

# CS 4102: Algorithms

## Lecture 10: Linear Time Sorting

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# Warm Up

Show that finding the minimum of an unordered list requires  $\Omega(n)$  comparisons

# Lower Bound Proof for Finding the Minimum

Show that finding the minimum of an unordered list requires  $\Omega(n)$  comparisons

Suppose (toward contradiction) that there is an algorithm for that does fewer than  $n/2 = \Omega(n)$  comparisons.

This means there is at least one element that was not looked at  
We have no information on whether this element is the minimum or not!

2	8	19	20		3	9	-4
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# Today's Keywords

Sorting algorithms

Linear-time sorting algorithms

Counting sort

Radix sort

Maximum sum continuous subarray

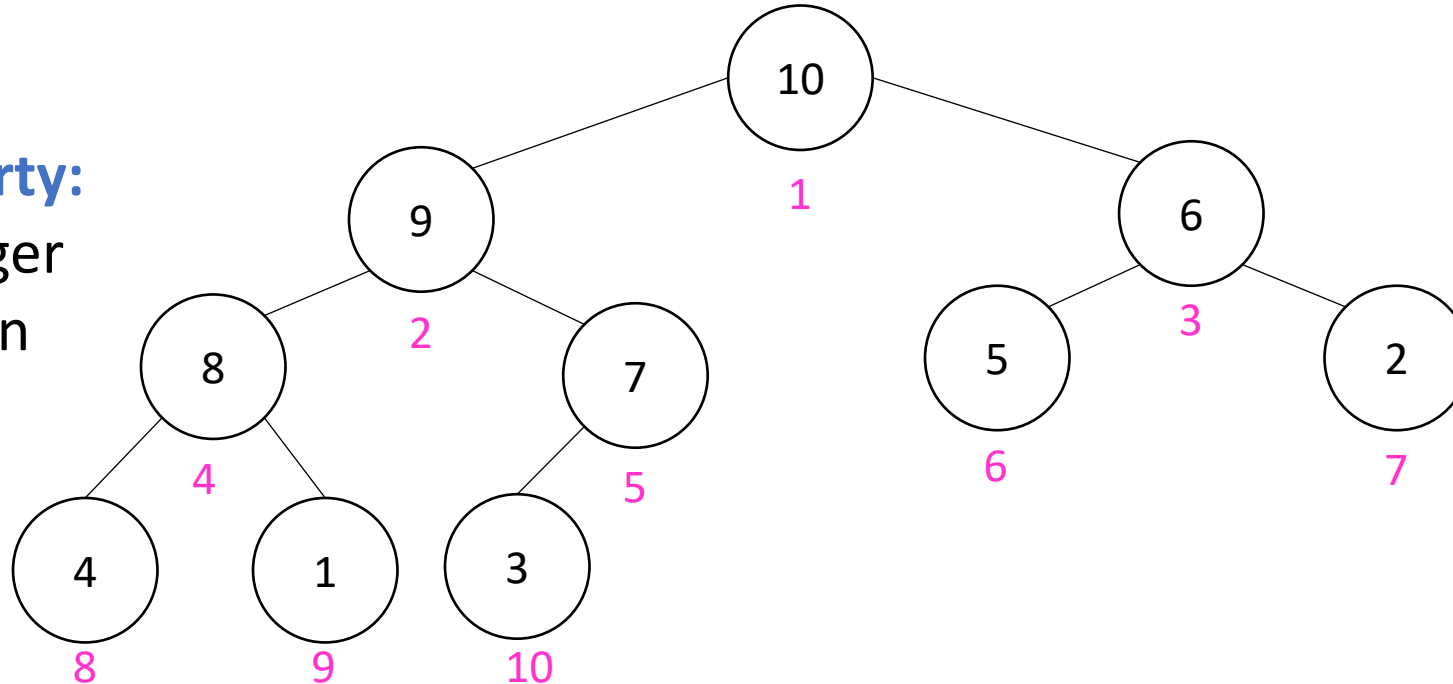
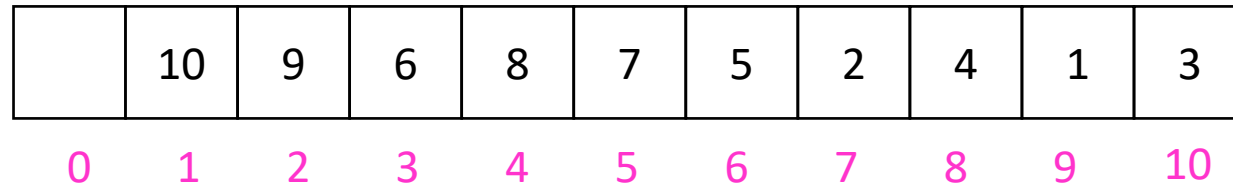
**CLRS Readings: Chapter 8**

# Homework

- **HW3 due Tuesday, October 1, 11pm**
  - Divide and conquer algorithms
  - Written (use LaTeX!) – Submit both **zip** and **pdf!**
- **Regrade office hours:**
  - Thursday 11am-12pm (Rice 210)
  - Thursday 4pm-5pm (Rice 501)

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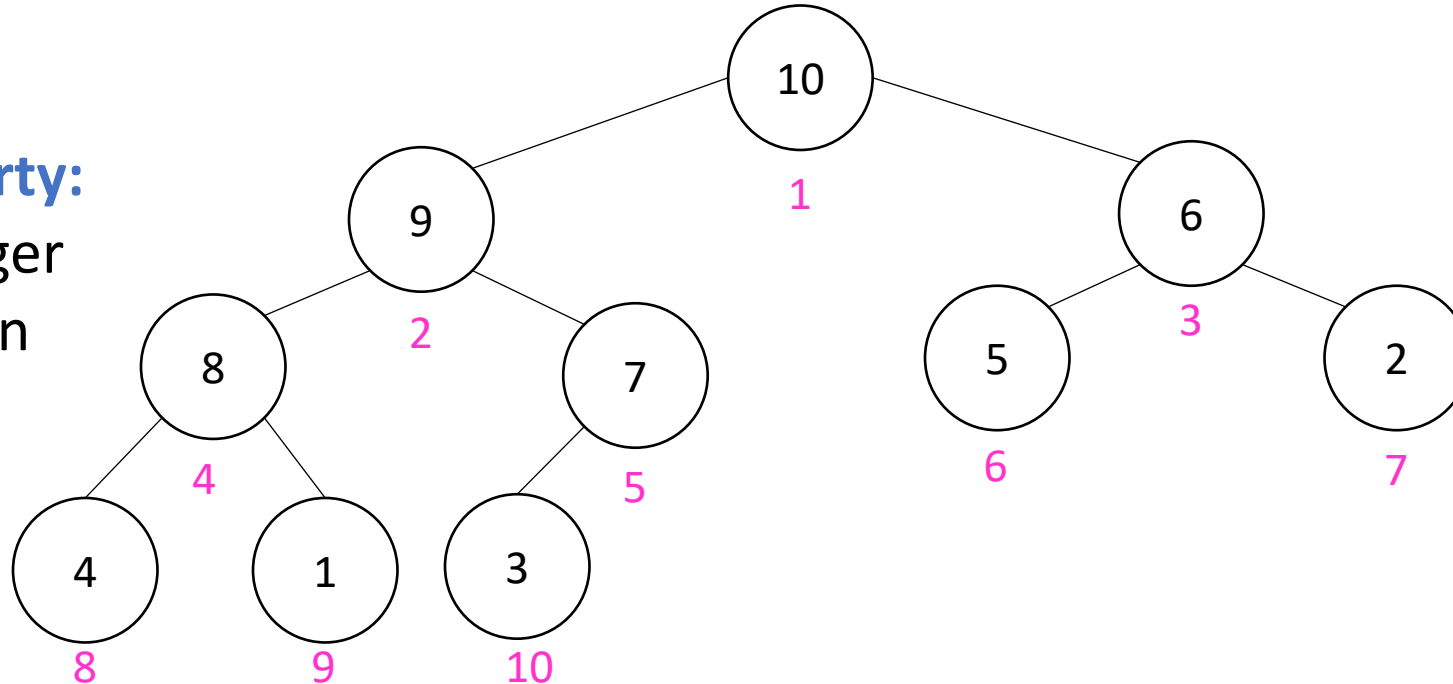
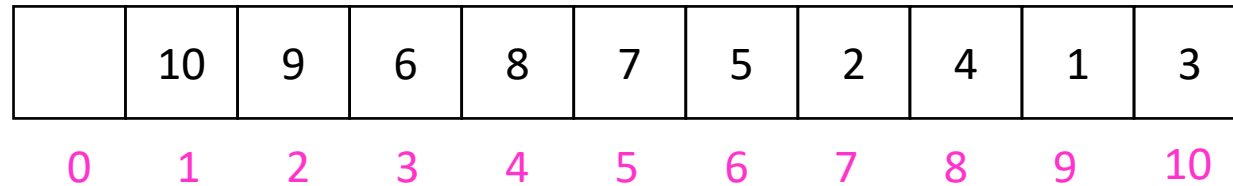


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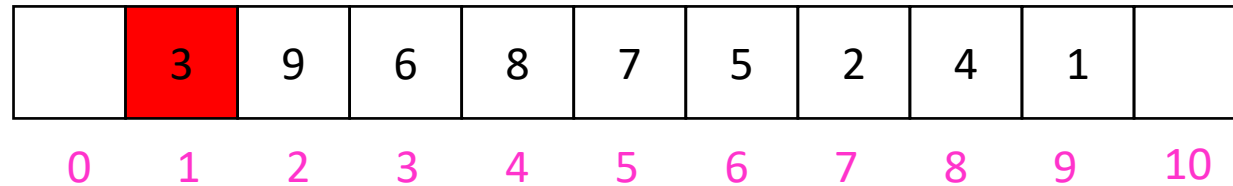


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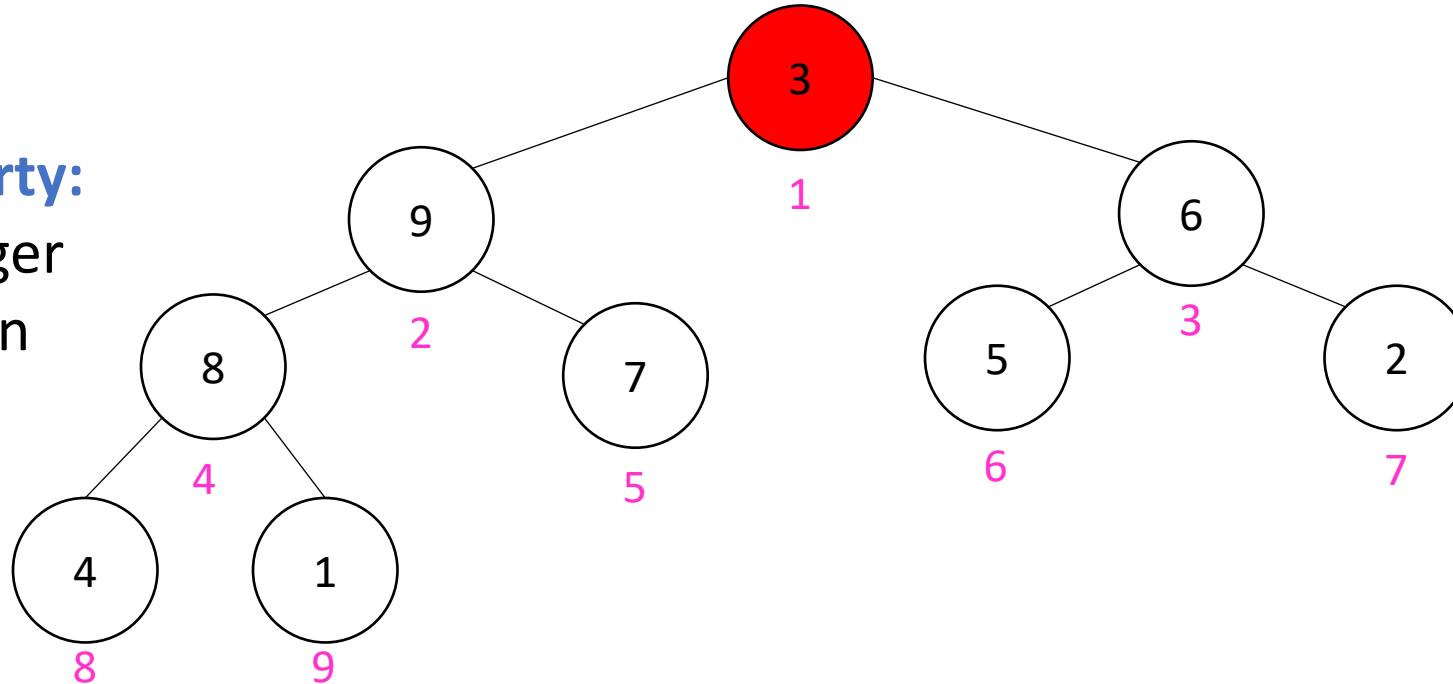
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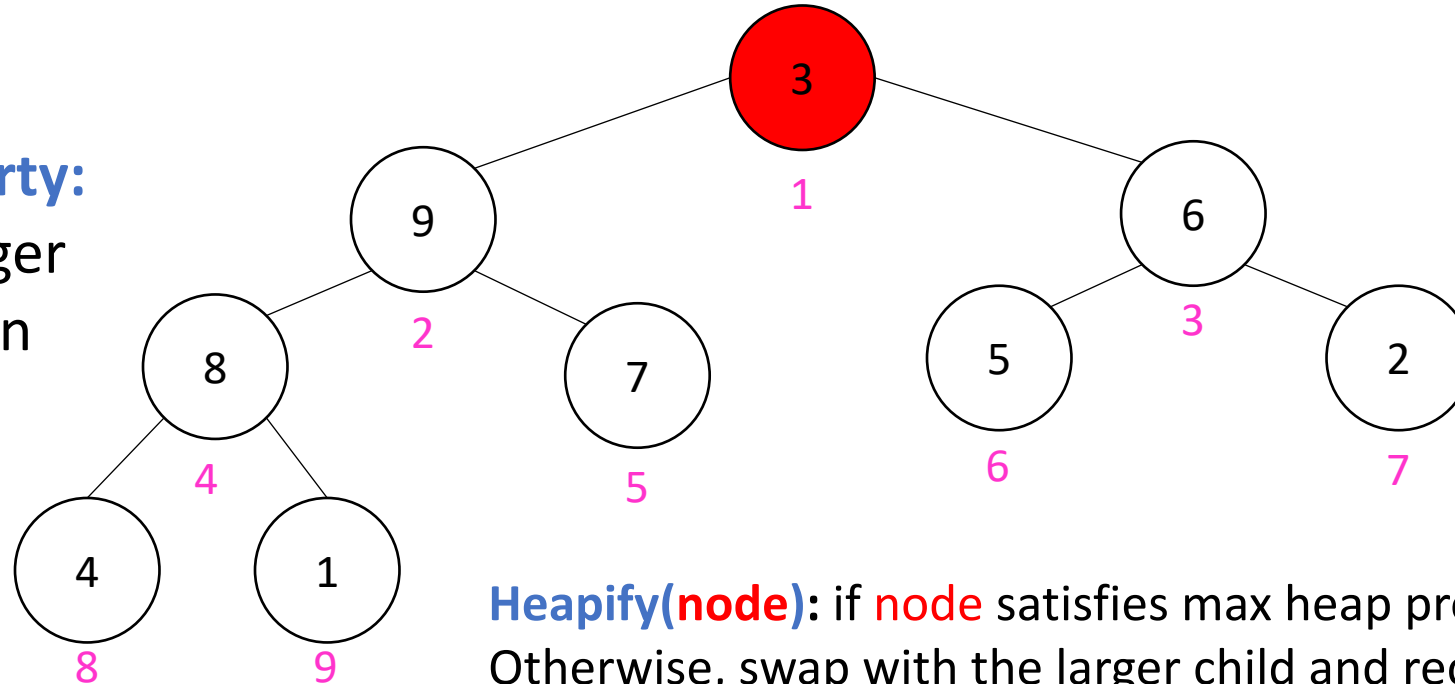
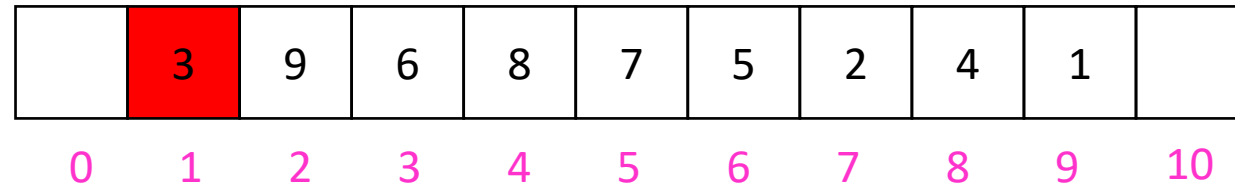
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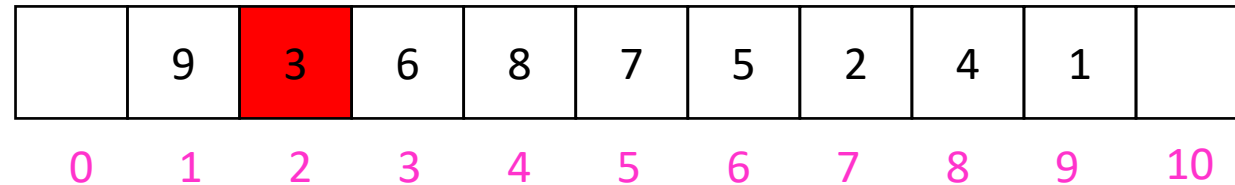
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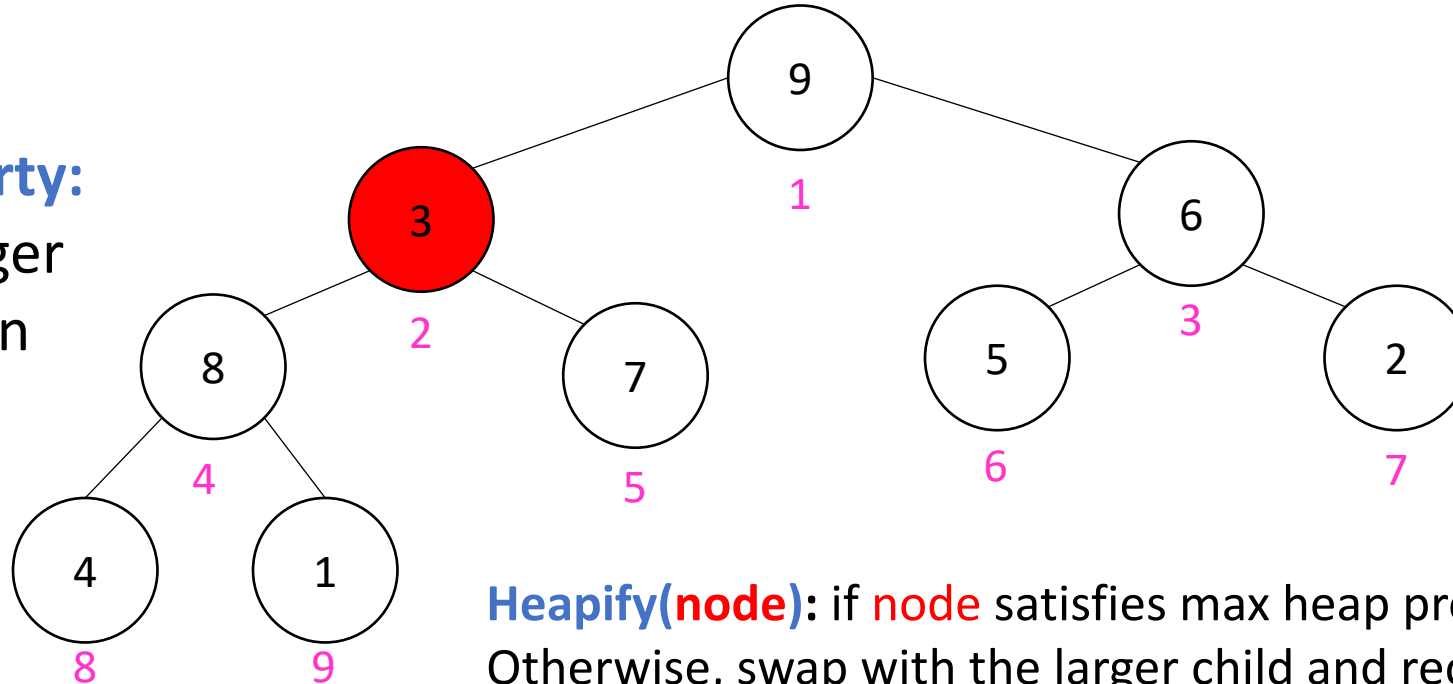
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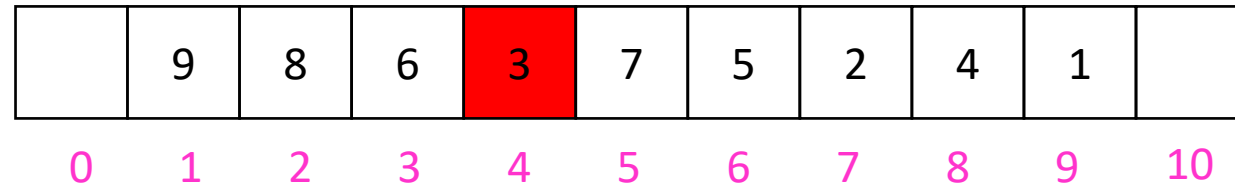
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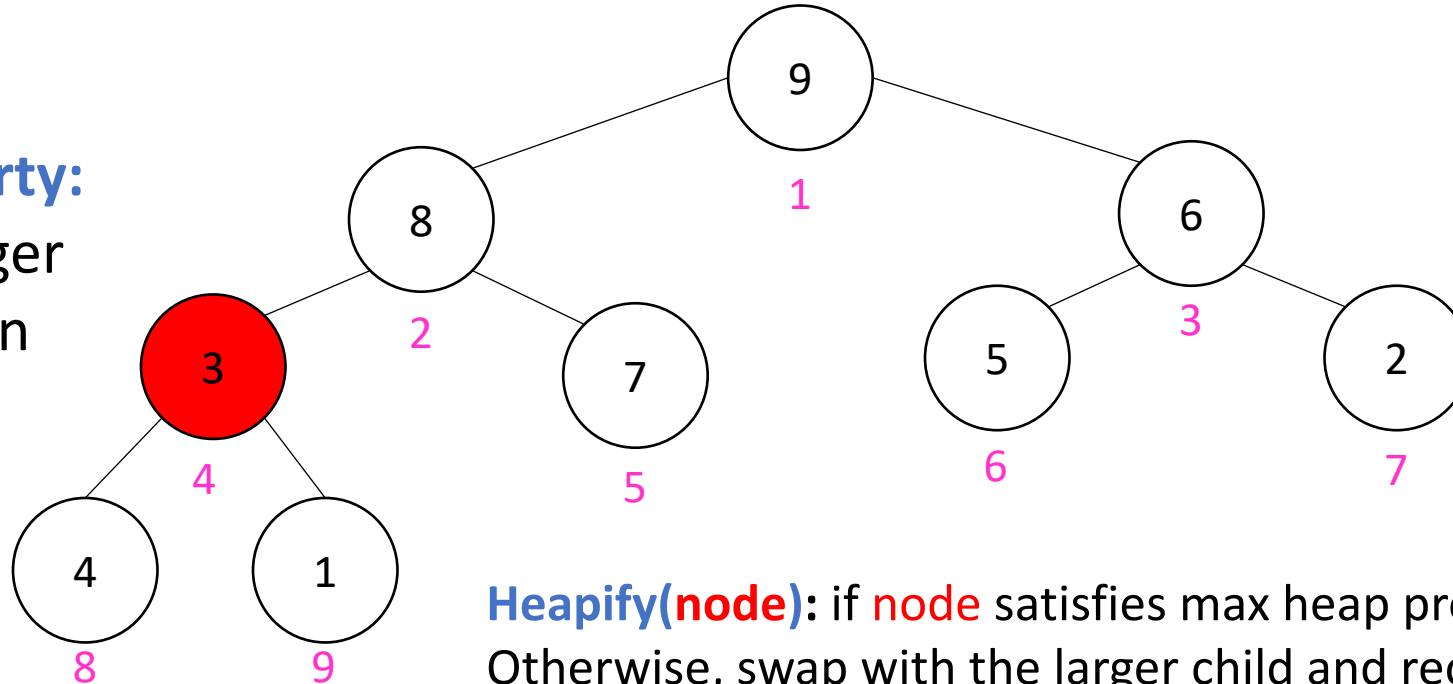
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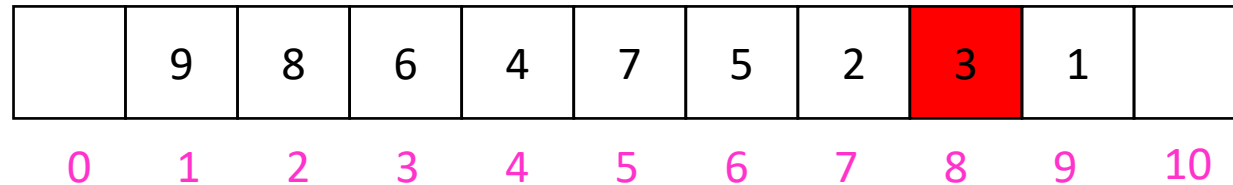
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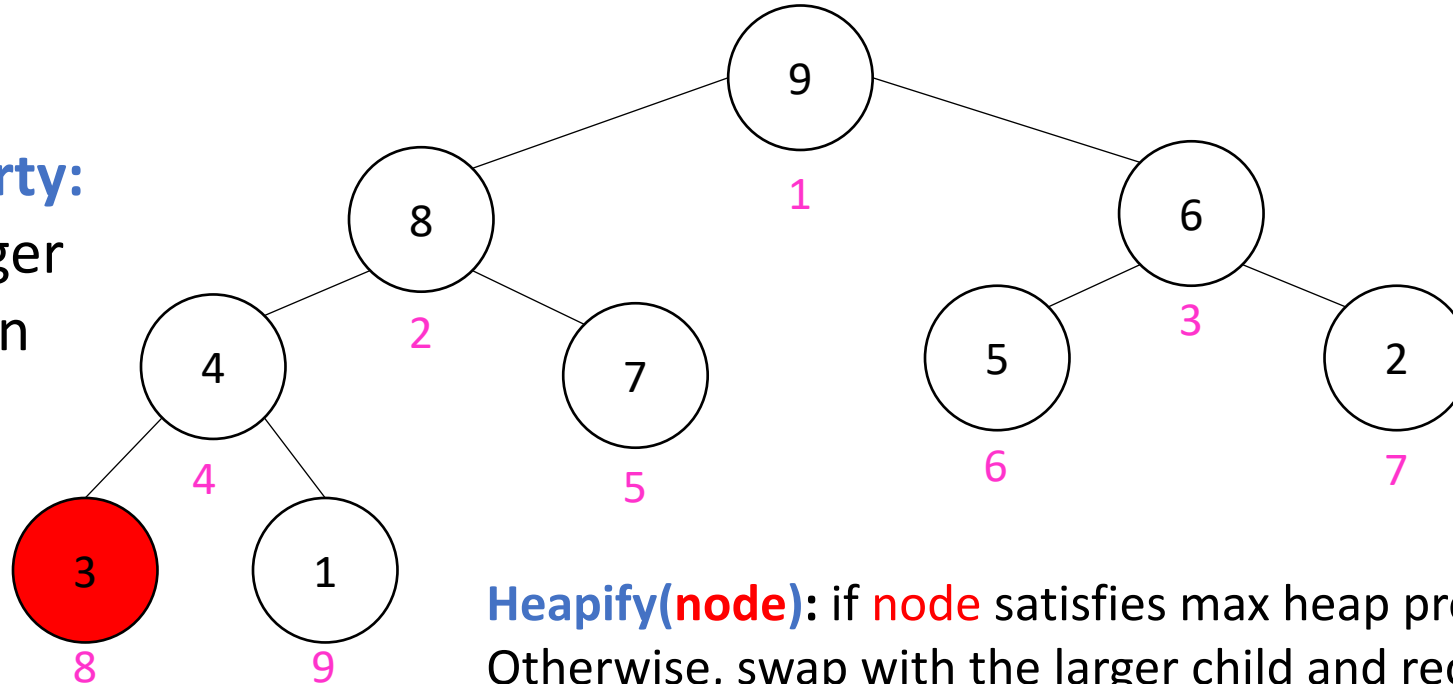
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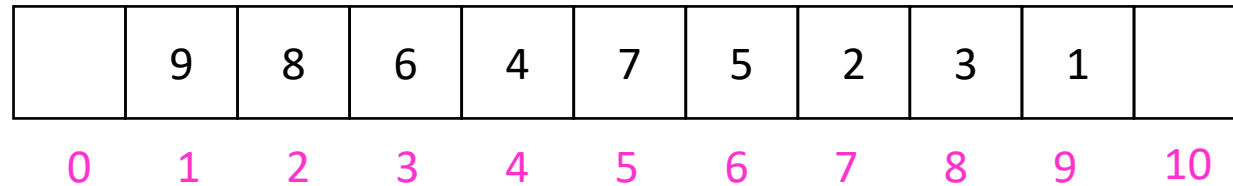
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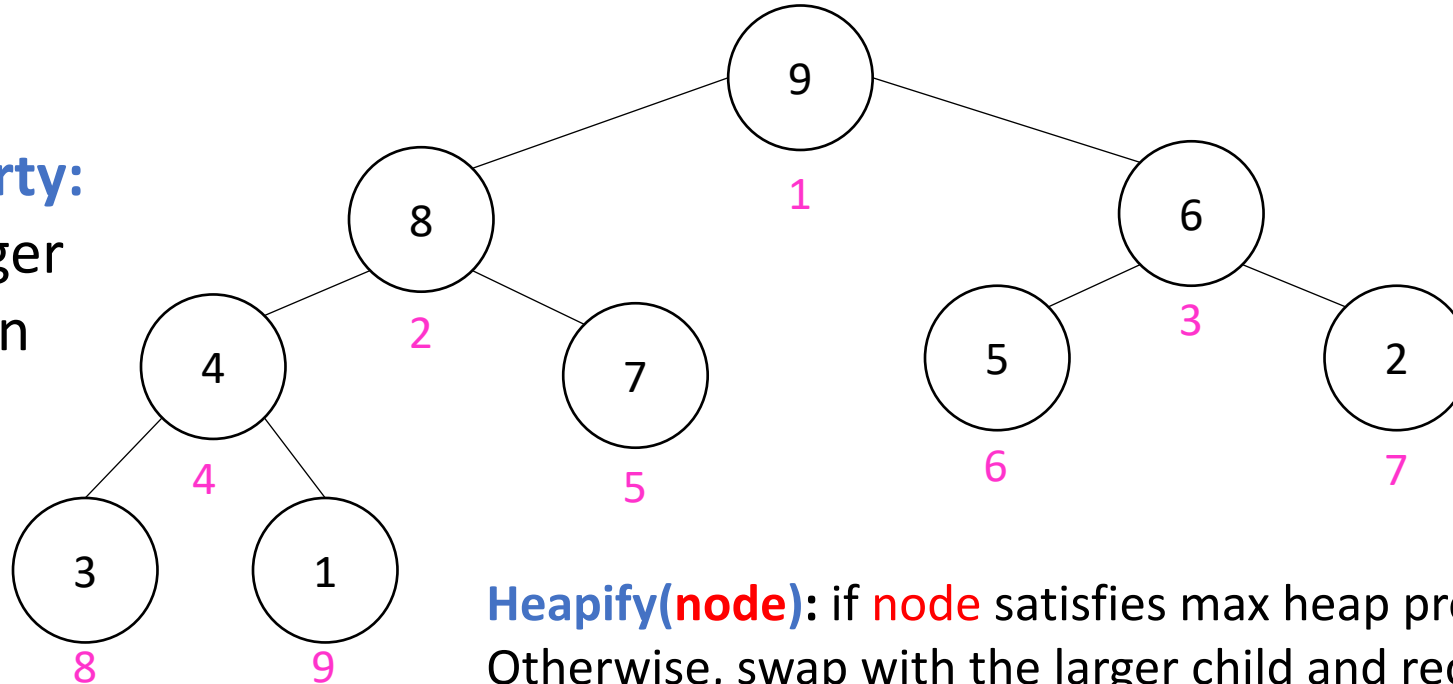
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## Running time:

- Constructing heap by calling Heapify on each node in tree (bottom up):  $O(n \log n)$
- Extracting maximum element to sort list:  $O(n \log n)$

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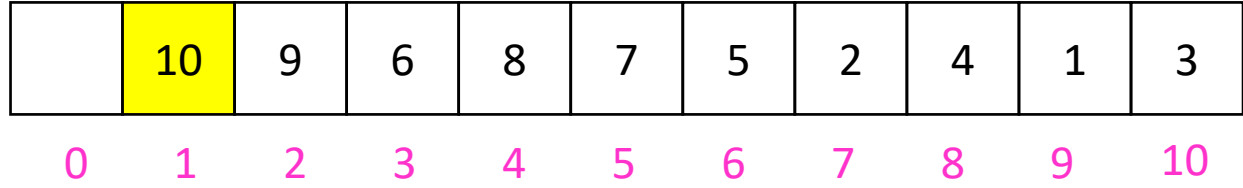
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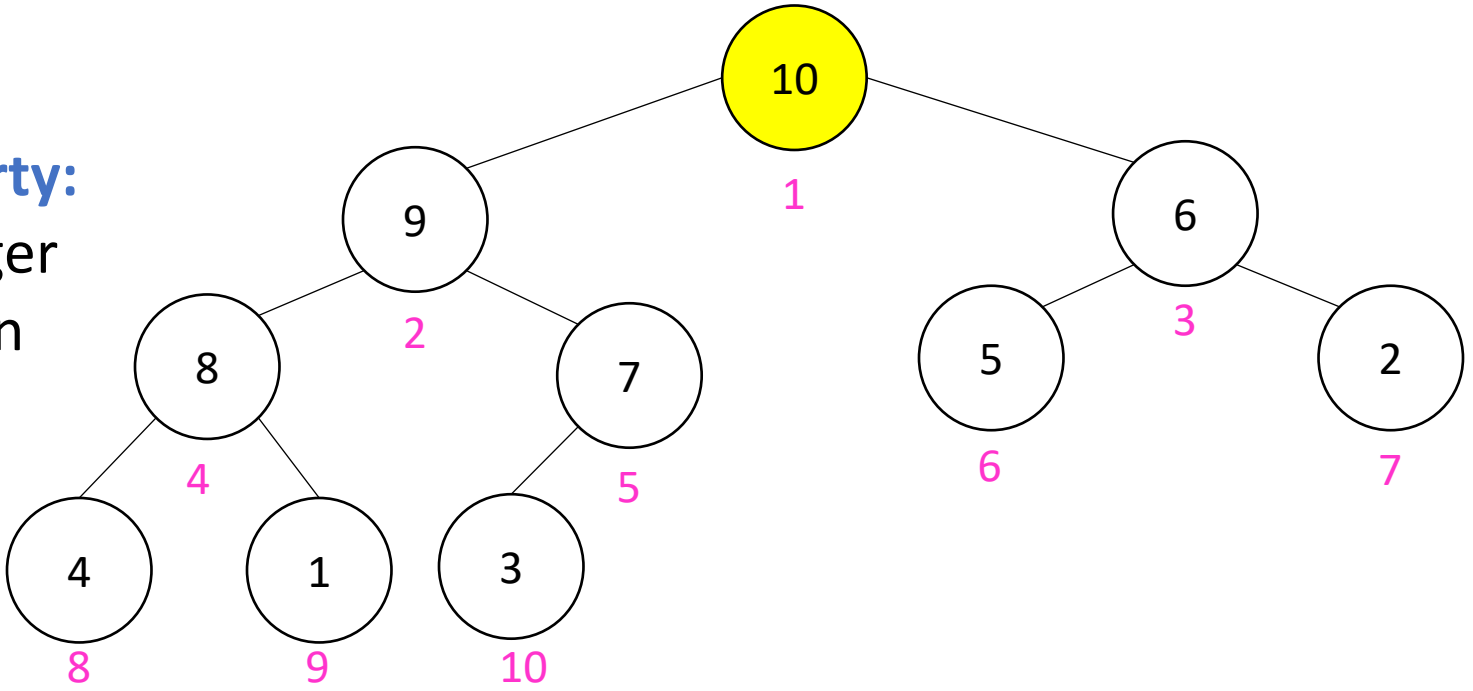
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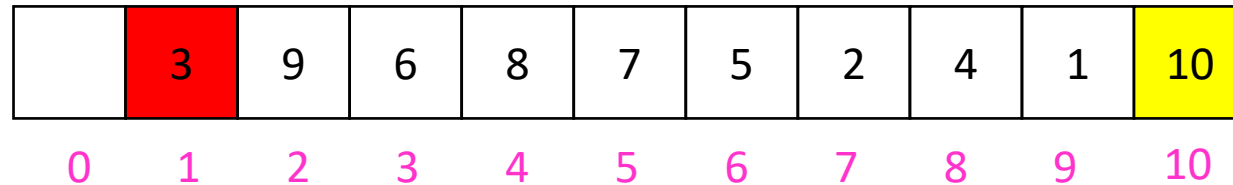
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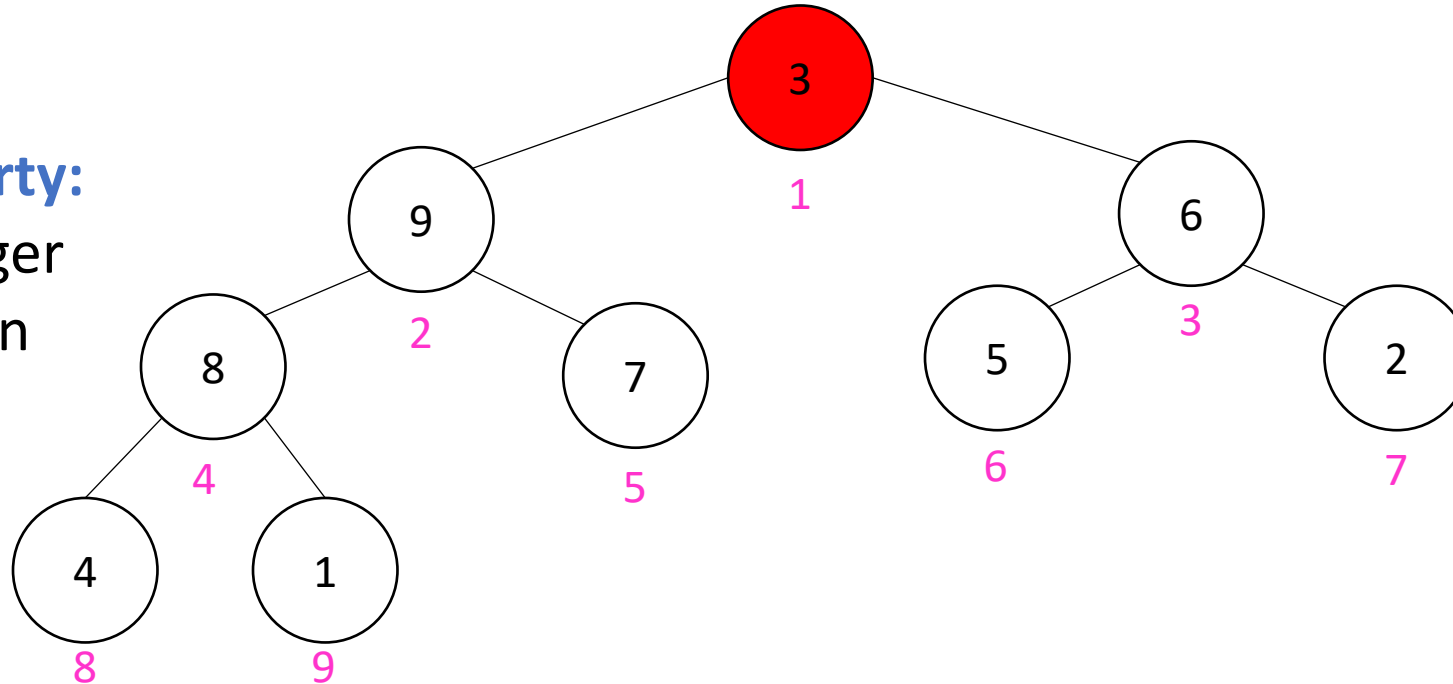
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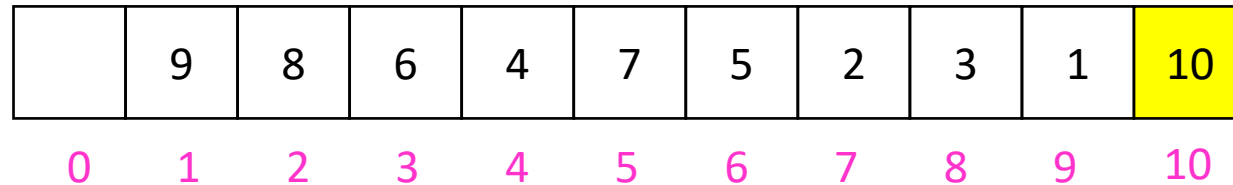
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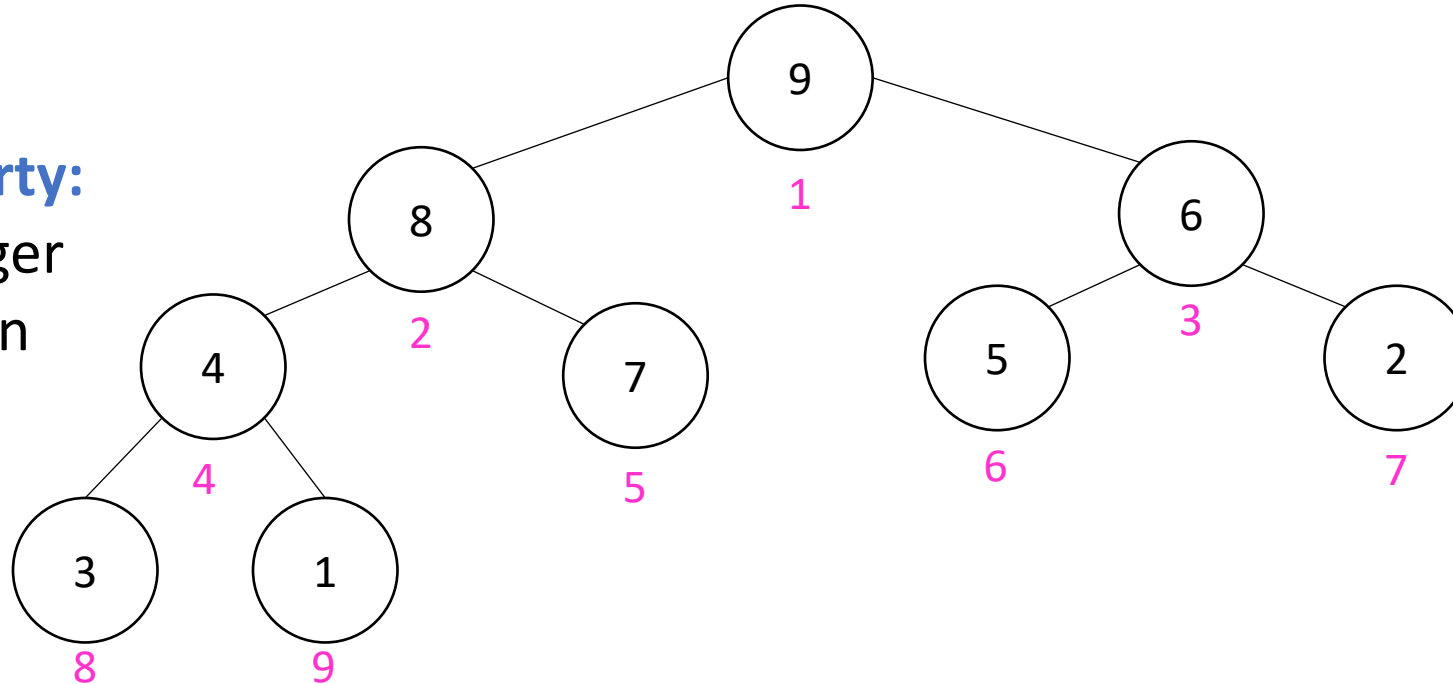
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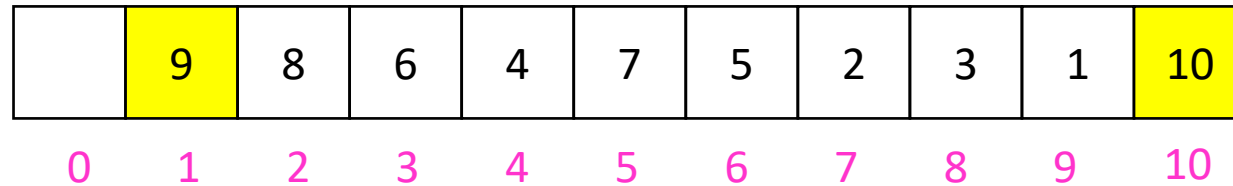
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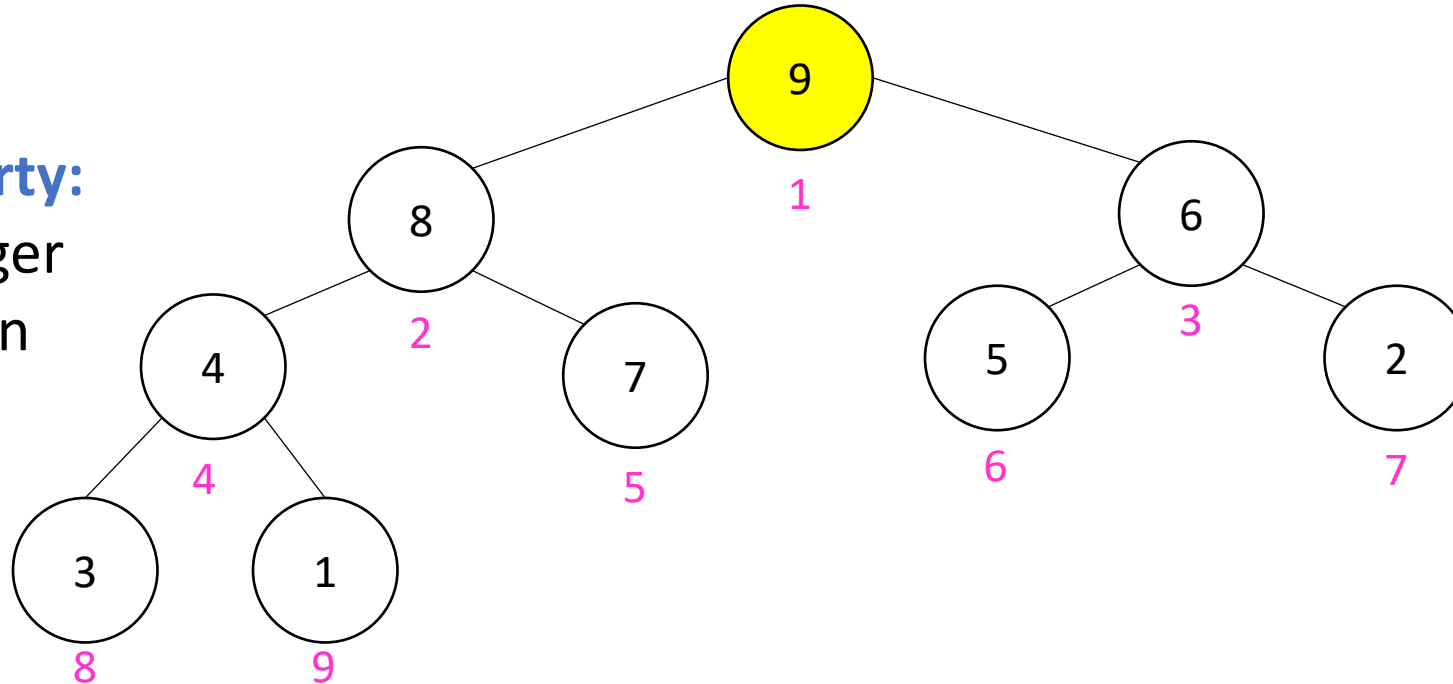
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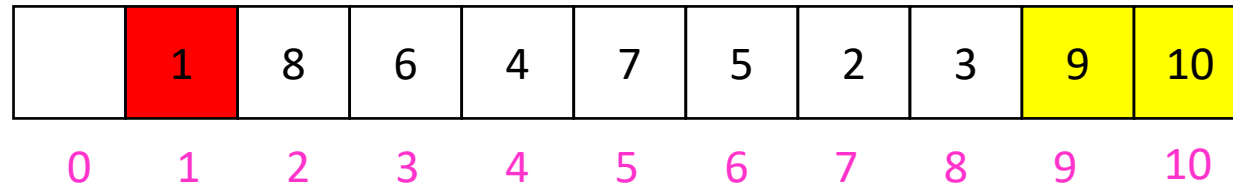
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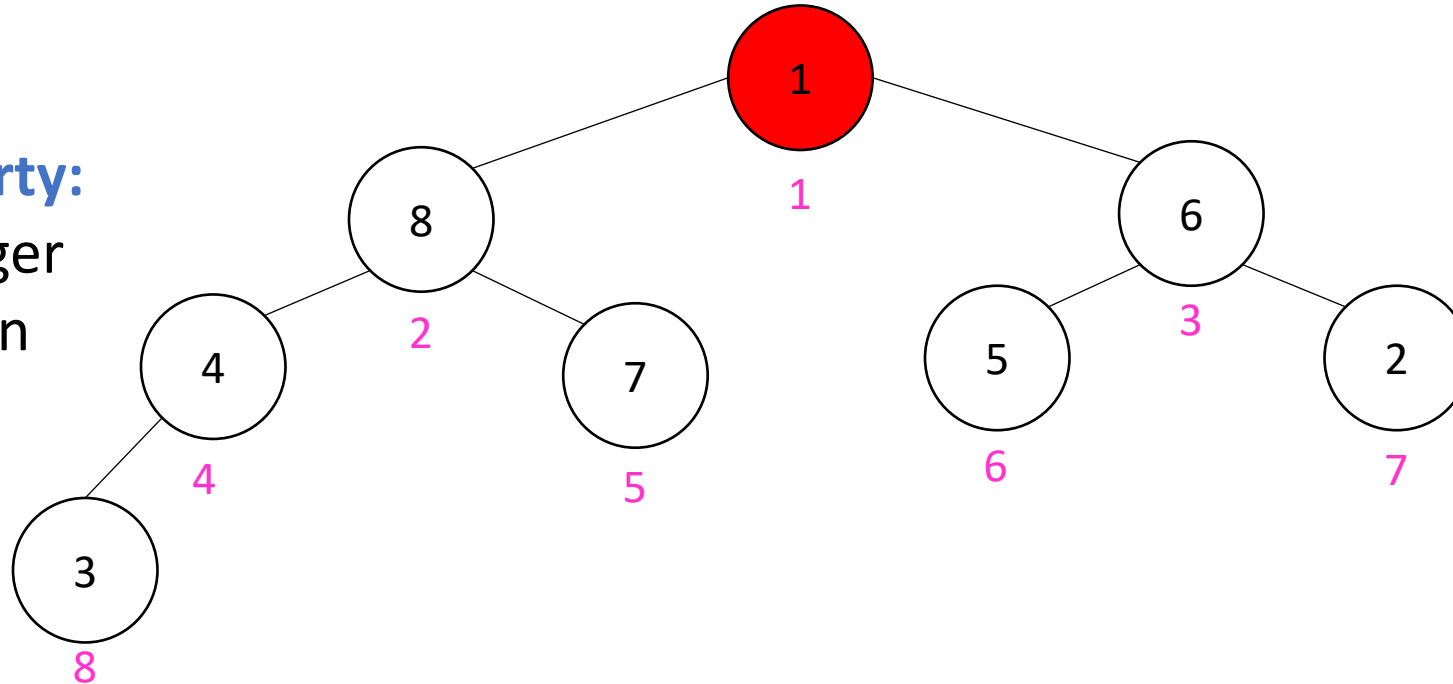
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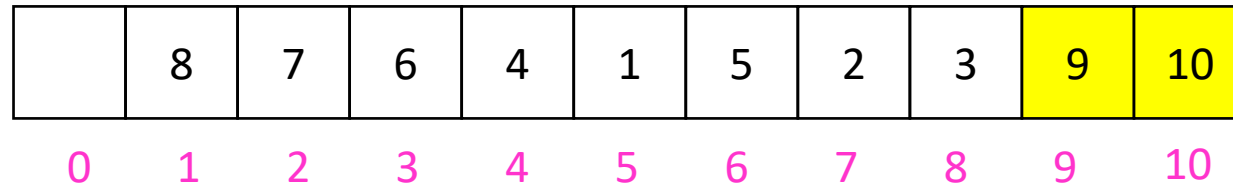
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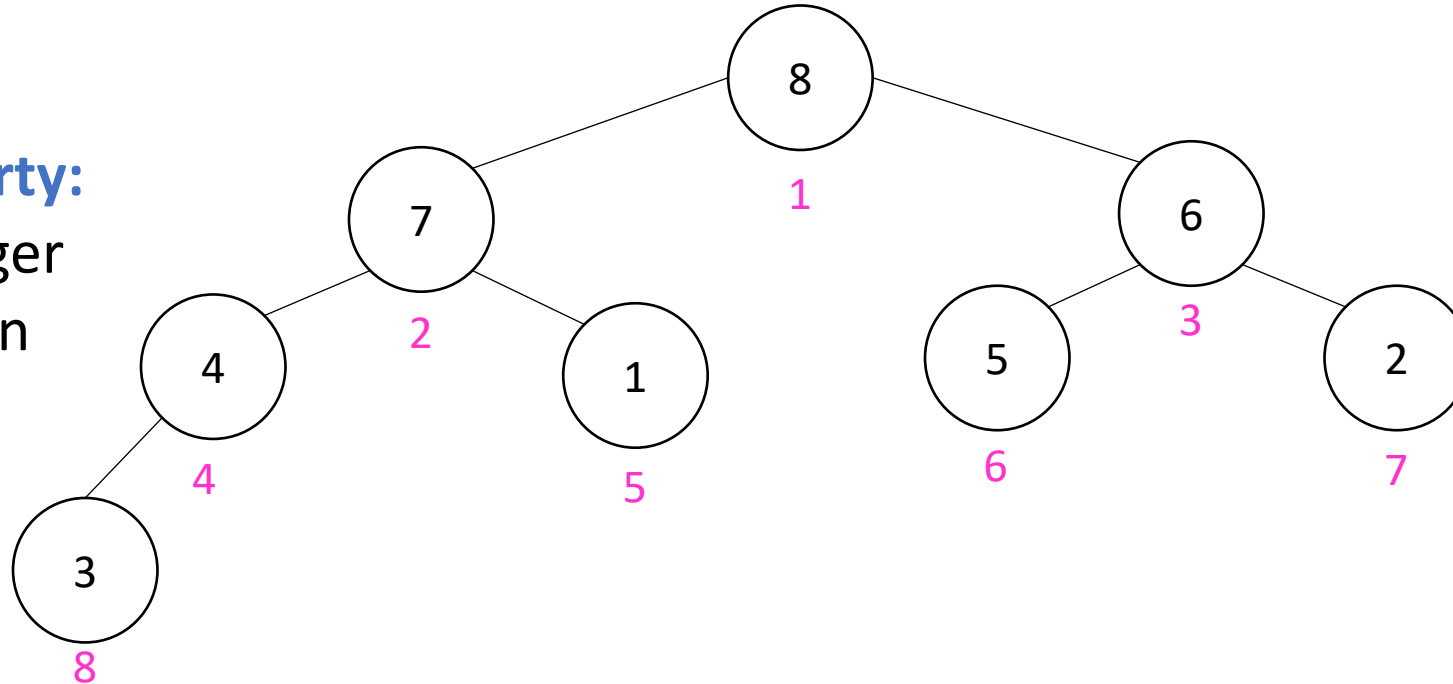
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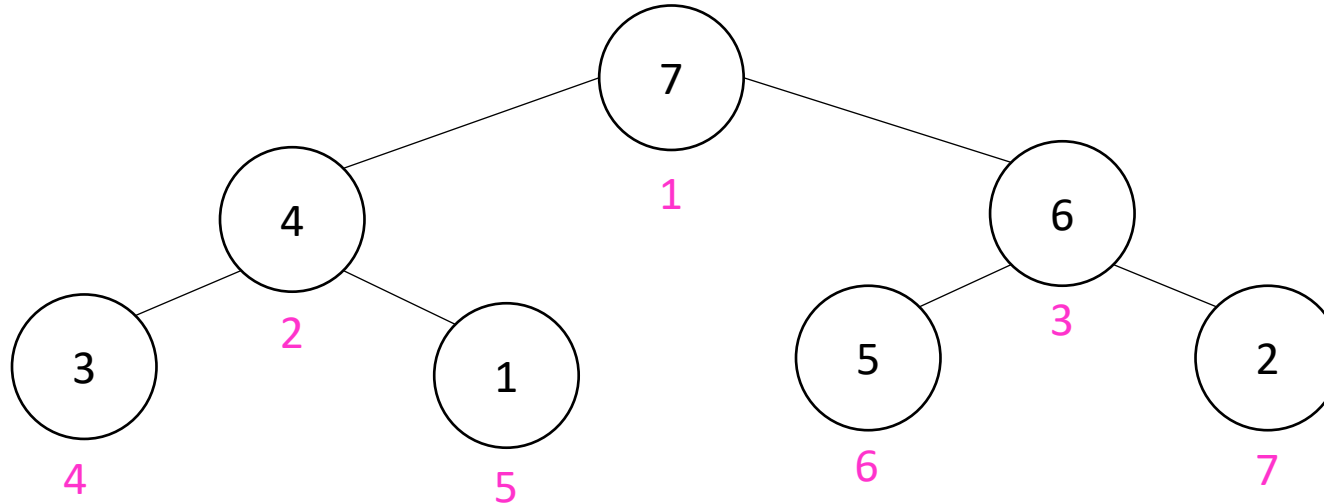
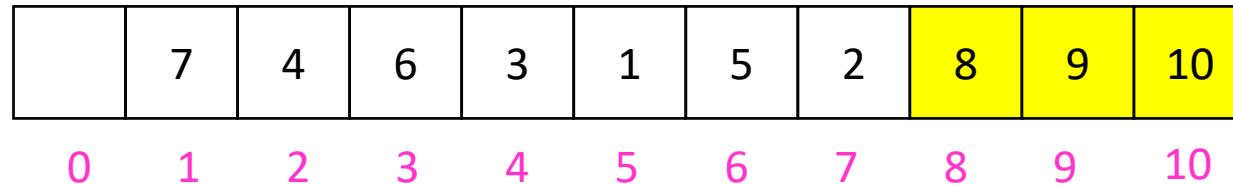
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In Place?

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Adaptive?

No

Stable?

No

Parallelizable?

No

# Sorting Algorithms

Sorting algorithms we have discussed:

- Mergesort  $O(n \log n)$
- Quicksort  $O(n \log n)$

Other sorting algorithms (will discuss):

- Bubble sort  $O(n^2)$
- Insertion sort  $O(n^2)$
- Heapsort  $O(n \log n)$

Can we do better than  $O(n \log n)$ ?



# Sorting in Linear Time

**Cannot** be a comparison sort

**Implication:** Need to make additional assumption about list contents

- Small number of unique values
- Small range of values

# Counting Sort

**Assumption:** Small number of unique values

**Idea:** Count how many values are less than each element

$L =$

3	6	6	1	3	4	1	6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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Value 1 appears  
2 times

Value 4 appears  
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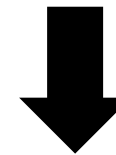
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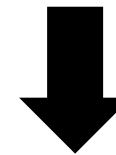
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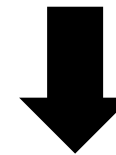
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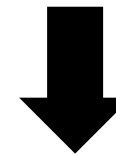
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**Observation:** Value at index  $i$  is index of the last value of  $i$  (if there is one)

Indices 1-2 has value 1

Index 5 has value 4

Indices 6-8 has value 6

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$\Theta(k)$

$\Theta(n)$

# Counting Sort

Why not always use counting sort?

For 64-bit numbers, requires an array of length  $2^{64} > 10^{19}$

- 5 GHz CPU will require  $> 116$  years to initialize the array
- 18 Exabytes of data
  - Total amount of data that Google has

# Somewhere Between 3 and 12 Exabytes



Bluffdale, Utah

# Radix Sort

**Assumption:** Values are numeric

**Idea:** Stable sort each digit, from least significant to most significant

103	801	401	323	255	823	999	101	113	901	555	512	245	800	018	121
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**Runtime:**  $\Theta(d(n + b))$

**Space:**  $\Theta(n + b)$

$d$ : number of digits

$b$ : base (“radix”)

$n$ : number of values

# Maximum Sum Subarray Problem

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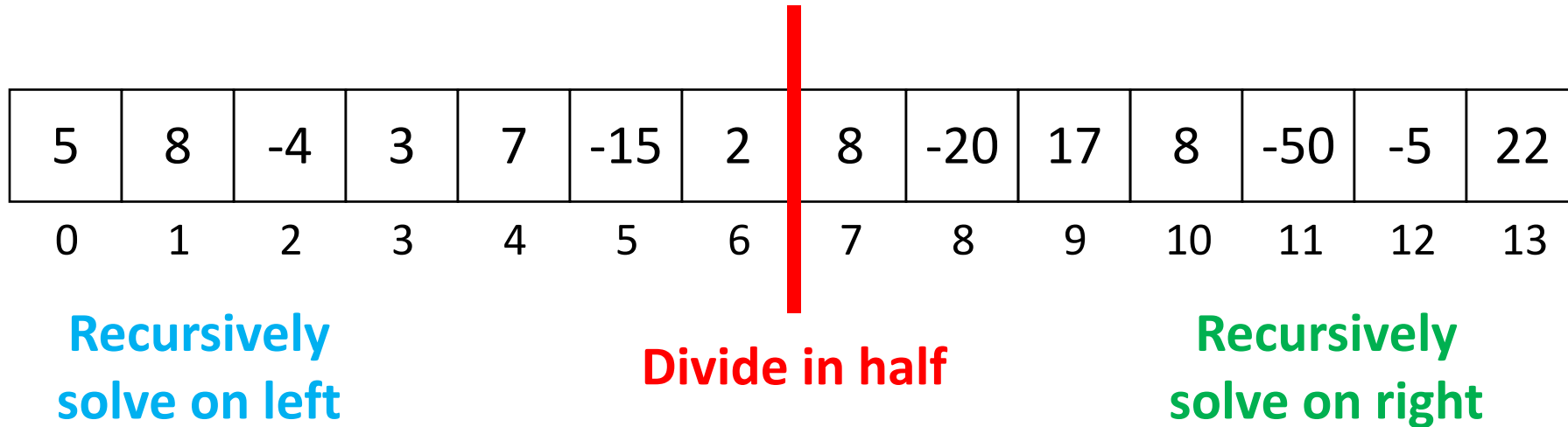
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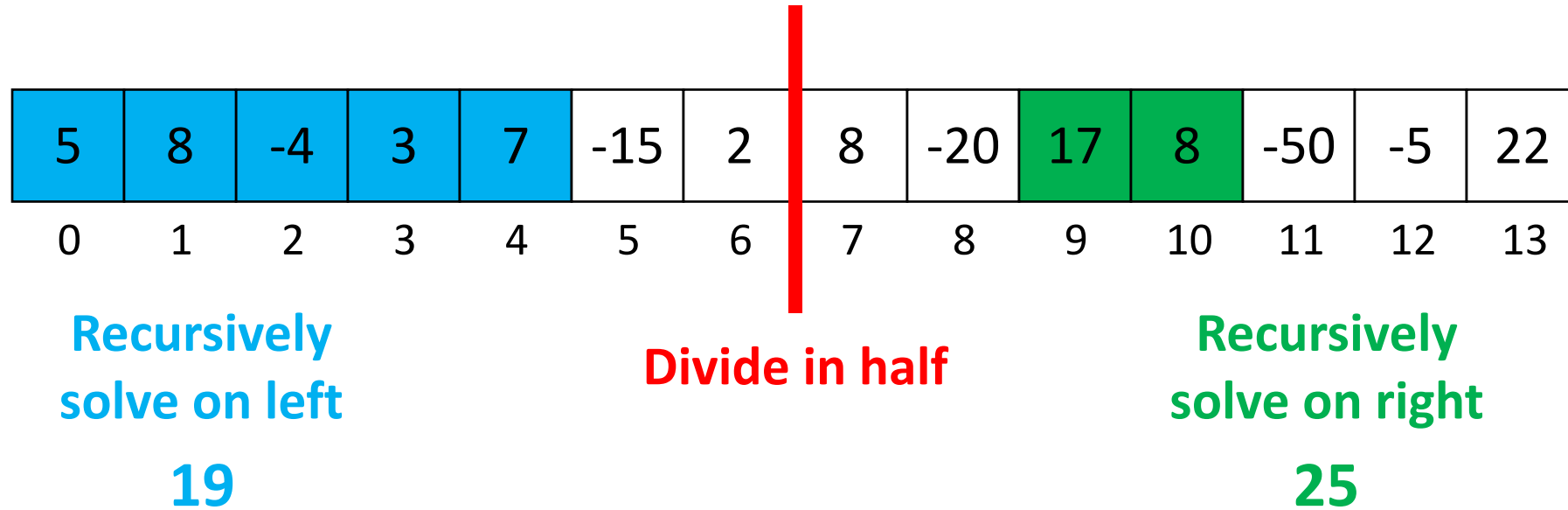
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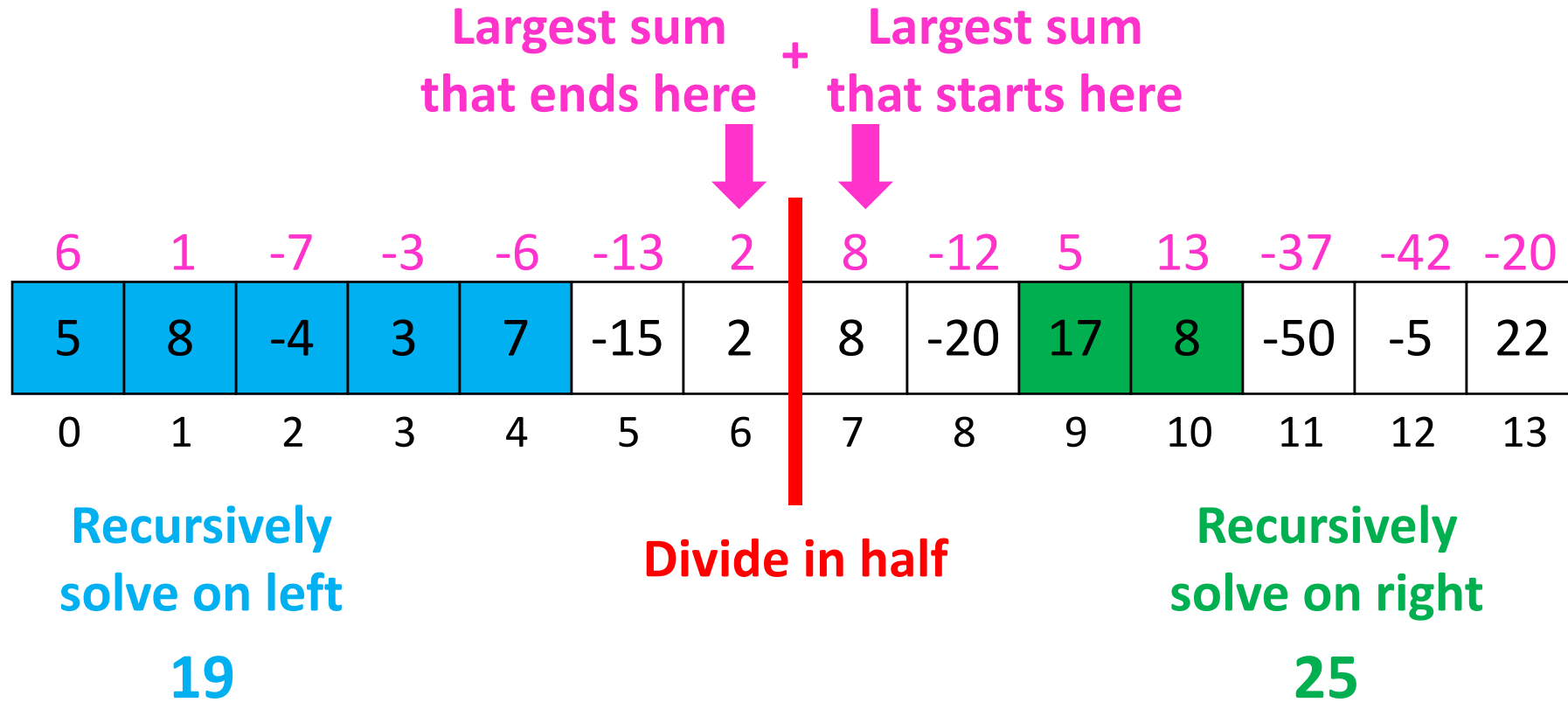
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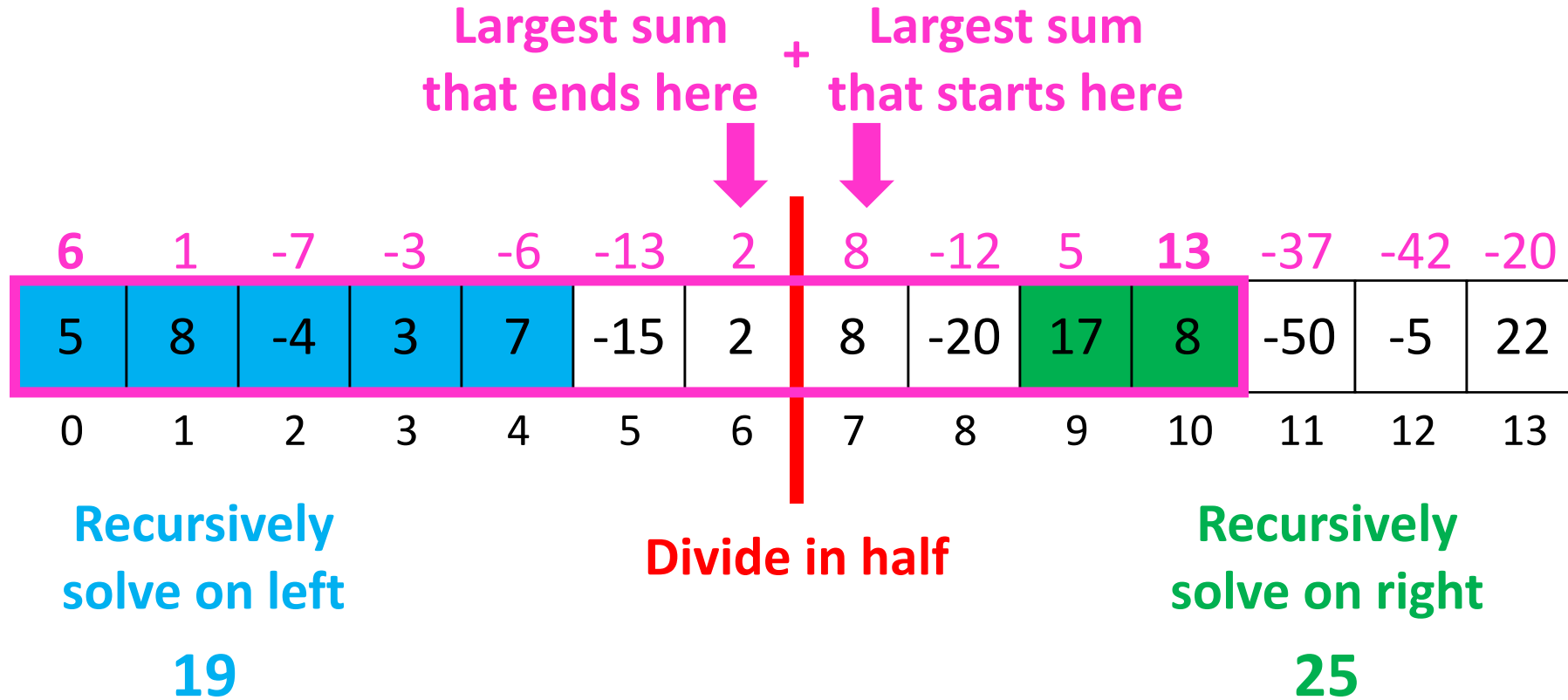


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$$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \Theta(n) \in \Theta(n \log n)$$

# Divide and Conquer Summary

## Divide

- Break the list in half

## Conquer

- Find the best subarrays on the left and right

## Combine

- Find the best subarray that “spans the divide”
- Output best subarray among the three possible subarrays

Typically multiple subproblems  
Typically all roughly the same size



# Generic Divide and Conquer Template

```
def myDCalgo(problem):  
    if baseCase(problem):  
        solution = solve(problem) # brute force if necessary  
        return solution  
    subproblems = divide(problem)  
    for sub in subproblems:  
        subsolutions.append(myDCalgo(sub))  
    solution = combine(subsolutions)  
    return solution
```

# MSCS Divide and Conquer $\Theta(n \log n)$

```
def MSCS(list):  
    if list.length < 2:  
        return list[0] # list of size 1 the sum is maximal  
    {listL, listR} = divide(list)  
    for list in {listL, listR}:  
        subsolutions.append(MSCS(list))  
    solution = max(solnL, solnR, span(listL, listR))  
    return solution
```

# Types of “Divide and Conquer”

## Divide and Conquer

- Break the problem up into multiple subproblems of similar size and recursively solve
- **Examples:** Karatsuba, closest pair of points, Mergesort, Quicksort

## Decrease and Conquer

- Break the problem into a single smaller subproblem and recursively solve
- **Examples:** Mission Impossible, Quickselect, binary search

# Pattern So Far

Typically looking to divide the problem by some fraction ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$  the size)

Not necessarily always the best!

- Sometimes, we can write faster algorithms by finding **unbalanced** splits