

## 12. Find median in a stream

**Hard** Accuracy: 51.32% Submissions: 6248 Points: 8

Given an input stream of  $N$  integers. The task is to insert these numbers into a new stream and find the median of the stream formed by each insertion of  $X$  to the new stream.

### Example 1:

**Input:**

$N = 4$

$X[] = 5, 15, 1, 3$

**Output:**

5

10

5

4

**Explanation:** Flow in stream : 5, 15, 1, 3

5 goes to stream --> median 5 (5)

15 goes to stream --> median 10 (5, 15)

1 goes to stream --> median 5 (5, 15, 1)

3 goes to stream --> median 4 (5, 15, 1, 3)

### Your Task:

You are required to complete 3 methods **InsertHeap()** which takes 1 argument, **balanceHeaps()** and **getMedian()** and returns the current median.

**Expected Time Complexity :**  $O(n \log n)$

**Expected Auxiliary Space :**  $O(n)$

### Constraints:

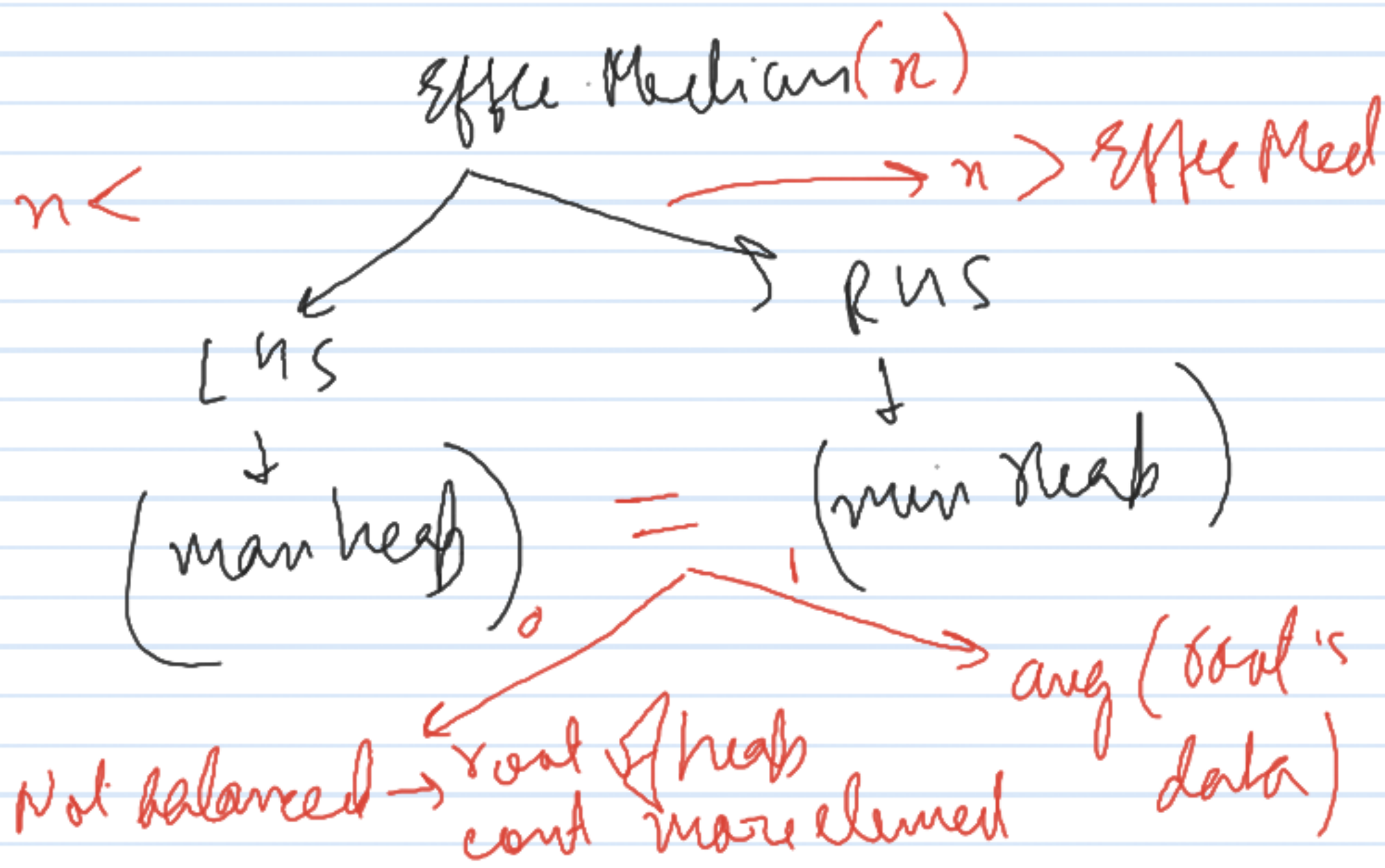
$1 \leq N \leq 10^6$

$1 \leq x \leq 10^6$

We can use a max heap on left side to represent elements that are less than *effective median*, and a min heap on right side to represent elements that are greater than *effective median*.

After processing an incoming element, the number of elements in heaps differ utmost by 1 element. When both heaps contain same number of elements, we pick average of heaps root data as *effective median*. When the heaps are not balanced, we select *effective median* from the root of heap containing more elements.

Approach →





① Initialization  $\rightarrow$  median, minHeap, maxHeap

② Get Median

$\rightarrow$  Both not equal

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{size}(\text{min}) = (\text{max}) \\ \downarrow \\ \text{Return} \\ (\text{min.top} + \text{max.top})/2 \end{array} \right\}$

$\downarrow$   
 $\text{if}(\text{min} == \text{empty}) \rightarrow \text{only 1 element case}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\text{Return max.top}$

$\text{size}(\text{min} < \text{max})$

$\downarrow$   
 $\text{Return max.top}$        $\rightarrow$   $\text{Return min.top}$

Here the size discrepancy at max could be 1, so  $(\text{max} + \text{min}) \text{size} \% 2$   
Either '0' or '1'



# Insert Reaps (Ex)

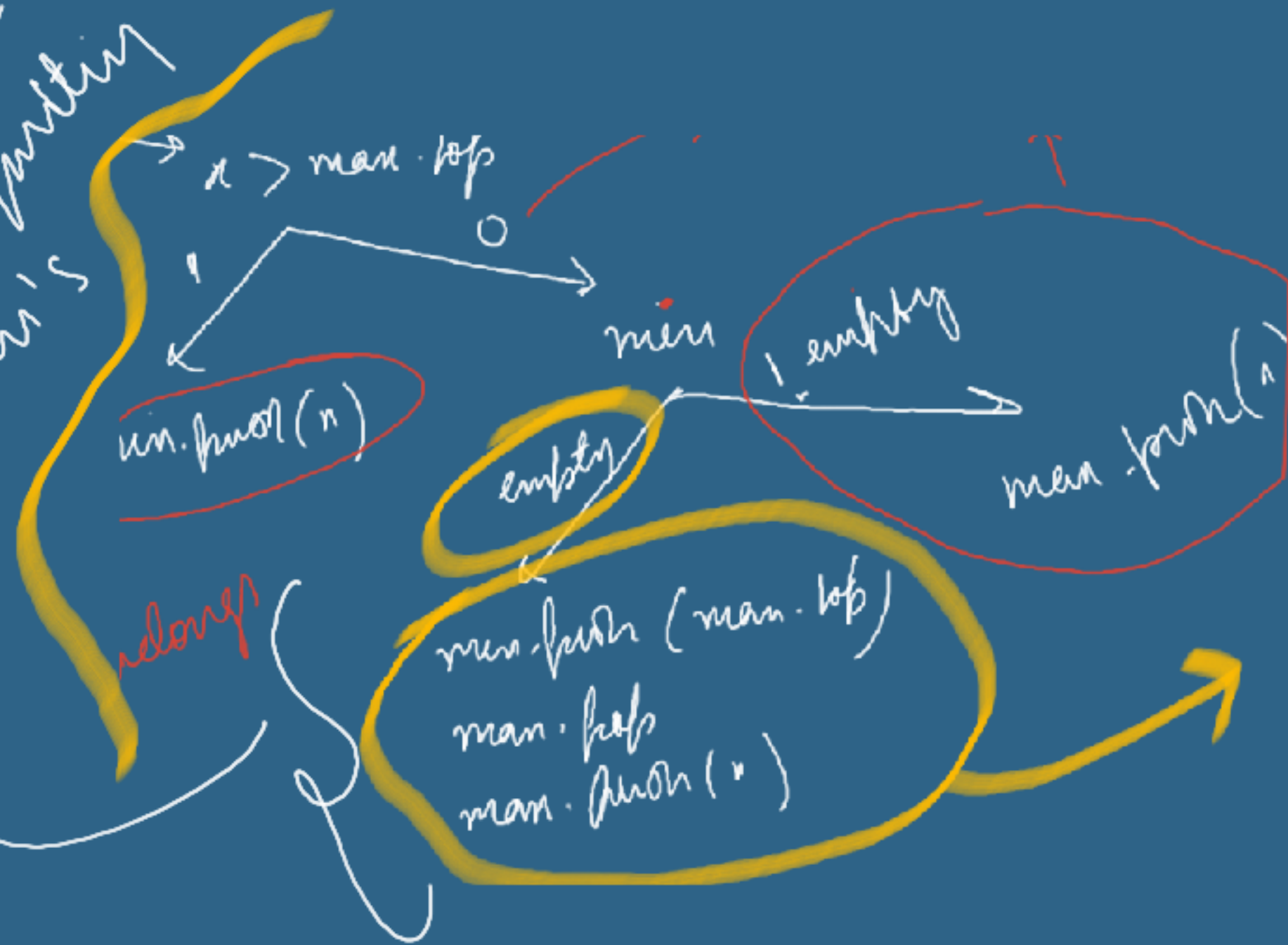
{ LNS  $\rightarrow$  max, RNS  $\rightarrow$  min }

Base Case



Balance Reaps is called after each insertion.

min is a lot of  
balancing done here  
it's simply just partition  
if in min and min's  
top is curd



Function

## Balance Heap

① Balance check  $\rightarrow \text{size}(\text{max} - \text{min}) > 1$

↓ yes

$\text{max.size}() > \text{min.size}$

yes

① Put max top in min

② {remove} {max.top}  
   {it}

No

min is >

↓

① Put min.top in max

② pop from min

