



### Priority queue client example

**Problem.** Find the largest M in a stream of N elements (N huge, M large).

- Fraud detection: isolate \$\$ transactions.
- File maintenance: find biggest files or directories.

**Constraint.** Not enough memory to store N elements.

```
% more tinyBatch.txt
Turing      6/17/1990  644.08
vonNeumann  3/26/2002  4121.85
Dijkstra    8/22/2007  2678.40
vonNeumann  1/11/1999  4409.74
Dijkstra    11/18/1995  837.42
Hoare       5/10/1993  3229.27
vonNeumann  2/12/1994  4732.35
Hoare       8/18/1992  4381.21
Turing      1/11/2002   66.10
Thompson    2/27/2000  4747.08
Turing      2/11/1991  2156.86
Hoare       8/12/2003  1025.70
vonNeumann  10/13/1993 2520.97
Dijkstra    9/10/2000  708.95
Turing      10/12/1993 3532.36
Hoare       2/10/2005  4050.20
```

```
% java TopM 5 < tinyBatch.txt
Thompson    2/27/2000  4747.08
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**Problem.** Find the largest M in a stream of N elements (N huge, M large).

**Solution.** Use a min-oriented priority queue.

**Time.** Proportional to N log M (stay tuned).

```
public class TopM
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    { // Print the top M lines in the input stream.
      int M = Integer.parseInt(args[0]); // Transaction is Comparable (see text)

      MinPQ<Transaction> pq = new MinPQ<Transaction>(M+1);
      while (StdIn.hasNextLine())
      { // Create an entry from the next line and put on the PQ.
        pq.insert(new Transaction(StdIn.readLine()));
        if (pq.size() > M)
          pq.delMin(); // Remove minimum if M+1 entries on the PQ.
      } // Top M entries are on the PQ.

      // Smallest is first out---put on stack to get descending order.
      Stack<Transaction> stack = new Stack<Transaction>();
      while (!pq.isEmpty()) stack.push(pq.delMin());
      for (Transaction t : stack) StdOut.println(t);
    }
}
```

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### Priority queue: unordered and ordered array implementation

| operation  | argument | return value | size | contents (unordered) | contents (ordered) |
|------------|----------|--------------|------|----------------------|--------------------|
| insert     | P        |              | 1    | P                    | P                  |
| insert     | Q        |              | 2    | P Q                  | P Q                |
| insert     | E        |              | 3    | P Q E                | E P Q              |
| remove max |          | Q            | 2    | P E                  | E P                |
| insert     | X        |              | 3    | P E X                | E P X              |
| insert     | A        |              | 4    | P E X A              | A E P X            |
| insert     | M        |              | 5    | P E X A M            | A E M P X          |
| remove max |          | X            | 4    | P E M A              | A E M P            |
| insert     | P        |              | 5    | P E M A P            | A E M P P          |
| insert     | L        |              | 6    | P E M A P L          | A E L M P P        |
| insert     | E        |              | 7    | P E M A P L E        | A E E L M P P      |
| remove max |          | P            | 6    | E M A P L E          | A E E L M P        |

A sequence of operations on a priority queue

## Priority queue: unordered array implementation

```
public class UnorderedMaxPQ<Key extends Comparable<Key>>
{
    private Key[] pq; // pq[i] = ith element on pq
    private int N; // number of elements on pq

    public UnorderedMaxPQ(int capacity)
    { pq = (Key[]) new Comparable[capacity]; }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return N == 0; }

    public void insert(Key x)
    { pq[N++] = x; }

    public Key delMax()
    {
        int max = 0;
        for (int i = 1; i < N; i++)
            if (less(max, i)) max = i;
        exch(max, N-1);
        return pq[--N];
    }
}
```

no generic array creation

less() and exch() as for sorting

## Priority queue elementary implementations

Challenge. Implement all operations efficiently.

order-of-growth of running time for priority queue with N items

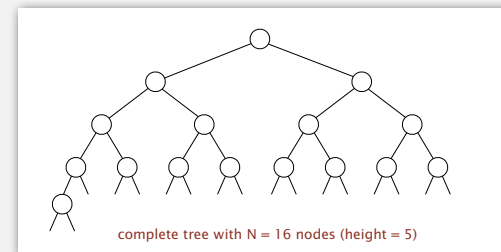
| implementation  | insert | del max | max   |
|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|
| unordered array | 1      | N       | N     |
| ordered array   | N      | 1       | 1     |
| goal            | log N  | log N   | log N |

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## Binary tree

Binary tree. Empty or node with links to left and right binary trees.

Complete tree. Perfectly balanced, except for bottom level.



Property. Height of complete tree with N nodes is  $1 + \lceil \lg N \rceil$ .

Pf. Height only increases when N is a power of 2.

## A complete binary tree in nature



Hyphaene Compressa - Dour Palm

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## Binary heap representations

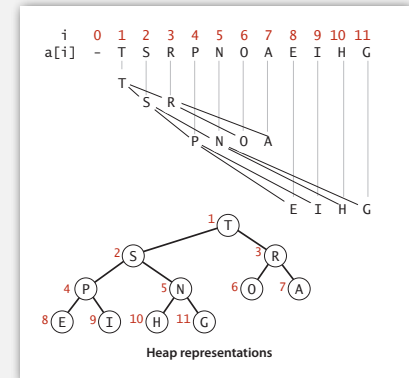
**Binary heap.** Array representation of a heap-ordered complete binary tree.

**Heap-ordered binary tree.**

- Keys in nodes.
- No smaller than children's keys.

**Array representation.**

- Take nodes in **level** order.
- No explicit links needed!



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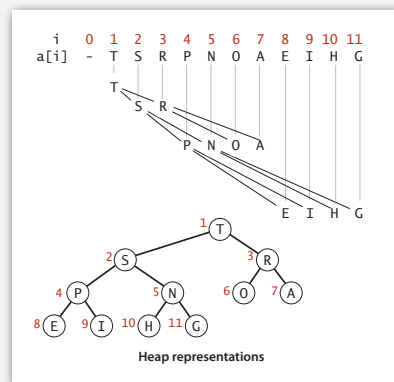
## Binary heap properties

**Proposition.** Largest key is  $a[1]$ , which is root of binary tree.

indices start at 1

**Proposition.** Can use array indices to move through tree.

- Parent of node at  $k$  is at  $k/2$ .
- Children of node at  $k$  are at  $2k$  and  $2k+1$ .



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## Promotion in a heap

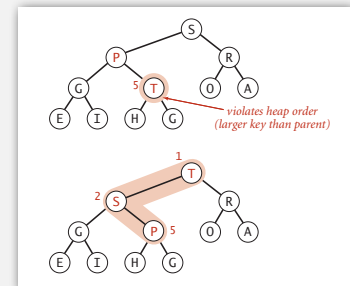
**Scenario.** Node's key becomes **larger** key than its parent's key.

**To eliminate the violation:**

- Exchange key in node with key in parent.
- Repeat until heap order restored.

```
private void swim(int k)
{
    while (k > 1 && less(k/2, k))
    {
        exch(k, k/2);
        k = k/2;
    }
}
```

parent of node at k is at k/2



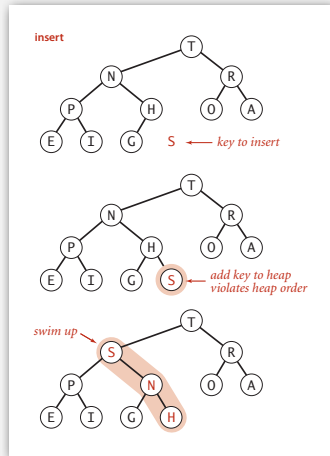
**Peter principle.** Node promoted to level of incompetence.

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### Insertion in a heap

**Insert.** Add node at end, then swim it up.  
**Cost.** At most  $\lg N$  compares.

```
public void insert(Key x)
{
    pq[++N] = x;
    swim(N);
}
```



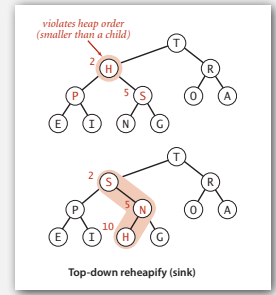
### Demotion in a heap

**Scenario.** Node's key becomes **smaller** than one (or both) of its children's keys.

**To eliminate the violation:**

- Exchange key in node with key in larger child.
- Repeat until heap order restored.

```
private void sink(int k)
{
    while (2*k <= N)
    {
        int j = 2*k;
        if (j < N && less(j, j+1)) j++;
        if (!less(k, j)) break;
        exch(k, j);
        k = j;
    }
}
```

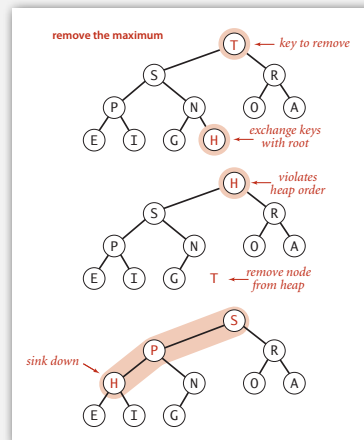


**Power struggle.** Better subordinate promoted.

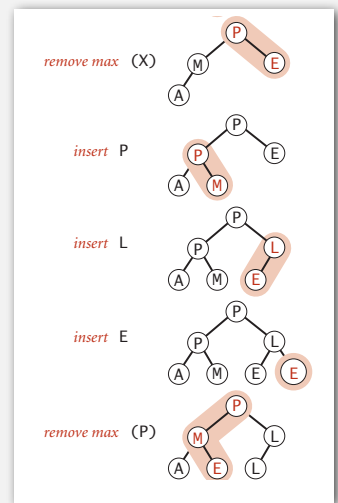
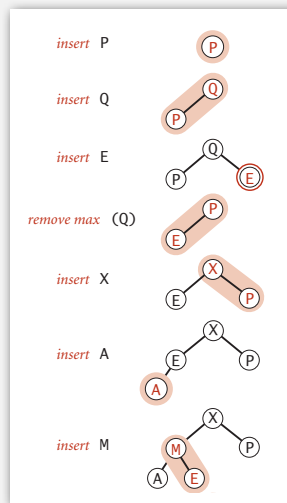
### Delete the maximum in a heap

**Delete max.** Exchange root with node at end, then sink it down.  
**Cost.** At most  $2 \lg N$  compares.

```
public Key delMax()
{
    Key max = pq[1];
    exch(1, N--);
    sink(1);
    pq[N+1] = null;
    return max;
}
```



### Heap operations



## Binary heap: Java implementation

```

public class MaxPQ<Key extends Comparable<Key>>
{
    private Key[] pq;
    private int N;

    public MaxPQ(int capacity)
    { pq = (Key[]) new Comparable[capacity+1]; }

    public boolean isEmpty()
    { return N == 0; }
    public void insert(Key key)
    { /* see previous code */ }
    public Key delMax()
    { /* see previous code */ }

    private void swim(int k)
    { /* see previous code */ }
    private void sink(int k)
    { /* see previous code */ }

    private boolean less(int i, int j)
    { return pq[i].compareTo(pq[j]) < 0; }
    private void exch(int i, int j)
    { Key t = pq[i]; pq[i] = pq[j]; pq[j] = t; }
}
    
```

PQ ops

heap helper functions

array helper functions

## Priority queues implementation cost summary

order-of-growth of running time for priority queue with N items

| implementation  | insert             | del max              | max |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----|
| unordered array | 1                  | N                    | N   |
| ordered array   | N                  | 1                    | 1   |
| binary heap     | log N              | log N                | 1   |
| d-ary heap      | log <sub>d</sub> N | d log <sub>d</sub> N | 1   |
| Fibonacci       | 1                  | log N †              | 1   |

† amortized

Hopeless challenge. Make all operations constant time.

Q. Why hopeless?

## Binary heap considerations

### Minimum-oriented priority queue.

- Replace less() with greater().
- Implement greater().

### Dynamic-array resizing.

- Add no-arg constructor.
- Apply repeated doubling and shrinking. ← leads to log N amortized time per op

### Immutability of keys.

- Assumption: client does not change keys while they're on the PQ.
- Best practice: use immutable keys.

### Other operations.

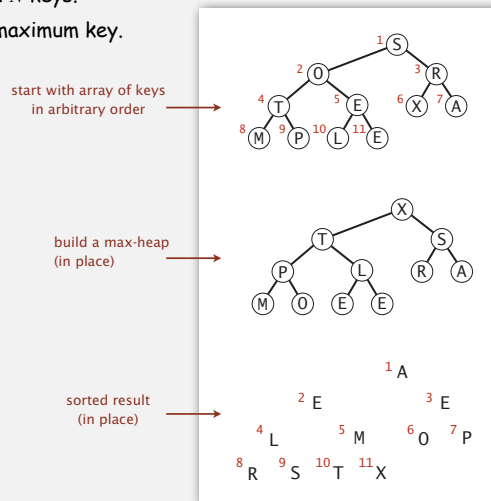
- Remove an arbitrary item. ← easy to implement with sink() and swim() [stay tuned]
- Change the priority of an item. ←

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## Heapsort

### Basic plan for in-place sort.

- Create max-heap with all  $N$  keys.
- Repeatedly remove the maximum key.

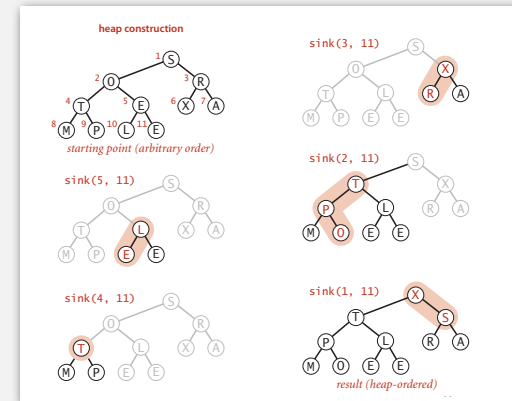


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## Heapsort: heap construction

### First pass. Build heap using bottom-up method.

```
for (int k = N/2; k >= 1; k--)
    sink(a, k, N);
```



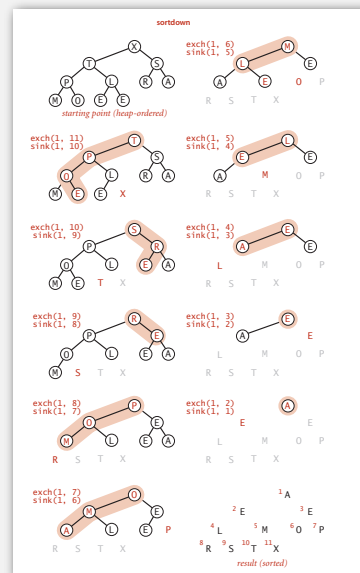
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## Heapsort: sortdown

### Second pass.

- Remove the maximum, one at a time.
- Leave in array, instead of nulling out.

```
while (N > 1)
{
    exch(a, 1, N--);
    sink(a, 1, N);
}
```



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## Heapsort: Java implementation

```
public class Heap
{
    public static void sort(Comparable[] pq)
    {
        int N = pq.length;
        for (int k = N/2; k >= 1; k--)
            sink(pq, k, N);
        while (N > 1)
        {
            exch(pq, 1, N);
            sink(pq, 1, --N);
        }
    }

    private static void sink(Comparable[] pq, int k, int N)
    { /* as before */ }

    private static boolean less(Comparable[] pq, int i, int j)
    { /* as before */ }

    private static void exch(Comparable[] pq, int i, int j)
    { /* as before */ }
}
```

but use 1-based indexing

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### Heapsort: trace

| N                     | k | a[i] |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |
|-----------------------|---|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
|                       |   | 0    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| <i>initial values</i> |   | S    | O | R | T | E | X | A | M | P | L | E  | E  |
| 11                    | 5 | S    | O | R | T | L | X | A | M | P | E | E  |    |
| 11                    | 4 | S    | O | R | T | L | X | A | M | P | E | E  |    |
| 11                    | 3 | S    | O | X | T | L | R | A | M | P | E | E  |    |
| 11                    | 2 | S    | T | X | P | L | R | A | M | O | E | E  |    |
| 11                    | 1 | X    | T | S | P | L | R | A | M | O | E | E  |    |
| <i>heap-ordered</i>   |   | X    | T | S | P | L | R | A | M | O | E | E  |    |
| 10                    | 1 | T    | P | S | O | L | R | A | M | E | E | X  |    |
| 9                     | 1 | S    | P | R | O | L | E | A | M | E | T | X  |    |
| 8                     | 1 | R    | P | E | O | L | E | A | M | S | T | X  |    |
| 7                     | 1 | P    | O | E | M | L | E | A | R | S | T | X  |    |
| 6                     | 1 | O    | M | E | A | L | E | P | R | S | T | X  |    |
| 5                     | 1 | M    | L | E | A | E | O | P | R | S | T | X  |    |
| 4                     | 1 | L    | E | E | A | M | O | P | R | S | T | X  |    |
| 3                     | 1 | E    | A | E | L | M | O | P | R | S | T | X  |    |
| 2                     | 1 | E    | A | E | L | M | O | P | R | S | T | X  |    |
| 1                     | 1 | A    | E | E | L | M | O | P | R | S | T | X  |    |
| <i>sorted result</i>  |   | A    | E | E | L | M | O | P | R | S | T | X  |    |

Heapsort trace (array contents just after each sink)

### Heapsort: mathematical analysis

**Proposition.** Heapsort uses at most  $2 N \lg N$  compares and exchanges.

**Significance.** In-place sorting algorithm with  $N \log N$  worst-case.

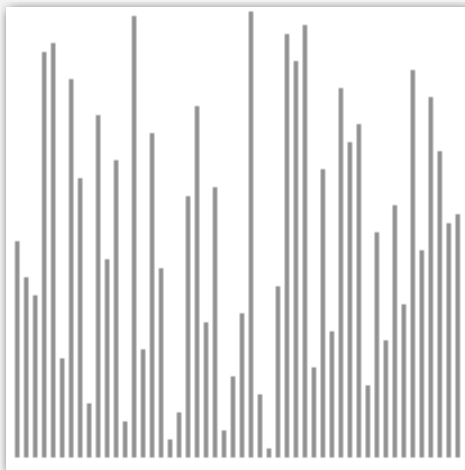
- Mergesort: no, linear extra space. ← in-place merge possible, not practical
- Quicksort: no, quadratic time in worst case. ←  $N \log N$  worst-case quicksort possible, not practical
- Heapsort: yes!

**Bottom line.** Heapsort is optimal for both time and space, but:

- Inner loop longer than quicksort's.
- Makes poor use of cache memory.
- Not stable.

### Heapsort animation

50 random elements



▲ algorithm position  
 ■ in order  
 ▬ not in order

<http://www.sorting-algorithms.com/heap-sort>

### Sorting algorithms: summary

|             | inplace? | stable? | worst       | average     | best      | remarks   |
|-------------|----------|---------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---|
| selection   | x        |         | $N^2 / 2$   | $N^2 / 2$   | $N^2 / 2$ | $N$ exchanges   |
| insertion   | x        | x       | $N^2 / 2$   | $N^2 / 4$   | $N$       | use for small $N$ or partially ordered                    |
| shell       | x        |         | ?           | ?           | $N$       | tight code, subquadratic                                  |
| quick       | x        |         | $N^2 / 2$   | $2 N \ln N$ | $N \lg N$ | $N \log N$ probabilistic guarantee<br>fastest in practice |
| 3-way quick | x        |         | $N^2 / 2$   | $2 N \ln N$ | $N$       | improves quicksort in presence<br>of duplicate keys       |
| merge       |          | x       | $N \lg N$   | $N \lg N$   | $N \lg N$ | $N \log N$ guarantee, stable                              |
| heap        | x        |         | $2 N \lg N$ | $2 N \lg N$ | $N \lg N$ | $N \log N$ guarantee, in-place                            |
| ???         | x        | x       | $N \lg N$   | $N \lg N$   | $N \lg N$ | holy sorting grail  |

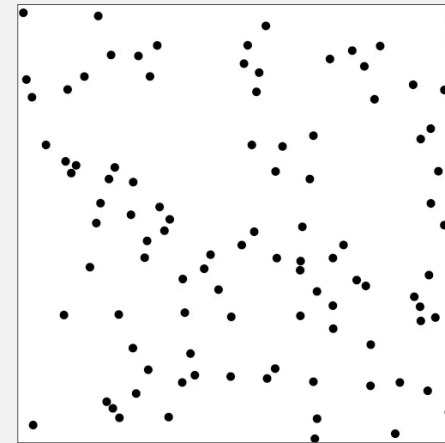


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#### Hard disc model.

- Moving particles interact via elastic collisions with each other and walls.
- Each particle is a disc with known position, velocity, mass, and radius.
- No other forces.

temperature, pressure,  
diffusion constant

motion of individual  
atoms and molecules

**Significance.** Relates macroscopic observables to microscopic dynamics.

- Maxwell-Boltzmann: distribution of speeds as a function of temperature.
- Einstein: explain Brownian motion of pollen grains.

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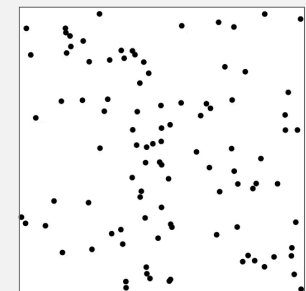
### Warmup: bouncing balls

**Time-driven simulation.**  $N$  bouncing balls in the unit square.

```
public class BouncingBalls
{
    public static void main(String[] args)
    {
        int N = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        Ball balls[] = new Ball[N];
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
            balls[i] = new Ball();
        while(true)
        {
            StdDraw.clear();
            for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
            {
                balls[i].move(0.5);
                balls[i].draw();
            }
            StdDraw.show(50);
        }
    }
}
```

main simulation loop

```
% java BouncingBalls 100
```



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## Warmup: bouncing balls

```
public class Ball
{
    private double rx, ry; // position
    private double vx, vy; // velocity
    private final double radius; // radius
    public Ball()
    { /* initialize position and velocity */ } // check for collision with walls

    public void move(double dt)
    {
        if ((rx + vx*dt < radius) || (rx + vx*dt > 1.0 - radius)) { vx = -vx; }
        if ((ry + vy*dt < radius) || (ry + vy*dt > 1.0 - radius)) { vy = -vy; }
        rx = rx + vx*dt;
        ry = ry + vy*dt;
    }
    public void draw()
    { StdDraw.filledCircle(rx, ry, radius); }
}
```

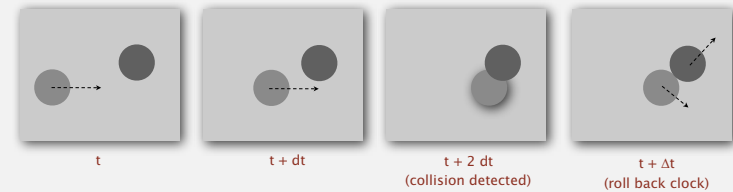
Missing. Check for balls colliding with **each other**.

- Physics problems: when? what effect?
- CS problems: which object does the check? too many checks?

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## Time-driven simulation

- Discretize time in quanta of size  $dt$ .
- Update the position of each particle after every  $dt$  units of time, and check for overlaps.
- If overlap, roll back the clock to the time of the collision, update the velocities of the colliding particles, and continue the simulation.

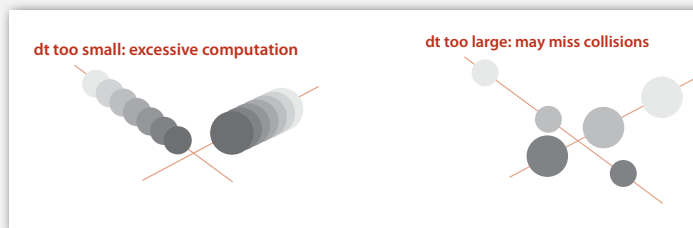


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## Time-driven simulation

Main drawbacks.

- $\sim N^2/2$  overlap checks per time quantum.
- Simulation is too slow if  $dt$  is very small.
- May miss collisions if  $dt$  is too large. (if colliding particles fail to overlap when we are looking)



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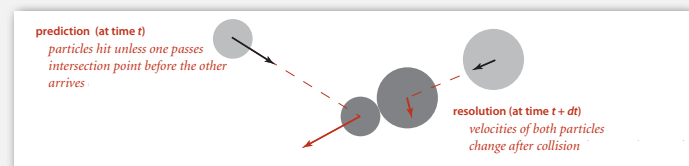
## Event-driven simulation

Change state only when something happens.

- Between collisions, particles move in straight-line trajectories.
- Focus only on times when collisions occur.
- Maintain PQ of collision events, prioritized by time.
- Remove the min = get next collision.

**Collision prediction.** Given position, velocity, and radius of a particle, when will it collide next with a wall or another particle?

**Collision resolution.** If collision occurs, update colliding particle(s) according to laws of elastic collisions.

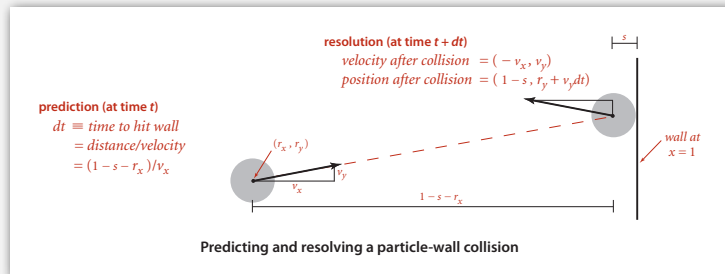


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## Particle-wall collision

### Collision prediction and resolution.

- Particle of radius  $s$  at position  $(rx, ry)$ .
- Particle moving in unit box with velocity  $(vx, vy)$ .
- Will it collide with a vertical wall? If so, when?

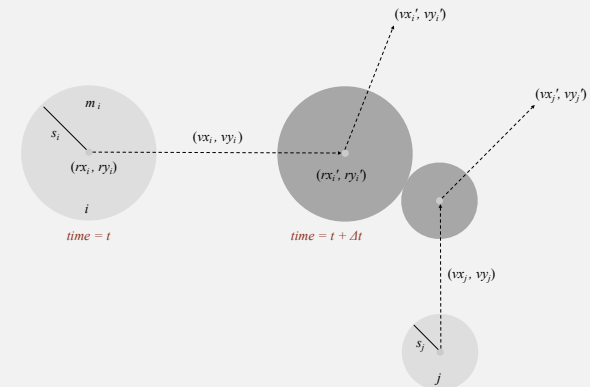


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## Particle-particle collision prediction

### Collision prediction.

- Particle  $i$ : radius  $s_i$ , position  $(rx_i, ry_i)$ , velocity  $(vx_i, vy_i)$ .
- Particle  $j$ : radius  $s_j$ , position  $(rx_j, ry_j)$ , velocity  $(vx_j, vy_j)$ .
- Will particles  $i$  and  $j$  collide? If so, when?



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- Will particles  $i$  and  $j$  collide? If so, when?

$$\Delta t = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } \Delta v \cdot \Delta r \geq 0 \\ \infty & \text{if } d < 0 \\ -\frac{\Delta v \cdot \Delta r + \sqrt{d}}{\Delta v \cdot \Delta v} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$d = (\Delta v \cdot \Delta r)^2 - (\Delta v \cdot \Delta v)(\Delta r \cdot \Delta r - \sigma^2) \quad \sigma = \sigma_i + \sigma_j$$

$$\Delta v = (\Delta vx, \Delta vy) = (vx_i - vx_j, vy_i - vy_j)$$

$$\Delta r = (\Delta rx, \Delta ry) = (rx_i - rx_j, ry_i - ry_j)$$

$$\Delta v \cdot \Delta v = (\Delta vx)^2 + (\Delta vy)^2$$

$$\Delta r \cdot \Delta r = (\Delta rx)^2 + (\Delta ry)^2$$

$$\Delta v \cdot \Delta r = (\Delta vx)(\Delta rx) + (\Delta vy)(\Delta ry)$$

Important note: This is high-school physics, so we won't be testing you on it!

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## Particle-particle collision resolution

### Collision resolution. When two particles collide, how does velocity change?

$$\begin{aligned} vx'_i &= vx_i + Jx / m_i \\ vy'_i &= vy_i + Jy / m_i \\ vx'_j &= vx_j - Jx / m_j \\ vy'_j &= vy_j - Jy / m_j \end{aligned}$$

← Newton's second law (momentum form)

$$Jx = \frac{J \Delta rx}{\sigma}, \quad Jy = \frac{J \Delta ry}{\sigma}, \quad J = \frac{2m_i m_j (\Delta v \cdot \Delta r)}{\sigma(m_i + m_j)}$$

impulse due to normal force  
(conservation of energy, conservation of momentum)

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## Particle data type skeleton

```
public class Particle
{
    private double rx, ry; // position
    private double vx, vy; // velocity
    private final double radius; // radius
    private final double mass; // mass
    private int count; // number of collisions

    public Particle(...) { }

    public void move(double dt) { }
    public void draw() { }

    public double timeToHit(Particle that) { }
    public double timeToHitVerticalWall() { }
    public double timeToHitHorizontalWall() { }

    public void bounceOff(Particle that) { }
    public void bounceOffVerticalWall() { }
    public void bounceOffHorizontalWall() { }
}
```

predict collision  
with particle or wall

resolve collision  
with particle or wall

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## Particle-particle collision and resolution implementation

```
public double timeToHit(Particle that)
{
    if (this == that) return INFINITY;
    double dx = that.rx - this.rx, dy = that.ry - this.ry;
    double dvx = that.vx - this.vx, dvy = that.vy - this.vy;
    double dvdr = dx*dvx + dy*dvy;
    if (dvdr > 0) return INFINITY; // no collision
    double dvdv = dvx*dvx + dvy*dvy;
    double drdr = dx*dx + dy*dy;
    double sigma = this.radius + that.radius;
    double d = (dvdr*dvdr) - dvdv * (drdr - sigma*sigma);
    if (d < 0) return INFINITY;
    return -(dvdr + Math.sqrt(d)) / dvdv;
}
```

```
public void bounceOff(Particle that)
{
    double dx = that.rx - this.rx, dy = that.ry - this.ry;
    double dvx = that.vx - this.vx, dvy = that.vy - this.vy;
    double dvdr = dx*dvx + dy*dvy;
    double dist = this.radius + that.radius;
    double J = 2 * this.mass * that.mass * dvdr / ((this.mass + that.mass) * dist);
    double Jx = J * dx / dist;
    double Jy = J * dy / dist;
    this.vx += Jx / this.mass;
    this.vy += Jy / this.mass;
    that.vx -= Jx / that.mass;
    that.vy -= Jy / that.mass;
    this.count++;
    that.count++;
} // Important note: This is high-school physics, so we won't be testing you on it!
```

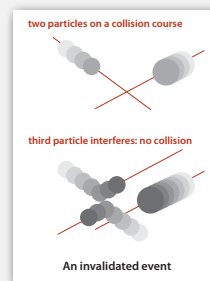
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## Collision system: event-driven simulation main loop

### Initialization.

- Fill PQ with all potential particle-wall collisions.
- Fill PQ with all potential particle-particle collisions.

"potential" since collision may not happen if  
some other collision intervenes



### Main loop.

- Delete the impending event from PQ (min priority =  $t$ ).
- If the event has been invalidated, ignore it.
- Advance all particles to time  $t$ , on a straight-line trajectory.
- Update the velocities of the colliding particle(s).
- Predict future particle-wall and particle-particle collisions involving the colliding particle(s) and insert events onto PQ.

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## Event data type

### Conventions.

- Neither particle null  $\Rightarrow$  particle-particle collision.
- One particle null  $\Rightarrow$  particle-wall collision.
- Both particles null  $\Rightarrow$  redraw event.

```
private class Event implements Comparable<Event>
{
    private double time; // time of event
    private Particle a, b; // particles involved in event
    private int countA, countB; // collision counts for a and b

    public Event(double t, Particle a, Particle b) { } // create event

    public int compareTo(Event that) // ordered by time
    { return this.time - that.time; }

    public boolean isValid() // invalid if
    { } // intervening collision
}
```

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### Collision system implementation: skeleton

```
public class CollisionSystem
{
    private MinPQ<Event> pq; // the priority queue
    private double t = 0.0; // simulation clock time
    private Particle[] particles; // the array of particles

    public CollisionSystem(Particle[] particles) { }

    private void predict(Particle a) // add to PQ all particle-wall and particle-
    { // particle collisions involving this particle
        if (a == null) return;
        for (int i = 0; i < N; i++)
        {
            double dt = a.timeToHit(particles[i]);
            pq.insert(new Event(t + dt, a, particles[i]));
        }
        pq.insert(new Event(t + a.timeToHitVerticalWall(), a, null));
        pq.insert(new Event(t + a.timeToHitHorizontalWall(), null, a));
    }

    private void redraw() { }

    public void simulate() { /* see next slide */ }
}
```

### Collision system implementation: main event-driven simulation loop

```
public void simulate()
{
    pq = new MinPQ<Event>();
    for(int i = 0; i < N; i++) predict(particles[i]);
    pq.insert(new Event(0, null, null)); // initialize PQ with collision events and redraw event

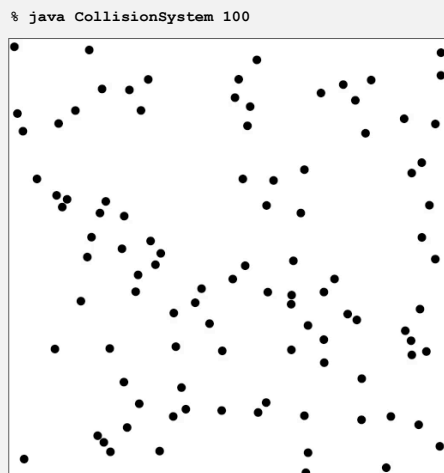
    while(!pq.isEmpty())
    {
        Event event = pq.delMin();
        if(!event.isValid()) continue; // get next event
        Particle a = event.a;
        Particle b = event.b;

        for(int i = 0; i < N; i++) // update positions and time
            particles[i].move(event.time - t);
        t = event.time;

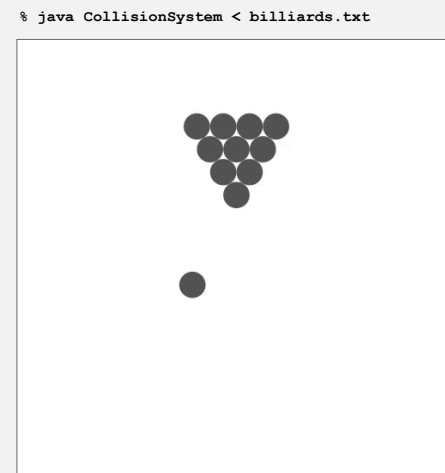
        if (a != null && b != null) a.bounceOff(b); // process event
        else if (a != null && b == null) a.bounceOffVerticalWall();
        else if (a == null && b != null) b.bounceOffHorizontalWall();
        else if (a == null && b == null) redraw();

        predict(a); // predict new events based on changes
        predict(b);
    }
}
```

### Simulation example 1

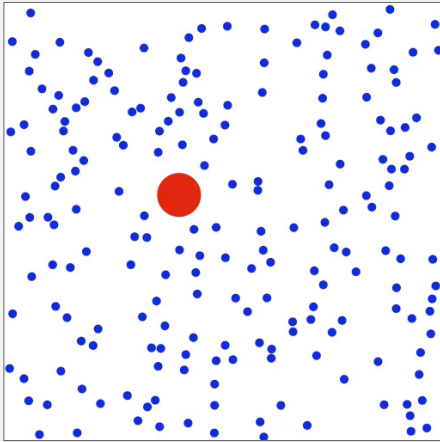


### Simulation example 2



Simulation example 3

```
% java CollisionSystem < brownian.txt
```



Simulation example 4

```
% java CollisionSystem < diffusion.txt
```

