

# Priority Queues

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## Priority Queue Operations

- ◆ Enqueue items with a priority
- ◆ Dequeue item with the highest priority
- ◆ Highest - return item with the highest priority

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## Priority Queue Operations

### ◆ Uses for a priority queue

- Printers
- Office hours
- Emergency room

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## Priority Queue Implementations

### ◆ In class exercise - Evaluate and choose the best ADT implementation

- Data Structure
  - ◆ Array based list
  - ◆ Linked list based list
  - ◆ Tree
- Operations
  - ◆ Enqueue - enqueue with a priority
  - ◆ Dequeue - dequeue highest priority
  - ◆ Highest - return highest priority

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## Priority Queue Implementations

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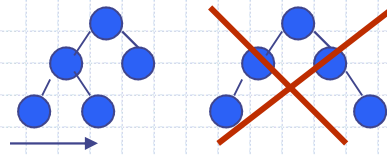
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## Binary Heaps/Heaps

- ◆ Similar to a BST
- ◆ Heap is sorted in a much weaker sense however the sorting is sufficient for a priority queue
- ◆ Tree is always a complete tree
  - Bottom level may not be filled but fills from left to right

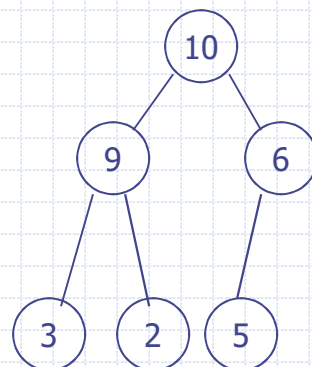


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## Max Heap



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## Heaps

- ◆ Full binary trees are easily stored in an array
  - Must know max size but no wasted space
    - ◆ Parent =  $(i-1)/2$
    - ◆ Left Child =  $2i + 1$
    - ◆ Right Child =  $2i + 2$

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## Heap Ordering Properties

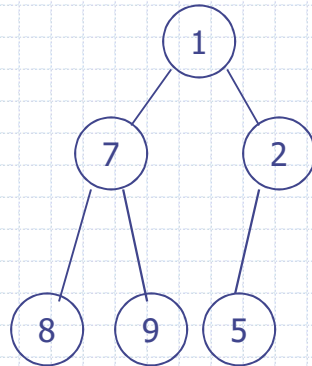
- ◆ Min Heap
  - For each node  $X$ ,  $X.item \geq (X.parent).item$ 
    - ◆ Smallest number is at the root
- ◆ Max Heap
  - For each node  $X$ ,  $X.item \leq (X.parent).item$ 
    - ◆ Largest number is at the root

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## Min Heap



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## Heap ADT

*HEAP class*

*int MAXNODES*

*set to current array size*

*int numNodes*

*current #of items in heap*

*itemtype \*Arr*

*dynamically allocated space  
for MAXNODES items (can  
realloc if needed)*

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## Heap - Enqueue

- ◆ Create a hole (empty node) in the next available complete tree location
  - Remember to fill **bottom** layer from left to right
- ◆ If the item can be inserted into the hole without violation of the heap property, insert item
- ◆ Otherwise, copy the holes parent item into the hole then **trickle up**

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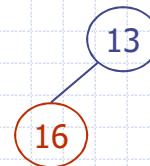
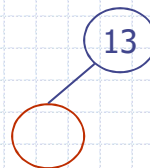
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Enqueue 13



Enqueue 16



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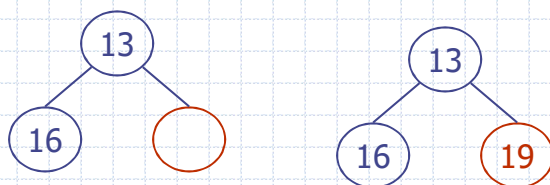
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Enqueue 19



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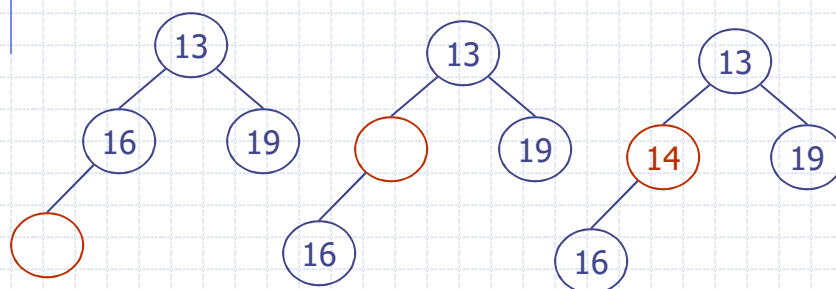
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Enqueue 14



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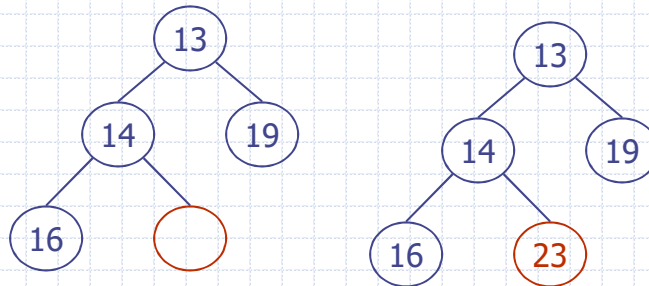
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Enqueue 23



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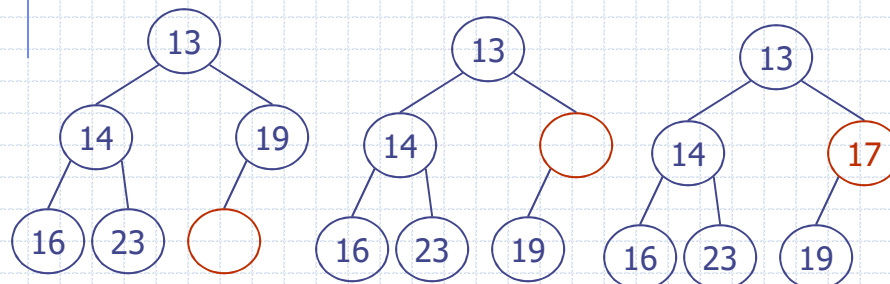
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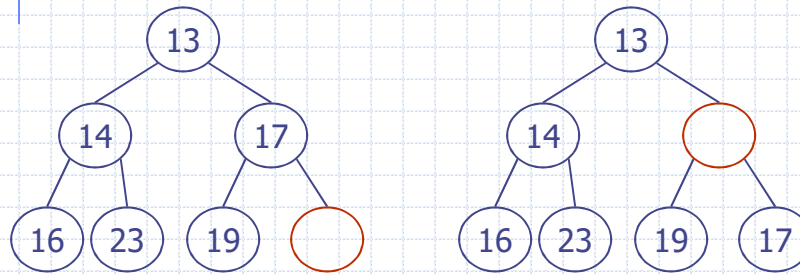
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Enqueue 6



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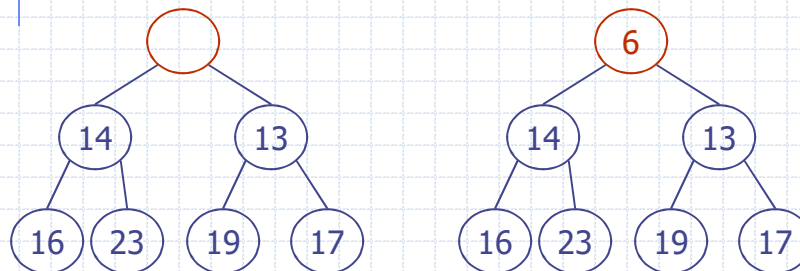
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## Min Heap Enqueue

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Enqueue 6



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## Max Heap Enqueue

- ◆ In class exercise - Enqueue the following numbers into a **max** heap (remember that the **largest** number is at the root)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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## Max Heap Enqueue

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## Min Heap Enqueue

```
void enqueueHeap ( itemtype item )  
    if heap not full  
        if heap empty  
            Running time =  
            arr[numNodes] = item  
            ++numNodes  
        else  
            x = numNodes  
            while (x > 0 && arr[(x-1)/2] > item)  
                arr[x] = arr[(x-1)/2]  
                x = (x-1)/2  
            arr[x] = item  
            ++numNodes
```

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## Heap

- ◆ Finding the node with the highest priority is easy - it is just at the root
  - Running time =  $O(1)$

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## Heap Dequeue

### ◆ Dequeue highest priority item

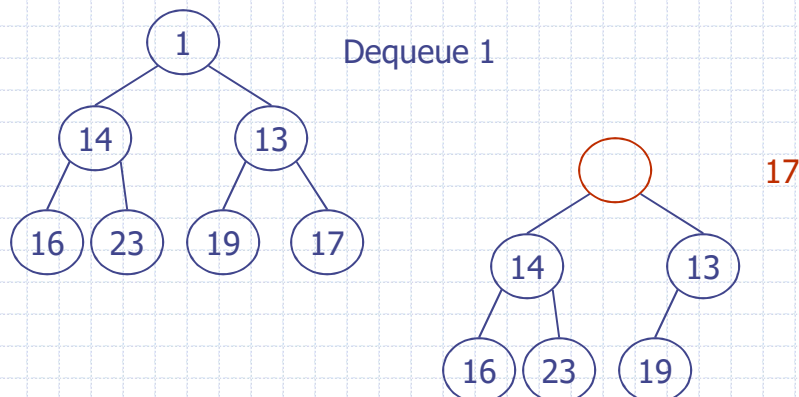
- Makes a hole at the **root**
- Want to remain a complete tree so place **last item** in the heap into the hole
  - ◆ If item can be placed in hole without violation of the heap property, then done
  - ◆ Otherwise, **trickle down**. Put the highest priority of the holes children into the hole

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## Min Heap Dequeue

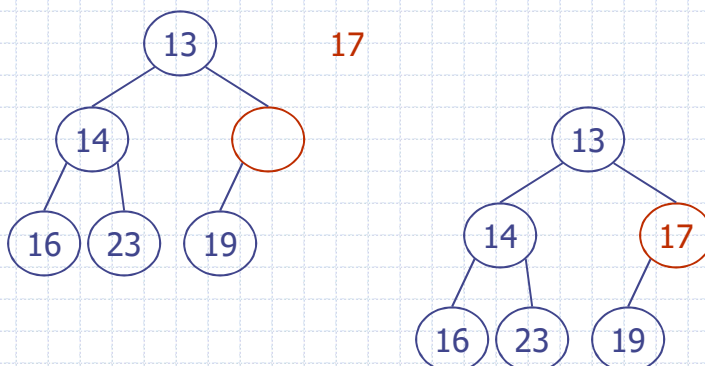


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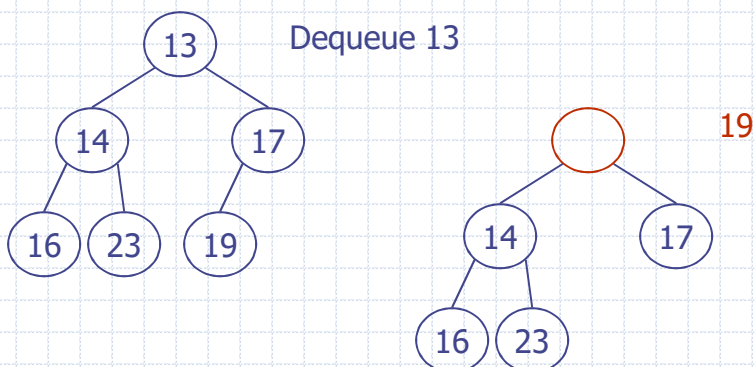


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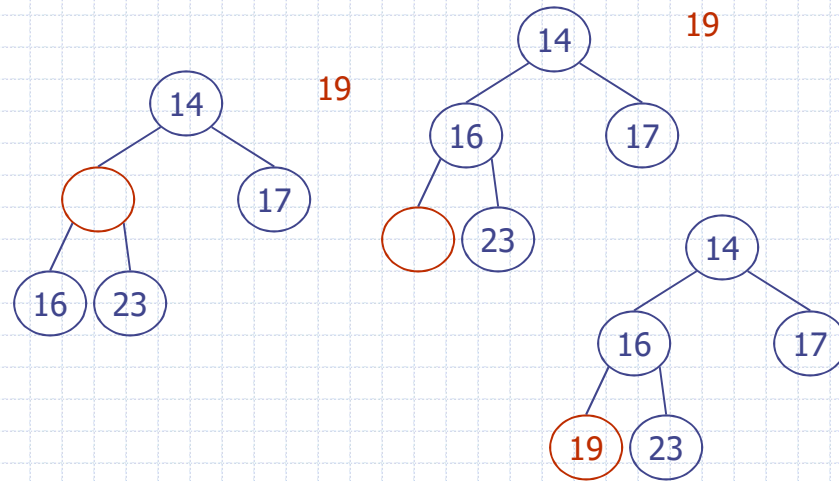
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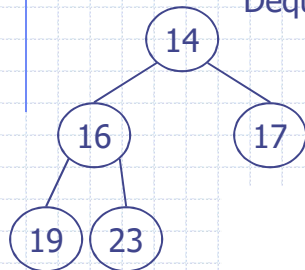
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## Min Heap Dequeue

In class exercise

Dequeue 14



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## Heap Notes

- ◆ Common error when writing code for dequeue
  - Check number of children before finding child with highest priority value
- ◆ Searching for an item requires looking at all nodes since there is no particular ordering
  - Search is not too common

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## Building a Heap

- ◆ Naïve method
  - Perform  $N$  enqueue operations -  $O(n \lg n)$
- ◆ Better solution
  - Given an array of numbers:

*for ( $x = (N/2)-1$ ;  $x \geq 0$ ;  $--x$ )*  
*Trickle down*

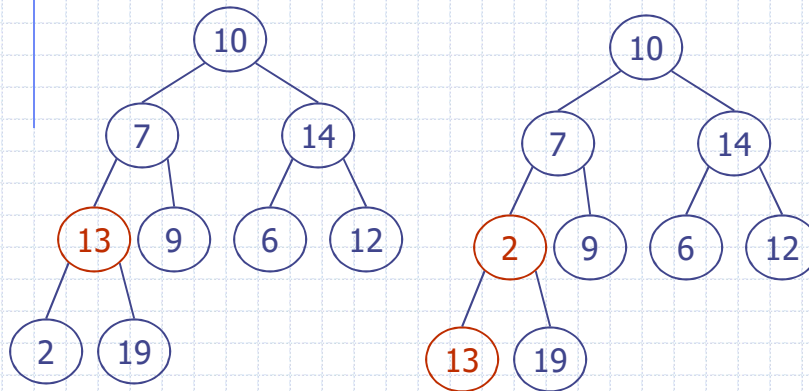
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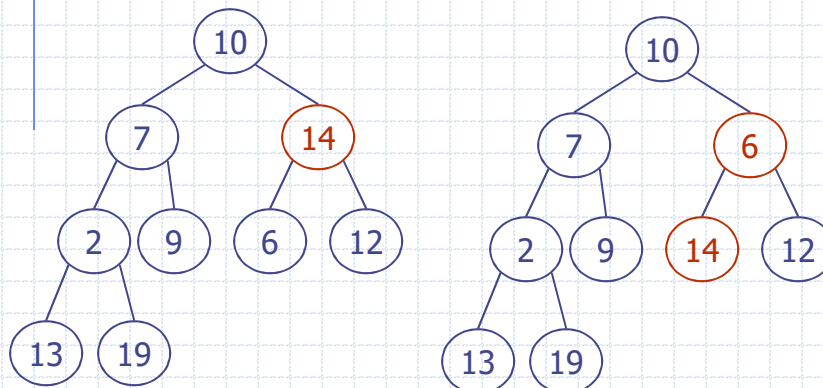
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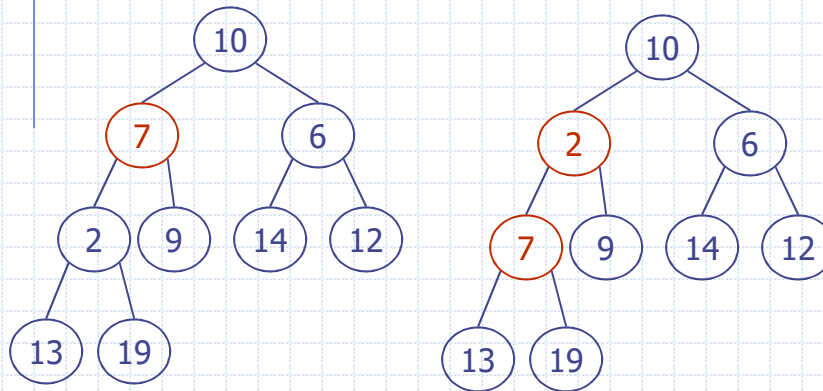
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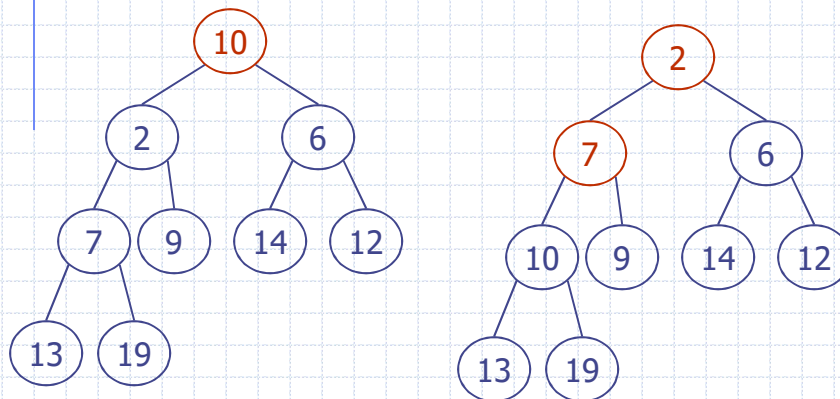
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## Building a Heap

- ◆ Build heap algorithm actually runs in  $O(n)$  time
  - Beyond the scope of the class to prove

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## Heapsort

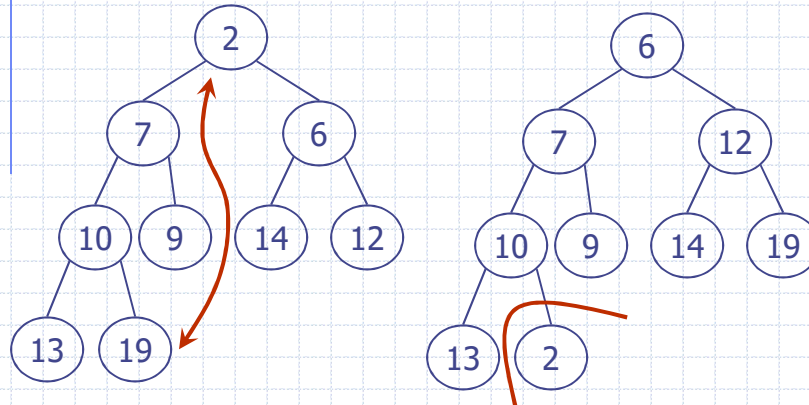
- ◆ Build heap for the opposite of what you want
  - Max heap for ascending order
  - Min heap for descending order
- ◆ Take root and place in last array position, then think of array as 1 smaller
- ◆ Trickle down from root to rebuild heap
- ◆ Continue until all items are moved

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## Heapsort - Sort in descending order

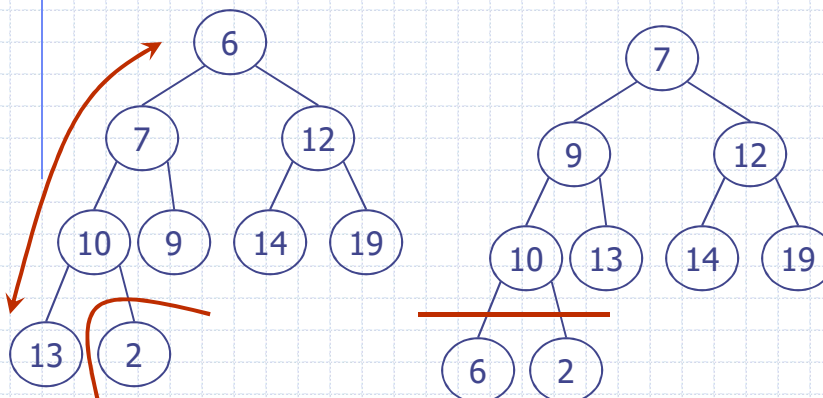


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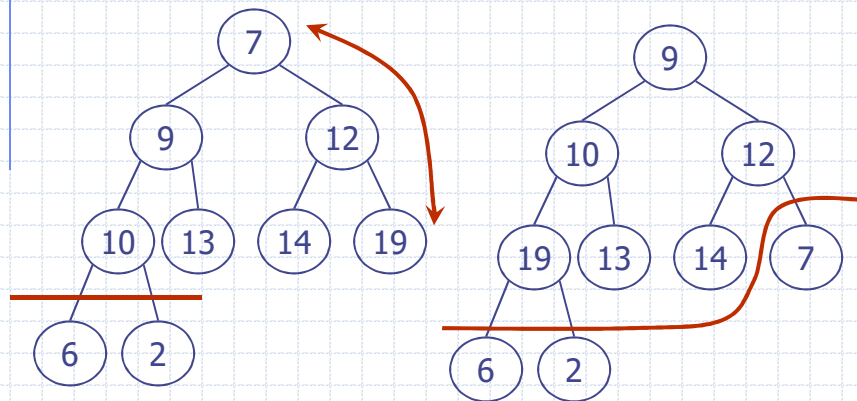


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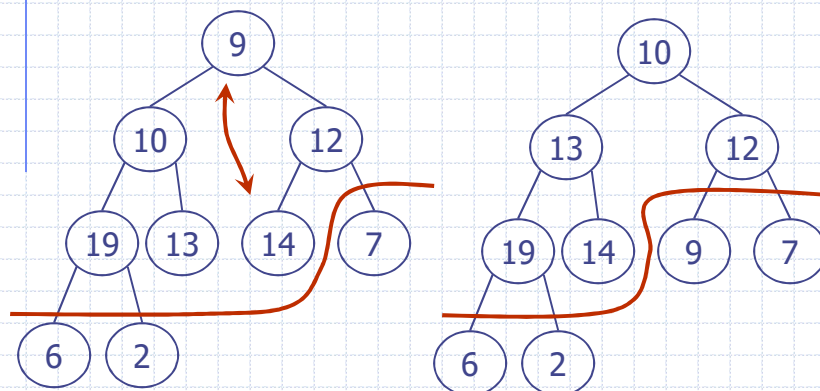


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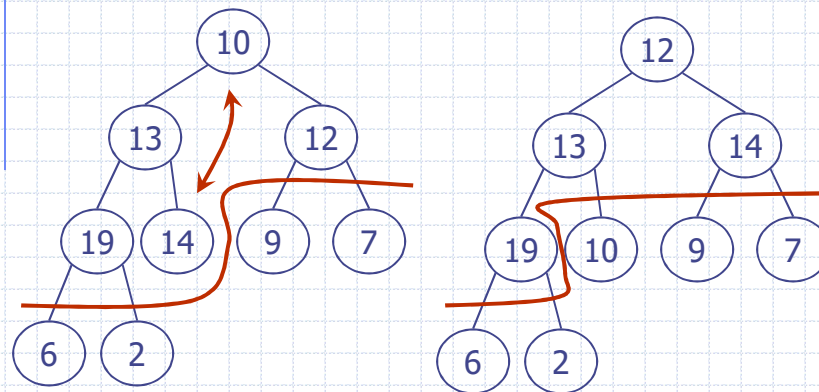


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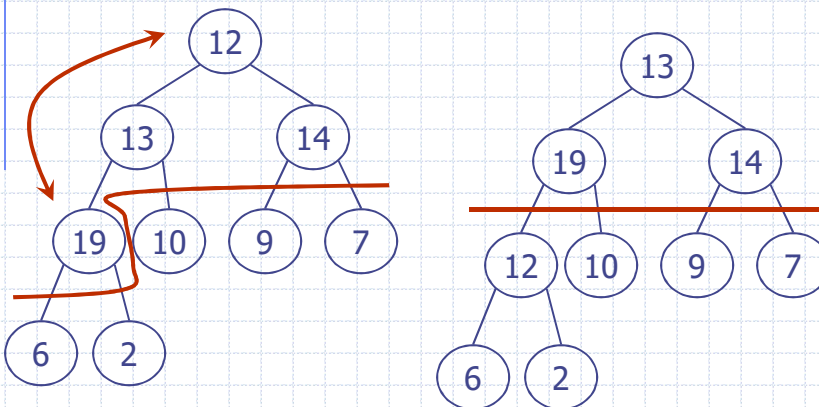


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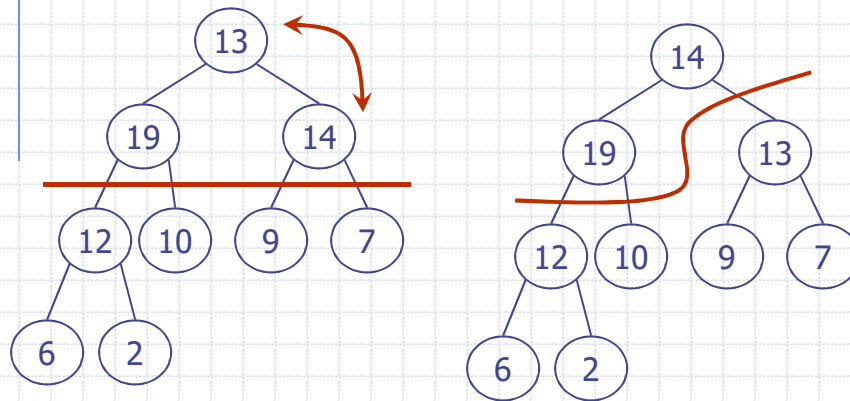
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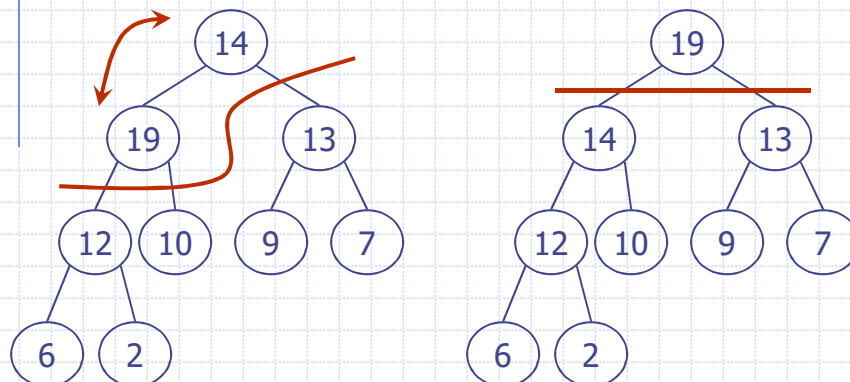


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## Heapsort - Sort in descending order



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## Heapsort Run Time

- ◆ Build step -  $O(n)$
- ◆ Sorting step -  $O(n \lg n)$
- ◆ Heapsort -  $O(n) + O(n \lg n) = O(n \lg n)$