CSC263 Winter 2020

### **Priority Queues**

Week 2

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#### Announcements

Probability Worksheet (ungraded)

Assignment 1 out  $\rightarrow$  Due Jan 27

Make Groups on MarkUs

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Today	
ADT	Priority Queue
Data structure	Heap Use it to implement priority queues Also useful for other things, e.g. sorting

#### An ADT We already Know

First come first serve



#### Queue

A collection of elements

Supported operations
Dequeue(Q, x)
Dequeue(Q)
PeekFront(Q)

### A New ADT

#### **Max-Priority Queue**

A collection of elements with priorities, i.e., each element x has x.priority



### **Applications of Priority Queues**

Job scheduling in an operating system

Processes have different priorities (Normal, high...)

Bandwidth management in a router

Delay sensitive traffic has higher priority

#### Several graph algorithms

Find minimum spanning tree of a graph, find shortest path





### Now, let's implement ADT (Max)-Priority Queue

40 -> 33 -> 18 -> 75 -> 24 -> 25

#### **Use an unsorted linked list**

Insert(Q,x) # x is a node

• Just insert x at the head, which takes  $\Theta(1)$ 

IncreasePriority(Q,x,k)

Just change x.priority to k, which takes Θ(1)

Max(Q)

• Have to go through the whole list, takes  $\Theta(n)$ 

ExtractMax(Q)

 Go through the whole list to find x with max priority (Θ(n)), then delete it (O(1) if double linked) and return it, so overall Θ(n).

#### 75 -> 40 -> 33 -> 25 -> 24 -> 18

#### Use a linked list sorted in reverse

Max(Q)

• Just return the head of the list,  $\Theta(1)$ 

ExtractMax(Q)

• Just delete and return the head,  $\Theta(1)$ 

Insert(Q, x)

Linearly search the correct location of insertion which takes 
 <sup>O</sup>(n) in worst case.

IncreasePriority(Q,x,k)

After increase, need to move element to a new location in the list, takes
(n) in worst case.

#### $\Theta(1)$ is good, but $\Theta(n)$ is bad...

unsorted linked list sorted linked list

Can we link these elements in a smarter way, so that we never need to do  $\Theta(n)$ ?

	unsorted list	sorted list
Insert(Q,x)	Θ(1)	Θ(n)
Max(Q)	Θ(n)	Θ(1)
ExtractMax(Q)	Θ(n)	Θ(1)
<pre>IncreasePriority(Q,x,k)</pre>	Θ(1)	Θ(n)



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#### Yes, we can!

#### Worst case running times

	unsorted list	sorted list	Неар
Insert(Q,x)	Θ(1)	Θ(n)	Θ(log n)
Max(Q)	Θ(n)	Θ(1)	Θ(1)
ExtractMax(Q)	Θ(n)	Θ(1)	Θ(log n)
<pre>IncreasePriority(Q,x,k)</pre>	Θ(1)	Θ(n)	Θ(log n)

Some operations are worse, from  $\Theta(1)$  to  $\Theta(\log n)$ , but that's a small price to pay for avoiding  $\Theta(n)$  costs

#### **Binary Max-Heap**



A binary max-heap is a

nearly-complete binary

tree that has the

max-heap property.

#### It's a binary tree

Each node has at most 2 children



#### It's a nearly-complete binary tree

Each level is completely filled, except maybe the bottom level where nodes are filled to as far left as possible



# Why is it important to be a nearly-complete binary tree?

Because then we can store the tree in an **array**, and each node knows which index has its parent or left/right child.



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Another reason:

The height of a complete binary tree with n nodes is  $\Theta(\log n)$ . This is essentially why those operations would have  $\Theta(\log n)$  worst-case running time.

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Implication: every node is larger than or equal to all its **descendants**, i.e., every subtree of a heap is also a heap.



We have a binary max-heap defined, now let's do operations on it.

- Max(Q)
- Insert(Q,x)
- ExtractMax(Q)
- IncreasePriority(Q,x,k)

### Max(Q)

#### Return the largest key in Q, in O(1) time

#### Max(Q) Return the maximum element

Return the root of the heap, i.e.,

just return Q[1]

(index starts from 1)

worst case  $\Theta(1)$ 



### Insert(Q, x)

Insert node x into heap Q, in O(logn) time

First thing to note:

Which spot to add the new node?

The only spot that keeps it a **nearly complete** binary tree.



Increment heap size

Second thing to note:

Heap property might be broken, how to fix it and maintain the heap property?

"**Bubble-up**" the new node to a proper position, by swapping with parent.



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Worst-case Θ(height) = Θ(log n)



### ExtractMax(Q)

Delete and return the largest key in Q, in O(logn) time

First thing to note: Which spot to remove? The root?

NO! Will break into 2 heaps!



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The only spot that keeps it a **nearly complete** binary tree.



Decrement heap size



Now the heap property is broken again..., need to fix it.

"Bubble-down" by swapping with a child

#### Which child to swap with?



so that, after the swap, max-heap property is satisfied



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Worst case running time: Θ(height) + some constant work Θ(log n)
## **Quick Summary**

Insert(Q, x)

→ Bubble-up, swapping with parent

ExtractMax(Q)

→ Bubble-down, swapping elder child

Bubble up/down is also called percolate up/down, or sift up down, or trickle up/down, or heapify up/down, or cascade up/down.

# IncreasePriority(Q, x, k)

Increases the key of node x to k, in O(logn) time IncreasePriority(Q, x, k)
Increase the key of node x to k

Just increase the key, then...

Bubble-up by swapping with parents, to proper location.



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Worst case running time: Θ(height) + some constant work Θ(log n) Now we have learned how implement a priority queue using a heap

- $\rightarrow$  Max(Q)
- $\rightarrow$  Insert(Q, x)
- $\rightarrow$  ExtractMax(Q)
- $\rightarrow$  IncreasePriority(Q, x, k)

#### Next

- → How to use heap for sorting
- → How to build a heap from an unsorted array





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# HeapSort

#### Sorts an array, in O(n logn) time

### The Idea



Worst-case running time: each ExtractMax is O(log n), we do it n times, so overall it's... O(n log n) How to get a sorted list out of a heap with n nodes?

Keep extracting max for n times, the keys extracted will be sorted in non-ascending order.

### Now let's be more precise

# What's needed: modify a max-heap-ordered array into a sorted array



We want to do this "in-place" without using any extra array space, i.e., just by swapping things around.



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Valid heaps are green rectangled

### **HeapSort - The Pseudo-code**





It ONLY works for an array A that is initially heapordered, it does NOT work for any array!

# BuildMaxHeap(A)

Converts an array into a max-heap ordered array, in O(n) time

#### **Convert any Array into a Heap Ordered One**



In other words...



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BuildMaxHeap(A):
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B ← empty array # empty heap
for x in A:
    Insert(B, x) # heap insert
A ← B # overwrite A with B
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#### Running time:

Each Insert takes O(log n), there are n inserts... so it's O(n log n), not very exciting. Not in-place, needs a second array.

#### a better idea for BuildMaxHeap



To make the whole thing a valid heap, all you need to do is ... **bubbling-down the root**.

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Fix heap order, from bottom up.



















#### **Idea #2: The starting index**



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#### Idea #2: Pseudo-code!

BuildMaxHeap(A):

for i ← floor(n/2) downto 1:
 BubbleDown(A, i)



- → It's in-place, no need for extra array (we did nothing but bubble-down, which is basically swappings).
- → How about runtime?
  - Each bubble down is O(log n)
  - we do it roughly n/2 times
  - so overall it is O(n log n), ... Right?

# Analysis Worst-case running time of BuildMaxHeap(A)





#### So, total number of swaps



### **The Power of Analysis**

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BuildMaxHeap(A):
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for i ← floor(n/2) downto 1:
   BubbleDown(A, i)
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This 2-line simple algorithm for BuildMaxHeap, which is easier to implement than the insert-n-times algorithm, by analysis, can be **proven** to be an order of magnitude faster (O(n) instead of O(n logn)).

One can never design such an elegant algorithm without the ability to perform **analysis**.



BuildMaxHeap: my second favourite algorithm in CLRS.

--Larry Zhang

# Summary

#### HeapSort(A)

- → Sort an unsorted array in-place
- $\rightarrow$  O(n log n) worst-case running time

#### BuildMaxHeap(A)

- → Convert an unsorted array into a heap, in-place
- → Fix heap property from bottom up, do bubbling down on each sub-root
- $\rightarrow$  O(n) worst-case running time

## **Algorithm visualizer**

https://visualgo.net/en/heap

Today we learned

- → ADT: Priority Queue
- $\rightarrow$  Heap: a data structure for implementing priority queue efficiently.
- $\rightarrow$  How to sort with heap
- $\rightarrow$  How to build a heap, elegantly.

Next week

- → ADT: Dictionary
- → Data structure: Binary Search Tree