## Implementing Abstractions Part Two

## Previously, on CS106B...







elems











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> Take thirty seconds to think this over. Look over the runtime plot and the code for the push operation.

> > Formulate a hypothesis!

> Turn to your neighbor and discuss!



Every push beyond the first few requires moving all *n* elements from the old array to the new array.

Cost of a single push: **O(***n***)**.



### 4 Items Moved

#### 5 Items Moved

### 6 Items Moved

7 Items Moved Every push beyond the first few requires moving all *n* elements from the old array to the new array. Cost of doing *n* pushes:  $4 + 5 + 6 + ... + n = O(n^2)$ .

# **Question:** How do we speed this up?



### 4 Items Moved

5 Items Moved

6 Items Moved 7 Items Moved





Now, only half the pushes we do will require moving everything to a new array.



Increase array size by **adding one**.



























Increase array size by *adding two*.



Increase array size by *adding two*.











If we make the new array too big, we're might not make use of all the new space.

What's a good compromise?



*Idea:* Make the new array twice as big as the old one.

This gives us a lot of free space, and we never use more than twice the space we need.

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## How do we analyze this?







Work Done

Most pushes take time O(1) because there's free space left.

Infrequently, a push might take time O(n) as we move all the elements.

Increase array size by *multiplying by two*.

























# Amortized Analysis

- The analysis we have just done is called an *amortized analysis*.
- We reason about the total work done by allowing ourselves to backcharge work to previous operations, then look at the "average" amount of work done per operation.
- In an amortized sense, our implementation of the stack is extremely fast!
- This is one of the most common approaches to implementing Stack (and Vector, for that matter).

# Summary for Today

- We can make our stack grow by creating new arrays any time we run out of space.
- Growing that array by one extra slot or two extra slots uses little memory, but makes pushes expensive (average cost O(n)).
- Doubling the size of the array when we run out of space uses more memory, but makes pushes cheap (amortized cost O(1)).
- In practice, it's worth paying this slight space cost for a marked improvement in runtime.

# Your Action Items

- Start Assignment 6.
  - Slow and steady progress is the name of the game here.
  - Ask for help if you need it! That's what we're here for.

## • Review your midterm feedback.

• Regrade requests are due on Monday, so make sure you've read over the graders' comments by then.

## Next Time

- Hash Functions
  - A magical and wonderful gift from the world of mathematics.
- Hash Tables
  - How do we implement Map and Set?