

CS2040S

Data Structures and Algorithms  
(e-learning edition)

Priority Queues and Heaps

# Priority Queue

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Maintain a set of prioritized objects:

- **insert**: add a new object with a specified priority
- **extractMin**: remove and return the object with minimum priority

Ex: Scheduling

- Find next task to do
- Earliest deadline first

Task	Due date
CS4234 PS8	March 31
Study for Exam	April 4
Wash clothes	April 6
See friends	May 12

# Abstract Data Type

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## Priority Queue

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**interface IPriorityQueue<Key, Priority>**

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void insert(Key k, Priority p)

*insert k with priority p*

Data extractMin()

*remove key with minimum priority*

void decreaseKey(Key k, Priority p)

*reduce the priority of key k to priority p*

boolean contains(Key k)

*does the priority queue contain key k?*

boolean isEmpty()

*is the priority queue empty?*

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### Notes:

Assume data items are unique.

# Abstract Data Type

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## Max Priority Queue

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**interface IMaxPriorityQueue<Key, Priority>**

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void insert(Key k, Priority p)

*insert k with priority p*

Data extractMax()

*remove key with maximum priority*

void increaseKey(Key k, Priority p)

*increase the priority of key k to priority p*

boolean contains(Key k)

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# Priority Queue

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## Sorted array

- **insert: O(n)**
  - Find insertion location in array.
  - Move everything over.
- **extractMax: O(1)**
  - Return largest element in array

<b>object</b>	G	C	Y	Z	B	D	F	J	L
<b>priority</b>	2	7	9	13	22	26	29	31	45

# Priority Queue

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## Unsorted array

- **insert:**  $O(1)$ 
  - Add object to end of list
- **extractMax:**  $O(n)$ 
  - Search for largest element in array.
  - Remove and move everything over.

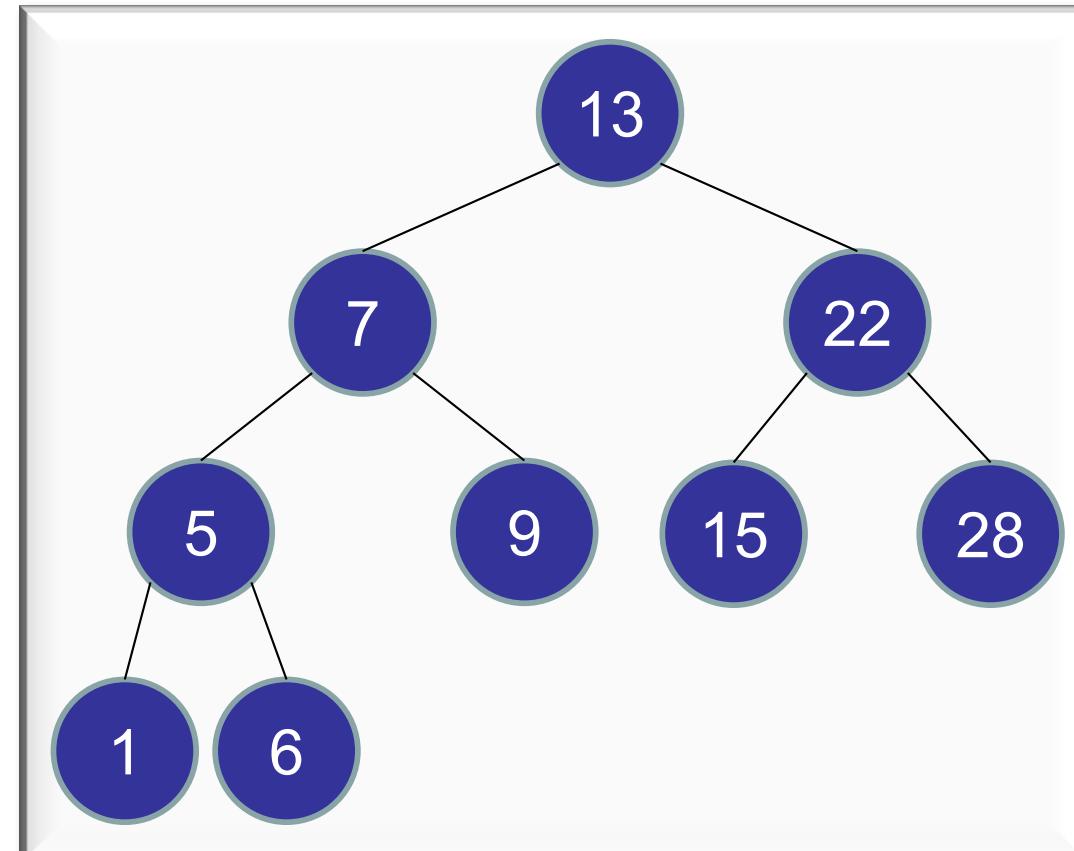
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# Priority Queue

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## AVL Tree (indexed by priority)

- **insert:**  $O(\log n)$ 
  - Insert object in tree
- **extractMax:**  $O(\log n)$ 
  - Find maximum item.
  - Delete it from tree.



# Priority Queue

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## Other operations:

- **contains:**
  - Look up key in hash table.
- **decreaseKey:**
  - Look up key in hash table.
  - Remove object from array/tree.
  - Re-insert object into array/tree.

## Hash table:

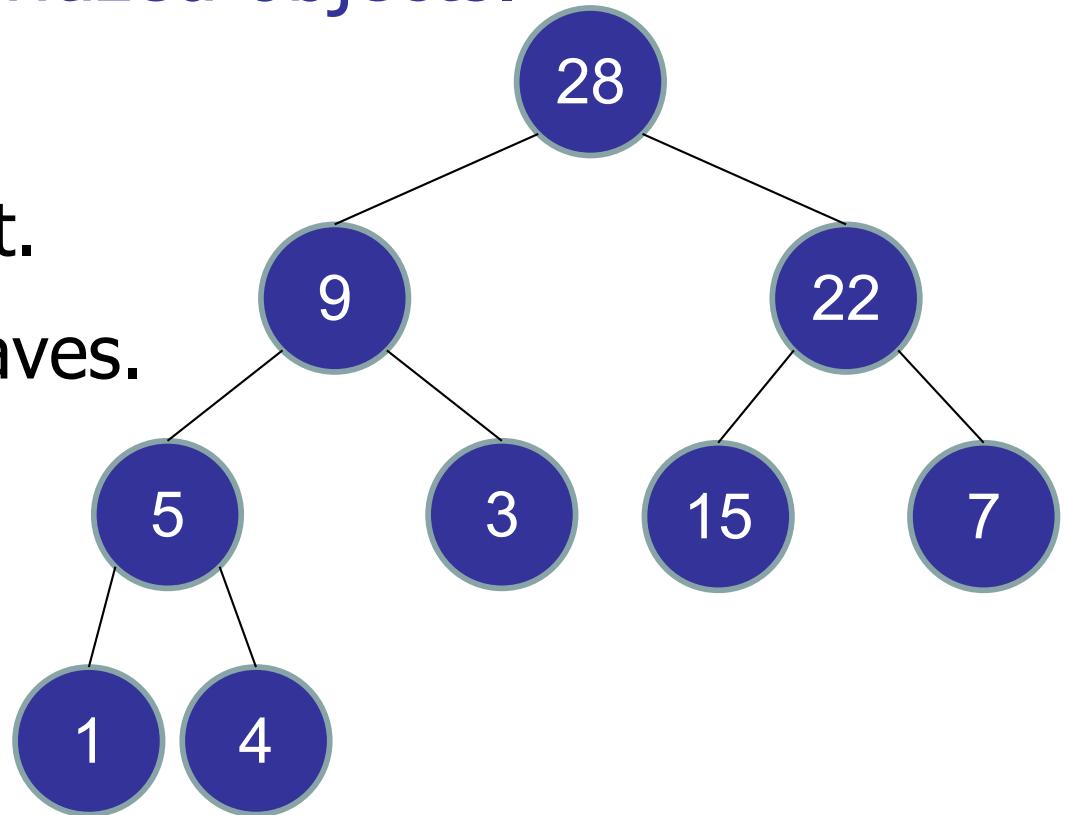
- Maps priorities to array slots or nodes in tree.

# Heap

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(aka Binary Heap or MaxHeap)

- Implements a Max Priority Queue
- Maintain a set of prioritized objects.
- Store items in a tree.
  - Biggest items at root.
  - Smallest items at leaves.

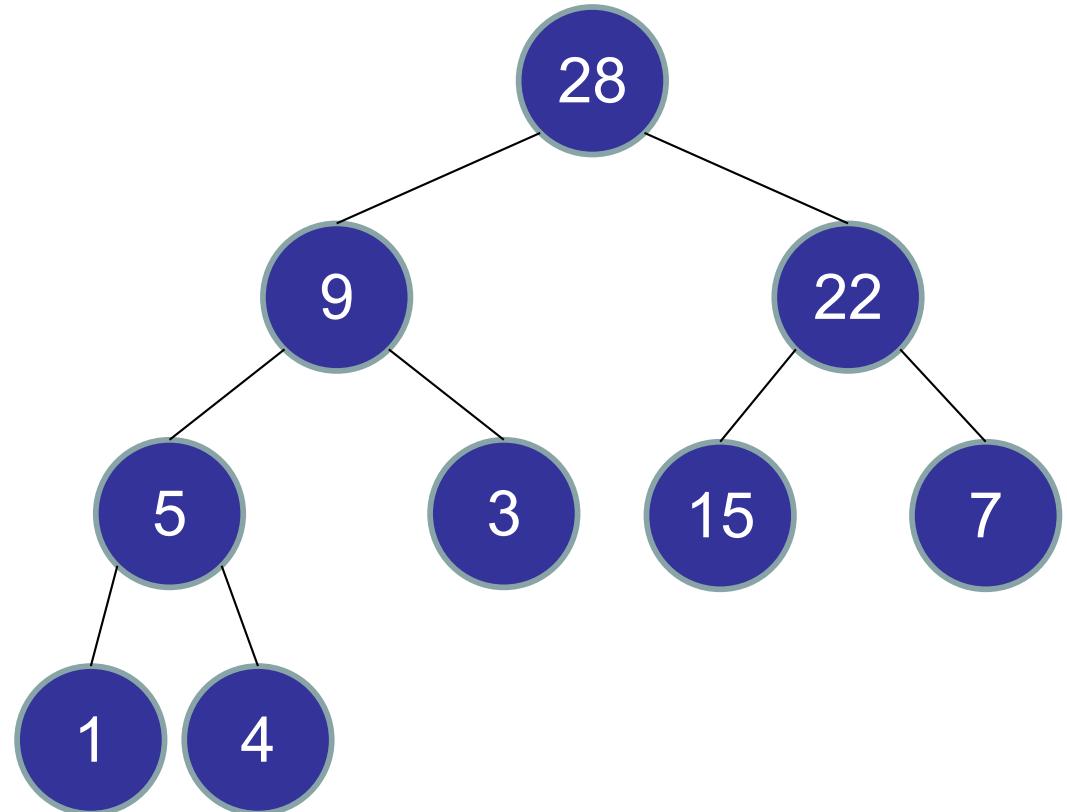


# Two Properties of a Heap

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## 1. Heap Ordering

`priority[parent] >= priority[child]`



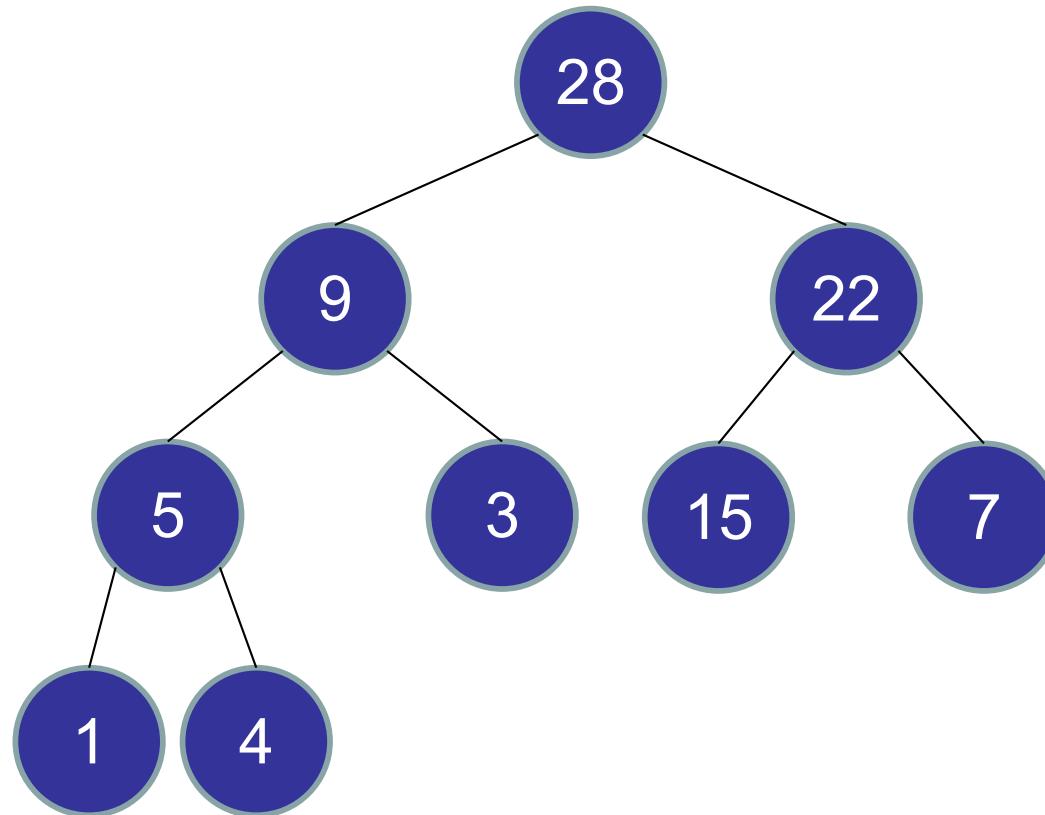
Note: not a binary search tree.

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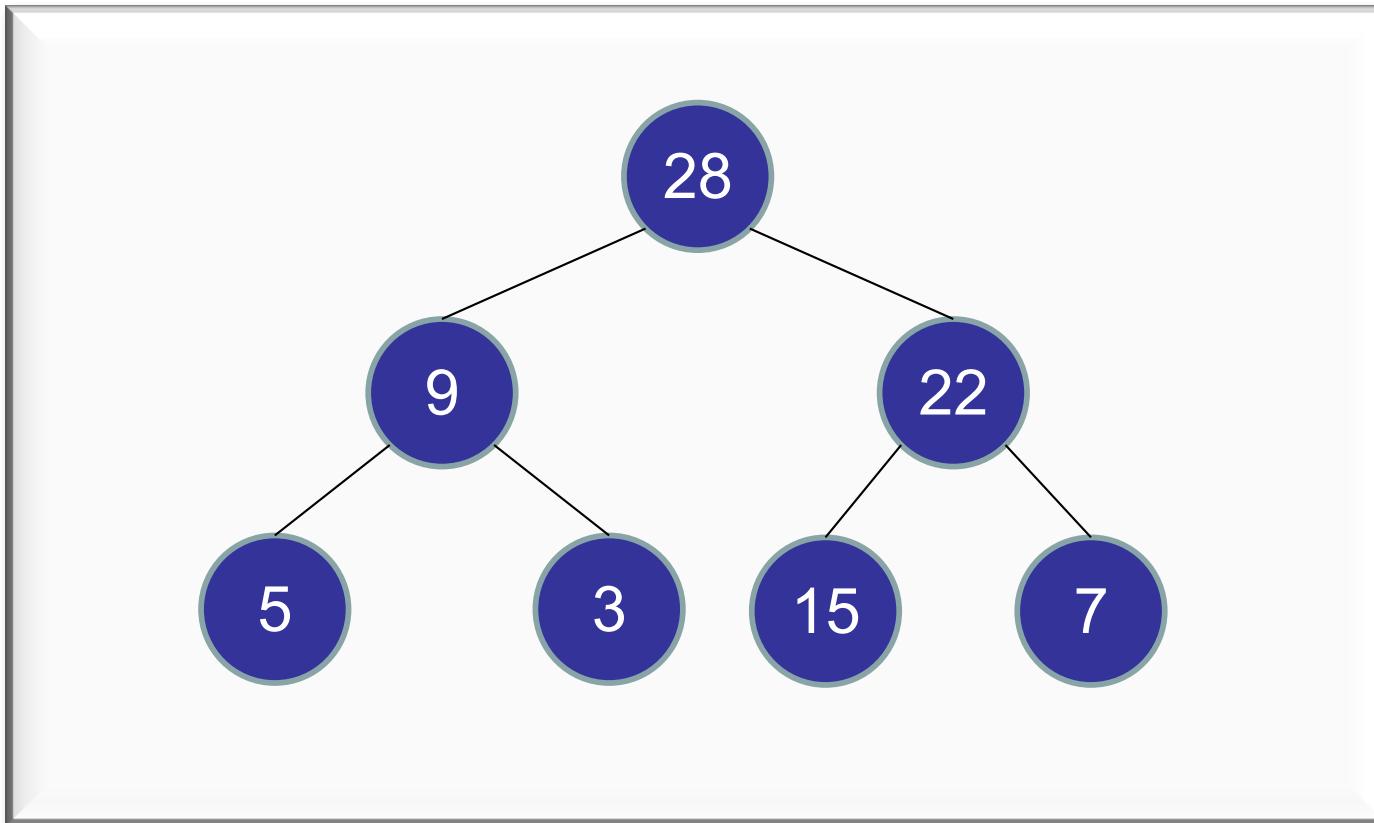
## 2. Complete binary tree

- Every level is full, except possibly the last.
- All nodes are as far left as possible.



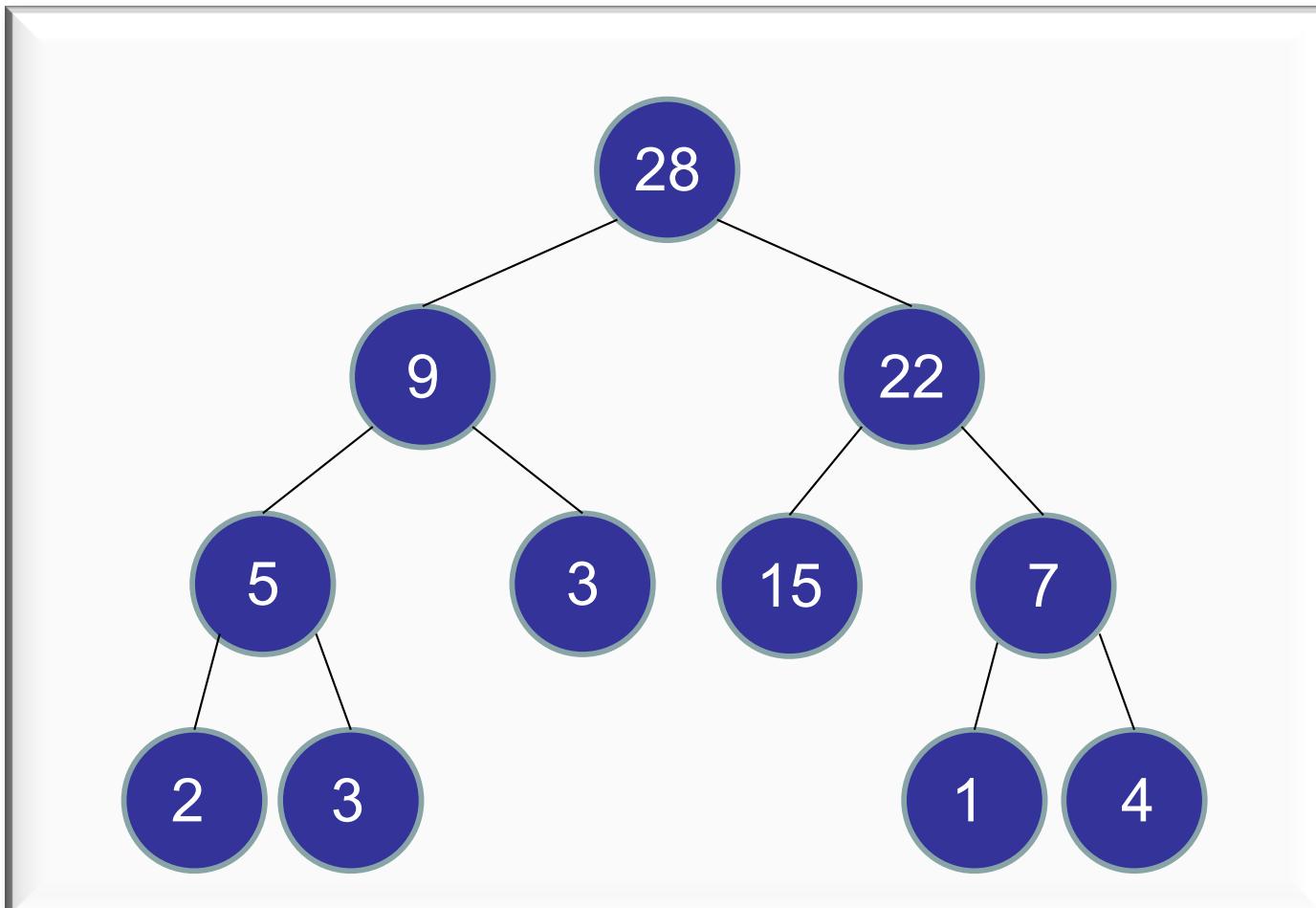
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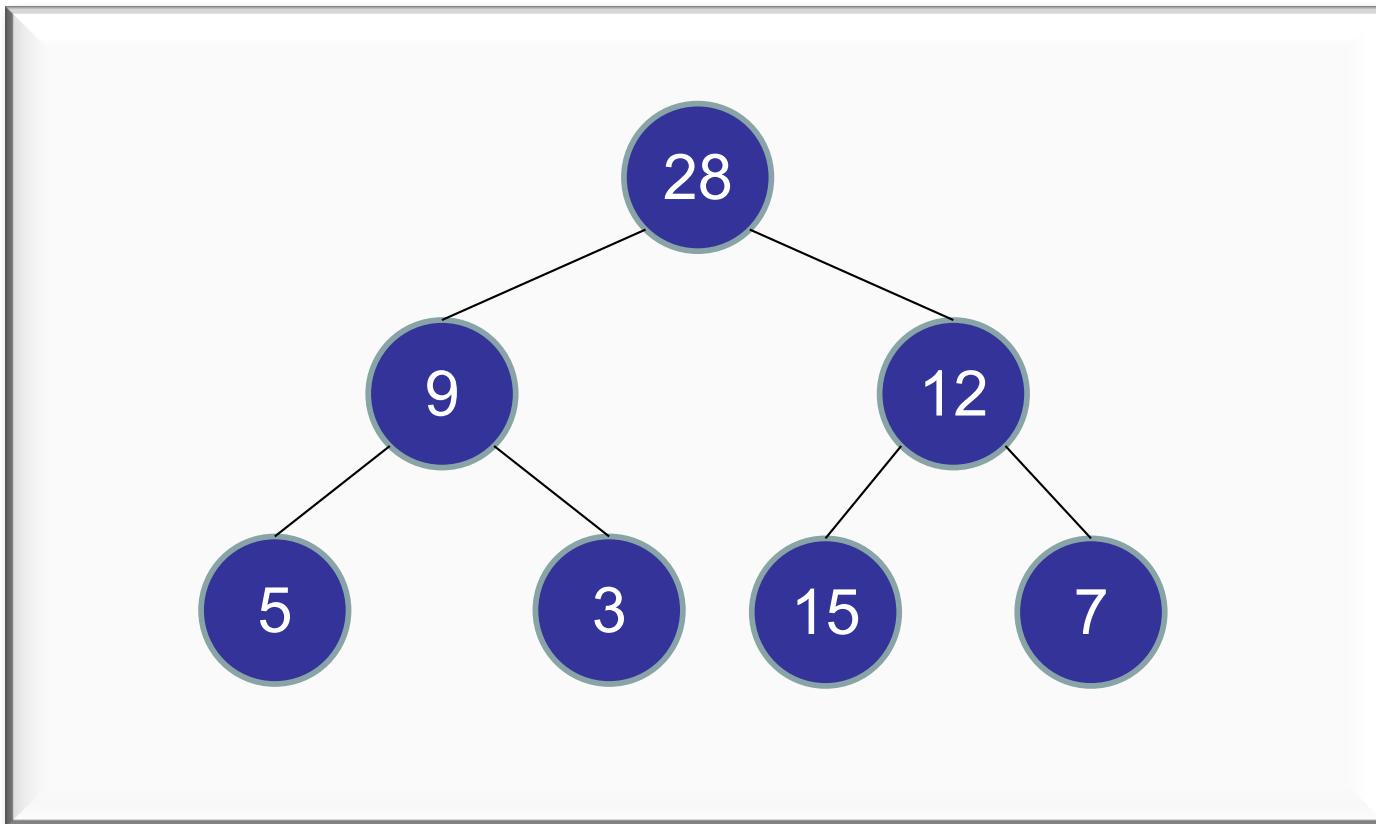
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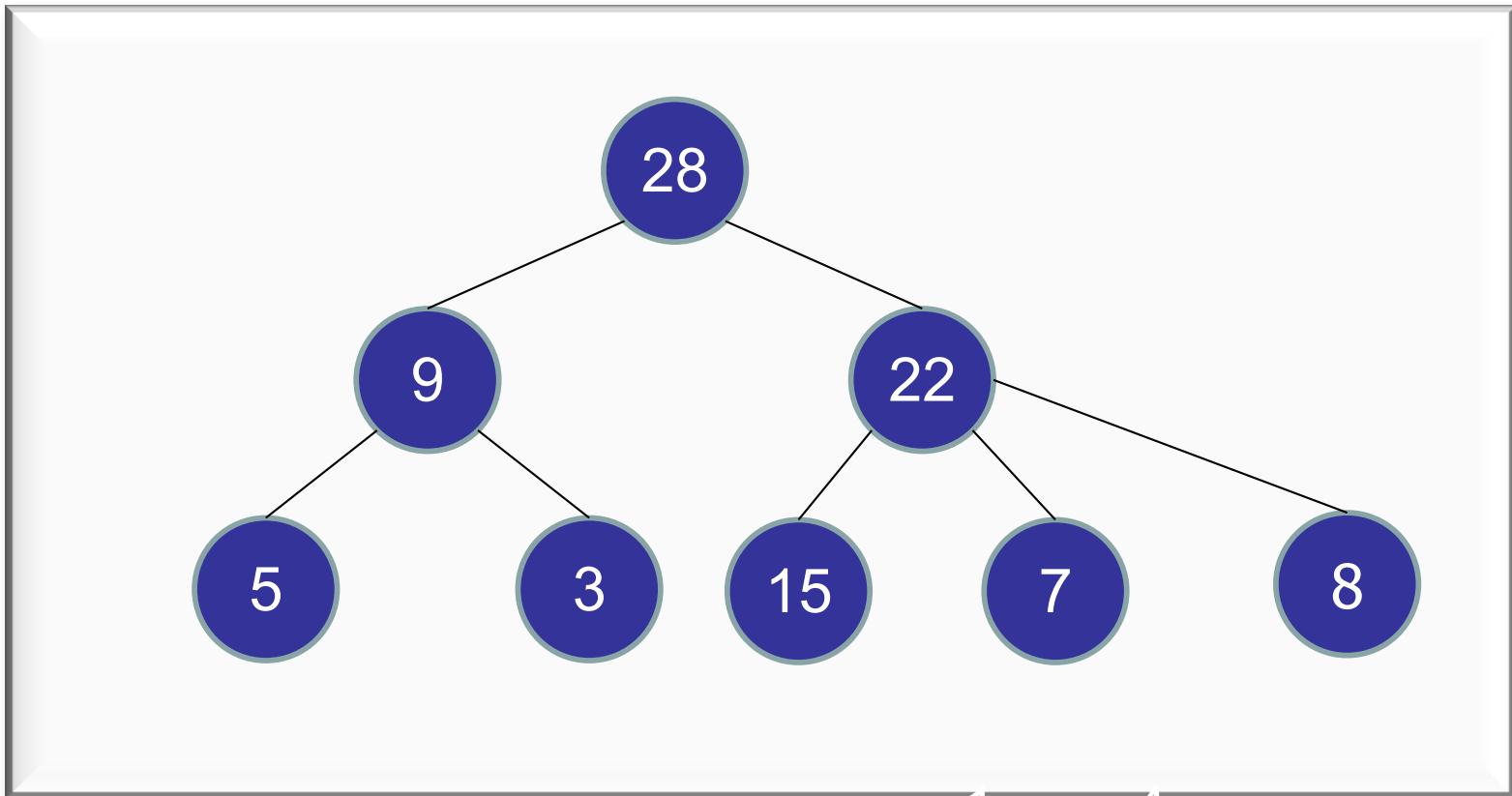
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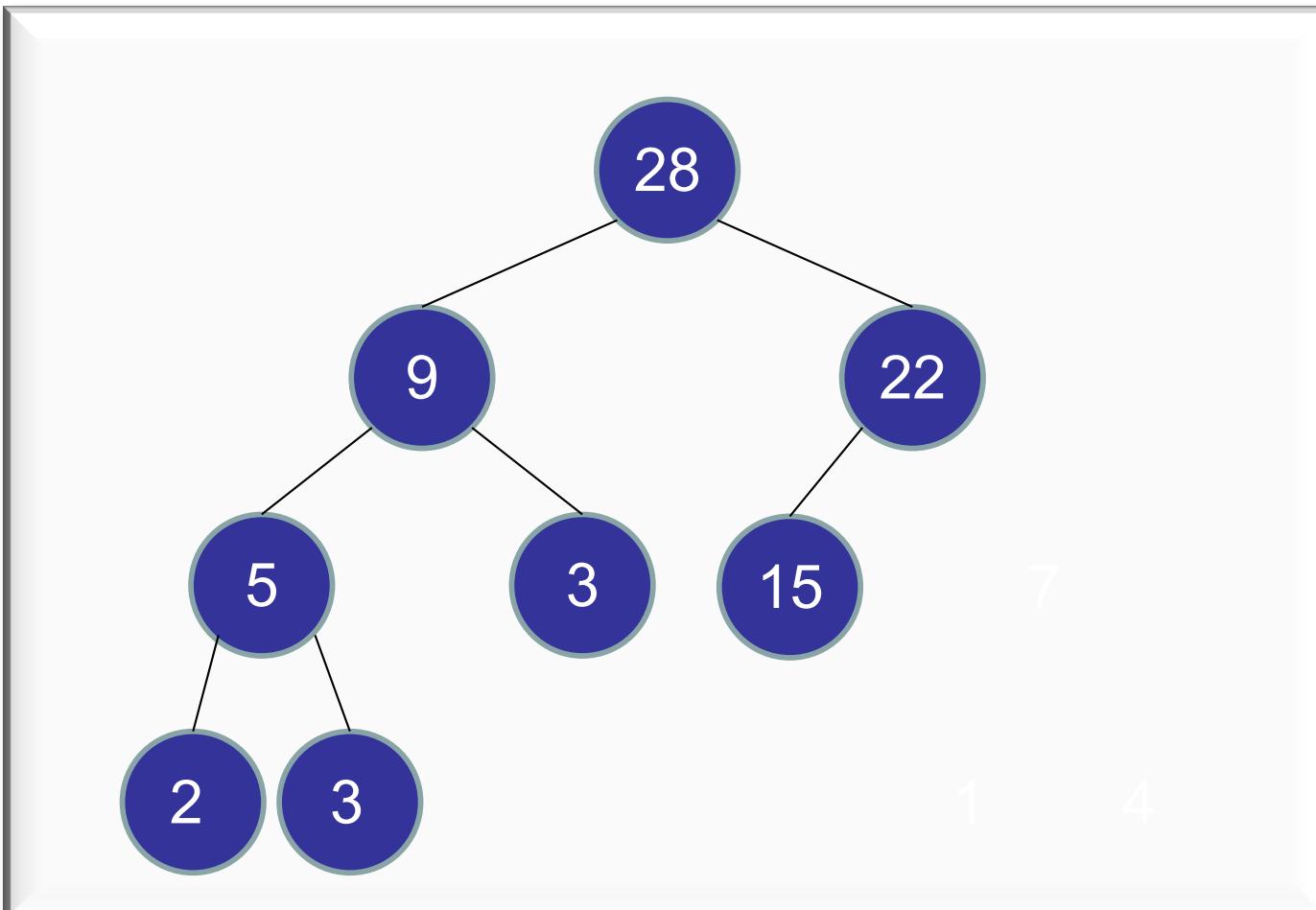
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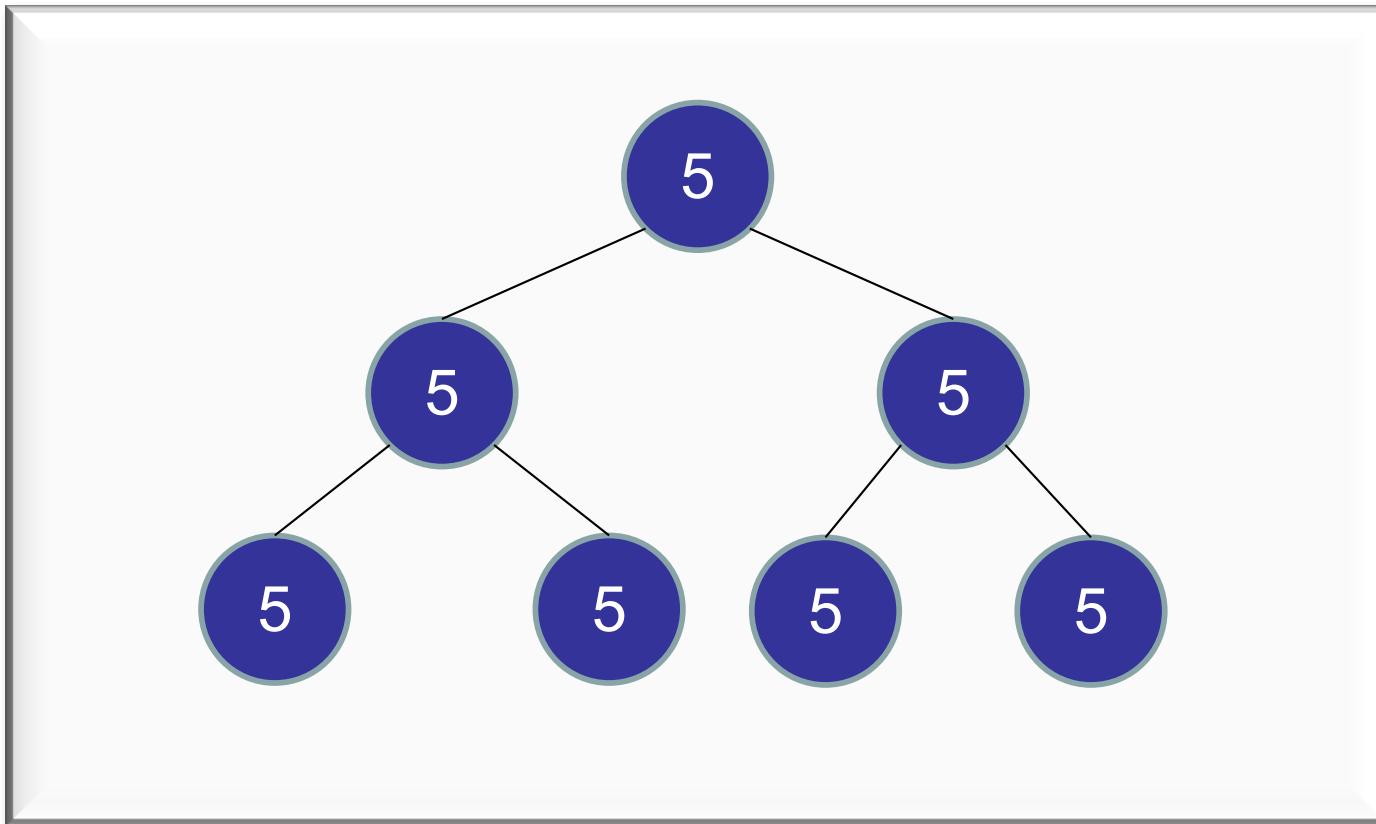
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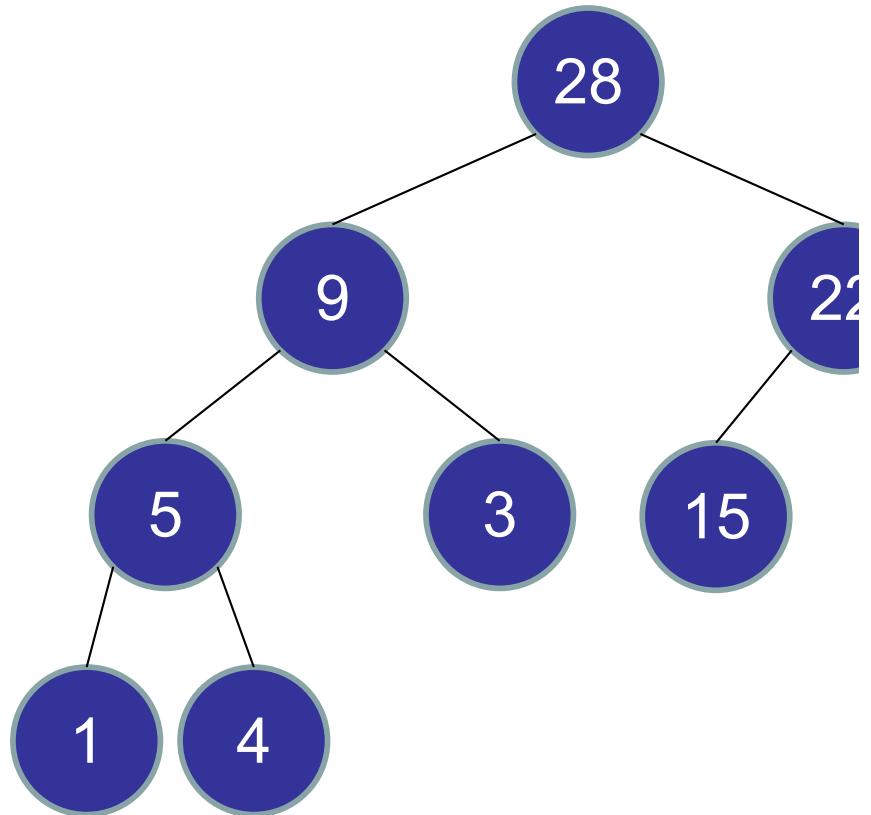


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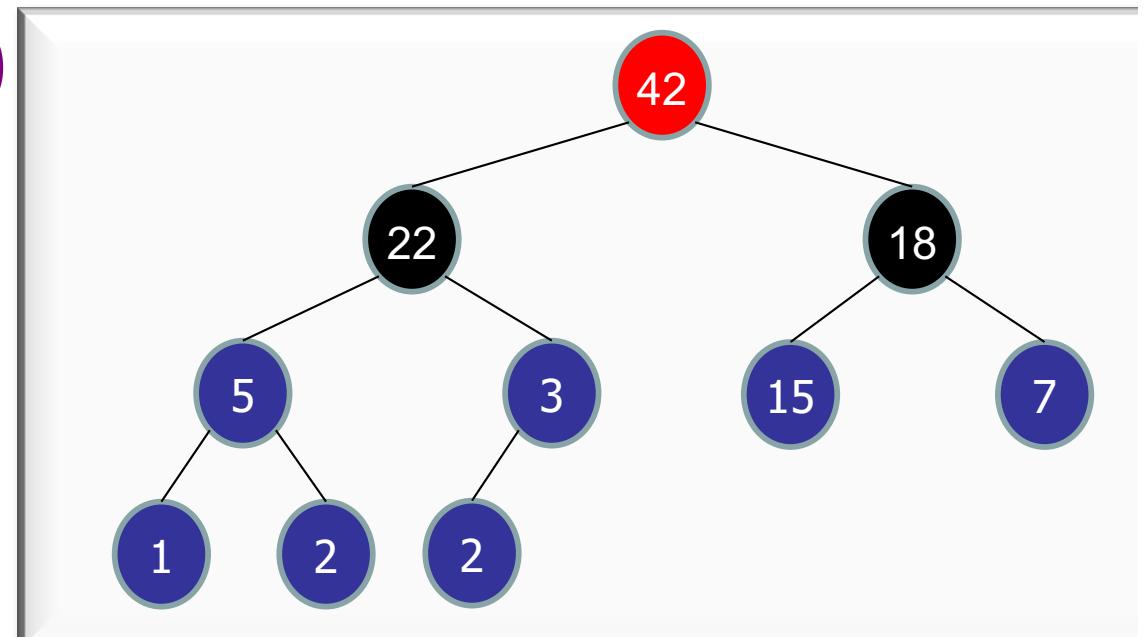
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What is the maximum height of a heap with n elements?

- 1.  $\text{floor}(\log(n-1))$
- 2.  $\log(n)$
- ✓ 3.  $\text{floor}(\log n)$
- 4.  $\text{ceiling}(\log n)$
- 5.  $\text{ceiling}(\log(n+1))$

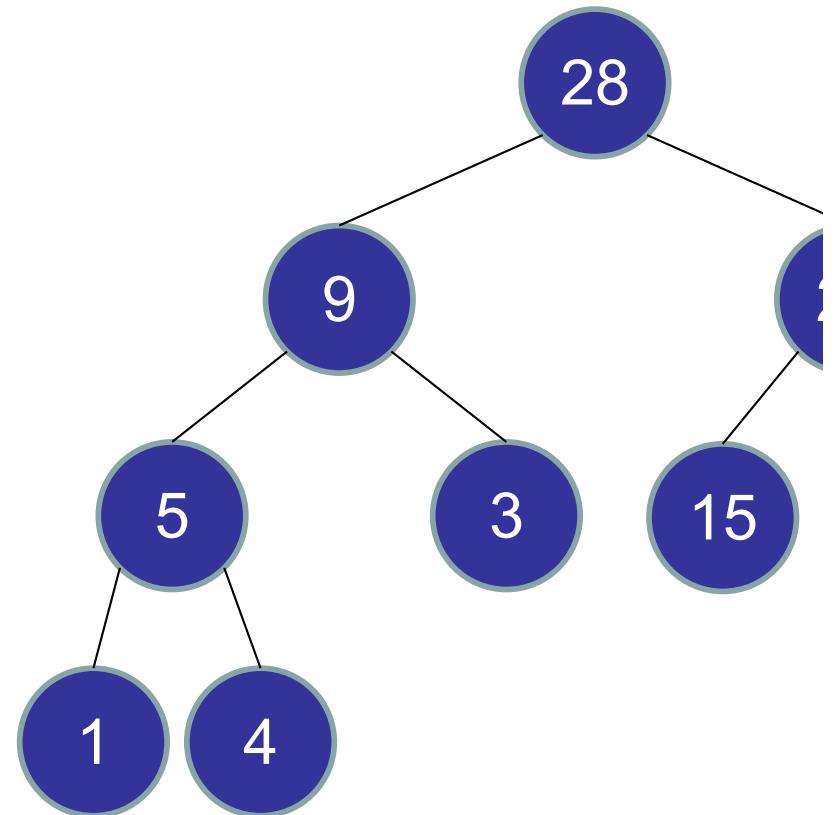


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- Height:  $O(\log n)$

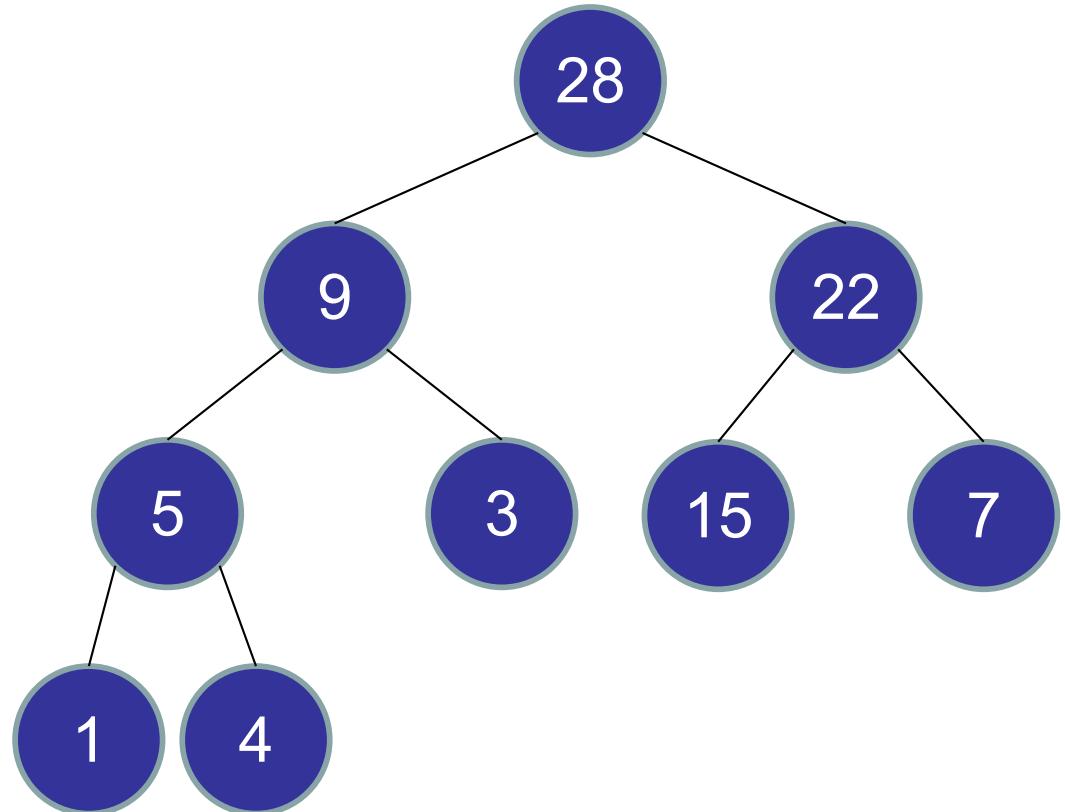


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## Priority Queue Operations

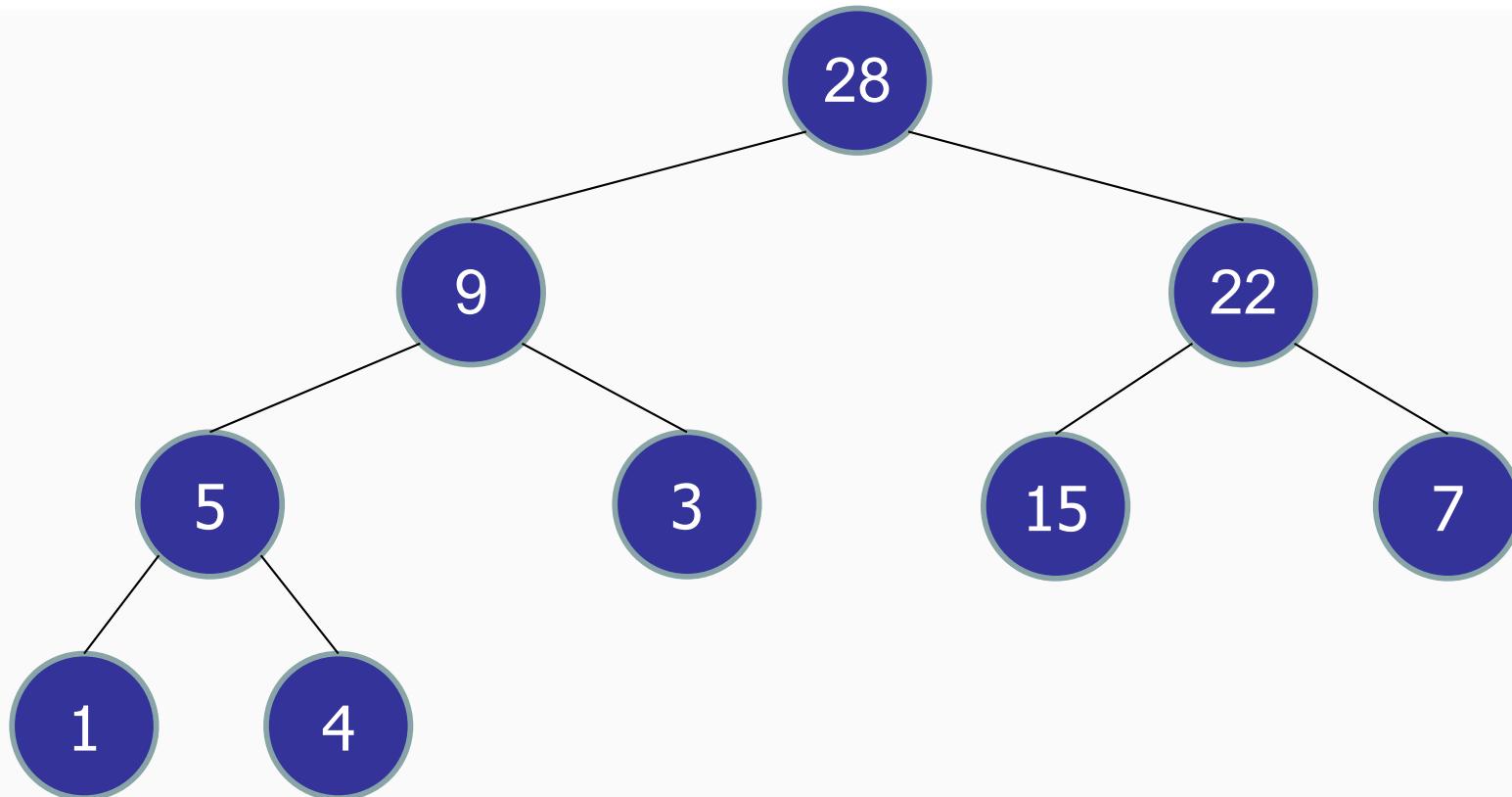
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- extractMax
- increaseKey
- decreaseKey
- delete



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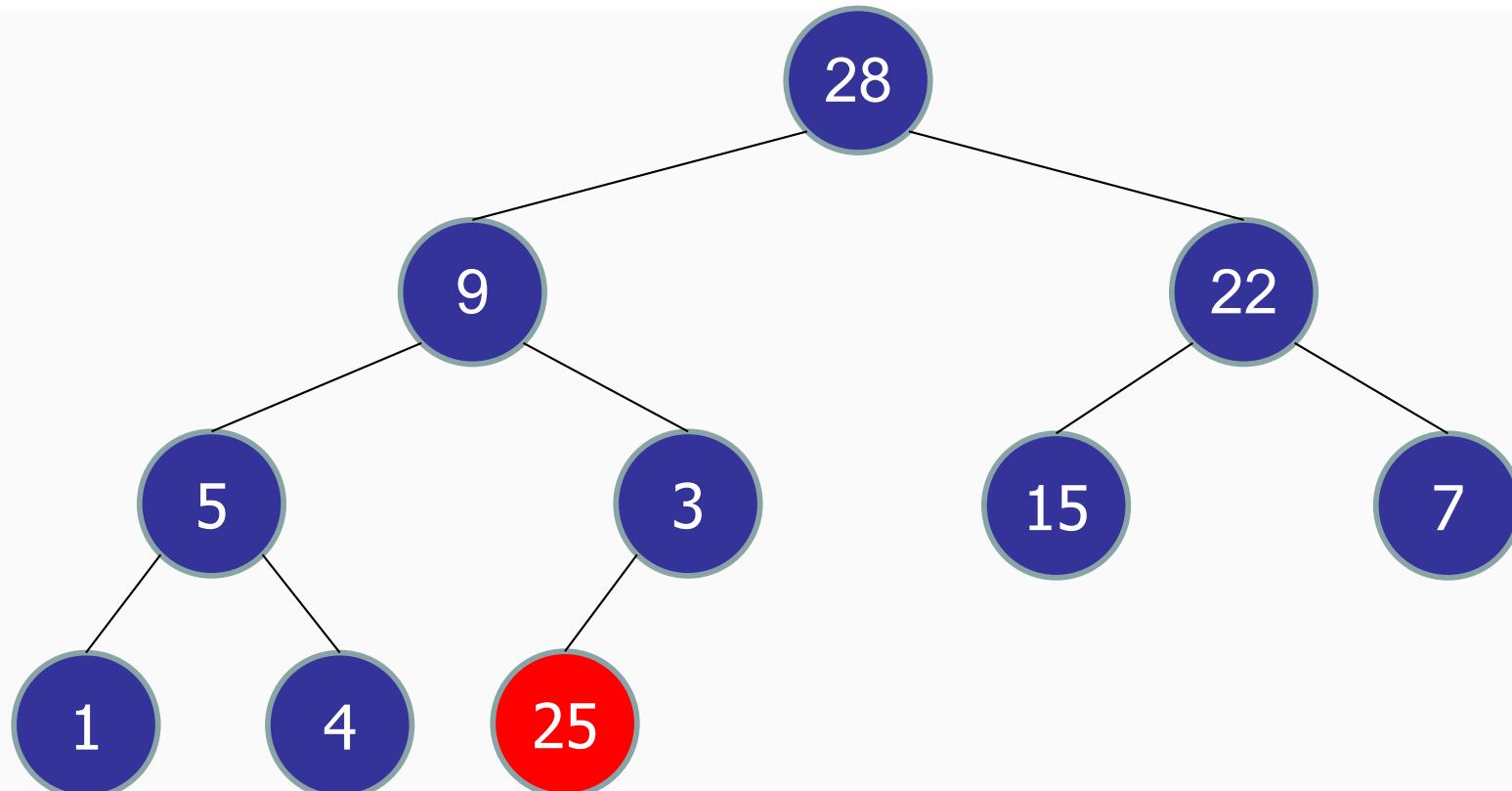
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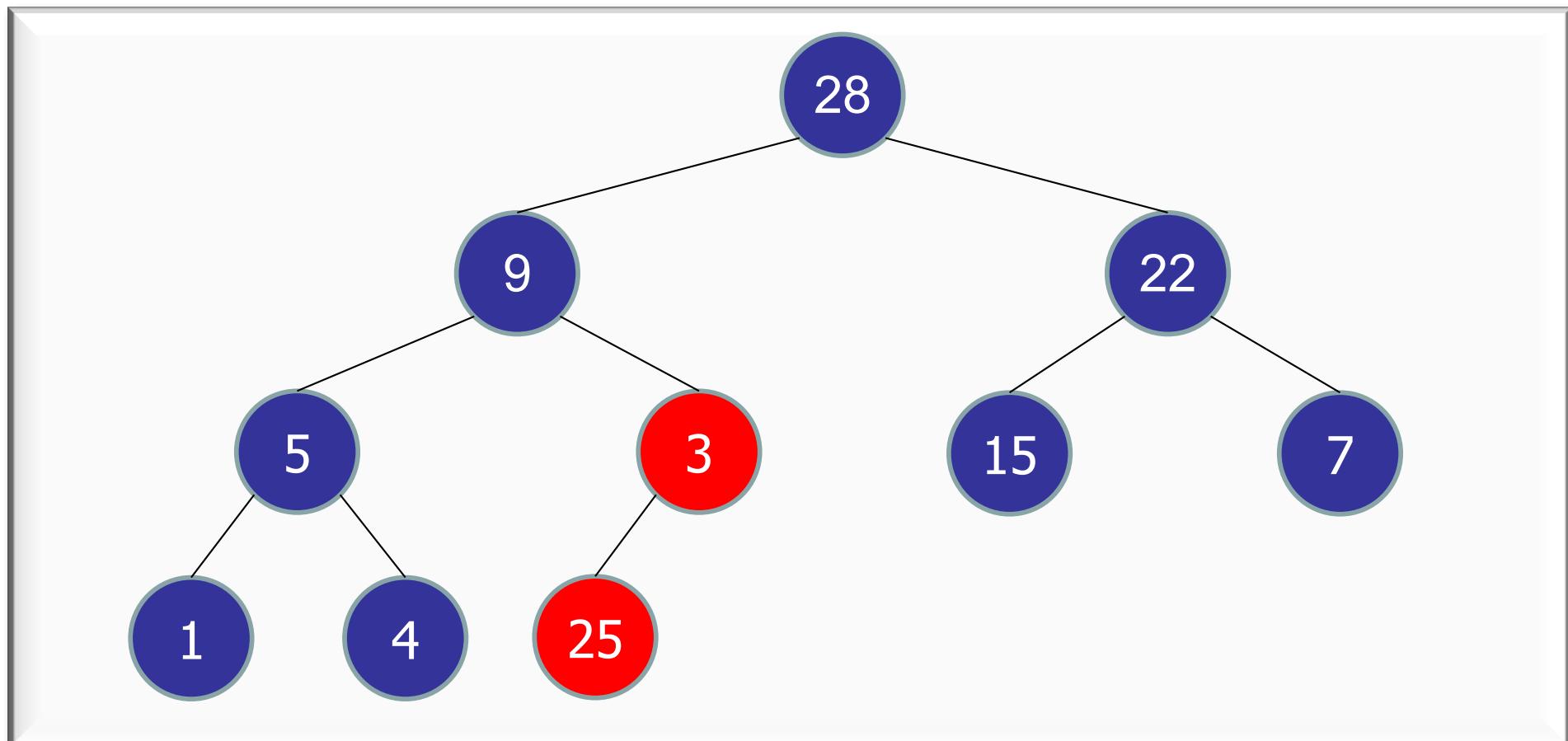
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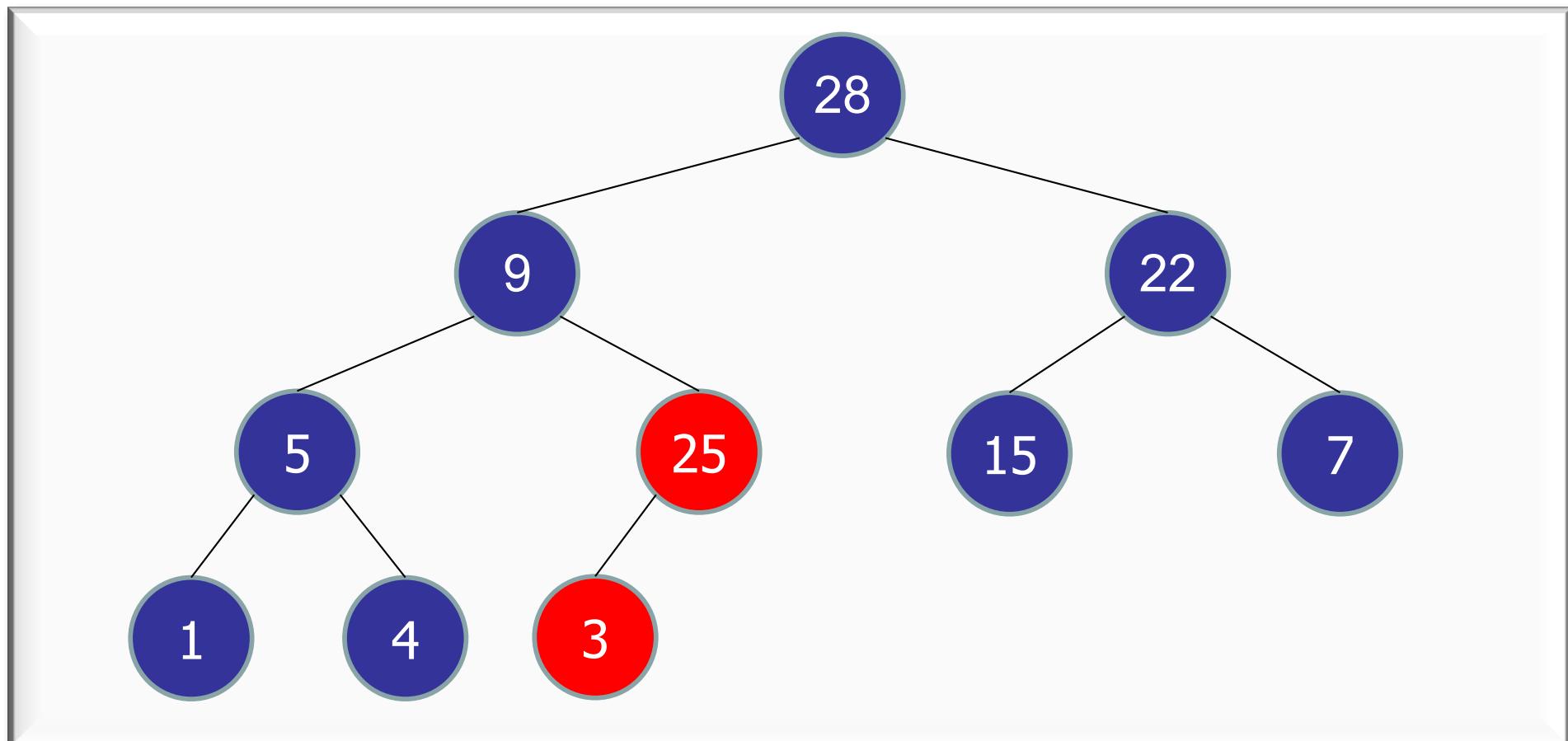
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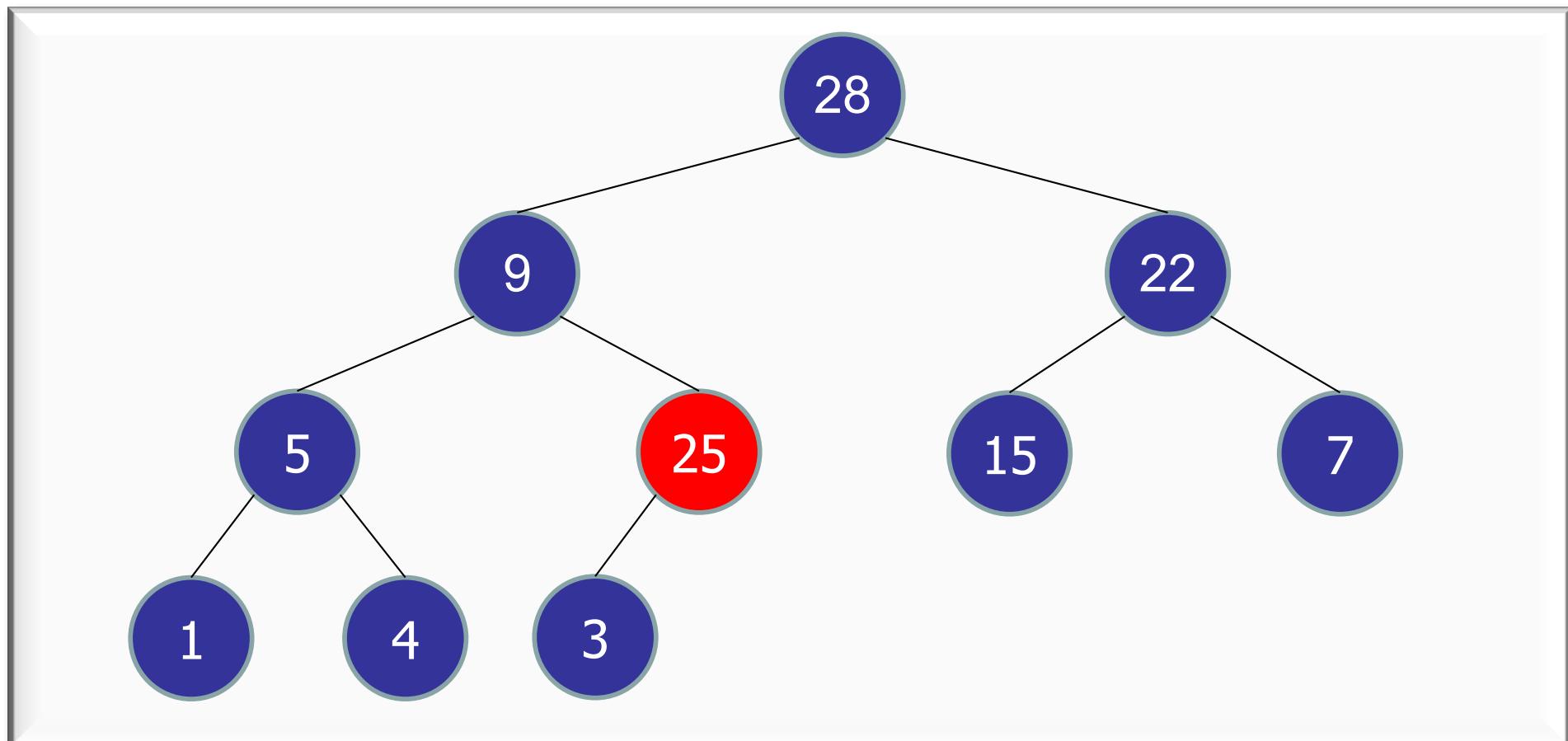
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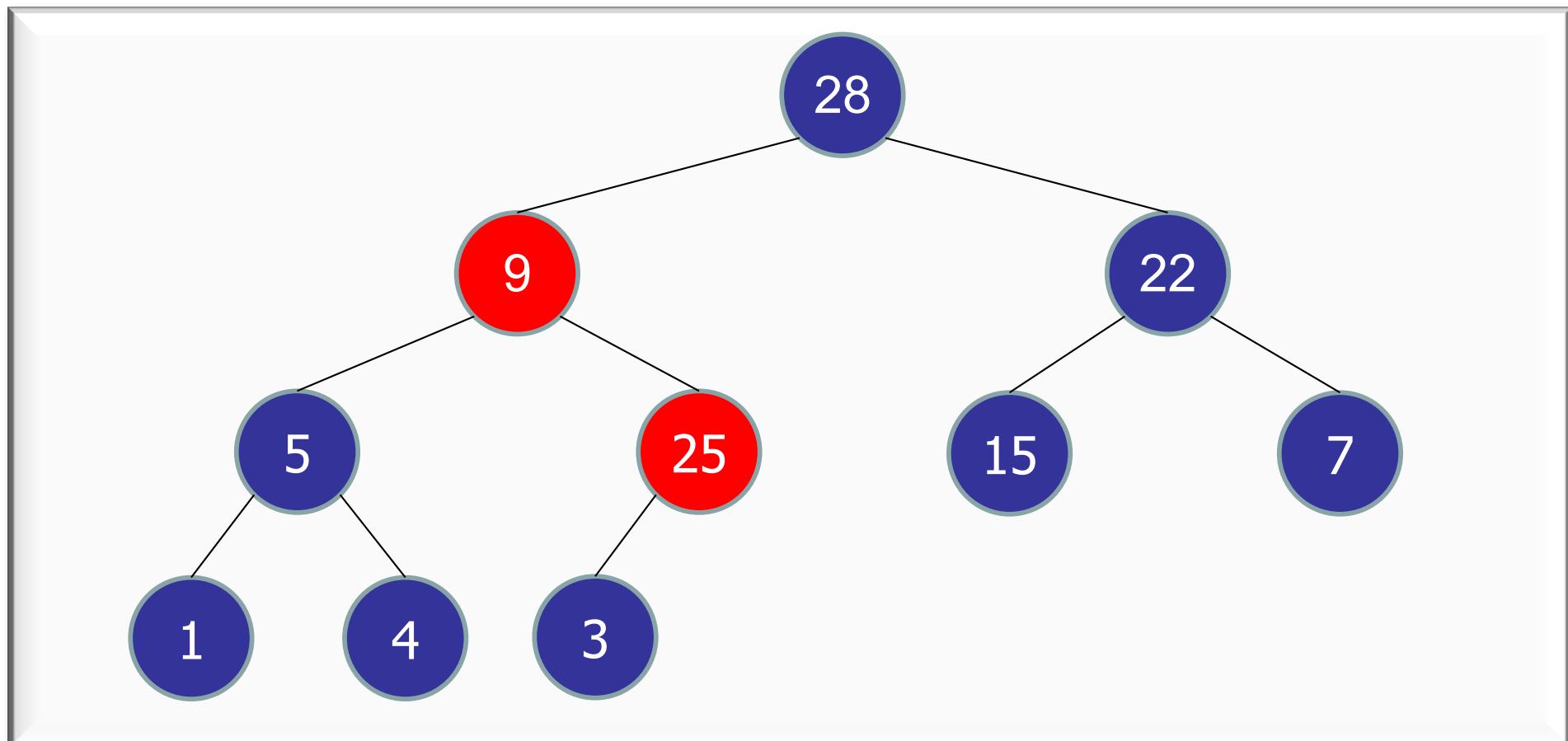
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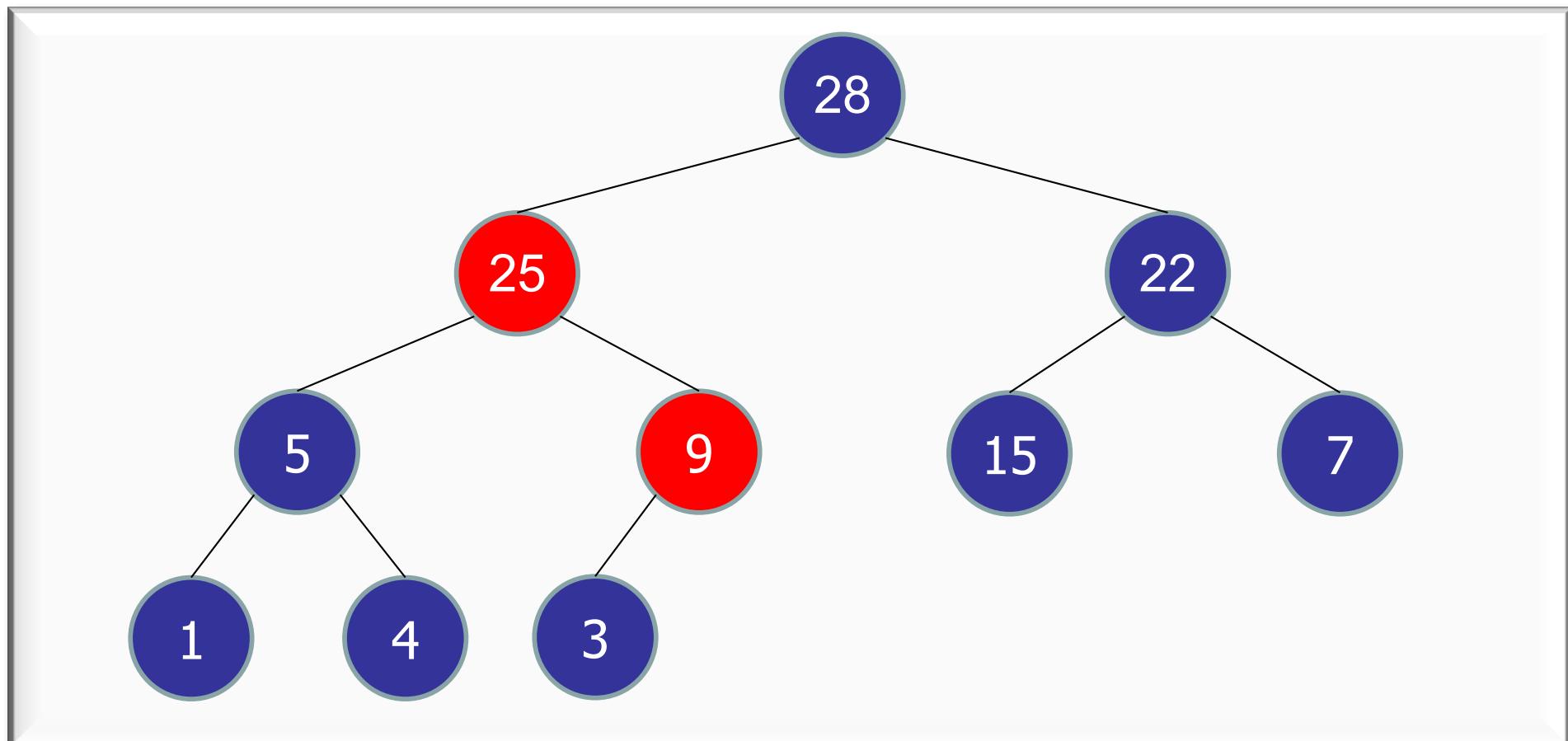
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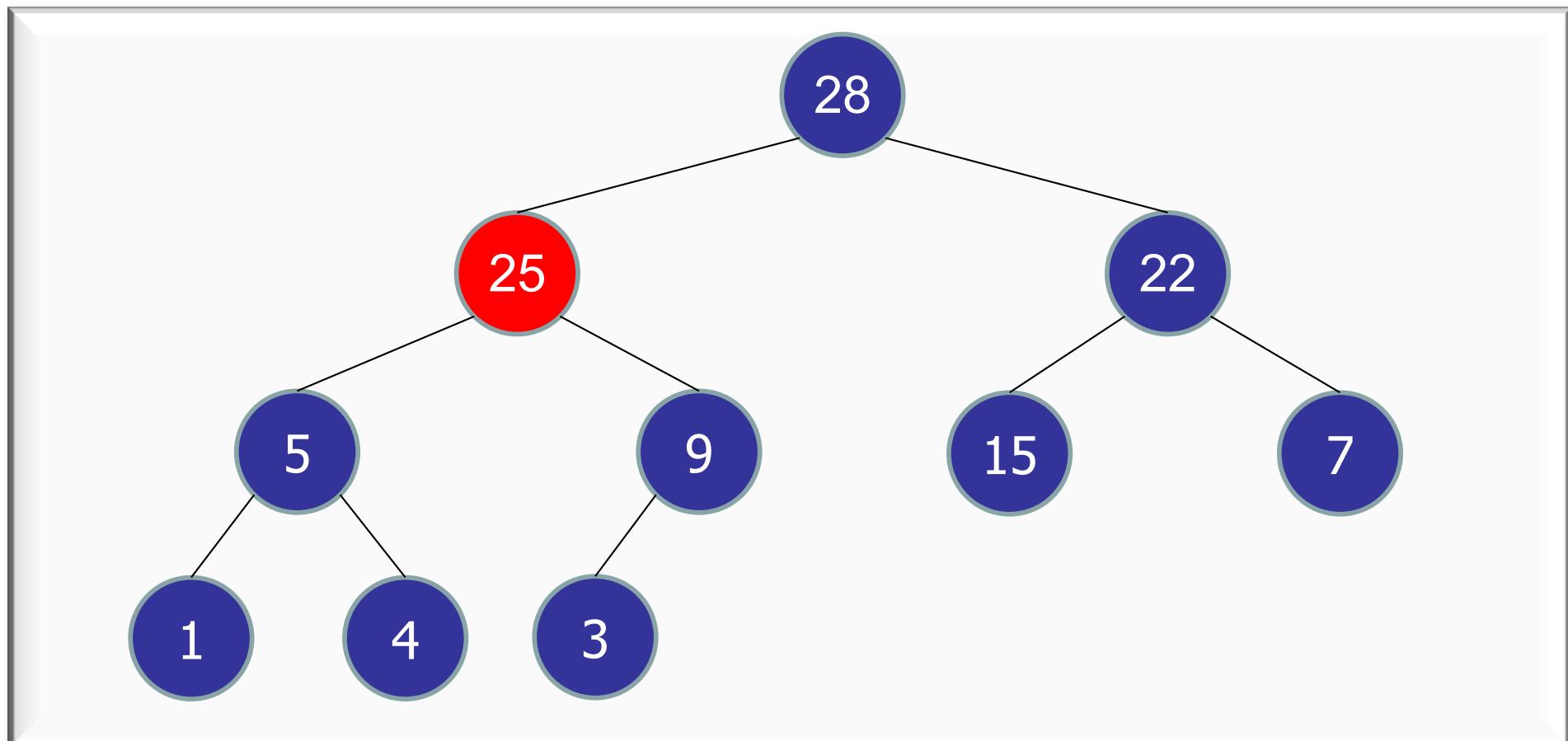
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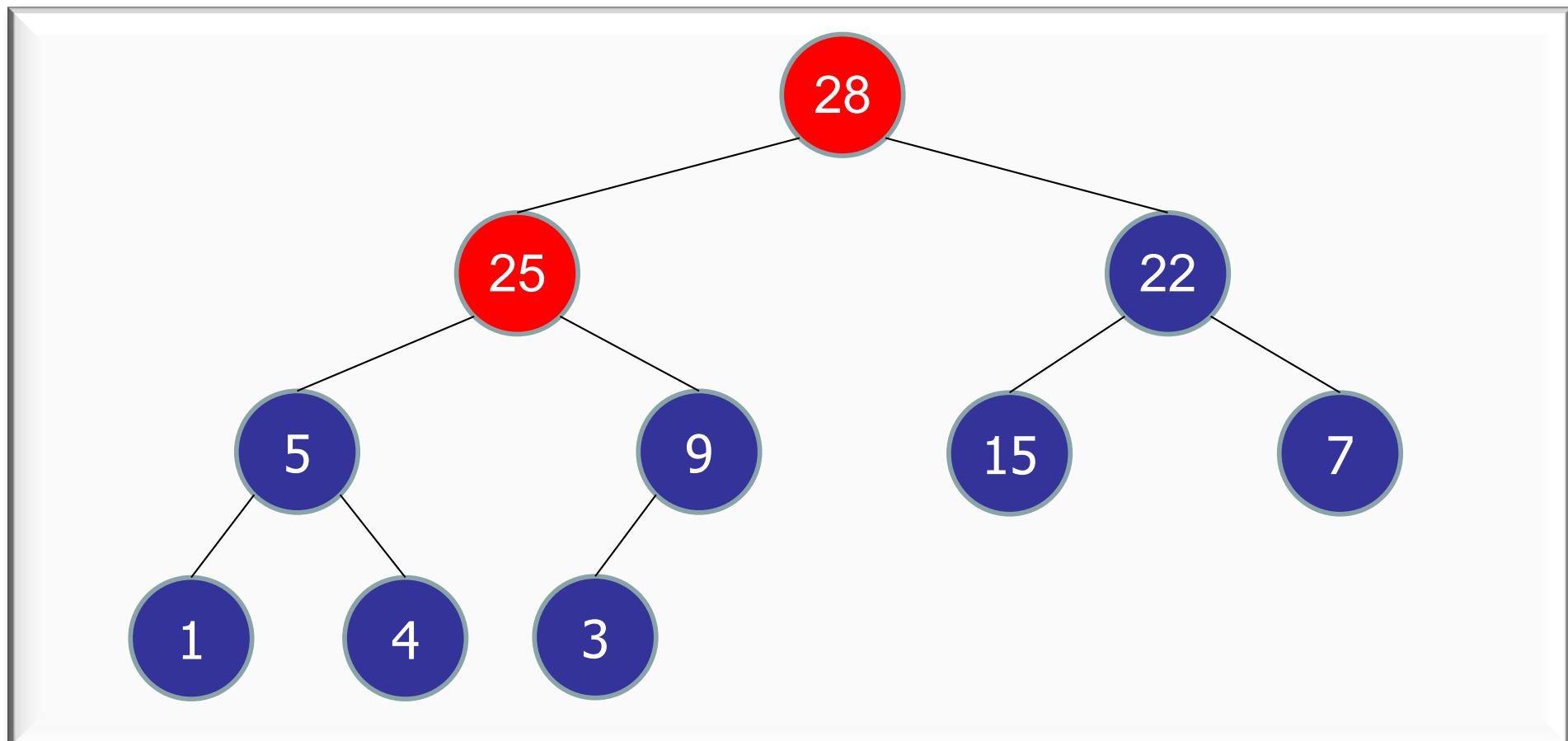
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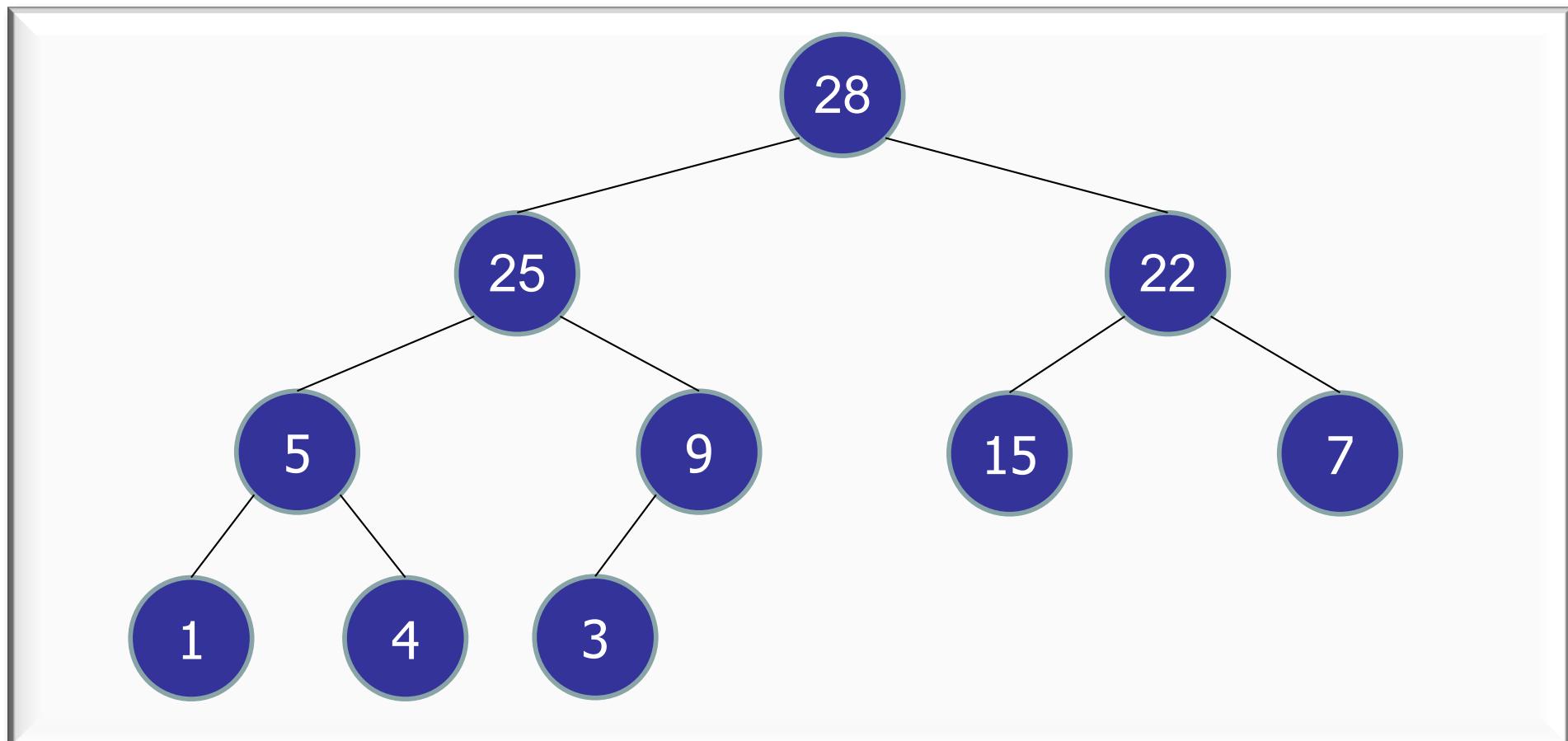
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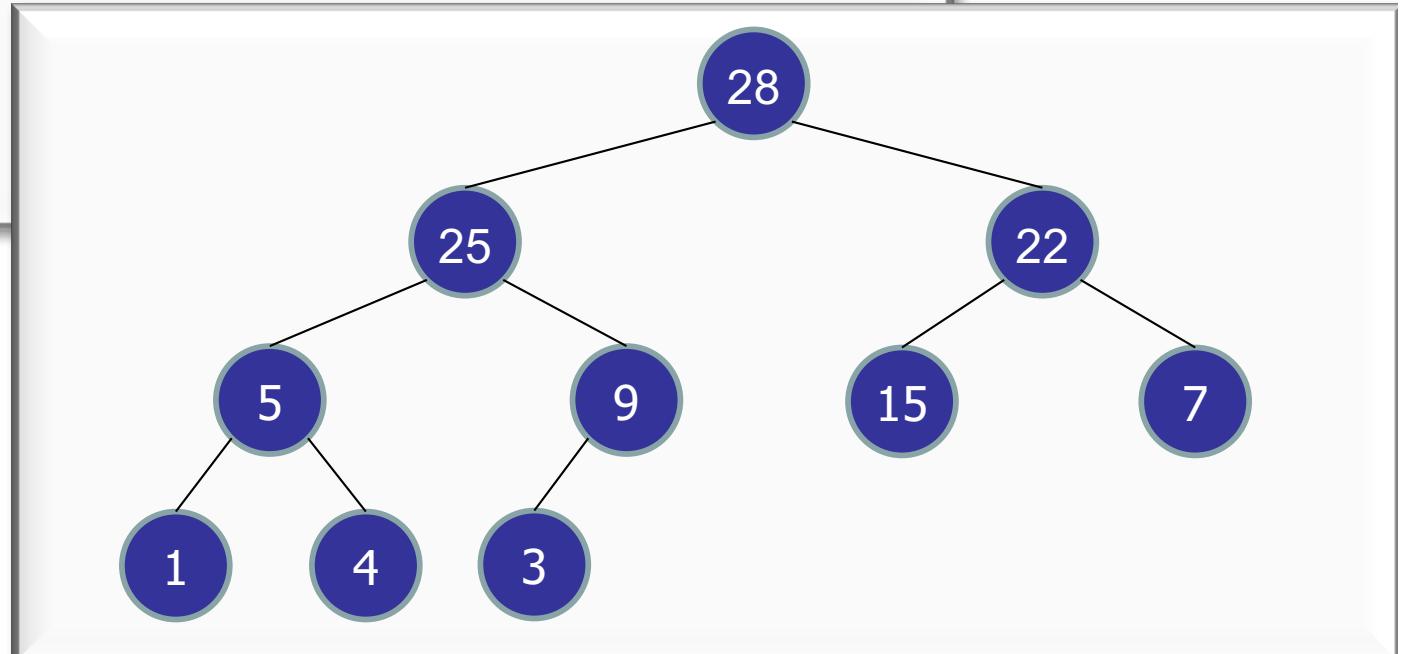
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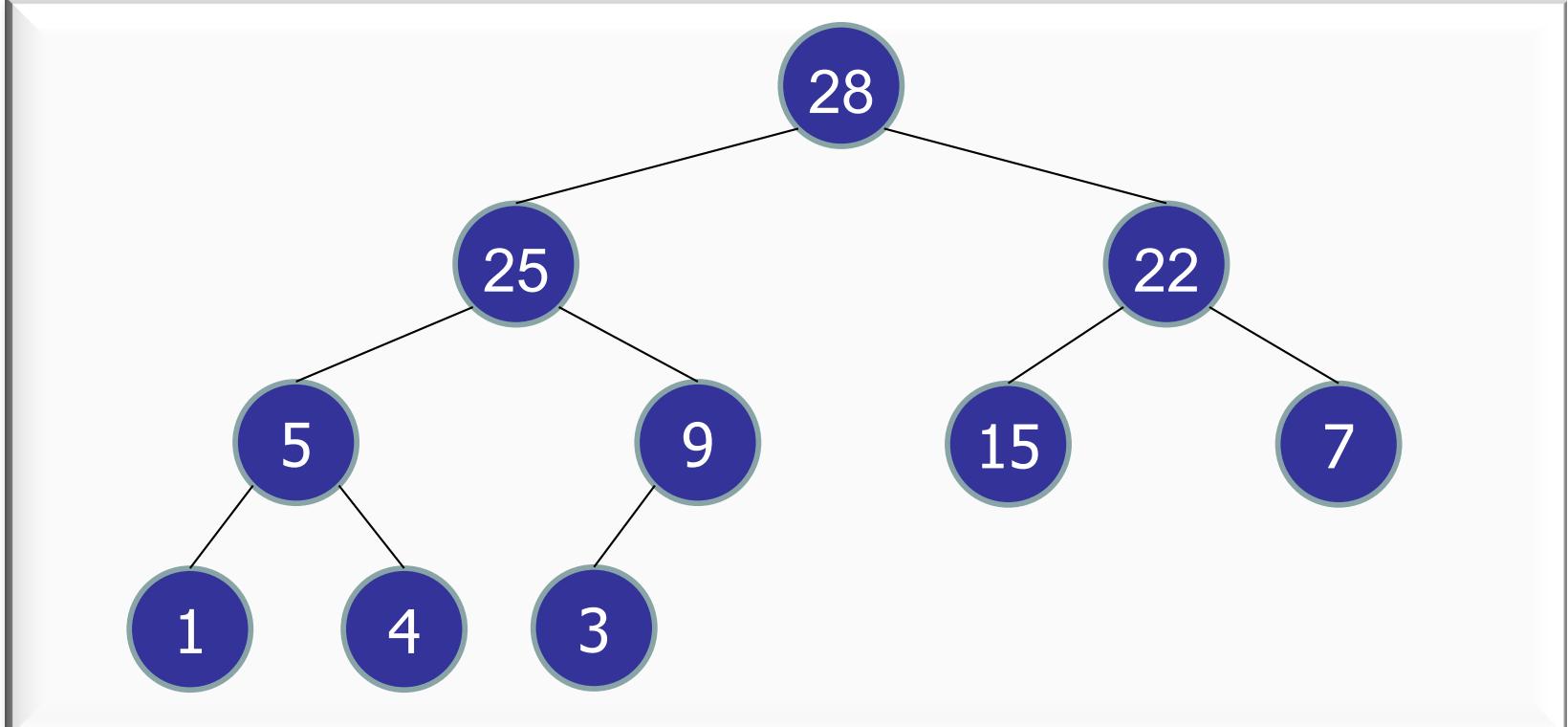
# Inserting in a Heap

```
bubbleUp(Node v) {  
    while (v != null) {  
        if (priority(v) > priority(parent(v)))  
            swap(v, parent(v));  
        else return;  
        v = parent(v);  
    }  
}
```



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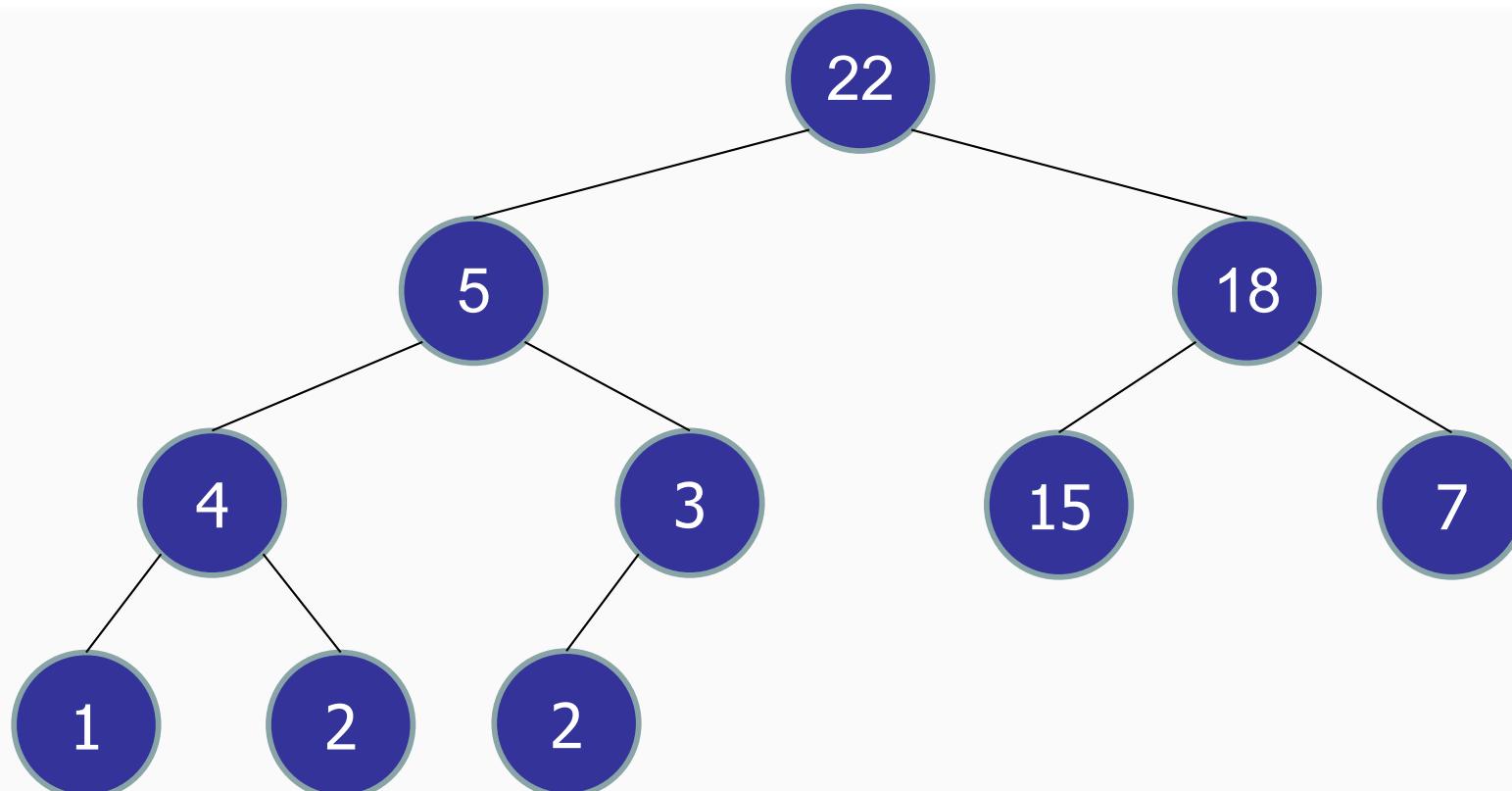
```
insert(Priority p, Key k) {  
    Node v = m_completeTree.insert(p,k);  
    bubbleUp(v);  
}
```



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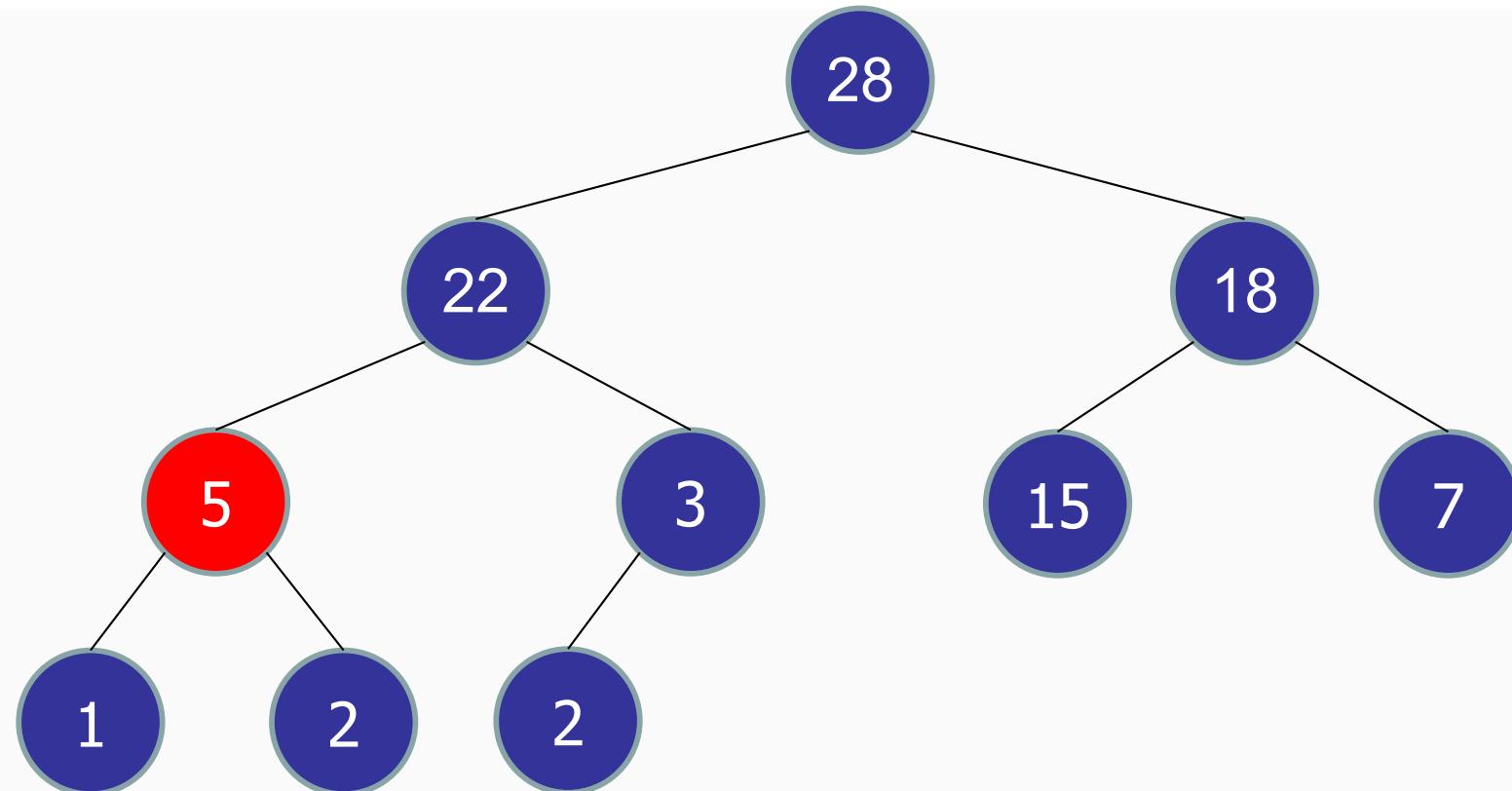
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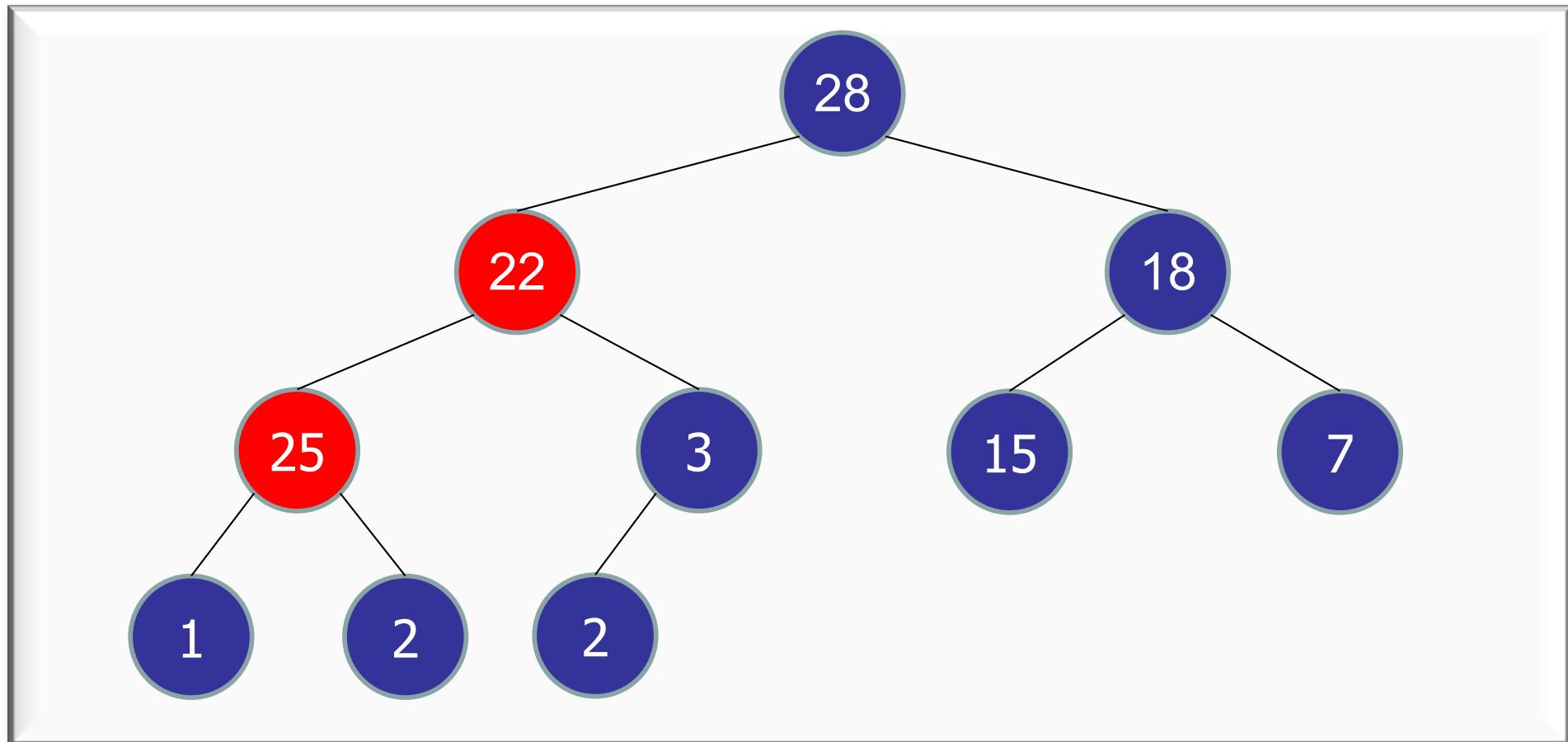
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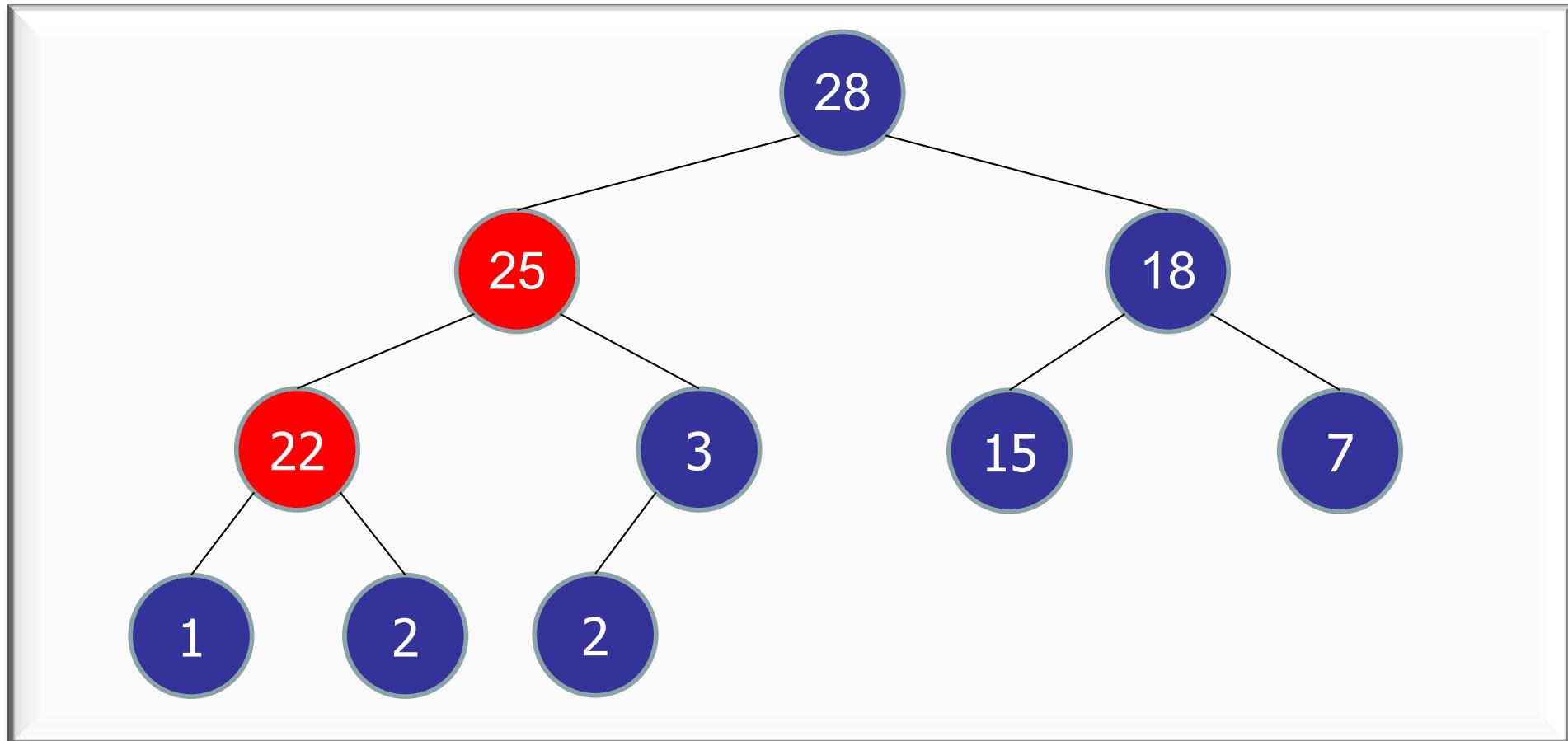
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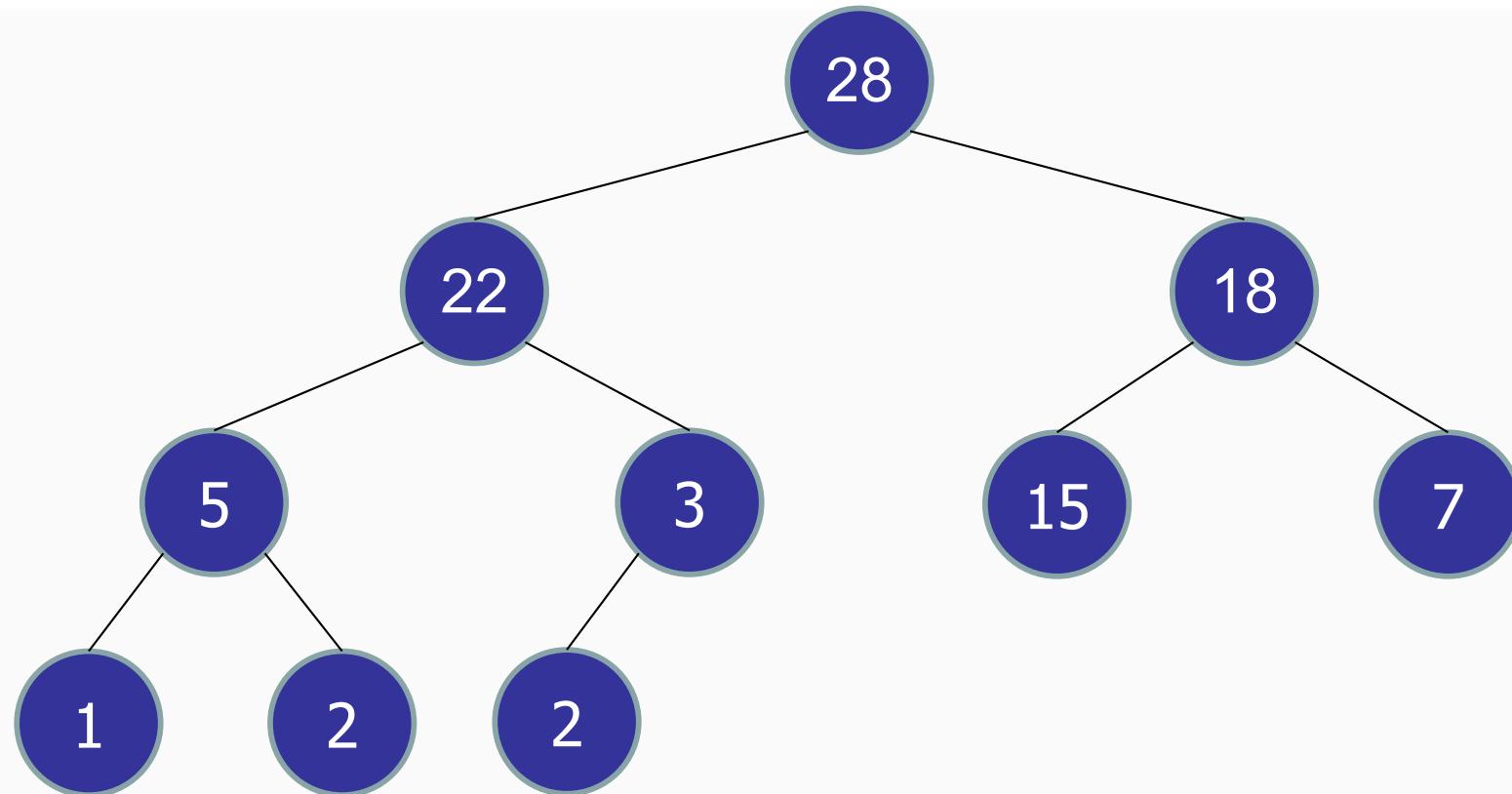
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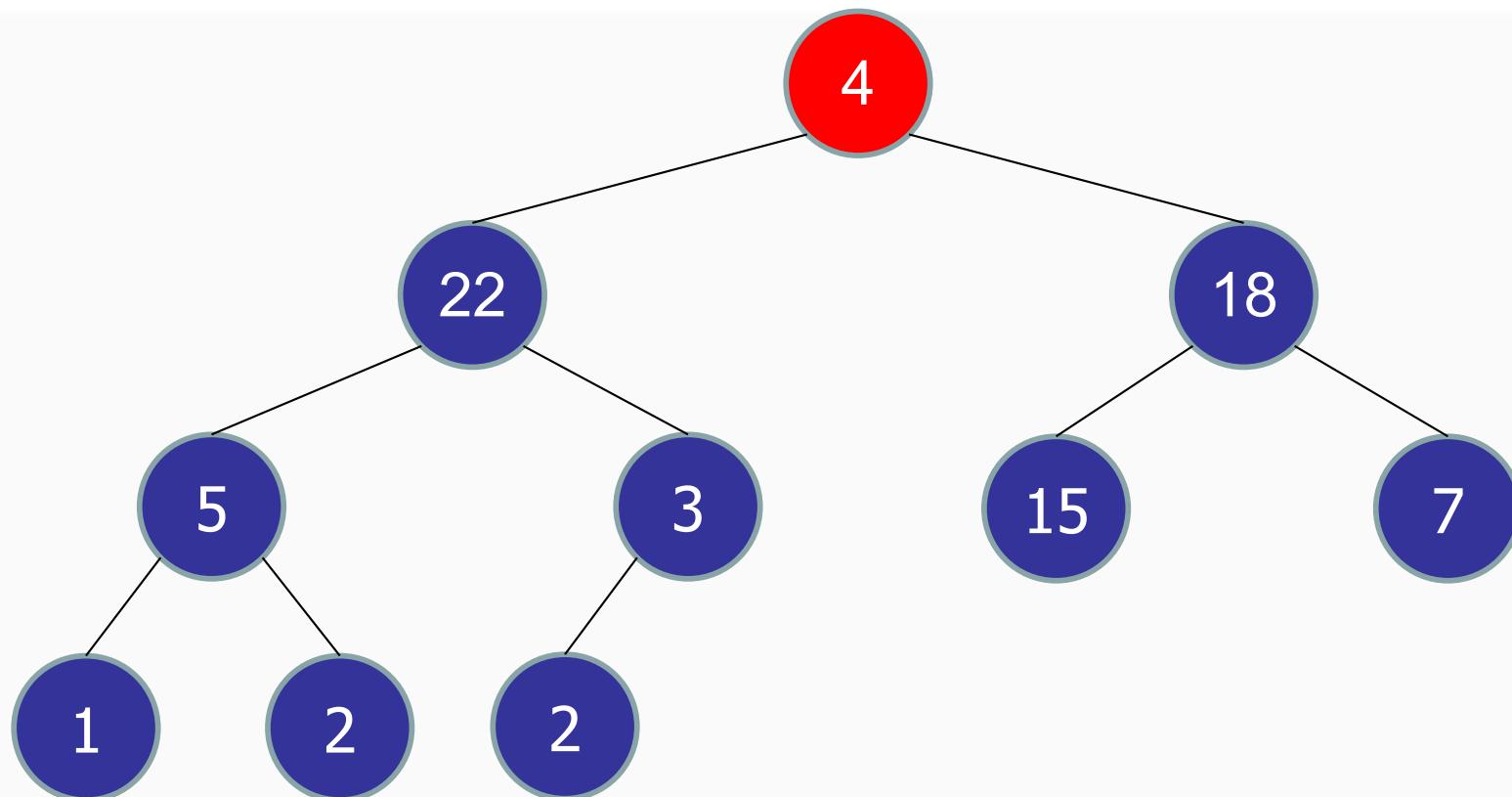
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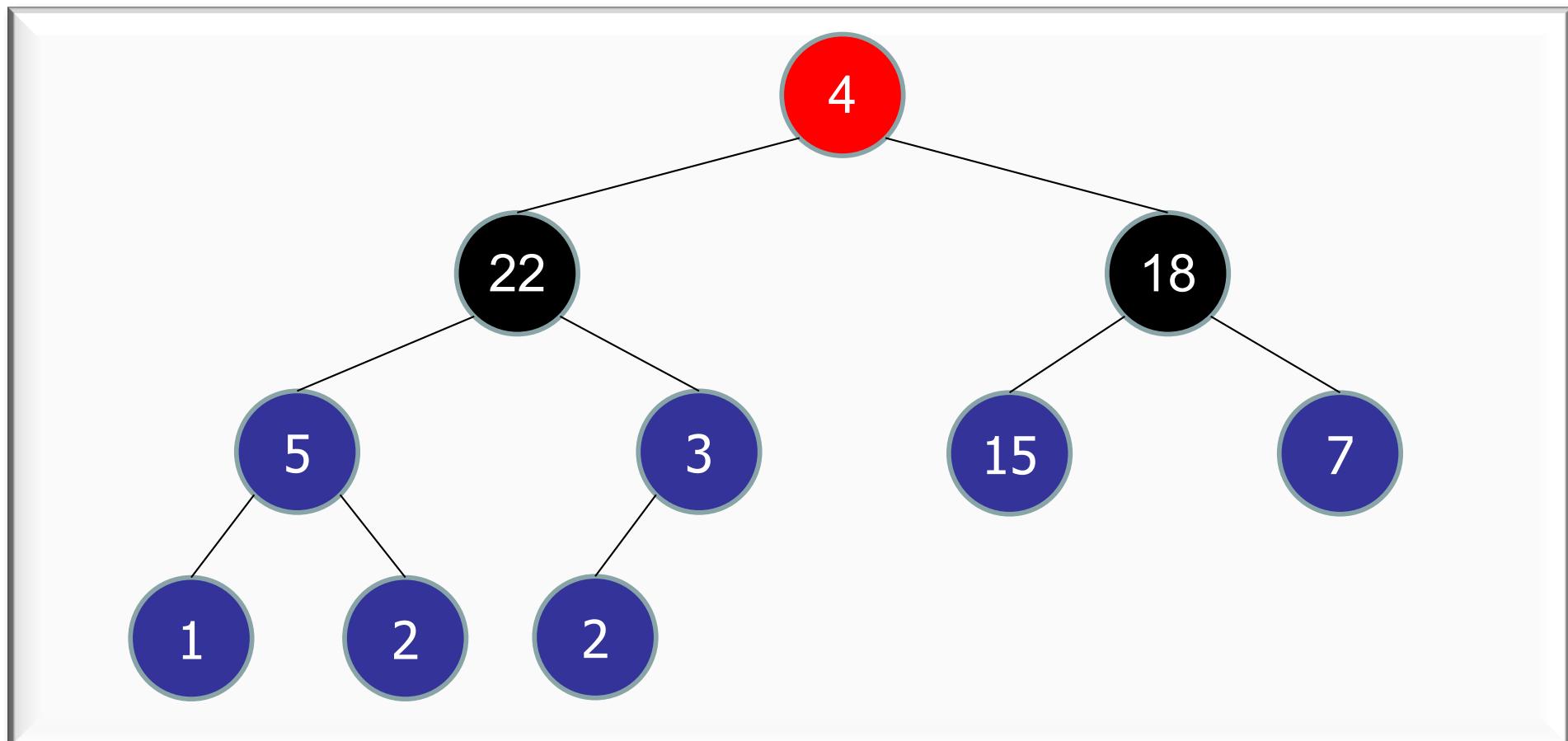
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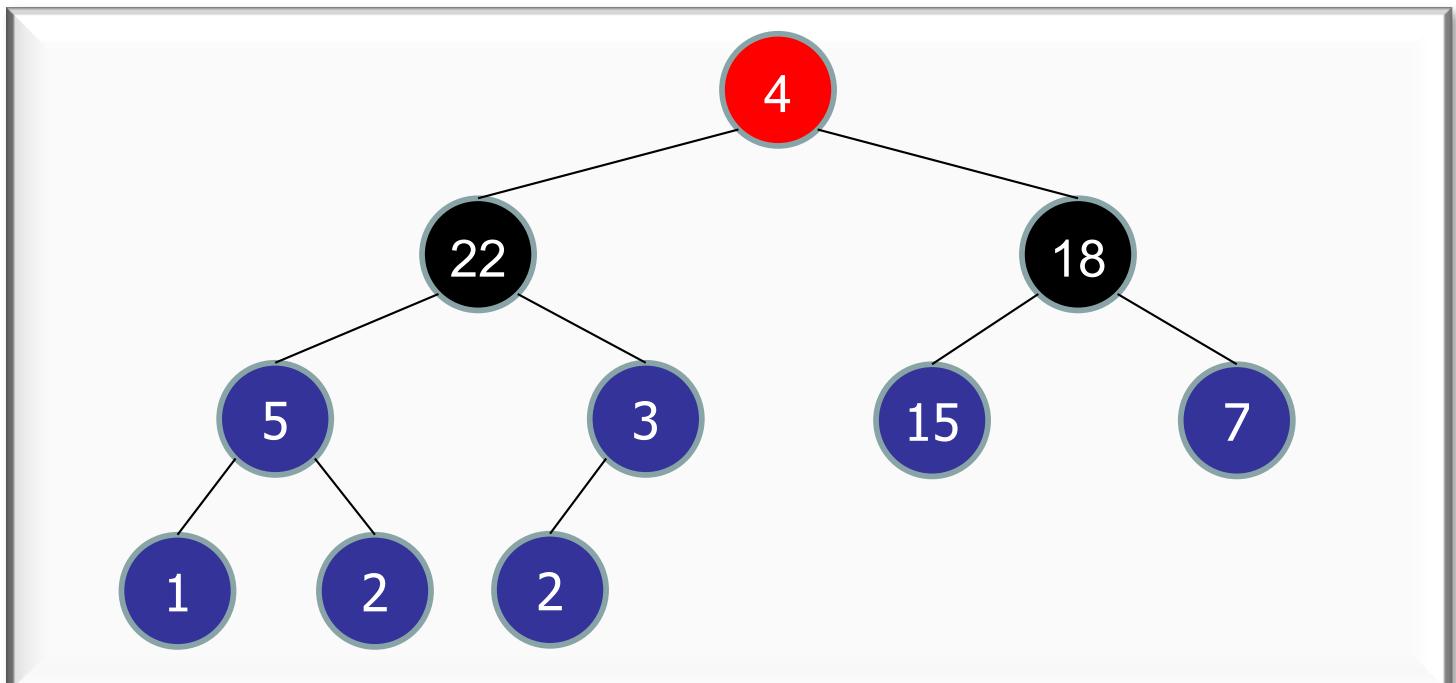
`decreaseKey(28 → 4)`:

- Step 1: Update the priority
- Step 2: bubbleDown(4)



# Which way to bubbleDown?

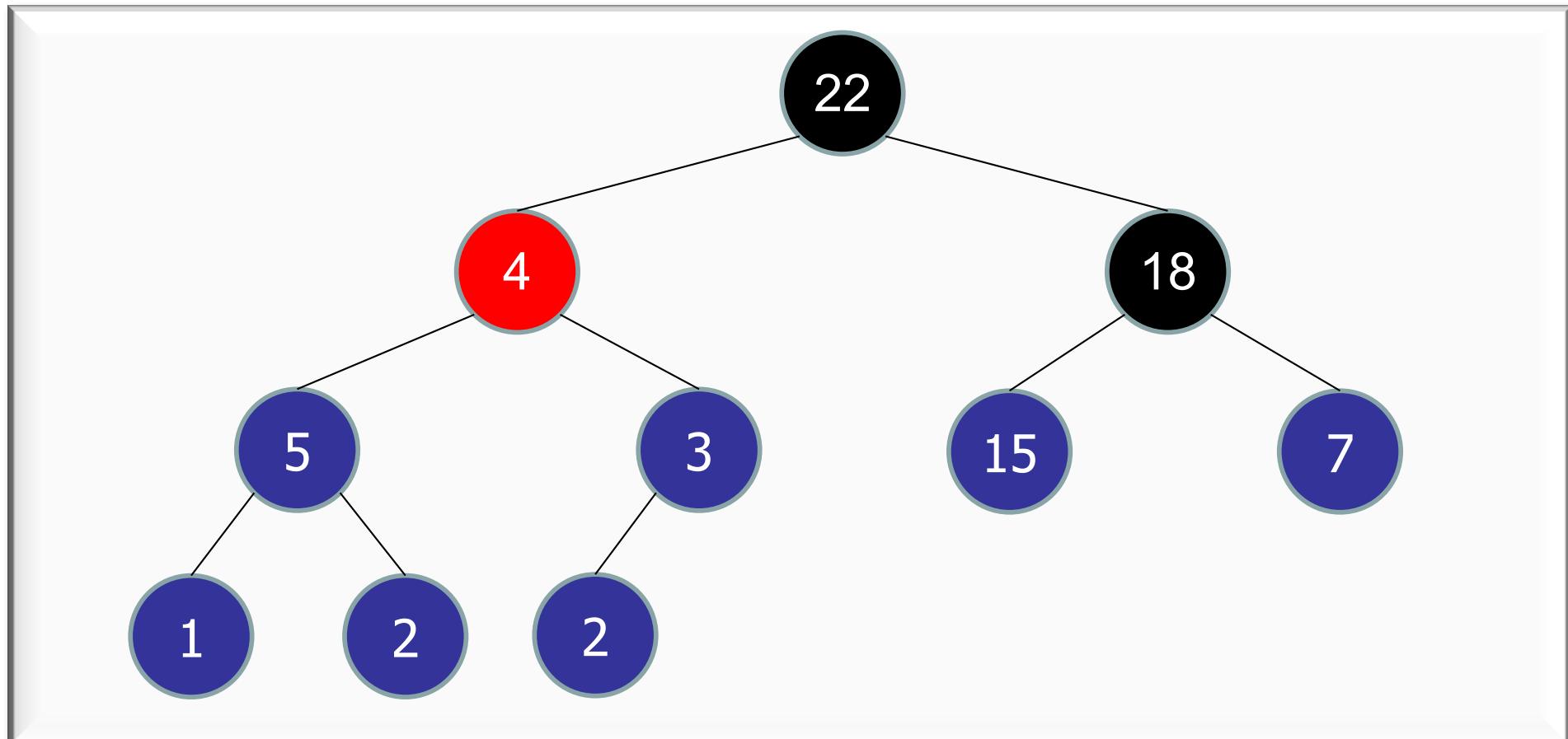
- ✓ 1. Left
- 2. Right
- 3. Does not matter



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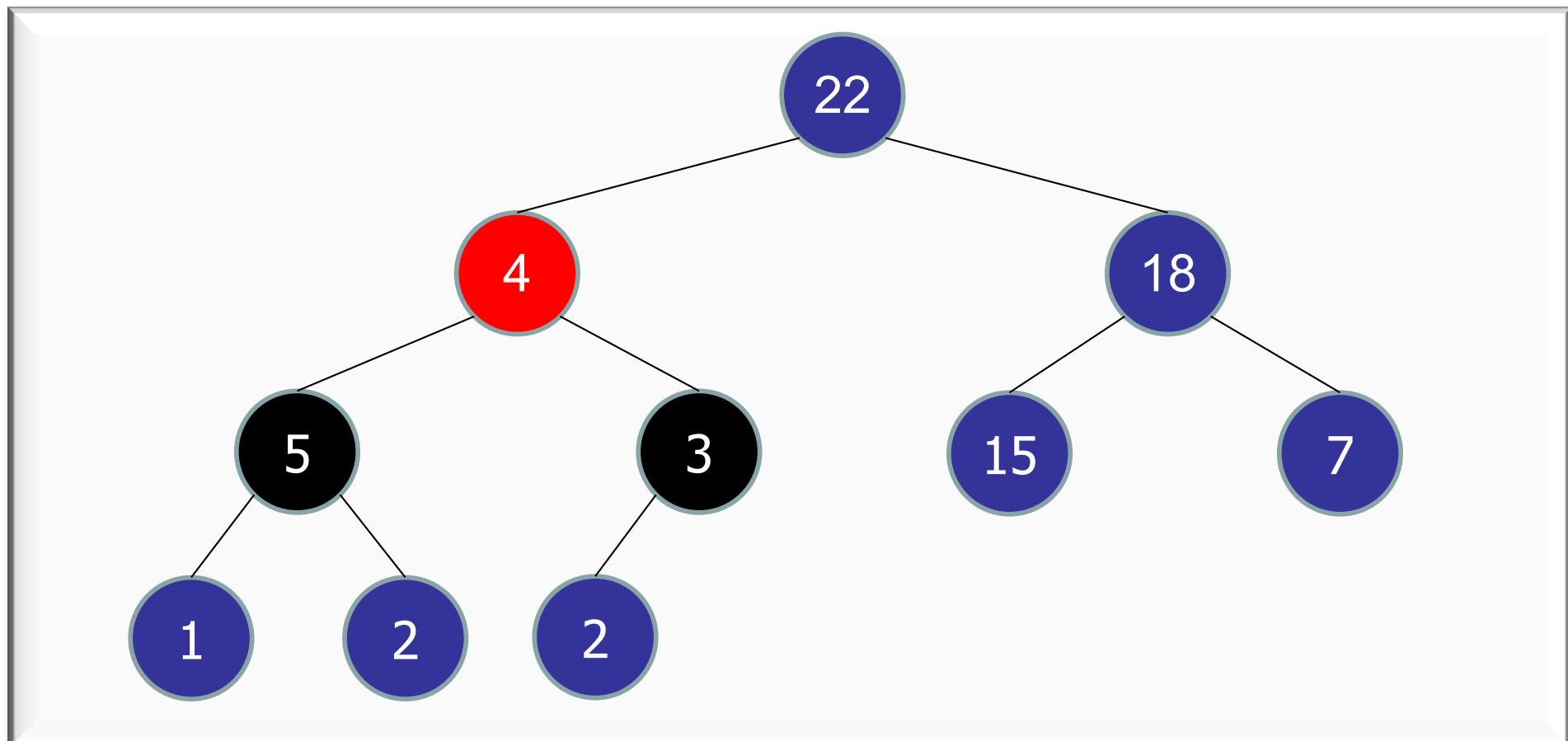
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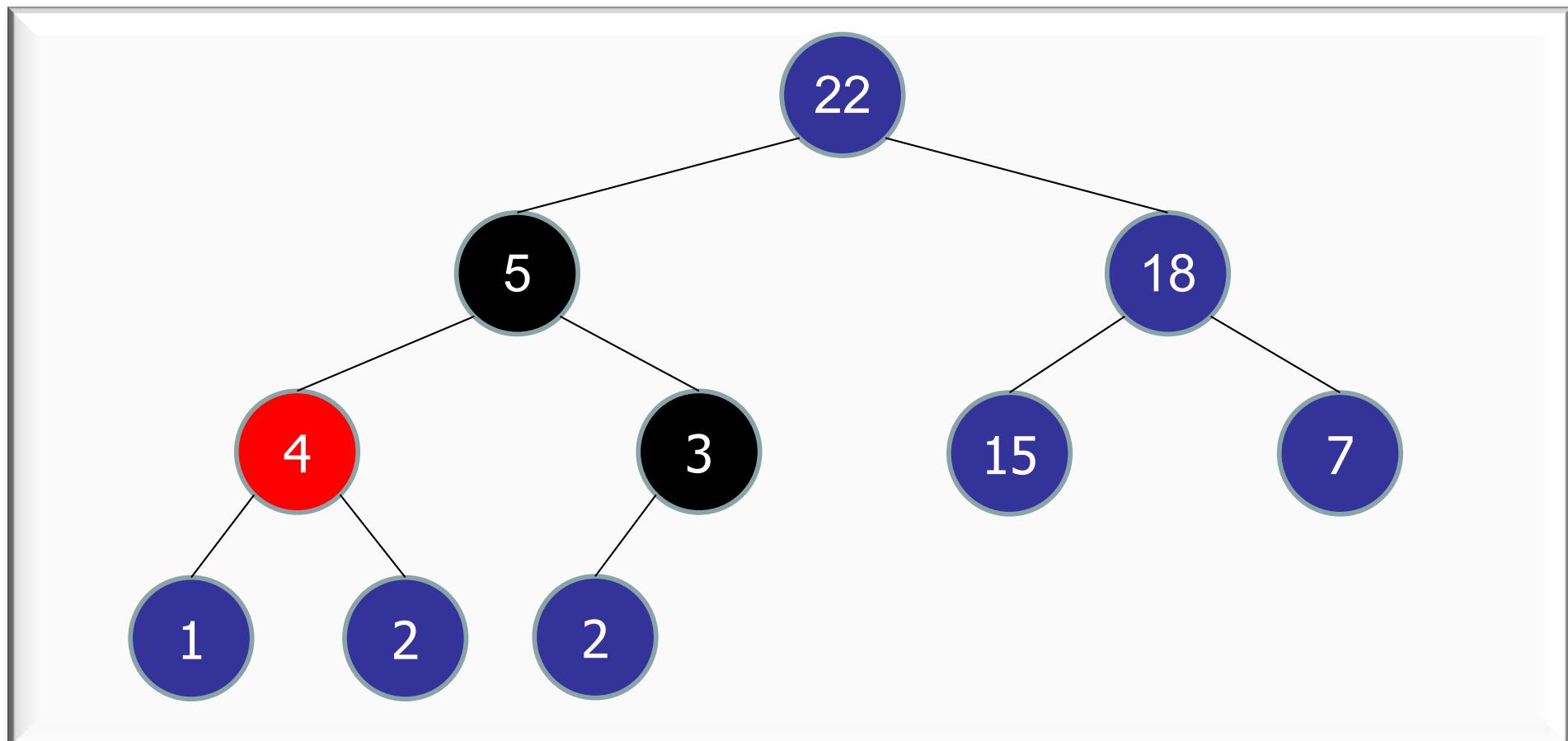
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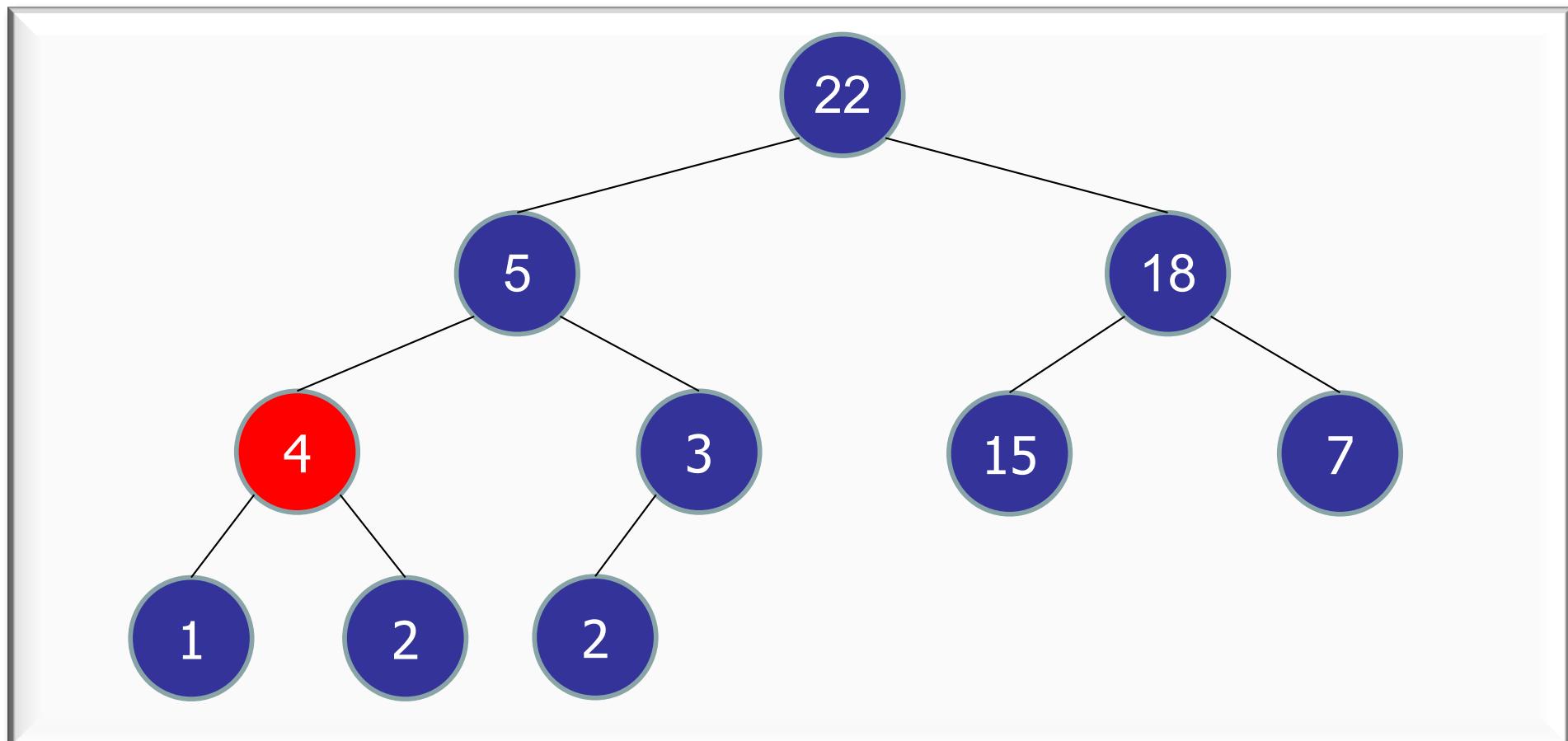
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# Inserting in a Heap

```
bubbleDown(Node v)

while (!leaf(v)) {

    leftP = priority(left(v));

    rightP = priority(right(v));

    maxP = max(leftP, rightP, priority(v));

    if (leftP == max) {

        swap(v, left(v));

        v = left(v); }

    else if (rightP == max) {

        swap(v, right(v));

        v = right(v); }

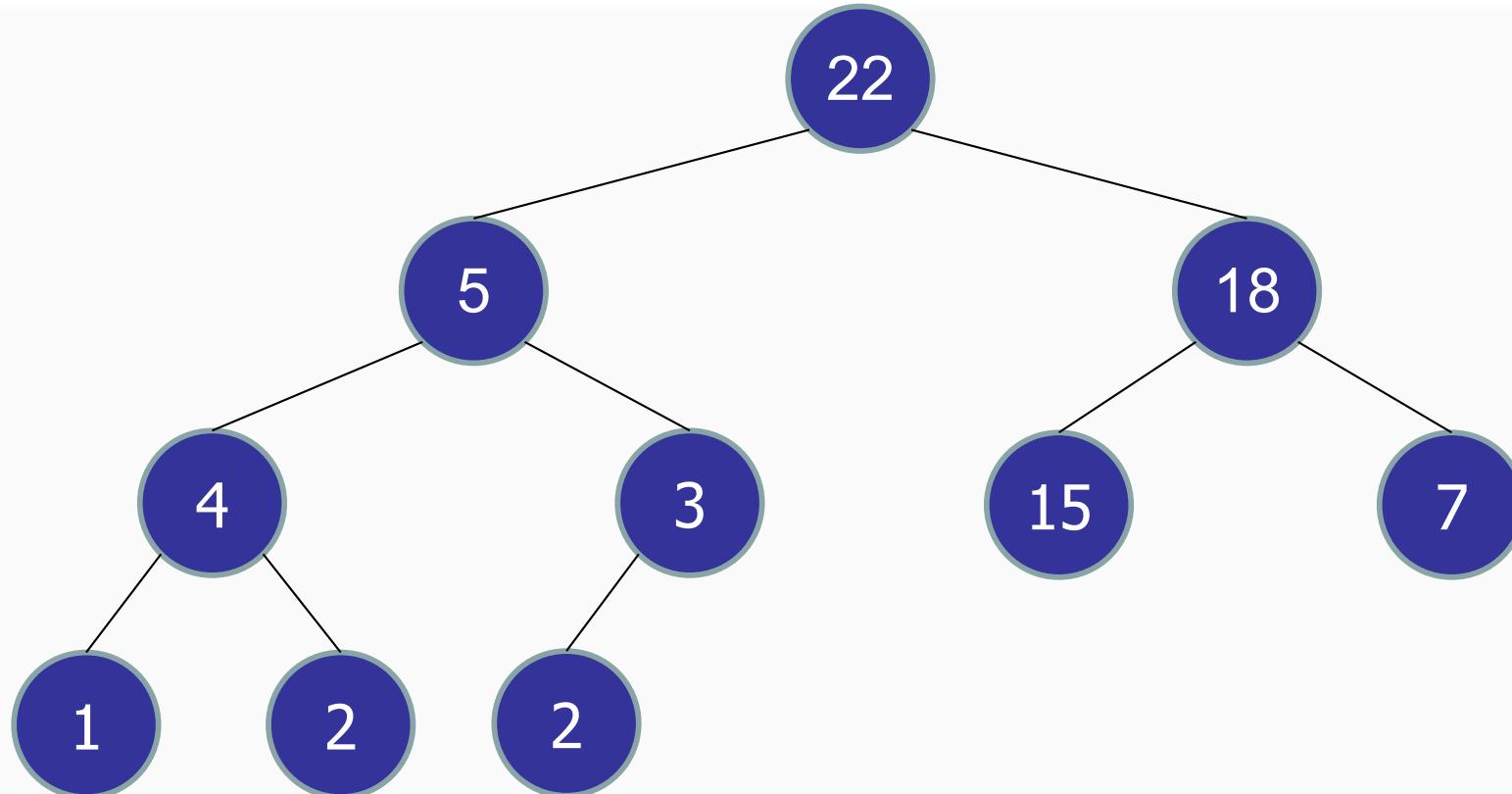
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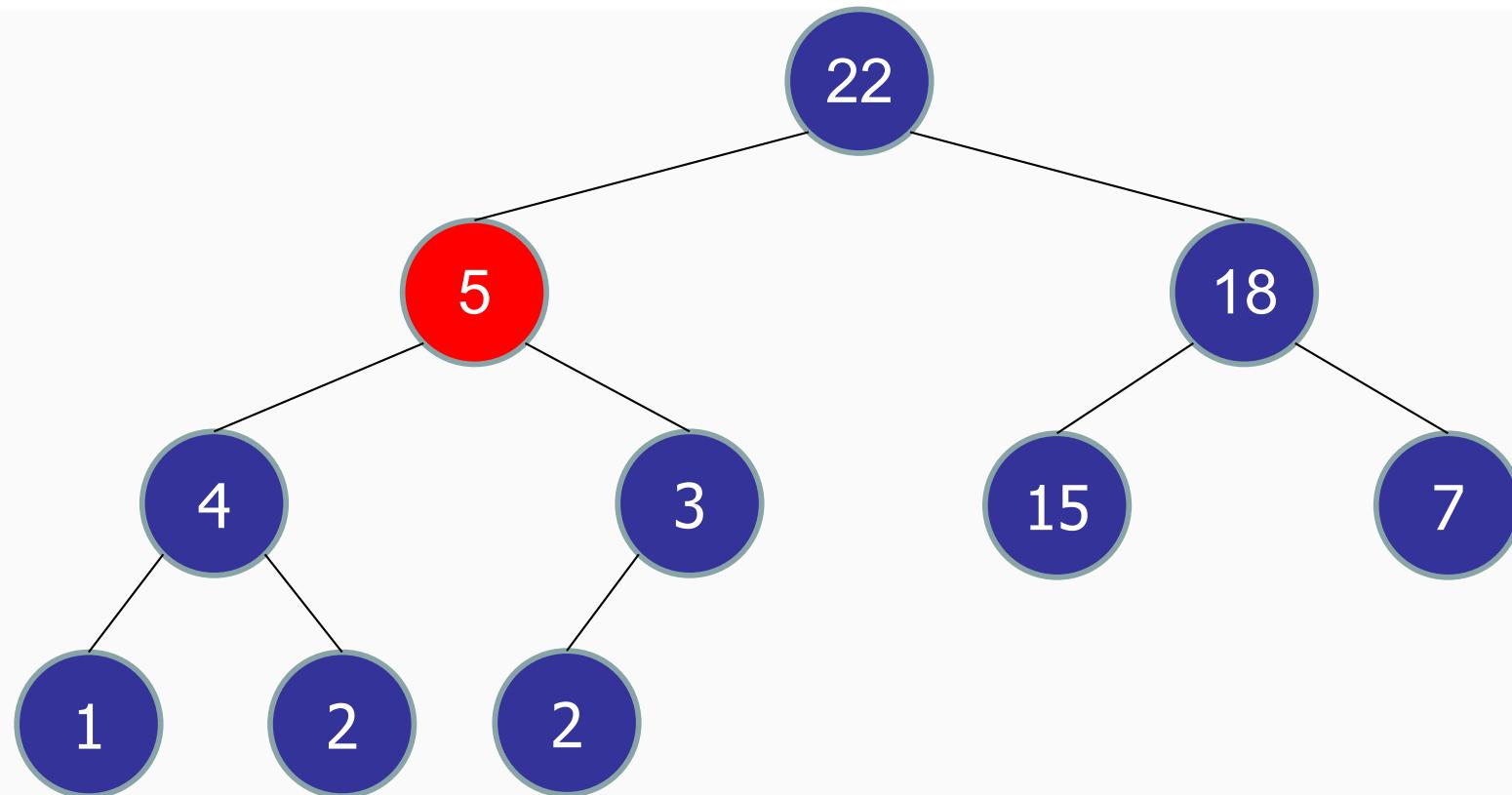
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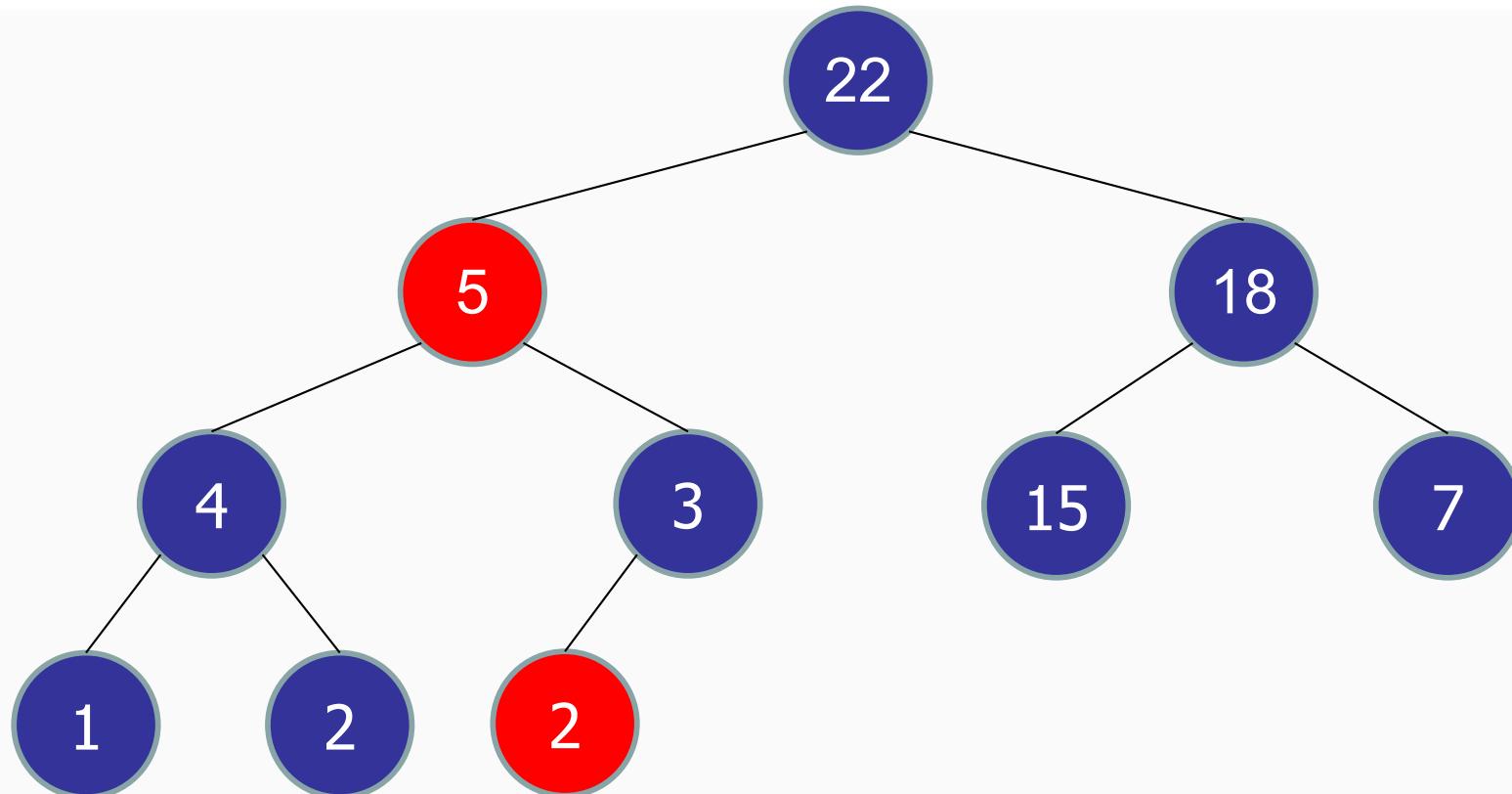
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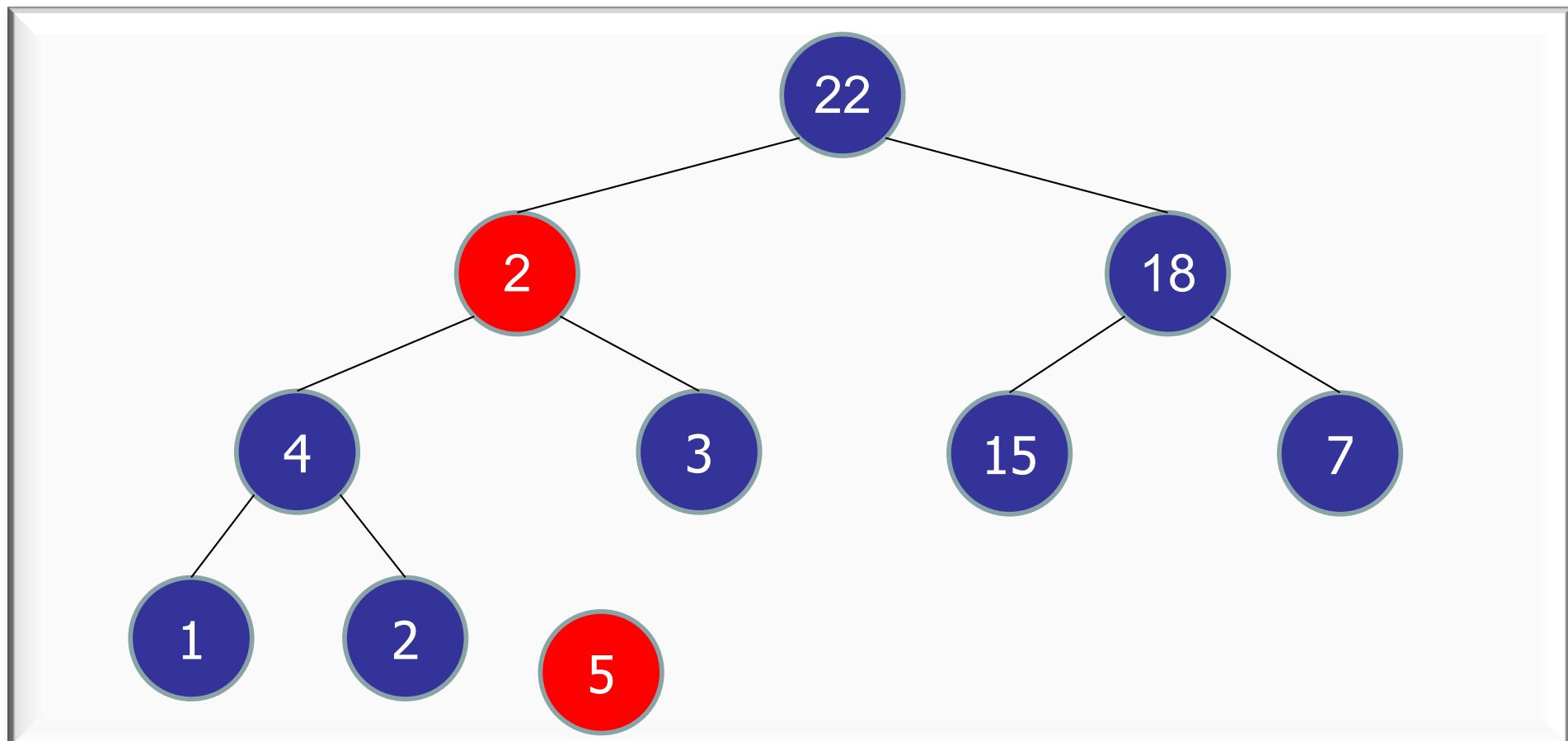
- `swap(5, last())`



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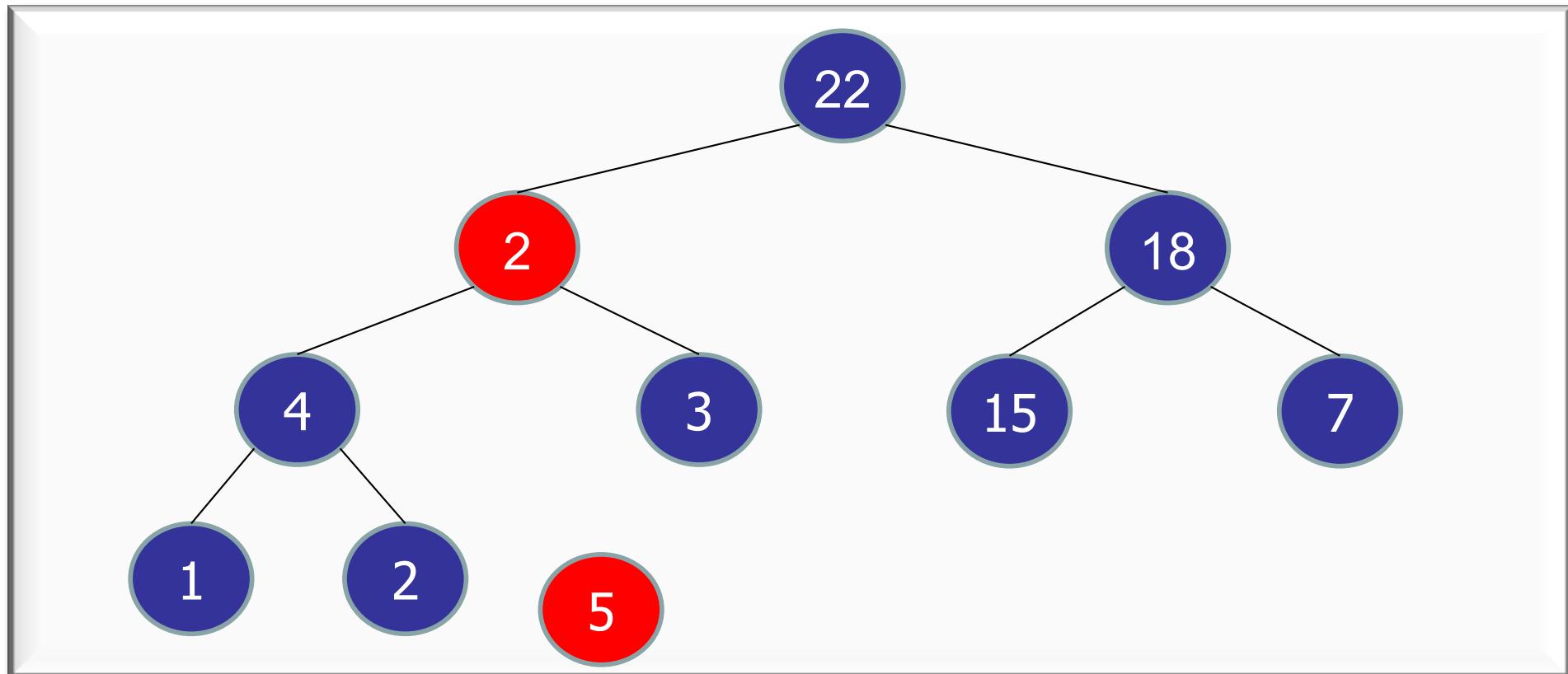
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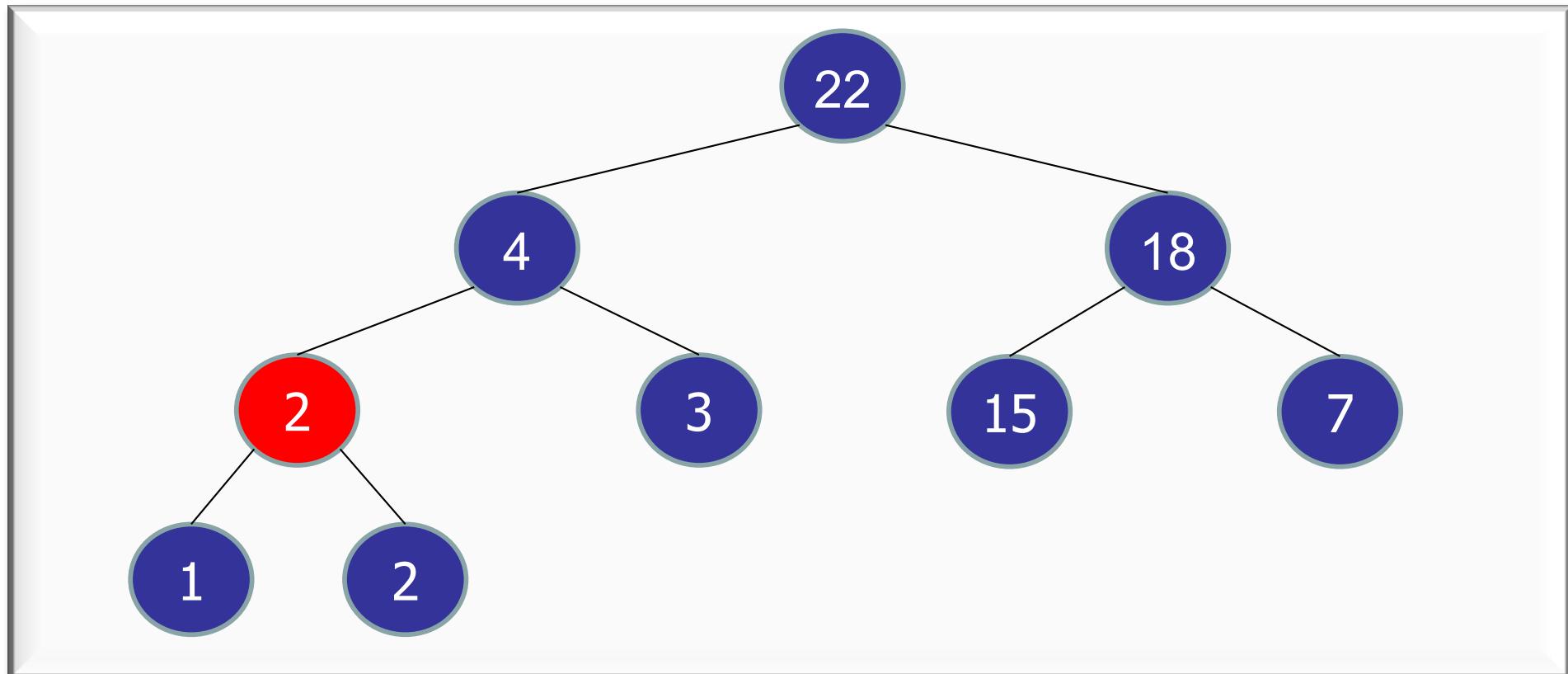
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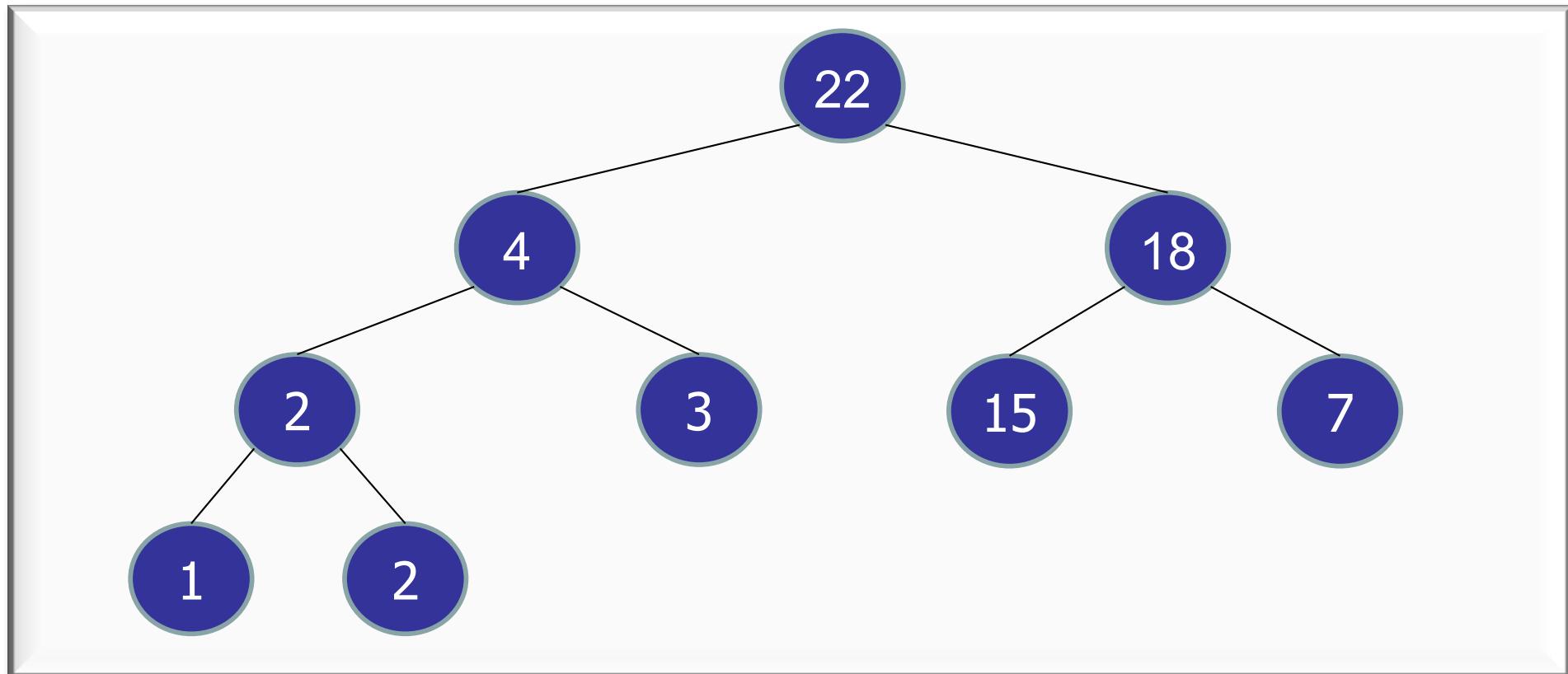
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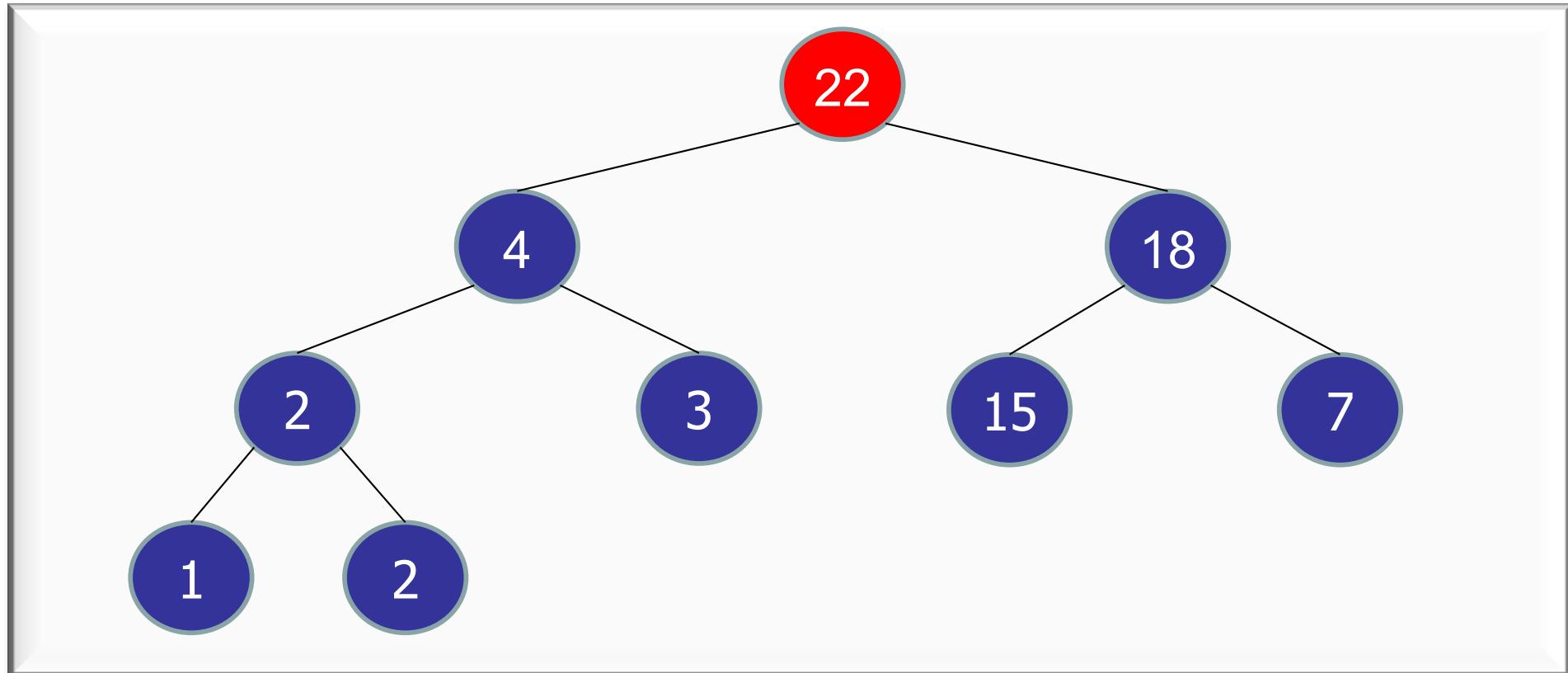
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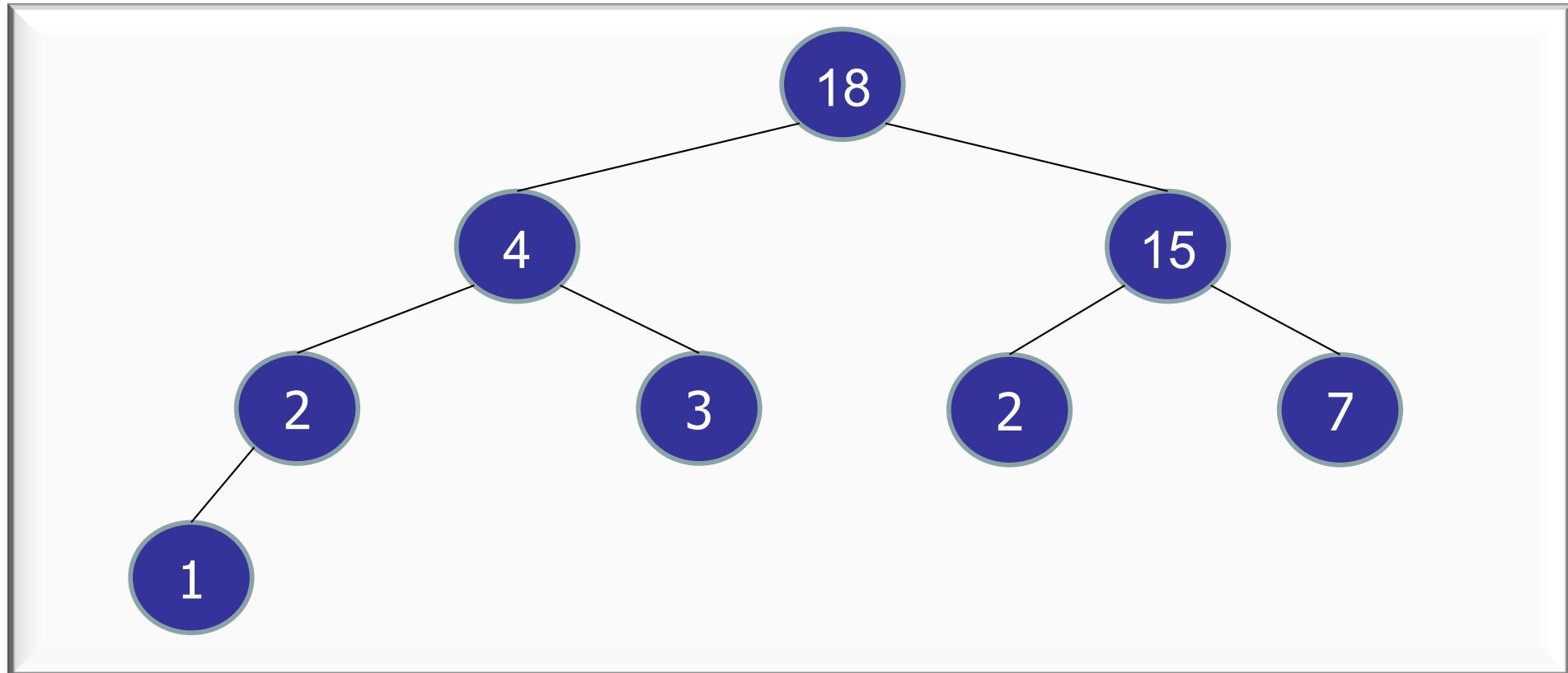
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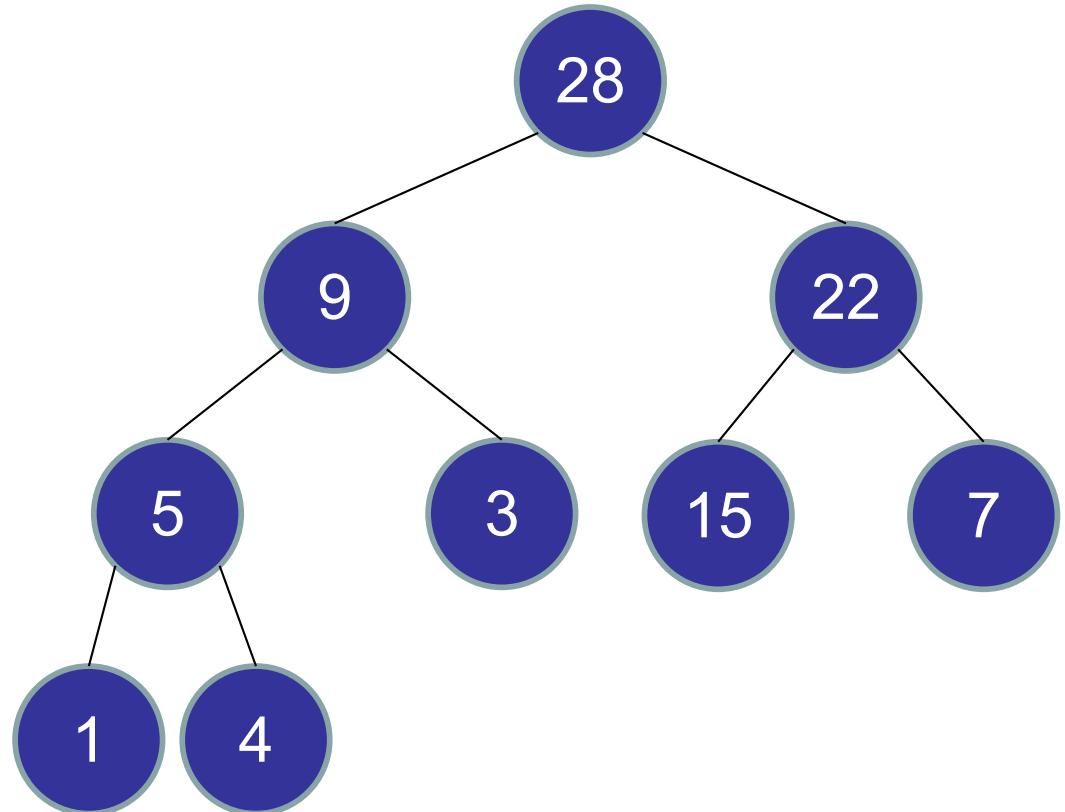


# (Max) Priority Queue

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Heap Operations:  $O(\log n)$

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- increaseKey
- decreaseKey
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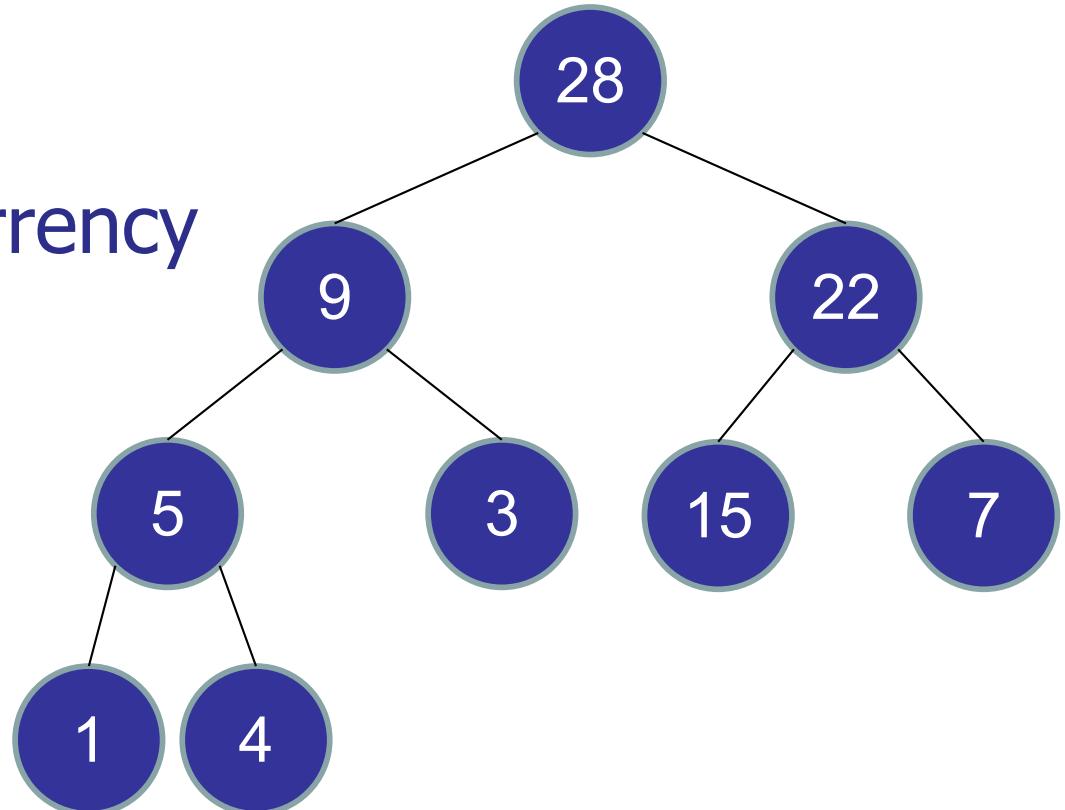


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## Heap vs. AVL Tree

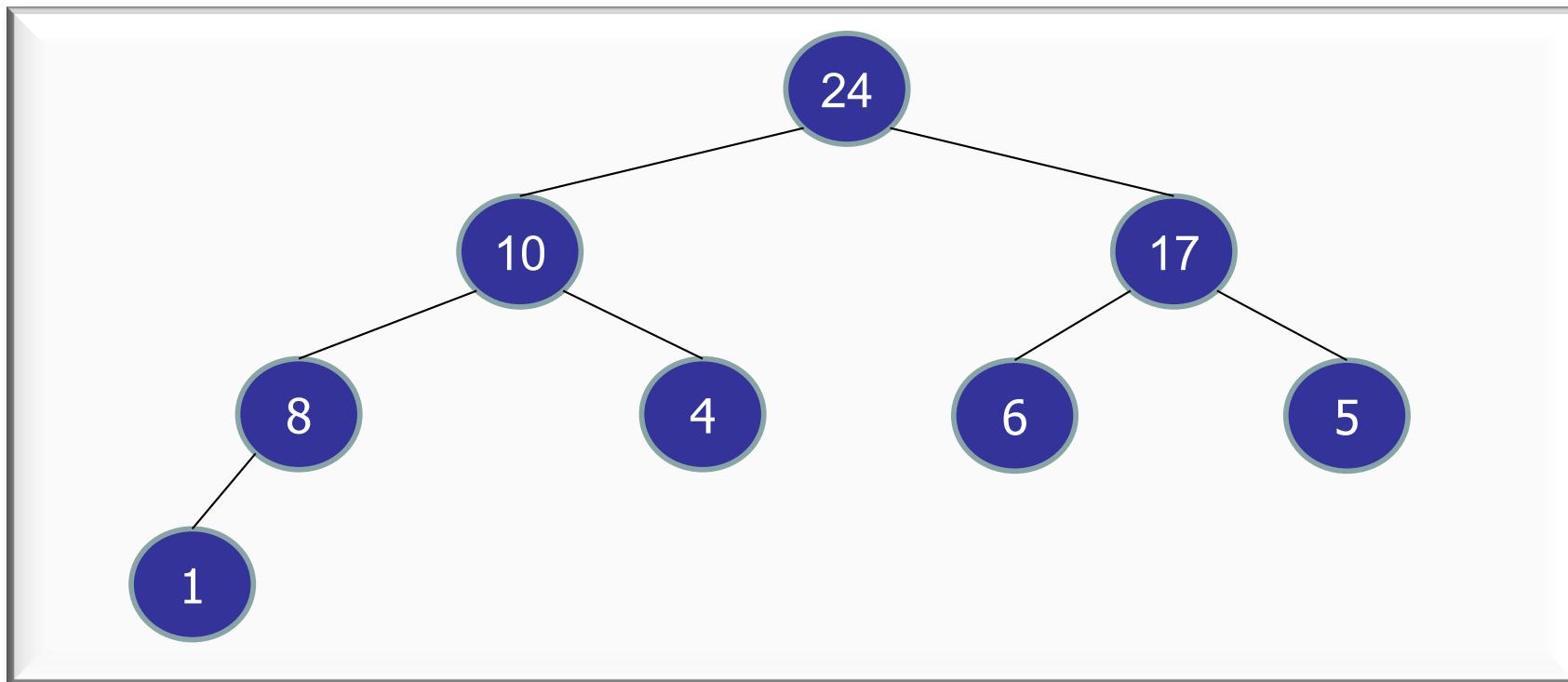
- Same cost for operations
- Slightly simpler
  - No rotations
- Slightly better concurrency



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Map each node in complete binary tree into a slot in an array.

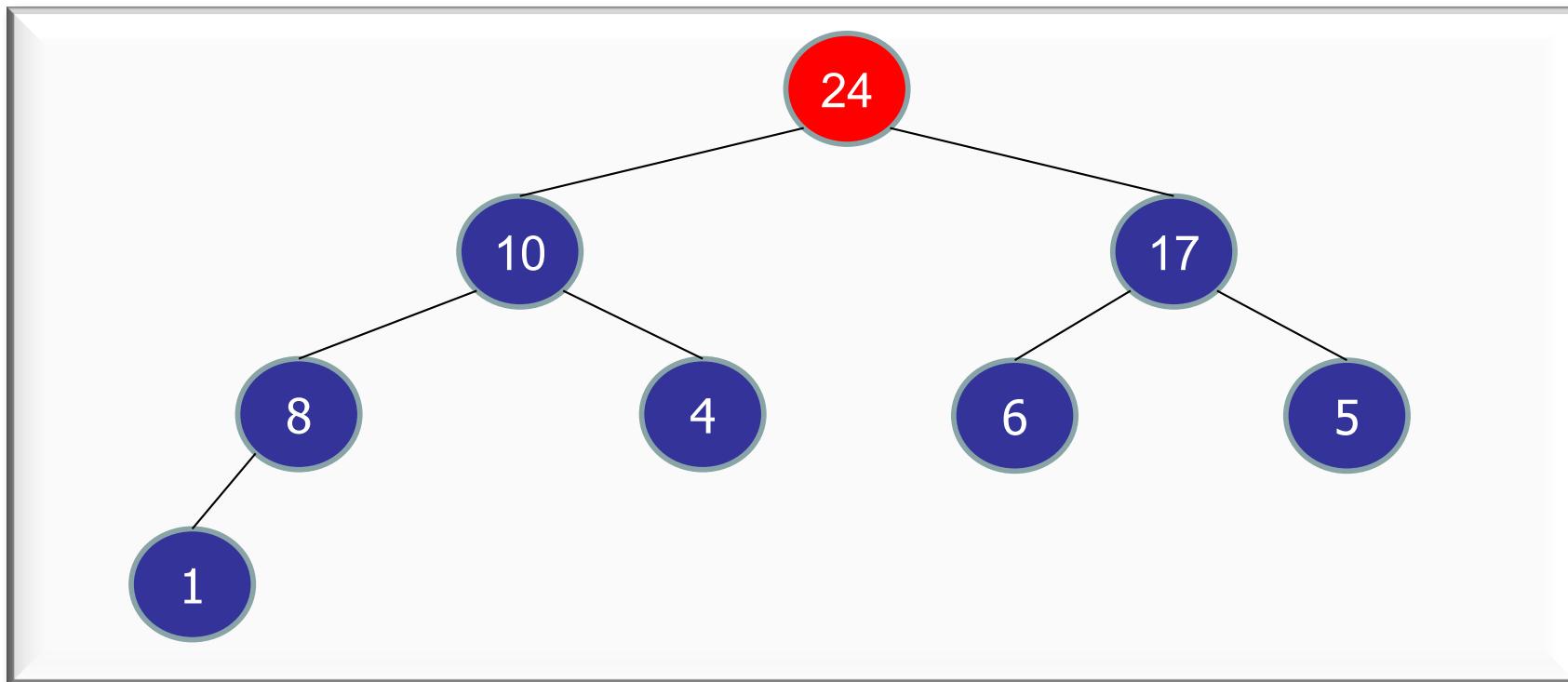
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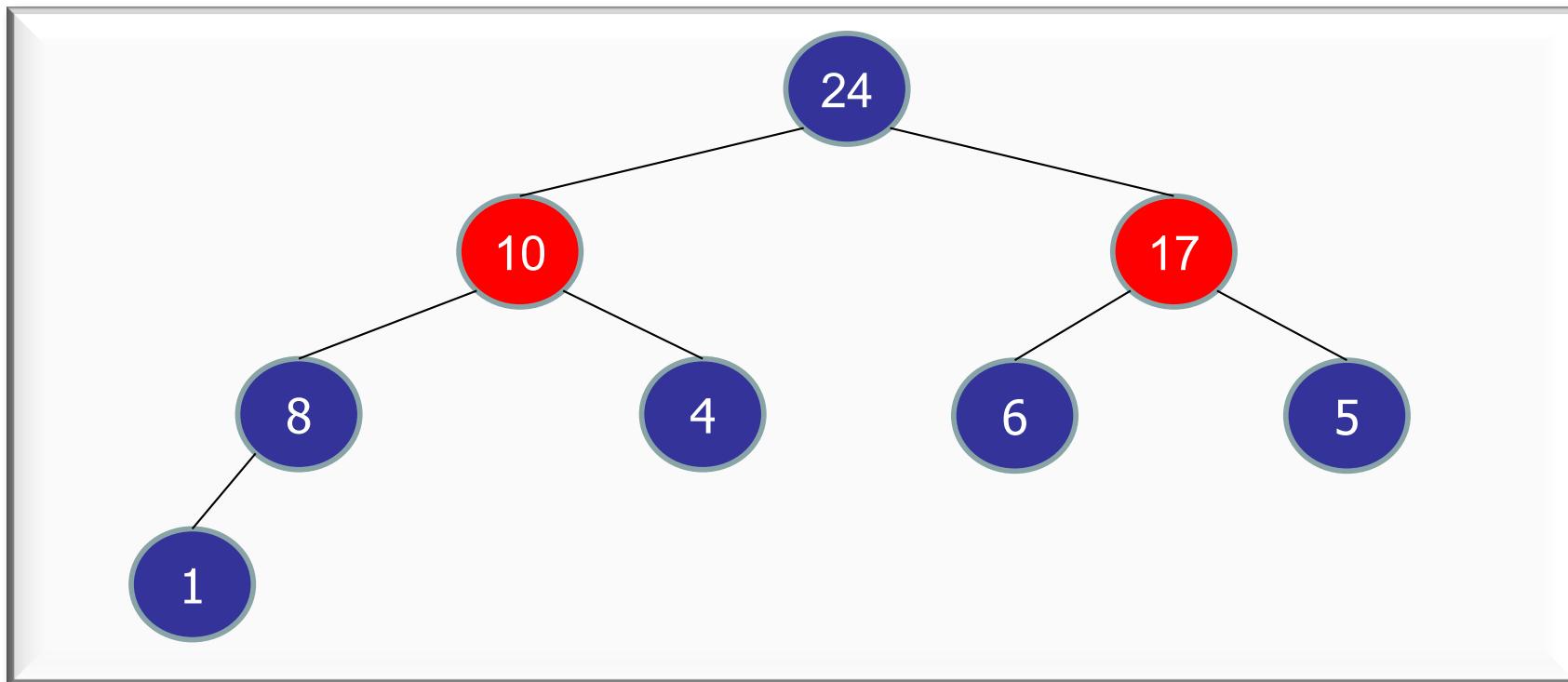
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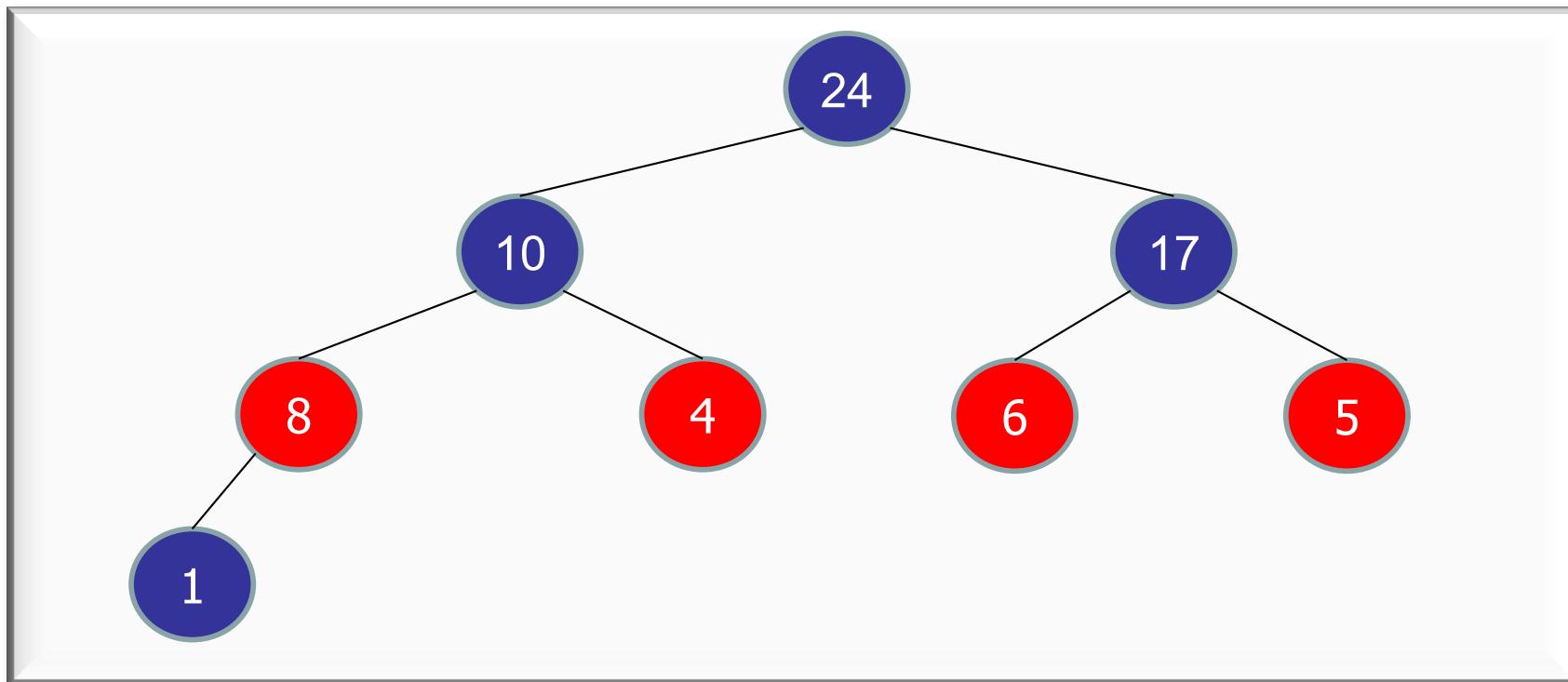
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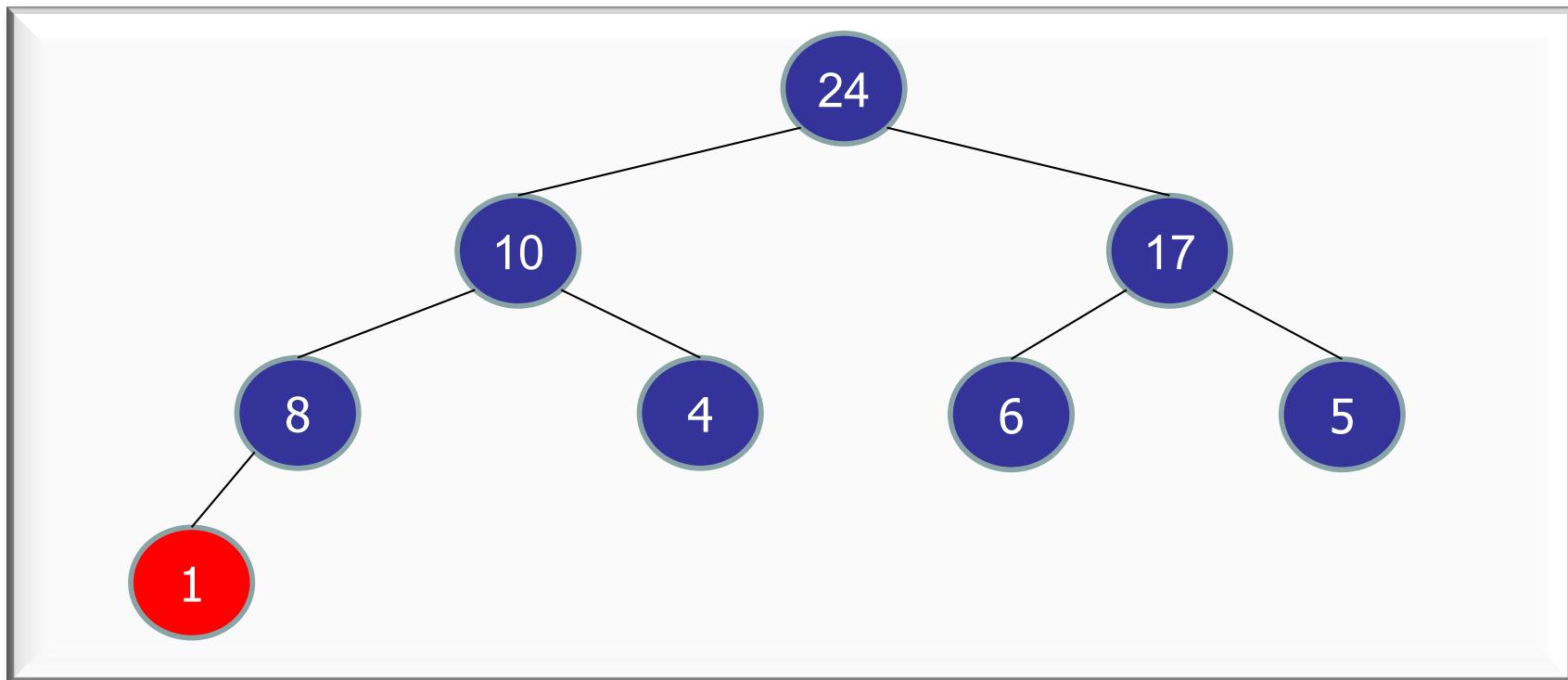
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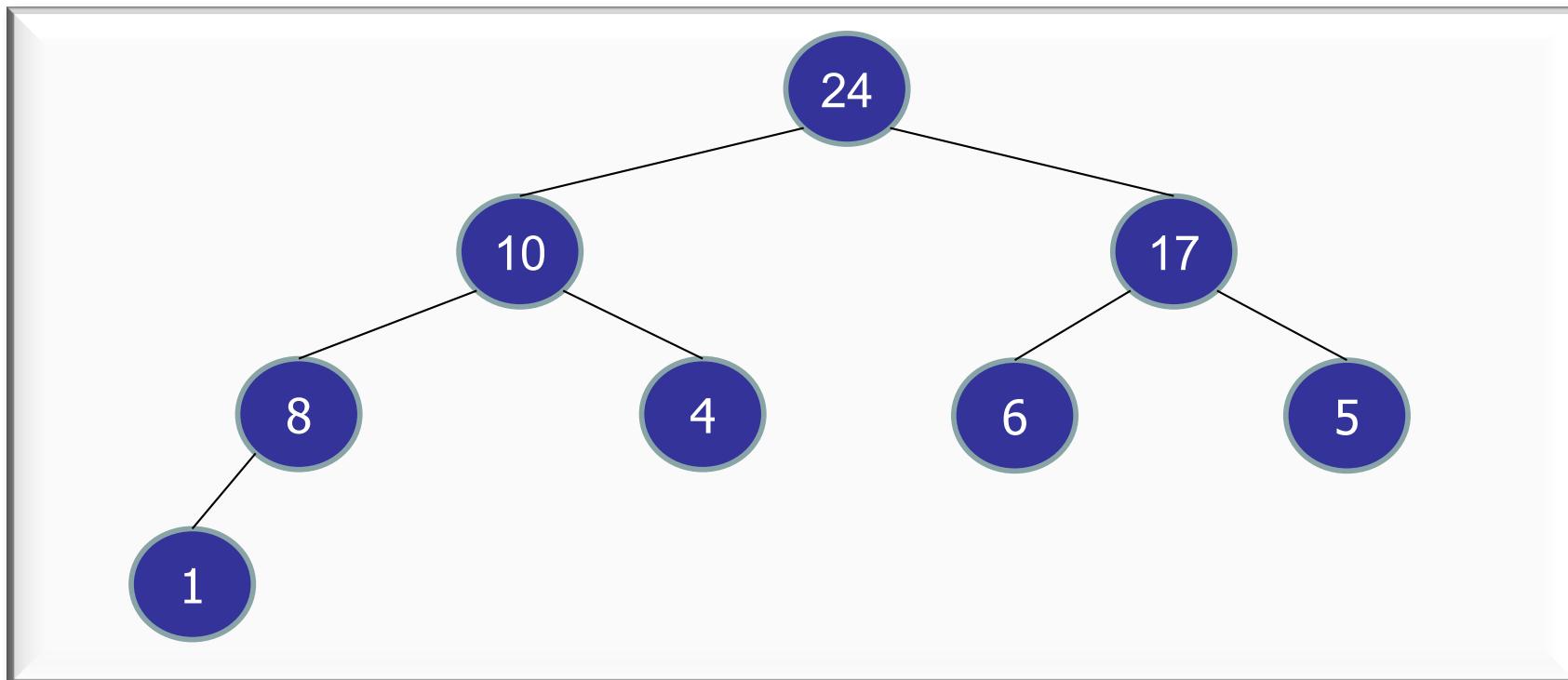
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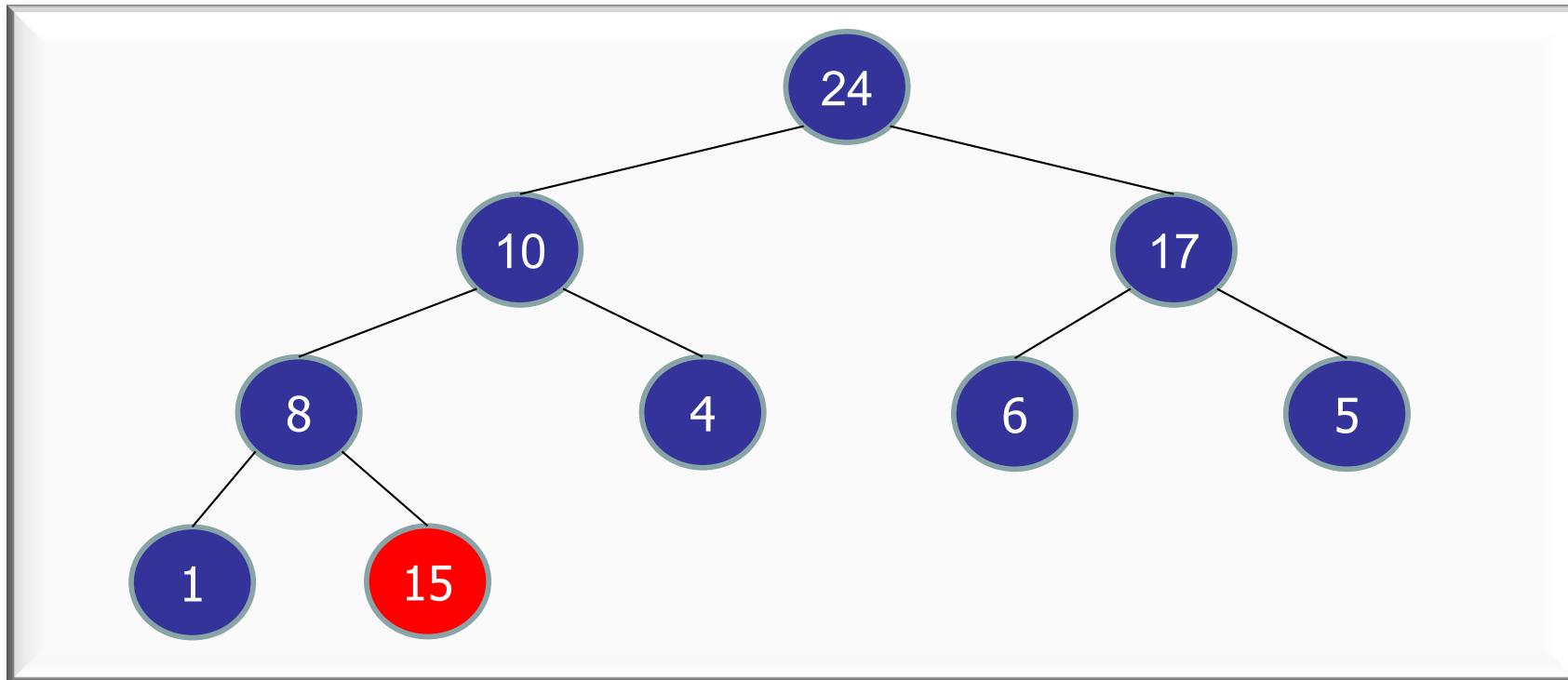
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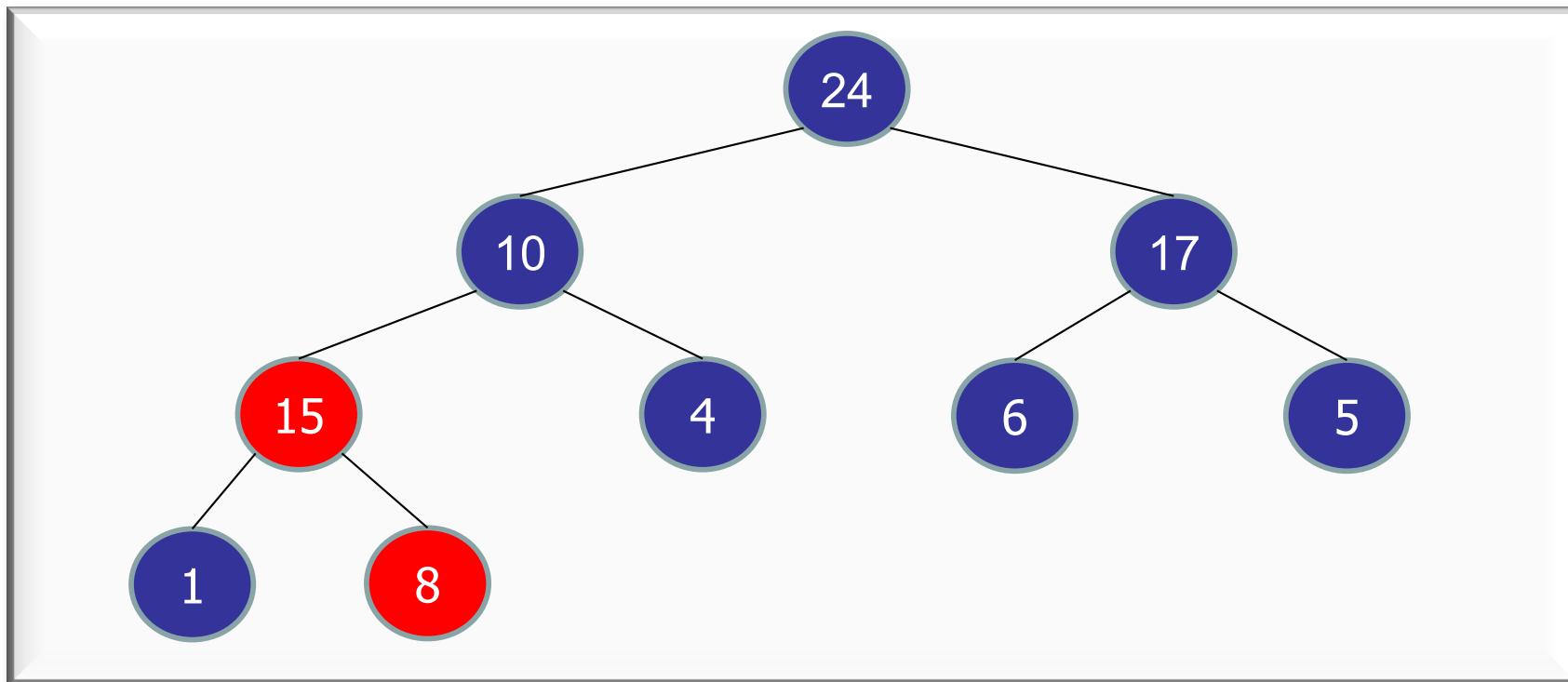
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priority	24	10	17	8	4	6	5	1	15



# Store Tree in an Array

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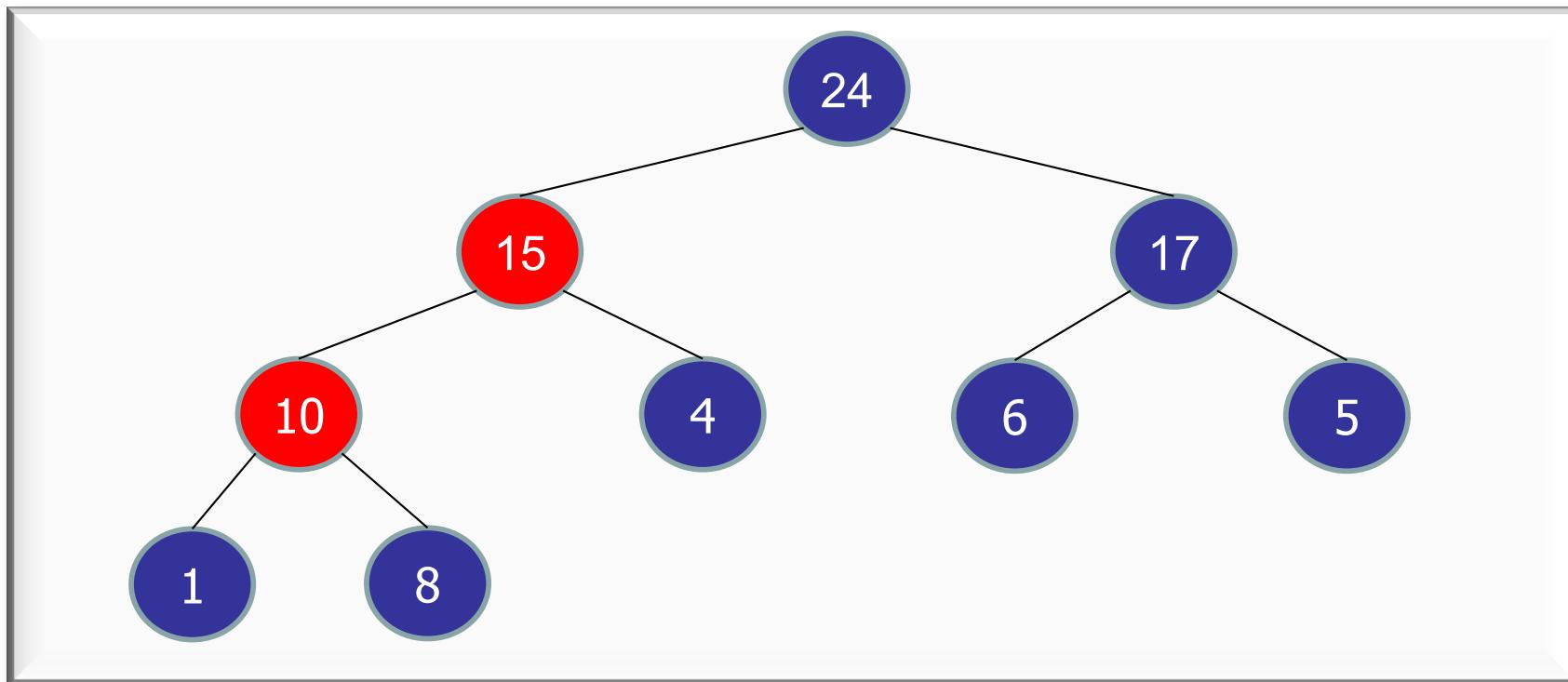
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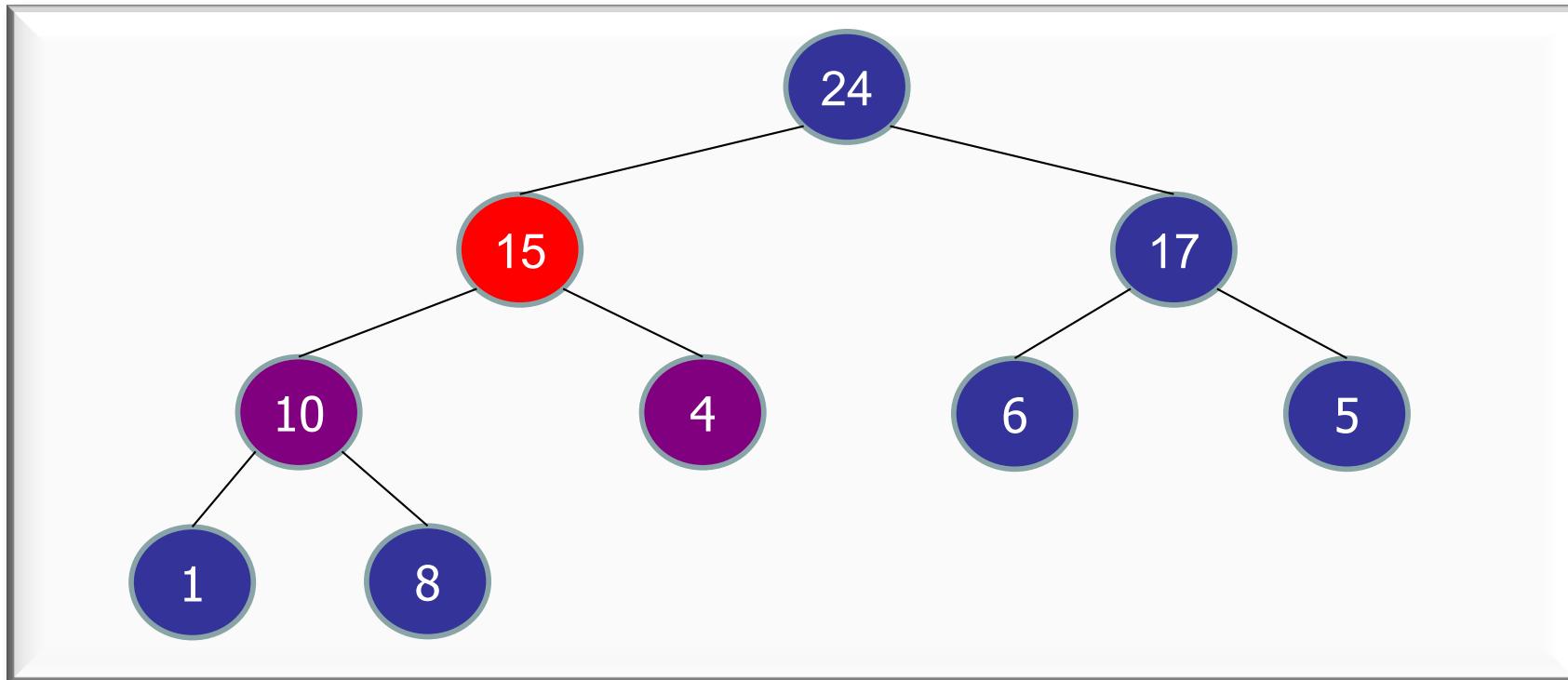


# Store Tree in an Array

$$\text{left}(x) = 2x+1$$

$$\text{right}(x) = 2x+2$$

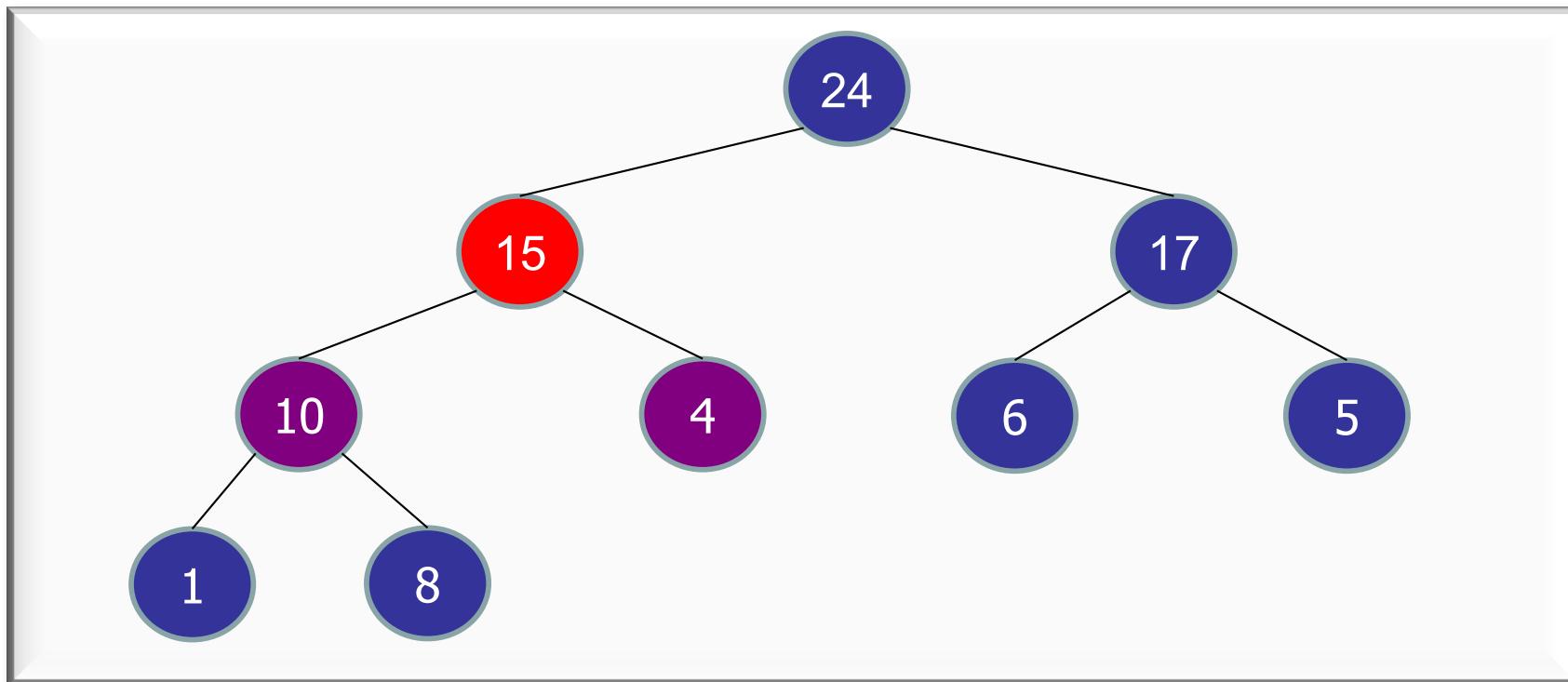
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priority	24	15	17	10	4	6	5	1	8



# Store Tree in an Array

`parent(x) = floor((x-1)/ 2)`

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	24	15	17	10	4	6	5	1	8



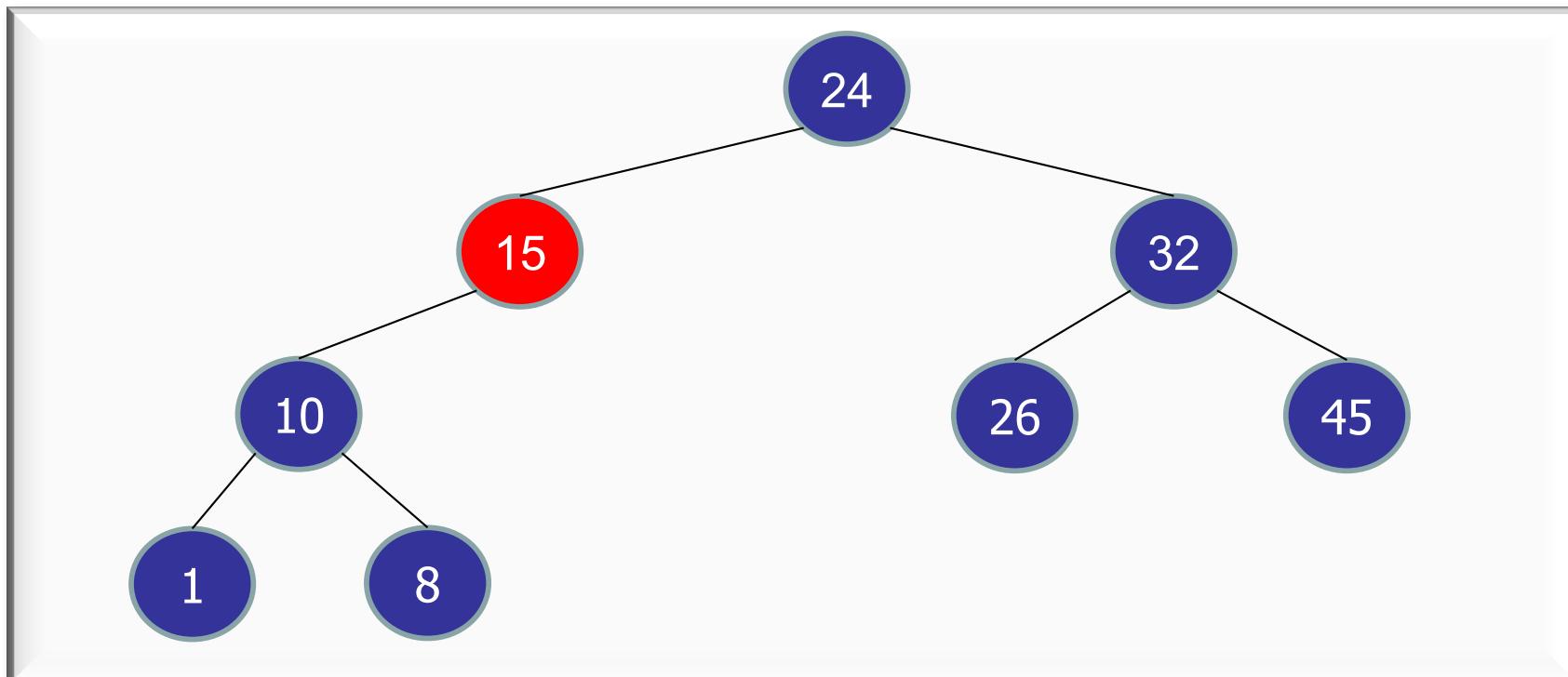
# Why not store an AVL tree in an array?

1. Too much wasted space.
2. Too expensive to calculate left/right/parent.
- ✓ 3. Too slow to update.
4. You can store an AVL tree in an array.

# Store Tree in an Array

right-rotate(15)

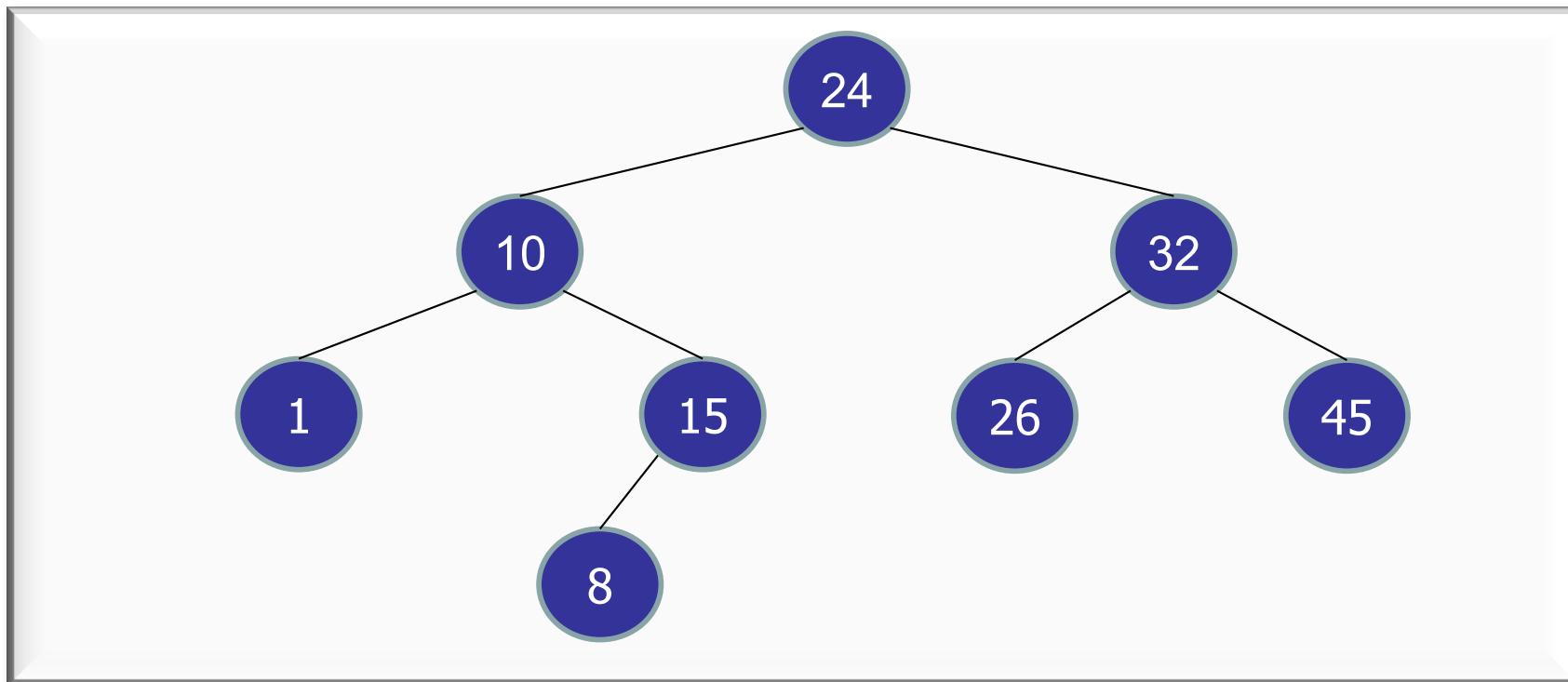
array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	24	15	32	10	4	26	45	1	8



# Store Tree in an Array

right-rotate(15)

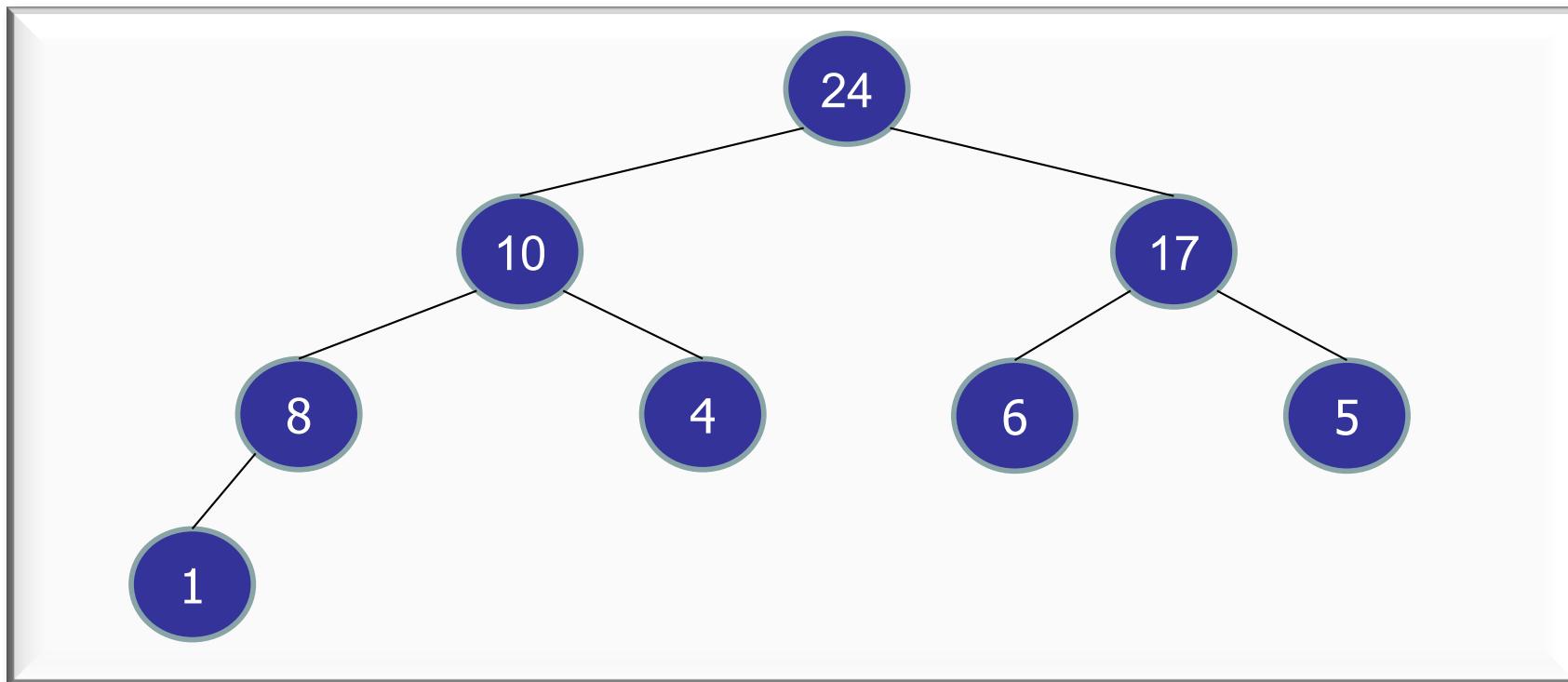
array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	24	10	32	1	15	26	45	8	



# Store Tree in an Array

Map each node in complete binary tree into a slot in an array.

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	24	10	17	8	4	6	5	1	



# HeapSort

---

Unsorted list:

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
key	6	4	5	3	10	17	24	1	8

# HeapSort

---

Unsorted list:

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
key	6	4	5	3	10	17	24	1	8

Unsorted list → Heap

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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# HeapSort

Unsorted list:

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Unsorted list → Heap

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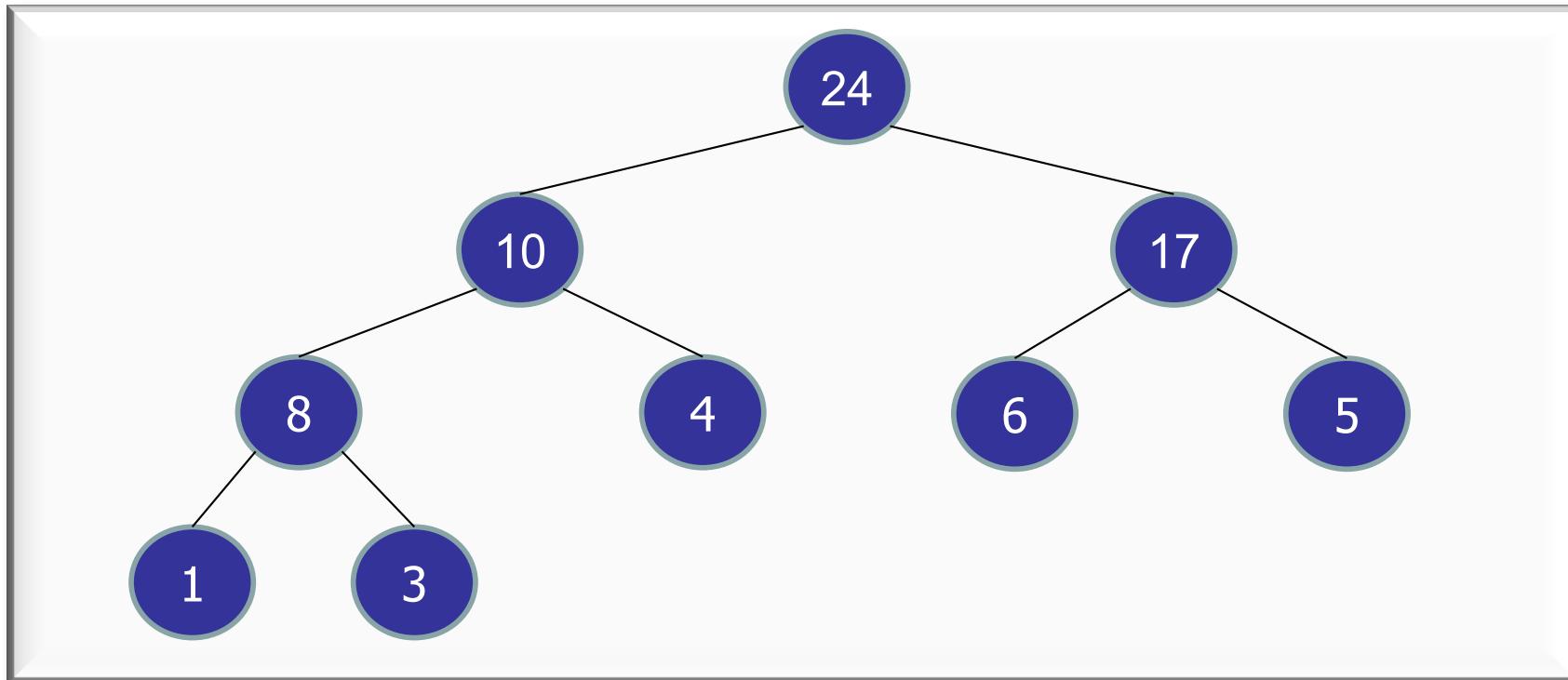
Heap → Sorted list:

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
key	1	3	4	5	6	8	10	17	24

# HeapSort

Heap → Sorted list:

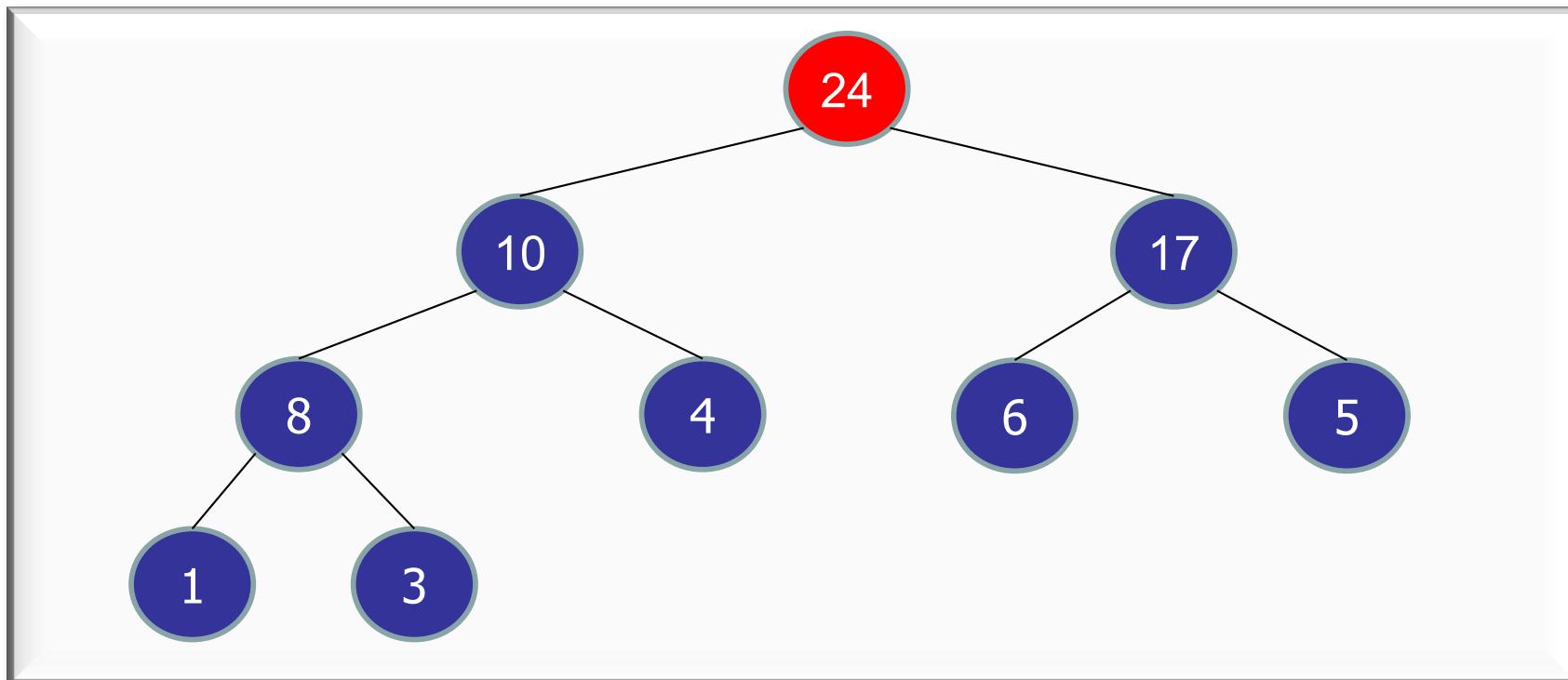
array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	24	10	17	8	4	6	5	1	3



# HeapSort

`value = extractMax();`

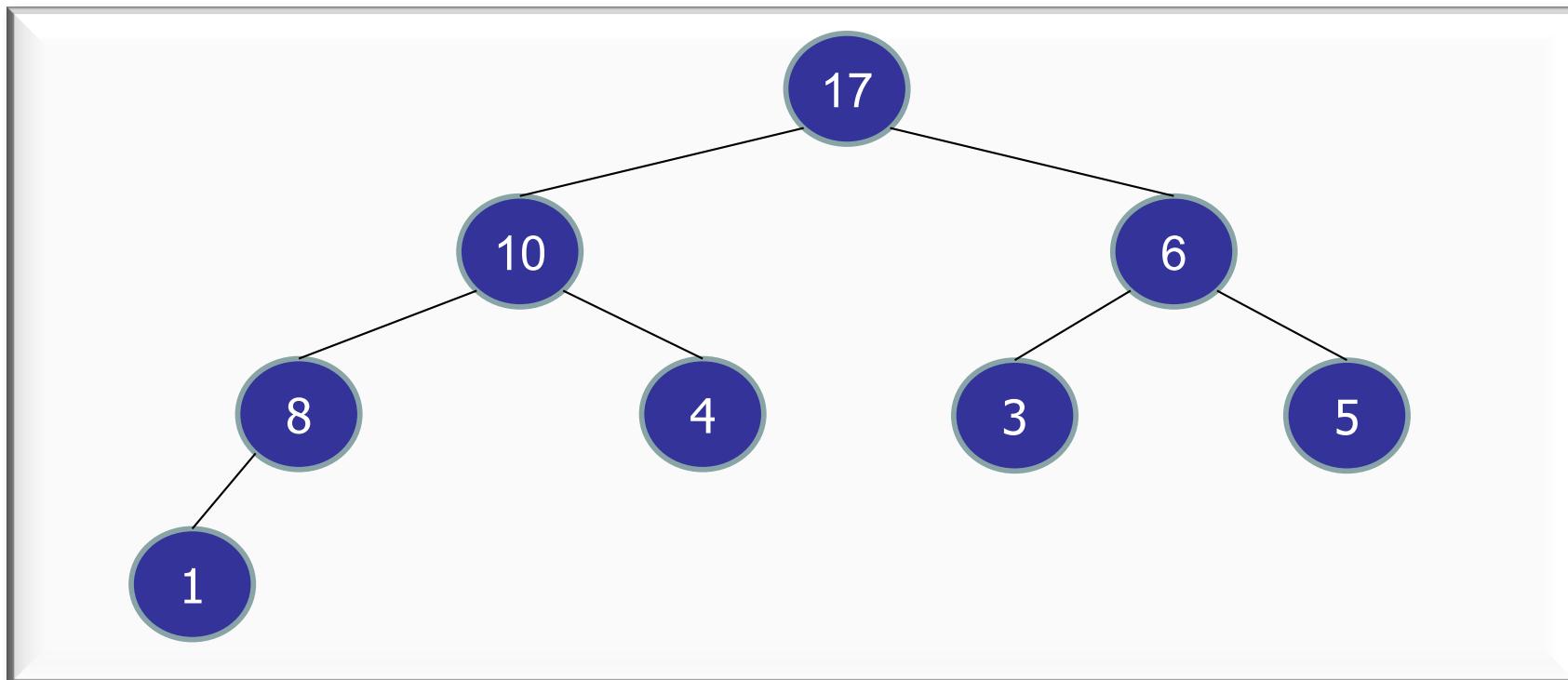
<b>array slot</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>priority</b>	24	10	17	8	4	6	5	1	3



# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();
```

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	17	10	6	8	4	3	5	1	

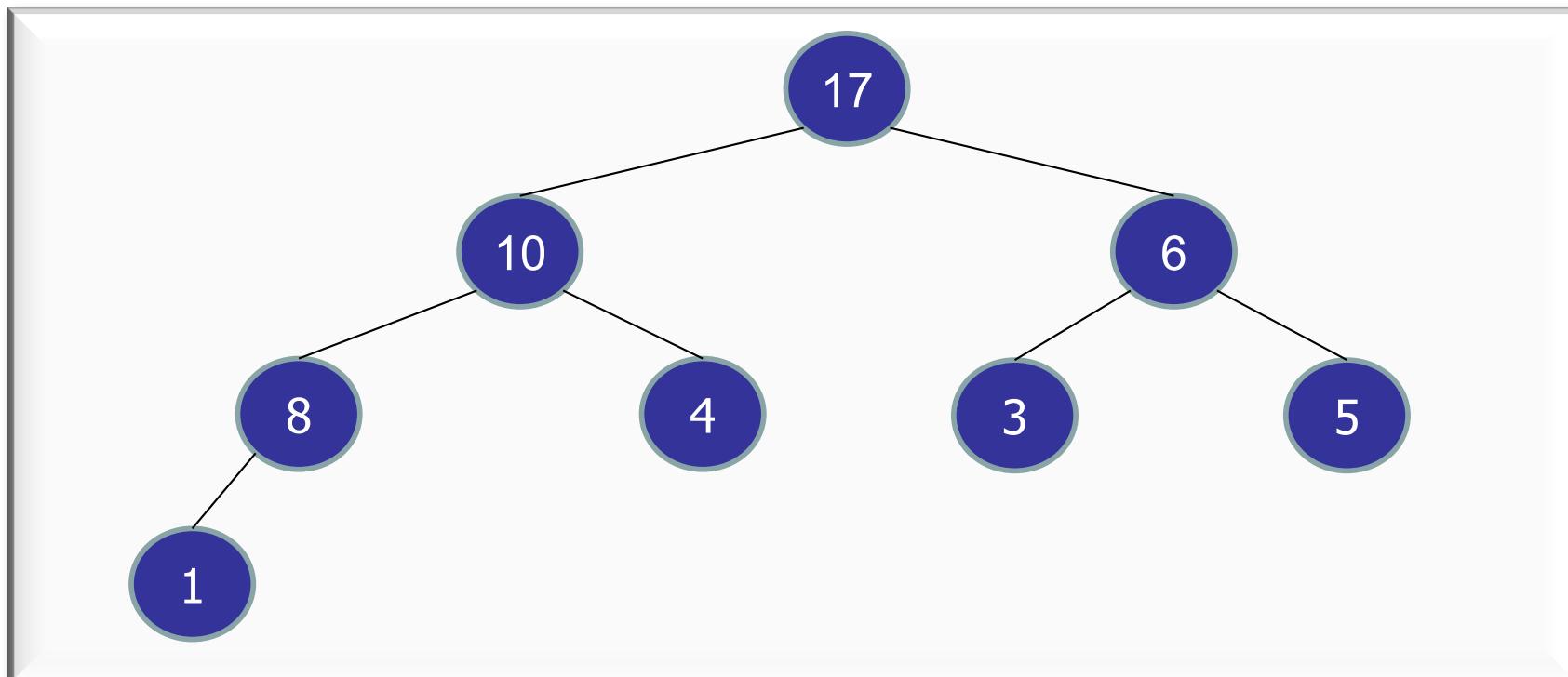


# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();
```

```
A[8] = value;
```

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	17	10	6	8	4	3	5	1	24

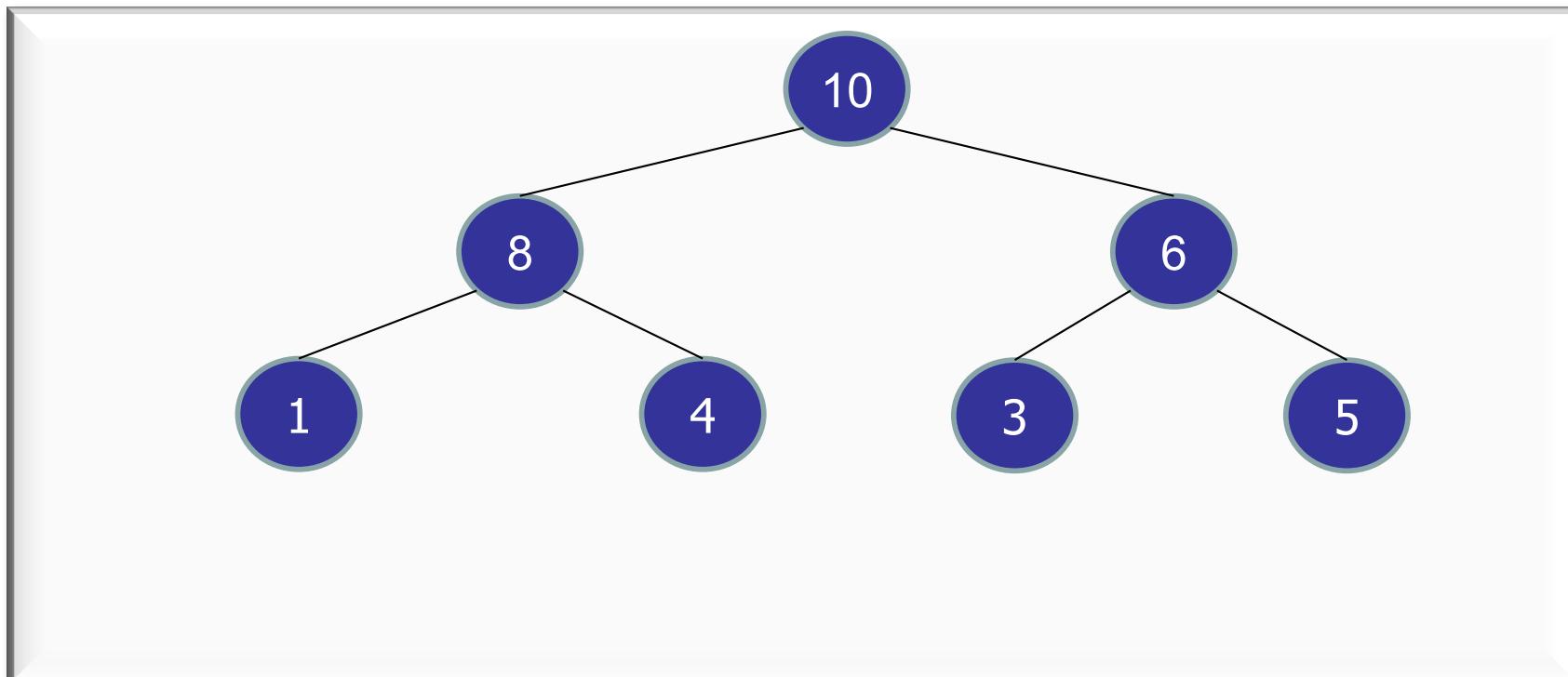


# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();
```

```
A[7] = value;
```

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	10	8	6	1	4	3	5	17	24

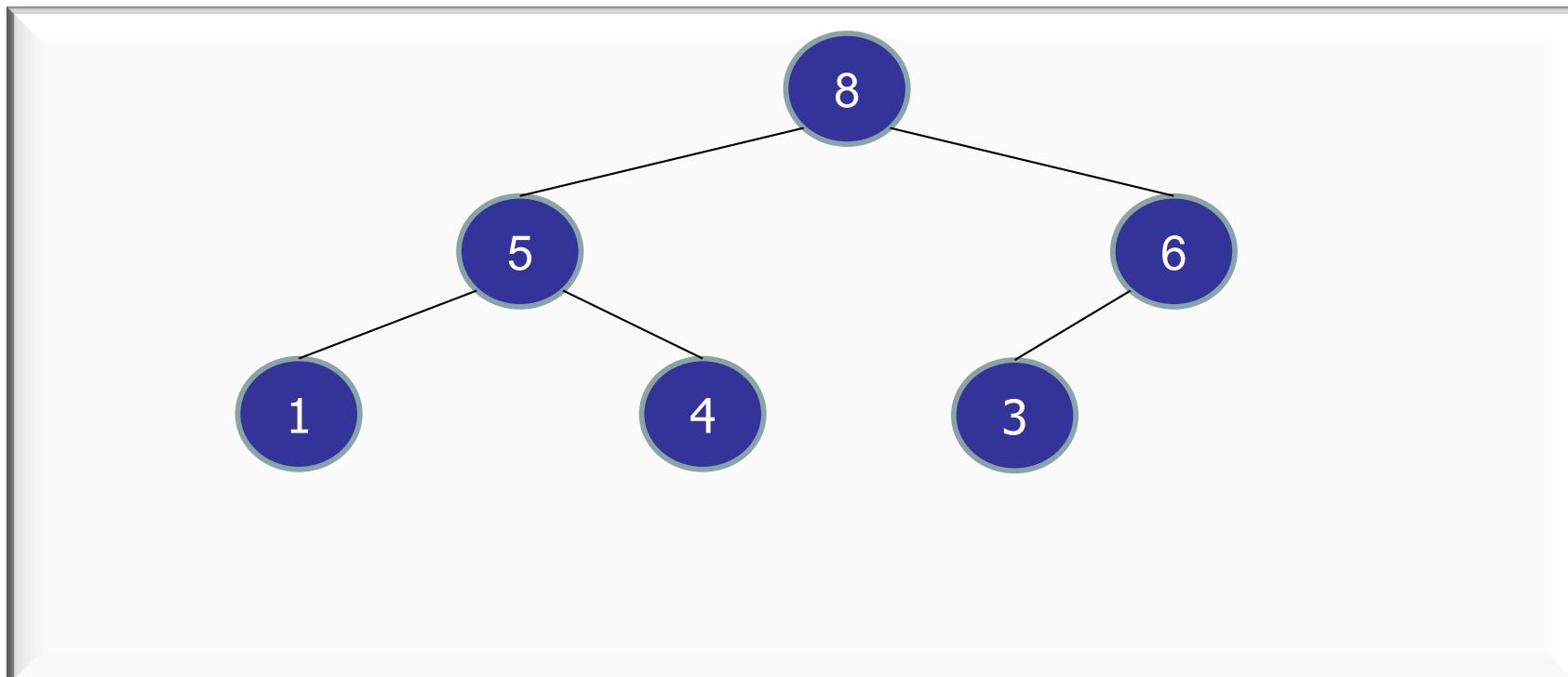


# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();
```

```
A[6] = value;
```

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	8	5	6	1	4	3	10	17	24

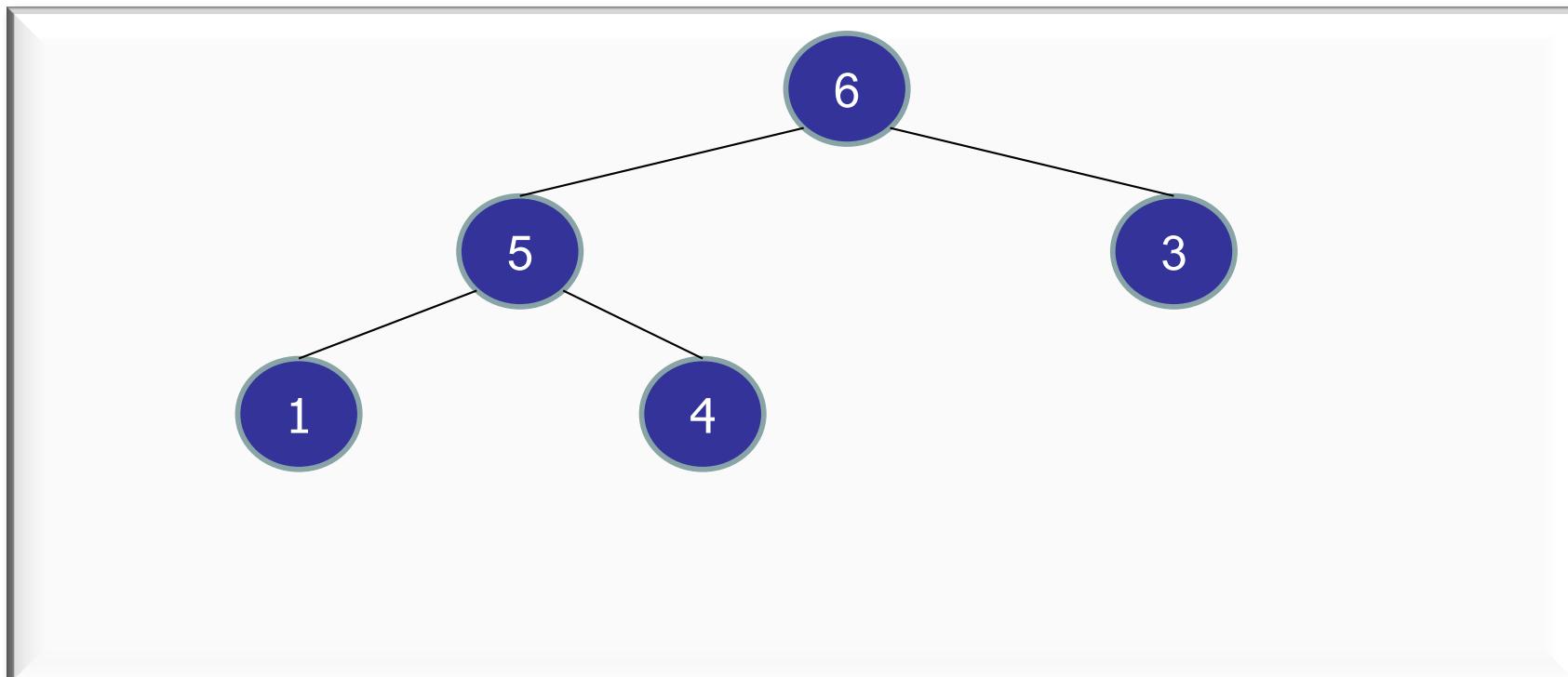


# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();
```

```
A[5] = value;
```

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	6	5	3	1	4	8	10	17	24

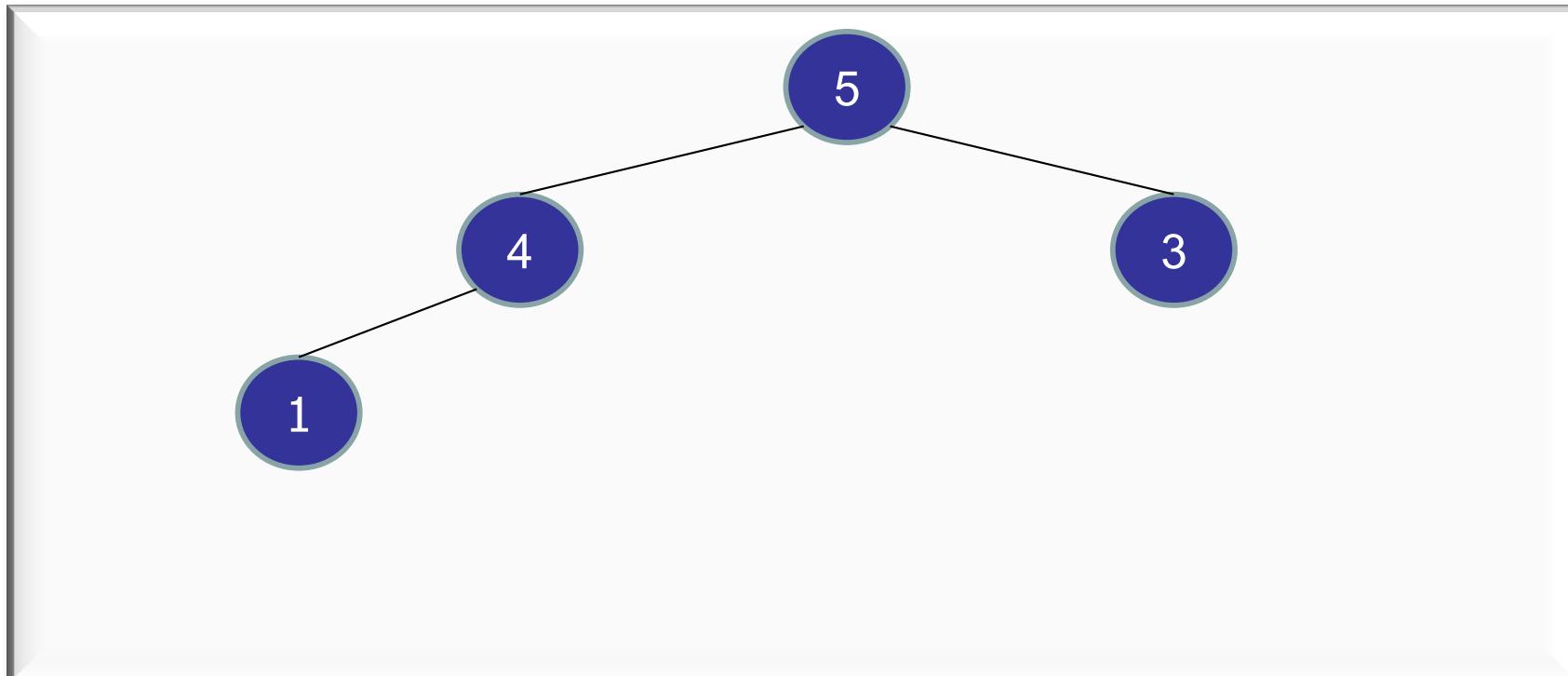


# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();
```

```
A[4] = value;
```

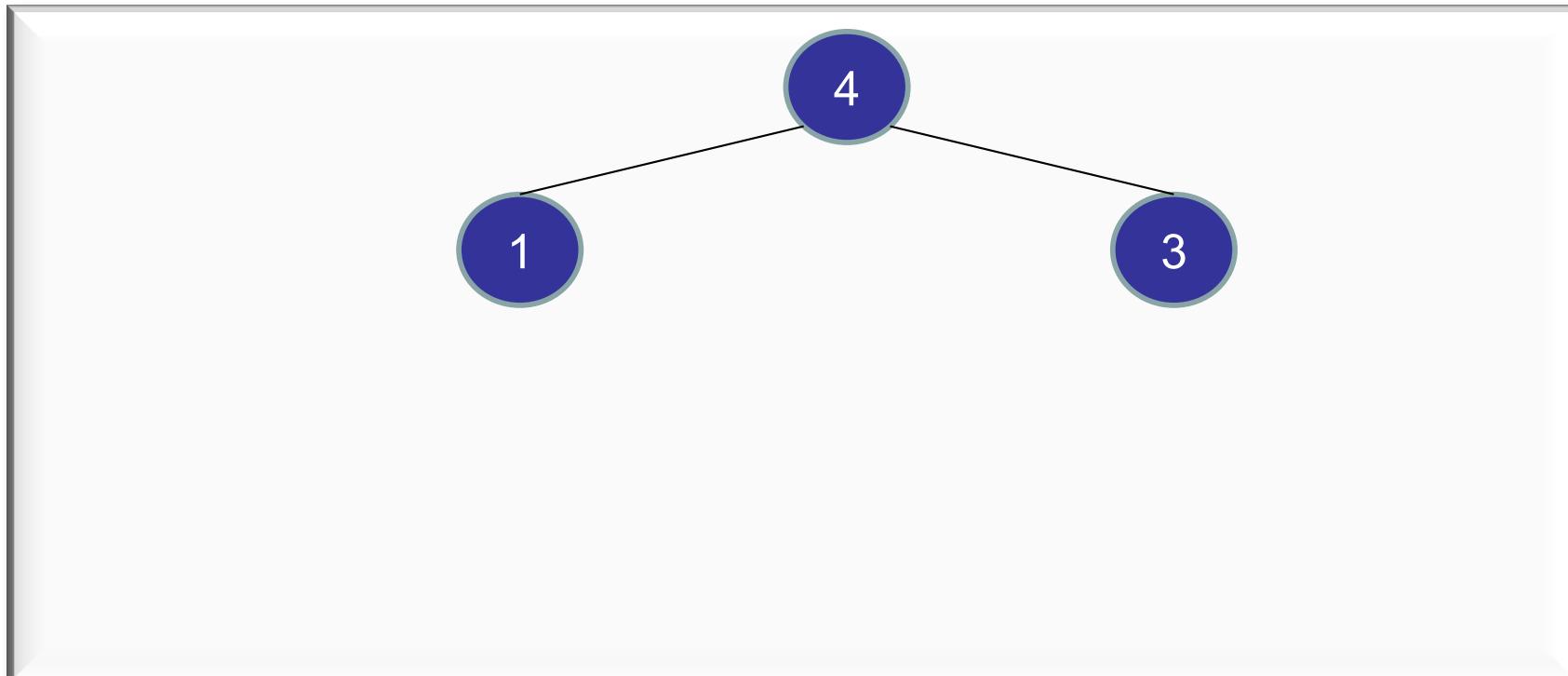
array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	5	4	3	1	6	8	10	17	24



# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();  
A[3] = value;
```

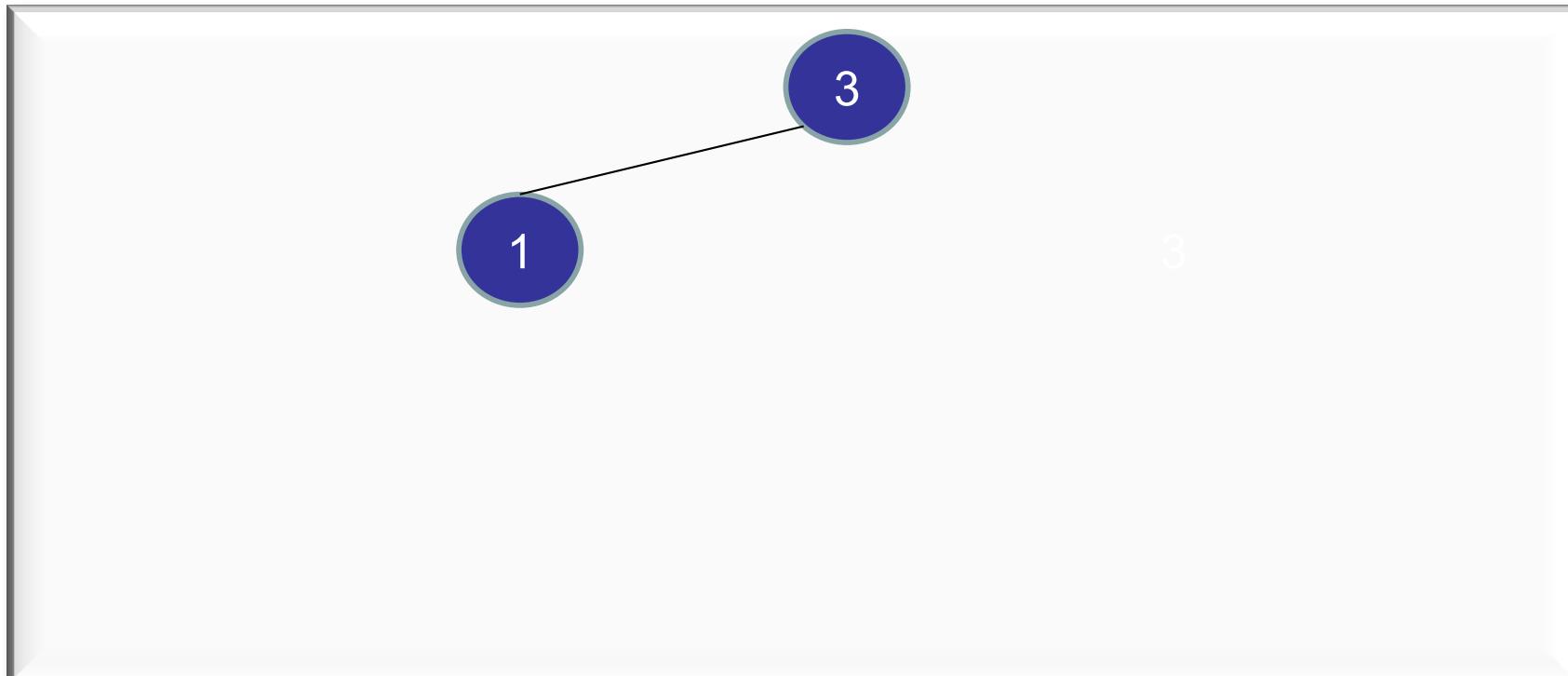
array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	4	1	3	5	6	8	10	17	24



# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();  
A[2] = value;
```

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	3	1	4	5	6	8	10	17	24



# HeapSort

```
value = extractMax();  
A[1] = value;
```

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	1	3	4	5	6	8	10	17	24

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# HeapSort

---

```
value = extractMax();  
A[0] = value;
```

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	1	3	4	5	6	8	10	17	24

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# HeapSort

Heap array → Sorted list:

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	1	3	4	5	6	8	10	17	24

```
// int[ ] A = array stored as a heap  
for (int i=(n-1); i>=0; i--) {  
    int value = extractMax(A);  
    A[i] = value;  
}
```

What is the running time for converting a heap into a sorted array?

1.  $O(\log n)$
2.  $O(n)$
- ✓ 3.  $O(n \log n)$
4.  $O(n^2)$
5. I have no idea.

# HeapSort

Heap array → Sorted list:  $O(n \log n)$

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	1	3	4	5	6	8	10	17	24

```
// int[ ] A = array stored as a heap
for (int i=(n-1); i>=0; i--) {
    int value = extractMax(A); // O(log n)
    A[i] = value;
}
```

# HeapSort

---

Unsorted list:

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
key	6	4	5	3	10	17	24	1	8

Unsorted list → Heap

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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# HeapSort

Heapify: Unsorted list → Heap:

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
key	6	4	5	3	10	17	24	1	8

```
// int[ ] A = array of unsorted integers
for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {
    int value = A[i];
    A[i] = EMPTY;
    heapInsert(value, A, 0, i);
}
```

# HeapSort

Heapify: Unsorted list → Heap:  $O(n \log n)$

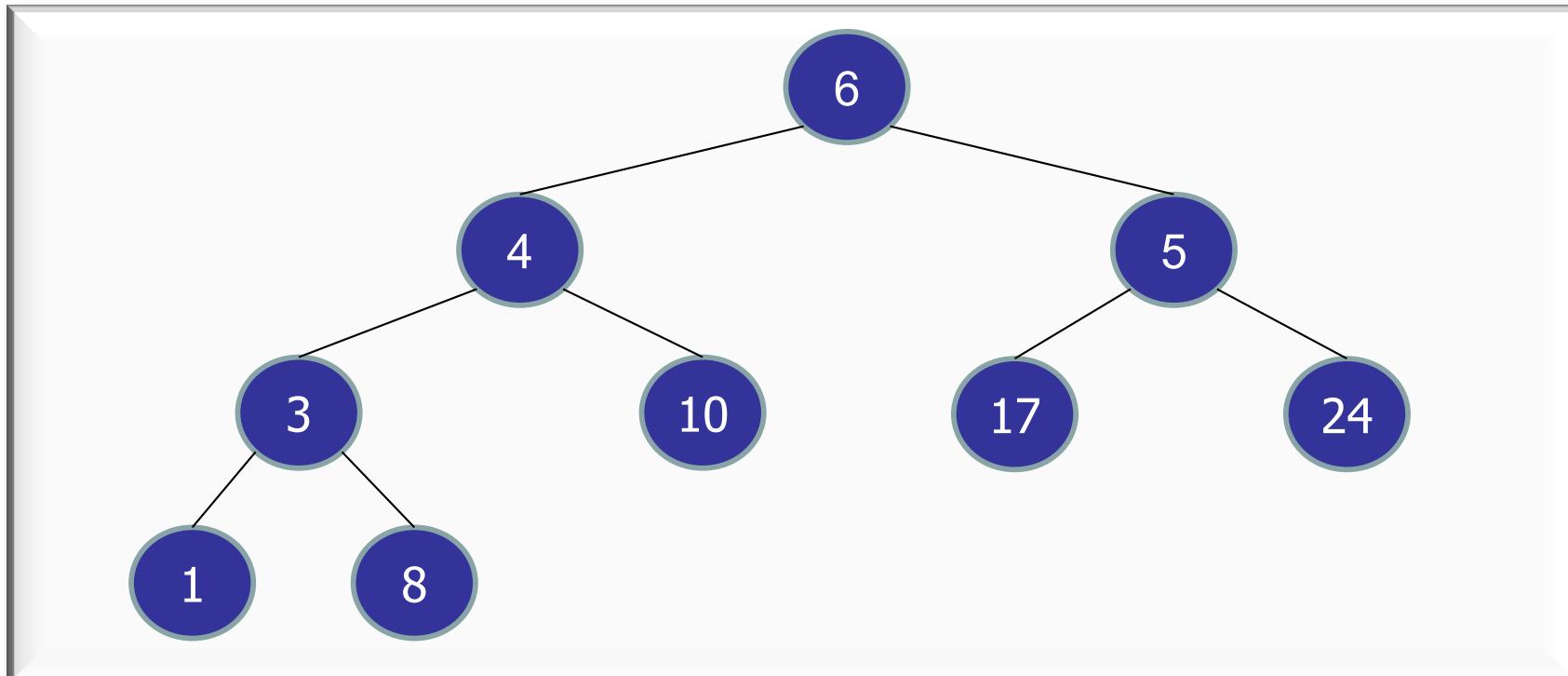
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}
```

# HeapSort

Heapify v.2: Unsorted list → Heap

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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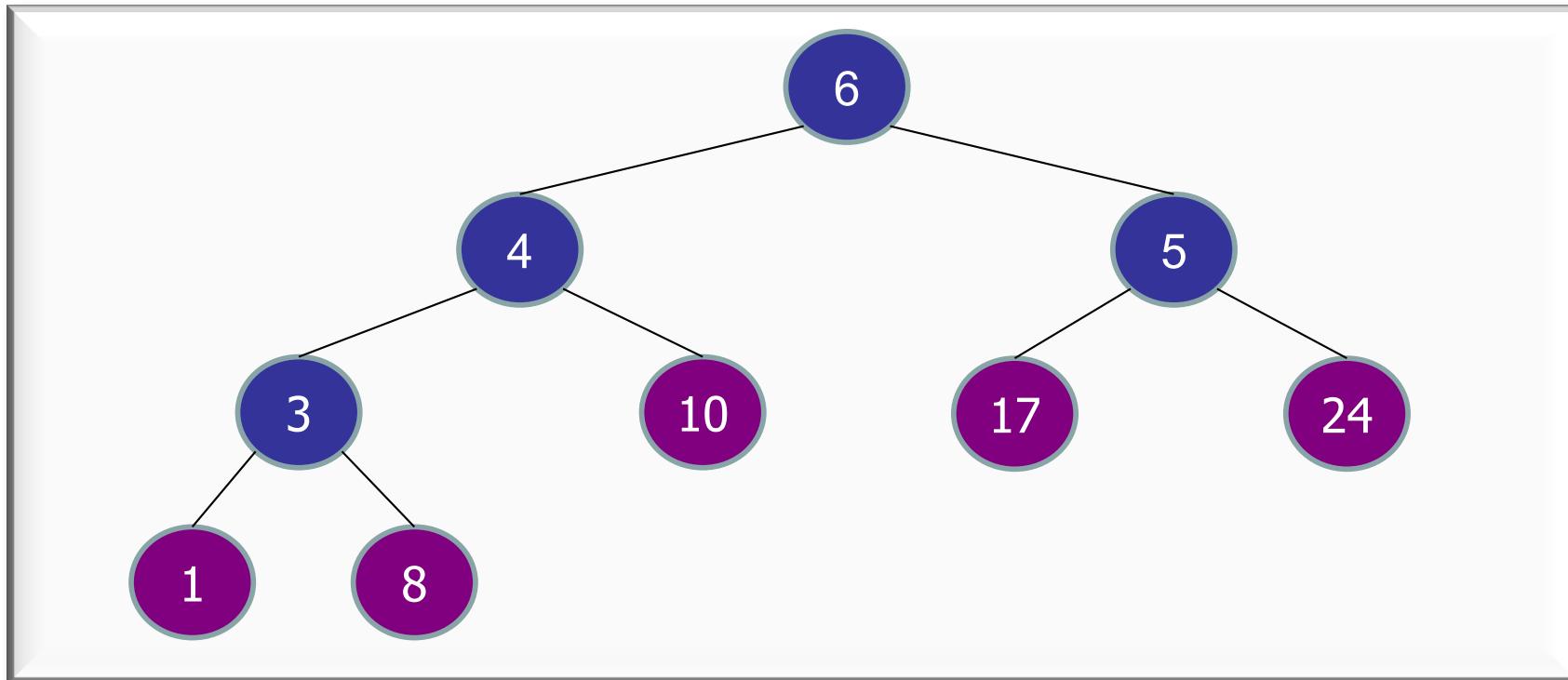


# HeapSort

Idea:  
Recursion

Base case: each leaf is a heap.

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
key	6	4	5	3	10	17	24	1	8

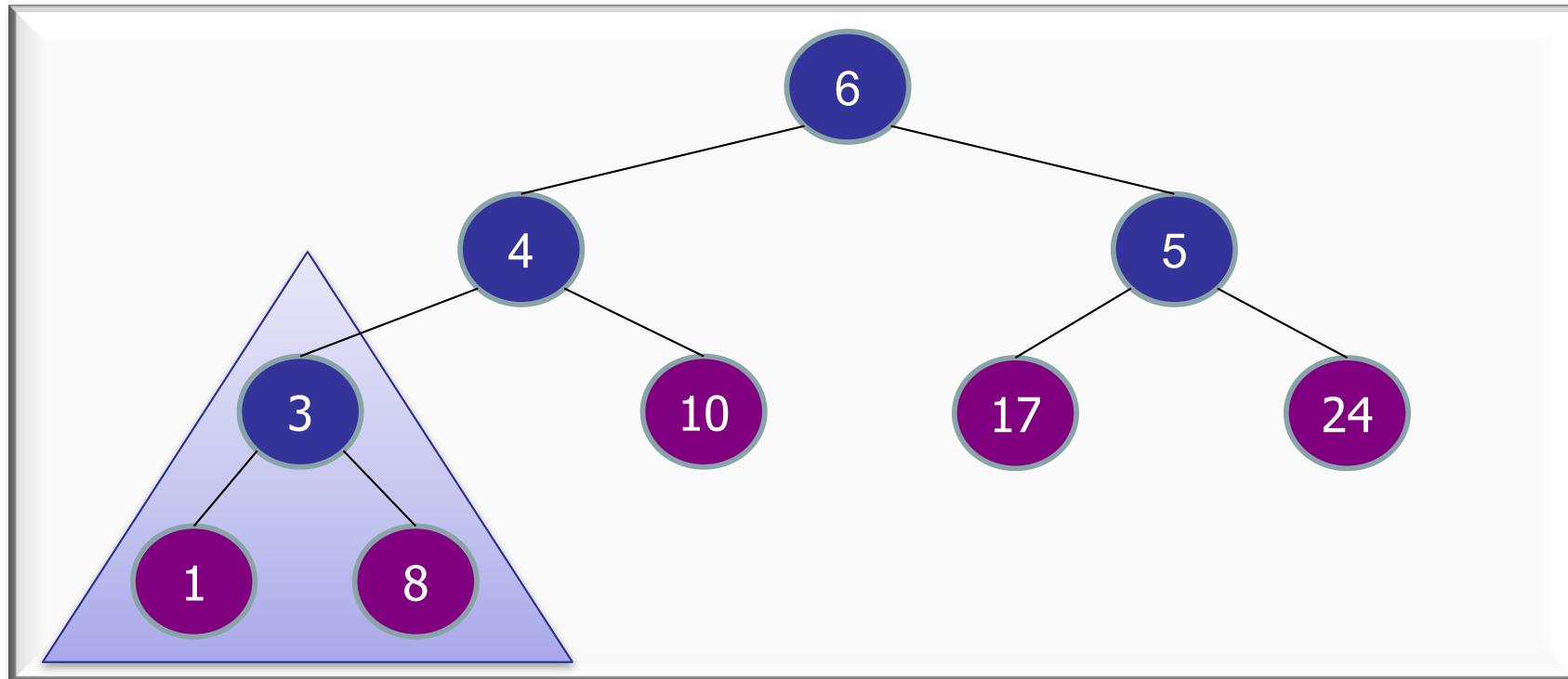


# HeapSort

Idea:  
Recursion

Recursion: left + right are heaps.

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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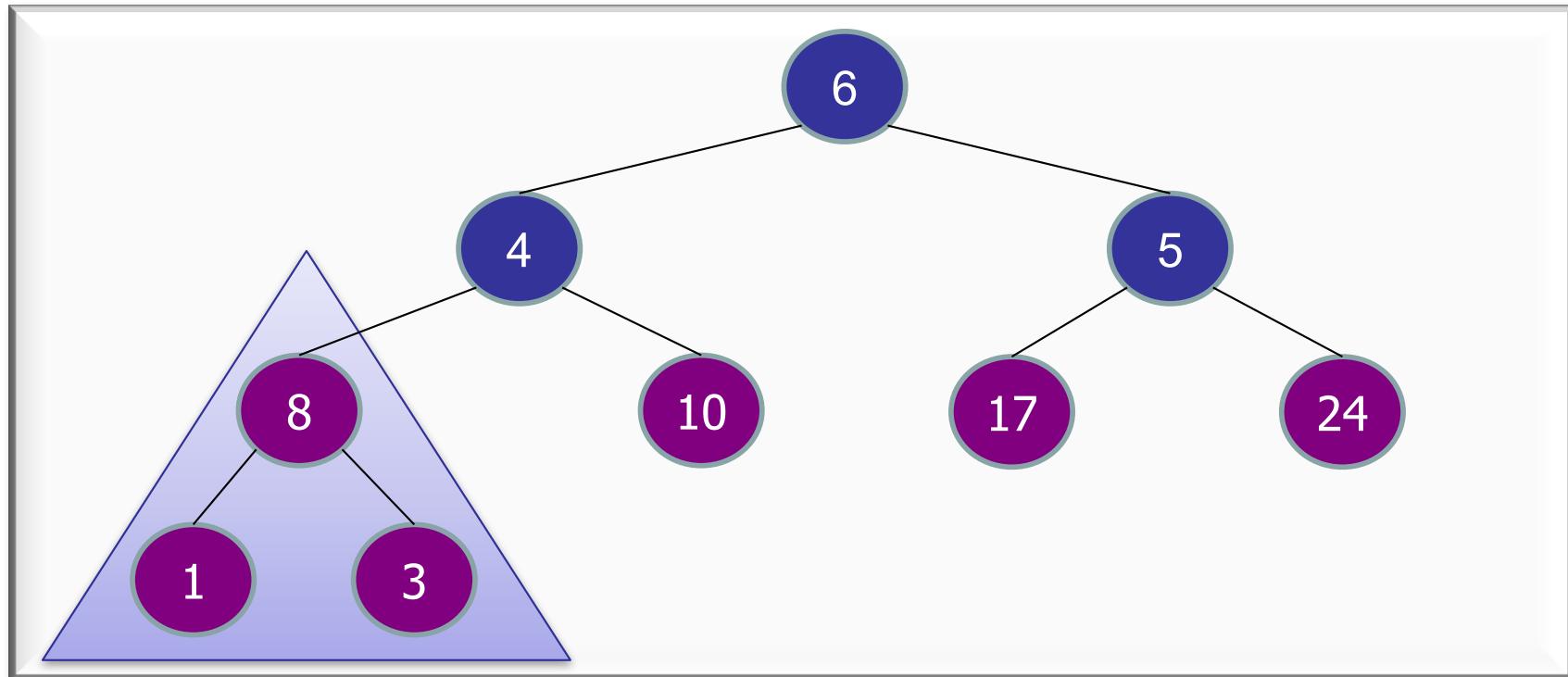


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Idea:  
Recursion

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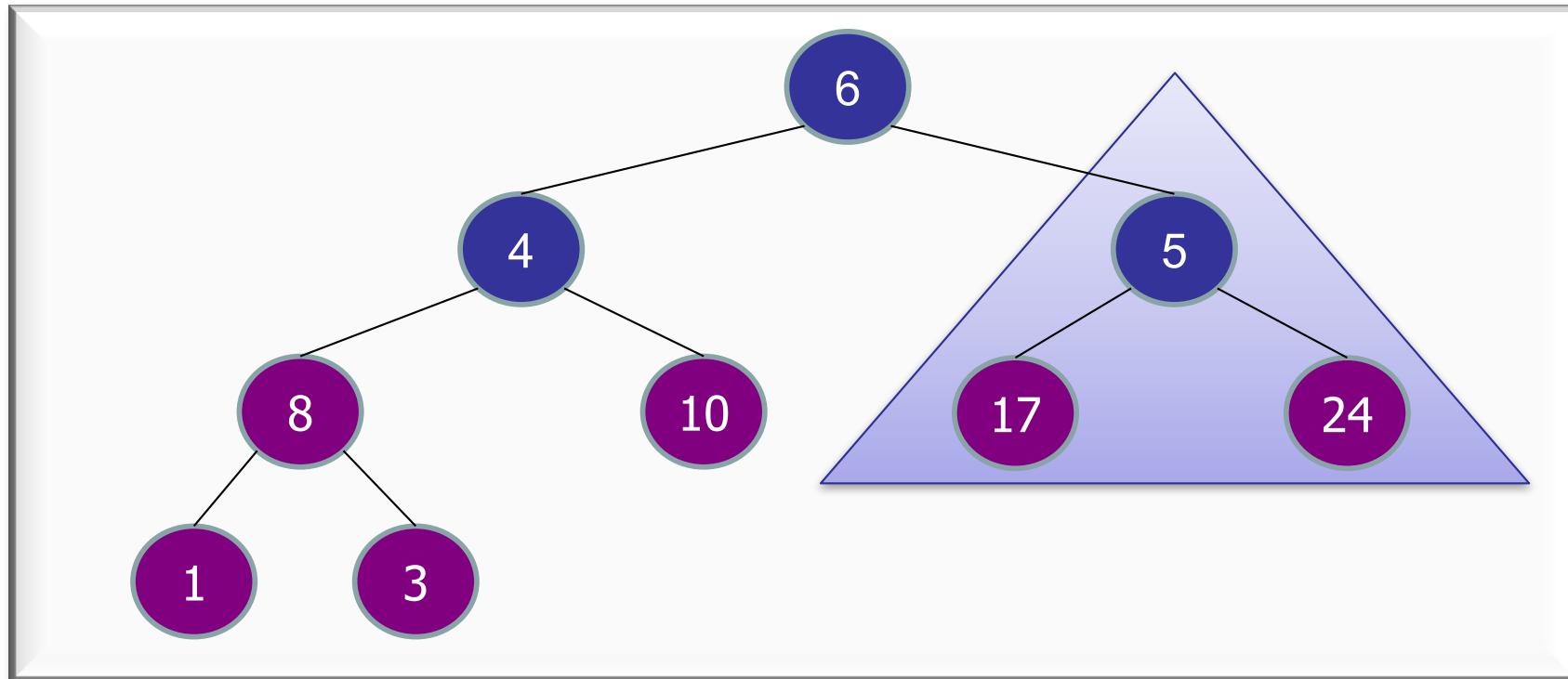


# HeapSort

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Recursion

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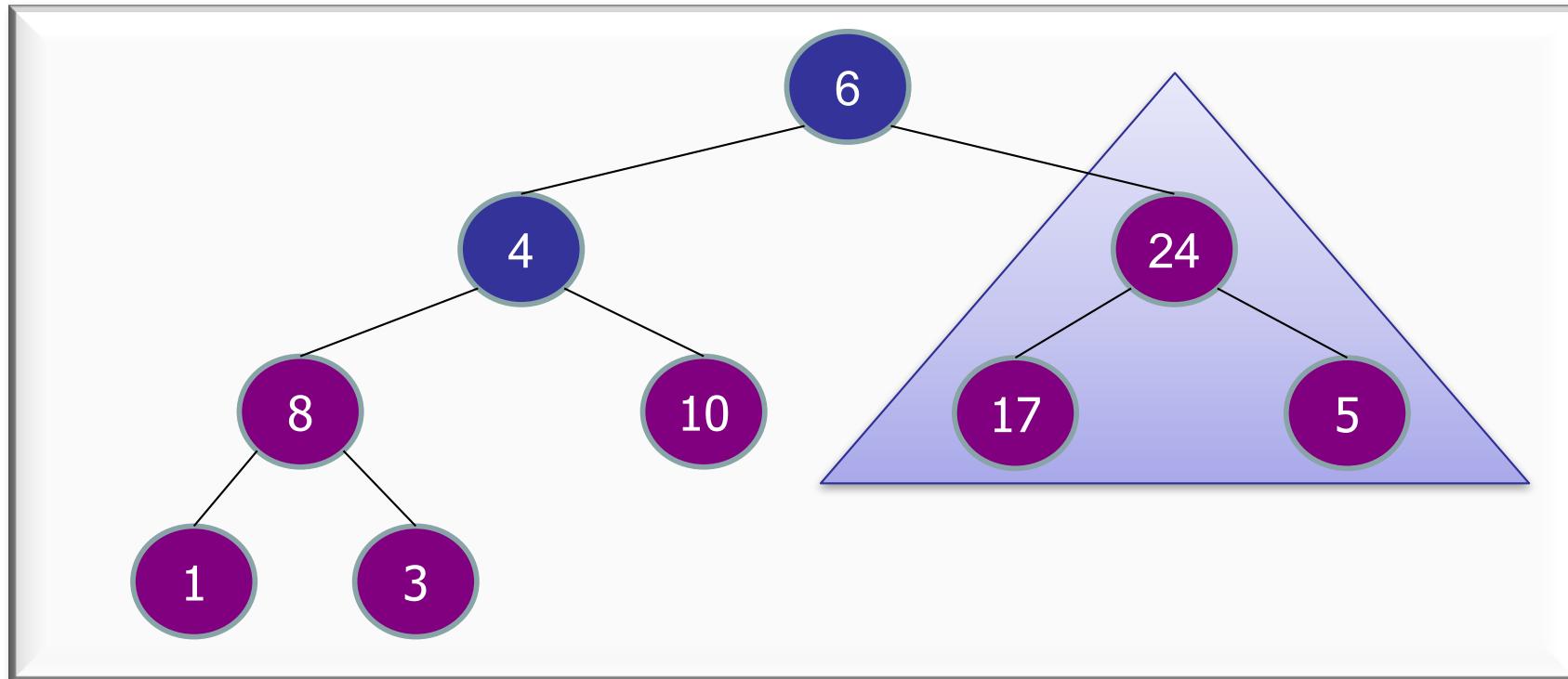


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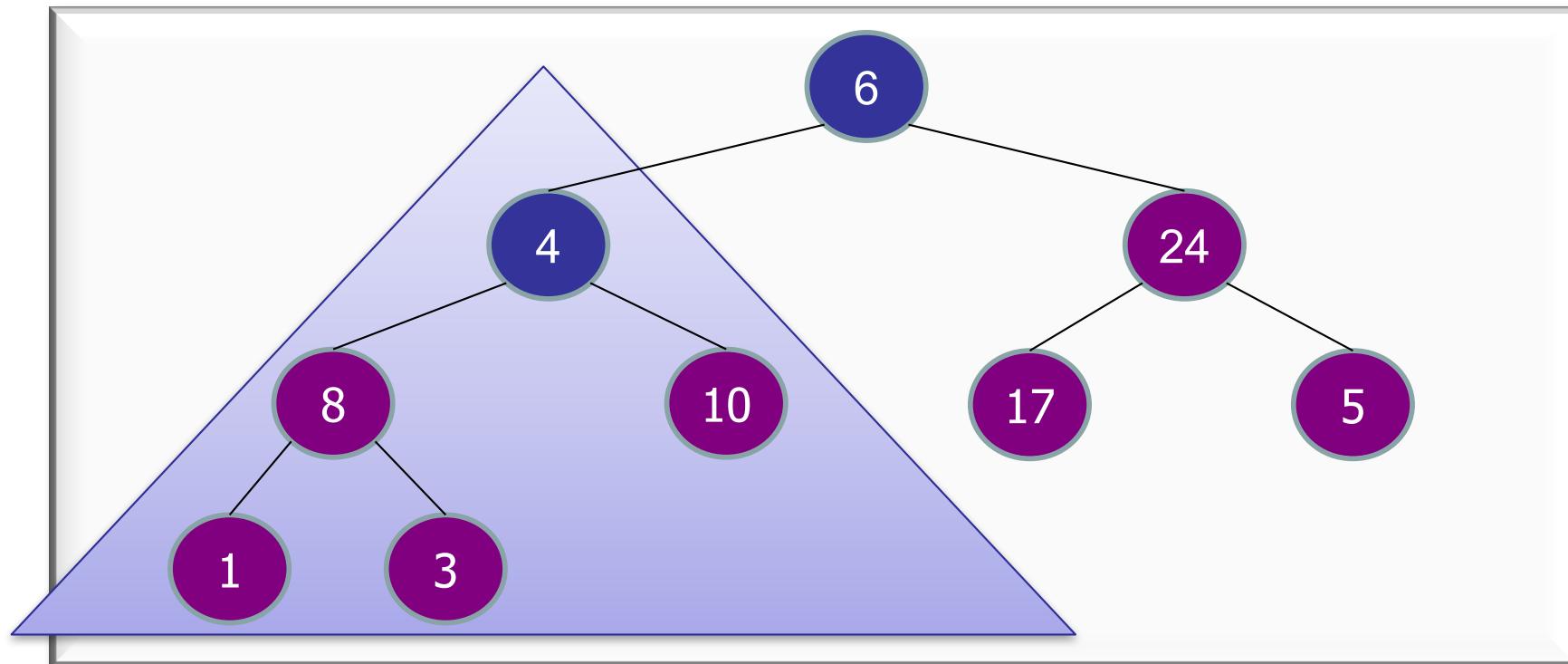


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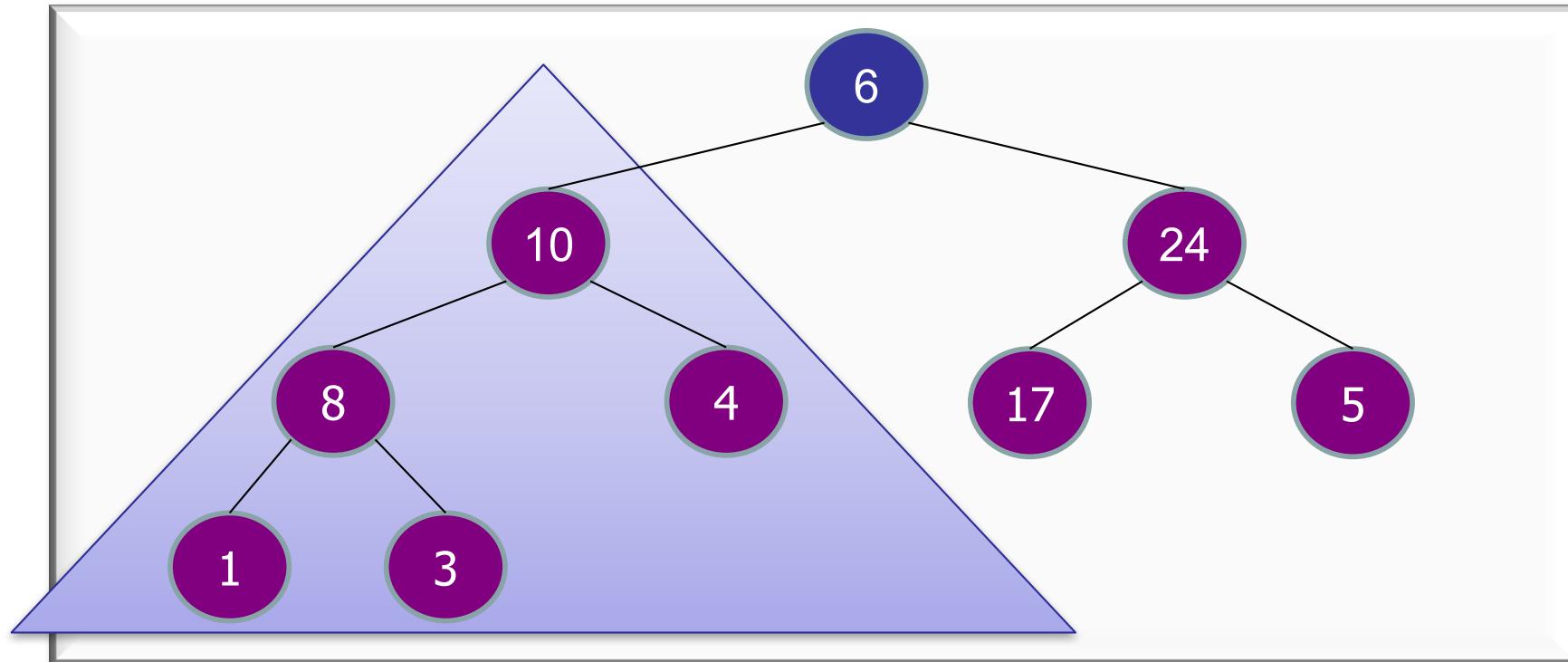


# HeapSort

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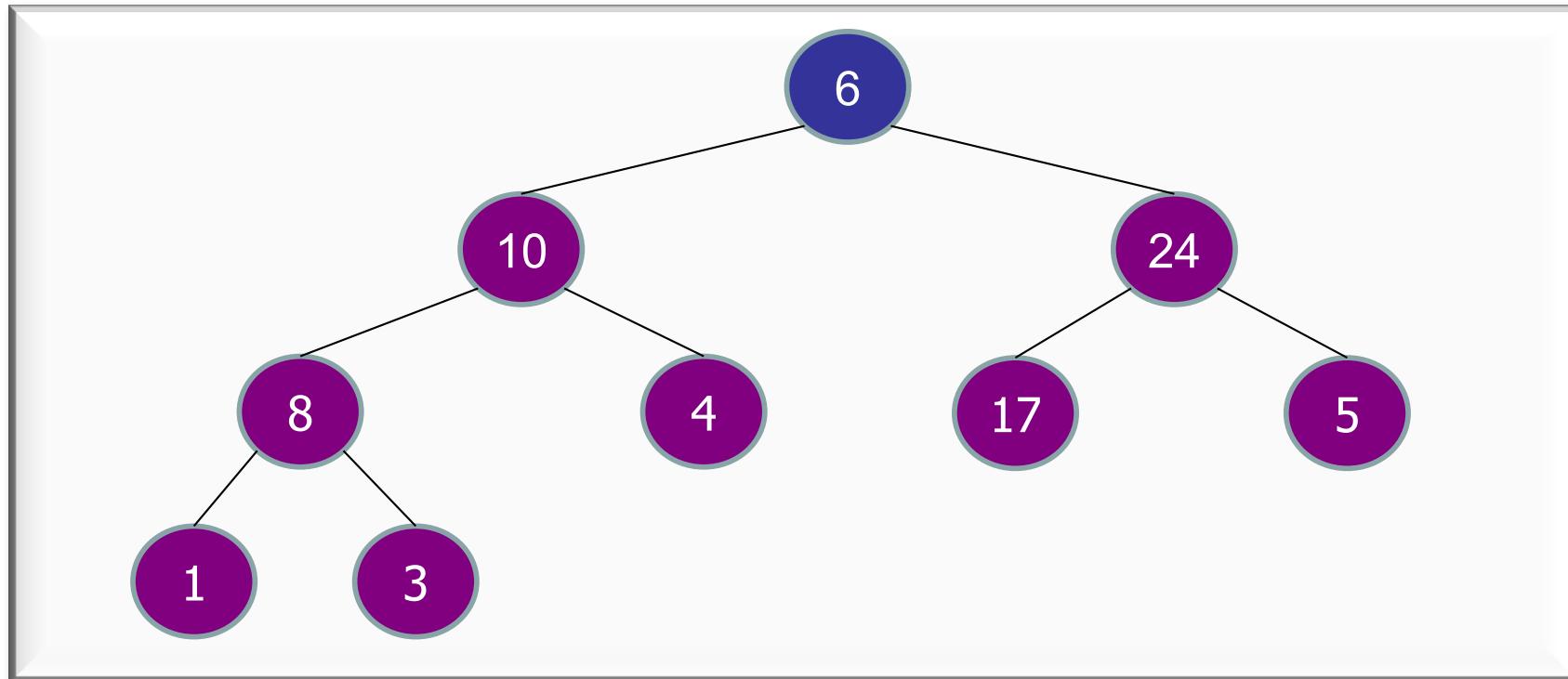


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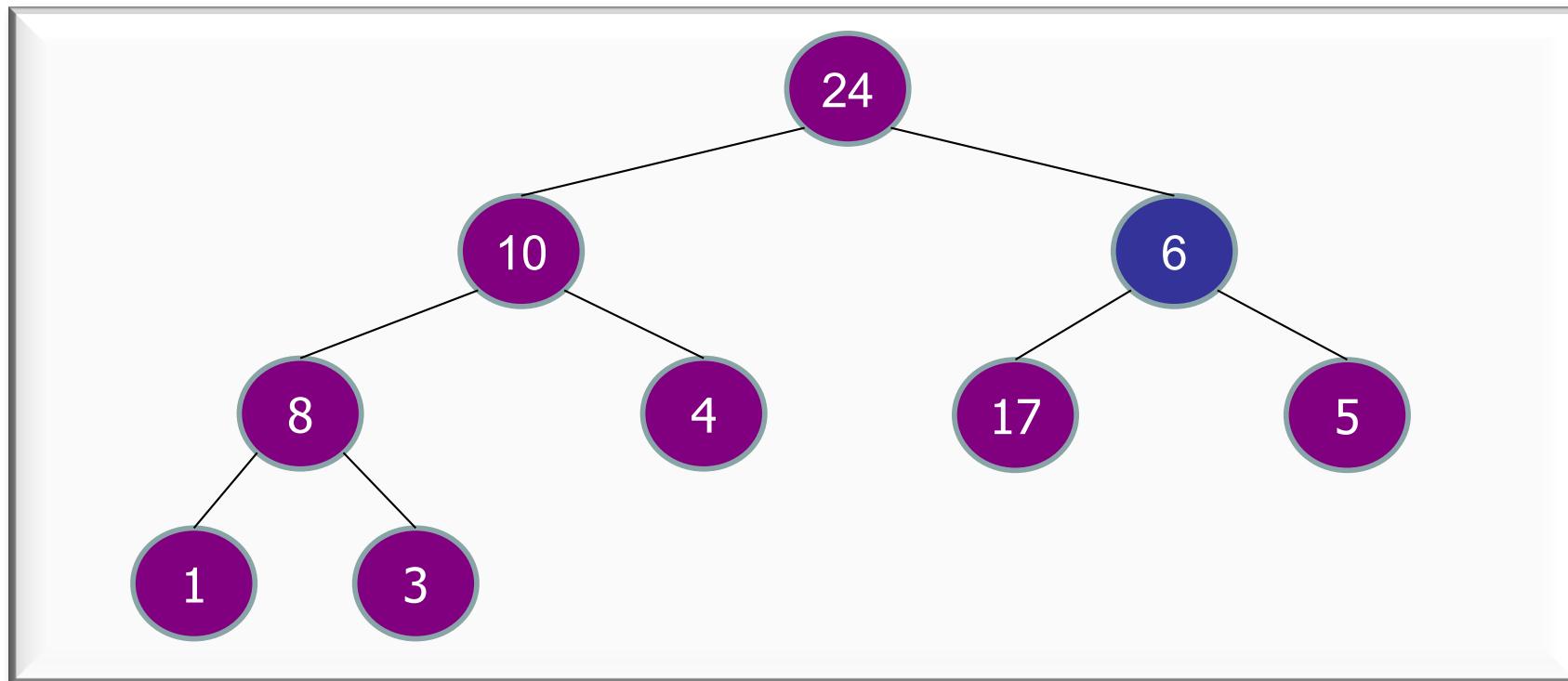


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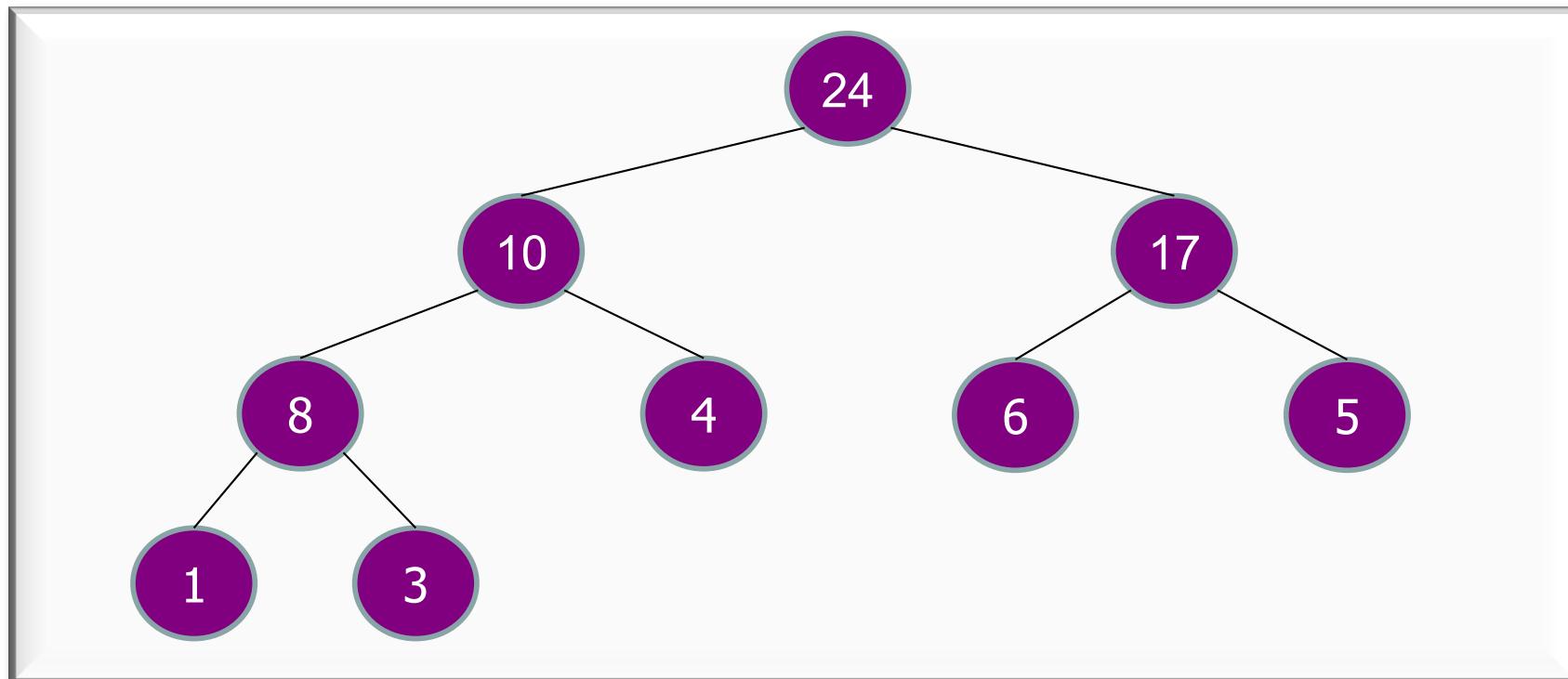


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# HeapSort

## Heapify v.2: Unsorted list → Heap

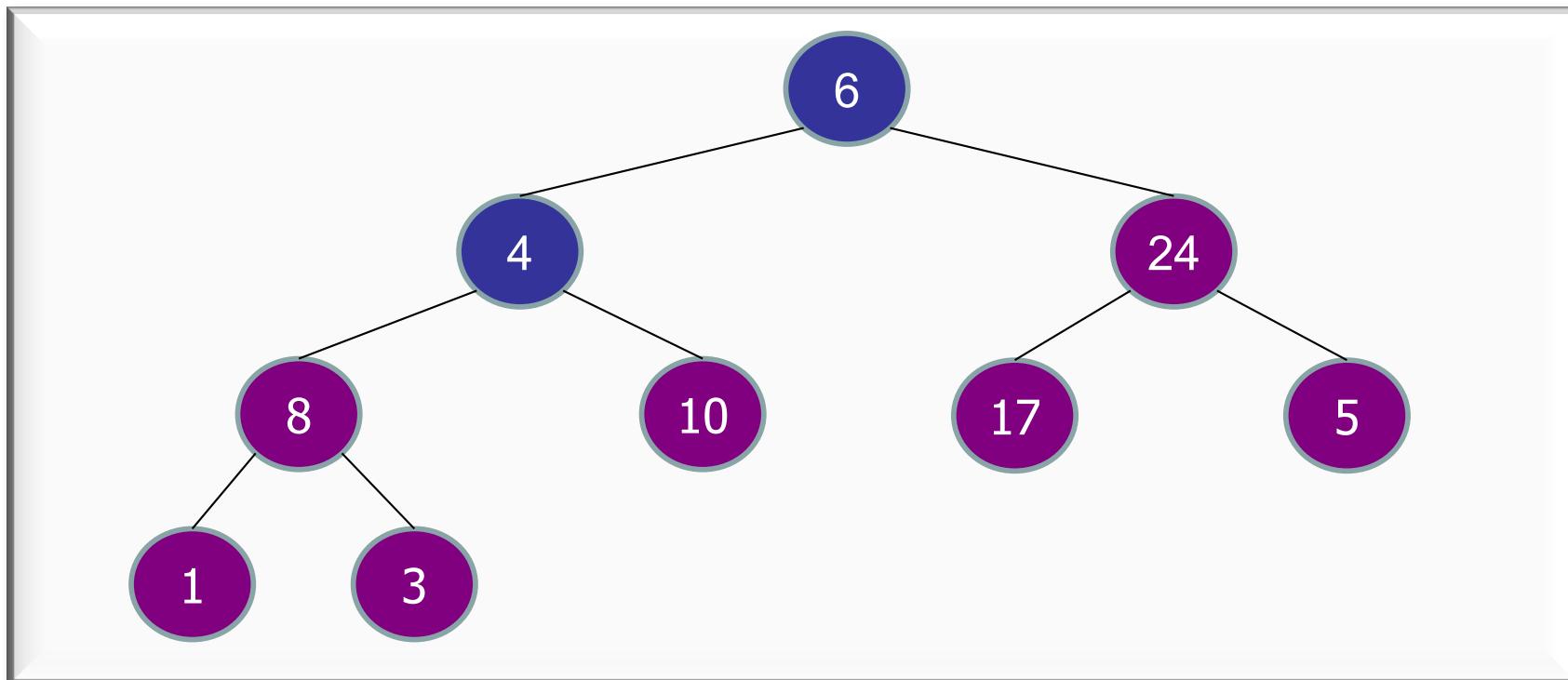
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key	24	10	17	8	4	6	5	1	3

```
// int[ ] A = array of unsorted integers
for (int i=(n-1); i>=0; i--) {
    bubbleDown(i, A); // O(log n)
}
```

# HeapSort

Observation:  $\text{cost}(\text{bubbleDown}) = \text{height}$

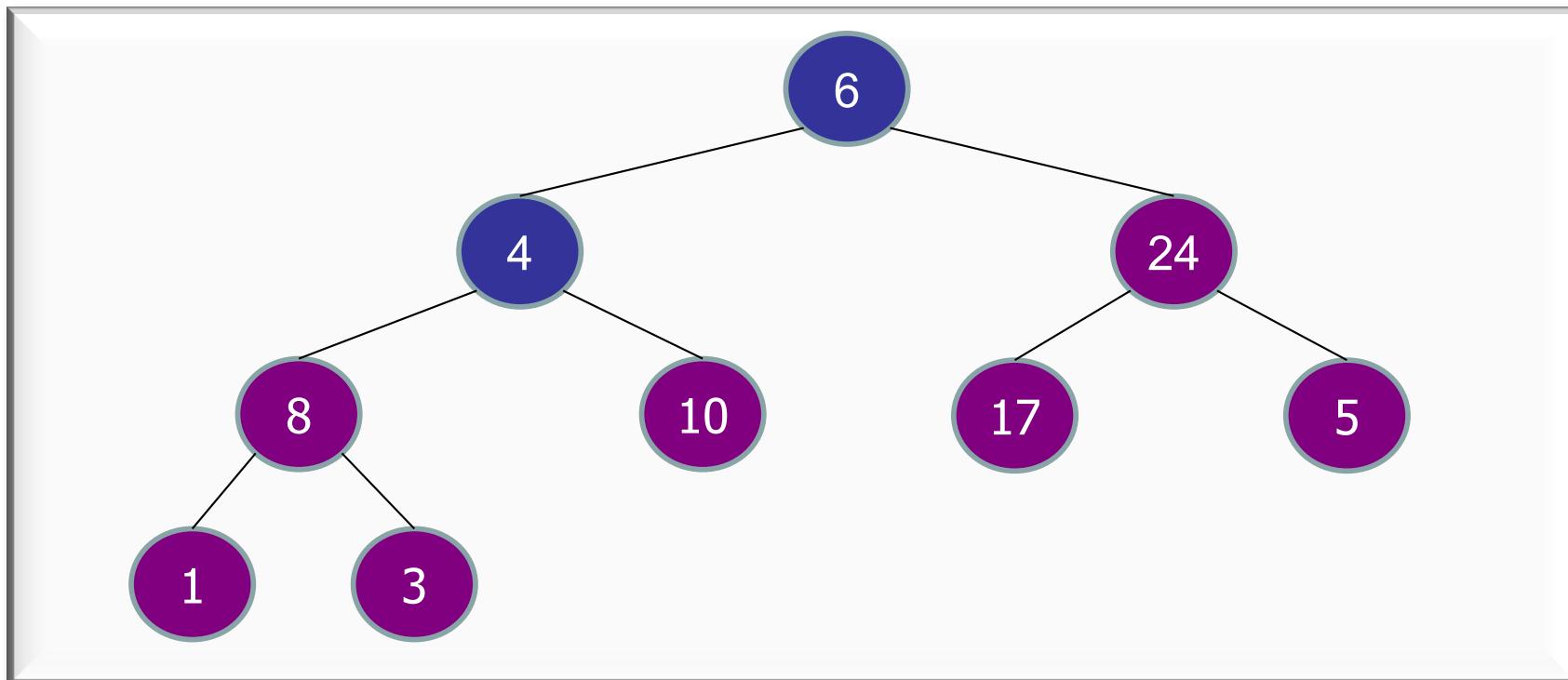
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# HeapSort

Observation:  $> n/2$  nodes are leaves (height=0)

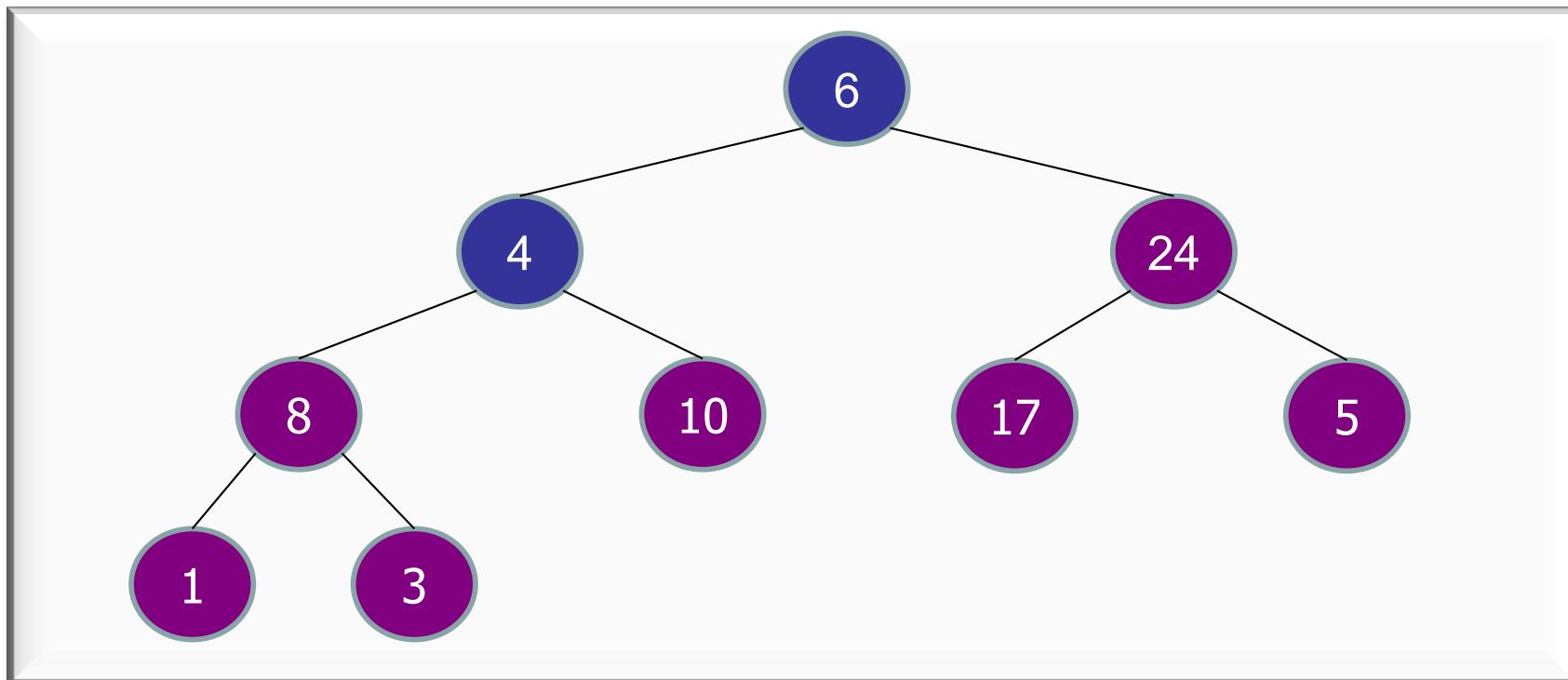
array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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# HeapSort

Observation: most nodes have small height!

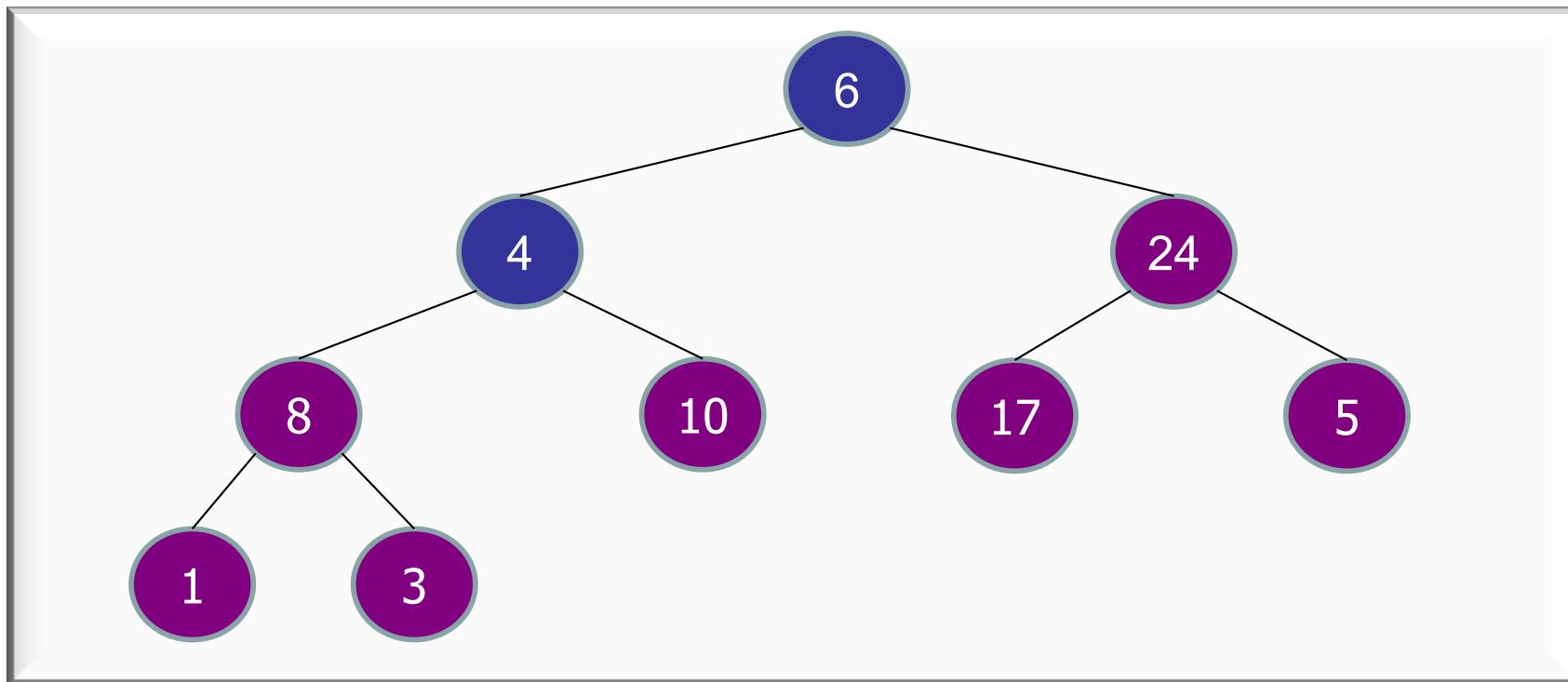
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# HeapSort

Cost of building a heap:

Height	0	1	2	3	...	$\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor$
Number	$\lceil n/2 \rceil$	$\lceil n/4 \rceil$	$\lceil n/8 \rceil$	$\lceil n/16 \rceil$	...	1



# HeapSort

Cost of building a heap:

Height	0	1	2	3	...	$\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor$
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$$\sum_{h=0}^{\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor} \frac{n}{2^h} O(h)$$

cost for bubbling  
a node at level h

upper bound on number  
of nodes at level h

# HeapSort

Cost of building a heap:

Height	0	1	2	3	...	$\lfloor \log(n) \rfloor$
Number	$\lceil n/2 \rceil$	$\lceil n/4 \rceil$	$\lceil n/8 \rceil$	$\lceil n/16 \rceil$	...	1

$$h = \log(n)$$

$$\sum_{h=0}^{h=\log(n)} \frac{n}{2^h} O(h) \leq cn \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{2^2} + \frac{3}{2^3} + \frac{4}{2^4} + \dots \right)$$

$$\leq cn \left( \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{(1 - \frac{1}{2})^2} \right) \leq 2 \cdot O(n)$$

# HeapSort

Heapify v.2: Unsorted list → Heap:  $O(n)$

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key	24	10	17	8	4	6	5	1	3

```
// int[ ] A = array of unsorted integers
for (int i=(n-1); i>=0; i--) {
    bubbleDown(i, A); // O(height)
}
```

# HeapSort

Unsorted list:

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
key	6	4	5	3	10	17	24	1	8

Unsorted list → Heap:  $O(n)$

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
priority	24	10	17	8	4	6	5	1	3

Heap array → Sorted list:  $O(n \log n)$

array slot	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
key	1	3	4	5	6	8	10	17	24

# HeapSort

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## Summary

- $O(n \log n)$  time *worst-case*
- In-place
- Fast:
  - Faster than MergeSort
  - A little slower than QuickSort.
- Deterministic: always completes in  $O(n \log n)$
- Unstable (Come up with an example!)
- Ternary (3-way) HeapSort is a little faster.

# Where is the largest element in a max-heap?

1. Leftmost child
- ✓ 2. Root
3. Rightmost child
4. It depends
5. I forget.

Where is the smallest element in a max-heap?

1. Leftmost child
2. Root
3. Rightmost child
4. It depends
5. I forget.

Where is the cost of finding the successor of an arbitrary element in a heap?

1.  $O(1)$
2.  $O(\log n)$
-  3.  $O(n)$
4.  $O(n^2)$
5. I forget.

Let A be an array sorted from largest to smallest. Is A a max-heap?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Maybe
- 4. I don't know.

# How fast is HeapSort on a sorted array?

1.  $O(n)$
- ✓ 2.  $O(n \log n)$
3.  $O(n^2)$
4. It depends
5. I forget.

# Priority Queue

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Maintain a set of prioritized objects:

- **insert**: add a new object with a specified priority
- **extractMin**: remove and return the object with minimum priority

Ex: Scheduling

- Find next task to do
- Earliest deadline first

Task	Due date
CS4234 PS8	March 31
Study for Exam	April 4
Wash clothes	April 6
See friends	May 12