


# Heaps

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## Priority Queues

- Data structure supporting the following operations:
  - *insert* (equivalent to enqueue)
  - *deleteMin* (or *deleteMax*) (equivalent to dequeue)
  - Other operations (optional)
- Applications:
  - Emergency room waiting list
  - Routing priority at routers in a network
  - Printing job scheduling

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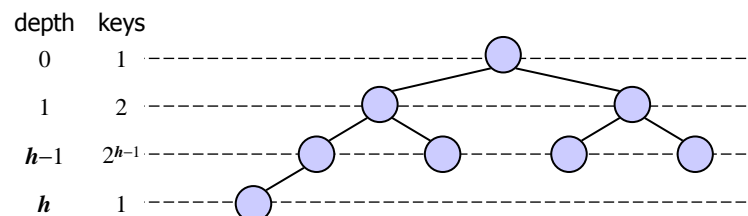
## Simple Implementations of PQs

- Unsorted linked list
  - insertion  $O()$
  - deleteMin  $O()$
- Sorted linked list
  - insertion  $O()$
  - deleteMin  $O()$
- AVL trees
  - insertion  $O()$
  - deleteMin  $O()$
- Unsorted array
  - insertion  $O()$
  - deleteMin  $O()$
- Sorted array
  - insertion  $O()$
  - deleteMin  $O()$
- A data structure more efficient for PQs is heaps.

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## Complete Binary Trees

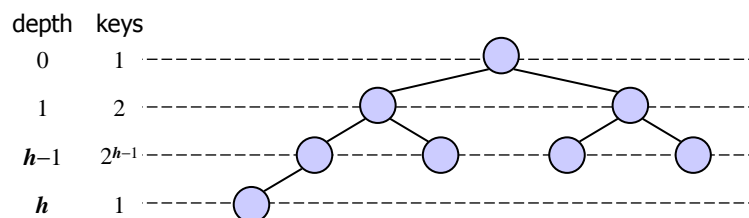
- Let  $h$  be the height of a binary tree.
  - for  $i = 0, \dots, h - 1$ , there are  $2^i$  nodes at depth  $i$ .
    - that is, all levels except the last are full.
  - at depth  $h$ , the nodes are filled from left to right.



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## Complete Binary Trees (2)

- Given a complete binary tree of height  $h$  and size  $n$ ,  
 $2^h \leq n \leq 2^{h+1} - 1$
- Which data structure is better for implementing complete binary trees, arrays or linked structures?



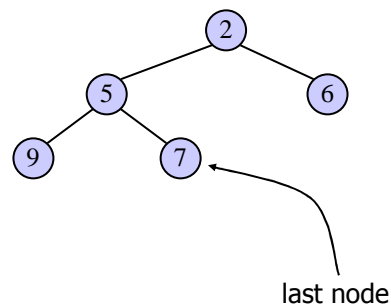
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## Heaps

- A heap is a binary tree storing keys at its nodes and satisfying the following properties:

- Heap-Order: for every internal node  $v$  other than the root,  
 $key(v) \geq key(parent(v))$
- Complete Binary Tree: let  $h$  be the height of the heap
  - for  $i = 0, \dots, h-1$ , there are  $2^i$  nodes at depth  $i$ .
  - at depth  $h$ , the nodes are filled from left to right.

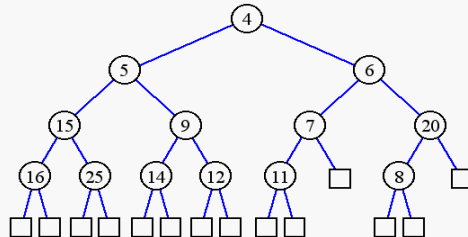
- The last node of a heap is the rightmost node of depth  $h$ .
- Where can we find the smallest key in a min heap? The largest key?



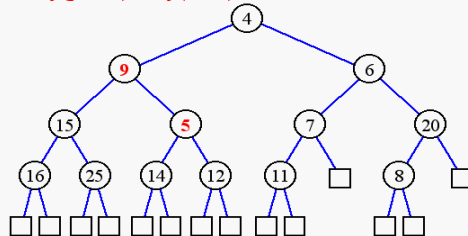
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## Examples that are not heaps

- bottom level is not left-filled



- $\text{key}(\text{parent}) > \text{key}(\text{child})$



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## Height of a Heap

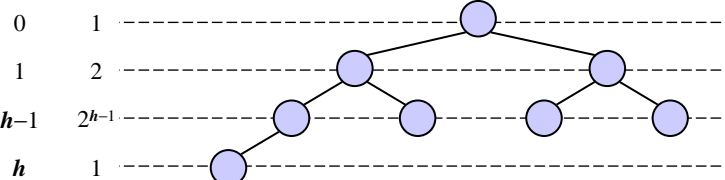
- Theorem: A heap storing  $n$  keys has height  $O(\log n)$

Proof: (we apply the complete binary tree property)

- Let  $h$  be the height of a heap storing  $n$  keys
- Since there are  $2^i$  keys at depth  $i = 0, \dots, h-1$  and at least one key at depth  $h$ , we have  $n \geq 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots + 2^{h-1} + 1$
- Thus,  $n \geq 2^h$ , i.e.,  $h \leq \log n$



depth keys



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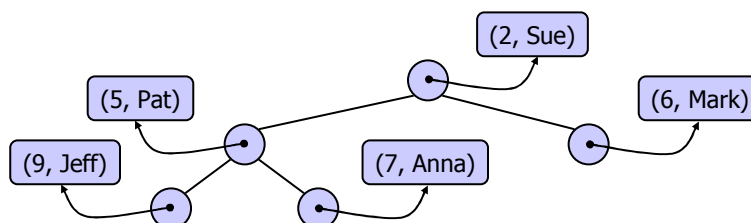
## Max Heap

- The definition we just discussed is for a *min* heap.
- Analogously, we can declare a *max* heap if we need to implement *deleteMax* operation instead of *deleteMin*.

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## Heaps and Priority Queues

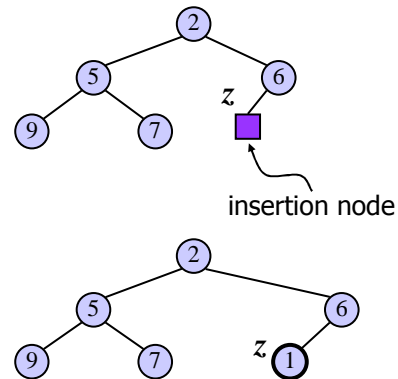
- We can use a heap to implement a priority queue
- We store a (key, element) item at each internal node
- We keep track of the position of the last node



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## Insertion into a Heap

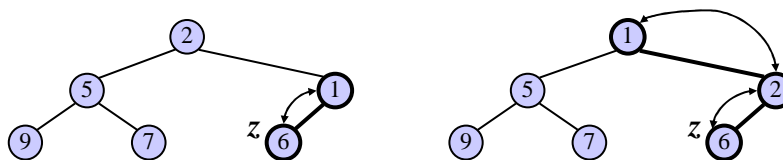
- Method insert of the priority queue ADT corresponds to the insertion of a key  $k$  to the heap
- The insertion algorithm consists of three steps
  - Find the insertion node  $z$  (the new last node)
  - Store  $k$  at  $z$
  - Restore the heap-order property (discussed next)



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## Upheap Percolation (Bubbling)

- After the insertion of a new key  $k$ , the heap-order property may be violated
- Algorithm upheap restores the heap-order property by swapping  $k$  along an upward path from the insertion node
- Upheap terminates when the key  $k$  reaches the root or a node whose parent has a key smaller than or equal to  $k$
- Since a heap has height  $O(\log n)$ , upheap runs in  $O(\log n)$  time

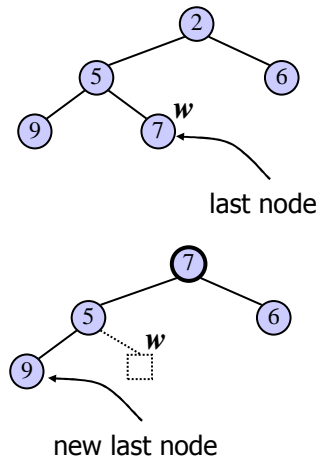


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## Removal from a Heap

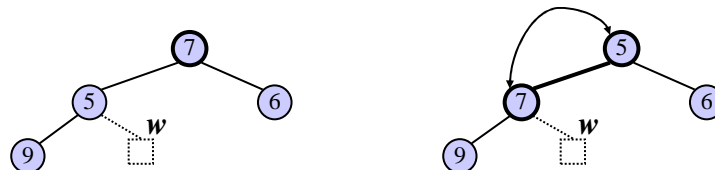
- Method *deleteMin* of the priority queue ADT corresponds to the removal of the root key from the heap
- The removal algorithm consists of three steps
  - Replace the root key with the key of the last node  $w$
  - Remove  $w$
  - Restore the heap-order property (discussed next)



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## Downheap Percolation

- After replacing the root key with the key  $k$  of the last node, the heap-order property may be violated
- Algorithm downheap restores the heap-order property by swapping key  $k$  along a downward path from the root
- Upheap terminates when key  $k$  reaches a leaf or a node whose children have keys greater than or equal to  $k$
- Since a heap has height  $O(\log n)$ , downheap runs in  $O(\log n)$  time



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Next Time ...

- Heap Sort (8.3.5)