Review of Priority Queues and Graph Searches

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- Spend two classes on these three topics
 - Focus on proving their properties.
 - Describe/refresh proof techniques, which will be useful during the rest of the semester.

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Priority Queue

- Store a set S of elements, where each element v has a priority value key(v).
- Smaller key values \equiv higher priorities.
- Operations supported:
 - find the element with smallest key
 - remove the smallest element
 - insert an element
 - delete an element
 - update the key of an element
- Element deletion and key update require knowledge of the position of the element in the priority queue.

Heaps



- Combine benefits of both lists and sorted arrays.
- Conceptually, a heap is a balanced binary tree.
- Heap order: For every element v at a node i, the element w at i's parent satisfies key(w) ≤ key(v).
- We can implement a heap in a pointer-based data structure.

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• Proof of correctness: read pages 61-62 of your textbook.

Example of Heapify-up



Figure 2.4 The Heapify-up process. Key 3 (at position 16) is too small (on the left). After swapping keys 3 and 11, the heap violation moves one step closer to the root of the tree (on the right).

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 - After k invocations, argument is at most $i/2^k$.
 - Therefore $i/2^k \ge 1$, which implies that $k \le \log_2 i$.
 - Running time of Heapify-up(i) is O(log i).

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Figure 2.5 The Heapify-down process: Key 21 (at position 3) is too big (on the left). After swapping keys 21 and 7, the heap violation moves one step closer to the bottom of the tree (on the right).

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The Oracle of Bacon

Priority Queues

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(Böhmer et al., The Lancet, May 15, 2020)





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 - Elements of *E* are **unordered** pairs.
 - Edge (u, v) is *incident* on u, v; u and v are *neighbours* of each other.
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- Distance d(u, v) between two nodes u and v is the minimum number of edges in any u-v path.





INSTANCE: An undirected graph G = (V, E) and two nodes $s, t \in V$. **QUESTION:** Is there an *s*-*t* path in *G*?

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 - ▶ Why is T a tree? It is connected. The number of edges in T is the number of nodes in all the layers minus 1.
 - *T* is called the *breadth-first search tree*.

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DFS(u):
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DFS

BFS vs. DFS

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