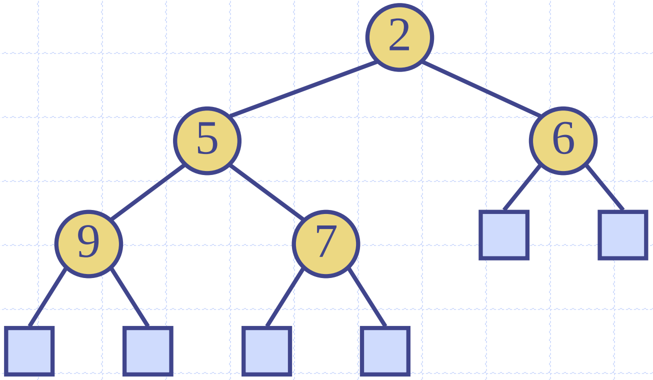
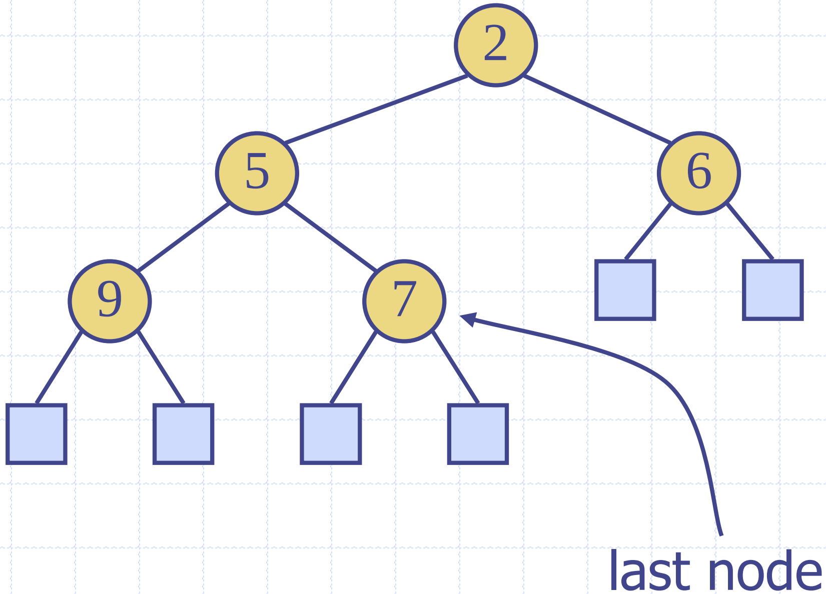
Heaps and Priority Queues



What is a heap

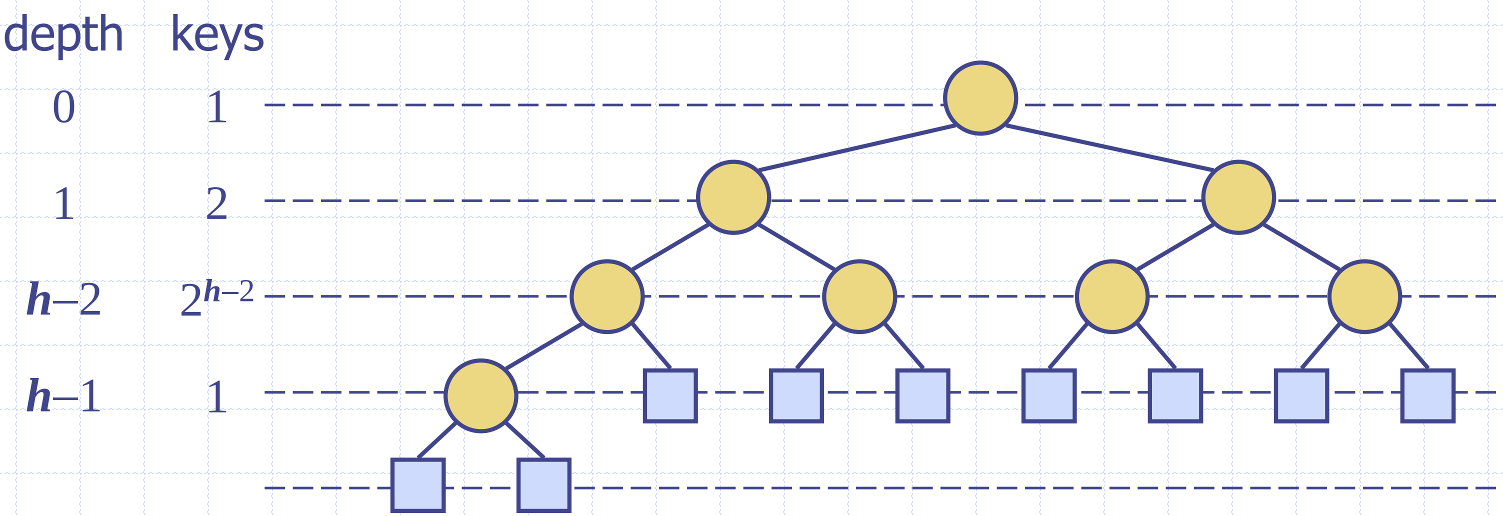
- A heap is a binary tree storing keys at its internal nodes and satisfying the following properties:
  - Heap-Order: for every internal node v other than the root,
    $key(v) \geq key(parent(v))$
  - Complete Binary Tree: let h be the height of the heap
    - for $i = 0, \ldots, h-1$, there are 2^i nodes of depth i
    - at depth $h-1$, the internal nodes are to the left of the external nodes
- The last node of a heap is the rightmost internal node of depth $h-1$



Height of a Heap

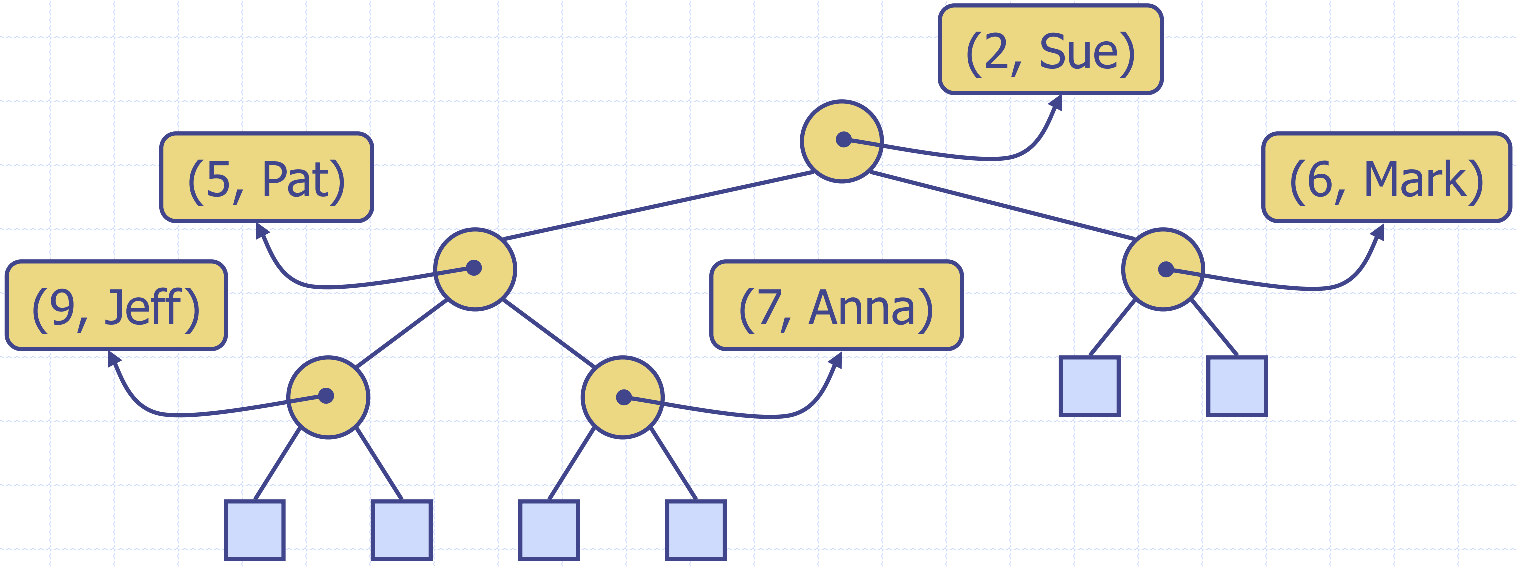
- **Theorem:** A heap storing n keys has height $O(\log n)$

  Proof: (we apply the complete binary tree property)
  - Let h be the height of a heap storing n keys
  - Since there are 2^i keys at depth $i = 0, \ldots, h-2$ and at least one key at depth $h-1$, we have $n \geq 1 + 2 + 4 + \ldots + 2^{h-2} + 1$
  - Thus, $n \geq 2^{h-1}$, i.e., $h \leq \log n + 1$



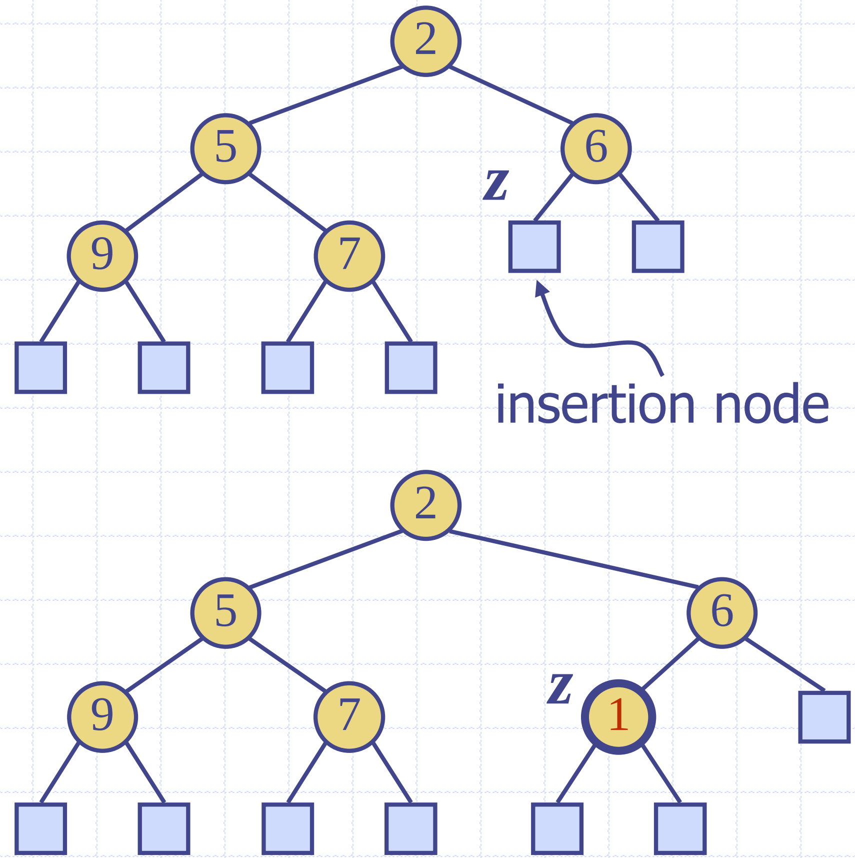
Heaps and Priority Queues

- We can use a heap to implement a priority queue
- We store a (key, element) item at each internal node
- We keep track of the position of the last node
- For simplicity, we show only the keys in the pictures



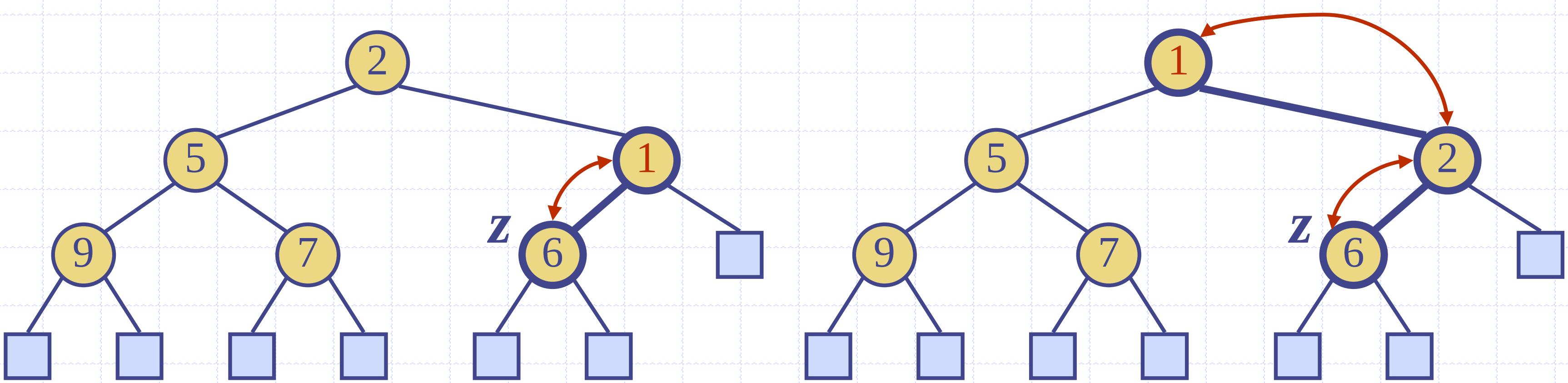
Insertion into a Heap

- The insertion algorithm corresponds to the insertion of a key ***k*** to the heap
- The insertion algorithm consists of three steps
  - Find the insertion node ***z*** (the new last node)
  - Store ***k*** at ***z*** and expand ***z*** into an internal node
  - Restore the heap-order property (discussed next)



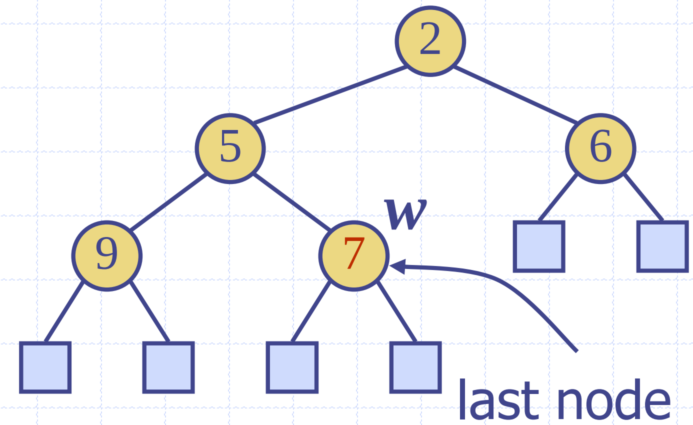
Upheap

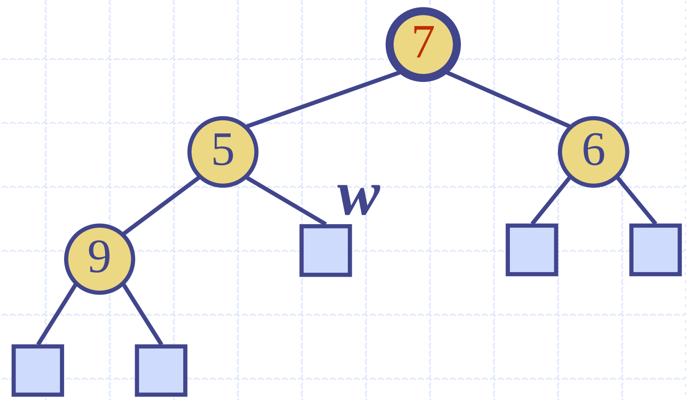
- After the insertion of a new key k, the heap-order property may be violated
- Algorithm upheap restores the heap-order property by swapping k along an upward path from the insertion node
- Upheap terminates when the key k reaches the root or a node whose parent has a key smaller than or equal to k
- Since a heap has height $O(\log n)$, upheap runs in $O(\log n)$ time



Removal from a Heap

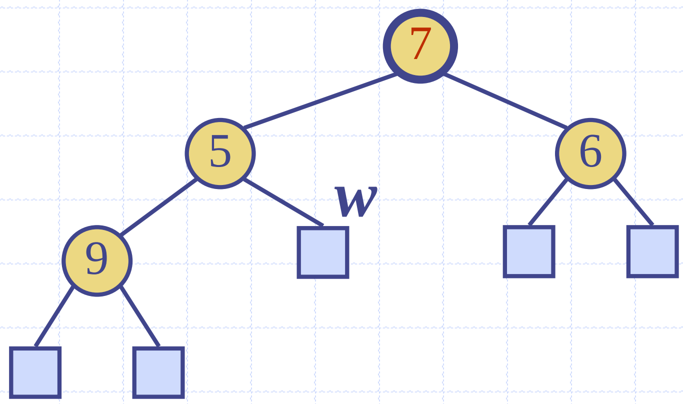
- Method removeMin of the priority queue ADT corresponds to the removal of the root key from the heap
- The removal algorithm consists of three steps
  - Replace the root key with the key of the last node w
  - Compress w and its children into a leaf
  - Restore the heap-order property (discussed next)

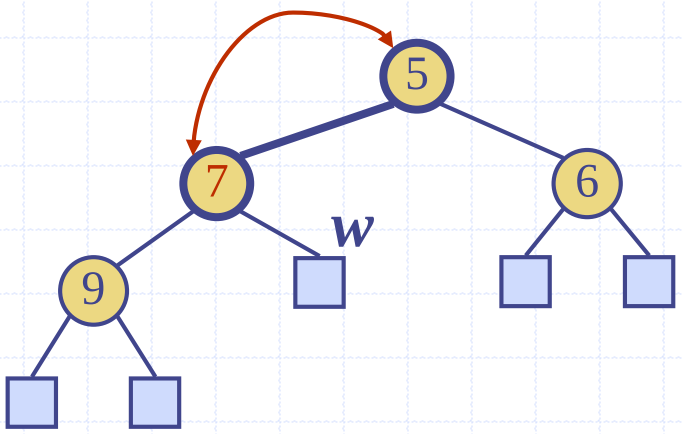




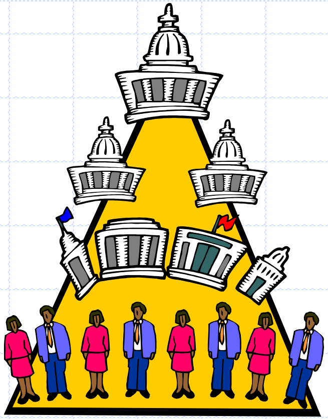
Downheap

- After replacing the root key with the key k of the last node, the heap-order property may be violated
- Algorithm downheap restores the heap-order property by swapping key k along a downward path from the root
- Downheap terminates when key k reaches a leaf or a node whose children have keys greater than or equal to k
- Since a heap has height $O(\log n)$, downheap runs in $O(\log n)$ time





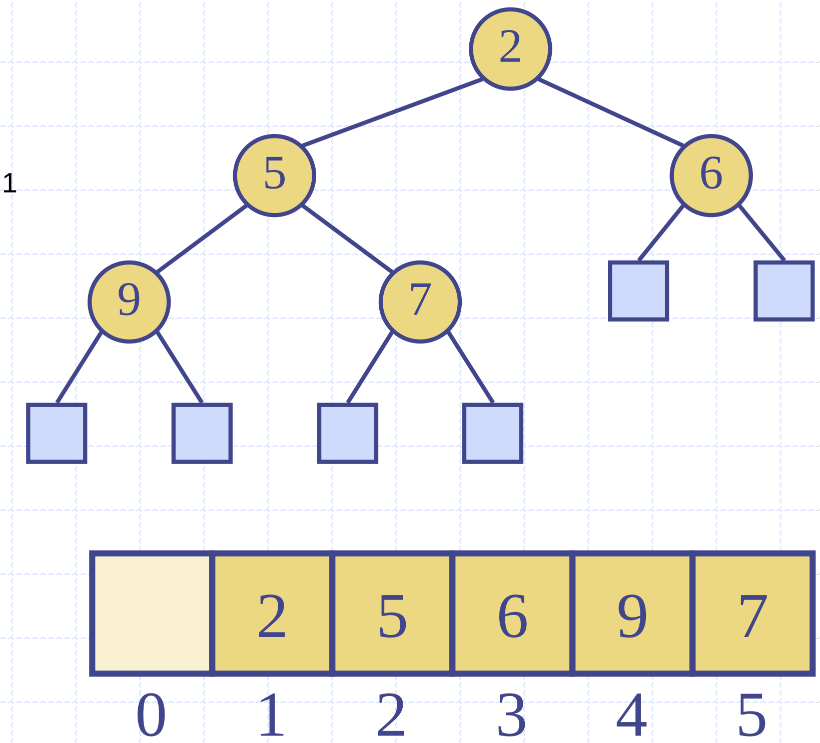
Heap-Sort



- Consider a priority queue with n items implemented by means of a heap
  - the space used is $O(n)$
  - methods insertItem and removeMin take $O(\log n)$ time
- Using a heap-based priority queue, we can sort a sequence of n elements in $O(n \log n)$ time
- The resulting algorithm is called heap-sort
- Heap-sort is much faster than quadratic sorting algorithms, such as insertion-sort and selection-sort

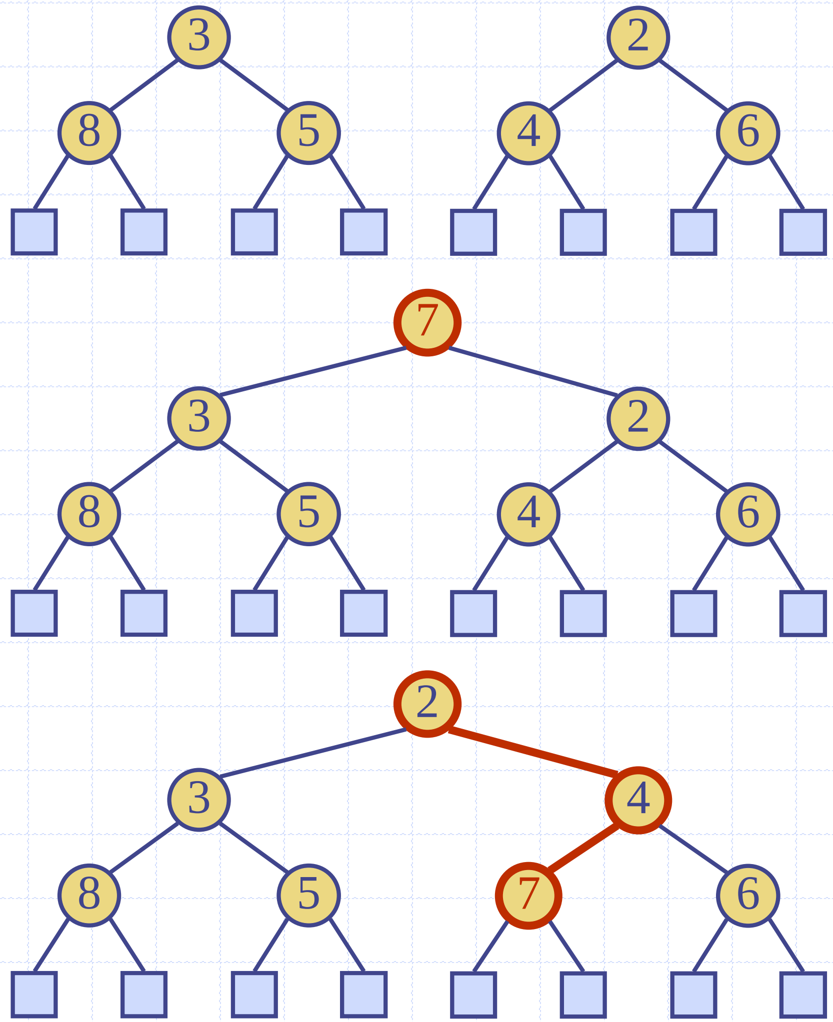
Vector-based Heap Implementation

- We can represent a heap with n keys by means of a vector of length $n + 1$
- For the node at rank i Index start with 1
  - the left child is at rank $2i$
  - the right child is at rank $2i + 1$
- Links between nodes are not explicitly stored
- The leaves are not represented
- The cell at rank 0 is not used
- Yields in-place heap-sort



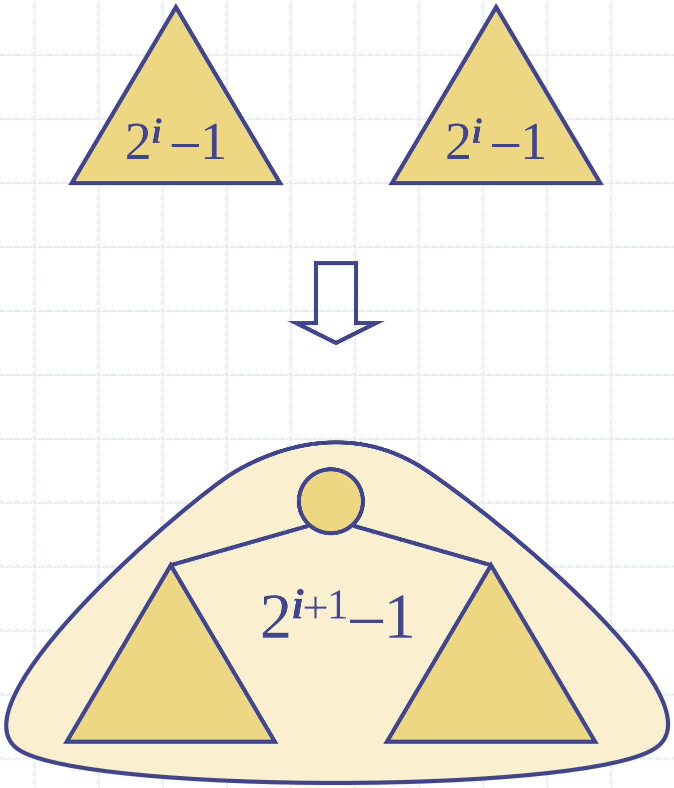
Merging Two Heaps

- We are given two two heaps and a key ***k***
- We create a new heap with the root node storing ***k*** and with the two heaps as subtrees
- We perform downheap to restore the heap-order property

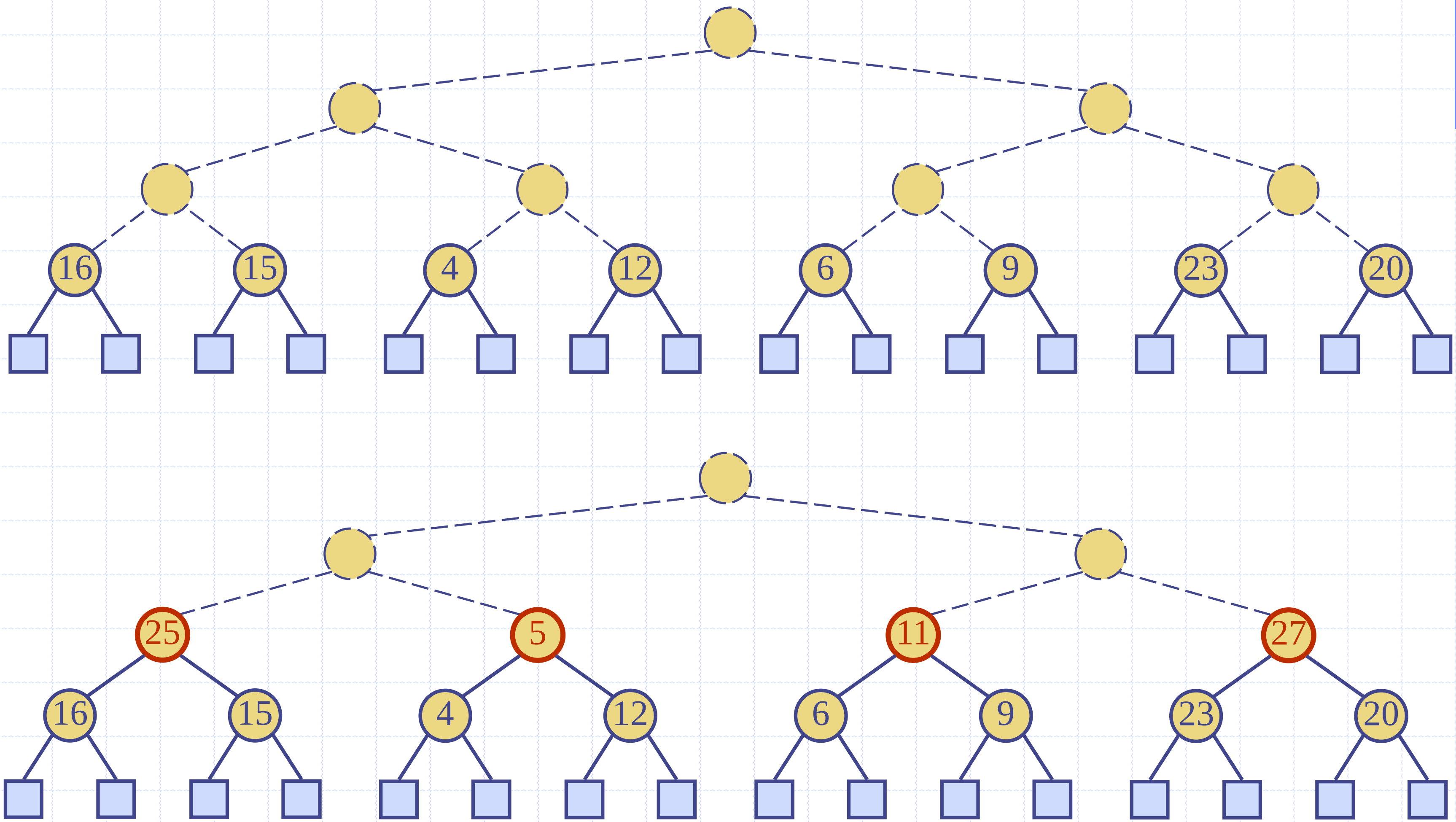


Bottom-up Heap Construction

- We can construct a heap storing n given keys in using a bottom-up construction with $\log n$ phases
- In phase i, pairs of heaps with $2^i - 1$ keys are merged into heaps with $2^{i+1} - 1$ keys



Example



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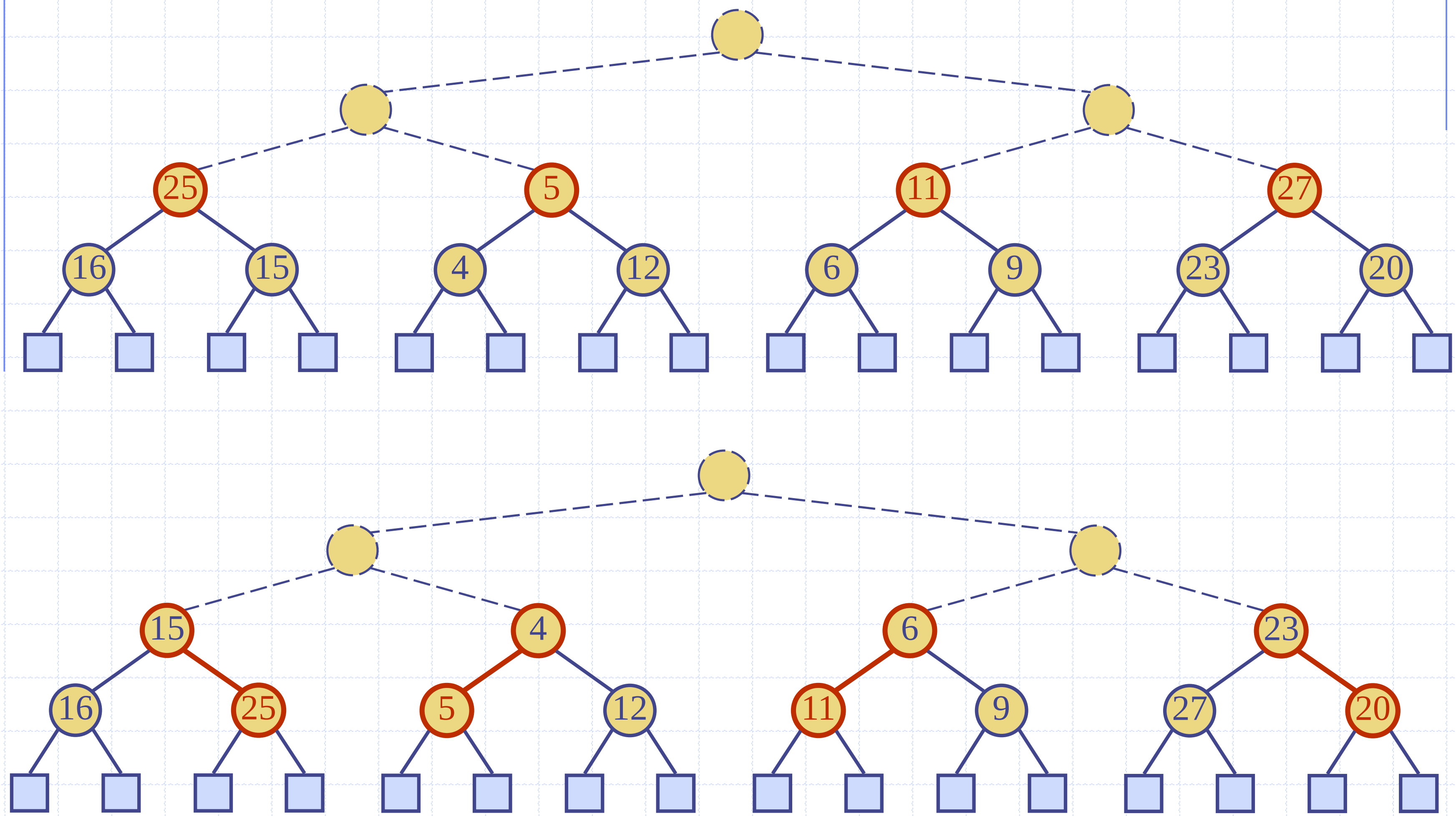

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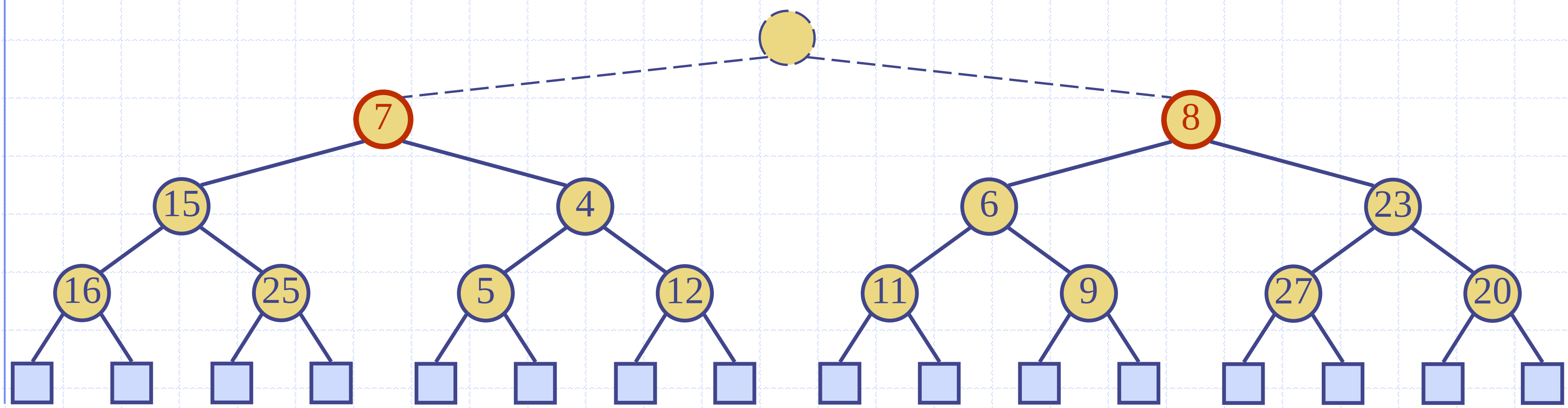

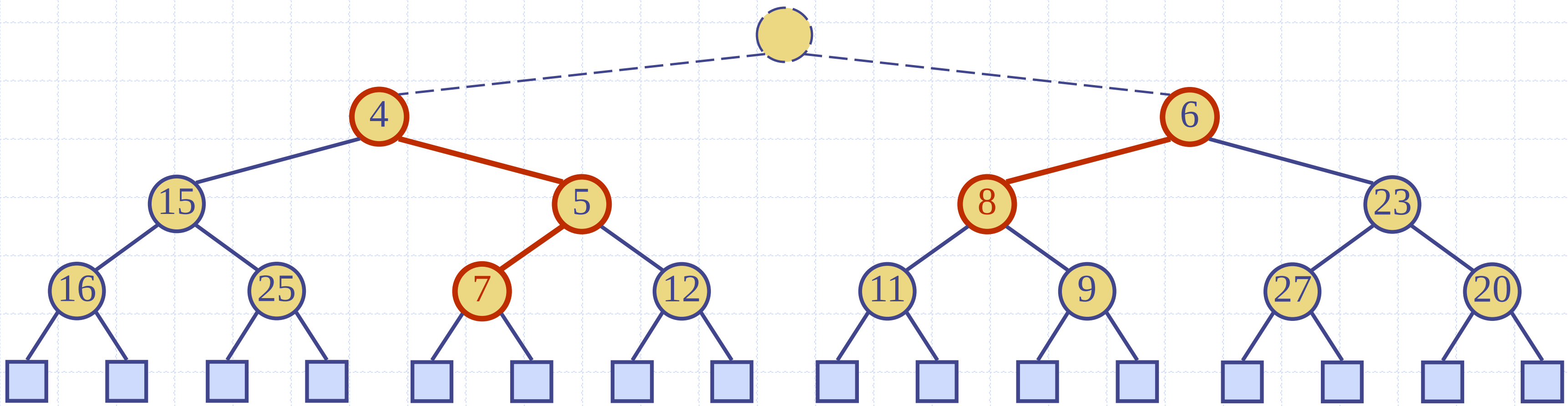

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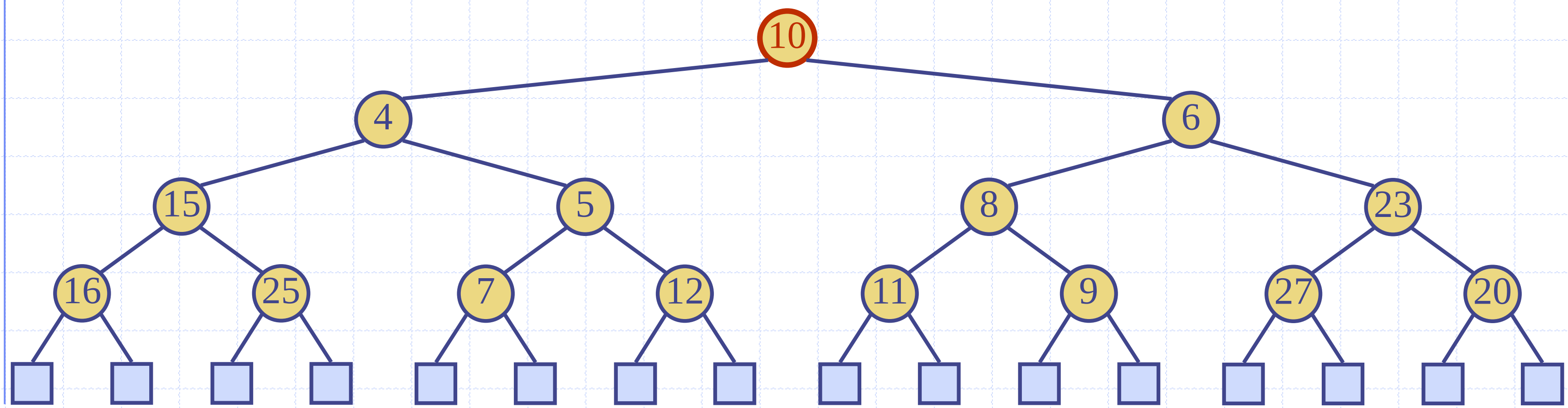
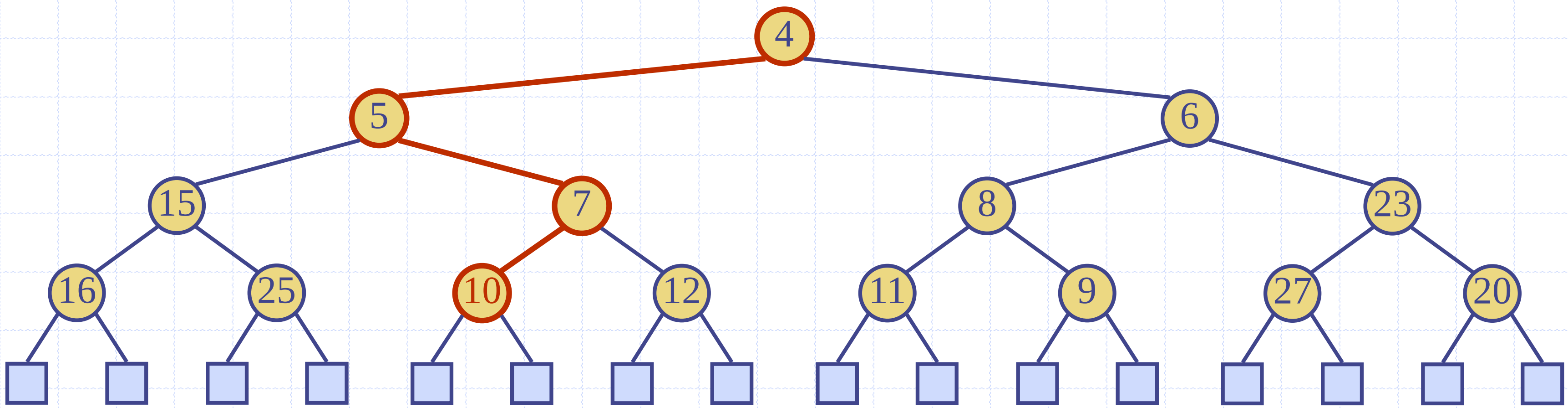




Building a heap

Running time

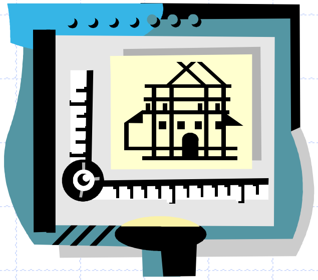
Easy: $O(n \log n)$ [Why?]

Better estimate: $O(n)$.

Proof: When HEAPIFY is called on a node of height h, it takes $O(h)$ time units. Therefore, the total time is $\sum_{h=o}^{\lfloor \log n \rfloor} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2^{h+1}} \right\rceil O(h) = O\left(n \sum_{h=o}^{\lfloor \log n \rfloor} \frac{h}{2^h} \right) = O(n).$

Exercise: prove that $\Sigma_{h=1,..,\infty} h/2^h = O(1)$.

Analysis



- We visualize the worst-case time of a downheap with a proxy path that goes first right and then repeatedly goes left until the bottom of the heap (this path may differ from the actual downheap path)
- Since each node is traversed by at most two proxy paths, the total number of nodes of the proxy paths is $O(n)$
- Thus, bottom-up heap construction runs in $O(n)$ time
- Bottom-up heap construction is faster than n successive insertions and speeds up the first phase of heap-sort