PRIORITY QUEUES AND HEAPS
Read Chapter 26 to learn about heaps

Salespeople often make matrices that show all the great features of their product that the competitor’s product lacks. Try this for a heap versus a BST. First, try and sell someone on a BST: List some desirable properties of a BST that a heap lacks. Now be the heap salesperson: List some good things about heaps that a BST lacks. Can you think of situations where you would favor one over the other?
The Bag Interface

A Bag:

```java
interface Bag<E> {
    void insert(E obj);
    E extract(); //extract some element
    boolean isEmpty();
}
```

Like a Set except that a value can be in it more than once. Example: a bag of coins

Refinements of Bag: Stack, Queue, PriorityQueue
Stacks and Queues as Lists

- Stack (LIFO) implemented as list
  - `insert()`, `extract()` from front of list
- Queue (FIFO) implemented as list
  - `insert()` on back of list, `extract()` from front of list
- All Bag operations are $O(1)$
Priority Queue

• A Bag in which data items are Comparable

• lesser elements (as determined by compareTo()) have higher priority

• extract() returns the element with the highest priority = least in the compareTo() ordering

• break ties arbitrarily
**Priority Queue Examples**

Scheduling jobs to run on a computer
default priority = arrival time
priority can be changed by operator

Scheduling events to be processed by an event handler
priority = time of occurrence

Airline check-in
first class, business class, coach
FIFO within each class
java.util.PriorityQueue<E>

boolean add(E e) {...} //insert an element (insert)
void clear() {...} //remove all elements
E peek() {...} //return min element without removing
               // (null if empty)
E poll() {...} //remove min element (extract)
               // (null if empty)
int size() {...}
Priority Queues as Lists

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Can we do better?
Important Special Case

• Fixed number of priority levels 0, ..., p – 1
• FIFO within each level
• Example: airline check-in

• \texttt{insert()} – insert in appropriate queue – O(1)
• \texttt{extract()} – must find a nonempty queue – O(p)
Heaps

• A *heap* is a concrete data structure that can be used to implement priority queues

• Gives better complexity than either ordered or unordered list implementation:
  – `insert()`: $O(\log n)$
  – `extract()`: $O(\log n)$

• $O(n \log n)$ to process $n$ elements

• Do not confuse with *heap memory*, where the Java virtual machine allocates space for objects – different usage of the word *heap*
Heaps

- Binary tree with data at each node
- Satisfies the *Heap Order Invariant*:

  The least (highest priority) element of any subtree is found at the root of that subtree

- Size of the heap is “fixed” at $n$. (But can usually double $n$ if heap fills up)
Smallest element in any subtree is always found at the root of that subtree.

Note: 19, 20 < 35: Smaller elements can be deeper in the tree!
Examples of Heaps

• Ages of people in family tree
  – parent is always older than children, but you can have an uncle who is younger than you

• Salaries of employees of a company
  – bosses generally make more than subordinates, but a VP in one subdivision may make less than a Project Supervisor in a different subdivision
Balanced Heaps

These add two restrictions:

1. Any node of depth < d – 1 has exactly 2 children, where d is the height of the tree
   - implies that any two maximal paths (path from a root to a leaf) are of length d or d – 1, and the tree has at least $2^d$ nodes

   • All maximal paths of length d are to the left of those of length d – 1
Example of a Balanced Heap

\[ d = 3 \]
Store in an ArrayList or Vector

- Elements of the heap are stored in the array in order, going across each level from left to right, top to bottom
- The children of the node at array index \( n \) are at indices \( 2n + 1 \) and \( 2n + 2 \)
- The parent of node \( n \) is node \( (n - 1)/2 \)
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**insert()**

- Put the new element at the end of the array

- If this violates heap order because it is smaller than its parent, swap it with its parent

- Continue swapping it up until it finds its rightful place

- The heap invariant is maintained!
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      \item size of tree is exponential as a function of depth
      \item depth of tree is logarithmic as a function of size
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/** An instance of a priority queue */
class PriorityQueue<E> extends java.util.Vector<E> {

/** Insert e into the priority queue */
public void insert(E e) {
    super.add(e); //add to end of array
    bubbleUp(size() - 1); // given on next slide
}
class PriorityQueue<E> extends java.util.Vector<E> {

/** Bubble element k up the tree */
private void bubbleUp(int k) {
    int p = (k-1)/2;  // p is the parent of k
    // inv: Every element satisfies the heap property except
    //     element k might be smaller than its parent
    while (k > 0 && get(k).compareTo(get(p)) < 0) {
        swap elements k and p;
        k = p;
        p = (k-1)/2;
    }
}

insert()
extract()

• Remove the least element – it is at the root
• This leaves a hole at the root – fill it in with the last element of the array
• If this violates heap order because the root element is too big, swap it down with the smaller of its children
• Continue swapping it down until it finds its rightful place
• The heap invariant is maintained!
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Time is $O(\log n)$, since the tree is balanced
/** Remove and return the smallest element
   return null if list is empty */

public E extract() {
    if (size() == 0) return null;
    E temp = get(0); // smallest value is at root
    set(0, get(size() - 1)); // move last element to the root
    setSize(size() - 1); // reduce size by 1
    bubbleDown(0);
    return temp;
}
/** Bubble the root down to its heap position.  
Pre: tree is a heap except: root may be > than a child */
private void bubbleDown() {
    int k = 0;
    // Set c to smaller of k’s children
    int c = 2*k + 2; // k’s right child
    if (c > size()-1 || get(c-1).compareTo(get(c)) < 0) c = c-1;
    // inv tree is a heap except: element k may be > than a child.
    // Also. k’s smallest child is element c
    while (c < size() && get(k).compareTo(get(c)) > 0) {
        Swap elements at k and c;
        k = c;
        c = 2*k + 2; // k’s right child
        if (c > size()-1 || get(c-1).compareTo(get(c)) < 0) c = c-1;
    }
}
Given a `Comparable[]` array of length n,

- Put all n elements into a heap – $O(n \log n)$
- Repeatedly get the min – $O(n \log n)$

```java
public static void heapSort(Comparable[] b) {
    PriorityQueue<Comparable> pq = new PriorityQueue<Comparable>(b);
    for (int i = 0; i < b.length; i++) {
        b[i] = pq.extract();
    }
}
```

One can do the two stages in the array itself, in place, so the algorithm takes $O(1)$ space.
Example: Probabilistic model of bank-customer arrival times and transaction times, how many tellers are needed?

- Assume we have a way to generate random inter-arrival times
- Assume we have a way to generate transaction times
- Can simulate the bank to get some idea of how long customers must wait

Time-Driven Simulation

- Check at each *tick* to see if any event occurs

Event-Driven Simulation

- Advance clock to next event, skipping intervening *ticks*
- This uses a PQ!