

Data Structures Fundamentals: Dynamic Arrays and Amortized Analysis

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Solution: *dynamic arrays* (also known as *resizable arrays*)

Idea: store a pointer to a dynamically allocated array, and replace it with a newly-allocated array as needed.

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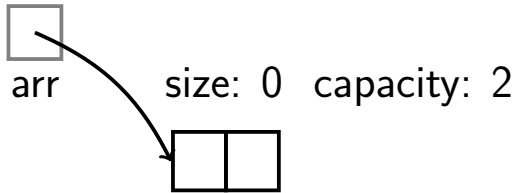
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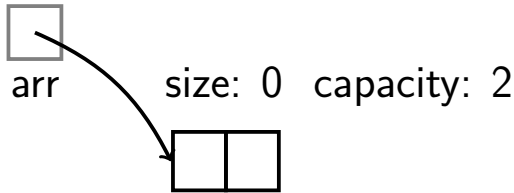
Store:

- `arr`: dynamically-allocated array
- `capacity`: size of the dynamically-allocated array
- `size`: number of elements currently in the array

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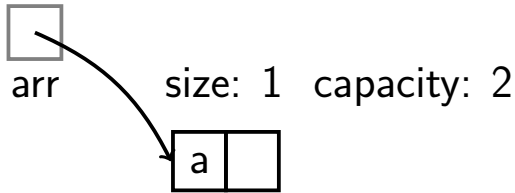


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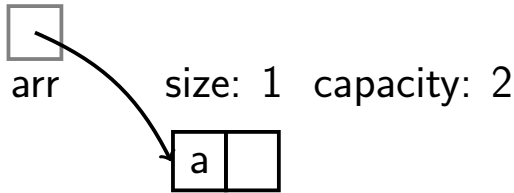
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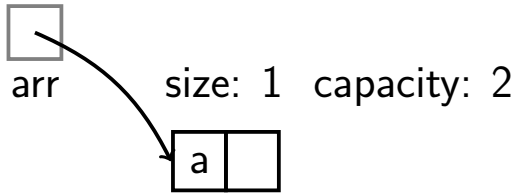


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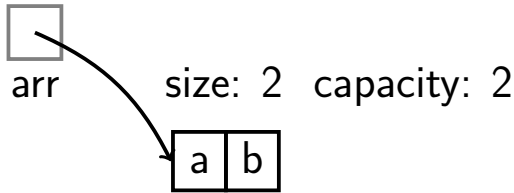


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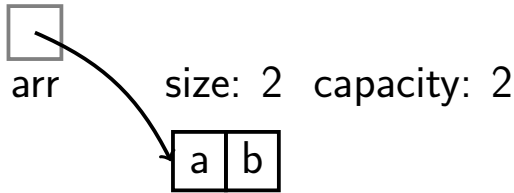
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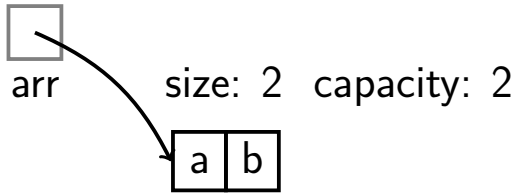


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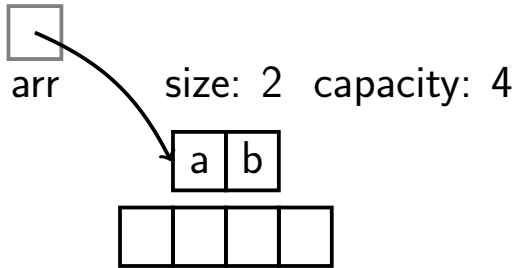


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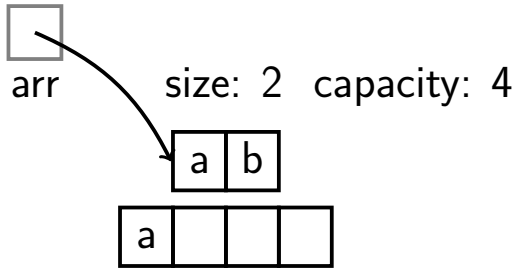
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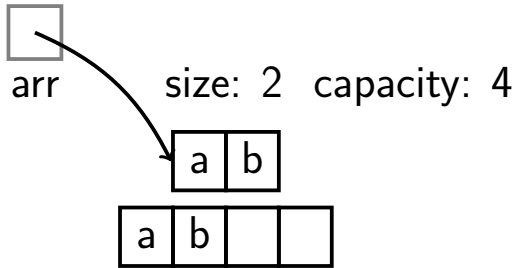
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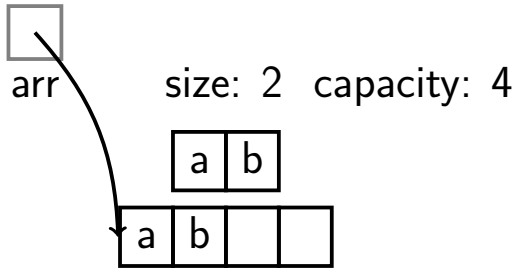
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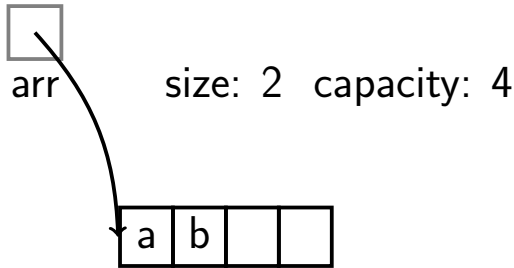
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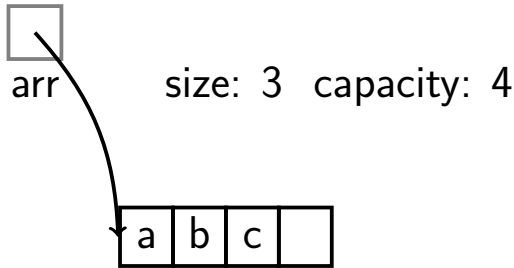
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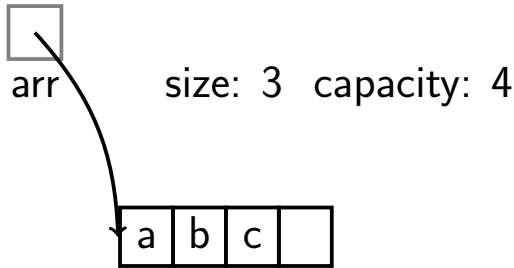
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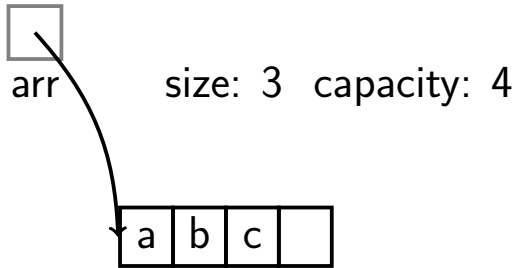


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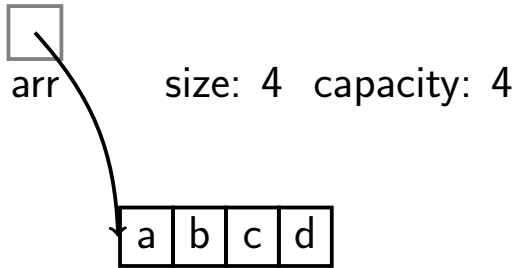


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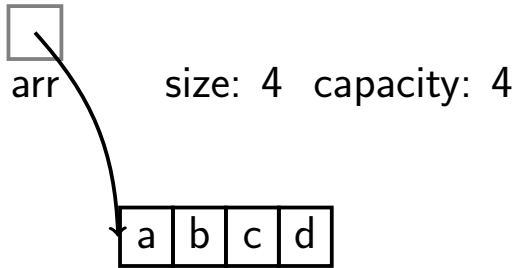
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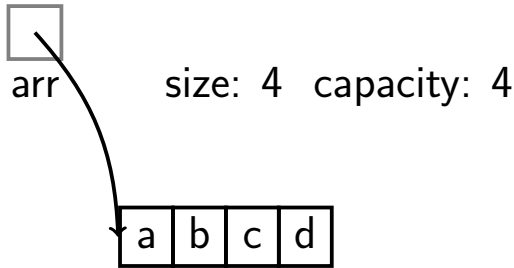


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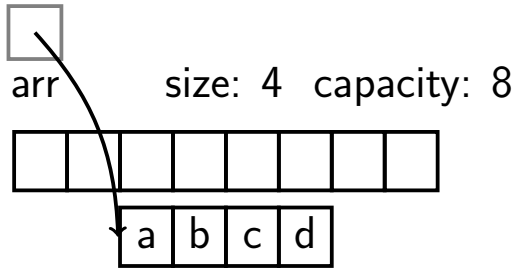


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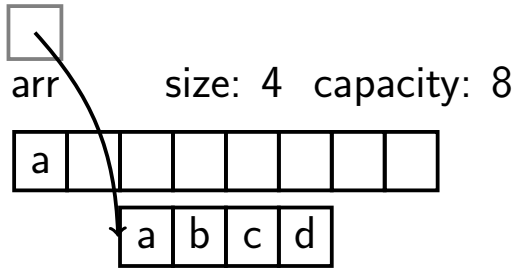
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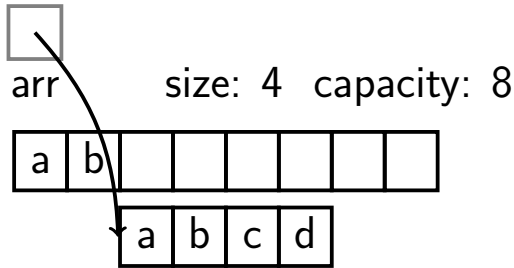
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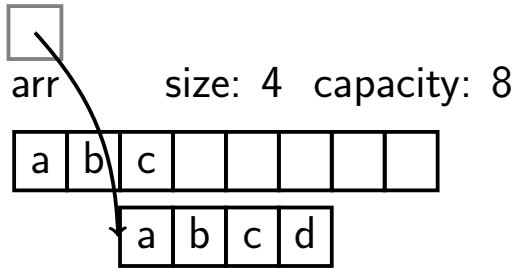
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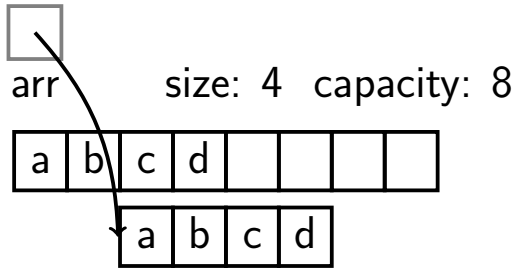
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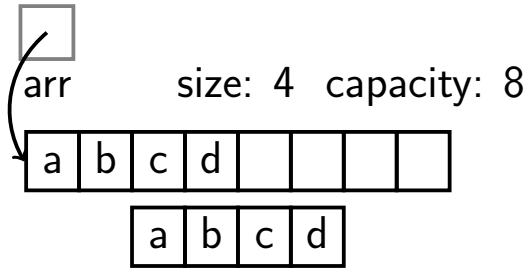
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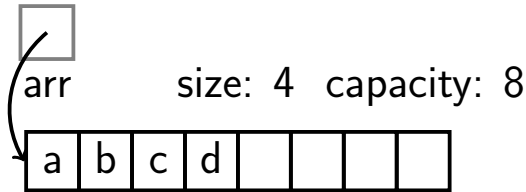
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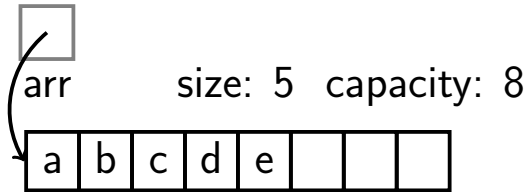
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$arr[i] = val$

PushBack(*val*)

if *size* = *capacity*:

 allocate *new_arr*[$2 \times \text{capacity}$]

 for *i* from 0 to *size* - 1:

new_arr[*i*] \leftarrow *arr*[*i*]

 free *arr*

arr \leftarrow *new_arr*; *capacity* $\leftarrow 2 \times \text{capacity}$

arr[*size*] \leftarrow *val*

size \leftarrow *size* + 1

Remove(*i*)

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for j from i to $\text{size} - 2$:

$\text{arr}[j] \leftarrow \text{arr}[j + 1]$

$\text{size} \leftarrow \text{size} - 1$

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Size()
```

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Common Implementations

- **C++:** `vector`
- **Java:** `ArrayList`
- **Python:** `list` (the only kind of array)

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Sometimes, looking at the individual worst-case may be too severe. We may want to know the total worst-case cost for a sequence of operations.

Dynamic Array

We only resize every so often.

Many $O(1)$ operations are followed by an $O(n)$ operations.

What is the total cost of inserting many elements?

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$$\frac{\text{Cost}(n \text{ operations})}{n}$$

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- Place one token on the newly-inserted element, and one token $\frac{\text{capacity}}{2}$ elements prior.

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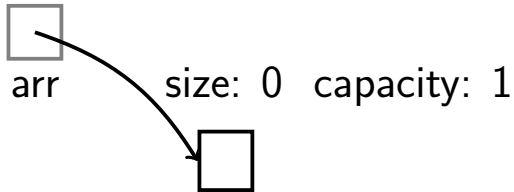
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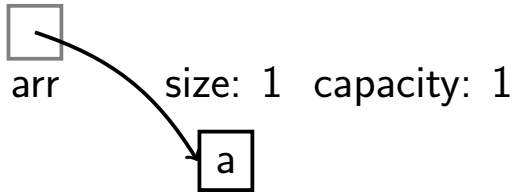
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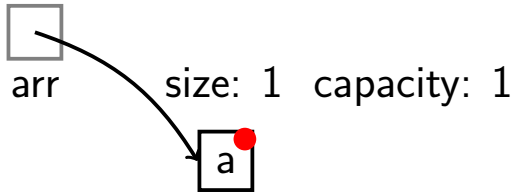
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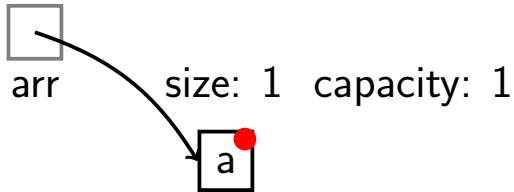
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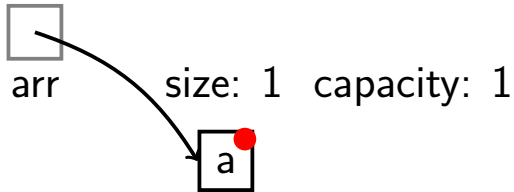


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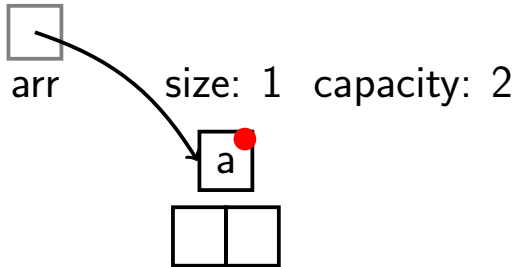


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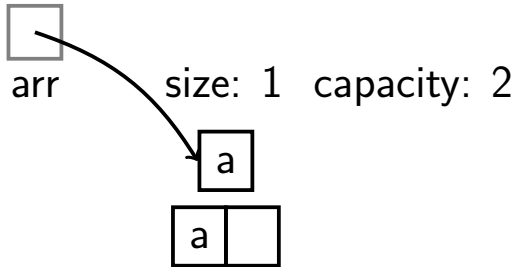
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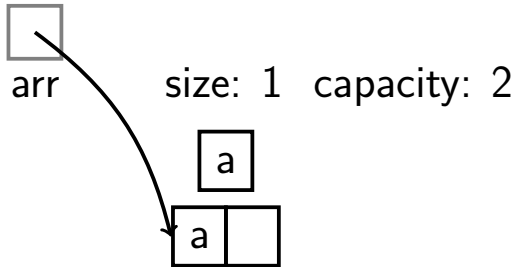
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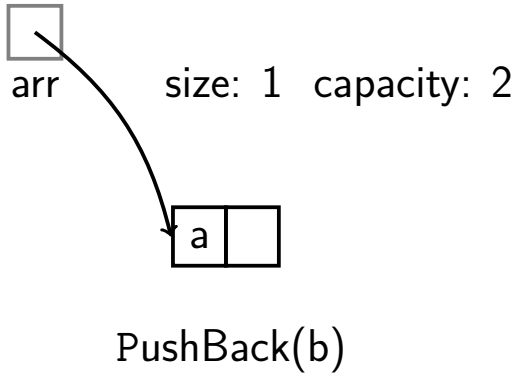
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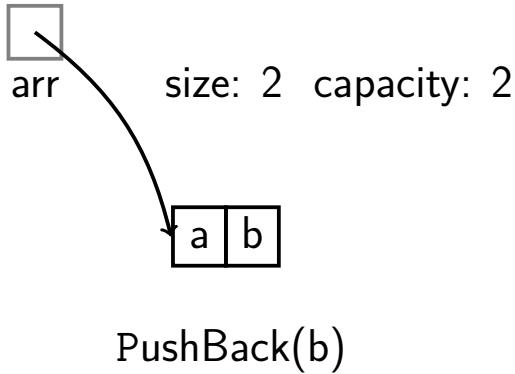


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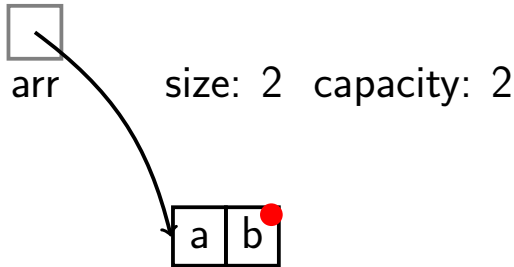
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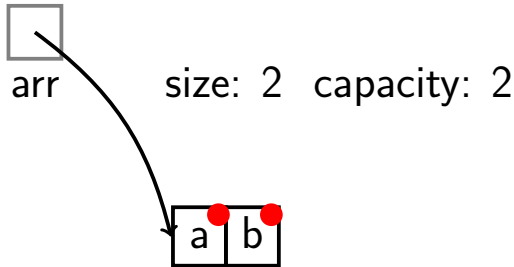


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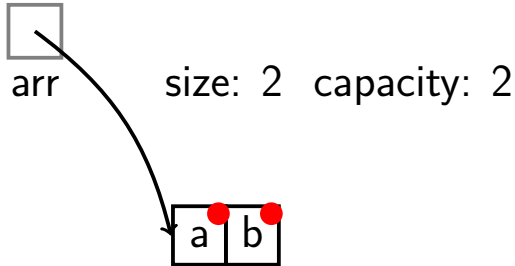
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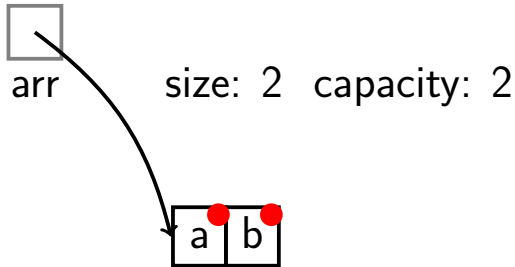


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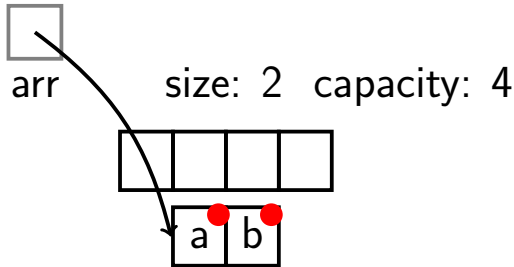


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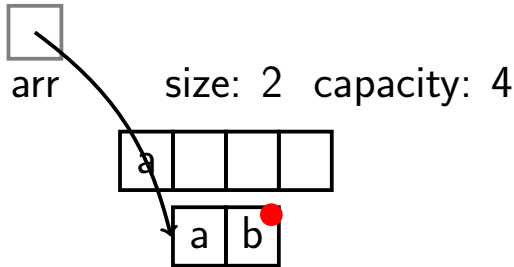
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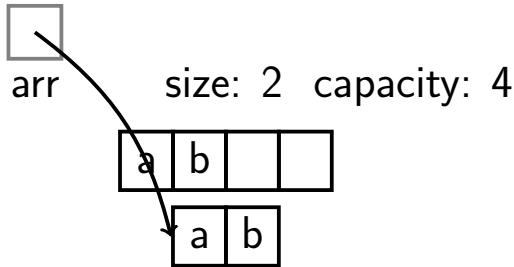
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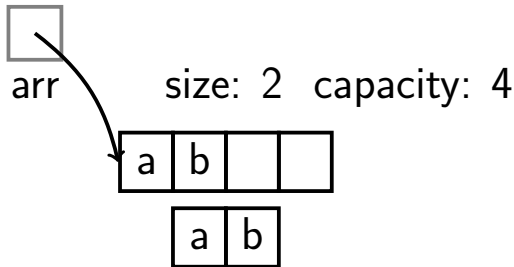
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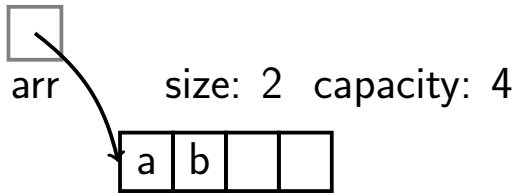
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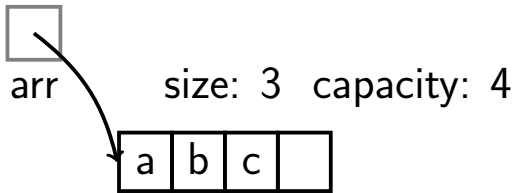
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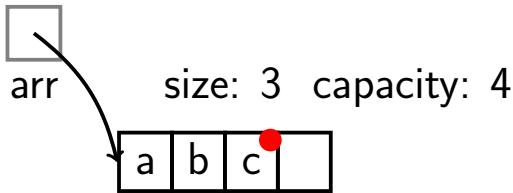
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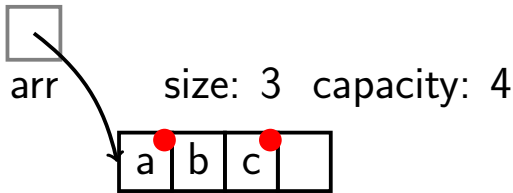
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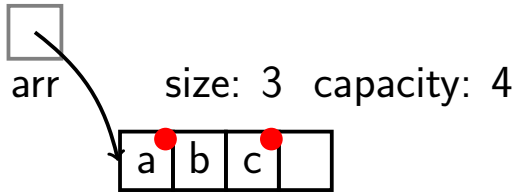
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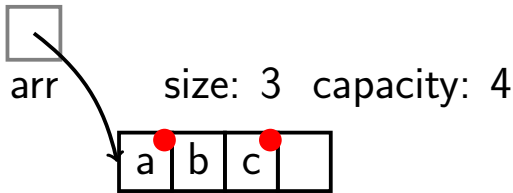


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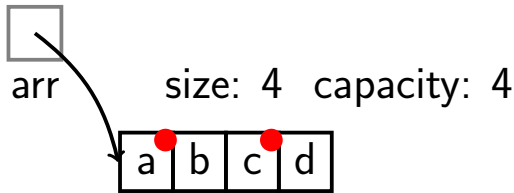


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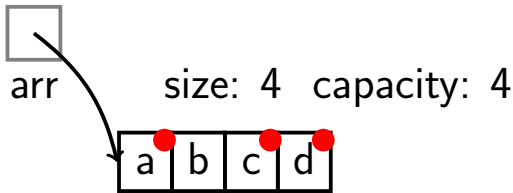
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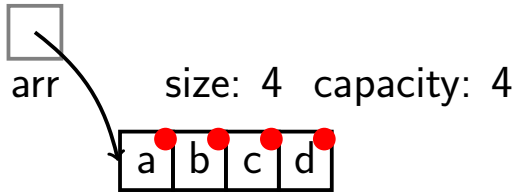
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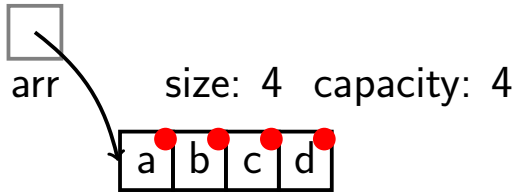
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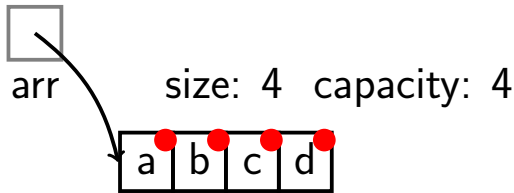


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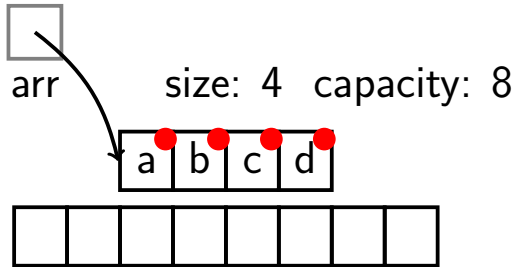


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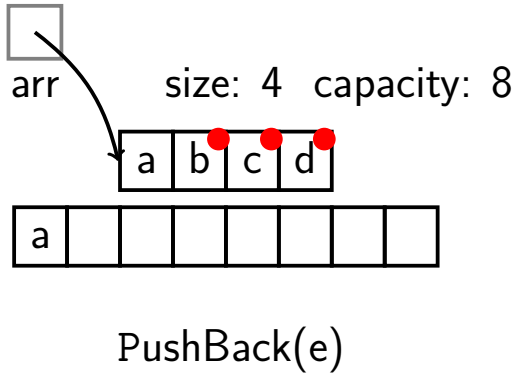
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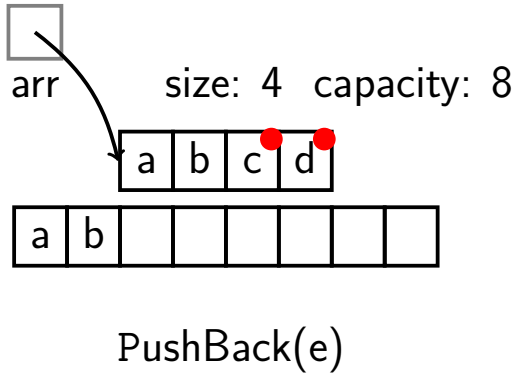


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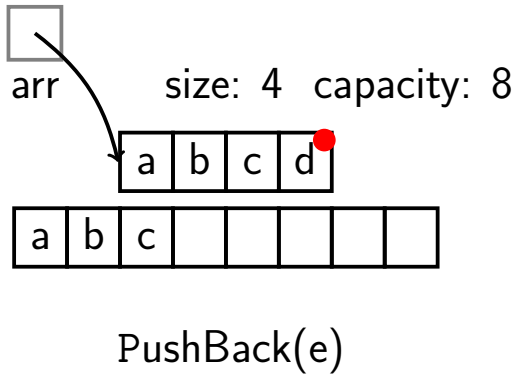
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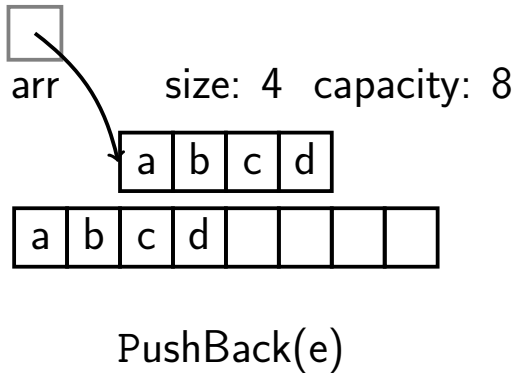
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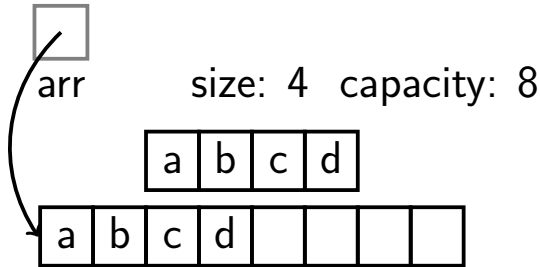
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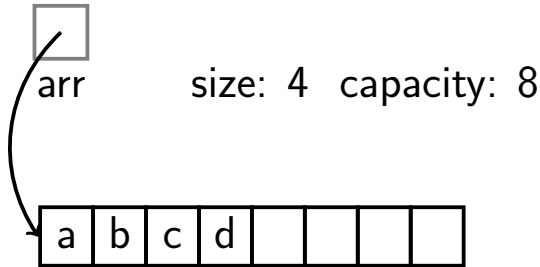


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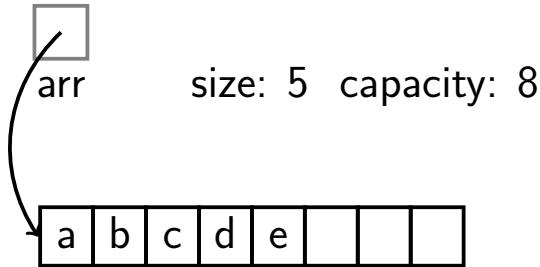
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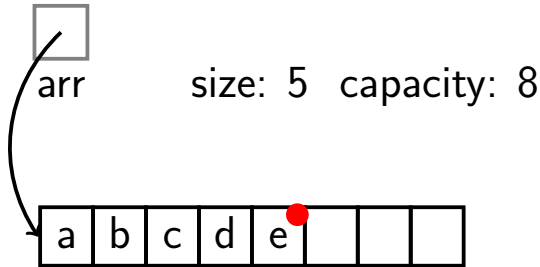
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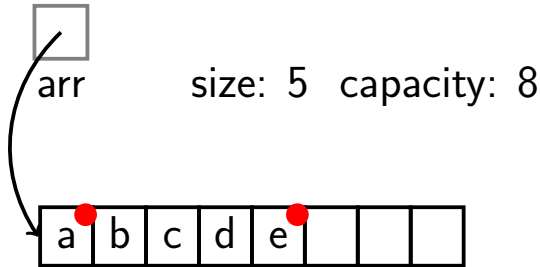
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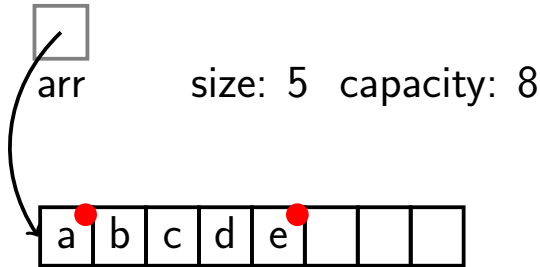
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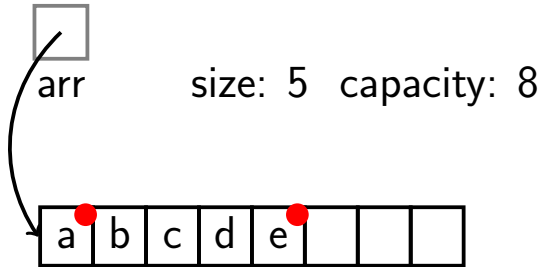


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