

## HEAPS AND PRIORITY QUEUES

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## Abstract vs concrete data structures

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- Abstract data structures are **interfaces**
  - ▣ they specify only **interface** (method names and specs)
  - ▣ not **implementation** (method bodies, fields, ...)
- Concrete data structures are **classes**. Abstract data structures can have multiple possible implementations by different concrete data structures.

## Abstract vs concrete data structures

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- **interface** List defines an “abstract data type”.
- It has methods: add, get, remove, ...
- Various **classes** (“concrete data types”) implement List:

Class:	ArrayList	LinkedList
Backing storage:	array	chained nodes
add(i, val)	O(n)	O(n)
add(0, val)	O(n)	O(1)
add(n, val)	O(1)	O(1)
get(i)	O(1)	O(n)
get(0)	O(1)	O(1)
get(n)	O(1)	O(1)

## Concrete Data Types

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## Concrete data structures

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- Array
- LinkedList (singley-linked, doubly-linked)
- Trees (binary, general)
- Heaps

## Heaps

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- A **heap** is a binary tree with certain properties (it's a concrete data structure)
  - Heap Order Invariant: every element in the tree is  $\geq$  its parent
  - Complete Binary Tree: every level of the tree (except last) is completely filled, there are no holes

Do not confuse with **heap memory**, where the Java virtual machine allocates space for objects – different usage of the word **heap**

### Order Property

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Every element is  $\geq$  its parent

Note: 19, 20 < 35: Smaller elements can be deeper in the tree!

### Completeness Property

Every level (except last) completely filled.  
Nodes on bottom level are as far left as possible.

### Completeness Property

Not a heap because it has two holes

Not a heap because:

- missing a node on level 2
- bottom level nodes are not as far left as possible

### Heaps

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- A heap implements two key methods:
  - add(e): adds a new element to the heap
  - poll(): deletes the least element and returns it

### add (e)

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1. Put in the new element in a new node

**add ()**

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2. Bubble new element up if less than parent

**add ()**

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**add ()**

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**add (e)**

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- Add e at the leftmost empty leaf
- Bubble e up until it no longer violates heap order
- The heap invariant is maintained!

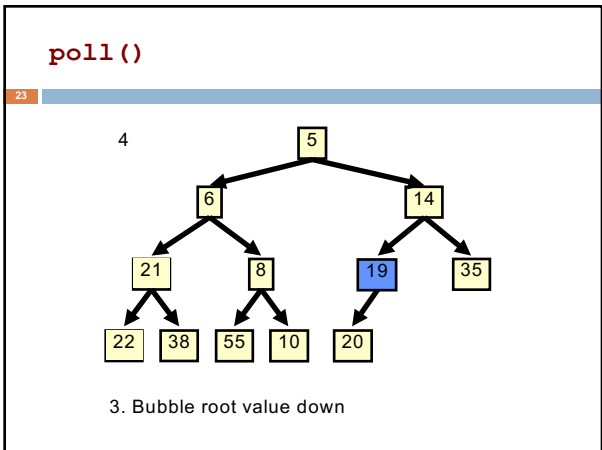
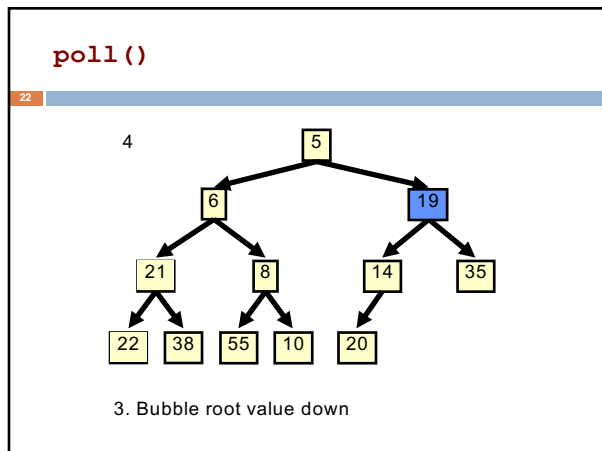
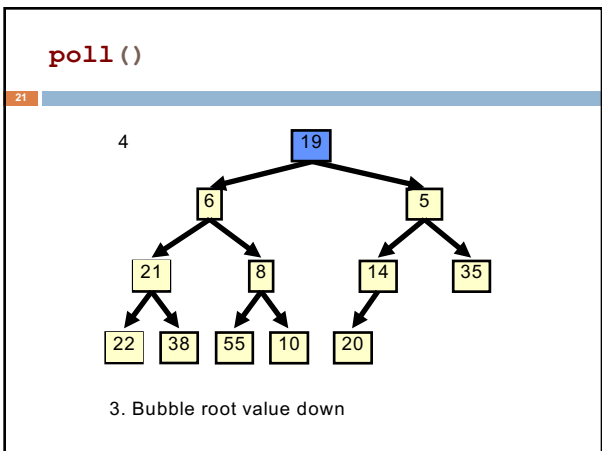
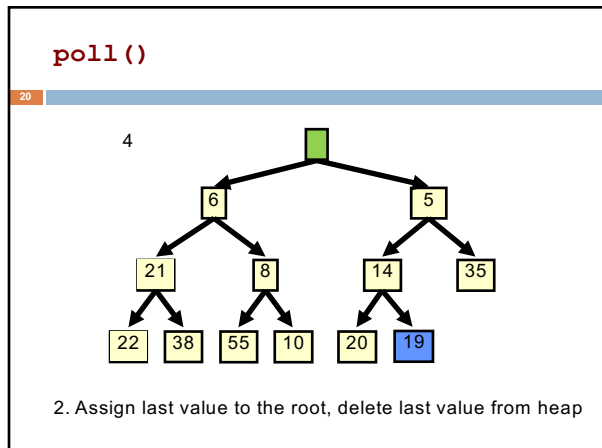
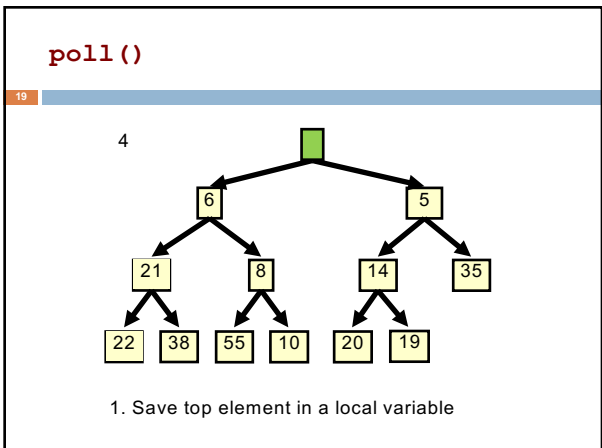
**add(e) to a tree of size n**

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- Time is  $O(\log n)$ , since the tree is balanced
  - size of tree is exponential as a function of depth
  - depth of tree is logarithmic as a function of size

**poll ()**

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- poll ()**
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- Save the least element (the root)
  - Assign last element of the heap to the root.
  - Remove last element of the heap.
  - Bubble element down –always with smaller child, until heap invariant is true again.
- The heap invariant is maintained!**
- Return the saved element
- Time is  $O(\log n)$ , since the tree is balanced**

### Implementing Heaps

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```
public class HeapNode<E> {
    private E value;
    private HeapNode left;
    private HeapNode right;
    ...
}
```



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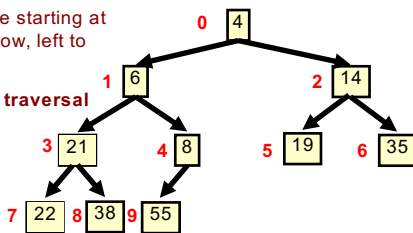
```
public class Heap<E> {
    private E[] heap;
    ...
}
```

### Numbering the nodes in a heap

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Number node starting at root row by row, left to right

Level-order traversal

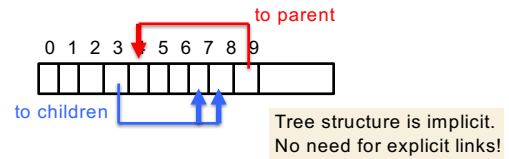


Children of node  $k$  are nodes  $2k+1$  and  $2k+2$   
 Parent of node  $k$  is node  $(k-1)/2$

Store a heap in an array (or ArrayList)  $b$ !

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- Heap nodes in  $b$  in order, going across each level from left to right, top to bottom
- Children of  $b[k]$  are  $b[2k + 1]$  and  $b[2k + 2]$
- Parent of  $b[k]$  is  $b[(k - 1)/2]$



### add() --assuming there is space

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```
/** An instance of a heap */
class Heap<E> {
    E[] b= new E[50]; // heap is b[0..n-1]
    int n= 0; // heap invariant is true

    /** Add e to the heap */
    public void add(E e) {
        b[n]= e;
        n= n + 1;
        bubbleUp(n - 1); // given on next slide
    }
}
```

### add() . Remember, heap is in $b[0..n-1]$

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```
class Heap<E> {
    /** Bubble element #k up to its position.
     * Pre: heap inv holds except maybe for k */
    private void bubbleUp(int k) {
        int p= (k-1)/2;
        // inv: p is parent of k and every elmnt
        // except perhaps k is >= its parent
        while (k > 0 && b[k].compareTo(b[p]) < 0) {
            swap(b[k], b[p]);
            k= p;
            p= (k-1)/2;
        }
    }
}
```

**poll () . Remember, heap is in b[0..n-1]**

```

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/** Remove and return the smallest element
 * (return null if list is empty) */
public E poll() {
    if (n == 0) return null;
    E v= b[0]; // smallest value at root.
    n= n - 1; // move last
    b[0]= b[n]; // element to root
    bubbleDown(0);
    return v;
}
    
```

**c's smaller child**

```

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/** Tree has n node.
 * Return index of smaller child of node k
 * (2k+2 if k >= n) */
public int smallerChild(int k, int n) {
    int c= 2*k + 2; // k's right child
    if (c >= n || b[c-1].compareTo(b[c]) < 0)
        c= c-1;
    return c;
}
    
```

```

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/** Bubble root down to its heap position.
 * Pre: b[0..n-1] is a heap except maybe b[0] */
private void bubbleDown() {
    int k= 0;
    int c= smallerChild(k, n);
    // inv: b[0..n-1] is a heap except maybe b[k] AND
    //      b[c] is b[k]'s smallest child
    while (c < n && b[k].compareTo(b[c]) > 0) {
        swap(b[k], b[c]);
        k= c;
        c= smallerChild(k, n);
    }
}
    
```

34 Abstract Data Types


- Some Abstract Data Types
- List
  - Stack (LIFO) implemented using a List
    - allows only `add(0, val)`, `remove(0)` (push, pop)
  - Queue (FIFO) implemented using a List
    - allows only `add(n, val)`, `remove(0)` (enqueue, dequeue)
- Both efficiently implementable using a singly linked list with head and tail
- ```

head → [55] → [12] → [19] → [16]
tail → [16]
    
```
- PriorityQueue

- Priority Queue
- Data structure in which data items are **Comparable**
  - Smaller elements (determined by `compareTo()`) have higher priority
  - `remove()` return the element with the highest priority = least element in the `compareTo()` ordering
  - break ties arbitrarily

### Many uses of priority queues (& heaps)

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Surface simplification [Garland and Heckbert 1997]

- Event-driven simulation: customers in a line
- Collision detection: "next time of contact" for colliding bodies
- Graph searching: Dijkstra's algorithm, Prim's algorithm
- AI Path Planning: A\* search
- Statistics: maintain largest M values in a sequence
- Operating systems: load balancing, interrupt handling
- Discrete optimization: bin packing, scheduling
- College: prioritizing assignments for multiple classes.

### java.util.PriorityQueue<E>

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```
interface PriorityQueue<E> {
    boolean add(E e) {...} //insert e.
    void clear() {...} //remove all elems.
    E peek() {...} //return min elem.
    E poll() {...} //remove/return min elem.
    boolean contains(E e)
    boolean remove(E e)
    int size() {...}
    Iterator<E> iterator()
}
```

TIME  
log  
constant  
log  
linear  
linear  
constant  
IF implemented with a heap

### Priority queues as lists

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- Maintain as a list
  - add() put new element at front -  $O(1)$
  - poll() must search the list -  $O(n)$
  - peek() must search the list -  $O(n)$
- Maintain as an ordered list
  - add() must search the list -  $O(n)$
  - poll() min element at front -  $O(1)$
  - peek()  $O(1)$

Can we do better?

### Priority queues as heaps

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- A heap can be used to implement priority queues
- Gives better complexity than either ordered or unordered list implementation:
  - add() :  $O(\log n)$  (n is the size of the heap)
  - peek() :  $O(1)$
  - poll() :  $O(\log n)$

### What if the priority is independent from the value?

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Separate priority from value and do this:

```
add(e, p); //add element e with priority p (a double)
```

THIS IS EASY!

Be able to change priority

```
change(e, p); //change priority of e to p
```

THIS IS HARD!

Big question: How do we find e in the heap?  
Searching heap takes time proportional to its size! No good!  
Once found, change priority and bubble up or down. OKAY

Assignment A6: implement this heap! Use a second data structure to make change-priority expected  $\log n$  time