

CSC207.01 2014S, Class 47: Heap Sort

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Preliminaries

Admin

- Sad Earnest.
- Don't forget to register!
- I need two graders for next semester who can do detailed comments. Yes, I will provide training.
- I've heard concerns that the Eclipse formatter rearranges comments. I *think* the current style avoids that problem.

Upcoming Work

- Reading for Friday: No reading.
- Today's writeup: Exercise 5.
- Part 2 of the project is due Friday at 10:30 p.m. (No, I'm not updating the Web page.)

Extra Credit

- Today's Town Hall at noon and 7:30 on Work/Life balance.
- One pride week activity.
- Math extra Thursday: Sphere Packing.
- CS Table Friday: Heartbleed.
- Women's Track and Field Friday at Simpson.
- Iowater project April 26 - Tag drains. Mail iowater@grinnell.edu for details.

Questions

Remaining Questions from Heaps

- Given the index of an element, what are the indices of its left child, right child, and parent?
 - Left child: $2i + 1$
 - *Right child*: $2(i+1)$
 - Parent: $(i-1)/2$, round down
- Why do we care about the indices of the children?
 - We can actually store it in the array.
 - For swapping down after removal
- Why do we care about the index of the parent?
 - For swapping up after insertion

Heap Sort

Repeatedly remove largest and shove at end.

- Each time we grab the largest and shove at the end is $O(\log N)$
- The overall routine is $O(N \log N)$
- Why is this better than other $N \log N$ sorting algorithms?
 - Quicksort: Heap sort is predictable, Quicksort is not
 - Merge sort: This sorts in place! Merge sort does not.
 - Skip list sort: Heap sort is predictable. Skip list sort is not And uses lots of overhead.

Can we have a better implementation of priority queues?

- No.

Lab

Writeup number 5!

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