

**Problem: Implement a priority queue backed by an array.**

## **Constraints**

- Do we expect the methods to be insert, extract\_min, and decrease\_key?
  - Yes
- Can we assume there aren't any duplicate keys?
  - Yes
- Do we need to validate inputs?
  - No
- Can we assume this fits memory?
  - Yes

## **Test Cases**

### **insert**

- insert general case -> inserted node

### **extract\_min**

- extract\_min from an empty list -> None
- extract\_min general case -> min node

### **decrease\_key**

- decrease\_key an invalid key -> None
- decrease\_key general case -> updated node

## **Algorithm**

### **insert**

- Append to the internal array.

### **Complexity:**

- Time:  $O(1)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

## **extract\_min**

- Loop through each item in the internal array
  - Update the min value as needed
- Remove the min element from the array and return it

### **Complexity:**

- Time:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$

## **decrease\_key**

- Loop through each item in the internal array to find the matching input
  - Update the matching element's key

### **Complexity:**

- Time:  $O(n)$
- Space:  $O(1)$