

# Binary Heaps

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## Motivation: Priority Queue collection

Conceptually similar to a stack or a queue.

A **priority queue** chooses the next element to delete based on priority.



The element returned by the remove operation will be the one with the most **extreme priority** (max or min, depending on how the priority queue is configured).

*More info:*



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Priority\\_queue](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Priority_queue)



<http://download.oracle.com/javase/6/docs/api/java/util/PriorityQueue.html>

**Priority** is some value associated with the element that could represent importance, cost, or some other problem-specific concept.

### *Applications:*

Interrupt handling, bandwidth management, simulation, sorting, graph algorithms, selection algorithms, compression algorithms

## Implementing a priority queue

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remove	O(N)	O(1)	
peek	O(N)	O(1)	
			
	<i>Nodes or arrays</i>	<i>Nodes or arrays</i>	<i>AVL, R-B, etc.</i>

## Participation question

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Q. What is the worst-case for each PQ if using a balanced BST?

	A	B	C	D ←
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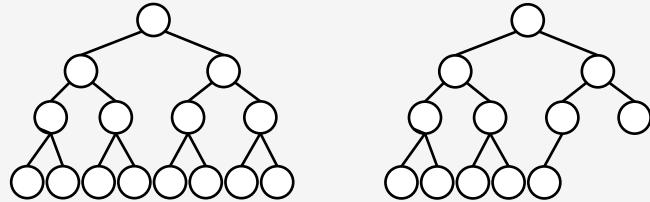
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An array-based implementation is the most common and preferred.

The term “heap” usually implies an array.

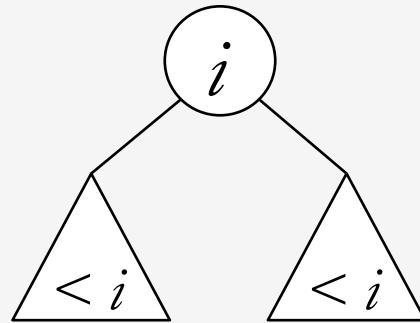
## Binary Heap

A binary heap is a **complete binary tree** ...



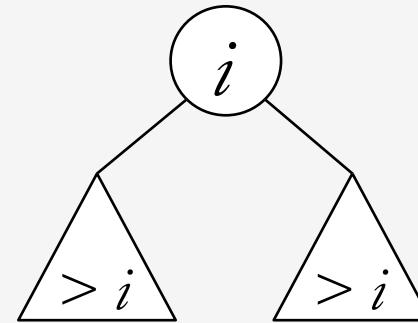
Height is  $O(\log N)$

... in which each node obeys a **partial order property**.

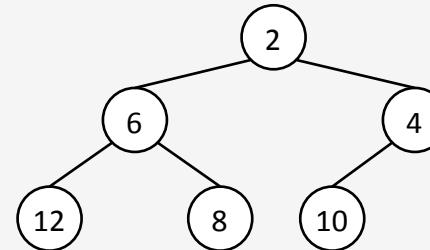
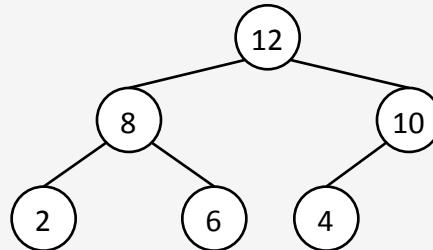


max heap

or



min heap



## Array-Based Implementation

Binary heaps are almost always implemented as an array because:

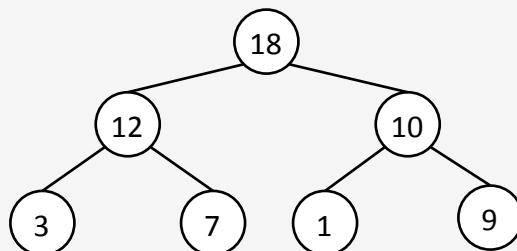
Acceptably space efficient (complete shape).

Easy traversal: parent to child via multiplication, child to parent via division

Many ways to map a hierarchy onto a linear array, but this is the one that we will use:

- Store the root at index 0.
- For a node stored at index  $i$ , store its left child at index  $2i+1$  and its right child at index  $2i+2$ . Thus, the parent of a node stored at index  $i$  will be at index  $(i-1)/2$ .

*Conceptually:*



*Implemented:*

18	12	10	3	7	1	9
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

## Participation question



Q. Which of the following arrays stores its element in **max-heap** order?

A

2	4	6	8	10
0	1	2	3	4

B

10	6	4	8	2
0	1	2	3	4

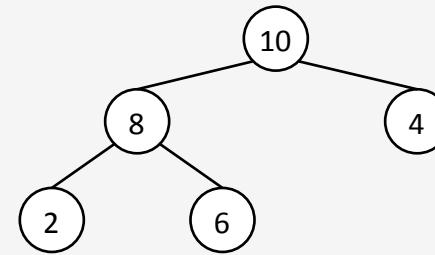
C

10	8	4	2	6
0	1	2	3	4



D

10	4	8	2	6
0	1	2	3	4



## Binary Heap Insertion

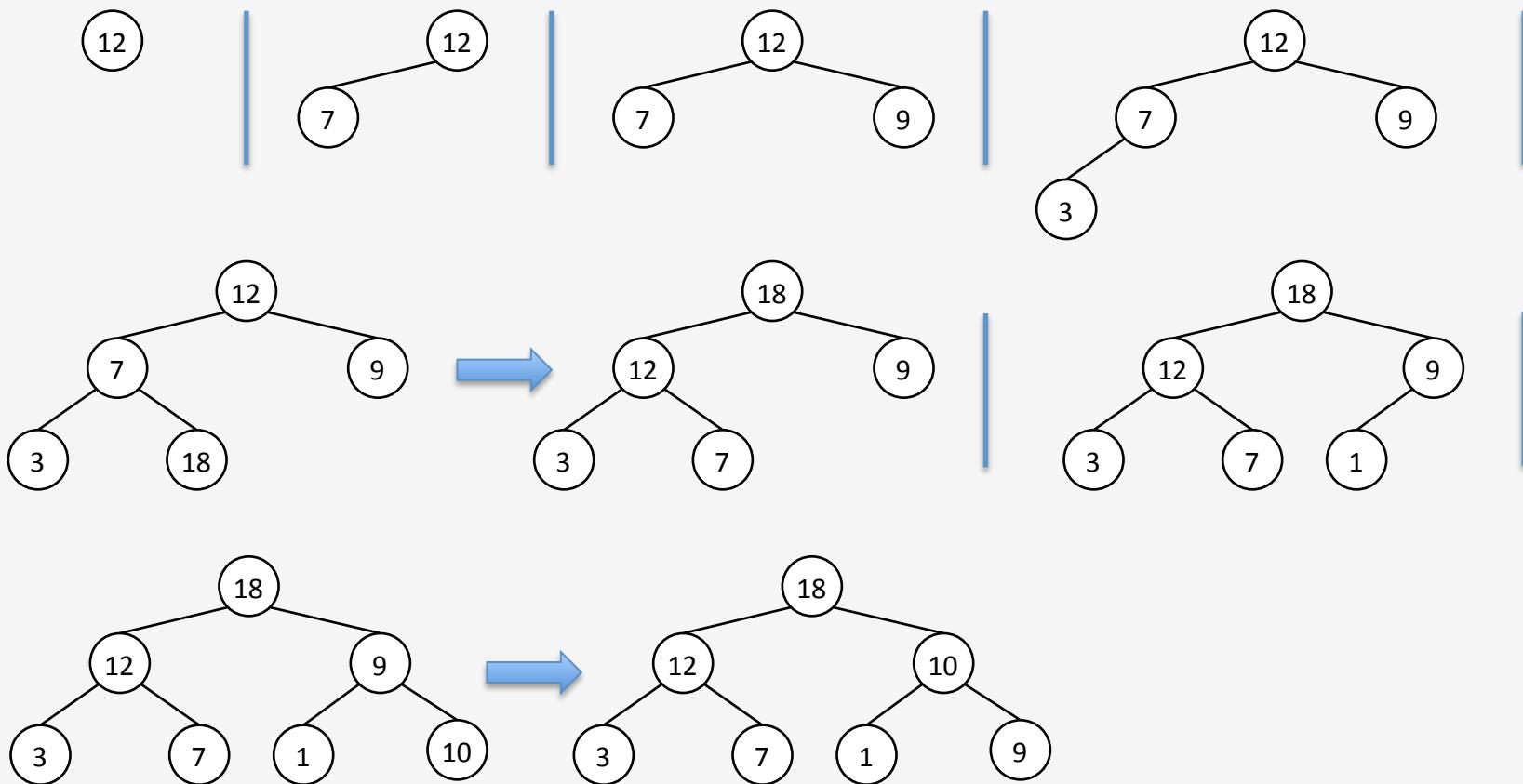
1. Insert the new element in the one and only one location that will maintain the complete shape.
2. Swap values as necessary on a leaf-to-root path to maintain the partial order.

**Max heap example:** 12, 7, 9, 3, 18, 1, 10

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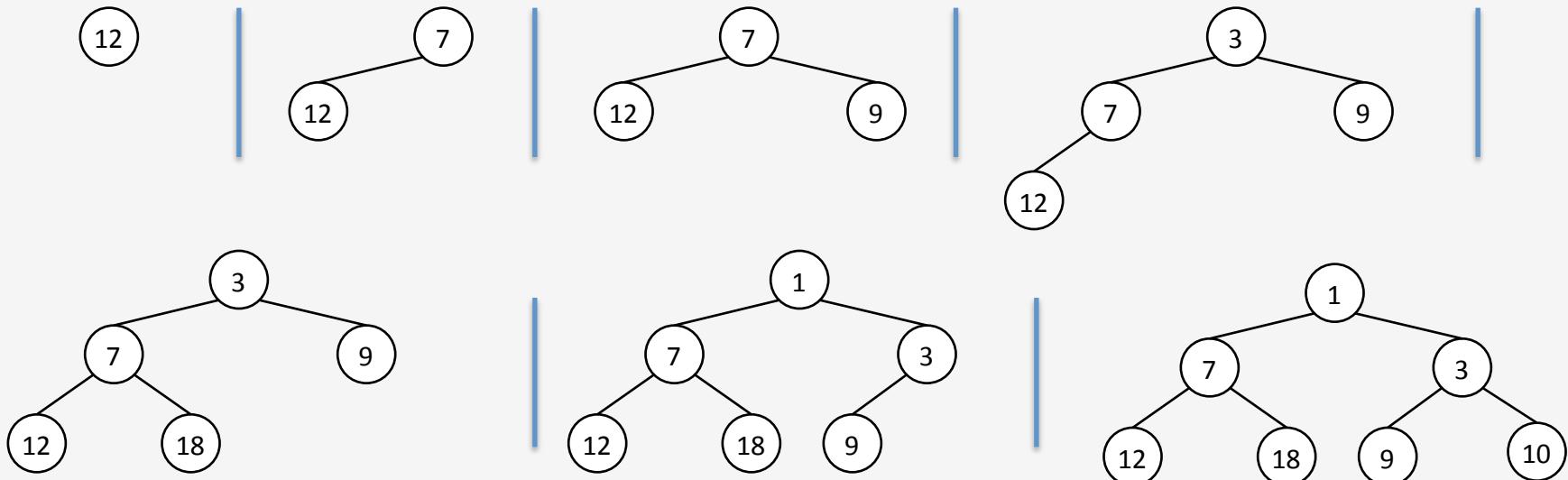
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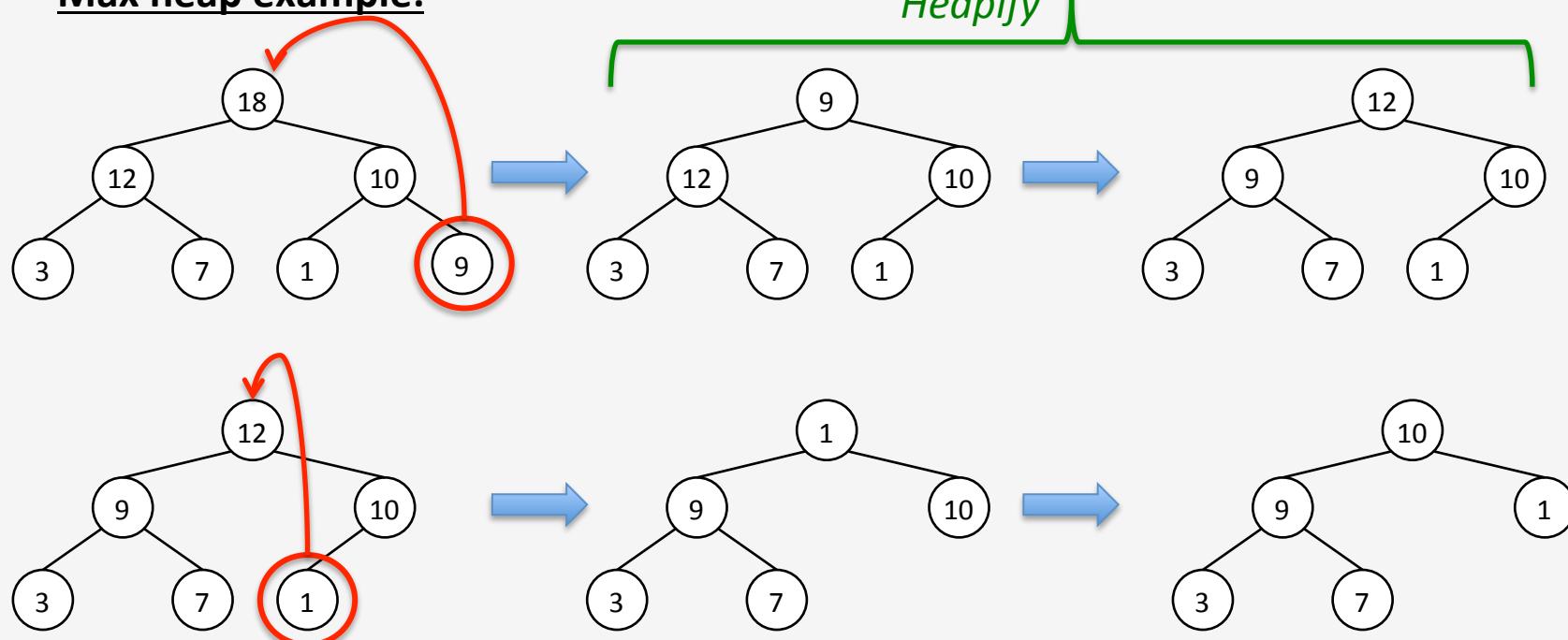


## Binary Heap Deletion

Delete and return the element with the extreme (max/min) priority.

1. Maintain the complete shape by replacing the root value with the value in the lowest, right-most leaf. Then delete that leaf.
2. Swap values as necessary on a root-to-leaf path to maintain the partial order.

Max heap example:



application: sorting

# Heapsort

*This is an application of the idea, rather than the data structure/collection per se.*

**Heapsort is an in-place comparison sort with  $O(N \log N)$  time complexity.**

*Why is this important?*

## Sorting complexity

For **comparison sorts**,  $N \log N$  is a lower bound on the number of comparisons necessary.  
*(fun for 3270)*

So, in that sense, both merge sort and quicksort are optimal.

Quicksort is expected to be faster on typical data sets.

## Once again, does this really matter??

Let's say your home computer can execute  $10^8$  compares/second and  
your neighborhood supercomputer can execute  $10^{12}$  compares/second.

	Insertion sort – $O(N^2)$			Mergesort – $O(N \log N)$			Quicksort – $O(N \log N)$		
computer	thousand	million	billion	thousand	million	billion	thousand	million	billion
home	instant	2.8 hours	317 years	instant	1 second	18 min	instant	0.3 sec	6 min
super	instant	1 second	1 week	instant	instant	instant	instant	instant	instant

**Take away:** Good algorithms can be better than supercomputers.

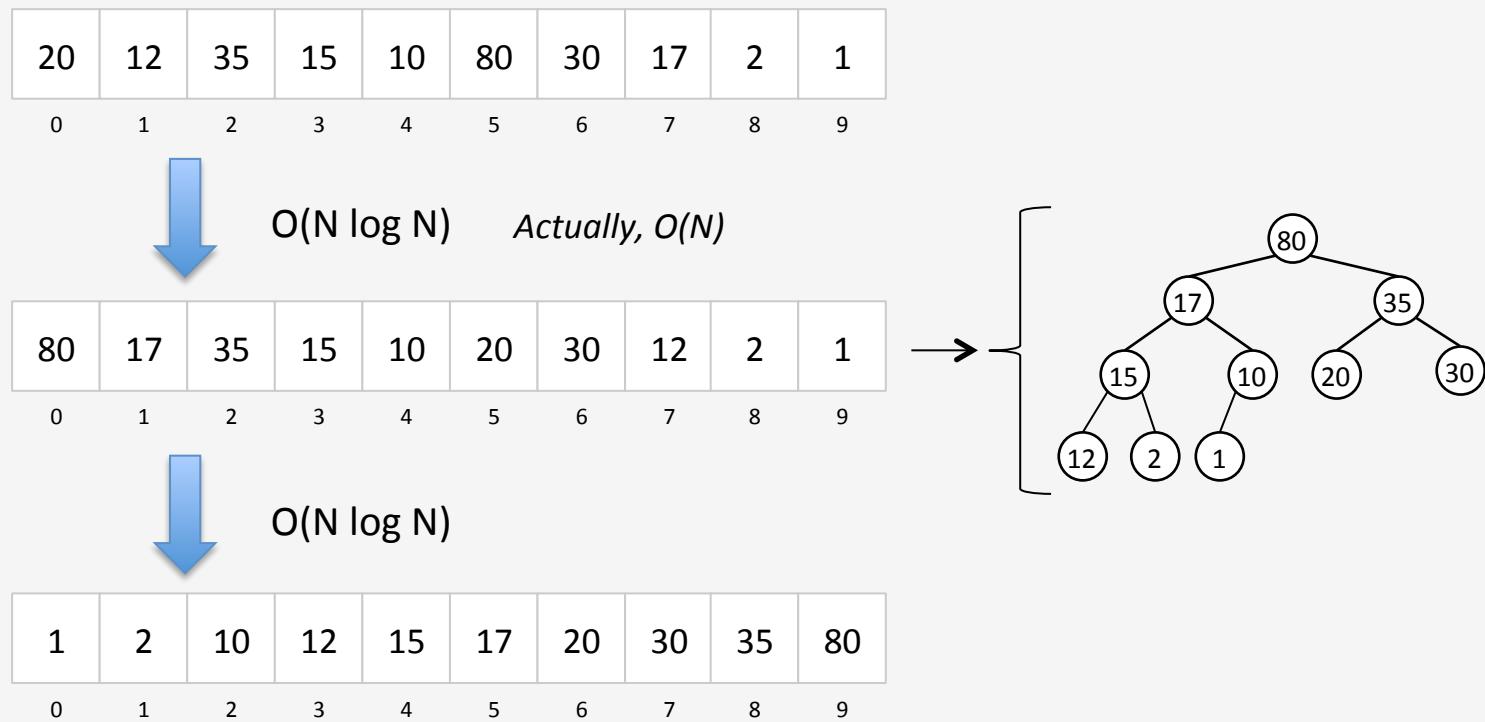
Great algorithms are better than good ones.

## Heapsort

Heapsort works in two phases: (1) The initial arbitrary order of the array is transformed into a partial order, and then (2) the partial order is transformed into a total order.

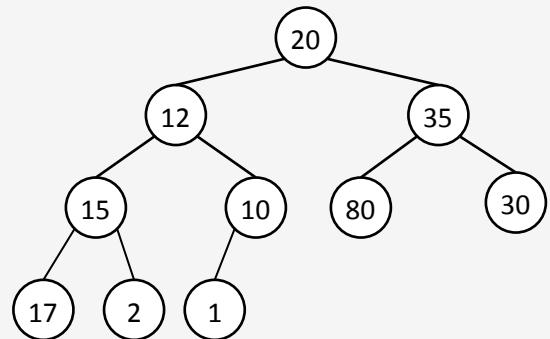
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2. Repeatedly move the maximum element to its final sorted place toward the end of the array, and heapify the remaining elements.

### Example:



## Heapsort – rearrange into max heap order

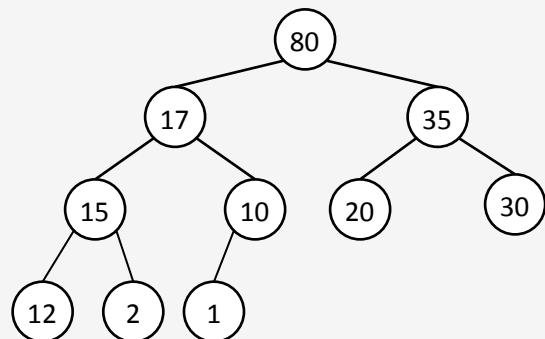
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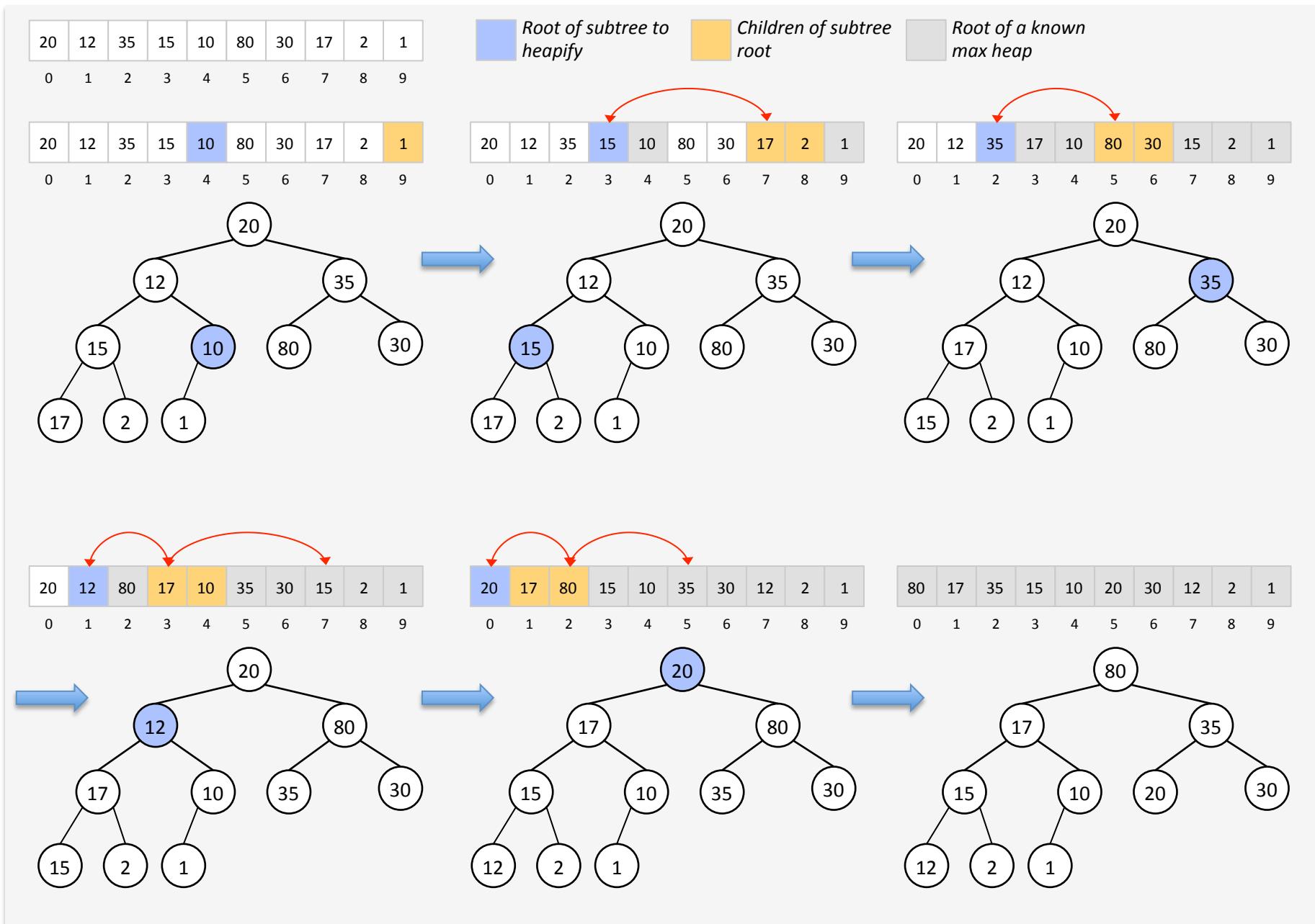
1. Rearrange the array elements into max heap order.

Beginning with the lowest, right-most parent and continuing to the root, heapify each subtree.

80	17	35	15	10	20	30	12	2	1
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

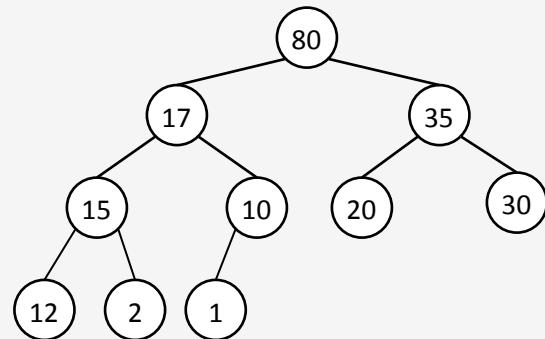


## Heapsort – rearrange into max heap order



## Heapsort – transform into total order

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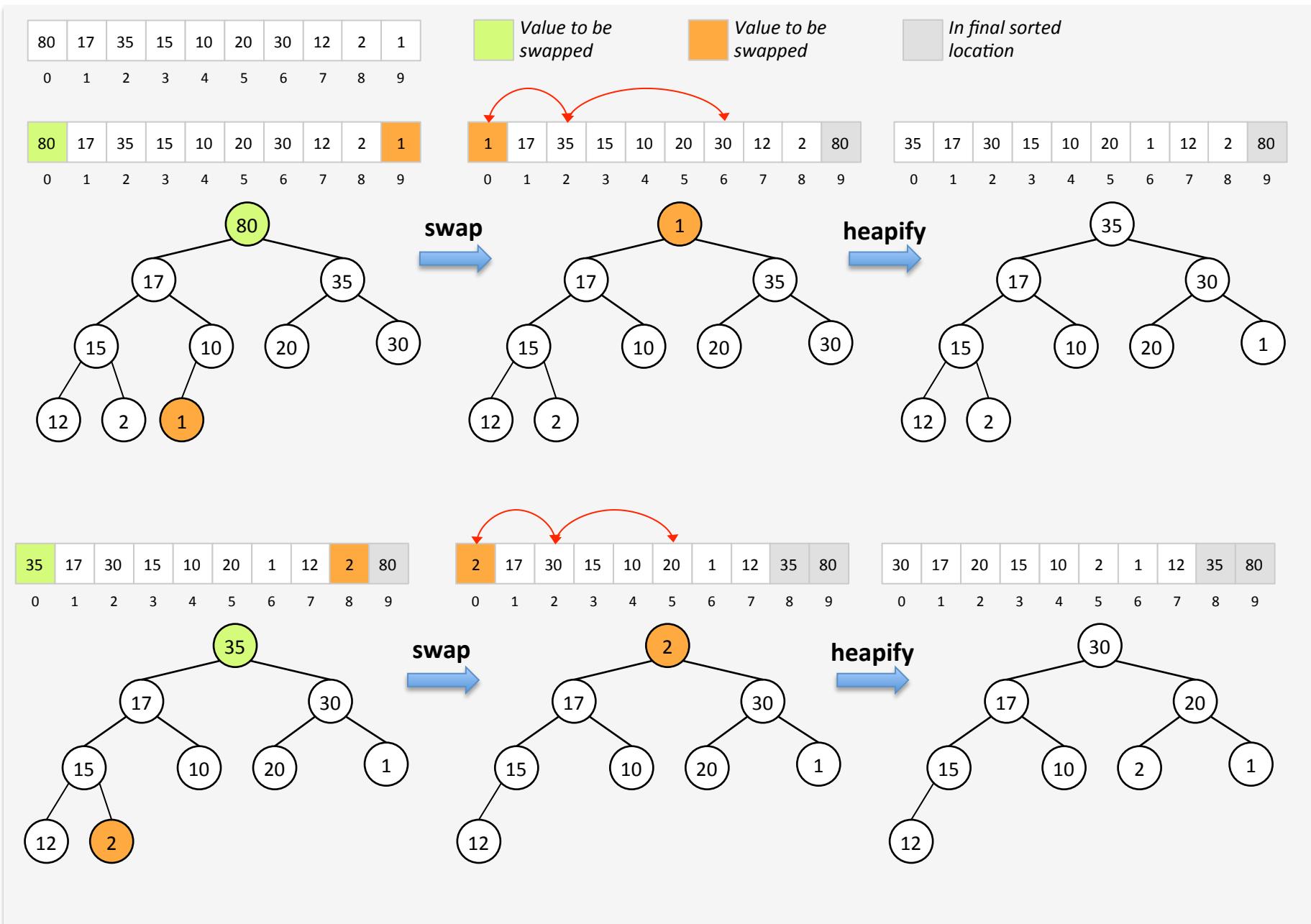


- Repeatedly move the maximum element to its final sorted place toward the end of the array, and heapify the remaining elements.

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Set last to a.length - 1  
Swap a[0] and a[last]  
last--  
Heapify a[0 .. last]  
Repeat until last == 0
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1	2	10	12	15	17	20	30	35	80
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## Heapsort – transform into total order



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  Value to be swapped

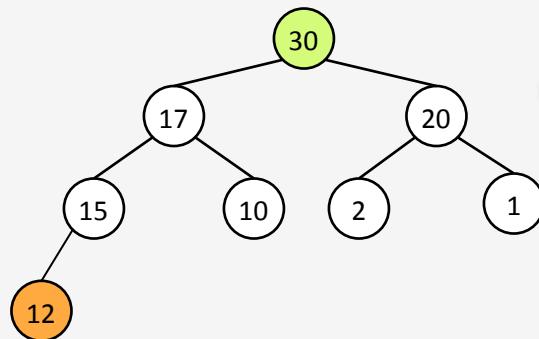
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  In final sorted location

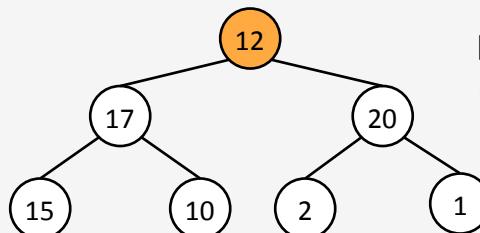
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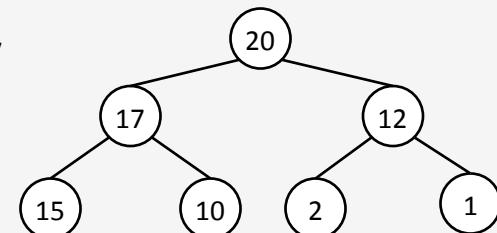
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swap



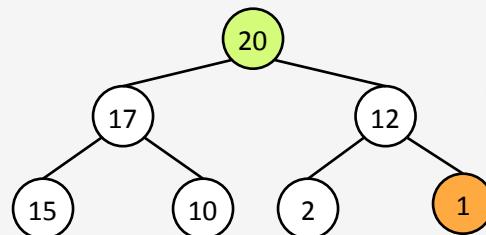
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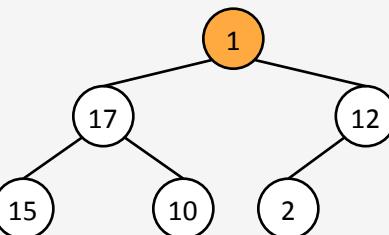
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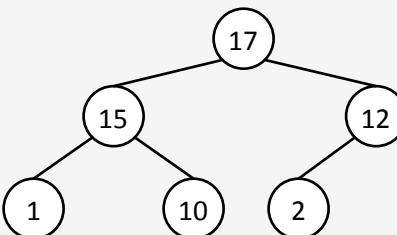
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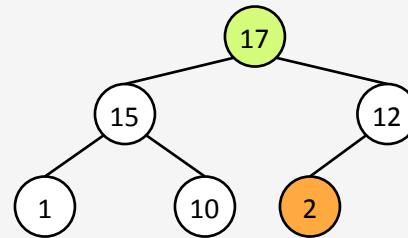
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In final sorted location

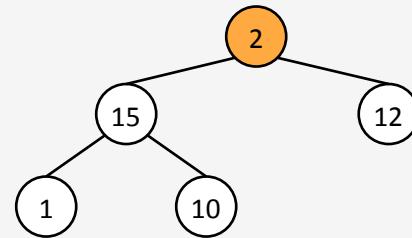
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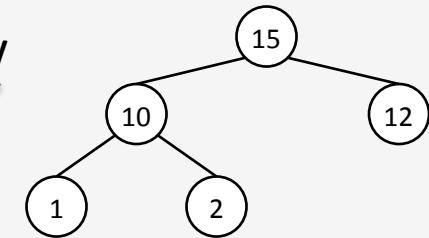
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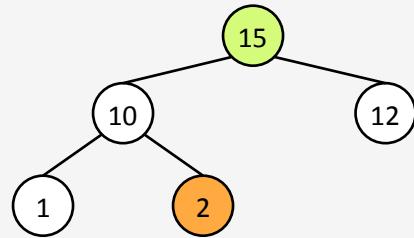
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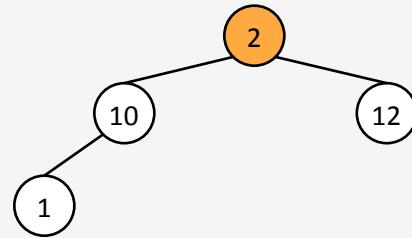
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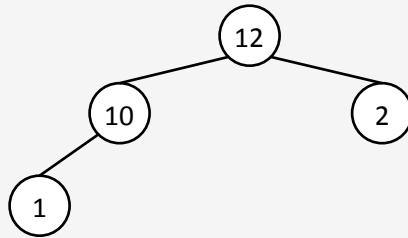
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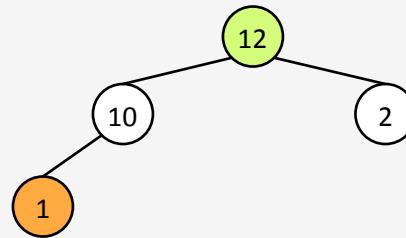
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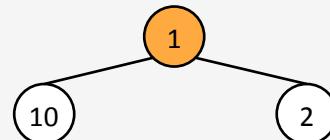
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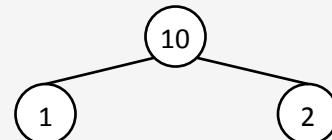
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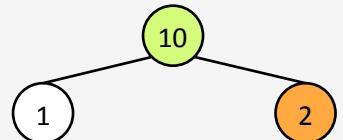
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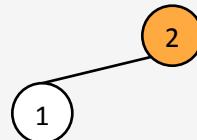
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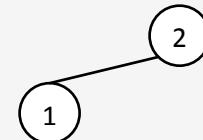
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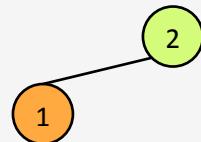
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swap



heapify



**Heapsort** is an in-place sort with guaranteed  $N \log N$  worst-case performance.

Mergesort? No. ( $N \log N$  worst-case, but needs  $N$  extra space.)

Quicksort? No. (In-place, but  $N^2$  in worst-case.)

**But**, heapsort is not stable and it typically has larger constant factors than quicksort.

application: Huffman's algorithm

# Huffman's algorithm

Huffman's algorithm generates a variable-length encoding for a given alphabet for the purposes of data compression.

Developed by [David Huffman](#) in 1951 as a class project at MIT, and published in 1952.

Widely used today as part of various compression utilities (PKZIP, MP3, JPEG).

## Famous story:

In 1951, David A. Huffman and his MIT information theory classmates were given the choice of a term paper or a final exam. The professor, Robert M. Fano, assigned a term paper on the problem of finding the most efficient binary code. Huffman, unable to prove any codes were the most efficient, was about to give up and start studying for the final when he hit upon the idea of using a frequency-sorted binary tree and quickly proved this method the most efficient.

In doing so, the student outdid his professor, who had worked with information theory inventor Claude Shannon to develop a similar code. Huffman avoided the major flaw of the suboptimal Shannon-Fano coding by building the tree from the bottom up instead of from the top down.



*Is that all there is to it???*

[Robert Fano](#)

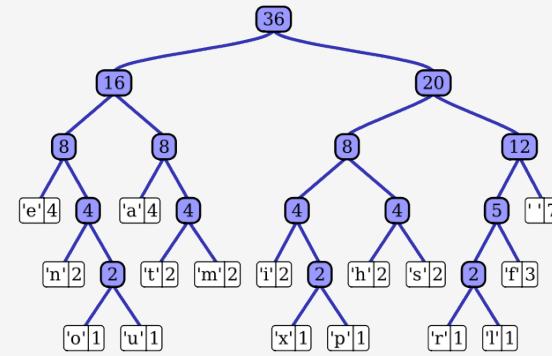


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A Method for the Construction of Minimum-Redundancy Codes\*  
DAVID A. HUFFMAN, ASSOCIATES, INC.

Summary—The optimum method of compressing messages is to use a code in which the average length of the code word for each symbol is proportional to its probability of occurrence. This paper describes a method for determining such a code. The method is based on the assumption that the symbols are statistically independent. It will be demonstrated that, in this paper, the optimum code can be obtained by a simple iterative procedure. The following basic restrictions will be imposed on an optimum code:

- (a) No two messages will consist of identical message codes.
- (b) The message codes will be constructed in such a manner that the probability of a message being transmitted is specified when a message code begins and ends.
- (c) The message codes will be constructed so that the first part of any message code of greater length than one symbol will be the same as the first symbol of the next message code of greater length. Thus, any sequence of message codes will contain no more than one symbol of any sequence. For instance, a sequence of message codes consisting of the first four symbols on the individual sequence (11101020161611102), the message would consist of the two half-octets 1110 and 1616. In this case, the two half-octets were "one" and "two."
- (d) In order to facilitate the construction of an optimum code, the coding symbols will be represented by numbers. These numbers will be called "nodes." The nodes used in coding, they will be represented by the digits 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0. The node 10 will be reserved. Moreover, even if the sequence turns out to be 1100, the sequence will be represented as 11001.

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## Character encoding: :-)

### ASCII

American Standard Code for Information Interchange

Binary character encoding scheme: A sequence of 0s and 1s (bits) used to encode characters.

ASCII includes English alphabet, punctuation, digits, and “control” characters (e.g., newline, carriage return).

*The 95 printable characters in ASCII:*

```
!"#$%&'()*+, -./0123456789:;=>?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]^_`abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~
```

Binary	Decimal	Char
100 0000	64	@
100 0001	65	A
100 0010	66	B
100 0011	67	C
100 0100	68	D

**ASCII is a fixed length code.** Each character is represented by the same number of bits.

In US-ASCII, each character is represented in one byte (8 bits).

```
% more abcfile.txt
ABC
% ls -l abcfile.txt
-rw-r--r-- 1 User User 4 Apr 2 09:18 abcfile.txt
%
```

8 bits = 1 parity bit and 7 bits to encode the character.  $2^7 = 128$  different characters

## ASCII example

*Text file:*

```
BABACEDABCDABABACD  
ADABCCABCA
```

28 characters

**Text compression**  
stores the same  
information in fewer  
bytes.

*Binary ASCII form:*

```
01000010010000010100  
00100100000101000011  
01000101010001000100  
00010100001001000011  
01000100010000010100  
0010...
```

28 bytes

$28 * 7 = 196$  bits

We could compress  
this file by taking  
advantage of the fact  
that some characters  
appear more often  
than others.

## Variable-length codes

**Number of bits per character determined by the char's relative frequency of occurrence.**

Most frequently occurring characters should use the fewest bits.

*Text file:*

```
BABACEDABCDABABACCD  
ADABCCABCA
```

Character frequency:

A-10, B-7, C-6, D-4, E-1

A variable length code:

A = 11

B = 10

C = 00

D = 011

E = 010

*“Compressed” file:*

```
101110110001001111100  
001111101110110001111  
0111110000011100011
```

Only 61 bits

Uncompressed file required 196 bits

**This would compress the file to 31% of its original size.**

## Generating a vlc

A *first attempt*: Iterate over the alphabet in descending order of frequency. Assign the next smallest unique bit string to the current character, starting with '0'.

Character frequency:

A-10, B-7, C-6, D-4, E-1

The variable length code:

A = 0

B = 1

C = 01

D = 10

E = 11

The vlc must have the **prefix property**.

*Text file:*

BABACEDABCDA  
BABA  
CABACD  
ADABCC  
CABCA

↓  
*zip*

*"Compressed" file:*

1010011110010110...

↓  
*unzip*    *Can't reconstruct the original!*

*Does the file start with a B or a D??*

**The code for one character can't be a prefix of another character's code.**

## Code trees

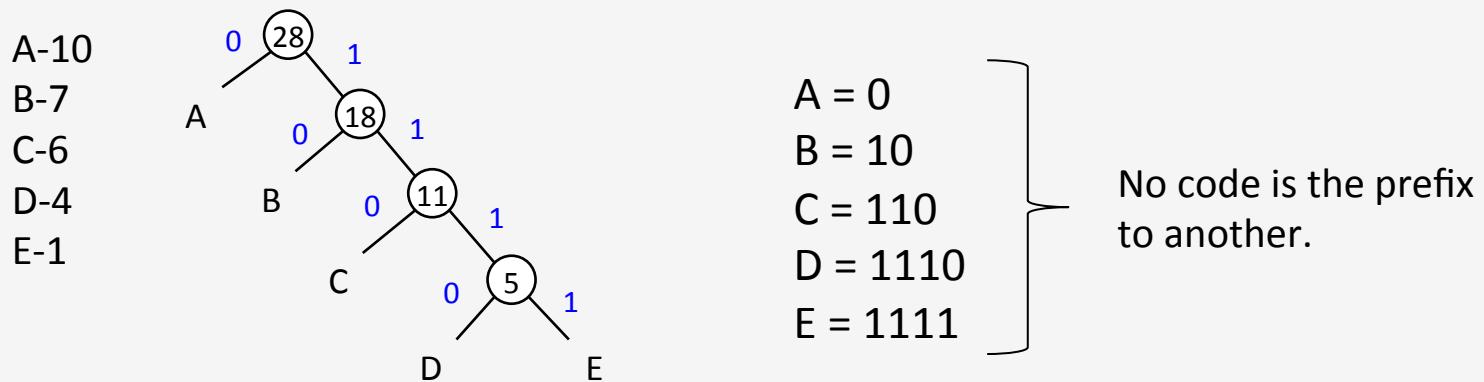
Binary trees in which the leaves contain the characters to be coded.

Interior nodes are just place-holders.

The root of every subtree is annotated with the cumulative frequency of all its descendent leaves.

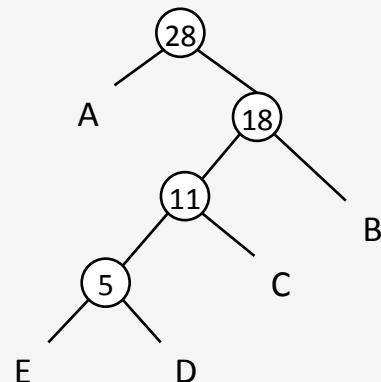
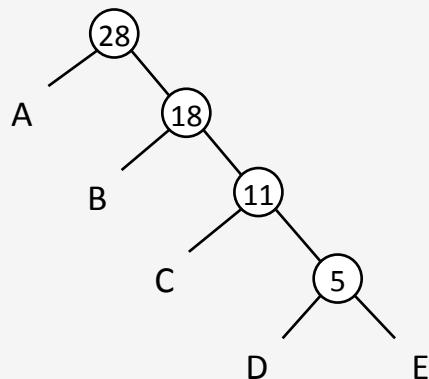
Character codes are generated by root to leaf traversals.

*Left branch = 0, Right branch = 1*



## Many possible code trees

A-10, B-7, C-6, D-4, E-1



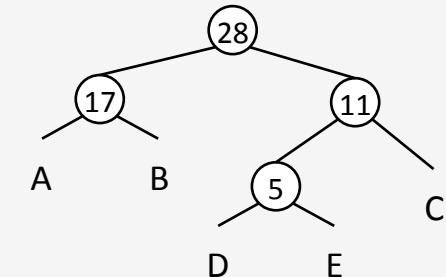
We would like to use the code tree with minimum **expected code length**.

$$L(C) = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \times \text{length}(c_i)$$

This is just a weighted average of all possible character code lengths.

$$\begin{aligned} A: & (10 \div 28) * 1 = 0.36 \\ B: & (7 \div 28) * 2 = 0.50 \\ C: & (6 \div 28) * 3 = 0.66 \\ D: & (4 \div 28) * 4 = 0.56 \\ E: & (1 \div 28) * 4 = 0.12 \end{aligned}$$

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Huffman's algorithm generates a code tree with an expected code length that is at least as small as any other code tree that could be generated.

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## Huffman's algorithm

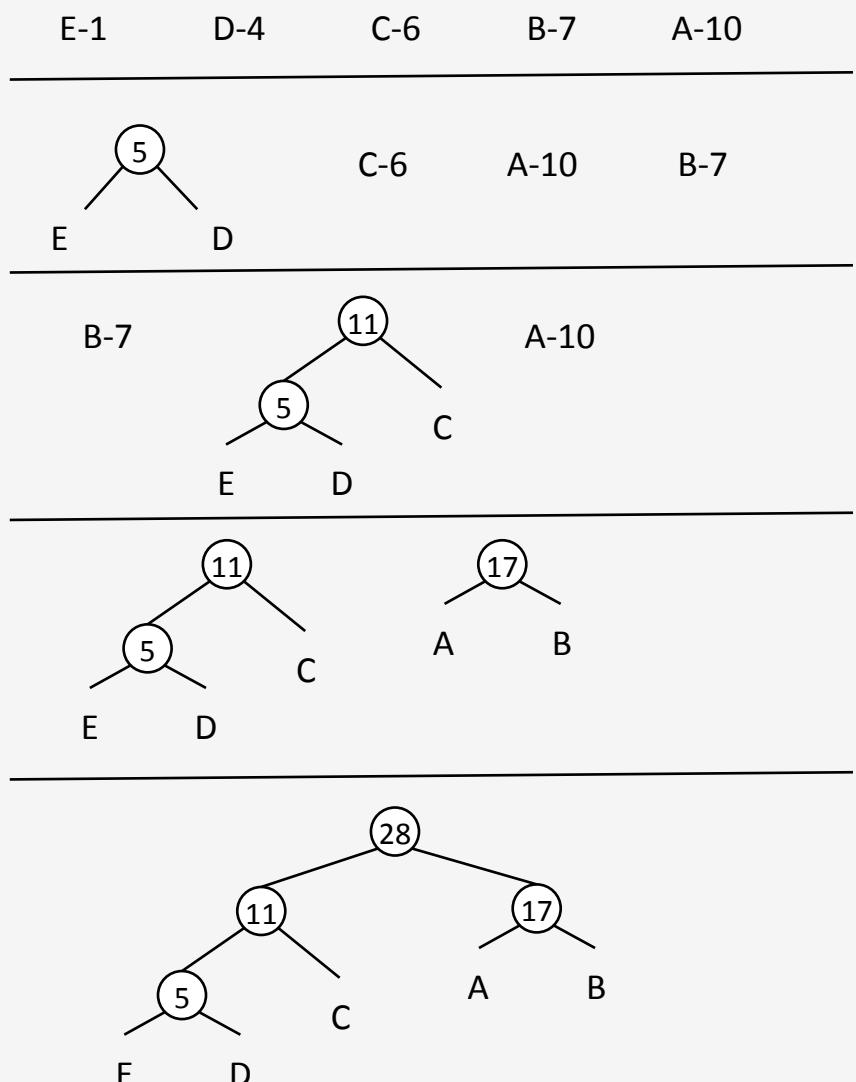
Generates a variable length code with the prefix property such that there is no other encoding with a smaller expected code length.

A-10, B-7, C-6, D-4, E-1

Create a single node code tree for each character and insert each of these trees into a priority queue (min heap).

```
while (pq has more than one element) {  
    c1 = pq.deletemin();  
    c2 = pq.deletemin();  
    c3 = new codetree(c1,c2);  
    pq.add(c3);  
}
```

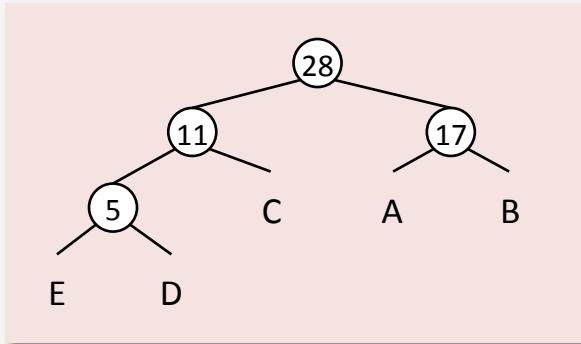
Char	Encoding
A	10
B	11
C	01
D	001
E	000



## Huffman's algorithm

A-10, B-7, C-6, D-4, E-1

Generated by the algorithm:



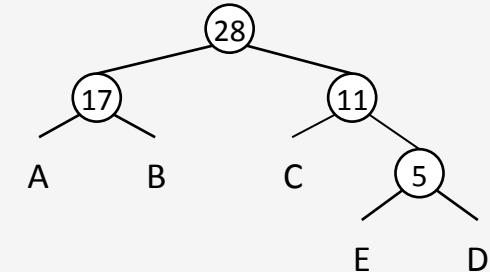
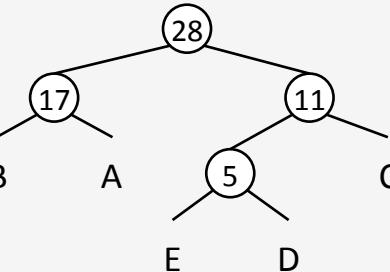
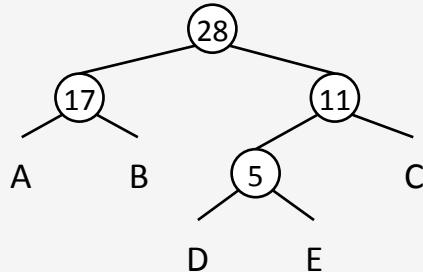
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D	001
E	000

Expected code length:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A: & (10 \div 28) * 2 = 0.71 \\
 B: & (7 \div 28) * 2 = 0.50 \\
 C: & (6 \div 28) * 2 = 0.43 \\
 D: & (4 \div 28) * 3 = 0.43 \\
 E: & (1 \div 28) * 3 = 0.11
 \end{aligned}$$

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This is not the only code tree with minimum expected code length.



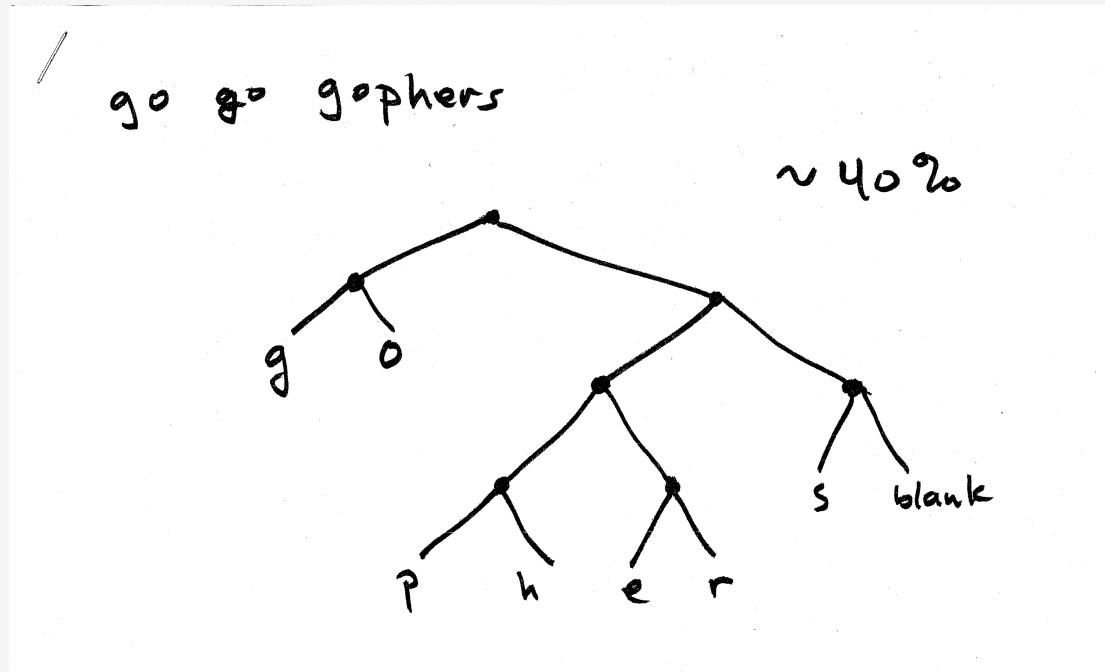
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A	00
B	01
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D	100
E	101

Char	Encoding
A	01
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E	100

Char	Encoding
A	00
B	01
C	10
D	110
E	111

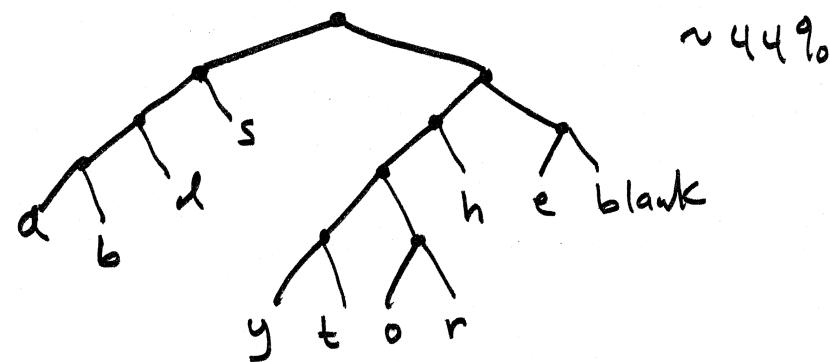
**Huffman's algorithm**    *A-6, B-2, C-3, D-3, E-4, F-9*

## Huffman's algorithm



## Huffman's algorithm

She sells sea shells by the sea shore



## Huffman's algorithm

I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, and on the  
slitted sheet I sit

~46%

