

# Lecture 10: Priority Queues

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# Outline

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- Priority Queues
- Binary Heaps
- Application:
  - Huffman code

# Priority Queues

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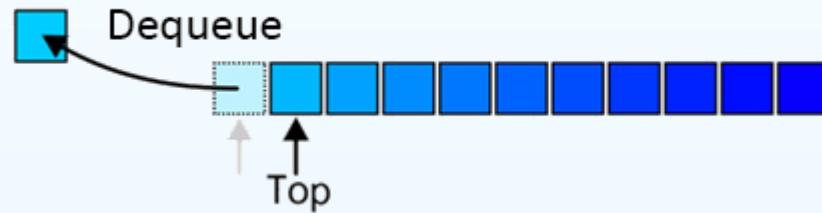
- With an **abstract queue**, objects are linearly ordered associated by **first in, first out**
- Like a normal queue, an **abstract priority queue** holds a collection of objects that each will be dequeued following a **priority order**
  - i.e., each object is associated with a **priority**, and the object having the **highest priority** will be **dequeued first**
- With each enqueued object, we will associate a **nonnegative integer** (0, 1, 2, ...) where:
  - The value **0 has the highest priority**, and
  - **The higher the number, the lower the priority**

# Operations

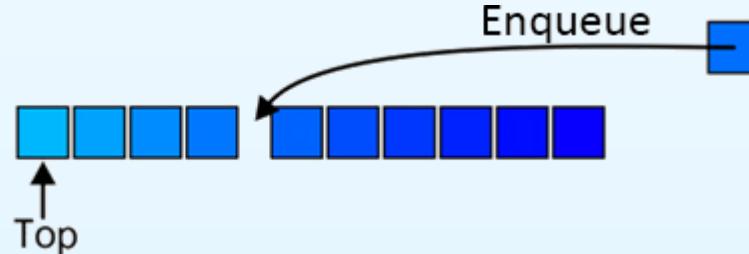
The **top** of a priority queue is the object with highest priority



**Dequeueing** from a priority queue removes the current highest priority object



**Enqueuing** places a new object into the appropriate place



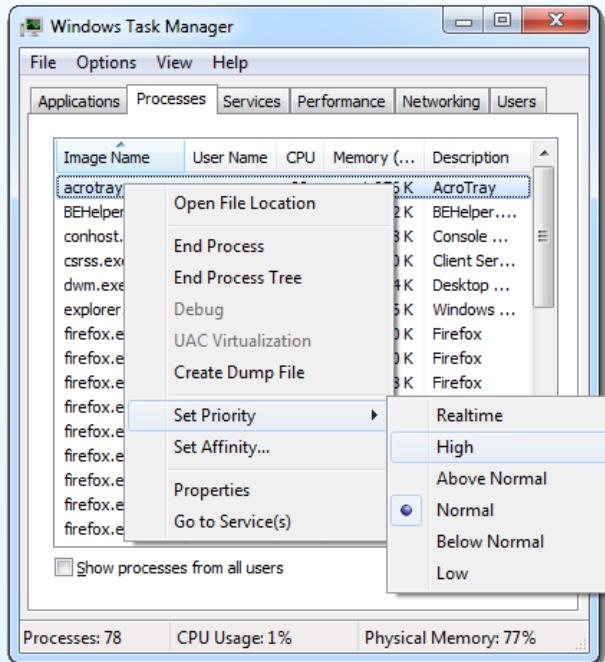
# Lexicographical Priority

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- Priority may also depend on **multiple variables**:
  - Two values specify a priority:  $(a, b)$
  - A pair  $(a, b)$  has higher priority than  $(c, d)$  if
    - $a < c$ , or
    - $a = c$  and  $b < d$
- For example,
  - $(5,19)$ ,  $(13,1)$ ,  $(13,24)$ , and  $(15,0)$  all have higher priority than  $(15,7)$

# Applications

- Operating system needs to schedule jobs according to priority
  - Unix: `$ nice +15 ./a.out`
    - Reduces the priority of the execution of the routine `a.out` by 15
  - Windows: set in the Windows task Manager



# Applications

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- Doctors in emergency room take patients according to severity of injuries
- In traffic light, depending upon the traffic, the colors will be given priority
- Special service for members
  - e.g., airline passengers
- Huffman codes for data compression

# Design for Implementation

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- In addition to the **data values**, we may need to store the **priorities** (i.e., **keys**) of each object
  - Remember, the smaller the number, the higher the priority
- Therefore, we want an ADT that can efficiently perform:
  - `find_min()`
  - `delete_min()`
  - `insert()`

## Which ADT?

# ADT Candidates

ADT	<code>find_min()</code>	<code>delete_min()</code>	<code>insert()</code>
1. Sorted List 	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(n)$
2. Unsorted List 	$O(n)$	$O(n)$	$O(1)$
3. Multiple Queues 	$O(M)$ Restrict the range of priority and require memory $\Theta(M + n)$	$O(M)$	$O(1)$
4. BST/AVL Tree 	$O(\log n)$ Look good but ... are efficient for all finds, not just <code>find_min()</code>	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$

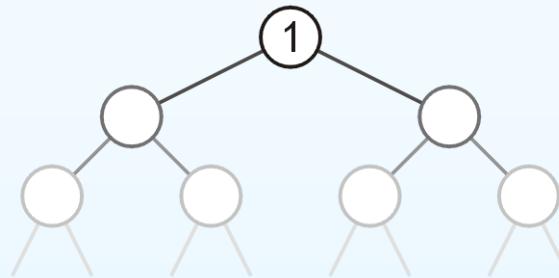
# Better than a BST !!!

Can we **do better** with very limited requirements?

- Only need `find_min()`, `delete_min()`, and `insert()`
- Reduce the running time of some operations down to  $\Theta(1)$

We will look at another ADT, called **heap**

- A tree with the highest priority object at the root
- We will focus on **binary heaps**
- Numerous other heaps exists:
  - $d$ -ary heaps
  - Leftist heaps
  - Skew heaps
  - Binomial heaps
  - Fibonacci heaps
  - Bi-parental heaps



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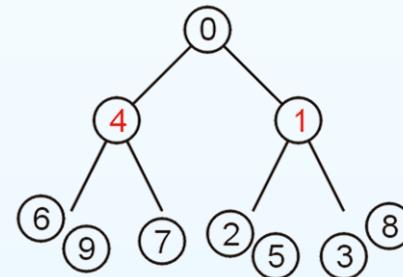
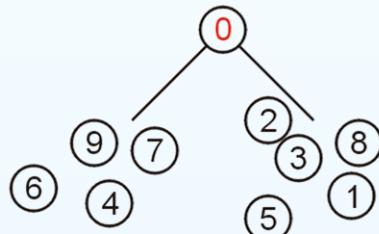
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# Definition: Binary Min Heaps

A non-empty binary tree is a **min-heap** if

- The key of the root is **less than** or **equal to** the keys associated with its left and right subtrees (if any)
- Both subtrees (if any) are also binary min-heaps



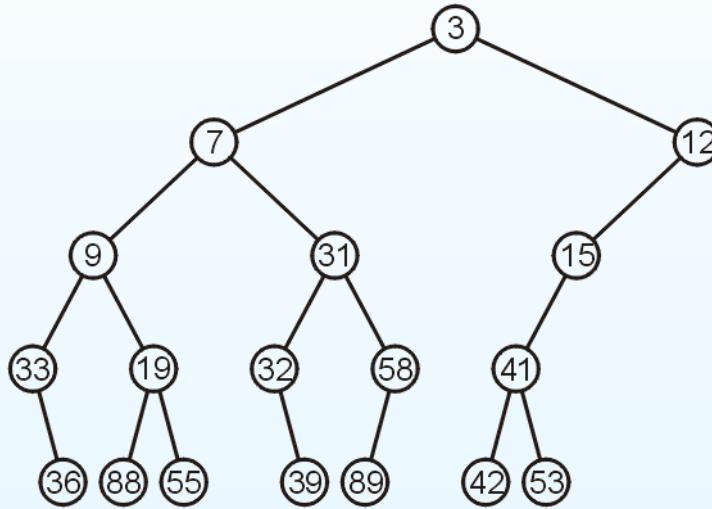
From the definition:

- A single node is a min-heap
- All keys in either subtree are greater than the key of root

# Example

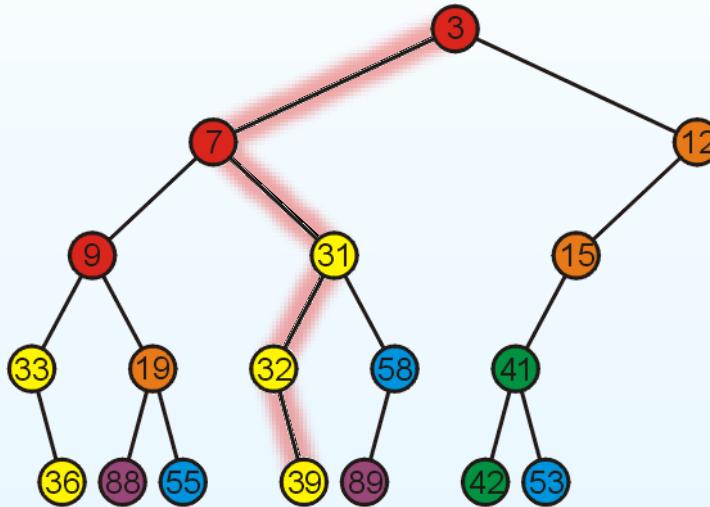
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A binary min-heap



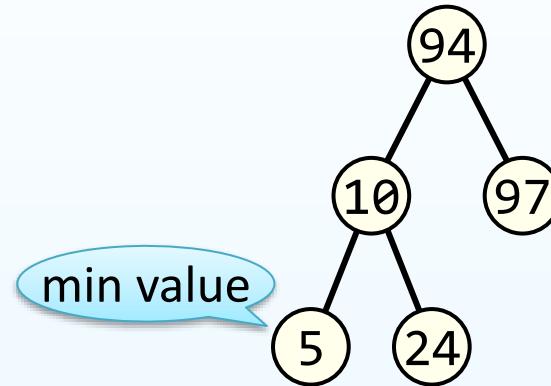
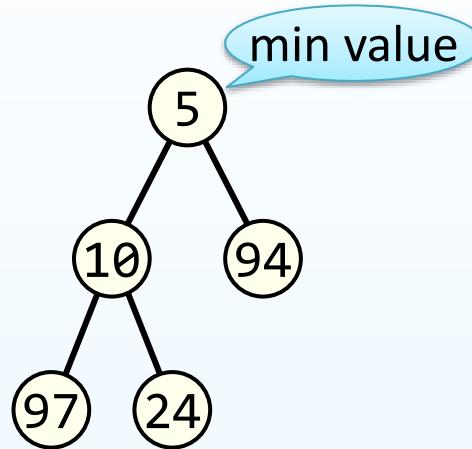
# Heap Order Properties

- Each path is sorted
  - e.g.,  $\langle 3, 7, 31, 32, 39 \rangle$
- There is no relationship between the elements in the two subtrees



# Binary Heap vs. Binary Search Tree

A binary heap is NOT a binary search tree



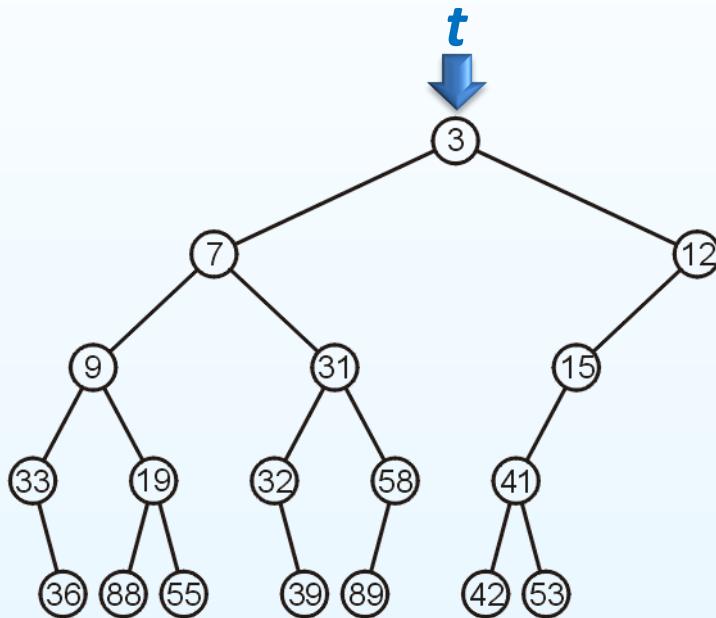
**Binary min-heap:** parent is less than both left and right children

**Binary search tree:** parent is greater than left child, but less than right child

# The `find_min()` Operation

Return the minimum value in heap  $t$

`find_min( $t$ )`

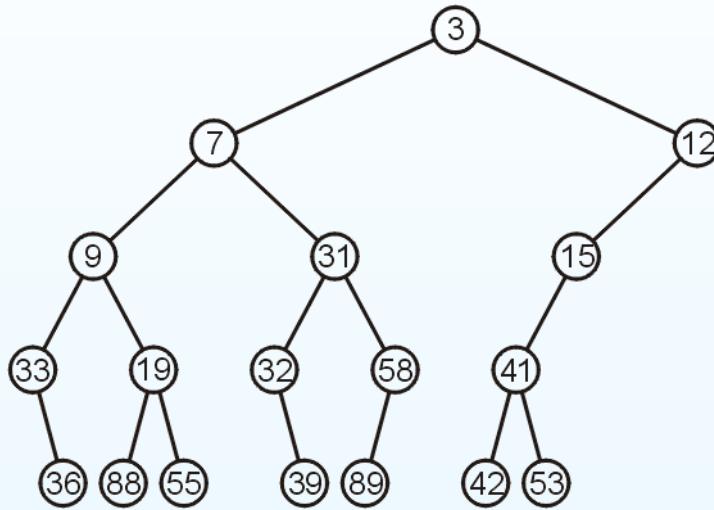


**Running time:**

We can easily return the value of the root in  $\Theta(1)$

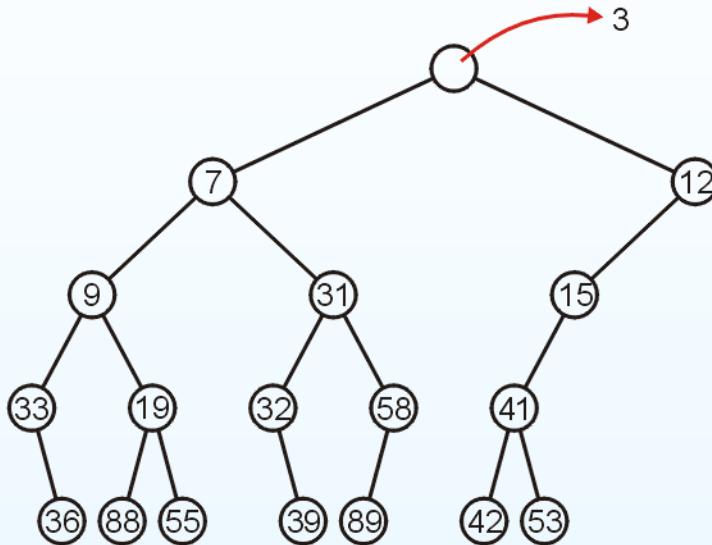
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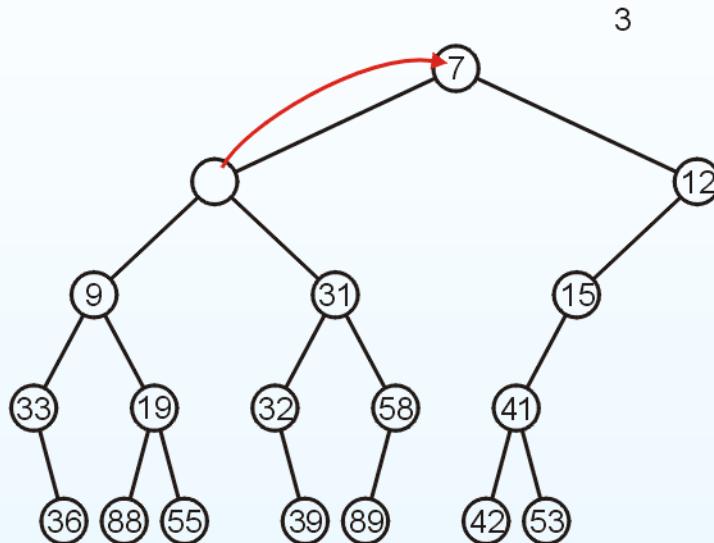
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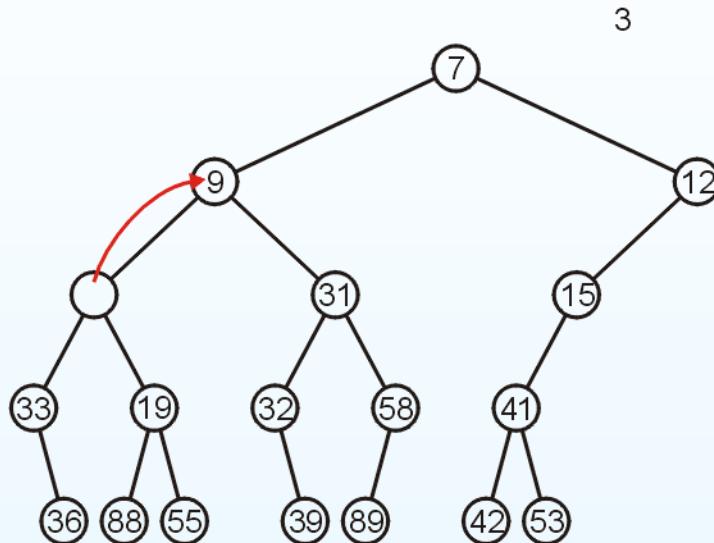
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1. Remove 3
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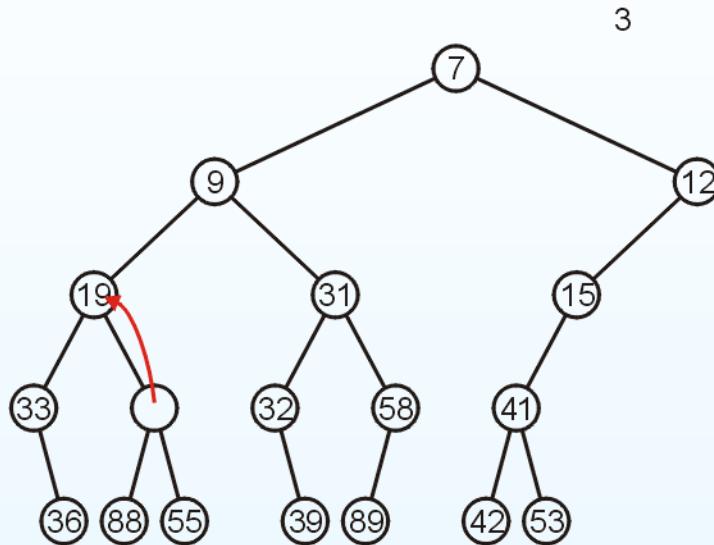
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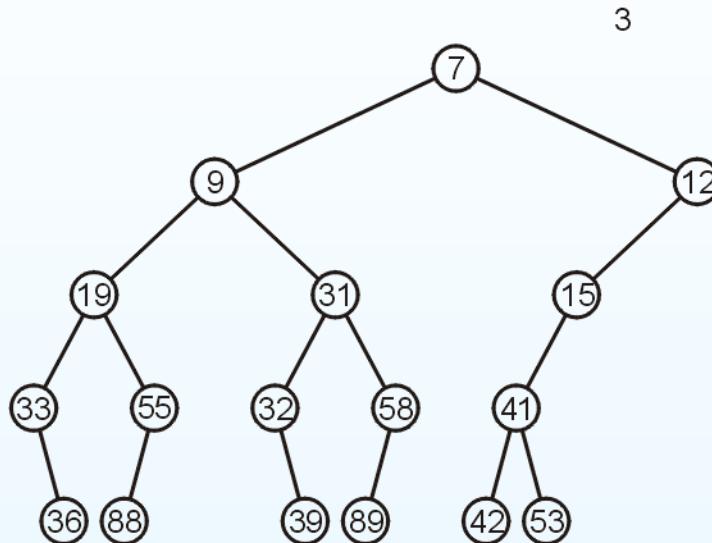
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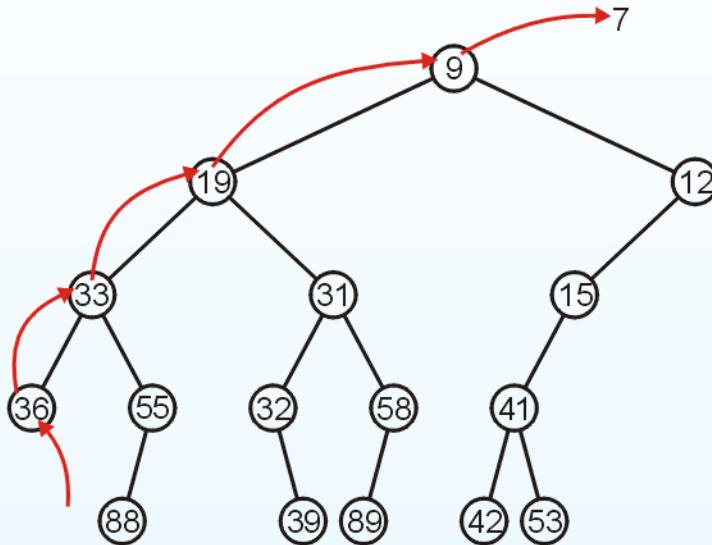
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1. Remove 3
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3. Recursively, promote 9 (the minimum of 9 and 31)
4. Recursively, promote 19 (the minimum of 33 and 19)
5. Finally, 55 is a leaf node so that we promote it and delete that leaf

# Deletion

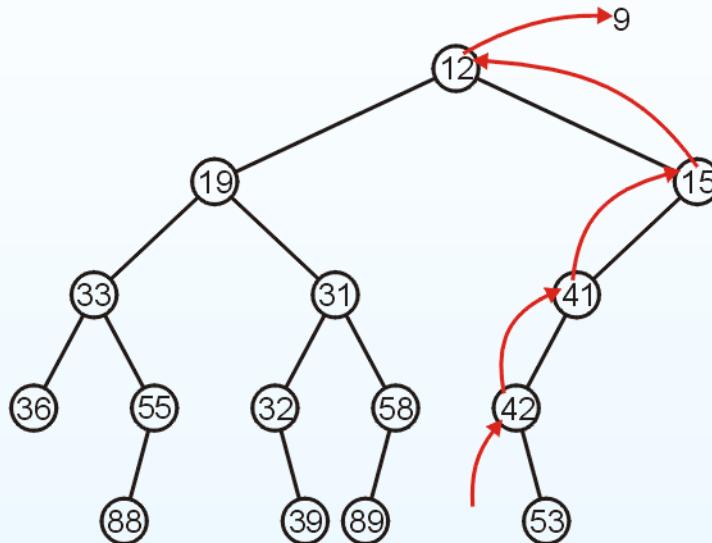
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Repeat the deletion again, we can remove 7

# Deletion

We want to remove the minimum value from the heap:



Again, to remove 9

# Insertion

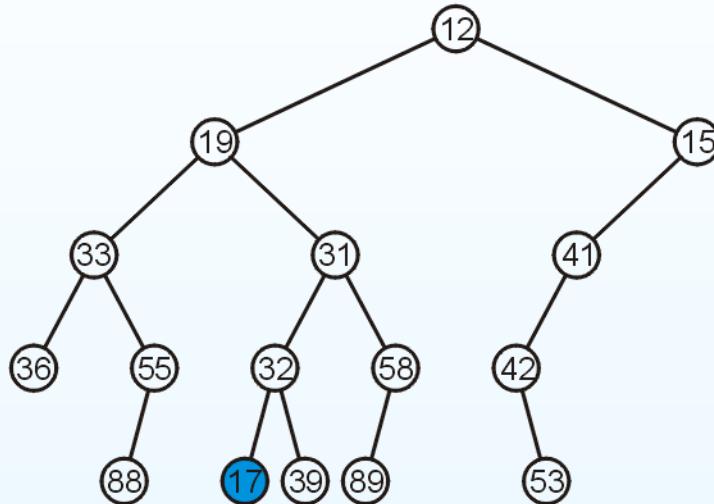
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Insert into a heap may be done either:

- At a **leaf** – move up if it is smaller than the parent
- At the **root** – move down to one of subtrees if it is larger

# Insertion: Approach 1 (At a Leaf)

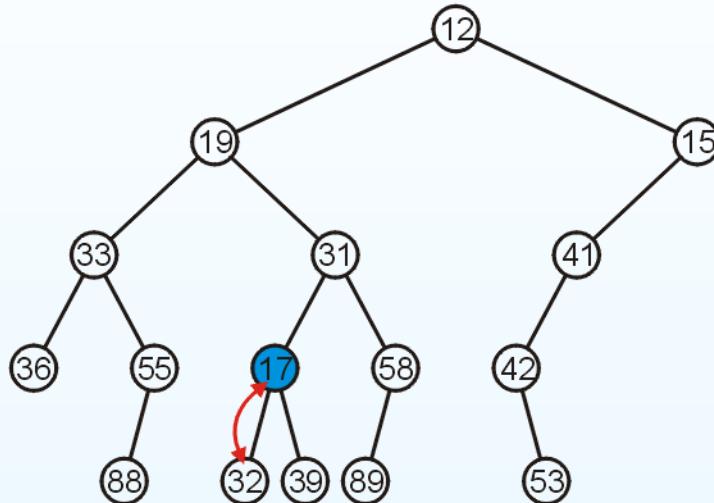
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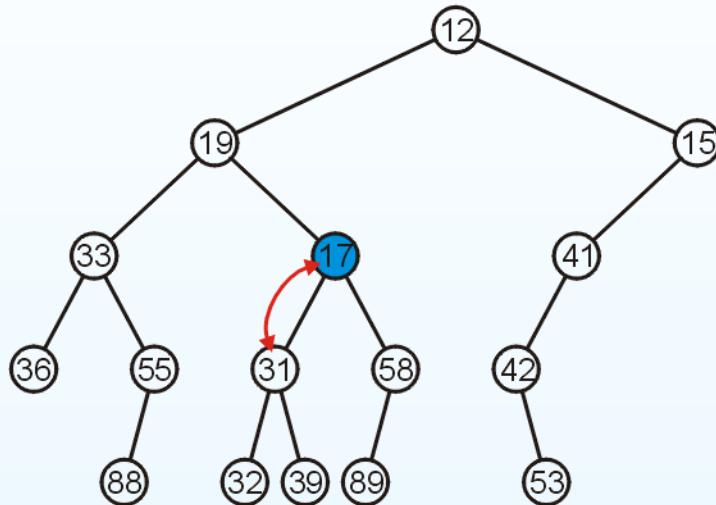
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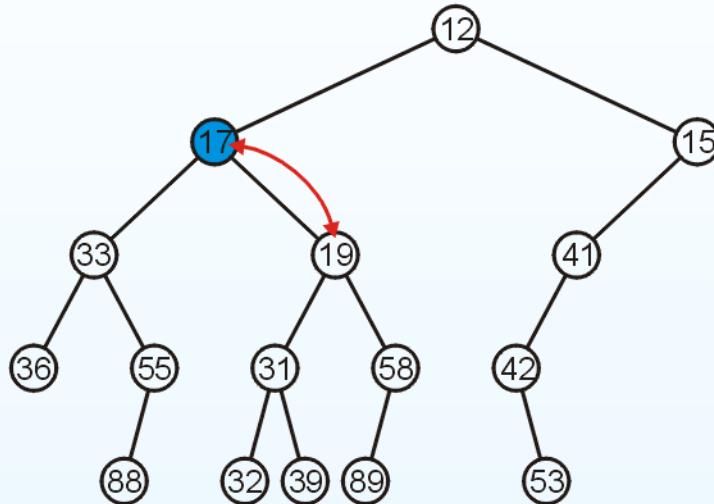
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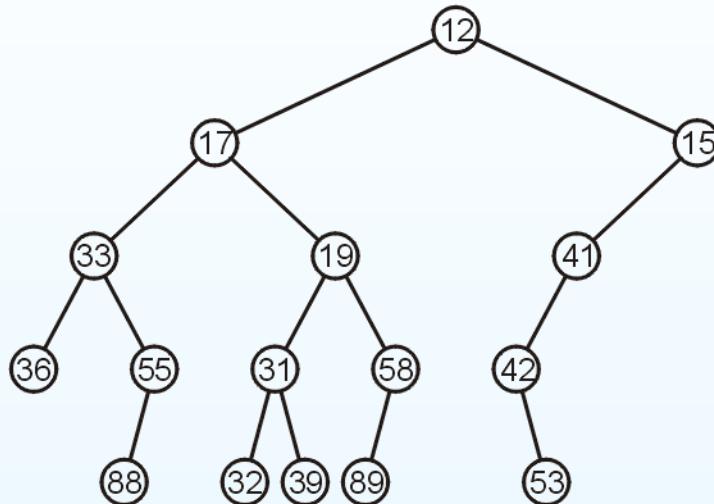
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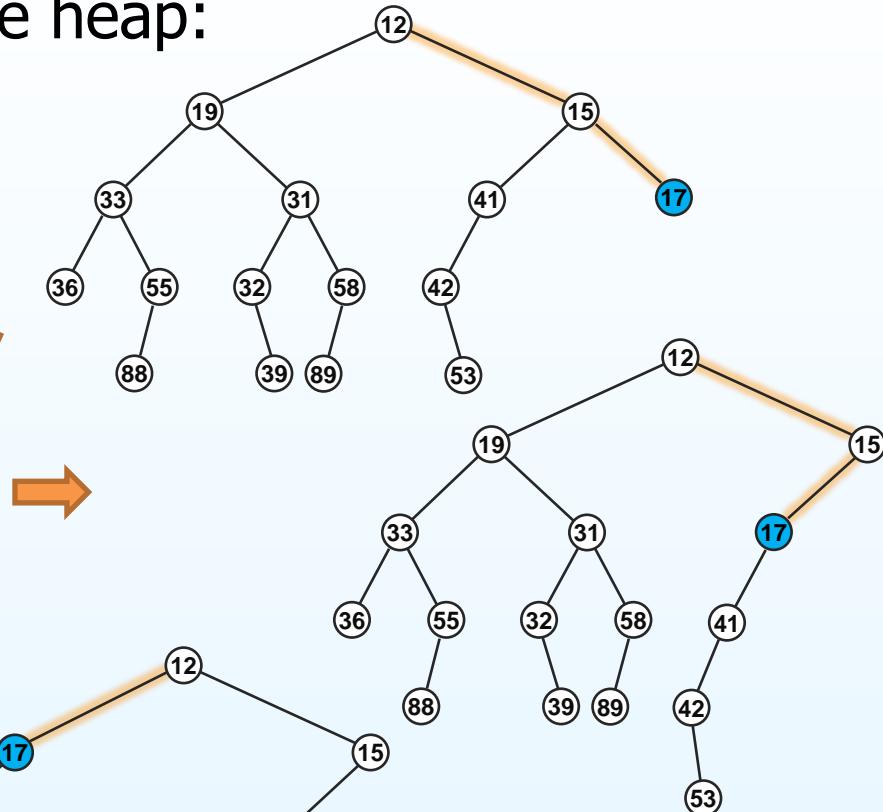
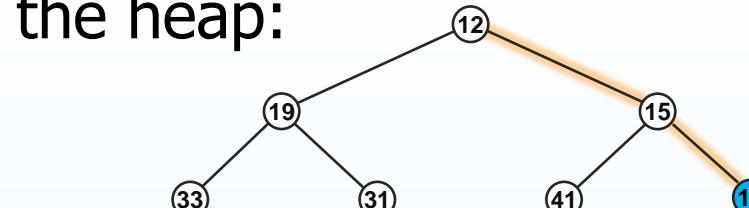
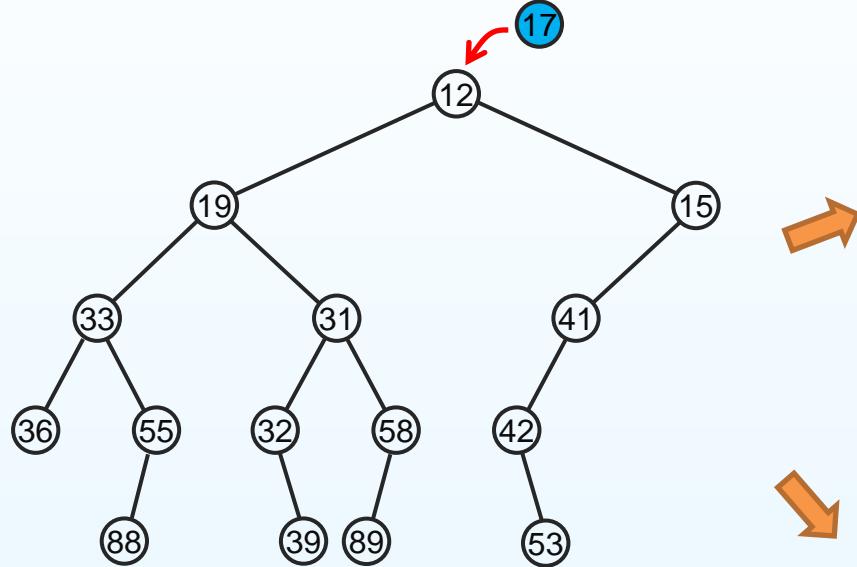
This process is called  
“percolation”

1. Select an arbitrary node to insert a new leaf node
2. The node 17 is less than its parent node 32, so we swap them
3. The node 17 is also less than the node 31; swap them
4. The node 17 is also less than the node 19; swap them
5. The node 17 is greater than the node 12, so we are finished

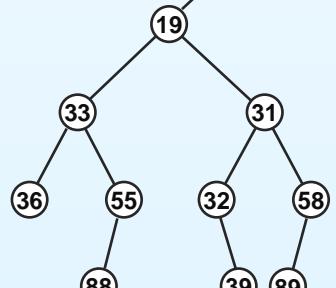
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# Insertion: Approach 2 (At the Root)

We want to insert 17 into the heap:



What is the problem?



# Implementation

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- With binary search trees, we introduced the concept of **balance** such as AVL trees
- However, to keep balance with binary heaps, there are various solutions:
  - Complete binary trees
  - Leftist heaps
  - Skew heaps
- We will look at using **complete binary trees**

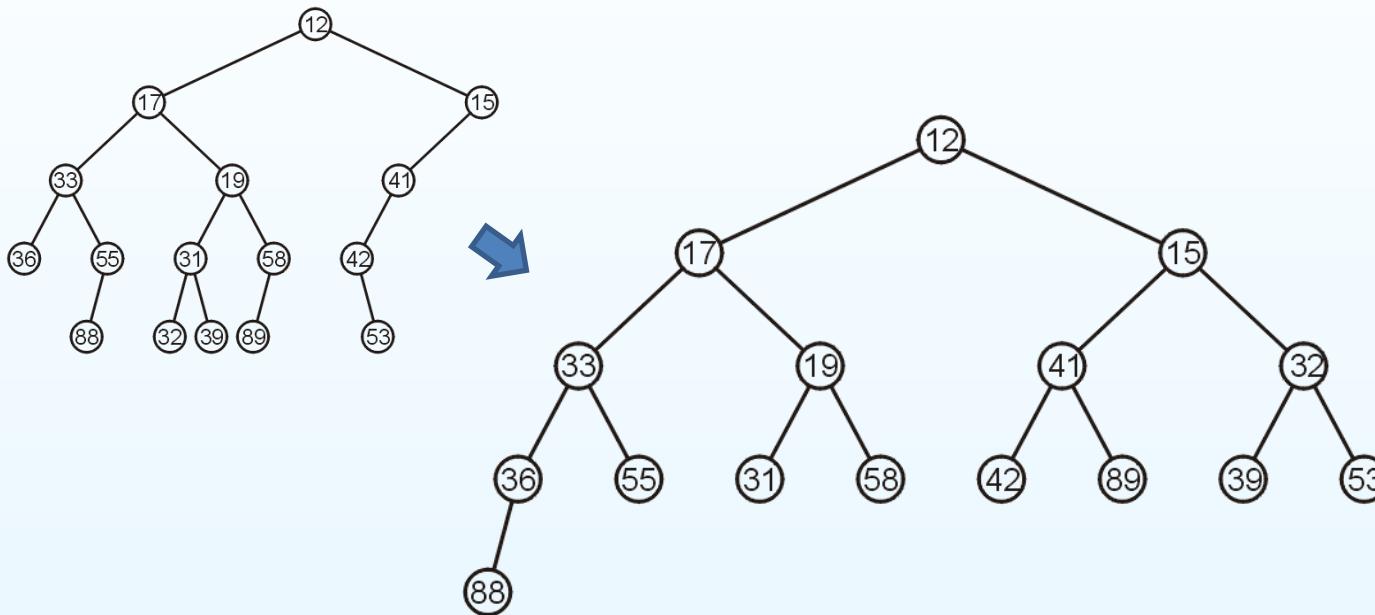
# Complete Binary Heaps

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- Based on the concept of complete binary trees, we can maintain the **complete binary heap** structure with minimal effort
- We have already seen that a complete tree is easily stored as an **array**
  - We can store a heap of size  $n$  as an array of size  $\Theta(n)$

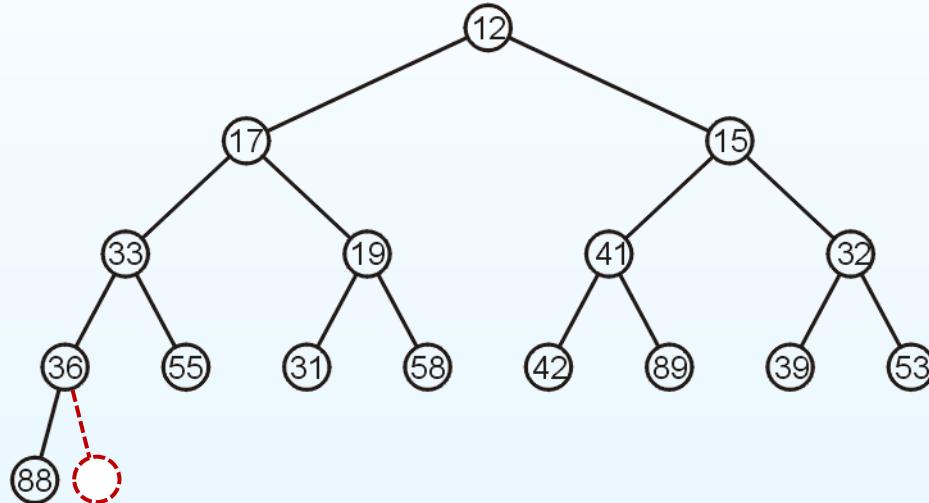
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For example, the previous heap may be represented as the following (**non-unique**) complete tree:



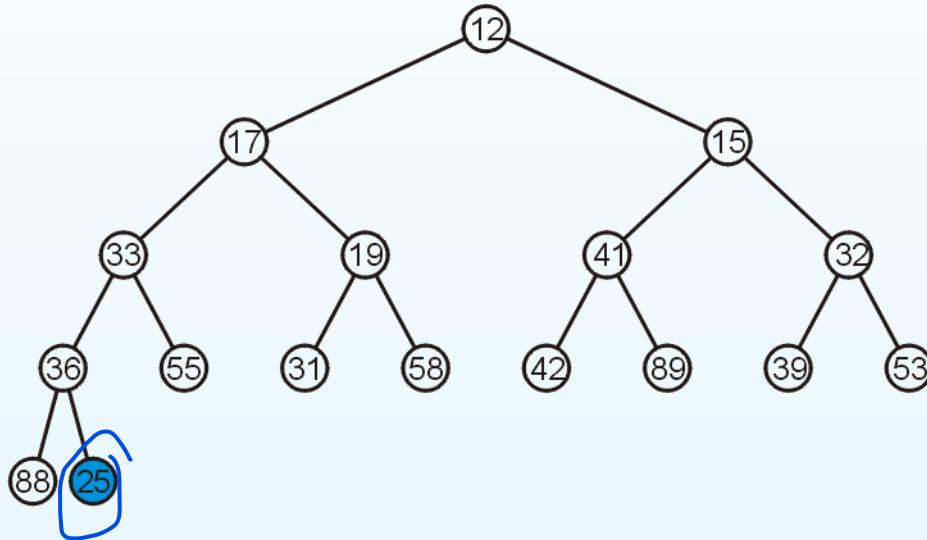
# Complete Binary Heaps: Insertion

To insert, we need only place the new node as a **leaf node** in the appropriate location and percolate up



# Complete Binary Heaps: Insertion

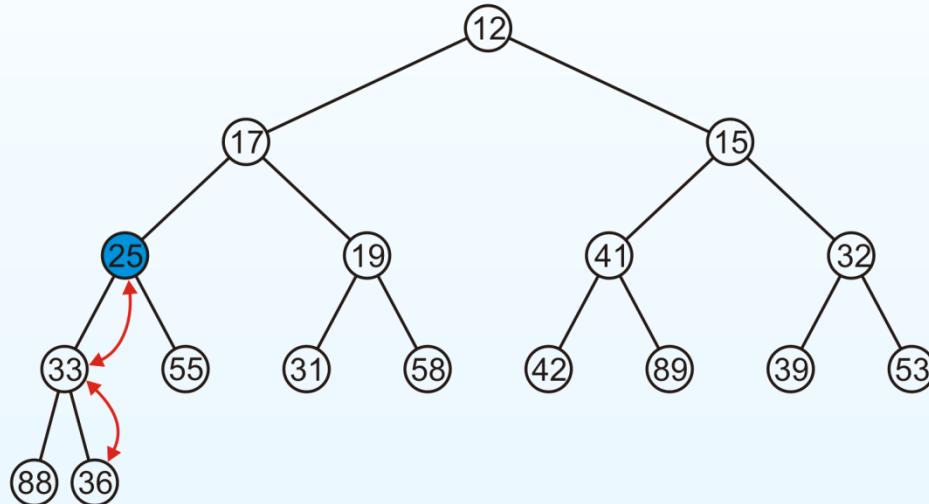
We will insert 25:



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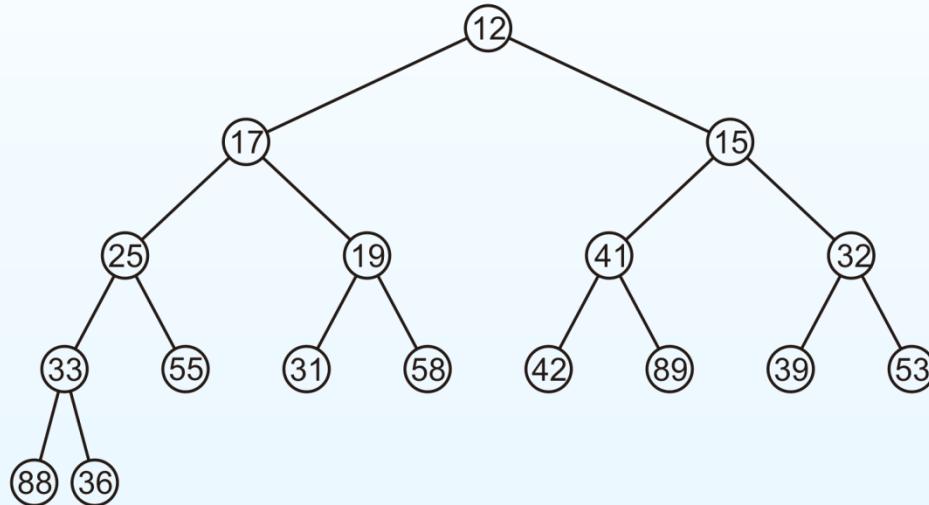
We will insert 25:

- Percolate 25 up into its appropriate location



# Complete Binary Heaps: Deletion

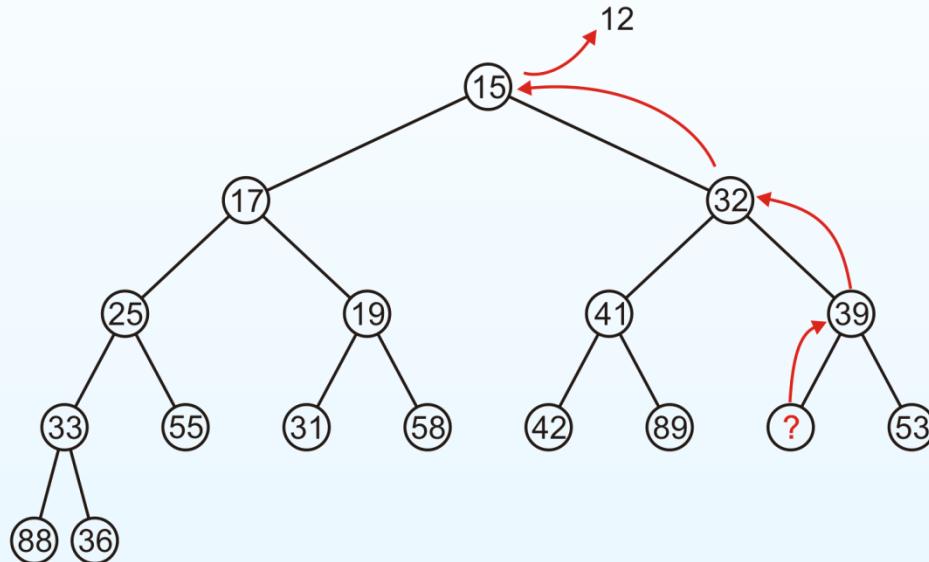
Support we want to delete the minimum value, i.e., 12:



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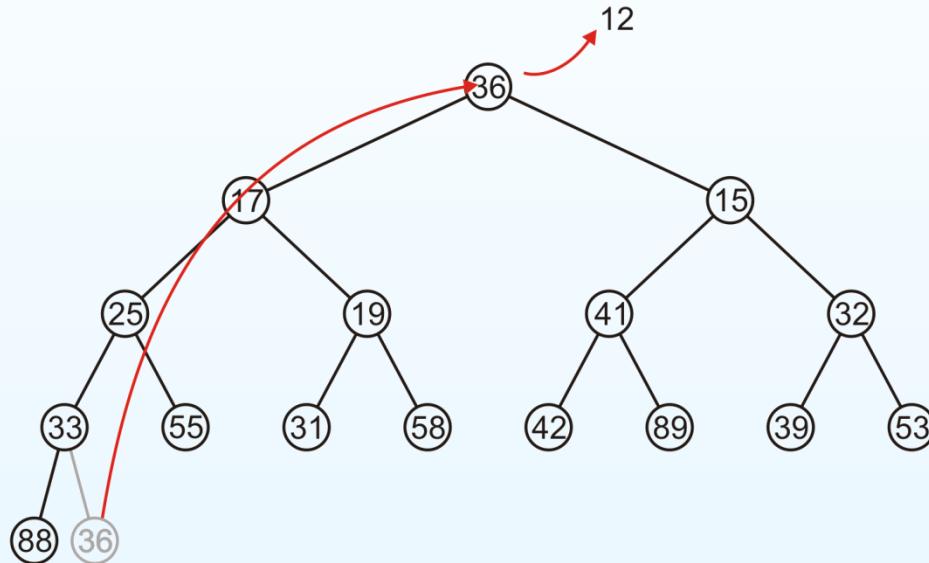
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- Percolating up will create a hole leading to a non-complete tree



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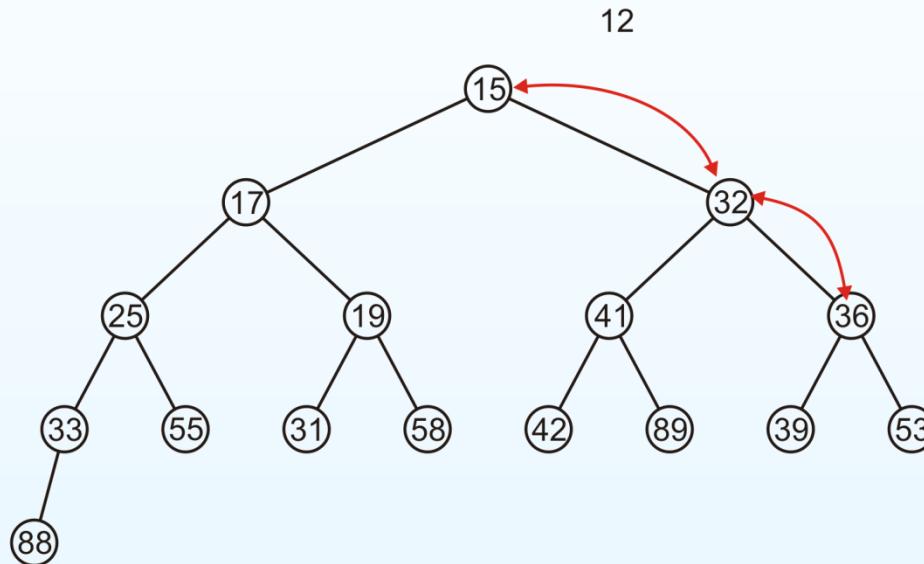
Therefore, to delete, we will copy the **last element** to the root and then **percolate down**



# Complete Binary Heaps: Deletion

We delete the minimum value 12:

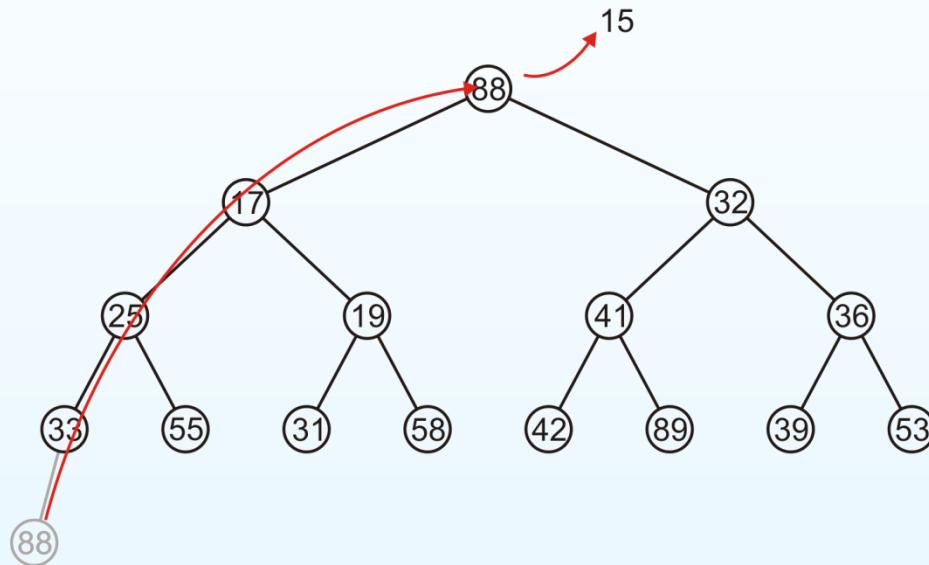
1. Copy 36 to the root
2. Percolate 36 down by swapping it with the smallest of its children



# Complete Binary Heaps: Deletion

Again, delete 15:

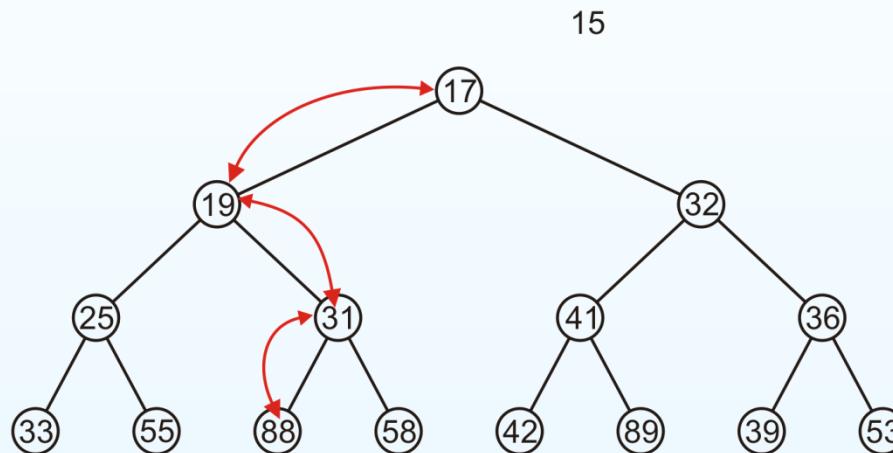
1. Copy 88 to the root



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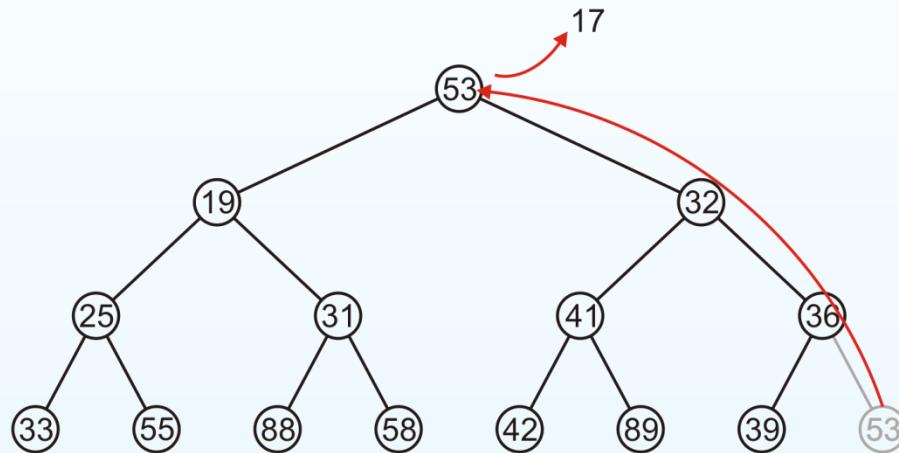
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2. Percolate 88 down to the point where it has no children



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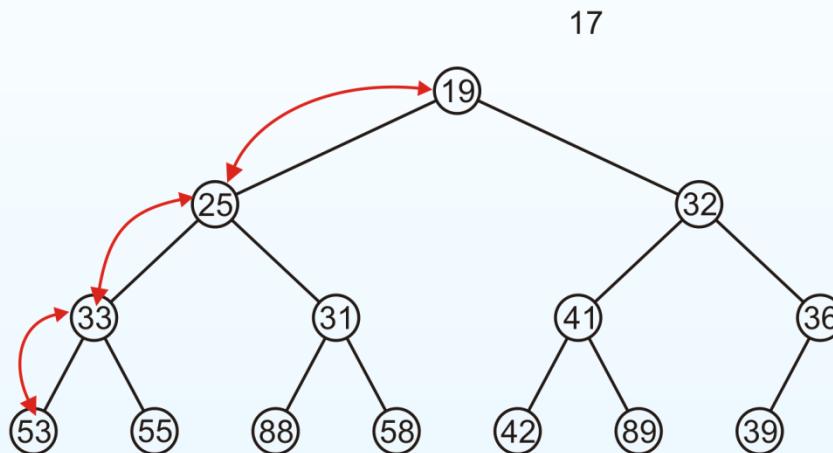
1. Copy 53 to the root



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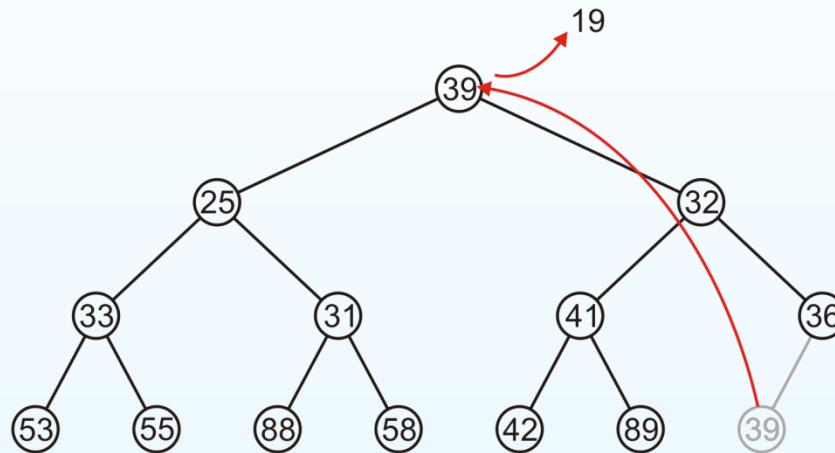
1. Copy 53 to the root
2. Percolate 53 down to the appropriate location



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Again, delete 19:

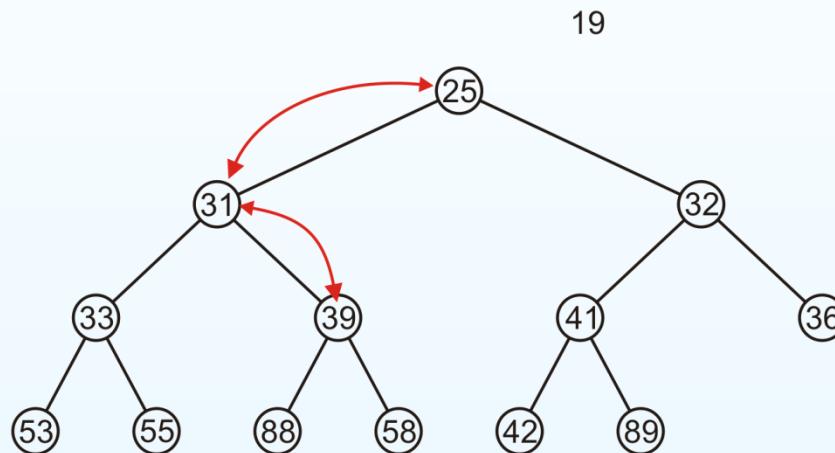
1. Copy 39 to the root



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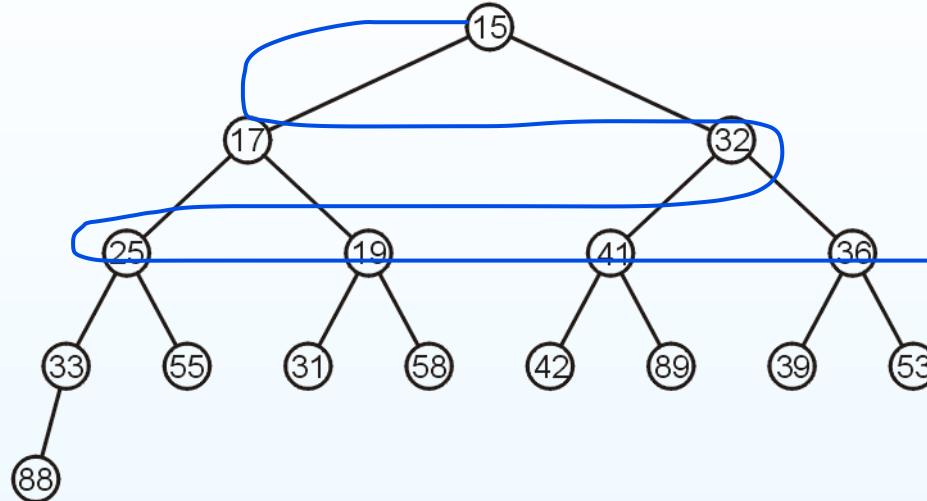
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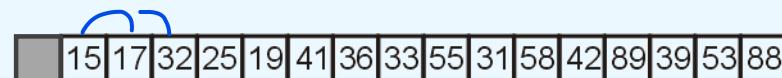


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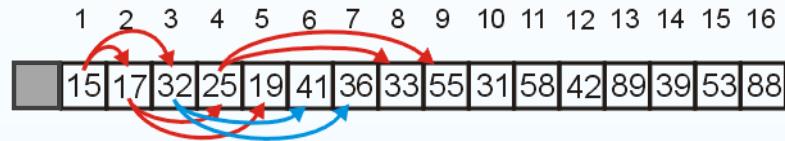


A breadth-first traversal yields:



# Array Implementation

Recall that if we associate an index—starting at 1—with each element in the breadth-first traversal, we get:

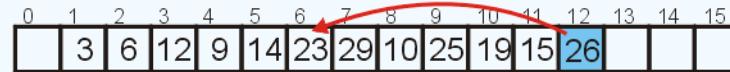
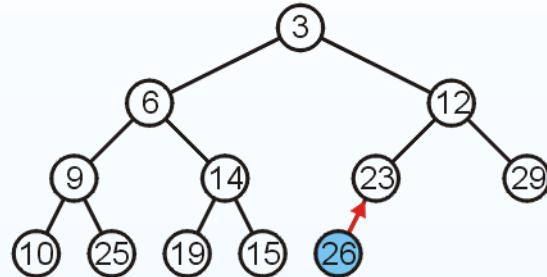


Given the element at index  $k$ , it follows that:

- The parent is at  $[k/2]$
- The children are at  $2k$  and  $2k + 1$

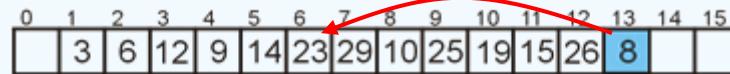
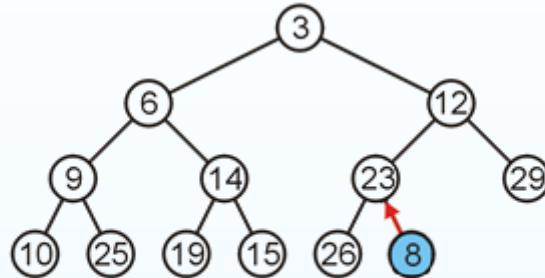
# Array Implementation: Insertion

Inserting 26 requires no changes



# Array Implementation: Insertion

Inserting 8 requires percolations:

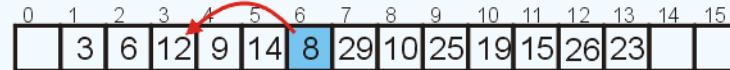
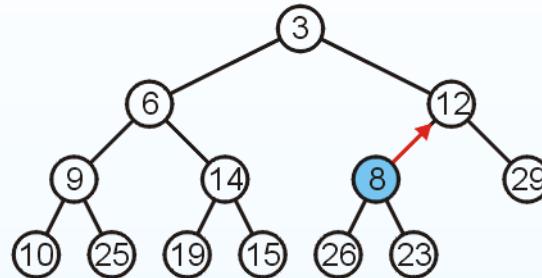


1. Swap 8 and 23



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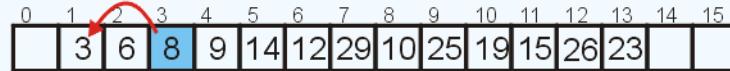
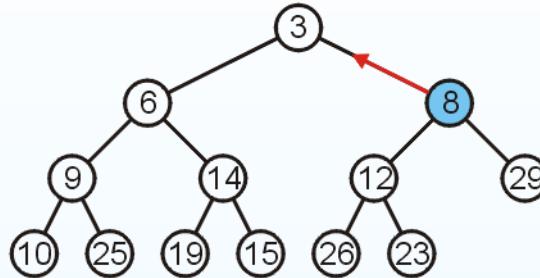
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1. Swap 8 and 23
2. Swap 8 and 12

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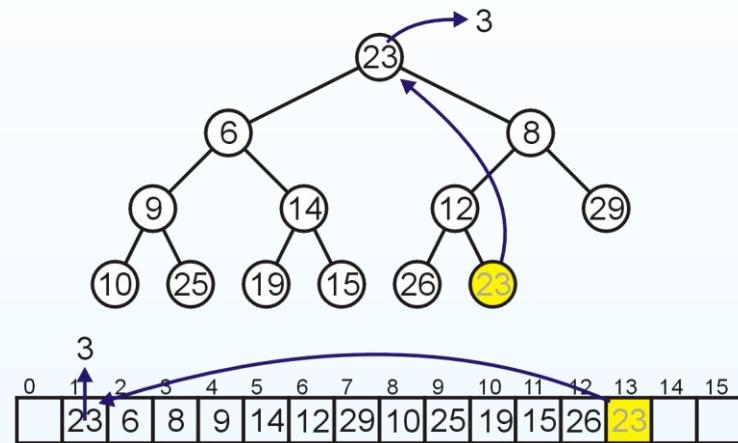
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3. The node 8 is greater than its parent, so we are finished

# Array Implementation: Deletion

Removing the minimum value:

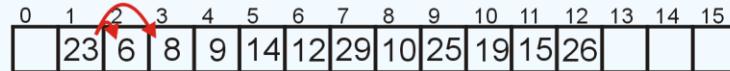
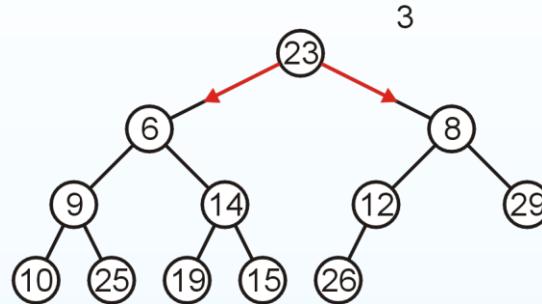


1. Copy the last element 23 to the root



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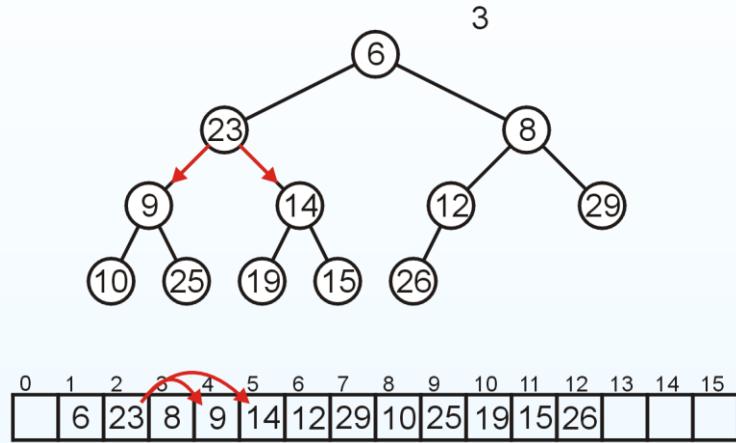
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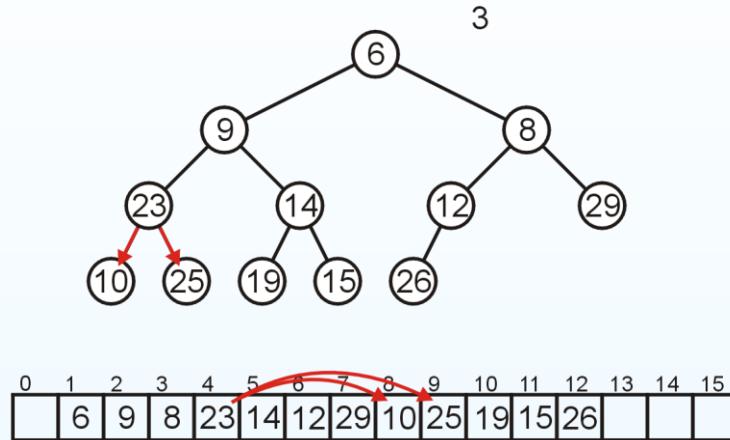
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  - Swap 23 and 6
3. Compare the node 23 with its children: swap 23 and 9

# Array Implementation: Deletion

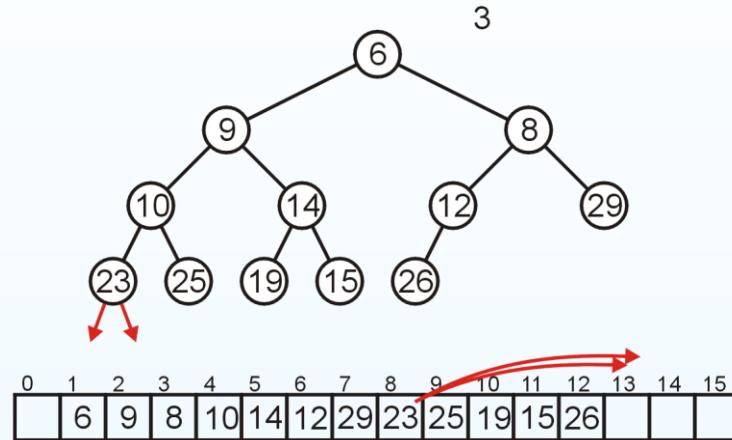
Removing the minimum value:



1. Copy the last element 23 to the root
2. Compare the node 23 (index 1) with its children (indices 2 and 3)
  - Swap 23 and 6
3. Compare the node 23 with its children: swap 23 and 9
4. Compare the node 23 with its children: swap 23 and 10

# Array Implementation: Deletion

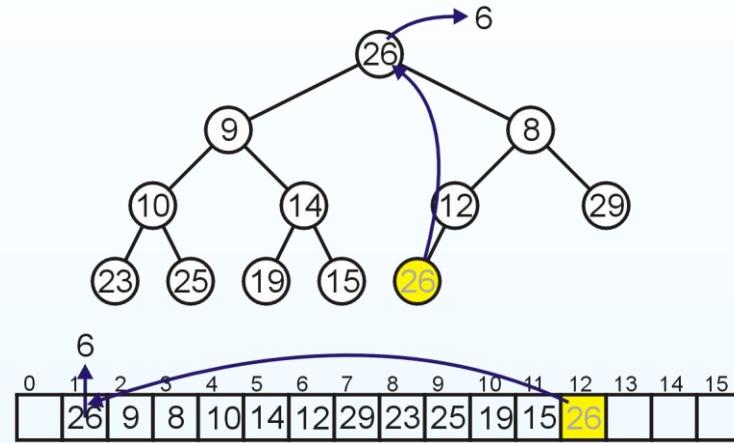
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2. Compare the node 23 (index 1) with its children (indices 2 and 3)
  - Swap 23 and 6
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4. Compare the node 23 with its children: swap 23 and 10
5. The node 23 is now the leaf node; stop the process

# Array Implementation: Deletion

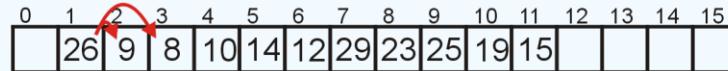
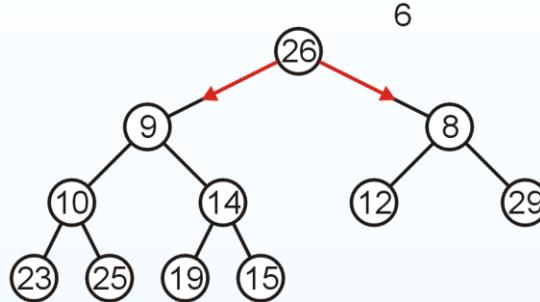
Again, removing the minimum value:



1. Copy the last element 26 to the root

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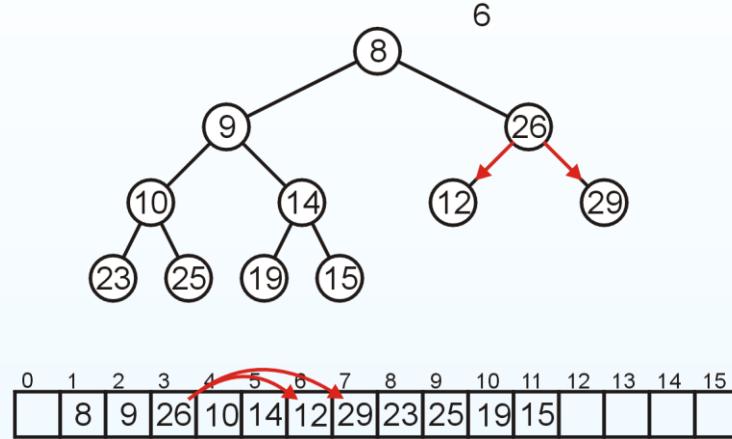
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1. Copy the last element 26 to the root
2. Compare 26 with 9 and 8; swap 26 and 8

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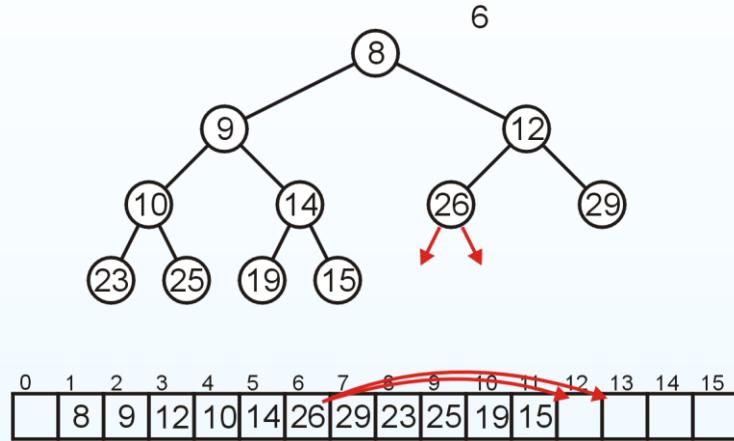
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1. Copy the last element 26 to the root
2. Compare 26 with 9 and 8; swap 26 and 8
3. Compare 26 with 12 and 29; swap 26 and 12

# Array Implementation: Deletion

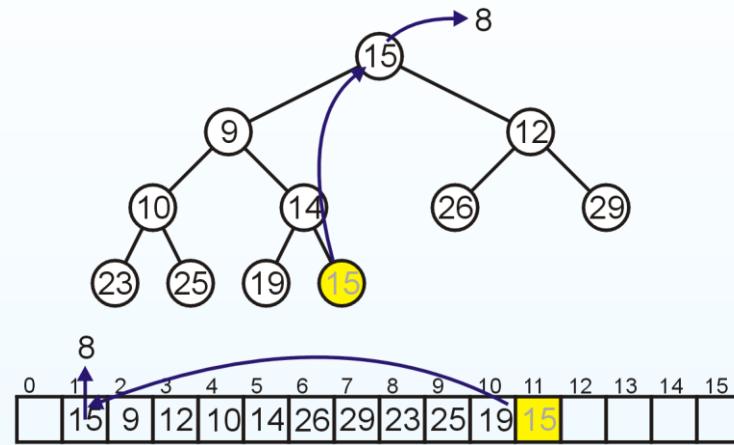
Again, removing the minimum value:



1. Copy the last element 26 to the root
2. Compare 26 with 9 and 8; swap 26 and 8
3. Compare 26 with 12 and 29; swap 26 and 12
4. The node 26 is now the leaf node; stop

# Array Implementation: Deletion

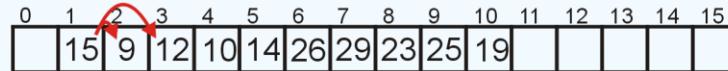
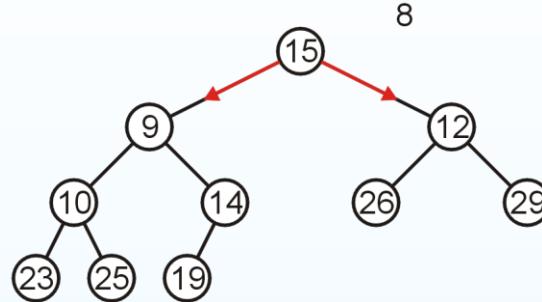
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1. Copy the last element 15 to the root

# Array Implementation: Deletion

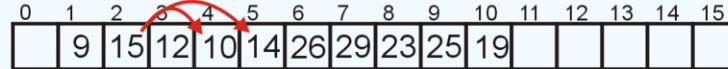
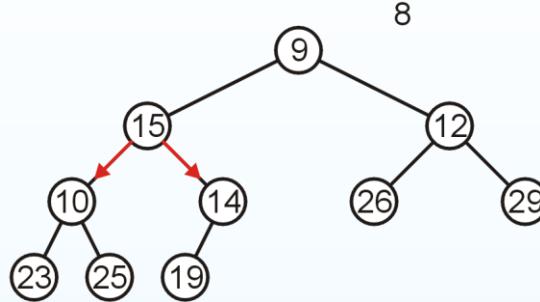
Again, removing the minimum value:



1. Copy the last element 15 to the root
2. Compare 15 with 9 and 12; swap 15 and 9

# Array Implementation: Deletion

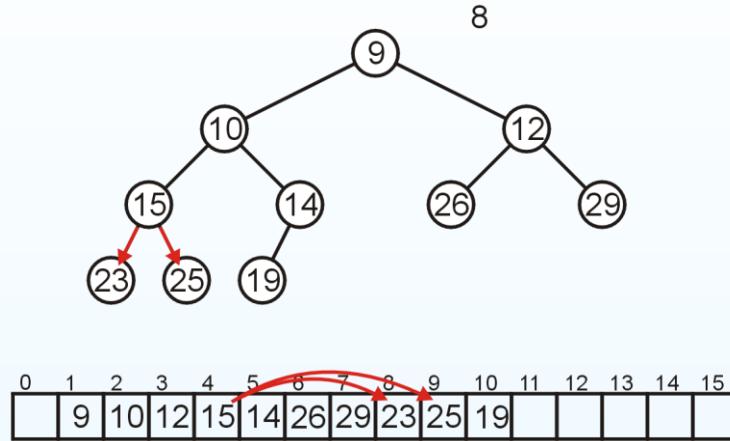
Again, removing the minimum value:



1. Copy the last element 15 to the root
2. Compare 15 with 9 and 12; swap 15 and 9
3. Compare 15 with 10 and 14; swap 15 and 10

# Array Implementation: Deletion

Again, removing the minimum value:



1. Copy the last element 15 to the root
2. Compare 15 with 9 and 12; swap 15 and 9
3. Compare 15 with 10 and 14; swap 15 and 10
4. Compare 15 with 23 and 25; it is less than both so we stop

# Running Time Analysis

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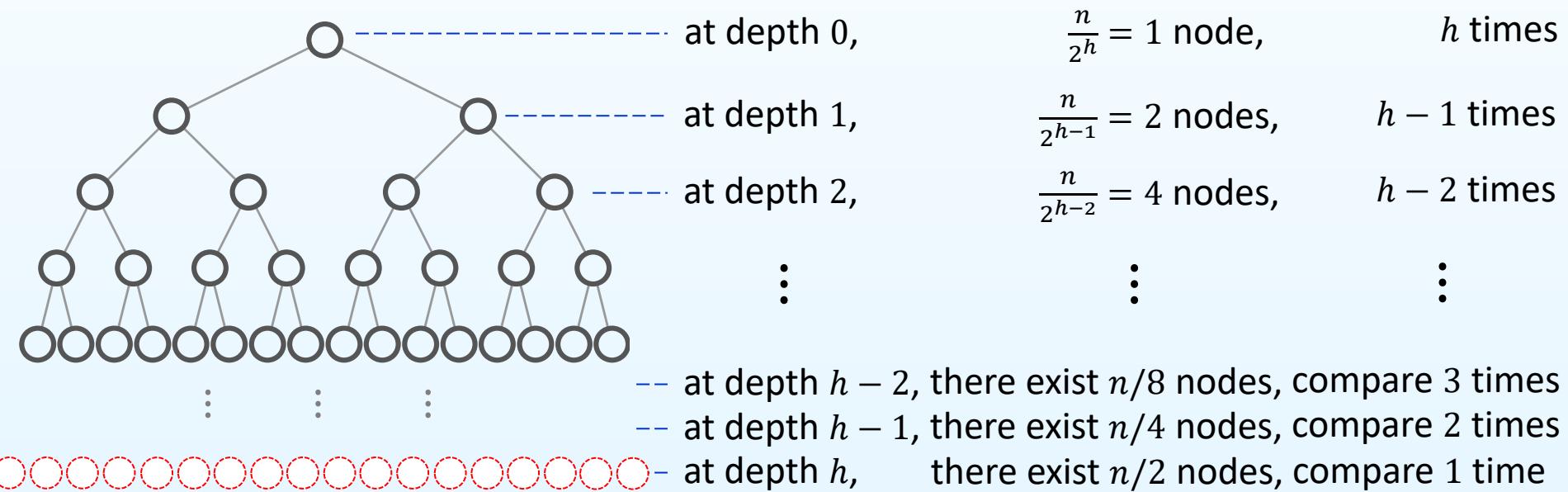
With a complete binary heap,

- The `find_min()` operation takes  $\Theta(1)$
- The `delete_min()` operation takes  $O(h) = O(\log n)$ 
  - Since we copy element (with some high value) in the lowest depth, it will likely be percolate down to the lowest depth
- The `insert()` operation takes  $O(h)$  ... Ummm >o<



# Running Time Analysis: Insertion

- If we insert object greater than any object, the best-case =  $\Omega(1)$
- If we insert object less than the root, the worst-case =  $O(h)$
- How about insert any value on average?
  - Inserting causes percolate up along the path to root
  - Let the heap have  $n$  nodes



$$\text{The expected (average) work to insert} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 + \frac{1}{8} \cdot 3 + \dots + \frac{1}{2^h} \cdot h = \sum_{i=1}^h \frac{i}{2^i}$$

prob. to locate at  $h$

# Running Time Analysis: Insertion

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^h \frac{i}{2^i} &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{3}{8} + \frac{4}{16} + \cdots + \frac{h}{2^h} = x \\ \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{3}{16} + \cdots + \frac{h-1}{2^h} + \frac{h}{2^{h+1}} &= \frac{1}{2}x \\ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^h} - \frac{h}{2^{h+1}} &= \frac{1}{2}x \\ \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{h+1}}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} - \frac{h}{2^{h+1}} &= \frac{1}{2}x \\ x &= \frac{4 \cdot 2^h - 2 - h}{2^h}\end{aligned}$$

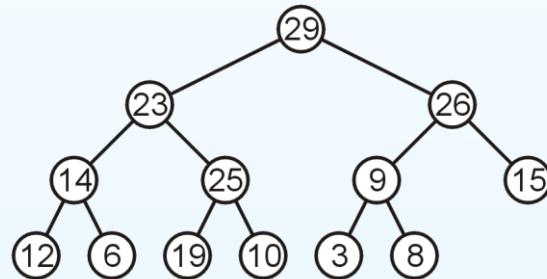
$$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4n - 2 - \log n}{n}$$

the average-case for insertion =  $\Theta(1)$

# Binary Max Heaps

A **binary max-heap** is identical to a binary min-heap except that the parent is always larger than either of the children

For example, the same data as before stored as a complete binary max-heap yields:



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	29	23	26	14	25	9	15	12	6	19	10	3	8		

# Heaps and Priority Queues

A:	<table border="1"><tr><td></td><td>3</td><td></td><td>5</td><td></td><td>4</td><td></td><td>10</td><td></td><td>8</td><td></td><td>6</td><td></td><td>9</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>		3		5		4		10		8		6		9		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8						
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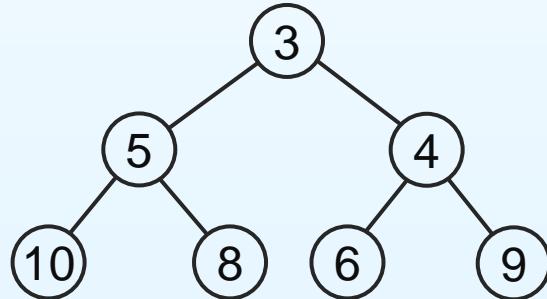
The smaller the number,  
The higher the priority

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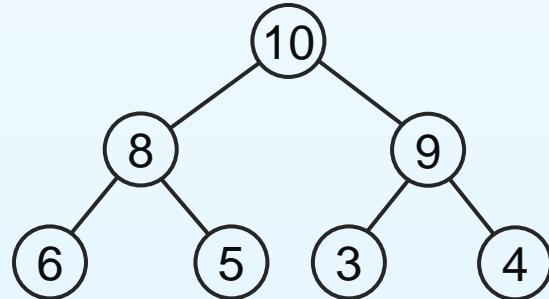
The larger the number,  
The higher the priority

- Operations on an array may take  $O(n)$
- While operations on a heap take  $O(\log n)$

## Min Heap



## Max Heap



# Outline

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- Priority Queues
- Binary Heaps
- Application:
  - Huffman code

# Problem

Suppose we want to encode a message “DEAACAAAAAABA”, constructed from 5 different symbols

## How many bits are required?

- Use a fixed-length ASCII code:
  - Each symbol requires 8 bits
  - There are 12 symbols
  - So, the message requires 96 bits
- Use a fixed-length Unicode:
  - The message requires 192 bits

ASCII Table

Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char	Dec	Hex	Oct	Char
0	0	0		32	20	40	[space]	64	40	100	@	96	60	140	'
1	1	1	!	33	21	41	!	65	41	101	A	97	61	141	a
2	2	2	"	34	22	42	"	66	42	102	B	98	62	142	b
3	3	3	#	35	23	43	#	67	43	103	C	99	63	143	c
4	4	4	\$	36	24	44	\$	68	44	104	D	100	64	144	d
5	5	5	%	37	25	45	%	69	45	105	E	101	65	145	e
6	6	6	&	38	26	46	&	70	46	106	F	102	66	146	f
7	7	7	,	39	27	47	,	71	47	107	G	103	67	147	g
8	8	10	(	40	28	50	(	72	48	110	H	104	68	150	h
9	9	11	)	41	29	51	)	73	49	111	I	105	69	151	i
10	A	12	*	42	2A	52	*	74	4A	112	J	106	6A	152	j
11	B	13	+	43	2B	53	+	75	4B	113	K	107	6B	153	k
12	C	14	,	44	2C	54	,	76	4C	114	L	108	6C	154	l
13	D	15	-	45	2D	55	-	77	4D	115	M	109	6D	155	m
14	E	16	.	46	2E	56	.	78	4E	116	N	110	6E	156	n
15	F	17	/	47	2F	57	/	79	4F	117	O	111	6F	157	o
16	10	20	0	48	30	60	0	80	50	120	P	112	70	160	p
17	11	21	1	49	31	61	1	81	51	121	Q	113	71	161	q
18	12	22	2	50	32	62	2	82	52	122	R	114	72	162	r
19	13	23	3	51	33	63	3	83	53	123	S	115	73	163	s
20	14	24	4	52	34	64	4	84	54	124	T	116	74	164	t
21	15	25	5	53	35	65	5	85	55	125	U	117	75	165	u
22	16	26	6	54	36	66	6	86	56	126	V	118	76	166	v
23	17	27	7	55	37	67	7	87	57	127	W	119	77	167	w
24	18	30	8	56	38	70	8	88	58	130	X	120	78	170	x
25	19	31	9	57	39	71	9	89	59	131	Y	121	79	171	y
26	1A	32	:	58	3A	72	:	90	5A	132	Z	122	7A	172	z
27	1B	33	=	59	3B	73	=	91	5B	133	{	123	7B	173	{
28	1C	34	<	60	3C	74	<	92	5C	134	\	124	7C	174	\
29	1D	35	>	61	3D	75	>	93	5D	135	}	125	7D	175	}
30	1E	36	^	62	3E	76	^	94	5E	136	~	126	7E	176	~
31	1F	37	?	63	3F	77	?	95	5F	137	-	127	7F	177	-

# Problem

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Suppose we want to encode a message “DEAACAAAAABA”, constructed from 5 different symbols

## How many bits are required?

- Use a fixed-length user-defined code:
  - 2 bits are not enough for each symbol
  - At least 3 bits are required
  - So, the message with 12 symbols will requires 36 bits

Symbol	Code
A	000
B	001
C	010
D	011
E	100

# Drawbacks of Fixed-Length Codes

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- Wasted space
  - There are a lot of codes that are not used for symbols
  - Unicode uses twice as much space as ASCII
    - Inefficient for plain-text messages containing only ASCII characters
- **Potential solution:** use **variable-length codes**

# Variable-Length Codes

- When frequency of occurrence is known,
  - Variable number of bits to represent characters
  - Short codes for characters that occur frequently
  - On average, the length of the encoded message is less than fixed-length encoding
- **Potential problem:** how do we know where one-character ends, and another begins?
  - Not a problem if number of bits is fixed

encoded message: 001011011100010



decoded message: BDDEC

Symbol	Code
A	000
B	001
C	010
D	011
E	100

# Prefix Property

- The following code does not have prefix property

Symbol	Code
A	0
B	1
C	01
D	10
E	11

encoded message: 1110



decoded message: BBBA or BEA or BBD or ED

- The **prefix property**: character code **is not** prefix of another character

Symbol	Code
A	000
B	11
C	01
D	001
E	10

encoded message: 01001101100010



decoded message: CDEBAE

# Problem

Suppose we want to encode a message “DEAACAAAAABA”, constructed from 5 different symbols

## How many bits are required?

- Use a variable-length code:

Symbol	Frequency	Code
A	8	0
B	1	<del>01</del> <del>1</del> 10
C	1	110
D	1	1110
E	1	11110

decoded message: DEAACAAAAABA



encoded message: 

Require 22 bits

# Problem

Suppose we want to encode a message “DEAACAAAAABA”, constructed from 5 different symbols

## How many bits are required?

- Use a variable-length code:

Another possible code

Symbol	Frequency	Code
A	8	0
B	1	100
C	1	101
D	1	1101
E	1	1111

decoded message: DEAACAAAAABA



encoded message: 1101111100101000001000

Require 22 bits

# Problem

Suppose we want to encode a message “DEAACAAAAABA”, constructed from 5 different symbols

## How many bits are required?

- Use a variable-length code:

Better code

Symbol	Frequency	Code
A	8	0
B	1	100
C	1	101
D	1	110
E	1	111

decoded message: DEAACAAAAABA



encoded message: 

Require 20 bits

# Huffman Coding Trees

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- Binary tree
  - Each leaf contains symbol (character)
  - Label edge from node to **left child with 0**
  - Label edge from node to **right child with 1**
- Code for any symbol obtained by following **path** from the root to the leaf node containing symbol
- Code has the **prefix property**
  - Leaf node cannot appear on path to another leaf

# Building a Huffman tree

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- Find frequencies of each symbol occurring in message
- Begin with a forest of single node trees
  - Each contains symbol and its frequency
- Do repeatedly
  - Select two trees with the smallest frequency at the root
  - Produce a new binary tree with the selected trees as children and store the sum of their frequencies in the root
- Repetition end when there is one tree
  - This is the Huffman coding tree

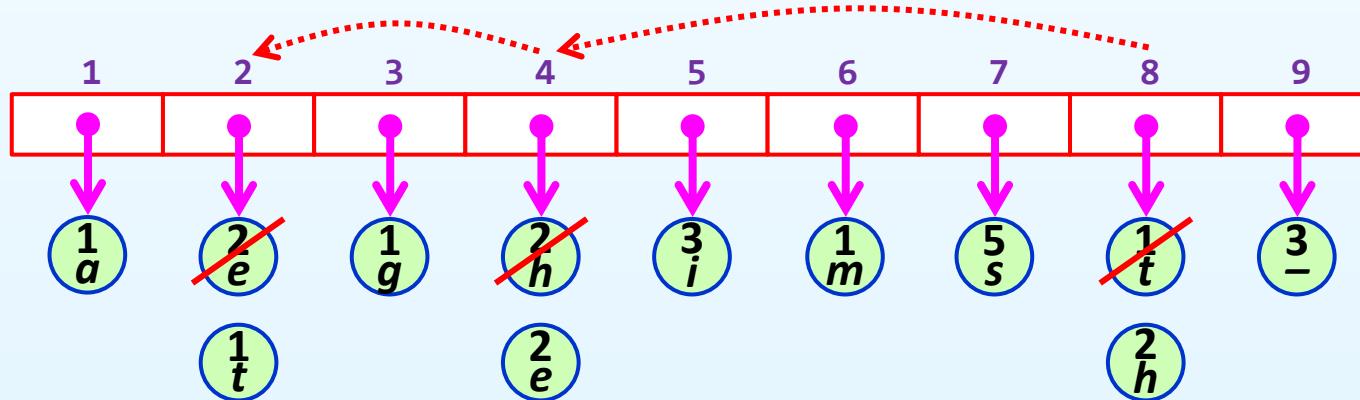
# Example

- Build the Huffman coding tree for the message:  
*this is his message*

- Character frequencies

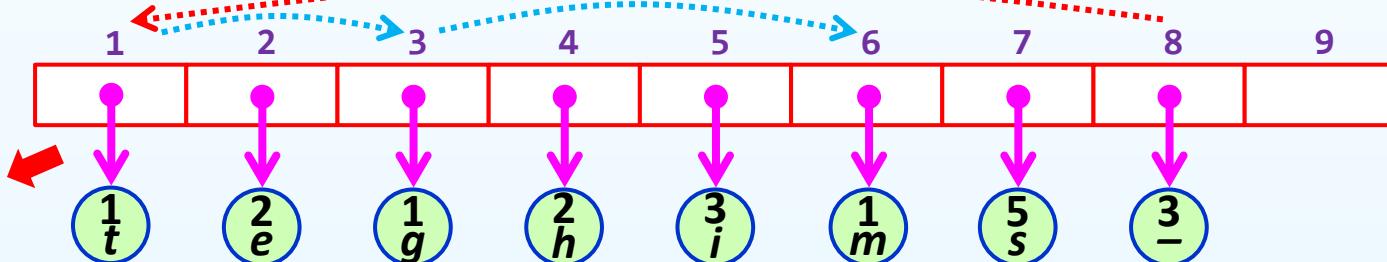
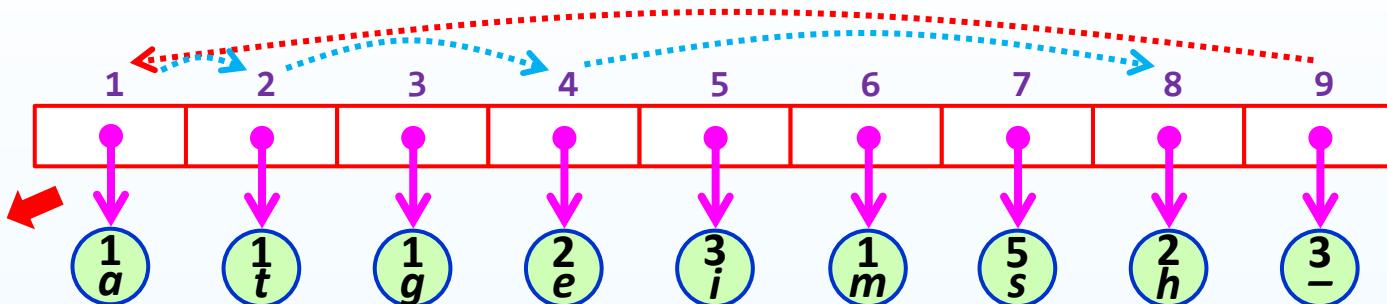
a	e	g	h	i	m	s	t	_
1	2	1	2	3	1	5	1	3

- Begin with a forest of single trees representing by a priority queue (min-heap)

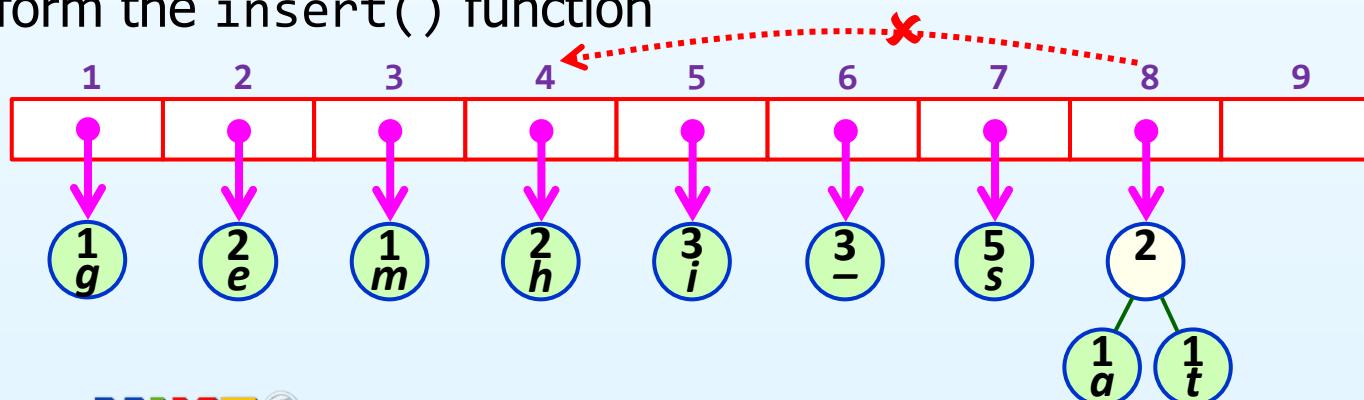


# Example: Round 1

- Perform the `delete_min()` function 2 times

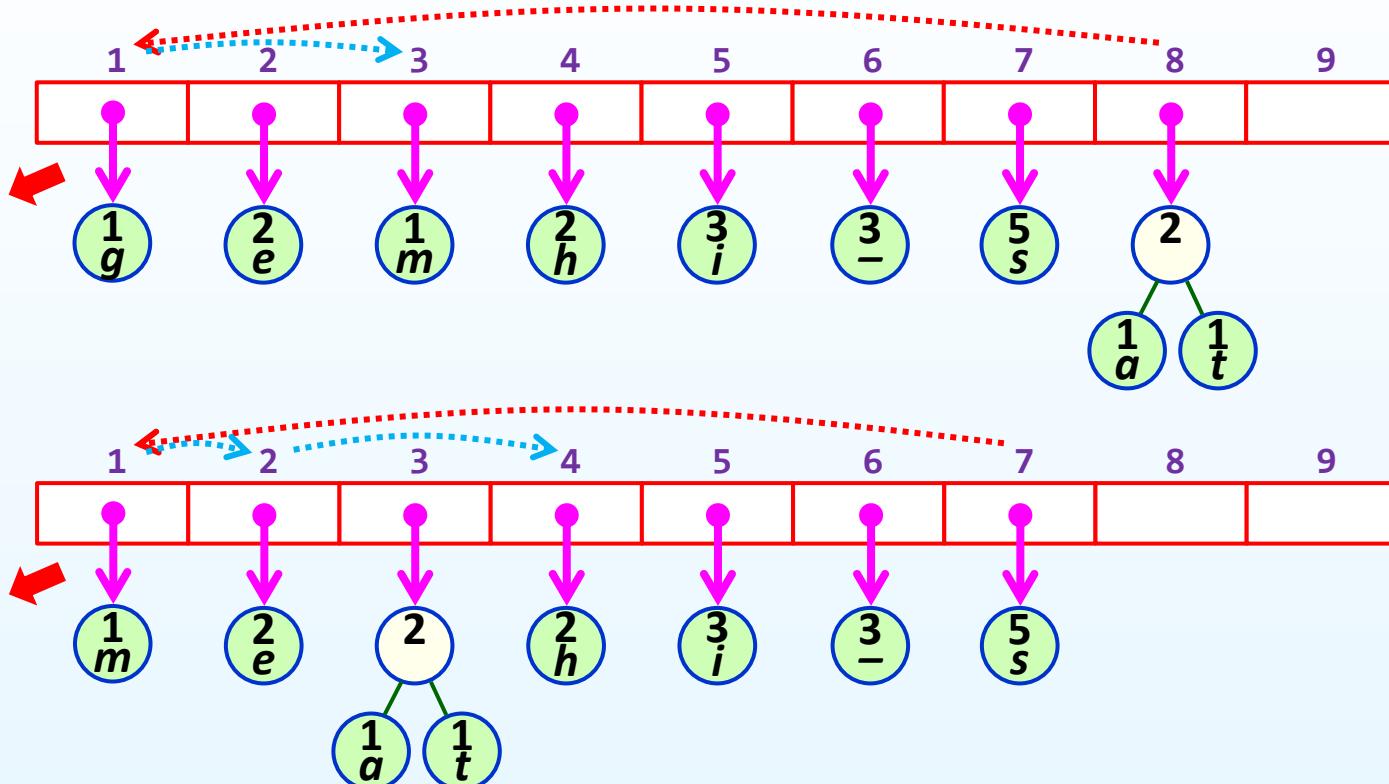


- Perform the `insert()` function



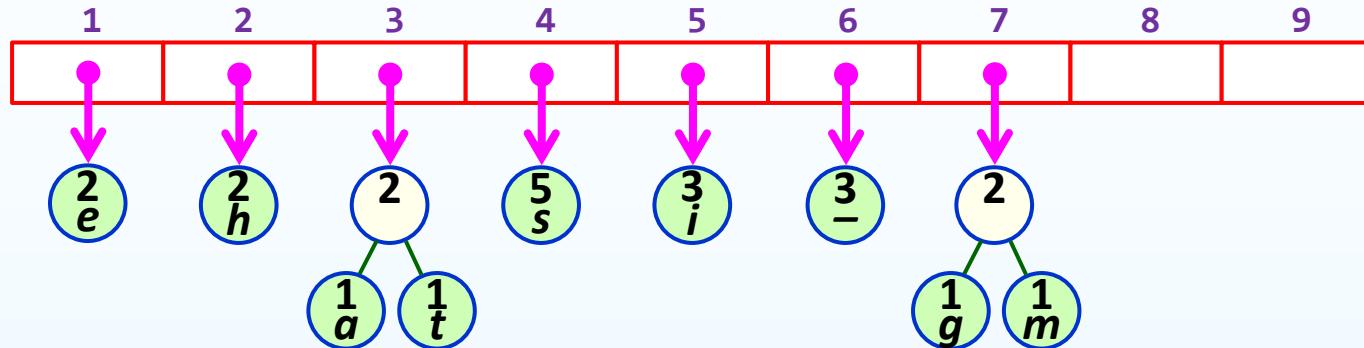
# Example: Round 2

- Perform the `delete_min()` function 2 times



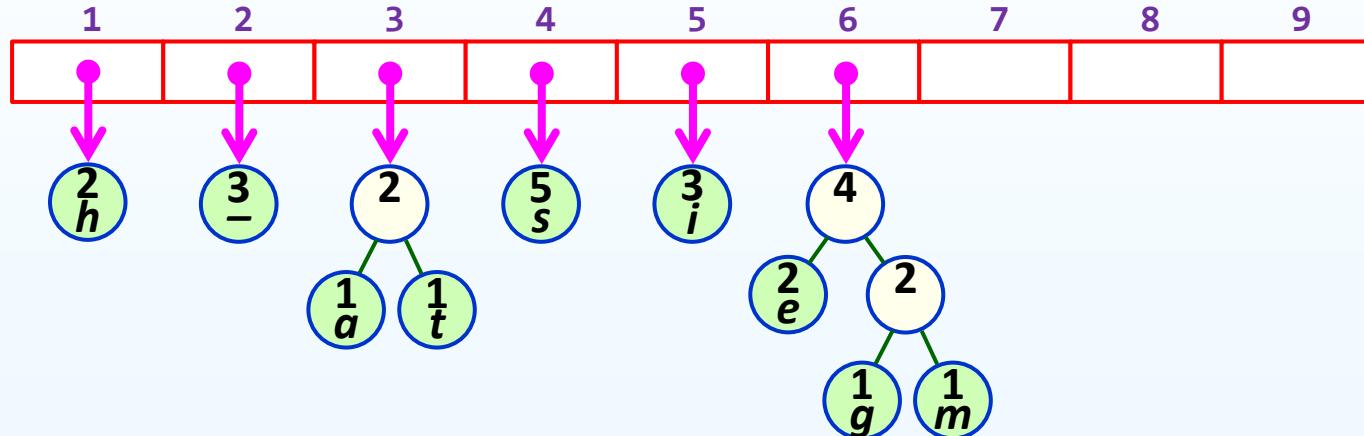
# Example: Round 2

- Perform the insert() function



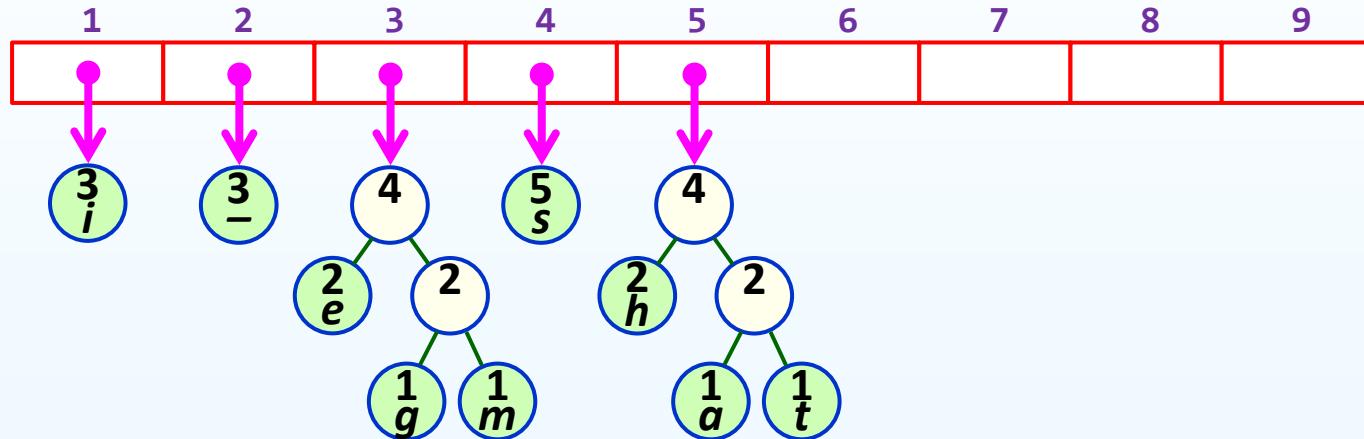
# Example: Round 3

- Perform the `delete_min()` function 2 times
- Perform the `insert()` function



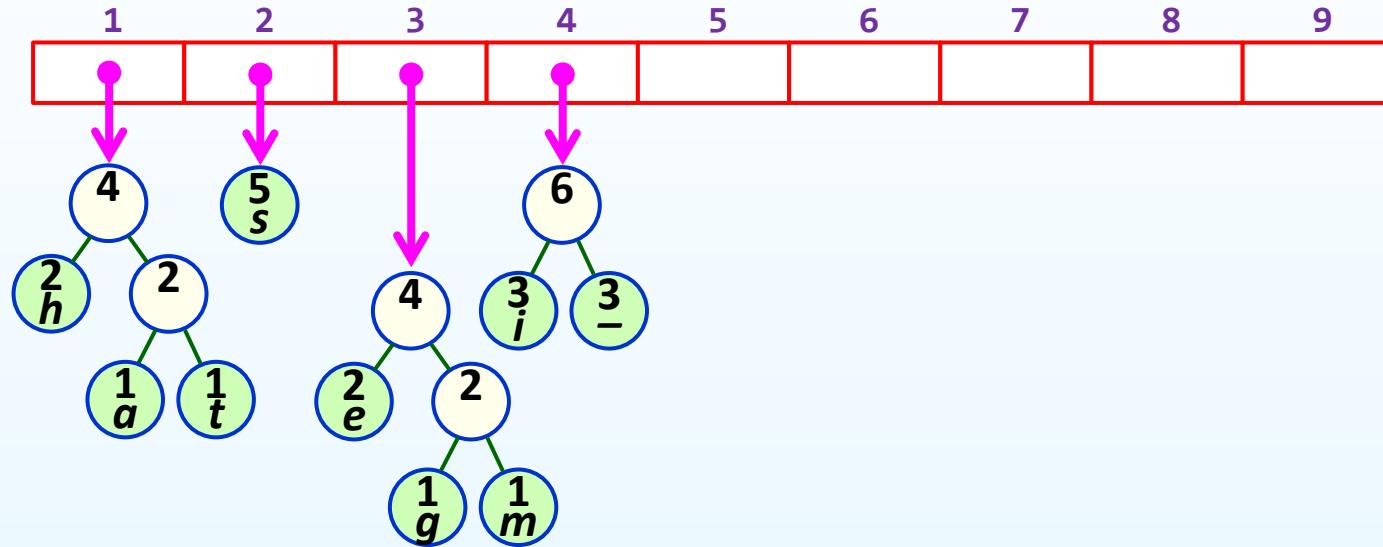
# Example: Round 4

- Perform the `delete_min()` function 2 times
- Perform the `insert()` function



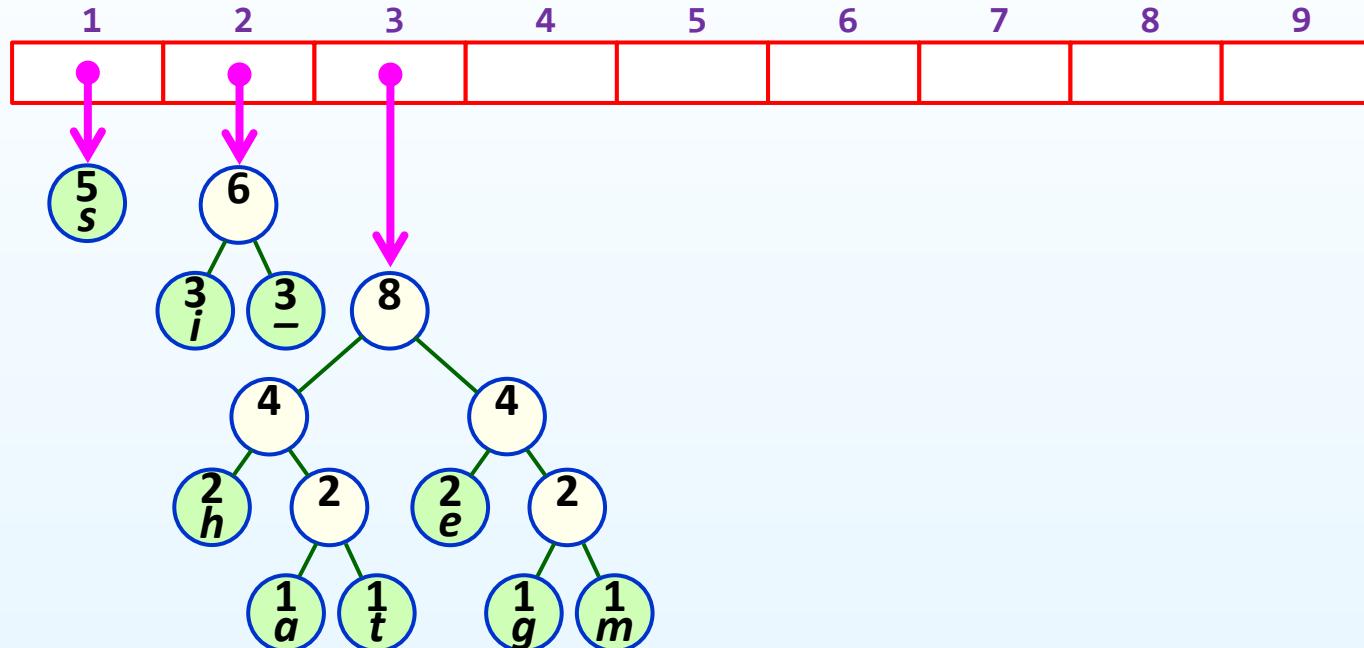
# Example: Round 5

- Perform the `delete_min()` function 2 times
- Perform the `insert()` function



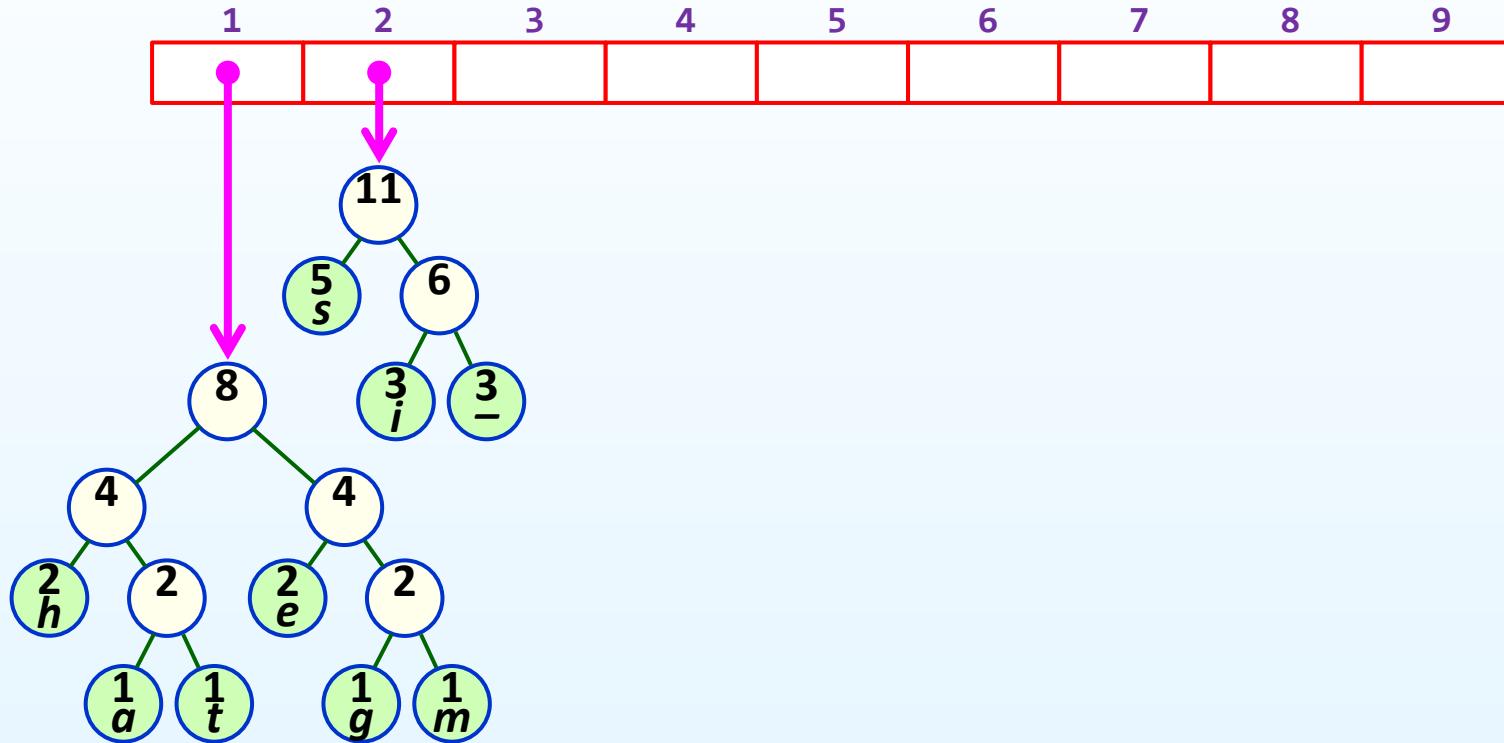
# Example: Round 6

- Perform the `delete_min()` function 2 times
- Perform the `insert()` function



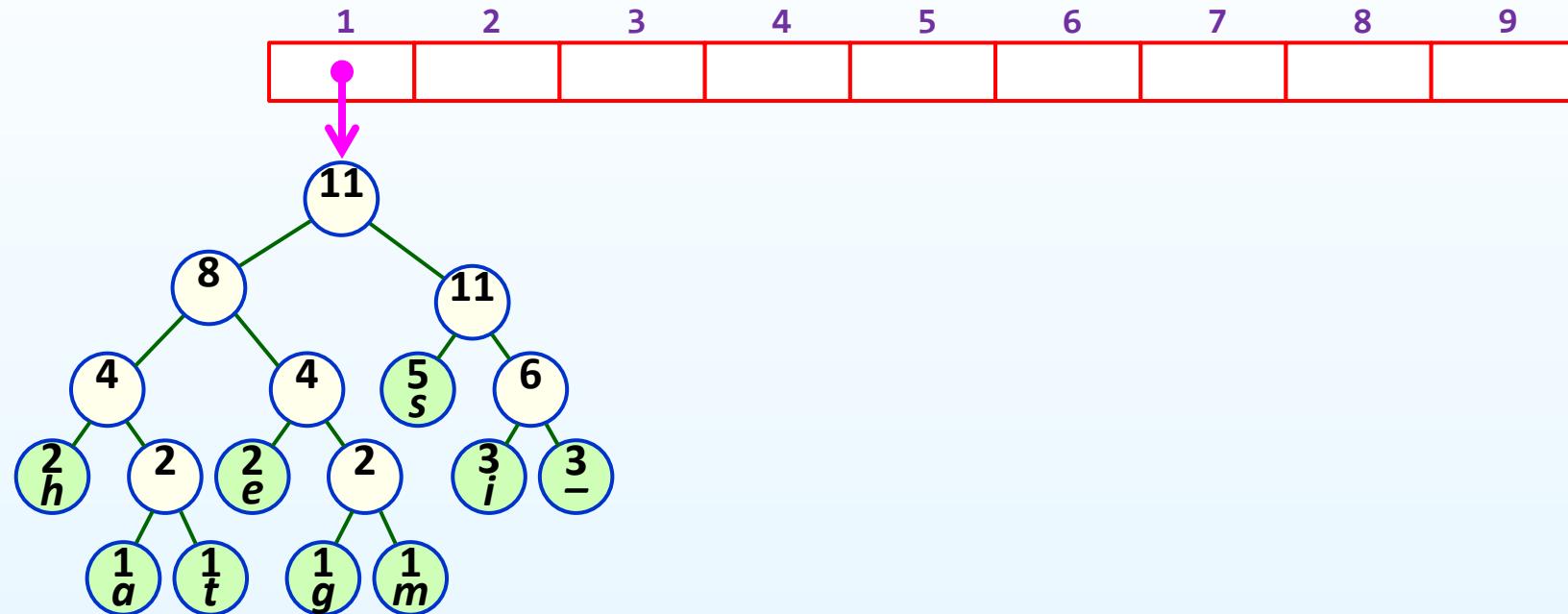
# Example: Round 7

- Perform the `delete_min()` function 2 times
- Perform the `insert()` function



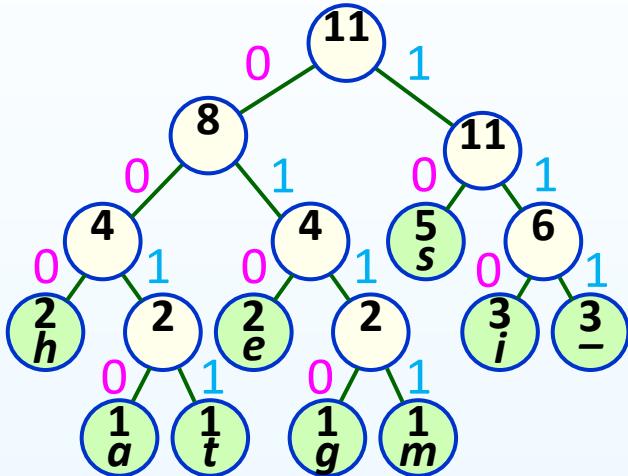
# Example: Round 8

- Perform the `delete_min()` function 2 times
- Perform the `insert()` function



# Example: Coding Table

- Finally, label edges from the node to its left and right children



Symbol	Frequency	Code
a	1	0010
e	2	010
g	1	0110
h	2	000
i	3	110
m	1	0111
s	5	10
t	1	0011
_	3	111

decoded message: *this is his message*



encoded message: 00110001101011111101011110001101011110111010101000100110010

# Any Question?