

0.1 Fibonacci Heap

- *Algorithm:* Construct and maintain a Fibonacci Heap
- *Input:* one Fibonacci Heap
- *Complexity:* $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ for *extract_min* operation and $\Theta(1)$ for other operations
- *Data structure compatibility:* Fibonacci Heap
- *Common applications:* Priority queue, Improvement for graph search algorithm like, Dijkstra Algorithm, A* Algorithm

Fibonacci Heap

Fibonacci heap is a data structure for priority queue operations. which is made up of a collection of rooted trees that are min-heap ordered. It has a better amortized running time than many other priority queues since most of the operations in Fibonacci Heap take constant time.

Description

Operations of a Fibonacci Heap

Each element in a Fibonacci heap has a *key*. The heap supports the following seven operations. [1]

- *Make_heap()* creates and then returns an empty new heap.
- *Insert*(H, x) inserts an element x into the heap H .
- *Minimum*(H) returns a pointer to the element in H with the minimum key.
- *Union*(H_1, H_2) creates then returns a new heap that contains all elements of H_1 and H_2 , with H_1, H_2 no longer used afterward.
- *Decrease_key*(H, x, k) assigns to element x within H a new key value k , where k should be no greater than x 's current key value.
- *Delete*(H, x) deletes element x from H

Amortized time complexity

Procedure	Amortized time complexity
Make_heap	$\Theta(1)$
Insert	$\Theta(1)$
Extract_min	$\mathcal{O}(\log n)$
Union	$\Theta(1)$
Decrease_key	$\Theta(1)$
Delete	$\mathcal{O}(\log n)$

Table 1: Running times for operations on Fibonacci heap. The number of items in the heap(s) at the time of an operation is denoted by n .

Structure of Fibonacci heaps

An element in a Fibonacci heap has 7 attributes. [1]

- key: the key of the element.
- value: value stored in the element
- left: Pointer that points to the element's right siblings. If this element is an only child, its left is itself.
- right: Pointer that points to the element's right siblings. If this element is an only child, its right is itself.
- parent: Pointer that points to the element's parent. For element in the root list of a Fibonacci heap, its parent is None.
- child: Pointer that points to one of its child. Its children are linked together in a circular, doubly linked list, which is called the child list of x .
- mark: A mark modified in *Decrease_key* and used in potential calculation.

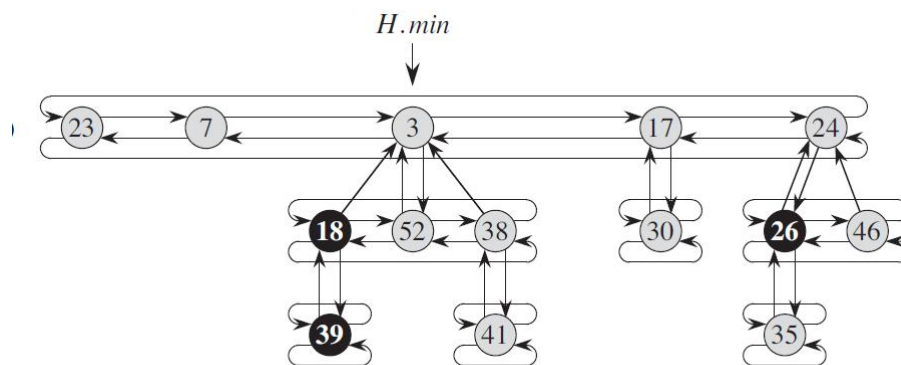


Figure 1: An example of a Fibonacci heap

Make an empty heap

Make an empty heap H is to set the $H.min$ to be None and the current size of H to be 0.

Insert a node

When a node is to be inserted, it is assumed to have already been allocated with its key already set.

Algorithm 1: Insert(x)

Input : A node x to be inserted

Output: The minimum element in H and modified H

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1  $x.degree = 0$ 
2  $x.parent = None$ 
3  $x.child = None$ 
4  $x.mark = False$ 
5 if  $H.min == None$  then
6   | create a root list for  $H$  with just  $x$ 
7   |  $H.min = x$ 
8 end if
9 else
10  | insert  $x$  into  $H$ 's root list
11  | if  $x.key < H.min.key$  then
12  |   |  $H.min = x$ 
13  | end if
14 end if
15  $H.size+ = 1$ 
```

Union two Fibonacci heaps

When uniting two Fibonacci heaps into one new Fibonacci heap, the things to do are simply concatenating the root lists of both Fibonacci heaps and then determining the new minimum node. After such union operations, the old two Fibonacci heaps will not be used any more.

Algorithm 2: Union(H_1, H_2)

Input : Fibonacci heap H_1, H_2

Output: A new Fibonacci heap H , which is the union heap

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1  $H = make\_heap()$ 
2  $H.min = H_1.min$ 
3 concatenate the root list of  $H_2$  with the root list of  $H$ 
4 if  $H_1.min == None$  or ( $H_2.min \neq None$  and  $H_2.min.key < H_1.min.key$ ) then
5   |  $H.min = H_2.min$ 
6 end if
7  $H.size = H_1.size + H_2.size$ 
8 return  $H$ 
```

Extract the minimum node

This process is the most complicated operations of a Fibonacci heap. It is where the maintenance of heap property and the work of consolidating trees in the root list occurs.

Algorithm 3: `Extract_min(H)`

Input : Fibonacci Heap H **Output:** The minimum element in H and modified H

```
1  $z = H.min$ 
2 if  $z \neq None$  then
3   for each child of  $z$  do
4     |   add  $x$  to the root list of  $H$ 
5     |    $x.p = None$ 
6   end for
7 end if
8 remove  $z$  from the root list of  $H$  if  $z == z.right$  then
9   |    $H.min = None$ 
10 end if
11 else
12   |    $H.min = z.right$ 
13   |    $Consolidate(H)$ 
14 end if
15  $H.size- = 1$ 
16 return  $z$ 
```

The upper bound $D(n)$ on the degree of any node in an n -node Fibonacci heap meets that

$$D(n) \leq \lfloor \log_{\phi} n \rfloor$$

where ϕ is the golden ratio, defined as

$$\phi = \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2}$$

Algorithm 4: Consolidate(H)

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1 Function Heap_link():
2   remove  $y$  from the root list of  $H$ 
3   make  $y$  a child of  $x$ 
4   incrementing  $x.degree$ 
5    $y.mark = FALSE$ 
6 end
7 let  $A$  be a new array with size  $D(n)$ 
8 Set each element of  $A$  None
9 for each node  $w$  in the root list of  $H$  do
10   $x = w$ 
11   $d = x.degree$ 
12  while  $A[d] \neq None$  do
13     $y = A[d]$  if  $x.key > y.key$  then
14      exchange  $x$  with  $y$ 
15    end if
16    Heap_link( $y, x$ )
17     $A[d] = None$   $d = d + 1$ 
18  end while
19   $A[d] = x$ 
20 end for
21  $H.min = None$ 
22 for every element  $i$  in  $A$  do
23   if  $A[i] \neq None$  then
24     if  $H.min == None$  then
25       create a new root list of  $H$  that only contains  $i$ 
26        $H.min = i$ 
27     end if
28     else
29       insert  $i$  into  $H$  root list
30       if  $i.key < H.min.key$  then
31          $H.min = i$ 
32       end if
33     end if
34   end if
35 end for

```

Decrease a key and delete a node

Decrease_key operation decreases the key of one certain node. All of such operations are done under the assumption that removing a node from a linked list won't change any of its structural attributes.

What *Delete* does is decrease the key of the element to be deleted and call *Extract_min*. Assume that there is no key value of $-\infty$ currently in the Fibonacci heap.

There is a question that in practical use we cannot actually find the address of or the pointer itself. The first solution I think is Ostrich Algorithm, that the probability of having to delete another element besides the minimum within the heap is very small since we have already decided to use Fibonacci heap rather than other heaps. A more relatively solution is to set up a dictionary for the Fibonacci heap, where the key of the dictionary is the value of all elements, the value of the dictionary is the element or the address of the element. So we can delete an element by its value.

Algorithm 5: Decrease_key(x, k)

Input : The target node x , the value to decrease k **Output:** Nothing

```
1 Function Cut( $H, x, y$ ):
2   remove  $x$  from the child list of  $y$ 
3    $y.degree - = 1$ 
4   add  $x$  to the root list of  $H$ 
5    $x.parent = \text{Null}$ 
6    $x.mark = \text{false}$ 
7 end
8 Function Cascading_cut( $H, y$ ):
9    $z = y.parent$ 
10  if  $z \neq \text{None}$  then
11    if  $y.mark == \text{false}$  then
12       $y.mark == \text{true}$ 
13    end if
14    else
15      Cut( $H, y, z$ )
16      Cascading_cut( $H, z$ )
17    end if
18  end if
19 end
20 if  $k > x.key$  then
21   this causes error.
22 end if
23  $x.key = k$ 
24  $y = x.parent$ 
25 if  $y \neq \text{None}$  and  $x.key < y.key$  then
26   Cut( $H, x, y$ )
27   Cascading_cut( $H, y$ )
28 end if
29 if  $x.key < H.min.key$  then
30    $H.min = x$ 
31 end if
```

Algorithm 6: Delete(H, x)

Input : Fibonacci heap H , the element to be deleted x **Output:** Nothing

```
1 Decrease_key( $H, x, -\infty$ )
2 Extract_min( $H$ )
```

Amortized Analysis

1. Notations and the potential function. The notations used in analysis is shown in the table below.

notation	meaning
n	number
$\text{rank}(x)$	number of children of node x
Extract_min	max rank of any node in heap H
$\text{trees}(H)$	number of trees in heap H
$\text{marks}(H)$	number of marked nodes in heap H

Table 2: Notations in amortized analysis

The potential function is [2]

$$\Phi(H) = \text{trees}(H) + 2 \cdot \text{marks}(H)$$

2. *Insert*:

The actual cost is $c_i = \mathcal{O}(1)$. Change in potential is $\Delta\Phi = 1$. The amortized cost is calculated as $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Delta\Phi = \Theta(1)$.

3. *Extract_min*:

The actual cost is $c_i = \mathcal{O}(\text{rank}(H)) + \mathcal{O}(\text{trees}(H))$. Change in potential is $\Delta\Phi \leq \text{rank}(H') + 1 - \text{trees}(H)$.

The amortized cost is calculated as $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Delta\Phi = \mathcal{O}(\text{rank}(H)) + \mathcal{O}(\text{rank}(H')) = \mathcal{O}(\log n)$, where the rank of heap with size n is $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$.

4. *Decrease_key*:

The actual cost $c_i = \mathcal{O}(c)$, where c is the number of cuts. Change in potential is $\Delta\Phi \leq c + 2 \cdot (-c + 2) = \mathcal{O}(1) - c$.

The amortized cost is calculated as $\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Delta\Phi = \mathcal{O}(1)$

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