

**COMP20003**  
**Algorithms and Data Structures**  
**Priority Queues**

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**Queues**

- A **queue**  $Q$  has the following **operations**:

- `makeQ()` ;
- `enQ(Q, item)` ;
- `deQ(Q, first)` ;
- `emptyQ(Q)` ;



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**Priority Queues**

- A **priority queue**  $PQ$  has the **operations**:
  - `makePQ()` ;
  - `enQ(PQ, item)` ;
  - `deletemax(PQ)` ; /\* or `deletemin()` \*/
  - `emptyPQ(PQ)` ;
  - `changeWeight(PQ, item)` ;
- Also `delete(PQ, item)` , `replace(PQ, item)` .

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**Simple implementations of  
priority queue**

- Unsorted array:
  - Construct:
  - Get highest priority:
- Sorted array:
  - Construct:
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## Simple implementations of priority queue

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## A better implementation of priority queue: The Heap

Heap data structure:

- A complete tree
  - *n.b.* a complete tree is...?
- Every node satisfies the "heap condition":
  - $\text{parent} \rightarrow \text{key} \geq \text{child} \rightarrow \text{key}$ , for all children
  - Root is therefore ...?

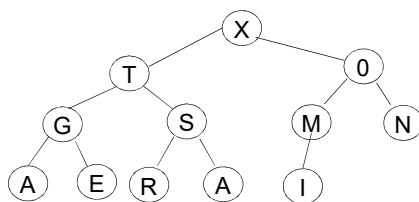
Complete tree represented as an array:

- *n.b.* we first look at **binary heaps**, but
  - A heap need not be binary

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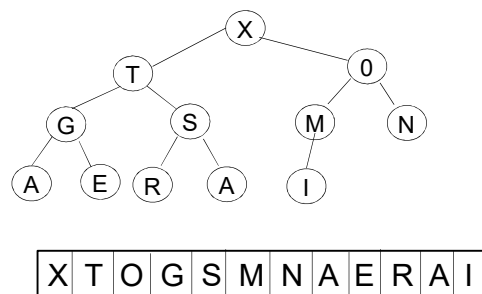
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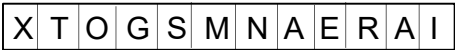
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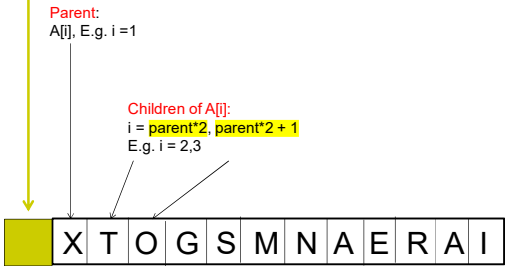


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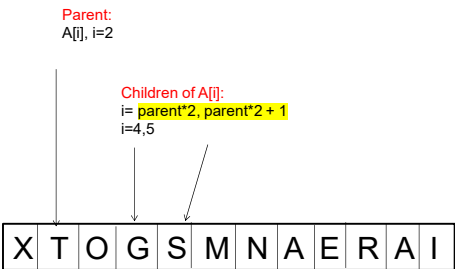
The arithmetic is easier if we use  $A[1]$  as the root.



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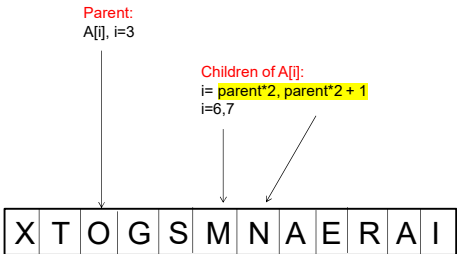
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Example heap



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## Example heap

Recall the heap condition:

- **parent**->**key** >= **child**->**key**, for all children

For array representation of Binary Heap, this means:

- $A[i] \geq A[2*i]$  &&  $A[i] \geq A[2*i+1]$

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## deletemax()

1) Return **highest priority** item:

- Return **root**

2) **Fix heap**:

- Put **last item** into **root** position
- Reduce size of PQ by one
- **Fix heap condition** for root: **downheap()**

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## deletemax() : Exercise

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← Keys

← Array Index

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## downheap()

```
downheap(int[] PQ, int k)
{
    int j, v;
    v = PQ[k];          /* value, or priority */
    while( k <= n/2 )   /* A[k] has children */
    {
        /* point to children*/
        j = k*2;
        /* j set to highest child*/
        if(j < n && PQ[j] < PQ[j+1]) j++;
        if (v >= PQ[j]) break; /* check heap OK */
        PQ[k] = PQ[j]; k = j; /* swap and continue */
    }
    /* final position of original A[k] value*/
    PQ[k] = v;
}
```

Complete code: <https://jdoodle.com/a/701>

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### deletemax ()

For a maxheap of integers:

```
int deletemax(int[] PQ)
{
    int v = PQ[1];
    PQ[1] = PQ[n--];
    downheap(1);
    return(v);
}
```

**Exercise:** construct a maxheap of **pointers to struct**;  
return a **pointer** to the maximum priority item

- **LINK:** <https://jdoodle.com/a/70/>



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### Fixing heap with upheap ()

**Inserting** a new item into an **already-formed heap**:

```
void upheap(int* PQ, int k)
{
    int v;
    v = PQ[k];
    PQ[0] = INT_MAX; /* sentinel, limits.h */
    while(PQ[k/2] <= v) { /* note integer arith */
        PQ[k] = PQ[k/2];
        k = k/2;
    }
    PQ[k] = v;
}
```

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### upheap () VS. downheap ()

- Add **new** item in **last place** in heap:
  - **upheap ()**
  - $O()$
- Replace **root** in heap:
  - **downheap ()**
  - $O()$

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### Heapsort

Heap suggests a **method for sorting**:

- **Construct heap**
- **Swap root** (max) with **last** element
- **Remove last** element from further consideration, *i.e.* decrease size of heap by 1
- **Fix heap** using....
  - ... **downheap ()**
- **Repeat** until finished

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## Cost of heapsort

- **Construct** heap  $O()$  ?
- Successively **move max** to end and **fix**:
  - $n * \text{deletemax}()$ :
  - $n * O(\log n) \rightarrow O(n \log n)$

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## Making a heap: two strategies

### Strategy 1:

- Insert items **one-by-one** into the array
- `upheap()` as **each new item** is inserted

Insert  $n$  items into heap of size  $n$ :

- Each insertion:  $O()$
- How many insertions?
- Overall:  $O()$

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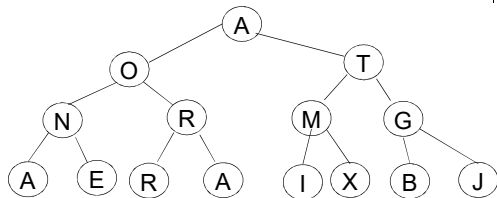
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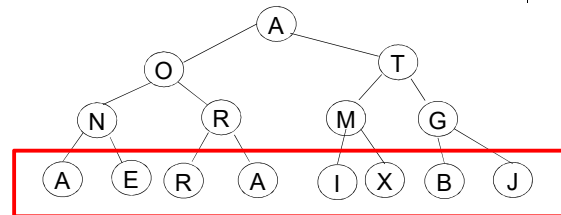
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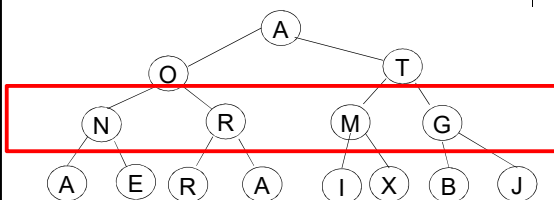
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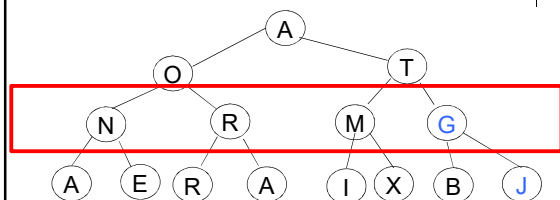
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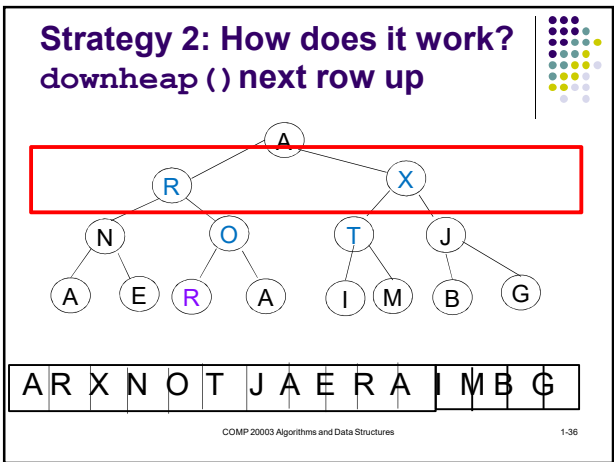
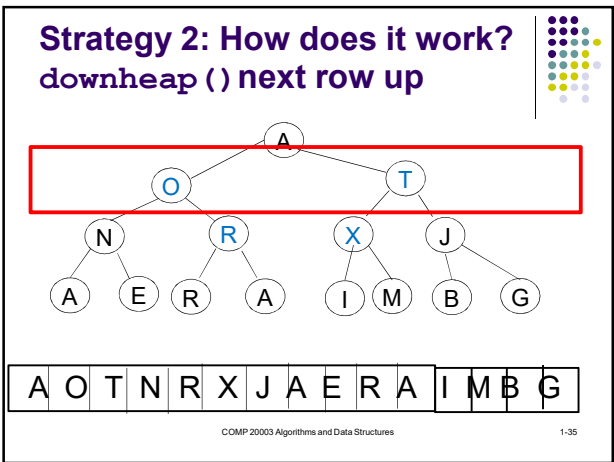
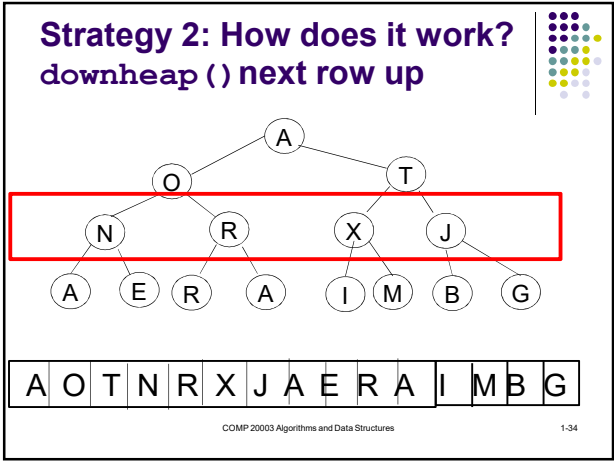
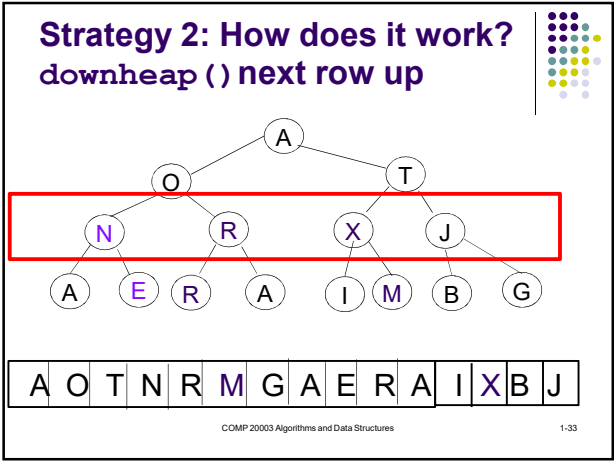
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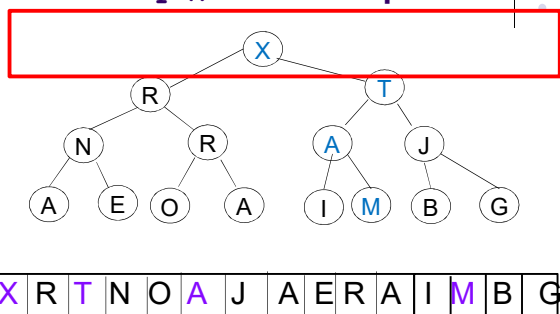
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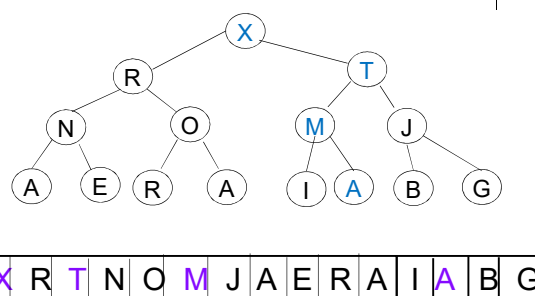
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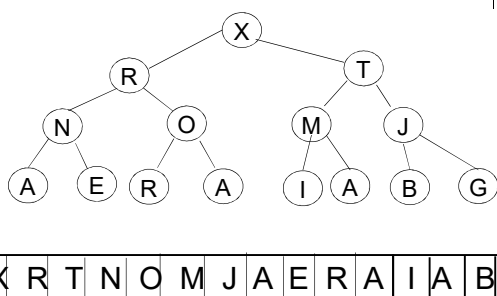
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### Strategy 2: Finished heap after bottom-up heap construction



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### Strategy 2: Analysis

#### Strategy 2:

- Insert items into **unordered array**
- Once all items are in, **downheap ( )** for each subheap with roots from  **$A[n/2]$  to  $A[1]$**

#### Insert $n$ items into heap of size $n$ :

- Start with Insert into unordered array:  $O(n)$
- Then **downheap ( )** subheaps from  **$A[n/2]$  to  $A[1]$**

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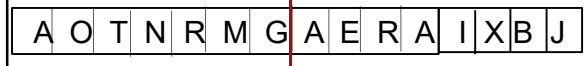
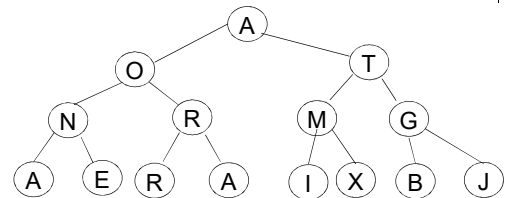
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- **downheap**( ) subheaps from  $A[n/2]$  to  $A[1]$
- Bottom  $n/2$  nodes are already heaps
  - Cost to fix: ?
- Next level up nodes:
  - $n/4$  nodes, max cost each = 2 (cmp both children)
  - $n/8$  nodes, max cost each = 2 levels \* 2 cmps
  - $n/16$ , 3 levels \* 2 cmps
  - At the **root**, may need up to  **$\log n$**  cmps to fix up
    - but there is only one node at root level

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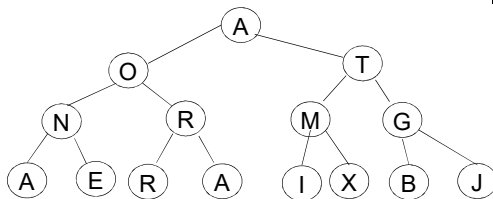
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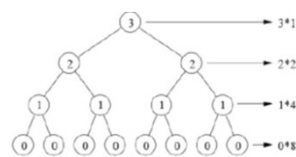
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## Strategy 2: Analysis



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## Analysis of buildheap()

### Loose bound:

- `downheap()`  $O(\log n)$
- $n$  operations
- On first glance:  $O(n \log n)$

BUT: observe

- only the root ever goes has a  $\log n$  `downheap()`
- The  $n/2$  leaves have 0 work for `downheap()`
- $n/4$  leaves at level  $\underline{h-1}$  have max 1 `downheap()`

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## Analysis of buildheap()

### Overall:

- at most  $\text{ceil}(n/2^{(h+1)})$  nodes exist at height  $h$
- When  $h = 0$ ,  $n/2$  nodes
- When  $h = 1$ ,  $n/4$  nodes
- When  $h = \text{floor}(\log n)$ , 1 node

### Total cost =

$$\sum_{(h=0 \rightarrow \text{floor}(\log n))} \text{ceil}(n/2^{(h+1)}) * O(h)$$

number of nodes at this level

work for each node at this level to restore heap

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## Analysis of buildheap()

$$\sum_{(h=0 \rightarrow \text{floor}(\log n))} \text{ceil}(n/2^{(h+1)}) * O(h)$$

$$= O(n \sum h/2^h)$$

(converging geometric series)

$$= O(n)$$

See Cormen, Leiserson, and Rivest for more detail

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## Heapsort

We will be using Priority Queues in the context of graph algorithms, a lot!

But note that the Priority Queue suggests an efficient sorting algorithm:

- Heapsort

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## Applications

- **Bandwidth Management:**
  - VoIP, IPTV
- **Shortest Path** Algorithms:
  - Pathfinding, navigation, games
- **Job Scheduling:**
  - OS, Clusters
- **Minimum Spanning Tree** algorithm:
  - network design
- **Huffman Code:**
  - Entropy encoding, compression jpeg, mp3

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