

After reviewing some of python libraries, I made my mind to test the `heapq` as my final testing project. The source code is in `Lib/heapq.py` and this module offers service about the heap queue algorithm which also called priority queue algorithm.

Heaps refer to the binary trees for which every parent node has a value less than or equal to any of its children's value. In order to do the comparison, non-existing elements are considered to be infinite. Because the special property of heaps, the root is always the interesting part. In this library, the root (`heap[0]`) is the smallest element in the tree.

There are several function calls in this library, in this section, I will briefly explain the utility and how each function works.

- (1) `Heapq.heappush(heap,item)`: as we can know from the name, this function is used to push a value `item` onto the heap and maintains the heap invariant.
For this function, I think we need to test some simple and also complex heap to check whether the item is pushed in the old heap. Furthermore, we also need to test whether the heap property is still maintaining.
- (2) `Heapq.heappop(heap)`: this function is also easy to understand, just pop the heap. The main idea to test is similar to the `heappush`. We need to check whether it pushed the right value item and the remaining heap keeps the property of heap. In this function the heap means the smallest item from the heap. Note that if the heap is empty, `IndexError` will arise.
- (3) `Heapq.heappushpop(heap,item)`: we can consider this function as the combination of the first two functions. It is used to push a value item onto the heap, then pop and return the smallest item from the heap.
- (4) `Heapq.heapify(x)`: help with transforming list `x` into a heap. To verify this function, we should try some different kind of list. In addition, try to check the heap property.
- (5) `Heapq.heapreplace(heap,item)`: for my understanding, this function is like the opposite operation as `heappushpop`. This function pops the heap first and then pushes the new value item to the heap. The testing thinking is also like the (3) function. Also, note if the heap is empty, `IndexError` is raised.

Also, three general purpose functions based on heaps are also offered.

- (1) `heapq.merge(*iterables)`: This function is basically similar with operation merge. This function is used to merge multiple sorted inputs into a single sorted output. Here, I am curious about what will occur if I didn't provide the sorted inputs. I will mark this during the testing part.
- (2) `Heapq.blargest(n,iterable[, key])`: This function returns a list with the `n` largest elements from the dataset defined by `iterable.key`, if provided. However, I need to figure out how to use TSTL to define the `iterable.key`.
- (3) `heapq.nsmallest(n, iterable[, key])`: Same with the function above, this function returns a list with the `n` smallest elements from the dataset defined by `iterable.key`.

I discussed several libraries with my classmates, I think I want to test some library that I will frequently use in the future. There are still some problems I am interested in such as the representation of a heap, the type of the heap and the iterable part. To test this library, besides the normal input, I also want to try some expectations and figure out whether it can catch the error correctly. This is my basic thought about the final project.