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Priority Queues, Binary Heaps & Heapsort

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9. Priority Queues

- The Priority Queue Abstract Data Type
- ✤ Heaps
- Sorting with a Priority Queue



Priority Queue ADT



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Priority Queue ADT

- A priority queue stores a collection of items
- Each item is a (key, value) pair
- The *value* is the element that should be stored
- The *key* is the **priority** associated with that particular value
- Similar to a queue, but it is the element with the minimum key that will be next removed from the queue



Main Methods of the Priority Queue ADT

• Methods supported by the priority queue ADT, for a priority queue P:

```
- P.add(k, x)
```

inserts an item with key k and value x

- P.min()

returns, but does not remove the item with the smallest key

- P.remove_min()

removes and returns the item with smallest key

- P.is_empty()

return True if priority queue P does not contain any items

-len(P)

return the number of items in priority queue P



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P.add(5,A)		
P.add(9,C)		
P.add(3,B)		
P.add(7,D)		
P.min()		
<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>		
<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>		
len(P)		
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P.is_empty()		
P.remove_min()		



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<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>	(5,A)	{(7,D),(9,C)}
len(P)		
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<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>	(3,B)	{(5,A),(7,D),(9,C)}
<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>	(5,A)	{(7,D),(9,C)}
len(P)	2	{(7,D),(9,C)}
<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>		
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P.remove_min()	(5,A)	{(7,D),(9,C)}
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P.remove_min()	(5,A)	{(7,D),(9,C)}
len(P)	2	{(7,D),(9,C)}
P.remove_min()	(7,D)	{(9,C)}
P.remove_min()	(9,C)	{}
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<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>	(5,A)	{(7,D),(9,C)}
len(P)	2	{(7,D),(9,C)}
<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>	(7,D)	{(9,C)}
<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>	(9,C)	{}
<pre>P.is_empty()</pre>	True	{}
<pre>P.remove_min()</pre>	"error"	{}



PQ Implementation with an Unsorted List



- Performance
 - P. add (k, v) takes ? time: the item is added at the end of the list
 - P. remove_min() and P.min() take ? time, since the list is unsorted, and all items must be inspected to find the one with minimum key



PQ Implementation with an Unsorted List



- Performance
 - P. add (k, v) takes O(1) time: the item is added at the end of the list
 - P. remove_min() and P.min() take O(n) time, since the list is unsorted, and all items must be inspected to find the one with minimum key



PQ Implementation with an Sorted List



- Performance
 - P. add (k, v) takes ? time, since we have to find the place where to insert the item
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Sorting with a Priority Queue

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       (k,v) = P.remove_min()
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       C.add_last(v)
                                       # store smallest remaining element in C
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Insertion Sort Revisited

- Variant of pq_sort() where the priority queue is implemented with a sorted list
- Running time
 - Inserting the elements into the priority queue with *n* add() operations takes time proportional to

 $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = ?$

- Removing the elements in sorted order from the priority queue with a series of n remove_min() operations takes O(n) time
- Insertion sort runs in ? time



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$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

- Removing the elements in sorted order from the priority queue with a series of n remove_min() operations takes O(n) time
- Insertion sort runs in $O(n^2)$ time



PQ Insertion Sort - Example

Input:	Sequence S (7,4,8,2,5,3,9)	Priority queue P ()
Phase 1 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g)	(4,8,2,5,3,9) (8,2,5,3,9) (2,5,3,9) (5,3,9) (3,9) (9) ()	(7) (4,7) (4,7,8) (2,4,7,8) (2,4,5,7,8) (2,3,4,5,7,8) (2,3,4,5,7,8,9)
Phase 2 (a) (b)	(2) (2,3) 	(3,4,5,7,8,9) (4,5,7,8,9)
(g)	(2,3,4,5,7,8,9)	()



Selection Sort

- Variant of pq_sort() where the priority queue is implemented with an unsorted list
- Running time
 - Inserting the elements into the priority queue with *n* add() operations takes ? time
 - Removing the elements in sorted order from the priority queue with a series of *n* remove_min() operations takes ? time

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = ?$$

- selection sort runs in ? time



Selection Sort

- Variant of pq_sort() where the priority queue is implemented with an unsorted list
- Running time
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PQ Selection Sort - Example

Input:	Sequence S (7,4,8,2,5,3,9)	Priority Queue P ()
Phase 1 (a) (b) (g)	(4,8,2,5,3,9) (8,2,5,3,9) ()	(7) (7,4) (7,4,8,2,5,3,9)
Phase 2 (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g)	(2)(2,3)(2,3,4)(2,3,4,5)(2,3,4,5,7)(2,3,4,5,7,8)(2,3,4,5,7,8,9)	(7,4,8,5,3,9) (7,4,8,5,9) (7,8,5,9) (7,8,9) (8,9) (9) ()



Heaps



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The Binary Heap Data Structure

- A binary heap is a binary tree that stores a collection of items at its nodes and satisfies the following two properties:
 - 1. Heap-Order Property: in a heap T, for every position p other than the root, the key stored in p is greater than or equal to the key stored at p's parent
 - 2. Complete Binary Tree Property: a heap *T* with height *h* is a complete binary tree if levels 0, 1, ..., h 1 of *T* have the maximum number of nodes possible, 2^i for i = 0, ..., h 1, and the remaining nodes at level *h* reside in the leftmost possible position at that level







Height of a Binary Heap

• Theorem: A heap T storing n keys has height $h = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$.





Height of a Binary Heap (cont'd)

- **Proof** (using the complete binary tree property)
 - Let h be the height of heap T storing n keys
 - *T* is complete, therefore on the levels 0 through h 1 there are exactly $2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{h-1} = 2^h 1$ nodes.
 - On level h, T has at least 1 and at most 2^h nodes
 - Therefore $n \ge 2^h 1 + 1$ and $n \le 2^h 1 + 2^h$
 - Simplifying, $2^h \leq n \leq 2^{h+1} 1$
 - Taking the \log_2 of both sides of $2^h \le n$: $\log_2 2^h \le \log_2 n$
 - Simplifying, $h \leq \log_2 n$
 - $n + 1 \le 2^{h+1} \Rightarrow \log_2(n+1) \le h + 1 \Rightarrow \log_2(n+1) 1 \le h$
 - $\log_2(n+1) 1 \le h \le \log_2(n) \Rightarrow h = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$, since *h* is integer



Heaps and Priority Queues

- The theorem regarding the height of a binary heap, $h = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$, implies that we can perform update operations on a heap in time proportional to its height – that is – logarithmic time, $O(\log n)$
- Make the priority queue operations more efficient by implementing priority queues using binary heaps



Adding an Item to a Binary Heap

- P. add (k, v), implemented with a binary heap T
- The pair (k, v) is stored as an item at a new node in the tree
- To maintain the complete binary tree property of the heap, the new node should be placed at position *p*:
 - Just beyond the rightmost node at the bottom level of the tree
 - Or at the leftmost position of a new level, if the bottom level is already full or the heap is empty


Up-Heap Bubbling After an Insertion

- After a new pair (*k*, *v*) has been inserted, the tree *T* is complete, but it may violate the heap-order property
- Up-heap bubbling is ran to ensure that the new entry is placed at it's proper place, by using swaps
- The key at position p is compared to that of p's parent, q
 - If $k_p \ge k_q$, the heap order property is satisfied, stop
 - If $k_p < k_q$, the heap order property has to be restored locally, by swapping the items on positions p and q; the new item moves up one level; the heap order property might still need to be restored, so the swapping process continues until the heap order property is again satisfied



Up-Heap Bubbling - Example











• Heap-order property not satisfied, swap item with key 2 with the parent item with key 9





• Heap-order property not satisfied, swap item with key 2 with the parent item with key 6





• Heap-order property not satisfied, swap item with key 2 with root item, with key 4





• Heap-order property is satisfied, stop



Up-Heap Bubbling – Wrap-up

- The up-heap bubbling process terminates when the new item with key k reaches the root, or a node whose parent has a key smaller than or equal to k
- Since a binary heap has height $h = \lfloor \log n \rfloor$, the up-heap bubbling process runs in $O(\log n)$ time



Removing the Item with Minimum Key from a Binary Heap

- The item with the smallest key is stored at the root of the heap T
- The root item cannot simply be removed this would lead to two disconnected trees
- Instead, the leaf at the last position p of T is removed (the rightmost leaf on the lowest level of T), thus ensuring that the heap keeps respecting the complete binary tree property
- The last item is preserved by copying it into the root element *r*, in place of the minimum element
- The heap-order property is then restored via the process called down-heap bubbling



Down-Heap Bubbling

- After replacing the root item with the item with key *k* from the last node, the heap-order property might be violated
- Down-heap bubbling restores the heap-order property by swapping the item with key *k* along a downward path from the root
- If *p* initially denotes the root of *T*, two cases can be distinguished in the process:
 - If p has no right child, then c is the left child of p
 - If *p* has both a left and a right child, then *c* is the child of *p* with minimal key
- If $k_c \leq k_p$, the heap-order property is satisfied, stop
- If k_c > k_p, the heap-order property has to be restored, by swapping the items on positions p and c; process continues until the heap-order property is restored

Down-Heap Bubbling - Example











 Heap-order property not satisfied, swap root item, (13,W) with the child with minimum key, (5,A)





 Heap-order property not satisfied, swap the item (13,W) with the child with minimum key, (9,F)





 Heap-order property not satisfied, swap the item (13,W) with the child with minimum key, (12,H)





• Heap-order property is satisfied, stop



Down-Heap Bubbling – Wrap-up

- Down-heap bubbling terminates when the new item with key k reaches a leaf or a node whose children have keys greater than or equal to k
- Since a binary heap has height h = [log n], the down-heap bubbling process runs in O(log n) time



PQ implementation using a Binary Heap

- Performance
 - P. add (k, v) takes O(log n) time, since we have to do up-heap bubbling on the full height of the tree in the worst case
 - P.min() takes O(1) time, since the smallest key is at the top of the heap
 - P. remove_min() takes O(log n) time, since we have to do down-heap bubbling on the full height of the tree in the worst case



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Heap Sort

- Variant of pq_sort() where the priority queue is implemented with a heap
- Running time
 - Inserting n elements into the priority queue with n add()
 operations takes ? time
 - Removing n elements from the constructed priority queue using n remove_min() operations takes ? time
 - The heap sort algorithm sorts a collection *C* of *n* elements in ? time, assuming two elements of *C* can be compared in *O*(1) time
 - Space usage of heap sort is O(n)



Heap Sort

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 - Inserting *n* elements into the priority queue with *n* add() operations takes $O(n \log n)$ time but can be improved to O(n)
 - Removing n elements from the constructed priority queue using n remove_min() operations takes O(n log n) time
 - The heap sort algorithm sorts a collection *C* of *n* elements in *O(n log n)* time, assuming two elements of *C* can be compared in *O(1)* time
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Types of Heaps

- Min-heap, presented the minimum element is at the top
- Max-heap
 - the maximum element is at the top
 - the key at each position is at least as large as its children
 - add (k, v) inserts the item (k, v) into the heap
 - remove_max() removes and retrieves the maximum element of the heap
 - max() retrieve, but do not remove the maximum element of the heap



In-place Heap Sort

- When the collection to be sorted is implemented as an array-based sequence (i.e. Python list), we can reduce the space requirement
- We can use a portion of the list to store the heap, and avoid the auxiliary heap data structure; use a max-heap
- At any time during execution:
 - use the leftmost portion of the array, up to the index i 1, to store the items of the heap
 - use the right portion of the array, from *i* to n 1, to store the elements of the sequence
- The first *i* elements of the array (indices 0, ..., i 1) provide the array-list representation of the heap



Array-Based Heap Implementation

- A binary heap with n keys can be represented by means of an array of length n
- For the node at position *i*
 - The left child is at 2i + 1
 - The right child is at 2i + 2
- Links between nodes are not explicitly stored
- The add() operation
 corresponds to inserting at
 position n + 1
- The remove_min() operation corresponds to removing at position *n*





In-place Heap Sort (cont'd)

- In the first phase of the algorithm, start with an empty heap, and move the boundary between the heap and the sequence from left to right, one step at a time
- In step *i*, for *i* = 1, ..., *n*, we expand the heap by adding the element at index *i* − 1
- In the second phase of the algorithm, we start with an empty sequence and move the boundary between the heap and the sequence from right to left, one step at a time
- At step *i*, for i = 1, ..., n, we remove the maximum element from the heap and store it at index n i



In-place Heap Sort – example, phase 2



- Sequence (yellow) empty
- Heap (blue) has six elements





- Remove the largest element in the heap, 9; 4 moves to root
- Move the boundary one step from right to left
- Sequence has one element [9]
- Heap has five elements; down-heap bubbling to move 4 to its place





- Removed the largest element in the heap, 7; 4 moves to root
- Move the boundary one step from right to left
- Sequence has two elements [7, 9]
- Heap has four elements; down-heap bubbling to move 4 to its position





- Remove the largest element 6; move 2 to the root
- Move the boundary one step from right to left
- Sequence has three elements [6,7,9]
- Heap has three elements; down-heap bubbling to move 2 to its position





- Remove the largest element, 5; 2 goes to the root
- Move the boundary one step from right to left
- Sequence has four elements [5, 6,7,9]
- Heap has two elements; down-heap bubbling to move 2 to its position



2	4	5	6	7	9
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- Remove the largest element 4; 2 moves to the root
- Move the boundary one step from right to left
- Sequence has five elements [4,5,6,7,9]
- Heap has one element





- Remove last element from the heap, 2
- Move the boundary one step from right to left
- Sequence has six elements [2,4,5,6,7,9]
- Heap is empty



Bottom-Up Heap Construction

- Starting with an initially empty heap and having n successive calls to the add() operation leads to a O(n log n) running time in the worst case
- However, if all the values are known in advance, there is an alternative bottom-up construction that runs in O(n) time
- For simplicity, assume that we are constructing a heap with n items, such that $n = 2^{h+1} 1$ that is, the heap is a complete binary tree with every level being full
- Typically the function is called heapify()



Bottom-Up Heap Construction - example





Bottom-Up Heap Construction – example (cont'd)



• Step 1: construct (n + 1)/2 elementary heaps storing one element each



Bottom-Up Heap Construction – example (cont'd)



• Step 2: construct (n + 1)/4 heaps, each storing three elements




• Step 2: the new entries might have to be swapped with their children to preserve the heap-order property





• Step 3: construct (n + 1)/8 heaps, each containing 7 elements





• Step 3: down-heap bubbling of the new elements





• Step 4: form the final heap, by adding the last entry





• Step 4: down-heap bubbling of the root element



Python's heapq Module

- Python's standard distribution includes the heapq module, which provides functions that allow a standard Python list to be managed as a min-heap
- *n* elements are stored in list cells from L[0] through L[n-1]
- The smallest element is at the root, *L*[0]
- Operations
 - heappush(L,e): push element *e* onto list *L* and restore the heaporder property
 - heappop(L): pop and return the element with the smallest value from the list *L*, and re-establish the heap-order property
 - heappushpop(L,e): push element *e* on the list *L* and then pop and return the smallest element
 - heapify(L): transform an unordered list to satisfy the heap-order property in O(n) time using the bottom-up construction algorithm



Sorting – Wrap-up

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Remember Merge Sort

- Another instance of sorting algorithm based on the divide-andconquer paradigm, just like quick sort
- To sort a sequence *S* with *n* items using merge sort:
 - 1. Divide: If *S* has zero or one element, return *S* immediately; it is already sorted; otherwise, if *S* has at least two elements, remove all the elements from *S* and put them in two sequences, S_1 (containing the first $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ elements) and S_2 (containing the remaining $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ elements)
 - 2. Conquer: Recursively sort sequences S_1 and S_2
 - 3. Combine: Put back the elements into *S* by merging the sorted sequences S_1 and S_2 into a sorted sequence



Merge Sort - Algorithm





Merge Sort – Algorithm (cont'd)





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Stable Sorting

- When sorting key-value pairs, an important issue is how are equal keys handled
- Given the sequence S = ((k₀, v₀), ..., (k_{n-1}, v_{n-1})), we say that a sorting algorithm is stable if, for any two entries (k_i, v_i) and (k_j, v_j) such that k_i = k_j and (k_i, v_i) precedes (k_j, v_j) in S before sorting, the entry (k_i, v_i) will also precede (k_j, v_j) after sorting



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Timsort – a hybrid sorting algorithm

- Developed by Tim Peters for Python, in 2001
- Currently the default sorting algorithm in Python & Java
- Takes advantage of consecutive ordered elements natural runs
- Collects elements into runs, then simultaneously merges the runs
- hybrid between binary insertion sort and merge sort

Intro

This describes an adaptive, stable, natural mergesort, modestly called timsort (hey, I earned it <wink>). It has supernatural performance on many kinds of partially ordered arrays (less than lg(N!) comparisons needed, and as few as N-1), yet as fast as Python's previous highly tuned samplesort hybrid on random arrays.

In a nutshell, the main routine marches over the array once, left to right, alternately identifying the next run, then merging it into the previous runs "intelligently". Everything else is complication for speed, and some hard-won measure of memory efficiency.

• From https://bugs.python.org/file4451/timsort.txt



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merge sort	$O(n \log n)$	 usually, not in-place fast, sequential data access, good for very large datasets stable
timsort	$O(n \log n)$	in-placestablefast, good for large data



Bonus round Bucket Sort & Radix Sort



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Bucket Sort

- consider a sequence S containing n (key, value) entries
 - the keys are integers in the range $[0, N 1], N \ge 2$
 - sorting *S* according to the keys is possible in O(n + N) time
 - not using comparisons
- Phase 1
 - use keys as indices into a bucket array B, indexed from 0 to N
 - an entry with key k is placed into the bucket B[k] also an array
 - add all entries of *S* to *B*
- Phase 2
 - add the sorted entries back to *S* by reading the contents of each bucket of *B*, in order



Bucket Sort - Example

• Key range [0, 9]





Bucket Sort - Algorithm

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Algorithm bucketSort(S):
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Input: Sequence S of entries with integer keys in the range [0, N - 1]*Output:* Sequence S sorted in nondecreasing order of the keys

let B be an array of N sequences, each of which is initially empty **for** each entry e in S **do**

k = the key of e

remove e from S and insert it at the end of bucket (sequence) B[k]for i = 0 to N-1 do

for each entry e in sequence B[i] do

remove e from $\mathsf{B}[i]$ and insert it at the end of S



Bucket Sort – Running Time

- Phase 1
 - adding sequence elements to bucket array
 - O(n) time
- Phase 2
 - puting back the sorted entries into *S*
 - O(n+N) time
- Bucket sort runs in O(n + N) time
- stable sort
- efficient when N is small compared to n, e.g. N = O(n), N = O(n log n)
- performance gets worse as N grows compared to n



Radix Sort

- suppose we want to sort entries where the keys are pairs (k, l)
- k, l integers in [0, N 1]
- $(k_1, l_1) < (k_2, l_2)$ if $k_1 < k_2$ or if $k_1 = k_2$ and $l_1 < l_2$
- radix sort sorts a sequence with keys that are pairs by applying the stable bucket sort algorithm on the sequence twice
 - first using the second component, *l*
 - then using the first component, k



Radix Sort - Algorithm

Algorithm radix_sort(S, N) Input sequence S of d-tuples such that $(0, ..., 0) \le (x_1, ..., x_d)$ and $(x_1, ..., x_d) \le (N - 1, ..., N - 1)$ for each tuple $(x_1, ..., x_d)$ in S Output sequence S sorted in lexicographic order for $i \leftarrow d$ downto 1 bucket sort(S, N)

• radix sort runs in O(d(n + N)) time



Radix Sort - Example

• Sorting a sequence of 4-bit integers





Thank you.



Notation

- $\lfloor x \rfloor$ indicates the floor of x, that is, the largest integer k such that $k \leq x$
- [x] indicates the ceiling of x, that is, the smallest integer m such that $x \le m$

