## Amortized Analysis

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- Washing every individual dish and utensil by hand is way slower than using the dishwasher,

but I always have access to my plates and kitchen utensils.
- Running the dishwasher is faster in aggregate, but means I may have to wait a bit for dishes to be ready.


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

## Example: The Two-Stack Queue

## The Two-Stack Queue

Out
In

## The Two-Stack Queue

Out

## The Two-Stack Queue



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## The Two-Stack Queue



## The Two-Stack Queue

## 4

Out


## The Two-Stack Queue



## The Two-Stack Queue



## The Two-Stack Queue



## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


## The Two-Stack Queue

2


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## The Two-Stack Queue



## The Two-Stack Queue



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## The Two-Stack Queue

## 1



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## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

1

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
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## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
In

## 1 <br> 2

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out

$1 \quad 2$

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out

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## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


## 1 <br> 2

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


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## The Two-Stack Queue



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## The Two-Stack Queue



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## The Two-Stack Queue



## The Two-Stack Queue

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Out


## The Two-Stack Queue



Out


1
2
3
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## The Two-Stack Queue

5


Out In

## The Two-Stack Queue



Out
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1
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## The Two-Stack Queue

Clean
Dishes

Dirty
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## The Two-Stack Queue



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We need to do some "cleanup" on this before it'll be useful. It's fast to add it here because we're deferring that work.


Clean
Dishes


Dirty
Dishes

## The Two-Stack Queue



Clean
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## The Two-Stack Queue



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## The Two-Stack Queue

- Maintain 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 nonempty, pop it.
- If the Out stack is empty, pop elements from the In stack, pushing them into the Out stack, until the bottom of the In stack is exposed.


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- Each enqueue takes time $O(1)$.
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- Intuition: We only do expensive dequeues after a long run of cheap enqueues.
- Think "dishwasher:" we very slowly introduce a lot of dirty dishes to get cleaned up all at once.
- Provided we clean up all the dirty dishes at once, and provided that dirty dishes accumulate slowly, this is a fast strategy!



## The Two-Stack Queue

- Any series of $m$ operations on a two-stack queue will take time $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{m})$.
- Every element is pushed at most twice and popped at most twice.
- Key Question: What's the best way to summarize the above idea in a useful way?
- This is a bit more subtle than it looks.


Out

## Analyzing the Queue

- Initial idea: Summarize our result using an average-case analysis.
- If we do $m$ total operations, the total work done is $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{m})$.
- Average amount of work per operation: O(1).
- Based on this argument, we can claim that the average cost of an enqueue or dequeue is $\mathrm{O}(1)$.
- Claim: While the above statement is true, it's not as precise as we might like.

Issue: When we say the average cost of an operation is $\mathrm{O}(1)$, what are we averaging over?

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Total work done: 15
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time



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time


time

## Total work done: $\Theta(m)$ Total operations: $\Theta(m)$

Average work per element: $\mathrm{O}(1)$.



## Fischer-Heun RMQ

## $\begin{array}{llllllll}31 & 41 & 59 & 26 & 53 & 58 & 97 & 93\end{array}$



Dishwasher model: Lots of cheap operations that need to be made up for by an expensive one later.

The average work done at each point in time is low.

time

Dam model: Early, expensive operation that pays off in the long term.

The average work done at each point in time is high until lots of operations are performed.


Nuance 1: The average cost of the operations done on a two-stack queue is always low, regardless of when we stop performing operations.

## Averaging Over What?

- Compare our two-stack queue to a chained hash table.
- Assuming there are at least as many buckets as elements, the expected cost of an insertion or lookup is O(1).
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> Grocery stores don't need to stock up huge quantities of every item because, on average, people aren't buying the same thing.

But if they all want toilet paper...

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Grocery store model: It's unlikely that there will be any large operations because randomization saves the day.

Except that, every now and then, we run into trouble...


Nuance 2: The "average" mentioned in a two-stack queue is not based on any random variables. There is no chance that any sequence of operations on a two-stack queue takes "too long."

## To Summarize



What Amortization Means


Key Idea: Backcharge expensive operations to cheaper ones.


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## Amortized Analysis

- The amortized cost of an enqueue or dequeue in a two-stack queue is $\mathrm{O}(1)$.
- Intuition: If you pretend that the actual cost of each enqueue or dequeue is $\mathrm{O}(1)$, you will never underestimate the total time spent performing queue operations.

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## Major Questions

- In what situations can we nicely amortize the cost of expensive operations?
- How do we choose the amortized costs we want to use?
- How do we design data structures with amortization in mind?

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Most insertions take time $O(\log n)$ and unbalance the tree. Some insertions do more work, but balance large parts of the tree.
With the right strategy for rebuilding trees, all insertions can be shown to run in amortized time $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$ each.
(This is called a scapegoat tree.)

Key Intuition: Amortization works best if (1) imbalances accumulate slowly, and (2) imbalances get cleaned up quickly.

Performing Amortized Analyses

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- You have a data structure where
- imbalances accumulate slowly, and
- imbalances get cleaned up quickly.
- You're fairly sure the cleanup costs will amortize away nicely.
- How do you assign amortized costs?


## The Banker's Method

- In the banker's method, operations can place credits on the data structure or spend credits that have already been placed.
- Placing a credit on the data structure takes time O(1).
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Out
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Credits added: 1
Amortized cost: O(1)

Out

This credit will pay for the work to pop this element later on and push it onto the other stack.


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## Why This Works

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## Using the Banker's Method

- To perform an amortized analysis using the banker's method, do the following:
- Figure out the actual runtimes of each operation.
- Indicate where you'll place down credits, and compute the amortized cost of operations that place credits this way.
- Indicate where you'll spend credits, and justify why the credits you intend to spend are guaranteed to be there. Then, compute the amortized cost of each operation that spends credits this way.


## An Observation

- The amortized cost of an operation is

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

- 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.


## The Potential Method

- In the potential method, we define a potential function $\Phi$ that maps a data structure to a nonnegative real value.
- Define $a\left(o p_{i}\right)$ as

$$
a\left(o p_{i}\right)=t\left(o p_{i}\right)+O(1) \cdot \Delta \Phi_{i}
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- Here, $\Delta \Phi_{i}$ is the change in the value of $\Phi$ during the execution of operation $o p_{i}$.



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Think "fundamental theorem of calculus," but for discrete derivatives!

$$
\int_{a}^{b} f^{\prime}(x) d x=f(b)-f(a) \quad \sum_{x=a}^{b} \Delta f(x)=f(b+1)-f(a)
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Look up finite calculus if you're curious to learn more!

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- To perform an amortized analysis using the potential method, do the following:
- Figure out the actual runtimes of each operation.
- Define your potential function $\Phi$, and explain why it's initially zero or otherwise account for a nonzero start potential.
- For each operation, determine its $\Delta \Phi$.
- Compute the amortized costs of each operation.


## The Story So Far

- We assign amortized costs to operations, which are different than their real costs.
- The requirement is that the sum of the amortized costs never underestimates the sum of the real costs.
- The banker's method works by placing credits on the data structure and adjusting costs based on those credits.
- The potential method works by assigning a potential function to the data structure and adjusting costs based on the change in potential.


## Deleting from a BST

## BST Deletions

- We've seen how to do insertions into a 2-3-4 tree.
- Put the key into the appropriate leaf.
- Keep splitting big nodes and propagating keys upward as necessary.
- Using our isometry, we can use this to derive insertion rules for red/black trees.
- Question: How do you delete from a 2-3-4 tree or red/black tree?


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## Dead Simple Deletions

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## Dead Simple Deletions

- Each key is either dead (removed) or alive (still there).
- To remove a key, just mark it dead.
- Do lookups as usual, but pretend missing keys aren't there.
- When inserting, if a dead version of the key is found, resurrect it.


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## Analyzing Lazy Rebuilding

- What is the cost of an insertion or lookup in a tree with $n$ (living) keys?
- Total number of nodes: at most $2 n$.
- Cost of the operation: $\mathrm{O}(\log 2 n)=\mathrm{O}(\log n)$.
- What is the cost of a deletion?
- Most of the time, it's O(log $n$ ).
- Every now and then, it's O(n).
- Can we amortize these costs away?


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## Lazy Rebuilding

- The amortized cost of a lookup or insertion is $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$. (Do you see why?)
- If a deletion doesn't rebuild, its amortized cost is

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\mathrm{O}(\log n)+\mathrm{O}(1)=\mathbf{O}(\log \boldsymbol{n}) .
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- If a deletion triggers a rebuild:
- When we start, we have $n / 2$ credits.
- When we end, we have 0 credits.
- Cost of the tree search: $\mathrm{O}(\log n)$.
- Cost of the tree rebuild: $\Theta(n)$.
- Amortized cost: $\mathrm{O}(\log n)+\Theta(n)-\mathrm{O}(1) \cdot \Theta(n)=\mathbf{O}(\log \boldsymbol{n})$.
- Intuition: Imbalances build up over time, then get fixed all at once, so we'd expect costs to spread out nicely.


## Lazy Deletions

- This approach isn't perfect.
- Queries for the min or max are slower.
- Augmentation is a bit harder.
- Successor / predecessor / range searches slower.
- There are a number of papers about being lazy during BST deletions, many of which have led to new, fast tree data structures.
- Check out WAVL and RAVL trees - these might make for great final project topics!


## 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.

