

Heap Sort Cheatsheet

Overview

- Heap sort is a comparison-based sorting algorithm that uses a binary heap data structure.
- It works by first creating a heap from the input array, then repeatedly extracting the maximum element and placing it at the end of the sorted array.
- It has a time complexity of $O(n \log n)$, making it more efficient than bubble sort, insertion sort, and selection sort.

Algorithm

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def heap_sort(arr):
    n = len(arr)

    # Build a max heap
    for i in range(n // 2 - 1, -1, -1):
        heapify(arr, n, i)

    # Extract elements from the heap one by one
    for i in range(n - 1, 0, -1):
        arr[i], arr[0] = arr[0], arr[i] # swap
        heapify(arr, i, 0)

def heapify(arr, n, i):
    largest = i # Initialize largest as root
    left = 2 * i + 1 # left = 2*i + 1
    right = 2 * i + 2 # right = 2*i + 2

    # Check if left child of root exists and is greater than root
    if left < n and arr[left] > arr[largest]:
        largest = left

    # Check if right child of root exists and is greater than root
    if right < n and arr[right] > arr[largest]:
        largest = right

    # Change root, if needed
    if largest != i:
        arr[i], arr[largest] = arr[largest], arr[i] # swap
        heapify(arr, n, largest)
```

Time Complexity

- Worst-case performance: $O(n \log n)$
- Best-case performance: $O(n \log n)$
- Average-case performance: $O(n \log n)$

Resources

- [Heap Sort Wikipedia](#)
- [GeeksforGeeks: Heap Sort](#)
- [Visualgo: Heap Sort](#)