

# The Heapsort Algorithm

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# Overview

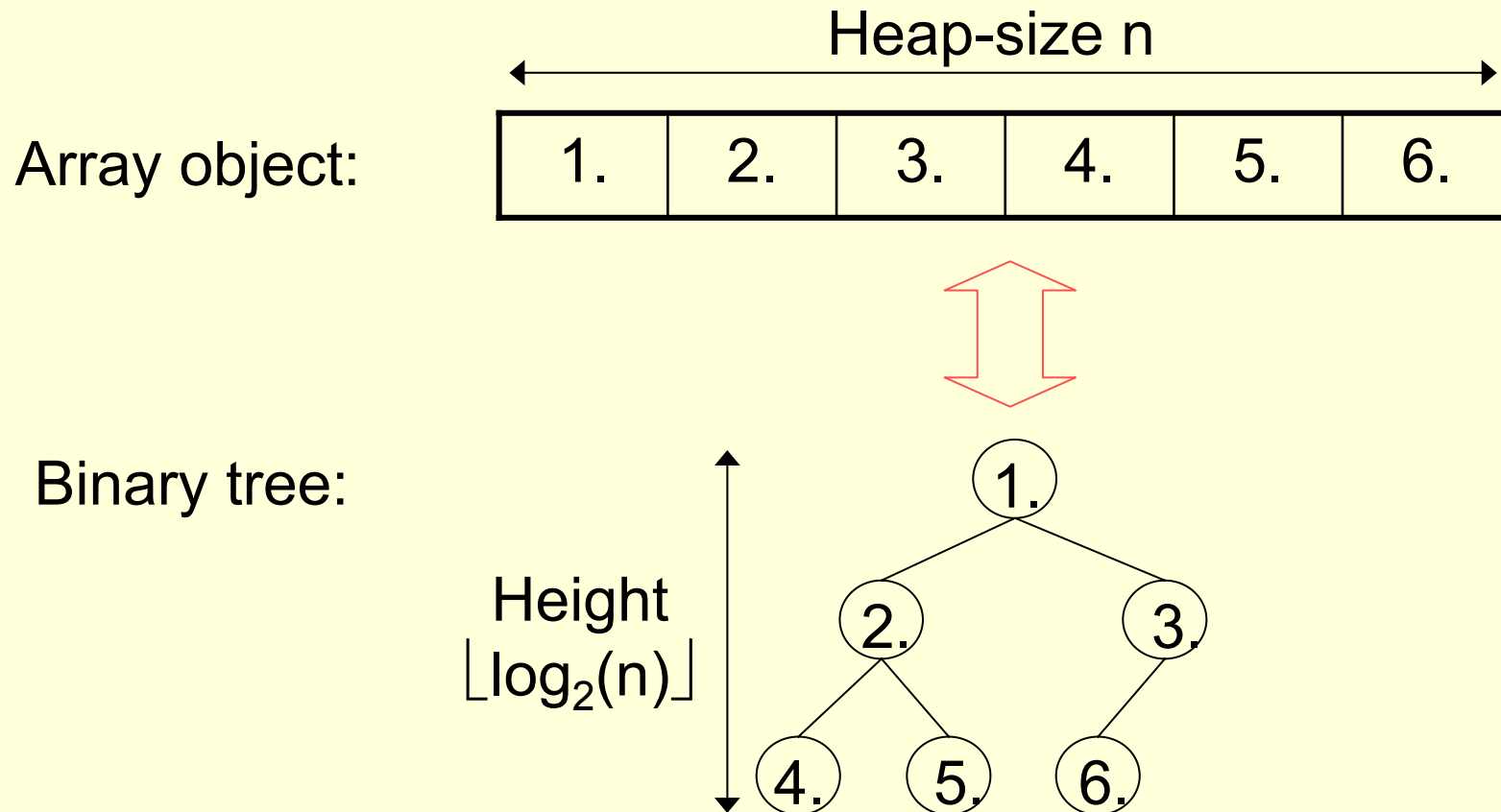
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# Introduction

Important properties of sorting algorithms:

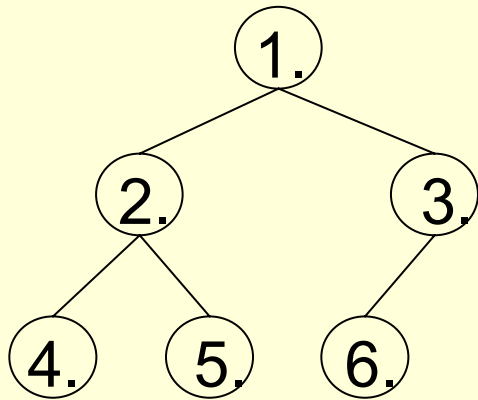
	Processing time	Memory consumption
Merge sort	$O(n \log_2(n))$	$O(n)$ extra elements
Insertion sort	$O(n^2)$	In place
Heapsort	$O(n \log_2(n))$	In place

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Calculating the **Indices**:



$$\text{Parent}(i) = \lfloor i/2 \rfloor$$

$$\text{left\_child}(i) = 2 \cdot i$$

$$\text{right\_child}(i) = 2 \cdot i + 1$$

# What is a Heap?

Heap property:

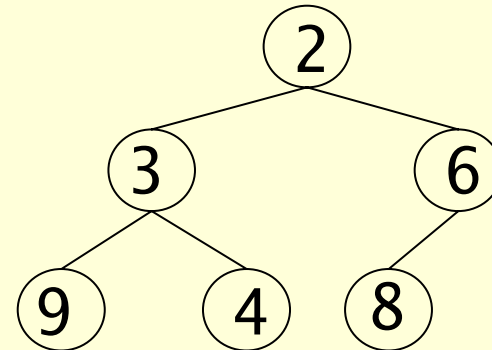
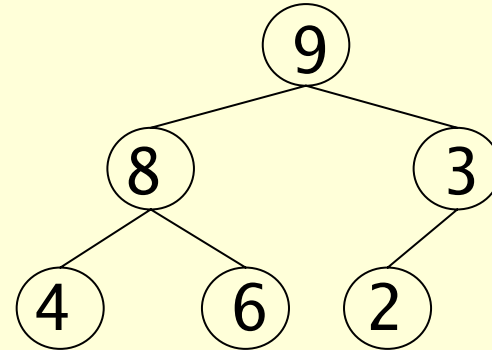
$$A[\text{Parent}(i)] \geq A[i]$$

→ maximum element in the root (**max-heap**)

or

$$A[\text{Parent}(i)] \leq A[i]$$

→ minimum element in the root (**min-heap**)



# Subroutines for Heaps

Heapify(A, i)

Purpose: make the subtree of A starting in node  $i$  fulfil the heap property

Pre-condition: subtrees starting in  $\text{left\_child}(i)$  and  $\text{right\_child}(i)$  must be heaps already

# Subroutines for Heaps

`Heapify(A, i)`

`l := largest node of i and its children`

`if ( i ≠ l )`

`exchange A[i] with A[l]`

`Heapify(A, l)`

A real implementation should not be recursive!  
(overhead when passing the function's arguments)



# Subroutines for Heaps

Heapify(A, i)

Computational cost:  $T(n) \leq T(2n/3) + \Theta(1)$

→  $T(n) = O(\log_2(n))$   
or  $T(n) = O(h)$

with  $h$  being the height of node  $i$

# Subroutines for Heaps

## Build\_heap(A)

Purpose: build a heap out of array A

Pre-condition: any array A

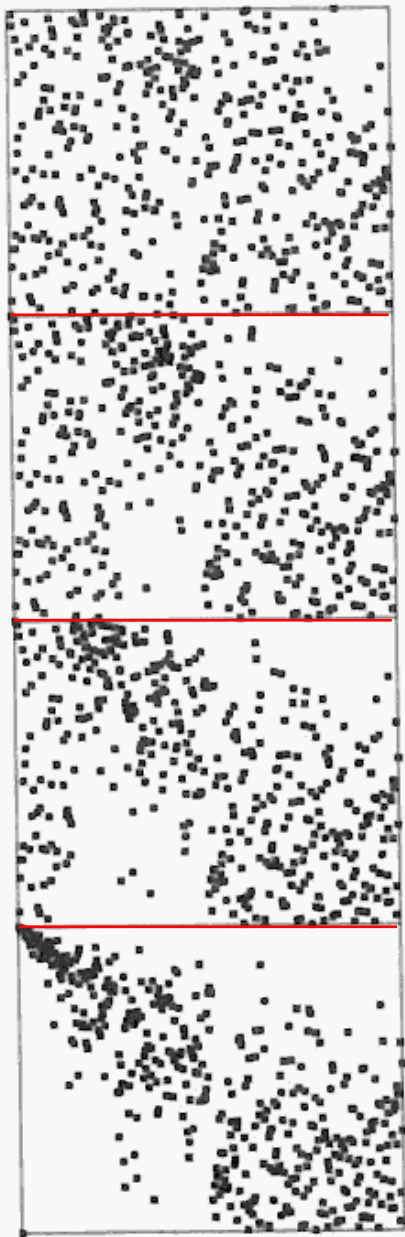
Idea: not many elements need to be exchanged

# Subroutines for Heaps

Build\_heap(A)

for  $i = n/2$  downto 1  
    Heapify(A,  $i$ )

- leaves of the tree are elements with  $i \geq n/2$
- leaves are already heapified subtrees
- Build\_heap runs in time  $O(n)$



Initial random array

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n/2 calls of **Heapify**

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Array with the heap property

Figure taken from R. Sedgwick, Algorithms in C, Third edition, 1998 Addison-Wesley

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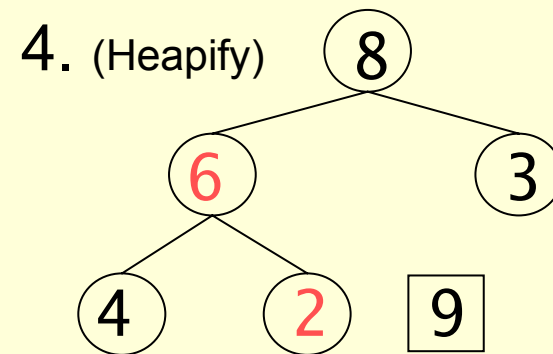
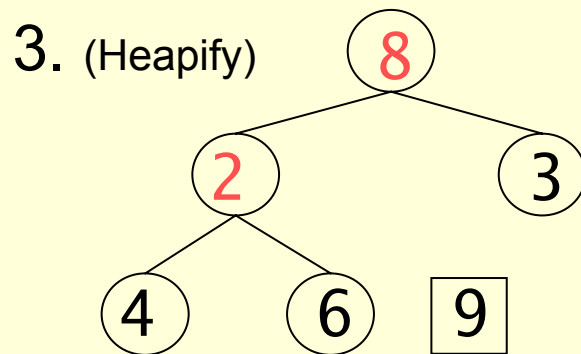
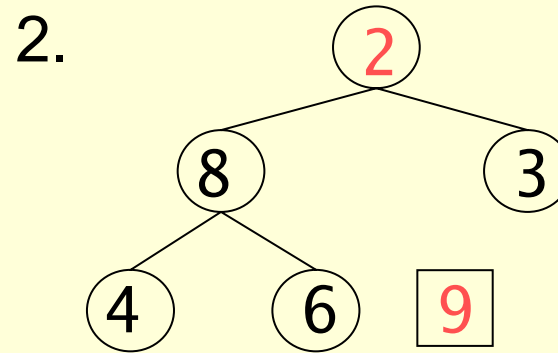
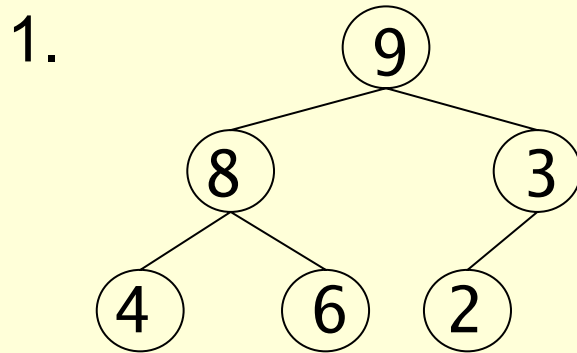
## Heapsort(A)

Purpose: sort array A (in place)

Pre-condition: any array A

Idea: make A a heap, then take out the root;  
repeat until the array is sorted

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Heapsort(A)

Build\_heap(A)

for i = n downto 2

    exchange A[1] with A[i]     *root is swapped  
    with last element*

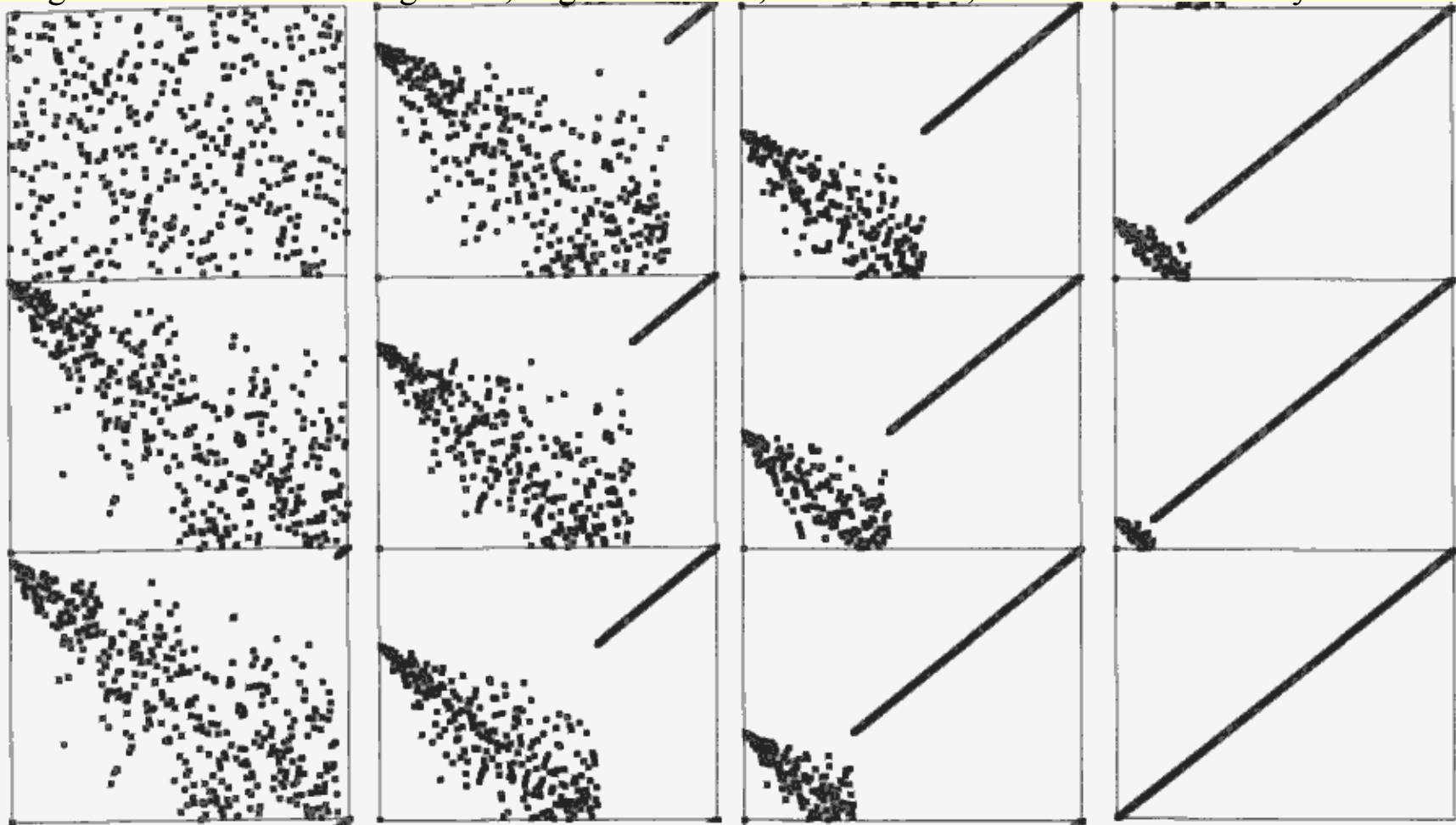
    A.size--     *→ former root is outside A*

    Heapify(A, 1)

Heapsort runs in time  $O(n \log_2(n))$

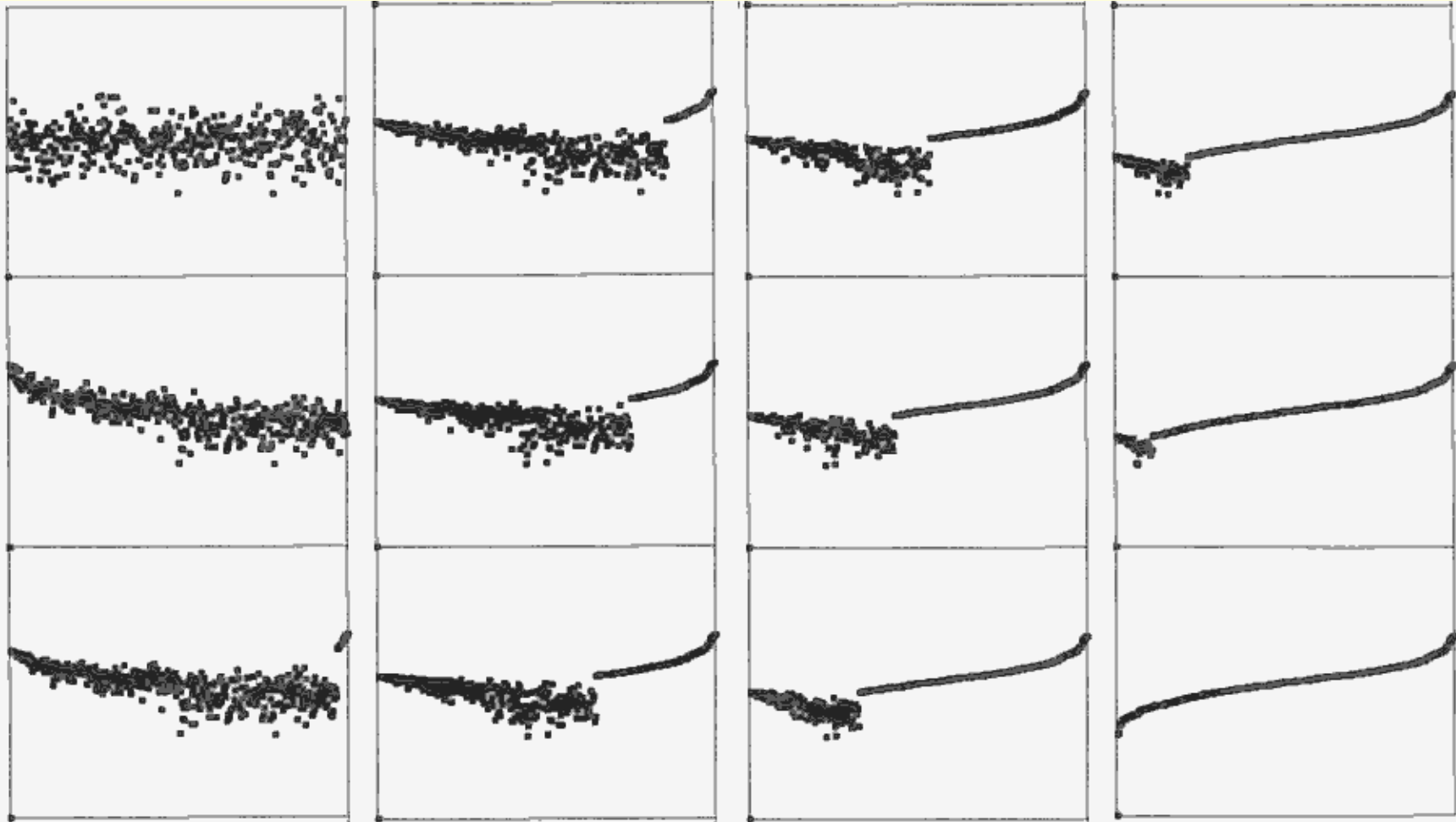
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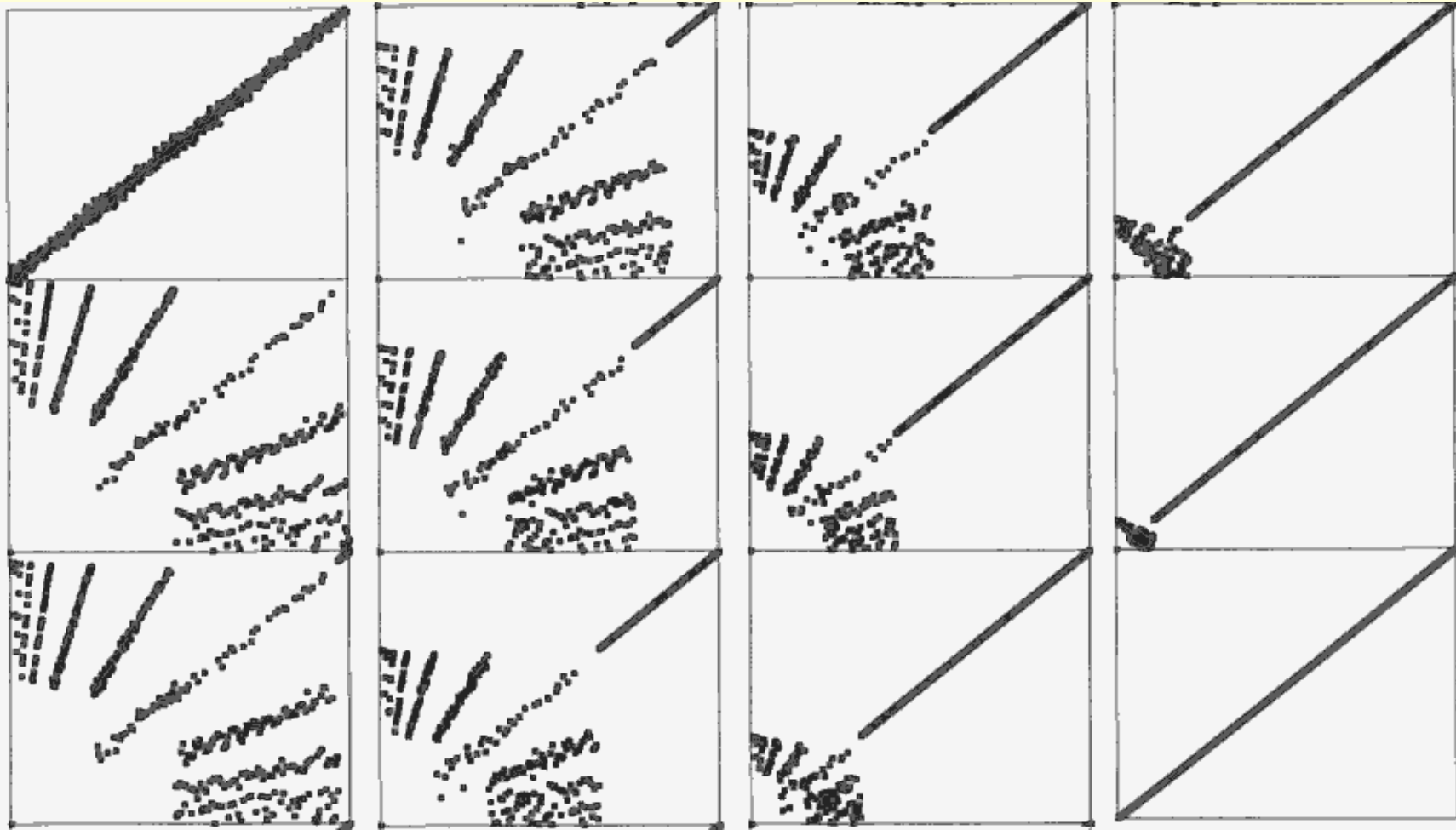




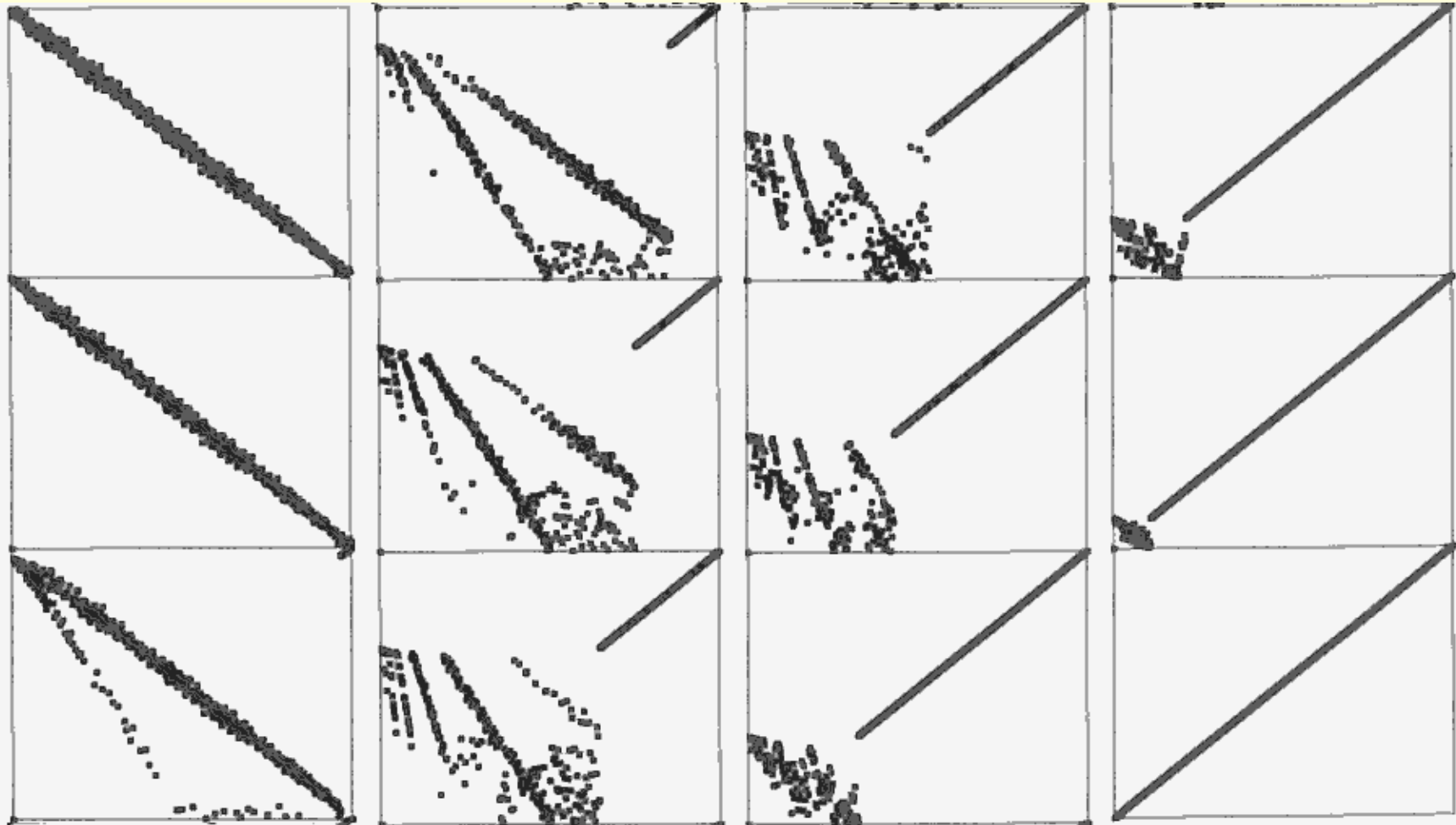
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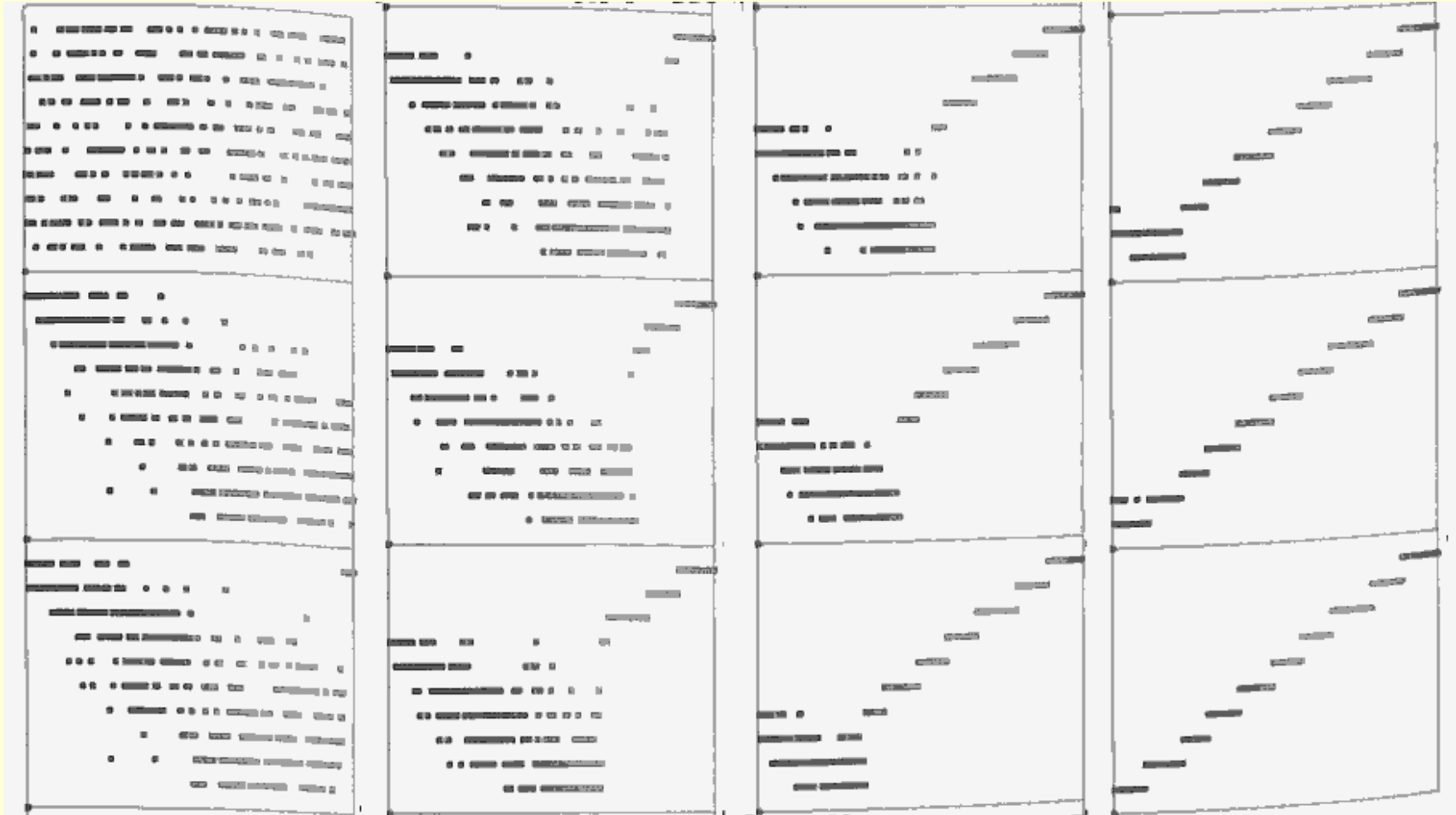
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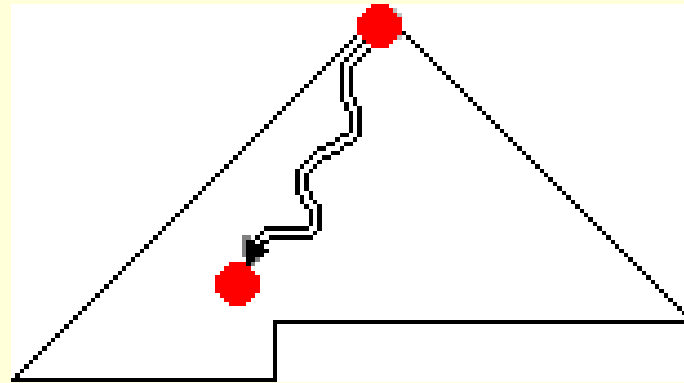
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**Variant** of heapsort with better performance (average)

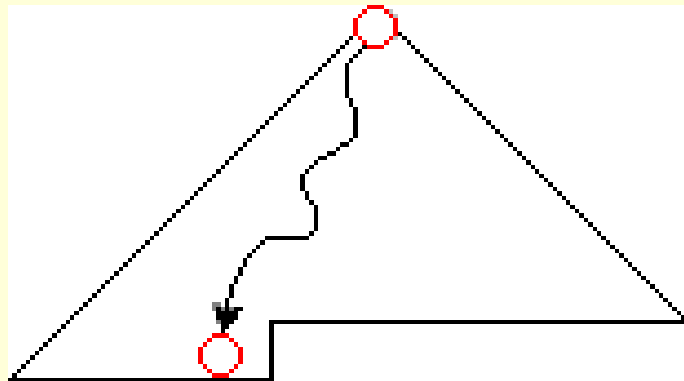
- last element of the heap is supposed to be very small
- pass it all the way down after swapping with the root
- then move it up to its proper position

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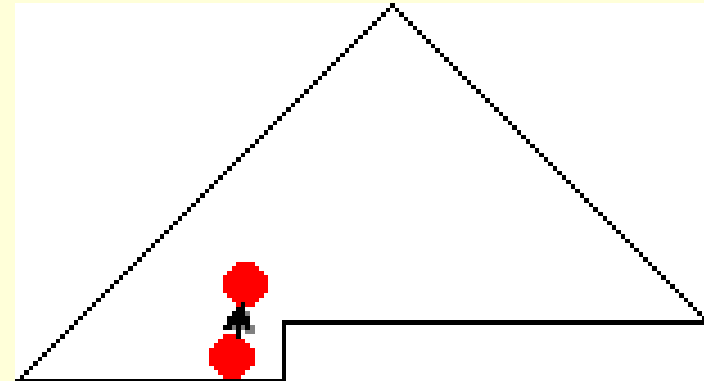
Instead of



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# Priority Queues

A priority queue is an ADT with the following operations:

- **Insert** a new element into the queue
- **Find** the element with the largest key
- **Delete** the element with the largest key

Other common operations:

- Increase the key of an element

# Priority Queues

Heaps provide an **efficient implementation** of priority queues:

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|----------------------|---|--|
| get the maximum      | → | take the root                                      |
| delete the maximum   | → | move the last element to the root and heapify      |
| insert a new element | → | put it at the end and raise it until it's in place |



Link to Build\_heap applet:

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