CSC 212: Data Structures and Abstractions

10: Heapsort

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buildHeap

Practice

- How to build a max-heap **from an existing array** (vector)?
 - ✓ show the algorithm
 - ✓ analyze the computational cost

buildHeap (in <u>linear time</u>)

• Given

(some elements may violate the heap property)

✓ an unsorted array A of n elements

- Algorithm
 - 1. **set** idx to the last non-leaf node's position: parent(n-1)
 - 2. while idx >= 0
 - perform downHeap on node idx
 - decrement idx

Why $\Theta(n)$? starting from the bottom-up means: leaves (second half of array) are already valid heaps, lower nodes have shorter downHeap distances, only the root might bubble down through the full height.

https://visualgo.net/en/heap

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Practice

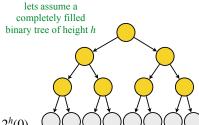
- Build a max-heap from the following array using buildHeap
 - 10 42 25 13 17 33 45 50



set idx to parent of last node
while idx >= 0
 perform downHeap on node idx
decrement idx

Analysis

- Total cost
 - sum of the costs of calling downHeap for all internal nodes (sum of heights)



$$T(n) = 1(h) + 2(h-1) + 4(h-2) + \dots + 2^{h}(0)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{h} 2^{i}(h-i)$$

$$= h \sum_{i=0}^{h} 2^{i} - i \sum_{i=0}^{h} 2^{i}$$

$$= h \sum_{i=0}^{h} 2^{i} - \sum_{i=0}^{h} i2^{i} = \dots = \Theta(n)$$

Performance (priority queues)

Method	Unsorted Array	Sorted Array	Binary Heap
Enqueue	O(1)	O(n)	O(log n)
Dequeue	O(n)	O(1)	O(log n)
Max/Min	O(n)	O(1)	O(1)
Size	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
IsEmpty	O(1)	O(1)	O(1)
Enqueue N	O(n)	O(n²)	O(n)**

(**) assuming we use buildHeap

Practice

- What is the output of this code?
 - ✓ also indicate the cost of each line

```
void printHeap(std::priority_queue<int> heap) {
    while (!heap.empty()) {
        std::cout << heap.top() << " ";</pre>
        heap.pop();
    std::cout << std::endl;</pre>
    std::priority_queue<int> heap1; // max-heap by default
    heap1.push(3);
    heap1.push(1);
    heap1.push(4);
    heap1.push(2);
    std::cout << heap1.top() << std::endl;</pre>
    std::vector<int> data = \{-3, -1, -4, -2\};
    std::priority_queue<int> heap2(data.begin(), data.end());
    std::cout << heap2.top() << std::endl;</pre>
    printHeap(heap1);
    printHeap(heap2);
    return 0;
```

Practice

- Given an array of points in 2D space and an integer k, design an algorithm to return the k points closest to the origin (0,0) using the Euclidean distance
- Sample input:

• Output:

```
✓ {{0,1}, {-2,2}}
```

heapSort

Practice

- What is this function doing? assume a max-pq
 - what is the time complexity?

```
void foo(std::vector<int>& vec) {
   int n = vec.size();
   std::priority_queue<int> pq;

for (int elem : vec)
       pq.push(elem);

while (! pq.empty()) {
       n = n - 1;
       vec[n] = pq.top();
       pq.pop();
   }
}
```

heapSort

• Given

(some elements may violate the heap property)

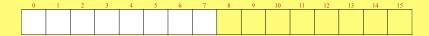
✓ an unsorted array A of n elements

- Algorithm
 - 1. call buildHeap on A (creates max-heap)
 - 2. set size to n
 - 3. while size > 1
 - swap A[0] with A[size-1] (move max to its final position)
 - decrement Size (exclude sorted element)
 - perform downHeap on the root

https://opendsa-server.cs.vt.edu/ODSA/Books/Everything/html/Heapsort.html

Practice

- Apply heapSort to the following array
 - 10 42 25 13 17 33 45 50 20



call buildHeap on A
set size to n
while size > 1
swap A[0] with A[size-1]
decrement size
perform downHeap on the root

Analysis

- Total cost
 - $\checkmark \cos t \text{ of } \underline{\text{buildHeap}} \Longrightarrow \Theta(n)$
 - \checkmark we apply **downHeap** $\Theta(n)$ times, cost => $\Theta(n \log n)$
 - $\checkmark T(n) = \Theta(n) + \Theta(n \log n)$
- Heapsort cost $\Rightarrow \Theta(n \log n)$
 - ✓ same asymptotic performance as a naive example (foo)
 - however, this algorithm can run **in-place** (within the original array)
 - it avoids the overhead of copying the elements to/from the priority queue

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