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Lecture 5: Data Structures II

COMP526: Efficient Algorithms

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Announcements

- 1. Second Quiz Open, due Friday
 - Similar format to before
 - Covers asymptotic (Big-O) notation
 - Quiz is **closed resource**
 - No books, notes, internet, etc.
 - Do not discuss until after submission deadline (Friday night, after midnight)
- 2. CampusWire
 - Use for discussion of material, questions about lectures, etc
 - Public comments for matters related to module content & administration
 - https://campuswire.com/p/GBB00CD7A, Code: 4796
- 3. Attendance Code:

Meeting Goals

- Introduce Programming Assignment 1: Prefix Reversal Sorting
- Discuss the Queue ADT and implementations
- Introduce the Priority Queue ADT
- Introduce the heap data structure

Programming Assignment 1

Non-Standard Sorting

Fundamental Task: sorting a list of elements from smallest to largest

Typical basic (unit cost) operations:

- compare two elements to see which is larger
- swap two elements in the array

Non-standard sorting models:

- natural in contexts other than sorting arrays
- e.g., sorting physical objects with physical constraints
- compare and swap may not be elementary operations



Credit: Andy Goldsworthy

Sorting with Prefix Reversals

Basic Operation: Prefix Reversal

- Reverse the elements up to index *i* in a list/array
- For example

- Natural operation for
 - DNA
 - stacks of physical objects

Basic Algorithmic Question: Given an array *a* of length *n*, what is the fewest number of **prefix reversal** operations necessary to sort *a*?

Your Task

Input: an array (list) *a* of numbers between 1 and *n*.

Output: the array *p* of *prefix reversals* that when applied to *a* will result in a sorted array.

Goal: sort each array *a* using the fewest possible prefix reversals. **Example:** Sort [4, 1, 3, 2]

PollEverywhere Question

Starting from the array [4, 3, 5, 6, 1, 2] what is the resulting array after performing the following prefix reversals? [2, 5, 3]



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More Specifically

Array Structures for input

- 1. random permutation *a* is uniformly random shuffling of numbers from 1 to *n*
- tritonic for 0 < a < b < n the values of a are *increasing* from indices 0 to a, *decreasing from* indices a to b, then *increasing* from indices b to n − 1.
- 3. **binary** *a*'s values are all 0 or 1
- 4. ternary *a*'s values are all 0, 1, or 2

For each structure you will define a function that generates a prefix reversal sequence that sorts arrays with the given structure. **Scoring**:

- your program must correctly sort all arrays
- points for minimizing the number of prefix reversals over all challenge arrays

Suggestion: it is possible to sort any array of length *n* with fewer than 2n prefix reversals

• start by implementing a simple baseline procedure to sort all arrays



From Last Time

- Stack ADT
 - linked list implementation
 - array implementation
- Amortized analysis

The Queue ADT

Queues, Intuitively

Goal: to store a *collection* of elements

- elements arranged as in a queue at Tesco
- new people enter the **back** of the queue
- only the person at the **front** of the queue can be removed (serviced)

First In, First Out (FIFO) priority

Tons of Applications!

- Scheduling
- Messaging

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• ...
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Queues, Formally

- *S* is the state of the queue, initially *S* = ∅
- S.ENQUEUE(x) : $S \mapsto xS$
- *S*.FRONT() : returns x_{n-1} where $S = x_0 x_1 \cdots x_{n-1}$
- S.DEQUEUE() : $Sx \mapsto S$, returns x
- S.EMPTY() returns TRUE $\iff S = \emptyset$

List Backed Queues

Idea

- Store each element in a NODE
- Store references to NODE:
 - head at the front of the queue
 - tail at the back of the queue

Issues:

- Similar to linked list stack implementation
 - Locality of reference
 - NODE memory overhead

- 1: class LISTQUEUE
- 2: NODE head
- 3: NODE tail

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- 4: **procedure** ENQUEUE(x)
 - $n \leftarrow \mathbf{new} \operatorname{NODE}$
 - $n.data \leftarrow x$
- 7: tail.next $\leftarrow n$
 - tail $\leftarrow n$
- 9: end procedure
- 10: procedure DEQUEUE
- 11: $n \leftarrow \text{head}$
- 12: head $\leftarrow n.next$
- 13: return *n*.data
- 14: end procedure
- 15: **end class**

Array Backed Queues

Idea:

- Store elements in the stack in an array
- Maintain indices of head and tail

What is the problem here?

- What happens if we repeatedly call
 - ENQUEUE(1)
 - DEQUEUE()
 - ENQUEUE(1)
 - DEQUEUE()
 - ...

Ignores resizing/checking if full

- 1: class ArrayQueue
- 2: $a \leftarrow$ new array, size n
- 3: head, tail $\leftarrow 0$
- 4: **procedure** ENQUEUE(x)
 - $a[\text{tail}] \leftarrow x$
 - tail ← tail + 1
- 7: end procedure
- 8: **procedure** DEQUQUE
 - head \leftarrow head + 1
- 10: **return** *a*[head 1]
- 11: end procedure
- 12: end class

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Priority Queues

The (Min) Priority Queue ADT

Priority Queues, Intuitively

Goal: to store a *collection* of elements

- Each element *x* has an associated *priority*, *p*(*x*)
- New elements **inserted** with prescribed priorities
- Can access/remove element with the *minimum* priority in the collection

Applications

- efficient sorting
- implementing "greedy" algorithms
- resource management

Priority Queues, Formally

- *S* is the state of the queue, initially *S* = ∅
- S.INSERT(x, p(x)): $S = x_0 x_1 \cdots x_i x_{i+1} \cdots x_{n-1} \mapsto x_0 x_1 \cdots x_i x x_{i+1} \cdots x_{n-1}$
 - where $p(x_i) \le p(x) < p(x_{i+1})$
- S.MIN(): returns x_0 where $S = x_0 x_1 \cdots x_{n-1}$
- *S*.REMOVEMIN() : $xS \mapsto S$, returns *x*

Naive Priority Queue Implementations

Array backed implementation

- Store element/priority pairs, sorted by priority
- MIN and REMOVEMIN can be implemented in *O*(1) time
- INSERT is $\Theta(n)$ worst-case
 - must **shift** elements around *x*

Linked list backed implementation

- Store element/priority pairs, sorted by priority
- MIN and REMOVEMIN can be implemented in *O*(1) time
- INSERT is $\Theta(n)$ worst-case
 - must **find** location to insert *x*

Question. Can we perform *all* operations in *o*(*n*) time?

Heaps

Binary Trees

A (rooted) binary tree consists of

- A set V of vertices
- A distinguished vertex called the **root**
- Each vertex has (possibly empty):
 - left child
 - right child
- Non-root vertices have a parent
- All vertices are descendants of the root
- Vertices without children are **leaves**
- The **height** is the maximal distance from root to a leaf



Complete Binary Trees

A **complete binary tree** of height *h* is a binary tree in which:

- All vertices up to depth h-2 have exactly two children
- At most one vertex at depth h-1 has one child
 - if v has children, then vertices to the left of v have two children



Properties of Complete Binary Trees

Proposition

Suppose *T* is a complete binary tree of height *h*. Then the number *n* of vertices of *T* satisfies $2^h \le n \le 2^{h+1} - 1$.

PollEverywhere Question

If a complete binary tree *T* has *n* vertices, what is its height?

1.
$$h = \Theta(1)$$

- 2. $h = \Theta(\log n)$
- 3. $h = \Theta(\sqrt{n})$
- 4. $h = \Theta(n)$



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Min Heaps

Definition

A **heap** is a complete binary tree *T* with the following properties:

- each vertex (node) has an associated value from an ordered set
 - for each pair of values *p* and *q* we can *compare p* < *q*
- the value associated with each vertex *v* is *smaller* than the values associated with its children



Inserting Into a Heap

Question

Given a heap *T*, how can we *efficiently* **insert a new a value** into *T* and maintain the heap properties?

Example

How to insert the value 3?



"Bubble Up" Insert Procedure

- 1: procedure INSERT(p)
- 2: $v \leftarrow$ new vertex storing p
- 3: $u \leftarrow \text{first vtx with} < 2 \text{ children}$
- 4: add *v* as *u*'s child
- 5: PARENT(v) $\leftarrow u$
- 6: **while** value(v) < value(u) and $u \neq \perp$ **do**
- 7: SWAP(value(v), value(u))
- 8: $v \leftarrow u$
- 9: $u \leftarrow \text{PARENT}(v)$
- 10: end while
- 11: end procedure

PollEverywhere Question

What is the running time of INSERT if *T* has *n* vertices?

1. $\Theta(1)$

3. $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$

4. Θ(*n*)



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Removing Min

Question

Given a heap *T*, how can we *efficiently* **remove the minimum value** from *T* and maintain the heap properties?

Example

How to remove 2?



"Trickle Down" Remove Min Procedure

- 1: procedure REMOVEMIN
- 2: $v \leftarrow \text{tree root}$
- 3: $w \leftarrow$ "last" vertex in tree
- 4: value(v) \leftarrow value(w)
- 5: remove w from tree
- 6: $u \leftarrow$ smaller of *v*'s children
- 7: **while** value(v) \ge value(u) and $u \neq \perp$ **do**
- 8: SWAP(value(v), value(u))
- 9: $v \leftarrow u$
- 10: $u \leftarrow v$'s smaller child
- 11: end while
- 12: end procedure

PollEverywhere Question

What is the running time of REMOVEMIN if *T* has *n* vertices?

- 1. Θ(1)
- 2. Θ(log *n*)
- 3. $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$
- 4. Θ(*n*)



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Heap Data Structures?

Question

What elementary data structures can we use to represent heaps?

• Our tree representation was somewhat vague...

Natural Choice: Tree of Nodes

- Have a NODE data structure where NODE stores:
 - data (value)
 - reference to PARENT
 - references to LEFTCHILD and RIGHTCHILD
- Similar drawbacks to linked lists: data overhead, locality of reference

Less Obvious Choice: Arrays!

• For next time: think about how you could represent a heap using an **array** and minimal additional overhead!

Heap Priority Queues

So far we heaps only store values from a ordered set

- A priority queue needs two data fields:
 - **1**. a value *x*
 - **2.** a priority p(x)
- The *priorities* are from an ordered set
- To implement a priority queue with a heap
 - each vertex v stores (refers to) x and p(x)
 - the value value(v) is the priority p(x)

The payoff

- INSERT in time $\Theta(\log n)$
- REMOVEMIN in time $\Theta(\log n)$
- MIN in time $\Theta(1)$

Next Time: More Trees!

- Searching Sorted Arrays
- Binary Search Trees
- Balanced Binary Trees

Scratch Notes