# Review of Priority Queues and Graph Searches 

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© Spend two classes on these three topics
- Focus on proving their properties.
- Describe/refresh proof techniques, which will be useful during the rest of the semester.


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- To get $O(n \log n)$ running time, each "insert" step, "find minimum" step and each "remove" step must take $O(\log n)$ time.


## Priority Queue

- Store a set $S$ of elements, where each element $v$ has a priority value $\operatorname{key}(v)$.
- Smaller key values $\equiv$ higher priorities.
- Operations supported:
- find the element with smallest key
- remove the smallest element
- insert an element
- delete an element
- update the key of an element
- Element deletion and key update require knowledge of the position of the element in the priority queue.


## Heaps



- Combine benefits of both lists and sorted arrays.
- Conceptually, a heap is a balanced binary tree.
- Heap order. For every element $v$ at a node $i$, the element $w$ at $i$ 's parent satisfies key $(w) \leq \operatorname{key}(v)$.
- We can implement a heap in a pointer-based data structure.


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- Proof of correctness: read pages 61-62 of your textbook.


## Example of Heapify-up



Figure 2.4 The Heapify-up process. Key 3 (at position 16) is too small (on the left). After swapping keys 3 and 11, the heap violation moves one step closer to the root of the tree (on the right).

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- Therefore $i / 2^{k} \geq 1$, which implies that $k \leq \log _{2} i$.
- Running time of Heapify-up $(i)$ is $O(\log i)$.


## Deleting an Element: Heapify-down

- Suppose $H$ has $n+1$ elements.
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Heapify-down(H,i):
    Let n= length(H)
    If 2i>n then
        Terminate with H unchanged
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The Oracle of Bacon


## (Böhmer et al., The Lancet, May 15, 2020)




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- Proof: At termination, suppose $w \notin R$ but there is an $s-w$ path $P$ in $G$.
- Consider first node $v$ in $P$ not in $R(v \neq s)$.
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