

Amortized complexity: Insertion in a dynamic array

n	cp	albedo	copy	writes	free	$\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor$
0	0	1	0	1	0	0
1	1	2	1	1	1	1
2	2	4	2	1	2	2
3	4	0	0	1	0	2
4	4	8	4	1	4	2
5	8	0	0	1	0	4
6	8	0	0	1	0	4
7	8	0	0	1	0	4
8	8	16	8	1	8	4
9	16	0	0	1	0	8
10	16	0	0	1	0	8

$$\text{sum}(n) = 2 \cdot a \cdot c(n) + c_p \cdot c(n) + w_r \cdot n + f_r \cdot c(n)$$

$$= (2 \cdot a + c_p + f_r) \cdot c(n) + w_r \cdot n = a \cdot c(n) + b \cdot n$$

where $c(n) = 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor}$

$$= \frac{2^{\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor + 1} - 1}{2 - 1}$$

you can show: $\alpha \cdot n \leq c(n) \leq \beta \cdot n$

with $0 < \alpha \leq \beta$

so there is a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that, for any $n > 0$:

$$\frac{\text{sum}(n)}{n} \leq k$$

and hence, in average, insertion is in $\mathcal{O}(1)$