This thread is part of the proposed schedule for study for the first exam. Discuss the practice problems here. View questions here: http://beastie.cs.ua.edu/concepts/cs/al/heaps.html

This thread covers questions 16-28 of heaps.

Work together on the proposed answers to questions on this shared Google Doc (comment reasoning/arguments behind answers)

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I feel like both of these should be linear, because there’s no way to go about finding which subheap a value should be in quickly (unless keeping track of pointers to nodes).

That seems like a reasonable argument.

lusth wrote on Tue, 14 February 2017 07:51

That seems like a reasonable argument.

Why is it not log(n) time? The decreaseKey function takes log(n) time and involves finding the node to decrease.

EDIT: Figured it out; decreaseKey assumes you have a pointer to the node already.
Consider this set of operations: 15 inserts and one extraction of the minimum (in any order). What is the fewest / most number of subheaps found after the set is performed on an initially empty fibonacci heap?

I can't think of any cases where there is anything but 3 subheaps after consolidation.

Subject: Re: Concept Review: Heaps (Part 2)
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Did Dr. Lusth say priority queues would be on the exam?

Subject: Re: Concept Review: Heaps (Part 2)
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Good priority queues are just heaps. Bad ones are linked-lists.