



# Heaps

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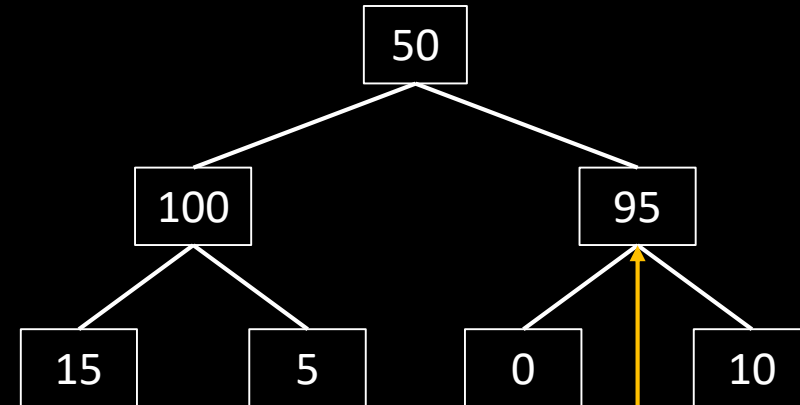
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# Heaps are trees

One way to program trees is to flatten it into an array.  
To draw a tree from an array we use the formula in the top right  
Let's drill it down to the example below.  
array[0] is the root. So, we draw 50 on top of the tree.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
50	100	95	15	5	0	10



$node_i = array[i]$   
 $left\ child_i = array[2i + 1]$   
 $right\ child_i = array[2i + 2]$

The indices of the root's children are:

$$i_{left} = 2 * 0 + 1 = 1; i_{right} = 2 * 0 + 2 = 2$$

So, array[1] = 100 left child and array[2] = 95 right child of root.

Let's calculate the indices for node array[1]:

$$i_{left} = 2 * 1 + 1 = 3; i_{right} = 2 * 1 + 2 = 4$$

So, array[3] = 15 left child and array[4] = 5 right child of left child of root

I guess you can now figure out the children of the right child of the root on your own

# Let's heapify (reheap)

First, look at the condition that makes a max-heap on the right:  
The formula says, in other words, a parent is always larger than or equal to its children.

So, to create a heap we must swap all the values in such a way that the tree is a heap.

Let's enforce the condition from left to right.  
We only need to swap once in this array to create a heap.

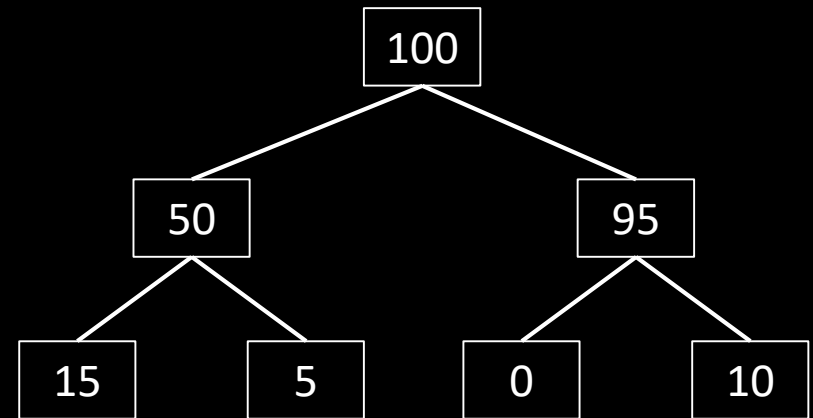
$$\begin{aligned} \text{node}_i &= \text{array}[i] \\ \text{left child}_i &= \text{array}[2i + 1] \\ \text{right child}_i &= \text{array}[2i + 2] \end{aligned}$$

*Max-heap condition:*

$$\text{node}_i \geq \text{left child}_i, \text{ and } \text{node}_i \geq \text{right child}_i$$

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	50	100	95	15	5	0	10
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Analog to the Max-heap there are Min-heaps.

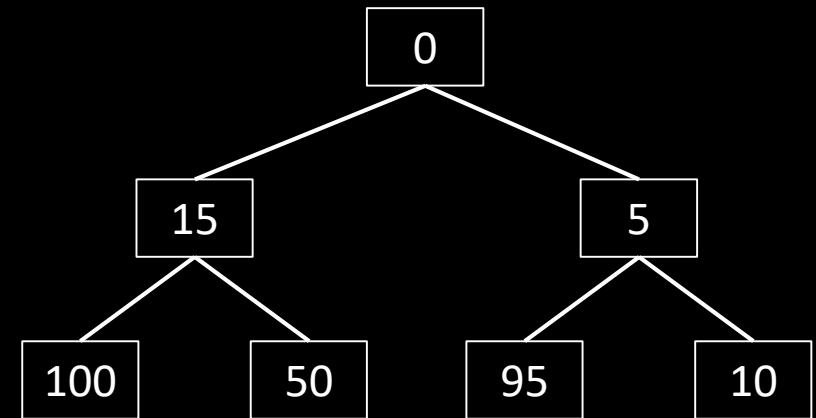
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*Min-heap condition:*

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1.	50	100	95	15	5	0	10
2.	50	15	95	100	5	0	10
3.	15	50	95	100	5	0	10
4.	15	5	95	100	50	0	10
5.	5	15	95	100	50	0	10
6.	5	15	0	100	50	95	10
7.	0	15	5	100	50	95	10

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# Let's sort

*Min-heap condition:*

$\text{node}_i \leq \text{left child}_i$ , and  $\text{node}_i \leq \text{right child}_i$

We'll use the latter example (Min-heap) and sort the array using the heapsort-algorithm.

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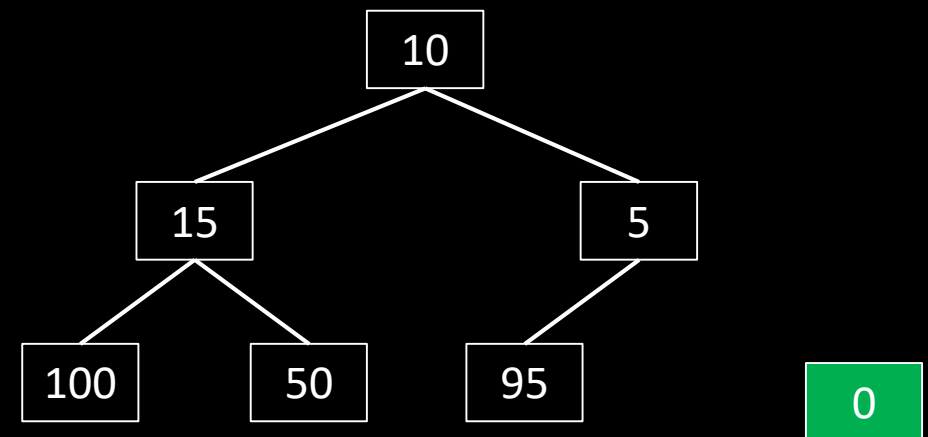
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We already have created the heap before. So we just need to swap the first with the last element in the array and performed the first iteration. Now we need to heapify (reheap) the array again.

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heap	0	15	5	100	50	95	10
swap	10	15	5	100	50	95	0

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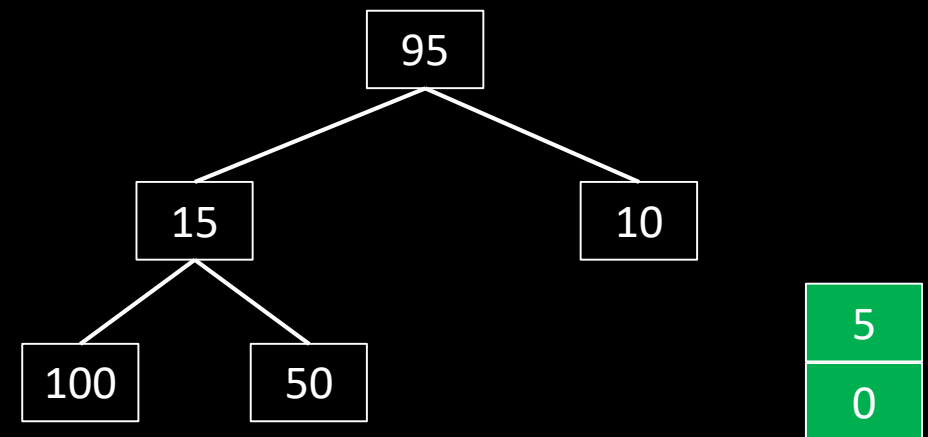
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Iteration for Iteration the unsorted part of the array shrinks.

i	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
array	10	15	5	100	50	95	0
heap	5	15	10	100	50	95	0
swap	95	15	10	100	50	5	0

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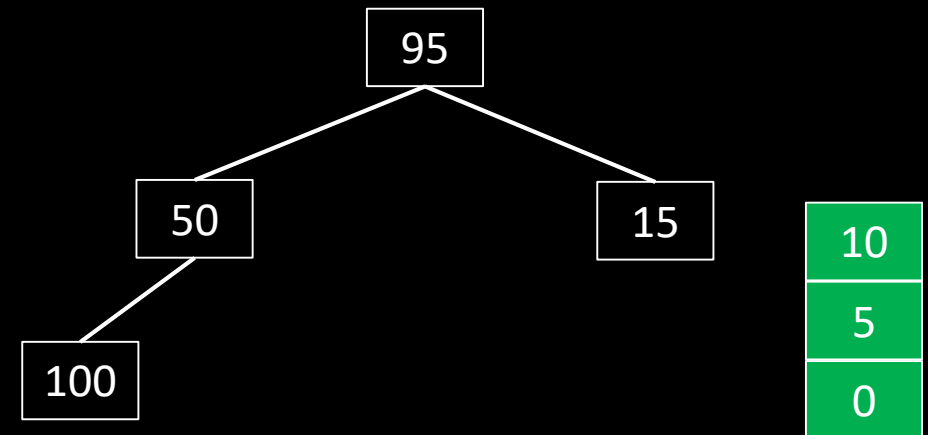
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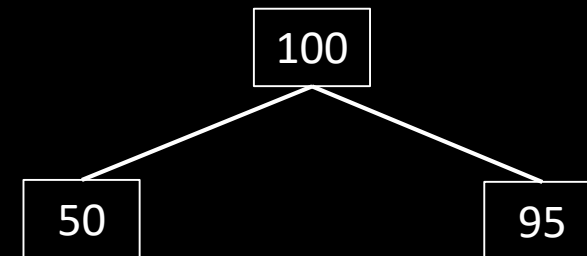
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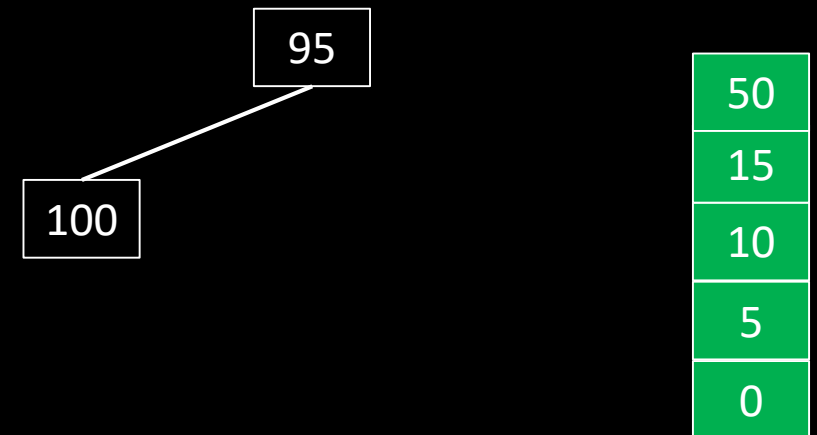
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Yay! Finished, we sorted an array descending using min-heaps.

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So much emptiness.  
Nothing left to sort.

100
95
50
15
10
5
0

I hope this helps you with heap sort!

If you need further help, ask in the  
Tutorium or in the Forum.

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