

**CSCI 335 Software Design and  
Analysis III  
Lecture 16  
Priority Queues:  
Skew, Leftist heaps, Binomial Queues**

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# Annoucements

- HW2 grades released
- HW3 in process
- Midterm grades released later this week.
- Some changes so far based on survey
  - Discussion of code and assignment in class
  - Full sized slides
  - Slides clearly only a subset of the material discussed in class.
    - They serve as helpful guide/reference for course material.
  - More frequent low stake assessment: this week pop quiz on hash tables and heaps.

# Agenda

- buildHeap, proof, selection problem, dheap
- Skew Heap
- Leftist Heap
- Binomial Queues

# Leftist Heap

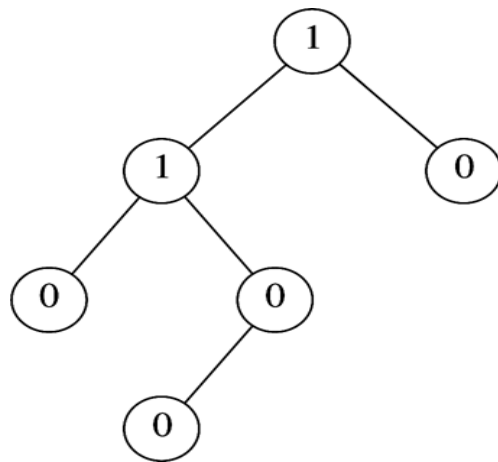
- Supports  $O(N)$  merge, in particular logarithmic
- **Ordering property:** as in regular heaps
- **Structural property:** not enforced explicitly
  - Null path length of node  $X$ :  $npl(X)$  = length of shortest path from node to a node without 2 children
$$npl(X) = 1 + \min\{npl(\text{children})\}$$
  - $npl(\text{empty tree}) = -1$

In leftist heaps (definition):

For every node  $X$ , the  $npl()$  of left child is greater or equal to  $npl()$  of right child, therefore:

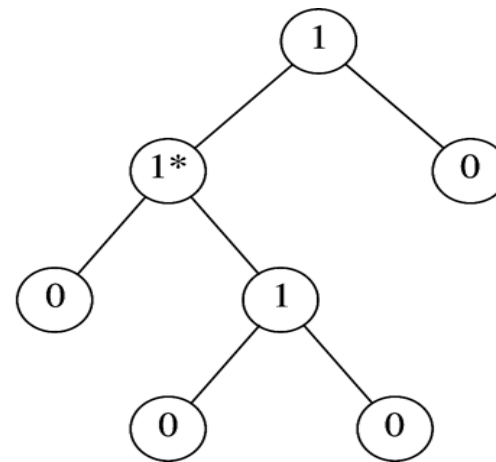
$$npl(X) = 1 + npl(\text{right child})$$

# Leftist heaps



**Leftist**

npl() of nodes shown



**not leftist**

# Leftist heaps: implementation

- Keep value of  $npl()$  at each node.
- Update  $npl()$  as necessary.

# Theorem

- **Theorem:** A leftist tree with  $r$  nodes on the right path must have at least  $2^r - 1$  nodes [**Proof by induction**]
  - Therefore a leftist tree with  $N$  nodes total,  
and exactly  $r$  nodes on right path has  $r \leq \log(N+1)$  nodes on right path
  - So, right path is short.
- => Merge based on the right path only.

# Merge leftist heaps H1, H2

- Recursive algorithm:

(1) If one of them is empty return the other one (basis)

Otherwise,

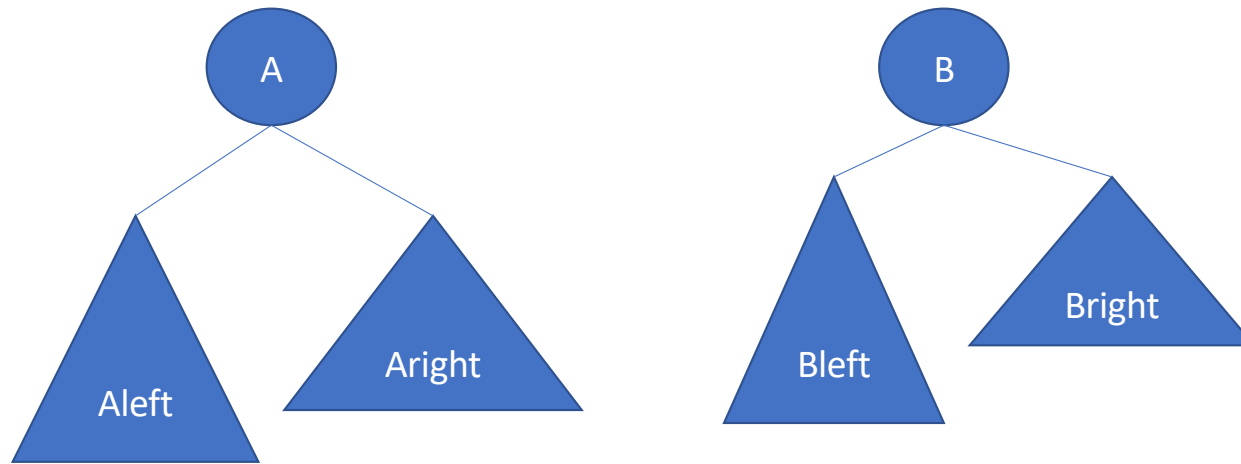
(2) recursively merge heap with larger root, with the right subheap of the tree with the smaller root. [**Result is a leftist heap**]

(3) finally make the right child of the heap with the smaller root, the one resulted from step (2)

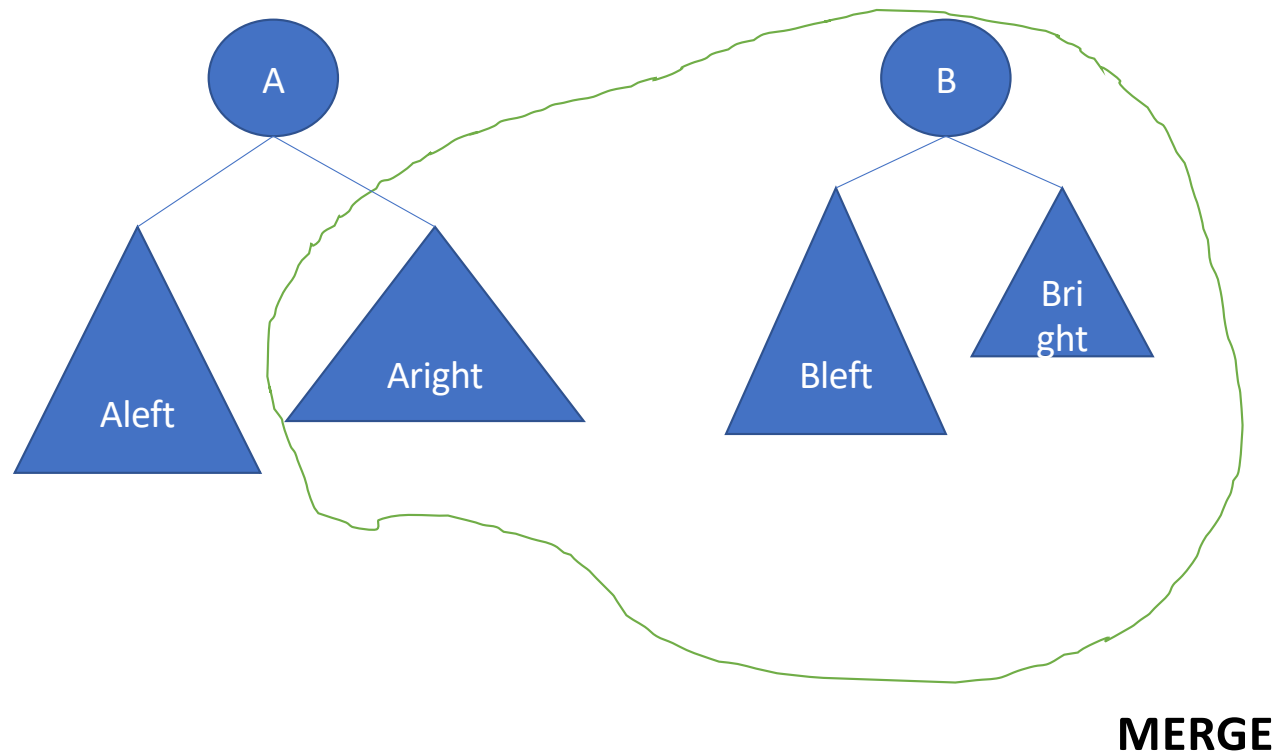
<Plus: leftist heap restoration via simple swap if needed>



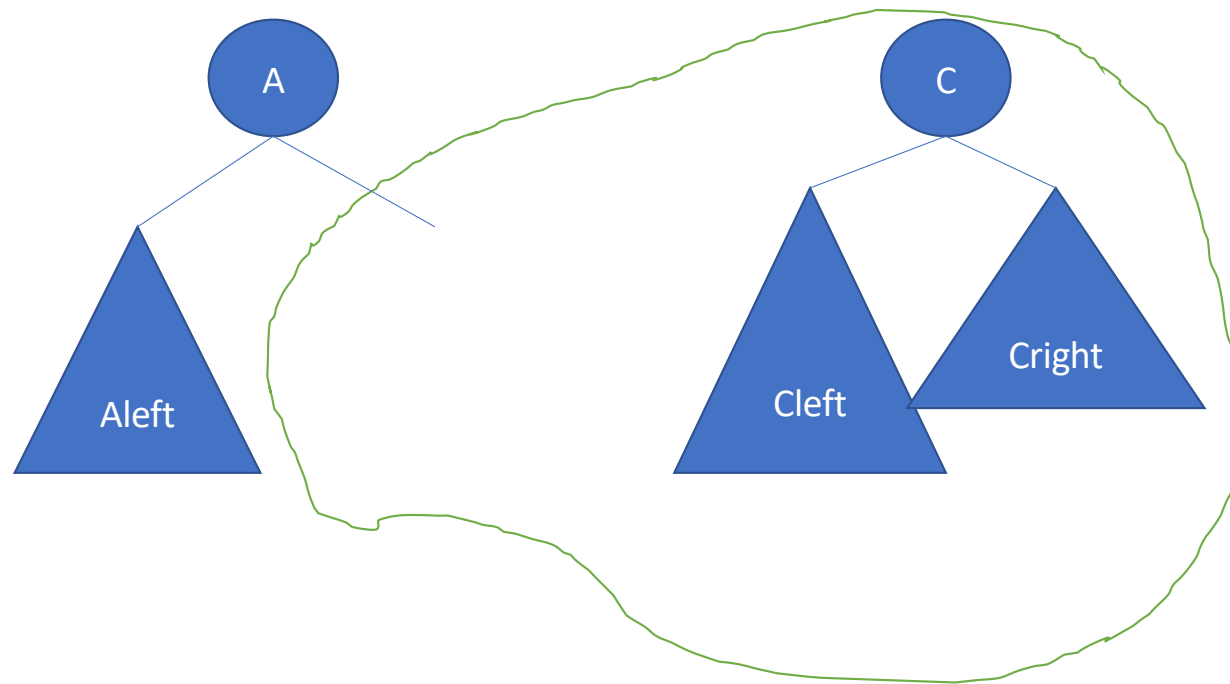
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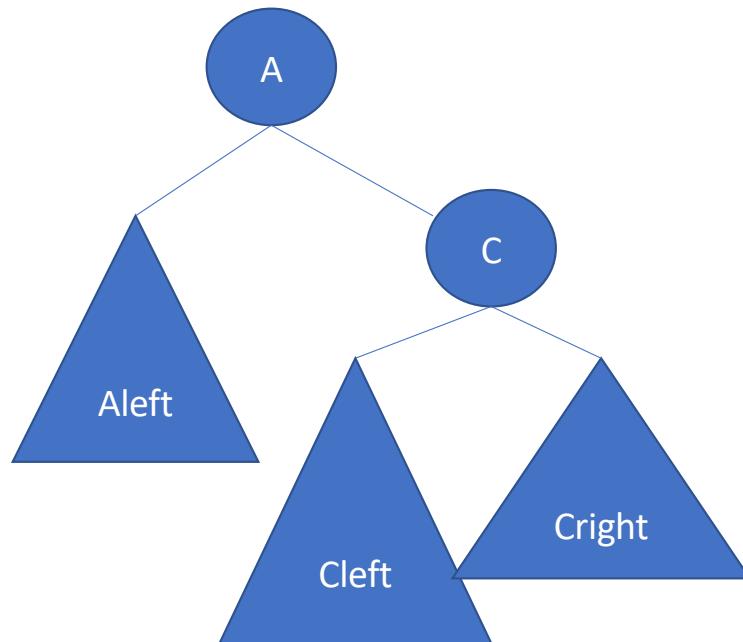


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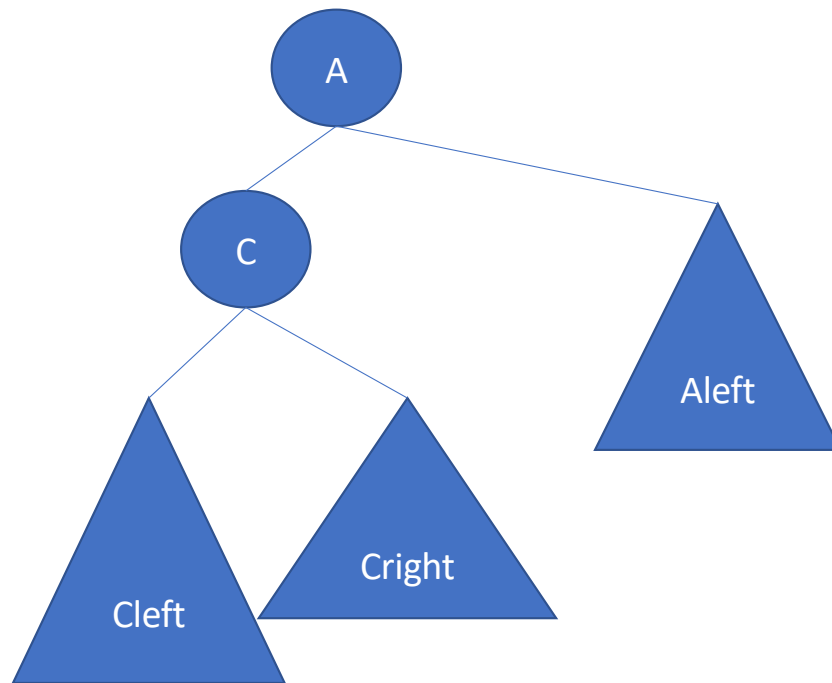
**Result of Merge  
is a leftist heap**

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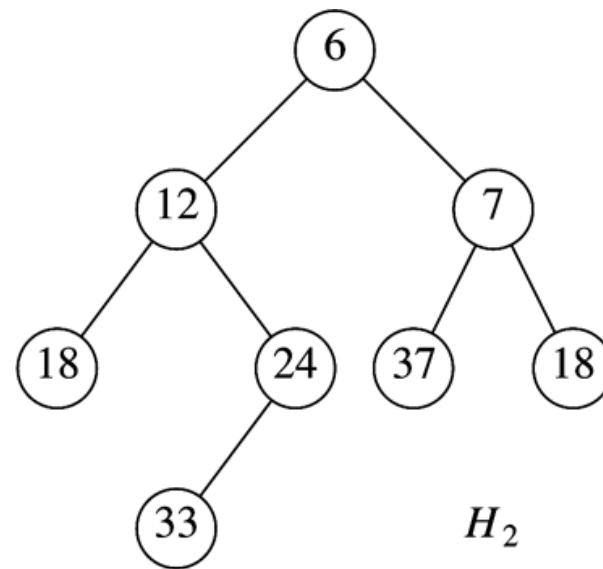
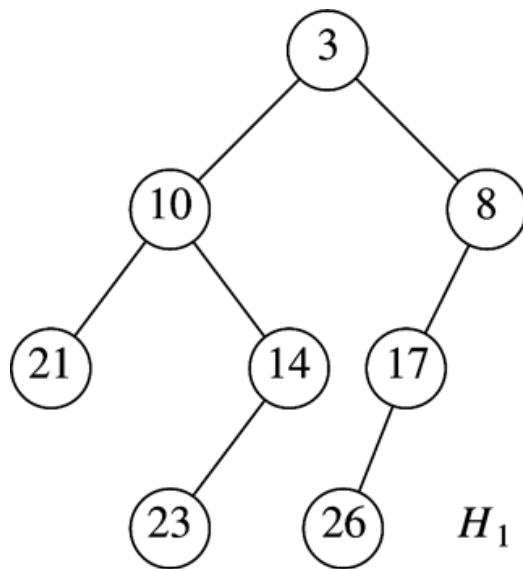
**Attach result as right  
child of A**

## Two leftist heaps, $A < B$ (root)



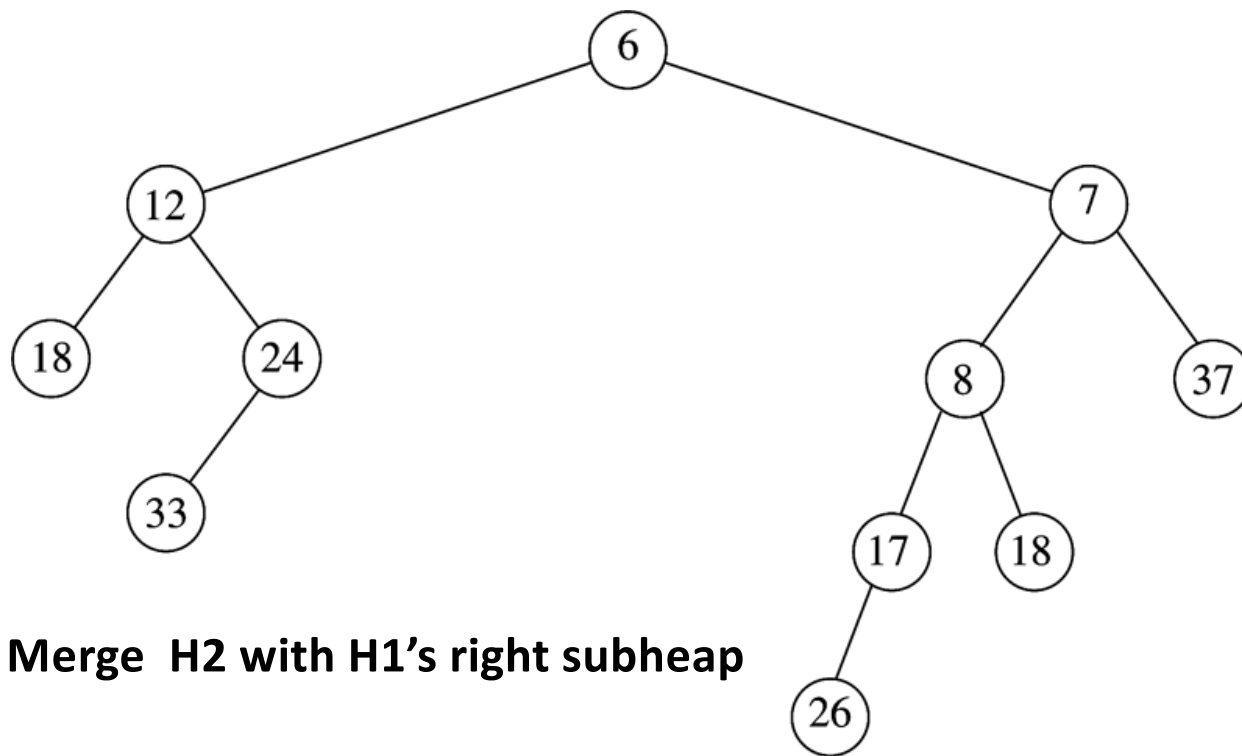
**Swap children if  
needed. Update npl() of  
root**

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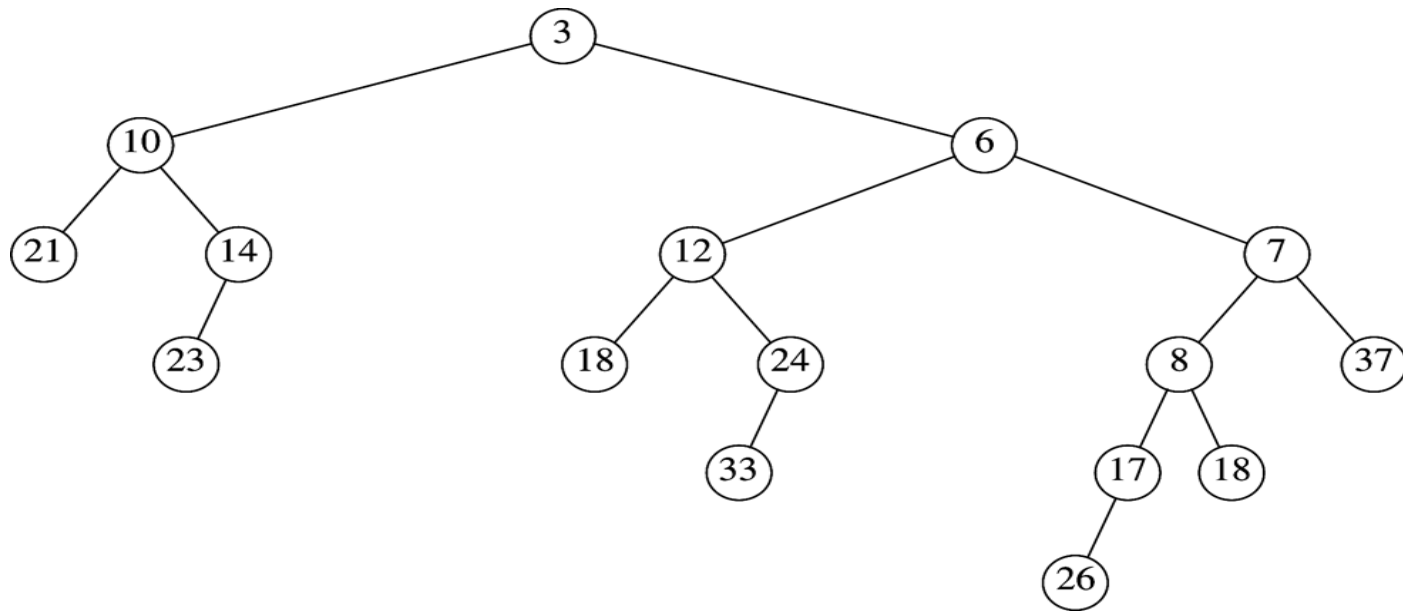
Input

# Merge leftist heaps



**(2) Merge H2 with H1's right subheap**

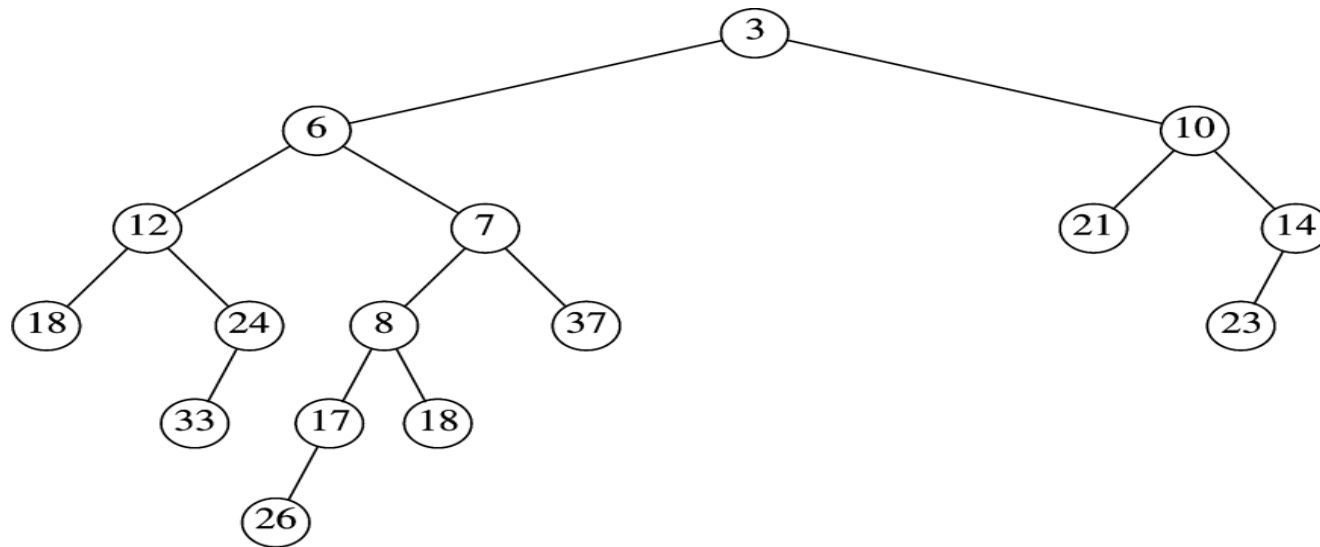
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**(3) Attach previous result as right child of H1**



# Merge leftist heaps



**(3) Restore leftist property by swapping children under root**  
**The result of (2) is a leftist heap**

# Code

```
void merge(LeftistHeap &rhs) {  
    if (this == &rhs)    // Avoid aliasing problems  
        return;  
    root_ = Merge(root_, rhs.root_);  
    rhs.root_ = nullptr;  
}
```

```
LeftistNode *Merge(LeftistNode *h1, LeftistNode *h2)  
{  
    if (h1 == nullptr)    // Base cases  
        return h2;  
    if (h2 == nullptr)  
        return h1;  
    if (h1->element_ < h2->element_)  
        return Merge1(h1, h2);  
    else  
        return Merge1(h2, h1);  
}
```

Base case

Recursive merge

# Code

```
1  /**
2   * Internal method to merge two roots.
3   * Assumes trees are not empty, and h1's root contains smallest item.
4   */
5  LeftistNode * merge1( LeftistNode *h1, LeftistNode *h2 )
6  {
7      if( h1->left == NULL )    // Single node
8          h1->left = h2;        // Other fields in h1 already accurate
9      else
10         {
11             h1->right = merge( h1->right, h2 );
12             if( h1->left->npl < h1->right->npl )
13                 swapChildren( h1 );
14             h1->npl = h1->right->npl + 1;
15         }
16     return h1;
17 }
```

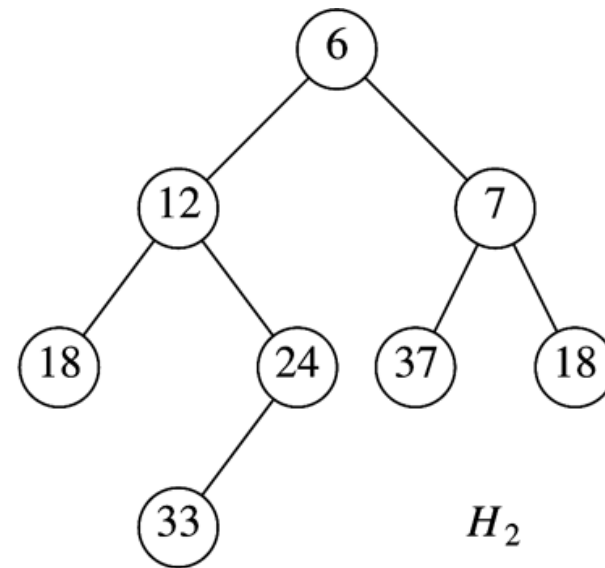
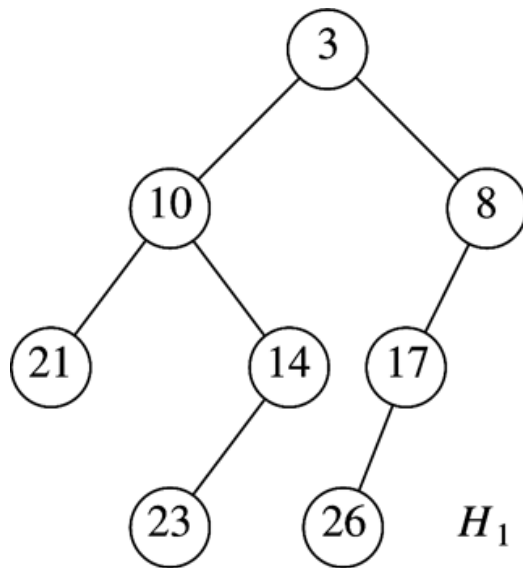
**Base case (other)** → line 7

**Recursive merge** → line 10

**Make leftist** → line 12

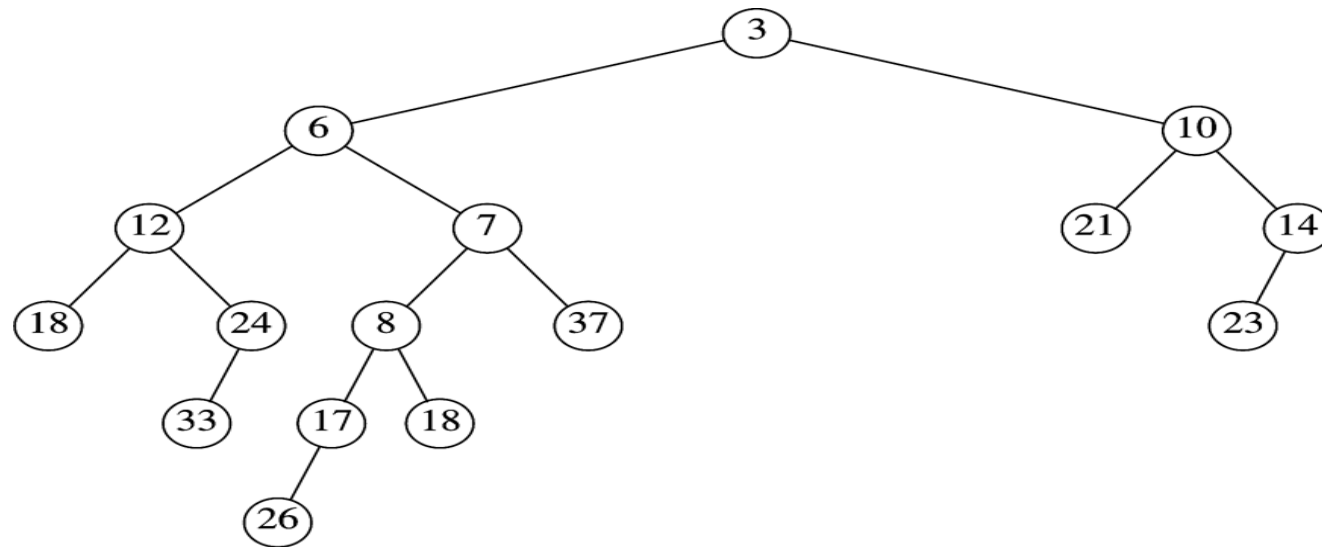
**Update npl** → line 14

# Merge leftist heaps



Input

# Final Result



# Merge leftist Heaps

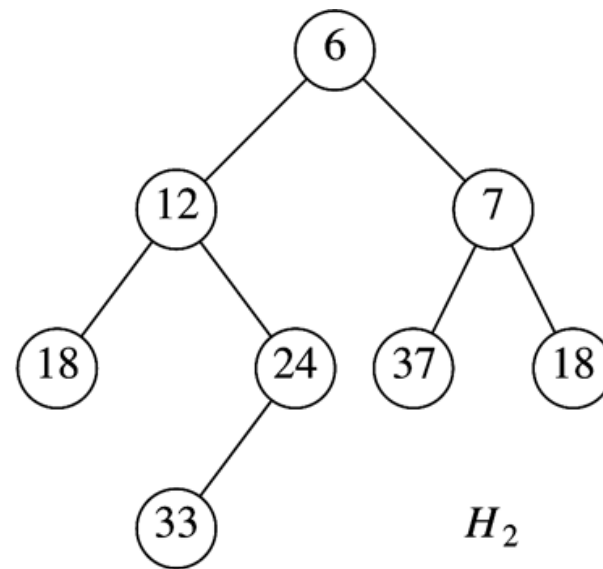
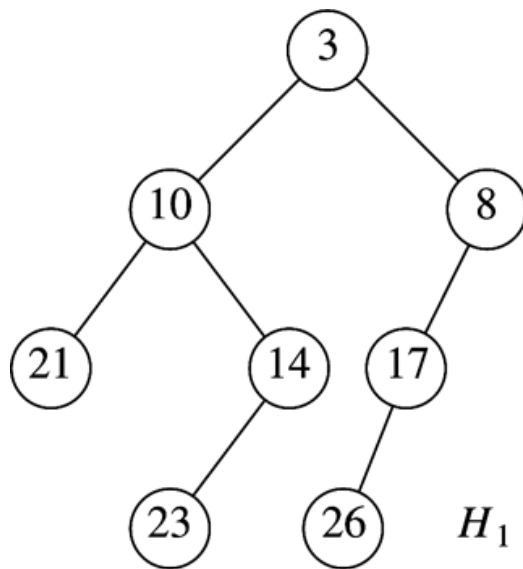
- Non-recursive implementation:

Pass 1) Arrange nodes of right paths of H1, and H2 in sorted order, keeping their respective left children

Pass 2) Bottom-up -> swap children that violate leftist property

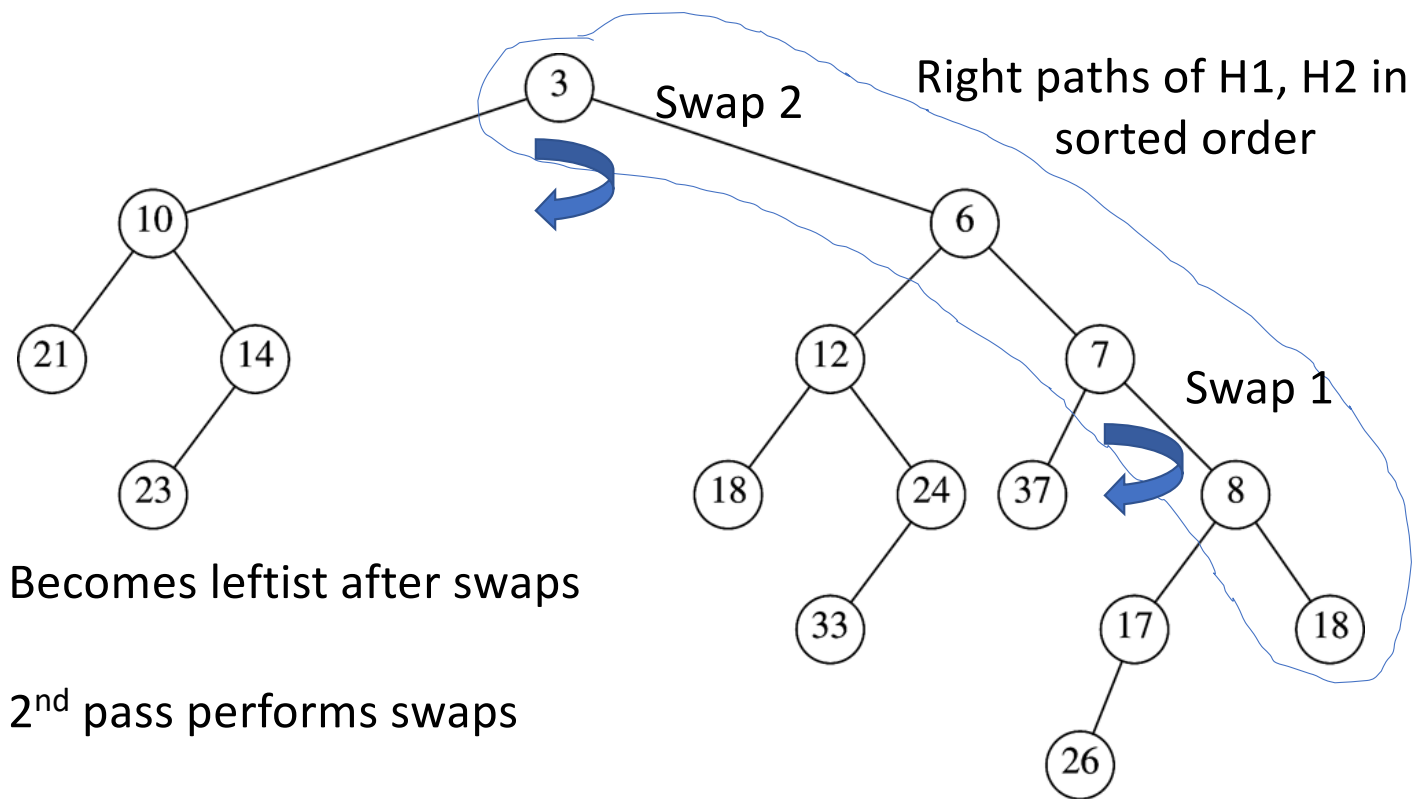
Simple to view

# Merge leftist heaps



Input

# Non-recursive merge (first pass)





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- Merge is an  $O(\log N)$  operation
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  - Insert: Merge current heap with a single-node heap
  - deleteMin: Destroy root, merge two subheaps
- So Insert, deleteMin:  $O(\log N)$

# Skew Heaps

- Self-adjusting heaps

  - Leftist heaps vs. skew heaps

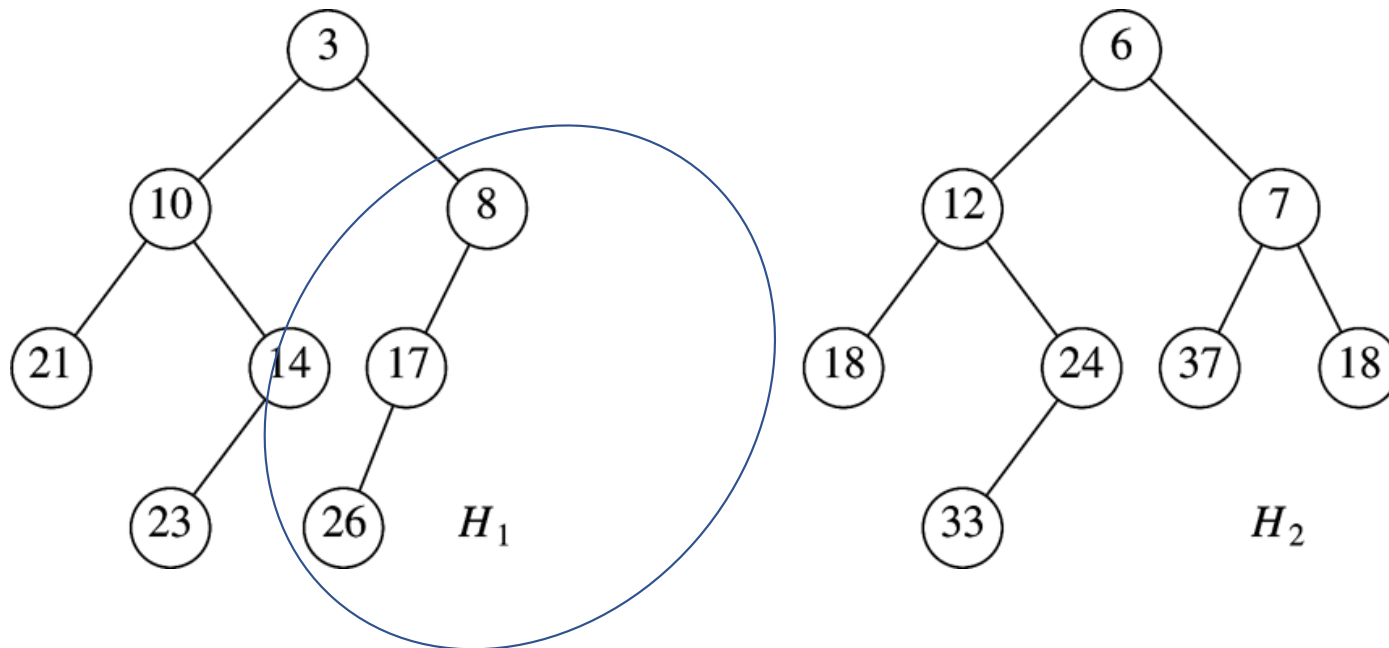
  - Avl trees vs. splay trees

- $O(\log N)$  amortized cost

- Merge similar as in leftist heaps

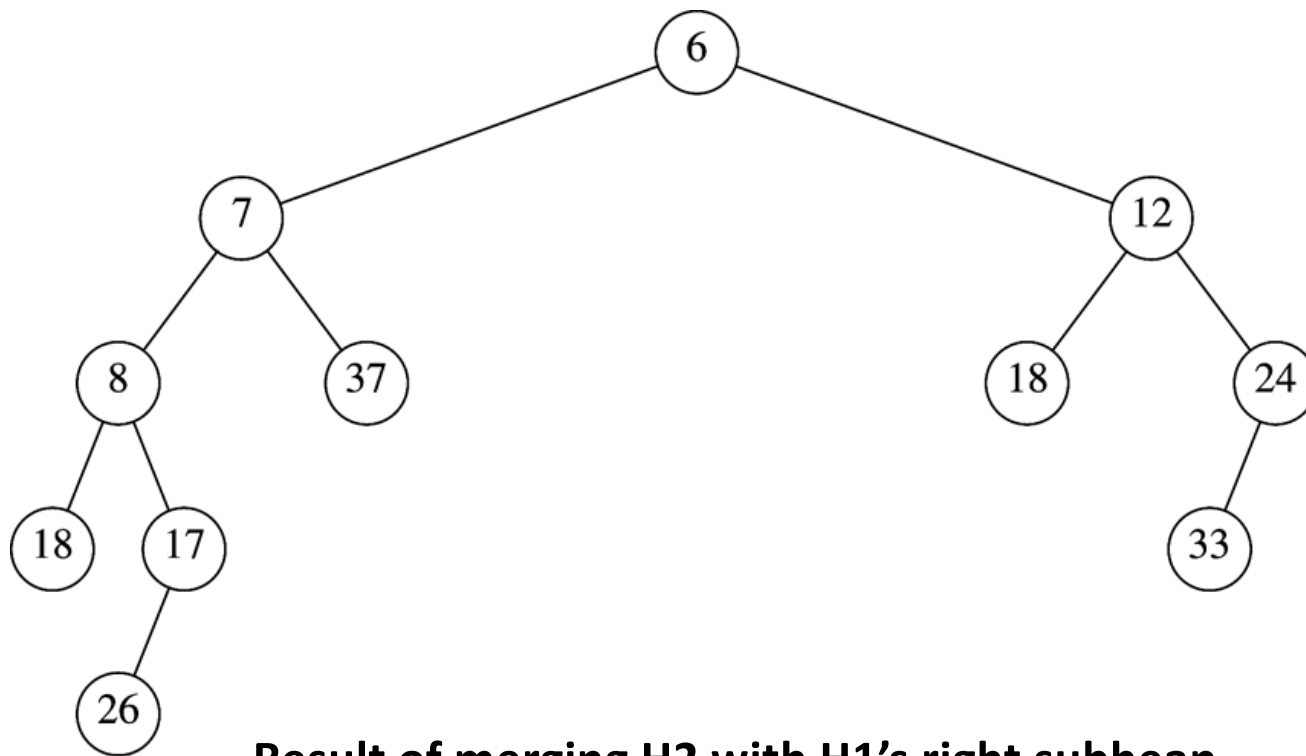
  - No need to keep  $npl()$  information
  - Always swap children with one exception
    - Exception: Never swap children of largest node on right path.

# Example



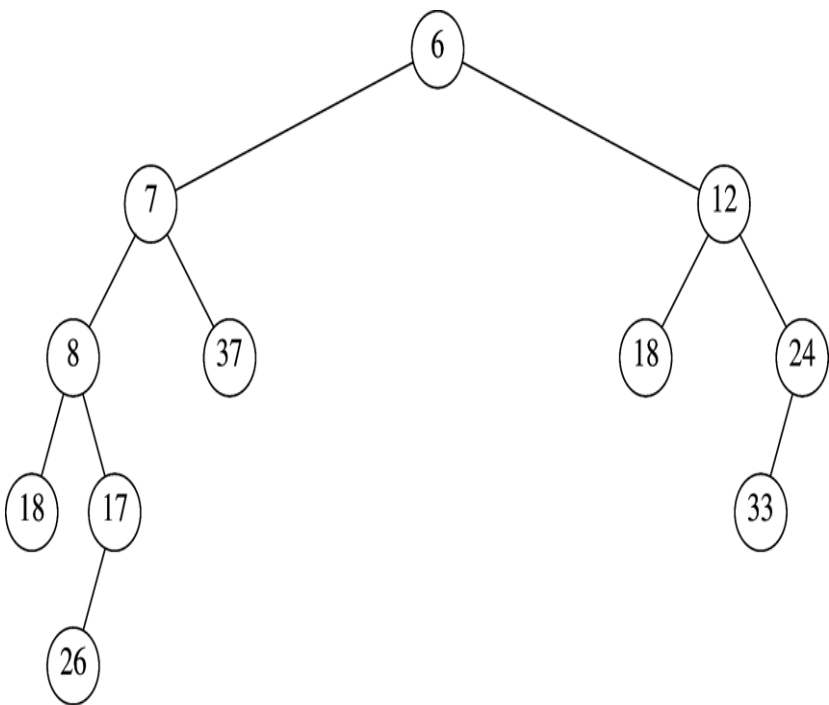
**Merge skew heaps**

# Result

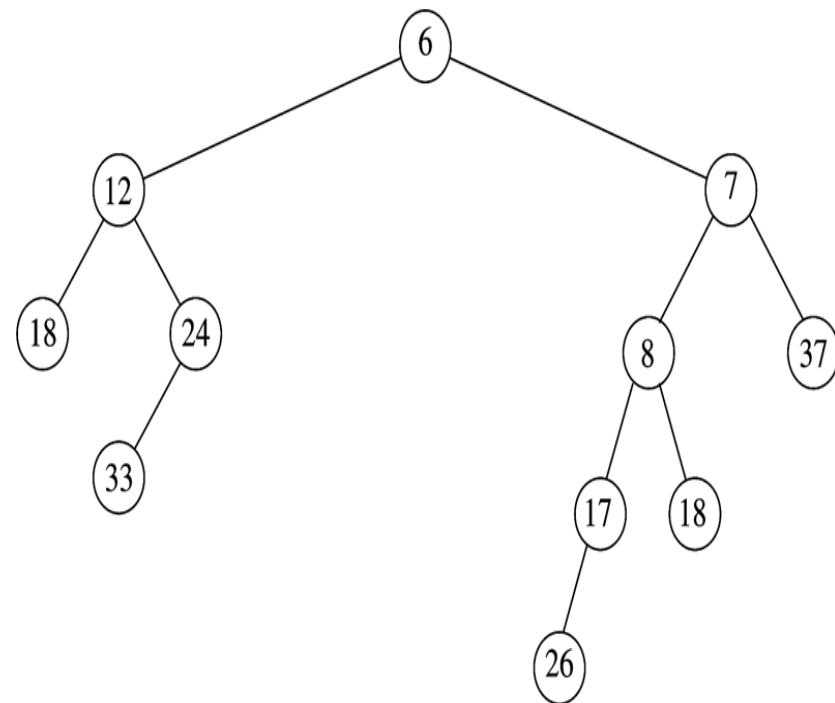


**Result of merging H2 with H1's right subheap**

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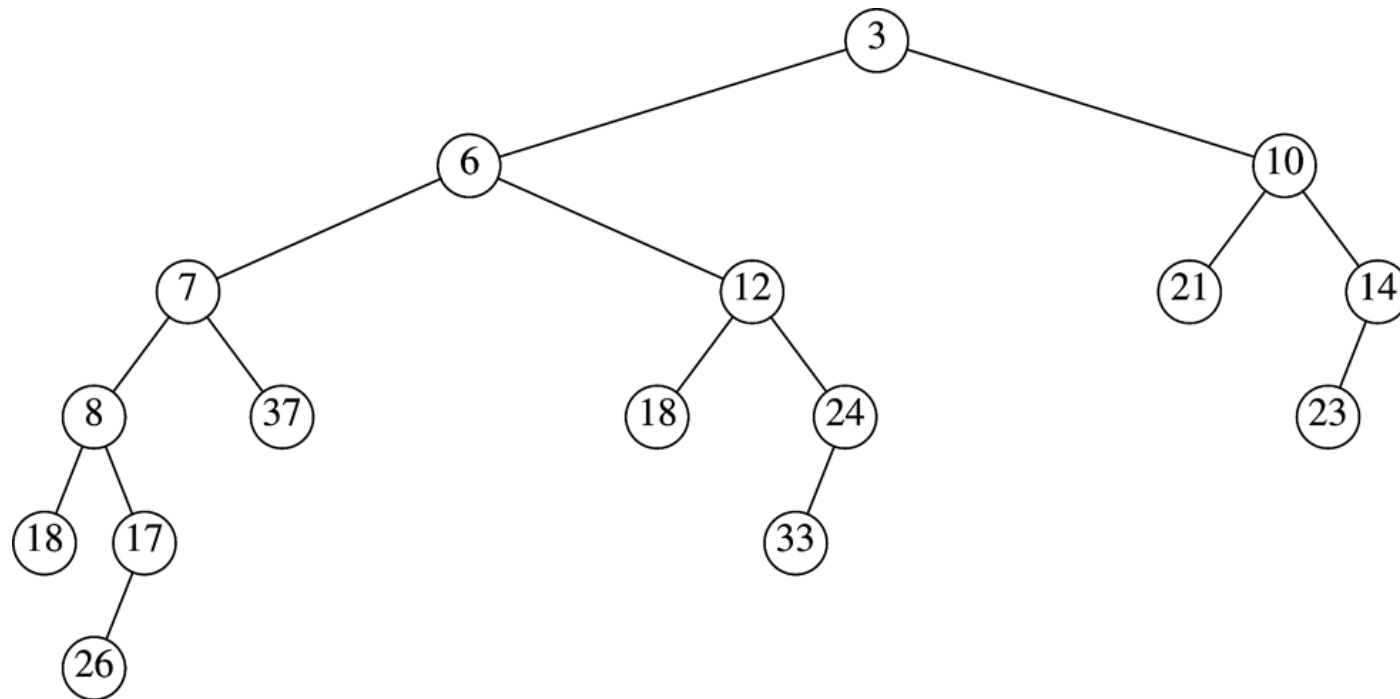


**(2) Skew : Merge H2 with H1's right subheap**

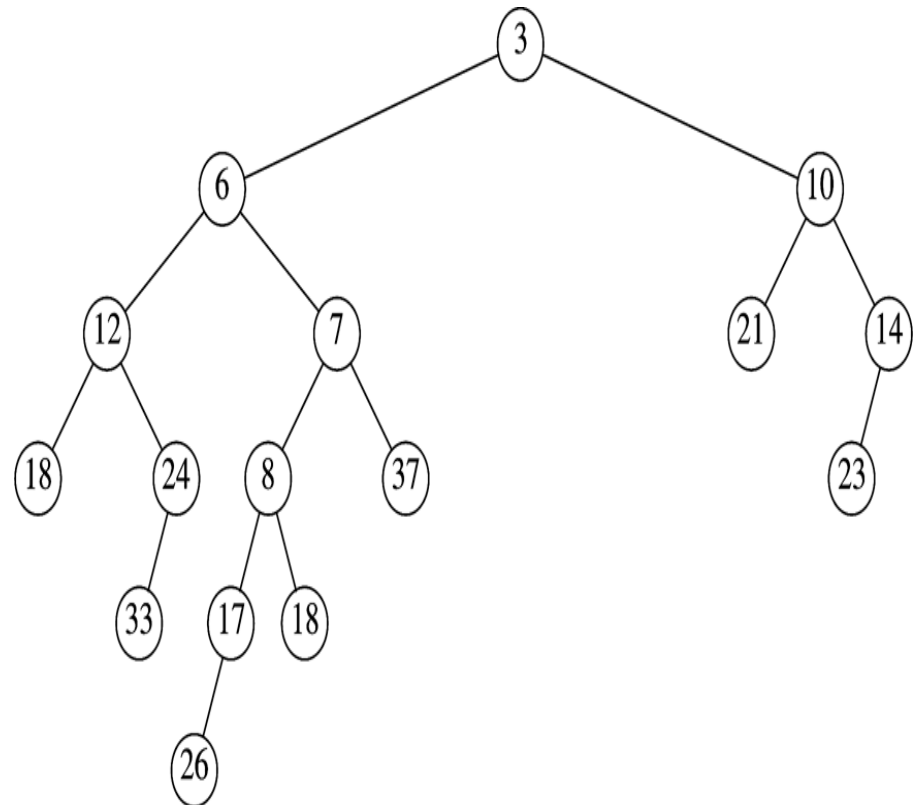
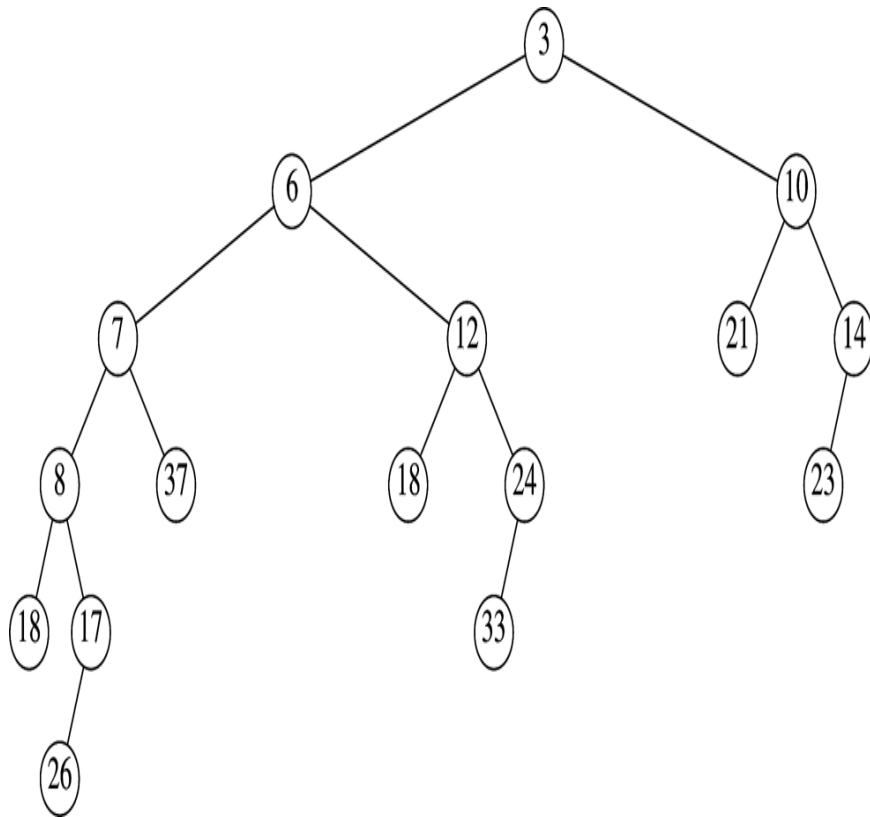


**(2) leftist: Merge H2 with H1's right subheap**

## Final Result (skew heap)

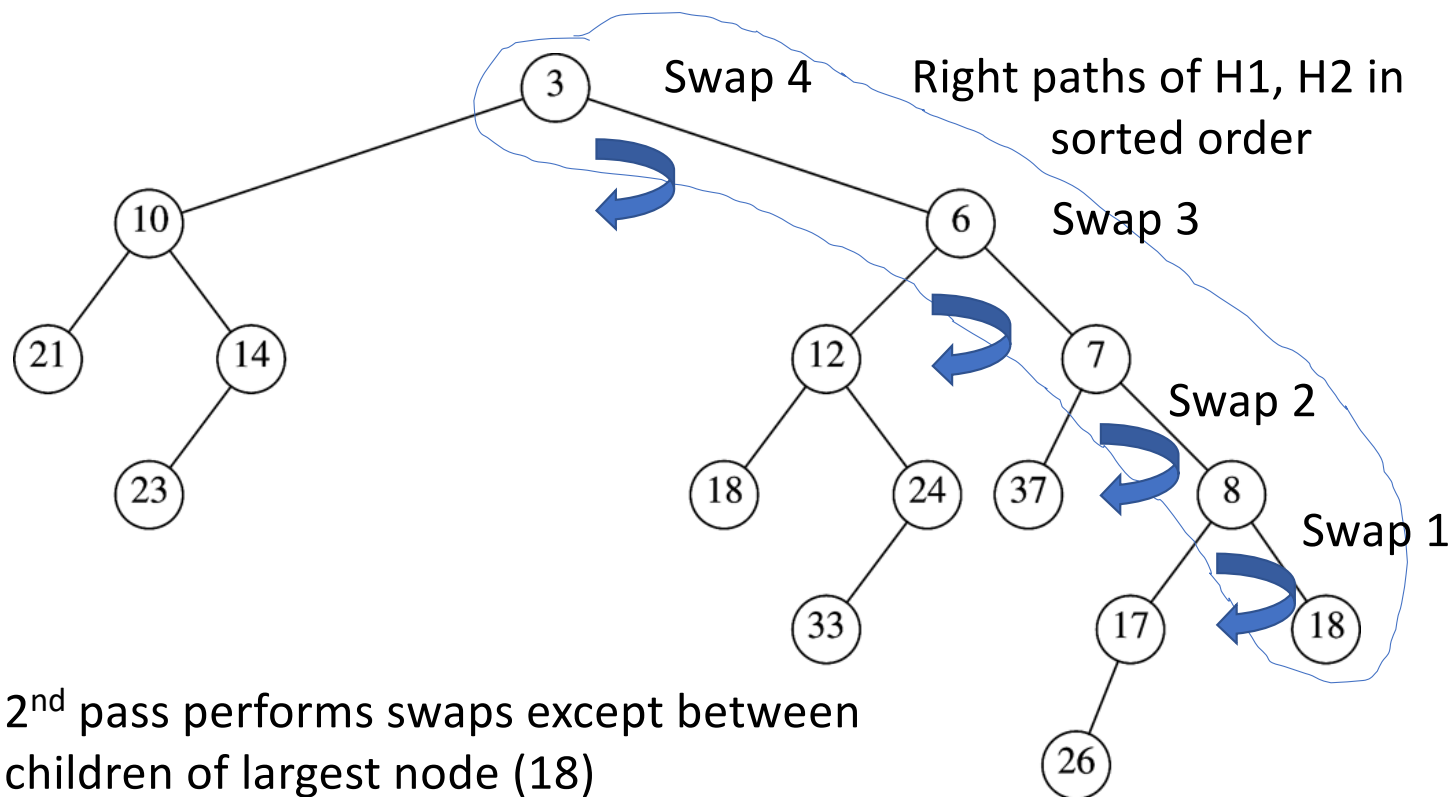


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# Non-recursive merge (first pass)



## Leftist vs. Skew

- +Skew: no need to store `npl()`
- +Skew:  $O(\log N)$  amortized
- +Leftist:  $O(\log N)$  per operation
- -Skew: individual operations could be long
- -Skew: right path can be long on expensive operations => merge may fail due to stack overflow

# Binomial Queues

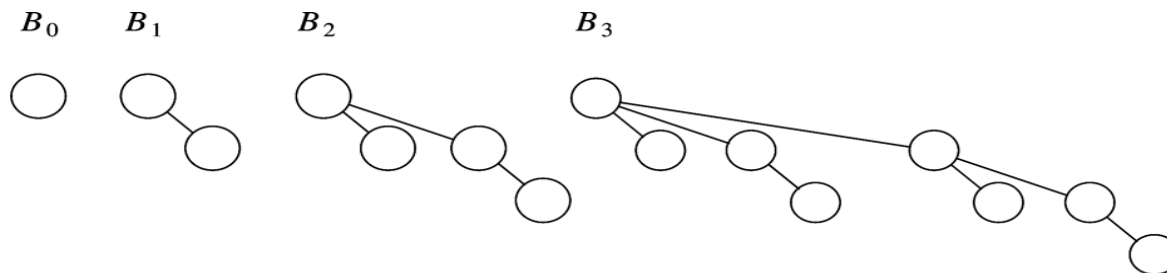
- $O(\log N)$  worst case for Merge, Insert, DeleteMin
- $O(1)$  average case for Insert

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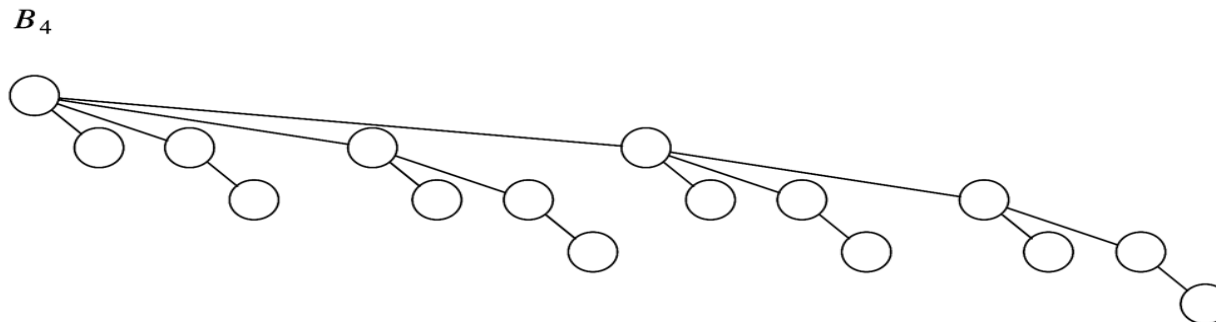
- Collection of heap-order trees (**forest**)
- Each heap-order tree is a **binomial tree**.

# Binomial trees

- At most one binomial tree for every height
- Recursive definition:
  - $B_k$  is defined by creating a root, and placing  $B_0, B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{k-1}$  as children of that root

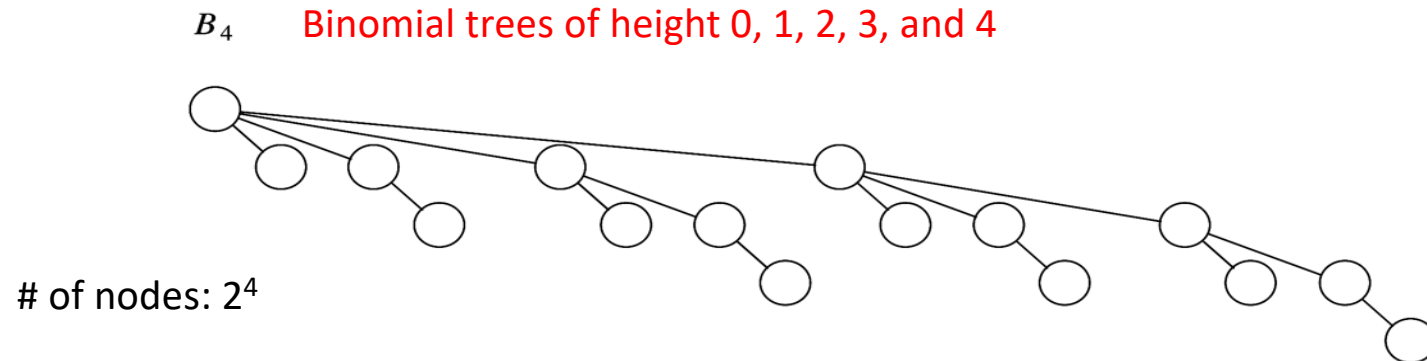
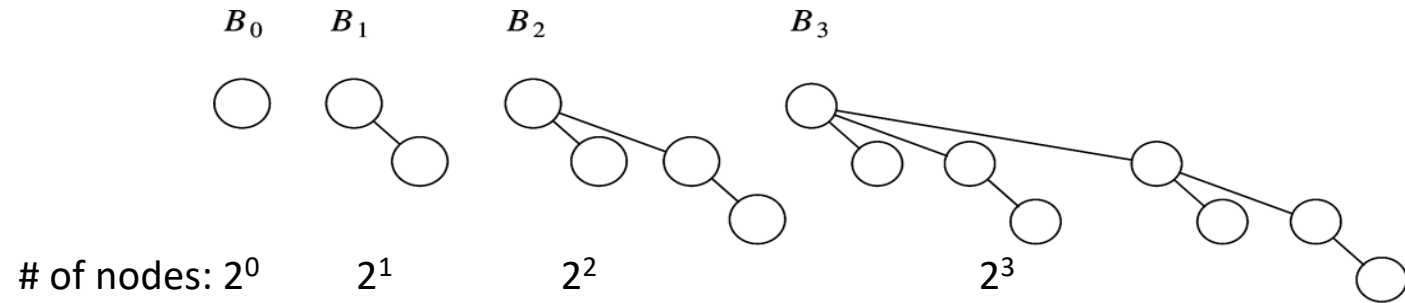


Binomial trees of height 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4



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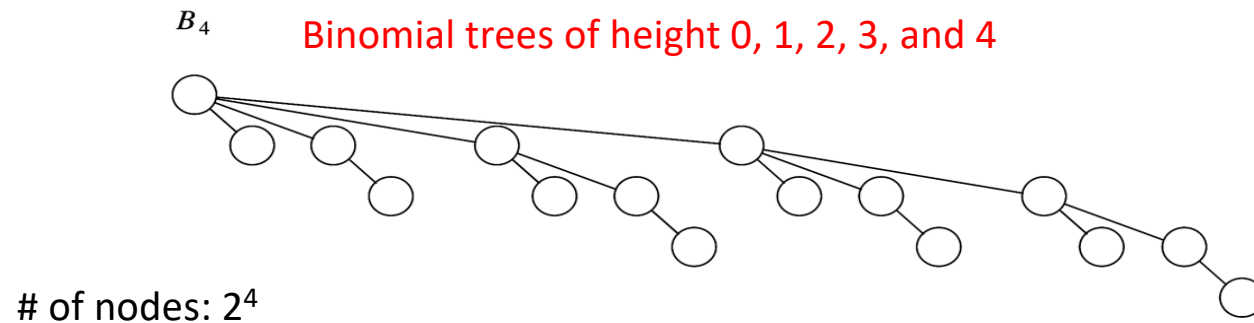
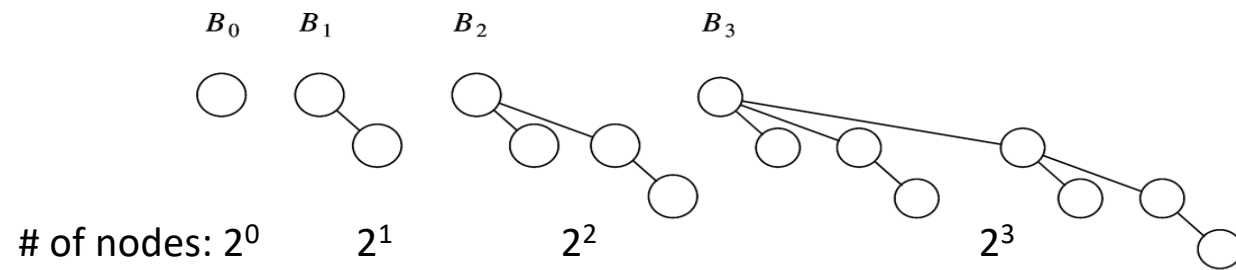
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Number of nodes at depth  $d$  is  $\binom{k}{d}$



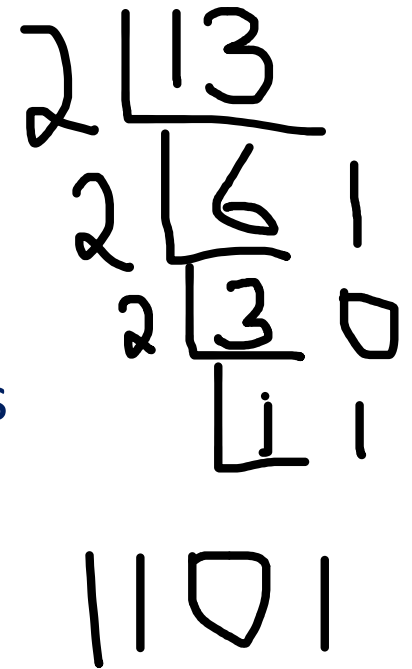
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- For example create a b.q. that stores 13 elements
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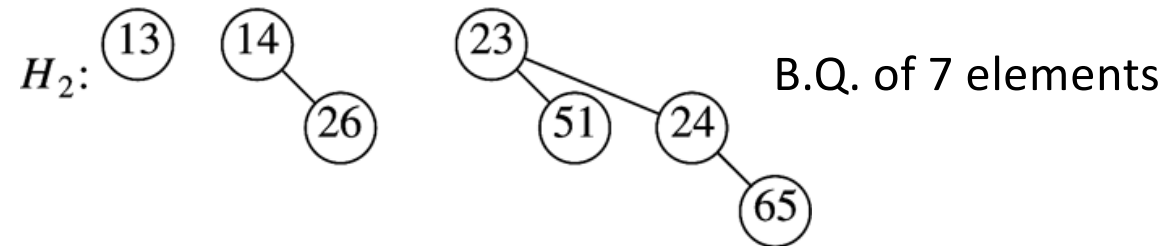
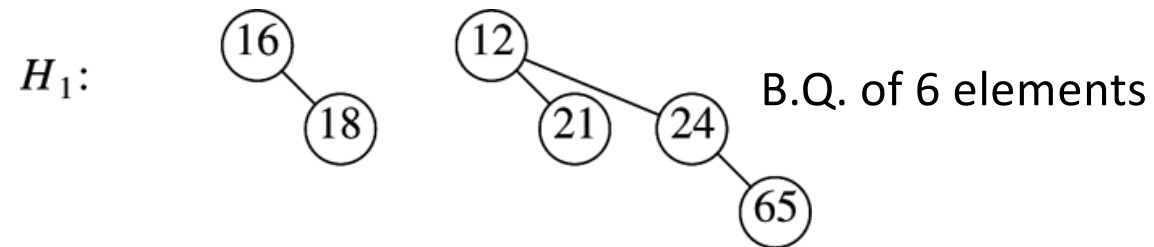
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- The binary representation of 14 is
- 1110, since
  - $14 = 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^1 + 0$
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# Binomial queue (example)



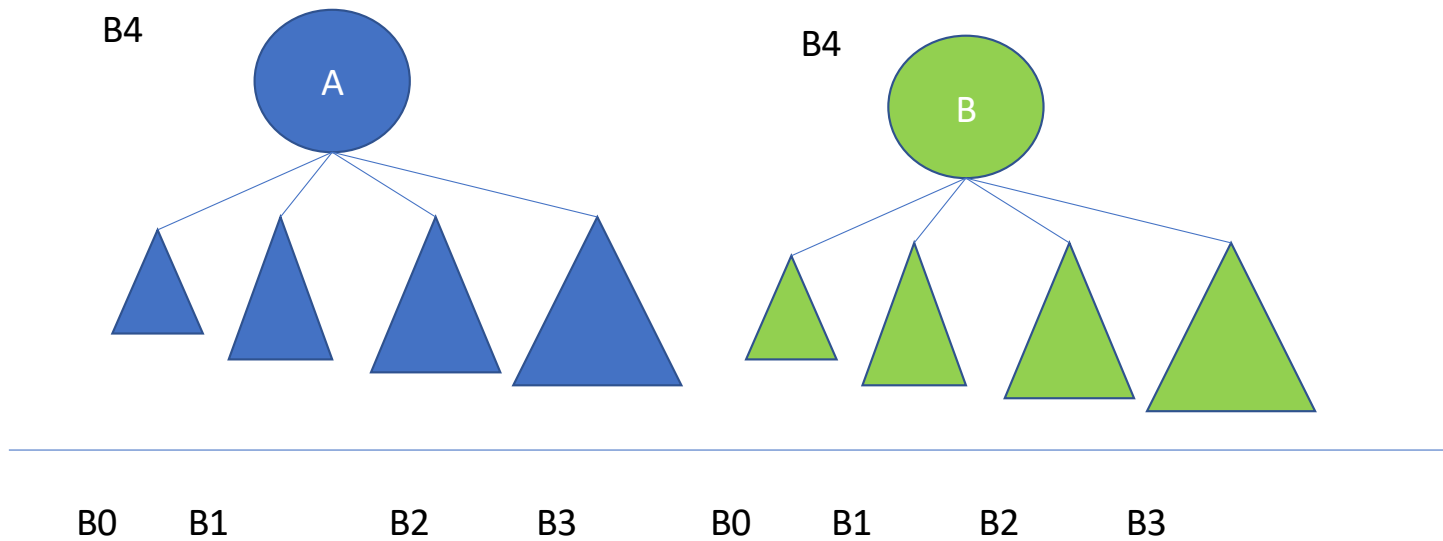
## B.Q. operations

- FindMin():
  - Scan roots of trees.
  - Select the minimum.
- A queue of N elements would have at most how many trees?
  - Therefore, FindMin() is a  $O(\log N)$  operation

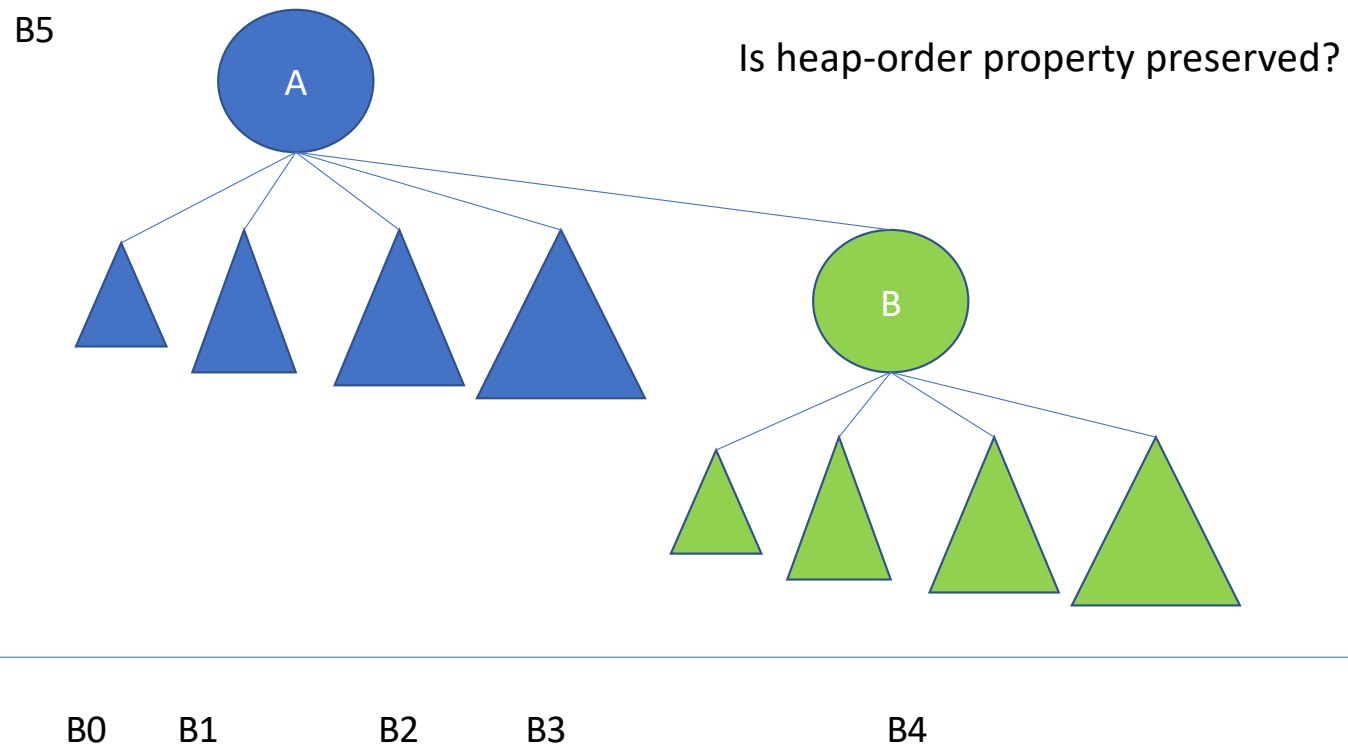
# B.Q. operations

- Merge(H1, H2): ?
  - Merge two BQs ?
  - Merge two Binomial trees?
  - Merge two B0 trees?

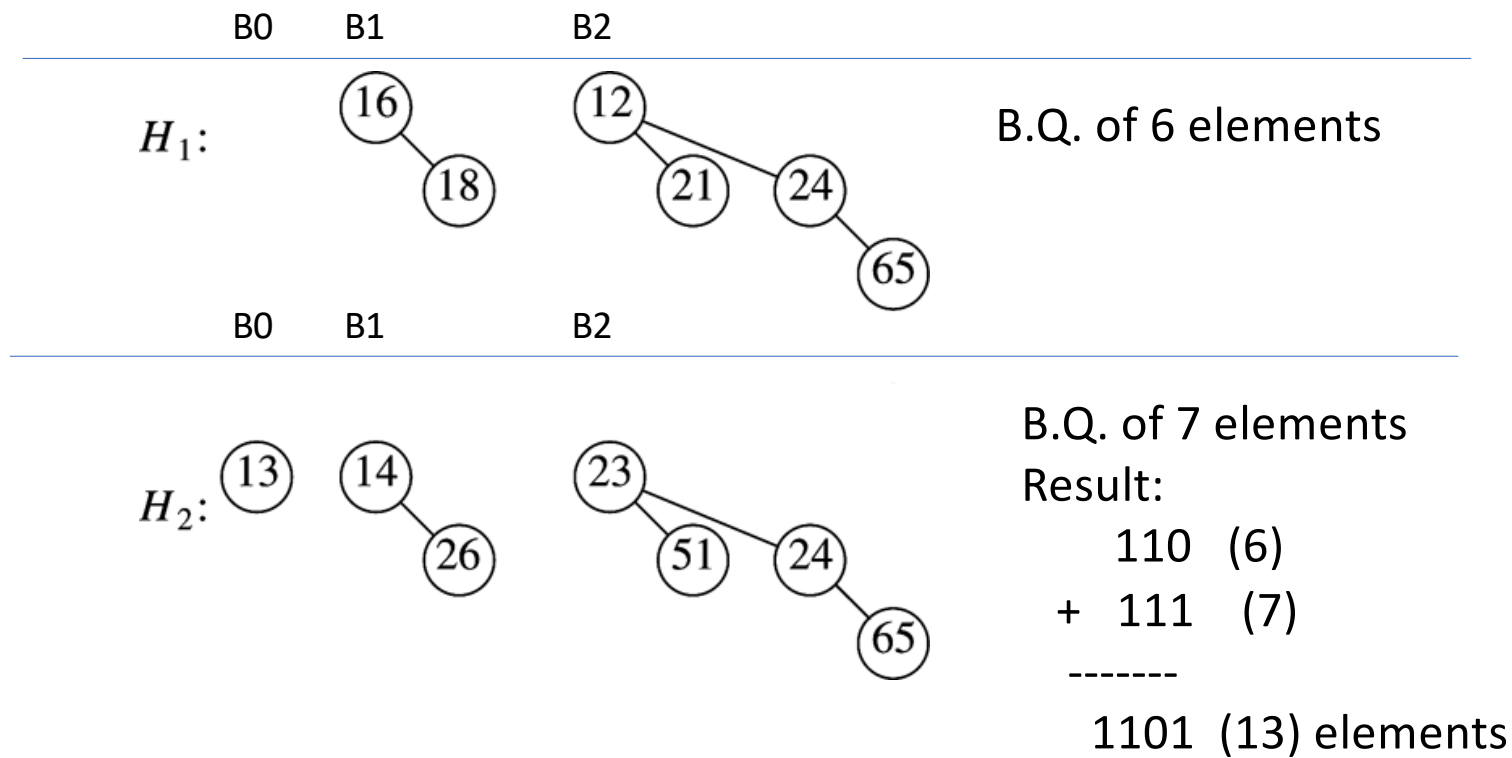
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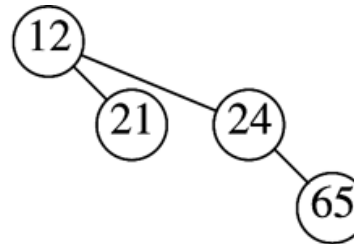
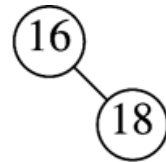
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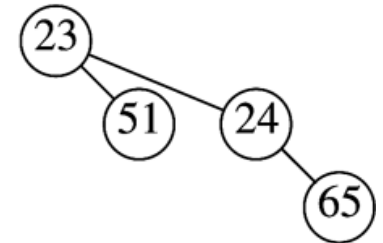
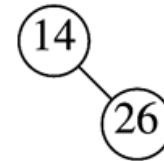


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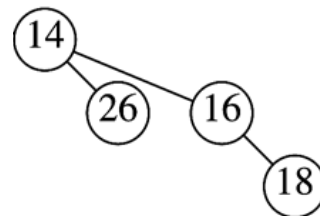
$H_1$ :



$H_2$ :



Step 2



B0

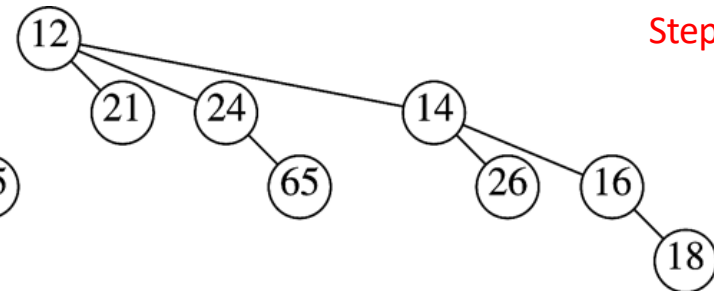
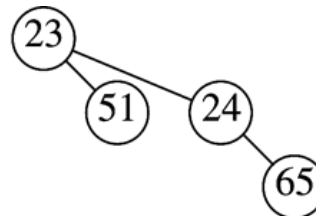
B1

B2

B3

$H_3$ :

Step 1



Step 3

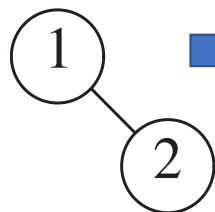
# Merge

- $O(\log N)$  worst-case (why?)
- Insert  $N$  elements:  $O(N)$  worst-case time
- Insert 1 through 7 in an empty binomial queue

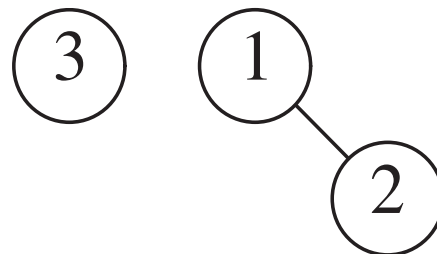
Insert 1



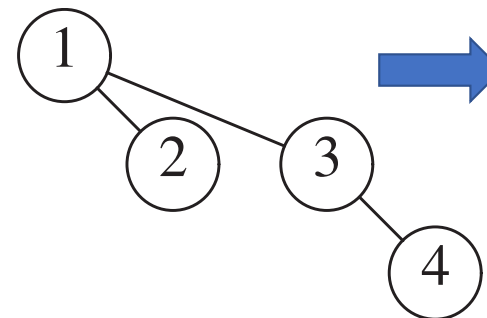
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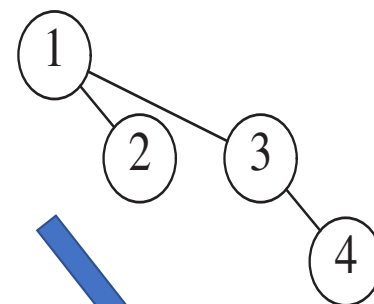
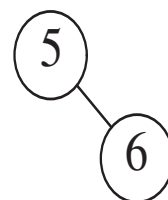
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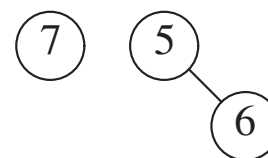
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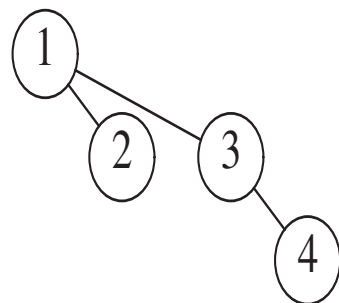
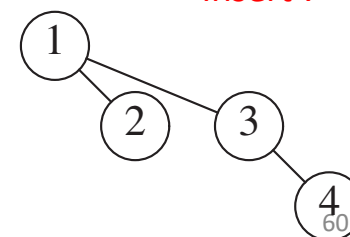
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Insert 5



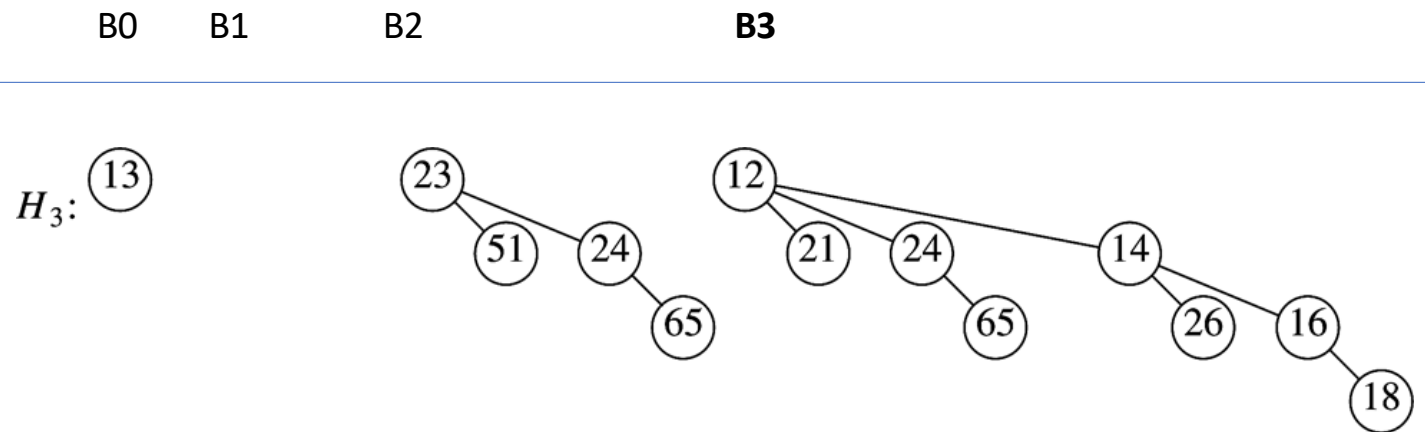
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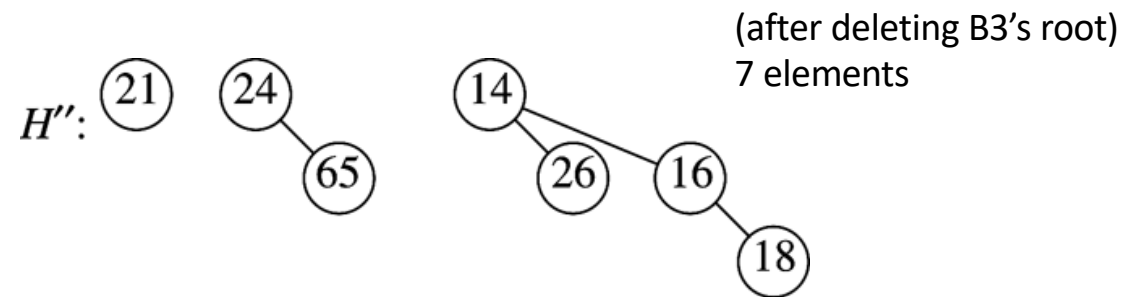
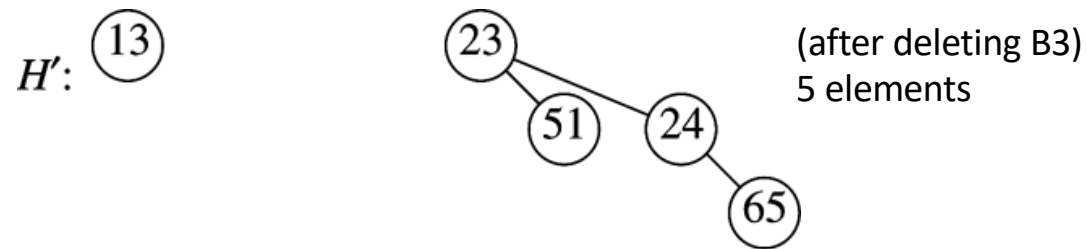
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 $\Rightarrow$  forest of trees under  $B_k$  ( $B_0, \dots, B_{k-1}$ ): this is a heap  $H''$
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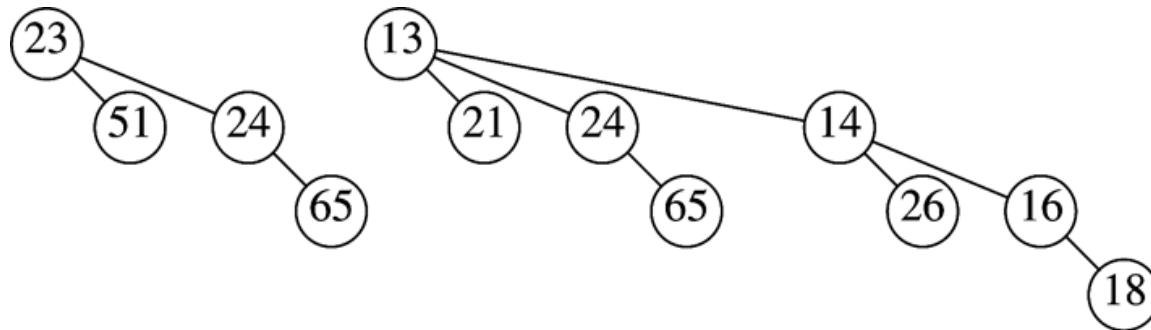
101 (5)

+ 111 (7)

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1100 (12) elements

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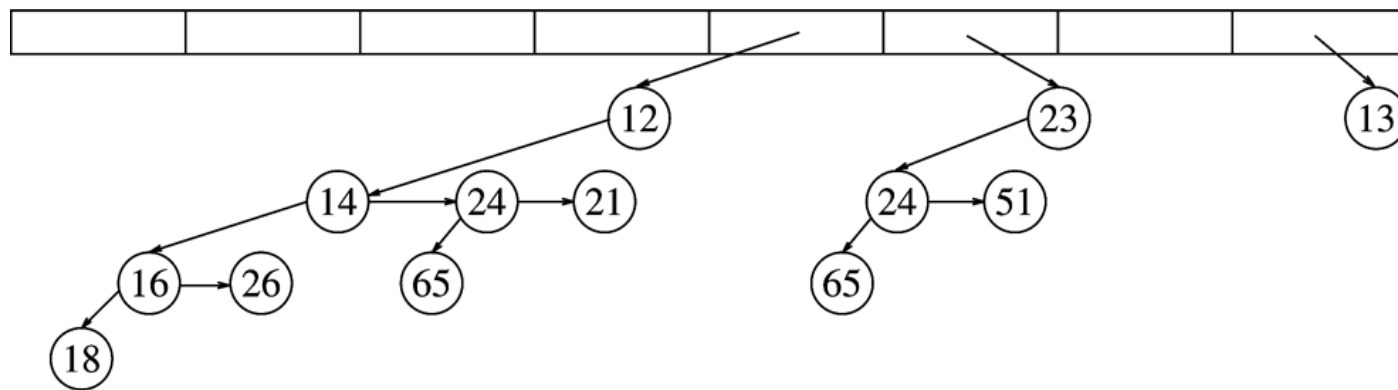


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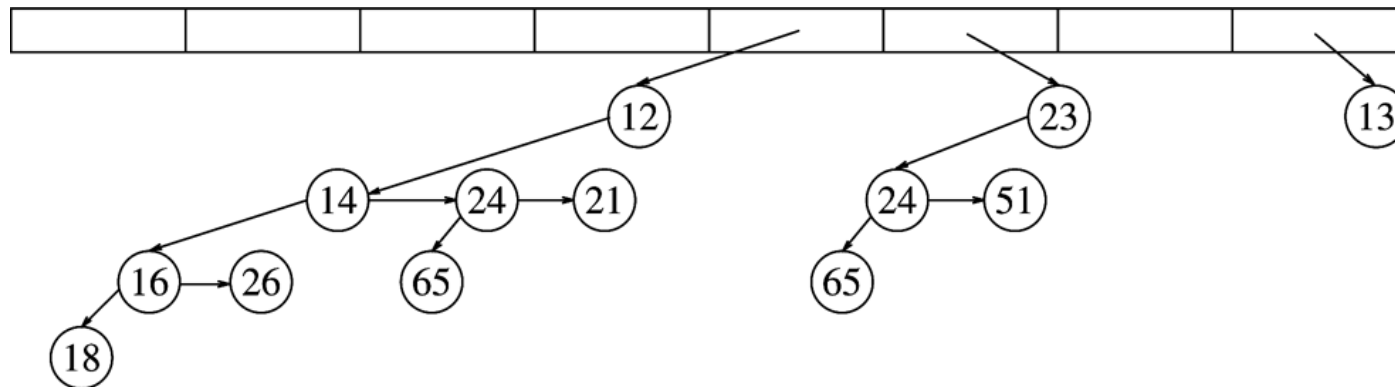
# Representation



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- Maintain a list of pointers to the roots of the binomial trees
- Order the trees by height to make merge efficient

```
vector<BinomialNode *> the_trees_; // An array of tree roots.  
int current_size_; // Number of items in the queue.
```



# Summary

- Basic heap
- Heaps with efficient merge operation
- Leftist: power of recursion
- Skew: self adjusting
- Binomial: simple but powerful idea

# Summary: complexity

- Basic binary heap
  - $O(\log n)$  for insert and deleteMin
  - $O(1)$  average for insert
  - $O(n)$  to build the heap
  - STL priority\_queue probably works like this
- Heaps with  $O(\log n)$  merge operation
  - Leftist – Simple recursive data structure
    - Does not have  $O(1)$  average for insert.
  - Skew – Amortized version of Leftist heap
  - Binomial – Based on a forest. Simple to describe and has the same complexity guarantees as the binary heap.