

- 4) The goal is to continuously deleteMin on the given heaps until there are no more records in the heaps.

Each of the sorted lists can be a representation of a heap

Pseudocode:

finalSortedArr[n]

minHeap[k]

Populate minHeap with the minimum values of each list. \rightarrow (Insert is $\log k$) \times (k times)

for $i = 0$ to n :

min = getMin(minHeap) $\rightarrow O(1)$

next = min.left or min.right (which ever is closer in value to min) $\rightarrow O(1)$

finalSortedArr[i] = min $\rightarrow O(1)$

deleteMin(minHeap) $\rightarrow O(\log k)$

minHeap.insert(next) $\rightarrow O(\log k)$

\rightarrow This creates a runtime of $O(k \log k) + O(n(2(1) + 2(\log k)))$

\rightarrow This is essentially $O(n \log k)$

This would only use $O(k)$ space, as minHeap is the only thing that is stored in temporary memory