

Priority Queues

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Today's Outline

- **Admin:**
 - Homework #3 – implement 3 heaps!
 - due Thursday May 1st
- **Priority Queues**
 - **Binary Min Heaps**
 - **D-Heaps**

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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

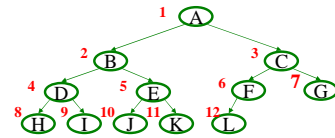
Realities:

- 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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Representing Complete Binary Trees in an Array



From node *i*:

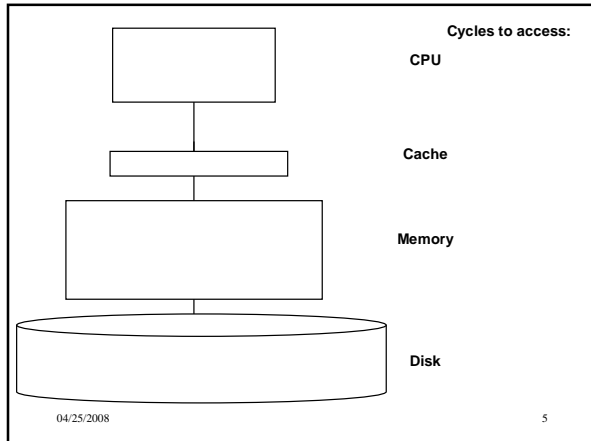
left child:
right child:
parent:

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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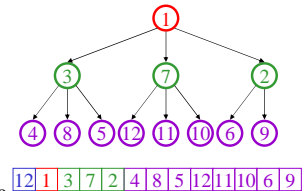


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A Solution: *d*-Heaps

- Each node has *d* children
- Still representable by array
- Good choices for *d*:
 - (choose a power of two for efficiency)
 - fit one set of children in a cache line
 - fit one set of children on a memory page/disk block



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Operations on d -Heap

- Insert : runtime =
- deleteMin: runtime =

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