# CS 240 – Data Structures and Data Management Module 2: Priority Queues

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#### **Outline**

- Priority Queues
  - Review: Abstract Data Types
  - ADT Priority Queue
  - Binary Heaps
  - Operations in Binary Heaps
  - PQ-Sort and Heapsort
  - Intro for the Selection Problem

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## Abstract Data Type (ADT)

- A description of information and a collection of operations on that information
- The information accessed only through the operations
- ADT describes what is stored and what can be done with it, but not how it is implemented
- Can have various realizations of an ADT, which specify
  - how the information is stored (data structure)
  - how the operations are performed (algorithms)

#### Stack ADT

- ADT consisting of a collection of items removed in LIFO (last in first out order)
- Operations
  - push inserts an item
  - pop removes and typically returns the most recently inserted item
- Items enter at the top and are removed from the top
- Extra operations
  - size, isEmpty, and top
- Applications
  - addresses of recently visited sites in a Web browser, procedure calls
- Realizations of Stack ADT
  - arrays
  - linked lists

#### Queue ADT



- ADT consisting of a collection of items removed in FIFO (first-in first-out) order
- Operations
  - enqueue inserts an item
  - dequeue removes and typically returns the least recently inserted
- Items enter queue at the rear and are removed from front
- Extra operations
  - size, isEmpty, and front
- Realizations of Queue ADT
  - (circular) arrays
  - linked lists

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## **Priority Queue ADT**

- Collection of items each having a priority
  - priority is also called key
- Operations
  - insert: insert an item tagged with a priority
  - deleteMax: remove and return the item of highest priority
    - also called extractMax
- Definition is for a maximum-oriented priority queue
- To define minimum-oriented priority queue, replace deleteMax by deleteMin
- Applications
  - typical "todo" list
  - simulation systems
  - sorting

## Using Priority Queue to Sort

```
PQ-Sort(A[0 ... n - 1])

1. initialize PQ to an empty priority queue

2. for i \leftarrow 0 to n - 1 do

4. PQ.insert(A[i])

5. for i \leftarrow n - 1 downto 0 do

6. A[i] \leftarrow PQ.deleteMax ()
```

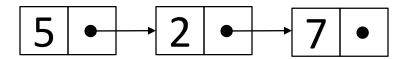
- A[i] is item with priority A[i]
- Run-time depends on priority queue implementation
- Can write as  $O(\text{initialization} + n \cdot \text{insert} + n \cdot \text{deleteMax})$

## Realizations of Priority Queues

Attempt 1: unsorted arrays

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- assume dynamic arrays
  - expand by doubling when needed
  - happens rarely, so amortized time over all insertions is O(1)
- insert:  $\Theta(1)$
- deleteMax:  $\Theta(n)$
- PQ sort becomes  $\Theta(n^2)$
- Attempt 2: unsorted linked lists



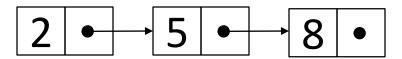
- efficiency identical to Attempt 1
- this realization used for sorting yields selection sort

## Realizations of Priority Queues

Attempt 3: sorted arrays

- 2 5 8
- Store items in order of increasing priority
- deleteMax:  $\Theta(1)$
- insert:  $\Theta(n)$
- PQ-sort similar to InsertionSort and is  $\Theta(n^2)$  worst case

- Attempt 4: sorted linked-lists
  - similar to Attempt 3



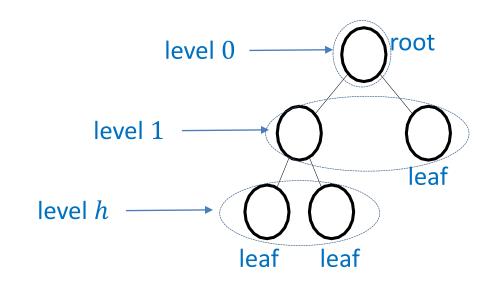
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### **Binary Tree Review**

- A binary tree is either
  - empty, or
  - consists of three parts
    - a node
    - left subtree
    - right subtree
- Terminology
  - root, leaf, parent, child, level, sibling, ancestor, descendant
  - height of the tree is the maximum level in the tree



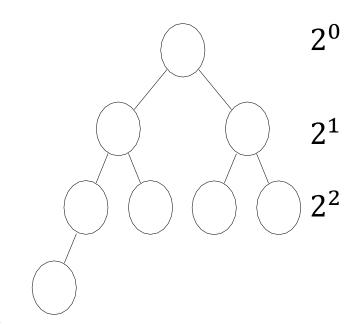
## Binary Tree Review

- Consider tree with n nodes of smallest possible height h
  - all levels must be as full as possible
    - except possibly the last level h
    - level 0 has 2<sup>0</sup> nodes
    - level 1 has 2<sup>1</sup> nodes

    - level i has  $2^i$  nodes
    - level h has between 1 and  $2^h$  nodes
- Can bound

$$n \le 2^{0} + 2^{1} + 2^{2} + \dots + 2^{h-1} + 2^{h}$$
  
erefore  $n \le 2^{h+1} - 1$   
onlifying  $n > \log(n+1) - 1$   
 $S = 2^{0} + 2^{1} + \dots + 2^{h+1}$ 

- Therefore  $n \le 2^{h+1} 1$
- Simplifying,  $h \ge \log(n+1) 1$
- Binary tree height is  $\Omega(\log n)$ 
  - height is between n-1 and  $\log(n+1)-1$ , which is  $\Omega(\log n)$
  - note use of asymptotics for function other than time complexity



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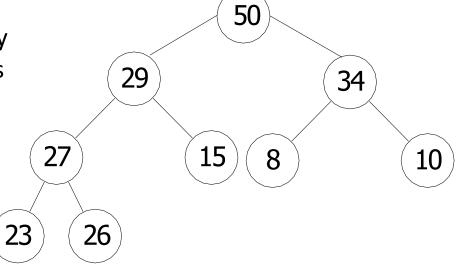
## Third Realization of Priority Queue: Heaps

 A max-oriented binary heap is a binary tree with the following two properties

1. Structural Property

 all levels of a heap are completely filled, except (possibly) the last level

items in the last level are left-justified



- 2. Heap-order Property
  - for any node i, key[parent of i]  $\geq$  key[i]
- A min-heap is the same, but with opposite order property
- More accurate picture of nodes



Priority = 50, <other info>

## Heap Height

Lemma: Height of a heap with n nodes is  $\Theta(\log n)$ 

- Since heap is a binary tree, height h is  $\Omega(\log n)$
- Need to show that height h is  $O(\log n)$
- Heap has all levels full except possibly level h
  - $2^i$  nodes at level  $0 \le i \le h-1$
- Thus

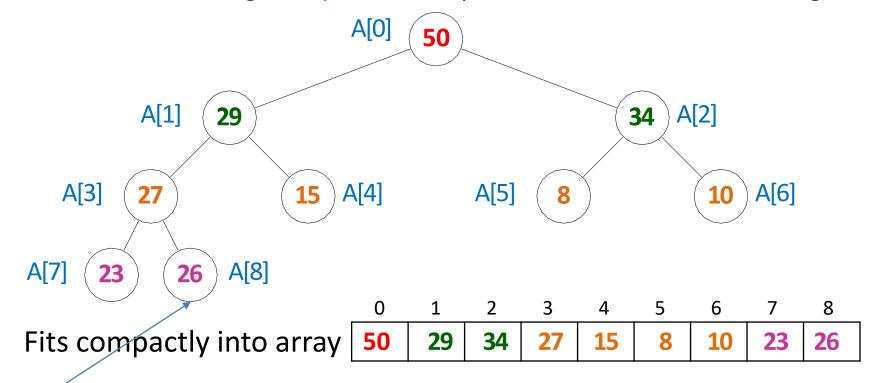
at least last node at level *h* 

$$n \ge 2^{0} + 2^{1} + 2^{2} + \dots + 2^{h-1} + 1$$
 $n \ge 2^{h} - 1 + 1$ 
 $n \ge 2^{h}$ 
 $h \le \log n$ 

• Thus  $h \in O(\log n)$ 

## **Storing Heaps in Arrays**

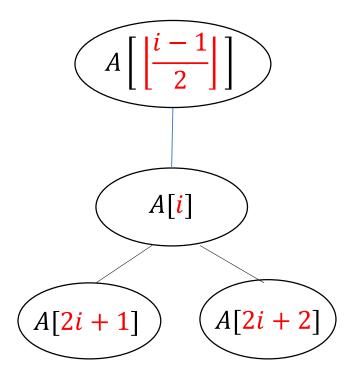
- Using linked structure for heaps wastes space
- Let *H* be a heap of *n* items and let *A* be an array of size *n* 
  - store root in A[0]
  - continue storing level-by-level from top to bottom, in each level left-to-right



• Last heap node is in A[n-1]

## Heaps in Arrays: Navigation

- root node is A[0]
- left child of A[i], if exists, is A[2i + 1]
- right child of A[i], if exists, is A[2i + 2]
- parent of A[i], if exists, is  $A\left[\left[\frac{i-1}{2}\right]\right]$



- Hide implementation details using helper-function
  - functions root(), parent(i), left(i), right(i)
  - last() returns index of the last node in the heap
- Some of these helper functions need to know n,
  - omit it from pseudocode for simplicity

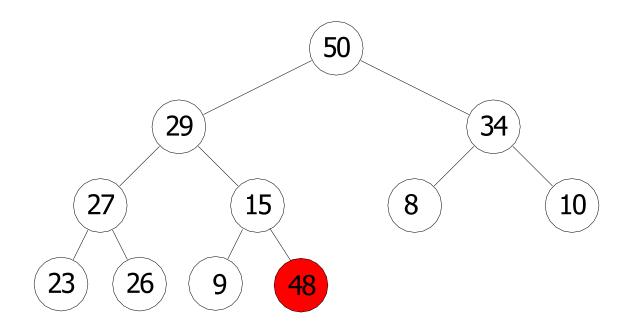
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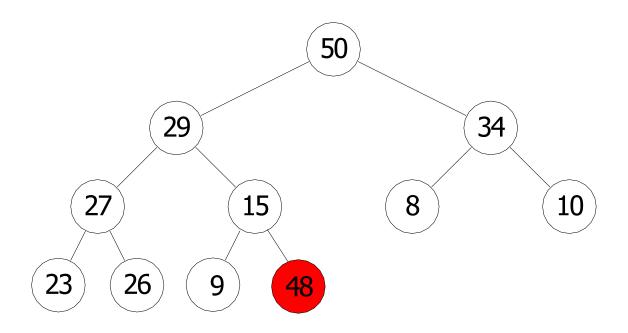
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## Insertion in Heaps

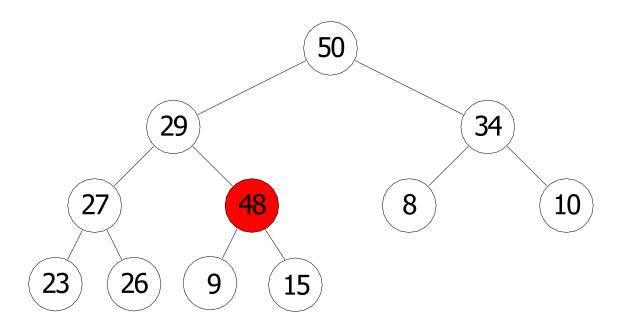
- Place new key at the first free leaf
- Heap-order property might be violated
- Perform a fix-up



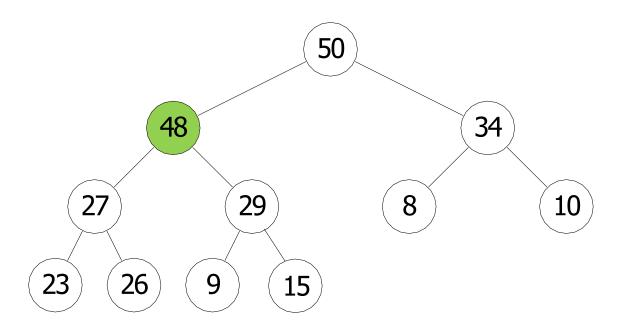
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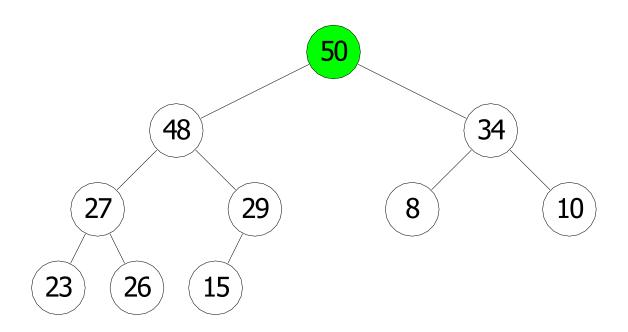
## fix-up pseudocode

```
\begin{aligned} \textit{fix-up}(A, i) \\ \textit{i: an index corresponding to heap node} \\ \textit{while parent}(i) \text{ exists and } &\mathbf{A}[parent(i)]. key < A[i]. key \textit{do} \\ &\text{swap } A[i] \text{ and } &A[parent(i)] \\ &i \leftarrow parent(i) \quad // \text{ move to one level up} \end{aligned}
```

• Worst case time complexity:  $O(\text{heap height}) = O(\log n)$ 

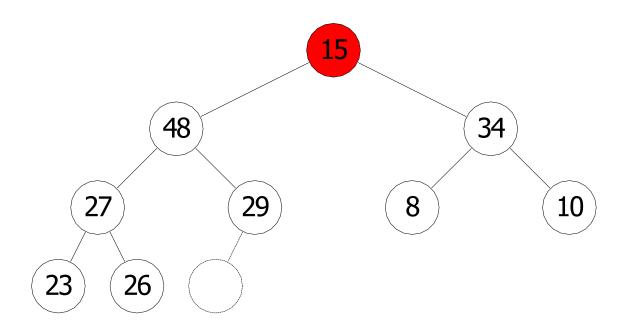
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- Replace root by the last leaf



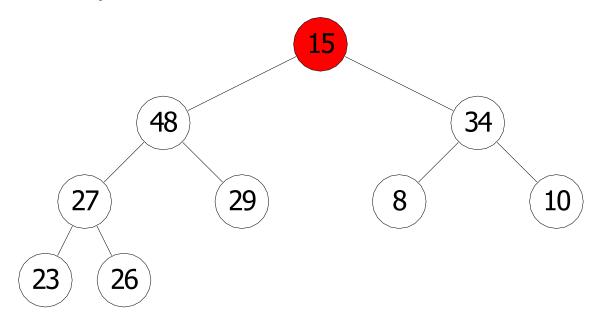
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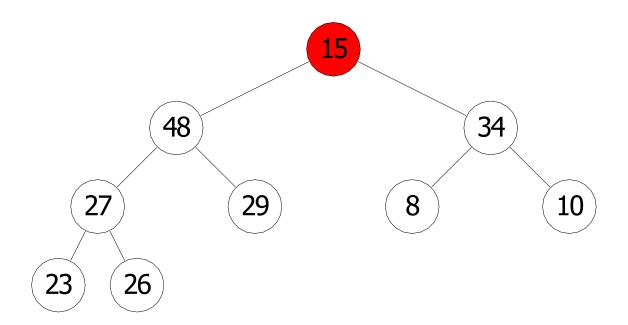
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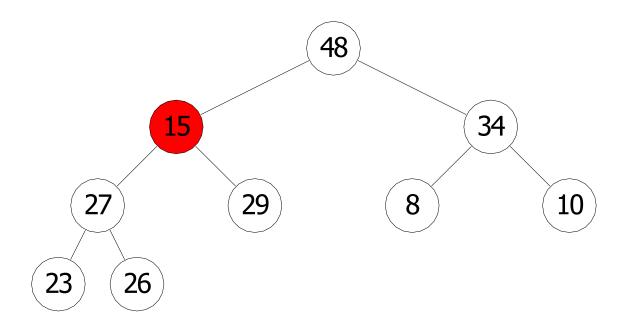


- The heap-order property might be violated
  - perform fix-down

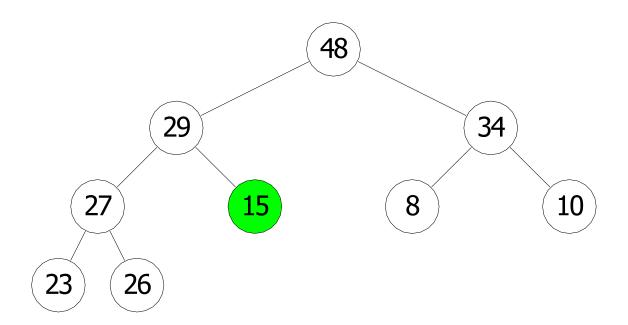
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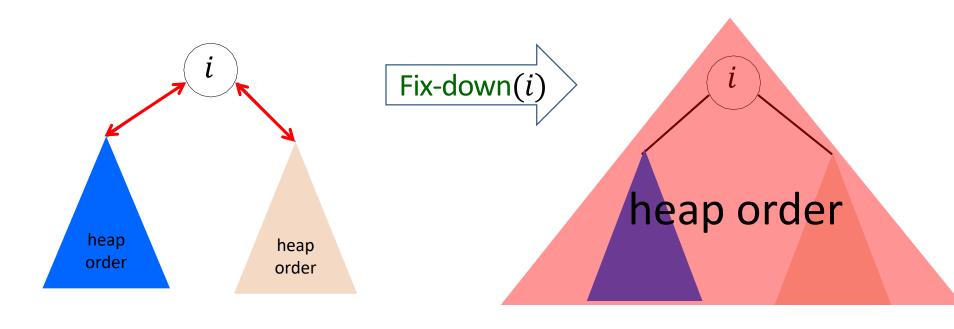


# fix-down example



## fix-down guarantees

- Let i be any node s.t. its left and right subtrees satisfy heap-order
- fix-down(i) restores the order in the subtree rooted at i
  - proof by induction on height

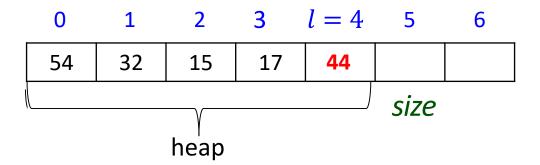


#### Fix-Down

```
fix-down(A, i)
i: index corresponding to a heap node, A: heap array
 while i is not a leaf do
      j \leftarrow \text{left child of } i
      if j \neq last() and A[j+1]. key > A[j]. key then
             j \leftarrow j + 1 // right child is larger
     // at this point, j indexes the child with the larger key
      if A[i].key \geq A[j].key // order is fixed, done
           break
      swap A[i] and A[j]
      i \leftarrow j
                                  // move to one level down
```

• Time:  $O(\text{heap height}) = O(\log n)$ 

## **Priority Queue Realization Using Heaps**



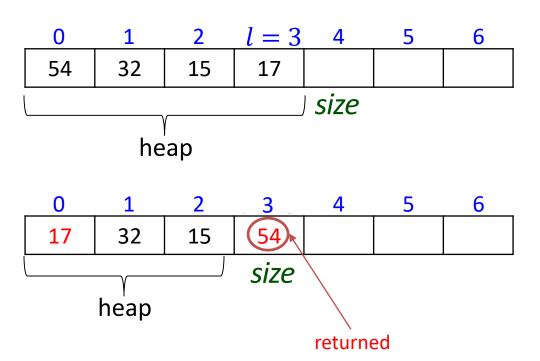
Store items in priority queue in array A and keep track of size

$$insert(x)$$
 $increase \ size$ 
 $l \leftarrow last()$ 
 $A[l] \leftarrow x$ 
 $fix-up (A, l)$ 

• *insert* is  $O(\log n)$ 

## **Priority Queue Realization Using Heaps**

```
\begin{aligned} \textit{deleteMax} () \\ l &\leftarrow last() \\ swap \ A[root()] \ \text{ and } A[l] \\ \text{decrease } size \\ \textit{fix-down}(A,root()) \\ \textbf{return} \ (A[l]) \end{aligned}
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## Sorting using Heaps

• Can sort with priority queue in  $O(init + n \cdot insert + n \cdot deleteMax)$ 

PQSortWithHeaps(A)

$$H \leftarrow \text{empty heap}$$

for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n-1$  do

 $H. \text{insert}(A[i])$ 

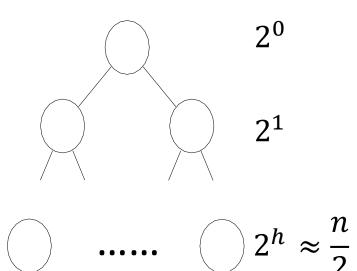
for  $k \leftarrow n-1$  downto  $0$  do

 $A[i] \leftarrow H. \text{deleteMax}()$ 

$$n = 2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^{h-1} + 2^h$$
all levels except last

$$n = 2^h - 1 + 2^h$$
$$\frac{n+1}{2} = 2^h$$

- simple heap building
- uses additional array of size n for storing heap H
- insert uses fix-up
- worst-case time is  $\Theta(n \log n)$





### Sorting using Heaps

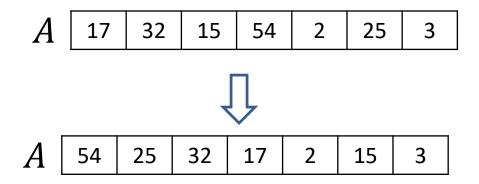
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\mathbf{for}\ k \leftarrow n-1 \ \mathbf{downto}\ 0 \ \mathbf{do}
A[k] \leftarrow H. \text{deleteMax}()
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- PQ-Sort with heap is  $O(n \log n)$  and not in place
  - need O(n) additional space for heap array H
- Heapsort: improvement to PQ-Sort with two added tricks
  - use the input array A to store the heap!
  - 2. heap can be built in linear time if know all items in advance
  - heapsort is in-place, needs O(1) additional (or *auxiliary*) space

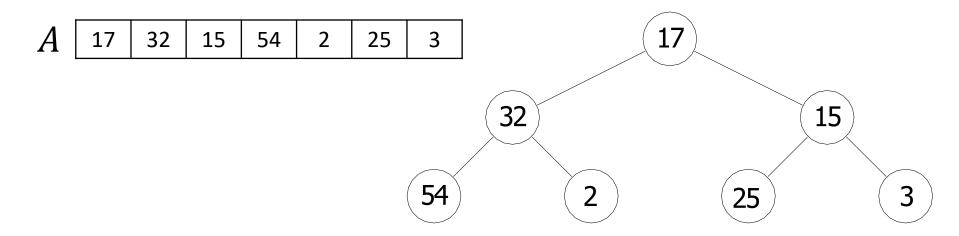
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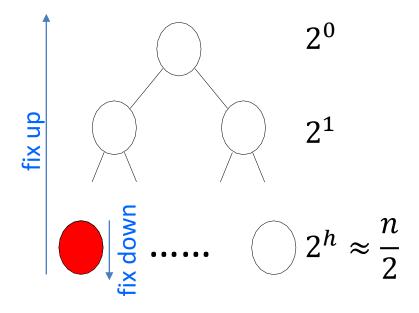


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- i.e. put items in A[0, ..., n-1] in heap-order
- Treat array as a binary tree
- Heap order does not hold
  - can use either fix-down or fix-up for each node
  - both work, but fix-down is more efficient

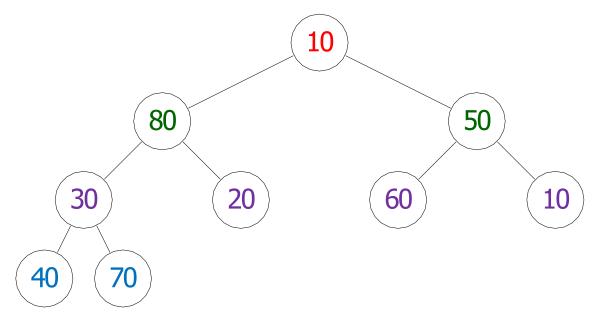
#### Building Heap Directly In Input Array: Fix-Up vs. Fix-Down

- Worst case scenario
  - deepest nodes are most numerous, there are  $\frac{n}{2}$  of them
- For each deep node
  - fix-up takes  $O(\log n)$  time
  - fix-down takes O(1) time



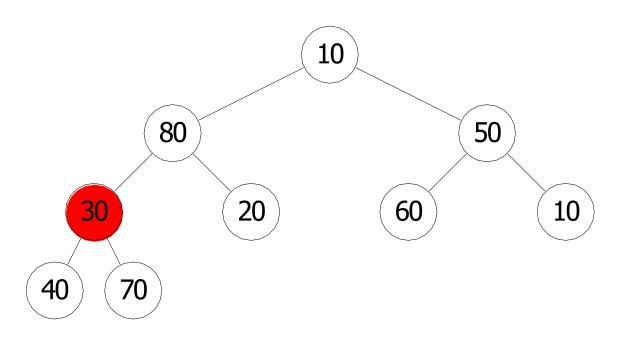
- Fix-up called for all  $\frac{n}{2}$  deepest nodes takes  $O(n \log n)$  time
- Fix-down for all  $\frac{n}{2}$  deepest nodes takes O(n) time

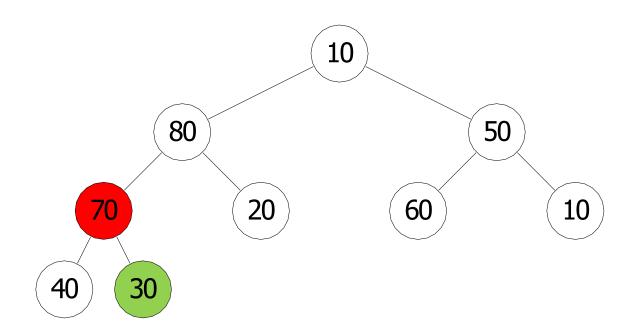
- Arbitrary array  $A = \{10, 80, 50, 30, 20, 60, 10, 40, 70\}$
- View it as binary tree using our normal indexing for heaps

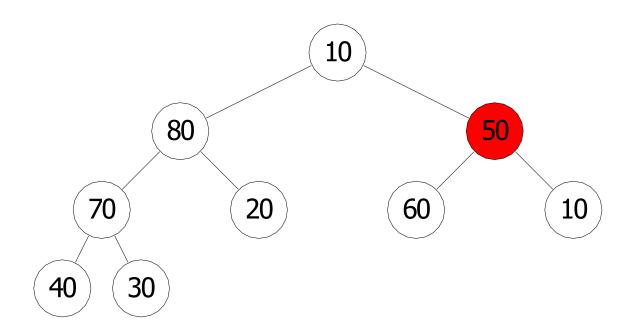


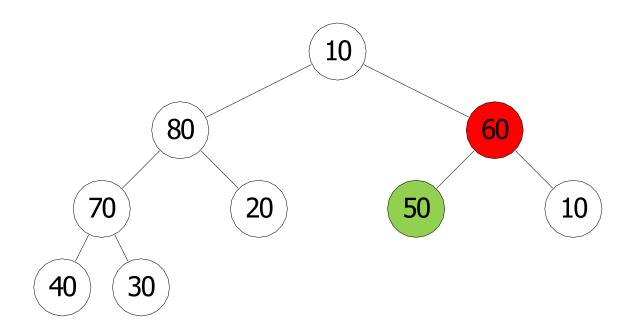
- In general, do not get a heap
- Put it in heap order by repeatedly calling fix-down
  - resulting algorithm is called *heapify*

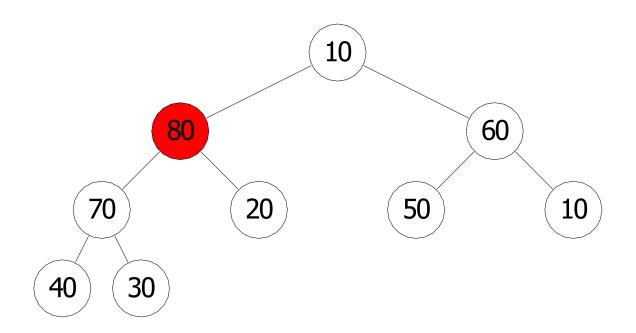
- No need to call fix-down on the leaves
  - No harm, but *fix-down* will do nothing for the leaves
- Start calling fix-down with the parent of last node
  - this is the deepest and leftmost non-leaf node

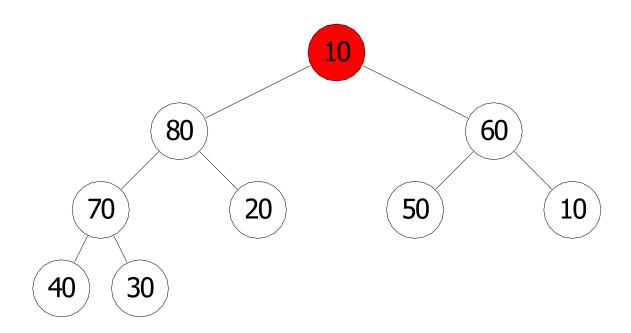


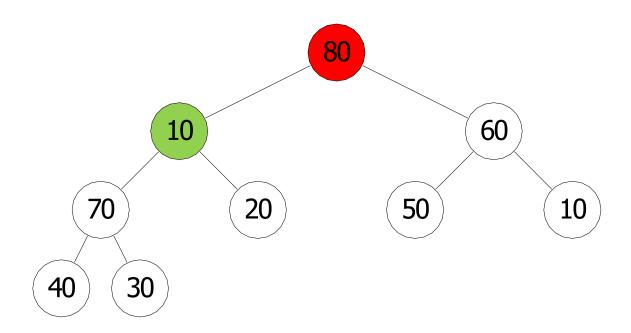


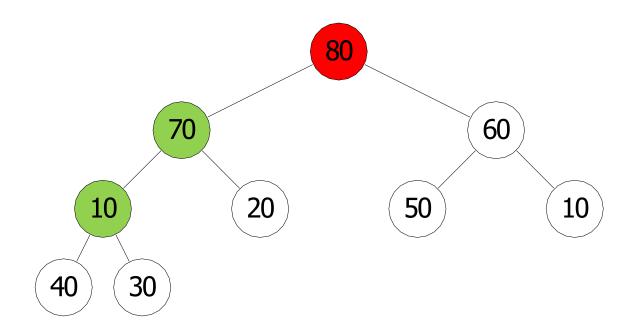


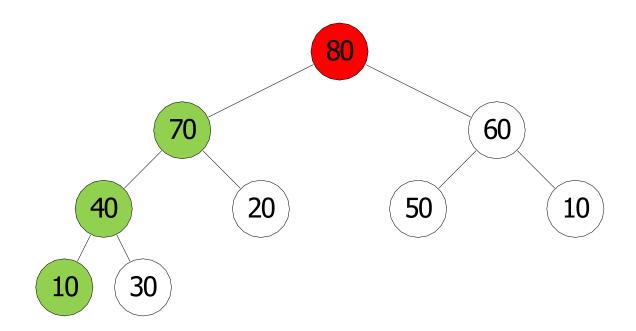












## Heapify Pseudocode

```
heapify (A)

A: an array

for i \leftarrow parent(last()) downto 0 do

fix-down (A, i)
```

- Straightforward analysis yields complexity  $O(n \log n)$
- Careful analysis yields complexity  $\Theta(n)$
- A heap can be built in linear time if we know all items in advance

# Heapify Analysis

$$\sum_{i=0}^{h-1} 2^{i}(h-i) = 2^{h} \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \frac{2^{i}(h-i)}{2^{h}} = 2^{h} \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} \frac{(h-i)}{2^{h-i}}$$

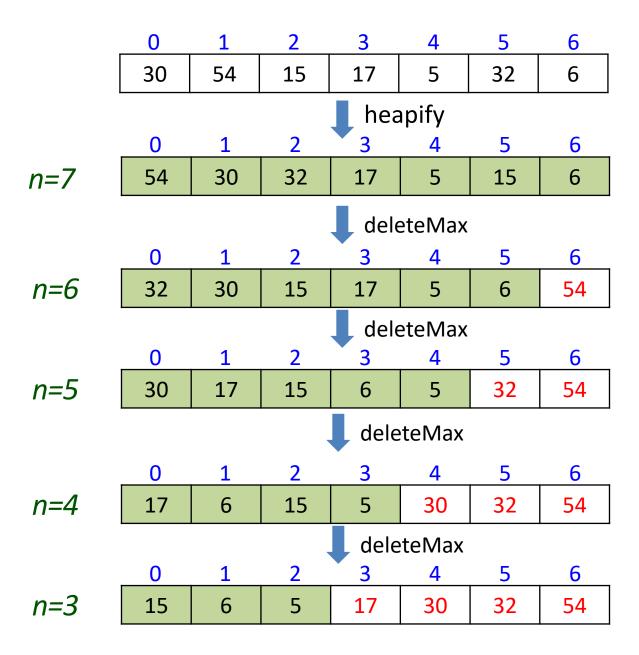
$$= 2^{h} \left(\frac{h}{2^{h}} + \frac{h-1}{2^{h-1}} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^{1}}\right)$$

$$= 2^{h} \sum_{i=1}^{h} \frac{i}{2^{i}} \le 2^{h}c \le 2^{\log n}c = cn$$

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## HeapSort



### HeapSort

```
\begin{aligned} & \textbf{for } i \leftarrow parent \ (last()) \ \textbf{downto} \ \ 0 \ \textbf{do} \\ & fix\text{-}down \ (A,i) & \Theta(n) \\ & \textbf{while} \ n > 1 \\ & \text{swap items } A[root()] \ \text{and } A[last()] & \text{deleteMax}, n \ \text{times} \\ & \text{decrease } n & \Theta(n\log n) \end{aligned}
```

- Similar to PQ-Sort with heaps, but uses input array A for storing heap
- In-place, i.e. only O(1) extra space

### **Heap Summary**

- Binary heap: binary tree that satisfies structural property and heap order property
- Heaps are one possible realization of ADT PriorityQueue
  - insert takes  $O(\log n)$  time
  - deleteMax takes  $O(\log n)$  time
  - also supports findMax in O(1) time
- A binary heap can be built in linear time, if all elements are known beforehand
- With binary heaps leads to a sorting algorithm with  $O(n \log n)$  worst case time
- We have seen max-oriented version of heaps
- There exists a symmetric min-oriented version supporting insert and deleteMin with same run times

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#### Selection

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
	3	6	10	0	5	4	9
sorted	0	3	4	5	6	9	10

- Select(k) problem find kth item in array A of n numbers
  - item that would be in A[k] if A was sorted in nondecreasing order
    - this is (k + 1) smallest item in the array
  - example: select(3) = 5
  - nondecreasing = increasing if keys do not repeat

#### Solution 1

- $\blacksquare$  make k+1 passes through A, deleting minimum number each time
- $\bullet$   $\Theta(kn)$
- k = n/2, time complexity is  $\Theta(n^2)$ 
  - efficient solution is harder to obtain if k is a median

#### Solution 2

- sort array A and return number at index k
- lacksquare  $\Theta(n \log n)$
- complexity does not depend on k

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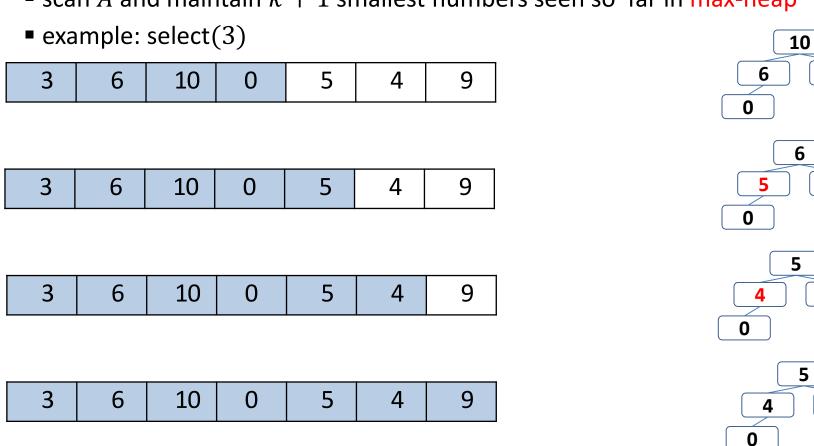
#### **Solution 3**

• scan A and maintain k+1 smallest numbers seen so far in max-heap

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- at the end, kth item is on the heap top (5 in our example)
- $\Theta(n \log k)$  time complexity
- for k = n/2, this solution is  $\Theta(n \log n)$

#### Selection

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
3	6	10	0	5	4	9	2	1	7

#### Solution 4

- make A into a min-heap by calling heapify(A)
- call deleteMin(A) k+1 times
- $\bullet \Theta(n + k \log n)$ 
  - better than  $\Theta(n \log k)$  time complexity of solution 3
- if k = n/2, this solution is  $\Theta(n \log n)$