

Project #6 - Array-based Heap

Learning Objectives

- Implement a data structure to meet given specifications.
- Design, implement, and use a priority queue implemented as an array-based heap.

Overview

Your task for this assignment is to build a priority queue implemented as a MAX-HEAP of integers that uses an expandable array for data storage.

The MaxHeap class

Your MaxHeap class should contain an **array** (not a vector) of integers. The initial size of the array should be `#defined` in your MaxHeap.h file as `#define HEAP_MIN_SIZE 20`. If the heap becomes full, the array size should be doubled. If the heap becomes less than half full (but larger than `HEAP_MIN_SIZE`) the size of the array should be halved.

As usual, your heap should be defined in two files: MaxHeap.h and MaxHeap.cpp. Your class should support the following operations:

- `void MaxHeap::offer(int value)` – Insert a new value into the heap. Duplicate keys are allowed.
- `int MaxHeap::poll()` – Removes and returns the maximum value in the heap. If the heap is empty, this method should throw an exception.
- `bool MaxHeap::isEmpty() const` – Returns `true` if the heap is empty, and `false` otherwise.
- `int MaxHeap::peek() const` – Returns the maximum value in the heap without removing it. If the heap is empty, this method should throw an exception.
- `vector<int> MaxHeap::sorted() const` – Creates and returns a vector of integers containing the heap elements sorted in largest to smallest order. If the heap is empty, this method should return an empty vector. *A good approach for implementing this method would be to copy the heap contents into a new vector, and then perform heapsort on the copy.*
- Your heap class should include the following two constructors:
 - `MaxHeap::MaxHeap()` - Creates an empty MaxHeap of size `HEAP_MIN_SIZE`.
 - `MaxHeap::MaxHeap(int * values, int count)` - Creates a new heap by copying the array `values` and then using the heapify algorithm to convert the values to a maxheap. This method must use heapify and must run in $O(n)$ time.

- As usual, your class should have an appropriate copy constructor and should overload `operator=` to produce an independent copy of your heap.
- Your `MaxHeap` class should also overload `operator<<` such that `cout << myHeap;` prints the heap in the order in which it is stored in the array (NOT in sorted order).
- In addition to the methods listed above, you may create any additional private methods that help in your class implementation. Some possibilities include `int getParent(int);` `int getLeftChild(int);` and `int getRightChild(int);`
- You will also need to create a test harness that creates multiple heaps and thoroughly tests all of the above methods and requirements. Additionally, in order to work with my test harness, your method declarations **must match the method signatures given above exactly**.

Turn in and Grading

Please zip your entire project directory into a single file called `Project6.zip`.

This project is worth 50 points, distributed as follows:

Task	Points
<code>MaxHeap::MaxHeap()</code> correctly creates an empty heap.	5
<code>MaxHeap::MaxHeap(int * values, int count)</code> correctly creates a heap in $O(n)$ time by heapifying a copy of the array <code>values</code> .	
<code>MaxHeap::offer</code> inserts items into the heap, maintaining the MAX-HEAP property at all times.	5
<code>MaxHeap::poll</code> removes and returns the maximum value in the heap, maintaining the MAX-HEAP property at all times, and throws an exception when called on an empty heap.	5
Your heap doubles in size when full. Your heap is never smaller than <code>HEAP_MIN_SIZE</code> , and never more than half-empty unless it cannot be halved without becoming smaller than <code>HEAP_MIN_SIZE</code> .	5
<code>MaxHeap::isEmpty</code> returns true when the heap is empty, and false otherwise.	2
<code>MaxHeap::peek</code> returns the maximum value in the heap without modifying the heap contents.	3
<code>MaxHeap::sorted</code> correctly creates and returns a sorted vector from the heap contents.	5
<code>MaxHeap::operator=</code> and your copy constructor produce independent copies of your heap.	5
<code>operator<<</code> is correctly overloaded for your heap class as described above.	5
Code is well organized, well documented, and properly formatted. Variable names are clear, and readable. Classes are declared and implemented in separate (.cpp and .h) files.	5
Appropriate use of public and private class member data. No global variables or unnecessary member variables. Efficient and well-designed code. No memory leaks.	5