

# Datastructures and Algorithms

Amortized Analysis, Code Example "Dynamically Sized Array"

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## 2. Feedback regarding **code expert**

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- Bonus open since Monday(?)
- XP needed to unlock it
- I'm correcting as quickly as I can, so you all can get started on it

Any questions regarding **code expert** on your part?



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- Understand the basics of the three *Amortized Analysis* methods
  - Aggregate Analysis
  - Account Method
  - Potential Method
- Be prepared for Double Ended Queue exercise on **code expert**

## 4. Summary

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We use 0-indexing, such that for the lengths  $|A_i| = 2^i$ .

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For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we can store exactly  $n$  elements in our multi set, without partially-filled arrays. Intuition: binary representation of  $n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{\#elements in multi-set} &= |A_k| + |A_{k-1}| + \dots + |A_0| \\ &= b_k 2^k + b_{k-1} 2^{k-1} + \dots + b_0 2^0 \\ &= (b_k \quad b_{k-1} \quad \dots \quad b_0)_2 \end{aligned}$$

Where  $b_i = 0$  if  $|A_i| = 0$ , and 1 if  $|A_i| = 2^i$ .

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This is in  $\Theta(n \log n)$  because  $k = \log_2 n$ .
- **Amortized cost per operation:**  $\Theta((n \log n)/n) = \Theta(\log n)$ .

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See CLRS Chapter 16.

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- make copy constructor private (safe) or deleted

## 7. Code-Example: Dynamically Sized Array

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# Dynamically Sized Array

- Preparation for exercise "Double Ended Queue"
- We're going to implement our own `std::vector`

## 8. Tips for **code** expert

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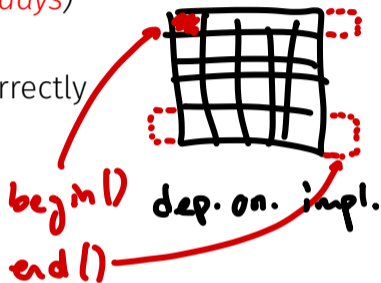
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## Matrices

- Go over the concepts of iterators and **const** again if needed



```
void func(...) const {  
    // ...  
}
```



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## **Task "Double Ended Queue"**

- Takes time – make sure to start early!
- Dynamic data types and memory management (fun!)
- By the way: *the name Double Ended Queue may be misleading because it suggests to be implemented with a linked list. This would make it hard, if not impossible, to fulfill the requirements stated above. Rather think of something like a vector and extend it with `push_front()`*

## 9. Past Exam Questions

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# No new ones this week...

Let's just go over the ones from last time...



# 10. Outro

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# General Questions?

See you next time!

Have a nice week!

Follow-up  
for next  
week

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