

16. Binary Search Trees

[Ottman/Widmayer, Kap. 5.1, Cormen et al, Kap. 12.1 - 12.3]

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- Key k in given interval $k \in [l, r]$

Trees

Trees are

- Generalized lists: nodes can have more than one successor
- Special graphs: graphs consist of nodes and edges. A tree is a fully connected, directed, acyclic graph.

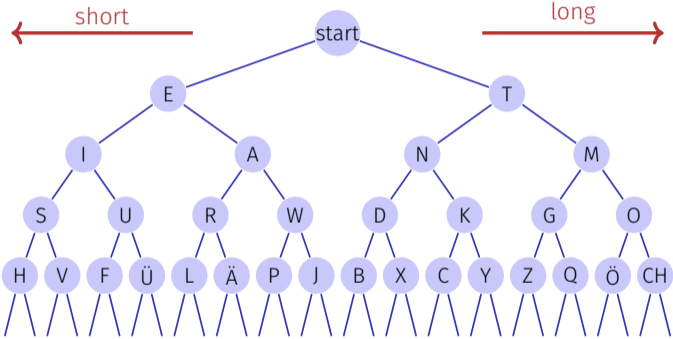
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Use

- Decision trees: hierarchic representation of decision rules
- syntax trees: parsing and traversing of expressions, e.g. in a compiler
- Code trees: representation of a code, e.g. morse alphabet, huffman code
- Search trees: allow efficient searching for an element by value

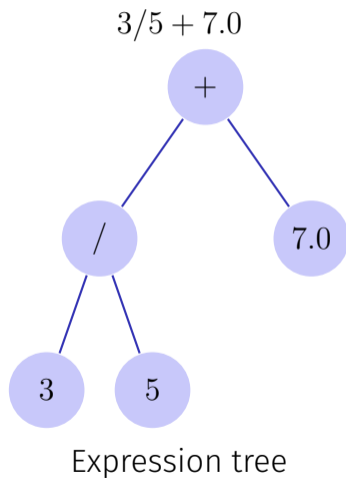


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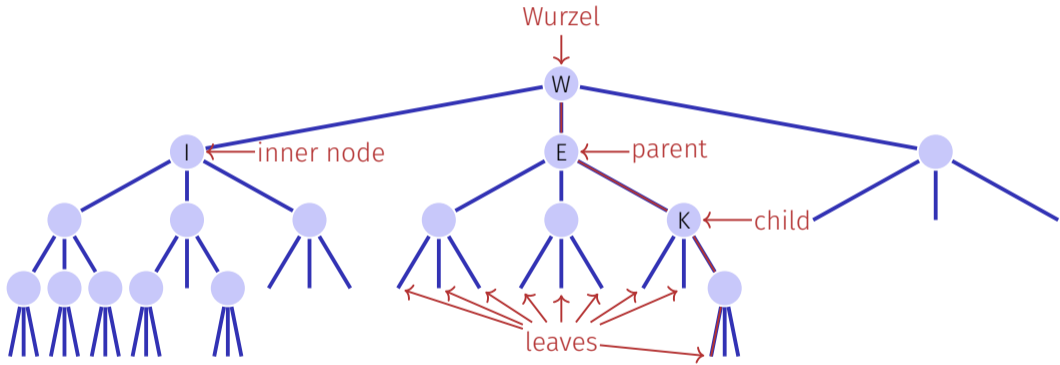


Morsealphabet

Examples



Nomenclature



- *Order* of the tree: maximum number of child nodes (here: 3)
- *Height* of the tree: maximum path length root to leaf (here: 4)

Binary Trees

A *binary tree* is

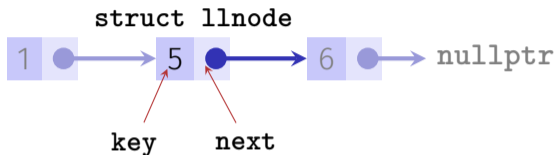
- either a leaf, i.e. an empty tree,
- or an inner leaf with two trees T_l (left subtree) and T_r (right subtree) as left and right successor.

In each inner node v we store

- a key $v.\mathbf{key}$ and
 - two nodes $v.\mathbf{left}$ and $v.\mathbf{right}$ to the roots of the left and right subtree.
- a leaf is represented by the **null**-pointer



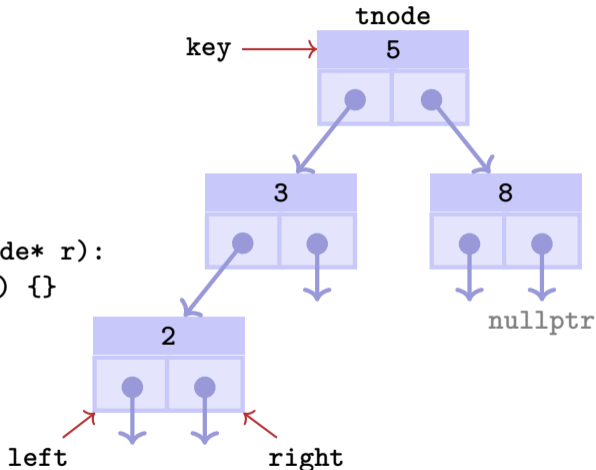
Recap: Linked-list Node in C++



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struct llnode {  
    int key;  
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Recap: Tree Nodes in C++

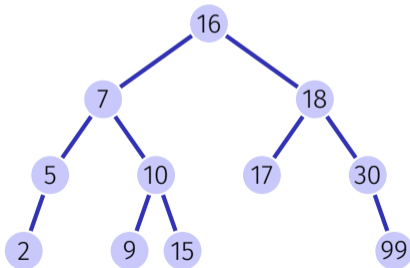
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struct tnode {  
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    tnode* left;  
    tnode* right;  
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Binary search tree

A *binary search tree* is a binary tree that fulfils the **search tree property**:

- Every node v stores a key
- Keys in left subtree $v.\text{left}$ are smaller than $v.\text{key}$
- Keys in right subtree $v.\text{right}$ are greater than $v.\text{key}$



Searching

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Output: Node v with $v.key = k$ or **null**

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if $k = v.key$ **then**

 | **return** v

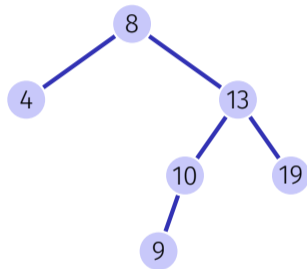
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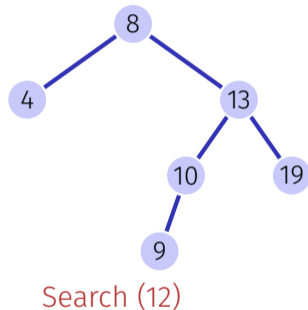
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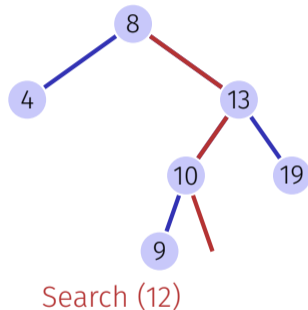
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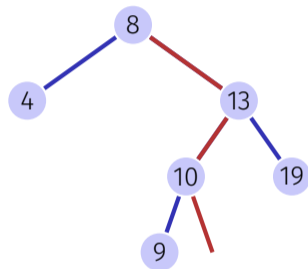
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Search (12) \rightarrow **null**

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Remarks (pot. also for subsequent code):

- **contains** would typically be a member of function of **struct tnode** or **class bin_search_tree** (→ slightly different signature)
- Recursive implementation also possible

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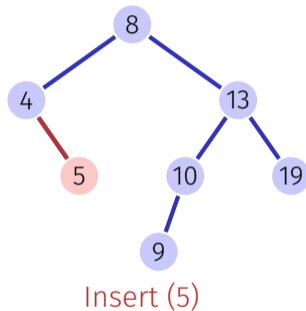
$$h(r) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } r = \mathbf{null} \\ 1 + \max\{h(r.\text{left}), h(r.\text{right})\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The (worst case) run time of the search is thus $\mathcal{O}(h(T))$

Insertion of a key

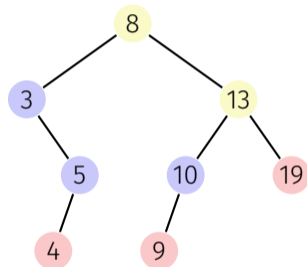
Insertion of the key k

- Search for k
- If successful search: e.g. output error
- If no success: insert the key at the leaf reached



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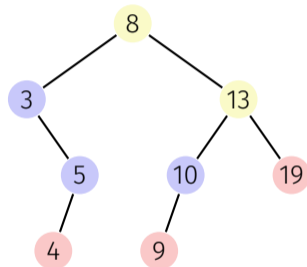


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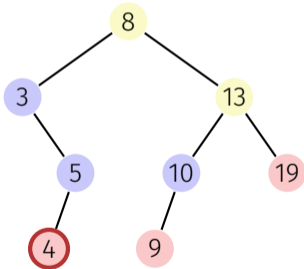
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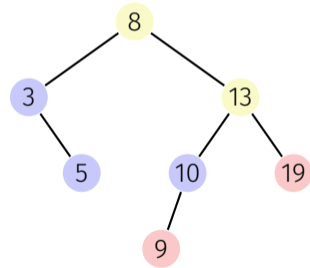
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Simple case: replace node by leaf.



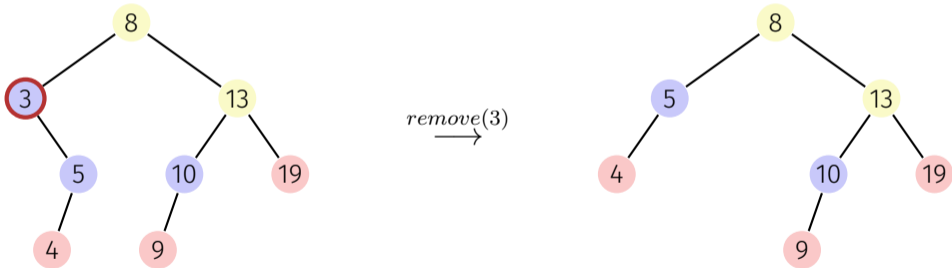
remove(4)
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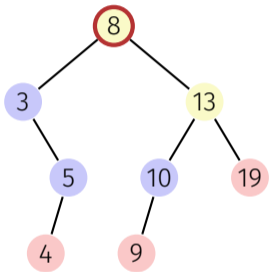
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Also simple: replace node by single child.



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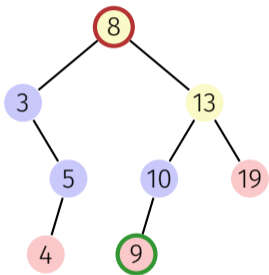


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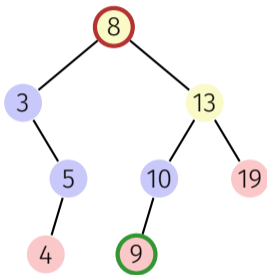
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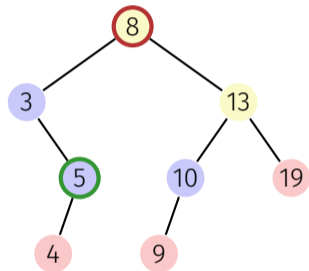
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Solution: replace v by exactly this *symmetric successor*.

By symmetry ...

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Also possible: replace v by its *symmetric predecessor*.



Algorithm SymmetricSuccessor(v)

Input: Node v of a binary search tree.

Output: Symmetric successor of v

$w \leftarrow v.\text{right}$

$x \leftarrow w.\text{left}$

while $x \neq \text{null}$ **do**

$w \leftarrow x$

$x \leftarrow x.\text{left}$

return w

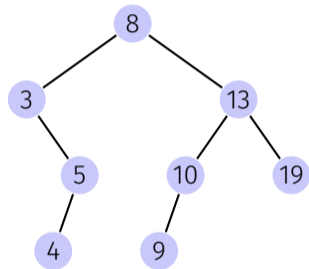
Analysis

Deletion of an element v from a tree T requires $\mathcal{O}(h(T))$ fundamental steps:

- Finding v has costs $\mathcal{O}(h(T))$
- If v has maximal one child unequal to **null** then removal takes $\mathcal{O}(1)$ steps
- Finding the symmetric successor n of v takes $\mathcal{O}(h(T))$ steps. Removal and insertion of n takes $\mathcal{O}(1)$ steps.

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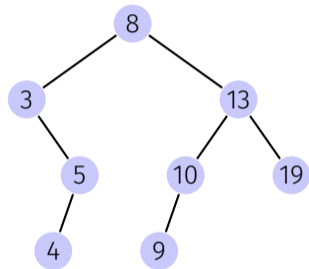


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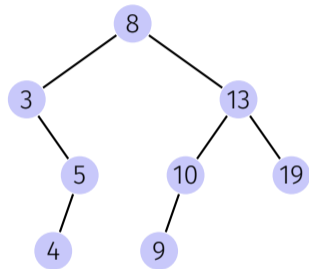
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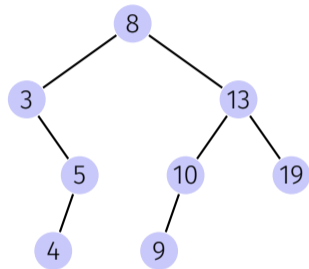
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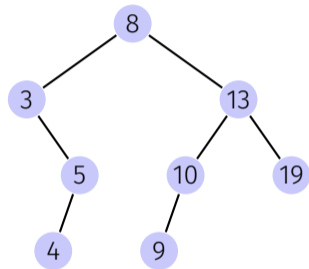
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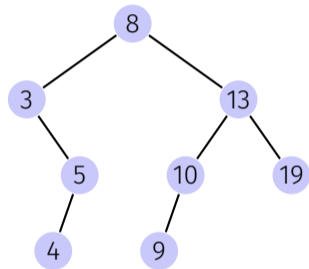
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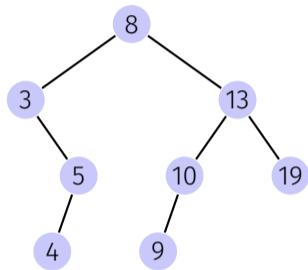
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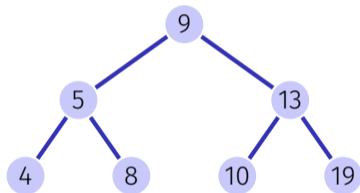


Further supported operations

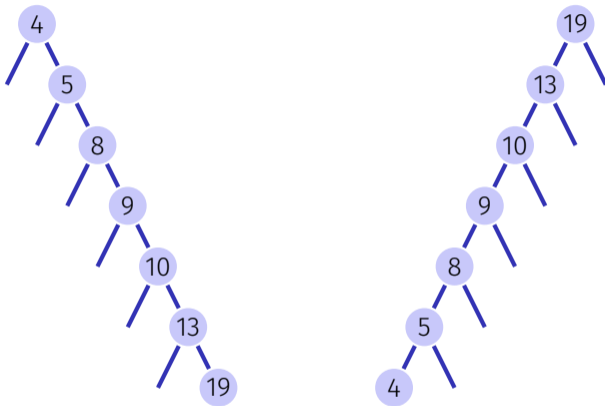
- $Min/Max(T)$: Query minimal/maximal value in $\mathcal{O}(h(T))$
- $ExtractMin/Max(T)$: Query and remove min/max in $\mathcal{O}(h(T))$
- $List(T)$: Output the sorted list of elements
- $Join(T_1, T_2)$: Merge two trees with $Max(T_1) < Min(T_2)$ in $\mathcal{O}(h(T_1, T_2))$



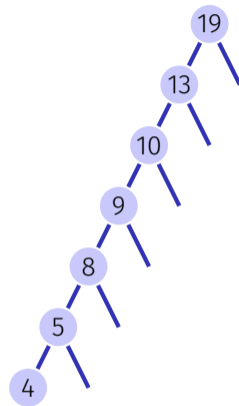
Search Trees: Balanced vs. Degenerated



insert 9,5,13,4,8,10,19:
ideally balanced



insert 4,5,8,9,10,13,19:
linear list



insert 19,13,10,9,8,5,4:
linear list

Probabilistically

A search tree constructed from a random sequence of numbers provides an an expected path length of $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$.

Attention: this only holds for insertions. If the tree is constructed by random insertions and deletions, the expected path length is $\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})$.

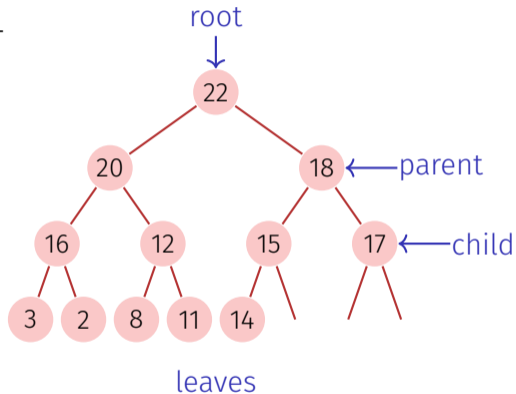
Balanced trees make sure (e.g. with *rotations*) during insertion or deletion that the tree stays balanced and provide a $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$ Worst-case guarantee.

17. Heaps

Data structure optimized for fast extraction of minimum or maximum and for sorting. [Ottman/Widmayer, Kap. 2.3, Cormen et al, Kap. 6]

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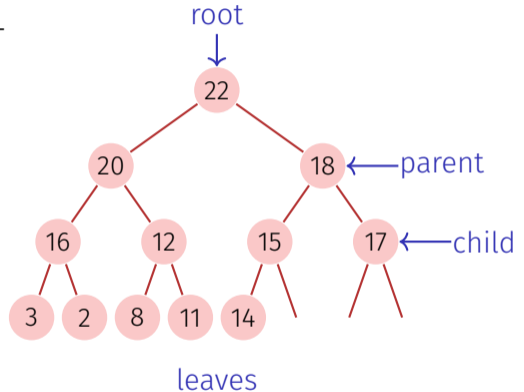


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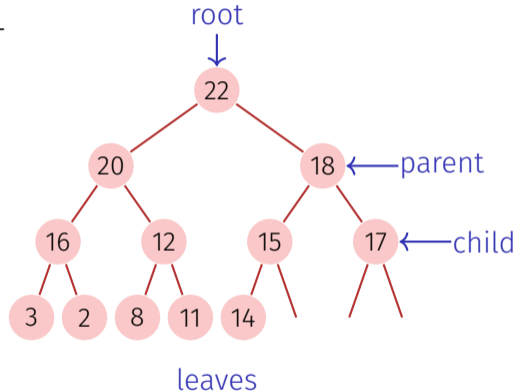


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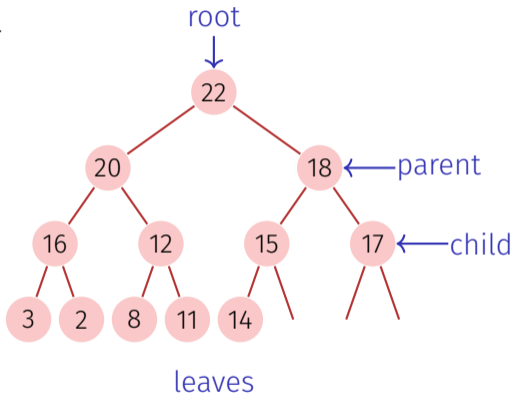


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Max-(Min-)Heap: key of a child smaller (greater) than that of the parent node

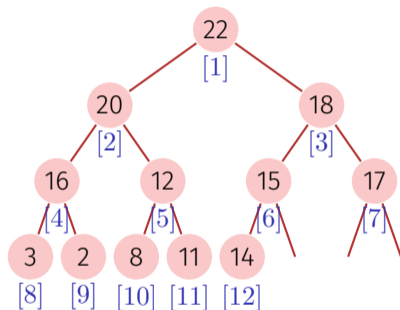
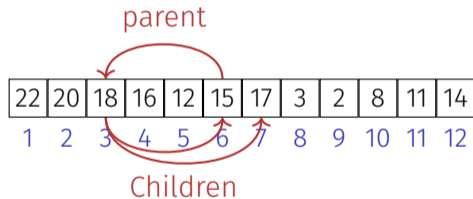


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Heap as Array

Tree \rightarrow Array:

- $\text{children}(i) = \{2i, 2i + 1\}$
- $\text{parent}(i) = \lfloor i/2 \rfloor$



Depends on the starting index¹⁹

¹⁹For arrays that start at 0: $\{2i, 2i + 1\} \rightarrow \{2i + 1, 2i + 2\}$, $\lfloor i/2 \rfloor \rightarrow \lfloor (i - 1)/2 \rfloor$

Height of a Heap

What is the height $H(n)$ of Heap with n nodes? On the i -th level of a binary tree there are at most 2^i nodes. Modulo the last level of a heap, all levels are filled with values.

$$H(n) = \min\{h \in \mathbb{N} : \sum_{i=0}^{h-1} 2^i \geq n\}$$

with $\sum_{i=0}^{h-1} 2^i = 2^h - 1$:

$$H(n) = \min\{h \in \mathbb{N} : 2^h \geq n + 1\},$$

thus

$$H(n) = \lceil \log_2(n + 1) \rceil.$$

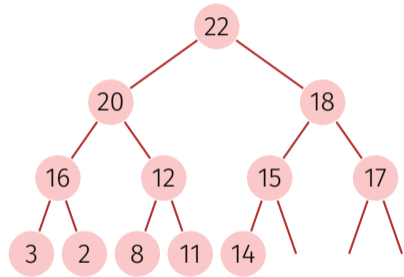
Heap in C++

```
class MaxHeap {
    int* keys; // Pointer to first key
    unsigned int capacity; // Length of key array
    unsigned int count; // Keys in use <= capacity
    // Or even better: build on top of std::vector

public:
    MaxHeap(unsigned int initial_capacity):
        keys(new int[initial_capacity]),
        capacity(initial_capacity),
        count(0)
    {}

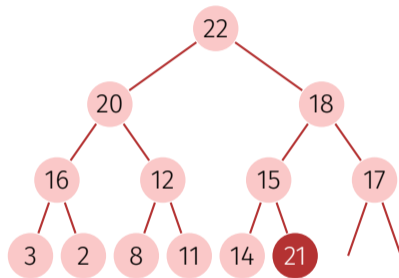
    void insert(unsigned int key) { ...}
    int remove_max() { ...}
    ...
}
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Insert



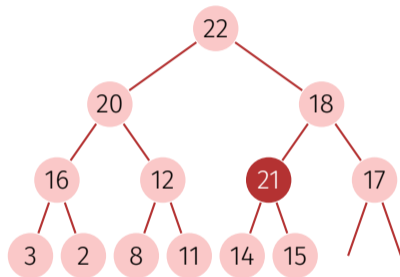
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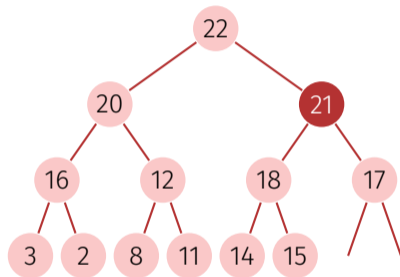
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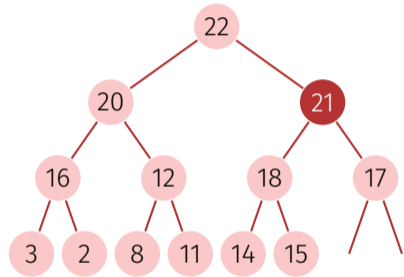
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- Worst-case number of operations: $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$



Algorithm Sift-Up(A, m)

Input: Array A with at least m keys and heap structure on $A[1, \dots, m - 1]$

Output: Array A with heap structure on $A[1, \dots, m]$

$v \leftarrow A[m]$ // new key

$c \leftarrow m$ // index current node (child)

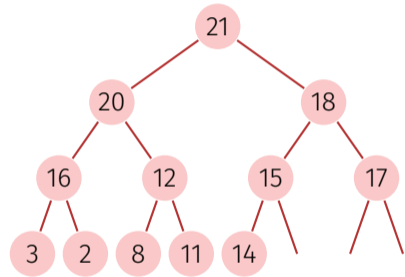
$p \leftarrow \lfloor c/2 \rfloor$ // index parent node

while $c > 1$ and $v > A[p]$ **do**

$A[c] \leftarrow A[p]$ // key parent node \rightarrow key current node
 $c \leftarrow p$ // parent node \rightarrow current node
 $p \leftarrow \lfloor c/2 \rfloor$

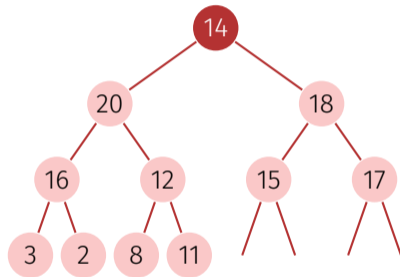
$A[c] \leftarrow v$ // place new key

Remove the Maximum



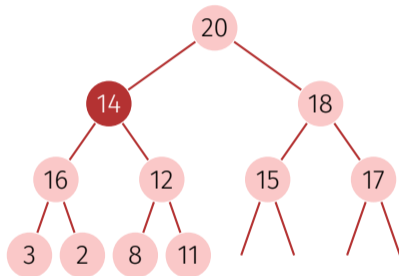
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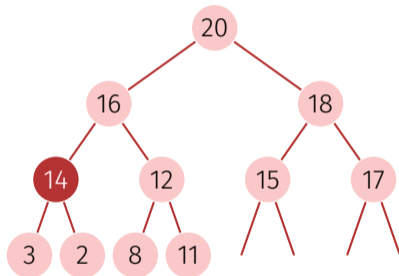
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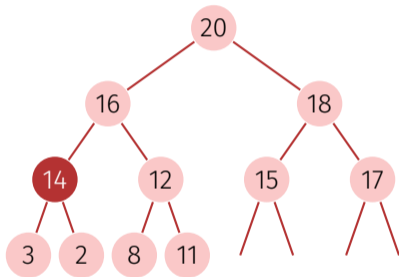
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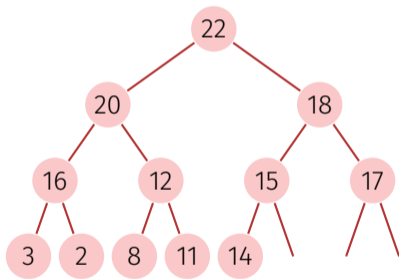
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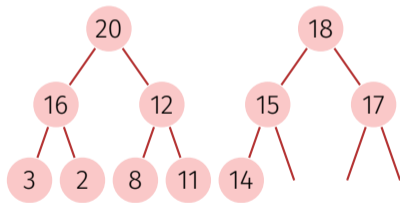
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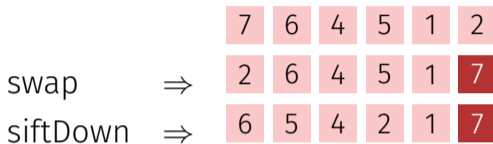
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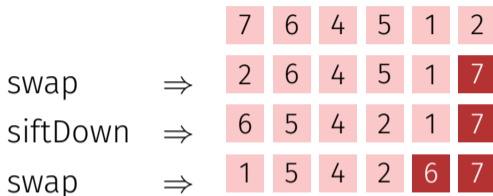


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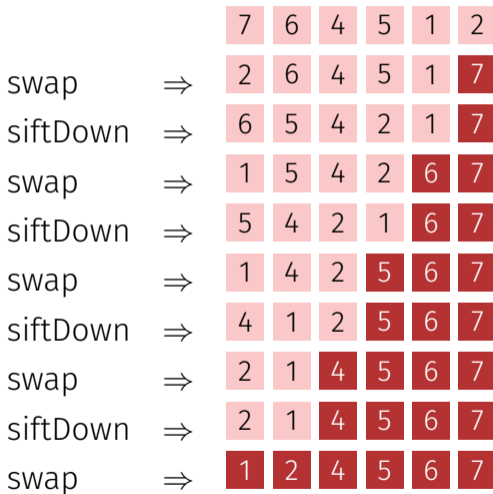


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Algorithm HeapSort(A, n)

Input: Array A with length n .

Output: A sorted.

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for $i \leftarrow n/2$ **downto** 1 **do**

└ SiftDown(A, i, n)

// Now A is a heap

for $i \leftarrow n$ **downto** 2 **do**

└ Swap($A[1], A[i]$)

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Analysis: sorting a heap

SiftDown traverses at most $\log n$ nodes. For each node, 2 key comparisons.

\Rightarrow sorting a heap costs $2 \log n$ comparisons in the worst case.

Number of memory movements while sorting a heap also $\mathcal{O}(n \log n)$.

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Calls to *SiftDown*: $n/2$.

Thus number of comparisons and movements: $v(n) \in \mathcal{O}(n \log n)$.

But mean length of the sift-down paths is much smaller:

We use that $h(n) = \lceil \log_2 n + 1 \rceil = \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$ für $n > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} v(n) &= \sum_{l=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} \underbrace{2^l}_{\text{number heaps on level } l} \cdot \underbrace{(\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1 - l - 1)}_{\text{height heaps on level } l} = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} 2^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor - k} \cdot k \\ &= 2^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} \frac{k}{2^k} \leq n \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2^k} \leq n \cdot 2 \in \mathcal{O}(n) \end{aligned}$$

with $s(x) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} kx^k = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}$ ($0 < x < 1$) and $s(\frac{1}{2}) = 2$

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