


# Amortized Analysis and Heaps Intro


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## Admin

- Homeworks 4 and 5 back soon
- How are the homeworks going?



## Extensible array



Sequential locations in memory in linear order


Elements are accessed via index

- Access of particular indices is  $O(1)$

Say we want to implement an array that supports *add* (i.e. *addToBack*)

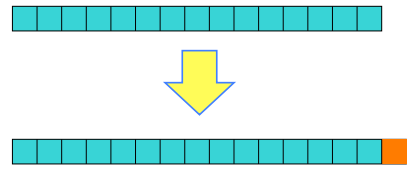
- ArrayList or Vector in Java
- arrays in Python, perl, Ruby, ...

How can we do it?




## Extensible array


Idea 1: Each time we call *add*, create a new array one element large, copy the data over and add the element



Running time:  $\Theta(n)$

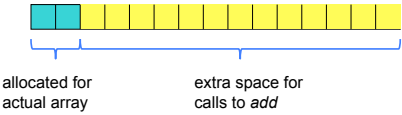


### Extensible array




Idea 2: Allocate extra, unused memory and save room to add elements

For example: `new ArrayList(2)`



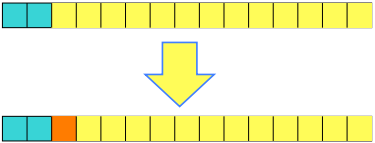
allocated for actual array      extra space for calls to *add*

### Extensible array




Idea 2: Allocate extra, unused memory and save room to add elements

Adding an item:




Running time:  $\Theta(1)$       Problems?

### Extensible array




Idea 2: Allocate extra, unused memory and save room to add elements

How much extra space do we allocate?




Too little, and we might run out (e.g. add 15 items)



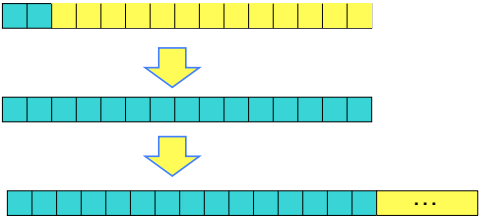
Too much, and we waste lots of memory      Ideas?

### Extensible array



Idea 3: Allocate some extra memory and when it fills up, allocate some more and copy

For example: `new ArrayList(2)`



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Running time:  $\Theta(n)$

### Extensible array

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How much extra memory should we allocate?

### Extensible array

Challenge: most of the calls to `add` will be  $O(1)$

How else might we talk about runtime?

What is the **average** running time of `add` in the **worst case**?

- Note this is different than the *average-case* running time

### Amortized analysis

What does "amortize" mean?

**am-or-tized** | **am-or-tiz-ing**

Definition of AMORTIZE [↗](#) [Like](#)

- to pay off (as a mortgage) gradually usually by periodic payments of principal and interest or by payments to a sinking fund
- to gradually reduce or write off the cost or value of (as an asset) *<amortize goodwill>* *<amortize machinery>*

— **am-or-tiz-able** [adj](#) adjective

## Amortized analysis

There are many situations where the worst case running time is bad

However, if we average the operations over  $n$  operations, the average time is more reasonable

This is called *amortized* analysis

- This is different than average-case running time, which requires probabilistic reasoning about input
- The worst case running time doesn't change



## Amortized analysis

Many approaches for calculating the amortized analysis

- we'll just look at the counting/aggregate method
- book has others

aggregate method

- figure out the big-O runtime for a sequence of  $n$  calls
- divide by  $n$  to get the average run-time per call



## Amortized analysis

What is the aggregate cost of  $n$  calls?

Let's assume it's  $O(1)$  and then prove it

Base case: size 1 array, add an element:  $O(1)$

Inductive case: assume  $n-1$  calls are  $O(1)$ , show that  $n$ th call is  $O(1)$

Two cases:

- array need to be doubled
- array does need to be doubled



## Amortized analysis

What is the aggregate cost of  $n$  calls?

Case 1: doesn't need doubling

- just add the element into the current array
- $O(1)$

Case 2: need doubling

- $O(n)$  operation to copy all the data over
- Overall cost of  $n$ -insertions:
  - $n-1 \cdot O(1) + O(n) = O(n)$
- Amortized cost:  $O(n)/n = O(1)$

We amortize (spread) the cost of the  $O(n)$  operation over all of the previous  $O(1)$  operations



## Amortized analysis

Another way we could have done the analysis would be to calculate the total cost over  $n$  operations

Assume we start with an empty array with 1 location. What is the cost to insert  $n$  items?

$$\text{total\_cost}(n) = \text{basic\_cost}(n) + \text{double\_cost}(n)$$

$$\text{basic\_cost}(n) = O(n) \quad \text{double\_cost}(n) \leq 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 16 + \dots + n = 2n$$

$$\text{total\_cost}(n) = O(n) \quad \text{amortized } O(1)$$

## Amortized analysis vs. worse case

What is the worse case of *add*?

- Still  $O(n)$
- If you have an application that needs it to be  $O(1)$ , this implementation **will not work!**

amortized analysis give you the cost of  $n$  operations (i.e. average cost) **not** the cost of any individual operation

## Extensible arrays

What if instead of doubling the array, we add instead increase the array by a fixed amount (call it  $k$ ) each time

Is the amortized run-time still  $O(1)$ ?

- No!
- Why?

## Amortized analysis

Consider the cost of  $n$  insertions for some constant  $k$

$$\text{total\_cost}(n) = \text{basic\_cost}(n) + \text{double\_cost}(n)$$

$$\text{basic\_cost}(n) = O(n) \quad \text{double\_cost}(n) = k + 2k + 3k + 4k + 5k + \dots + n$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^{n/k} ki \\ &= k \sum_{i=1}^{n/k} i \\ &= k \frac{n}{k} \left( \frac{n}{k} + 1 \right) \\ &= k \frac{n}{2} = O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

## Amortized analysis

Consider the cost of  $n$  insertions for some constant  $k$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{total\_cost}(n) &= O(n) + O(n^2) \\ &= O(n^2) \end{aligned}$$

amortized  $O(n)$ !

## Another set data structure

We want to support fast lookup and insertion (i.e. faster than linear)

Arrays can easily be made to be fast for one or the other

- fast search: keep list sorted
  - $O(n)$  insert
  - $O(\log n)$  search
- fast insert: extensible array
  - $O(1)$  insert (amortized)
  - $O(n)$  search

## Another set data structure

Idea: store data in a collection of arrays

- array  $i$  has size  $2^i$
- an array is either full or empty (never partially full)
- each array is stored in sorted order
- no relationship between arrays

## Another set data structure

Which arrays are full and empty are based on the number of elements

- specifically, binary representation of the number of elements
- 4 items = 100 =  $A_2$ -full,  $A_1$ -empty,  $A_0$ -empty
- 11 items = 1011 =  $A_3$ -full,  $A_2$ -empty,  $A_1$ -full,  $A_0$ -full

$A_0$ : [5]  
 $A_1$ : [4, 8]  
 $A_2$ : empty  
 $A_3$ : [2, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 20, 25]

Lookup: binary search through each array

- **Worse case runtime?**

## Another set data structure

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Lookup: binary search through each array

Worse case: all arrays are full

- number of arrays = number of digits =  $\log n$
- binary search cost for each array =  $O(\log n)$
- $O(\log n \log n)$



## Another set data structure

Insert( $A$ , item)

- starting at  $i = 0$
- current = [item]
- as long as the level  $i$  is full
  - merge current with  $A_i$  using *merge* procedure
  - store to current
  - $A_i = \text{empty}$
  - $i++$
- $A_i = \text{current}$



## Insert 5

$A_0$ : empty

Insert

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### Insert 6

$A_0$ : [5]

Insert

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- $A_i$  = current




### Insert 6

$A_0$ : empty  
 $A_1$ : [5, 6]

Insert

- starting at  $i = 0$
- current = [item]
- as long as the level  $i$  is full
  - merge current with  $A_i$  using *merge* procedure
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### Insert 12

$A_0$ : empty  
 $A_1$ : [5, 6]

Insert

- starting at  $i = 0$
- current = [item]
- as long as the level  $i$  is full
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### Insert 12

$A_0$ : [12]  
 $A_1$ : [5, 6]

Insert

- starting at  $i = 0$
- current = [item]
- as long as the level  $i$  is full
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- $A_i$  = current





**Insert 4**

$A_0$ : [12]  
 $A_1$ : [5, 6]

## Insert

- starting at  $i = 0$
- current = [item]
- as long as the level  $i$  is full
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  - store to current
  - $A_i$  = empty
  - $i++$
- $A_i$  = current

**Insert 4**

$A_0$ : empty  
 $A_1$ : empty  
 $A_2$ : [4, 5, 6, 12]

## Insert

- starting at  $i = 0$
- current = [item]
- as long as the level  $i$  is full
  - merge current with  $A_i$  using *merge* procedure
  - store to current
  - $A_i$  = empty
  - $i++$
- $A_i$  = current

**Insert 23**

$A_0$ : empty  
 $A_1$ : empty  
 $A_2$ : [4, 5, 6, 12]

## Insert

- starting at  $i = 0$
- current = [item]
- as long as the level  $i$  is full
  - merge current with  $A_i$  using *merge* procedure
  - store to current
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- $A_i$  = current

**Insert 23**

$A_0$ : [23]  
 $A_1$ : empty  
 $A_2$ : [4, 5, 6, 12]

## Insert

- starting at  $i = 0$
- current = [item]
- as long as the level  $i$  is full
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## Another set data structure

### Insert

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running time?

## Insert running time

### Worse case

- merge at each level
- $2 + 4 + 8 + \dots + n/2 + n = O(n)$

There are many insertions that won't fall into this worse case

What is the amortized worse case for insertion?

## insert: amortized analysis

Consider inserting  $n$  numbers

- how many times will  $A_0$  be empty?
- how many times will we need to merge with  $A_0$ ?
- how many times will we need to merge with  $A_1$ ?
- how many times will we need to merge with  $A_2$ ?
- ...
- how many times will we need to merge with  $A_{\log n}$ ?

## insert: amortized analysis

Consider inserting  $n$  numbers

- |  | times |
|--|-------|
| • how many times will $A_0$ be empty?                      | $n/2$ |
| • how many times will we need to merge with $A_0$ ?        | $n/2$ |
| • how many times will we need to merge with $A_1$ ?        | $n/4$ |
| • how many times will we need to merge with $A_2$ ?        | $n/8$ |
| • ...  |       |
| • how many times will we need to merge with $A_{\log n}$ ? | 1     |

cost of each of these steps?

## insert: amortized analysis

- Consider inserting  $n$  numbers
 

	times	cost
• how many times will $A_0$ be empty?	$n/2$	$O(1)$
• how many times will we need to merge with $A_0$ ?	$n/2$	2
• how many times will we need to merge with $A_1$ ?	$n/4$	4
• how many times will we need to merge with $A_2$ ?	$n/8$	8
• ...		
• how many times will we need to merge with $A_{\log n}$ ?	1	$n$

total cost:

## insert: amortized analysis

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• how many times will we need to merge with $A_{\log n}$ ?	1	$n$

total cost:  $\log n$  levels \*  $O(n)$  each level  
 $O(n \log n)$  cost for  $n$  inserts  
 $O(\log n)$  amortized cost!

## Binary heap

A binary tree where the value of a parent is greater than or equal to the value of its children

Additional restriction: all levels of the tree are **complete** except the last

Max heap vs. min heap

## Binary heap - operations

Maximum(S) - return the largest element in the set

ExtractMax(S) - Return and remove the largest element in the set

Insert(S, val) - insert val into the set

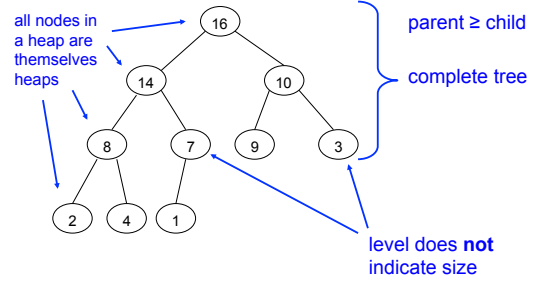
IncreaseElement(S, x, val) - increase the value of element x to val

BuildHeap(A) - build a heap from an array of elements

## Binary heap

How can we represent a heap?

## Binary heap - references



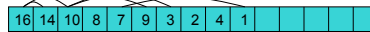
## Binary heap - array

PARENT( $i$ )  
 return  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$

LEFT( $i$ )  
 return  $2i$

RIGHT( $i$ )  
 return  $2i + 1$

## Binary heap - array



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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### Binary heap - array

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

PARENT(*i*)                      Left child of A[3]?  
 return  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$

LEFT(*i*)  
 return  $2i$

RIGHT(*i*)  
 return  $2i + 1$

### Binary heap - array

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

PARENT(*i*)                      Left child of A[3]?  
 return  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$

$2 * 3 = 6$

LEFT(*i*)  
 return  $2i$

RIGHT(*i*)  
 return  $2i + 1$

### Binary heap - array

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

PARENT(*i*)                      Parent of A[8]?  
 return  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$

LEFT(*i*)  
 return  $2i$

RIGHT(*i*)  
 return  $2i + 1$

### Binary heap - array

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

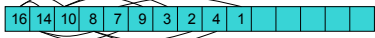
PARENT(*i*)                      Parent of A[8]?  
 return  $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor$

$\lfloor 8 / 2 \rfloor = 4$

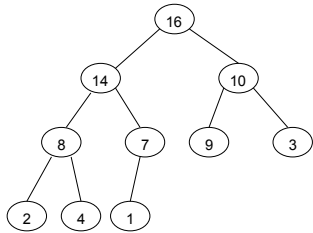
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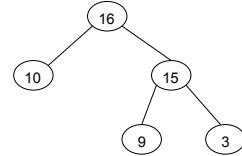


1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



### Identify the valid heaps

[15, 12, 3, 11, 10, 2, 1, 7, 8]



[20, 18, 10, 17, 16, 15, 9, 14, 13]

