# Priority Queues (Heaps)

## Priority Queue: Motivating Example

- 3 jobs have been submitted to a printer in the order A, B, C.
  - Job A -100 pages
  - Job B 10 pages
  - Job C 1 page



- Average waiting time with FIFO service: (100+110+111) / 3 = 107 time units
- Average waiting time for shortest-job-first service: (1+11+111) / 3 = 41 time units
- A queue be capable to insert and deletemin?

# **Priority Queue**

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## Heaps

- A *heap* is a binary tree T that stores a key-element pairs at its internal nodes
- It satisfies two properties:
  - ▶ MinHeap: key(parent) ≤ key(child) OR MaxHeap: key(parent) ≥ key(child)
  - all levels are full, except the last one, which is left-filled, i.e., a complete binary tree.



- To implement priority queues
- Priority queue = a queue where all elements have a "priority" associated with them
- Remove in a priority queue removes the element with the smallest priority
  - insert
  - removeMin

## Heap or Not a Heap?



• A heap T storing n keys has height  $h = \lfloor log(n + 1) \rfloor$ , which is O(logn)

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• Insert 6 – Add key in next available position



## Heap Insertion

• Begin Unheap



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## Heap Insertion



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#### • Terminate unheap when

- reach root
- key child is greater than key parent



• Remove element from priority queues? removeMin()



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• Begin downheap



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## Heap Removal



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#### • Terminate downheap when

- reach leaf level
- key child is greater than key parent



- We can construct a heap storing *n* given keys using a bottom-up construction with *logn* phases
- In phase *i*, pairs of heaps with 2<sup>i</sup> 1 keys are merged into heaps with 2<sup>i+1</sup> - 1 keys



- We are given two two heaps and a key k
- We create a new heap with the root node storing k and with the two heaps as subtrees
- We perform heapDown to restore the heap-order property



## Merging Example



## Example (contd.)





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- Step 1: Build a heap
- Step 2: removeMin()
- Running time?