



# CS165: Priority Queues, Heaps

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## Priority Queues



- Characteristics
  - Items are associated with a Comparable value: **priority**
  - Provide access to one element at a time - the one with the highest priority
- offer(E e) and add(E e) – inserts the element into the priority queue based on the priority order
- remove() and poll() – removes the head of the queue (which is the highest priority) and returns it

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## PQ – Reference-based Implementation



- Reference-based implementation
  - Sorted in descending order
    - Highest priority value is at the beginning of the linked list
    - remove() returns the item that pqHead references and changes pqHead to reference the next item.
    - offer(E e) must traverse the list to find the correct position for insertion.

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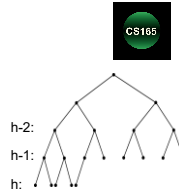
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## Complete tree definition

- **Complete** binary tree of height  $h$ 
  - zero or more rightmost leaves not present at level  $h$
- A binary tree  $T$  of height  $h$  is **complete** if
  - All nodes at level  $h - 2$  and above have two children each, and
  - When a node at level  $h - 1$  has children, all nodes to its left at the same level have two children each, and
  - When a node at level  $h - 1$  has one child, it is a left child
  - So the leaves at level  $h$  go from left to right



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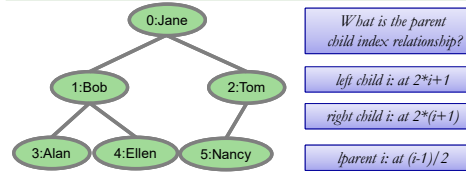
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## Complete Binary Tree

Level-by-level numbering of a complete binary tree, NOTE 0 based!



What is the parent child index relationship?

left child  $i$ : at  $2*i+1$

right child  $i$ : at  $2*(i+1)$

parent  $i$ : at  $(i-1)/2$

So we can store a complete binary tree in an array!!

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## Heap - Definition

- A **maximum heap** (maxheap) is a **complete binary tree** that satisfies the following:
  - It is a leaf, or it has the **heap property**:
    - Its root contains a key **greater or equal** to the keys of its children
    - Its left and right sub-trees are also maxheaps
  - A minheap has the root **less or equal** children, and left and right sub trees are also minheaps

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## maxHeap Property Implications

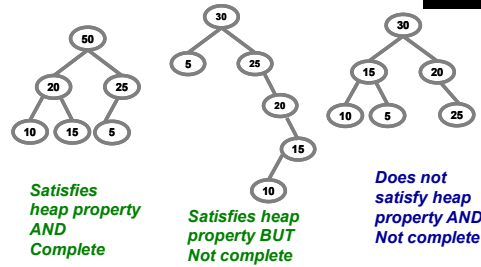


- Implications of the heap property:
  - The root holds the maximum value (global property)
  - Values in descending order on every path from root to leaf
- A Heap is NOT a binary search tree, as in a BST the nodes in the right sub tree of the root are larger than the root

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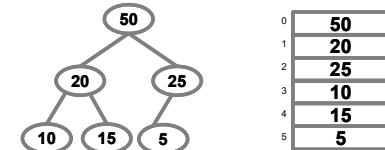
## Examples



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## Array(List) Implementation



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## Array(List) Implementation



- Traversal:
  - Root at position 0
  - Left child of position  $i$  at position  $2i+1$
  - Right child of position  $i$  at position  $2(i+1)$
  - Parent of position  $i$  at position  $(i-1)/2$   
(int arithmetic **truncates**)

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## Heap Operations - heapInsert



- **Step 1:** put a new value into first open position (maintaining completeness), i.e. at the end
- **but now we potentially violated the heap property, so:**
- **Step 2:** bubble values up
  - **Re-enforcing the heap property**
  - Swap with parent, if new value > parent, until in the right place.
  - The heap property holds for the tree below the new value, when swapping up

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## Swapping up



- Swapping up enforces heap property for sub tree below the new, inserted value:



- if  $(new > x)$  swap(x,new)



$x > y$ , therefore  
 $new > y$

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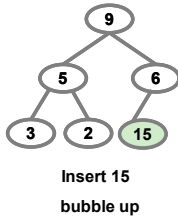
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Insertion into a heap (Insert 15)



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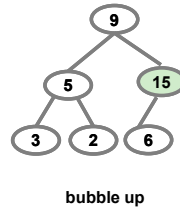
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Insertion into a heap (Insert 15)



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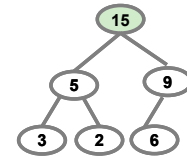
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Insertion into a heap (Insert 15)



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## Heap operations – heapDelete



- **Step 1:** remove value at root (Why?)
- **Step 2:** substitute with rightmost leaf of bottom level (Why?)
- **Step 3:** bubble down
  - Swap with **maximum** child as necessary, until in place
  - each bubble down restores the heap property for the max child
  - this is called **HEAPIFY**

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## Swapping down



- Swapping down enforces heap property at the swap location:



- $new < x$  and  $y < x$ :  
`swap(x,new)`



$x > y$  and  $x > new$

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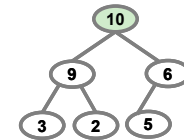
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## Deletion from a heap



Delete 10  
Place last node in root

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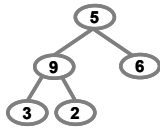
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bubble down  
heapify  
draw the heap




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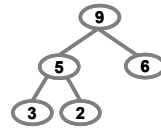
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delete again  
draw the heap




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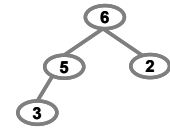
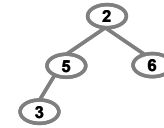
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## HeapSort



- Algorithm
  - Insert all elements (one at a time) to a heap
  - Iteratively delete them
    - Removes minimum/maximum value at each step

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## HeapSort



- Alternative method (in-place):
  - **buildHeap**: create a heap out of the input array:
    - Consider the input array as a complete binary tree
    - Create a heap by iteratively expanding the portion of the tree that is a heap
      - Leaves are already heaps
      - Start at last internal node
      - **Go backwards** calling **heapify** with each internal node
  - Iteratively swap the root item with last item in unsorted portion and rebuild

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## Building the heap



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buildheap(n){
  for (i = (n-2)/2 down to 0)
    //pre: the tree rooted at index is a semiheap
    //i.e., the sub trees are heaps
    heapify(i); // bubble down
  //post: the tree rooted at index is a heap
}
```

- WHY start at  $(n-2)/2$ ?
- WHY go backwards?
  
- The whole method is called **buildHeap**
- One bubble down is called **heapify**

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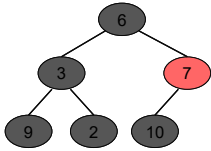
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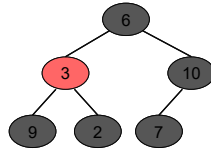
Draw as a Complete Binary Tree:



Repeatedly heapify, starting at last internal node, going backwards

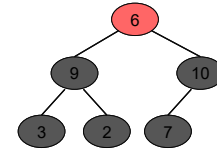
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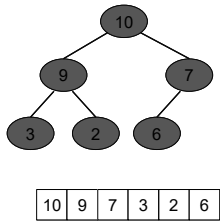
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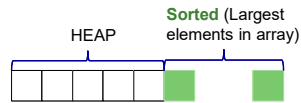
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### In place heapsort using an array



- First build a heap out of an input array using buildHeap(). See previous slides.
- Then partition the array into two regions; starting with the full heap and an empty sorted and stepwise growing sorted and shrinking heap.



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### Do it, do it



HEAP					
10	9	6	3	2	5
9	5	6	3	2	10
6	5	2	3	9	10
5	3	2	6	9	10
3	2	5	6	9	10
2	3	5	6	9	10
2	3	5	6	9	10
SORTED					

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