CS 2302 Lab 5 – Option A

INTRODUCTION

For this lab, the problem we are trying to solve is how to implement a min heap and heap sort. To prove our code works we just need to make sure it runs on a list.

PROPOSED SOLUTION DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

In this lab, I decided to separate the code into different files in order to keep code modular and easy to read (also because the professor stated to separate the code segments with different field). The min heap object got its own class and file, the heap sort got its own file, and a main runner file was created to call the other functions and methods.

First, the partial implementation of the mine heap data structure needed to be completed. The insert method needed to be completed with the percolate_up method, which was based off the Zybooks implementation, however, it was modified for a min heap instead of a max heap. All that needed to be changed was to check if an item is greater than the parent, and if it that was true, nothing needed to be done as it met the properties of the heap. In the same file (but not class), a function was created to build a min heap object with a given list and return the built min heap. Furthermore, one more function needed to be created that took numbers separated by comas from a file and put them in the list, which then can be used to build a min heap.

Second, the heap sort code needed to be created. In a new file, heap sort and percolate_down were created based off the implementation from the Zybooks. Only variable names needed to be changed to make code clear, as heap sort sorts the items in ascending order, making the implementation the same for both the max and min heaps.

Thirdly, a runner file needed to be created to test the min heap object and heap sort. The two files were imported and tested on a main function. Nothing needed to be inputted by the user due to the list being the only changing input, so info about the min heap was printed (i.e. a list before built to a min heap, min heap after heap sort, etc.)

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Five tests that changed the list input were conducted on this lab to test certain cases. Test one used a list with 1,000 numbers in order to check that the code worked in the first place. Test two used a hard-coded list with 10 numbers. With test one and two proving the code could run with a list from a file or a hard-coded, test three gives an empty list, seeing if the code can handle empty values. The fourth test used a list that was not formatted correctly, testing to see how the code handles an incorrect input. The fifth and final test was given a file that doesn't exist.

TEST 1 – LIST FROM FILE WITH 1,000 NUMBERS

Test 2 – Hard Coded List with 10 Numbers

TEST 3 — EMPTY LIST

Test 4 — Incorrectly Formatted File

TEST 5 - NON-EXISTING FILE

CONCLUSION

In this lab I learned how to use and implement a min heap with heap sort. Furthermore, I relearned how to uses different files to make code more organized and easier to work with. All in all, this was a good lab that was enjoyable to work on.

APPENDIX

MAINRUNNER.PY

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min heap = MinHeap.build min heap(input list)
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MINHEAP.PY

```
self.heap array[parent index] = temp
def build min heap(input list):
    min_heap = Heap()
for item in input_list:
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except ValueError:
    print('ERROR: File not formatted correctly.')
    return empty_list

return int_list
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MINHEAPSORT.PY

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min_heap[0] = min_heap[i]
min_heap[i] = temp

percolate_down(0, min_heap, i)
i = i - 1
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