

Heaps & Priority Queues



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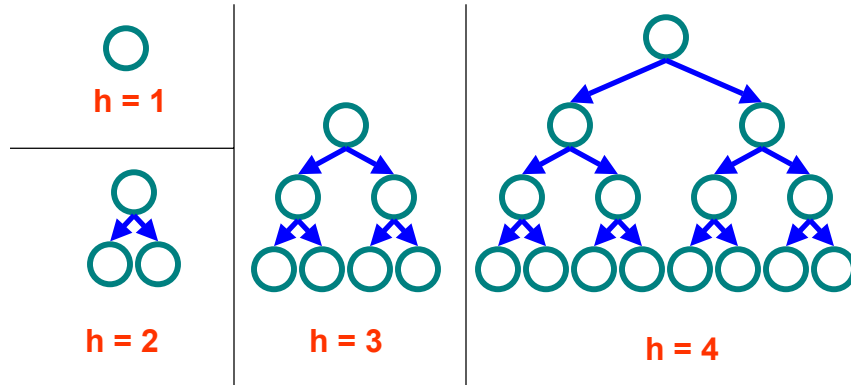
Overview

- **Binary trees**
 - Perfect
 - Complete
- **Heaps**
- **Priority queues**

Perfect Binary Tree

■ For binary tree with height h

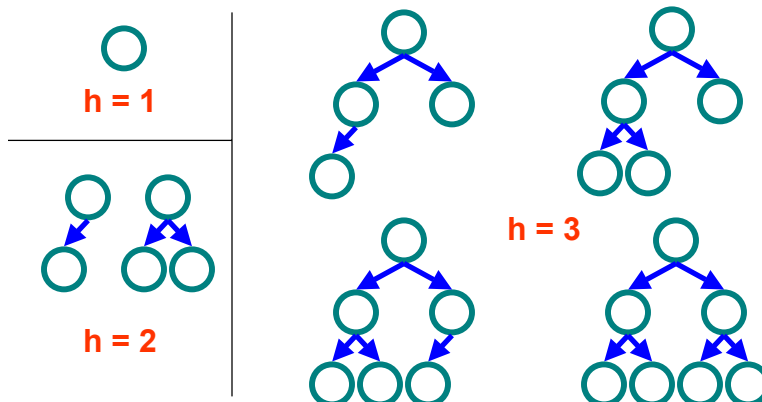
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Complete Binary Trees

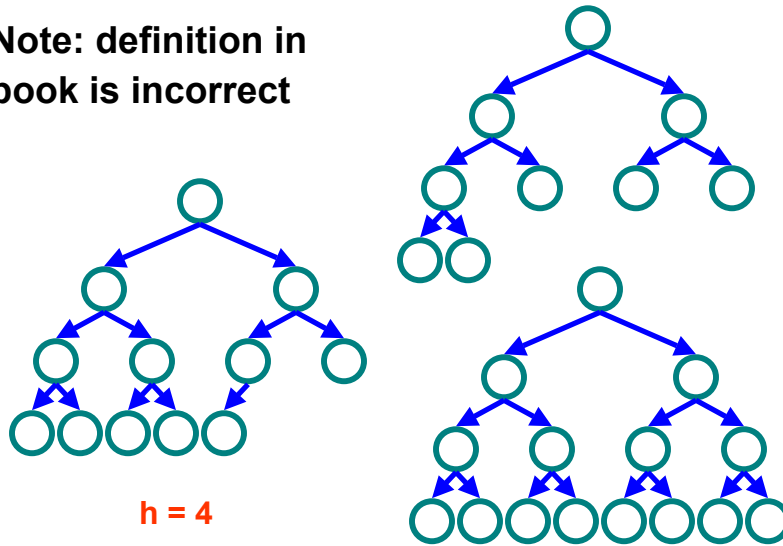
■ For binary tree with height h

- All nodes at levels $h-2$ or less have 2 children (full)
- All leaves on level h are as far left as possible



Complete Binary Trees

- Note: definition in book is incorrect

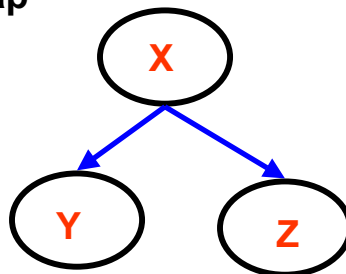


Heaps

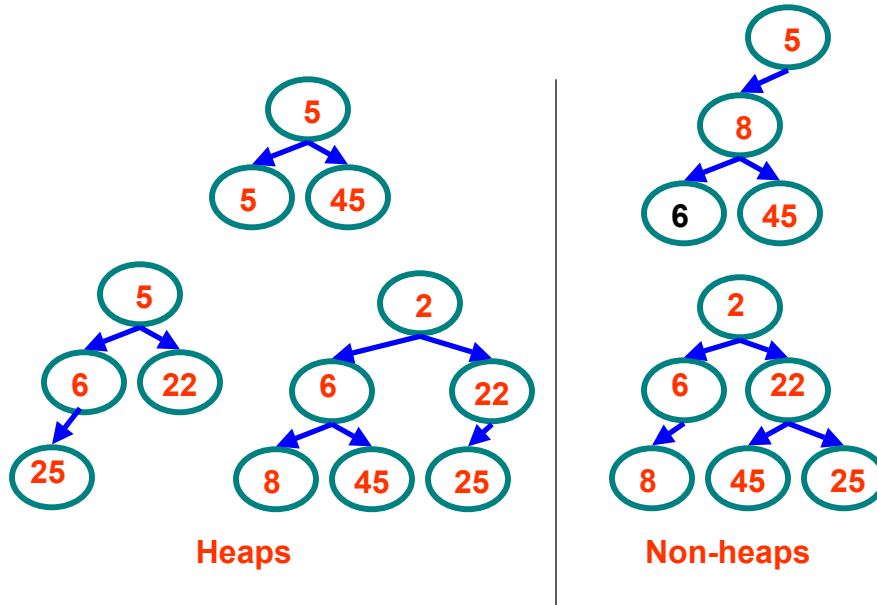
- Two key properties
 - Complete binary tree
 - Value at node
 - Smaller than or equal to values in subtrees

- Example heap

- $X \leq Y$
- $X \leq Z$



Heap & Non-heap Examples



Heap Properties

■ Key operations

- Insert (X)
- getSmallest ()

■ Key applications

- Heapsort
- Priority queue

Heap Operations – Insert(X)

■ Algorithm

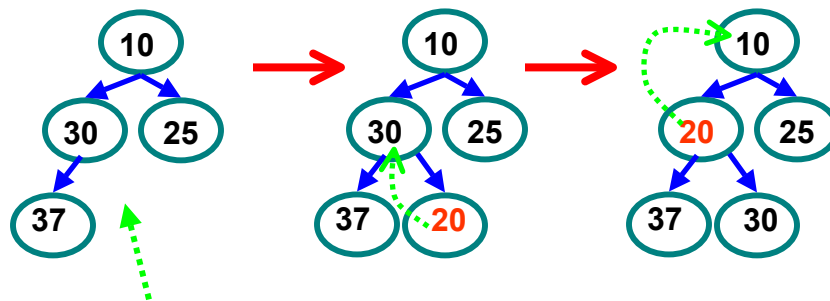
1. Add X to end of tree
2. While (X < parent)
 Swap X with parent // X bubbles up tree

■ Complexity

- # of swaps proportional to height of tree
- $O(\log(n))$

Heap Insert Example

■ Insert (20)



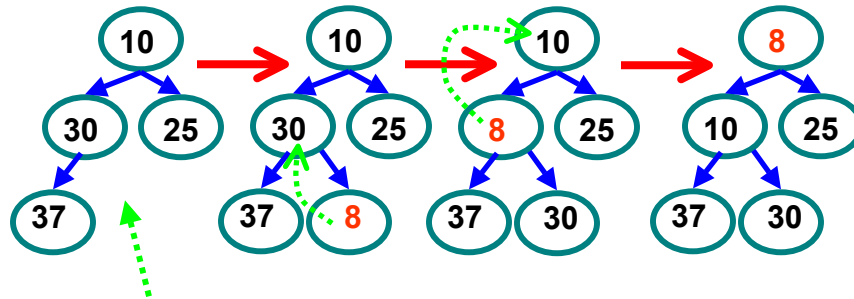
1) Insert to
end of tree

2) Compare to parent,
swap if parent key larger

3) Insert
complete

Heap Insert Example

■ Insert (8)



1) Insert to end of tree

2) Compare to parent, swap if parent key larger

3) Insert complete

Heap Operation – getSmallest()

■ Algorithm

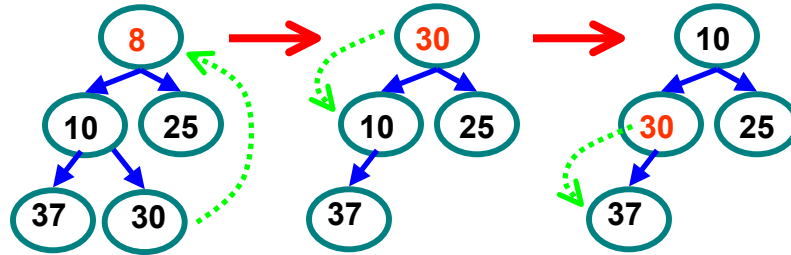
1. Get smallest node at root
2. Replace root with X at end of tree
3. While (X > child)
 Swap X with smallest child // X drops down tree
4. Return smallest node

■ Complexity

- # swaps proportional to height of tree
- $O(\log(n))$

Heap GetSmallest Example

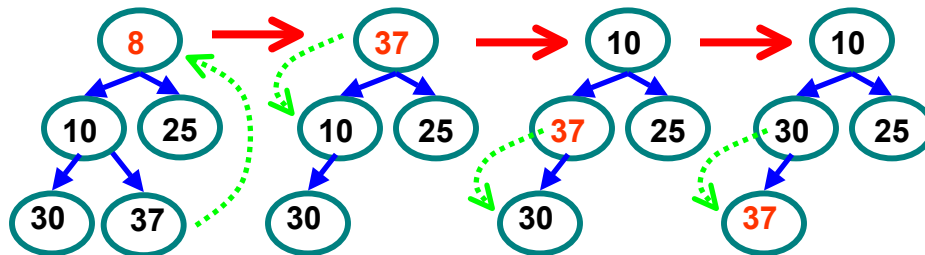
■ `getSmallest ()`



- 1) Replace root with end of tree
- 2) Compare node to children, if larger swap with smallest child
- 3) Repeat swap if needed

Heap GetSmallest Example

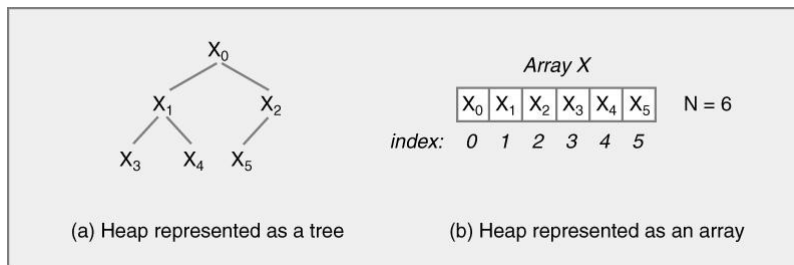
■ `getSmallest ()`



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Heap Implementation

- Can implement heap as array
 - Store nodes in array elements
 - Assign location (index) for elements using formula



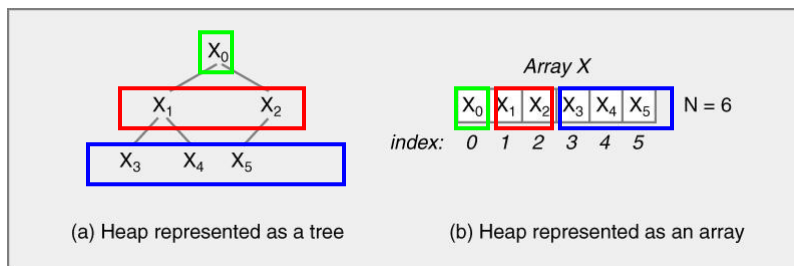
Heap Implementation

- Observations
 - Compact representation
 - Edges are implicit (no storage required)
 - Works well for complete trees (no wasted space)

Heap Implementation

■ Calculating node locations

- Array index i starts at 0
- $\text{Parent}(i) = \lfloor (i - 1) / 2 \rfloor$
- $\text{LeftChild}(i) = 2 \times i + 1$
- $\text{RightChild}(i) = 2 \times i + 2$



Heap Implementation

■ Example

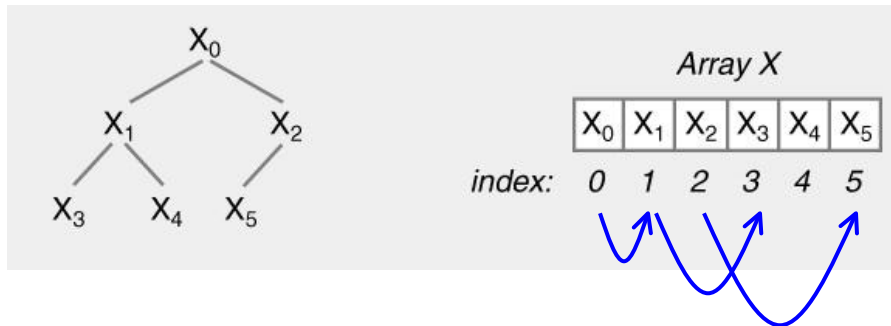
- $\text{Parent}(1) = \lfloor (1 - 1) / 2 \rfloor = \lfloor 0 / 2 \rfloor = 0$
- $\text{Parent}(2) = \lfloor (2 - 1) / 2 \rfloor = \lfloor 1 / 2 \rfloor = 0$
- $\text{Parent}(3) = \lfloor (3 - 1) / 2 \rfloor = \lfloor 2 / 2 \rfloor = 1$
- $\text{Parent}(4) = \lfloor (4 - 1) / 2 \rfloor = \lfloor 3 / 2 \rfloor = 1$
- $\text{Parent}(5) = \lfloor (5 - 1) / 2 \rfloor = \lfloor 4 / 2 \rfloor = 2$



Heap Implementation

■ Example

- $\text{LeftChild}(0) = 2 \times 0 + 1 = 1$
- $\text{LeftChild}(1) = 2 \times 1 + 1 = 3$
- $\text{LeftChild}(2) = 2 \times 2 + 1 = 5$



Heap Implementation

■ Example

- $\text{RightChild}(0) = 2 \times 0 + 2 = 2$
- $\text{RightChild}(1) = 2 \times 1 + 2 = 4$



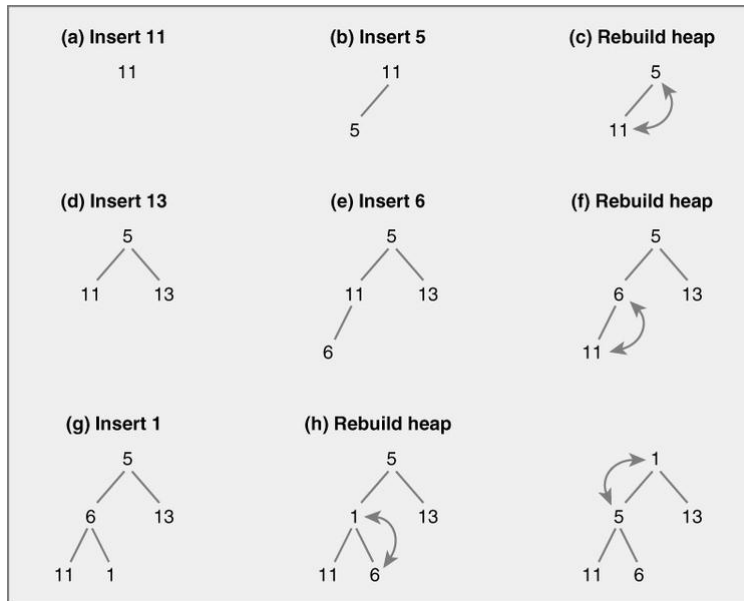
Heap Application – Heapsort

- Use heaps to sort values
 - Heap keeps track of smallest element in heap
- Algorithm
 1. Create heap
 2. Insert values in heap
 3. Remove values from heap (in ascending order)
- Complexity
 - $O(n \log(n))$

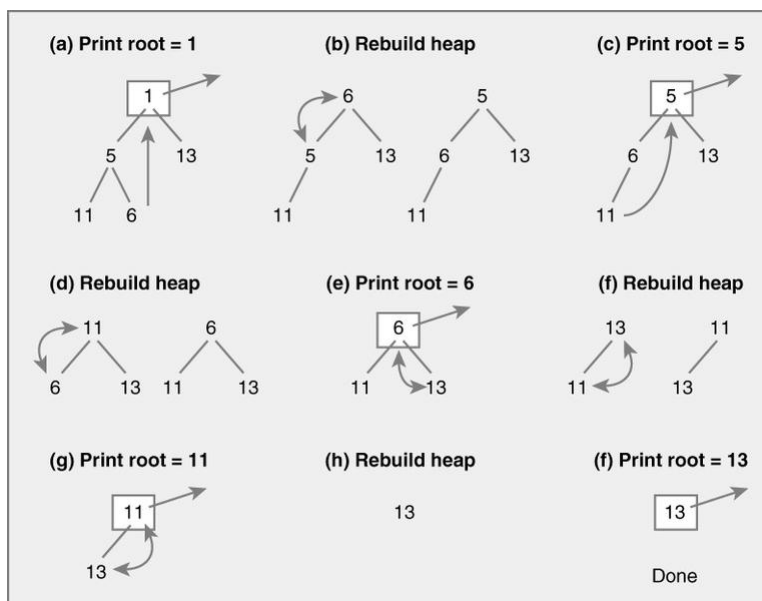
Heapsort Example

- Input
 - 11, 5, 13, 6, 1
- View heap during insert, removal
 - As tree
 - As array

Heapsort – Insert Values



Heapsort – Remove Values



Heapsort – Insert in to Array 1

■ Input

■ 11, 5, 13, 6, 1

Index =	0	1	2	3	4
Insert 11	11				

Heapsort – Insert in to Array 2

■ Input

■ 11, 5, 13, 6, 1

Index =	0	1	2	3	4
Insert 5	11	5			
Swap	5	11			

Heapsort – Insert in to Array 3

■ Input

■ 11, 5, 13, 6, 1

Index =	0	1	2	3	4
Insert 13	5	11	13		

Heapsort – Insert in to Array 4

■ Input

■ 11, 5, 13, 6, 1

Index =	0	1	2	3	4
Insert 6	5	11	13	6	
Swap	5	6	13	11	

...

Heapsort – Remove from Array 1

Input

■ 11, 5, 13, 6, 1

Index =	0	1	2	3	4
Remove root	1	5	13	11	6
Replace	6	5	13	11	
Swap w/ child	5	6	13	11	

Heapsort – Remove from Array 2

Input

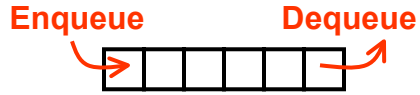
■ 11, 5, 13, 6, 1

Index =	0	1	2	3	4
Remove root	5	6	13	11	
Replace	11	6	13		
Swap w/ child	6	11	13		

Heap Application – Priority Queue

■ Queue

- Linear data structure
- First-in First-out (FIFO)
- Implement as array / linked list



■ Priority queue

- Elements are assigned **priority** value
- Higher priority elements are taken out first
- Equal priority elements are taken out in FIFO order
- Implement as heap

Priority Queue

■ Properties

- Lower value = higher priority
- Heap keeps highest priority items in front

■ Complexity

- Enqueue (insert) = $O(\log(n))$
- Dequeue (remove) = $O(\log(n))$
- For any heap

Heap vs. Binary Search Tree

- **Binary search tree**
 - Keeps values in sorted order
 - Find any value
 - $O(\log(n))$ for balanced tree
 - $O(n)$ for degenerate tree (worst case)
- **Heap**
 - Keeps smaller values in front
 - Find **minimum** value
 - $O(\log(n))$ for any heap
 - Can also organize heap to find **maximum** value
 - Keep largest value in front