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# CS165: Priority Queues, Heaps

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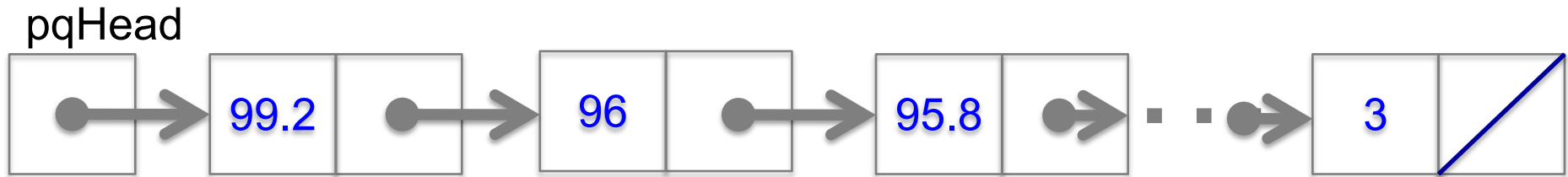
# Priority Queues



- 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

# PQ – Linked List Implementation

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## ■ Reference-based implementation

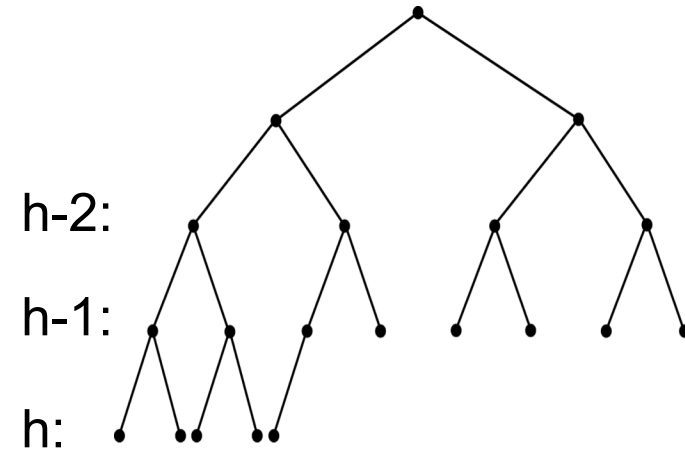
### □ Sorted in descending order

- 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.

# Complete tree definition



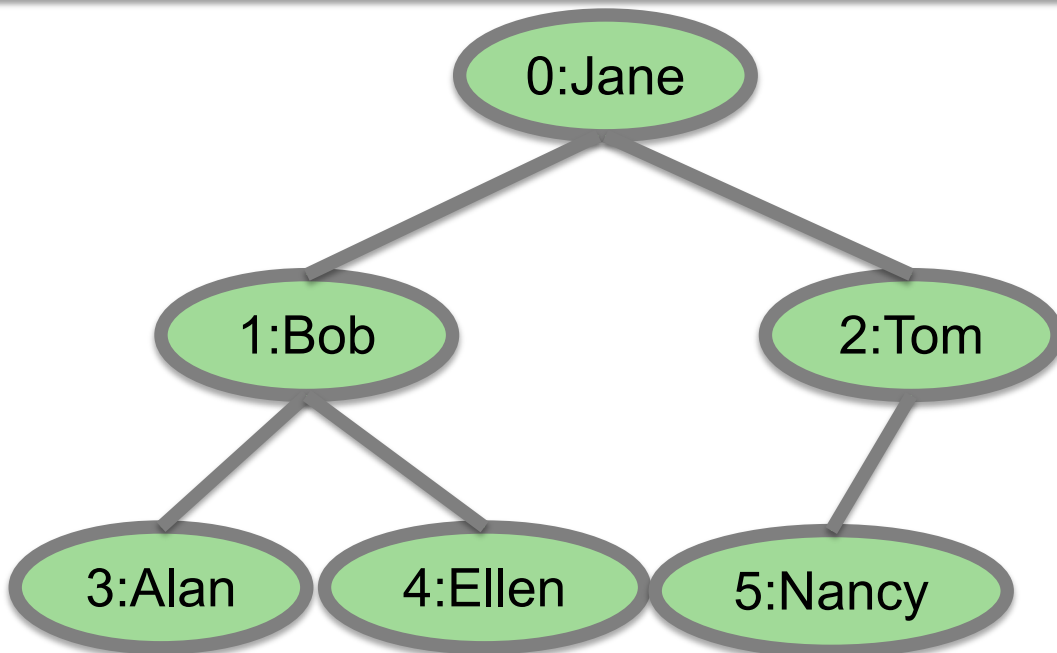
- **Complete** binary tree of height  $h$ 
  - zero or more rightmost leaves not present at level  $h$
- A binary tree  $T$  of height  $h$  is **complete** if
  - All nodes at level  $h - 2$  and above have two children each, and
  - When a node at level  $h - 1$  has children, all nodes to its left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



# Complete Binary Tree

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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  $(i-1)/2$*

*There are no “holes” (missing nodes in the **complete** binary tree),  
so we can store a complete binary tree in an array!!*

# Heap - Definition



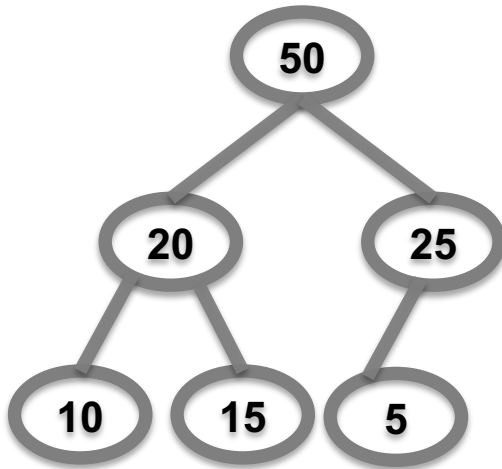
- A **maximum heap** (maxheap) is a **complete binary tree** that satisfies the following:
  - Nodes are (key,value) pairs
  - It has the **heap property**:
    - Its root contains a key **greater or equal** to the keys of its children
    - Its left and right sub-trees are also maxheaps
    - A size 1 heap is just one leaf.
  - A minheap has the root **less or equal** children, and left and right sub trees are also minheaps

# maxHeap Property Implications

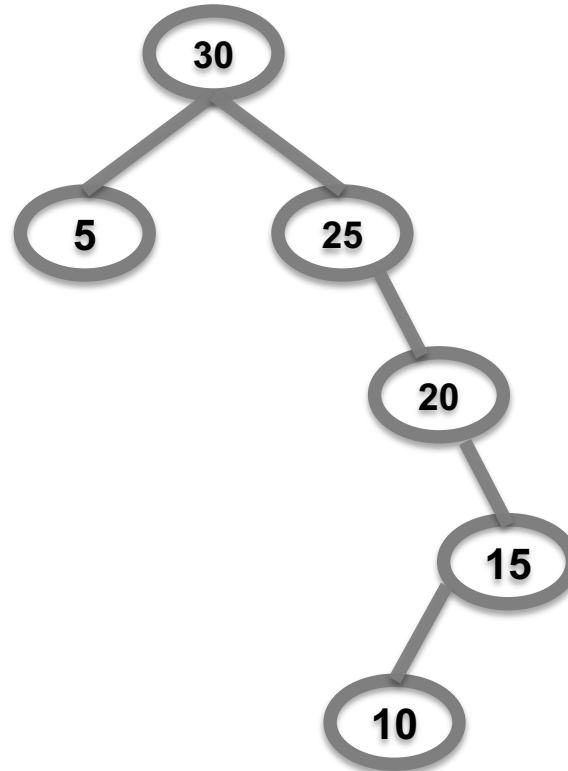


- Implications of the heap property:
  - The root holds the maximum value (global property)
  - Values in descending order on every path from root to leaf
- A Heap is NOT a binary search tree, as in a BST the nodes in the right sub tree of the root are larger than the root

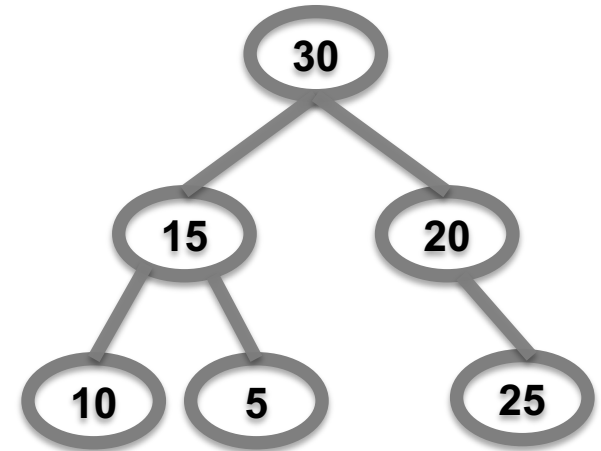
# Examples



**Satisfies  
heap property  
AND  
Complete**



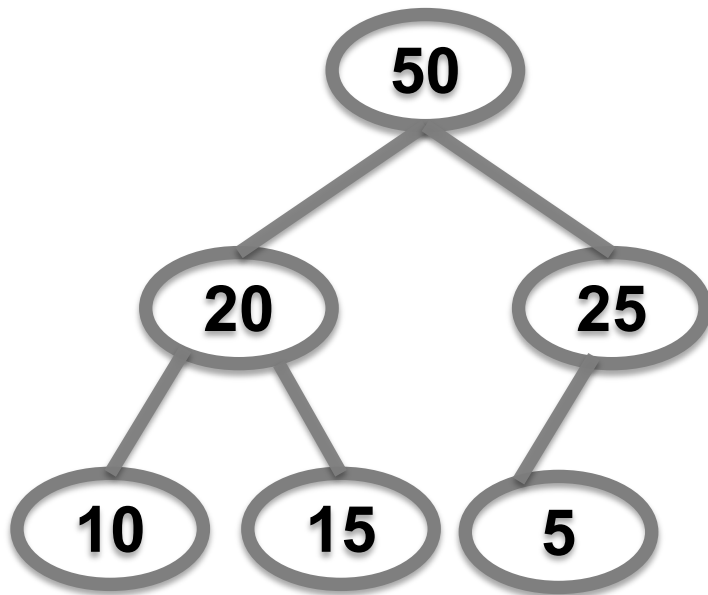
**Satisfies heap  
property BUT  
Not complete**



**Does not  
satisfy heap  
property AND  
Not complete**



# Array(List) Implementation



0	50
1	20
2	25
3	10
4	15
5	5

# Array(List) Implementation



- Traversal:
  - Root at position 0
  - Left child of position  $i$  at position  $2*i+1$
  - Right child of position  $i$  at position  $2*(i+1)$
  - Parent of position  $i$  at position  $(i-1)/2$   
(don't forget: int arithmetic **truncates**)

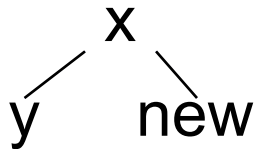
# Heap Operations - heapInsert



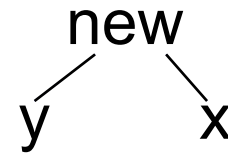
- **Step 1:** put a new value into first open position (maintaining completeness), i.e. at the end
- **But now we potentially violated the heap property, so:**
- **Step 2:** bubble values up
  - **Re-enforcing the heap property**
  - Swap with parent, if key of new value  $>$  key of parent, until in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

# Swapping up

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

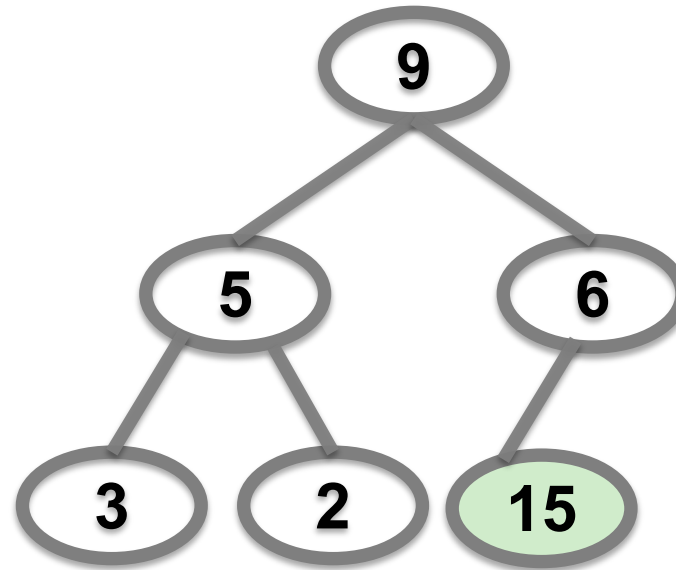


- if  $(new > x)$  swap(x,new)



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

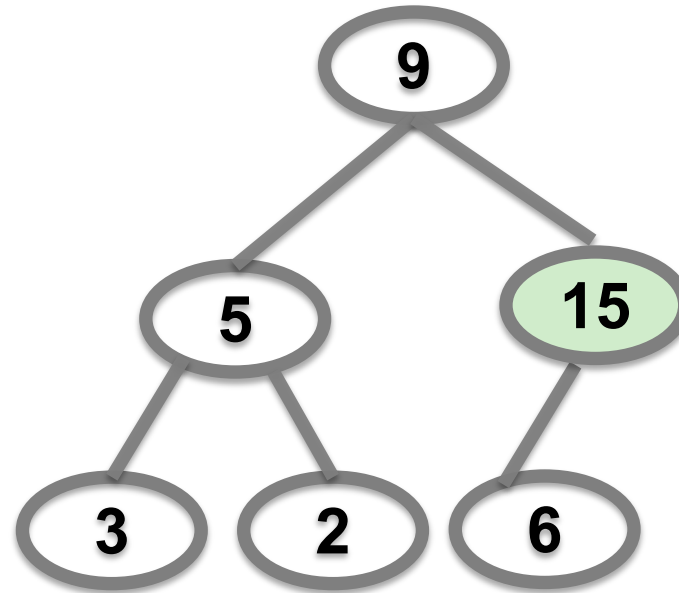
# Insertion into a heap (Insert 15)



**Insert 15**

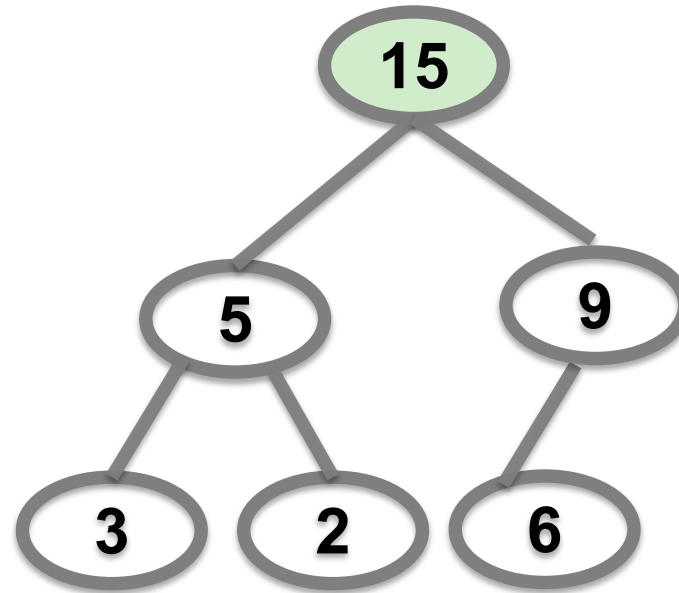
**bubble up**

# Insertion into a heap (Insert 15)



**bubble up**

# Insertion into a heap (Insert 15)



# Heap operations – heapDelete



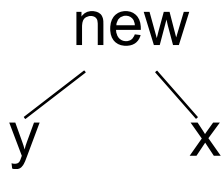
- **Step 1:** remove value at root (Why?)
- **Step 2:** substitute with rightmost leaf of bottom level (Why?)
- **Step 3:** bubble down
  - Swap with **maximum** child as necessary, **until in place**
  - each bubble down restores the heap property at the swapped node
  - this is called **HEAPIFY**



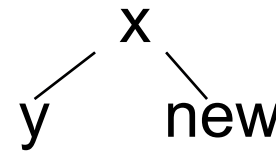
# Swapping down



- Swapping down enforces heap property at the swap location:

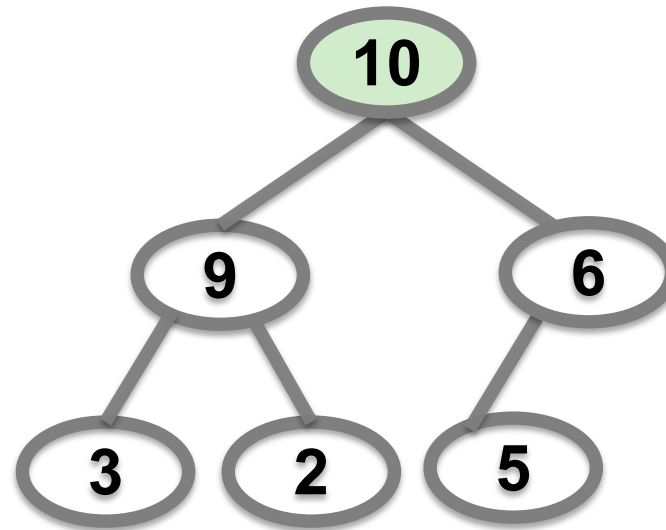


- $new < x$  and  $y < x$ :  
    `swap(x,new)`



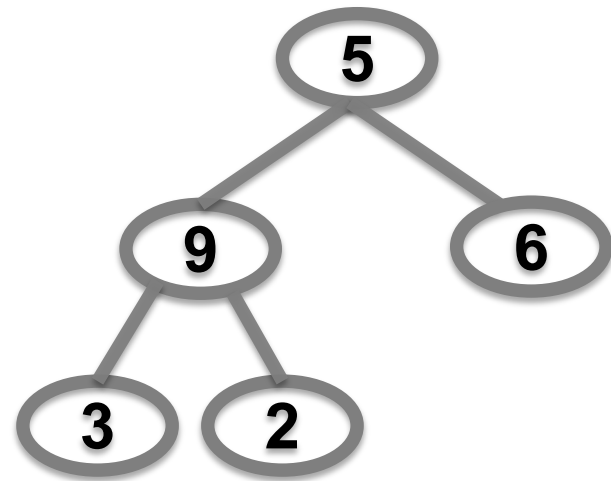
$x > y$  and  $x > new$

# Deletion from a heap

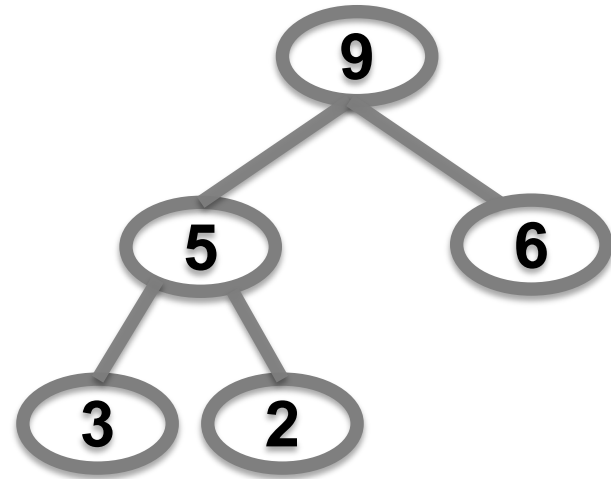


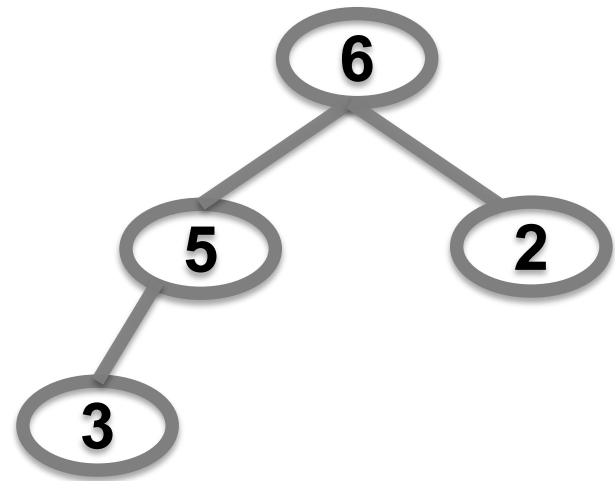
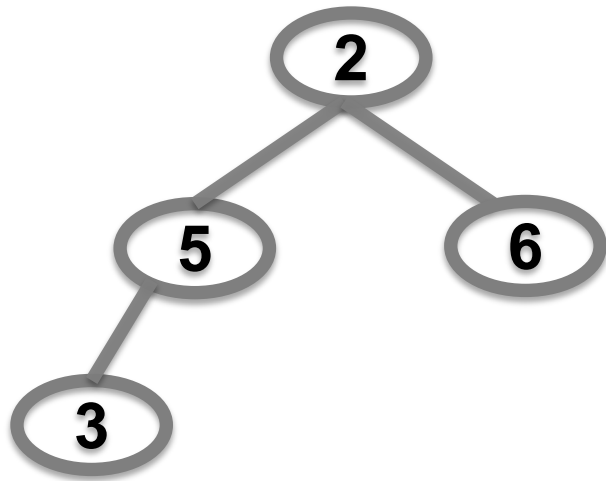
**Delete 10**  
**Place last node in root**

bubble down  
heapify  
draw the heap



delete again  
draw the heap





# HeapSort



- Algorithm

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

# 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

# Building the heap

```
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
}
```

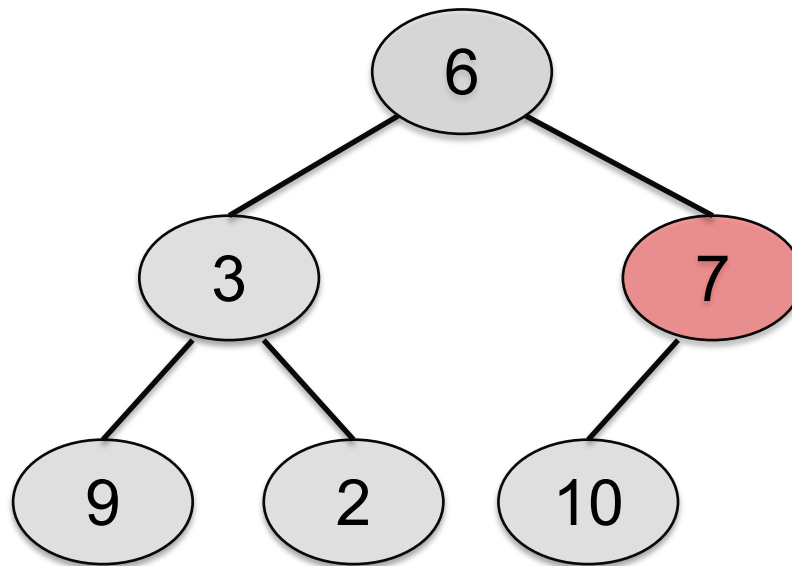
- WHY start at  $(n-2)/2$ ?
- WHY go backwards?
  
- The whole method is called **buildHeap**
- One bubble down is called **heapify**



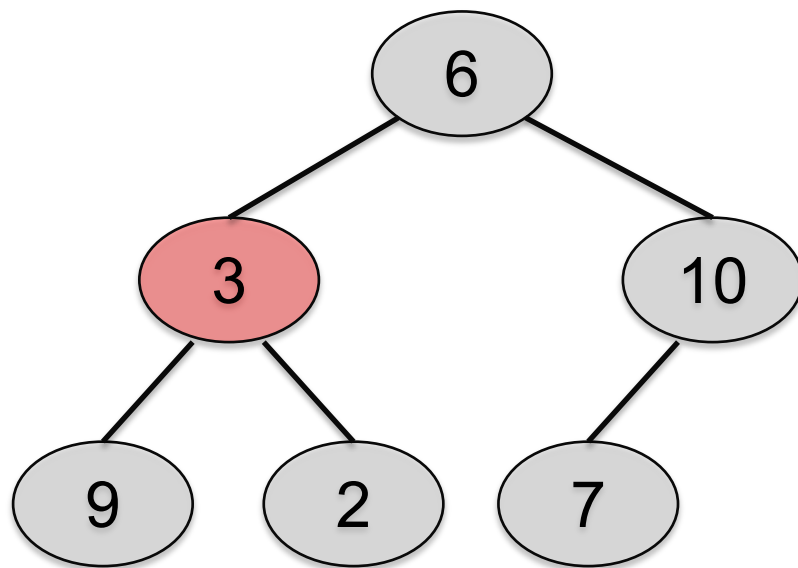
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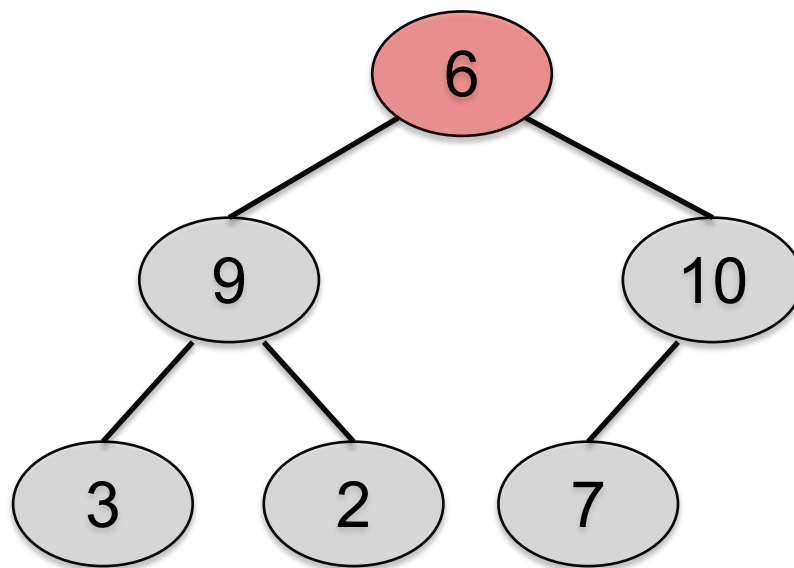


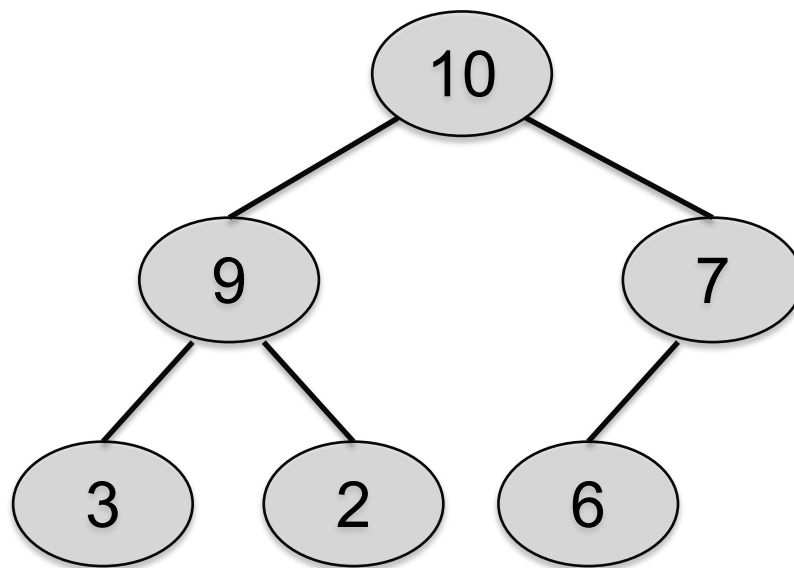
Draw as a Complete Binary Tree:



Repeatedly heapify, starting at last internal node, going backwards



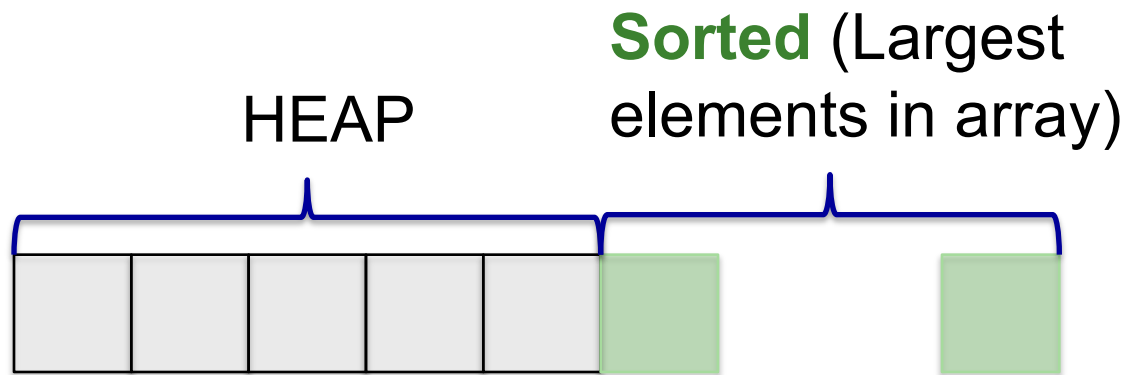




# In place heapsort using an array

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- 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.



# Do it, do it



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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**