Copilot

Sure, here's a way to remove an element from a max heap at a given index `i`.

Algorithm Description

1. Replace the element at index `i` with the last element in the heap (the rightmost leaf).
2. Reduce the size of the heap by 1.
3. Now, we have two cases:
    - If the new element at `i` is greater than its parent, we sift it up.
    - Otherwise, we sift it down.

Pseudo-code

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def remove(heap, i):
    # Swap the element at index i with the last element
    heap[i] = heap[-1]
    # Remove the last element
    heap.pop()
    # If the heap is not empty and the node at i has a parent and is greater than its parent
    if i < len(heap) and i > 0 and heap[i] > heap[(i - 1) // 2]:
        # Sift up
        sift_up(heap, i)
    else:
        # Sift down
        sift_down(heap, i)

def sift_up(heap, i):
    # While the node at i has a parent and is greater than its parent
    while i > 0 and heap[i] > heap[(i - 1) // 2]:
        # Swap this node with its parent
        heap[i], heap[(i - 1) // 2] = heap[(i - 1) // 2], heap[i]
        # Move i to the parent's index
        i = (i - 1) // 2

def sift_down(heap, i):
    # While the node at i has at least one child
    while (i * 2) + 1 < len(heap):
        # Choose the largest child's index
        max_child_index = (i * 2) + 1
        # If the node has a second child and the second child is larger
        if max_child_index + 1 < len(heap) and heap[max_child_index] < heap[max_child_index + 1]:
            # Choose the second child
            max_child_index += 1
        # If the largest child is larger than the parent
        if heap[max_child_index] > heap[i]:
            # Swap them
            heap[i], heap[max_child_index] = heap[max_child_index], heap[i]
            # Move i to the child's index
            i = max_child_index
        else:
            # The parent is larger than both children, so we're done
            break
```

Complexity Analysis

- The time complexity of this algorithm is **O(log n)** because in the worst case we might have to sift an element all the way from the root to the leaf or vice versa.

- The space complexity is **O(1)** because we only use a constant amount of space to store indices and temporary variables.

Correctness Justification

- The algorithm maintains the heap property. After the swap, if the new element is greater than its parent, it’s sifted up, otherwise it’s sifted down. This ensures that every parent node is greater than its child nodes.
- The algorithm also maintains the shape property of the heap (a complete binary tree), as we only remove the last element in the array representation of the heap.