Amortized Complexity

- ✓ Aggregate method.
- Accounting method.
- Potential function method.

Potential Function

- $P(i) = amortizedCost(i) – actualCost(i) + P(i – 1)$
- $\Sigma(P(i) – P(i – 1)) =$

  $\Sigma(amortizedCost(i) – actualCost(i))$
- $P(n) – P(0) = \Sigma(amortizedCost(i) – actualCost(i))$
- $P(n) – P(0) >= 0$
- When $P(0) = 0$, $P(i)$ is the amount by which the first i operations have been over charged.

Potential Function Example

	a	=	x	+	(	(	a	+	b	)	*	c	+	d	)	+	y	;
actual cost	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	7
amortized cost	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
potential	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	6	7	8	9	10	5	6	7	2

Potential = stack size except at end.

Accounting Method

- Guess the amortized cost.
- Show that P(n) – P(0) >= 0.

Accounting Method Example

```
create an empty stack;
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
    // n is number of symbols in statement
    processNextSymbol();
```

- Guess that amortized complexity of processNextSymbol is 2.
- Start with $P(0) = 0$.
- Can show that $P(i) >=$ number of elements on stack after ith symbol is processed.

Accounting Method Example

	a	=	x	+	(	(	a	+	b	)	*	c	+	d	)	+	y	;
actual cost	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	7
amortized cost	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
potential	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	6	7	8	9	10	5	6	7	2

- Potential >= number of symbols on stack.
- Therefore, $P(i) >= 0$ for all i.
- In particular, $P(n) >= 0$.

Potential Method

- Guess a suitable potential function for which $P(n) - P(0) >= 0$ for all n.
- Derive amortized cost of ith operation using
  $\Delta P = P(i) - P(i-1)$

  $= \text{amortized cost} - \text{actual cost}$
- amortized cost = actual cost + ΔP

Potential Method Example

```
create an empty stack;
 for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++)
     // n is number of symbols in statement
     processNextSymbol();
```

- Guess that the potential function is $P(i) =$ number of elements on stack after i^{th} symbol is processed (exception is $P(n) = 2$).
- $P(0) = 0$ and $P(i) - P(0) >= 0$ for all i.

i^{th} Symbol Is Not) or ;

- Actual cost of processNextSymbol is 1.
- Number of elements on stack increases by 1.
- $\Delta P = P(i) - P(i-1) = 1$.
- amortized cost = actual cost + ΔP

  $= 1 + 1 = 2$

i^{th} Symbol Is)

- Actual cost of processNextSymbol is #unstacked + 1.
- Number of elements on stack decreases by #unstacked –1.
- $\Delta P = P(i) - P(i-1) = 1 - \#unstacked$.
- amortized cost = actual cost + ΔP

$$= \#unstacked + 1 + (1 - \#unstacked)$$

$$= 2$$

i^{th} Symbol Is ;

- Actual cost of processNextSymbol is #unstacked = P(n–1).
- Number of elements on stack decreases by P(n–1).
- $\Delta P = P(n) - P(n-1) = 2 - P(n-1)$.
- amortized cost = actual cost + ΔP

$$= P(n-1) + (2 - P(n-1))$$

$$= 2$$

Binary Counter

- n-bit counter
- Cost of incrementing counter is number of bits that change.
- Cost of 001011 => 001100 is 3.
- Counter starts at 0.
- What is the cost of incrementing the counter m times?

Worst-Case Method

- Worst-case cost of an increment is n.
- Cost of 011111 => 100000 is 6.
- So, the cost of m increments is at most mn.

Aggregate Method

0 0 0 0 0

counter

- Each increment changes bit 0 (i.e., the right most bit).
- Exactly floor(m/2) increments change bit 1 (i.e., second bit from right).
- Exactly floor(m/4) increments change bit 2.

Aggregate Method

0 0 0 0 0

counter

- Exactly floor(m/8) increments change bit 3.
- So, the cost of m increments is $m + \text{floor}(m/2) + \text{floor}(m/4) + \ldots < 2m$
- Amortized cost of an increment is $2m/m = 2$.

Accounting Method

- Guess that the amortized cost of an increment is 2.
- Now show that P(m) – P(0) >= 0 for all m.
- 1^{st} increment:
  - one unit of amortized cost is used to pay for the change in bit 0 from 0 to 1.
  - the other unit remains as a credit on bit 0 and is used later to pay for the time when bit 0 changes from 1 to 0.

bits	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 1
credits	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 1

2^{nd} Increment.

bits	0 0 0 0 1	→	0 0 0 1 0
credits	0 0 0 0 1		0 0 0 1 0

- one unit of amortized cost is used to pay for the change in bit 1 from 0 to 1
- the other unit remains as a credit on bit 1 and is used later to pay for the time when bit 1 changes from 1 to 0
- the change in bit 0 from 1 to 0 is paid for by the credit on bit 0

3rd Increment.

bits	0 0 0 1 0	→	0 0 0 1 1
credits	0 0 0 1 0		0 0 0 1 1

- one unit of amortized cost is used to pay for the change in bit 0 from 0 to 1
- the other unit remains as a credit on bit 0 and is used later to pay for the time when bit 1 changes from 1 to 0

4^{th} Increment.

bits	0 0 0 1 1	→	0 0 1 0 0
credits	0 0 0 1 1		0 0 1 0 0

- one unit of amortized cost is used to pay for the change in bit 2 from 0 to 1
- the other unit remains as a credit on bit 2 and is used later to pay for the time when bit 2 changes from 1 to 0
- the change in bits 0 and 1 from 1 to 0 is paid for by the credits on these bits

Accounting Method

- $P(m) - P(0) = \Sigma(\text{amortizedCost}(i) - \text{actualCost}(i))$

  = amount by which the first m increments have been over charged

  = number of credits

  = number of 1s

  >= 0

Potential Method

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- amortized cost = actual cost + ΔP

Potential Method

- Guess $P(i)$ = number of 1s in counter after ith increment.
- $P(i) >= 0$ and $P(0) = 0$.
- Let q = # of 1s at right end of counter just before ith increment (01001111 => $q = 4$).
- Actual cost of ith increment is $1+q$.
- $\Delta P = P(i) - P(i-1) = 1 - q$ (0100111 => 0101000)
- amortized cost = actual cost + ΔP

$$= 1+q + (1 - q) = 2$$

Amortized analyses: dynamic table

- **A nice use of amortized analysis**
- **Operation**
  - **Table-insertion**
  - **table-deletion.**
- **Scenario:**
  - **A table – maybe a hash table**
  - **Do not know how large in advance**
  - **May expand with insertion**
  - **May contract with deletion**
  - **Detailed implementation is not important**

Amortized analyses: dynamic table

- **Goal:**
  - ***O*(1) amortized cost.**
  - **Unused space always ≤ constant fraction of allocated space.**

Dynamic table

- ***Load factor***
  - $\alpha = num/size$
  - where *num* = # items stored, *size* = allocated size.
- If *size* = 0, then *num* = 0. Call $\alpha = 1$.
- Never allow $\alpha > 1$.
- Keep α> a constant fraction → goal (2).

Dynamic table: expansion with insertion

- **Table expansion**
- **Consider only insertion.**
- **When the table becomes full, double its size and reinsert all existing items.**
- **Guarantees that $\alpha \geq 1/2$.**
- **Each time we actually insert an item into the table, it's an *elementary insertion*.**

```
TABLE-INSERT(T, x)
if size[T] = 0
    then allocate table[T] with 1 slot
         size[T] ← 1
if num[T] = size[T]
    then allocate new-table with 2 · size[T] slots
         insert all items in table[T] into new-table
         free table[T]
         table[T] ← new-table
         size[T] ← 2 · size[T]
insert x into table[T]
num[T] ← num[T] + 1
```

Aggregate analysis

- ***Running time:***
  - Charge 1 per elementary insertion.
- Count only elementary insertions,
  - all other costs together are constant per call.
- c_i = actual cost of ith operation
  - If not full, $c_i = 1$.
  - If full, have $i - 1$ items in the table at the start of the ith operation. Have to copy all $i - 1$ existing items, then insert ith item
    - $\Rightarrow c_i = i$

Aggregate analysis

- ***Cursory analysis:***
  - *n* **operations** $\Rightarrow$
  - $c_i = O(n) \Rightarrow$
  - $O(n^2)$ **time for** *n* **operations.**

- **Of course, we don't always expand:**
  - $c_i =$ i
  - **if** $i - 1$ **is exact power of 2 ,**

    1 otherwise .

Aggregate analysis

- ***So total cost =***
  - $\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i$
  - $\leq n +$

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

  - $\leq n+2n=3n$

- **Therefore, aggregate analysis says**
  - **amortized cost per operation = 3.**

Accounting analysis

- Charge \$3 per insertion of x.
  - \$1 pays for x's insertion.
  - \$1 pays for x to be moved in the future.
  - \$1 pays for some other item to be moved.
- Suppose we've just expanded
  - *size* = *m* before next expansion
  - *size* = 2*m* after next expansion.
- Assume that the expansion used up all the credit, so that there's no credit stored after the expansion

Accounting analysis

- **Will expand again after another *m* insertions.**
- **Each insertion will**
  - **put \$1 on one of the *m* items that were in the table just after expansion**
  - **put \$1 on the item inserted.**
- **Have \$2*m* of credit by next expansion**
- **when there are 2*m* items to move.**
- **Just enough to pay for the expansion, with no credit left over!**

Potential method

- $\Phi(T) = 2 \times num[T] - size[T]$
- Initially,
  - $num = size = 0$
  - $\Rightarrow \Phi = 0$.
- Just after expansion,
  - $size = 2 \cdot num$
  - $\Rightarrow \Phi = 0$.
- Just before expansion,
  - $size = num$
  - $\Rightarrow \Phi = num$
  - enough to pay for moving all items.

Potential method

- **Need**
  - $\Phi \geq 0$, always.
- **Always have**
  - $size \geq num \geq \frac{1}{2}\, size \Rightarrow$
  - $2 \cdot num \geq size \Rightarrow$
  - $\Phi \geq 0$.

Potential method

- ***Amortized cost of i^{th} operation:***
  - num_i = num after i^{th} operation ,
  - $size_i$ = $size$ after i^{th} operation ,
  - Φ_i = Φ after i^{th} operation .
- **If no expansion:**
  - $size_i$ =
  - $size_{i-1}$,
  - num_i =
  - $num_{i-1} + 1$,
  - $c_i = 1$.
- $C_i' = c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1}$
  - $= 1 + (2num_i - size_i) - (2num_{i-1} - size_{i-1})$
  - $=3$.

Potential method

- **If expansion:**
  - $size_i =$
  - $2size_{i-1}$,
  - $size_{i-1} =$
  - $num_{i-1} = num_i - 1$,
  - $c_i = num_{i-1} + 1 = num_i$.
- $C_i' = c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1}$
  - $= num_i + (2num_i - size_i) - (2num_{i-1} - size_{i-1})$
  - $= num_i + (2num_i - 2(num_i - 1)) - (2(num_i - 1) - (num_i - 1))$
  - $= num_i + 2 - (num_i - 1) = 3$

Expansion and contraction

- When α drops too low, contract the table.
  - Allocate a new, smaller one.
  - Copy all items.
- Still want
  - α bounded from below by a constant,
  - amortized cost per operation = $O(1)$.
- Measure cost in terms of elementary **insertions and deletions**.

Obvious strategy

- **Double size when inserting into a full table (when $\alpha = 1$, so that after insertion α would become <1).**

- **Halve size when deletion would make table less than half full (when $\alpha = 1/2$, so that after deletion α would become $>= 1/2$).**

- **Then always have $1/2 \leq \alpha \leq 1$.**

- **Something BAD happened…**

Obvious strategy

- **Suppose we fill table.**
  - **insert ⇒**
    - **double**
  - **2 deletes ⇒**
    - **halve**
  - **2 inserts ⇒**
    - **double**
  - **2 deletes ⇒**
    - **halve**
  - **. . .**
  - **Cost of each expansion or contraction is $\Theta(n)$, so total n operation will be $\Theta(n^2)$.**

Obvious strategy

- Problem is that:
  - Not performing enough operations after expansion or contraction to pay for the next one.
- Want to make sure that we perform enough operations between consecutive expansions/contractions to pay for the change in table size.

Simple solution

- Double as before: when inserting with $\alpha = 1$
  - $\Rightarrow$ after doubling, $\alpha = 1/2$.
- Halve size
  - when deleting with $\alpha = 1/4$
  - $\Rightarrow$ after halving, $\alpha = 1/2$.
- Thus, immediately after either expansion or contraction
  - $\alpha = 1/2$.
- Always have $1/4 \le \alpha \le 1$.

Simple solution

- Suppose we've just expanded/contracted
- Need to delete half the items before contraction.
- Need to double number of items before expansion.
- Either way, number of operations between expansions/contractions is at least a constant fraction of number of items copied.

Potential function

- $\Phi(T) = \begin{cases} 2num[T] - size[T] & \text{if } \alpha \geq \frac{1}{2} \\ size[T]/2 - num[T] & \text{if } \alpha < \frac{1}{2}. \end{cases}$
- T empty $\Rightarrow \Phi = 0$.
- $\alpha \geq 1/2 \Rightarrow$
  - $num \geq 1/2 size \Rightarrow$
  - $2num \geq size \Rightarrow$
  - $\Phi \geq 0$.
- $\alpha < 1/2 \Rightarrow$
  - $num < 1/2 size \Rightarrow$
  - $\Phi \geq 0$.

intuition

- measures how far from $\alpha = 1/2$ we are.
  - $\alpha = 1/2 \Rightarrow$
    - $\Phi = 2num - 2num = 0.$
  - $\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$
    - $\Phi = 2num - num$
    - $\quad = num.$
  - $\alpha = 1/4 \Rightarrow$
    - $\Phi = size/2 - num =$
    - $\quad = 4num/2 - num = num.$

intuition

- **Therefore, when we double or halve, have enough potential to pay for moving all *num* items.**
- **Potential increases linearly between $\alpha = 1/2$ and $\alpha = 1$, and it also increases linearly between $\alpha = 1/2$ and $\alpha = 1/4$.**
- **Since α has different distances to go to get to 1 or 1/4, starting from 1/2, rate of increase differs.**

intuition

- $\Phi(T) = 2\,num[T] - size[T]$ if $\alpha \geq ½$

- For α to go from 1/2 to 1,
  - *num* increases from *size*/2 to *size*, for a total increase of *size*/2.
  - Φ increases from 0 to *size*.
  - Φ needs to increase by 2 for each item inserted.
- That's why there's a coefficient of 2 on the *num*[*T*] term in the formula for when $\alpha \geq 1/2$.

intuition

- $\Phi(T) = size[T]/2 - num[T]$ if $\alpha < ½$.

- For α to go from 1/2 to ¼
  - *num* decreases from *size*/2 to *size* /4, for a total decrease of *size/4*.
  - Φ increases from 0 to *size/4*.
  - Φ needs to increase by 1 for each item deleted.
- That's why there's a coefficient of –1 on the $num[T]$ term in the formula for when $\alpha < 1/2$.

Amortized cost for each operation

- **Amortized costs: more cases**
  - **insert, delete**
  - **$\alpha \geq 1/2$, $\alpha < 1/2$ (use α_i, since α can vary a lot)**
  - ***size* does/doesn't change**
- **Exercise**