

9 Dynamic tables

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Problem:

Maintenance of a table under the operations **insert** and **delete** such that

- the table size can be adjusted to the number of elements
- a fixed portion of the table is always filled with elements
- the costs for n insert or delete operations are in $O(n)$.

Organisation of the table: hash table, heap, stack, etc.

Load factor α_T : fraction of table spaces of T which are occupied.

Cost model:

Insertion or deletion of an element causes cost 1, if the table is not filled yet.

If the table size is changed, all elements must be copied.

Initialisation



```
class dynamicTable {  
    private int [] table;  
    private int size;  
    private int num;  
    dynamicTable () {  
        table = new int [1];           // initialize empty table  
        size = 1;  
        num = 0;  
    }  
}
```

Expansion strategy: insert



Double the table size whenever an element is inserted in the fully occupied table!

```
public void insert (int x) {
    if (num == size) {
        int[] newTable = new int[2*size];
        for (int i=0; i < size; i++)
            insert table[i] in newTable;
        table = newTable;
        size = 2*size;
    }
    insert x in table;
    num = num + 1;
}
```

Insert operation in an initially empty table



t_i = cost of the i -th insert operation

Worst case:

$t_i = 1$, if the table was not full before operation i

$t_i = (i - 1) + 1$, if the table was full before operation i

Hence, n insert operations require costs of at most

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (i) = O(n^2)$$

Amortized worst case:

Aggregate analysis, accounting method, potential method

Potential method



T table with

- $k = T.num$ elements and
- $s = T.size$ spaces

Potential function

$$\phi(T) = 2k - s$$

Properties of the potential function



Properties

- $\phi_0 = \phi(T_0) = \phi(\text{empty table}) = -1$
- For all $i \geq 1 : \phi_i = \phi(T_i) \geq 0$
Since $\phi_n - \phi_0 \geq 0$, $\sum a_i$ is an upper bound for $\sum t_i$
- Directly before an expansion, $k = s$,
hence $\phi(T) = k = s$.
- Directly after an expansion, $k = s/2$,
hence $\phi(T) = 2k - s = 0$.

Amortized cost of insert (1)



$k_i =$ # elements in T after the i -th operation

$s_i =$ table size of T after the i -th operation

Case 1: [i -th operation does not trigger an expansion]

Amortized cost of insert (2)



Case 2: [i -th operation triggers an expansion]

Insertion and deletion of elements



Now: contract table, if the load is too small!

Goals:

- (1) Load factor is always bounded below by a constant
- (2) Amortized cost of a single insert or delete operation is constant.

First attempt:

- Expansion: same as before
- Contraction: **halve the table size** as soon as table is less than $\frac{1}{2}$ occupied
(after the deletion)!

„Bad“ sequence of insert and delete operations



Cost

$n/2$ times insert
(table fully occupied)



$3 n/2$

I: expansion



$n/2 + 1$

D, D: contraction



$n/2 + 1$

I, I: expansion



$n/2 + 1$

D, D: contraction



Total cost of the sequence
 $I_{n/2}, I, D, D, I, I, D, D, \dots$ of length n :

Second attempt



Expansion: (as before) double the table size, if an element is inserted in the full table.

Contraction: As soon as the load factor is below $\frac{1}{4}$, halve the table size.

Hence:

At least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the table is always occupied, i.e.

$$\frac{1}{4} \leq \alpha(T) \leq 1$$

Cost of a sequence of insert and delete operations?

Analysis: insert and delete



$k = T.num, \quad s = T.size, \quad \alpha = k/s$

Potential function ϕ

$$\phi(T) = \begin{cases} 2k - s, & \text{if } \alpha \geq 1/2 \\ s/2 - k, & \text{if } \alpha < 1/2 \end{cases}$$

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Directly after an expansion or contraction
of the table:

$$s = 2k, \text{ hence } \phi(T) = 0$$

insert



i -th operation: $k_i = k_{i-1} + 1$

Case 1: $\alpha_{i-1} \geq \frac{1}{2}$

Case 2: $\alpha_{i-1} < \frac{1}{2}$

Case 2.1: $\alpha_i < \frac{1}{2}$

Case 2.2: $\alpha_i \geq \frac{1}{2}$

insert



Case 2.1: $\alpha_{j-1} < 1/2$, $\alpha_j < 1/2$ (no expansion)

Potential function ϕ

$$\phi(T) = \begin{cases} 2k - s, & \text{if } \alpha \geq 1/2 \\ s/2 - k, & \text{if } \alpha < 1/2 \end{cases}$$

insert



Case 2.2: $\alpha_{i-1} < 1/2$, $\alpha_i \geq 1/2$ (no expansion)

Potential function ϕ

$$\phi(T) = \begin{cases} 2k - s, & \text{if } \alpha \geq 1/2 \\ s/2 - k, & \text{if } \alpha < 1/2 \end{cases}$$

delete



$$k_i = k_{i-1} - 1$$

Case 1: $\alpha_{i-1} < 1/2$

Case 1.1: deletion causes no contraction

$$s_i = s_{i-1}$$

Potential function ϕ

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delete



$$k_i = k_{i-1} - 1$$

Case 1: $\alpha_{i-1} < 1/2$

Case 1.2: $\alpha_{i-1} < 1/2$ deletion causes a contraction

$$2s_i = s_{i-1}$$

$$k_{i-1} = s_{i-1}/4$$

Potential function ϕ

$$\phi(T) = \begin{cases} 2k - s, & \text{if } \alpha \geq 1/2 \\ s/2 - k, & \text{if } \alpha < 1/2 \end{cases}$$

delete



Case 2: $\alpha_{i-1} \geq 1/2$ no contraction

$$s_i = s_{i-1} \quad k_i = k_{i-1} - 1$$

Case 2.1: $\alpha_{i-1} \geq 1/2$

Potential function ϕ

$$\phi(T) = \begin{cases} 2k - s, & \text{if } \alpha \geq 1/2 \\ s/2 - k, & \text{if } \alpha < 1/2 \end{cases}$$

delete



Case 2: $\alpha_{i-1} \geq 1/2$ no contraction

$$s_i = s_{i-1} \quad k_i = k_{i-1} - 1$$

Case 2.2: $\alpha_i < 1/2$

Potential function ϕ

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