

# CompSci 201, L20: Binary Heaps

# Logistics, Coming up

- APT9 (more tree problems) due this Wed., 11/9
- P5 Huffman due next Monday 11/14
- Wrapping up binary heaps and balanced binary search trees this week, then on to graphs!

# People in CS: Clarence “Skip” Ellis

- Born 1943 in Chicago. PhD in CS from U. Illinois UC in 1969
  - First African American anywhere in US to complete a PhD in CS
- Founding member of the CS department at U. Colorado, also worked in industry.
  - Developing original graphical user interfaces, object-oriented programming, collaboration tools.

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“People put together an image of what I was supposed to be,” he recalled. “So I always tell my students to push.”

# Huffman Compression

Representing data with bits: Preferably fewer bits

- Zip



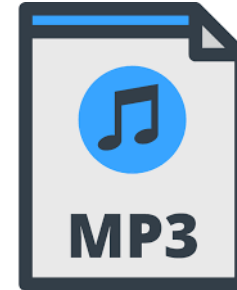
- Unicode



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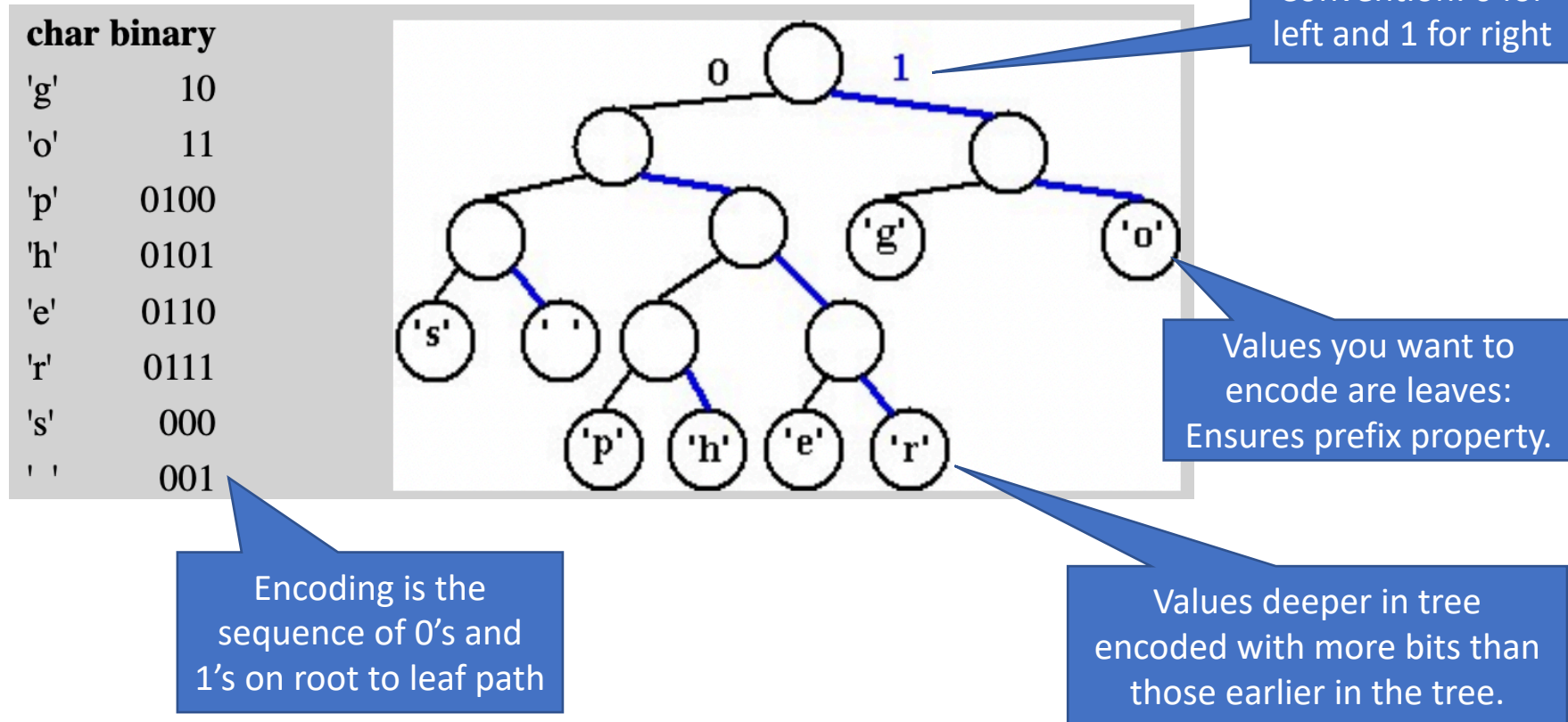


- MP3



Huffman compression used in all of these and more!

# Prefix property encoding as a tree

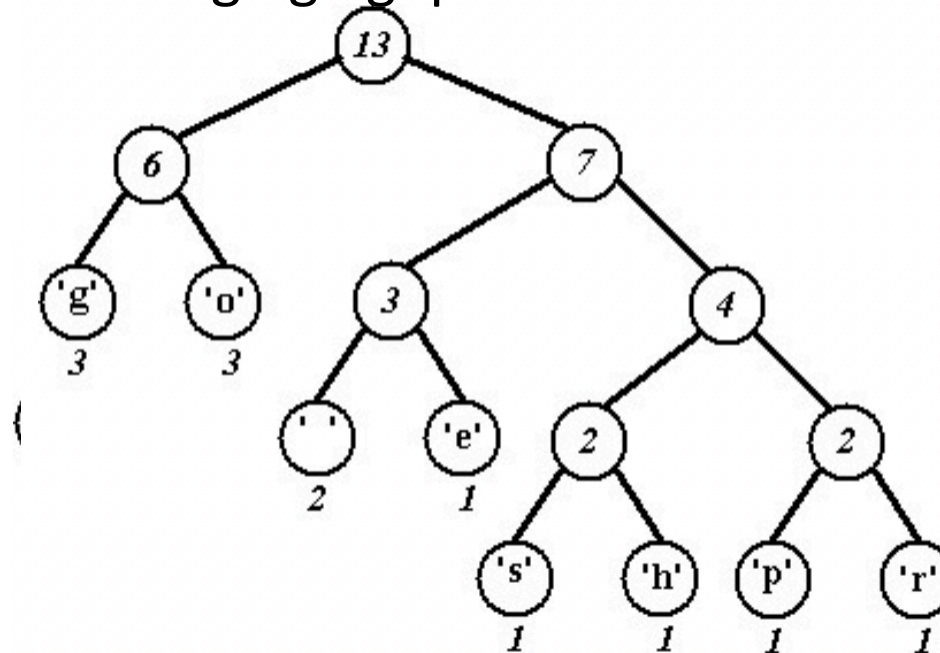


# Huffman Coding

- Greedy algorithm for building an optimal variable length encoding tree.
- High level idea:
  - Start with the leaves/values you want to encode with weights = frequency.
  - Iteratively choose the ***lowest weight nodes*** to “connect up” to a new node with weight = sum of children.

# Visualizing the algorithm

Encoding the text “go go gophers”



**char binary**

'g'	00
'o'	01
'p'	1110
'h'	1101
'e'	101
'r'	1111
's'	1100
' '	100

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# P5 Outline

1. Write Decompress first
  - Takes a compressed file (we give you some)
  - Reads Huffman tree from bits
  - Uses tree to decode bits to text
2. Write Compress second
  - Count frequencies of values/characters
  - Greedy algorithm to build Huffman tree
  - Save tree and file encoded as bits

# Heaps Revisited

# java.util.PriorityQueue Class

- Kept in sorted order, smallest out first
  - Objects must be Comparable OR provide Comparator to priority queue

```
PriorityQueue<String> pq = new PriorityQueue<>();
pq.add("is");
pq.add("CompSci 201");
pq.add("wonderful");
while (! pq.isEmpty()) {
    System.out.println(pq.remove());
}
```

CompSci 201  
is  
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# Tradeoffs, Heaps, and Trees

- Fast add and remove?
- Binary Heap: Implements a priority queue with:
  - Peek:  $O(1)$
  - Remove:  $O(\log(N))$
  - Add:  $O(\log(N))$
- `java.util.PriorityQueue` is implemented as a binary heap

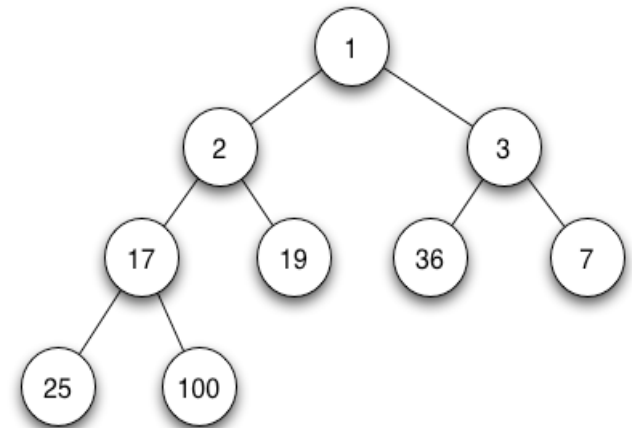
N	$\log_2(N)$
100	6.6
200	7.6
400	8.6
800	9.6
1600	10.6
3200	11.6
6400	12.6
12800	13.6
25600	14.6
51200	15.6

# Binary Heap at a high level

- Maintain the **heap property** *that every node is less than or equal to its successors*, and
- The **shape property** *that the tree is complete* (full except perhaps last level, fill from left to right)

Operations:

- Peek: Return value of root node
- Remove: Remove root node and fix tree to reestablish properties.
- Add: Insert at first open position, fix to reestablish properties.



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# How are PriorityQueues implemented?

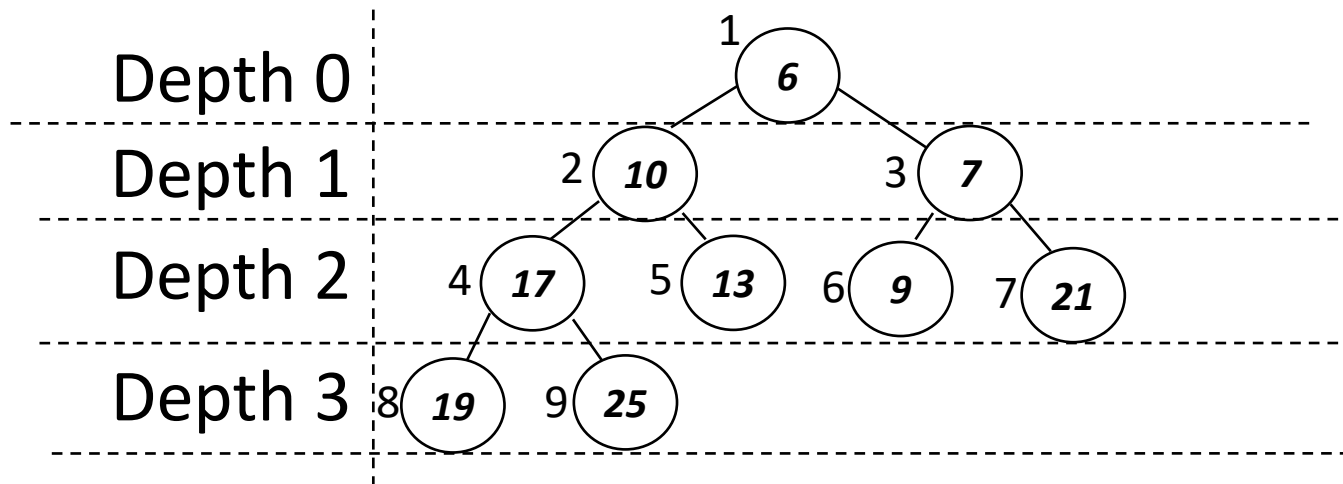
- Normally think about binary tree used for implementing priority queues, supports:
  - insert/add
  - findMin/peek
  - deleteMin/remove
- Actually implement with an array
  - minimizes storage (no explicit points/nodes)
  - simpler to code, no explicit tree traversal
  - faster too (constant factor, not asymptotically)--- children are located by index/position in array

# Aside: How much less memory?

- Storing an int takes 4 bytes = 32 bits on most machines.
- Storing one *reference to an object* (a memory location) takes 8 bytes = 64 bits on most machines.
- For a heap storing  $N$  integers...
  - Array of  $N$  integers takes  $\sim 4N$  bytes.
  - Binary tree where each node has an int, left, and right reference takes  $\sim 20N$  bytes.
  - So maybe a 5x savings in memory (just an estimate). Not an asymptotic improvement.

# Using an array for a Heap

- Hard to keep track of the last node in the tree.
- Index positions in the tree level by level, left to right:



- Last node in the heap is always just the largest index
- Can use indices to represent as an array!

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0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

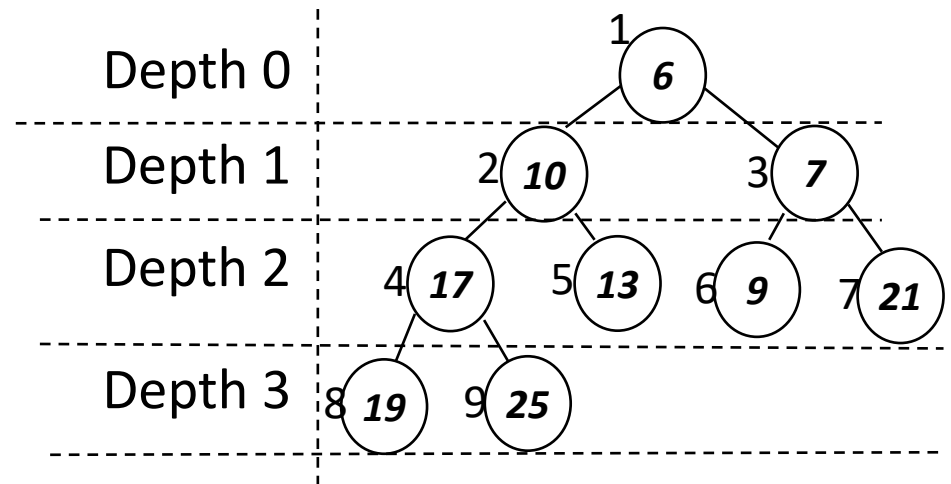
(ArrayList if you want it to be growable)



# Properties of the Heap Array

- Store “node values” in array beginning at index 1
  - Could 0-index, Zybook does this
- Last node is always at the max index
- Minimum node is always at index 1
- peek is easy, return first value.
  - How about add?
  - Remove?

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# Relating Nodes in Heap Array

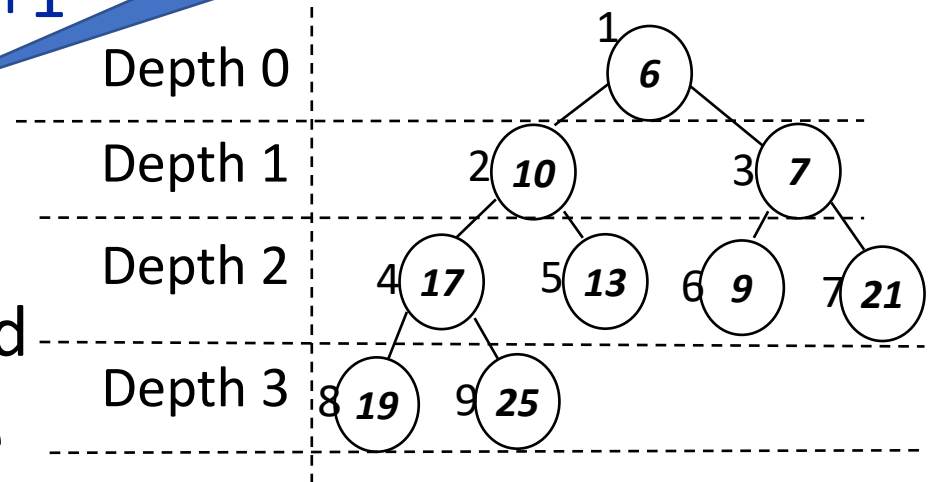
- When 1-indexing: For node with index  $k$

- left child: index  $2*k$
- right child: index  $2*k+1$
- parent: index  $k/2$

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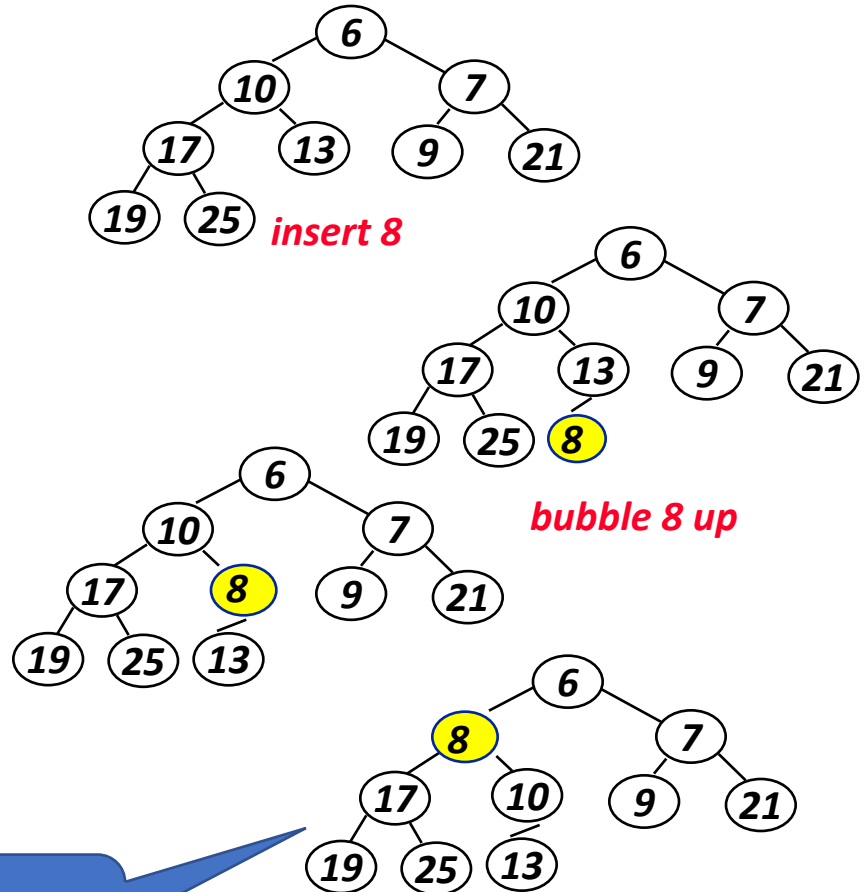
Integer division

- Why? Follows from:
  - Heap is *complete*, and
  - Complete binary tree has  $2^d$  nodes at depth  $d$  (except last)



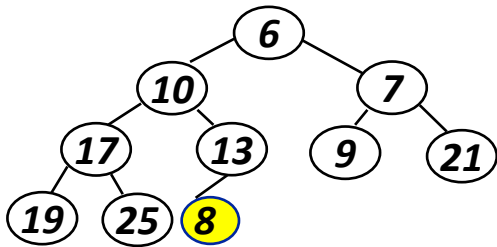
# Adding values to heap in pictures

- Add to first open position in last level of the tree
  - (really, add to end of array)
- Swap with parent if heap property violated
  - stop when parent is smaller
  - Or you reach the root



Heap property  
re-established

# Heap add implementation



```
24 public void add(Integer value) {
25     heap.add(value); // add to last position
26     size++;
27
28     int index = size; // note we are 1-indexing
29     int parent = index / 2;
30
31     while(parent >= 1 && heap.get(parent) > heap.get(index)) {
32         swap(index, parent);
33         index = parent;
34         parent /= 2;
35     }
36 }
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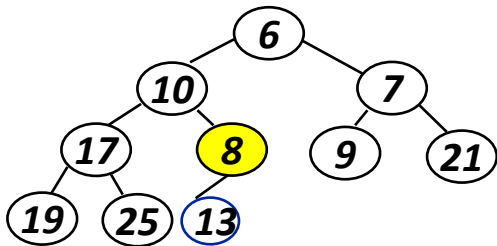
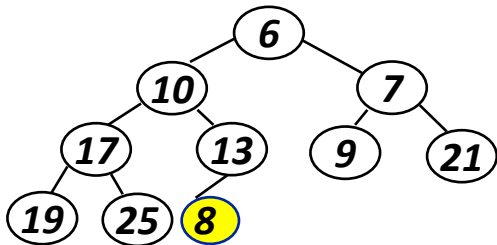
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parent=5

*ArrayList<Integer> heap*

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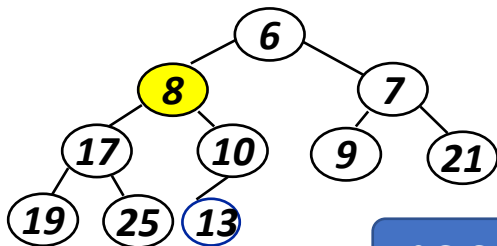
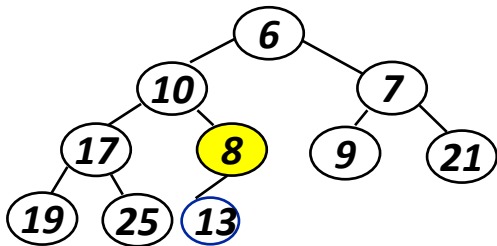
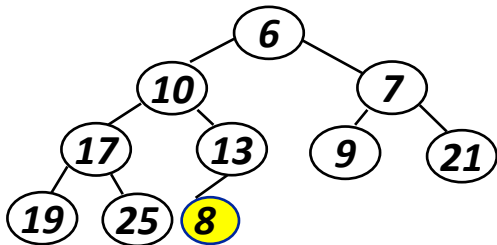
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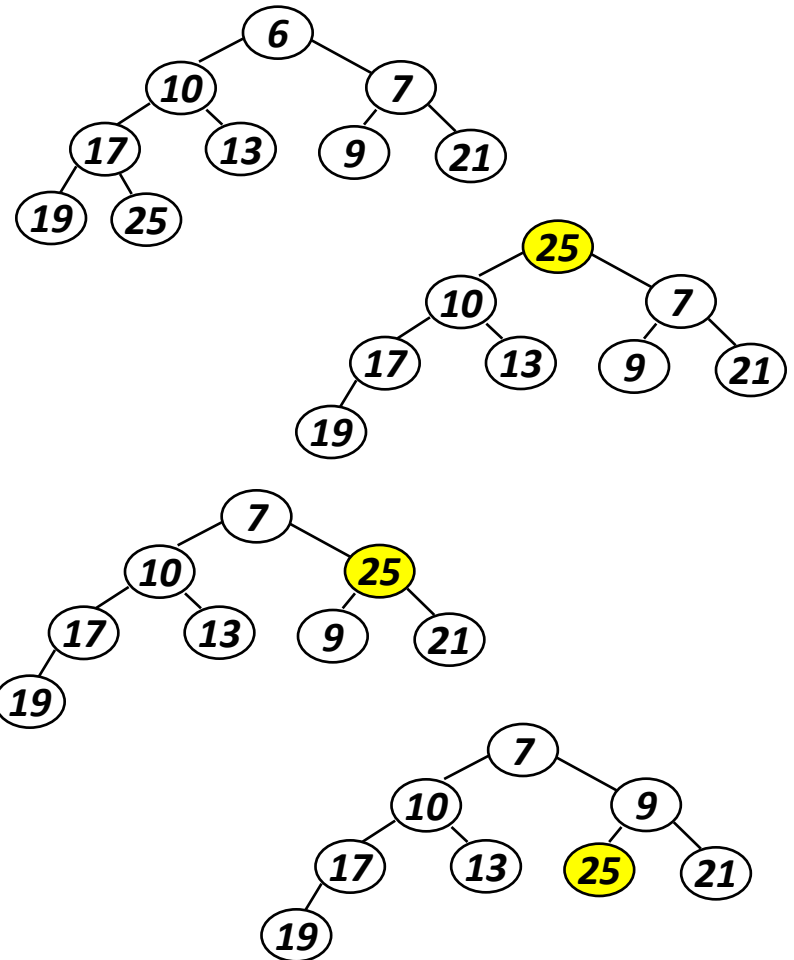
parent=1

index=2

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# Heap remove in pictures

- Always return root value
- Replace root with last node in the heap
- While heap property violated, swap with *smaller* child.



# Heap Complexity

- Claimed that:
  - Peek:  $O(1)$
  - Add:  $O(\log(N))$
  - Remove:  $O(\log(N))$
- On a heap with  $N$  values. Why?
  - Peek: Easy, return first value in an Array
  - Complete binary tree always has height  $O(\log(N))$ .
  - add and remove “traverse” **one** root-leaf path, at most  $O(\log(N))$ .



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# Choose your own adventure

1. Look at Generic DIYBinaryHeap:  
[coursework.cs.duke.edu/cs-201-fall-22/diybinaryheap](https://coursework.cs.duke.edu/cs-201-fall-22/diybinaryheap) , or
2. Solve Greedy Coding Problem with  
PriorityQueue: [leetcode.com/problems/non-overlapping-intervals/](https://leetcode.com/problems/non-overlapping-intervals/)

Live coding

