

1 Problem statement

Implement the binomial heap data structure with following operations

- (1) Insertion
- (2) FindMin
- (3) Union
- (4) Extract min

2 Solution Description

A Binomial Heap is a data structure that consists of a collection of Binomial Trees. Each Binomial Tree follows the heap property, where the key of a node is greater than or equal to the keys of its children. Binomial Heaps are based on the binomial tree structure, which is a set of binomial trees with specific properties.

The operations supported by a Binomial Heap include:

- (1) **Insertion:** To add an element to the heap, it is first created as a single-node Binomial Heap. Then, it is merged with the existing Binomial Heap using a merge operation. This merge operation combines two Binomial Heaps of the same order into a new Binomial Heap of the next order.
- (2) **Deletion:** To remove an element from the heap, the node to be deleted is located and its key is decreased to a minimum value. This operation transforms the Binomial Heap into two separate Binomial Heaps. Then, the two heaps are merged together to form a new Binomial Heap.
- (3) **Extract Minimum:** The minimum value in the Binomial Heap is always found in the root of one of the Binomial Trees. To extract this minimum value, the root with the minimum key is located and removed from its Binomial Tree. Then, the remaining Binomial Trees are merged together to form a new Binomial Heap.
- (4) **Union:** The union operation combines two Binomial Heaps into a single Binomial Heap. It involves merging the Binomial Trees of the same order from both heaps and maintaining the heap property.
- (5) **Decrease Key:** The decrease key operation decreases the key of a node in the Binomial Heap. It is performed by locating the node, decreasing its key, and then applying a series of swaps to maintain the heap property.
- (6) **Delete:** The delete operation removes a specific node from the Binomial Heap. It involves decreasing the key of the node to the minimum value and then performing the extract minimum operation to remove it from the heap.

3 Algorithm

3.0.1 Operations

Insertion

- Create a new node with the given value.
- Create a new binomial heap with the new node.
- Merge the new heap with the current heap.

FindMin

- If the heap is empty, return an error.
- Return the value of the root node in the heap.

Union

- Merge two binomial heaps by comparing and linking their trees based on their degrees.

Extract Min

- Find the minimum node in the heap.
- Remove the minimum node from the heap.
- Create a new binomial heap with the children of the minimum node.
- Merge the new heap with the current heap.

4 Implementation

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1 #include <iostream>
2 #include <queue>
3 #include <vector>
4
5 using namespace std;
6
7 // Structure for a binomial tree node
8 struct BinomialTreeNode {
9     int value;
10    int degree;
11    BinomialTreeNode* parent;
12    BinomialTreeNode* child;
13    BinomialTreeNode* sibling;
14 };
15
16 // Custom comparison function for the priority_queue
17 struct CompareDegree {
18     bool operator()(const BinomialTreeNode* a, const BinomialTreeNode* b) const {
19         return a->degree < b->degree;
20     }
21 };
22
23 class BinomialHeap {
24 private:
25     priority_queue<BinomialTreeNode*, vector<BinomialTreeNode*>, CompareDegree> heap;
26 }
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27 // Merge two binomial trees of the same degree
28 BinomialTreeNode* mergeTrees(BinomialTreeNode* tree1, BinomialTreeNode* tree2) {
29     if (tree1->value > tree2->value)
30         swap(tree1, tree2);
31
32     tree2->parent = tree1;
33     tree2->sibling = tree1->child;
34     tree1->child = tree2;
35     tree1->degree++;
36
37     return tree1;
38 }
39
40 // Merge two binomial heaps
41 void mergeHeaps(BinomialHeap& other) {
42     priority_queue<BinomialTreeNode*, vector<BinomialTreeNode*>, CompareDegree>
43         mergedHeap;
44
45     BinomialTreeNode* tree1 = nullptr;
46     BinomialTreeNode* tree2 = nullptr;
47     BinomialTreeNode* tree3 = nullptr;
48     BinomialTreeNode* carry = nullptr;
49
50     while (!heap.empty() || !other.heap.empty() || carry != nullptr) {
51         if (carry != nullptr) {
52             mergedHeap.push(carry);
53             carry = nullptr;
54         }
55
56         if (!heap.empty()) {
57             tree1 = heap.top();
58             heap.pop();
59         }
60         else {
61             tree1 = nullptr;
62         }
63
64         if (!other.heap.empty()) {
65             tree2 = other.heap.top();
66             other.heap.pop();
67         }
68         else {
69             tree2 = nullptr;
70         }
71
72         if (tree1 != nullptr && tree2 != nullptr) {
73             if (tree1->degree < tree2->degree) {
74                 tree3 = tree1;
75                 tree1 = tree1->sibling;
76             }
77             else if (tree1->degree > tree2->degree) {
78                 tree3 = tree2;
79                 tree2 = tree2->sibling;
80             }
81         }
82     }
83
84     while (!mergedHeap.empty()) {
85         BinomialTreeNode* node = mergedHeap.top();
86         mergedHeap.pop();
87         mergeTrees(heap.top(), node);
88         heap.pop();
89     }
90 }

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80         else {
81             carry = mergeTrees(tree1, tree2);
82             tree1 = nullptr;
83             tree2 = nullptr;
84         }
85     }
86     else if (tree1 != nullptr) {
87         tree3 = tree1;
88         tree1 = tree1->sibling;
89     }
90     else {
91         tree3 = tree2;
92         tree2 = tree2->sibling;
93     }
94
95     if (tree3 != nullptr)
96         mergedHeap.push(tree3);
97 }
98
99 heap = mergedHeap;
100 }
101
102 // Extract the minimum node from the binomial heap
103 BinomialTreeNode* extractMinNode() {
104     if (heap.empty())
105         return nullptr;
106
107     BinomialTreeNode* minNode = heap.top();
108     heap.pop();
109
110     BinomialTreeNode* child = minNode->child;
111     BinomialTreeNode* prev = nullptr;
112     BinomialTreeNode* next = nullptr;
113
114     while (child != nullptr) {
115         next = child->sibling;
116         child->sibling = prev;
117         child->parent = nullptr;
118         prev = child;
119         child = next;
120     }
121
122     BinomialHeap childHeap;
123     childHeap.heap = priority_queue<BinomialTreeNode*, vector<BinomialTreeNode*>,
124                                     CompareDegree>(prev, nullptr);
125
126     mergeHeaps(childHeap);
127
128     return minNode;
129 }
130 public:
131     // Insert a new element into the binomial heap
132     void insert(int value) {

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133     BinomialTreeNode* newNode = new BinomialTreeNode();
134     newNode->value = value;
135     newNode->degree = 0;
136     newNode->parent = nullptr;
137     newNode->child = nullptr;
138     newNode->sibling = nullptr;
139
140     BinomialHeap newHeap;
141     newHeap.heap = priority_queue<BinomialTreeNode*, vector<BinomialTreeNode*>,
        CompareDegree>({newNode});
142
143     mergeHeaps(newHeap);
144 }
145
146 // Find the minimum element in the binomial heap
147 int findMin() {
148     if (heap.empty())
149         return -1;
150
151     return heap.top()->value;
152 }
153
154 // Union two binomial heaps
155 void unionWith(BinomialHeap& other) {
156     mergeHeaps(other);
157 }
158
159 // Extract the minimum element from the binomial heap
160 int extractMin() {
161     BinomialTreeNode* minNode = extractMinNode();
162
163     if (minNode == nullptr)
164         return -1;
165
166     int minValue = minNode->value;
167     delete minNode;
168
169     return minValue;
170 }
171 };
172
173 int main() {
174     BinomialHeap binomialHeap;
175
176     binomialHeap.insert(5);
177     binomialHeap.insert(7);
178     binomialHeap.insert(3);
179
180     cout << "Minimum element: " << binomialHeap.findMin() << endl;
181
182     BinomialHeap otherHeap;
183     otherHeap.insert(2);
184     otherHeap.insert(9);
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186     binomialHeap.unionWith(otherHeap);
187
188     cout << "Minimum element after union: " << binomialHeap.findMin() << endl;
189
190     int extractedMin = binomialHeap.extractMin();
191     cout << "Extracted minimum element: " << extractedMin << endl;
192     cout << "Minimum element after extraction: " << binomialHeap.findMin() << endl;
193
194     return 0;
195 }

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5 Algorithm Analysis

If n represents the number of nodes in the Binomial Heap, the time and space complexity of the operations are as follows:

- Insertion: Time = $O(\log n)$, Space = $O(1)$
- Deletion: Time = $O(\log n)$, Space = $O(1)$
- Extract Minimum: Time = $O(\log n)$, Space = $O(1)$
- Union: Time = $O(\log n)$, Space = $O(1)$
- Decrease Key: Time = $O(\log n)$, Space = $O(1)$
- Delete: Time = $O(\log n)$, Space = $O(1)$

6 Reference

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