CSE 373

OCTOBER 30TH – PRIORITY QUEUES

ADMINISTRIVIA

- Practice exam out by tomorrow
- P1 EC graded by tonight
- P2 graded on Wednesday
- HW regrades tonight
 - Please fill out the form if you have regrade questions.

MIDTERM EXAM

- Friday, November 3rd, 2:30-3:20
- No note sheets or calculators
- Exam review in class on Wednesday
- Covers everything through the end of today's lecture

- New ADT
- Objects in the priority queue have:
 - Data
 - Priority
- Conditions
 - Lower priority items should dequeue first
 - Should be able to change priority of an item
 - FIFO for equal priority?

- insert(K key, int priority)
 - Insert the key into the PQ with given priority
- findMin()
 - Return the key that currently has lowest priority in the PQ (min-heap)
- deleteMin()
 - Return and remove the key with lowest priority
- changePriority(K key, int newPri)
 - Assign a new priority to the object key

- How to implement?
 - Keep data sorted (somehow)
- Array?
 - Inserting into the middle is costly (must move other items)
- Linked list?
 - Must iterate through entire list to find place
 - Cannot move backward if priority changes

- These data structures will all give us the behavior we want as far as the ADT, but they may be poor design decisions
- Any other data structures to try?

- Want the speed of trees (but not BST)
- Priority Queue has unique demands
- Other types of trees?
- Review BST first

PROPERTIES (BST)

- Tree (Binary)
 - Root
 - (Two) Children
 - No cycles
- Search
 - Comparable data
 - Left child data < parent data
 - Smallest child is at the left most node

PROPERTIES (BST)

- Binary tree may be useful
- Search property doesn't help
 - Always deleting min
 - Put min on top!

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- The Priority Queue is the ADT
- The Heap is the Data Structure

COMPLETENESS



Filling left to right and top to bottom is another property - completeness

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- How does this help?
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- Insert into array from left to right
- For any parent at index i, children at 2*i+1 and 2*i+2



REVIEW

Array property



- How to maintain heap property then?
 - Parent must be higher priority than children
- Two functions percolate up and percolate down

HEAP FUNCTIONS

- Percolate up
 - When a new item is inserted:
 - Place the item at the next position to preserve completeness
 - Swap the item up the tree until it is larger than its parent

HEAP FUNCTIONS

- Percolate down
 - When an item is deleted:
 - Remove the root of the tree (to be returned)
 - Move the last object in the tree to the root
 - Swap the moved piece down while it is larger than it's smallest child
 - Only swap with the smallest child

HEAPS AS ARRAYS

- Because heaps are complete, they can be represented as arrays without any gaps in them.
- Naïve implementation:
 - Left child: 2*i+1
 - Right child: 2*i + 2
 - Parent: (i-1)/2

HEAPS AS ARRAYS

- Alternate (common) implementation:
 - Put the root of the array at index 1
 - Leave index 0 blank
 - Calculating children/parent becomes:
 - Left child: 2*i
 - Right child: 2*i + 1
 - Parent: i/2

HEAPS AS ARRAYS

- Why do an array at all?
 - + Memory efficiency
 - + Fast accesses to data
 - + Forces log n depth
 - Needs to resize
 - Can waste space
- Almost always done through an array



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 - Can we do better?
 - What is better? O(n)



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- A new piece of data is much more likely to have to percolate down to the bottom than be the smallest item in the heap

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 - Wait! Percolate down is O(log n)!
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Thanks Wolfram Alpha!

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- Thanks Wolfram Alpha!
- Does this look like an easier summation?

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- How do we use this to prove our complicated summation?
$1/2 + 1/4 + 1/8 \dots + 1/2^n \le 1$

- Vertical columns sum to: i/2ⁱ, which is what we want
- What is the right summation?
 - Our original summation plus 1

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 This means that the number of swaps we perform in Floyd's method is 2 times the size... So Floyd's method is O(n)