

**Ex 2.4.14:** What is the minimum number of items that must be exchanged during a remove the maximum operation in a heap of size  $N$  with no duplicate keys? Give a heap of size 15 for which the minimum is achieved. Answer the same questions for two and three successive remove the maximum operations.

**Solution:**

We can put numbers in a way that we get 2 as number of  $m$  in swaps. Worst case is  $\log N$  where we would have to check at each level if parent and any of its children have to be swapped. Best case is 2 swaps.