

Data Structures and Algorithms

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► Questions (Tu Cao)



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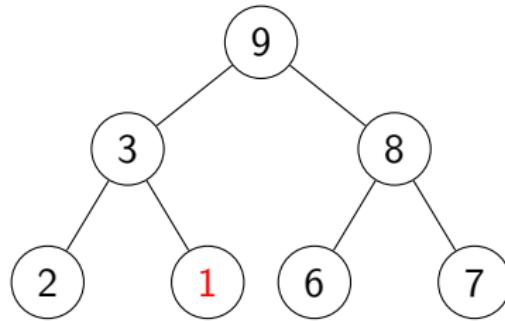
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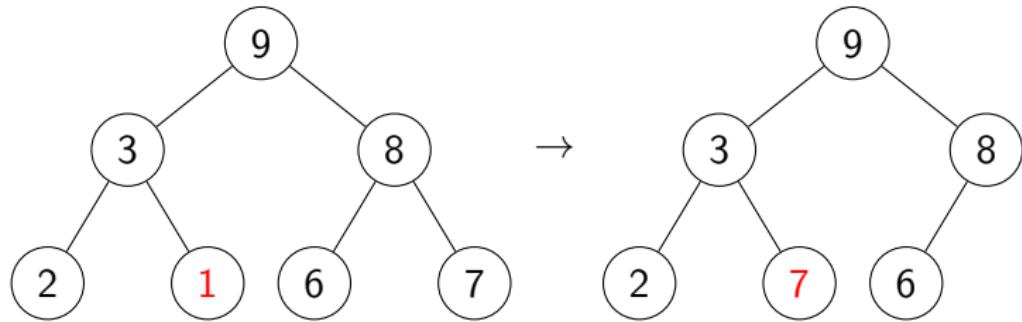
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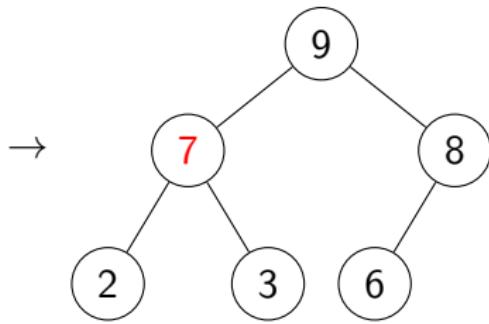
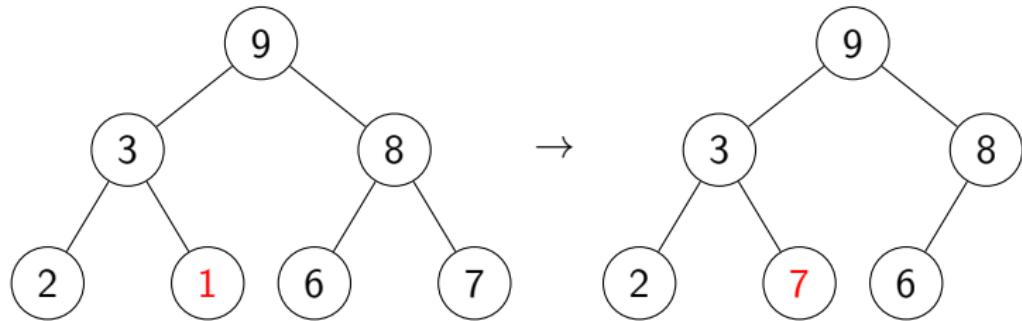


Ex. (6.5.8 Heap Delete)

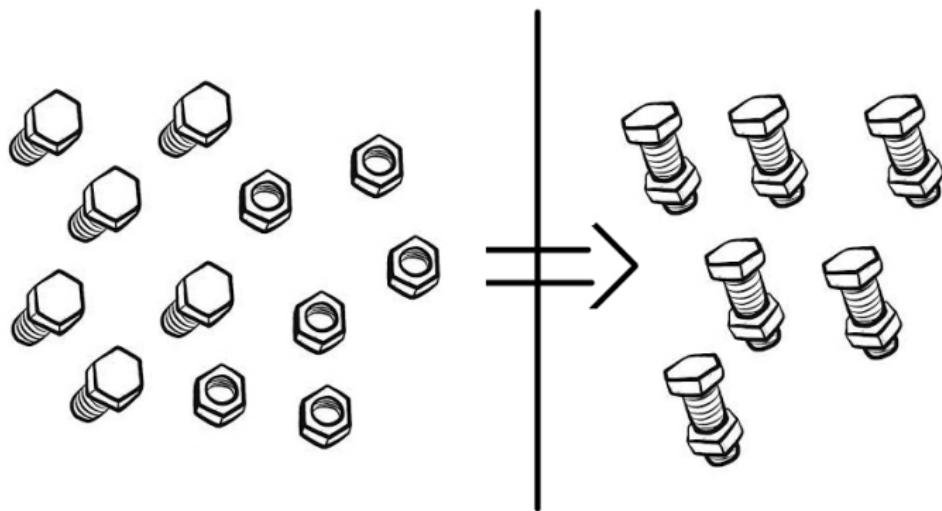
The operation $\text{HEAP-DELETE}(A, i)$ deletes the item in node i from heap A . Give an implementation of HEAP-DELETE that runs in $O(\lg n)$ time for an n -element max-heap.







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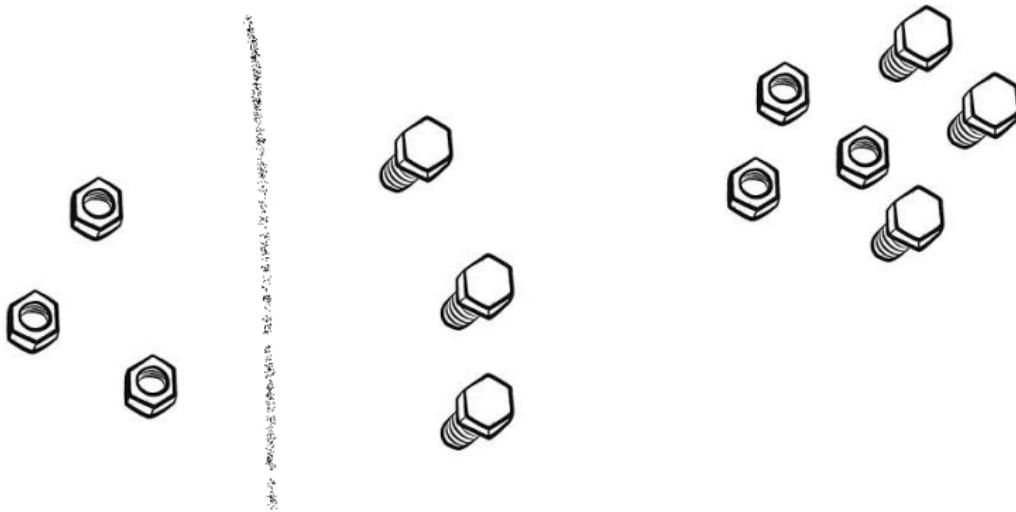
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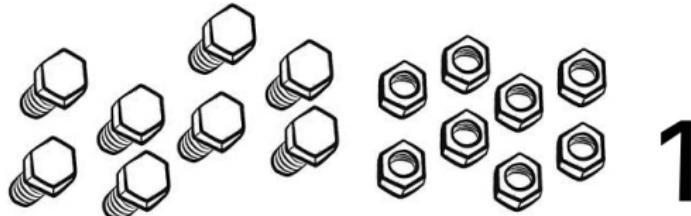
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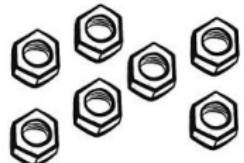
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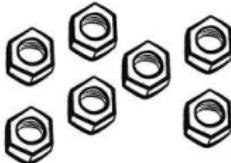
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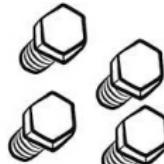
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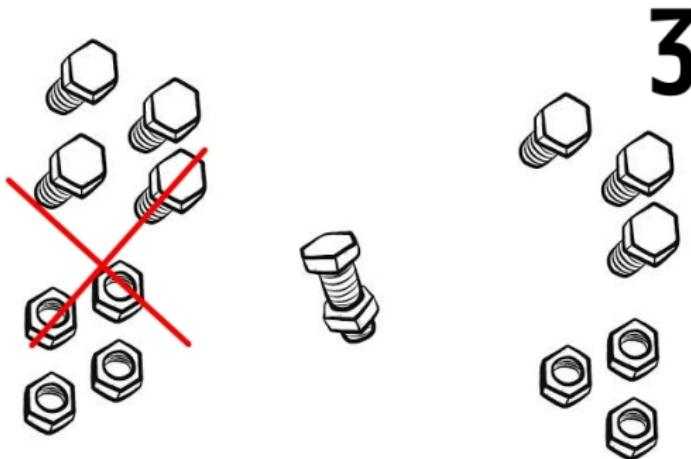
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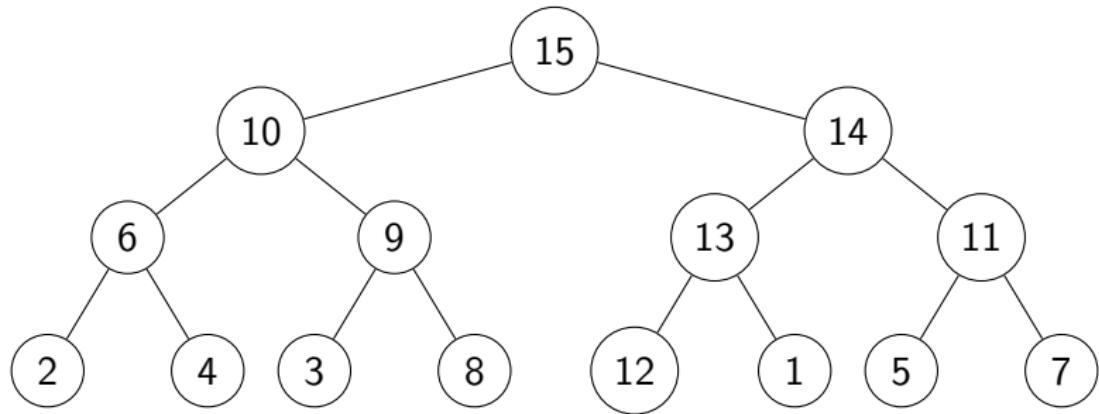
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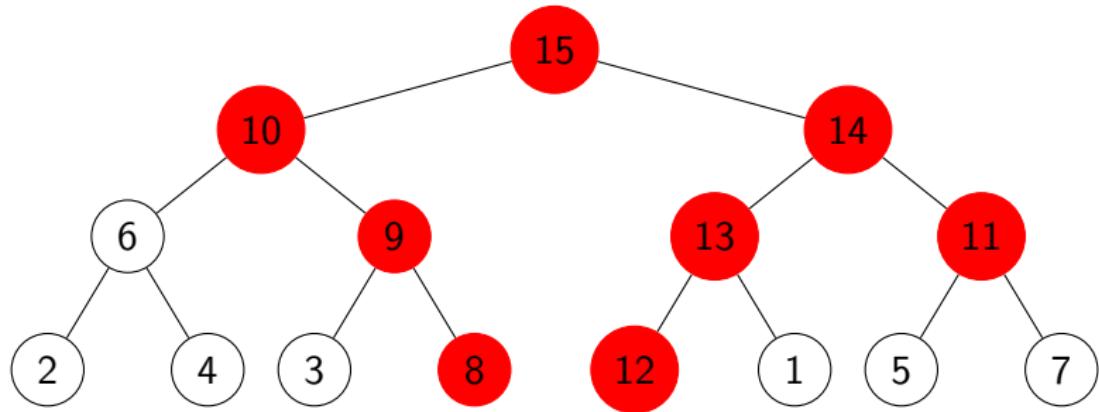


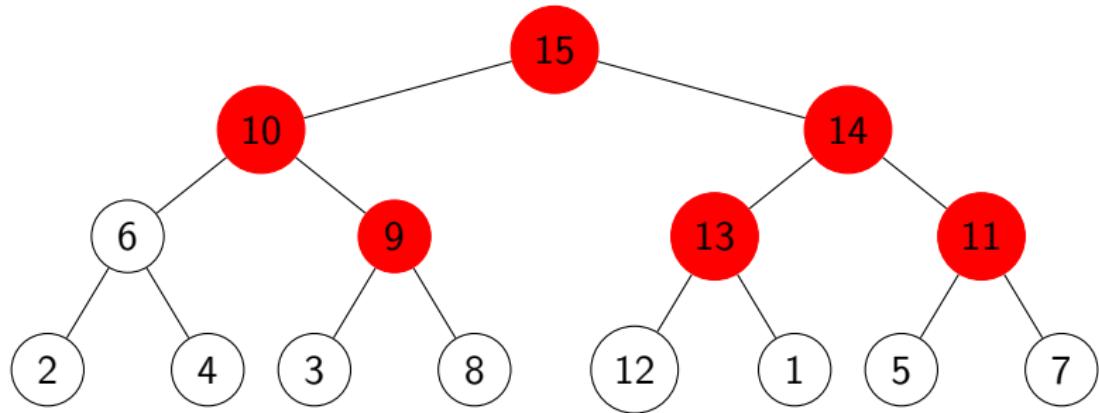
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