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Vectors  
Intro to lists


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# Recap

- MT back next week
- HW 1-3 are graded  
Blackboard set up
- HW 5 is posted  
due next Friday  
over Vectors

## Last time

Vector running times

- size + empty:  $O(1)$

- all others:  $O(n)$

except operator  $[\ ]$ ,  $at()$

But: Is it really that bad?

When overflow, we  
double size

↳ bunch of empty  
spots

Consider a sequence of push-back operations.  
 $n$  of them

Runtime:

- do  $n$  operations
  - push-back in worst case is  $O(n)$
- $\Rightarrow O(n^2)$

But:

When do we actually double?  
 $\rightarrow$  only when we double

## Amortization:

Every time we rebuild the array,  
we have free space.

Formalize: find average running  
time per operation over  
a long sequence of operations

Claim: Total time to perform  
 $n$  push backs to an  
initially empty vector is  
 $O(n)$ .

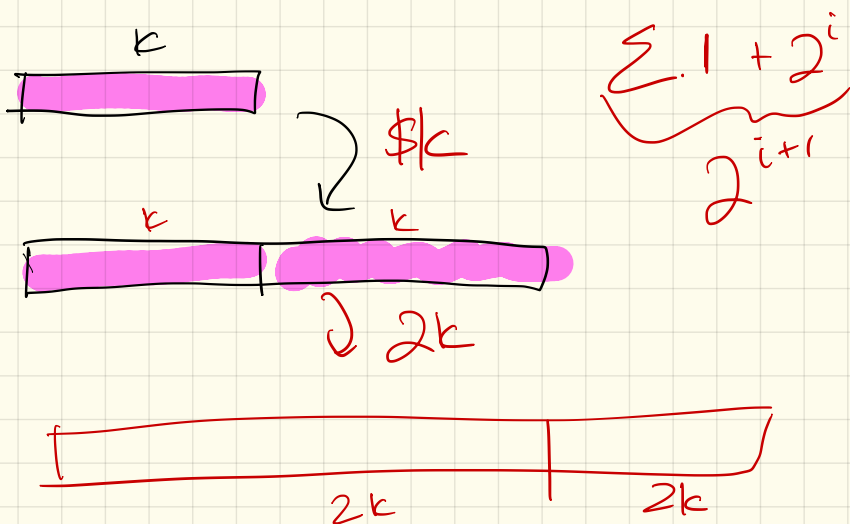
pf: bank account analogy:

Each  $O(1)$  operation costs \$1.

So each non-~~push~~ <sup>overflow push-back</sup> ~~overflow~~  
costs \$1.

Overflow ones? \$ $n$

So: overcharge the non-overflow ones:



Analysis: array has  $2^i$  elements  
& gets doubled.

Last double:  $2^{i-1}$

Charge each push\_back:  $\$3$

$$3 \cdot 2^{i-1} - 2^{i-1} = \$2 \cdot 2^{i-1}$$

So:  $O(n)$  total, since  $O(1)$  operations = slow one

Vectors: testing

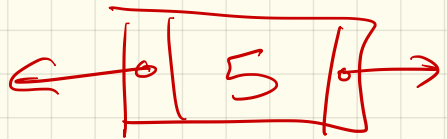
# Lists: Motivation

Insert in vectors is slow!  
If I'm changing 1 thing,  
want  $O(N)$ .

Doubly linked List struct:

```
struct Node {  
    T_data;  
    Node* prev;  
    Node* next;  
};
```

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private:  
    Node* head;
```

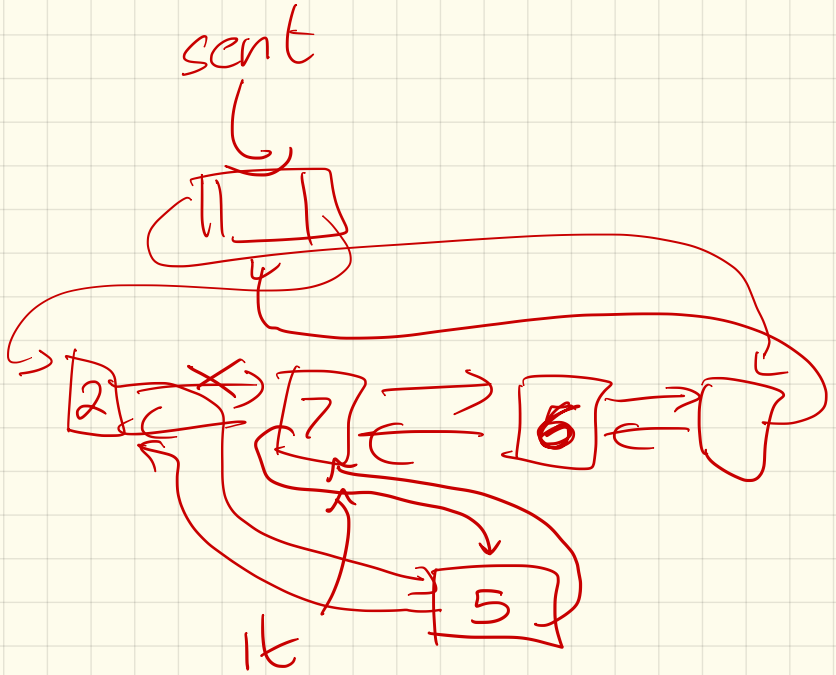




# Circularly linked lists:

private data:

Node\*  
-sent  
-size



insert(5, it)

↳ allocate node  
4 ptr updates

Iterator: inside List,

```
class Iterator {  
    Node* _current;
```

```
    T& operator*() {  
        return *_current->_data;  
    }  
}
```

in main:

```
Iterator it;  
*it
```