

Priority Queues

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Priority Queues

- Heaps have many applications beyond heap-sort
- A priority queue is a data structure to store elements including a priority field such that all main operations are based on such a field
- Priority queues have several applications
 - > Job scheduling
 - ≻ Etc.

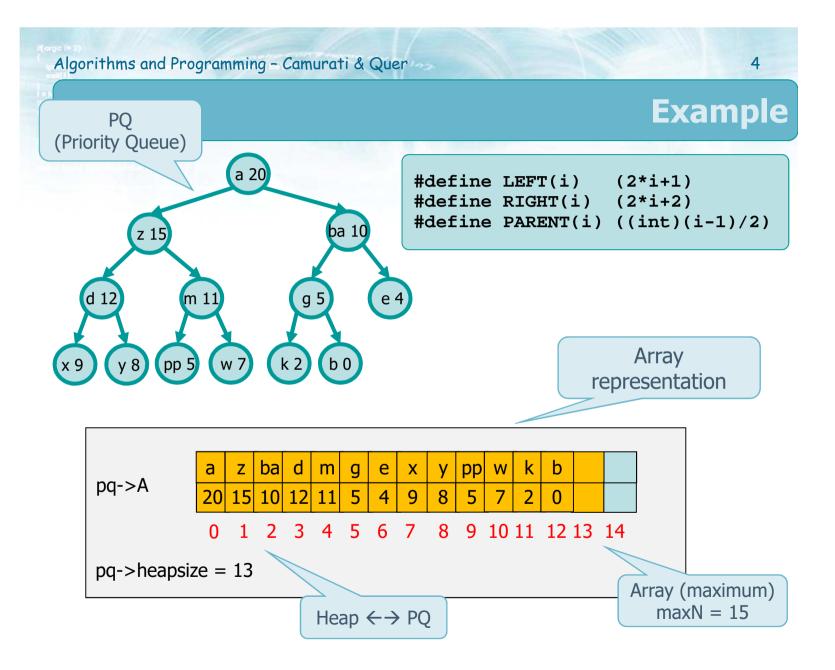
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It is possible to implement

- Min-priority queues
- Max-priority queues
- Main operations
 - Insert, extract maximum, read maximum, change priority
- Possible alternative data structure implementations
 - Unordered array/list
 - Ordered array/list



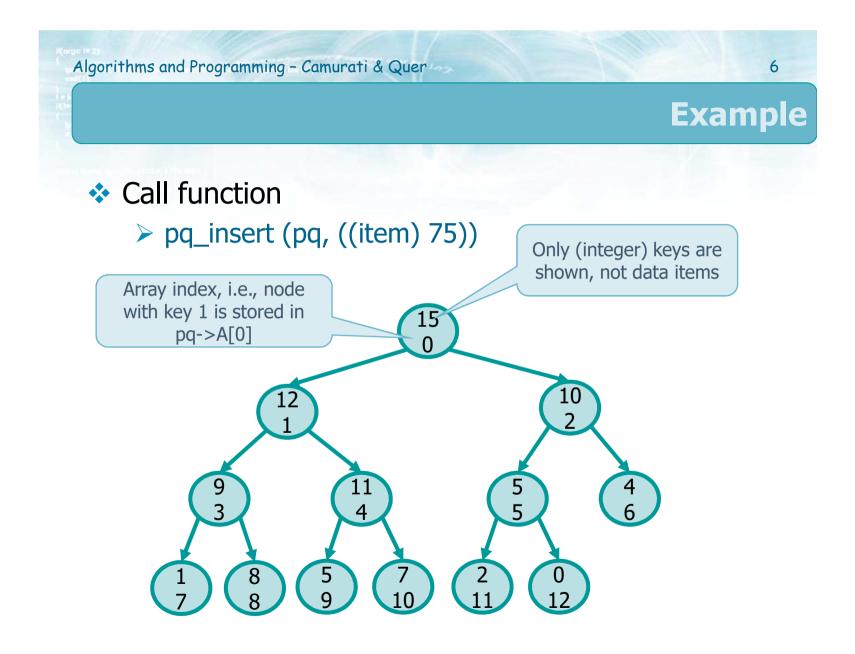
Function pq_insert

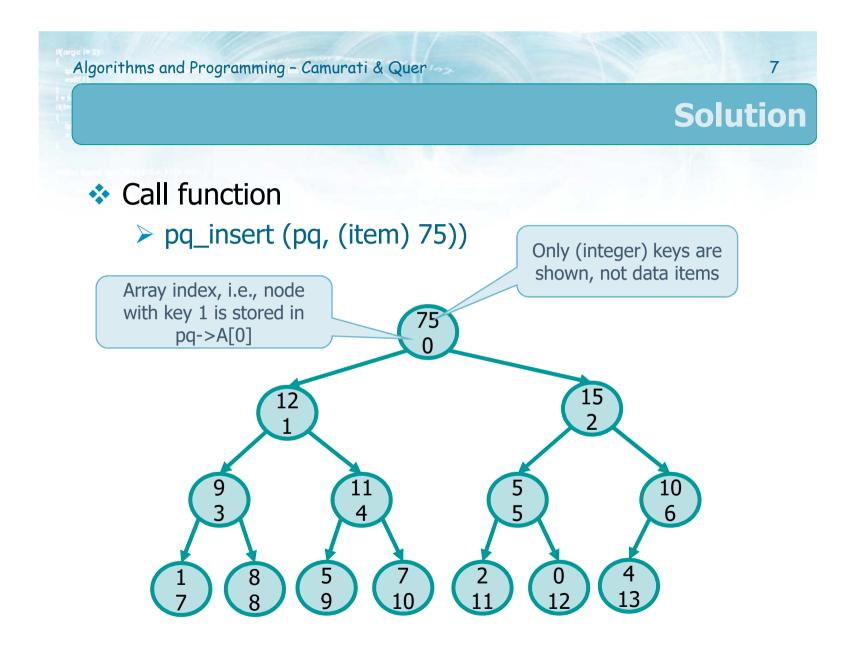
Add a leaf to the tree

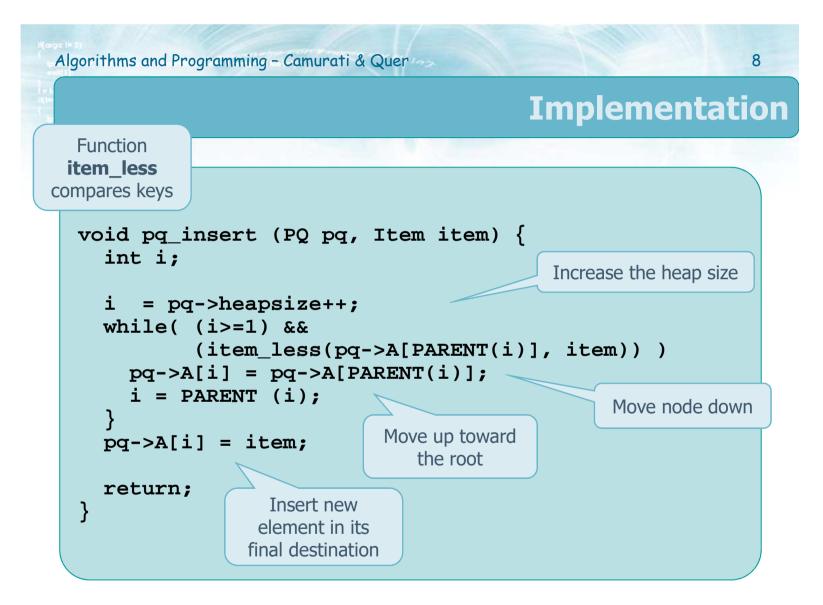
- It grows level-by-level from left to right satisfying the structural property
- From current node up (initially the newest leaf) up to the root
 - Compare the parent's key with the new node's key, moving the parent's data from the parent to the child when the key to insert is larger
 - Otherwise insert the data into the current node
- Complexity

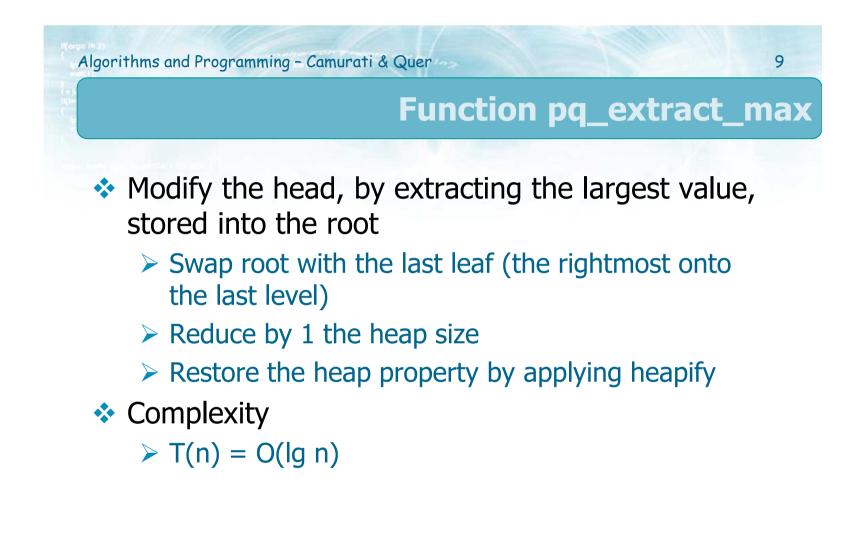
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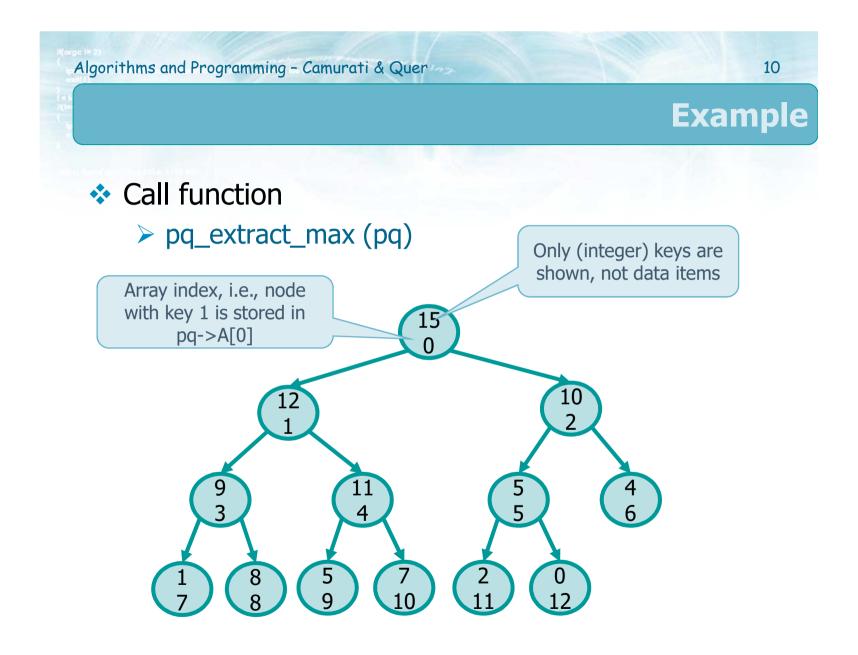
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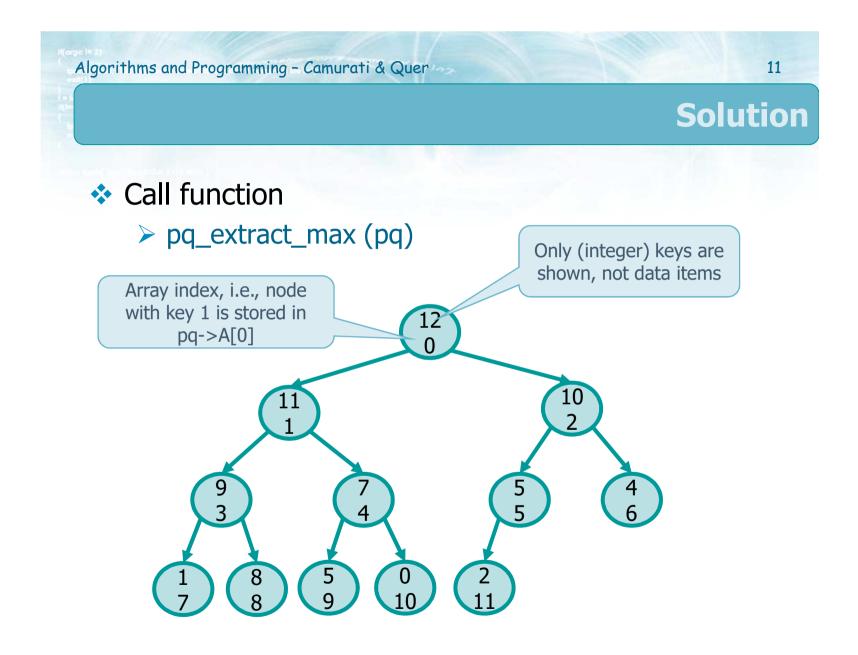


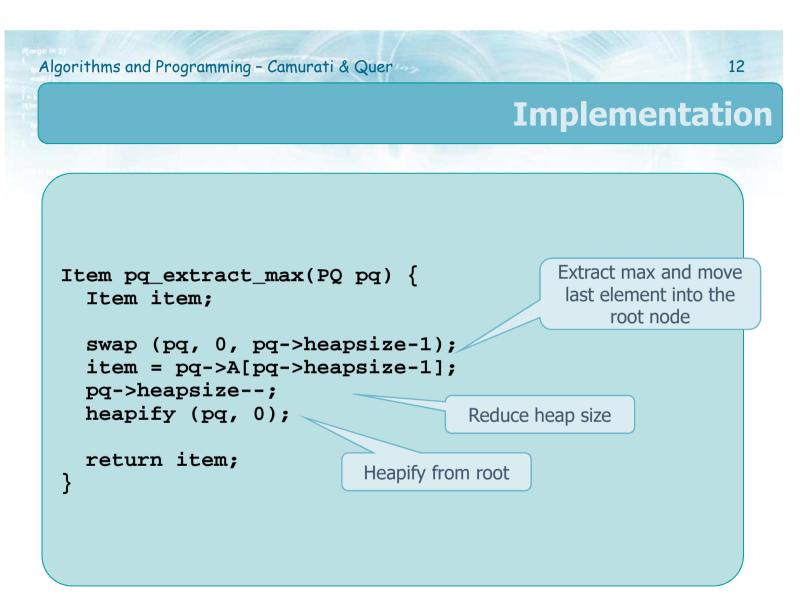












Function pq_change

- Modify the key of an element in a given position given its index
- Can be implemented as two separate operations
 - Decrease key
 - When a key is decreased, we may need to move it downward
 - To move a key downward, we can adopt the same process analyze in **heapify**
 - Heapify keeps moving the key from the parent to the child with the largest key until the key is inserted into the current node

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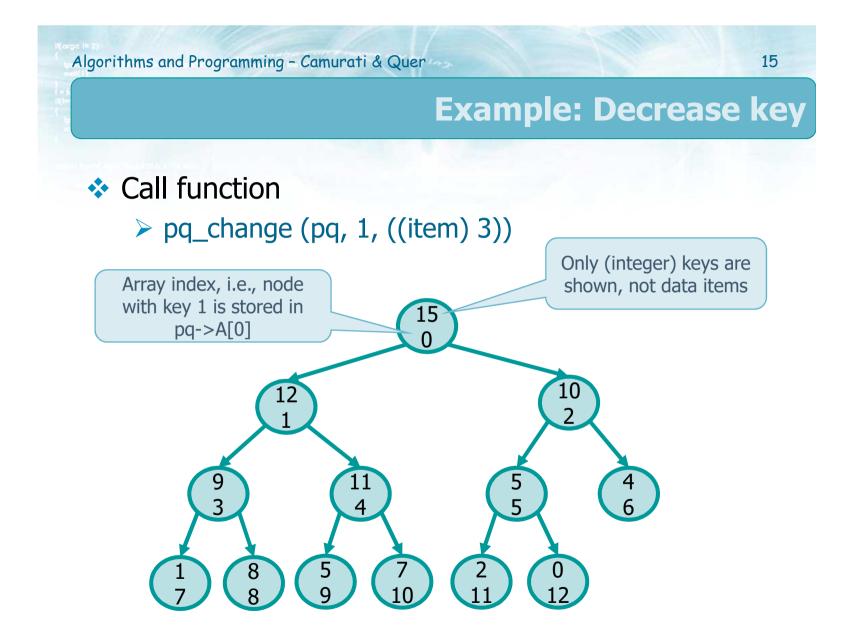
Increase key

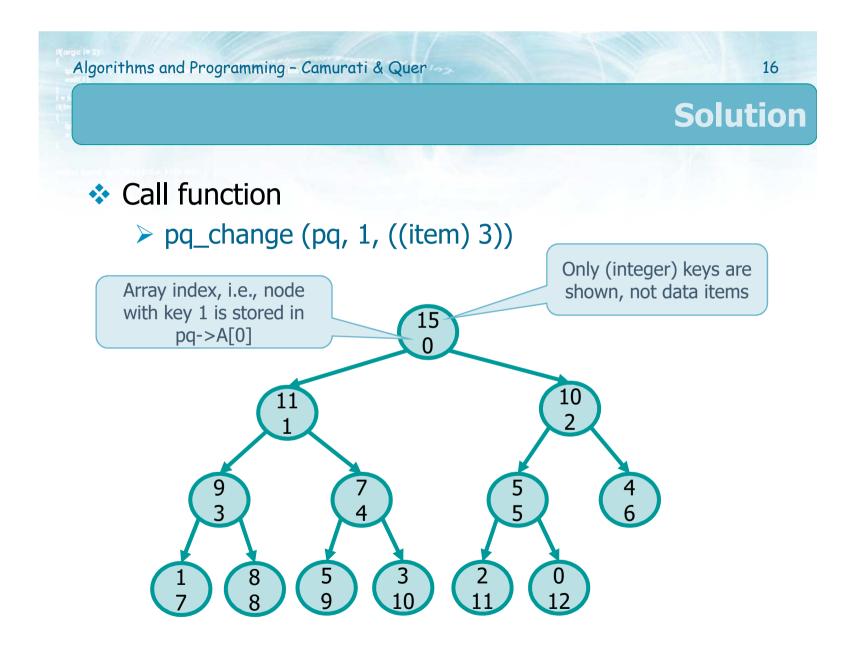
- When a key is increased, we may need to move it upward
- To move a key upward, we can adopt the same process analyze in pq_insert
 - We move the key up into the parent until the key is inserted into the current node

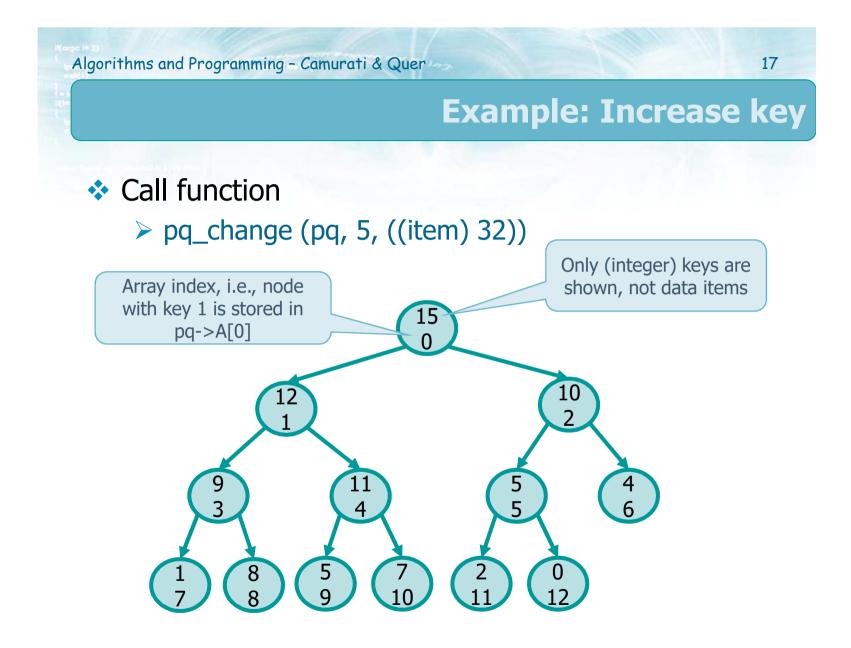
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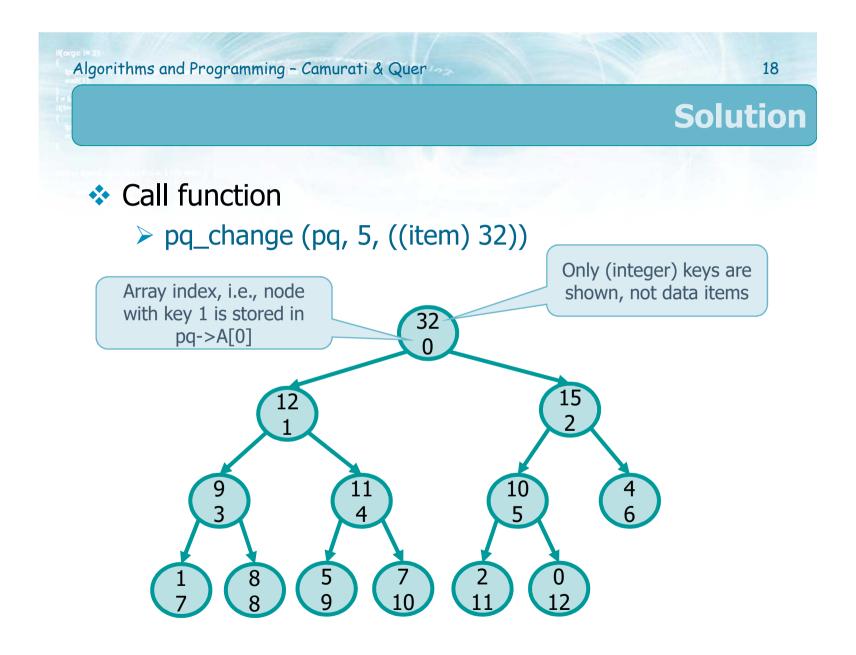
Dependent on the tree height

 $ightarrow T(n) = O(\lg n)$









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Implementation

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void pq_change (PQ pq, int i, Item item) {
  if (item_less (item, pq->A[i]) {
    decrease_key (pq, i);
  } else {
    increase_key (pq, i, item);
void decrease_key (PQ pq, int i) {
  pq->A[i] = item;
  heapify (pq, i);
void increase_key (PQ pq, int i) {
  while( (i>=1) &&
          (item less(pq->A[PARENT(i)], item)) ) {
    pq \rightarrow A[i] = pq \rightarrow A[PARENT(i)];
    i = PARENT(i);
  pq->A[i] = item;
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