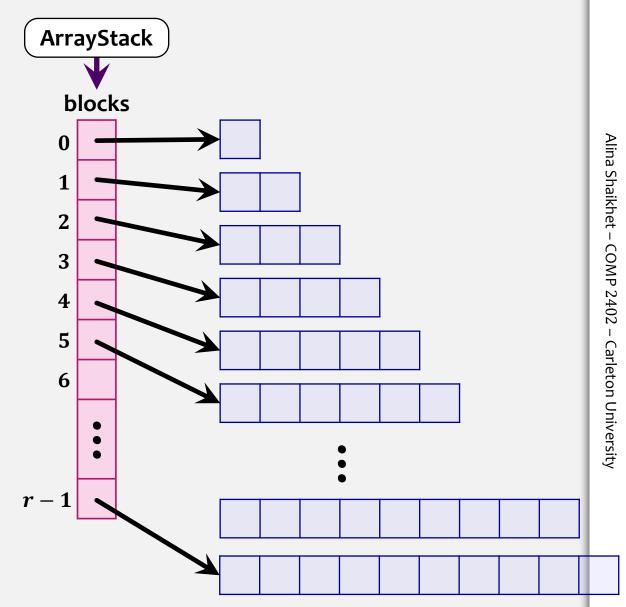


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Rule: there is at least one item in the last **two** blocks

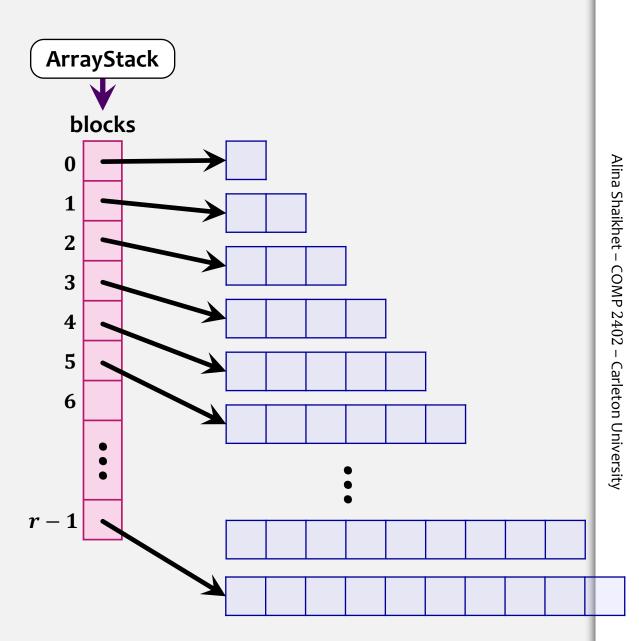
All the blocks before the last two are completely full.



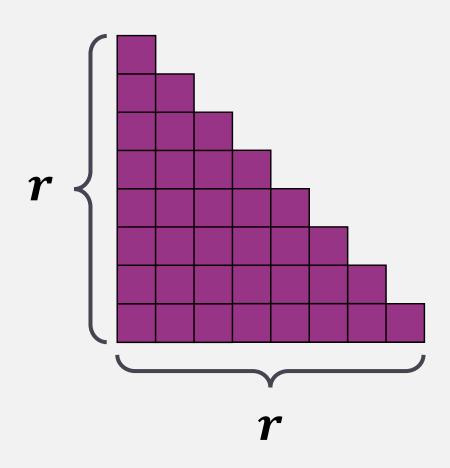
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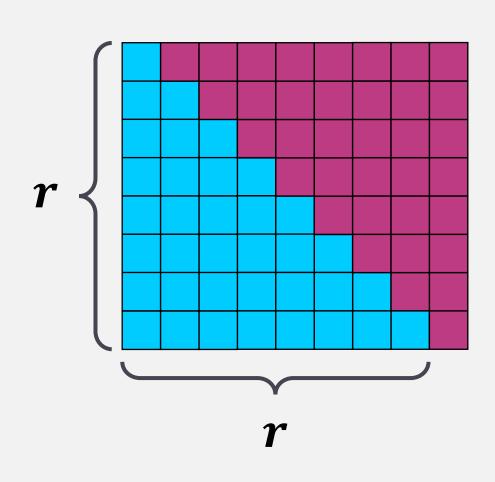
$$1+2+3+\cdots+r = \frac{r(r+1)}{2}$$



Sum of the first r positive integers



Sum of the first *r* positive integers



$$\frac{r(r+1)}{2}$$

Assume we have n elements to store.

How many blocks do we need?

Given
$$r$$
 blocks we can store $\leq \frac{r(r+1)}{2} = \frac{r^2+r}{2}$ elements.

Solve for
$$r$$
: $r^2 + r = 2n$



What is the index of i within its block?

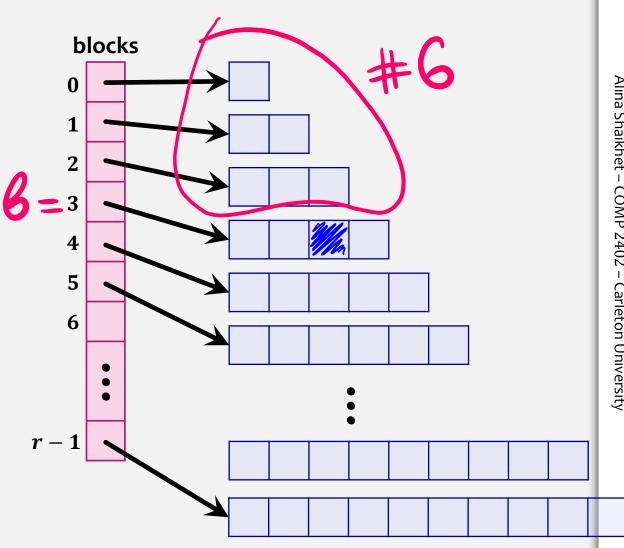
If index i is in block b, then the number of elements in blocks 0, ..., b-1 is

$$\frac{b(b+1)}{2}$$

Therefore, *i* is stored at location

$$j=i-\frac{b(b+1)}{2}$$

within block b.



How do we determine the value of b?

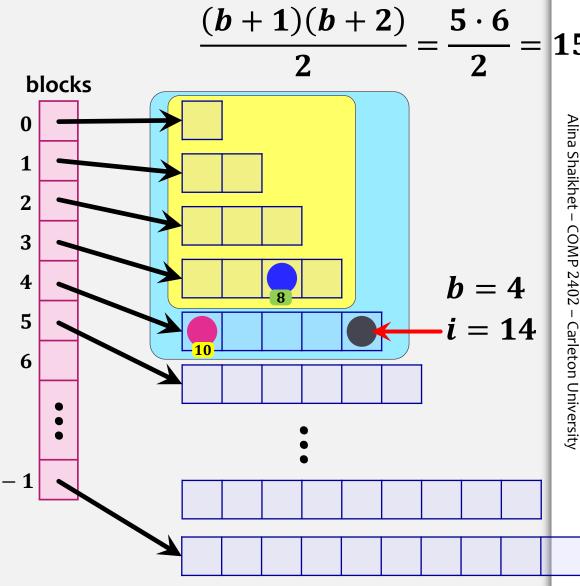
The number of elements that have indices less than or equal to i is i + 1.

The number of elements in blocks 0, ..., b is 0,...,4

$$\frac{(b+1)(b+2)}{2}$$

Therefore, **b** is the **smallest integer** such that

$$\frac{(b+1)(b+2)}{2} \geq i+1$$



$$ax^{2} + bx + c = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^{2} - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\frac{(b+1)(b+2)}{2} \ge i+1$$

$$(b+1)(b+2) \ge 2i+2$$

$$b^2 + 2b + b + 2 \ge 2i+2$$

 $b^2 + 3b - 2i > 0$

The quadratic equation $b^2 + 3b - 2i = 0$ has two solutions:

$$b=\frac{-3+\sqrt{9+8i}}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{9 + 8i}}{2} \qquad b = \frac{-3 - \sqrt{9 + 8i}}{2}$$

We want the **smallest integer** b such that $b \ge \frac{-3 + \sqrt{9 + 8i}}{2}$

$$b \geq \frac{-3 + \sqrt{9 + 8i}}{2}$$

$$b = \left[\frac{-3 + \sqrt{9 + 8i}}{2} \right]$$

int i2b(i):

double db = (-3.0 + Math.sqrt(9 + 8*i)) / 2.0;int b = (int)Math.ceil(db); return b;

get/set operations

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T get(i):

check bounds;

b = i2b(i);

j = i - b(b + 1)/2;

return blocks.get(b)[j];
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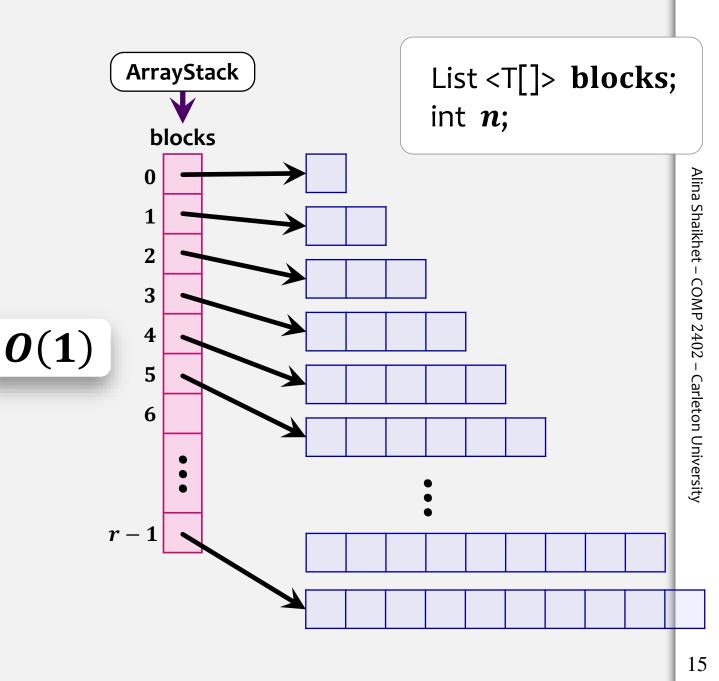
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T set(i, x):

check bounds; b = i2b(i); j = i - b(b + 1)/2; y = blocks.get(b)[j];

blocks.get(b)[j] = x;

return y;



add operation

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void add(x): // append check bounds; r = blocks.size(); if \left(\frac{r(r+1)}{2} < n+1\right) then grow(); n++; set(n-1,x);
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    check bounds;
    r = blocks.size();

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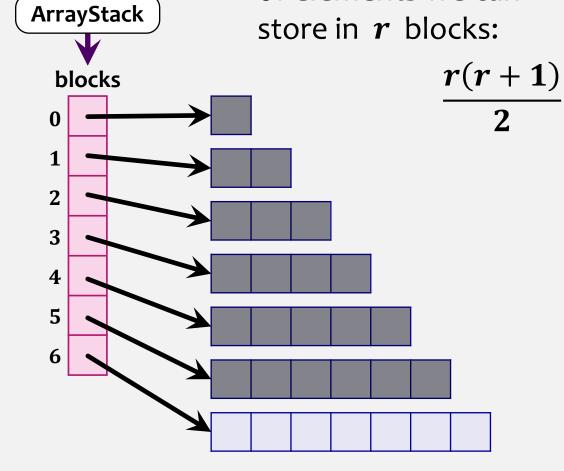
n++;

for (j=n-1;\ j>i;\ j--)

set(j, get(j-1));

set(i, x);
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The maximum number of elements we can store in r blocks:



shift to the right

$$O(1+n-i)$$

remove operation

check bounds;

r = blocks.size();

if $\left(\frac{(r-2)(r-1)}{2} \ge n\right)$ then shrink();

x = get(i);

n--;

return x;

T remove(i):

for (j = i; j < n - 1; j + +)shift to set(j, get(j + 1));the left

ArrayStack

The maximum number of elements we can store in r-2 blocks:

$$\frac{(r-2)(r-1)}{}$$

blocks 5

$$O(1+n-i)$$

If there are 2 empty blocks at the end, then you shrink

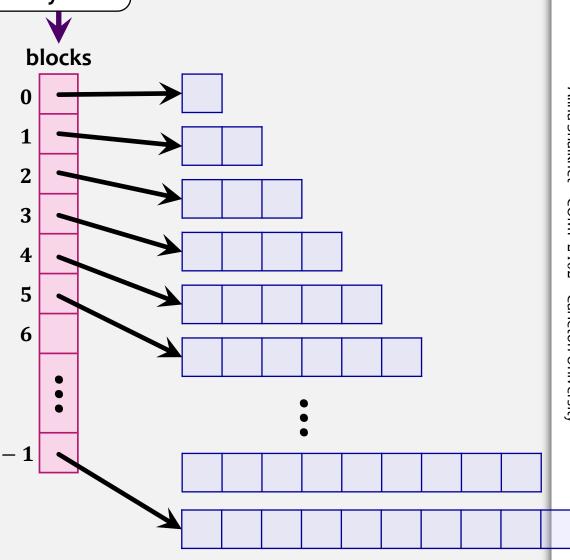
Growing and Shrinking ArrayStack

void grow(): blocks.add(newArray(blocks.size()+1));

void shrink(): r = blocks.size();while $(r > 0 \& \& \frac{(r-2)(r-1)}{2} \ge n)$ blocks.remove(blocks.size()-1);

immediately after a call to grow() or shrink():

- the final block is completely empty, and
- all other blocks are completely full.



Analysis of growing and shrinking

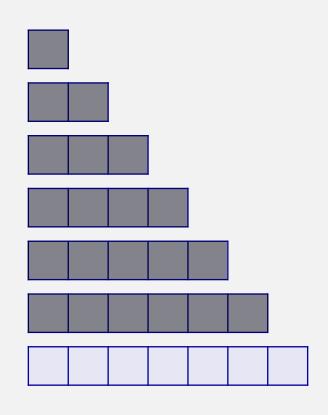
immediately after a call to grow() or shrink():

- the final block is completely empty, and
- all other blocks are completely full.

Another call to grow() or shrink() will not happen until at least r-1 elements have been added or removed.

Despite that grow() and shrink() take O(r) time, this cost can be amortized over at least r-1 add(i,x) and remove(i) operations.

So, the amortized cost of grow() and shrink() is O(1) per operation.



T[] blocks - pointer to the array int n - list size

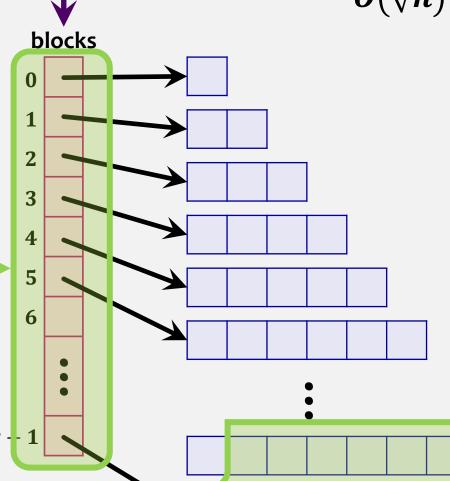
We maintain:

$$\frac{(r-2)(r-1)}{2} \leq n$$

$$r^2 - 3r + 2 \le 2n$$

$$r \leq \frac{3+\sqrt{1+8n}}{2} = O(\sqrt{n})$$

the total amount of wasted space is $O(\sqrt{n})$



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Theorem 2.5

A RootishArrayStack implements the List interface. Ignoring the cost of calls to grow() and shrink(), a RootishArrayStack supports the operations

- get(i) and set(i, x) in O(1) time per operation; and
- add(i,x) and remove(i) in O(1+n-i) time per operation.

Furthermore, beginning with an empty **RootishArrayStack**, any sequence of m add(i,x) and remove(i) operations results in a total of O(m) time spent during all calls to grow() and shrink().

The space (measured in words) used by a **RootishArrayStack** that stores n elements is $n + O(\sqrt{n})$.