

Top k elements - using heap

class Solution:

def top_k_freq_elem(self, nums: List[int], k: int) -> List[int]:

count = {}

for num in nums:

count[num] = 1 + count.get(num, 0)

heap = []

for num in count.keys():

heapq.heappush(heap, (count[num], num))

if len(heap) > k:

heap.heappop(heap)

result = []

for i in range(k):

result.append(heapq.heappop(heap)[1])

return result.

print(Solution().top_k_freq_elem(self, nums=

Info: Heap

- $\text{heapq.heappush}(\text{heap}, \text{item})$ - push item onto heap

for example:

$\text{heap} = []$

$\text{heapq.heappush}(\text{heap}, 10)$

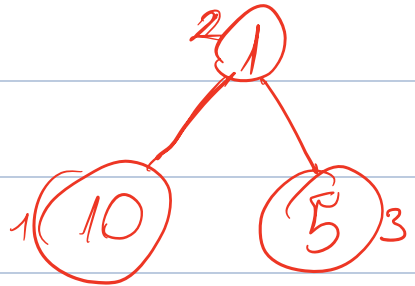
$\text{heap} \rightarrow [10]$

$\text{heapq.heappush}(\text{heap}, 1)$

$\text{heap} \rightarrow [1, 10]$

$\text{heapq.heappush}(\text{heap}, 5)$

$\text{heap} \rightarrow [1, 10, 5]$



- $\text{heapq.heappop}(\text{heap})$ - will return the smallest value and also it will delete that from heap.

for example:

$\text{heapq.heappop}(\text{heap})$

it will remove 1

$\text{heap} \rightarrow [5, 10]$

we use again $\text{heapq.heappop}(\text{heap})$

it will remove 5

$\text{heap} \rightarrow [10]$

Step 1:

self \rightarrow solution instance

nums \rightarrow [1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 3]

K \rightarrow 2

count \rightarrow {} - empty dict

Step 2: for num in nums:

count[num] = 1 + count.get(num, 0)

this will iterate 6 times as the length of the list 'nums'.

num \rightarrow 1 then count \rightarrow {1: 1}

num \rightarrow 1 again then count \rightarrow {1: 2}

num \rightarrow 1 again then count \rightarrow {1: 3}

num \rightarrow 2 then count \rightarrow {1: 3, 2: 1}

num \rightarrow 3 then count \rightarrow {1: 3, 2: 1}

num \rightarrow 3 again then count \rightarrow {1: 3, 2: 1, 3: 2}

Step 3:

heap \rightarrow [] - empty list

Step 4: for num in count.keys():

heapq.heappush(heap, (count[num], num))

this 2 line of code will iterate for 3 times:

num \rightarrow 1 then heap $\rightarrow [(3,1)]$

num \rightarrow 2 then heap $\rightarrow [(1,2), (3,1)]$

num \rightarrow 3 then heap $\rightarrow [(1,2), (3,1), (2,3)]$

Step 5: if $\text{len}(\text{heap}) > k$: \checkmark true as $\text{len}(\text{heap}) = 3 > k = 2$

Step 6: $\text{heapq.heappop}(\text{heap})$ - it will remove (1,2) the smallest
heap $\rightarrow [(2,3), (3,1)]$

Step 7:

result $\rightarrow []$ empty list

Step 8: for i in range(2):

result.append($\text{heapq.heappop}(\text{heap})[1]$)

1st. $i \rightarrow 0$ then result $\rightarrow [3]$

\times
heap will remove index 1
from first tuple (2,3)

$i \rightarrow 1$ then result $\rightarrow [3,1]$ \checkmark