

# PRIORITY QUEUES

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- ▶ *binary heaps*
- ▶ *d-ary heaps*
- ▶ *binomial heaps*
- ▶ *Fibonacci heaps*

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## Priority queue data type

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A min-oriented priority queue supports the following core operations:

- $\text{MAKE-HEAP}()$ : create an empty heap.
- $\text{INSERT}(H, x)$ : insert an element  $x$  into the heap.
- $\text{EXTRACT-MIN}(H)$ : remove and return an element with the smallest key.
- $\text{DECREASE-KEY}(H, x, k)$ : decrease the key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

The following operations are also useful:

- $\text{IS-EMPTY}(H)$ : is the heap empty?
- $\text{FIND-MIN}(H)$ : return an element with smallest key.
- $\text{DELETE}(H, x)$ : delete element  $x$  from the heap.
- $\text{MELD}(H_1, H_2)$ : replace heaps  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  with their union.

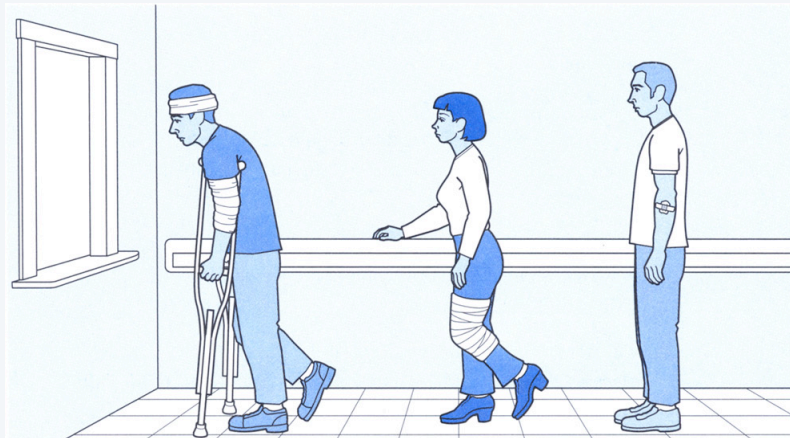
**Note.** Each element contains a key (duplicate keys are permitted) from a totally-ordered universe.

# Priority queue applications

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## Applications.

- A\* search.
- Heapsort.
- Online median.
- Huffman encoding.
- Prim's MST algorithm.
- Discrete event-driven simulation.
- Network bandwidth management.
- Dijkstra's shortest-paths algorithm.
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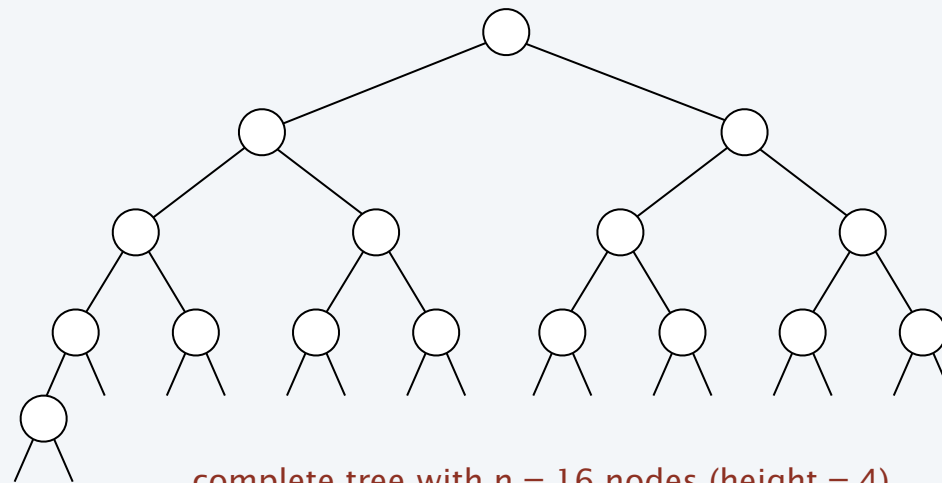
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# Complete binary tree

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**Binary tree.** Empty or node with links to two disjoint binary trees.

**Complete tree.** Perfectly balanced, except for bottom level.



complete tree with  $n = 16$  nodes (height = 4)

**Property.** Height of complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes is  $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ .

**Pf.** Height increases (by 1) only when  $n$  is a power of 2. ■

# A complete binary tree in nature

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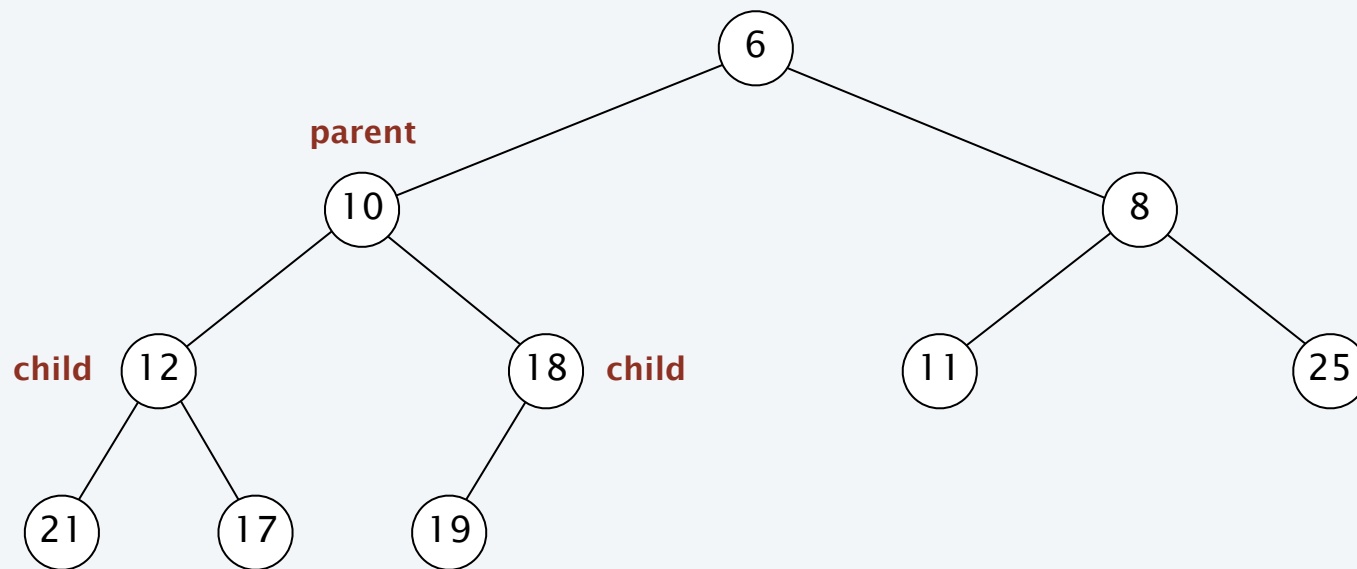
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# Binary heap

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**Binary heap.** Heap-ordered complete binary tree.

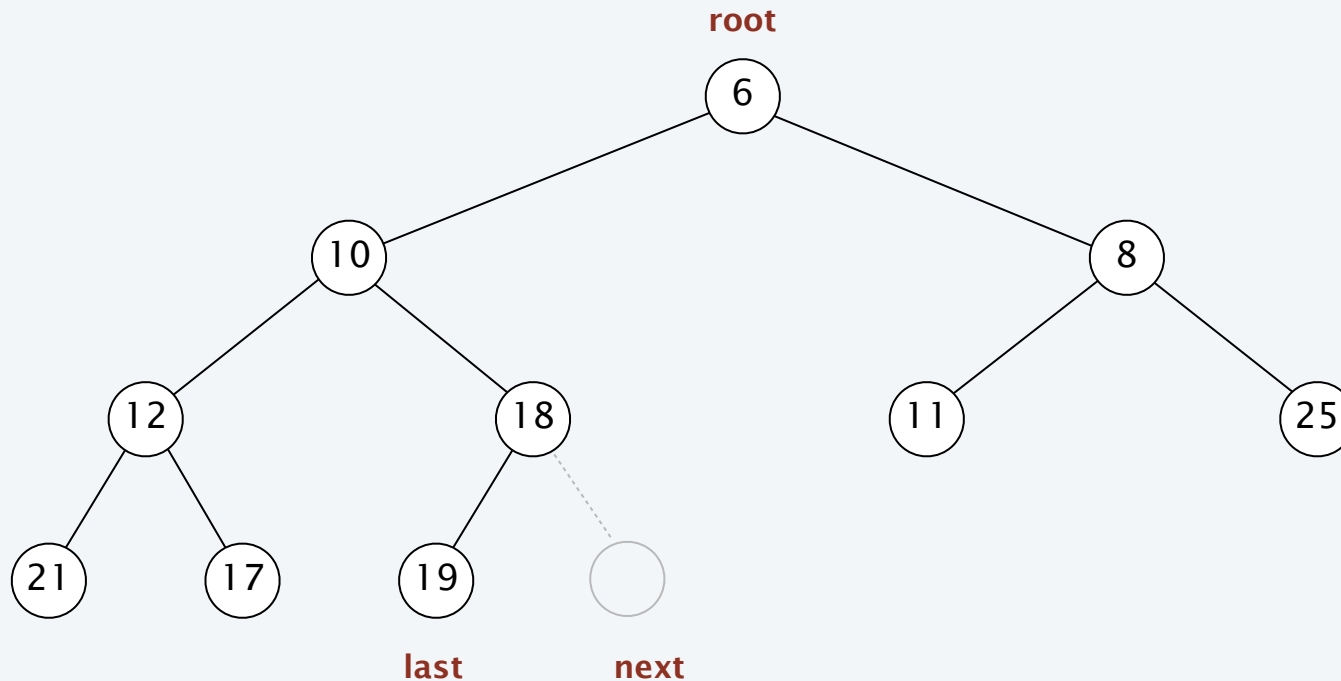
**Heap-ordered tree.** For each child, the key in child  $\geq$  key in parent.



# Explicit binary heap

**Pointer representation.** Each node has a pointer to parent and two children.

- Maintain number of elements  $n$ .
- Maintain pointer to root node.
- Can find pointer to last node or next node in  $O(\log n)$  time.

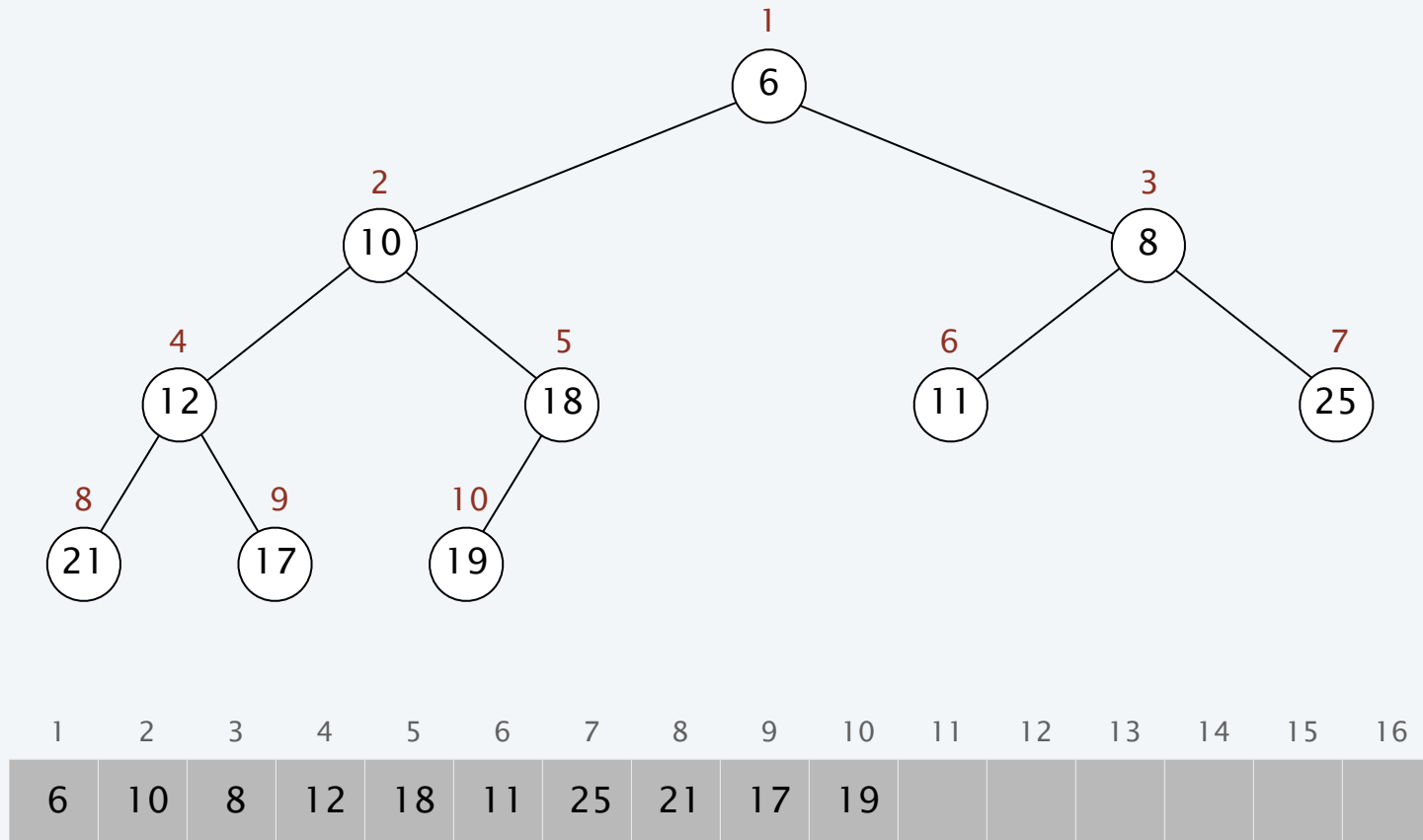




# Implicit binary heap

**Array representation.** Indices start at 1.

- Take nodes in **level** order.
- Parent of node at  $k$  is at  $\lfloor k / 2 \rfloor$ .
- Children of node at  $k$  are at  $2k$  and  $2k + 1$ .

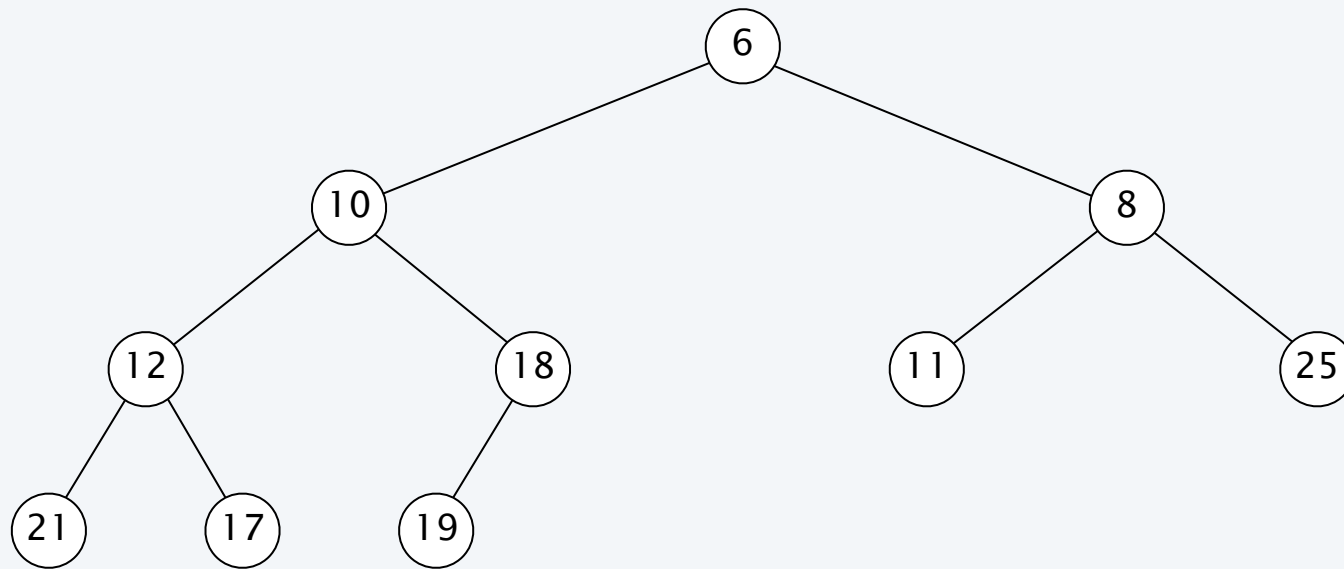


# Binary heap demo

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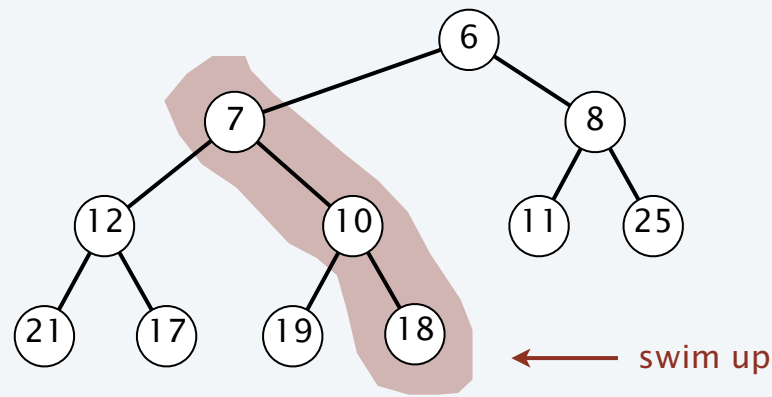
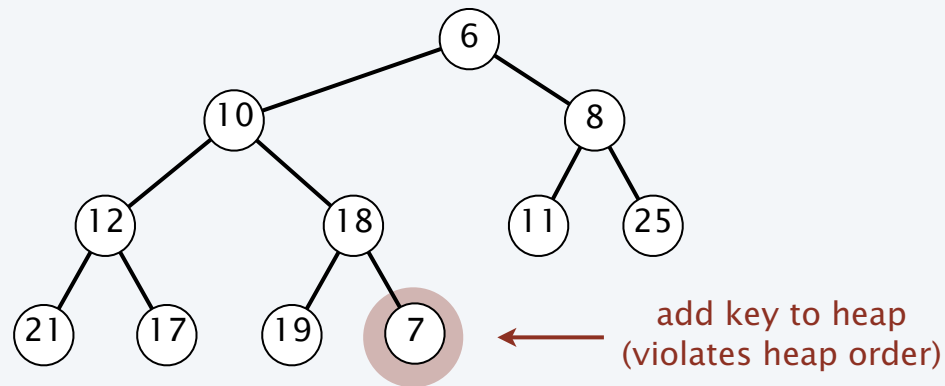


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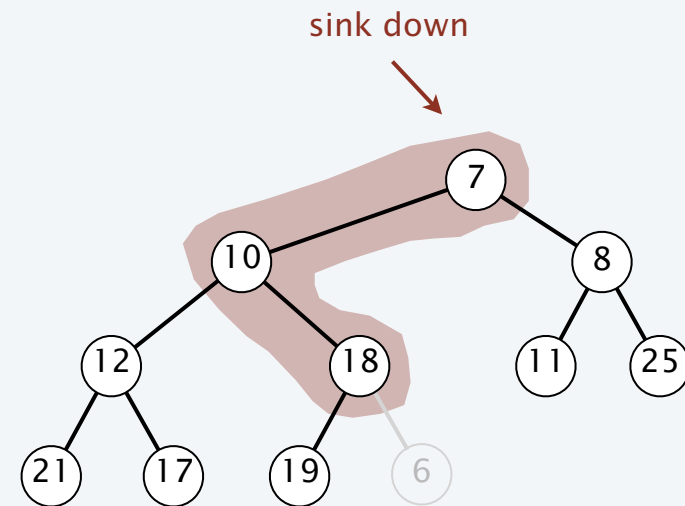
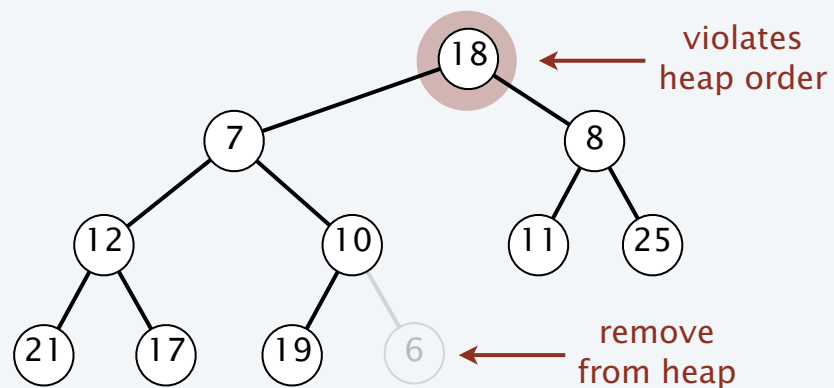
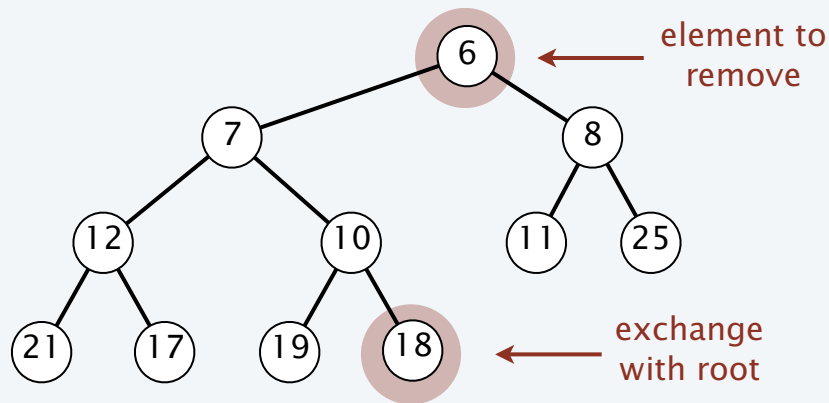
## Binary heap: insert

**Insert.** Add element in new node at end; repeatedly exchange new element with element in its parent until heap order is restored.



## Binary heap: extract the minimum

**Extract min.** Exchange element in root node with last node; repeatedly exchange element in root with its smaller child until heap order is restored.

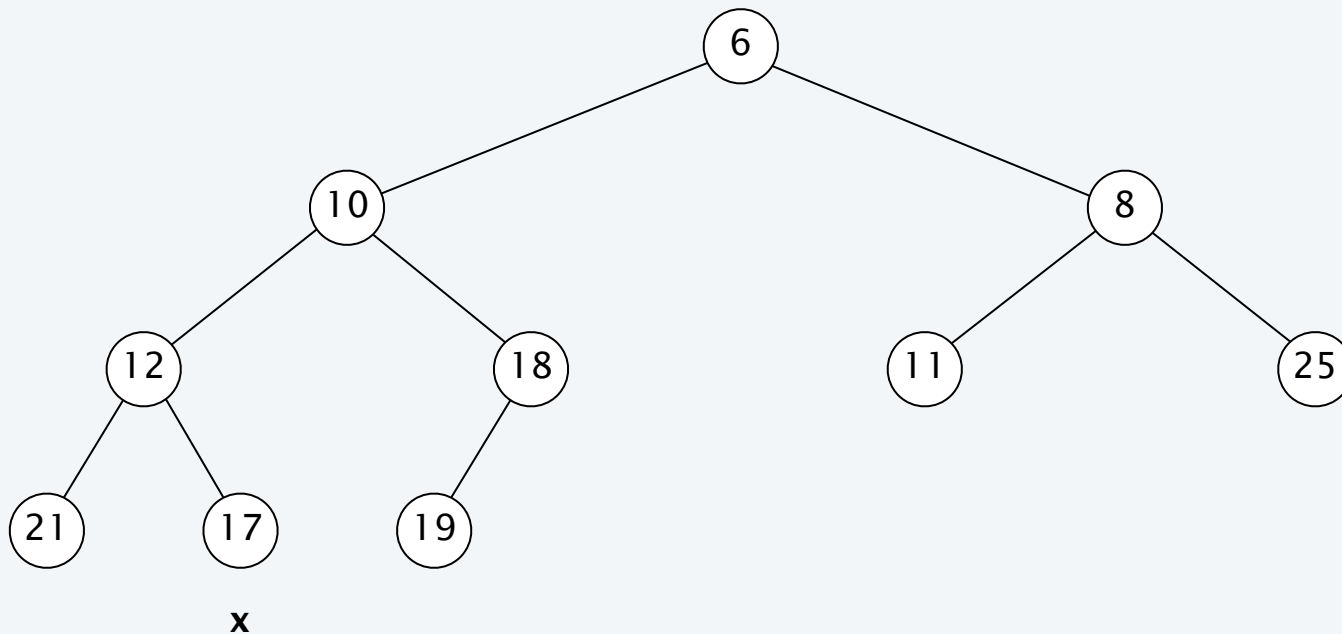


## Binary heap: decrease key

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**Decrease key.** Given a **handle** to node, repeatedly exchange element with its parent until heap order is restored.

**decrease key of node x to 11**



## Binary heap: analysis

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**Theorem.** In an **implicit** binary heap, any sequence of  $m$  INSERT, EXTRACT-MIN, and DECREASE-KEY operations with  $n$  INSERT operations takes  $O(m \log n)$  time.

**Pf.**

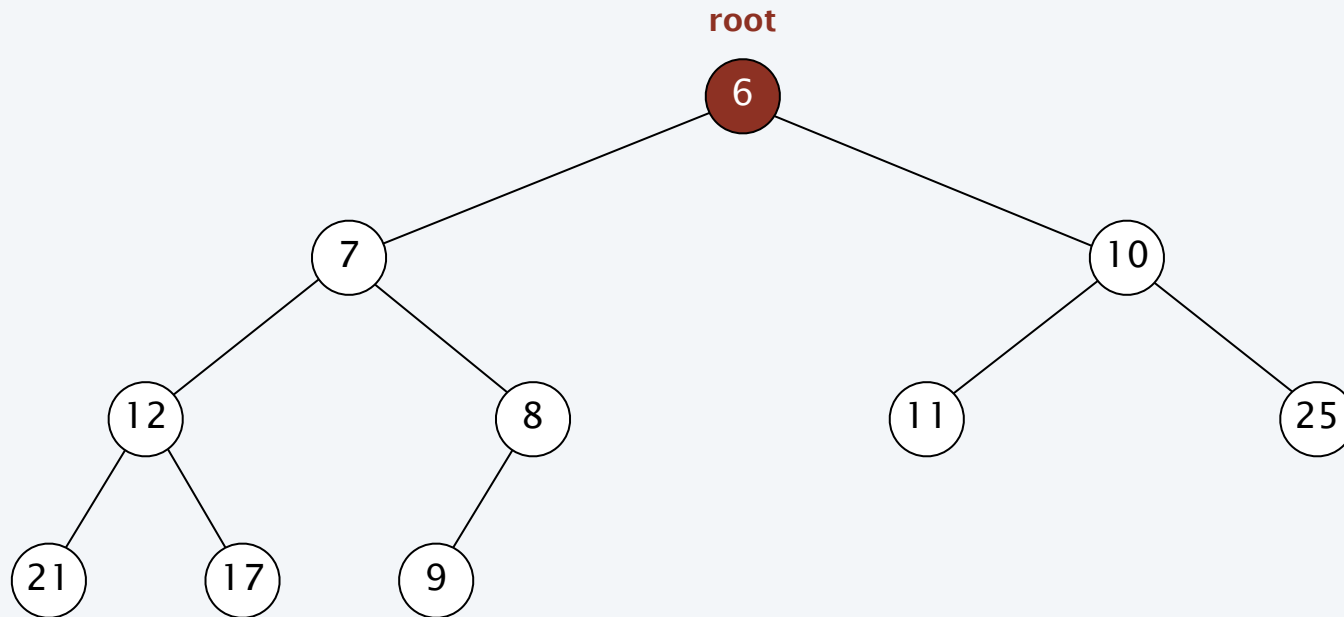
- Each heap op touches nodes only on a path from the root to a leaf; the height of the tree is at most  $\log_2 n$ .
- The total cost of expanding and contracting the arrays is  $O(n)$ . ▀

**Theorem.** In an **explicit** binary heap with  $n$  nodes, the operations INSERT, DECREASE-KEY, and EXTRACT-MIN take  $O(\log n)$  time in the worst case.

## Binary heap: find-min

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Find the minimum. Return element in the root node.

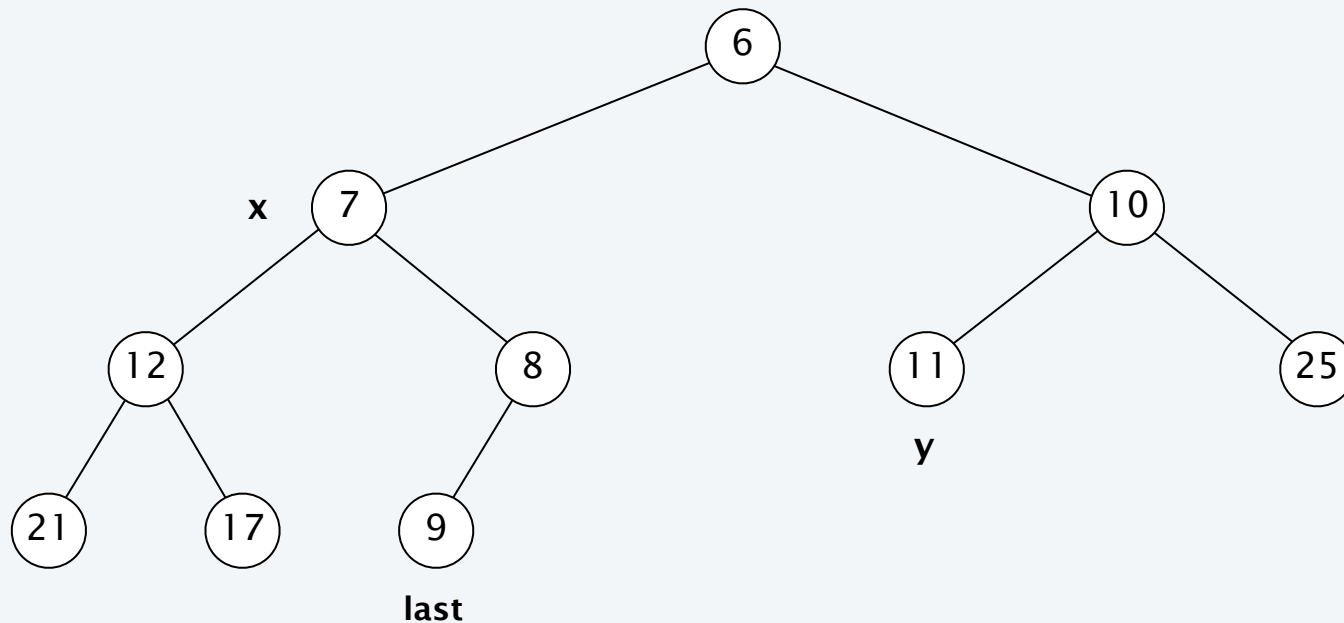


## Binary heap: delete

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**Delete.** Given a **handle** to a node, exchange element in node with last node; either swim down or sink up the node until heap order is restored.

**delete node x or y**



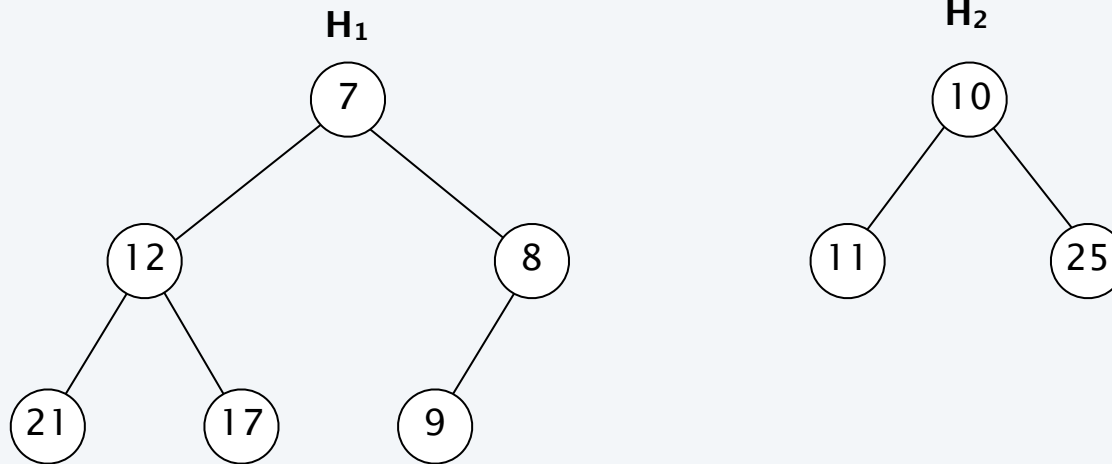


## Binary heap: meld

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**Meld.** Given two binary heaps  $H_1$  and  $H_2$ , merge into a single binary heap.

**Observation.** No easy solution:  $\Omega(n)$  time apparently required.

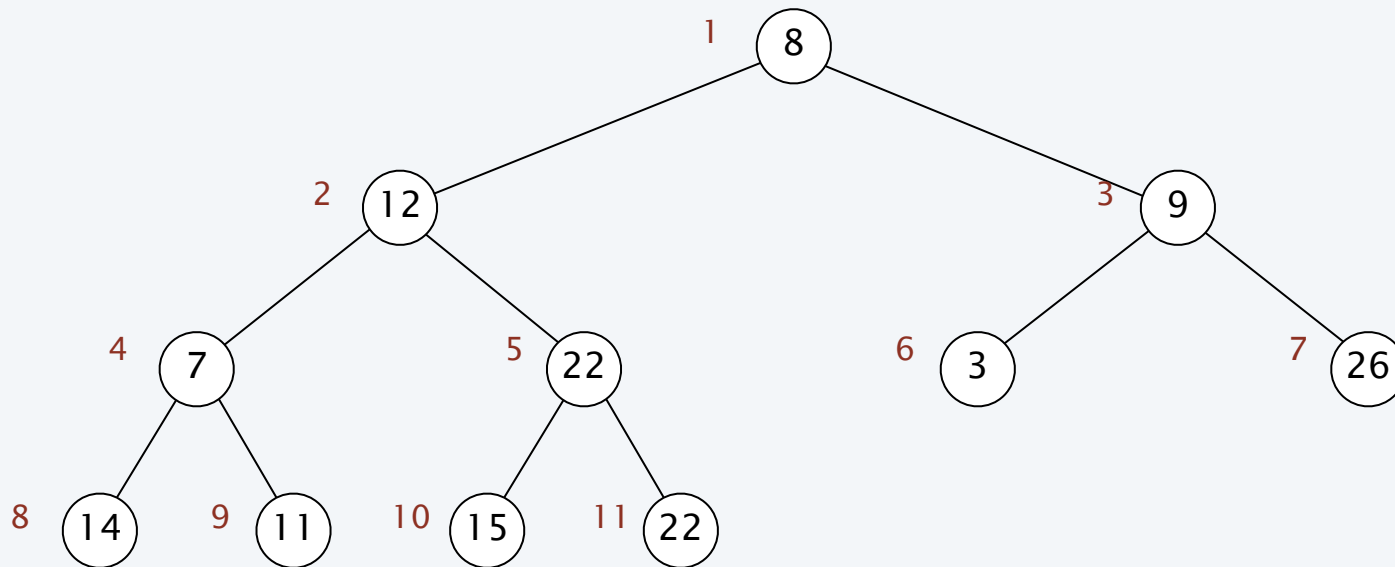


## Binary heap: heapify

**Heapify.** Given  $n$  elements, construct a binary heap containing them.

**Observation.** Can do in  $O(n \log n)$  time by inserting each element.

**Bottom-up method.** For  $i = n$  to 1, repeatedly exchange the element in node  $i$  with its smaller child until subtree rooted at  $i$  is heap-ordered.



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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11



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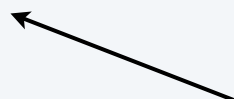
**Theorem.** Given  $n$  elements, can construct a binary heap containing those  $n$  elements in  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.**

- There are at most  $\lceil n / 2^{h+1} \rceil$  nodes of height  $h$ .
- The amount of work to sink a node is proportional to its height  $h$ .
- Thus, the total work is bounded by:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{h=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} \lceil n / 2^{h+1} \rceil h &\leq \sum_{h=0}^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor} n h / 2^h \\ &\leq 2n \quad \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

$\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{i}{2^i} = 2 - \frac{k}{2^k} - \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \leq 2$



**Corollary.** Given two binary heaps  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  containing  $n$  elements in total, can implement MELD in  $O(n)$  time.

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Q. Reanalyze so that EXTRACT-MIN and DELETE take  $O(1)$  amortized time?

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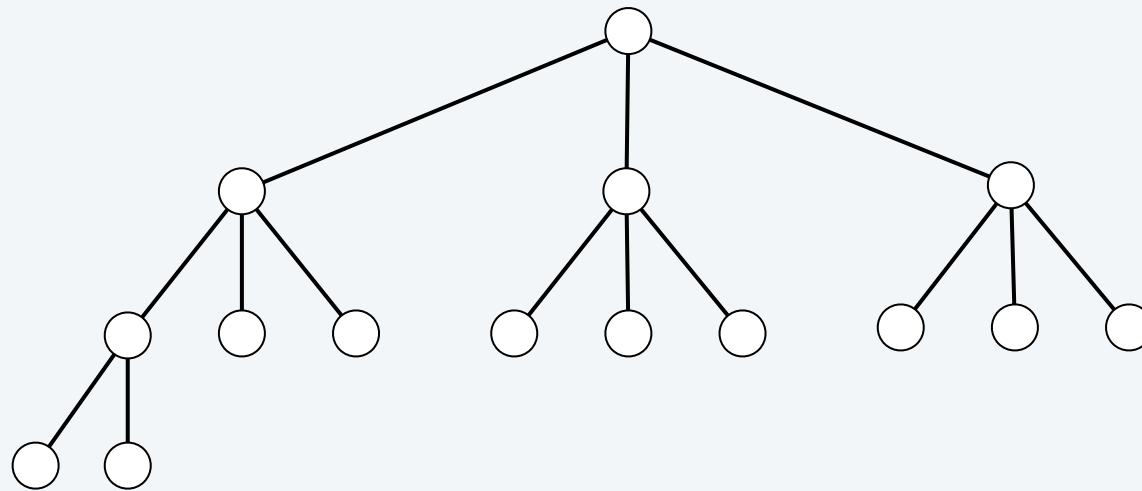
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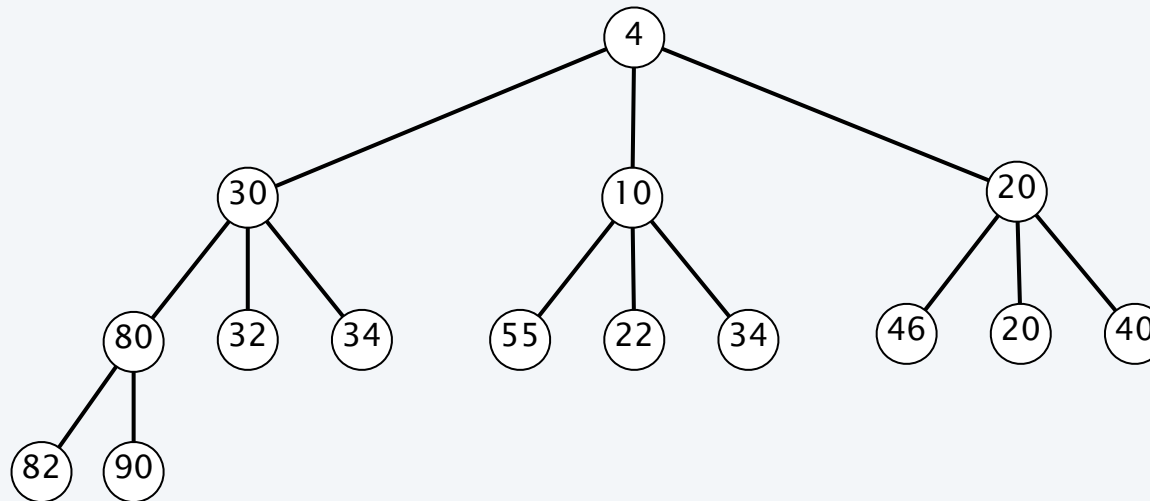
**Fact.** The height of a complete  $d$ -ary tree with  $n$  nodes is  $\leq \lceil \log_d n \rceil$ .

# d-ary heap

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**Heap-ordered tree.** For each child, the key in child  $\geq$  key in parent.



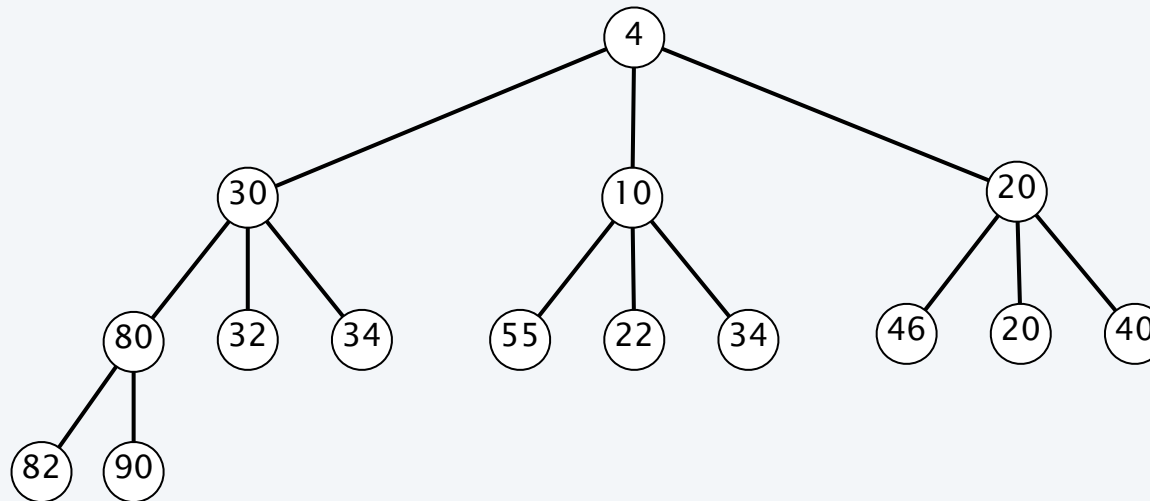


## d-ary heap: insert

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**Running time.** Proportional to height =  $O(\log_d n)$ .

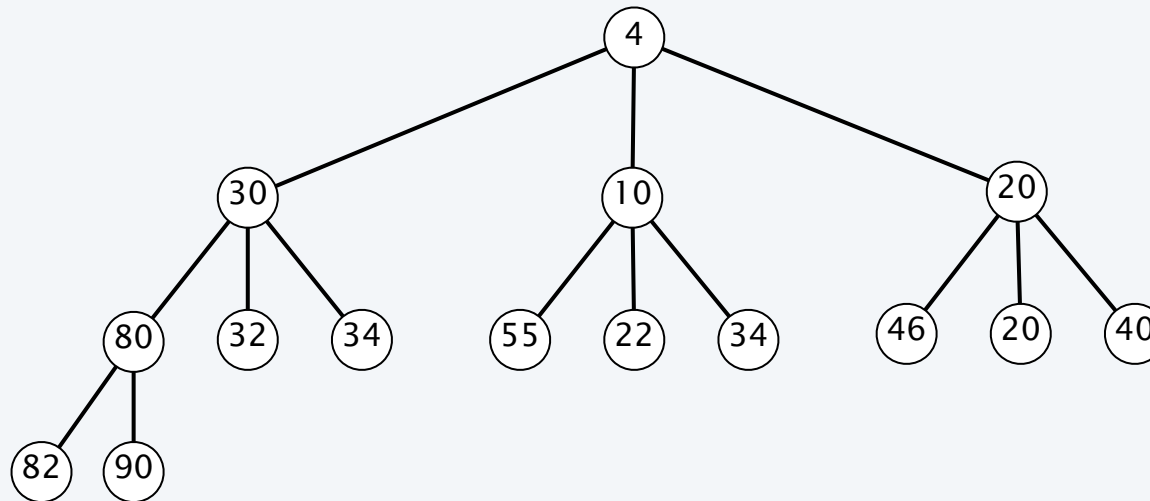


## d-ary heap: extract the minimum

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**Extract min.** Exchange root node with last node; repeatedly exchange element in parent with element in largest child until heap order is restored.

**Running time.** Proportional to  $d \times \text{height} = O(d \log_d n)$ .

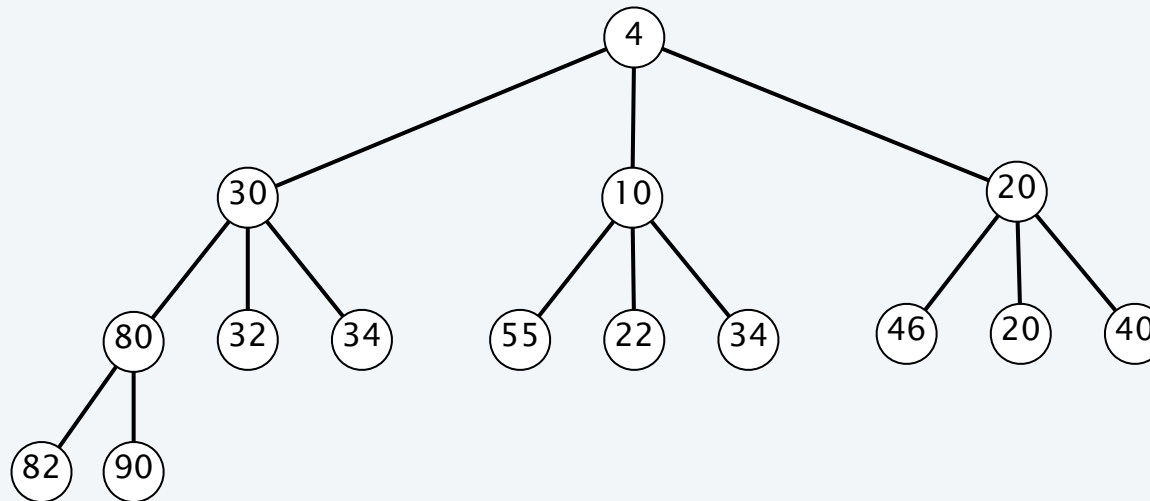


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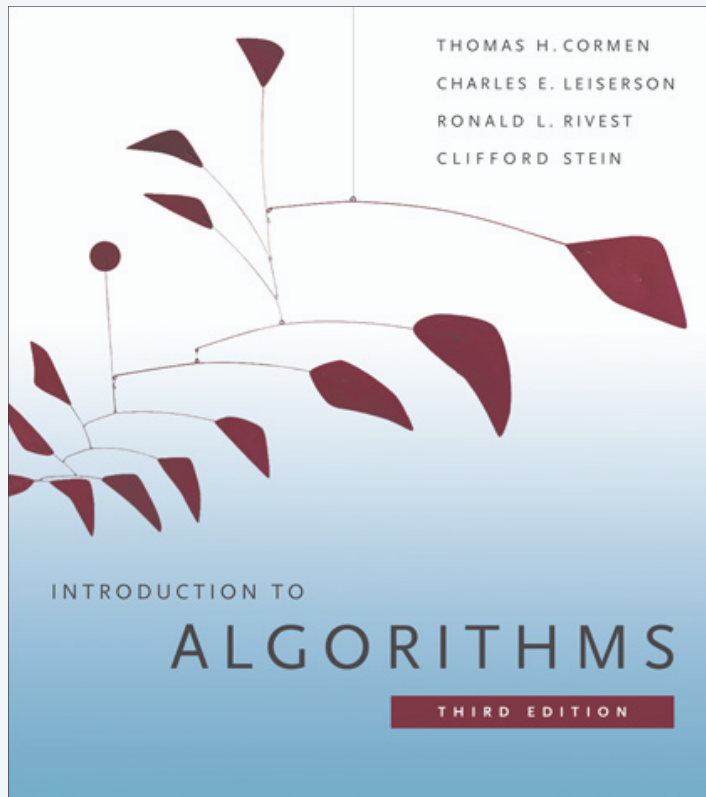
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## CHAPTER 6 (2<sup>ND</sup> EDITION)

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**Goal.**  $O(\log n)$  INSERT, DECREASE-KEY, EXTRACT-MIN, and **MELD**.

mergeable heap

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## A Data Structure for Manipulating Priority Queues

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**A data structure is described which can be used for representing a collection of priority queues. The primitive operations are insertion, deletion, union, update, and search for an item of earliest priority.**

**Key Words and Phrases:** data structures, implementation of set operations, priority queues, mergeable heaps, binary trees

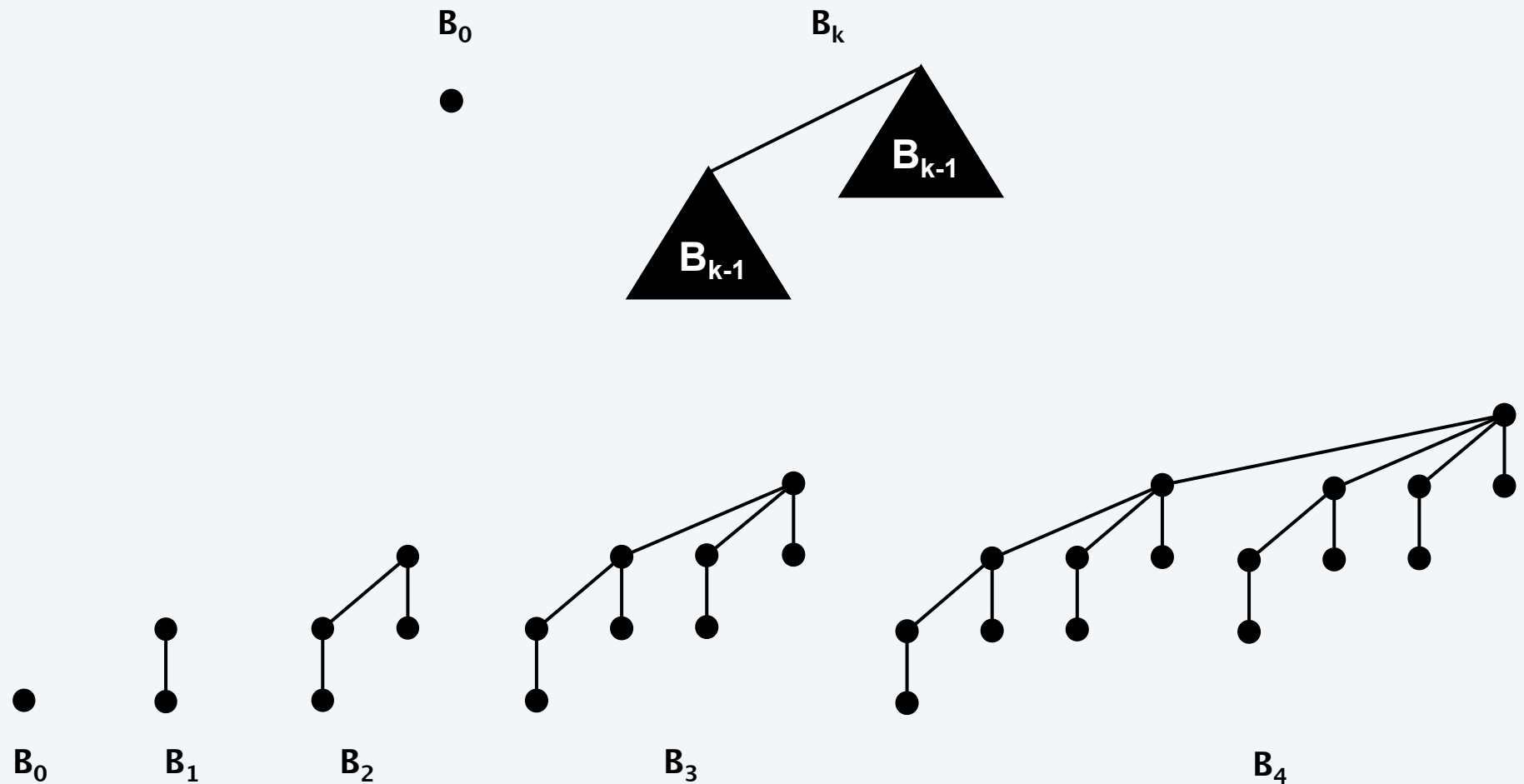
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# Binomial tree

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**Def.** A binomial tree of order  $k$  is defined recursively:

- Order 0: single node.
- Order  $k$ : one binomial tree of order  $k-1$  linked to another of order  $k-1$ .



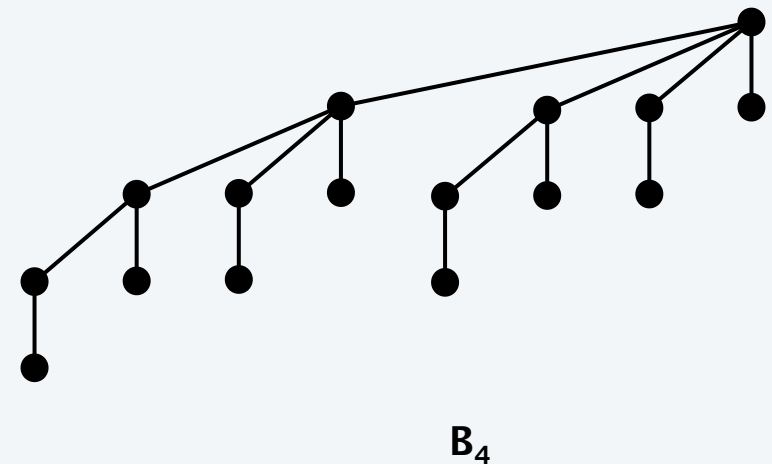
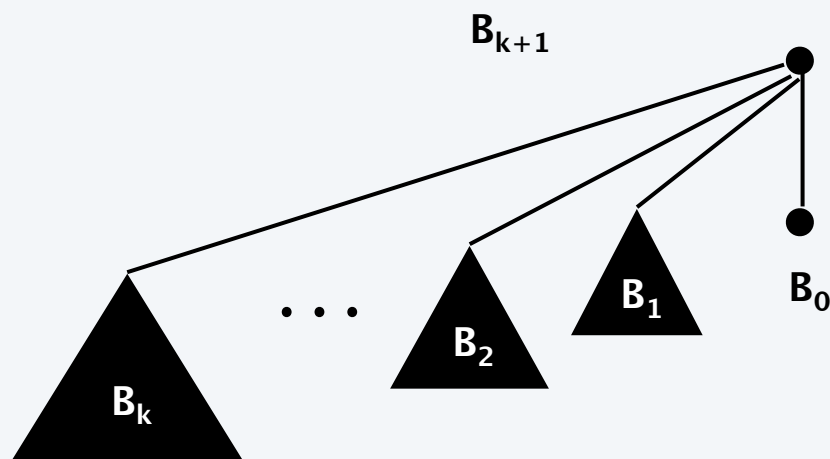


# Binomial tree properties

**Properties.** Given an order  $k$  binomial tree  $B_k$ ,

- Its height is  $k$ .
- It has  $2^k$  nodes.
- It has  $\binom{k}{i}$  nodes at depth  $i$ .
- The degree of its root is  $k$ .
- Deleting its root yields  $k$  binomial trees  $B_{k-1}, \dots, B_0$ .

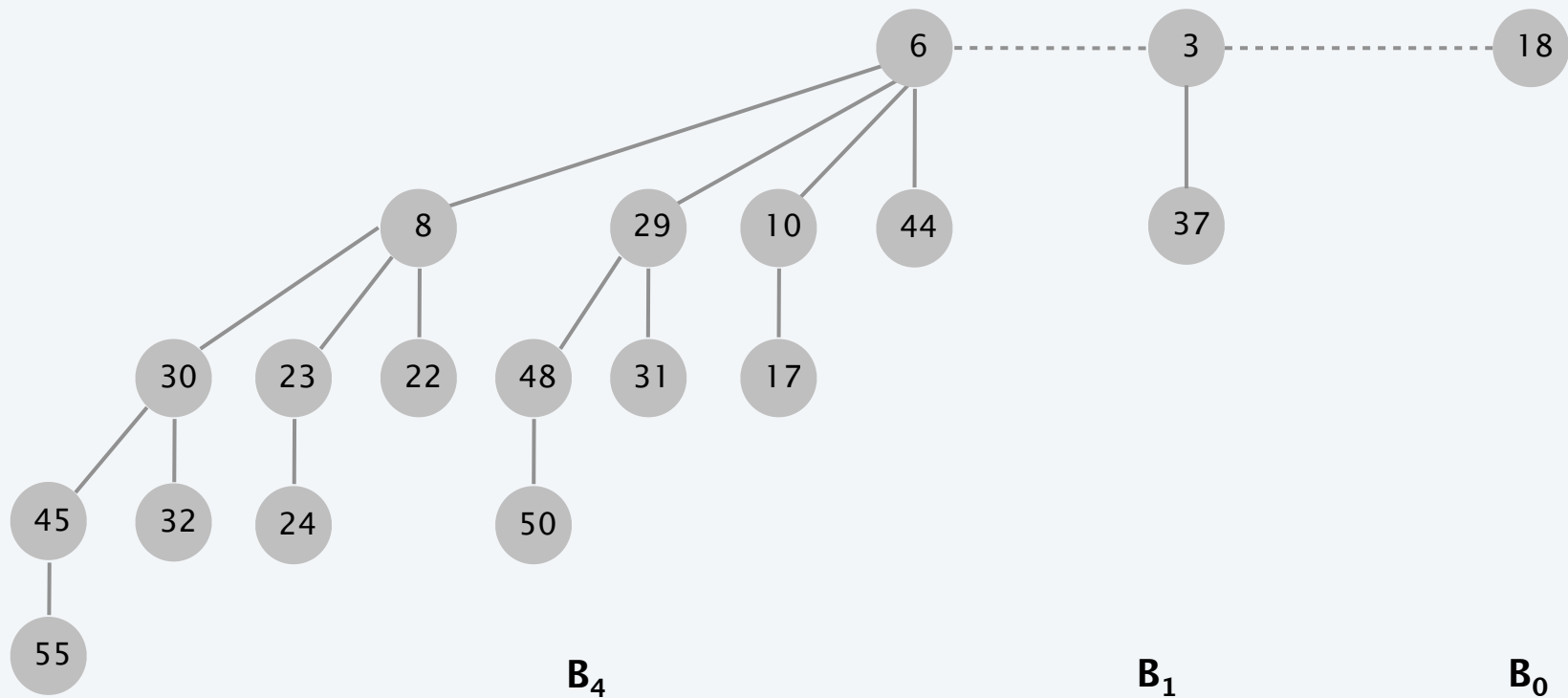
**Pf.** [by induction on  $k$ ]



# Binomial heap

**Def.** A **binomial heap** is a sequence of binomial trees such that:

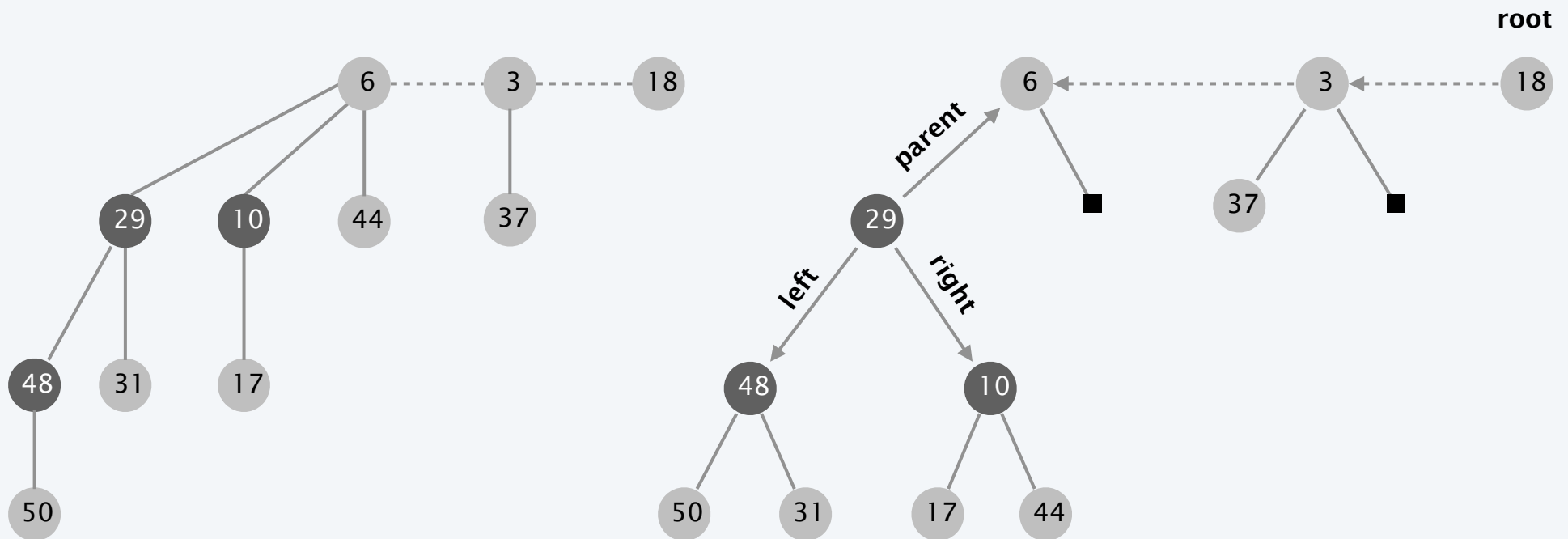
- Each tree is heap-ordered.
- There is either 0 or 1 binomial tree of order  $k$ .



# Binomial heap representation

**Binomial trees.** Represent trees using left-child, right-sibling pointers.

**Roots of trees.** Connect with singly-linked list, with degrees decreasing from left to right.



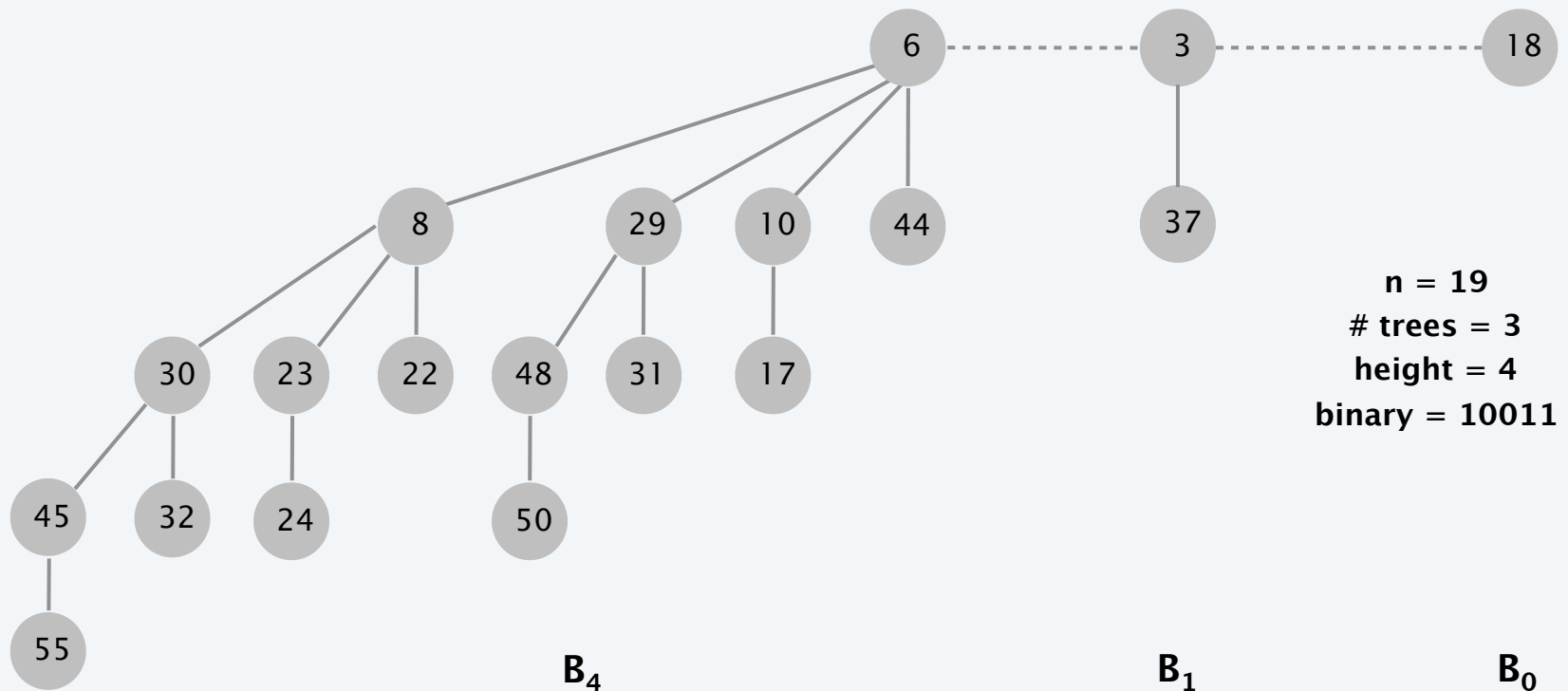
binomial heap

leftist power-of-2 heap representation

# Binomial heap properties

**Properties.** Given a binomial heap with  $n$  nodes:

- The node containing the min element is a root of  $B_0$ ,  $B_1$ , ..., or  $B_k$ .
- It contains the binomial tree  $B_i$  iff  $b_i = 1$ , where  $b_k \cdot b_2 b_1 b_0$  is binary representation of  $n$ .
- It has  $\leq \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$  binomial trees.
- Its height  $\leq \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ .



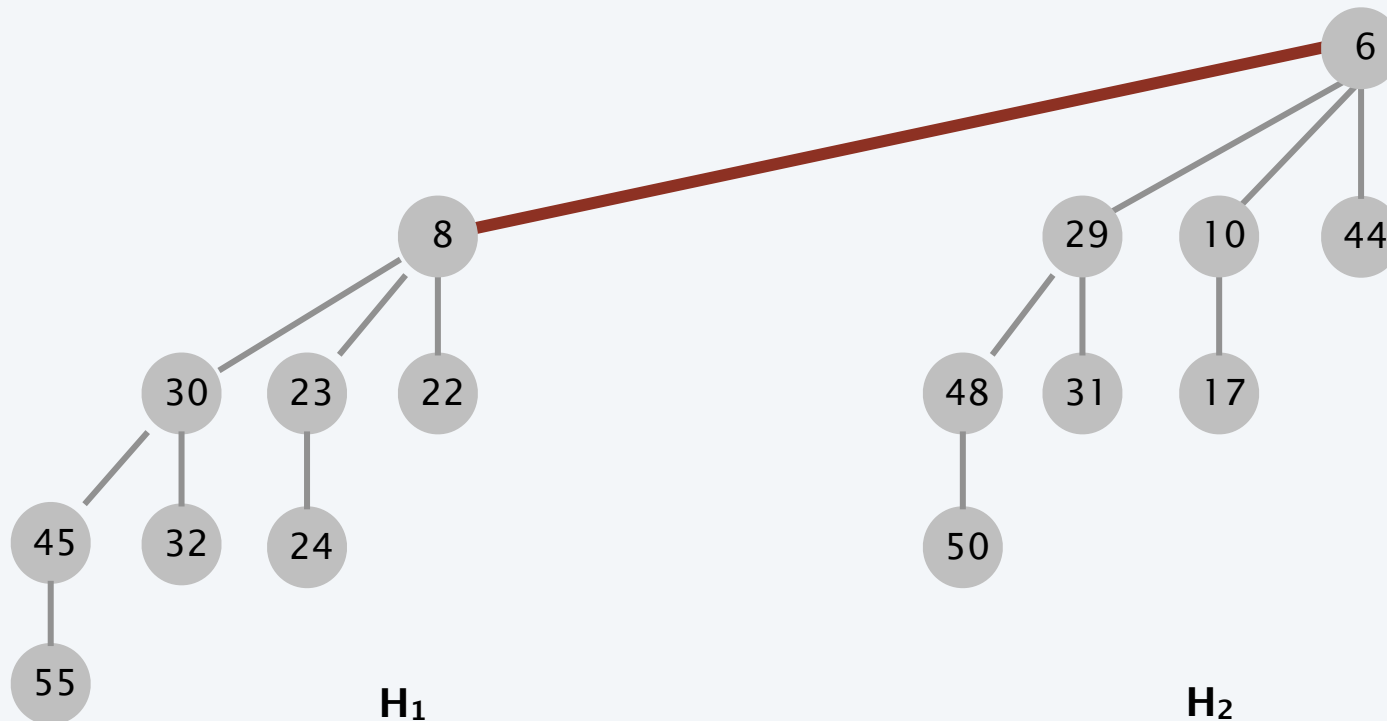
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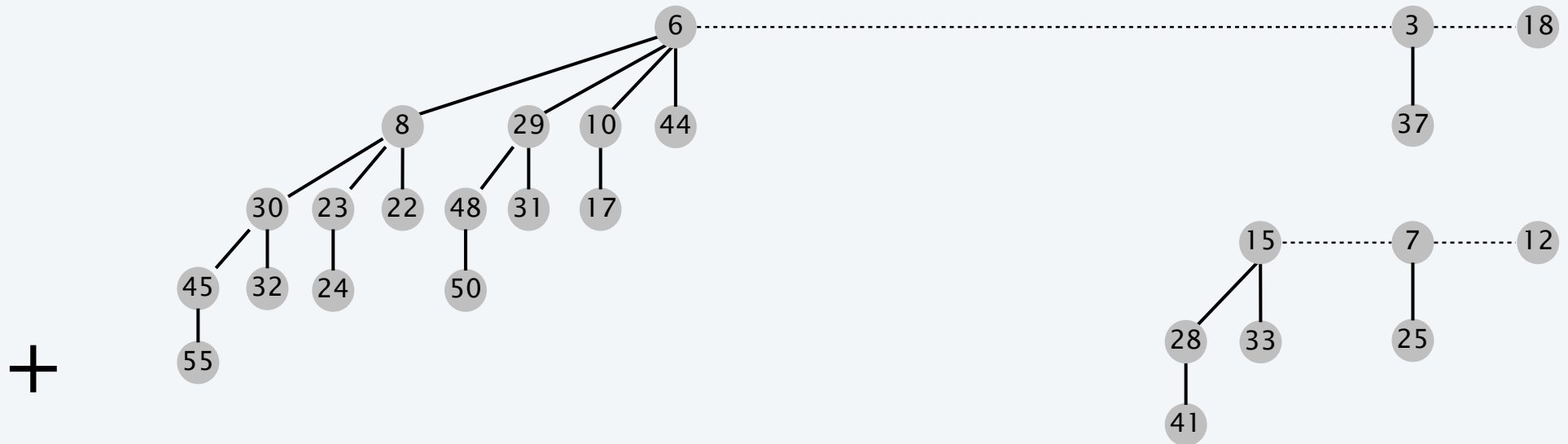
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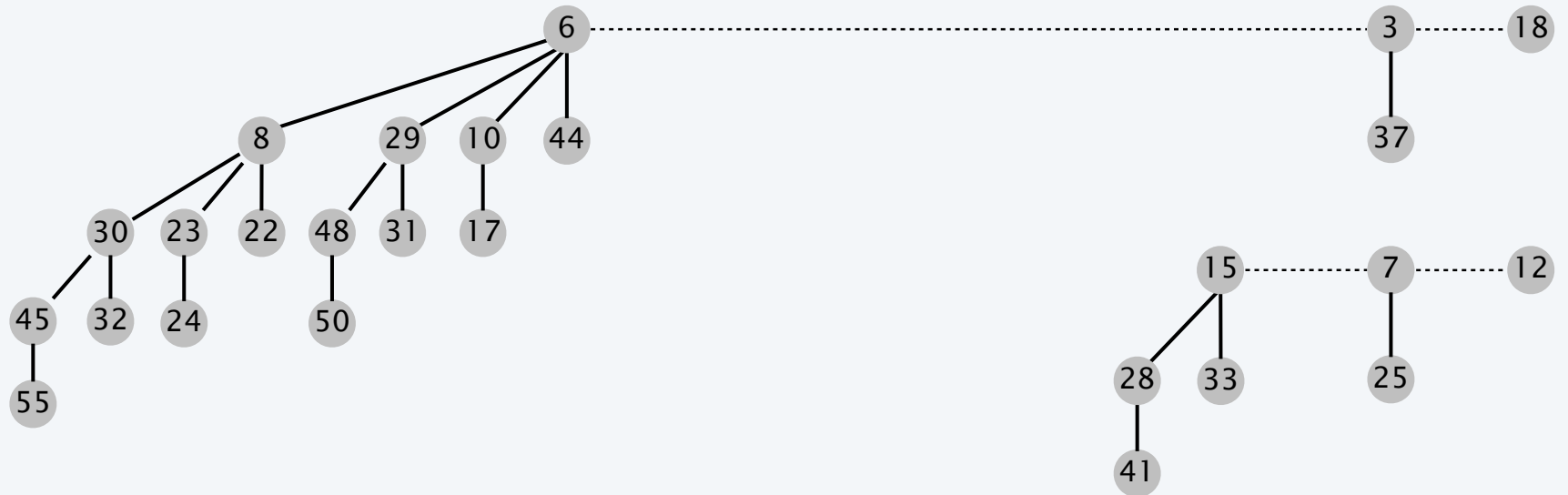
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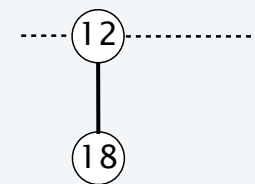
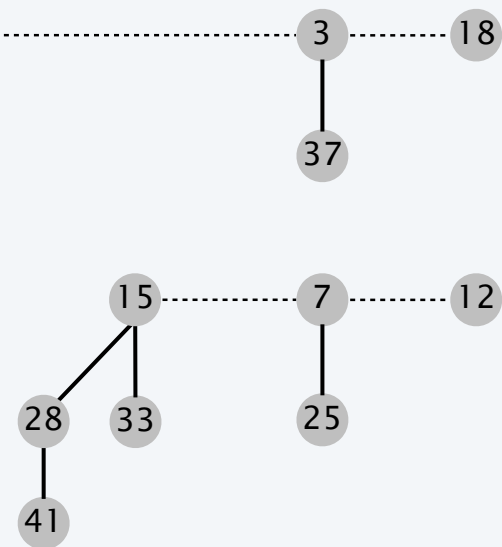
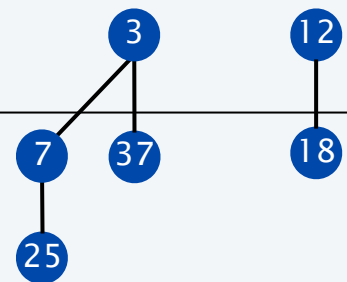
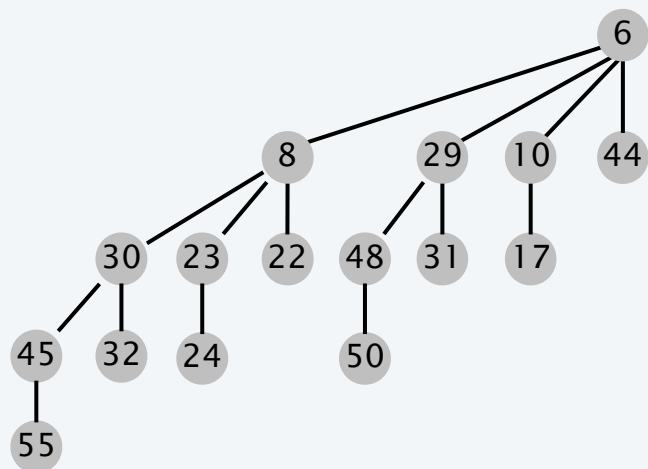


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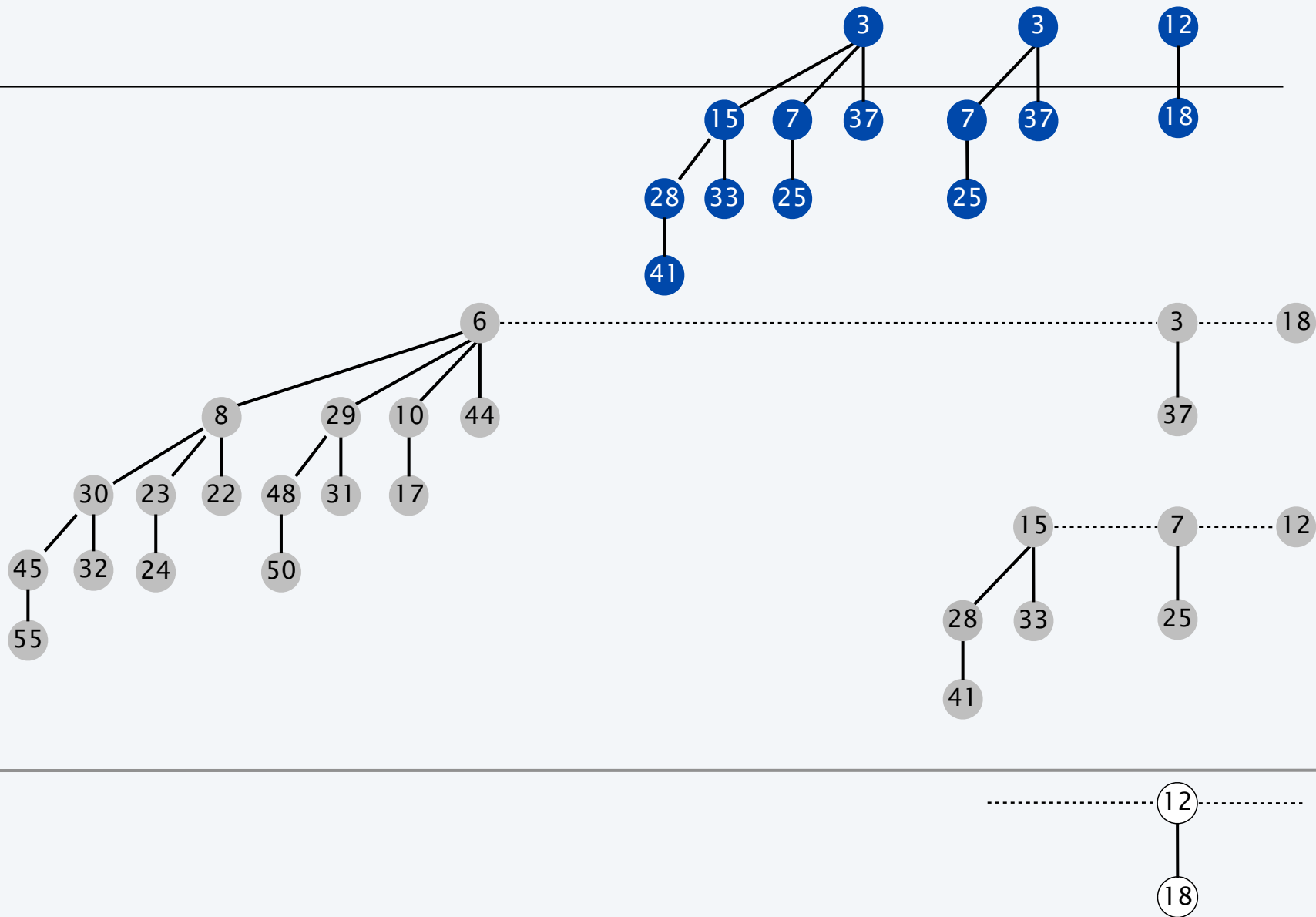


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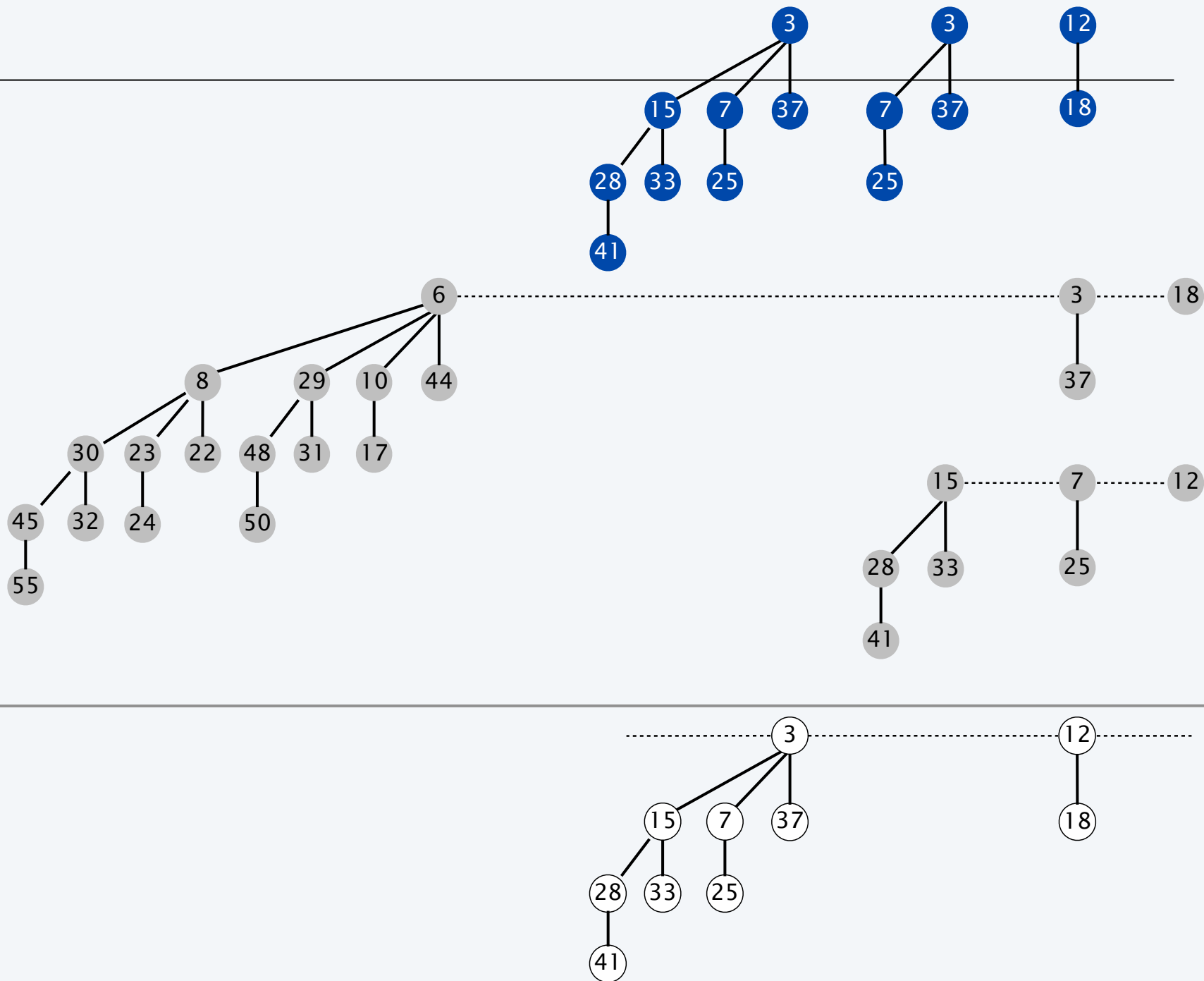




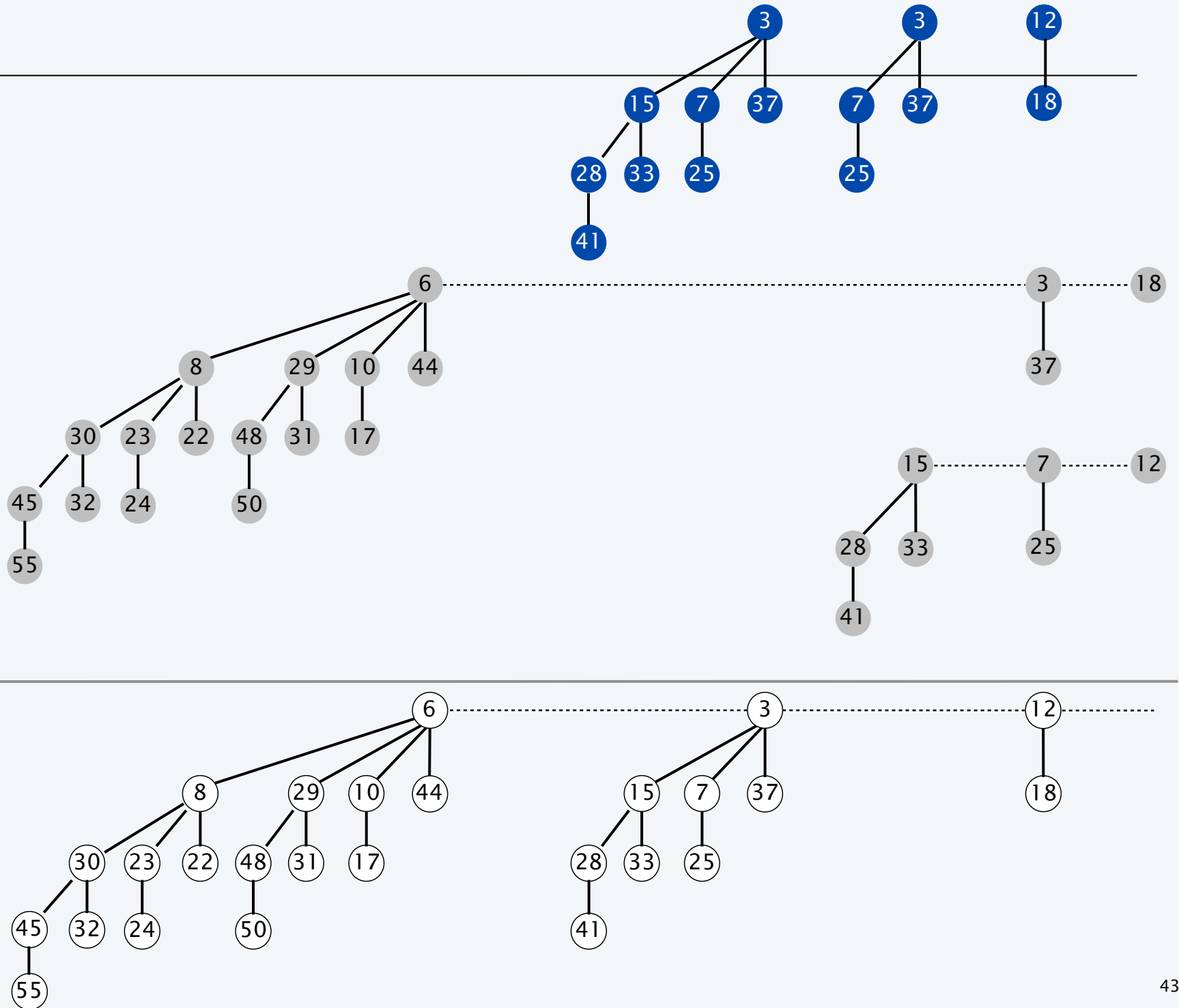
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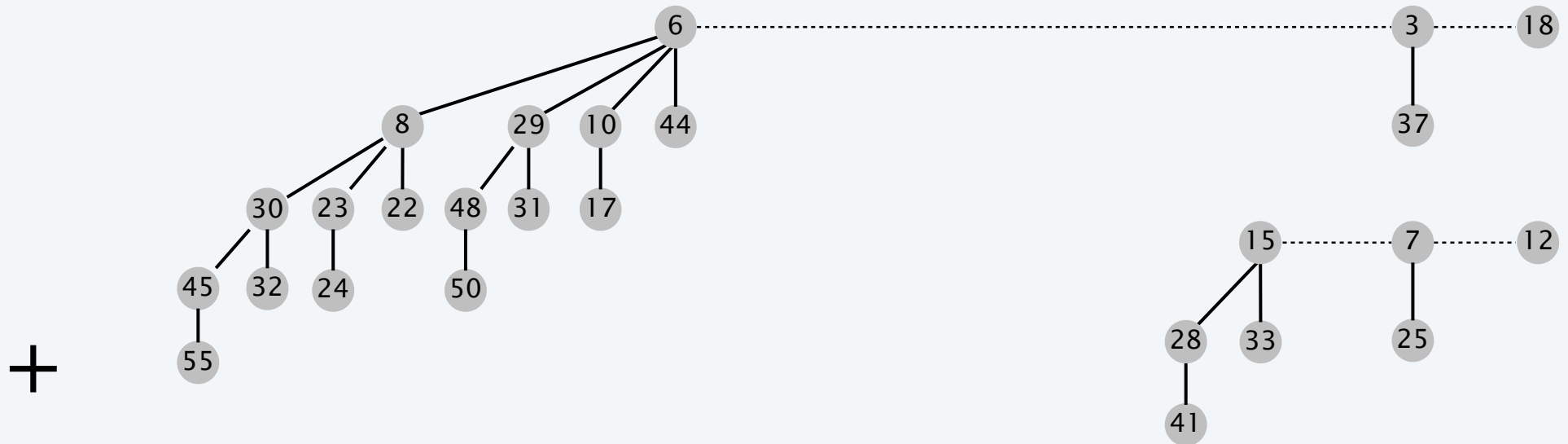
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# Binomial Heap: Meld



$$19 + 7 = 26$$

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**Solution.** Analogous to binary addition.

**Running time.**  $O(\log n)$ .

**Pf.** Proportional to number of trees in root lists  $\leq 2(\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1)$ . ■

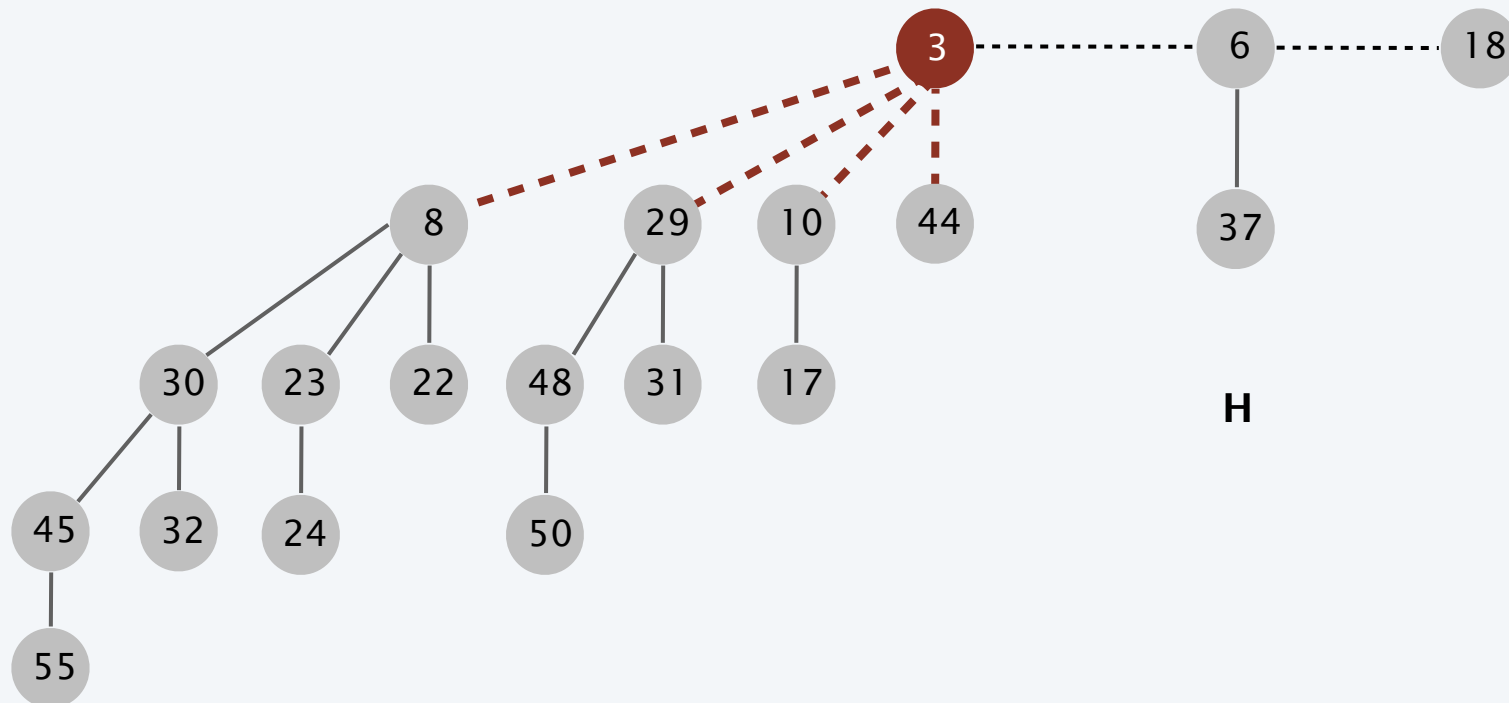
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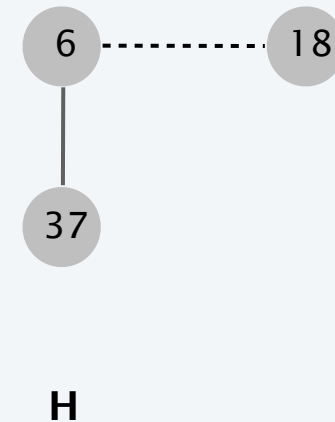
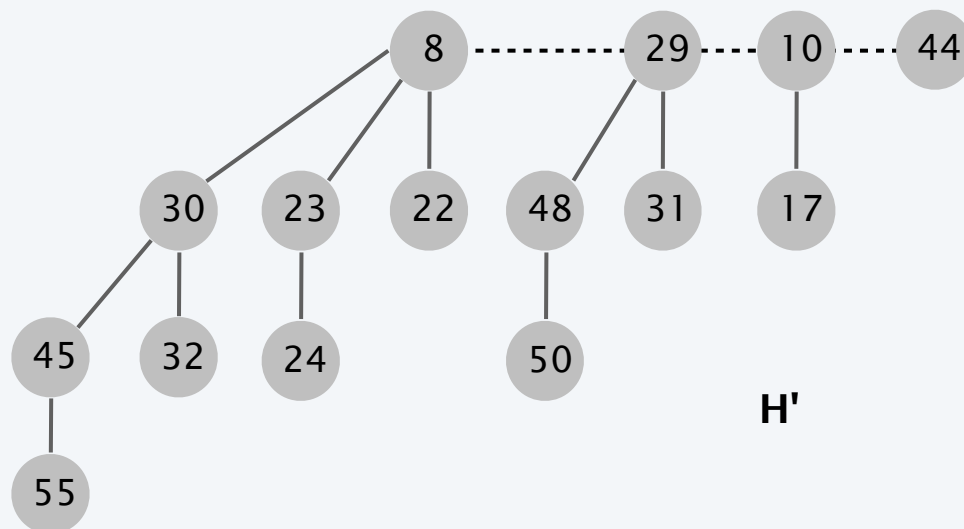


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- Find root  $x$  with min key in root list of  $H$ , and delete.
- $H' \leftarrow$  broken binomial trees.
- $H \leftarrow \text{MELD}(H', H)$ .

**Running time.**  $O(\log n)$ .

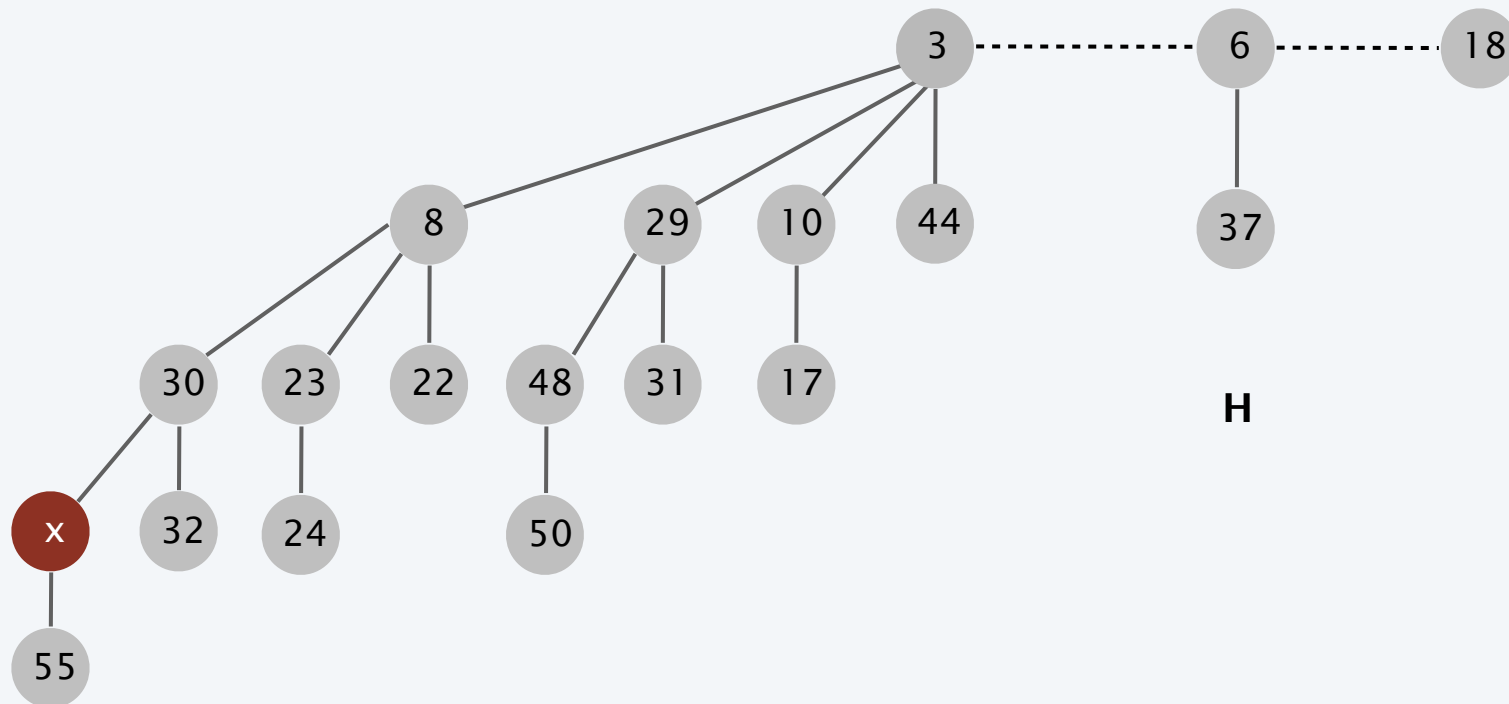


## Binomial heap: decrease key

**Decrease key.** Given a handle to an element  $x$  in  $H$ , decrease its key to  $k$ .

- Suppose  $x$  is in binomial tree  $B_k$ .
- Repeatedly exchange  $x$  with its parent until heap order is restored.

**Running time.**  $O(\log n)$ .





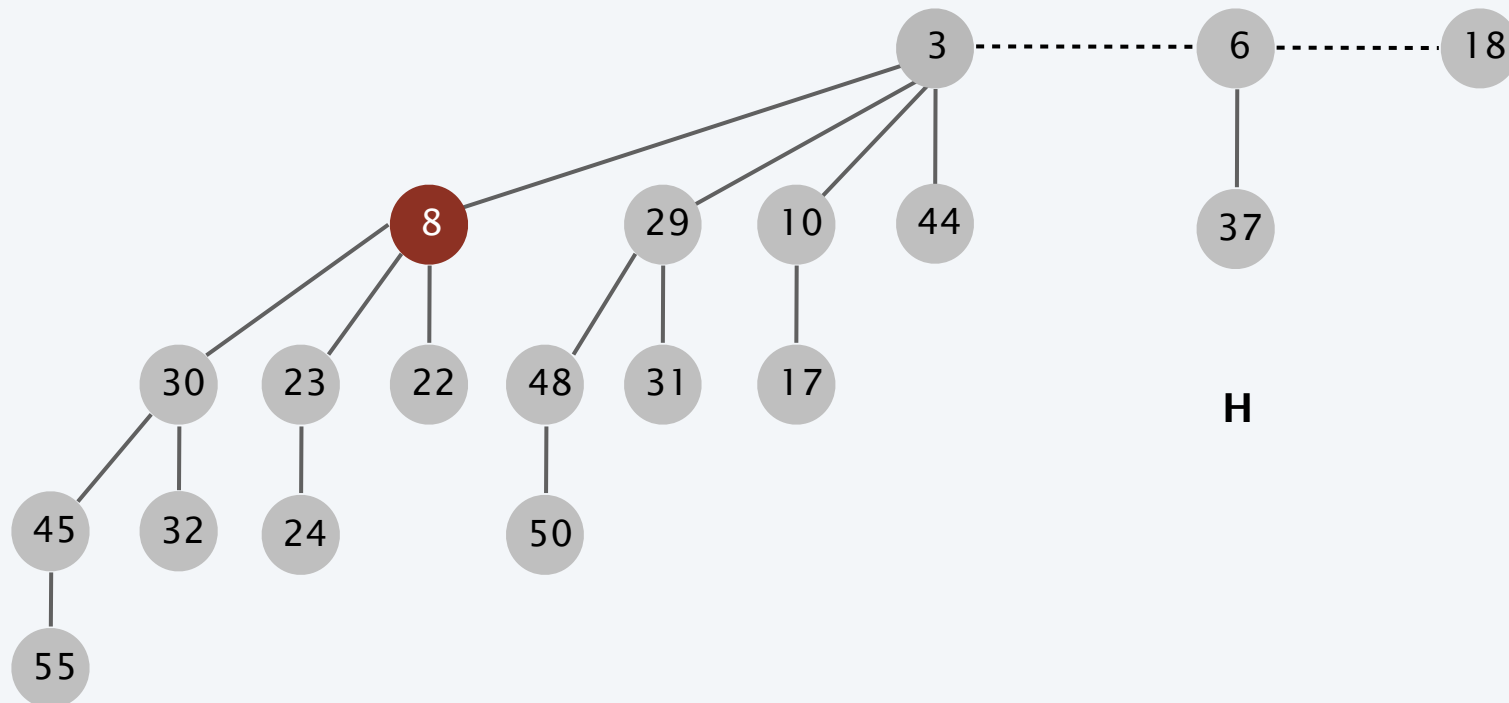
## Binomial heap: delete

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**Delete.** Given a handle to an element  $x$  in a binomial heap, delete it.

- $\text{DECREASE-KEY}(H, x, -\infty)$ .
- $\text{DELETE-MIN}(H)$ .

**Running time.**  $O(\log n)$ .

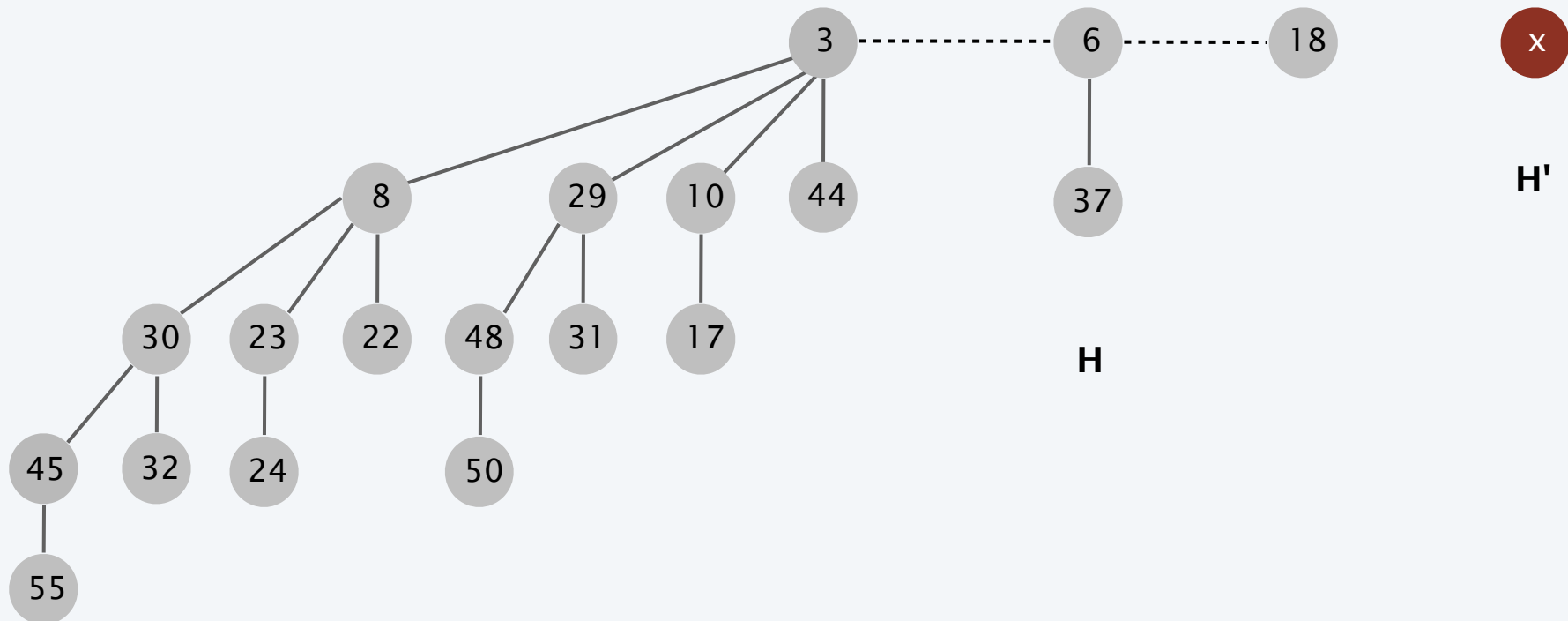


# Binomial heap: insert

**Insert.** Given a binomial heap  $H$ , insert an element  $x$ .

- $H' \leftarrow \text{MAKE-HEAP}()$ .
- $H' \leftarrow \text{INSERT}(H', x)$ .
- $H \leftarrow \text{MELD}(H', H)$ .

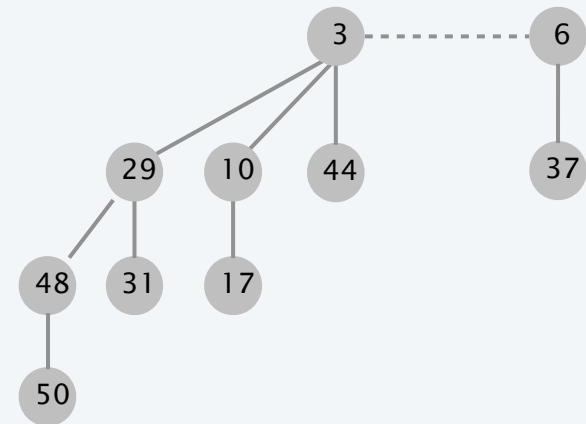
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# Binomial heap: sequence of insertions

**Insert.** How much work to insert a new node  $x$ ?

- If  $n = \dots\dots 0$ , then only 1 credit.
- If  $n = \dots\dots 01$ , then only 2 credits.
- If  $n = \dots\dots 011$ , then only 3 credits.
- If  $n = \dots\dots 0111$ , then only 4 credits.



**Observation.** Inserting one element can take  $\Omega(\log n)$  time.

if  $n = 11\dots 111$

**Theorem.** Starting from an empty binomial heap, a sequence of  $n$  consecutive INSERT operations takes  $O(n)$  time.

**Pf.**  $(n/2)(1) + (n/4)(2) + (n/8)(3) + \dots \leq 2n.$  ■

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{i}{2^i} = 2 - \frac{k}{2^k} - \frac{1}{2^{k-1}} \leq 2$$

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**Case 1.** [INSERT]

- Actual cost  $c_i = \text{number of trees merged} + 1$ .
- $\Delta\Phi = \Phi(H_i) - \Phi(H_{i-1}) = 1 - \text{number of trees merged}$ .
- Amortized cost  $= \hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(H_i) - \Phi(H_{i-1}) = 2$ .

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**Case 2.** [ DECREASE-KEY ]

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**Case 3.** [ EXTRACT-MIN or DELETE ]

- Actual cost  $c_i = O(\log n)$ .
- $\Delta\Phi = \Phi(H_i) - \Phi(H_{i-1}) \leq \Phi(H_i) \leq \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor$ .
- Amortized cost  $= \hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(H_i) - \Phi(H_{i-1}) = O(\log n)$ . ■

# Priority queues performance cost summary

operation	linked list	binary heap	binomial heap	binomial heap
MAKE-HEAP	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
ISEMPTY	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
INSERT	$O(1)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)^\dagger$
EXTRACT-MIN	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
DECREASE-KEY	$O(1)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
DELETE	$O(1)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(\log n)$
MELD	$O(1)$	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)^\dagger$
FIND-MIN	$O(n)$	$O(1)$	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)$

homework

† amortized

**Hopeless challenge.**  $O(1)$  INSERT, DECREASE-KEY and EXTRACT-MIN. Why?

**Challenge.**  $O(1)$  INSERT and DECREASE-KEY,  $O(\log n)$  EXTRACT-MIN.