Advanced Data Structures

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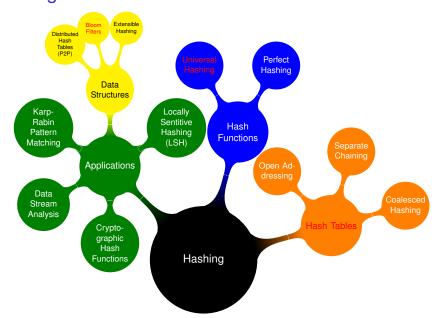


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Hashing

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Hashing



Hashing

A hash function h maps the elements (keys) of a given domain (or *universe*) \mathcal{U} in a finite range 0..M-1. Hash functions must:

- Be easy and fast to compute
- Be represented with little memory
- Spread the universe as evenly as possible

$$\mathcal{U}_i = \{ x \in \mathcal{U} \mid h(x) = i \}, \qquad 0 \le i < M$$

$$|\mathcal{U}_i| \approx \frac{|\mathcal{U}|}{M}$$

Give very different hash values to "similar" keys

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M.N. Wegman

Definition

A class

$$\mathcal{H} = \{h \mid h : \mathcal{U} \to [0..M - 1]\}$$

of hash functions is universal iff, for all $x,y\in\mathcal{U}$ with $x\neq y$ we have

$$\mathbb{P}[h(x) = h(y)] \le \frac{1}{M},$$

where h is a hash function randomly drawn from \mathcal{H}

A stronger property is pairwise independence (a.k.a. strong universality). A class is strongly universal iff, for all $x,y\in\mathcal{U}$ with $x\neq y$ and any two values $i,j\in[0..M-1]$

$$\mathbb{P}[h(x) = i \land h(y) = j] = \frac{1}{M^2}$$

Strong universality implies universality; moreover

$$\mathbb{P}[h(x) = i] = \frac{1}{M}$$

for any x and i.

Let \mathcal{H} be a universal class and $h \in \mathcal{H}$ drawn at random. For any fixed set of n keys $S \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ we have the following properties:

- For any $x \in S$, the expected number of elements in S that hash to h(x) is n/M.
- ② The expected number of collisions is $O(n^2/M)$. If $M = \Theta(n)$ then the expected number of collisions is O(n).

The big questions are:

- Are there universal classes? Strongly universal classes?
- If so, how complicated are its members? How much effort does it take to compute and represent the functions in the class?

In 1977 Carter and Wegman introduced the concept of universal class of hash functions and gave the first construction. Put the universe \mathcal{U} into one-to-one correspondence with [0..U-1] ($U=|\mathcal{U}|$) and let p be a prime > U. The class

$$\mathcal{H} = \{ h_{a,b} \mid 0 < a < p, 0 \le b < p \}$$

is (strongly) universal, with

$$h_{a,b}(x) = ((ax+b) \mod p) \mod M$$

The ingredients we need are thus a BIG prime p; picking a hash function at random from \mathcal{H} amounts to choosing two integers a and b at random.

Let $r=\lceil\log_2(U+1)\rceil$. The prime number p and the numbers a and b will need roughly r bits each. For instance, if our universe are ASCII strings of length at most 30, $U\approx 256^{30}$ and $r\approx 240$ bits; these are huge numbers and a fast primality test is a must to have a practical scheme.

Suppose that $h_{a,b}$ has been picked at random and let x and y be two distinct keys that collide

$$h_{a,b}(x) = h_{a,b}(y)$$

Therefore

$$ax + b \equiv ay + b + \lambda \cdot M \pmod{p}$$

for some integer $\lambda \geq 0$, $\lambda \leq p/M$.

Since $x \neq y$, $x - y \neq 0$, hence x - y has an inverse multiplicative in the ring \mathbb{Z}_p , denote it $(x - y)^{-1}$. Hence

$$ax \equiv ay + \lambda \cdot M \pmod{p}$$

$$a(x - y) \equiv \lambda \cdot M \pmod{p}$$

$$a \equiv (x - y)^{-1} \cdot \lambda \cdot M \pmod{p}$$

There are p-1 possible choices for a and $\lfloor p/M \rfloor$ possible values for λ ; hence the probability of collision is

$$\leq \frac{\lfloor p/M \rfloor}{p-1} \approx \frac{1}{M}$$

for sufficiently large p.

Notice that b plays no rôle in the universality of the family. We might have choosen b=0 or any other convenient fixed value. However, picking b at random makes the class strongly universal.

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Hash Tables

A hash table (cat: taula de dispersió, esp: tabla de dispersión) allows us to store a set of elements (or pairs $\langle key, value \rangle$) using a hash function $h: K \Longrightarrow I$, where I is the set of indices or addresses into the table, e.g., I = [0..M-1].

Ideally, the hash function h would map every element (their keys) to a distinct address of the table, but this is hardly possible in a general situation, and we should expect to find collisions (different keys mapping to the same address) as soon as the number of elements stored in the table is $n = \Omega(\sqrt{M})$.

Hash Tables

If the hash function evenly "spreads" the keys, the hash table will be useful as there will be a small number of keys mapping to any given address of the table.

Given two distinct keys x and y, we say that they are synonyms, also that they collide if h(x) = h(y).

A fundamental problem in the implementation of a dictionary using a hash table is to design a collision resolution strategy.

Hash Tables

```
template <typename T> class Hash {
public:
 int operator()(const T& x) const;
};
template <typename Key, typename Value,
         template <typename> class HashFunct = Hash>
class Dictionary {
public:
private:
  struct node {
      Key _k;
      Value v:
       . . .
  };
  nat _M; // capacity of the table
  nat n; // number of elements (size) of the table
  double alpha max; // max. load factor
  HashFunct<Key> h;
  // open addressing
  vector<node> _Thash; // an array with pairs <key, value>
  // separate chaining
  // vector<list<node>> _Thash; // an array of lists of synonyms
  int hash (const Key& k) {
        return h(k) % M;
};
```

Hash Functions

A good hash function h must enjoy the following properties

- 1 It is easy to compute
- ② It must evenly spread the set of keys K: for all i, $0 \le i < M$

$$\frac{\#\{k\in K\,|\,h(k)=i\}}{\#\{k\in K\}}\approx\frac{1}{M}$$

Hash Functions

In our implementation, the class ${\tt Hash<T>}$ overloads operator () so that for an object ${\tt h}$ of the class ${\tt Hash<T>}$, ${\tt h}$ (${\tt x}$) is the result of "applying" h to the object ${\tt x}$ of class ${\tt T}$. The operation returns a positive integer.

The private method hash in class Dictionary computes

to obtain a valid position into the table, an index between 0 and $_{\mbox{\scriptsize M}}$ - 1.

Hash Functions

```
// specialization of the template for T = string
template <> class Hash<string> {
public:
 int operator()(const string& x) const {
     int s = 0:
     for (int i = 0; i < x.length(); ++i)</pre>
         s = s * 37 + x[i];
     return s;
};
// specialization of the template for T = int
template <> class Hash<int> {
static long const MULT = 31415926;
public:
  int operator()(const int& x) const {
     long y = ((x * x * MULT) << 20) >> 4;
     return v;
};
```

Other sophisticated hash functions use weighted sums or non-linear transformations (e.g., they square the number represented by the k central bits of the key).

Collision Resolution

Collision resolution strategies can be grouped into two main families. By historical reasons (not very logically) they are called

- Open hashing: separate chaining, coalesced hashing, . . .
- Open addressing: linear probing, double hashing, quadratic hashing, . . .

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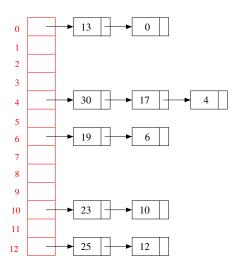
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In separate chaining, each slot in the hash table has a pointer to a linked list of synonyms.

```
template <typename Key, typename Value,
         template <typename> class HashFunct = Hash>
class Dictionary {
private:
  struct node {
     Kev k;
     Value v;
  vector<list<node>> _Thash; // array of linked lists of synonyms
  int M: // capacity of the table
  int n: // number of elements
  double alpha max; // max. load factor
  list<node>::const_iterator lookup_sep_chain(const Key& k, int i) const ;
  void insert sep chain (const Key& k,
          const Value& v);
  void remove sep chain(const Kev& k) ;
```

 $M = 13 X = \{ 0, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 30 \}$ $h(x) = x \mod M$



For insertions, we access the apropriate linked list using the hash function, and scan the list to find out whether the key was already present or not. If present, we modify the associated value; if not, a new node with the pair $\langle key, value \rangle$ is added to the list.

Since the lists contain very few elements each, the simplest and more efficient solution is to add elements to the front. There is no need for double links, sentinels, etc. Sorting the lists or using some other sophisticated data structure instead of linked lists does not report real practical benefits.

Searching is also simple: access the apropriate linked list using the hash function and sequentially scan it to locate the key or to report unsuccessful search.

```
template <typename Key, typename Value,
          template <typename> class HashFunct>
void Dictionary<Key, Value, HashFunct>::insert(const Key& k,
     const Value& v) {
  insert_sep_chain(k, v);
  if ( n / M > alpha max)
     // the current load factor is too large, raise here an exception or
     // resize the table and rehash
template <typename Key, typename Value,
          template <typename> class HashFunct>
void Dictionary<Key, Value, HashFunct>::insert sep chain(
           const Kev& k, const Value& v) {
  int i = hash(k);
  list<node>::const iterator p = lookup sep chain(k,i);
  // insert as first item in the list
  // if not present
  if (p == thash[i].end()) {
     _thash[i].push_back(node(k, v));
     ++ n;
   else
     p -> v = v;
```

```
template <typename Key, typename Value,
          template <typename> class HashFunct>
void Dictionary < Key, Value, HashFunct >:: lookup (const Key& k,
   bool& exists, Value& v) const {
   int i = hash(k):
   list<node>::const iterator p = lookup sep chain(k, i);
   if (p == _thash[i].end())
    exists = false;
   else {
     exists = true;
    v = p \rightarrow v;
template <typename Key, typename Value,
          template <typename> class HashFunct>
list<Dictionary<Key, Value, HashFunct>::node >::const_iterator
   Dictionary<Key, Value, HashFunct>::lookup sep chain (const Key& k,
                                                       int i) const {
   list<node>::const_iterator p = _Thash[i].begin();
   // sequential search in the i-th list of synonyms
   while (p != thash[i].end() and p -> k != k)
      ++p;
   return p;
```

Let n be the number of elements stored in the hash table. On average, each linked list contains $\alpha = n/M$ elements and the cost of lookups (either successful or unsuccessful), of insertions and of deletions will be proportional to α . If α is a small constant value then the cost of all basic operations is, on average, $\Theta(1)$. However, it can be shown that the expected length of the largest synonym list is $\Theta(\log n/\log\log n)$. The value α is called load factor, and the performance of the hash table will be dependent on it.

- $L_n^{(i)}$: the number of elements hashing to the *i*-th list, $0 \le i < M$, after the insertion of n items.
- Standard assumption: probability that the j-th inserted item hashes to position $i, 0 \le i < M$ is 1/M
- The $L_n^{(i)},\, 0 \leq i < M,$ are **not** independent, but they are identically distributed
- Set $L_n := L_n^{(0)}$. Let $Y_j = 1$ iff the j-th inserted item goes to list 0, and $Y_j = 0$ otherwise.

$$L_n = Y_1 + \dots + Y_n$$

$$\mathbb{E}[L_n] = \mathbb{E}[Y_1 + \dots + Y_n] = \mathbb{E}[Y_1] + \dots + \mathbb{E}[Y_n]$$

$$= 1/M + \dots + 1/M = n/M = \alpha$$

ullet Cost of unsuccessful search U_n / insertion of the (n+1)-th item

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}[U_n] &= \sum_{0 \leq i < M} \mathbb{E}[U_n | \text{search in list } i] \cdot \mathbb{P}[\text{search in list } i] \\ &= \frac{1}{M} \sum_{0 \leq i < M} \mathbb{E}[U_n | \text{search in list } i] = \frac{1}{M} \sum_{0 \leq i < M} (1 + \mathbb{E}\Big[L_n^{(i)}\Big]) \\ &= 1 + \alpha \end{split}$$

• Cost of successful search of a random item S_n / deletion of a random item

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}[S_n] &= \sum_{0 \leq i < M: L_n^{(i)} > 0} \mathbb{E}[S_n | \text{search in list } i] \cdot \mathbb{P}[\text{search in list } i] \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq i < M: L_n^{(i)} > 0} \left(\sum_{\ell > 0} \frac{\ell + 1}{2} \, \mathbb{P}\Big[L_n^{(i)} = \ell\Big] \right) \cdot \frac{L_n^{(i)}}{n} \\ &= \sum_{0 \leq i < M: L_n^{(i)} > 0} \frac{1 + \alpha}{2} \frac{L_n^{(i)}}{n} \\ &= \frac{1 + \alpha}{2} \sum_{0 \leq i < M: L_n^{(i)} > 0} \frac{L_n^{(i)}}{n} = \frac{1 + \alpha}{2} \end{split}$$

- The Poisson model: in order to avoid the dependence between $L_n^{(i)}$ we can consider a Poisson random model in which "balls" (items) are thrown to "bins" (slots in the hash table) at a rate α , then the length of each list $\tilde{L}^{(i)} \sim \operatorname{Poisson}(\alpha)$ is independent of all other
- ullet We have, for instance, $\mathbb{E}\Big[ilde{L}^{(i)}\Big]=lpha=\mathbb{E}\Big[L_n^{(i)}\Big]$
- In general we can make our computations in the easier Poisson model then (rigorously) transfer these results to the "exact model"

- Let $L_n^* = \max L_n^{(0)}, \dots, L_n^{(M-1)}$. This random variable gives the worst-case cost of search, insertions and deletions
- An important identity for positive discrete r.v.

$$\mathop{\mathbb{E}}[X] = \sum_{k \geq 0} k \mathop{\mathbb{P}}[X = k] = \sum_{k \geq 0} \mathop{\mathbb{P}}[X > k]$$

- In th Poisson model, we have M i.i.d. Poisson r.v. \mathcal{L}_i , all with parameter $\alpha = n/M$, giving the length of the i-th list, $0 \le i < M$
- Then for $\mathcal{L}^* = \max\{\mathcal{L}_i\}$ we have

$$\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{L}^* \le k] = \prod_{i} \mathbb{P}[\mathcal{L}_i \le k]$$
$$= \left(\sum_{0 \le j \le k} \frac{\alpha^j e^{-\alpha}}{j!}\right)^M$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}^*] = \sum_{k>0} \left(1 - \left(\sum_{0 \le j \le k} \frac{\alpha^j e^{-\alpha}}{j!} \right)^M \right)$$

But this path leads us nowhere.

We will try a different way:

- Compute (or give useful bounds) for the median of \mathcal{L}^* , i.e., the value of j* such that $\mathbb{P}[\mathcal{L}^* \leq j] = 1/2$
- Show that the expectation (mean) of \mathcal{L}^* is close to its meadian, for instance,show that

$$\frac{\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}^*]}{i} \to 1$$

if n is large enough (and $\alpha = n/M$ is kept constant)



Open Addressing

In open addressing, synonyms are stored in the hash table. Searches and insertions probe a sequence of positions until the given key or an empty slot is found. The sequence of probes starts in position $i_0=h(k)$ and continues with i_1,i_2,\ldots The different open addressing strategies use different rules to define the sequence of probes. The simplest one is linear probing:

$$i_1 = i_0 + 1, i_2 = i_1 + 1, \dots,$$

taking modulo M in all cases.

Linear Probing

```
template <typename Key, typename Value,
         template <typename> class HashFunct = Hash>
class Dictionary {
private:
struct node {
  Kev k;
  Value v;
  bool free;
  // constructor for class node
  node(const Key& k, const Value& v, bool free = true);
};
vector<node> _Thash; // array of nodes
int M; // capacity of the table
int n: // number of elements
double _alpha_max; // max. load factor (must be < 1)</pre>
int lookup_linear_probing(const Key& k) const;
void insert linear probing (const Key& k,
       const Value& v);
void remove_linear_probing(const Key& k) ;
};
```

Linear Probing M = 13 $X = \{0, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 30\}$

 $h(x) = x \mod M$ (incremento 1)

0	0	0	0	occupied	0
1		1	13	occupied	1
2		2		free	2
3		3		free	3
4	4	4	4	occupied	4
5		5	17	occupied	5
6	6	6	6	occupied	6
7		7	19	occupied	7
8		8		free	8
9		9		free	9
10	10	10	10	occupied	10
11		11	23	occupied	11
2	12	12	12	occupied	12

+ {0, 4, 6, 10, 12} + {13, 17, 19, 23}

0	0	occupied
1	13	occupied
2	25	occupied
3		free
4	4	occupied
5	17	occupied
6	6	occupied
7	19	occupied
8	30	occupied
9		free
10	10	occupied
11	23	occupied
2	12	occupied

+ {25, 30}

Linear Probing

```
template <typename Key, typename Value,
         template <typename> class HashFunct>
int Dictionary<Key, Value, HashFunct>::lookup(
      const Key& k,
      bool& exists, Value& v) const {
  int i = lookup_linear_probing(k);
  if (not _Thash[i]._free and _Thash[i]._k == k) {
     exists = true; v = Thash[i]. v;
  else
     exists = false;
template <typename Key, typename Value,
         template <typename> class HashFunct>
int Dictionary<Key, Value, HashFunct>::lookup_linear probing(
      const Key& k) const {
  int i = hash(k);
  int visited = 0; // this is only necessary if
                    // _n == _M, otherwise there is at least
                    // a free position
  while (not Thash[i], free and Thash[i], k != k
          and visited < M) {
     ++visited:
     i = (i + 1) % M;
  return i;
```

Deletions in Open Addressing

There is no general solution for true deletions in open addressing tables. It is not enough to mark the position of the element to be removed as "free", since later searches might report as not present some element which is stored in the table.

The general technique that can be used is lazy deletions. Each slot can be free, occupied or **deleted**. Deleted slots can be used to store there a new element, but they are not free and searches must pass them over and continue.

Deletions in Linear Probing

For linear probing, we can do true deletions. The deletion algorithm must continue probing the positions after the removed element, and moving to the emptied slot any element whose hash address is equal (or smaller in the cyclic order) to the address of the emptied slot. Moving an element creates a new emptied slot, and the procedure is repeated until an empty slot is found. In our implementation we will use the function displ(i, i) which gives us the distance between $i \in i$ in the cyclic order: if j > i we must turn around position M-1 and go back to position 0.

```
int displ(j, i, M) {
   if (i >= j)
      return i - j;
   else
      return M + (i - j);
}
```

Deletions in Linear Probing

```
// we assume n < M
template <typename Key, typename Value,
          template <typename> class HashFunct>
int Dictionary<Key, Value, HashFunct>::remove linear probing(
      const Key& k) const {
   int i = lookup_linear_probing(k);
   if (not Thash[i]. free) {
      // Thash[i] is the element to remove
      int free = i; i = (i + 1) % _M; int d = 1;
      while (not Thash[i], free) {
            int i home = hash(Thash[i]. k);
            if (displ(i_home, i, _M) >= d) {
               Thash[free] = Thash[i]; free = i; d = 0;
            i = (i + 1) % M; ++d;
      Thash[free]. free = true; -- n;
```

Double Hashing



Part I

Hashing

Iniversal Hashing

Hash Tables

A Bloom Filter is a probabilistic data structure representing a set of items; it supports:

- Addition of items: $F := F \cup \{x\}$
- Fast lookup: $x \in F$?

Bloom filters do require very little memory and are specially well suited for unsuccessful search (when $x \notin F$)

- The price to pay for the reduced memory consumption and very fast lookup is the non-null probability of false positives.
- If $x \in F$ then a lookup in the filter will always return true; but if $x \notin F$ then there is some probability that we get a positive answer from the filter.
- In other words, if the filter says $x \notin F$ we are sure that's the case, but if the filter says $x \in F$ there is some probability that this is an error.

```
template <class T>
class BloomFilter {
public:
    // creates a Bloom filter to store at most nmax items
    // with an upper bound 'fp' for false positives
    BloomFilter(int nmax, double fp = 0.05);
void insert(const T& x);
bool contains(const T& x) const;
private:
    ...
}
```

```
template <class T>
class HashFunction {
public:
  HashFunction(int M);
int operator()(const T& x) const;
};
template <class T>
class BloomFilter {
private:
  bitvector F;
  vector<HashFunction<T> > h:
   int M. k:
};
template <class T>
BloomFilter::BloomFilter(int nmax, double fp = 0.05) {
    // compute here M and k to achieve the guarantee on false
   // positives
   F = bitvector(M, 0);
    for (int i = 0; i < k; ++i)</pre>
       h.push_back(HashFunction<T>(M));
```

Probability that the j-th bit is not updated in an insertion

$$\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \mathbb{P}[h_i(x) \neq j] = \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^k$$

ullet Probability that the j-th bit is not updated after n insertions

$$\prod_{\ell=1}^n \mathbb{P}[F[j] ext{ is not updated in ℓ-th insertion}] =$$

$$\left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^k\right)^n = \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^{k \cdot n}$$

• Probability that F[j] = 1 after n insertions

$$1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^{k \cdot n}$$

• Probability that the k checked bits are set to 1 \approx probability of a false positive

$$\left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^{k \cdot n}\right)^k \approx \left(1 - e^{-kn/M}\right)^k$$

if $n = \alpha M$, for some $\alpha > 0$

$$\left(1 - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{bx} \to e^{-ba}, \quad x \to \infty$$

• Fix n and M. The optimal value k^* minimizes the probability of false positive, thus

$$\frac{d}{dk} \left[\left(1 - e^{-kn/M} \right)^k \right]_{k=k^*} = 0$$

which gives

$$k^* \approx \frac{M}{n} \ln 2 \approx 0.69 \frac{M}{n}$$

• Call p the probability of a false positive. This probability is a function of k, p = p(k); for the optimal choice k^* we have

$$p(k^*) \approx \left(1 - e^{-\ln 2}\right)^{\frac{M}{n}\ln 2} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\ln 2\frac{M}{n}} \approx 0.6185^{\frac{M}{n}}$$

• Suppose that you want the probability of false positive $p^* = p(k^*)$ to remain below some bound P

$$p^* \le P \implies \ln p^* = -\frac{M}{n} (\ln 2)^2 \le \ln P$$

$$\frac{M}{n} (\ln 2)^2 \ge -\ln P = \ln(1/P)$$

$$\frac{M}{n} \ge \frac{1}{\ln 2} \log_2(1/P) \approx 1.44 \log_2(1/P)$$

$$M \ge 1.44 \cdot n \cdot \log_2(1/P)$$

- If we want a Bloom filter for a database that will store about $n \approx 10^8$ elements and a false positive rate $\leq 5\%$, we need a bitvector of size $M \geq 624 \cdot 10^6$ bits (that's around 74GB of memory).
- Despite this amount of memory is big, it is only a small fraction of the size of the database itself: even if we store only keys of 32 bytes each, the database occupies more than 3TB.
- The optimal number k^* of hash functions for the example above is 4.32 (\implies use 4 or 5 hash functions for optimal performance)

```
template <class T>
BloomFilter::BloomFilter(int nmax, double fp = 0.05) {
    // compute here M and k to achieve the guarantee on false
    // positives
    M = int(log(1/F)*nmax/log(2)*log(2));
    k = int(log(2)* M/nmax);
    ...
}
```



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Part II

Amortized Analysis

Amortized Analysis



Part III

Priority Queues

- 4 Binary Heaps
- 5 Heapsort
- Binomial Queues
- **7** Fibonacci Heaps

Priority Queues

A priority queue (cat: *cua de prioritat*; esp: *cola de prioridad*) stores a collection of elements, each one endowed with a value called its priority.

Priority queues support the insertion of new elements and the query and removal of an element of minimum (or maximum) priority.

Introduction

```
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
class PriorityQueue {
public:
// Adds an element x with priority p to the priority queue.
void insert (cons Elem& x, const Prio& p);
// Returns an element of minimum priority; throws an
// exception if the queue is empty.
Elem min() const;
// Returns the priority of an element of minimum priority; throws an
// exception if the queue is empty.
Prio min prio() const;
// Removes an element of minimum priority; throws an
// exception if the queue is empty.
void remove min();
// Returns true iff the priority queue is empty
bool empty() const;
};
```

Priority Queues

```
// We have two arrays Weight and Symb with the atomic
// weights and the symbols of n chemical elements, e.g.,
// Symb[i] = "C" y Weight[i] = 12.2, for some i.
// We use a priority queue to sort the information in alphabetic
// ascending order

PriorityQueue<double, string> P;
for (int i = 0; i < n; ++i)
    P.insert(Weight[i], Symb[i]);
int i = 0;
while(not P.empty()) {
    Weight[i] = P.min();
    Symb[i] = P.min_prio();
    ++i;
    P.remove_min();
}</pre>
```

Priority Queues

- Several techniques that used for the implementation of dictionaries can also be used for priority queues (not hash tables).
- For instance, balanced search trees such as AVLs can be used to implement a PQ with cost $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ for insertions and deletions

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Definition

A heap is a binary tree such that

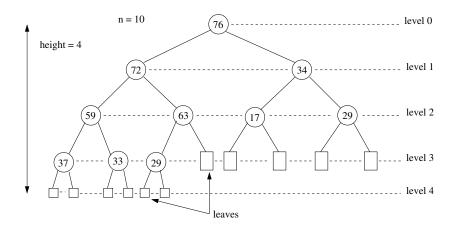
- All empty subtrees are located in the last two levels of the tree.
- If a node has an empty left subtree then its right subtree is also empty.
- The priority of any element is larger or equal than the priority of any element in its descendants.

Heaps

Because of properties 1–2 in the definition, a heap is a quasi-complete binary tree. Property #3 is called heap order (for max-heaps).

If the priority of an element is smaller or equal than that of its descendants then we talk about min-heaps.

Heaps



Heaps

Proposition

- The root of a max-heap stores an element of maximum priority.
- 2 A heap of size n has height

$$h = \lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil.$$

If heaps are used to implement a PQ the query for a max/min element and its priority is trivial: we need only to examine the root of the heap.

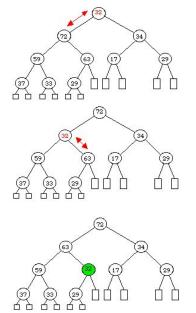
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The Cost of Heaps

Since the height of a heap is $\Theta(\log n)$, the cost of removing the maximum and the cost of insertions is $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$.

We can implement heaps with dynamically allocated nodes, and three pointers per node (left, right, father) ... But it is much easier and efficient to implement heaps with vectors!

Since the heap is a quasi-complete binary tree this allows us to avoid wasting memory: the n elements are stored in the first n components of the vector, which implicitly represent the tree.

To make the rules easier we will use a vector A of size n+1 and discard A[0]. Resizing can be used to allow unlimited growth.

- lacktriangledown A[1] contains the root
- ② If $2i \le n$ then A[2i] contains the left child of A[i] and if $2i + 1 \le n$ then A[2i + 1] contains the right subtree of A[i]
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```
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
class PriorityQueue {
  public:
    ...
private:
    // Component of index 0 is not used
    vector<pair<Elem, Prio> > h;
    int nelems;
    void siftup(int j) throw();
    void sink(int j) throw();
};
```

```
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
bool PriorityQueue<Elem,Prio>::empty() const {
  return nelems == 0;
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
Elem PriorityQueue<Elem,Prio>::min() const {
  if (nelems == 0) throw EmptyPriorityQueue;
  return h[1].first;
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
Prio PriorityQueue<Elem,Prio>::min_prio() const {
  if (nelems == 0) throw EmptyPriorityQueue;
  return h[1].second;
```

```
// Cost: O(log(n/j))
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
void PriorityQueue<Elem,Prio>::sink(int j) {
    // if j has no left child we are at the last level
    if (2 * j > nelems) return;

    int minchild = 2 * j;
    if (minchild < nelems and
        h[minchild].second > h[minchild + 1].second)
    ++minchild;

    // minchild is the index of the child with minimum priority
    if (h[j].second > h[minchild].second) {
        swap(h[j], h[minchild]);
        sink(minchild);
    }
}
```

```
// Cost: O(log j)
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
void PriorityQueue<Elem,Prio>::siftup(int j) {

    // if j is the root we are done
    if (j == 1) return;

    int father = j / 2;
    if (h[j].second < h[father].second) {
        swap(h[j], h[father]);
        siftup(father);
    }
}</pre>
```

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Heapsort (Williams, 1964) sorts an array of n elements building a heap with the n elements and extracting them, one by one, from the heap (cif. our example of the atoic weights and chemical symbols).

The originally given array is used to build the heap; heapsort works in-place and only some constant auxiliary memory space is needed.

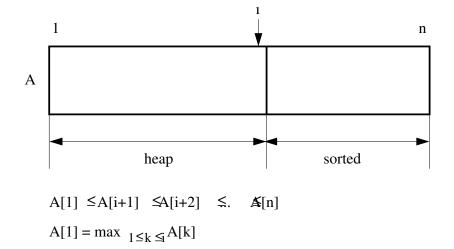
Since insertions and deletions in heaps have cost $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ the cost of the algorithm is $\mathcal{O}(n\log n)$.

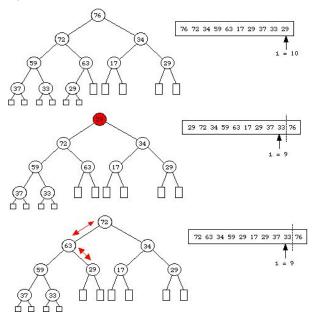
```
template <typename Elem>
void sink(Elem v[], int sz, int pos);

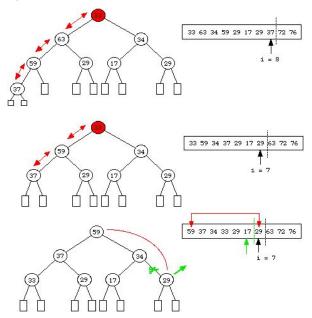
// Sort v[1..n] in ascending order
// (v[0] is unused)
template <typename Elem>
void heapsort(Elem v[], int n) {

make_heap(v, n);
for (int i = n; i > 0; --i) {
    // extract largest element from the heap
    swap(v[1], v[i]);

    // sink the root to reestablish max-heap order
    // in the subarray v[1..i-1]
    sink(v, i-1, 1);
}
```



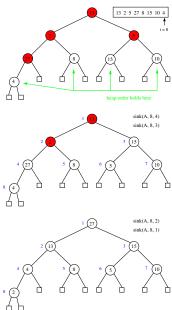




Heapify

```
// Establish (max) heap order in the
// array v[1..n] of Elem's; Elem == priorities
// this is a.k.a. as heapify
template <typename Elem>
void make_heap(Elem v[], int n) {
    for (int i = n/2; i > 0; --i)
        sink(v, n, i);
}
```

Heapify



The Cost of Heapsort

Let H(n) be the worst-case cost of heapsort and B(n) the cost make_heap. Since the worst-case cost of sink(v,i-1,1) is $\mathcal{O}(\log i)$ we have

$$H(n) = B(n) + \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} \mathcal{O}(\log i)$$

$$= B(n) + \mathcal{O}\left(\sum_{1 \le i \le n} \log_2 i\right)$$

$$= B(n) + \mathcal{O}(\log(n!)) = B(n) + \mathcal{O}(n \log n)$$

A rough analysis of B(n) shows that $B(n) = \mathcal{O}(n \log n)$ since it makes $\Theta(n)$ calls to sink, each one with cost $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$. Hence, $H(n) = \mathcal{O}(n \log n)$; actually, $H(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$ in any case if all elements are different.

A refined analysis of B(n):

$$\begin{split} B(n) &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \mathcal{O}(\log(n/i)) \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\log \frac{n^{n/2}}{(n/2)!}\right) \\ &= \mathcal{O}\left(\log(2e)^{n/2}\right) = \mathcal{O}(n) \end{split}$$

Since $B(n) = \Omega(n)$, we conclude $B(n) = \Theta(n)$.

Alternative proof: Let $h = \lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil$ the height of the heap. Level h-1-k contains at most

$$2^{h-1-k} < \frac{n+1}{2^k}$$

elements; in the worst-case each one will sink down to level h-1 with cost $\mathcal{O}(k)$

$$B(n) = \sum_{0 \le k \le h-1} \mathcal{O}(k) \frac{n+1}{2^k}$$
$$= \mathcal{O}\left(n \sum_{0 \le k \le h-1} \frac{k}{2^k}\right)$$
$$= \mathcal{O}\left(n \sum_{k \ge 0} \frac{k}{2^k}\right) = \mathcal{O}(n),$$

since

$$\sum_{k>0} \frac{k}{2^k} = 2.$$

In general, if 0 < |r| < 1,

$$\sum_{k} k \cdot r^k = \frac{r}{(1-r)^2}.$$

Despite $H(n) = \Theta(n \log n)$, the refined analysis of B(n) is important: using a *min-heap* we can get the smallest k elements in an array in ascending order with cost:

$$S(n,k) = B(n) + k \cdot \mathcal{O}(\log n)$$

= $\mathcal{O}(n + k \log n)$.

If $k = \mathcal{O}(n/\log n)$ then $S(n, k) = \mathcal{O}(n)$.

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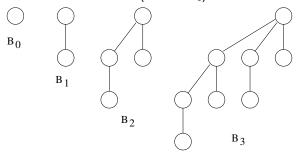


J. Vuillemin

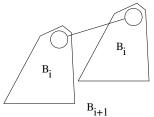
- A binomial queue is a data structure that efficiently supports the standard operations of a priority queue (insert, min, extract_min) and additionally it supports the melding (merging) of two queues in time $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$.
- Note that melding two ordinary heaps takes time $\mathcal{O}(n)$.
- Binomial queues (aka binomial heaps) were invented by J. Vuillemin in 1978.

```
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
class PriorityQueue {
public:
 PriorityOueue() throw(error);
 ~PriorityOueue() throw();
 PriorityQueue(const PriorityQueue& Q) throw(error);
 PriorityOueue& operator=(const PriorityOueue& O) throw(error);
 // Add element x with priority p to the priority queue
 void insert(cons Elem& x, const Prio& p) throw(error)
 // Returns an element of minimum priority. Throws an exception if
 // the priority queue is empty
 Elem min() const throw(error);
 // Returns the minimum priority in the queue. Throws an exception
 // if the priority gueue is empty
 Prio min prio() const throw(error);
 // Removes an element of minimum priority from the queue. Throws
 // an exception if the prioirty queue is empty
 void remove min() throw(error);
 // Returns true if and only if the queue is empty
 bool empty() const throw();
 // Melds (merges) the priority gueue with the priority gueue 0;
 // the priority queue Q becomes empty
 void meld(PriorityQueue& 0) throw();
  . . .
};
```

- A binomial queue is a collection of binomial trees.
- The binomial tree of order i (called B_i) contains 2^i nodes

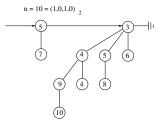


• A binomial tree of order i+1 is (recursively) built by planting a binomial tree B_i as a child of the root of another binomial tree B_i .



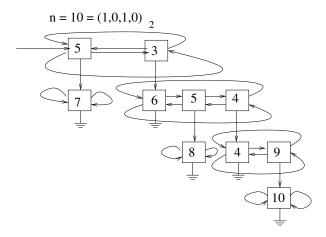
- The size of B_i is 2^i ; indeed $|B_0| = 2^0 = 1$, $|B_{i+1}| = 2 \cdot |B_i| = 2 \cdot 2^i = 2^{i+1}$
- A binomial tree of order i has exactly $\binom{i}{k}$ descendants at level k (the root is at level 0); hence their name
- A binomial tree of order i has height $i = \log_2 |B_i|$

• Let $(b_{k-1}, b_{k-2}, \ldots, b_0)_2$ be the binary representation of n. Then a binomial queue for a set of n elements contains b_0 binomial trees of order 0, b_1 binomial trees of order 1, ..., b_j binomial trees of order j, ...



- A binomial queue for n elements contains at most $\lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil$ binomial trees
- The n elements of the binomial queue are stored in the binomial trees in such a way that each binomial tree satisfies the heap property: the priority of the element at any given node is ≤ than the priority of its descendants

- Each node in the binomial queue will store an Elem and its priority (any type that admits a total order)
- Each node will also store the order of the binomial subtree of which the node is the root
- We will use the usual first-child/next-sibling representation for general trees, with a twist: the list of children of a node will be double linked and circularly closed
- We need thus three pointers per node: first_child, next_sibling, prev_sibling
- The binomial queue is simply a pointer to the root of the first binomial tree
- We will impose that all lists of children are in increasing order



```
template <typename Elem, typename Prio>
class PriorityQueue {
  . . .
private:
 struct node_bq {
   Elem info:
   Prio prio;
   int order;
   node_bq* _first_child;
   node_bq* _next_sibling;
   node bg* prev sibling;
   node_bq(const Elem& x, const Prio& p, int order = 0) : _info(x), _prio(p),
                                           order(order), first child(NULL) {
     next sibling = prev sibling = this;
   };
 };
 node bg* first;
 int nelems;
```

- To locate an element of minimum priority it is enough to visit the roots of the binomial trees; the minimum of each binomial tree is at its root because of the heap property.
- Since there are at most $\lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil$ binomial trees, the methods min() and min_prio() take $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ time and both are very easy to implement.

• We can also keep a pointer to the root of the element with minimum priority, and update it after each insertion or removal, when necessary. The complexity of updates does not change and $\min()$ and $\min_prio()$ take $\mathcal{O}(1)$ time

```
static node bg* min(node bg* f) const throw(error) {
   if (f == NULL) throw error(EmptyQueue);
   Prio minprio = f -> prio;
   node bg* minelem = f;
   node_bq* p = f-> _next_sibling;
   while (p != f) {
     if (p -> prio < minprio) {
      minprio = p -> _prio;
      minelem = p:
     };
     p = p -> next sibling;
   return minelem;
Elem min() const throw(error) {
   return min( first) -> info;
Prio min prio() const throw(error) {
   return min(_first) -> _prio;
```

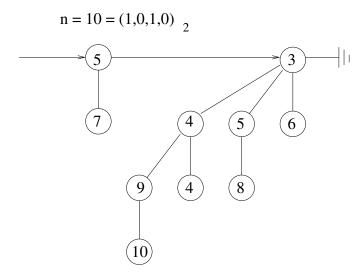
- To insert a new element x with priority p, a binomial queue with just that element is trivially built and then the new queue is melded with the original queue
- If the cost of melding two queues with a total number of items n is M(n), then the cost of insertions is $\mathcal{O}(M(n))$

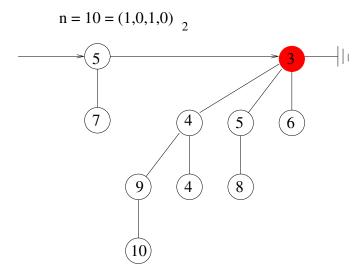
```
void insert(const Elem& x, const Prio& p) throw(error) {
   node_bq* nn = new node_bq(x, p);
   _first = meld(_first, nn);
   ++_nelems;
}
```

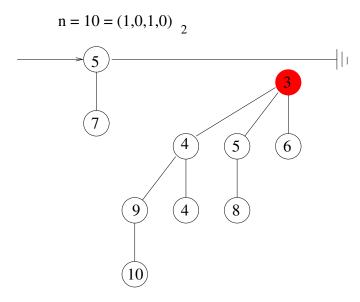
- To delete an element of minimum priority from a queue Q, we start locating such an element, say x; it must be at the root of some B_i
- The root of B_i is dettached from Q and thus B_i is no longer part of the original queue Q; the list of x's children is a binomial queue Q' with 2^i-1 elements
- The queue Q' has i binomial trees of orders 0, 1, 2, ... up to i-1

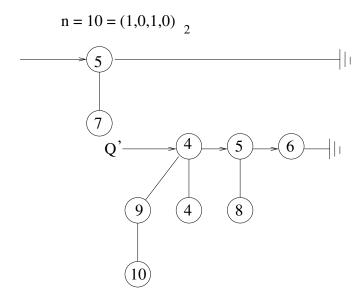
$$1 + 2 + \ldots + 2^{i-1} = 2^i - 1$$

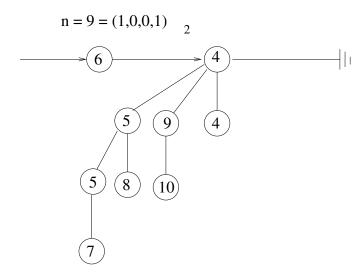
• The queue $Q \setminus B_i$ is then melded with Q'







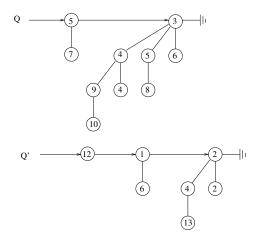


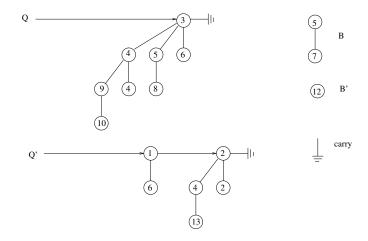


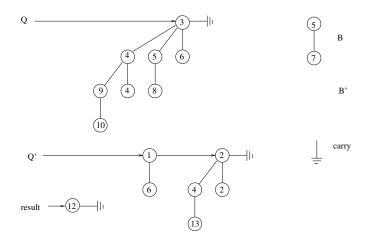
- The cost of extracting an element of minimum priority:
 - To locate the minimum priority has cost $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$
 - Melding $Q \setminus B_i$ and Q' has cost $\mathcal{O}(M(n))$, since $|Q \setminus B_i| + |Q'| = n 2^i + 2^i 1 = n 1$
- In total: $\mathcal{O}(\log n + M(n))$

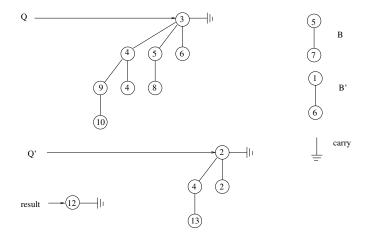
- Melding two binomial queues Q and Q' is very similar to the addition of two binary numbers bitwise
- The procedure iterates along the two lists of binomial trees; at any given step we consider two binomial trees B_i and B'_j , and a *carry* $C = B''_k$ or $C = \emptyset$

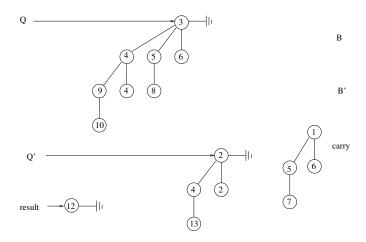
- Let $r = \min(i, j, k)$.
 - If there is only one binomial tree in $\{B_i, B'_j, C\}$ of order r, put that binomial tree in the result and advance to the next binomial tree in the corresponding queue (or set $C = \emptyset$)
 - If exactly two binomial trees in $\{B_i, B'_j, C\}$ are of order r, set $C = B_{r+1}$ by joining the two binomial trees (while preserving the heap property), remove the binomial trees from the respective queues, and advance to the next binomial tree where appropiate
 - If the three binomial trees are of order r, put B_k'' in the result, remove B_i from Q and B_j' from Q', set $C = B_{r+1}$ by joining B_i and B_j' , and advance in both Q and Q' to the next binomial trees

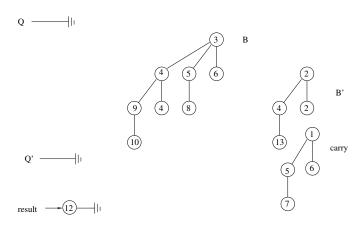


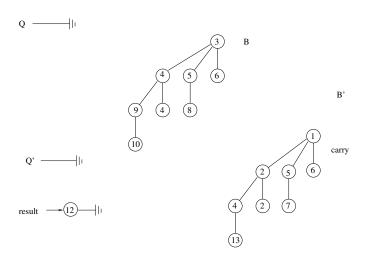


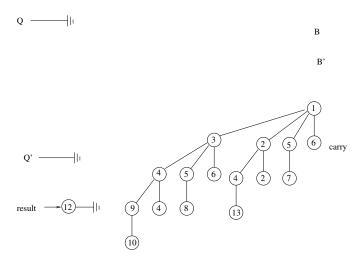


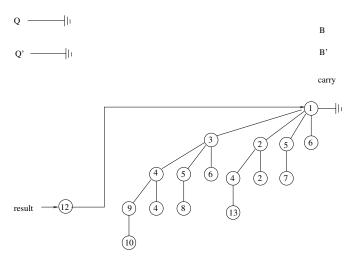












```
// removes the first binomial tree from the binomial queue q
// and returns it; if the queue q is empty, returns NULL: cost: Theta(1)
static node bg* pop front (node bg*& g) throw();
// adds the binomial queue b (typically consisting of a single tree)
// at the end of the binomial queue q;
// does nothing if b == NULL; cost: Theta(1)
static void append (node bg * & g, node bg * b) throw();
// melds O and Op, destroying the two binomial gueues
static node_bg* meld(node_bg*& Q, node_bg*& Qp) throw() {
    node bg* B = pop front(0);
    node ba* Bp = pop front(Op);
    node_bq* carry = NULL;
    node bg* result = NULL;
    while (non-empty(B, Bp, carry) >= 2) {
       node bg* s = add(B, Bp, carry);
       append(result, s);
       if (B == NULL) B = pop front(0);
       if (Bp == NULL) Bp = pop_front(Qp);
    // append the remainder t othe result
    append(result, 0);
    append(result, Op);
    append(result, carry);
    return result;
```

```
static node bg* add(node bg*& A. node bg*& B. node bg*& C) throw() {
 int i = order(A); int j = order(B); int k = order(C);
 int r = min(i, j, k);
 node ba* a. b. c:
 a = b = c = NULL:
 if (i == r) { a = A; A = NULL; }
 if (i == r) { b = B; B = NULL; }
 if (k == r) { c = C; C = NULL; }
 if (a != NULL and b == NULL and c == NULL) {
   return a:
 if (a == NULL and b != NULL and c == NULL) {
   return b:
 if (a == NULL and b == NULL and c != NULL) {
   return c:
 if (a != NULL and b != NULL and c == NULL) {
  C = join(a, b);
   return NULL:
 if (a != NULL and b == NULL and c != NULL) {
  C = ioin(a,c);
   return NULL:
 if (a == NULL and b != NULL and c != NULL) {
  C = ioin(b,c);
   return NULL;
 /// a != NULL and b != NULL and c != NULL
 C = join(a,b);
 return c;
```

```
static int order(node_bq* q) throw() {
   // no binomial queue will ever be of order as high as 256 ...
   // unless it had 2^256 elements, more than elementary particles in
   // this Universe; to all practical purposes 256 = infinity
   return q == NULL ? 256 : q -> order;
// plants p as rightmost child of q or q as rightmost child of p
// to obtain a new binomial tree of order + 1 and preserving
// the heap property
static node bg* join(node bg* p, node bg* g) {
  if (p -> prio <= q -> prio) {
    push_back(p -> _first_child, q);
   ++p -> order;
    return p;
  } else {
   push_back(q -> _first_child, p);
   ++q -> order;
    return q;
```

- Melding two queues with ℓ and m binomial trees each, respectively, has cost $\mathcal{O}(\ell+m)$ because the cost of the body of the iteration is $\mathcal{O}(1)$ and each iteration removes at least one binomial tree from one of the queues
- Suppose that the queues to be melded contain n elements in total; hence the number of binomial trees in Q is $\leq \log n$ and the same is true for Q', and the cost of meld is $M(n) = \mathcal{O}(\log n)$
- The cost of inserting a new element is $\mathcal{O}(M(n))$ and the cost of removing an element of minimum priority is

$$\mathcal{O}(\log n + M(n)) = \mathcal{O}(\log n)$$

- Note that the cost of inserting an item in a binomial queue of size n is $\Theta(\ell_n+1)$ where ℓ_n is the weight of the rightmost zero in the binary representation of n.
- The cost of *n* insertions

$$\sum_{0 \le i < n} \Theta(\ell_i + 1) = \sum_{r=1}^{\lceil \log_2(n+1) \rceil} \Theta(r) \cdot \frac{n}{2^r}$$

$$\le n\Theta\left(\sum_{r \ge 0} \frac{r}{2^r}\right) = \Theta(n),$$

as $\approx n/2^r$ of the numbers between 0 and n-1 have their rightmost zero at position r, and the infinite series in the last line above is bounded by a positive constant

ullet This gives a $\Theta(1)$ amortized cost for insertions

To learn more:



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