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Aim: Write a program in C to implement priority queue using array.

Objective of the Experiment:

1. Understanding the working of priority queue and operations on it.

Theory:

Priority Queue is an extension of queue with following properties.

- 1) Every item has a priority associated with it.
- 2) An element with high priority is inserted before an element with low priority.
- 3) If two elements have the same priority, they are served according to their order in the queue.

A typical priority queue supports following operations.

insert: Inserts high priority element before low priority element.

Remove: removes front element.

Algorithm:

Insert:

case 1: if queue is full

then print overflow

case 2: if the queue is empty

f=r=0; //Make both front and rear equal to 0

store the element in the array at index f;

case 3: if the queue is non empty

a. shift all the elements which are smaller than the element to be inserted , towards right by one position.

b. Insert at the proper place

c. Increment rear and count

Remove:

case 1 : if queue is empty

print underflow

case 2. If single element in the queue

display the removed element as element at front

make both front and rear equal to -1

case 3. if the queue is non-empty

a. display the removed element as element at front

b. increment front

Source code for the implementation:

(Write only important functions)

Post Lab Assignment:

1. Differentiate between priority queue and queue.
2. Explain any three applications of priority queue.