

# Priority Queues: Binary Heaps

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# Outline

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- 2 Basic Operations
- 3 Complete Binary Trees
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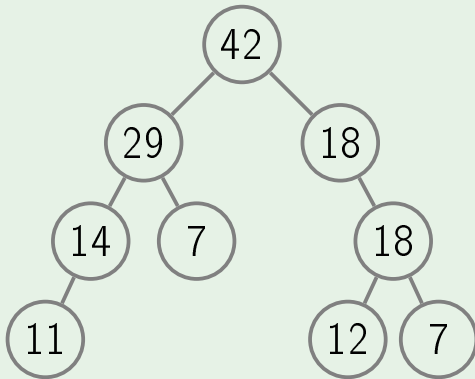
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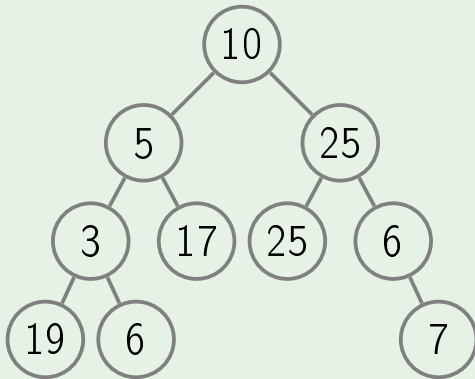
## In other words

For each edge of the tree, the value of the parent is at least the value of the child.

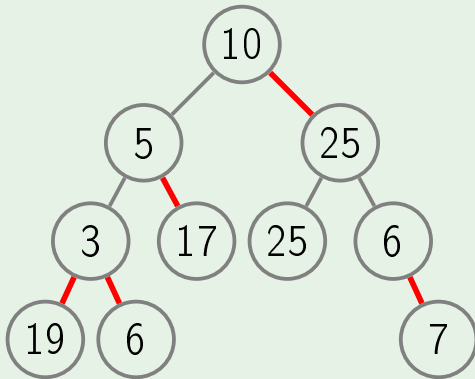
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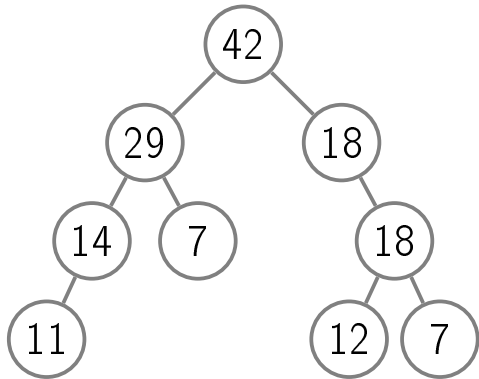


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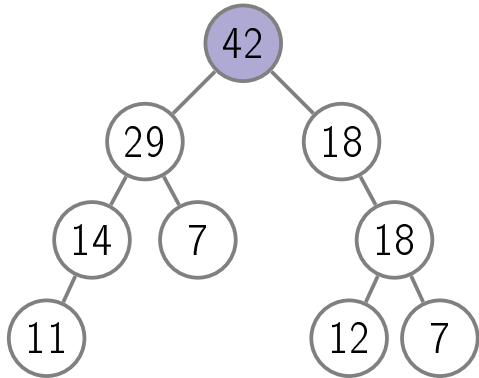


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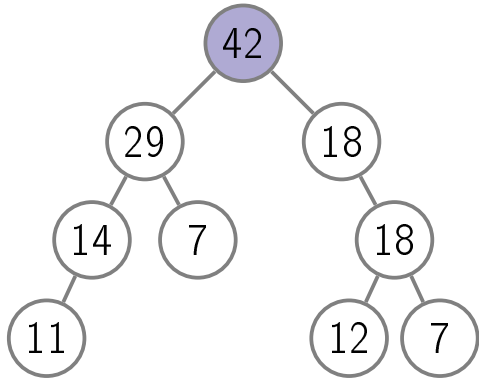
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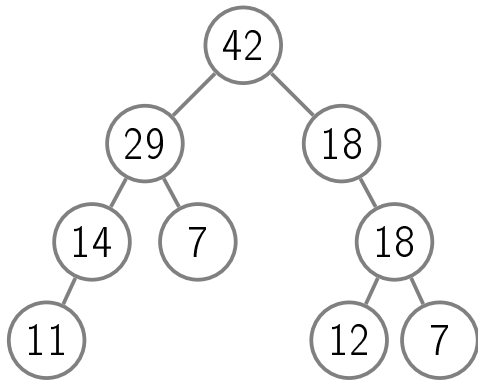
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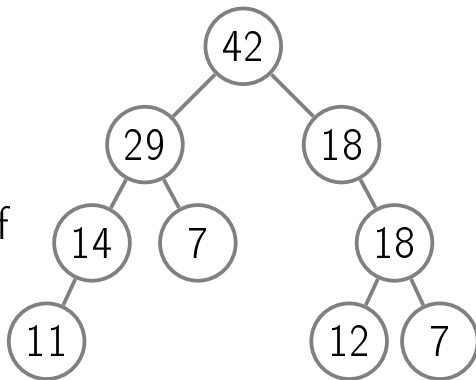
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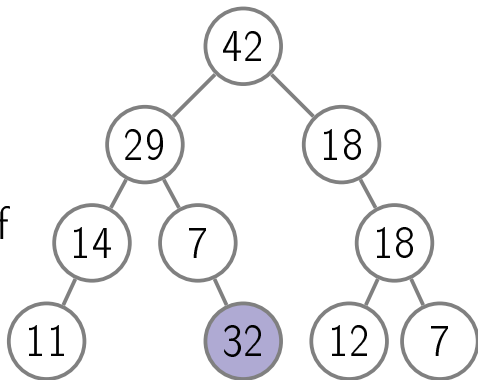
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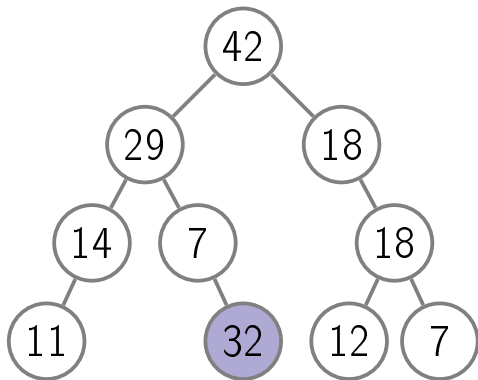
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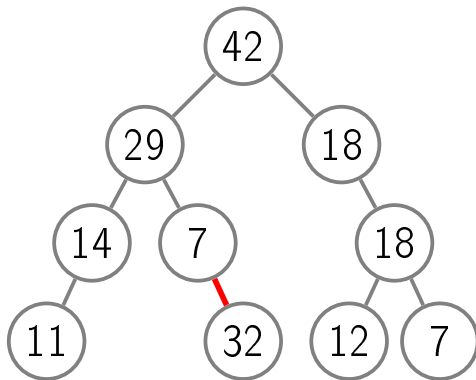
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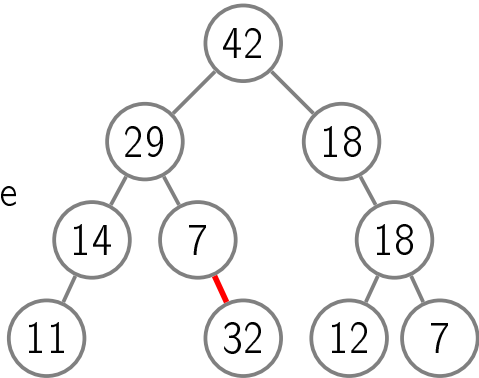
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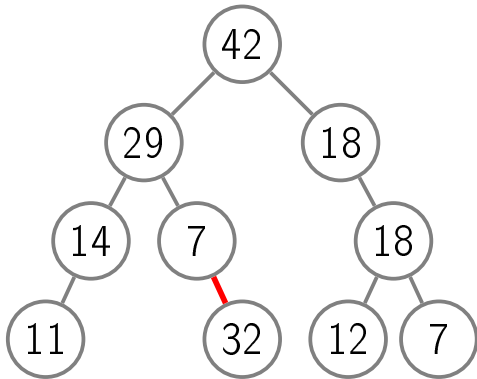
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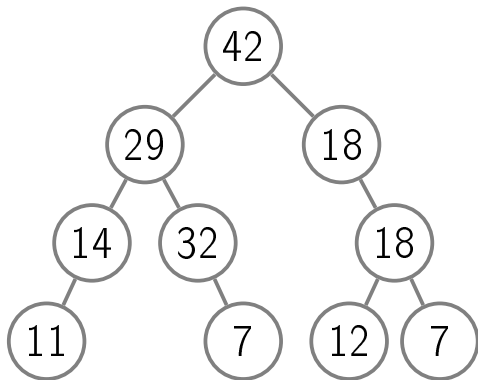


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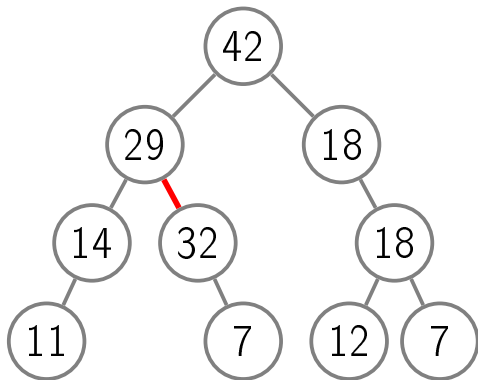
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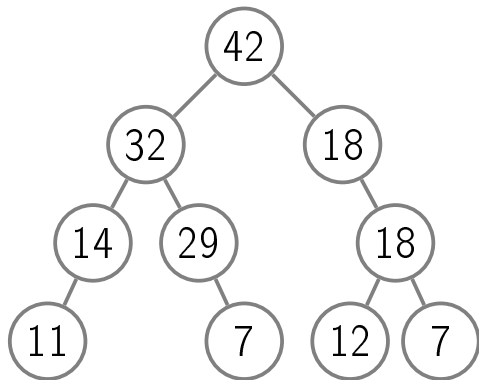
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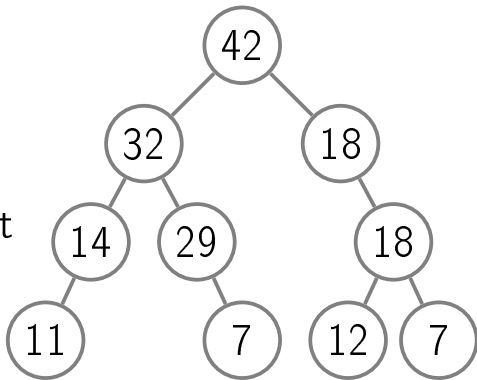


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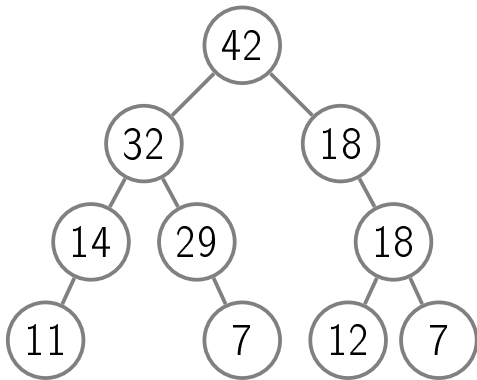
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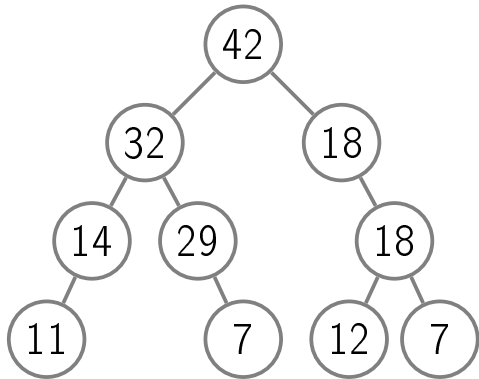


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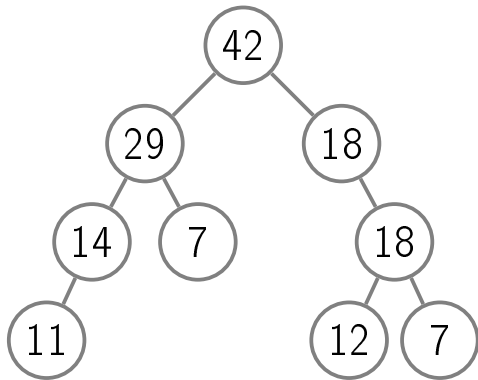
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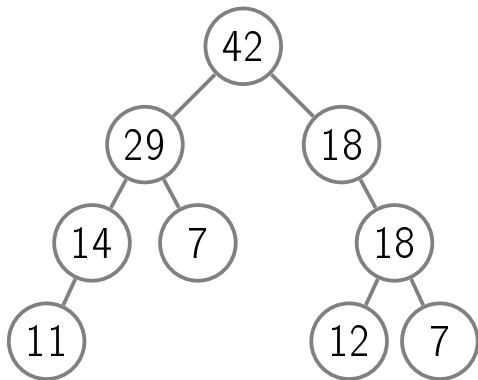


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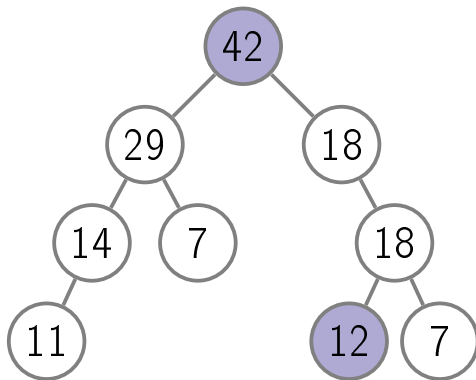
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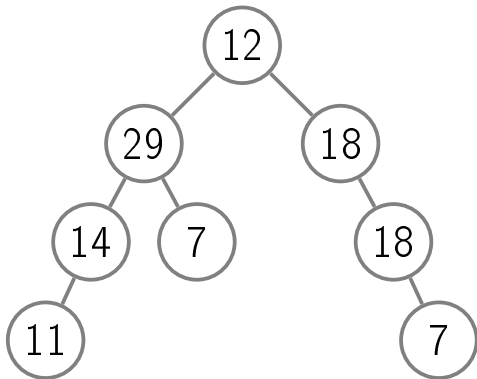
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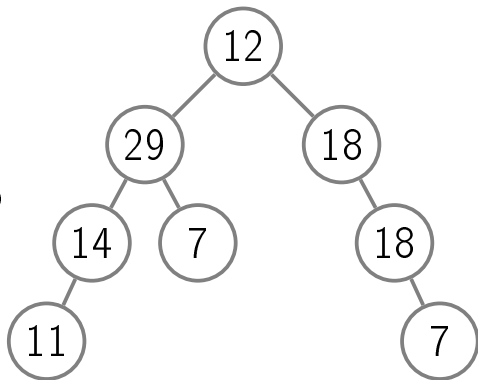
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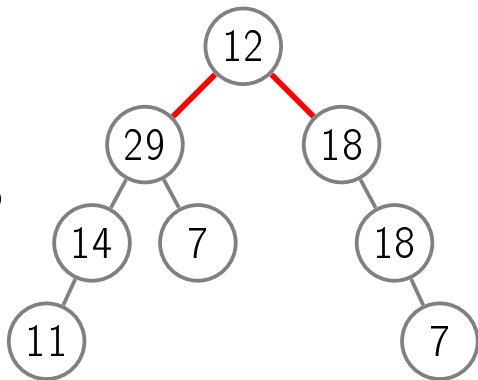
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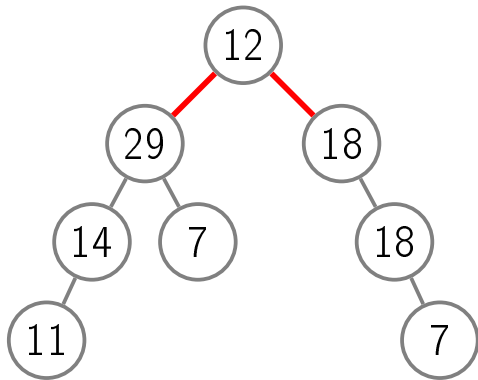
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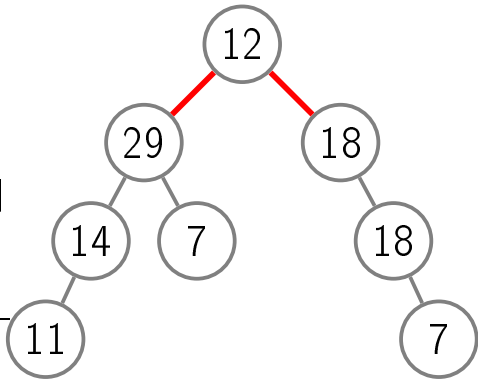
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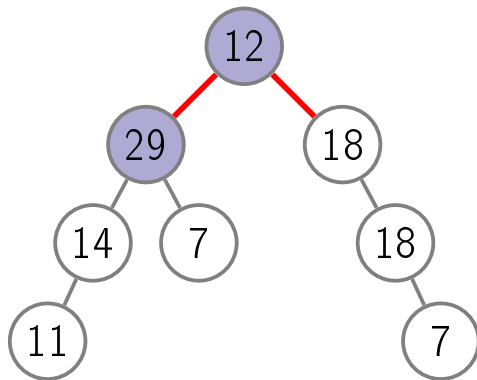
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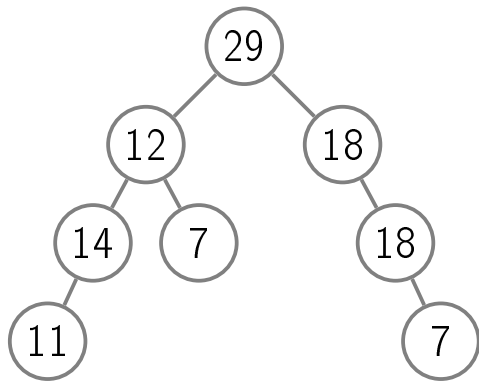




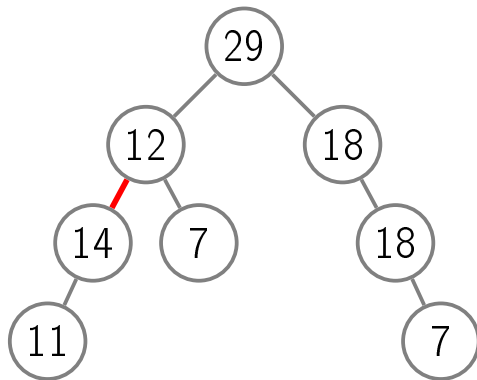
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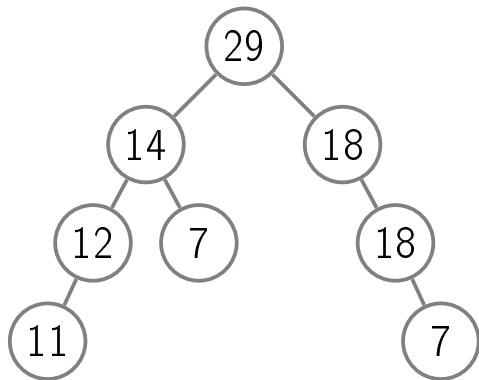
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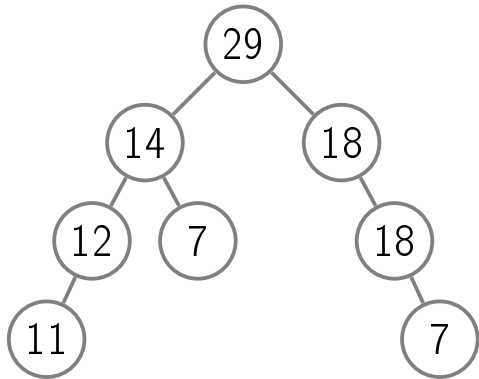


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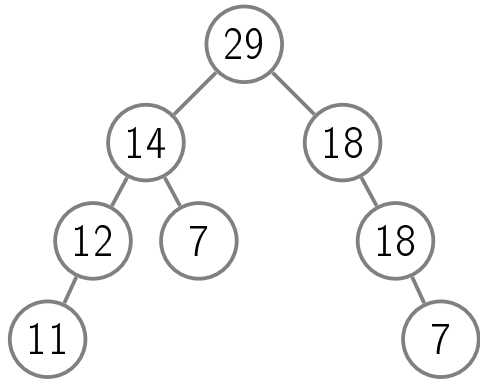


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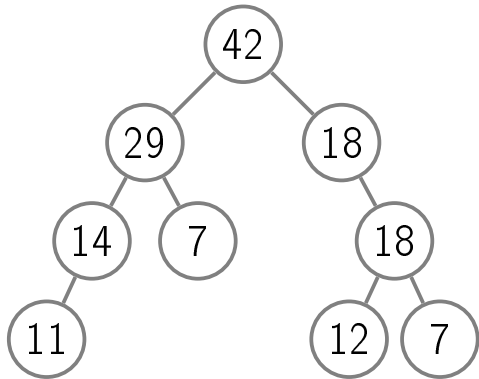


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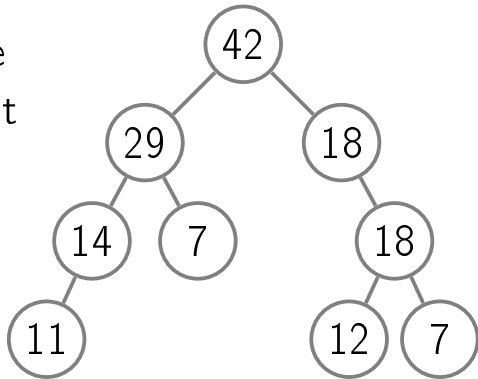
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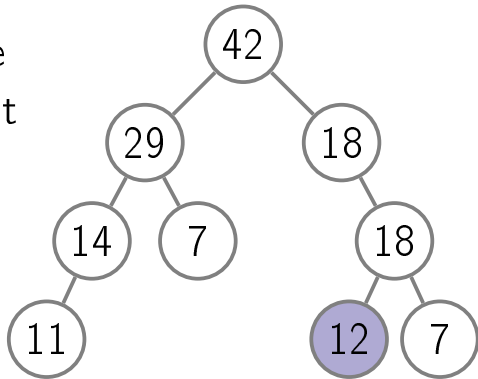
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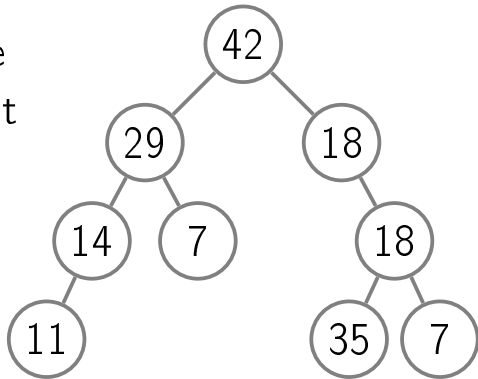
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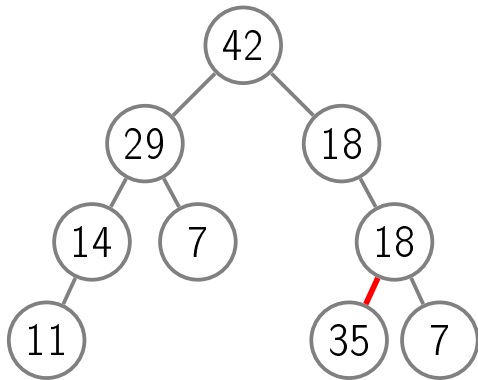


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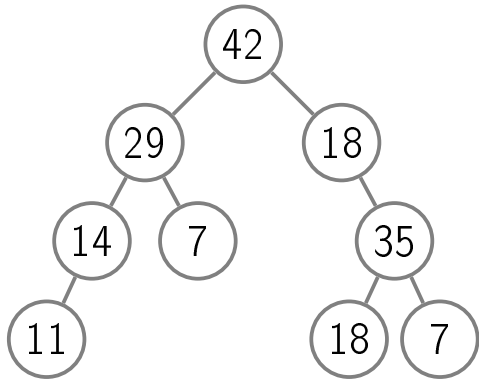
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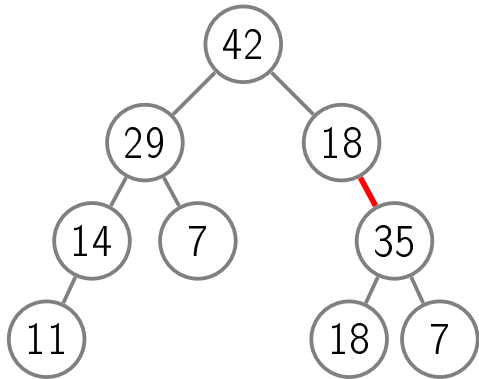
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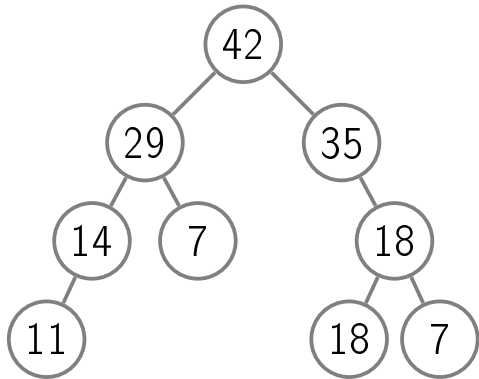
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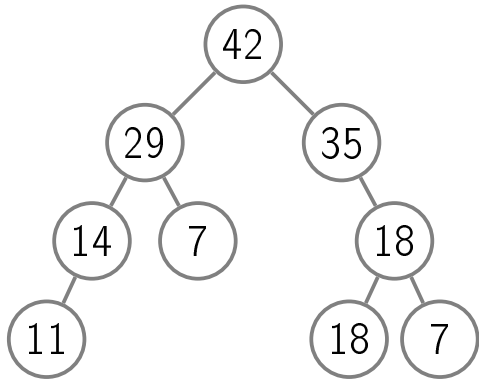
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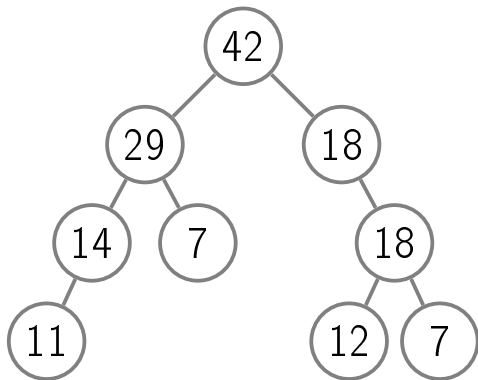


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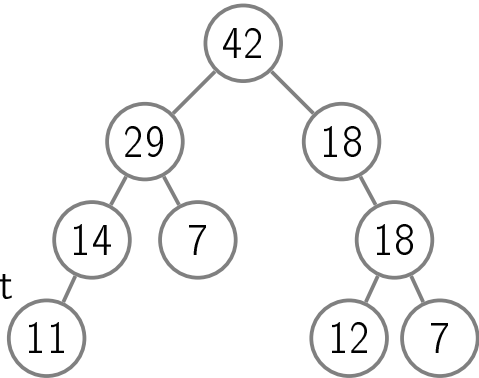
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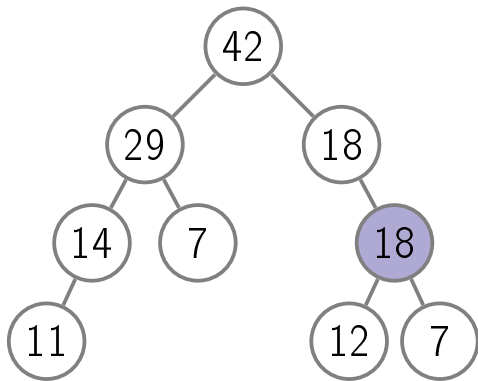


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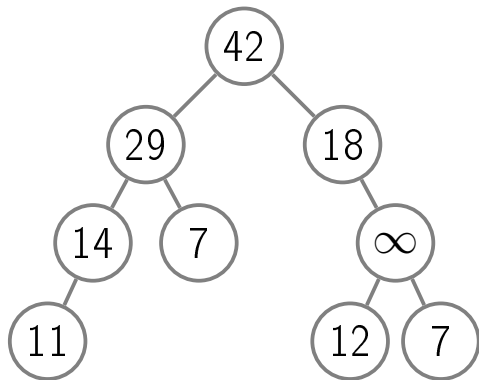
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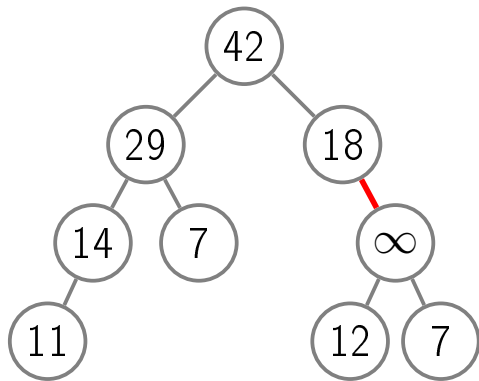
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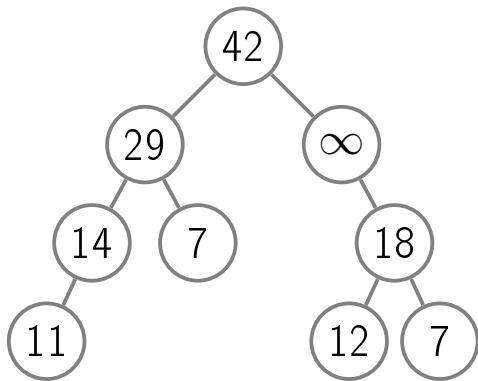
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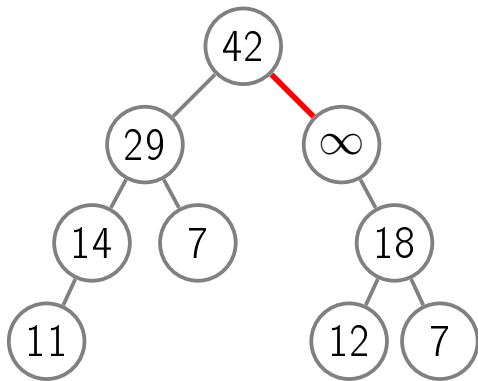
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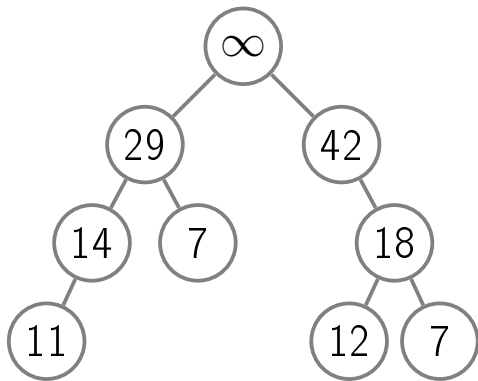
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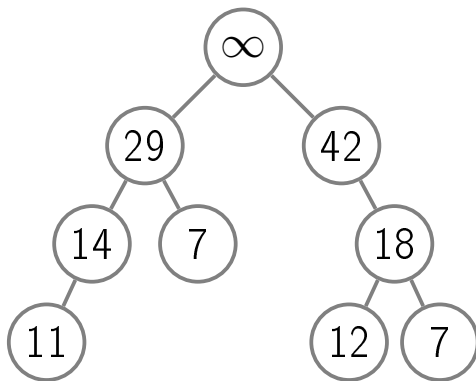


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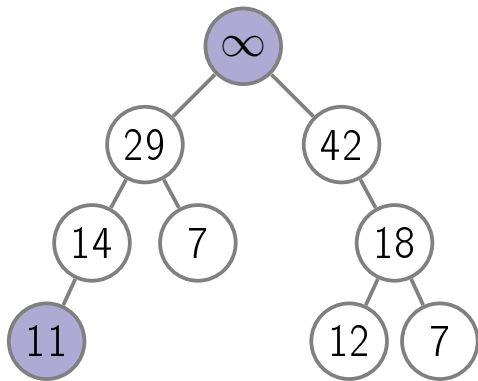
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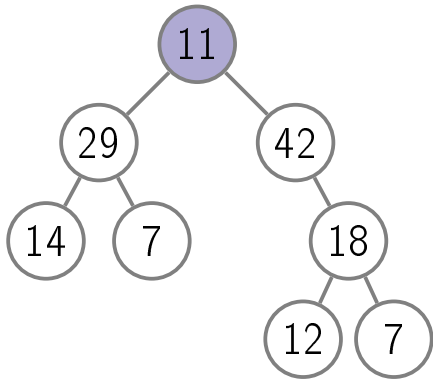




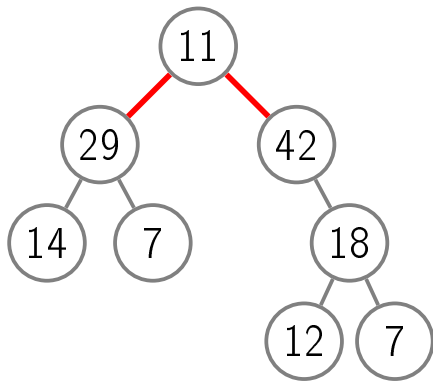
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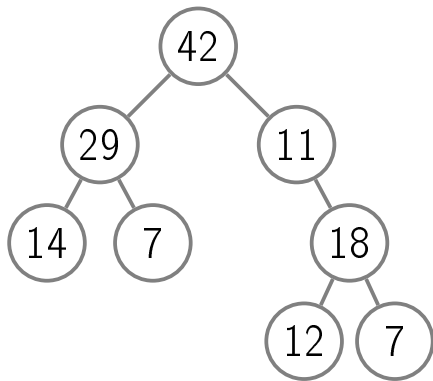
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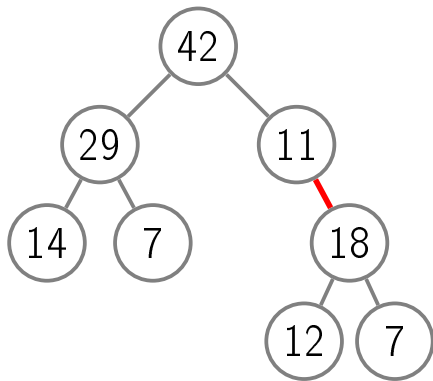
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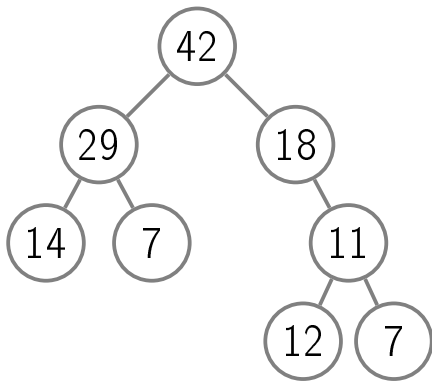
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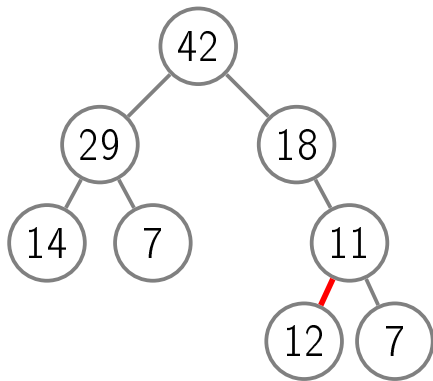
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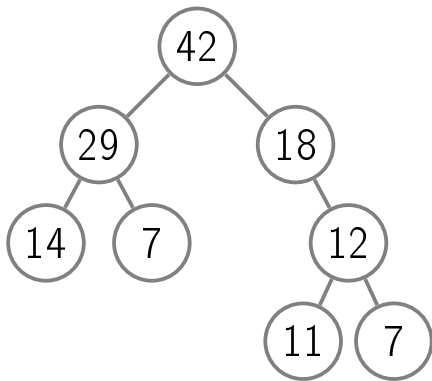
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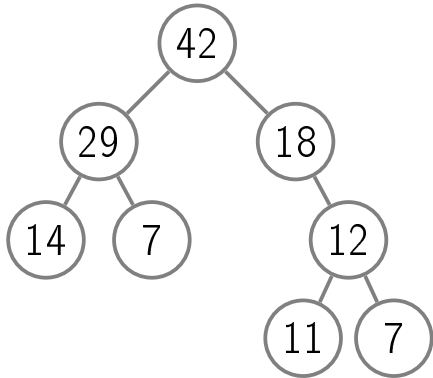


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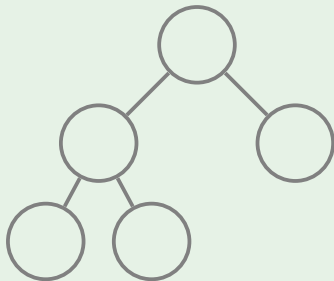
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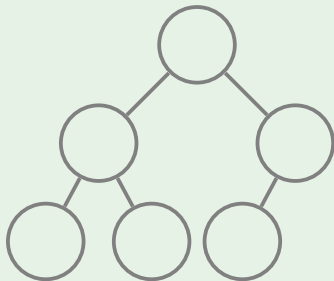
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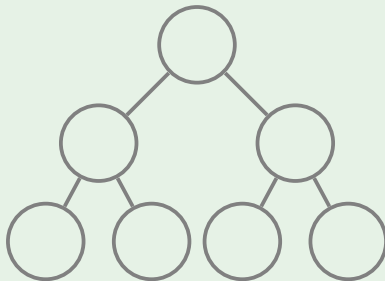
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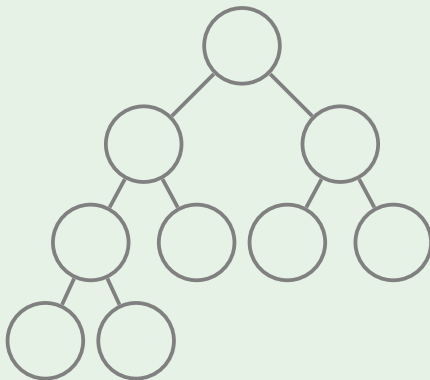


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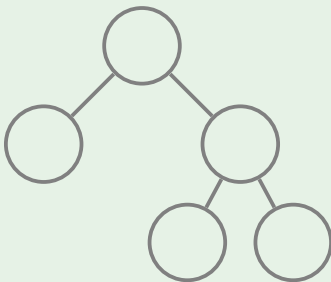




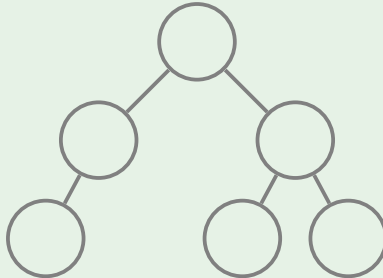
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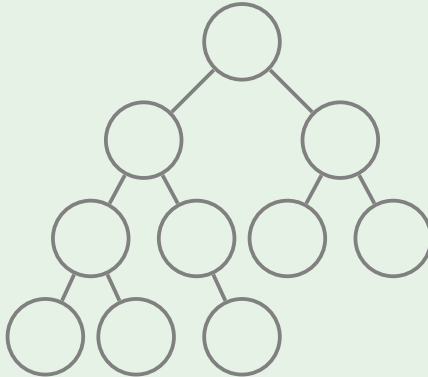
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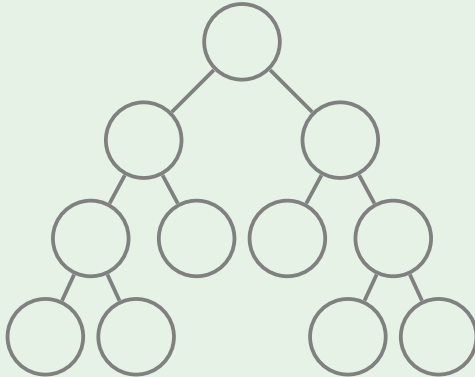
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# First Advantage: Low Height

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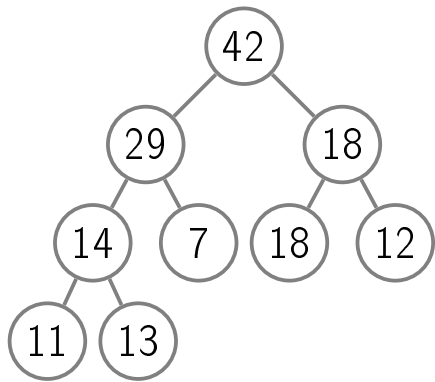
A complete binary tree with  $n$  nodes has height at most  $O(\log n)$ .

## Proof

- Complete the last level to get a full binary tree on  $n' \geq n$  nodes and the same number of levels  $\ell$ .
- Note that  $n' \leq 2n$ .
- Then  $n' = 2^\ell - 1$  and hence
$$\ell = \log_2(n' + 1) \leq \log_2(2n + 1) = O(\log n).$$

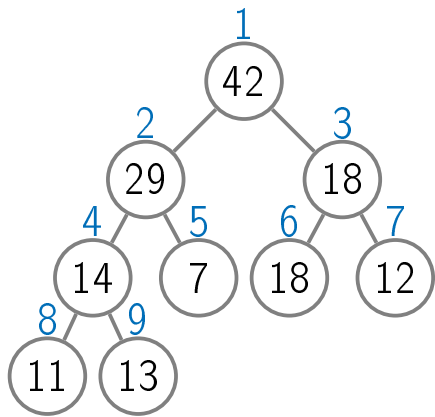


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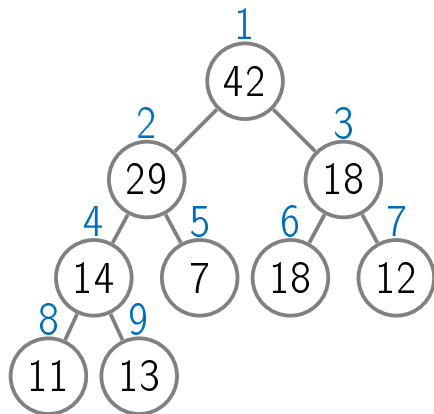




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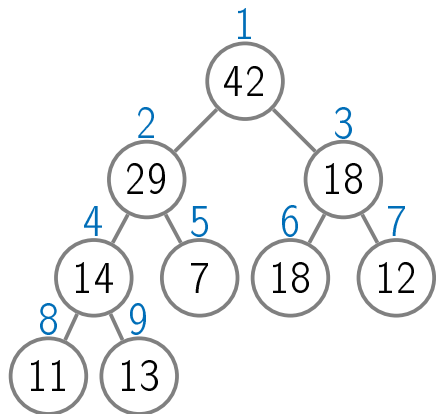


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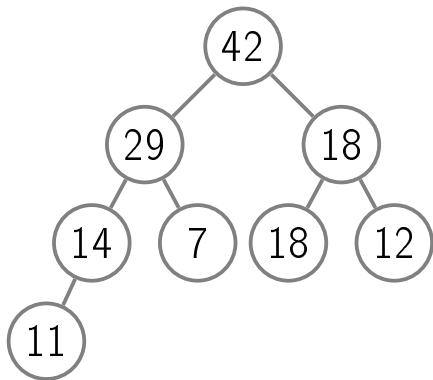
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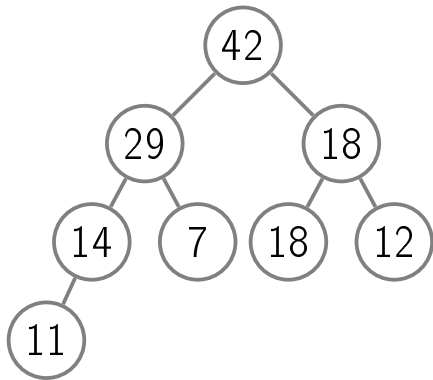
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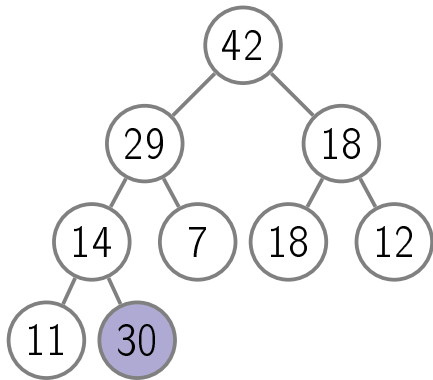
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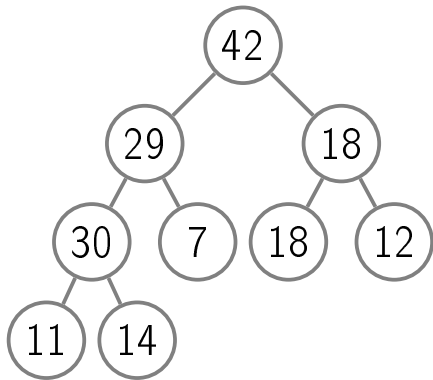
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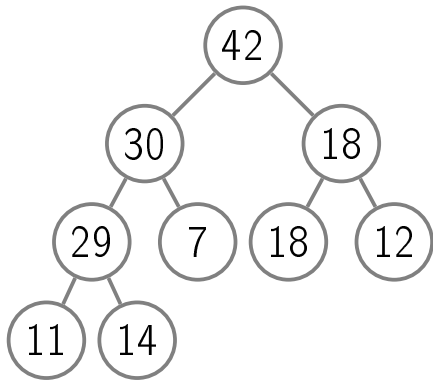
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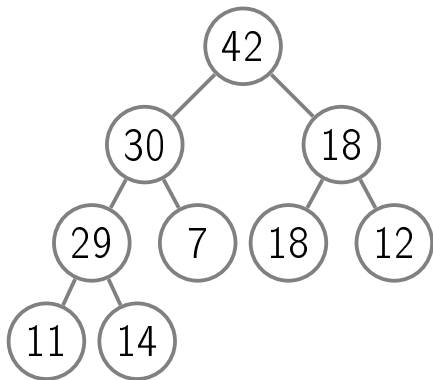
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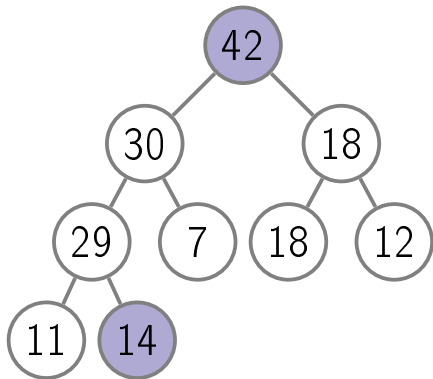
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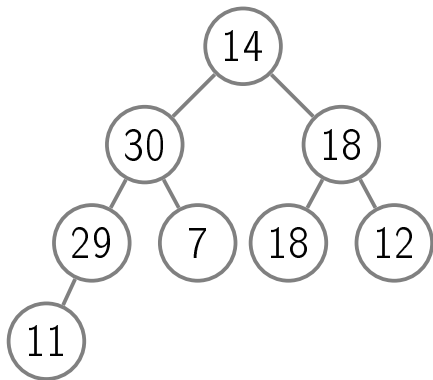
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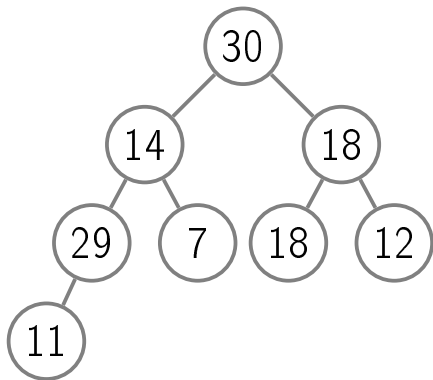
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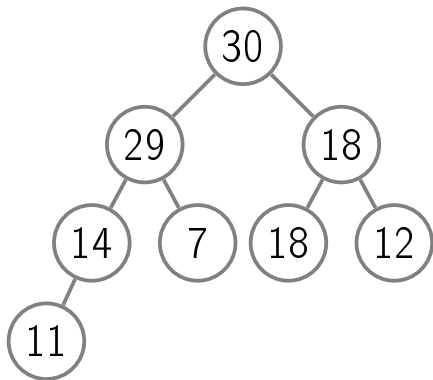
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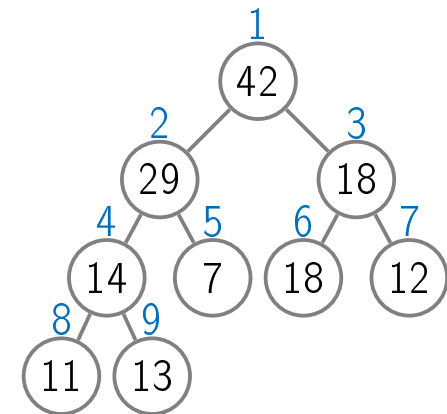
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# Example



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<i>H</i>	42	29	18	14	7	18	12	11	5	30	29	2	8

Parent( $i$ )

return  $\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor$

LeftChild( $i$ )

return  $2i$

RightChild( $i$ )

return  $2i + 1$

## SiftUp( $i$ )

```
while  $i > 1$  and  $H[\text{Parent}(i)] < H[i]$ :  
    swap  $H[\text{Parent}(i)]$  and  $H[i]$   
     $i \leftarrow \text{Parent}(i)$ 
```



## SiftDown(*i*)

$maxIndex \leftarrow i$

$\ell \leftarrow \text{LeftChild}(i)$

if  $\ell \leq size$  and  $H[\ell] > H[maxIndex]$ :

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$r \leftarrow \text{RightChild}(i)$

if  $r \leq size$  and  $H[r] > H[maxIndex]$ :

$maxIndex \leftarrow r$

if  $i \neq maxIndex$ :

swap  $H[i]$  and  $H[maxIndex]$

SiftDown( $maxIndex$ )

## Insert( $p$ )

```
if  $size = maxSize$ :  
    return ERROR  
 $size \leftarrow size + 1$   
 $H[size] \leftarrow p$   
SiftUp( $size$ )
```

## ExtractMax()

```
result  $\leftarrow H[1]$   
H[1]  $\leftarrow H[size]$   
size  $\leftarrow size - 1$   
SiftDown(1)  
return result
```

Remove( $i$ )

$H[i] \leftarrow \infty$

SiftUp( $i$ )

ExtractMax()

## ChangePriority( $i, p$ )

$oldp \leftarrow H[i]$

$H[i] \leftarrow p$

if  $p > oldp$ :

    SiftUp( $i$ )

else:

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# Sort Using Priority Queues

HeapSort( $A[1 \dots n]$ )

create an empty priority queue

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## This lesson

In-place heap sort algorithm. For this, we will first turn a given array into a heap by permuting its elements.

# Turn Array into a Heap

BuildHeap( $A[1 \dots n]$ )

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for  $i$  from  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  downto 1:  
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repeat  $(n - 1)$  times:

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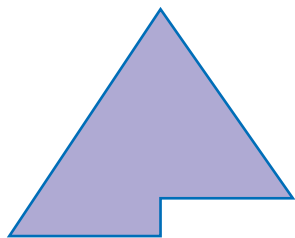
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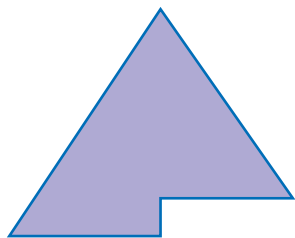
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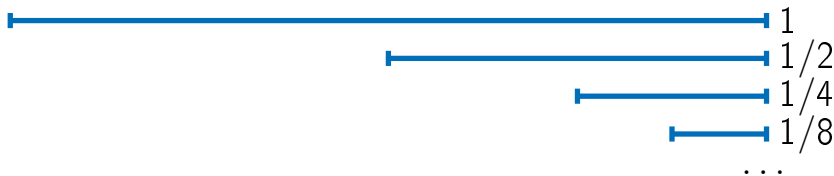


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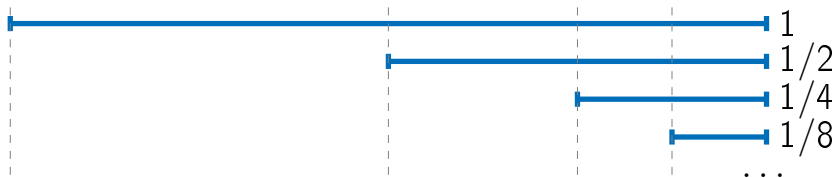
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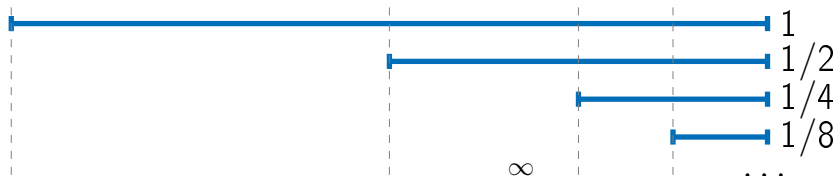
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