



CS24 - Problem Solving with Computers II

Heaps (Priority Queues)



Heaps

Not to be confused with Heap memory, Heap is also a data structure

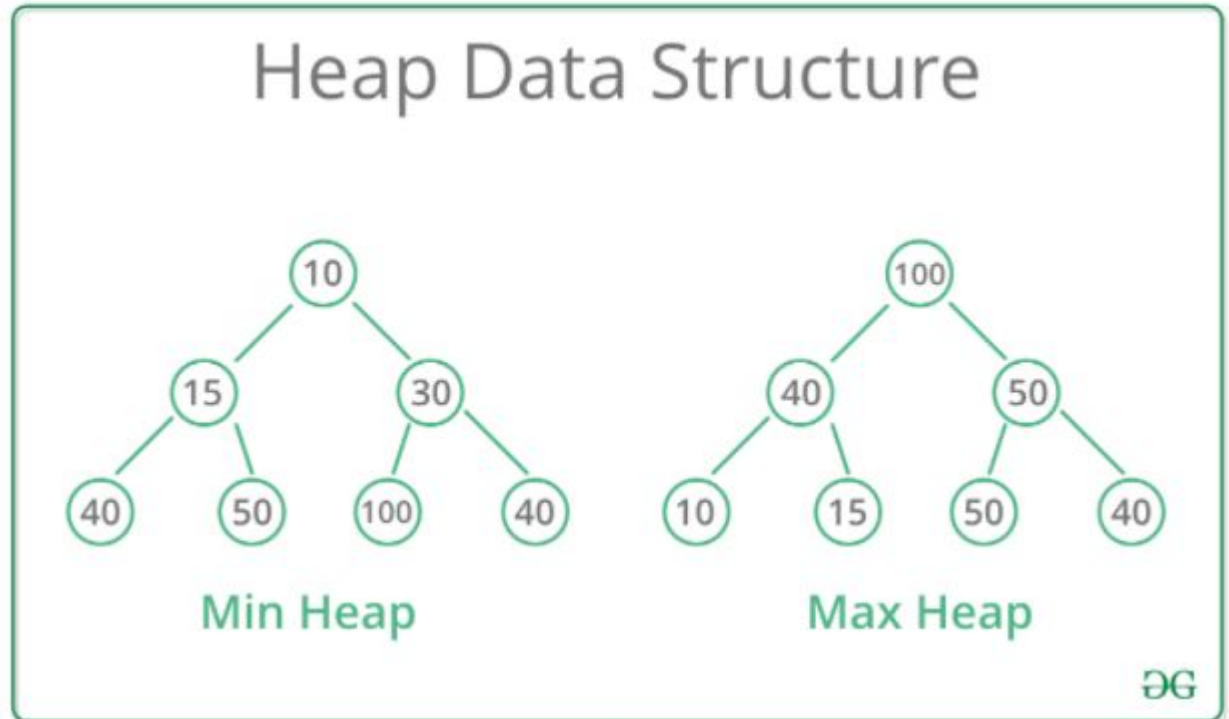
Useful for sorting data

Sorted data can be used to very quickly access max or min ($O(1)$)

Many different types of heap, “binary heap” is typically used for a min/max heap

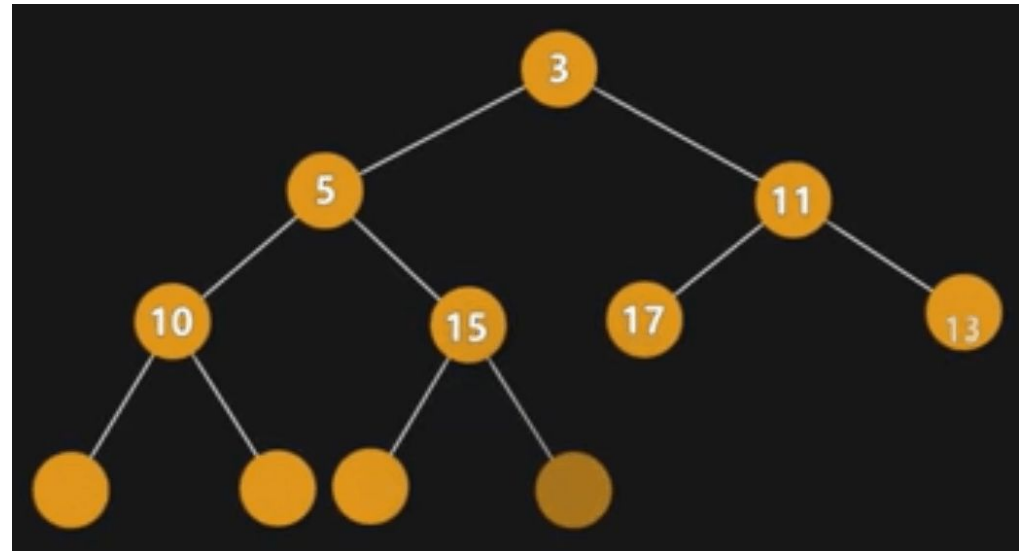
- Binary heaps are complete binary trees (all nodes have two children except for last row which is filled left to right)
- Root of binary tree is the min/max

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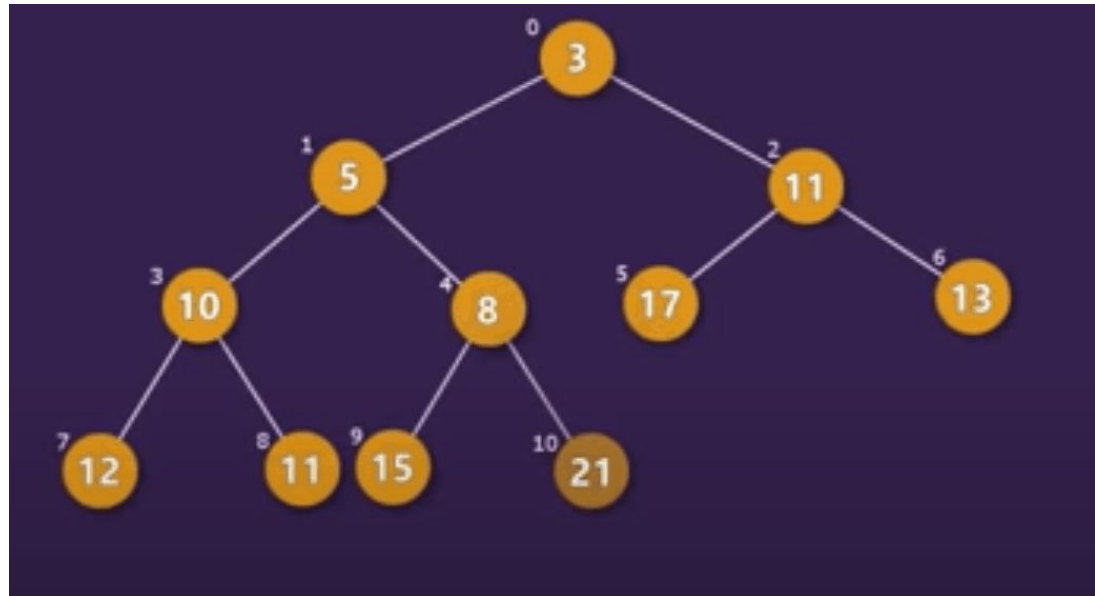
Creating a heap: Insert nodes into the binary tree from left to right, compare them to previous nodes along the branch and rearrange if necessary



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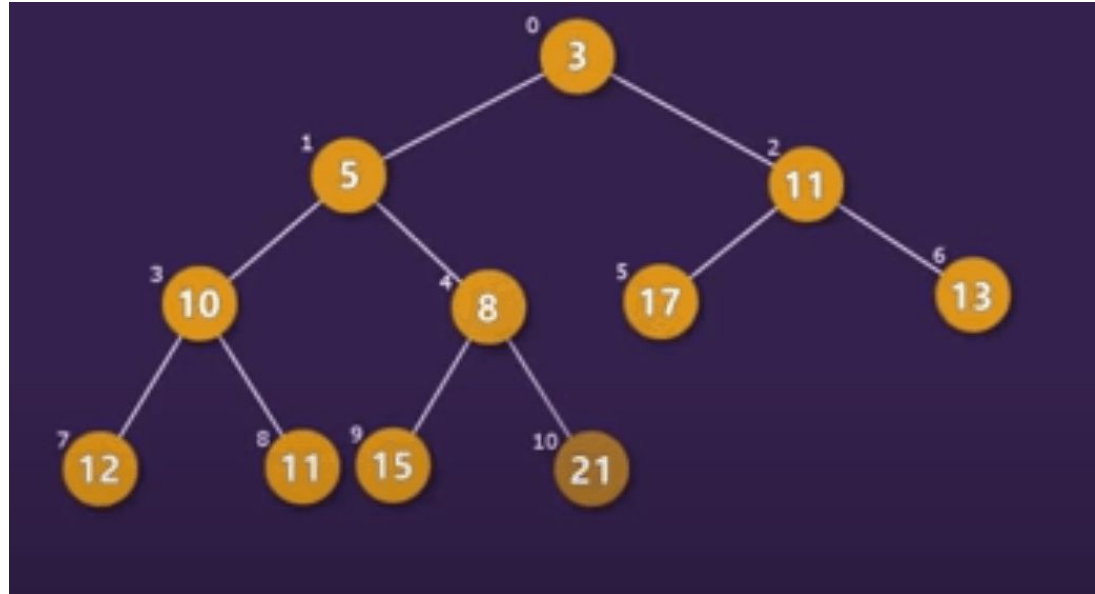
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Notice the numbering!

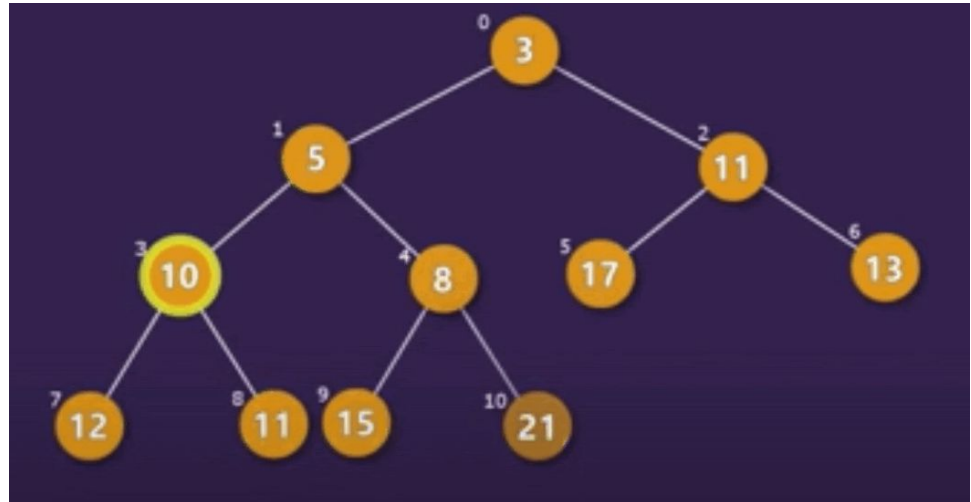
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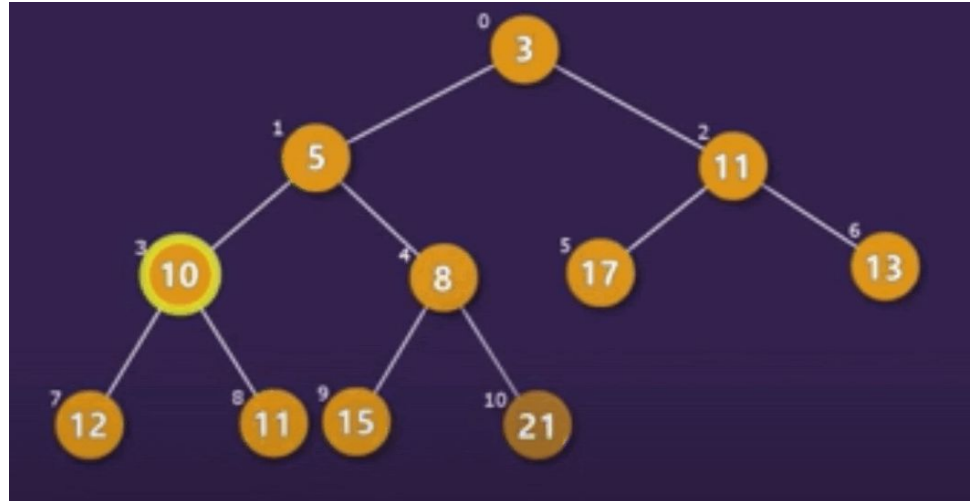
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Time complexities of min/max heaps:

min/max: $O(1)$

push/pop: $O(\log N)$





Heaps

“Heap” exists in STL through conversion of a vector:

```
#include<bits/stdc++.h>

makeHeap(vector.begin(), vector.end());

vector.end()),

vector.push_back(#),

vector.pop_back()

vector.front()
```



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`pop()`
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`empty()`
`size()`

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#include <iostream>
#include <queue>
using namespace std;

void PrintPQ(priority_queue<int> toPrint){
    while(!toPrint.empty()){
        cout << toPrint.top() << ", " ;
        toPrint.pop();
    }
    cout << endl;
}

int main() {
    priority_queue < int > defaultPQ;

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Announcements

Resources for this lecture are posted on Gauchospace

Quiz 4 is next week: time complexity, stacks/queues, anything prior

Lab 04 and Lab 05 due next week, autograder problems



Up next

Sorting!