

# Priority Queues: Binary Min Heaps

CSE 373  
Data Structures and Algorithms

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## Today's Outline

- **Announcements**
  - Midterm #1, Friday Oct 22.
  - Assignment #3 coming soon.
- **Today's Topics:**
  - **Dictionary**
    - **Balanced Binary Search Trees - (AVL Trees)**
  - **Priority Queues**
    - **Binary Min Heap**

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## Priority Queue ADT

1. **PQueue data** : collection of data with **priority**
2. **PQueue operations**
  - insert
  - deleteMin

(also: create, destroy, is\_empty)
3. **PQueue property**: for two elements in the queue,  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $x$  has a **lower priority value** than  $y$ ,  $x$  will be deleted before  $y$

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## Applications of the Priority Q

- Select print jobs in order of decreasing **length**
- Forward packets on network routers in order of **urgency**
- Select most **frequent** symbols for compression
- Sort numbers, picking **minimum** first

- **Anything greedy**

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## Implementations of Priority Queue ADT

	insert	deleteMin
Unsorted list (Array)		
Unsorted list (Linked-List)		
Sorted list (Array)		
Sorted list (Linked-List)		
Binary Search Tree (BST)		

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## Representing Complete Binary Trees in an Array

From node  $i$ :

left child:  
right child:  
parent:

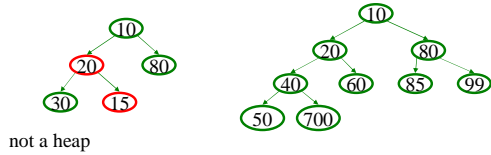
implicit (array) implementation:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

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## Heap Order Property

**Heap order property:** For every non-root node X, the value in the parent of X is less than (or equal to) the value in X.

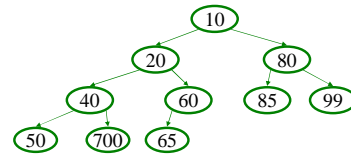


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## Heap Operations

- findMin:
- insert(val): percolate up.
- deleteMin: percolate down.



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## Heap – Insert(val)

Basic Idea:

1. Put val at “next” leaf position
2. Repeatedly exchange node with its parent if needed

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## Insert pseudo Code (optimized)

```
void insert(Object o) {
    assert(!isFull());
    size++;
    newPos =
        percolateUp(size,o);
    Heap[newPos] = o;
}

int percolateUp(int hole,
                Object val) {
    while (hole > 1 &&
           val < Heap[hole/2])
        Heap[hole] = Heap[hole/2];
    hole /= 2;
    return hole;
}
```

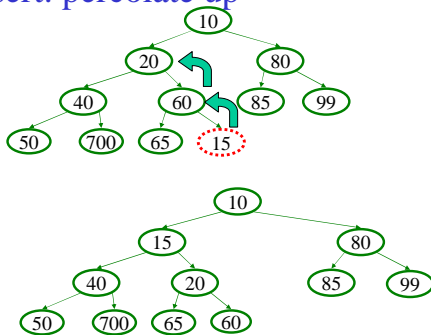
*runtime:*

(Java code in book)

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## Insert: percolate up



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## Heap – Deletemin

Basic Idea:

1. Remove root (that is always the min!)
2. Put “last” leaf node at root
3. Find smallest child of node
4. Swap node with its smallest child if needed.
5. Repeat steps 3 & 4 until no swaps needed.

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## DeleteMin pseudo Code (Optimized)

```

Object deleteMin() {
    assert(!isEmpty());
    returnVal = Heap[1];
    size--;
    newPos =
        percolateDown(1,
            Heap[size+1]);
    Heap[newPos] =
        Heap[size + 1];
    return returnVal;
}

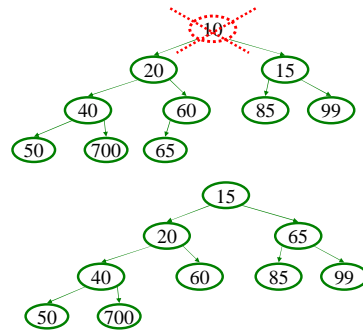
runtime:
    (Java code in book)
    }
    return hole;
}

int percolateDown(int hole,
                  object val) {
    while (2*hole <= size) {
        left = 2*hole;
        right = left + 1;
        if (right <= size &&
            Heap[right] < Heap[left])
            target = right;
        else
            target = left;
        if (Heap[target] < val) {
            Heap[hole] = Heap[target];
            hole = target;
        }
        else
            break;
    }
}
    
```

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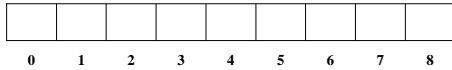
## DeleteMin: percolate down



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Insert: 16, 32, 4, 69, 105, 43, 2



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## Other Priority Queue Operations

- **decreaseKey**
  - given a pointer to an object in the queue, reduce its priority value

Solution: change priority and \_\_\_\_\_
- **increaseKey**
  - given a pointer to an object in the queue, increase its priority value

Solution: change priority and \_\_\_\_\_

**Why do we need a *pointer*? Why not simply data value?**

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## Other Heap Operations

- **decreaseKey(objPtr, amount):** raise the priority of an object, percolate up
- **increaseKey(objPtr, amount):** lower the priority of an object, percolate down
- **remove(objPtr):** remove an object, move to top, then delete.
  - 1) decreaseKey(objPtr, ∞)
  - 2) deleteMin()

Worst case Running time for all of these:

FindMax?

ExpandHeap – when heap fills, copy into new space.

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## Binary Min Heaps (summary)

- **insert:** percolate up.  $\Theta(\log N)$  time.
- **deleteMin:** percolate down.  $\Theta(\log N)$  time.
- **Build Heap?**

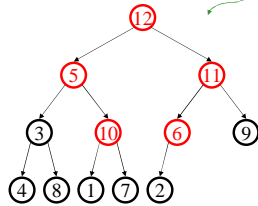
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## BuildHeap: Floyd's Method

12	5	11	3	10	6	9	4	8	1	7	2
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Add elements arbitrarily to form a complete tree.  
Pretend it's a heap and fix the heap-order property!



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## Buildheap pseudocode

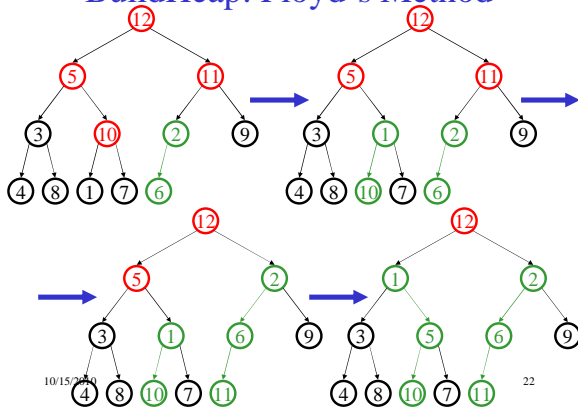
```
private void buildHeap() {
    for ( int i = currentSize/2; i > 0; i-- )
        percolateDown( i );
}
```

runtime:

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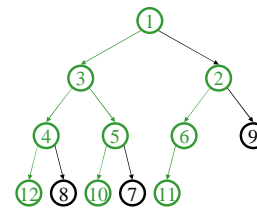
## BuildHeap: Floyd's Method



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## Finally...



runtime:

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## Facts about Binary Min Heaps

### Observations:

- finding a child/parent index is a multiply/divide by two
- operations jump widely through the heap
- each percolate step looks at only two new nodes
- inserts are *at least* as common as deleteMins

### Realities:

- division/multiplication by *powers* of two are equally fast
- looking at only two new pieces of data: bad for cache!
- with huge data sets, disk accesses dominate

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