

CSE 326: Data Structures

Priority Queues – Binary Heaps

Brian Curless
Spring 2008

1

Administrative

- HW1 due beginning of class Friday
- P1 due Wednesday
 - Electronic submission by end of Wednesday (11:59 + ϵ PM PDT, $\epsilon < 0:01$)
- Reading for this week: Chapter 6.

2

Recall Queues

- FIFO: First-In, First-Out
 - Print jobs
 - File serving
 - Phone calls and operators
 - Lines at the Department of Licensing...

3

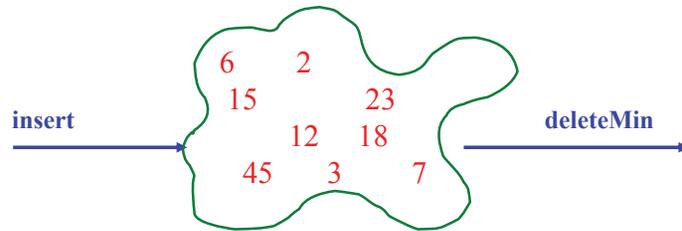
Priority Queues

- Often, we want to allow skipping to front of the line – a **priority queue**:
- Select print jobs in order of decreasing **length**
 - Forward packets on routers in order of **urgency**
 - Operating system can favor jobs of shorter **duration** or those tagged as having higher **importance**
 - Greedy optimization: “**best first**” problem solving

4

Priority Queue ADT

- Need a new ADT
- Operations: Insert an Item,
Remove the “Best” Item



5

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

4/7/2008

6

Potential implementations

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

7

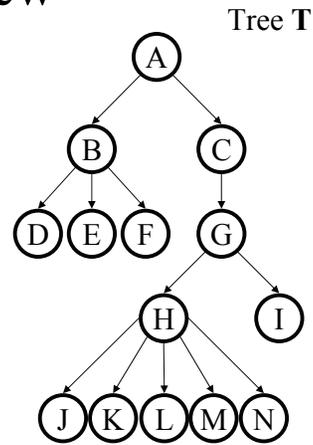
Choosing the Right ADT

- Use an ADT that corresponds to your needs
- The right ADT is efficient, while an overly general ADT provides functionality you aren't using, but are paying for anyways
- Today we look at using a **binary heap** (a kind of binary tree) for priority queues:
 - $O(\log n)$ worst case for both insert and deleteMin
 - $O(1)$ average insert
- What if priority is equal to seconds since creation of priority queue?

8

Tree Review

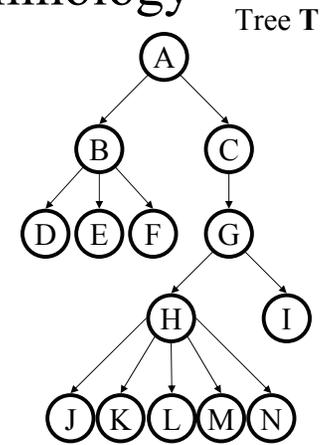
root(T):
leaves(T):
children(B):
parent(H):
siblings(E):
ancestors(F):
descendants(G):
subtree(C):



9

More Tree Terminology

depth(B):
height(G):
height(T):
degree(B):
branching factor(T):
n-ary tree:



10

Binary Heap Properties

A binary heap is a binary tree with two important properties that make it a good choice for priority queues:

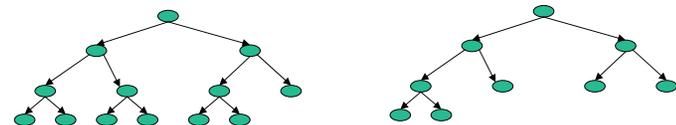
1. **Structure Property**
2. **Ordering Property**

Note: we will sometimes refer to a binary heap as simply a “heap”.

11

Heap Structure Property

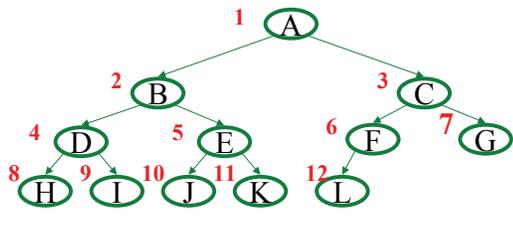
- A binary heap is a **complete** binary tree.
- Complete binary tree** – binary tree that is completely filled, with the possible exception of the bottom level, which is filled left to right.
- Examples:**



Height of a complete binary tree with n nodes?

12

Representing Complete Binary Trees in an Array



From node **i**:

left child:
right child:
parent:

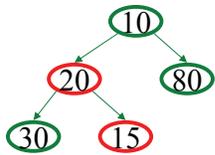
implicit (array) implementation:

	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

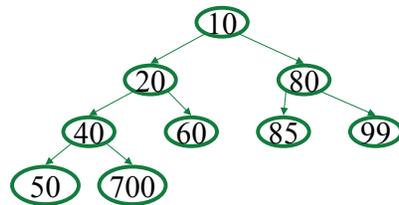
Why this approach to storage?

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.

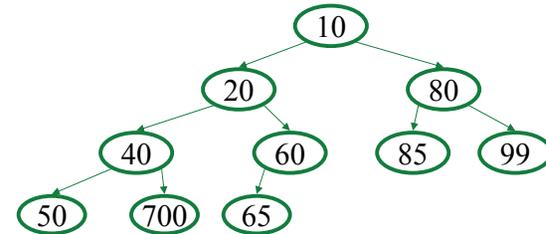


not a heap



Heap Operations

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



Working on Heaps

- What are the two properties of a heap?
 - Structure Property
 - Order Property
- How do we work on heaps?
 - Fix the structure
 - Fix the order

17

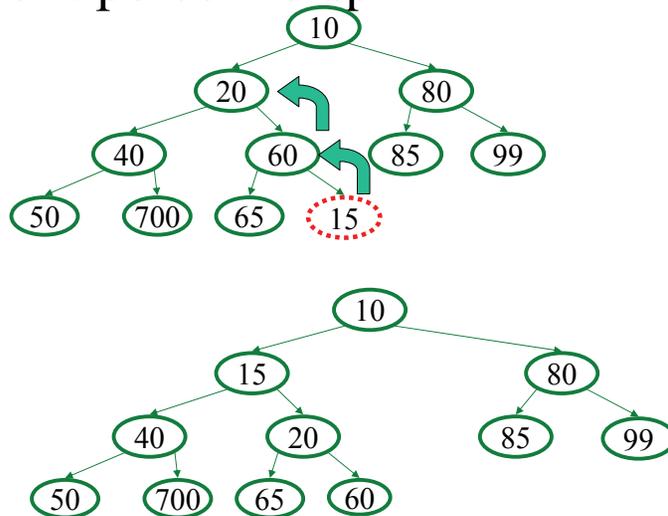
Heap – insert(val)

Basic Idea:

1. Put val at “next” leaf position
2. Percolate up by repeatedly exchanging node until no longer needed

18

Insert: percolate up



19

Insert 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)

20

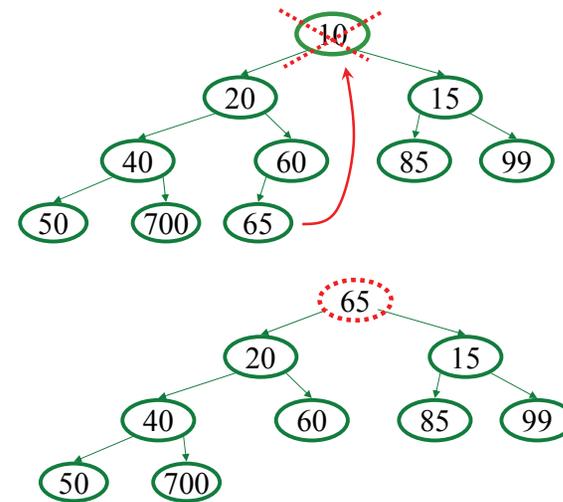
Heap – deleteMin

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.

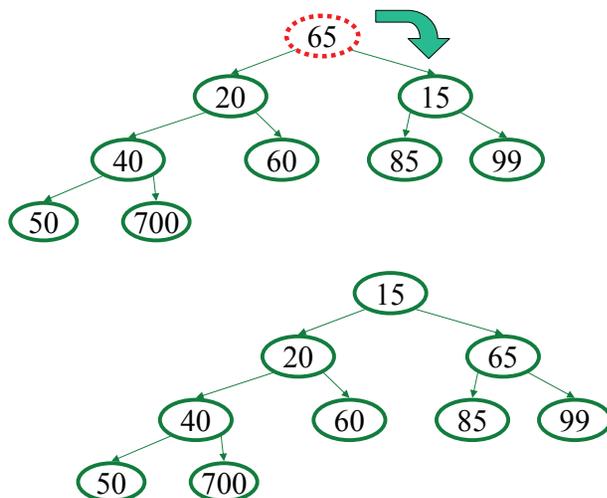
21

DeleteMin: percolate down



22

DeleteMin: percolate down



23

DeleteMin Code (Optimized)

```

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

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;

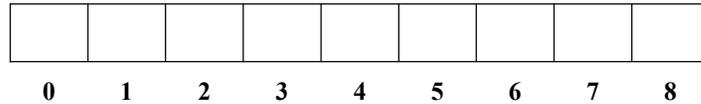
        if (Heap[target] < val) {
            Heap[hole] = Heap[target];
            hole = target;
        }
        else
            break;
    }
    return hole;
}
    
```

runtime:

(Java code in book)

24

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



25

More Priority Queue Operations

decreaseKey(objPtr, amount):

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

Binary heap: change priority of node and _____

increaseKey(objPtr, amount):

given a pointer to an object in the queue, increase its priority value

Binary heap: change priority of node and _____

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

Worst case running times?

26

More Priority Queue Operations

remove(objPtr):

given a pointer to an object in the queue, remove it

Binary heap: _____

findMax():

Find the object with the highest value in the queue

Binary heap: _____

Worst case running times?

27

More Binary Heap Operations

expandHeap():

If heap has used up array, copy to new, larger array.

- Running time:

buildHeap(objList):

Given list of objects with priorities, fill the heap.

- Naïve solution:

- Running time:

Can we do better with **buildHeap**?

28

Building a Heap: Take 1

12	5	11	3	10	6	9	4	8	1	7	2
----	---	----	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

29

Building a Heap: Take 2

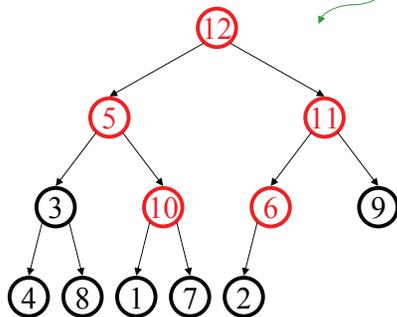
12	5	11	3	10	6	9	4	8	1	7	2
----	---	----	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

30

BuildHeap: Floyd's Method

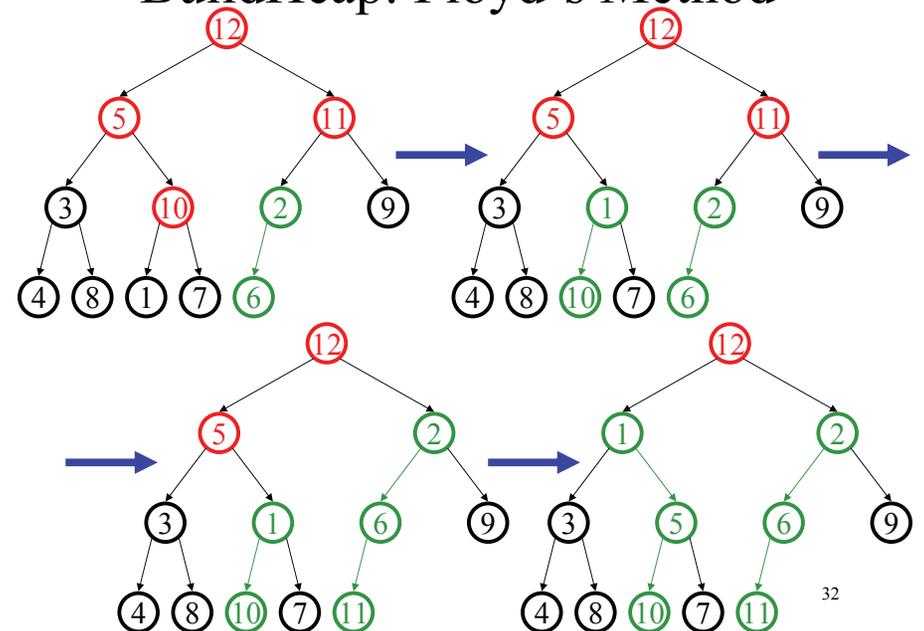
12	5	11	3	10	6	9	4	8	1	7	2
----	---	----	---	----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Add elements arbitrarily to form a complete tree.
Pretend it's a heap and fix the heap-order property!



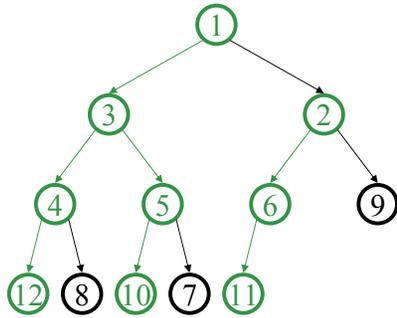
31

BuildHeap: Floyd's Method



32

Finally...



33

Buildheap pseudocode

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

runtime:

34