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# **Priority queues**

优先队列就是用来进行堆排序的 每次都是输出堆顶元素 大根堆就是最大的 小根堆就是最小的

## In a queue:

- items are processed in the order of arrival
- you could say that the first item in the queue always has highest priority

## In a <u>priority</u> queue:

- items are assigned *priorities*: they are ordered by priority
- the item with the highest priority (value) is processed first
- the priority <u>may</u> have nothing to do with the order of arrival

A priority queue is a generalization of a stack and a queue

- can implement a stack using a priority queue
- can implement a queue using a priority queue

Like queues and stacks, *priority queues* can be implemented as ADTs and implemented by:

- arrays or
- linked lists

A priority queue supports 2 abstract operations:

- insert: a new item (equivalent to *push* for a stack, and *qush* for a queue)
- **delmax**: delete the item with the largest key (equivalent *pop*)

You should also be able to

- create a priority queue
- is the priority queue empty

## Inserting and delmaxing

Consider the input sequence E X A # M # #

- where a letter defines an insert operation (push)
  - if implemented as a function, it puts the element in the data structure and returns a *void*
- a # defines a delete operation (pop) and return the value
  - o if implemented as a function, it deletes and an element in the data structure and returns the element

If the ADT was a stack, then # deletes the *top* element:

operation	<u>return</u>	stack
insert E	void	Е
insert X	void	EX
insert A	void	EXA
pop	A	EX
insert M	void	EXM
pop	M	EX
pop	X	Е
pop	Е	~

If the ADT was a queue, then # deletes the *bottom* element:

operation	<u>return</u>	queue
insert E	void	Е
insert X	void	EX
insert A	void	EXA
pop	Е	XA
insert M	void	XAM
pop	X	AM
pop	A	M
pop	M	~

If the ADT is a <u>priority queue</u> then # deletes the *maximum* (or *minimum* element)

- we refer to it as **delmax** (or **delmin**)
- the sequence of operations is:

operation	<u>return</u>	priority queue
insert E	void	Е

insert X	void	EX
insert A	void	EXA
delmax	X	EA
insert M	void	EAM
delmax	M	EA
delmax	Е	A
delmax	A	~

## Notice:

- in the ADT we do not now in what order elements are stored in the abstract data structure
- *delmax* gets the maximum element, but we do not know how *delmax* finds this element

Consider another example: *P R I O # R # # I # T # Y # # # Q U E # # # U # E* 

- The order that the elements will be deleted is:
  - $\circ$  first hash deletes the first R
  - $\circ$  second hash deletes the second *R*
  - o third hash deletes P
  - o fourth hash deletes O
  - o etc

## **A Priority Queue ADT**

Typically an ADT allows the user to:

- create an abstract data structure
- insert an element into the structure
  - stacks and queues use *push* and *qush*
- delete an element from the structure
  - stacks and queues use *pop*
- check whether the structure is empty

A generic interface could be:

```
切换行号显示

1 // pq.h: ADT interface for a priority queue
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 #include <stdlib.h>
4

5 typedef struct pqRep *PQ;
6
7 PQ createPQ(int size);
8 void insertPQ(PQ q, int it);
```

```
9 int delMaxPQ(PQ q);
10 int isEmptyPQ(PQ q);
```

Other possible operations in the interface could be:

```
切换行号显示
   1 void updatePQ(PQ q, int i, int j); // change element
value from i to j
   2 void deletePQ(PQ q);
                                      // remove the PO
completely
   3 PQ
            joinPQ(PQ q1, PQ q2); // concatenate 2 PQs
   4
                               此ADT实现来最简单的排序
                               插入
删除最大:遍历比较,找到
最大的删除,然后将最后的
元素补位,一直到空为止
```

## **Client: PQ sort**

Here is a client of the ADT, called **pqSort()**, that sorts an array of integers.

```
切换行号显示
   1 /* pqSort.c: use a priority queue to sort an array of
integers
   2
                   into descending order
      * /
   3
   4 #include "pq.h"
   5
   6 int main() {
        int a[] = {41, 2, 58, 156, 360, 81, 260, 74, 167,
13};
        int length = sizeof(a)/sizeof(a[0]);
   9
  10
        PQ q = createPQ(length);
  11
        printf("Array: ");
        for (int i = 0; i < length; i++) {</pre>
  12
  13
            printf("%d ", a[i]);
  14
            insertPQ(q, a[i]);
  15
  16
        printf("\nSorted: ");
  17
        while (!isEmptyPQ(q)) {
            printf("%d ", delMaxPQ(q));
  18
  19
  20
        putchar('\n');
  21
        return EXIT_SUCCESS;
  22 }
```

This program:

- inserts all the items into the priority queue
- delMaxs items from the priority queue in descending order

If you want the minimum element, rewrite *delmaxPQ()* into *delMinPQ()* 

*Is the program fast?* 

- that depends on how insertPQ() and delMaxPQ() are implemented
- PQ is an ADT, so the client does not know

Is the program efficient in space used?

- No, because
  - o each item in the array is inserted into the priority queue
    - ... which is also an array, so 2 arrays are being used!
- it would be better if pqSort() was in-place

## Three implementations of the priority queue ADT

We can implement the interface functions using different concrete data structures:

- 1. an unordered array
  - o items are simply appended to the array as they are entered
- 2. an ordered array
  - o items are inserted into their correct position in an array
- 3. a heapified array (i.e. a heap)
  - o items are added to the array that is subsequently heapified

Note, all implementations use arrays, but they differ in how/where they store the items in the array.

就是每次通过遍历比array里面的最大值,然后输出,并由最后一个元素补位

## PQ ADT implementation using an unordered array

```
切换行号显示
   1 // pqUA.c: priority queue implementation for pq.h
using an unordered array
   2 #include "pq.h"
   3
   4 struct pqRep {
                                                元素数量(一直在变化的)
   5
       int nItems; // actual count of Items
       int *items; // array of Items
        int maxsize; // maximum size of array
   7
   8 };
  10 PQ createPQ(int size) {
       PQ q = malloc(sizeof(struct pqRep)); // make room
for the structure
                                                si ze个元素的数组
内容是空的
  12
      if (q == NULL) {
          fprintf(stderr, "out of memory\n");
  13
  14
          exit(0);
  15
  16
       q->items = malloc(size * sizeof(int)); // make
  17
room for the array
       if (q->items == NULL) {
  18
          fprintf(stderr, "out of memory\n");
  19
  20
           exit(0);
  21
```

```
q-nItems = 0;
                                            // we have
no items yet
 23 q->maxsize = size;
remember the maxsize
 24 return q;
                                            // return
the initial PQ
 25 }
 26
 27 void insertPQ(PQ q, int it) {
 28 if (q == NULL) {
          fprintf(stderr, "priority queue not
initialised\n");
 30
          exit(1);
 31
       if (q->nItems == q->maxsize) {
 33
          fprintf(stderr, "priority queue full\n");
          exit(1);
 35
      q->items[q->nItems] = it; // UNORDERED ARRAY, so
put item at the end
 q-nItems++;
                                // increment the
'counter'
               就是按照顺序插入,为元素个数一直在增加
 38 }
 40 int delMaxPQ(PQ q) { // UNORDERED, so need to linear
search for max item
        if (q == NULL) {
           fprintf(stderr, "delmaxPO: priority queue not
initialised\n");
 43
          exit(1);
 44
 45
      if (q->nItems == 0) {
          fprintf(stderr, "priority queue empty\n");
 47
          exit(1);
 48
 49
        int *array = q->items;
                               // items occupy
       int last = q->nItems-1;
places 0 .. last 最后一个元素是要插入到第一个位置的
       int max = 0;
                                     // assume
initially item at max=0 has largest key
  52 for (int i = 1; i <= last; i++){
        if (array[max] < array[i]){ // now compare</pre>
with every other item 假设第一个元素最大,然后遍历比较,找到最大的元素,
54 max = i; 然后用最后一个替换 // whenever we
find a better one, update max
 55
           }
 56
 57
        int retval = array[max];
                                    // save the max
item
    location with last item
 q-nItems--;
                                     // decrease the
number of items
 60 return retval;
                                    // return the max
element
```

```
61 }
 62
 63 int isEmptyPQ(PQ q) {
       int empty = 0;
 65
       if (q == NULL) {
 66
          fprintf(stderr, "isEmptyPQ: priority queue not
initialised\n");
 67
 68
       else {
           empty = q->nItems == 0;
 70
 71
       return empty;
 72 }
```

Compile and run the client *pqSort()* with this ADT:

```
prompt$ dcc pqUA.c pqSort.c
prompt$ ./a.out
Array: 41 2 58 156 360 81 260 74 167 13
Sorted: 360 260 167 156 81 74 58 41 13 2
```

Notice the descending order, produced by calling *delMaxPQ()* in the client.

## PQ ADT implementation using an ordered array

We could have implemented the priority queue using an ADT based on an Ordered Array

- this will make it much easier to find the maximum element ...
- ... but when we insert, we will need to do more work

```
切换行号显示
   1 // pqOA.c: priority queue implementation for pq.h
using an ordered array
   2 #include "pq.h"
   4 struct pqRep {
       int nItems; // actual count of Items
       int *items; // array of Items
        int maxsize; // maximum size of array
   7
   8 };
  10 PQ createPQ(int size) {
       PQ q = malloc(sizeof(struct pqRep)); // make room
for the structure
  12 if (q == NULL) {
          fprintf(stderr, "out of memory\n");
  13
  14
          exit(0);
  15
       q->items = malloc(size * sizeof(int)); // make
room for the array
  17
       if (q->items == NULL) {
  18
           fprintf(stderr, "out of memory\n");
```

```
19
         exit(0);
  20
  21 q \rightarrow nItems = 0;
                                               // we have
no items yet
  22 q->maxsize = size;
                                               //
remember the maxsize
      return q;
                                               // return
the initial PQ
  24 }
  25
  26 void insertPQ(PQ q, int it) {
       if (q == NULL) {
           fprintf(stderr, "priority queue not
initialised\n");
           exit(1);
  30
  31
        if (q->nItems == q->maxsize) {
           fprintf(stderr, "priority queue full\n");
  33
           exit(1);
  34
  35
       int *array = q->items;
  36
       int last = q->nItems;
  37
        int i;
        for (i=0; i<last && array[i]<it; i++) {</pre>
  38
                                   // find location of
item == it 找到位置后将it插入到指定的位置,不需要执行任何代码
  40
                            按照增序进行插入
                            然后将其后面的元素依次向后移动一个位置
  41
        int j;
        for (j = last; j>i; j--){} // starting at last
and go down to i
  43
            array[j] = array[j-1]; // shift items up
  44
                                   // now insert item
        array[i] = it;
'it' at i
       q->nItems++;
  46
                                   // increase the count
  47 }
  48
  49 int delMaxPQ(PQ q) {
        if (q == NULL) {
           fprintf(stderr, "priority queue not
initialised\n");
  52
           exit(1);
  53
        if (q->nItems == 0) {
           fprintf(stderr, "priority queue empty\n");
  55
  56
           exit(1);
  57
        }
                          因为已经排序了,因此只需要输出最后一个元素即可
  58
        q->nItems--;
  59
        return q->items[q->nItems];
  60 }
  61
  62 int isEmptyPQ(PQ q) {
  int empty = 0;
       if (q == NULL) {
  64
          fprintf(stderr, "isEmptyPQ: priority queue not
```

```
initialised\n");
66    }
67    else {
68        empty = q->nItems == 0;
69    }
70    return empty;
71 }
```

Compile and run the client *pqSort.c* with this ADT:

```
prompt$ dcc pqOA.c pqSort.c
prompt$ ./a.out
Array: 41 2 58 156 360 81 260 74 167 13
Sorted: 360 260 167 156 81 74 58 41 13 2
```

• the output is the same as for the unordered array

Example of use of the unordered and ordered array PQ implementations:

Operation	Ordered	Unordered	returned value
insertPQ E	Е	Е	-
insertPQ X	EX	EX	-
insertPQ A	AEX	EXA	-
insertPQ M	AEMX	EXAM	-
delMaxPQ	AEM	EMA	X

## Note:

- you cannot see from 'outside the ADT' which order the items are in
- all you can see is the results of the *delMaxPQ* operation that removes them from the *PQ* 
  - o above, the same item 'X' is returned in both cases

## Performance: ordered vs un-ordered

The performance of the 2 priority queue ADT implementations can be compared:

<u>Implementation</u>	insertPQ	delMaxPQ
ordered array	O(N)	O(1)
unordered array	<i>O</i> (1)	O(N)

Hence, we have poor performance either with an *insertPQ* or a *delMaxPQ* 

- we know that, using a heap, we can *insert* and *delMax* in O(log(n))
- can we use a heap to implement a priority queue ADT?

## PQ implementation using a heap

A heap is also an array, like ordered and unordered

- (actually it could be some other data structure, but in this course it will always be an array)
- it contains the same elements, but in a different order than ordered and unordered
- the difference is the effect of *HOP* and *CTP*

```
切换行号显示
   1 // pqHP.c: priority queue implementation for pq.h
using a heap
   2 #include "pq.h"
   4 // 'static' means these functions are for local use
  5 static void fixDown(int *, int, int);
  6 static void fixUp(int *, int);
  8 // Priority queue implementation using an unordered
array
  9 struct pqRep {
      int nItems; // actual count of Items
       int *items; // array of Items
  12
      int maxsize; // maximum size of array
 13 };
 14
  15 PQ createPQ(int size) {
  PQ q = malloc(sizeof(struct pqRep)); // make room
for the structure
  17 if (q == NULL) {
  18
         fprintf(stderr, "out of memory\n");
  19
          exit(0);
  20
    q->items = malloc((size+1) * sizeof(int)); // make
room for the array
  if (q-) tems == NULL) {
                                             // size+1
because heap 1..size
         fprintf(stderr, "out of memory\n");
  24
          exit(0);
  25
      q-nItems = 0;
                                               // we have
  26
no items yet
  27  q->maxsize = size;
                                               //
remember the maxsize
                                               // return
     return q;
the initial PQ
  29 }
  30
  31 void insertPQ(PQ q, int it) {
        if (q == NULL) {
  32
           fprintf(stderr, "priority queue not
initialised\n");
  34
           exit(1);
  35
        if (q->nItems == q->maxsize) {
```

```
37
          fprintf(stderr, "priority queue full\n");
 38
          exit(1);
 39
 40
                                     // adding another
      q->nItems++;
item
       q->items[q->nItems] = it;
 41
                                     // put the item
at the end
       way to the root
 43
      return;
 44 }
 45
 46 int delMaxPQ(PQ q) {
 47 if (q == NULL) {
 48
         fprintf(stderr, "priority queue not
initialised\n");
 49 exit(1);
 50
 51
      if (q-nItems == 0) 
        fprintf(stderr, "priority queue empty\n");
 52
 53
         exit(1);
 54
    55
item we want to return
 56 q->items[1] = q->items[q->nItems]; // overwrite
root by last item
      q->nItems--;
                                       // we are
decreasing heap size by 1
      fixDown(q->items, 1, q->nItems); // fixDown the
new root
 59 return retval;
 60 }
 61
 62 int isEmptyPQ(PQ q) {
 int empty = 0;
 64
       if (q == NULL) {
         fprintf(stderr, "isEmptyPQ: priority queue not
initialised\n");
 66
      }
 67
       else {
         empty = q->nItems == 0;
 70
      return empty;
 71 }
                   插入数据的时候,从叶子节点向上移动
 72
 73 // fix up the heap for the 'new' element child
 74 void fixUp(int *heap, int child) { heap是array, child就是索引值
      while (child>1 && heap[child/2]<heap[child]) {</pre>
         int swap = heap[child];
                                       // if parent <</pre>
child, do a swap
                                    child/2就是parent
         heap[child] = heap[child/2];
 77
 78
        heap[child/2] = swap;
 79
        child = child/2;
                                       // become the
parent
 80
      }
```

```
81
        return;
                        heap是array, par是parent, len是长度
  82 }
  83
  84 // force value at a[par] into correct position
  85 void fixDown(int *heap, int par, int len) {
        int finished = 0;
  87
        while (2*par<=len && !finished) {// as long as you</pre>
are within bounds 用来判断是否为叶子节点
           int child = 2*par;
                                        // the first child
is here
  89
           if (child<len && heap[child]<heap[child+1]) {</pre>
              child++; 找到更大的child // choose larger of
  90
two children
  91
  92
           if (heap[par]<heap[child]) { // if node is</pre>
smaller than this child ... 判断parent与child的大小
              int swap = heap[child];
                                        // if parent <
child, do a swap
  94
              heap[child] = heap[child/2];
  95
              heap[child/2] = swap;
  96
              par = child;
                                         // ... and become
this child
  97
           }
  98
           else {
  99
              finished = 1;
                                        // else we do not
have to go any further
 100
 101
 102
        return;
 103 }
```

#### Compile and run:

```
prompt$ dcc pqHP.c pqSort.c
prompt$ ./a.out
Array: 41 2 58 156 360 81 260 74 167 13
Sorted: 360 260 167 156 81 74 58 41 13 2
```

• this is the same output as for the unordered and ordered arrays

## Performance: unordered vs ordered vs heap-based

Cost of operations in a heap:

- tree height is log(n)
- each insert/delete requires at most log(n) compares/swaps on a path from root to leaf
- complexity is O(log(n)) for insertPQ() and delMaxPQ()

## For just one operation:

Implementation	insertPQ	delMaxPQ
ordered array	O(n)	O(1)

unordered array	<i>O</i> (1)	O(n)
heap array	O(log(n))	O(log(n))

Multiply by n for an array of length n.

## **Heap Sort**

## The client pqSort() using the heap array implementation is heap sort

• ... although it can be implemented more efficiently

#### The client:

- stores the unsorted list as a heap (ADT)
- repeatedly deletes the maximum element (ADT)
- heapifying each time (ADT)
- Heap sort is **not adaptive** (this is bad)
  - o means that it is not faster if the data is already partially ordered
    - even if data is ordered, fixUp and fixDown may still need to go from root to leaf
- Heap sort is **not stable** (this is bad)
  - o means that terms with the same value may change order
- Heap sort is **in-place** ... (this is good)
  - ... but *pqSort()* is not

Heap sort is O(nlog(n)) (best, average and worst case behaviour)

- merge sort, quick sort as well, but quick sort has worst case  $O(n^2)$  (rarely happens)
- Heap sort is <u>not</u> recursive (this is good), merge sort and quick sort <u>are</u> recursive
- heapsort is faster than mergesort (by a constant factor) and more space efficient
  - ... although in a distributed environment (lots of machines) merge sort is better
- quick sort is generally faster than heap sort (by a constant factor) for most data sets

If speed is critical, and adaptivity & stability do not matter, heap sort is usually preferred.

Heap sort animation

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