

Analysis of Algorithms

Amortized Analysis

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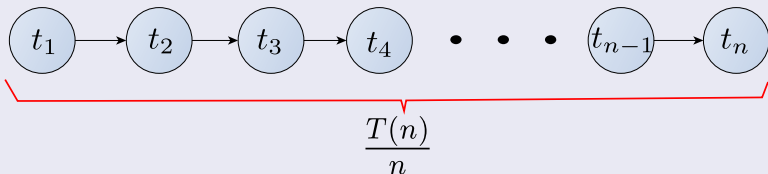
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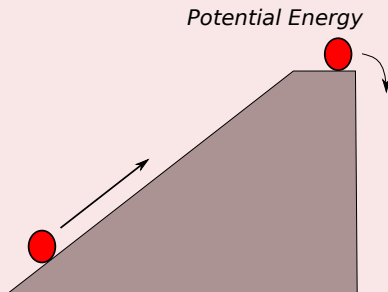
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- The potential method is like the accounting method, but overcharges operations early to compensate for undercharges later.



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Stack with an extra Operation: Multipops

To begin exemplifying the aggregate analysis, let us add the following operation to the stack Data Structure.

- 1 $\text{Multipops}(S, k)$
 - 2 while not Stack-Empty(S) and $k > 0$
 - 3 POP(S)
 - 4 $k = k - 1$
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- Increment(*A*)
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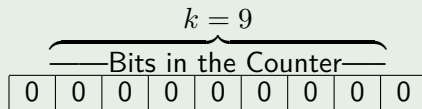
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Adding bits to a counter of size $k = 9$



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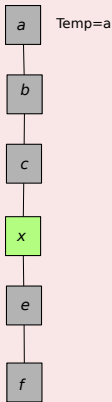


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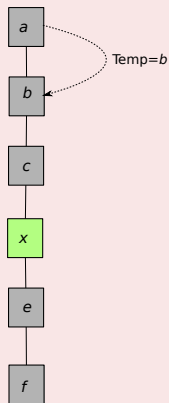


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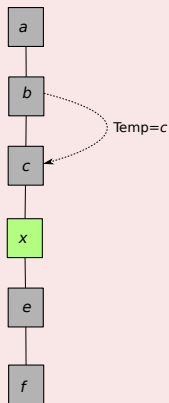


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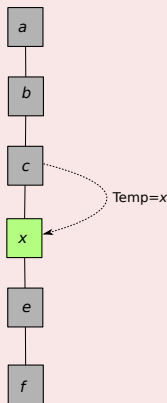


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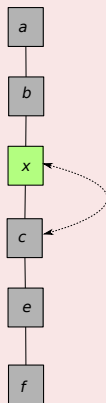


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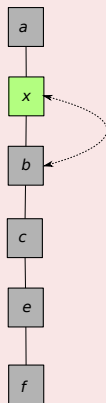


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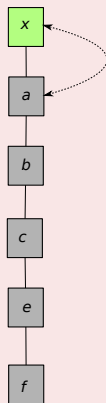


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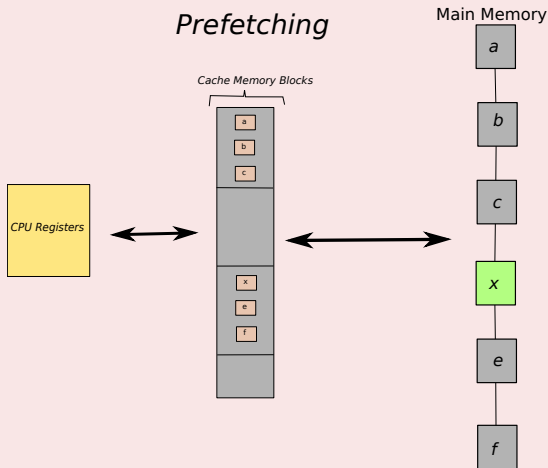


Figure: Here, we have the following situation: Swapping inside a block does not change the block itself!!!

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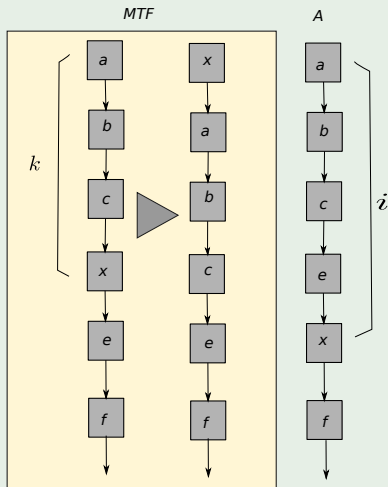
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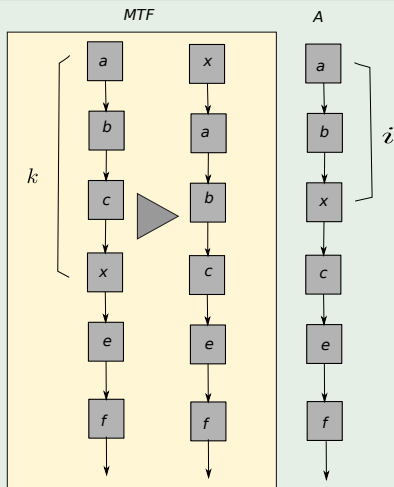
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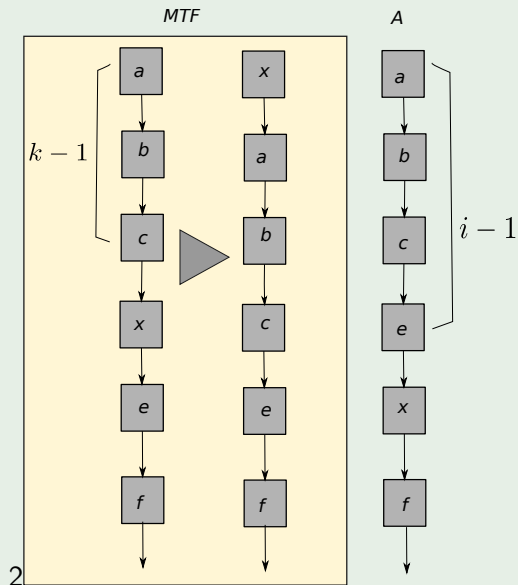
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The worst case of an operation is $O(n)$ when you need to

- Expand
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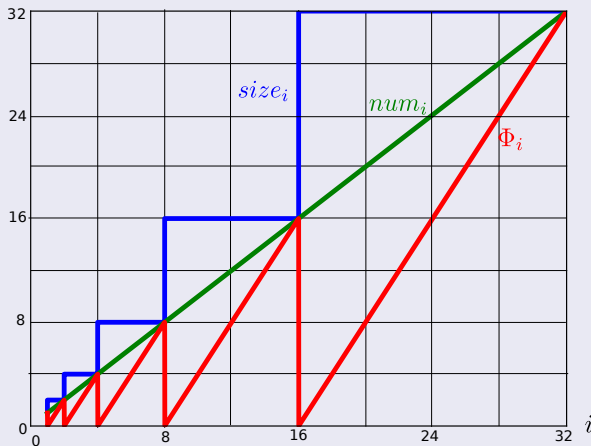


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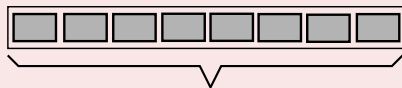
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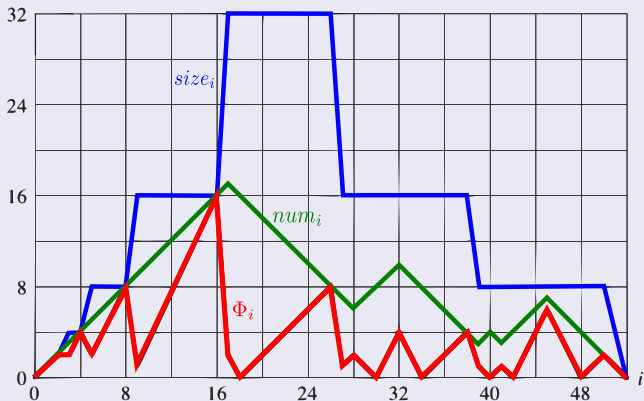


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