## Amortized Analysis

## Outline for Today

- Amortized Analysis
- Analyzing data structures over the long term.
- Cartesian Trees Revisited
- Why could we construct them in time $O(n)$ ?
- The Two-Stack Queue
- A simple and elegant queue implementation.
- 2-3-4 Trees
- A better analysis of 2-3-4 tree insertions and deletions.


## Two Worlds

- Data structures have different requirements in different contexts.
- In real-time applications, each operation on a given data structure needs to be fast and snappy.
- In long data processing pipelines, we care more about the total time used than we do the cost of any one operation.
- In many cases, we can get better performance in the long-run than we can on a per-operation basis.
- Good intuition: "economy of scale."

Key Idea: Design data structures that trade per-operation efficiency for overall efficiency.

## Claims We'd Like to Make

- "The total runtime of this algorithm is $\mathrm{O}(n \log n)$, even though there are $\Theta(n)$ steps and each step, in the worst case, takes time $\Theta(n) . "$
- "If you perform $m$ operations on this data structure, although each operation could take time $\Theta(n)$, the average cost of an operation is O(1)."
- "Operations on this data structure can take up to $\Theta\left(n^{2}\right)$ time to complete, but if you pretend that each operation takes time $O(\log n)$, you'll never overestimate the total amount of work done."


## What We Need

- First, we need a mathematical framework for analyzing algorithms and data structures when the costs of individual operations vary.
- Next, we need a set of design techniques for building data structures that nicely fit into this framework.
- Today is mostly about the first of these ideas. We'll explore design techniques all next week.


## Amortized Analysis

## The Goal

- Suppose we have a data structure and perform a series of $\boldsymbol{m}$ operations $o p_{1}, o p_{2}, \ldots, o p_{m}$.
- These operations might be the same operation, or they might be different.
- Let $\boldsymbol{t}\left(\boldsymbol{o p}_{\boldsymbol{k}}\right)$ denote the time required to perform operation $o p_{k}$.
- Goal: Bound this expression, which represents the total runtime across all operations:

$$
T=\sum_{i=1}^{m} t\left(o p_{i}\right)
$$

## Amortized Analysis

- An amortized analysis is a different way of bounding the runtime of a sequence of operations.
- Idea: Assign to each operation $o p_{i}$ a new cost $a\left(o p_{i}\right)$, called the amortized cost, such that the following is true for any sequence of $m$ operations:

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{m} t\left(o p_{i}\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{m} a\left(o p_{i}\right)
$$



## Where We're Going

- There are three standard techniques for assigning amortized costs to operations:
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Cartesian Trees Revisited

## Cartesian Trees

- A Cartesian tree is a binary tree derived from an array and defined as follows:
- The empty array has an empty Cartesian tree.
- For a nonempty array, the root stores the minimum value. Its left and right children are Cartesian trees for the subarrays to the left and right of the minimum.


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## The Runtime Analysis

- In a sequence of operations that adds $n$ elements to a Cartesian tree, adding an individual node to a Cartesian tree might take time $\Theta(n)$.
- However, the net time spent adding new nodes across the whole tree is $\mathrm{O}(n)$.
- Why is this?
- Every node pushed at most once.
- Every node popped at most once.
- Work done is proportional to the number of pushes and pops.
- Total runtime is $\mathrm{O}(n)$.
- The amortized cost of adding a node is $\mathrm{O}(n) / n=\mathbf{O}(\mathbf{1})$.


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$\geq \sum_{i=1}^{k} t\left(o p_{i}\right)$
- The sum of the amortized costs upperbounds the sum of the true costs.


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## The Banker's Method

- Using the banker's method, the cost of an insertion is

$$
\begin{aligned}
& t(o p)+\mathrm{O}(1) \cdot\left(\text { added }_{i}-\text { removed }_{i}\right) \\
= & 1+k+\mathrm{O}(1) \cdot(1-k) \\
= & 1+k+1-k \\
= & 2 \\
= & \mathbf{O}(\mathbf{1})
\end{aligned}
$$

- Each insertion has amortized cost O(1).
- Any $n$ insertions will take time $O(n)$.


## Intuiting the Banker's Method

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## Intuiting the Banker's Method

> Each operation here is being "charged" for two units of work, even if didn't actually do two units of work.

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| Pop 137 |
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| Pop 159 |
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| Pop 159 |  |
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## Intuiting the Banker's Method

Each credit placed can be used to "move" a unit of work from one operation to another.

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| Pop 137 |
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| Pop 159 | Pop 314 <br> Push 159 |
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## An Observation

- We defined the amortized cost of an operation to be

$$
a\left(o p_{i}\right)=t\left(o p_{i}\right)+\mathrm{O}(1) \cdot\left(\text { added }_{i}-\text { removed }_{i}\right)
$$

- Equivalently, this is

$$
a\left(o p_{i}\right)=t\left(o p_{i}\right)+\mathrm{O}(1) \cdot \Delta \text { credits }_{i}
$$

- Some observations:
- It doesn't matter where these credits are placed or removed from.
- The total number of credits added and removed doesn't matter; all that matters is the difference between these two.


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## The Potential Method

- In the potential method, we define a potential function $\Phi$ that maps a data structure to a non-negative real value.
- Each operation may change this potential.
- If we denote by $\Phi_{i}$ the potential of the data structure just before operation $i$, then we can define $a\left(o p_{i}\right)$ as

$$
a\left(o p_{i}\right)=t\left(o p_{i}\right)+O(1) \cdot\left(\Phi_{i+1}-\Phi_{i}\right)
$$

- Intuitively, operations that increase the potential have amortized cost greater than their true cost, and operations that decrease the potential have amortized cost less than their true cost.



## The Potential Method

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{k} a\left(o p_{i}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{k}\left(t\left(o p_{i}\right)+\mathrm{O}(1) \cdot\left(\Phi_{i+1}-\Phi_{i}\right)\right)
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- Assuming that $\Phi_{k+1}-\Phi_{1} \geq 0$, this means that the sum of the amortized costs upper-bounds the sum of the real costs.
- Typically, $\Phi_{1}=0$, so $\Phi_{k+1}-\Phi_{1} \geq 0$ holds.


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Amortized Cost: 2

Notice that $\Phi$ went

$$
\begin{array}{l|l|l|l|l}
271 & 137 & 159 & 314 & 42
\end{array}
$$

$$
1 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 1
$$

All that matters is the net change.

## Constructing Cartesian Trees

$\Phi=\mathbf{1} |$| 137 |
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## Constructing Cartesian Trees

$$
\begin{array}{l|l}
\Phi=\mathbf{2} & 137
\end{array}
$$

Work done: 1 push $\Delta \Phi:+1$

Amortized Cost: 2


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$\Phi=3$|  | 137 |
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## Constructing Cartesian Trees

$\left.\Phi=3$|  |
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Work done: 1 push
Credits Added: $\Delta \Phi:+1$
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## Constructing Cartesian Trees

## $\Phi=\mathbf{0}$



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## Constructing Cartesian Trees

## $\Phi=\mathbf{1} \mid 42$



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## Constructing Cartesian Trees

$\Phi=\mathbf{1} \mid 42$

Work done: 1 push, 3 pops

$\Delta \Phi:-2$

Amortized Cost: 2


| 271 | 137 | 159 | 314 | 42 |
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## The Potential Method

- Using the potential method, the cost of an insertion into a Cartesian tree can be computed as

$$
\begin{aligned}
& t(o p)+\Delta \Phi \\
= & 1+k+\mathrm{O}(1) \cdot(1-k) \\
= & 1+k+1-k \\
= & 2 \\
= & \mathbf{O}(\mathbf{1})
\end{aligned}
$$

- So the amortized cost of an insertion is $O(1)$.
- Therefore, $n$ total insertions takes time $O(n)$.

Amortization in Practice: The Two-Stack Queue

## The Two-Stack Queue

Out
In

## The Two-Stack Queue

Out


## The Two-Stack Queue



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## Out



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## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


## The Two-Stack Queue

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Out


## The Two-Stack Queue



## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


## The Two-Stack Queue

## 1



Out
In

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

## 1

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

## 1 <br> 2

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out

$1 \quad 2$

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


## 1 <br> 2

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


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## The Two-Stack Queue

## 6



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## The Two-Stack Queue

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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


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3
4

## The Two-Stack Queue

5


Out In

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

## The Two-Stack Queue



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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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## The Two-Stack Queue

- Maintain two stacks, an In stack and an Out stack.
- To enqueue an element, push it onto the In stack.
- To dequeue an element:
- If the Out stack is empty, pop everything off the In stack and push it onto the Out stack.
- Pop the Out stack and return its value.


## An Aggregate Analysis

- Claim: The amortized cost of popping an element is $\mathrm{O}(1)$.
- Proof:
- Every value is pushed onto a stack at most twice: once for in, once for out.
- Every value is popped off of a stack at most twice: once for in, once for out.
- Each push/pop takes time O(1).
- Net runtime: $O(n)$.
- Amortized cost: $\mathrm{O}(n) / n=\mathbf{O ( 1 )}$.


## The Banker's Method

- Let's analyze this data structure using the banker's method.
- Some observations:
- All enqueues take worst-case time $\mathrm{O}(1)$.
- Each dequeue can be split into a "light" or "heavy" dequeue.
- In a "light" dequeue, the out stack is nonempty. Worst-case time is O(1).
- In a "heavy" dequeue, the out stack is empty. Worst-case time is $\mathrm{O}(n)$.


## The Two-Stack Queue

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Out
In

## The Two-Stack Queue



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In

## 1 <br> 2

## The Two-Stack Queue



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Out

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## The Two-Stack Queue



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> | >  1 | 2 | 3 > |
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## The Banker's Method

- Enqueue:
- O(1) work, plus one credit added.
- Amortized cost: O(1).
- "Light" dequeue:
- O(1) work, plus no change in credits.
- Amortized cost: O(1).
- "Heavy" dequeue:
- $\Theta(k)$ work, where $k$ is the number of entries that started in the "in" stack.
- $k$ credits spent.
- By choosing the amount of work in a credit appropriately, amortized cost is $\mathbf{O ( 1 )}$.


## The Potential Method

- Define $\Phi(D)$ to be the height of the in stack.
- Enqueue:
- Does O(1) work and increases $\Phi$ by one.
- Amortized cost: O(1).
- "Light" dequeue:
- Does O(1) work and leaves $\Phi$ unchanged.
- Amortized cost: O(1).
- "Heavy" dequeue:
- Does $\Theta(k)$ work, where $k$ is the number of entries moved from the "in" stack.
- $\Delta \Phi=-k$.
- By choosing the amount of work stored in each unit of potential correctly, amortized cost becomes O(1).


## Time-Out for Announcements!

## Problem Sets

- Problem Set Two solutions are now up on the course website.
- The TAs are hard at work grading everything. We'll try to get everything back as soon as possible!
- Problem Set Three is due next Thursday, May 3rd, at 2:30PM.
- Have questions? Stop by office hours or ask them on Piazza!


## Grace Hopper Conference

- Applications are now open for CS department funding to attend next year's Grace Hopper Conference
- (September 26-28, Houston, TX)
- Phenomenal opportunity for anyone interested.
- Apply online using this link.

Back to CS166!

## Another Example: 2-3-4 Trees

## 2-3-4 Trees

- Inserting or deleting values from a 2-3-4 trees takes time $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$.
- Why is that?
- We do some amount of work finding the insertion or deletion point, which is $\Theta(\log n)$.
- We also do some amount of work "fixing up" the tree by doing insertions or deletions.
- What is the cost of that second amount of work?


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Observation: The only case where a deletion propagates upward is when there are two sibling nodes that each have one key.


## 2-3-4 Tree Fixup

- Claim: The fixup work on 2-3-4 trees is amortized O(1).
- We'll prove this in three steps:
- First, we'll prove that in any sequence of $m$ insertions, the amortized fixup work is $O(1)$.
- Next, we'll prove that in any sequence of $m$ deletions, the amortized fixup work is $\mathrm{O}(1)$.
- Finally, we'll show that in any sequence of insertions and deletions, the amortized fixup work is $\mathrm{O}(1)$.


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- Using the banker's method, we get that pure insertions have $O(1)$ amortized fixup work.
- Could also do this using the potential method.
- Define $\Phi$ to be the number of 4-nodes.
- Each "light" insertion might introduce a new 4node, requiring amortized $O(1)$ work.
- Each "heavy" insertion splits $k$ 4-nodes and decreases the potential by $k$ for $\mathrm{O}(1)$ amortized work.


## 2-3-4 Tree Deletions

- Suppose we only delete and never insert.
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## 2-3-4 Tree Deletions

- Using the banker's method, we get that pure deletions have $O(1)$ amortized fixup work.
- Could also do this using the potential method.
- Define $\Phi$ to be the number of 2-nodes with two 2-node children (call these "tiny triangles.")
- Each "light" deletion might introduce two tiny triangles: one at the node where the deletion ended and one right above it. Amortized time is O(1).
- Each "heavy" deletion combines $k$ tiny triangles and decreases the potential by at least $k$. Amortized time is $\mathrm{O}(1)$.


## Combining the Two

- We've shown that pure insertions and pure deletions require $\mathrm{O}(1)$ amortized fixup time.
- What about interleaved insertions and deletions?
- Initial idea: Use a potential function that's the sum of the two previous potential functions.
- $\Phi$ is the number of 4-nodes plus the number of tiny triangles.

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## A Problem

- When doing a "heavy" insertion that splits multiple 4nodes, the resulting nodes might produce new "tiny triangles."
- Symptom: Our potential doesn't drop nearly as much as it should, so we can't pay for future operations. Amortized cost of the operation works out to $\Theta(\log n)$, not $\mathrm{O}(1)$ as we hoped.
- Root Cause: Splitting a 4-node into a 2-node and a 3node might introduce new "tiny triangles," which in turn might cause future deletes to become more expensive.


## The Solution

- 4-nodes are troublesome for two separate reasons:
- They cause chained splits in an insertion.
- After an insertion, they might split and produce a tiny triangle.
- Idea: Charge each 4-node for two different costs: the cost of an expensive insertion, plus the (possible) future cost of doing an expensive deletion.



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## The Solution

- This new potential function ensures that if an insertion chains up $k$ levels, the potential drop is at least $k$ (and possibly up to $2 k$ ).
- Therefore, the amortized fixup work for an insertion is $\mathrm{O}(1)$.
- Using the same argument as before, deletions require amortized $O$ (1) fixups.


## Why This Matters

- Via the isometry, red/black trees have O(1) amortized fixup per insertion or deletion.
- In practice, this makes red/black trees much faster than other balanced trees on insertions and deletions, even though other balanced trees can be better balanced.


## More to Explore

- A finger tree is a variation on a B-tree in which certain nodes are pointed at by "fingers." Insertions and deletions are then done only around the fingers.
- Because the only cost of doing an insertion or deletion is the fixup cost, these trees have amortized $O$ (1) insertions and deletions.
- They're often used in purely functional settings to implement queues and deques with excellent runtimes.
- Liked the previous analysis? Consider looking into this for your final project!


## Next Time

- Binomial Heaps
- A simple and versatile heap data structure based on binary arithmetic.
- Lazy Binomial Heaps
- Rejiggering binomial heaps for fun and profit.

