

# COMP50001: Algorithm Design & Analysis

## Sheet 4 (Week 5)

### Exercise 4.1

1. Give the time complexity of the following *reverse* in terms of the length of a deque:

```
reverse :: Deque a → Deque a
reverse = fromList ∘ reverse ∘ toList
```

2. Implement a *reverse* for deques that runs in  $O(1)$  time.

### Exercise 4.2

Supposing  $xs_0 :: \text{Deque } a$  is the empty deque, show that the amortised complexity of each operation in the following sequence is  $O(1)$ :

$$xs_0 \xrightarrow{op_0} xs_1 \xrightarrow{op_1} xs_2 \xrightarrow{op_2} \dots \xrightarrow{op_{n-1}} xs_n$$

where each  $op_i \in \{\text{tail}, \text{snoc}, \text{cons}\}$ .

### Exercise 4.3

Suppose no invariants are imposed on *Deque* and *snoc* and *tail* are alternatively defined as *snoc'* and *tail'*.

1. Prove that the amortised complexity of each operation in a sequence of *snoc'* and *tail'* is still  $O(1)$ .
2. Suppose that the sequence additionally contains operation *init'*. Determine whether the amortised complexity is still  $O(1)$ .

### Exercise 4.4

Consider the following alternative representation of *Deque*:

```
data Deque' a = Deque' Int [a] [a]
```

with an invariant  $n = \text{length } us + \text{length } sv$  for any *Deque'*  $n$   $us$   $sv$ . Define *cons* and  $++$  for this representation as follows:

```
cons :: a → Deque' a → Deque' a
cons u (Deque' n us sv) = Deque' (n + 1) (u : us) sv

(++) :: Deque' a → Deque' a → Deque' a
Deque' n us sv ++ Deque' n' us' sv'
  | n < n'    = Deque' (n + n') (us ++ reverse sv ++ us') sv'
  | otherwise = Deque' (n + n') us (sv' ++ reverse us' ++ sv)
```

1. Give the worst-case complexity of  $xs ++ ys$  in terms of *length*  $xs$  and *length*  $ys$ .

```
data Deque a = Deque [a] [a]
instance List Deque where
  toList :: Deque a → [a]
  toList (Deque xs sy) = xs ++ reverse sy
  fromList xs = Deque ys (reverse zs)
    where (ys, zs) = splitAt (length xs `div` 2) xs
  tail :: Deque a → Deque a
  tail (Deque [] []) = error "tail: empty list"
  tail (Deque [] sy) = empty
  tail (Deque [x] sy) = fromList (reverse sy)
  tail (Deque (x : xs) sy) = Deque xs sy
  cons :: a → Deque a → Deque a
  cons x (Deque xs []) = Deque [x] xs
  cons x (Deque xs sy) = Deque (x : xs) sy
  snoc :: Deque a → a → Deque a
  snoc (Deque [] sv) x = Deque sv [x]
  snoc (Deque us sv) x = Deque us (x : sv)
```

```
snoc' :: Deque a → a → Deque a
snoc' (Deque us sv) v = Deque us (v : sv)
tail' :: Deque a → Deque a
tail' (Deque [] []) = error "tail: empty list"
tail' (Deque [] sv) = Deque (tail (reverse sv)) []
tail' (Deque us sv) = Deque (tail us) sv
init' :: Deque a → Deque a
init' (Deque [] []) = error "init: empty list"
init' (Deque us []) = Deque [] (tail (reverse us))
init' (Deque us sv) = Deque us (tail sv)
```

```
instance List Deque' where
  toList :: Deque' a → [a]
  toList (Deque' n us sv) = us ++ reverse sv
  fromList :: [a] → Deque' a
  fromList xs = Deque' n us sv
    where n = length xs
          (us, vs) = splitAt (n `div` 2) xs
          sv = reverse vs
```

2. Consider a sequence of operations creating and manipulating multiple deques

$$D_0 \xrightarrow{op_0} D_1 \xrightarrow{op_1} D_2 \xrightarrow{op_2} \dots D_{n-1} \xrightarrow{op_{n-1}} D_n$$

where each  $D_i$  is a *multiset* of deques and  $D_0 = \emptyset$ . Each  $op_i$  is only one of the following forms:

- (a)  $xs_i = \text{empty}$ , and in this case

$$D_{i+1} = D_i \cup \{xs_i\},$$

- (b)  $xs_i = \text{cons } x \ xs_j$  where  $xs_j \in D_i$ , and in this case

$$D_{i+1} = (D_i \setminus \{xs_j\}) \cup \{xs_i\},$$

- (c)  $xs_i = xs_j ++ xs_k$  where  $xs_j, xs_k \in D_i$  and  $j \neq k$ , and in this case

$$D_{i+1} = (D_i \setminus \{xs_j, xs_k\}) \cup \{xs_i\}.$$

For case (c)  $xs_i = xs_j ++ xs_k$ , if  $xs_{small}$  is the one in  $xs_j$  and  $xs_k$  with the smaller length, the elements in  $xs_{small}$  is said to be *merged into a larger deque*. Explain why every element can only be merged into a larger deque at most  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  times, where  $n$  is the length of the sequence of operations.

3. Prove that each operation has amortised complexity  $O(\log_2 n)$  with the following size function:

$$S(D) = \text{sum } [length \ xs \times \log_2 (n / (length \ xs)) \mid xs \leftarrow D, length \ xs > 0]$$

and explain the intuition of this size function. (The cost incurred by operations  $\cup$  and  $\setminus$  on the multiset does not need to be considered in the analysis.)

#### Exercise 4.5

Define  $dec :: Binary \rightarrow Binary$  that decrements a binary number discussed in the lecture and show that the amortised complexity of repeated applications of  $dec$  is  $O(1)$ . Determine if the amortised complexity of each operation in a sequence  $op_i$  where  $0 \leq i < n$  and  $op_i \in \{inc, dec\}$  is still  $O(1)$ .

```
type Binary = [Digit]
data Digit = O | I
inc :: Binary -> Binary
inc [] = [I]
inc (O:bs) = I : bs
inc (I:bs) = O : (inc bs)
```

#### Exercise 4.6

Given is the data type *Tree* which is an instance of *List*. The tree  $t :: Tree \ a$  is *balanced* iff  $t = Tip$ ,  $t = Leaf \ a$ , or  $t = Node \ n \ l \ r$  with balanced subtrees  $l$  and  $r$  such that  $size \ l = size \ r$ .

Show that  $(!!) :: Tree \ a \rightarrow Int \rightarrow a$  takes  $O(\log_2 n)$  time for balanced binary trees using a recurrence relation, where  $n$  is the number of elements in the tree.

```
data Tree a = Tip
            | Leaf a
            | Node Int (Tree a) (Tree a)

size (Tip)      = 0
size (Leaf _)   = 1
size (Node n _ _) = n
```

*Exercise 4.7*

Consider the definition of *RAList a*.

1. Letting *head* = (*!!*0), give the best-case and worst-case time complexities of *head xs* where *xs* :: *RAList a*.
2. Implement *tail* :: *RAList a* → *RAList a* such that the amortised complexity of a sequence of *tail* is  $O(1)$ .
3. Determine if the amortised complexity of a sequence of operations where each operation is either *tail* or *cons* is still  $O(1)$ . (Hint: compare with *inc* and *dec* for binary numbers.)

```

newtype RAList a = RAList [Tree a]
instance List RAList where
  fromList :: [a] → RAList a
  fromList xs = foldr cons empty xs
  toList :: RAList a → [a]
  toList (RAList ts) = (concat ∘ map toList) ts
  (!! ) :: RAList a → Int → a
  RAList (t : ts) !! k
    | k < size t = t !! k
    | otherwise = RAList ts !! (k - size t)

```

## Solutions to the Exercises

### Solution 4.1

1. The functions *fromList*, *toList* and *reverse* for  $[a]$  all run in time proportional to the length of the input, so this *reverse* for dequeues also runs in  $O(\text{length } xs)$  time where  $xs :: \text{Deque } a$  is the input.
2. Because *Deque* is symmetric, reversing it can simply done by

$\text{reverse} :: \text{Deque } a \rightarrow \text{Deque } a$   
 $\text{reverse } (\text{Deque } xs \text{ } ys) = \text{Deque } ys \text{ } xs$

This clearly only needs  $O(1)$  time.

### Solution 4.2

We set  $A_{op}(xs) = 2$  for each *op* and use the same cost function  $C$  and size function  $S$  as in the lecture:

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{cons}(xs) &= 1 & C_{snoc}(xs) &= 1 \\
 C_{tail}(\text{Deque } xs \text{ } sy) &= \text{if length } xs > 1 \text{ then } 1 \text{ else length } sy \\
 S(\text{Deque } xs \text{ } sy) &= |\text{length } xs - \text{length } sy|
 \end{aligned}$$

so it remains to show

$$C_{op_i}(xs_i) \leq A_{op_i}(xs_i) + S(xs_i) - S(xs_{i+1})$$

for  $op_i \in \{cons, snoc, tail\}$ . The case for *tail* can be found in the lecture notes. For  $op_i = snoc$ , we have the definition

$snoc :: \text{Deque } a \rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{Deque } a$   
 $snoc (\text{Deque } [] \text{ } sv) x = \text{Deque } sv \text{ } [x]$   
 $snoc (\text{Deque } us \text{ } sv) x = \text{Deque } us \text{ } (x : sv)$

and  $C_{snoc}(xs) = 1$  and  $A_{snoc}(xs) = 2$ . If  $xs_i$  matches the first pattern *Deque [] sv* of *snoc*,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &A_{snoc}(xs_i) + S(xs_i) - S(xs_{i+1}) \\
 &= 2 - S(\text{Deque } sv \text{ } [x]) + S(\text{Deque } [] \text{ } sv) \\
 &= 2 - |\text{length } sv - 1| + |\text{length } sv| \\
 &\geq \{ |a - b| \leq |a| + |b| \} \\
 &\quad 2 - 1 - |\text{length } sv| + |\text{length } sv| \\
 &= 2 - 1 = 1 = C_{snoc}(xs_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

If  $xs_i$  matches the second pattern *Deque us sv* of *snoc*,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &A_{snoc}(xs_i) + S(xs_i) - S(xs_{i+1}) \\
 &= 2 - S(\text{Deque } us \text{ } (x : sv)) + S(\text{Deque } us \text{ } sv) \\
 &= 2 - |\text{length } sv + 1 - \text{length } us| + |\text{length } sv - \text{length } us| \\
 &\geq \{ |a + b| \leq |a| + |b| \} \\
 &\quad 2 - 1 - |\text{length } sv - \text{length } us| + |\text{length } sv - \text{length } us| \\
 &= 2 - 1 = 1 = C_{snoc}(xs_i)
 \end{aligned}$$

The case for *cons* is completely symmetric.

## Solution 4.3

1. The cost function in this situation is

$$C_{tail'}(Deque\ us\ sv) = \text{if null } us \text{ then length } sv \text{ else } 1 \quad C_{snoc'}(xs) = 1$$

Define function  $A_{op}(xs) = 2$  for any  $op$  and define size function  $S(Deque\ us\ sv) = \text{length } sv$ . To show that  $A_{op}$  is the amortised cost of each operation, it is sufficient to show

$$C_{op}(xs) \leq A_{op}(xs) + S(xs) - S(op\ xs)$$

for any  $op \in \{tail', snoc'\}$  and  $xs :: Deque\ a$ .

- (a) If  $op = tail'$  and  $xs = Deque\ []\ sv$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} C_{tail'}(xs) &= \text{length } sv \leq 2 + \text{length } sv \\ &= A_{tail'}(xs) + S(xs) - S(tail'\ xs) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) If  $op = tail'$  and  $xs = Deque\ (u : us)\ sv$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} C_{tail'}(xs) &= 1 \leq 2 + \text{length } sv - \text{length } sv \\ &= A_{tail'}(xs) + S(xs) - S(tail'\ xs) \end{aligned}$$

- (c) If  $op = snoc'$  and  $xs = Deque\ us\ sv$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} C_{snoc'}(xs) &= 1 \leq 2 + \text{length } sv - (\text{length } sv + 1) \\ &= A_{snoc'}(xs) + S(xs) - S(snoc'\ xs) \end{aligned}$$

2. No, the amortised complexity is no longer  $O(1)$  in this case. Consider the following sequence of operations of length  $4n$ :

$$snoc\ 1, snoc\ 2, \dots, snoc\ (2 * n), \overbrace{tail', init', tail', init', \dots}^{2n\ \text{operations}}$$

After the first  $2n\ snoc'$  operations, the deque is  $Deque\ []\ [2 * n \dots 1]$ , and the  $(2n + k)$ -th operation ( $1 \leq k \leq 2n$ ), which is either a  $tail'$  or an  $init'$ , triggers a complete *reverse* of cost  $2n - k + 1$ . Therefore the total cost of the sequence is  $2n^2 + 3n \in \Theta(n^2)$  and the amortised complexity cannot be  $O(1)$ , because it would imply that the total cost is in  $O(n)$ .

Note that the *tail* and *init* discussed in the lecture do not suffer from this problem. Why?

## Solution 4.4

1. Because *reverse us* and  $us \mathrel{++} sv$  take  $O(\text{length } us)$  time for any  $us, sv :: [a]$ ,  $xs \mathrel{++} ys$  for  $xs, ys :: Deque\ a$  runs in time

$$O(\text{length } xs \sqcup \text{length } ys)$$

2. When an element  $x$  in  $xs_{small}$  is merged into a larger deque, it belongs to a deque at least *twice* as large as  $xs_{small}$ . Thus if an element is merged into a larger deque more than  $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$  times, it must be in a deque containing more than  $n$  elements, which is impossible because there are only  $n$  operations in the process, and each operation can create at most one element in the collection of deques.

3. The intuition is that because this version of  $xs \mathrel{++} ys$  for deques takes  $O(\text{length } xs \sqcap \text{length } ys)$  time, we can think that each element in the smaller deque

$$xs_{\text{small}} = \text{if } \text{length } xs < \text{length } ys \text{ then } xs \text{ else } ys$$

is response for  $O(1)$  cost for this  $++$  operation. Furthermore, an element pays this cost at most  $\log_2 n$  times because it can only be merged into a larger deque at most  $\log_2 n$  times. As there can only be at most  $n$  elements in the whole collection of deques, the total cost of all operations is  $O(n \log_2 n)$  and amortised  $O(\log_2 n)$  for each operation.

This argument can be formally proved by defining

$$C_{\text{empty}}(D) = 1 \quad C_{\text{cons } a \text{ } xs_j}(D) = 1$$

$$C_{xs_j \mathrel{++} xs_k}(D) = \text{length } xs_j \sqcap \text{length } xs_k$$

and

$$A_{\text{empty}}(D) = 1 \quad A_{\text{cons } a \text{ } xs_j}(D) = \log_2 n + 1$$

$$C_{xs_j \mathrel{++} xs_k}(D) = \log_2 n$$

and for any set  $D$  of deques,

$$S(D) = \text{sum } [\text{length } xs \times \log_2 (n / (\text{length } xs)) \mid xs \leftarrow D, \text{length } xs > 0]$$

It remains to show

$$C_{op_i}(D_i) \leq A_{op_i}(D_i) + S(D_i) - S(D_{i+1}) \quad (1)$$

(a) If  $op_i = \text{empty}$ , Equation 1 clearly holds because  $S(D_{i+1}) = S(D_i)$ .

(b) If  $op_i = \text{cons } a \text{ } xs_j$ , denoting  $|xs| = \text{length } xs$  for any  $xs$  :: Deque  $a$ , if  $xs_j$  is not an empty deque,

$$\begin{aligned} & A_{\text{cons } a \text{ } xs_j}(D_i) + S(D_i) - S(D_{i+1}) \\ &= \log_2 n + 1 + |xs_j| \log_2 \frac{n}{|xs_j|} - (|xs_j| + 1) \log_2 \frac{n}{|xs_j| + 1} \\ &\geq \log_2 n + 1 - \log_2 \frac{n}{|xs_j| + 1} \\ &= \log_2 (|xs_j| + 1) + 1 \\ &\geq 1 = C_{\text{cons } a \text{ } xs_j}(D_i) \end{aligned}$$

If  $xs_j$  is an empty deque,

$$\begin{aligned} & A_{\text{cons } a \text{ } xs_j}(D_i) + S(D_i) - S(D_{i+1}) \\ &= \log_2 n + 1 - \log_2 n \geq 1 = C_{\text{cons } a \text{ } xs_j}(D_i) \end{aligned}$$

Logarithm satisfies the following identities:

$$\log(a \times b) = \log a + \log b$$

$$\log\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = \log a - \log b$$

$$a \log b = \log(b^a)$$

(c) If  $op_i = xs_j \mathbin{++} xs_k$ , assuming  $0 < |xs_j| < |xs_k|$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& A_{xs_j \mathbin{++} xs_k}(D_i) + S(D_i) - S(D_{i+1}) \\
&= \log_2 n + |xs_j| \log_2 \frac{n}{|xs_j|} + |xs_k| \log_2 \frac{n}{|xs_k|} - (|xs_j| + |xs_k|) \log_2 \frac{n}{|xs_j| + |xs_k|} \\
&= \log_2 n - |xs_j| \log_2(|xs_j|) - |xs_k| \log_2(|xs_k|) + (|xs_j| + |xs_k|) \log_2(|xs_j| + |xs_k|) \\
&\geq \log_2 n + |xs_j|(\log_2(|xs_j| + |xs_k|) - \log_2(|xs_j|)) \\
&\geq \{ |xs_j| < |xs_k| \} \\
&\quad \log_2 n + |xs_j|(\log_2(2|xs_j|) - \log_2(|xs_j|)) \\
&= \log_2 n + xs_j \geq xs_j = C_{xs_j \mathbin{++} xs_k}(D_i)
\end{aligned}$$

The case  $0 < |xs_k| \leq |xs_j|$  is symmetric, and the case

$$\min |xs_j| \mid |xs_k| = 0$$

is also straightforward.

The intuition for the size function is that it measures how many times each element can be merged into a larger deque in the rest of the process.

#### Solution 4.5

The function *dec* is symmetric to *inc* discussed in the lecture:

$$\begin{aligned}
& dec :: Binary \rightarrow Binary \\
& dec [] = [] \\
& dec (I : bs) = O : bs \\
& dec (O : bs) = I : dec bs
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& inc :: Binary \rightarrow Binary \\
& inc [] = [I] \\
& inc (O : bs) = I : bs \\
& inc (I : bs) = O : (inc bs)
\end{aligned}$$

1. Similarly to the analysis of *inc* in the lecture, we define

$$C_{dec}(bs) = t + 1 \text{ where } t = \text{length } (\text{takeWhile } (\equiv O) bs)$$

and for the amortised cost, we define

$$A_{dec}(bs) = 2$$

The size function is then

$$S_{dec}(bs) = b \text{ where } b = \text{length } (\text{filter } (\equiv O) bs)$$

then for any  $bs :: Binary$  and  $bs' = dec bs$ , the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
& C_{dec}(bs) \leq A_{dec}(bs) + S_{dec}(bs) - S_{dec}(bs') \\
& \iff \\
& t + 1 \leq 2 + b - b' \text{ where } b' = b - t + 1 \\
& \iff \\
& t + 1 \leq 2 + b - (b - t + 1) \\
& \iff \\
& t + 1 \leq t + 1
\end{aligned}$$

2. When both *inc* and *dec* are allowed in the sequence, the amortised operation is no longer  $O(1)$ . Consider  $bs = \text{replicate } n \text{ } I$ , which is the binary number contains  $n$   $I$ 's and the sequence of operations

*inc, dec, inc, dec, inc, dec, ...*

In this case, every *inc* and *dec* takes time proportional to the length of *bs*, so the amortised time complexity cannot be  $O(1)$ .

#### Solution 4.6

The time complexity of `!!` can be approximated by

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & n \leq 1 \\ 1 + T(n/2) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

To solve the recurrence relation, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= 1 + T\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \\ &= 1 + 1 + T\left(\frac{n}{2^2}\right) \\ &= 1 + 1 + 1 + T\left(\frac{n}{2^3}\right) \\ &= \dots \\ &= k + T\left(\frac{n}{2^k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{n}{2^k} \leq 1$  iff  $k \geq \log n$ , let  $k = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ , and

$$T(n) = \lceil \log_2 n \rceil + 1 \in \Theta(\log_2 n).$$

#### Solution 4.7

1. The best case is when the first element of  $xs :: RAList \ a$  is `Just (Leaf a)`, so `(!!0)` is done in  $O(1)$  time. The worst case is when  $xs$  contains exactly  $2^k$  elements for some  $k$ , and thus every tree except the last one in  $xs$  is `Nothing`. In this case, `(!!0)` takes  $O(\log_2(\text{length } xs))$  time.
2. The function `tail` for `RAList a` corresponds to `dec` for binary numbers, and it can be defined as

```
tail :: RAList a → RAList a
tail = snd ∘ split where
  split :: RAList a → (Tree a, RAList a)
  split (RAList [t])      = (t, RAList [])
  split (RAList (Tip : ts)) = (t, RAList (t' : ts'))
    where (Node _ t', RAList ts') = split (RAList ts)
  split (RAList (t : ts))  = (t, RAList (Tip : ts))
```

It is easy to verify `split (consT t ts) = (t, ts)` for the `consT` discussed in the lecture. The amortised complexity of a sequence of `tail` is  $O(1)$ , which can be proved essentially in the same way as Exercise 4.5.

Obviously it helps to have a smart constructor for `Node`:

```
node :: Tree a → Tree a → Tree a
node lt rt = Node (size lt + size rt) lt rt
```

**instance** List Tree **where**

```
toList :: Tree a → [a]
toList (Tip)      = []
toList (Leaf x)   = [x]
toList (Node n lt rt) = toList lt ++ toList rt

fromList :: [a] → Tree a
fromList []       = Tip
fromList [x]      = Leaf x
fromList xs       = node (fromList us) (fromList vs)
  where (us, vs) = splitAt (length xs `div` 2) xs

Leaf x      !! _ = x
Node n lt rt !! i
  | i < n `div` 2 = lt !! i
  | otherwise    = rt !! (i - n `div` 2)
```



3. Similar to *dec* and *inc* of binary numbers, the amortised complexity is no longer  $O(1)$  when *tail* and *cons* are used together. In particular, when  $xs :: RAList\ a$  contains exactly  $2^k - 1$  elements, the following sequence

*cons a, tail, cons a, tail, ...*

starting from  $xs$  costs  $\Theta(\log_2(\text{length } xs))$  time per operation.