

Data Structures

Heap Insertion

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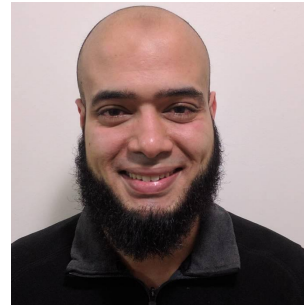
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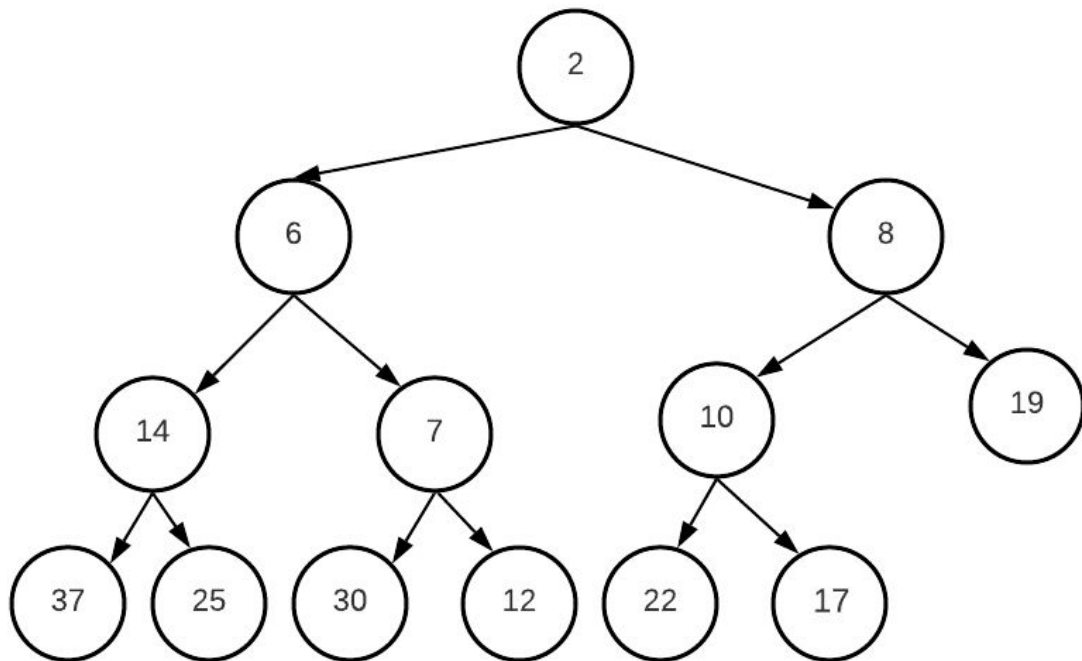
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Let's insert 5

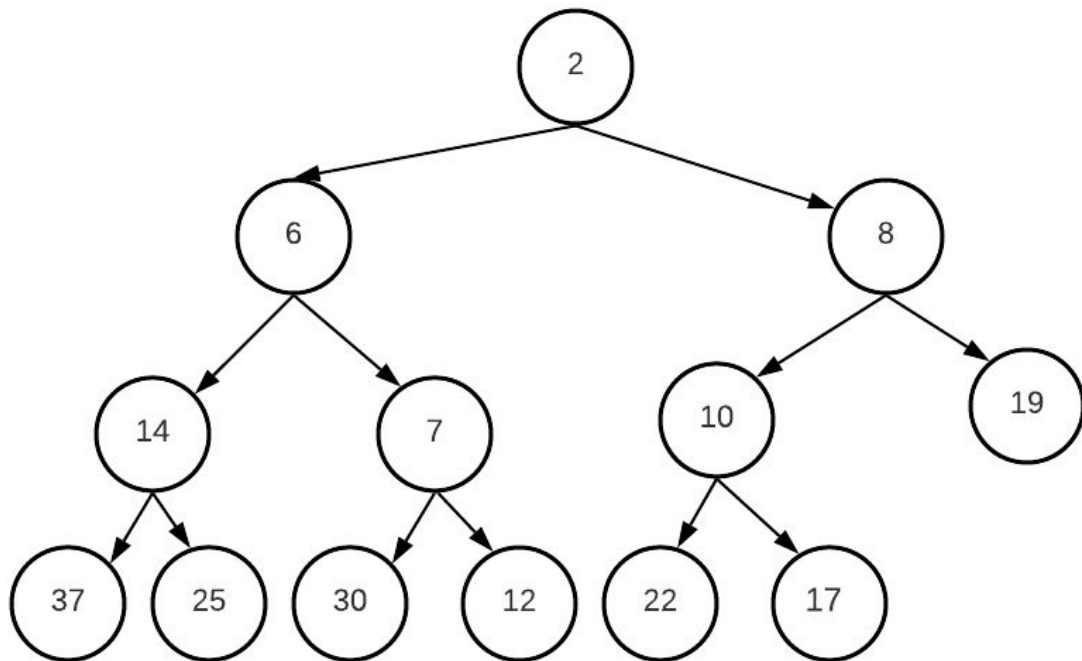
- To insert a value in the heap, we can use a nice trick
- We first ADD the item to the tree, and then FIX any corruption
 - A smart approach, but sadly not widely applicable



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2	6	8	14	7	10	19	37	25	30	12	22	17		

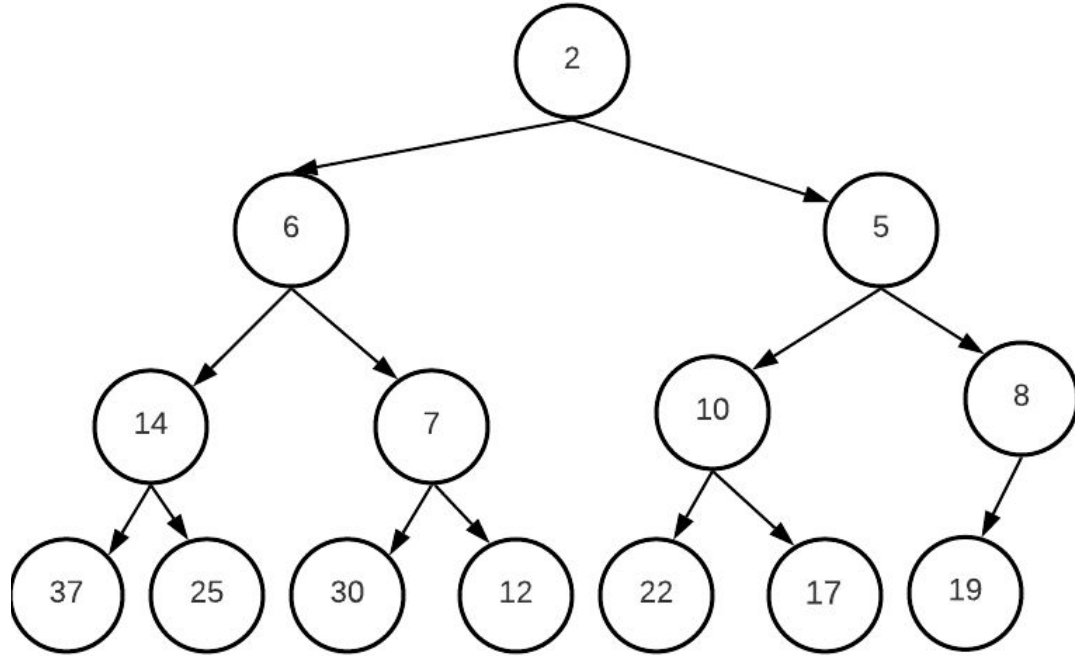
Let's insert 5

- What is the first available node in this tree?
 - Left of 19
- Add 5
- What nodes make up the parent chain?
 - [5, 19, 8, 2]
- Shift up 5 to be in its **right location** (decreasing seq)
 - [19, 8, 5, 2]



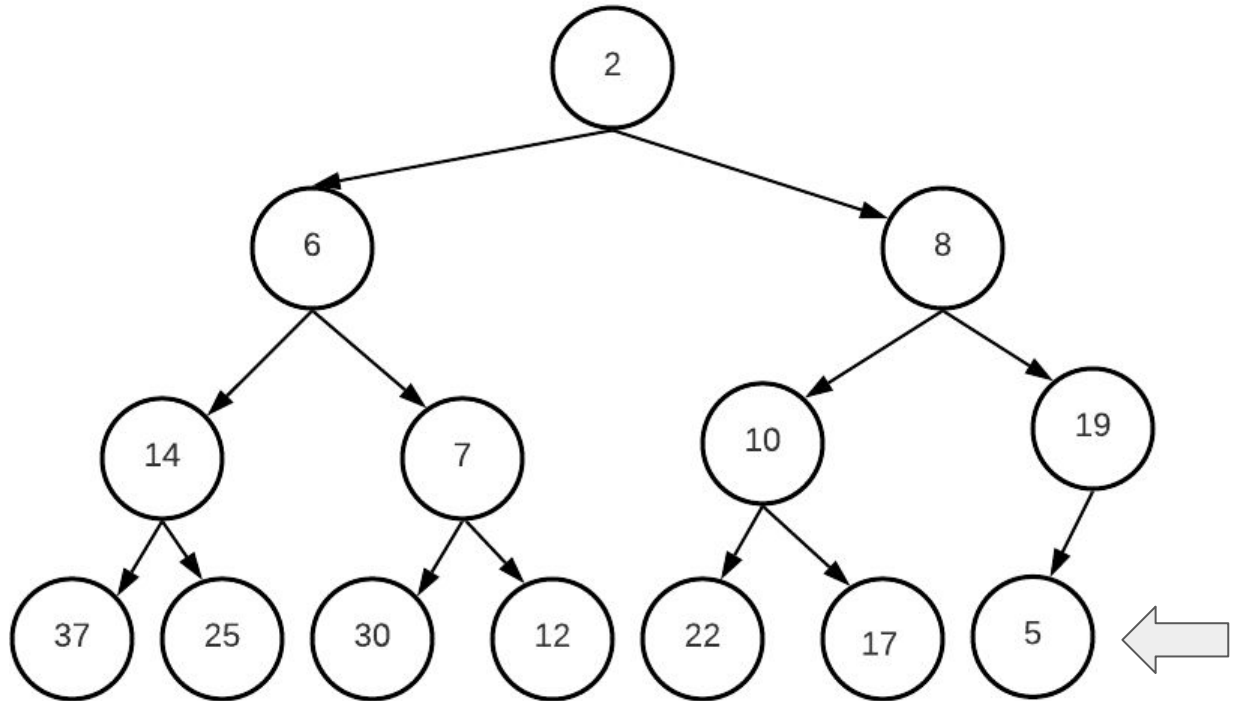
Heapify Up

- How can we implement that?
- Start from the index where the node was initially added
- If the value of the parent node is greater, do a simple swap! Shift the parent node down to where the current child node is, and move our newly added node up towards its correct location
 - Observe: 19 and 8 are moved down



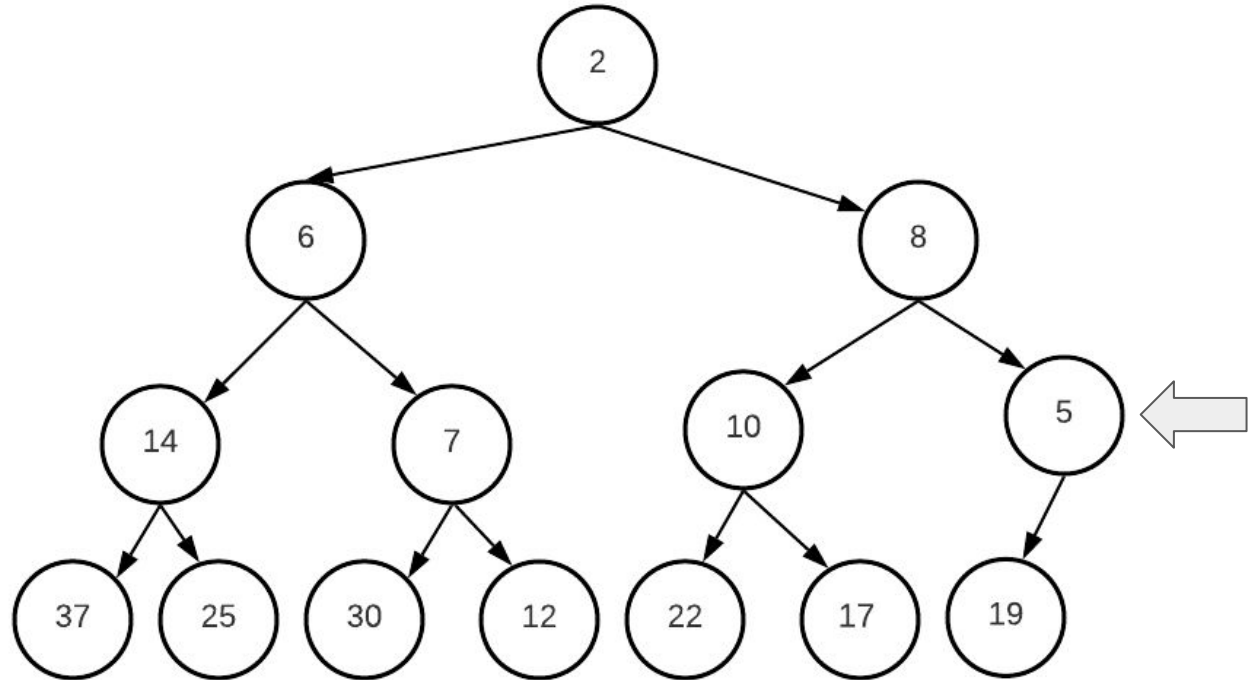
Simulation: Add 5 to the available position

- 5 index = 13
 - Parent idx = 6
 - Parent value 19
- $5 < 19$
 - Push 19 down



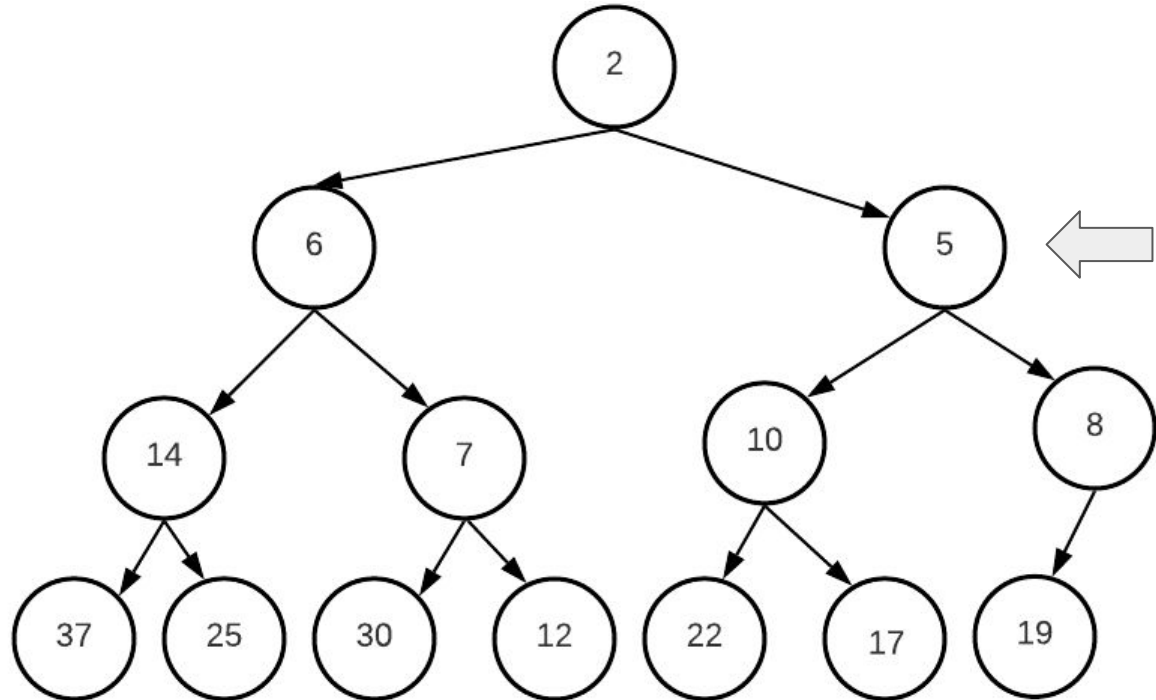
Simulation: Compare with parent

- 5 index = 6
 - Parent idx = 2
 - Parent value 8
- $5 < 8$
 - Push 8 down



Simulation: Compare with parent

- 5 index = 2
 - Parent idx = 0
 - Parent value 2
- $5 > 2$
 - Perfect heap
 - Stop
- Take 10 min to code it



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“Seek knowledge from the Cradle to the Grave.”