


Heap

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class BinaryHeap:
    def __init__(self):
        self.heap = []

    def parent(self, index):
        return (index - 1) // 2 if index > 0 else None

    def left_child(self, index):
        return 2 * index + 1

    def right_child(self, index):
        return 2 * index + 2

    def insert(self, value):
        self.heap.append(value)
        self.heapify_up(len(self.heap) - 1)

    def heapify_up(self, index):
        parent = self.parent(index)
        while parent is not None and self.heap[parent] > self.heap[index]:
            self.heap[parent], self.heap[index] = self.heap[index], self.heap[parent]
            index = parent
            parent = self.parent(index)

    def extract_min(self):
        if not self.heap:
            return None
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    if len(self.heap) == 1:
        return self.heap.pop()
    # get the minimum element
    root_value = self.heap[0]
    # move last element to the root
    self.heap[0] = self.heap.pop()
    # restore heap property
    self.heapify_down(0)
    return root_value

def heapify_down(self, index):
    smallest = index
    left = self.left_child(index)
    right = self.right_child(index)

    if left < len(self.heap) and self.heap[left] < self.heap[smallest]:
        smallest = left
    if right < len(self.heap) and self.heap[right] < self.heap[smallest]:
        smallest = right
    if smallest != index:
        self.heap[index], self.heap[smallest] = self.heap[smallest], self.heap[index]
        self.heapify_down(smallest)

def delete(self, value):
    try:
        index = self.heap.index(value)
        self.heap[index] = self.heap.pop()
        self.heapify_down(index)
    except ValueError:
        print("value not found in the heap")

def heapify(self, list1):
    self.heap = list1[:]
    for i in range(len(self.heap) // 2, -1, -1):
        self.heapify_down(i)

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def heap_sort(self):
    sorted_list = []
    while self.heap:
        sorted_list.append(self.extract_min())
    return sorted_list

def display(self):
    print(self.heap)

heap = BinaryHeap()
nums = [10,1,5,20,3]

heap.heapify(nums)
print("Heapified array:",heap.heap)

heap.insert(2)
heap.insert(8)
heap.display()

print("Extracted min:",heap.extract_min())
heap.display()

heap.delete(5)
heap.display()

sorted_array = heap.heap_sort()
print("Sorted array:",sorted_array)

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Heap Data Structure - Practice Questions

A **heap** is a **complete binary tree** used for priority-based operations, mainly in **Heap Sort, Priority Queues, and Dijkstra's Algorithm**.

- **Min Heap**: Parent \leq Children
- **Max Heap**: Parent \geq Children

Each level contains:

✓ **Step-by-step algorithm**

✓ **Python implementation**

Beginner Level (Heap Fundamentals)

1. Insert an element into a Heap

 **Concept:**

- Insert at the end and **heapify up** to maintain heap order.

Algorithm (Min Heap):

1. Insert the new element at the **end**.
2. Compare with **parent** and **swap** if smaller.
3. Repeat until the heap property is restored.

Python Code

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import heapq

min_heap = []
heapq.heappush(min_heap, 10)
heapq.heappush(min_heap, 5)
heapq.heappush(min_heap, 20)
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print("Heap after insertion:", min_heap) # Output: [5, 10, 20]
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2. Delete the Root from a Heap

Concept:

- Replace root with the **last element**, then **heapify down**.

Algorithm (Min Heap):

1. Swap **root** with **last node** and remove it.
2. Compare **new root** with children.
3. Swap with the **smallest child** if needed.
4. Repeat until heap property is restored.

Python Code

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heapq.heappop(min_heap) # Removes the smallest element
print("Heap after deletion:", min_heap) # Output: [10, 20]
```

3. Find the Minimum or Maximum Element in a Heap

Concept:

- **Min Heap** → Root is the **minimum**.
- **Max Heap** → Root is the **maximum**.

Python Code (Min Heap)

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print("Minimum element:", min_heap[0]) # Output: 10
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4. Convert an Array into a Heap

Concept:

- Use **heapify()** to convert an unordered array into a valid heap.

Python Code

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arr = [3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9]
heapq.heapify(arr)
print("Heap from array:", arr) # Output: [1, 1, 4, 3, 5, 9]
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Intermediate Level (Heap Operations & Applications)

5. Implement Heap Sort

Concept:

- Convert array → **Heapify** → **Extract Min** repeatedly.

Python Code

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def heap_sort(arr):
    heapq.heapify(arr)
    return [heapq.heappop(arr) for _ in range(len(arr))]

arr = [5, 3, 8, 4, 2]
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print("Sorted array:", heap_sort(arr)) # Output: [2, 3, 4, 5, 8]
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6. Merge K Sorted Lists Using a Heap

Concept:


- Insert first element of **each list** into a heap.
- Extract **smallest**, insert next element from that list.

Python Code

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python
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lists = [[1, 4, 7], [2, 5, 8], [3, 6, 9]]
merged_list = list(heapq.merge(*lists))
print("Merged list:", merged_list) # Output: [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
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7. Find Kth Smallest or Kth Largest Element

Concept:

- **Min Heap** → Extract  times for Kth smallest.
- **Max Heap** → Store negative values to simulate max heap.

Python Code

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arr = [7, 10, 4, 3, 20, 15]
heapq.heapify(arr)
k = 3
for _ in range(k - 1):
    heapq.heappop(arr)
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print(f"{k}th smallest element:", arr[0]) # Output: 7
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Advanced Level (Heap-Based Algorithms & Variants)

8. Implement a Max Heap using a Min Heap

Concept:

- Store **negative values** in a Min Heap to **simulate Max Heap**.

Python Code

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max_heap = []
heapq.heappush(max_heap, -10)
heapq.heappush(max_heap, -5)
heapq.heappush(max_heap, -20)

print("Max element:", -heapq.heappop(max_heap)) # Output: 20
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9. Implement a Priority Queue Using a Heap

Concept:

- Priority Queue maintains **priority-based ordering**.

Python Code

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tasks = [(2, "low priority"), (1, "high priority"), (3, "medium priority")]
heapq.heapify(tasks)
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while tasks:
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    print(heapq.heappop(tasks)) # Processes high → medium → low priority
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10. Find the Median of a Stream Using Two Heaps

Concept:

- Maintain **two heaps**:
 - **Max Heap (left half)**
 - **Min Heap (right half)**
- **Balance heaps** to keep medians accurate.

Python Code

```
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import heapq

left_half = [] # Max Heap (negative values)
right_half = [] # Min Heap

def insert(num):
    if not left_half or num <= -left_half[0]:
        heapq.heappush(left_half, -num)
    else:
        heapq.heappush(right_half, num)

    if len(left_half) > len(right_half) + 1:
        heapq.heappush(right_half, -heapq.heappop(left_half))
    elif len(right_half) > len(left_half):
        heapq.heappush(left_half, -heapq.heappop(right_half))

def find_median():
    if len(left_half) == len(right_half):
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    return (-left_half[0] + right_half[0]) / 2
return -left_half[0]
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# Usage
insert(10)
insert(20)
insert(15)
print("Median:", find_median()) # Output: 15
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Heap Sort Practice Questions (Beginner to Advanced)

Heap Sort is a comparison-based sorting algorithm that uses a binary heap data structure. It works in **$O(n \log n)$** time complexity and is widely used for in-place sorting.

Beginner Level (Basic Heap Sort Concepts)

1. Sort an array using Heap Sort.
2. Sort an array in descending order using Heap Sort.
3. Find the k-th smallest element using Heap Sort.
4. Find the k-th largest element using Heap Sort.
5. Check if an array is sorted after applying Heap Sort.
6. Find the second smallest element using Heap Sort.
7. Find the second largest element using Heap Sort.
8. Sort an array containing duplicate values using Heap Sort.
9. Sort an array containing negative numbers using Heap Sort.
10. Sort an already nearly sorted array using Heap Sort efficiently.

Example: Sorting an array using Heap Sort

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python
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def heap_sort(arr):
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heap = BinaryHeap()
heap.heapify(arr)
return heap.heap_sort()
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arr = [4, 10, 3, 5, 1]
sorted_arr = heap_sort(arr)
print("Sorted Array:", sorted_arr) # Output: [1, 3, 4, 5, 10]
```

🌟 Intermediate Level (Heap Sort Variants & Applications)

1. Sort an array of strings using Heap Sort (lexicographically).
2. Sort an array of tuples based on the second element using Heap Sort.
3. Find the median of an unsorted array using Heap Sort.
4. Sort a linked list using Heap Sort.
5. Sort an array of floating-point numbers using Heap Sort.
6. Sort an array of large numbers (BigInteger) using Heap Sort.
7. Sort an array of intervals based on start times using Heap Sort.
8. Find the largest **k** elements from an array using Heap Sort.
9. Find the smallest **k** elements from an array using Heap Sort.
10. Sort an array where each element is at most **k** positions away from its sorted position (nearly sorted array).

✅ Example: Sorting an array of tuples

```
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def sort_tuples(arr):
    heap = BinaryHeap()
    heap.heapify(arr)
    return heap.heap_sort()
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arr = [(1, 'b'), (3, 'a'), (2, 'c')]
sorted_arr = sort_tuples(arr)
print("Sorted Tuples:", sorted_arr) # Output: [(1, 'b'), (2, 'c'), (3, 'a')]
```

🌟 Advanced Level (Heap Sort Applications & Performance Analysis)

1. Implement an in-place Heap Sort (without extra space).
2. Find the k most frequent elements using Heap Sort.
3. Sort an array where each element appears at most twice using Heap Sort.
4. Sort an array of job deadlines and profits using Heap Sort.
5. Sort a very large dataset using external Heap Sort (disk-based sorting).
6. Find the largest sum contiguous subarray using Heap Sort.
7. Sort an array of complex numbers based on magnitude using Heap Sort.
8. Sort an array of people based on height and weight using Heap Sort.
9. Sort an array based on frequency of elements using Heap Sort.
10. Implement a multi-threaded Heap Sort.

✅ Example: Finding the **k** most frequent elements

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from collections import Counter
import heapq

def k_most_frequent(arr, k):
    freq = Counter(arr)
    heap = [(-val, key) for key, val in freq.items()]
    heapq.heapify(heap)
    return [heapq.heappop(heap)[1] for _ in range(k)]
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arr = [1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3]
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k = 2
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print("Top K Frequent Elements:", k_most_frequent(arr, k)) # Output: [1, 2]
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