

Amortized Analysis

Fibonacci Heaps

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Objectives

- Amortized Analysis
 - potential method
- Fibonacci Heaps
 - construction
 - operations

running time analysis

- typical: Algorithm uses data-structure and operations
 - structures: table, array, hash, heap, list, stack
 - operations: insert, delete, search, min, max, push, pop
- measure running time by analyzing
 - the sequence of operations,
 - their frequency
 - each operation running time (computation cost)

Running Time Analysis

- determine the c = costliest/longest iteration
 - usually an outer loop of n iterations
 - overall n^* (longest cost per iteration) = n^*c
- That's not very accurate!
 - not all iterations have the longest cost
 - perhaps some average technique can work, but how to prove?
- “compensate”: show that for every costly iteration, there must be other “cheap” iterations

Example : binary counter

bit 5	bit 4	bit 3	bit 2	bit 1	bit 0	cost (bits changed)
0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A
0	0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	0	1	0	2
0	0	0	0	1	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	3
0	0	0	1	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	1	0	2
0	0	0	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	4

- each row is a binary representation of the counter
 - increasing by one
 - right side: cost = how many bits require changes
- naive running time to increment from 0 to n :
 - each row may cost up to $O(\log n)$
 - n iterations/increments would be $O(n \cdot \log n)$

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0	0	0	1	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	1	0	2
0	0	0	1	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	4

- true cost for n iterations: $1+2+1+3+1+2+1+4+\dots = 2n = O(n)$
- reason: the iteration cost very rarely is $O(\log n)$
 - $O(\log n)$ means changing a good number of bits
 - for one iteration of cost $O(\log n)$, there must be many “cheap” iterations

binary counter amortization

- Aggregation method: consider all n iterations
 - bit 0 changes every iteration \Rightarrow cost n
 - bit 1 changes for half of iterations \Rightarrow cost $n/2$
 - bit 2 changes quarter of iterations \Rightarrow cost $n/4$
 - bit 3 changes $1/8$ of iterations \Rightarrow cost $n/8$
 - ... etc
- total cost : add up the cost per bit
 - $n + n/2 + n/4 + n/8 + \dots = 2n$
- Aggregation method impractical, only works on toy examples like this

bit 5	bit 4	bit 3	bit 2	bit 1	bit 0
0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	0	0
0	0	0	1	0	1
0	0	0	1	1	0
0	0	0	1	1	1
0	0	1	0	0	0

Amortized Analysis

- c_i = true cost of i -th operation/iteration
- \hat{C}_i = amortized cost of i -th operation/iteration
 - we have to come up with d_i
- the cumulative amortized cost can't be smaller than the true cumulative cost, up to any iteration k

$$\forall k : \sum_{i=1:k} c_i \leq \sum_{i=1:k} \hat{C}_i$$

Accounting Method

- assign the di amortized cost
- if overcharge some operation ($d_i > c_i$) use the excess as "prepaid credit",
- use the prepaid credit later for an expensive operation

Potential method

- associate a potential function Φ with datastructure T
 - $\Phi(T_i)$ = “potential” (or risk for cost) associated with datastructure after i -th operation
 - typically a measure of complexity/risk/size of the datastructure
- require $\hat{c}_i \geq c_i + \phi(T_i) - \phi(T_{i-1})$ for all i
- \hat{c}_i = amortized cost (up to us to define)
- c_i = true cost for operation i
- Φ = potential function
- T_i = datastructure after i th operation

Accounting Method for binary counter

bit 5	bit 4	bit 3	bit 2	bit 1	bit 0	true cost (c_i)	amortized cost \hat{c}_i
0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2
0	0	1	0	0	0	4	2

$$\sum c_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1:k} \hat{c}_i$$

- assign amortized cost of $d_i=2$ for each operation
- verify the amortized condition

$$\forall k : \sum_{i=1:k} c_i \leq \sum_{i=1:k} \hat{c}_i$$

Accounting Method for binary counter

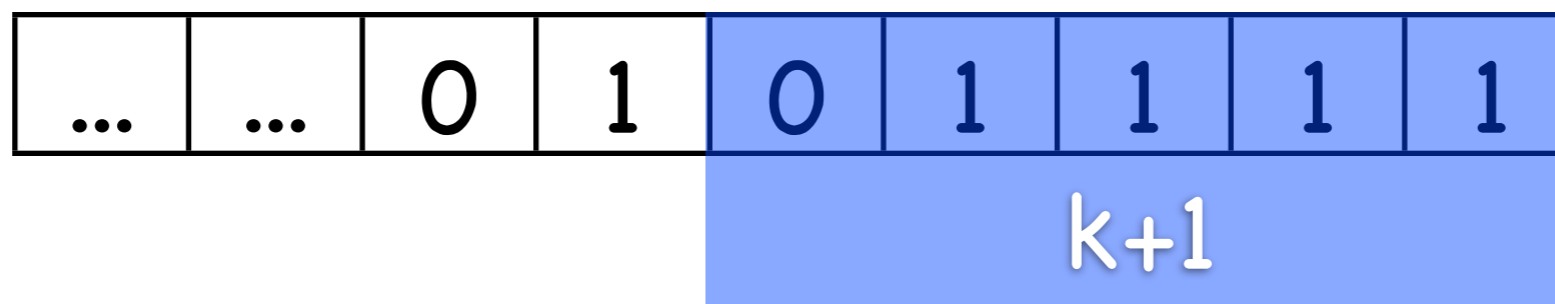
bit 5	bit 4	bit 3	bit 2	bit 1	bit 0	true cost (c_i)	amortized cost \hat{c}_i	cum true cost $\sum c_i$	cum amortized cost $\sum_{i=1:k} \hat{c}_i$
0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	2
0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	4	6
0	0	0	1	0	0	3	2	7	8
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	8	10
0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	10	12
0	0	0	1	1	1	1	2	11	14
0	0	1	0	0	0	4	2	15	16

● assign amortized cost of $d_i=2$ for each operation

● verify the amortized condition $\forall k : \sum_{i=1:k} c_i \leq \sum_{i=1:k} \hat{c}_i$

Potential method for binary count

- define the potential $\Phi(T_i) =$ the number of "1" bits
- verify $\hat{c}_i \geq c_i + \phi(T_i) - \phi(T_{i-1})$ for each operation
 - there is only one operation: "increment"
 - $d_i=2$, amortized cost defined by us
 - before the operation i , at T_{i-1} , say there are k trailing 1 ones, before i -th increment
 - $c_i =$ true cost = $k+1$ bit changes: k of "1" bits made "0" (from right to left up to the first "0"); plus the first "0" made "1"
 - $\Phi(T_i) - \Phi(T_{i-1}) =$ "1" gained - "1" lost = $1-k$
 - equation becomes $2 \geq k+1 + 1-k$, it checks out! $d_i = 2$ is good



Stack operations - review

- stack is an array with LAST-IN-FIRST-OUT operations
- push(value) : put the new value on the stack (at the top)
- pop(n): take the top n values, return them, delete them from stack
- naive analysis for n operations : $n * O(n) = O(n^2)$
- better: for pop() to extract many elements, many push() must have happened before, each push is $O(1)$

	z			
c	c		d	
b	b	b	b	b
a	a	a	a	a
	push(z)	pop(2)	push(d)	pop(1)

Accounting method for Stack

- account each $\text{push}(x)$ with \$2:
 - \$1 for the actual $\text{push}(x)$ operation, to add x to the stack
 - \$1 credit for the possible later $\text{pop}()$ operation that extracts x
- each $\text{pop}(k)$ also \$2, for any k
- so each operation is accounted with \$2,
- total running time for n operations is $2 \cdot n = O(n)$
- when $\text{pop}(k)$ is called, each one of the popped elements have stored \$1 to account for their extraction, $O(k)$ time

Potential method for Stack

- define the potential $\Phi(\text{stack}) = \text{size}(\text{stack})$
 - $\Phi(T) = |T|$; $T = \text{the stack}$; $T_i = \text{stack after } i \text{ operations}$
- define the amortized costs: $d_{\text{push}}=2$; $d_{\text{pop}}=2$
- consider the true costs $c_{\text{push}}=1$; $c_{\text{pop}(k)}=k$
- prove that for each operation the potential satisfies the fundamental property (exercise)

$$\hat{c}_i \geq c_i + \phi(T_i) - \phi(T_{i-1})$$

- which means the amortized cost $d=2$ is valid.