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(CLRS textbook: chapter 7)

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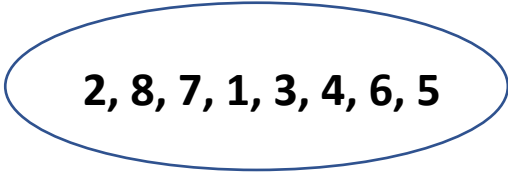
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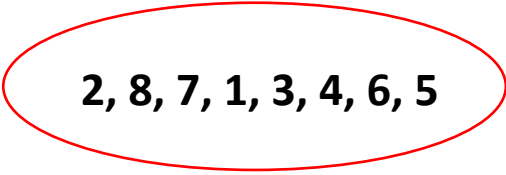
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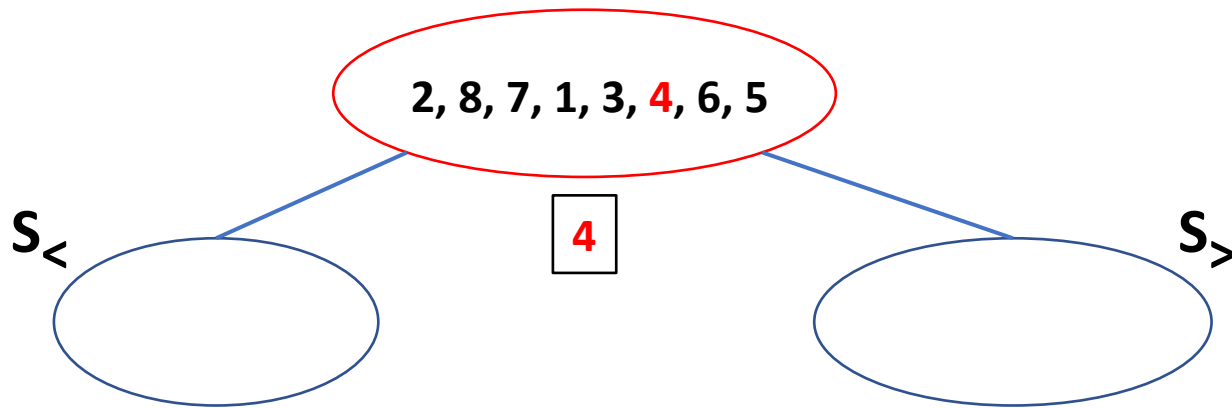


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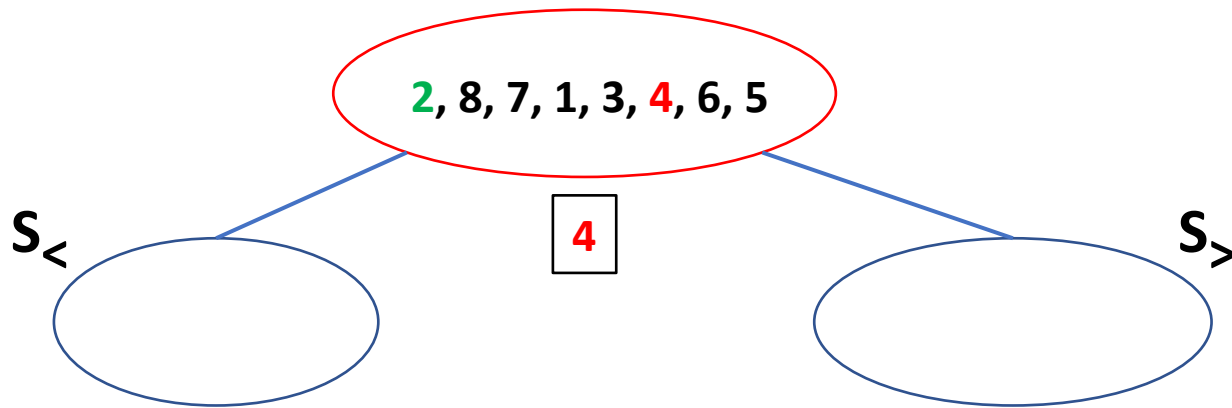
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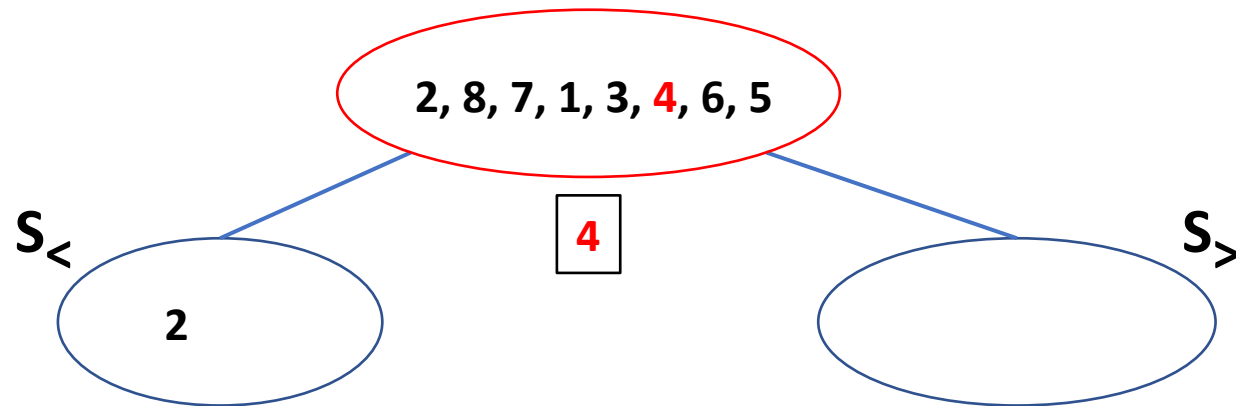
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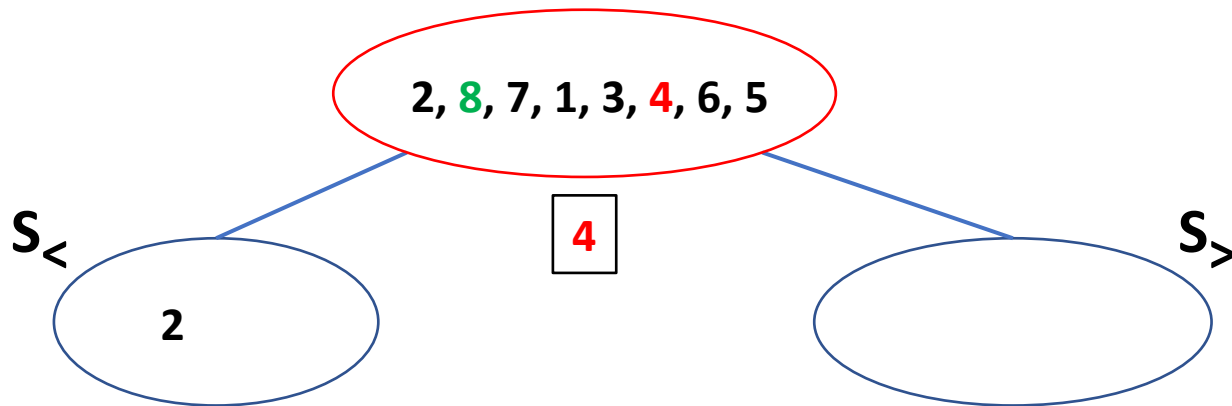
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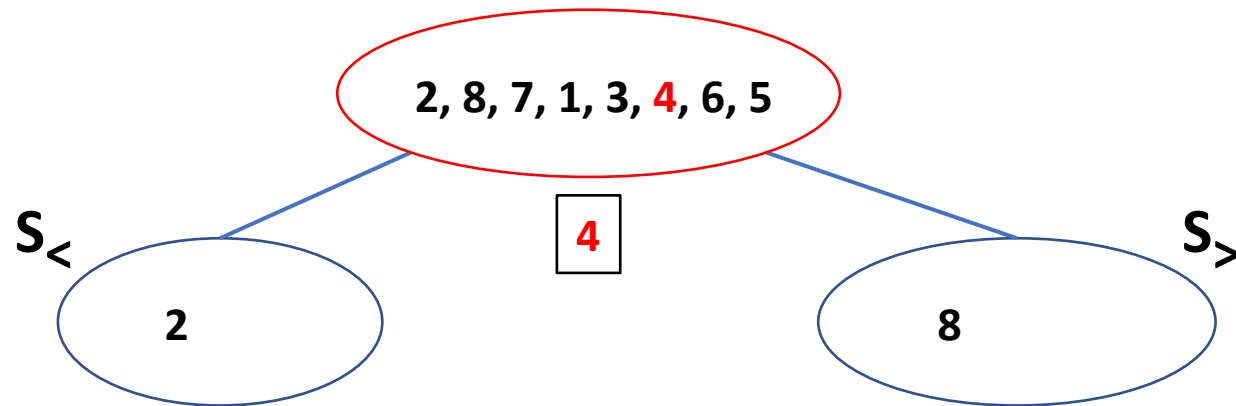
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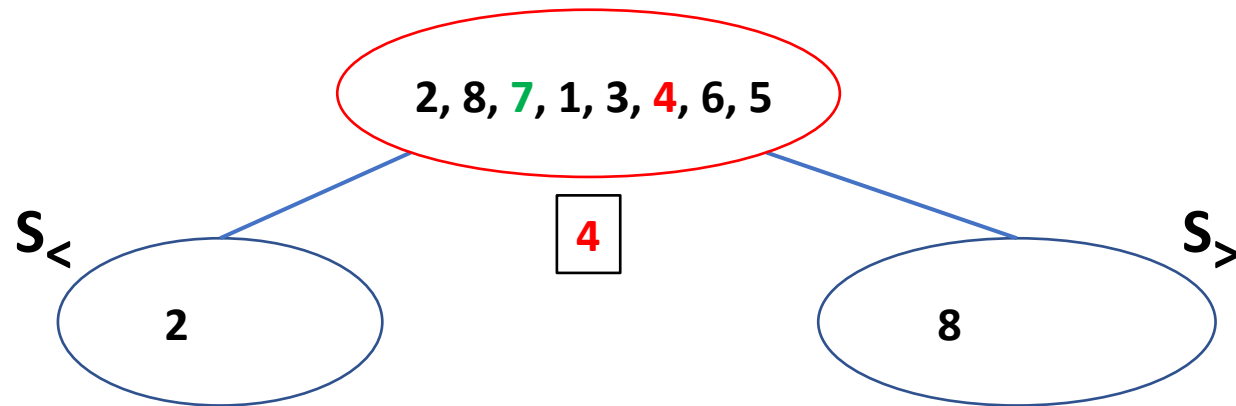
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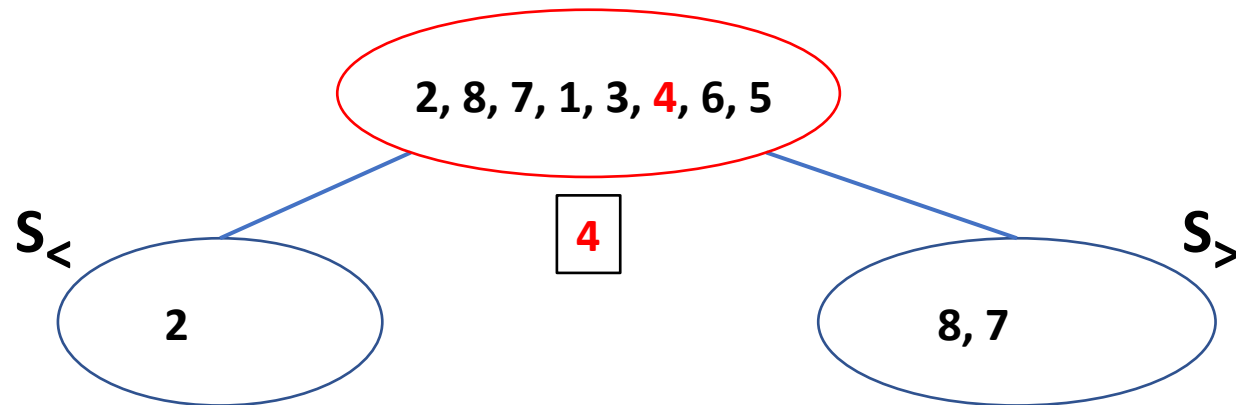
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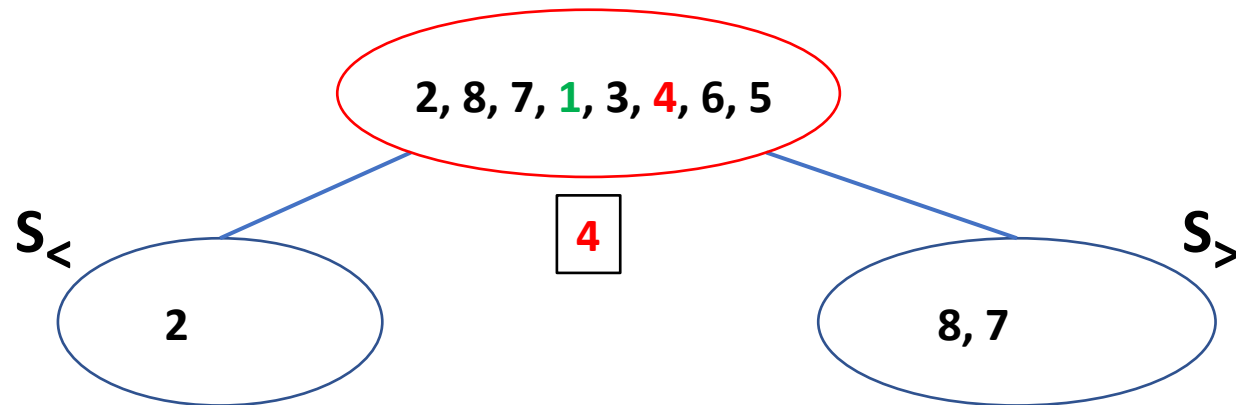
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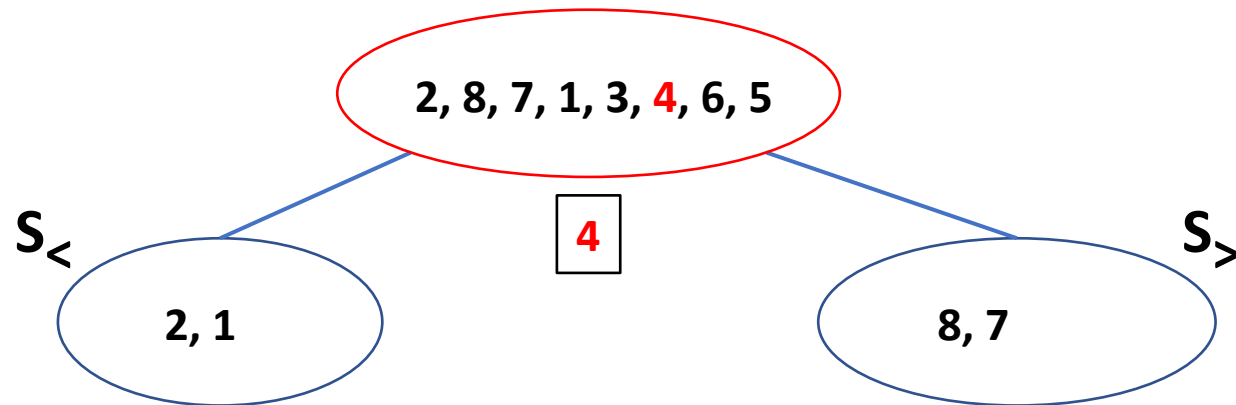
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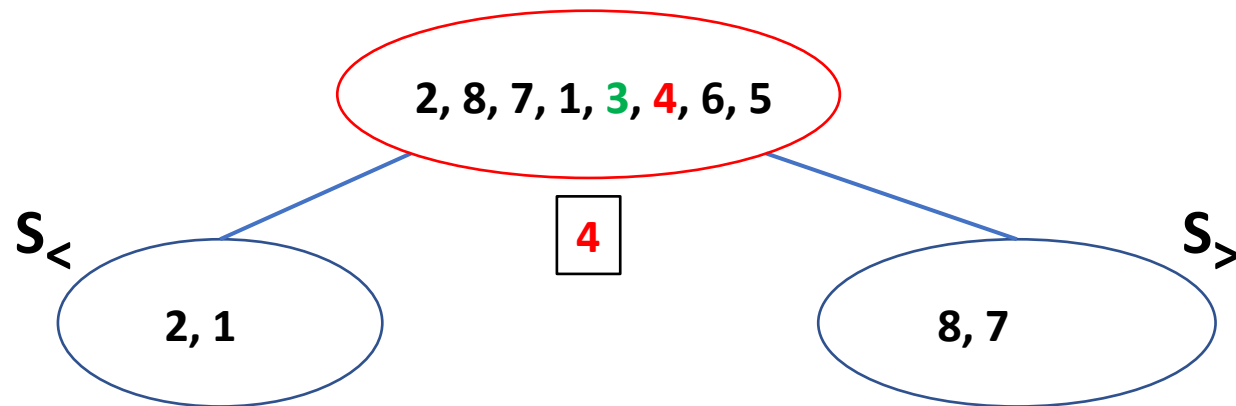
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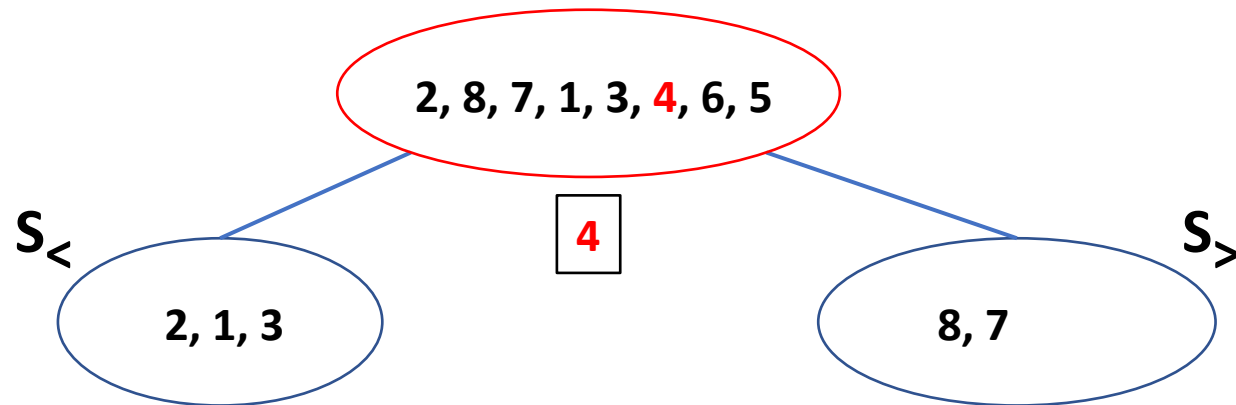
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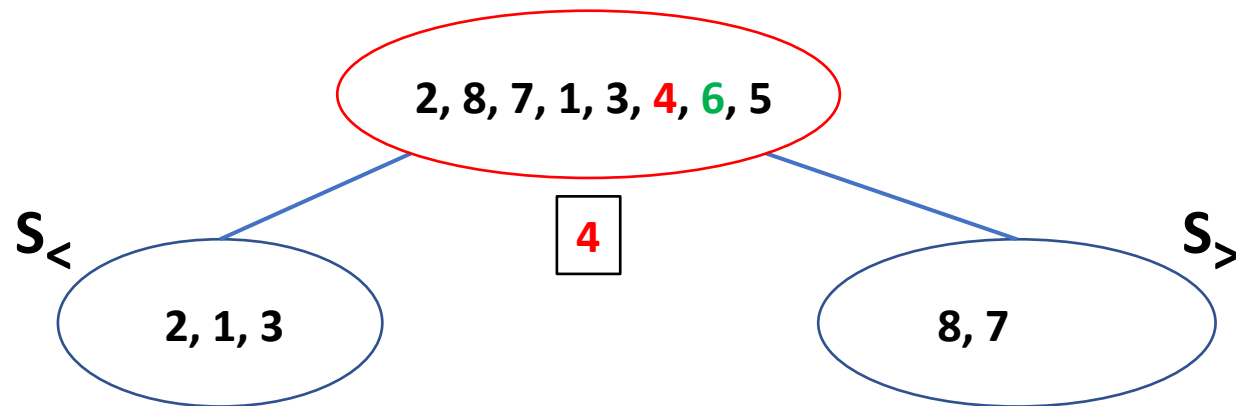
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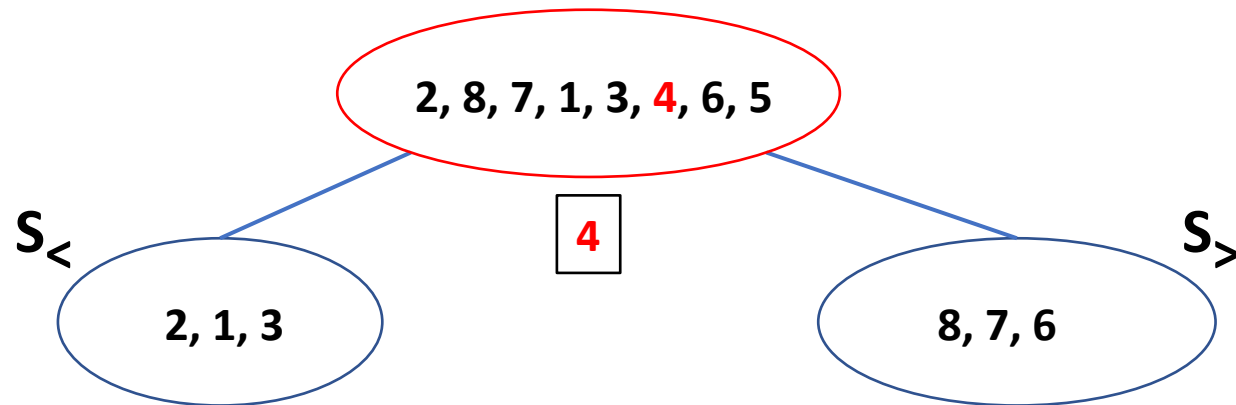
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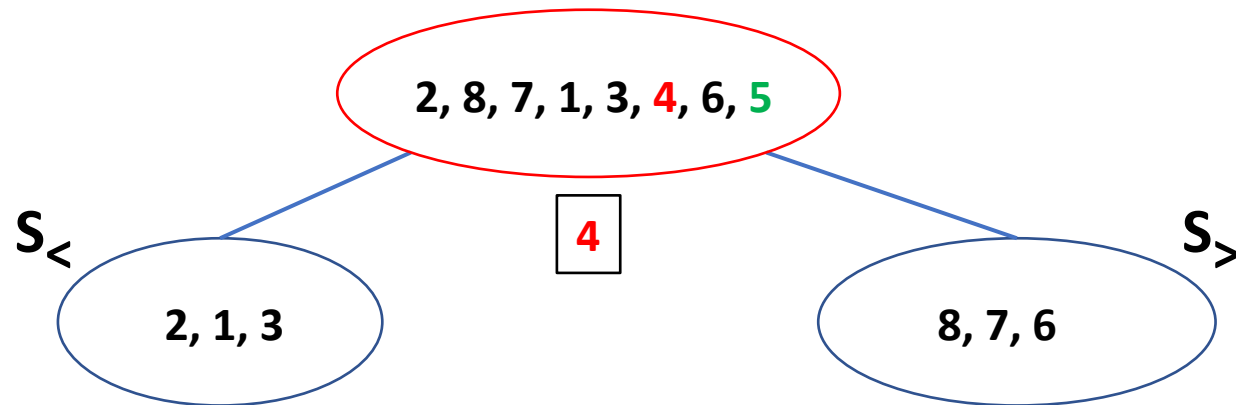
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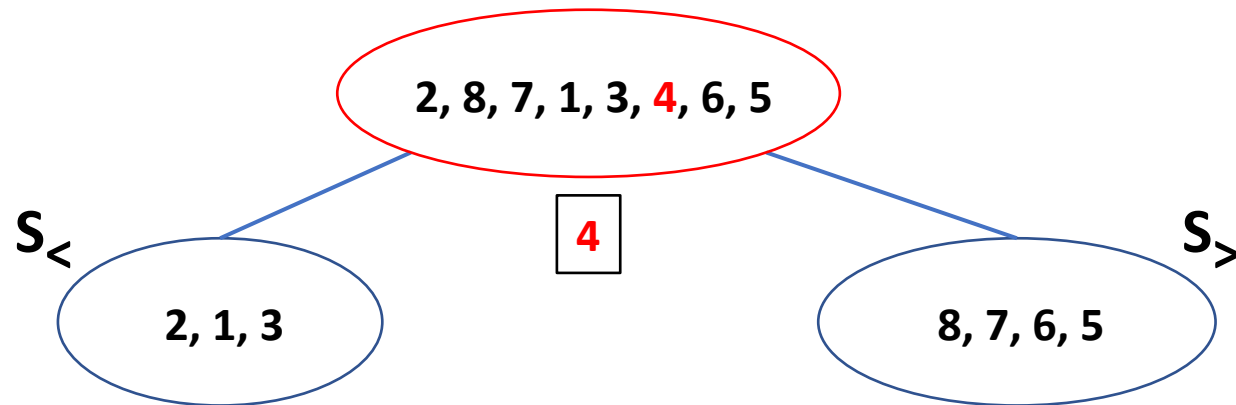
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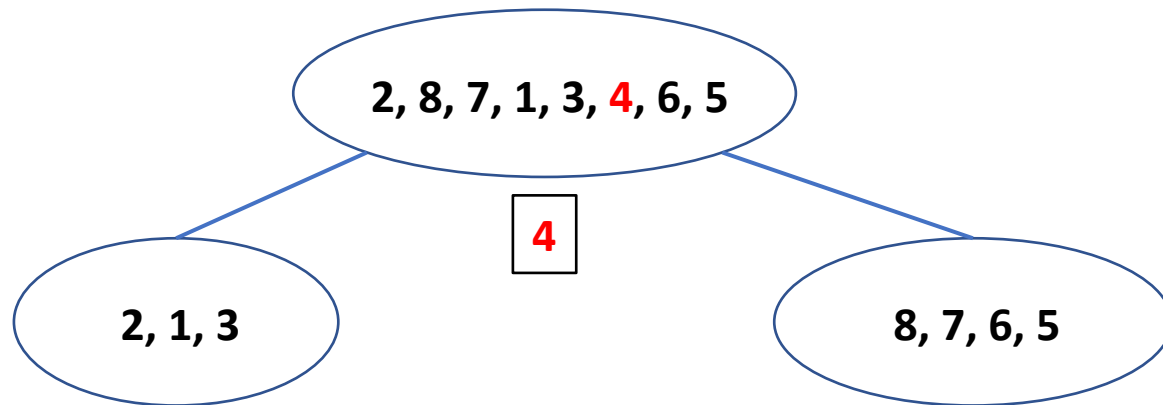
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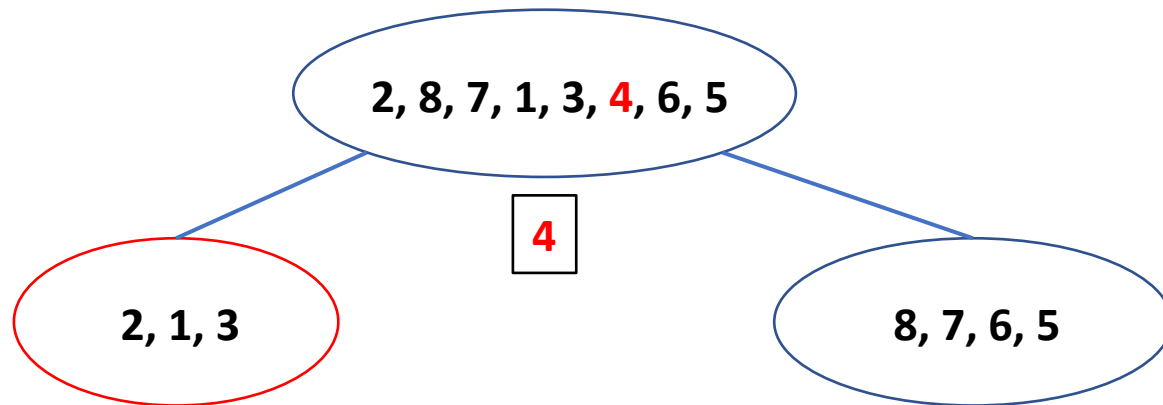
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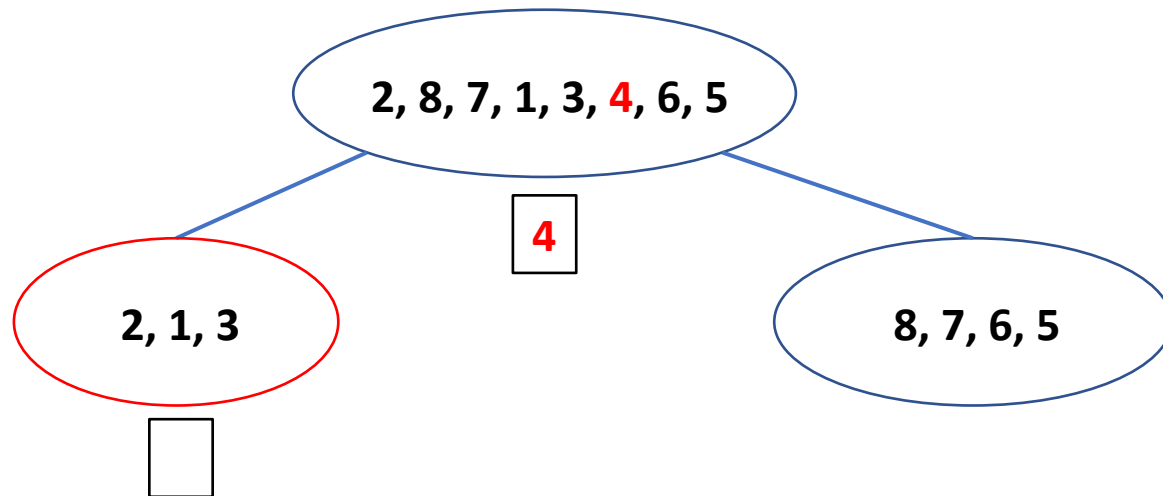
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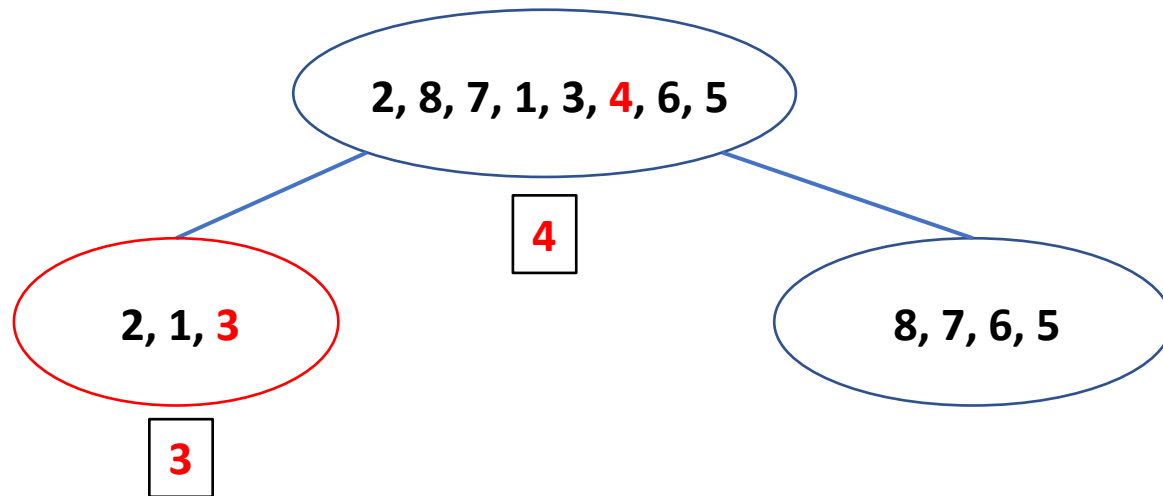
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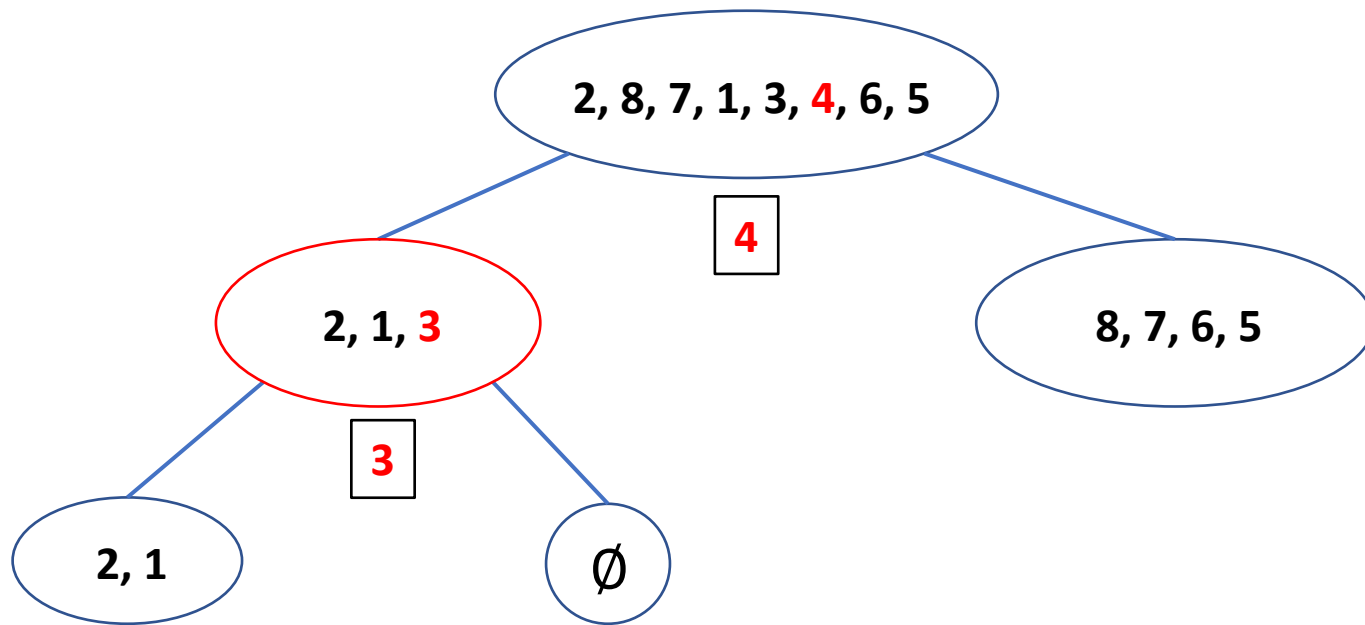
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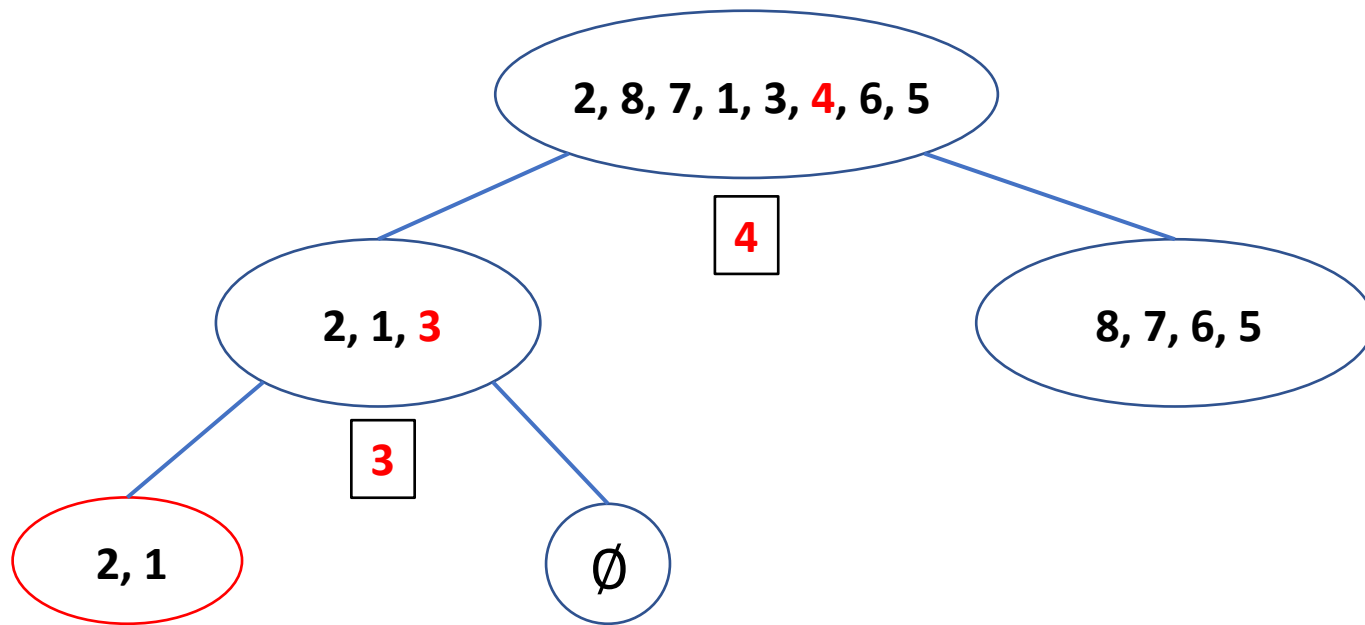
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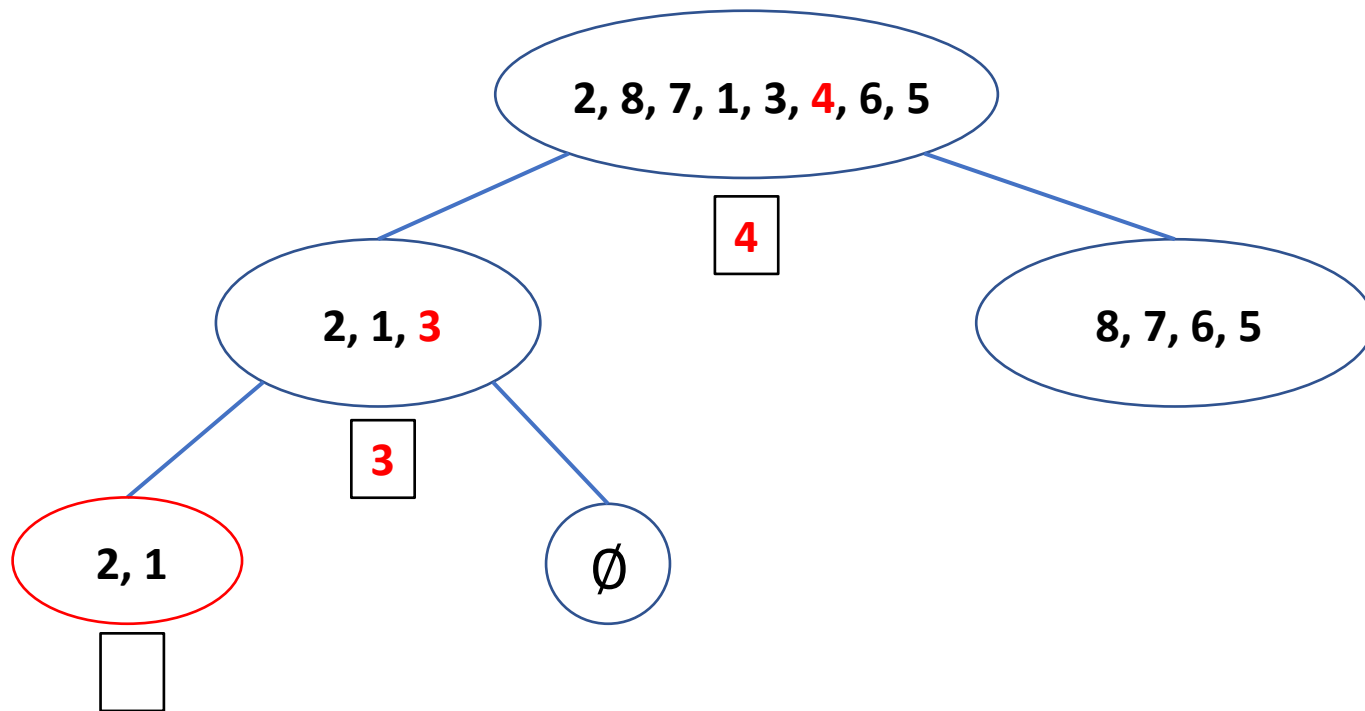
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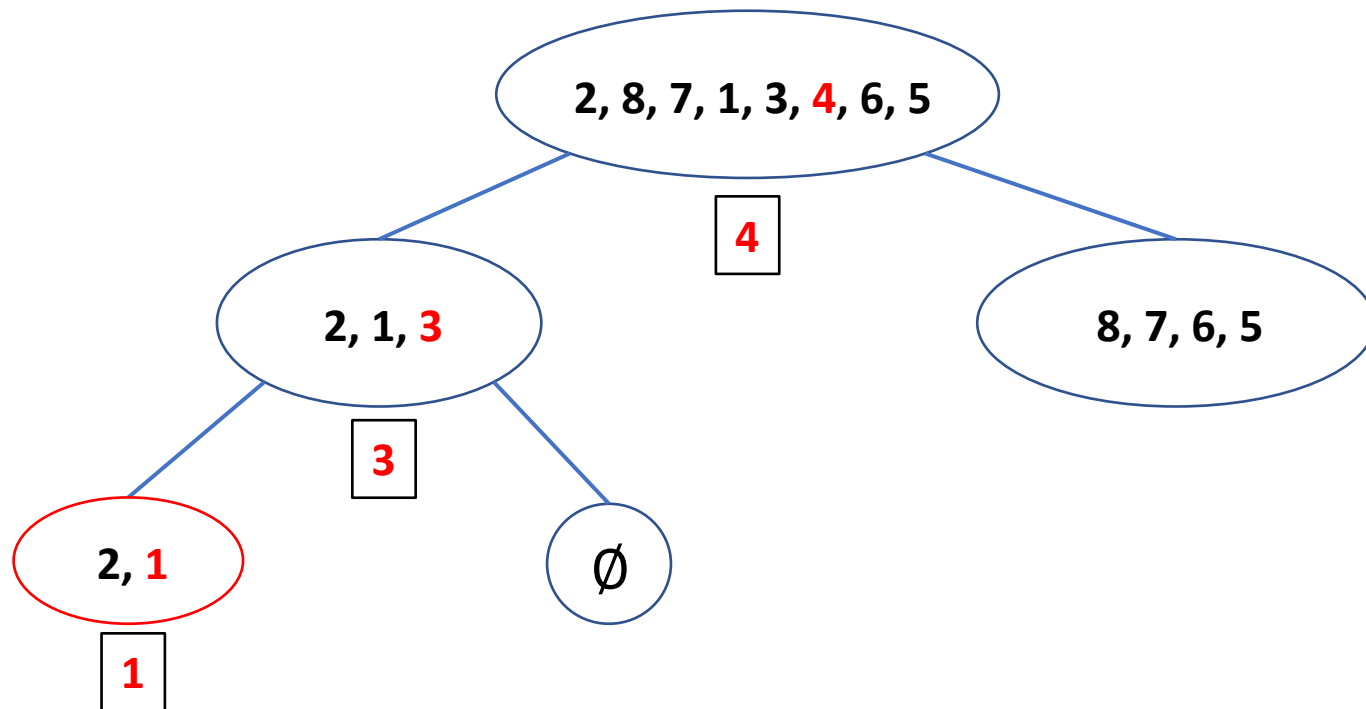
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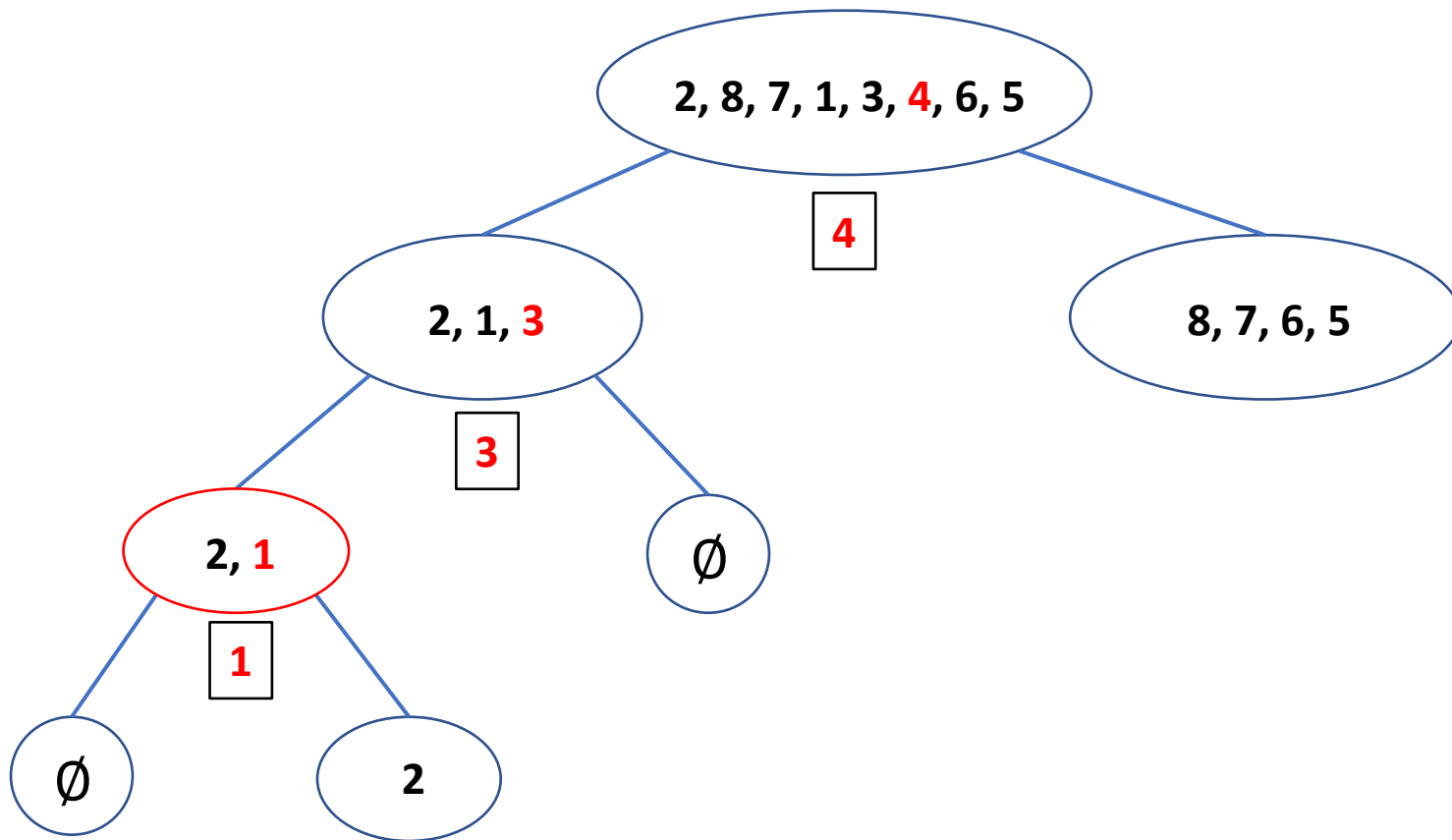
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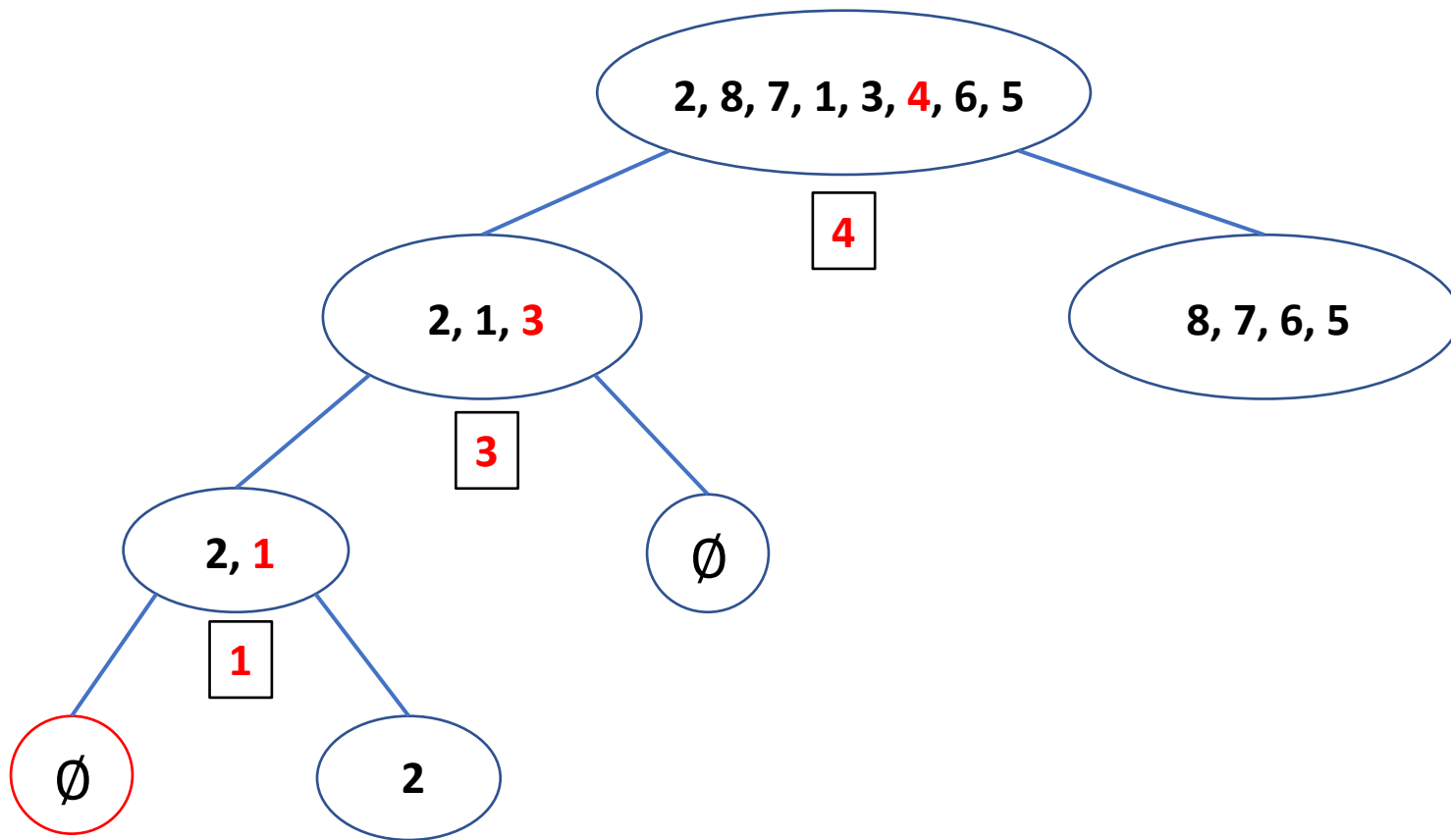
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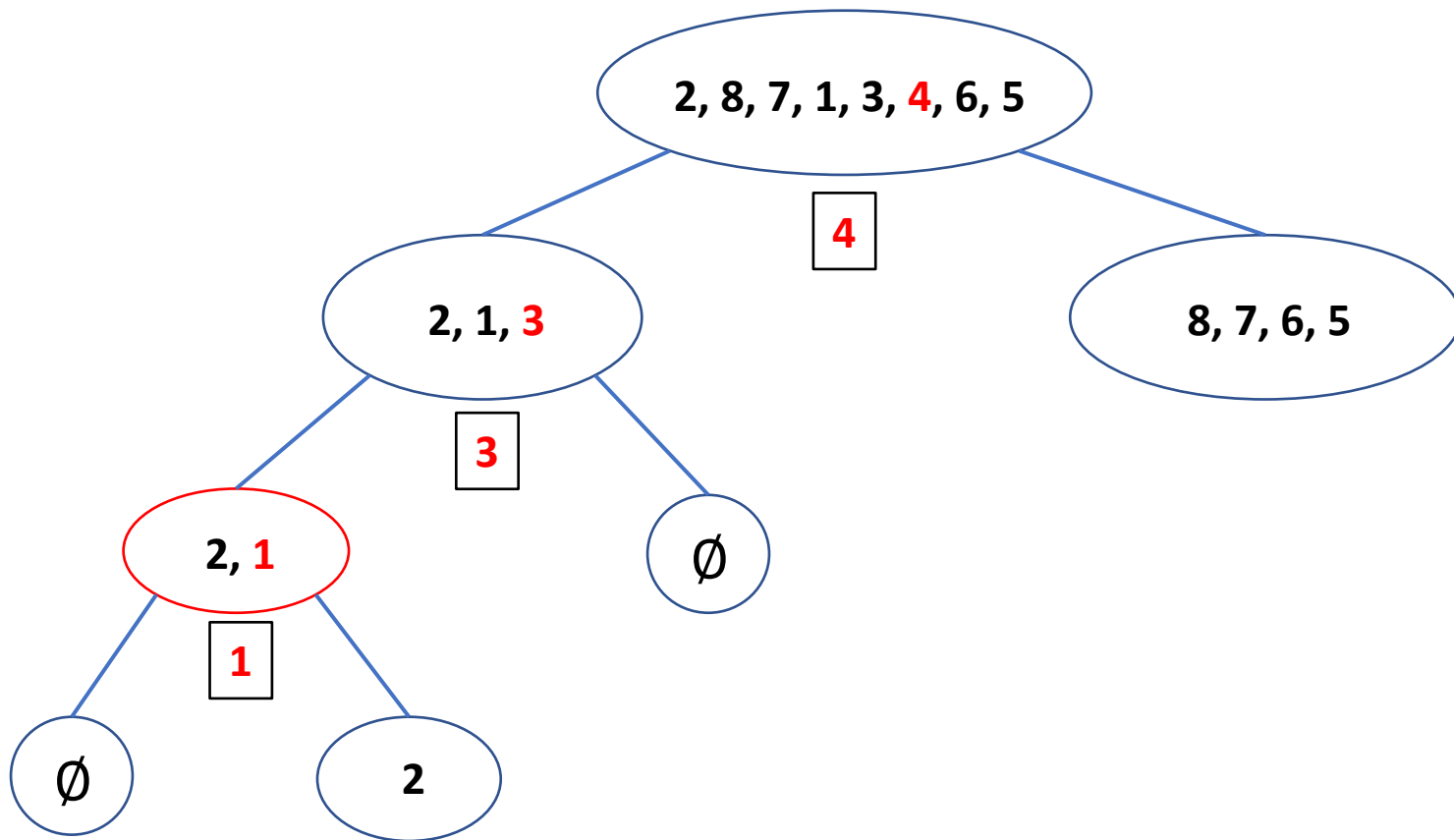
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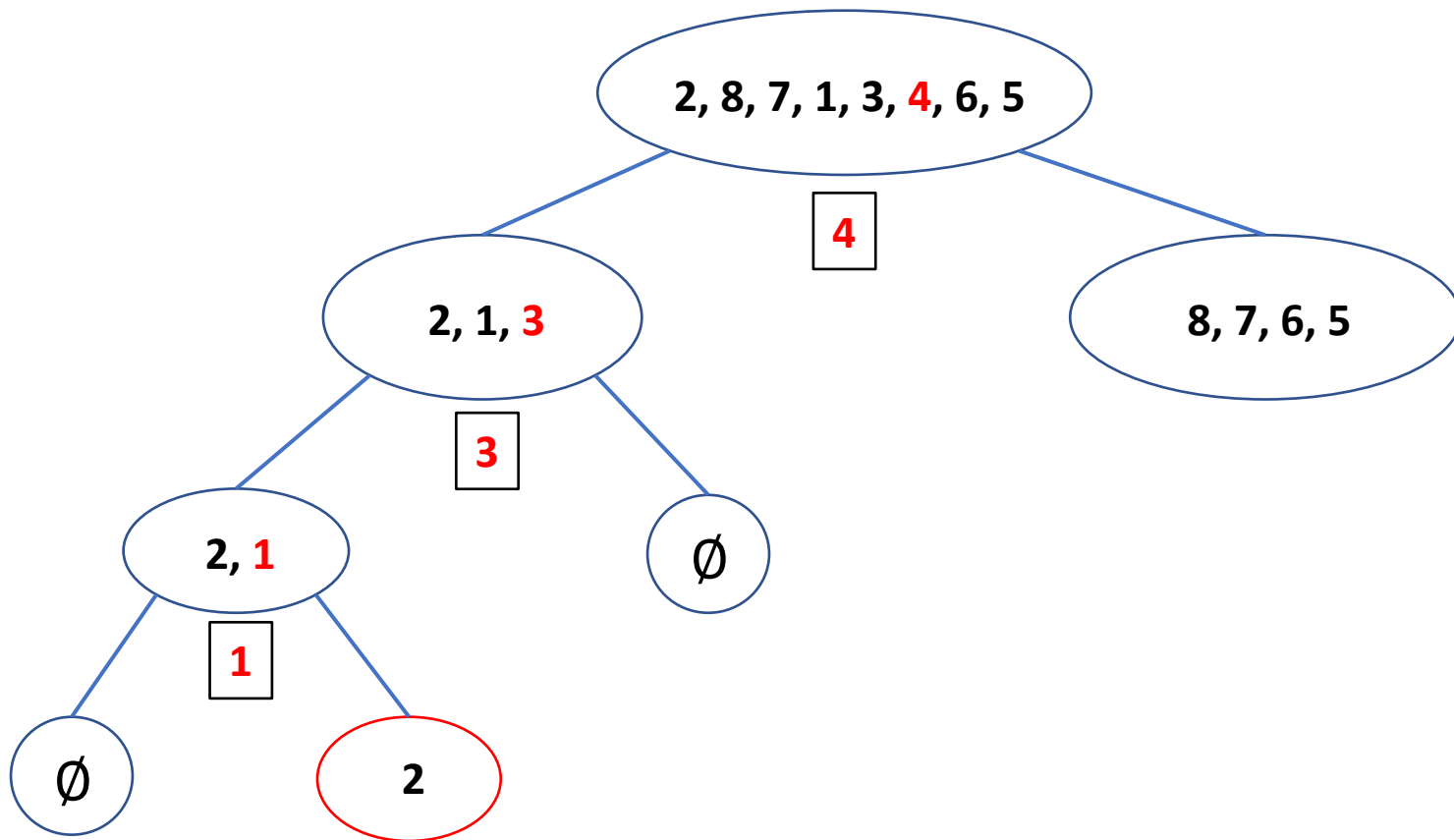
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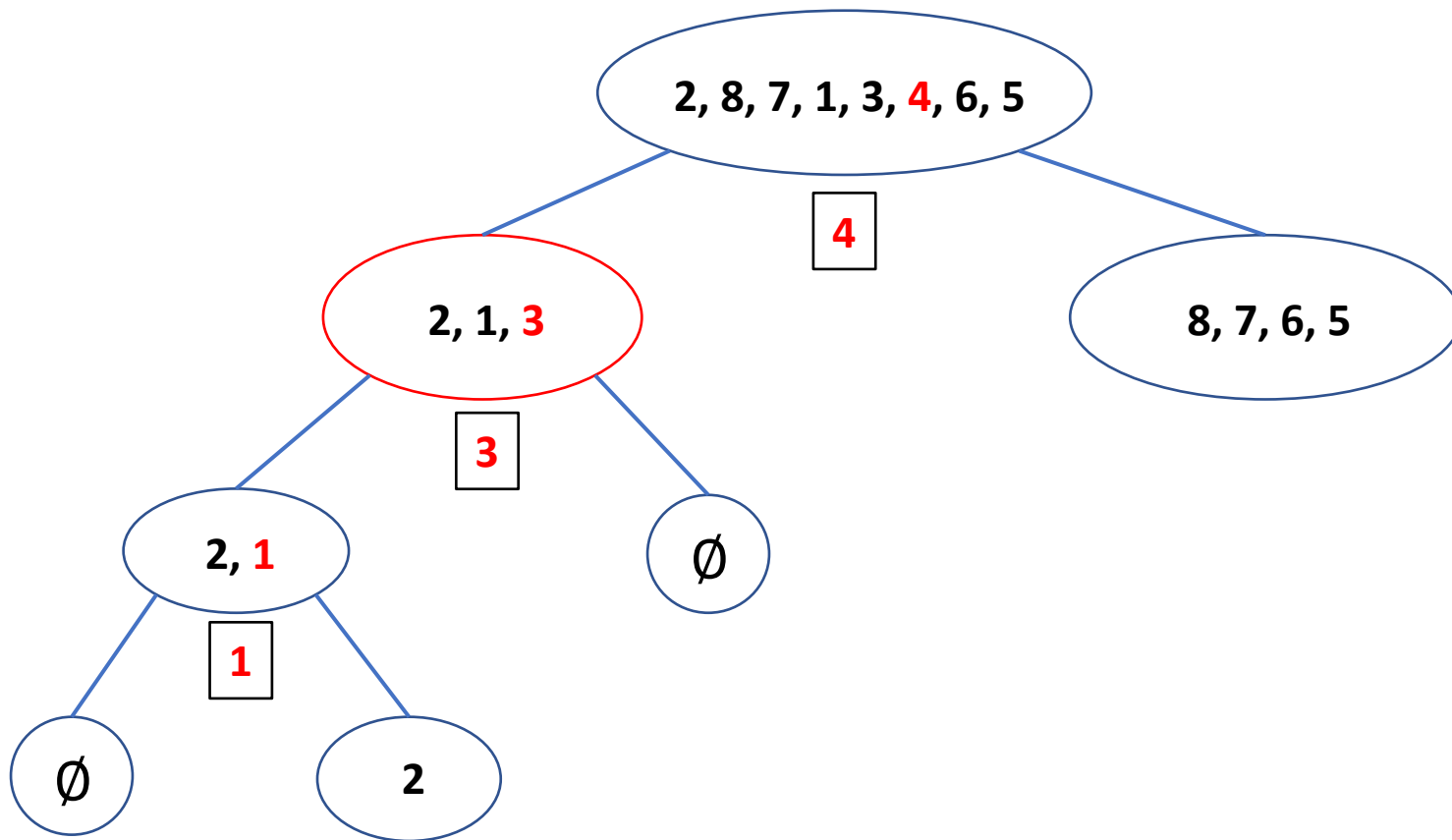
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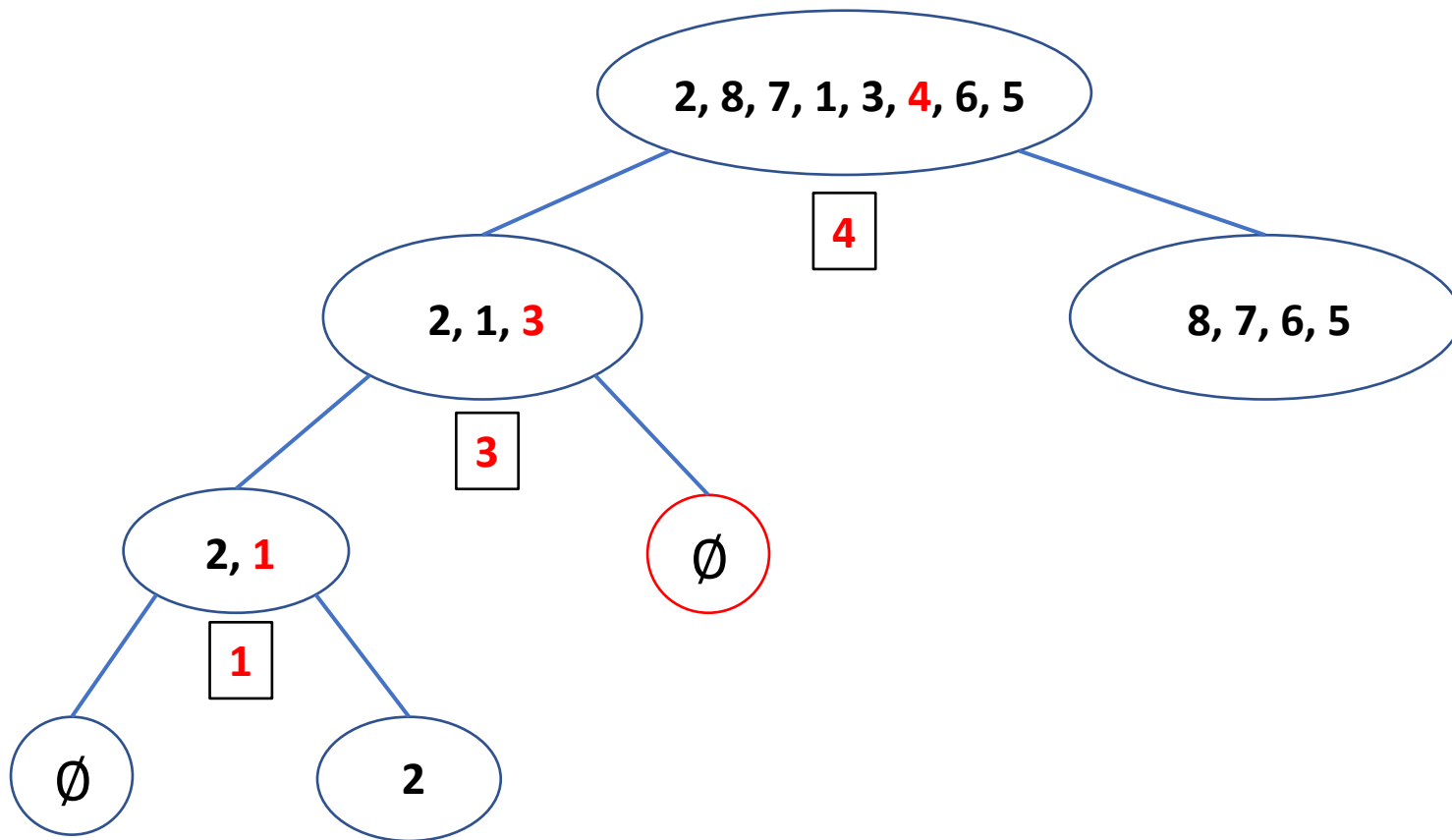


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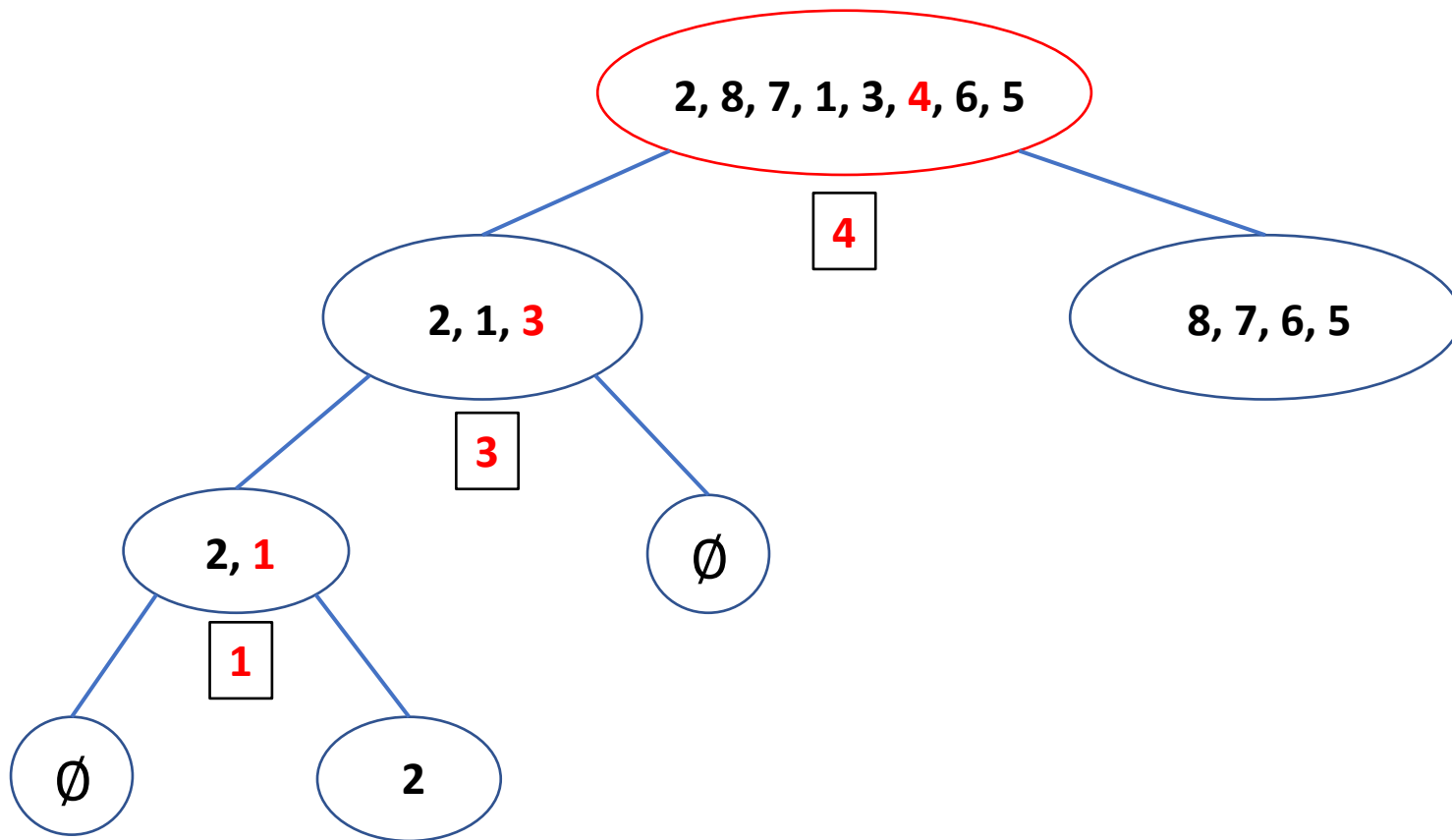


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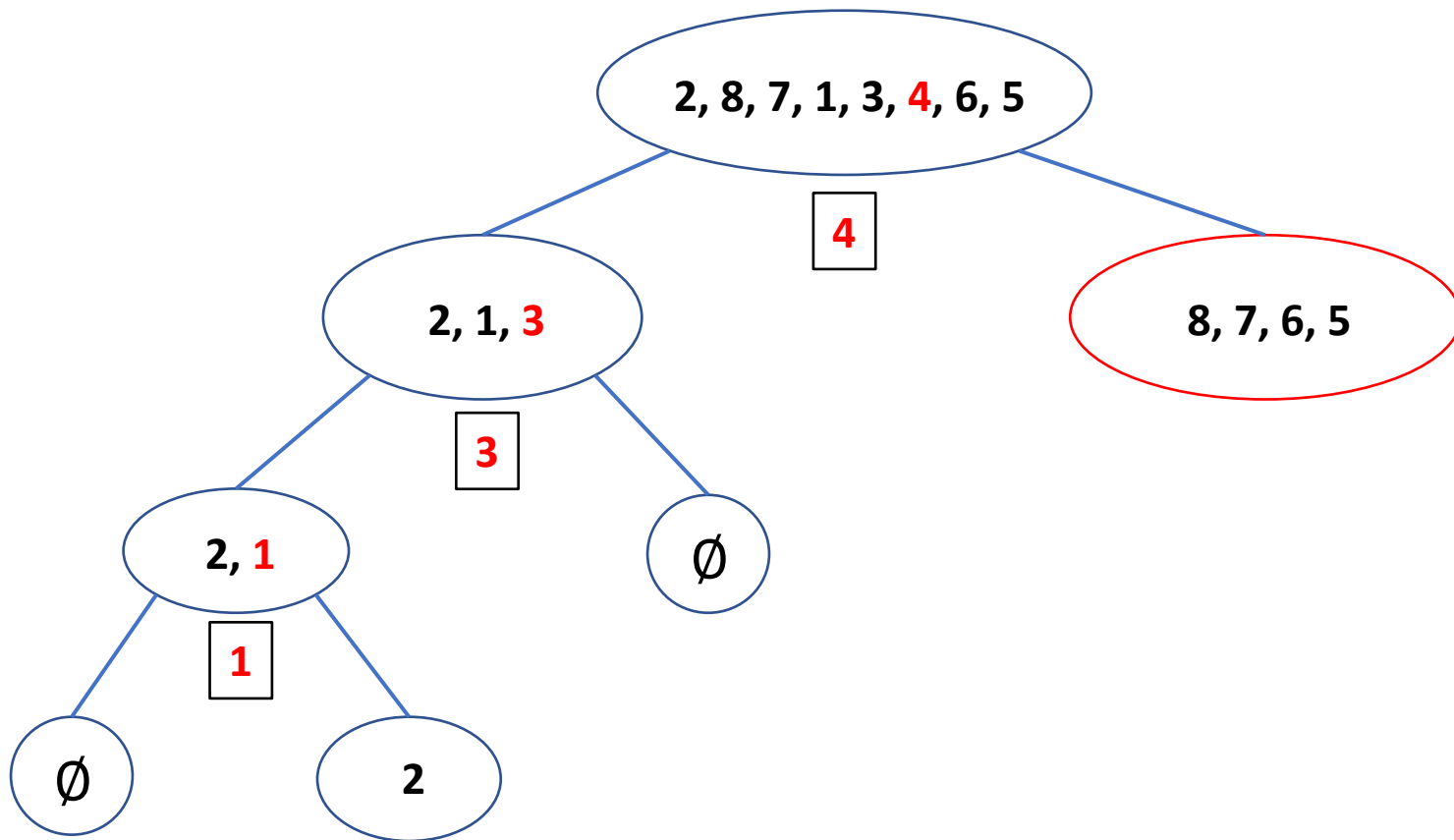


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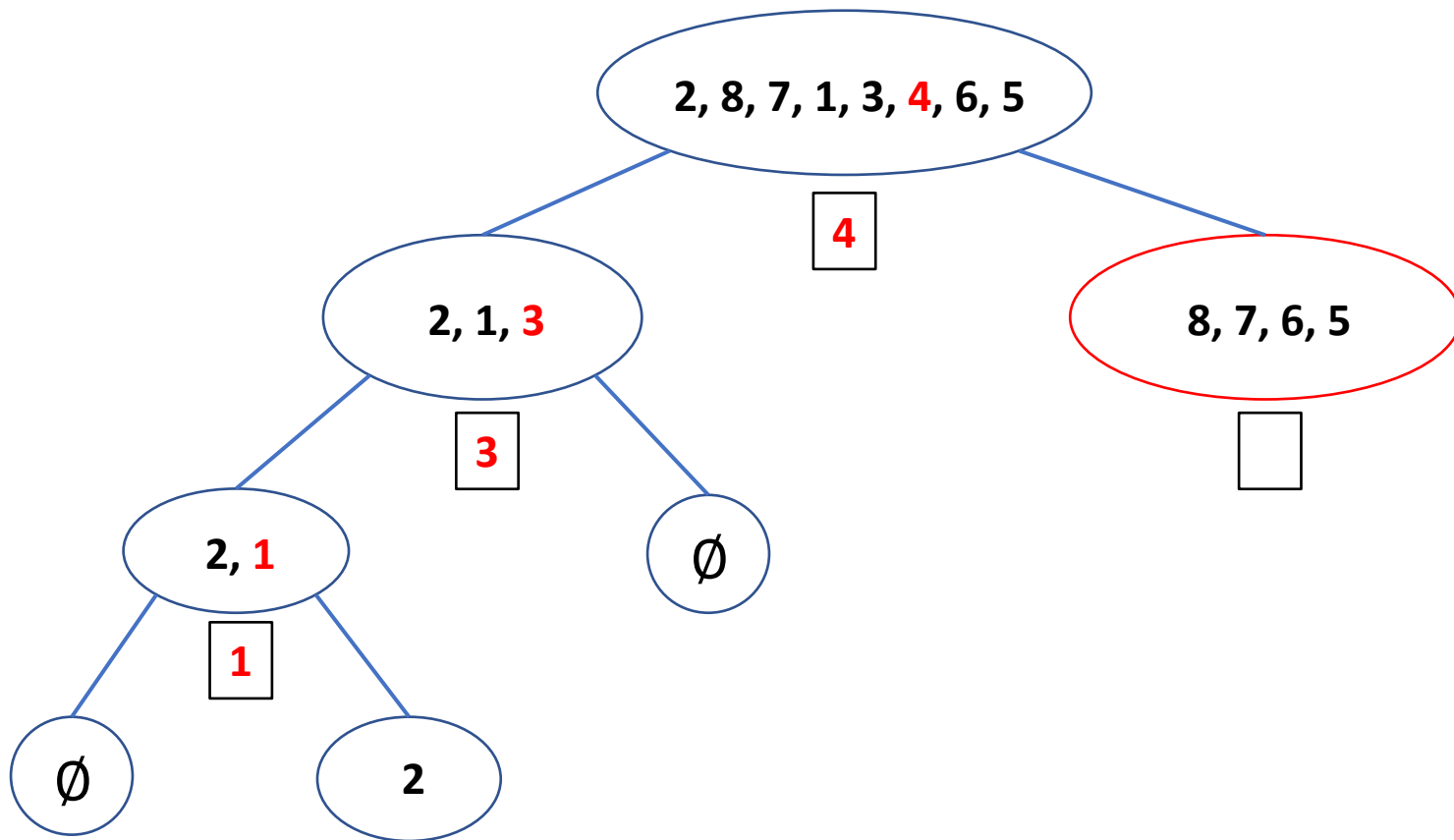


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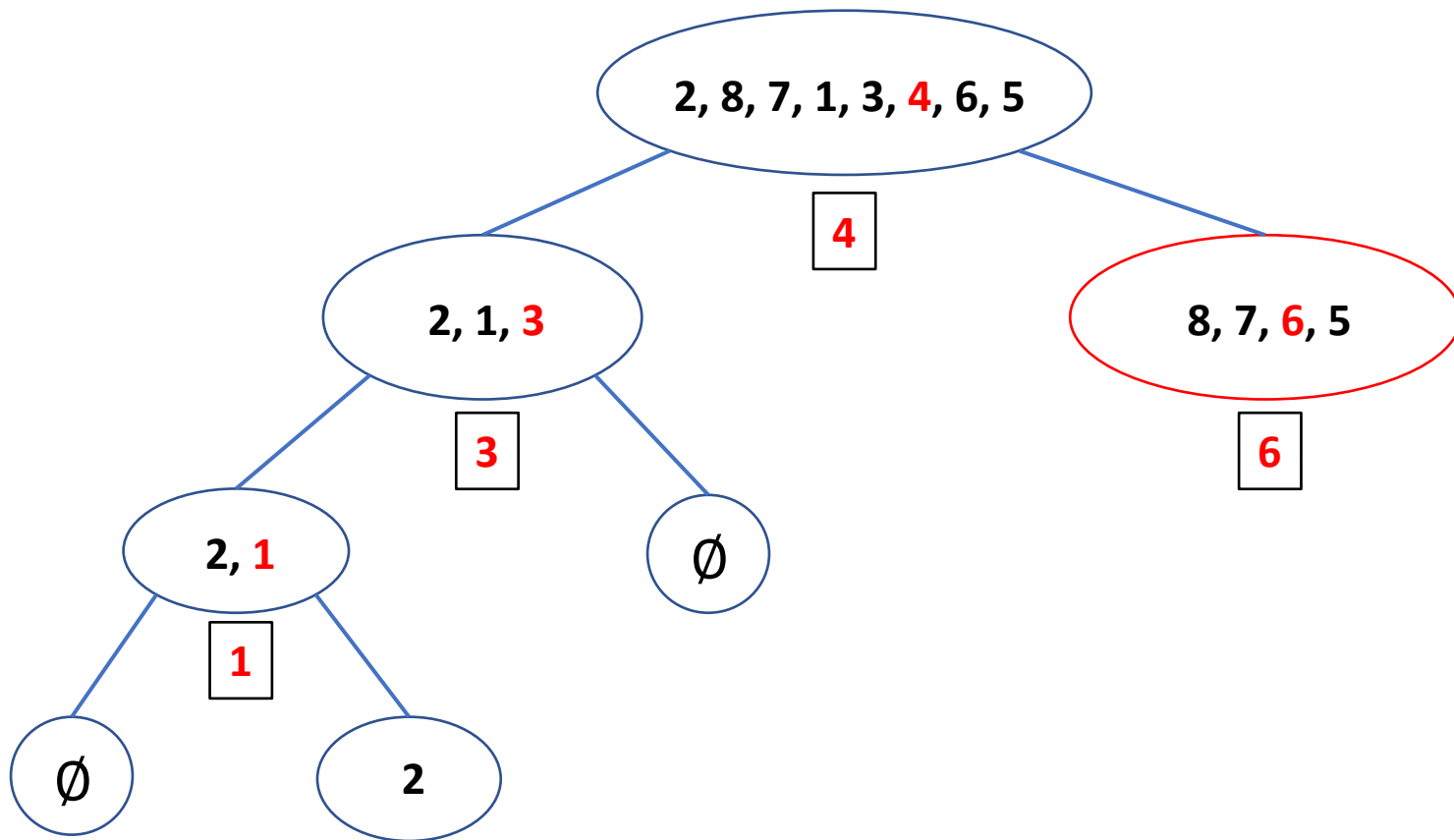


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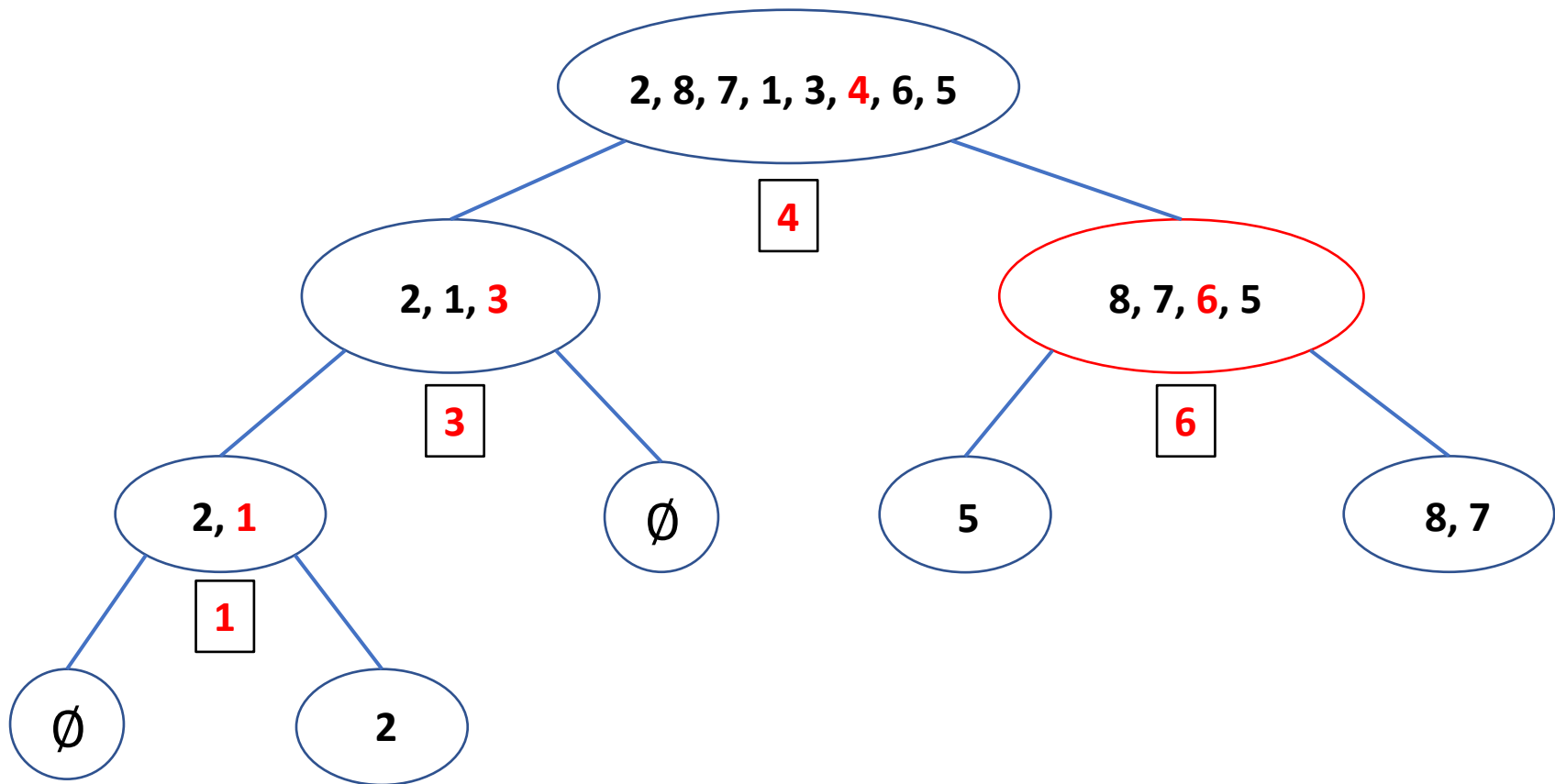
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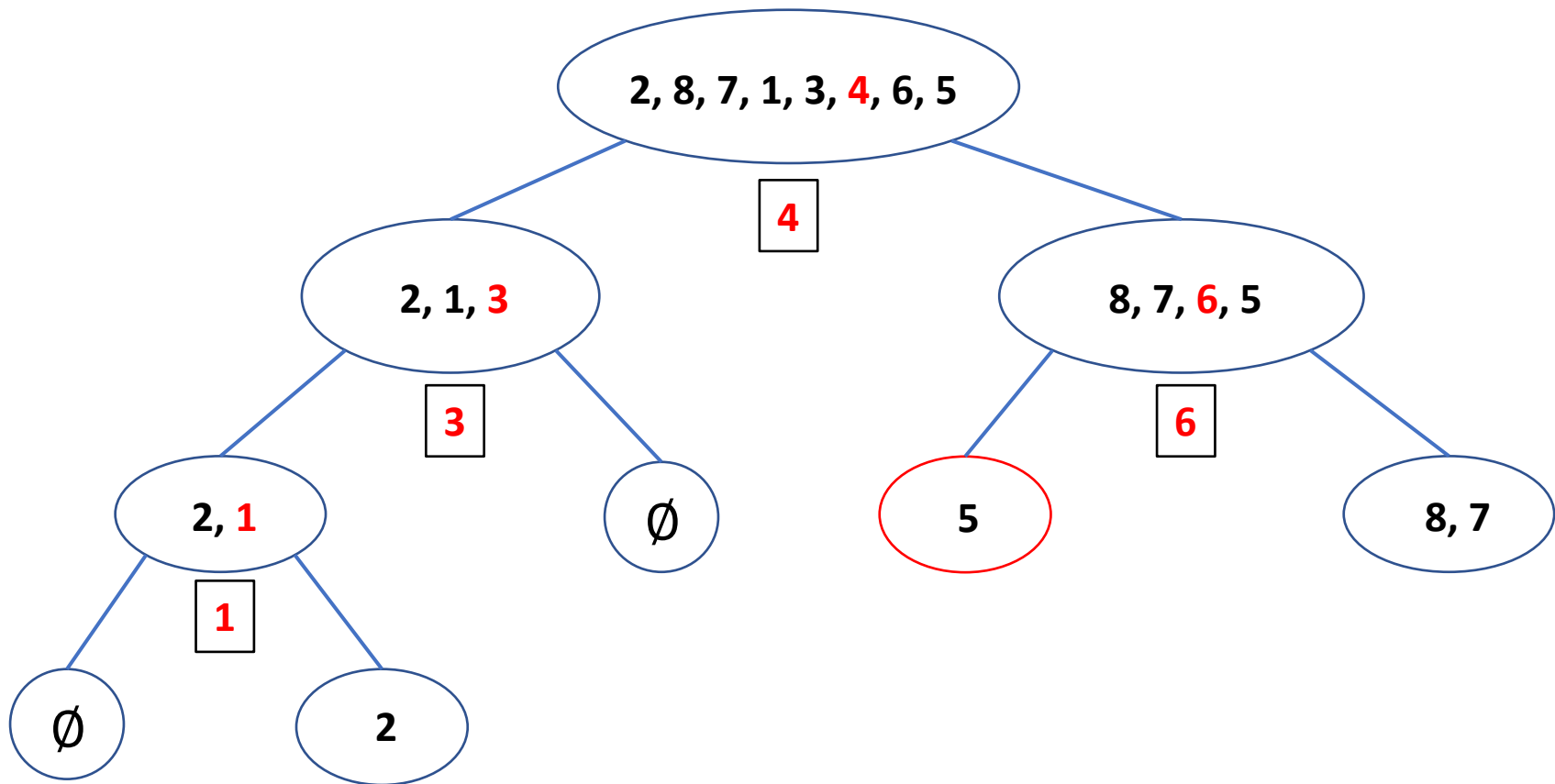


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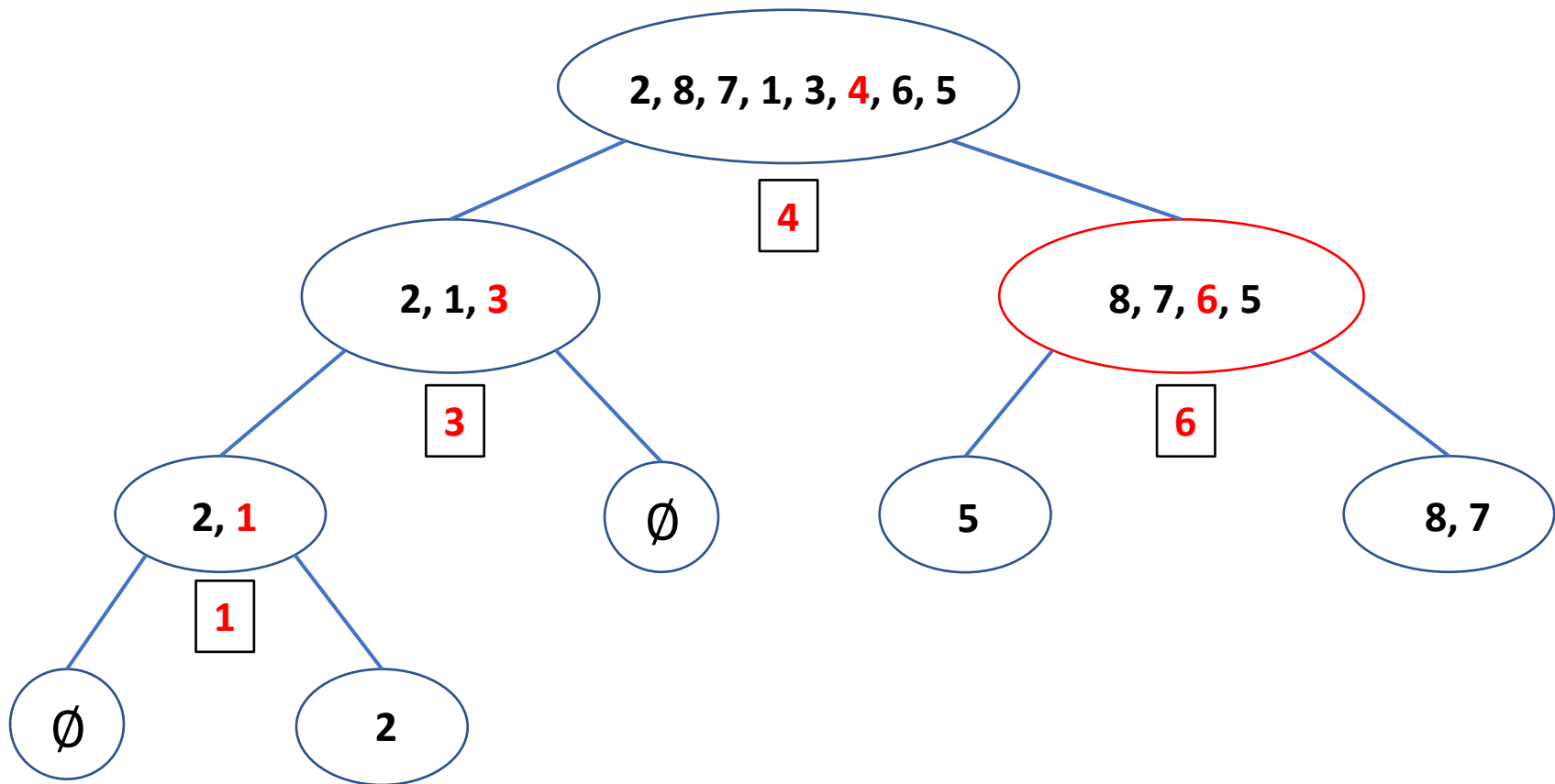


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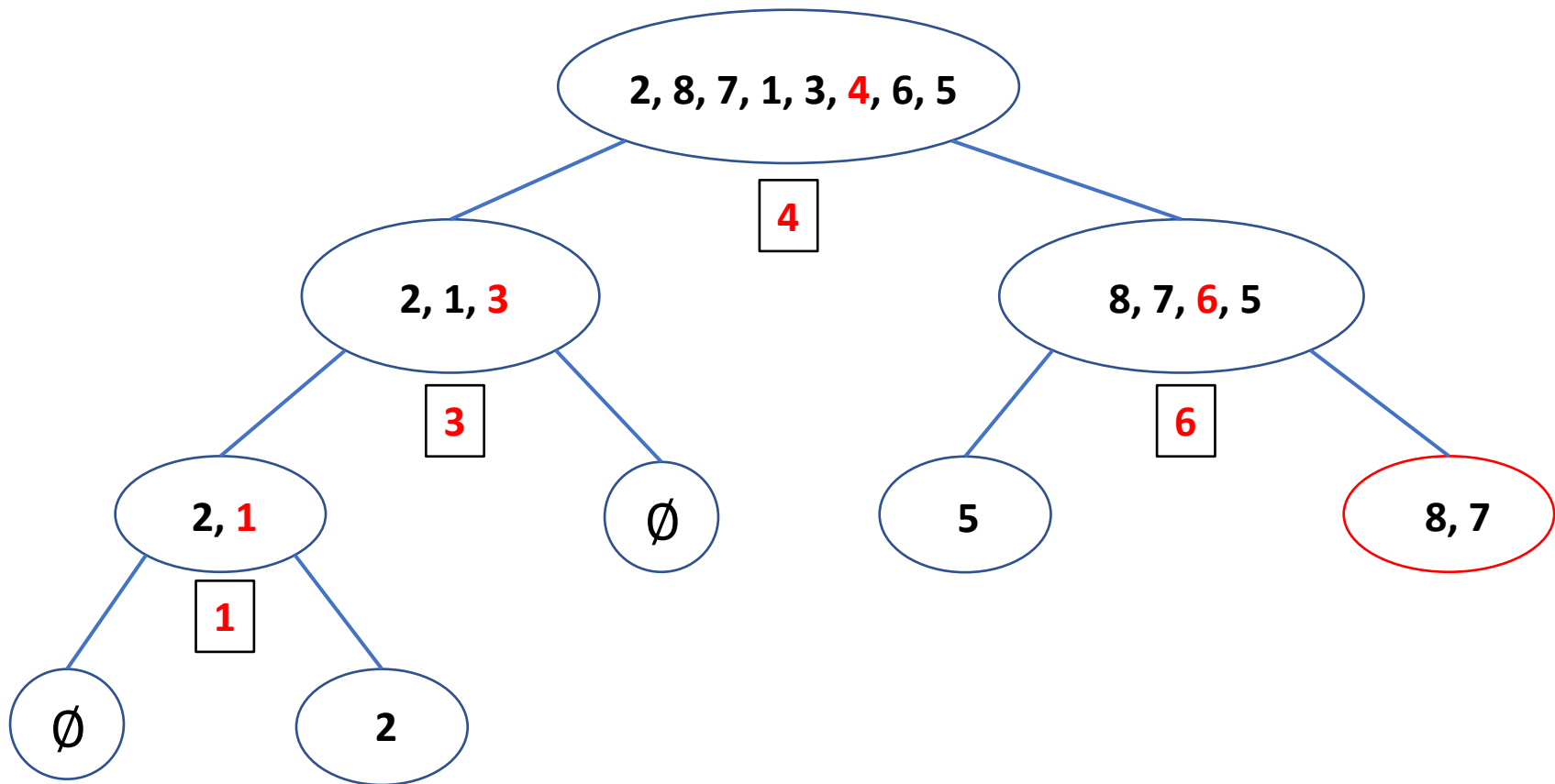
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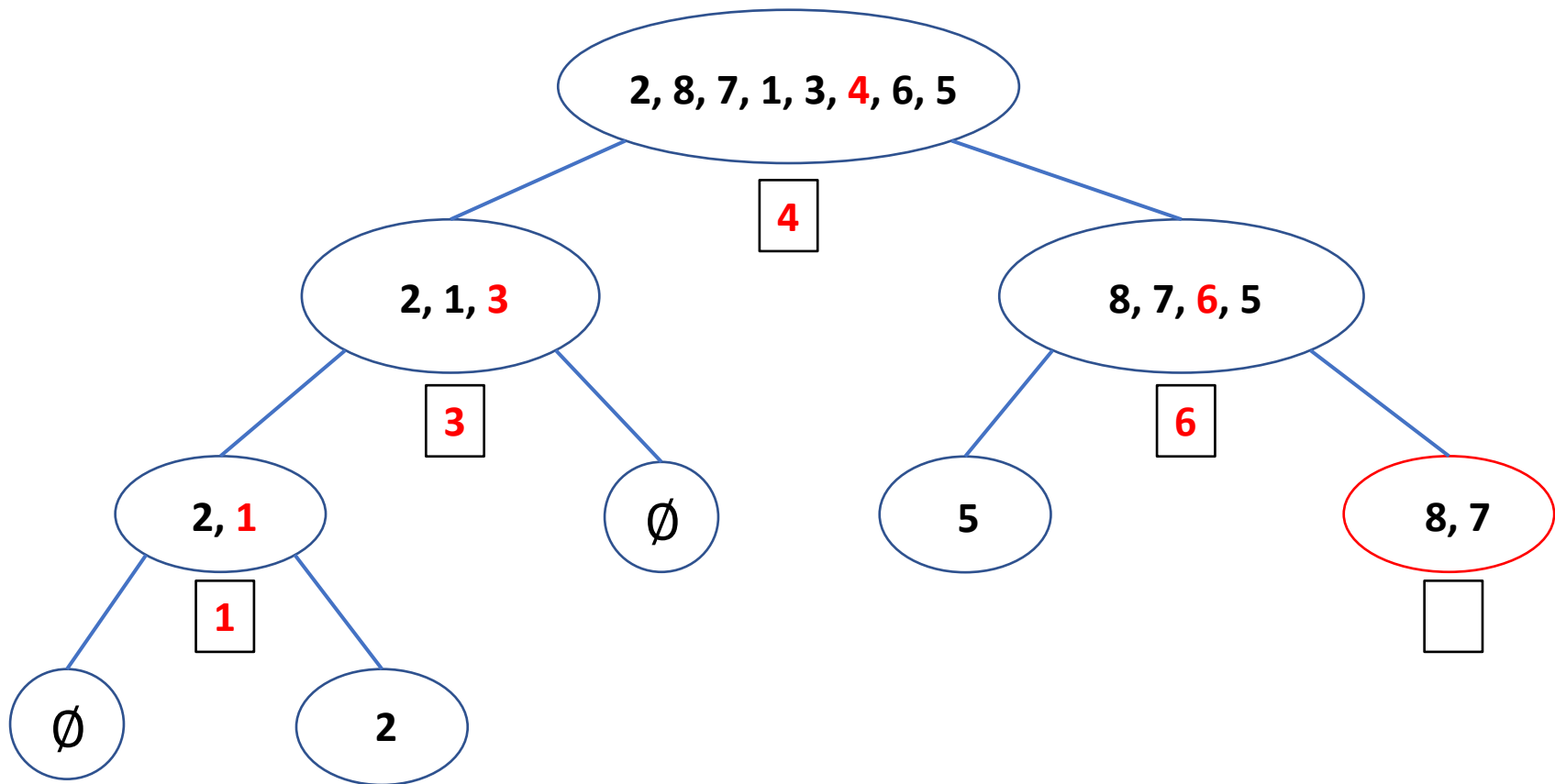
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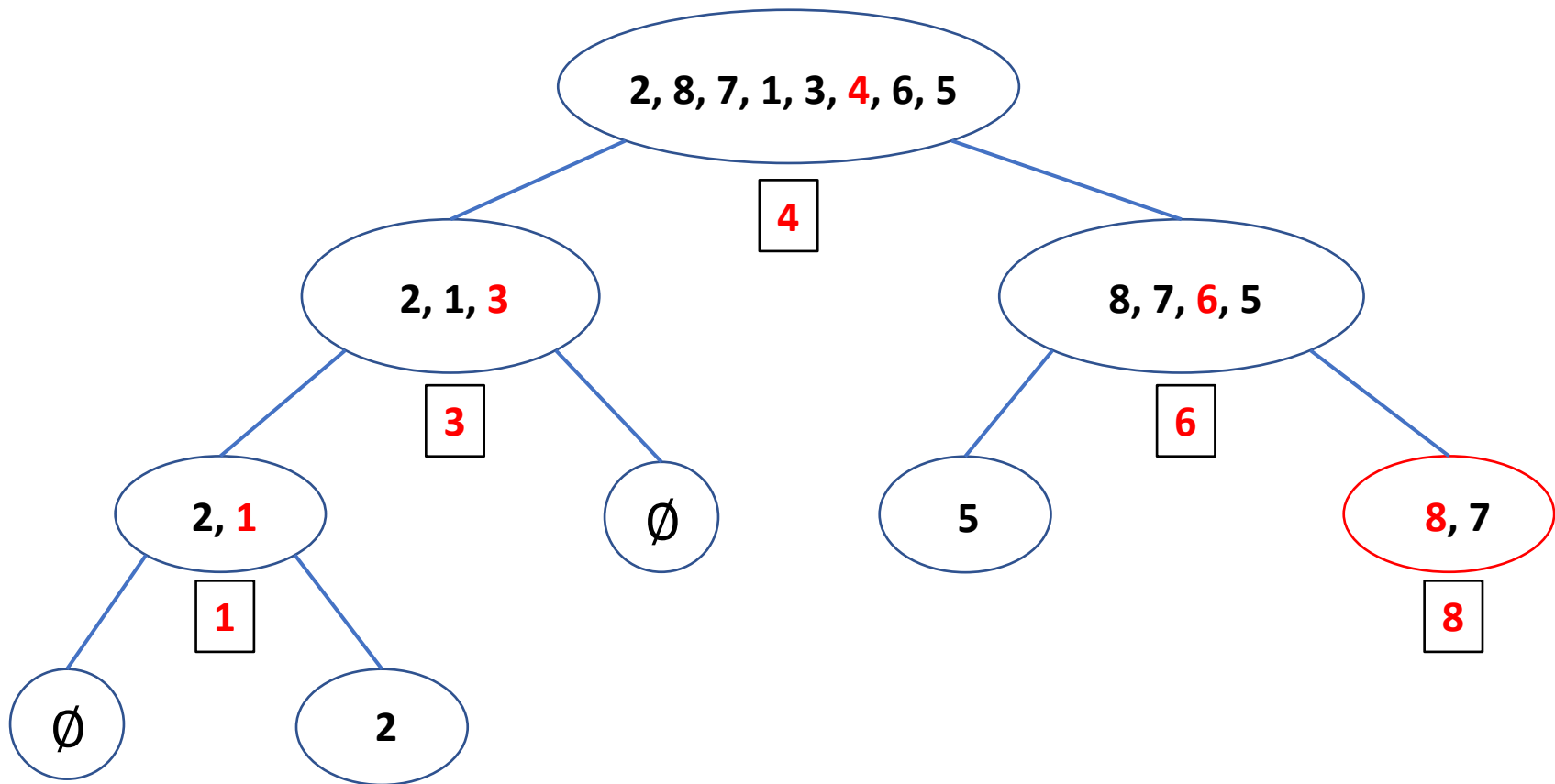
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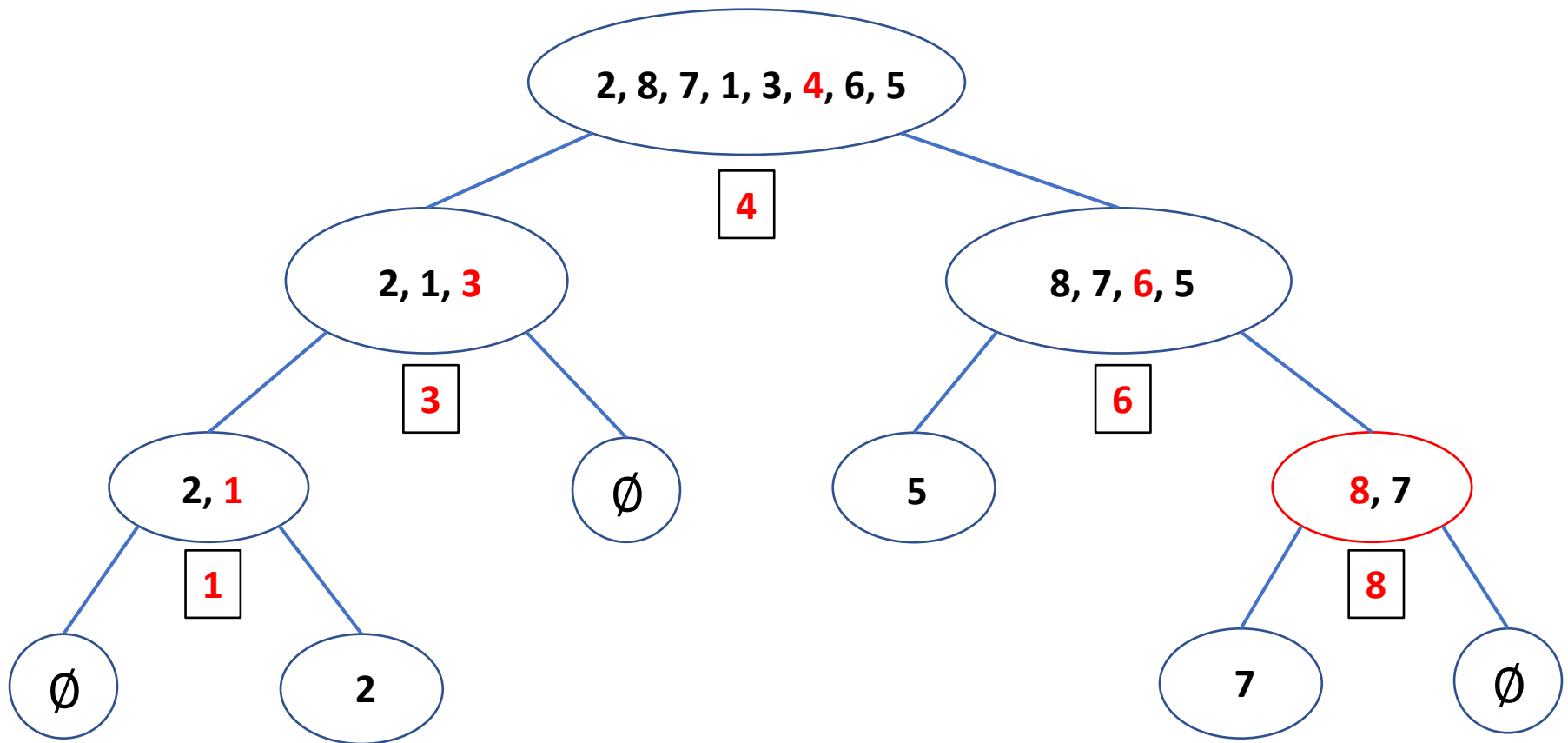
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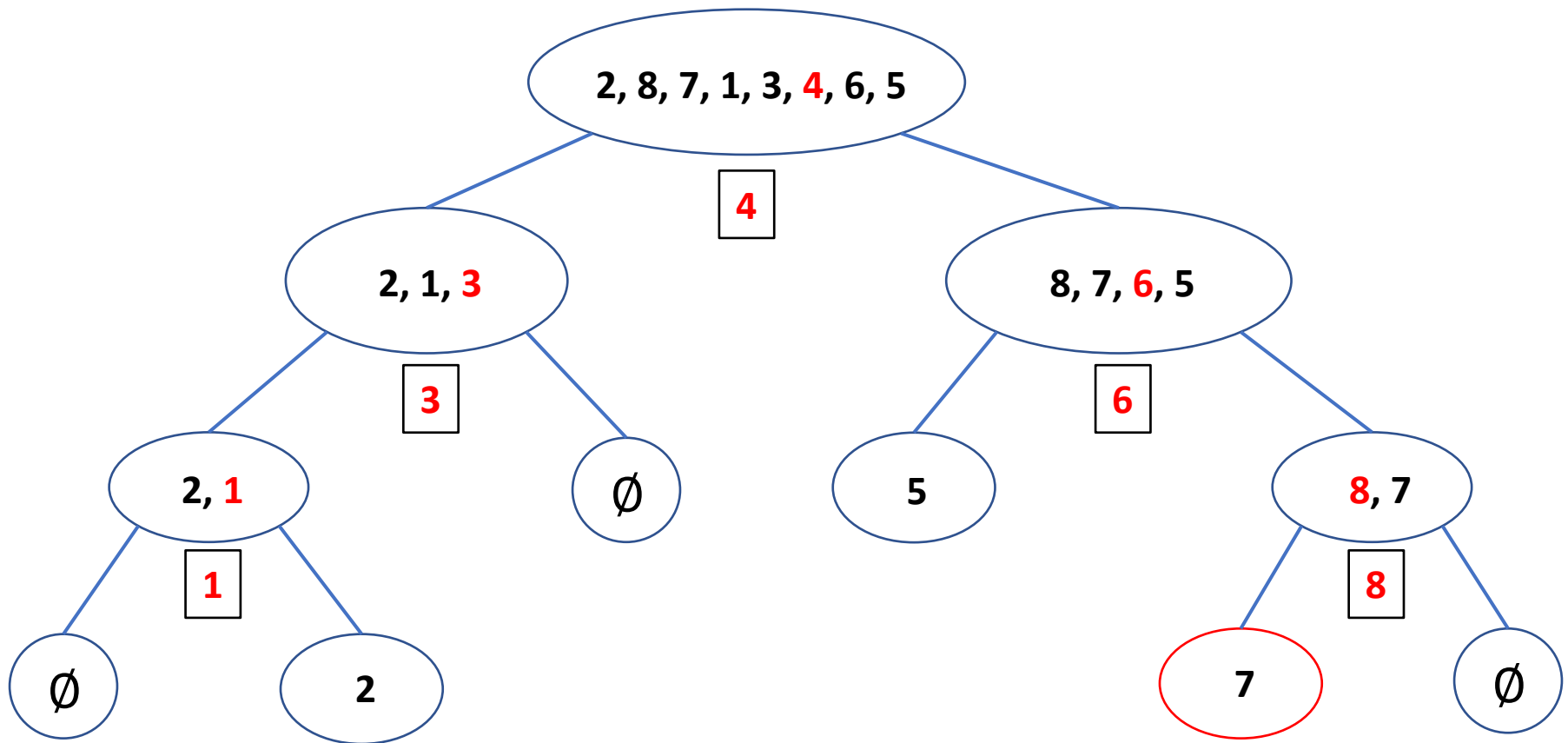
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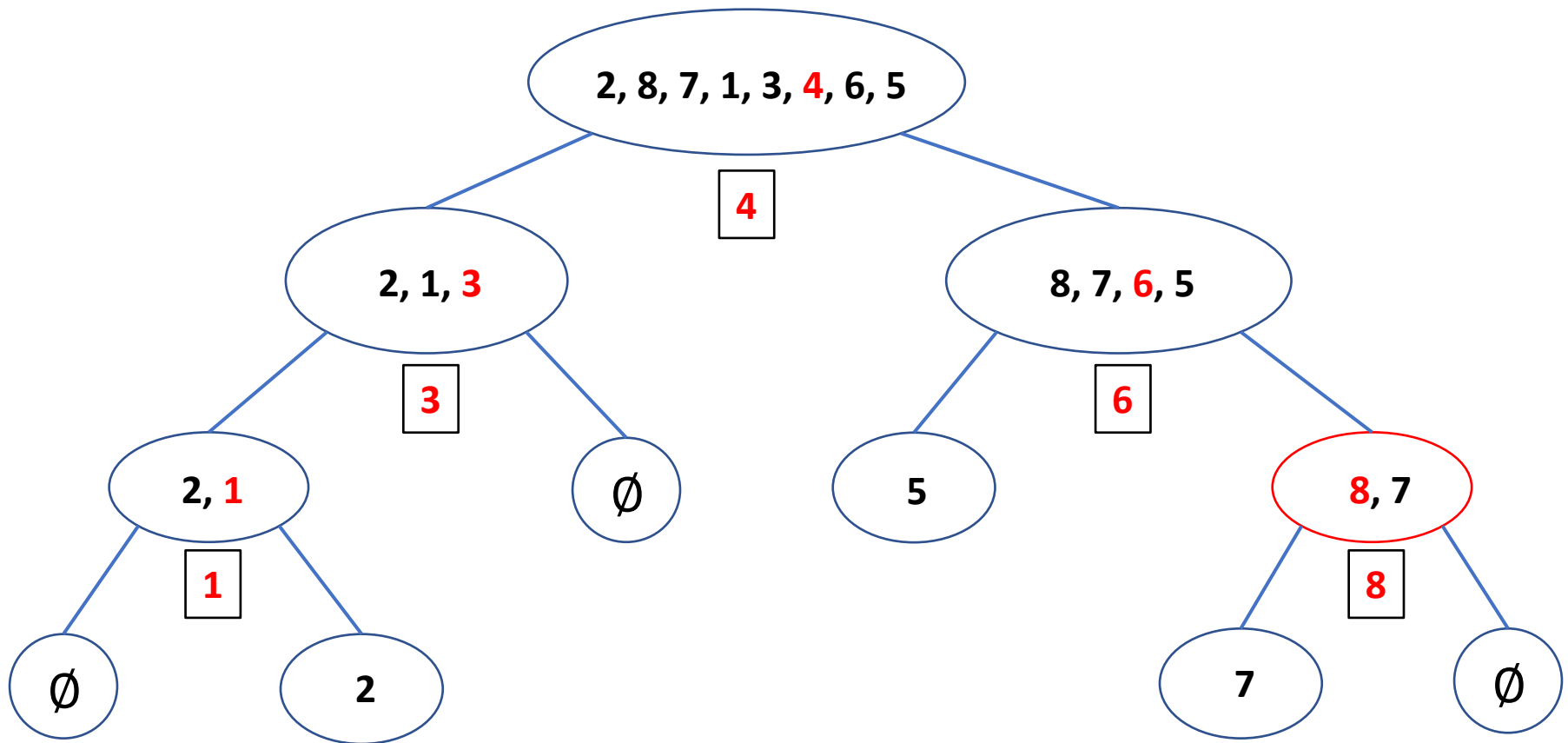
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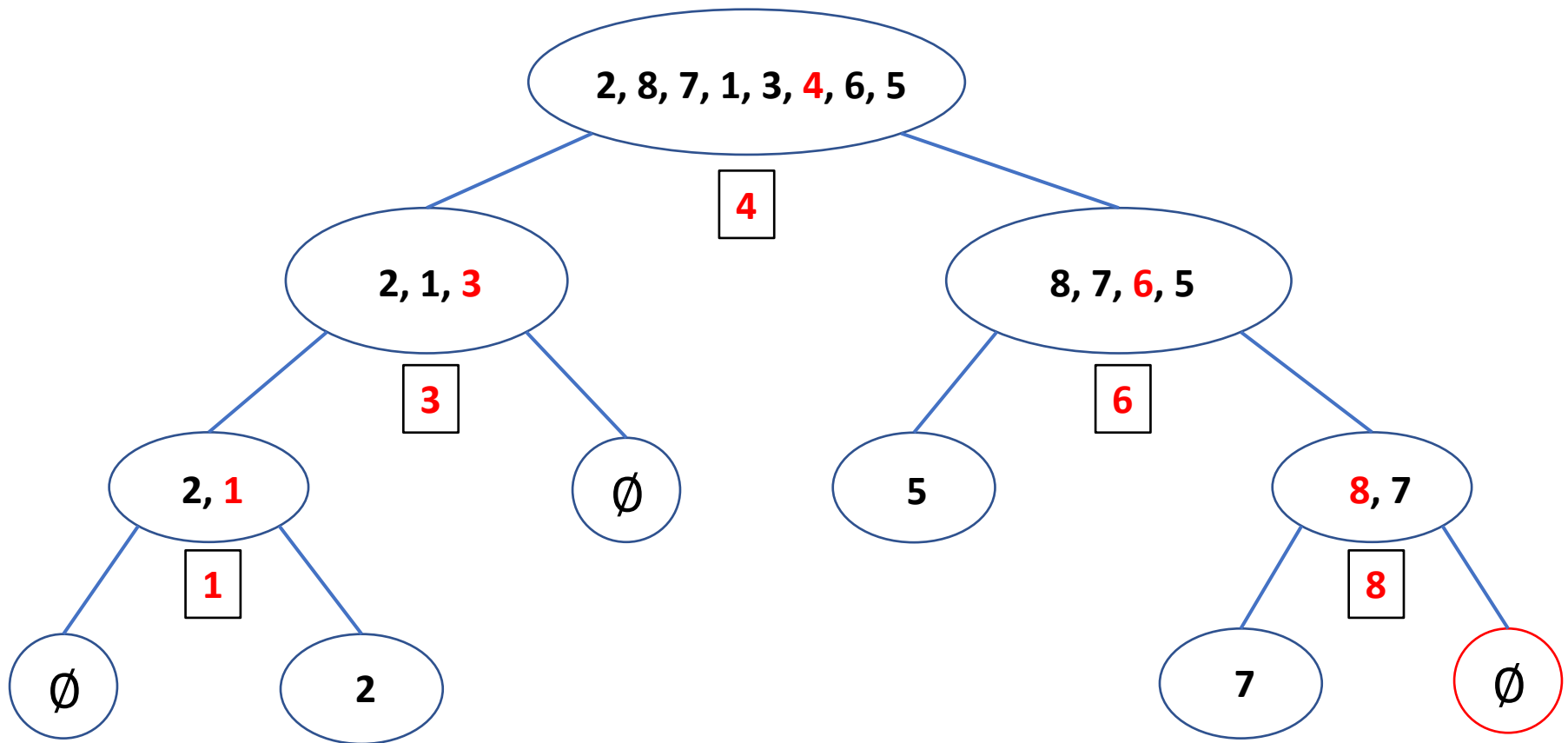
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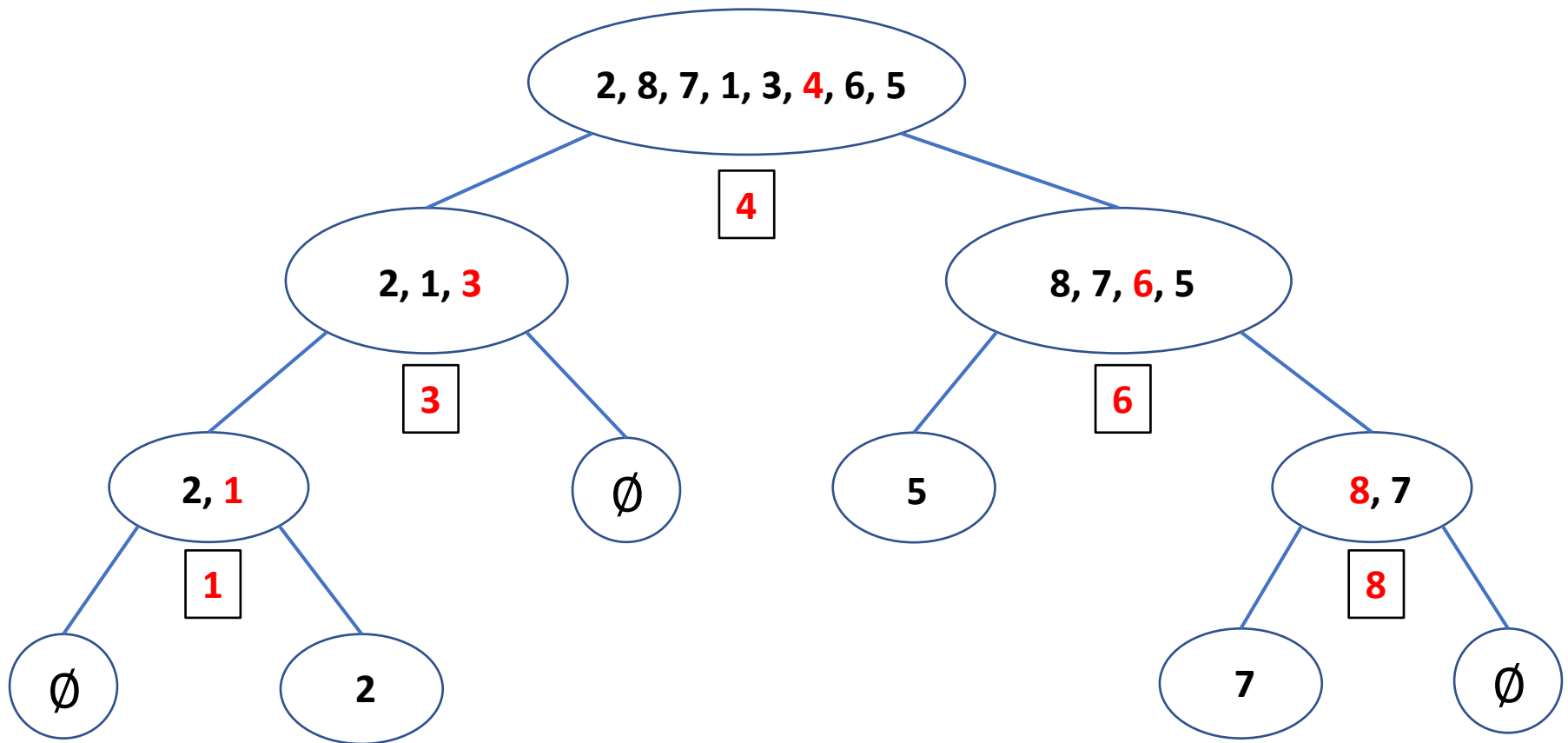
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- ▶ We just proved:

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- ▶ By combining these two lemmas:

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- ▶ It is known that $H_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$ is $O(\log n)$.

[In fact, for $n \geq 2$, $H_n \leq (\log_e n) + 1$.]

- ▶ Therefore:

Theorem: $E(C)$ is $O(n \log n)$