Priority Queues and Heapsort

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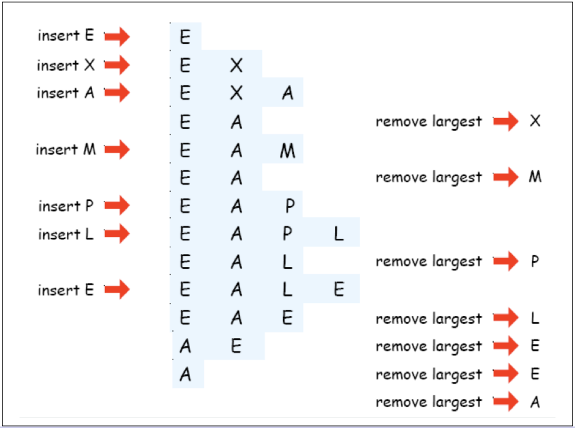
Priority Queue

- A **collection** is a data type that stores a group of items.
- **Priority Queue** is a collection of objects which can be compared. It supports inserting an item, and removing the largest (or smallest) item.



Priority queue: applications

- Event-driven simulation – customers in a line
- Numerical computation – reducing roundoff error
- Discrete optimization – scheduling
- Operating systems – load balancing, interrupt handling
- Data compression – Huffman codes
- Graph searching – Dijkstra's algorithm, Prim's algorithm
- and many more!

Priority Queue API

Key must be Comparable
(bounded type parameter)

`public class MaxPQ<Key extends Comparable<Key>>`

	`MaxPQ()`	*create an empty priority queue*
	`MaxPQ(Key[] a)`	*create a priority queue with given keys*
`void`	`insert(Key v)`	*insert a key into the priority queue*
`Key`	`delMax()`	*return and remove a largest key*
`boolean`	`isEmpty()`	*is the priority queue empty?*
`Key`	`max()`	*return a largest key*
`int`	`size()`	*number of entries in the priority queue*

Priority queue: implementations costs

Challenge: Implement all operations efficiently.

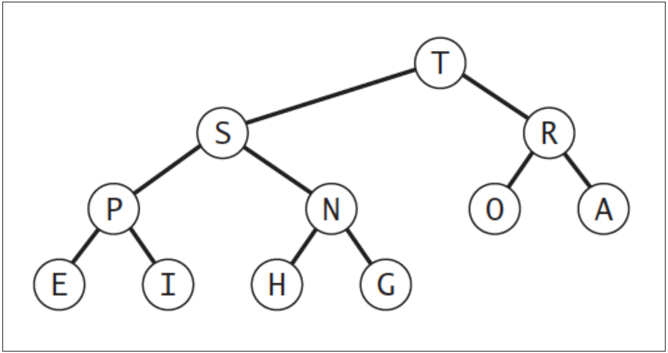
implementation	insert	del max
unordered array	1	n
ordered array	n	1
goal	$\log n$	$\log n$

Solution: Use a Binary Heap!

Binary (MAX.) Heap Ordered Tree

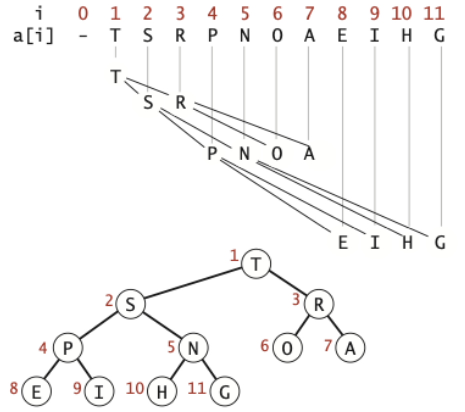
Binary MAX Heap ordered tree: is a complete binary tree where

- the keys are in nodes, and
- every parent's key $\geq$ children's keys (Max. heap property).



Binary Heap - array representation

- Indices start at 1.
- Nodes are grouped by level.
- The root is in position 1.
- Level 2 uses positions 2 and 3.
- Level 3 uses positions 4 through 7, etc.
- The parent of node k is in position $\lfloor k/2 \rfloor$.
- The two children of k are in positions $2k$ and $2k+1$.



Heap representations

It's Sink or Swim!

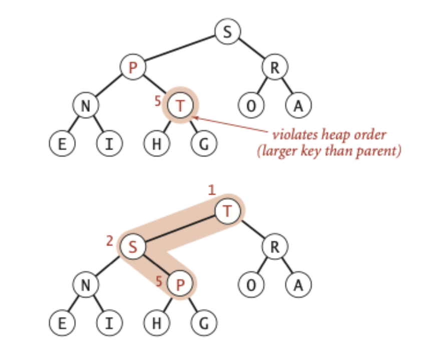
Rather than simply sorting an array as quickly as possible, we now want to **maintain the sortedness property**.

- With respect to insertion, we must add new nodes to the end of the heap in order to maintain it as a complete binary tree.
  - We "swim the node up" through the heap until the sortedness property is re-established.
- To remove the maximum node is more complicated that just removing the element at position 1.
- We swap it with the node at the end and then remove it.
- Then we have to "sink the node down" (that is, the one we swapped into root position).

Swim for it!

If a key is larger than its parent's key it violates the binary heap property. To eliminate the violation:

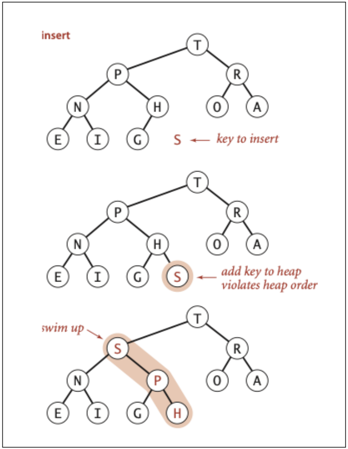
- Exchange the child's position with its parent.
- Repeat until order is restored.



A Heaping Helping

To insert a node...

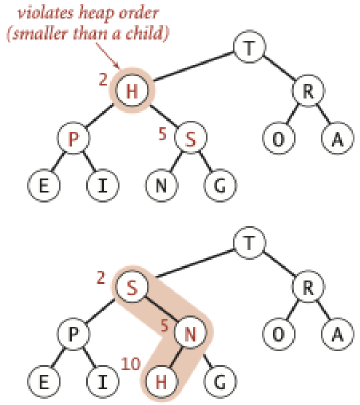
- Add node at the minimal unused position in the heap (linearly), then swim it up.
- This will cost at most $1 + \log_2 n$ comparisons.



Binary heap: sink operation

If a key is smaller than any of its children...

- Exchange the parent with the *larger* child.
- Repeat until order is restored.



Top-down reheapify (sink)

Binary heap: delete maximum

- Delete max: Exchange root with node at end, then sink it down.
- Cost: At most $2\log_2 n$ comparisons.

Max. Priority Queue

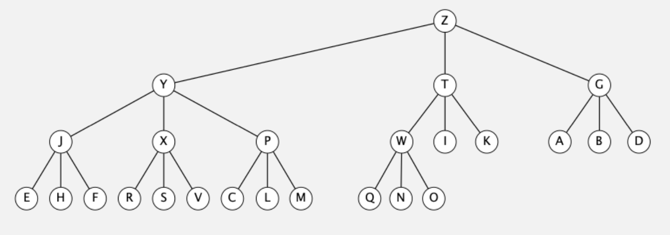
Priority Queue: implementations cost summary

implementation	insert	del max	max
unordered array	1	n	n
ordered array	n	1	1
binary heap	$\log n$	$\log n$	1

order-of-growth of running time for priority queue with n items

Binary heap: practical improvements

- Increase the number of child nodes per parent node!
- Fun Fact: The height of a complete d-way tree of n nodes is $\log_d n$.

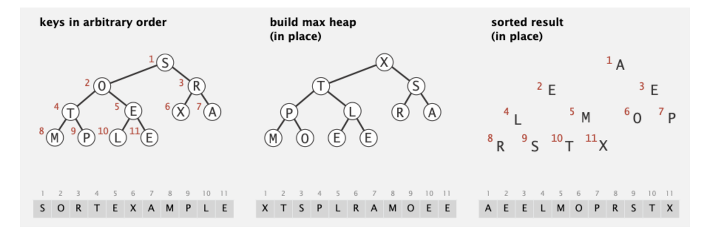


3-way heap

Heapsort Basic Procedure

Heapsort is a two-step algorithm

1. Construct a binary heap with the input data.
   - This requires repeated applications of the SINK algorithm until the binary heap property is satisfied.
2. Use the binary heap to construct a sorted array.
   - The root of the binary heap is always maximal, and repeated application of the REMOVEMAX method will *automatically* linearize the heap!



Heap Construction

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for (int k = n/2; k >= 1; k--)
   sink(a, k, n);
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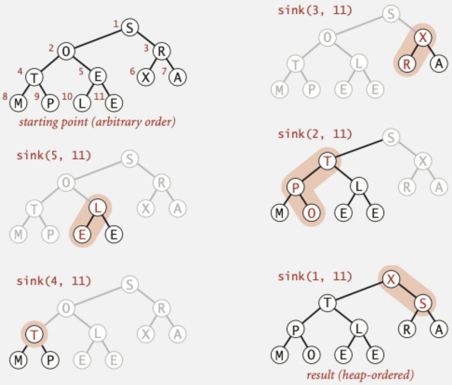
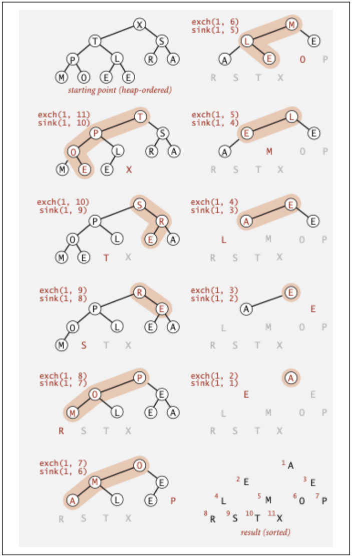


Heapsort: Sortdown

- Second pass: Repeatedly remove the maximum.



Heapsort: Java implementation

Heapsort: Trace

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N	k	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
initial values			S	O	R	T	E	X	A	M	P	L	E
11	5		S	O	R	T	L	X	A	M	P	E	E
11	4		S	O	R	T	L	X	A	M	P	E	E
11	3		S	O	X	T	L	R	A	M	P	E	E
11	2		S	T	X	P	L	R	A	M	O	E	E
11	1		X	T	S	P	L	R	A	M	O	E	E
heap-ordered			X	T	S	P	L	R	A	M	O	E	E
10	1		T	P	S	O	L	R	A	M	E	E	X
9	1		S	P	R	O	L	E	A	M	E	T	X
8	1		R	P	E	O	L	E	A	M	S	T	X
7	1		P	O	E	M	L	E	A	R	S	T	X
6	1		O	M	E	A	L	E	P	R	S	T	X
5	1		M	L	E	A	E	O	P	R	S	T	X
4	1		L	E	E	A	M	O	P	R	S	T	X
3	1		E	A	E	L	M	O	P	R	S	T	X
2	1		E	A	E	L	M	O	P	R	S	T	X
1	1		A	E	E	L	M	O	P	R	S	T	X
sorted result			A	E	E	L	M	O	P	R	S	T	X

Heapsort trace (array contents just after each sink)

Heapsort: Analysis

Proposition. Heap construction uses $\leq 2n$ compares and $\leq n$ exchanges.

Proposition. Heapsort uses $\leq 2n\log_2 n$ compares and exchanges. - The algorithm can be improved to $\approx 1n\log_2 n$, but no such variant is known to be practical.

Significance. In-place sorting algorithm with $n\log n$ worst-case.

- Mergesort requires extra space. [in-place merge possible, not practical]
- Quicksort requires extra space, worst case is quadratic. [$n\log n$ worst-case quicksort possible, not practical]
- Heapsort is an improvement in both these areas!

Bottom line. Heapsort is optimal for both time and space, but:

- Inner loop longer than quicksort's.
- Makes poor use of cache: array entries are rarely compared with nearby array entries, so the number of cache misses is far higher than for quicksort, mergesort, where most compares are with nearby entries.

Sorting and Stability

A sorting method is **stable** if it preserves the relative order of equal keys in the array.

sorted by time		sorted by location (not stable)		sorted by location (stable)	
Chicago	09:00:00	Chicago	09:25:52	Chicago	09:00:00
Phoenix	09:00:03	Chicago	09:03:13	Chicago	09:00:59
Houston	09:00:13	Chicago	09:21:05	Chicago	09:03:13
Chicago	09:00:59	Chicago	09:19:46	Chicago	09:19:32
Houston	09:01:10	Chicago	09:19:32	Chicago	09:19:46
Chicago	09:03:13	Chicago	09:00:00	Chicago	09:21:05
Seattle	09:10:11	Chicago	09:35:21	Chicago	09:25:52
Seattle	09:10:25	Chicago	09:00:59	Chicago	09:35:21
Phoenix	09:14:25	Houston	09:01:10	Houston	09:00:13
Chicago	09:19:32	Houston	09:00:13	Houston	09:01:10
Chicago	09:19:46	Phoenix	09:37:44	Phoenix	09:00:03
Chicago	09:21:05	Phoenix	09:00:03	Phoenix	09:14:25
Seattle	09:22:43	Phoenix	09:14:25	Phoenix	09:37:44
Seattle	09:22:54	Seattle	09:10:25	Seattle	09:10:11
Chicago	09:25:52	Seattle	09:36:14	Seattle	09:10:25
Chicago	09:35:21	Seattle	09:22:43	Seattle	09:22:43
Seattle	09:36:14	Seattle	09:10:11	Seattle	09:22:54
Phoenix	09:37:44	Seattle	09:22:54	Seattle	09:36:14

no longer sorted by time

still sorted by time

Stability when sorting on a second key

Sorting and Stability

Stable Sorts

- Insertion sort
- Mergesort

Unstable Sorts

- Selection sort
- Shellsort
- Quicksort
- Heapsort

Sorting Summary

algorithm	stable?	in place?	order of growth to sort N items: running time	order of growth to sort N items: extra space	notes
selection sort	no	yes	N^2	1	
insertion sort	yes	yes	between N and N^2	1	depends on order of items
shellsort	no	yes	$N \log N$? $N^{6/5}$?	1	
quicksort	no	yes	$N \log N$	$\lg N$	probabilistic guarantee
mergesort	yes	no	$N \log N$	N	
heapsort	no	yes	$N \log N$	1	

Performance characteristics of sorting algorithms