

# 算法设计与分析

## Lecture 3: Algorithm Analysis

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# PROBABILISTIC ANALYSIS



# Probabilistic Analysis

- Average-case analysis determines the **average (or expected) performance**.
  - The average time over all inputs of size  $n$ .
- The average-case analysis needs to know the probabilities of all input occurrences, i.e., it requires **prior knowledge of the input distribution**.
- Usually, to ease the analysis, we can use **probabilistic analysis** by simply assuming that all inputs of a given size **appear with equal probability**, i.e. draw from a uniform distribution.



# Linear Search

- The searching problem:  
Search an array  $A$  of size  $n$  to determine whether the array contains the value  $x$ ; return index if found, 0 if not found.
- Recall the strategy 1 of the phonebook example in Lecture 1. We check the name from the top one by one. This algorithm is called **linear search** for the searching problem.

LinearSearch( $A, x$ )

```
1   $k \leftarrow 1$   
2  while  $k \leq n$  and  $x \neq A[k]$  do  
3       $k \leftarrow k + 1$   
4  if  $k > n$  then return 0  
5  else return  $k$ 
```



# Probabilistic Analysis of Linear Search

- To simplify the analysis, let us assume:
  - $A[1 \dots n]$  contains the numbers 1 through  $n$ , which implies that all elements of  $A$  are distinct.
  - The search key  $x$  is in  $A$ .
  - The search key  $x$  is uniformly drawn from  $[1 \dots n]$ .
  - We only count the **number of key comparisons**.

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# Probabilistic Analysis of Linear Search

- Probability of  $x$  being found at index  $k$  is  $1/n$  for each value of  $k$ .
- If  $x = A[k]$ , then the number of comparison is  $k$ .
- Therefore, we can calculate the expected number of comparison by multiplying  $k$  with its probability  $1/n$  and then sum them up.
- So the number of comparison on the average is:

$$T(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \cdot k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{1}{n} \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{n+1}{2}.$$

- Hence, the average-case time complexity of `LinearSearch(A, x)` is  $\Theta(n)$ .
- Think: What if the key  $x$  is not uniform distributed?



# Probabilistic Analysis of Insertion Sort

- To simplify the analysis, let us assume:
  - $A[1..n]$  contains the numbers 1 through  $n$ , which implies that all elements of  $A$  are distinct.
  - All  $n!$  permutations of  $A$  appear with equal probability as the input.
  - We only count the **number of key comparisons**.

```
InsertSort(A)
1  for  $j \leftarrow 2$  to  $n$  do
2       $key \leftarrow A[j]$ 
3       $i \leftarrow j - 1$ 
4      while  $i > 0$  and  $A[i] > key$  do
5           $A[i + 1] \leftarrow A[i]$ 
6           $i \leftarrow i - 1$ 
7       $A[i + 1] \leftarrow key$ 
8  return  $A$ 
```



# Probabilistic Analysis of Insertion Sort

- For different input, the difference of running time is from  $t_j$ , namely, how many comparisons do we need before inserting the key.
- Now we consider inserting  $key = A[j]$  in the proper position in  $A[1 \dots j]$ .
- If its proper position is  $k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq j$ ), then the number of comparisons performed in order to insert  $key$  in  $A[k]$  is:

$$\begin{cases} j - 1, & \text{if } k = 1 \\ j - k + 1, & \text{if } 2 \leq k \leq j \end{cases}$$

- If  $k = 1$ , the condition in while loop  $i > 0$  is false and the comparison  $A[i] > key$  is not triggered.
- If  $2 \leq k \leq j$ , one more comparison  $A[i] > key$  is needed.





# Probabilistic Analysis of Insertion Sort

- Since the probability that its proper positions in  $A[1 \dots j]$  is  $1/j$ , so the number of comparisons needed to insert  $A[j]$  in its proper position in  $A[1 \dots j]$  is:

$$\frac{1}{j} \cdot (j-1) + \frac{1}{j} \sum_{k=2}^j (j-k+1) = \frac{1}{j} (j-1 + \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} k) = \frac{j}{2} - \frac{1}{j} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

- Hence the average number of comparisons performed by InsertSort( $A$ ) is:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j=2}^n \left( \frac{j}{2} - \frac{1}{j} + \frac{1}{2} \right) &= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} - \frac{1}{2} - \sum_{j=2}^n \frac{1}{j} + \frac{n-1}{2} \\ &= \frac{n^2}{4} + \frac{3n}{4} - \sum_{j=2}^n \frac{1}{j} = \Theta(n^2). \end{aligned}$$

↖ What is the order of this term?



# The Hiring Problem

- The problem scenario:
  - You are using an employment agency to hire a new office assistant.
  - The agency sends you **one candidate each day**.
  - You interview the candidate and must **immediately** hire the new one and fire the current one, if the new candidate is better.
  - Cost of interview is  $C_i$  and cost of hiring is  $C_h$ .
- If we hire  $m$  of  $n$  candidates finally, the cost will be  $O(nC_i + mC_h)$ .
- However,  $m$  varies with each run.
  - It depends on the order in which we interview the candidates.



# The Hiring Problem

HireAssistant( $n$ )

1  $best \leftarrow 0$

2 **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $n$  **do**

3     interview candidate  $i$

4     **if** candidate  $i$  is better than candidate  $best$  **then**

5          $best \leftarrow i$

6     hire candidate  $i$ .



# Analysis of the Hiring Problem

- Best case
  - We just hire one candidate only.
    - The first is the best. Good luck thanks god.
  - Cost:  $\Omega(nC_i + C_h)$ .
- Worst case
  - We hire all  $n$  candidates.
    - Each candidate is better than the current hired one. What a tough life!
  - Cost:  $O(nC_i + nC_h)$ .
- What is the average case?



# Probabilistic Analysis of the Hiring Problem

- In general, we have no control over the order in which candidates appear.
- We just assume that they come in a random order.
  - The interview score list  $S$  is equivalent to a permutation of the candidate numbers  $\langle 1, 2, 3, \dots, n \rangle$ .
  - $S$  is equally likely to be any one of the  $n!$  permutations. Each of the possible  $n!$  permutations appears with equal probability.



# Probabilistic Analysis of the Hiring Problem

- Candidate  $i$  is hired if and only if candidate  $i$  is better than each of candidates  $1, 2, \dots, i - 1$ .
- Base on the assumption that the candidates arrive in random order, **any one of these  $i$  candidates is equally likely to be the best one so far.**
- Thus, the probability of hiring candidate  $i$  is  $1/i$ . The average cost of hiring is:

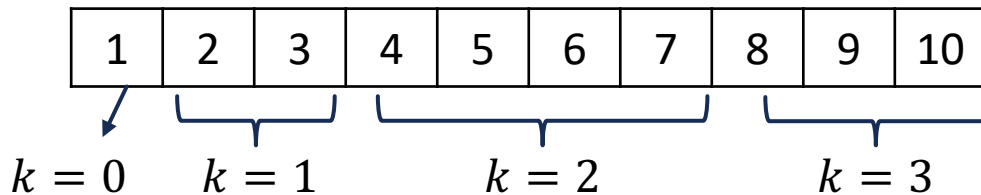
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \cdot C_h = C_h \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} \stackrel{???}{=} O(C_h \lg n).$$

- Thus, the averaged-case hiring cost is  $O(\lg n)$ , which is much better than the worst-case cost of  $O(n)$ .



# Probabilistic Analysis of the Hiring Problem

- $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$  is called the  $n$ th **harmonic number** (调和数).
- It has a bound of  $O(\lg n)$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i} &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} \sum_{j=0}^{2^k-1} \frac{1}{2^k + j} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} \sum_{j=0}^{2^k-1} \frac{1}{2^k} \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} 1 \\ &\leq \lg n + 1. \end{aligned}$$



# Examples of Probabilistic Analysis

## Example 1: the Hat-Check Problem

- Each of  $n$  customers gives a hat to a hat-check person at a restaurant.
- The hat-check person gives the hats back to the customers in a random order.
- What is the expected number of customers that get back their own hat?





# Examples of Probabilistic Analysis

## Example 1 (cont'd)

- Because there are  $n$  hats and the ordering of hats is random, each customer has a probability of  $1/n$  of getting back his or her own hat.
- Now we can compute the expected number of all customers:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} = 1.$$



# Examples of Probabilistic Analysis

## Example 2

- Assume that 12 passengers enter an elevator at the basement and independently choose to exit randomly at one of the 10 above-ground floors.
- What is the expected number of stops that the elevator will have to make?



# Examples of Probabilistic Analysis

## Example 2 (cont'd)

- Denote the event that the elevator stops at the  $i$ th level as  $H_i$ .
- $\Pr\{H_i\} = 1 - \Pr\{\overline{H_i}\} = 1 - (1 - 1/10)^{12} = 1 - (9/10)^{12}$ .
  - $\overline{H_i}$ : the elevator does not stop (no passenger exit) at the  $i$ th level.
- Now we can compute expected number of stops:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} (1 - 0.9^{12}) = 10(1 - 0.9^{12}) \approx 7.176.$$



# Classroom Exercise

- Let  $A[1 \dots n]$  be an array of  $n$  distinct numbers. If  $i < j$  and  $A[i] > A[j]$ , then the pair  $(i, j)$  is called an inversion of  $A$ .
- Suppose that each element of  $A$  is generated by randomly permutation. What is the expected number of inversions.



# Classroom Exercise

## Solution:

- Denote the event  $i < j$  and  $A[i] > A[j]$  as  $H_{ij}$ .
- Given two distinct random numbers, the probability that the first is bigger than the second is  $1/2$ . We have  $\Pr\{H_{ij}\} = 1/2$ .
- Now we can compute expected number of inversions by sum over of the pairs in the array:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n \frac{1}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{n(n-1)}{4}.$$





# AMORTIZED ANALYSIS



# Amortized Analysis

- In some algorithms, the average-case performance is difficult to be determined because each operation takes different time.
- We can perform a sequence of such operations and average over the total time of all the operations performed. This is called **amortized analysis (分摊分析)**.
- Amortized analysis differs from average-case analysis in that **probability is not involved**.
- An amortized analysis guarantees the average performance of each operation **in the worst case**.



# Amortized Analysis

- The key idea of amortized analysis:

If each single is different, but the total is fixed, we count the total and then calculate the average.

- Base on this idea, there are three methods:
  - Aggregate method (合计方法)
  - Accounting Method (记账方法)
  - Potential method (势能方法)





# Aggregate Method

- In **aggregate method (合计方法)**, we show that for all  $n$ , a sequence of  $n$  operations takes worst-case time  $T(n)$  in total.
- In the worst case, the average cost, or **amortized cost**, per operation is therefore  $T(n)/n$ .
- Note that this amortized cost applies to each operation, even when there are several types of operations in the sequence.



# MultiPop Operation

- Consider stack operations on stack  $S$ :
  - $\text{Push}(S, x)$  pushes object  $x$  onto stack  $S$ .
  - $\text{Pop}(S)$  pops the top of stack  $S$  and returns the popped object.
- Since each of these operations runs in  $O(1)$  time, let us consider the cost of each to be 1.
- The total cost of a sequence of  $n$  Push and Pop operations is therefore  $n$ , and the actual running time for  $n$  operations is therefore  $\Theta(n)$ .



# MultiPop Operation

- Now we add a new stack operation  $\text{MultiPop}(S, k)$ : remove the  $k$  top objects of stack  $S$  or pop the entire stack if it contains fewer than  $k$  objects.
- What is the running time of  $\text{MultiPop}(S, k)$  on a stack of  $s$  objects?
  - It varies for different  $S$ .

$\text{MultiPop}(S, k)$

```
1 while not StackEmpty( $S$ ) and  $k \neq 0$  do
2   Pop( $S$ )
3    $k \leftarrow k - 1$ 
```

top  $\longrightarrow$  23

17

6

39

10

47

top  $\longrightarrow$  10

47

$\text{MultiPop}(S, 4)$      $\text{MultiPop}(S, 7)$



# Aggregate Method for MultiPop Operation

- Let us analyze a sequence of  $n$  Push, Pop, and MultiPop operations on an initially empty stack.

Push( $S$ , 1), Push( $S$ , 2), Pop( $S$ ), Push( $S$ , 4), MultiPop( $S$ , 2), ...

$\underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_n$

- For a stack with at most  $n$  elements, the worst-case time of MultiPop is  $O(n)$ , and we may have  $O(n)$  MultiPop operations. Hence a sequence of  $n$  MultiPop operations costs  $O(n^2)$ .
- This analysis is correct but **the upper bound is too high**. We have at most  $n$  elements to pop. How does  $O(n^2)$  come?
  - This upper bound situation will never be happened, because it is impossible to pop  $n$  elements in MultiPop for  $n$  times.



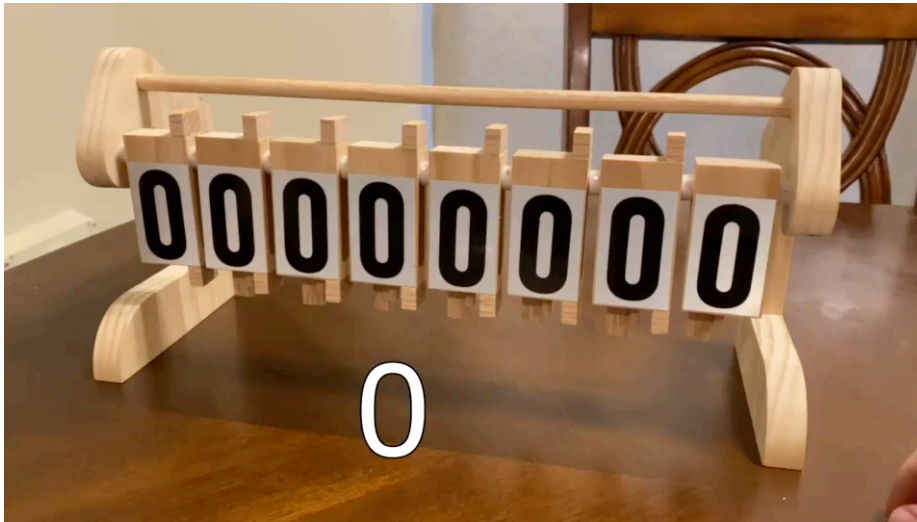
# Aggregate Method for MultiPop Operation

- Notice: each element is popped **at most once** after it is pushed into a stack.
- Therefore, the total number of Pop (include the ones in MultiPop) operations is at most  $n$ .
- Therefore, any sequence of  $n$  Push, Pop, and MultiPop operations on an initially empty stack can cost at most  $O(n)$ .
- The average cost of an operation is  $O(n)/n = O(1)$ .
  - Although it looks like  $O(n)$ .



# Binary Counter

- Consider the problem of implementing a  $k$ -bit binary counter ( $k$ 位二进制计数器) that counts upward from 0.
  - We use an array  $A[0 \dots k - 1]$  of bits as the counter.
  - The lowest-order bit is in  $A[0]$  and the highest-order bit is in  $A[k - 1]$ .



A wooden 8-bit binary counter

```
Increment( $A$ )  
1  $i \leftarrow 0$   
2 while  $i < n$  and  $A[i] = 1$  do  
3      $A[i] \leftarrow 0$   
4      $i \leftarrow i + 1$   
5 if  $i < n$  then  
6      $A[i] \leftarrow 1$ 
```



# Binary Counter

Counter value	A[7]	A[6]	A[5]	A[4]	A[3]	A[2]	A[1]	A[0]	total cost
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8
6	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	10
7	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	11
8	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15
9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	16
10	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	18
11	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	19
12	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	22
13	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	23
14	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	25
15	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	26
16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	31



# Aggregate Method for Binary Counter

- What is the average cost of a single execution of Increment, if we count the number of bits flipped as the cost?
- Follow the idea of amortized analysis, we consider a sequence of  $n$  Increment operations on an initially zero counter.
- In the worst case, array  $A$  contains all 1. A single execution of Increment takes time  $O(k)$ . Thus, the whole sequence takes  $O(nk)$ .
- Will this worst case happen?





# Aggregate Method for Binary Counter

- We can observe:
  - $A[0]$  is flipped for every execution.
  - $A[1]$  is flipped for every two executions, i.e.  $A[1]$  is flipped  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  times for each execution.
  - $A[2]$  is flipped for every four executions, i.e.  $A[2]$  is flipped  $\lfloor n/4 \rfloor$  times for each execution.
  - ...
  - $A[i]$  is flipped for every  $2^i$  executions, i.e.  $A[i]$  is flipped  $\lfloor n/2^i \rfloor$  times for each execution.



# Aggregate Method for Binary Counter

- Therefore, the total number of flips for  $n$  execution of Increment is:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^i} \right\rfloor < n \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} = 2n.$$

- The worst-case time for a sequence of  $n$  Increment operations on an initially zero counter is therefore  $O(n)$ .
- The average cost of each operation, and therefore the amortized cost per operation, is  $O(n)/n = O(1)$ .



# Accounting Method

- Accounting method (记账方法): Assign differing charges to different operations, with some operations charged **more or less than they actually cost**. The amount we charge an operation is called its **amortized cost**.
- When an operation's amortized cost **exceeds its actual cost**, the difference is assigned to specific objects in the data structure as **credit (存款)**.
- Credit can be used later on to help pay for operations whose amortized cost is **less than their actual cost**.



# Accounting Method

- We denote:
  - $c_i$ : the actual cost of the  $i$ th operation.
  - $\hat{c}_i$ : the amortized cost of the  $i$ th operation.
- For the sequence of all  $n$  operations, we require:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{c}_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^n c_i$$

- The total credit associated with the data structure must be nonnegative at all times.



# Accounting Method for MultiPop Operation

Recall the stack operations. The actual costs of the operations are:

Push 1,

Pop 1,

MultiPop  $\min(k, s)$ .

The amortized costs by accounting method are:

Push 2,

Pop 0,

MultiPop 0.



# Accounting Method for MultiPop Operation

- Suppose we use a \$1 to represent each unit of cost. We start with an empty stack.
- When we push an element on the stack, we use \$1 to pay the actual cost of the push and are left with a credit of \$1 (out of the \$2 charged).
  - At any point in time, every element on the stack has \$1 of credit on it, which is for the cost of popping it.
  - To pop (from Pop or MultiPop) an element, we take the dollar of credit off the element and use it to pay the actual cost of the operation.
  - Thus, by charging the Push operation a little bit more, we needn't charge the Pop operation anymore.
- Thus, for any sequence of  $n$  Push, Pop, and MultiPop operations, the total amortized cost is  $O(n)$ .



# Accounting Method for Binary Counter

- Let us once again use \$1 to represent each unit of cost.
- For the accounting method, let us charge an amortized cost of \$2 to set a bit to 1.
  - When a bit is set to 1, we use \$1 to pay for the actual setting, and the other \$1 for preparing flipping the bit back to 0.
  - The cost of setting the bits to 0 within the while loop is paid by the dollars on the bits when they are set to 1.
  - Thus, the amortized cost for setting bits to 0 in the while loop becomes 0, and the amortized cost of setting bits to 1 in Line 6 of Increment is \$2.
- Thus, for  $n$  Increment operations, the total amortized cost is  $O(n)$ , which bounds the total actual cost.



# Potential Method

- In accounting method, we associate credits with elements in the data structure.
- Similarly, in **potential method (势能方法)**, we store “potential” of the data structure for future operations.
  - We start with an initial data structure  $D_0$  on which  $n$  operations are performed.
  - Let  $D_i$  be the data structure that results after applying the  $i$ th operation to data structure  $D_{i-1}$ , for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
  - A potential function  $\Phi$  maps each data structure  $D_i$  to a real number  $\Phi(D_i)$ , which is the potential associated with data structure  $D_i$ .





# Potential Method

- Let  $c_i$  be the actual cost of the  $i$ th operation.
- The amortized cost  $\hat{c}_i$  of the  $i$ th operation with respect to potential function  $\Phi$  is defined by

$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}).$$

- The total amortized cost of the  $n$  operations is

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{c}_i &= \sum_{i=1}^n (c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1})) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i + \Phi(D_n) - \Phi(D_0).\end{aligned}$$



# Potential Method

- Just like accounting method, we can pay for future operations by potential in potential method.
- If we can define a potential function  $\Phi$  so that  $\Phi(D_n) \geq \Phi(D_0)$ , then the total amortized cost is an **upper bound** on the total actual cost.
  - It is often convenient to define  $\Phi(D_0) = 0$  and the  $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for all  $i$ .
- We consider the potential difference  $\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1})$  for the  $i$ th operation:
  - If it is **positive**,  $\hat{c}_i$  represents an **overcharge** to the  $i$ th operation, and the potential of the data structure **increases**.
  - If it is **negative**,  $\hat{c}_i$  represents an **undercharge** to the  $i$ th operation, and the actual cost of the operation is paid by the **decrease** in the potential.



# Potential Method for MultiPop Operation

- Define the potential function:  
 $\Phi(D_i)$  = number of objects in the stack after the  $i$ th operation.
- Starting from the empty stack  $D_0$ , we have  $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ .
- Since the number of objects in the stack is never negative, the stack  $D_i$  that results after the  $i$ th operation has nonnegative potential, and thus  $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0 = \Phi(D_0)$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq n$ .
- The total amortized cost of  $n$  operations with respect to  $\Phi$  therefore represents an **upper bound** on the actual cost.



# Potential Method for MultiPop Operation

- If the  $i$ th operation on a stack containing  $s$  objects is a Push operation:

- The potential difference is

$$\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = (s + 1) - s = 1.$$

- The amortized cost is

$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 + 1 = 2.$$

- If the  $i$ th operation on the stack is MultiPop( $S, k$ ) and that  $k' = \min(k, s)$  objects are popped off the stack.

- The potential difference is

$$\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = -k'.$$

- The amortized cost is

$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = k' - k' = 0.$$

- Similarly, the amortized cost of a Pop operation is also 0.



# Potential Method for MultiPop Operation

- The amortized cost of each of the three operations is  $O(1)$ , and thus the total amortized cost of a sequence of  $n$  operations is  $O(n)$ .
- Since we have already argued that  $\Phi(D_i) \geq \Phi(D_0)$ , the total amortized cost of  $n$  operations is an upper bound on the total actual cost.



# Potential Method for Binary Counter

- Define the potential function:

$\Phi(D_i)$  = the number of 1's in the counter after the  $i$ th operation.

- Suppose that the  $i$ th Increment operation sets  $t_i$  bits to 0.
  - If  $\Phi(D_i) = 0$ , then the  $i$ th operation resets all  $k$  bits, and so  $\Phi(D_{i-1}) = t_i = k$ .
  - If  $\Phi(D_i) > 0$ , then  $\Phi(D_i) = \Phi(D_{i-1}) - t_i + 1$ .
- In either case, we have  $\Phi(D_i) \leq \Phi(D_{i-1}) - t_i + 1$ .



# Potential Method for Binary Counter

- The actual cost  $c_i$  is at most  $t_i + 1$  (set  $t_i$  bits to 0, and set at most one bit to 1).
- The potential difference after the  $i$ th operation is
$$\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) \leq (\Phi(D_{i-1}) - t_i + 1) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 - t_i.$$
- The amortized cost is therefore
$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) \leq (t_i + 1) + (1 - t_i) = 2.$$
- Since  $\Phi(D_i) \geq 0$  for all  $i$ , the total amortized cost of a sequence of  $n$  Increment operations is an upper bound on the total actual cost, and so the worst-case cost of  $n$  Increment operations is  $O(n)$ .



# Classroom Exercise

Dynamic table insertion:

1. Initial table size  $m = 1$ ;
  2. Insert elements until the number of elements in the table  $n > m$ ;
  3. Generate a new table of size  $2m$ ;
  4. Reinsert the elements in old table into the new one;
  5. Back to step 2.
- Use amortized analysis to analyze the average cost of dynamic table insertion. We only consider the cost of insertion (no cost for table generation).

For example, insert 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 one by one:

- insert 1: cost 1
- insert 2: cost 2
- insert 3: cost 3
- insert 4: cost 1
- insert 5: cost 5
- insert 6,7,8: cost 3
- insert 9: cost 9
- insert 10: cost 1





# Classroom Exercise

## Solution (aggregate method):

- The  $i$ th operation causes an expansion only when  $i - 1$  is an exact power of 2. The cost of the  $i$ th operation is

$$c_i = \begin{cases} i & \text{if } i - 1 \text{ is an exact power of 2,} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- The total cost of a sequence of  $n$  dynamic table insertion operations is

$$\sum_{i=1}^n c_i \leq n + \sum_{j=0}^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor} 2^j < n + 2n = 3n.$$

- Since the total cost of  $n$  operations is  $O(n)$ , the amortized cost of a single operation is  $O(1)$ .



# Classroom Exercise

## Solution (accounting method):

- Assume that  $m$  is a power of 2.
- When we are inserting the  $(m + 1)$ th element in the table, we expand the table to  $2m$ .
- We charge each insertion operation \$3 (amortized cost).
  - Use \$1 to perform immediate insert.
  - Store \$2 as credit for future use.
- When we have  $2m$  elements, we expand the table to  $4m$ :
  - \$1 is used to re-insert the item itself (items from  $m + 1$  to  $2m$ ).
  - \$1 is used to re-insert another old item (items from 1 to  $m$ ).



# Classroom Exercise

## Solution (potential method):

- Define the potential function:

$$\Phi(D_i) = 2 \cdot \text{num}[T] - \text{size}[T].$$

- $\text{num}[T]$  is the number of elements in  $T$ .
- $\text{size}[T]$  is the size of the table.
- $\Phi(T_0) = 0$  and  $\Phi(T)$  is always  $\geq 0$ .
  - Immediately after an expansion, we have  $\text{num}[T] = \text{size}[T]/2$ , and thus  $\Phi(T) = 0$ .
  - Immediately before an expansion, we have  $\text{num}[T] = \text{size}[T]$ , and thus  $\Phi(T) = \text{num}[T]$ .



# Classroom Exercise

- If the  $i$ th TABLE-INSERT operation does not trigger an expansion, then we have  $size[T_i] = size[T_{i-1}]$  and the amortized cost of the operation is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c}_i &= c_i + \Phi(T_i) - \Phi(T_{i-1}) \\ &= 1 + (2 \cdot num(T_i) - size(T_i)) - (2 \cdot num(T_{i-1}) - size(T_{i-1})) \\ &= 1 + 2(num(T_i) - num(T_{i-1})) = 3.\end{aligned}$$

- If the  $i$ th operation does trigger an expansion, then we have  $size[T_i] = 2 \cdot size[T_{i-1}]$  and  $num[T_{i-1}] = size[T_{i-1}]$ . Thus, the amortized cost of the operation is

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{c}_i &= c_i + \Phi(T_i) - \Phi(T_{i-1}) \\ &= num[T_i] + (2 \cdot num[T_i] - size[T_i]) - (2 \cdot num[T_{i-1}] - size[T_{i-1}]) \\ &= num[T_i] + (2 \cdot num[T_i] - 2 \cdot num[T_{i-1}]) - num[T_{i-1}] \\ &= 3 \cdot num[T_i] - 3 \cdot num[T_{i-1}] = 3.\end{aligned}$$



# Summary of Amortized Analysis

- When should we use amortized analysis, rather than probabilistic analysis? **We can't determine each single, but we know the total.**
  - Amortized analysis always gives the upper bound.
  - For accounting method and potential method, some tricky design is needed.
- For a sorting algorithm for  $n$  arrays, we can't determine each single, nor the total. Hence amortized analysis is not applicable for it.





# EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS



# Problem of Theoretical Analysis

- Previous analysis are based on asymptotic notations. However, there are also some issues when we are dealing with real-world problems.
  - Asymptotic notations only consider the case when the size tends to infinity.
- Which of the algorithm with the following complexity will you choose?

$$10^5 n \text{ vs. } n^2$$

- Based on asymptotic notations, we choose the one with  $10^5 n$ .
- However, if our input scale only range from 1 to  $10^5$ , we should choose the one with  $n^2$ .



# Empirical Analysis

- Empirical analysis (实验分析) is most useful for hard problem or randomized algorithm.
  - Data generation (benchmark).
  - Algorithm implement (software and hardware).
  - Result analysis (visualization).





# Conclusion

After this lecture, you should know:

- Why do we need probabilistic analysis?
- How to use probabilistic analysis for average case analysis?
- Which case is suitable for applying amortized analysis?
- What are the differences among three amortized analysis methods?



# Homework

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