

# Amortization Analysis

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## Amortized Analysis

- When one event in a sequence affects the cost of later events:
  - One particular task may be expensive.
  - But it may leave data structure in a state that next few tasks becomes easier.
- Example:
  - Analysis of single sort? (Quick sort may be better)
  - Analysis of a continual sort? (Quick sort may be worst)

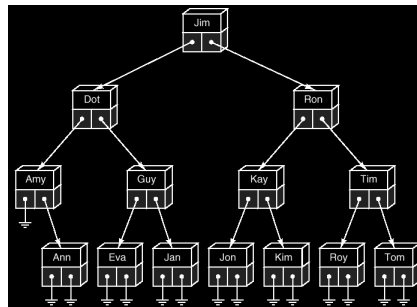


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## Amortized Cost of Tree Traversal

- Consider in-order traversal of BT with  $n$  nodes:
  - cost is number of links visited to reach the vertex from the last vertex visited.



**Amortized  
Cost:**  
 $2(n-1)/n < 2$

**Best-case=1 (child-to-parent)**  
**worst-case=1-n (parent-to-left child in a lefti-chain BT)**  
**What is the amortized cost?**

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## Amortized Cost of Incrementing Binary Integers

- The actual cost varies from step to step.
  - So we will use a credit-balance function which smooths out the cost.
- Choose the credit-balance function  $c_i$  so as to make the amortized costs  $a_i$  as nearly equal as possible, no matter how the actual costs  $t_i$  may vary.

step $i$	integer	$t_i$	$c_i$	$a_i$
0	0000		0	
1	0001	1	1	2
2	0010	2	1	2
3	0011	1	2	2
4	0100	3	1	2
5	0101	1	2	2
6	0110	2	2	2
7	0111	1	3	2
8	1000	4	1	2
9	1001	1	2	2
10	1010	2	2	2
11	1011	1	3	2
12	1100	3	2	2
13	1101	1	3	2
14	1110	2	3	2
15	1111	1	4	2
16	0000	4	0	0

$t_i$  = actual cost = number of digits changed  
 $c_i$  = credit-balance function = number of 1's in integer  
 $a_i$  = amortized cost =  $t_i + c_i - c_{i-1}$

## Amortized Analysis

DEFINITION The **amortized cost**  $a_i$  of each operation is defined to be  $a_i = t_i + c_i - c_{i-1}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ , where  $t_i$  is the actual cost and  $c_i$  is a credit balance.

Choose the credit-balance function  $c_i$  so as to make the amortized costs  $a_i$  as nearly equal as possible, no matter how the actual costs  $t_i$  may vary.

LEMMA 9.5 The total actual cost and total amortized cost of a sequence of  $m$  operations on a data structure are related by

$$\sum_{i=1}^m t_i = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \right) + c_0 - c_m.$$



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## Cost of One Insertion/ Retrieval in Splay Tree

- One Insertion can result in a series of zig-zag, zig-zig, zag-zag, zag, zig operations.
- We will assume a credit-balance function for each of these operations.
- Based on it we will try to estimate the cost of  $m$  operations which makes one insertion by evaluating:  $\left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \right)$  and  $c_0 - c_m$ .

- and then:  $\sum_{i=1}^m t_i = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \right) + c_0 - c_m$ .

- Finally we will estimate the cost of  $m$  sequential insertion/searches.



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## Today's Math: Geometric Mean is Smaller than Arithmetic Mean



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**LEMMA 9.6** If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are positive real numbers with  $\alpha + \beta \leq \gamma$ , then  $\lg \alpha + \lg \beta \leq 2 \lg \gamma - 2$ .

$$(\sqrt{\alpha} - \sqrt{\beta})^2 \geq 0$$

$$\alpha + \beta \geq 2\sqrt{\alpha\beta}$$

$$2 \log(\alpha + \beta) \geq 2 \cdot \log 2 + \log \alpha + \log \beta$$

$$2 \log \gamma - 2 \geq \log \alpha + \log \beta$$

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## Credit Balance Function for Splaying

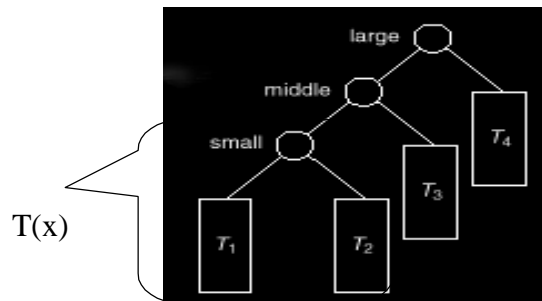


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Let  $T$  be a binary search tree,  $T_i$  be  $T$  as it is after step  $i$  of splaying,  $T_i(x)$  be the subtree with root  $x$  in  $T_i$ ,  $|T_i(x)|$  be the number of nodes in  $T_i(x)$ , and define the **rank** of  $x$  to be  $r_i(x) = \lg |T_i(x)|$ .

### The Credit Invariant

For every node  $x$  of  $T$  and after every step  $i$  of splaying,  
node  $x$  has credit equal to its rank  $r_i(x)$ .

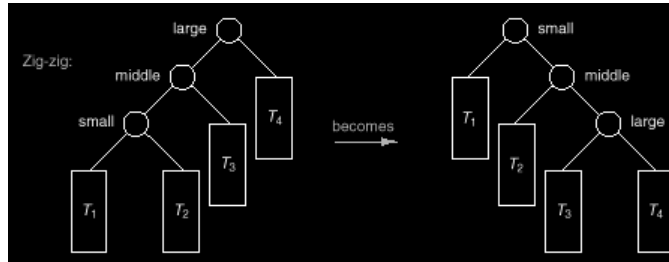


$r(x)=0$  when the tree has only one node.

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## Amortization Cost in Zig-Zag or Zag-Zag

LEMMA 9.7 If the  $i^{\text{th}}$  splaying step is a zig-zig or zag-zag step at node  $x$ , then its amortized complexity  $a_i$  satisfies the inequality  $a_i < 3(r_i(x) - r_{i-1}(x))$ .



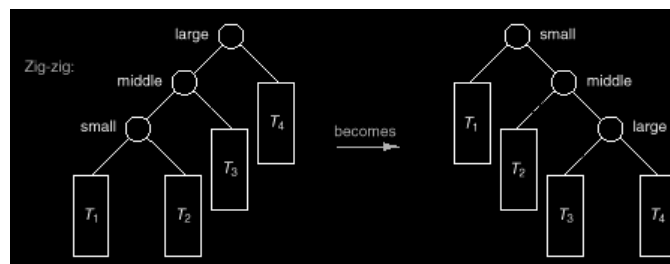
$$\begin{aligned}
 a_i &= t_i + c_i - c_{i-1} \\
 &= 2 + r_i(x) + r_i(y) + r_i(z) - r_{i-1}(x) - r_{i-1}(y) - r_{i-1}(z) \\
 &= 2 + r_i(y) + r_i(z) - r_{i-1}(x) - r_{i-1}(y)
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = |T_{i-1}(x)|, B = |T_i(z)|, \text{ and } C = |T_i(x)|$$

$$A + B < C$$

$$r_{i-1}(x) + r_i(z) \leq 2r_i(x) - 2$$

$$r_i(z) \leq 2r_i(x) - 2 - r_{i-1}(x)$$

$$\text{or } a_i < 3r_i(x) - 3r_{i-1}(x)$$

$$r_{i-1}(y) \leq r_{i-1}(x)$$

LEMMA 9.6 If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  are positive real numbers with  $\alpha + \beta \leq \gamma$ , then  $\lg \alpha + \lg \beta \leq 2 \lg \gamma - 2$ .

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## Amortization Cost for Other Operations

LEMMA 9.7 If the  $i^{\text{th}}$  splaying step is a zig-zig or zag-zag step at node  $x$ , then its amortized complexity  $a_i$  satisfies the inequality  $a_i < 3(r_i(x) - r_{i-1}(x))$ .

LEMMA 9.8 If the  $i^{\text{th}}$  splaying step is a zig-zag or zag-zig step at node  $x$ , then its amortized complexity  $a_i$  satisfies

$$a_i < 2(r_i(x) - r_{i-1}(x)).$$

LEMMA 9.9 If the  $i^{\text{th}}$  splaying step is a zig or a zag step at node  $x$ , then its amortized complexity  $a_i$  satisfies

$$a_i < 1 + (r_i(x) - r_{i-1}(x)).$$



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## Total Amortization Cost for one Retrieval/ Insertion

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^m a_i &= \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} a_i + a_m \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} (3r_i(x) - 3r_{i-1}(x)) + (1 + 3r_m(x) - 3r_{m-1}(x)) \\ &= 1 + 3r_m(x) - 3r_0(x) \\ &\leq 1 + 3r_m(x) \\ &= 1 + 3 \log n \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM 9.10 The amortized cost of an insertion or retrieval with splaying in a binary search tree with  $n$  nodes does not exceed  $1 + 3 \lg n$  upward moves of the target node in the tree.



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## Amortization cost of a sequence of $m$ insertions/retrievals



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- The total actual cost of a sequence of  $m$  splay differs from the total amortized cost only by  $c_0 - c_m$ .
- $C_m$  is at most  $\lg n$ .

LEMMA 9.5 The total actual cost and total amortized cost of a sequence of  $m$  operations on a data structure are related by

$$\sum_{i=1}^m t_i = \left( \sum_{i=1}^m a_i \right) + c_0 - c_m.$$

COROLLARY 9.11 The total complexity of a sequence of  $m$  insertions or retrievals with splaying in a binary search tree which never has more than  $n$  nodes does not exceed

$$m(1 + 3 \lg n) + \lg n$$

upward moves of a target node in the tree.

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