Priority Queues (Heap)

CPE202

Priority Queue ADT

- An item whose priority is the highest will be removed first.
- Two kinds of priority queues
 - Min Priority Queue
 - smallest key is always at the front
 - Max Priority Queue
 - largest key is always at the front
- Items are stored in a data structure so that an item with the highest/lowest priority can be found in constant time (i.e. O(1)).

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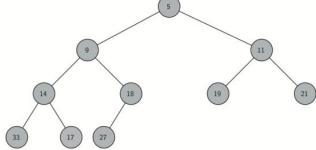
- Implemented with a data structure called binary heap.
- A priority queue implemented with a binary heap is conceptually represented by a complete binary tree but can be implemented with an array.

Binary Heap: The Structure Property

A complete binary tree

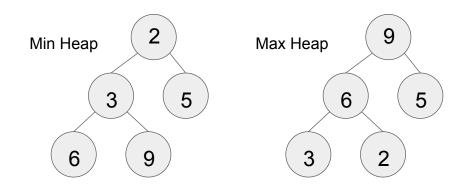
All nodes are filled (have two child nodes)

• Except for the bottom level of the tree, which are filled in from left.



Binary Heap: The Heap Order Property

- Min Heap The key of the parent node <= the node's key.
- Max Heap The key of the parent node >= the node's key.



Internal Representation With Array

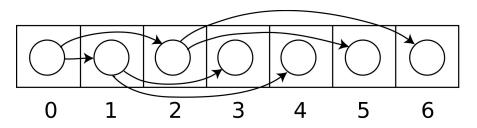
Child nodes

Left: 2 * index + 1

Right: 2 * index + 2

Parent node

(index - 1) // 2 for index > 0



Heap Operations

- insert
 - inserts an item at the end (bottom) of heap to maintain the structure property
 - Uses shift_up

Heap Operations

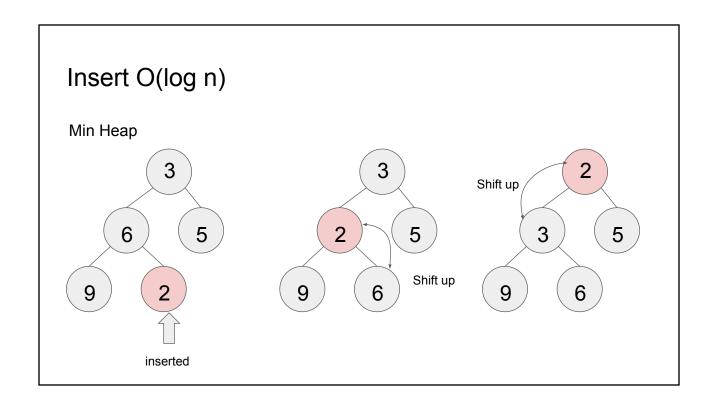
- dequeue (A.K.A. del_max or del_min)
 - Removes and returns an item from the top of heap
 - Move the last item in the heap to the top of heap to maintain the structure property
 - Uses shift_down

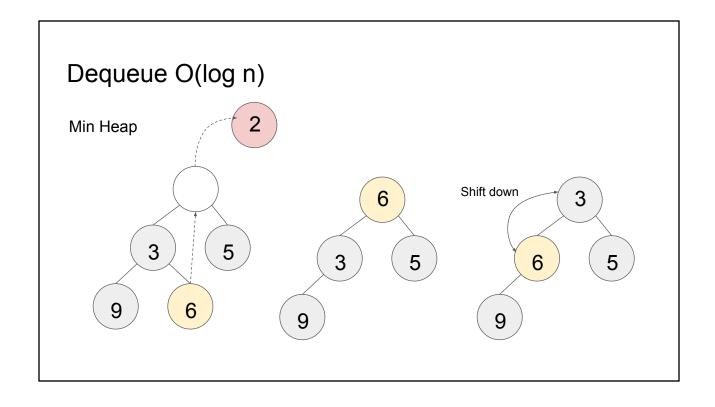
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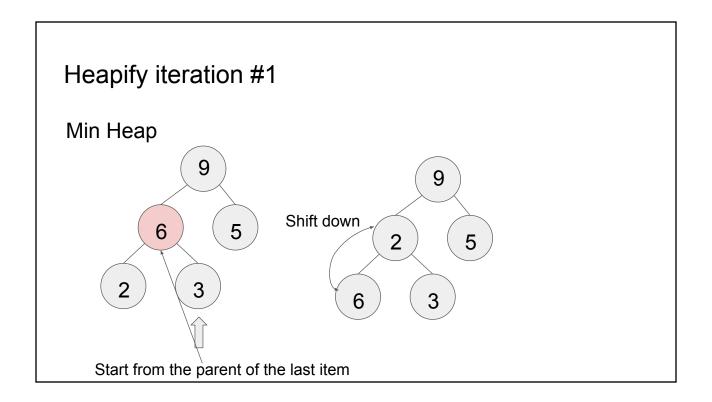
- heapify
 - Converts an array into a heap.
 - Uses shift_down

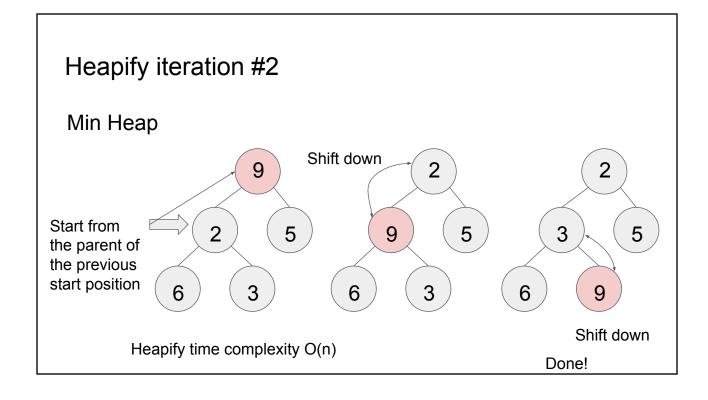
Heap Operations

- shift_up
 - Promotes an item up in heap to maintain the heap order property
- shift_down
 - Demotes an item down in heap to maintain the heap order property

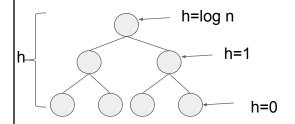








The time complexity of Heapify



- At height (h) = 0, the number of nodes is at most (n + 1)/ 2^{h+1}
- At h = log n, # of nodes ≤ (n + 1) / 2^{logn+1}
- At each height (h), the number of shift down operations is at most h.

of steps =

 $\sum_{h=0}^{logn} \left((n+1)/2^{h+1}\right)^* h \, \leqq \, (n+1) \, ^* \sum_{h=0}^{logn} \, h/2^h$

 $\sum_{h=0}^{logn} h/2^h$ converges because the numerator (h) will be crushed by the denominator (2^h)as h grows.

Hence the time complexity is O(n).

Heap Sort

Selection Sort

 It does n loops and in each loop selecting the largest value takes n steps => O(n²)

```
def selection_sort(arr):
    size = len(arr)
    for i in reversed(range(1, size)):
        max_idx = 0
        for j in range(1, i):
            if arr[j] > arr[max_idx]:
            max_idx = j
        arr[max_idx], arr[i] = arr[i], arr[max_idx]
    return arr
```

It is basically the selection sort, which does:

- While the unsorted part of the list is not empty
 - a. Select the largest value from unsorted part of the list
 - b. Prepend the value to the sorted part of the list

Heap Sort

Heap sort selects the largest value in O(log n) by using a better data structure, heap, improving the time complexity to O(n * log n)

- 1. Build a max heap from the list (No Copy. In-Memory.)
- 2. Divide the list into 2 sublists: unsorted and sorted sublist
 - a. The unsorted sublist starts from index 0.
 - i. This part is a max heap
 - ii. It shrinks as items are removed from the heap
 - b. The sorted sublist is initially empty and grows leftward from the end of the list.

Heap Sort

- 3. While the size of the max heap is larger than 1:
 - a. Dequeue an item from the max heap.
 - i. Promote the last item in the max heap to the top.
 - ii. Shift down the promoted item until it settles to a position which satisfies the max heap order.
 - b. Add the dequeued item at the front of the sorted sublist.

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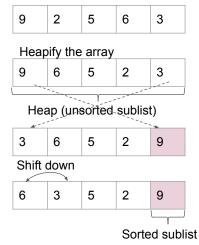
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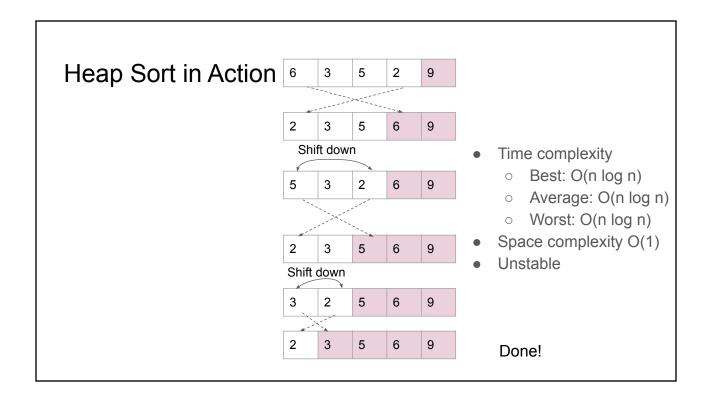
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Heap Sort in Action





Code Listings For Min Heap

```
def insert(items, item):

"""insert an item to min heap

Args:

items (list): a list of integers (min heap)

item (int): an integer value to be inserted to the min heap

"""

items.append(item)

shift_up(items, len(items) - 1)

return
```

```
def shift_up(items, i):
    """shift up an item in the list to maintain the min heap order
    Args:
        items (list) : a list of integers (min heap)
        i (int) : the index of the item of interest
    """
    iparent = index_parent(i)
    if iparent < 0 or items[iparent] <= items[i]:
        return
    temp = items[i]
    items[i] = items[iparent]
    items[iparent] = temp
    return shift_up(items, iparent)</pre>
```

```
def del_min(items, end):
    """pop the minimum valued item from the min heap
    Args:
        items (list) : a list of int
        end (int) : the index of the end of the heap
    Return:
        int : the smallest integer value in the min heap
        int : a new index of the end of the heap
    """
    min_item = items[0]
    items[0] = items[end]
    shift_down(items, 0, end-1)
    return min_item, end-1
```

```
def shift_down(items, i, end):
    """shift down an item in the list to keep the min heap order
    Args:
        items (list): a list of int
        i (int): the index of the item of interest
        end (int): the end index of the heap
    """

imin = index_minchild(items, i, end)
    if imin < 0 or items[imin] >= items[i]:
        return None
    temp = items[i]
    items[i] = items[imin]
    items[imin] = temp
    return shift_down(items, imin, end)
```

```
def heapify(items):
    """convert a list into a min heap
    Args:
        items (list) : a list of int
    """
    length = len(items)
    i = index_parent(length - 1)
    while i >= 0:
        shift_down(items, i)
        i = i - 1
    return
```

```
def index_parent(i):

"""compute the index of the parent
Args:

i (int): index
Returns:

int: the index of the parent
"""

return (i - 1) // 2
```

```
def index_left(i):

"""compute the index of the left child

Args:

i (int): index

Returns:

int: the index of the left child

"""

return 2 * i + 1
```

```
def index_right(i):

"""compute the index of the right child

Args:

i (int): index

Returns:

int: the index of the right child

"""

return 2 * i + 2
```

```
def index_minchild(items, i, end):

"""compute the index of child node with minimum key value Args:

items (list): a list of int

i (int): index of the node

end (int): the last index of the heap

Returns:

int: the index of the child node with minimum key value.

"""

...
```

Code for Max Heap and Heap sort Left as your exercises.

Priority Queue ADT (Minimum Priority Queue)

The textbook uses Object Oriented Approach and the list is a member variable

- PriorityQueue() creates a new, empty, priority queue.
- insert(k) adds a new item to the queue.
- find_min() returns the item with the minimum key value, leaving item in the queue.
- del_min() returns the item with the minimum key value, removing the item from the queue.
 - a. Equivalent to our dequeue function.
- is_empty() returns true if the queue is empty, false otherwise.
- size() returns the number of items in the queue