

Data Structures

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Today's material

- Built-in data structures and their applications
- Augmenting a data structure
- Union-Find
- Precomputations like prefix sums
- Square root decomposition
- Segment trees
- Sparse tables

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- <http://uva.onlinejudge.org/external/119/11988.html>

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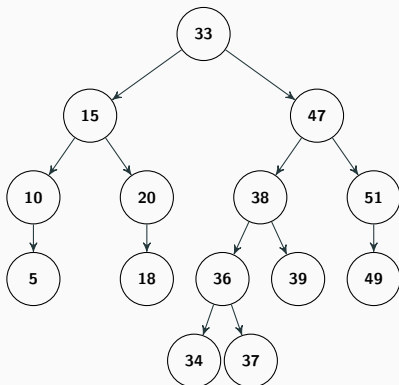
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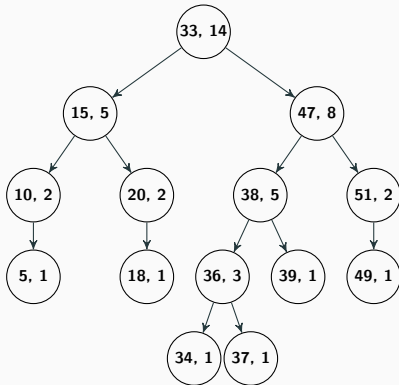
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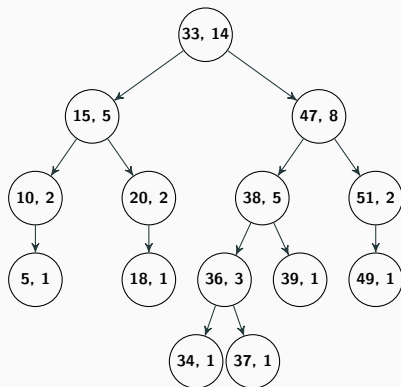
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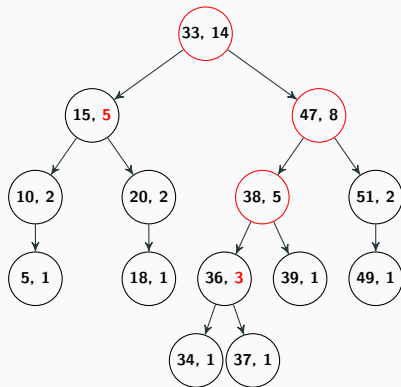
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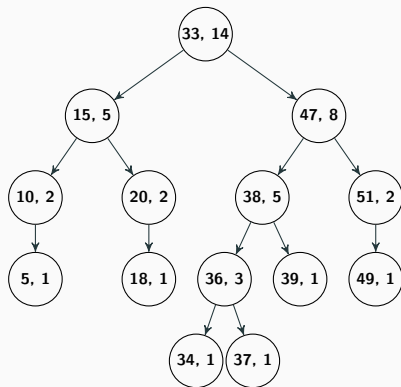
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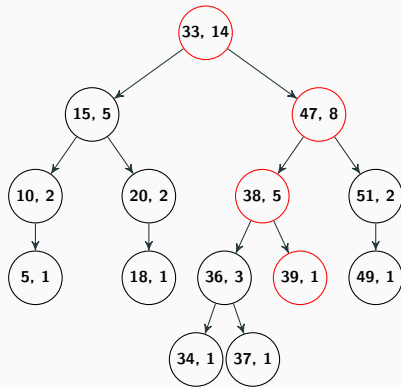
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- Then to unite x, y we simply make the representative of x the parent of the representative of y .

Naïve Union-Find implementation

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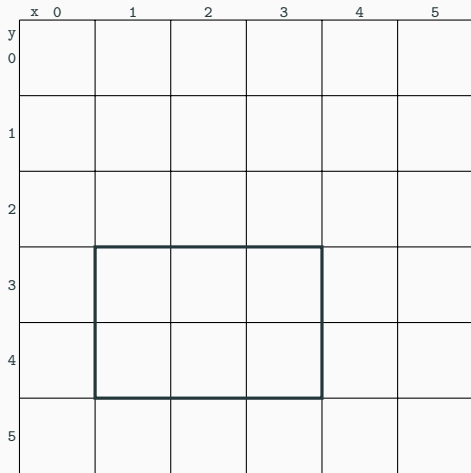
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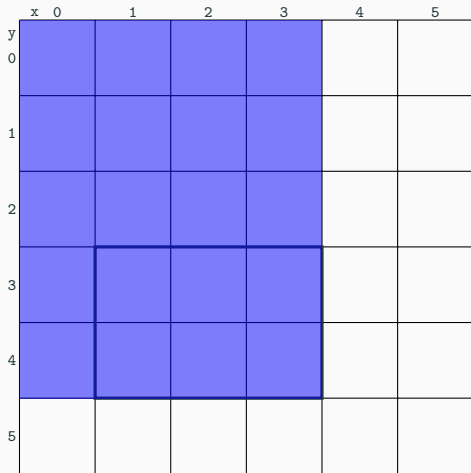
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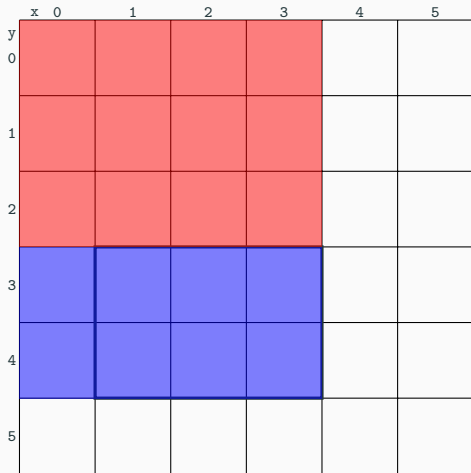
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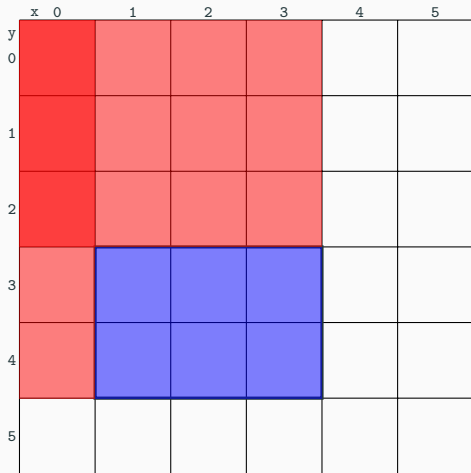


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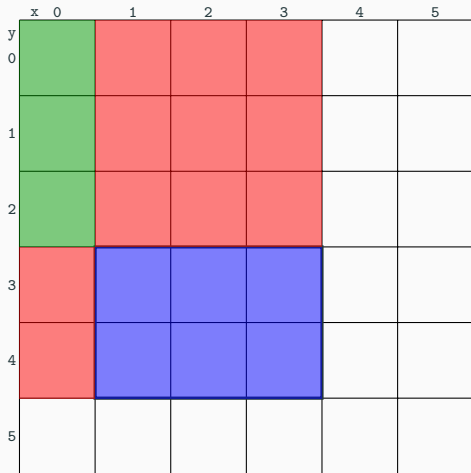
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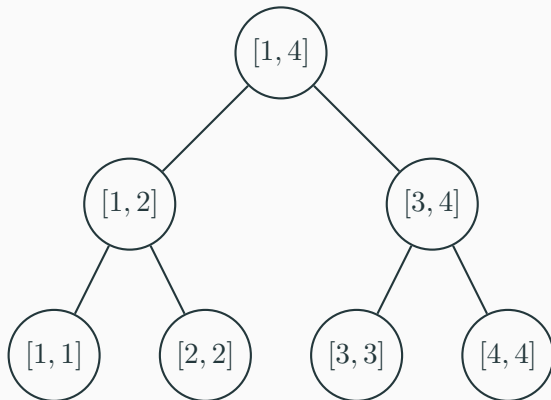
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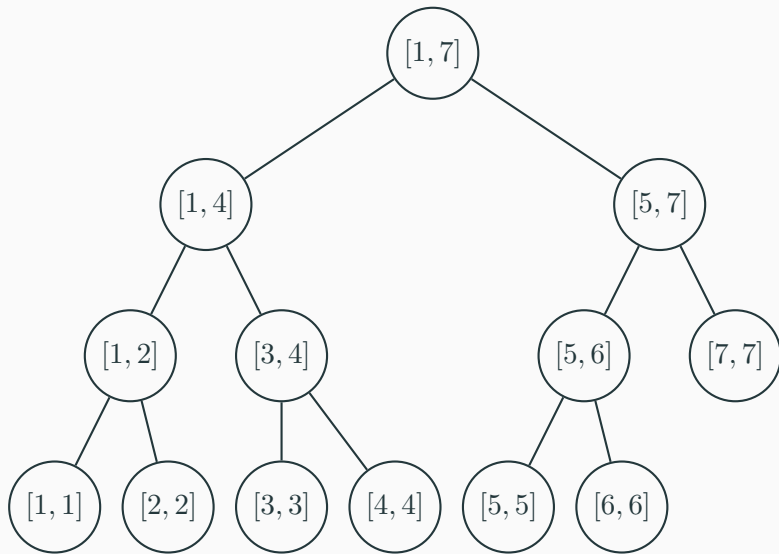
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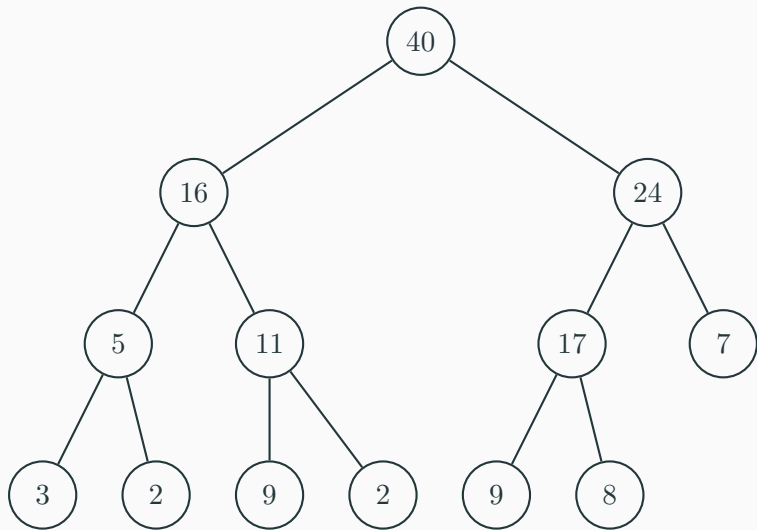


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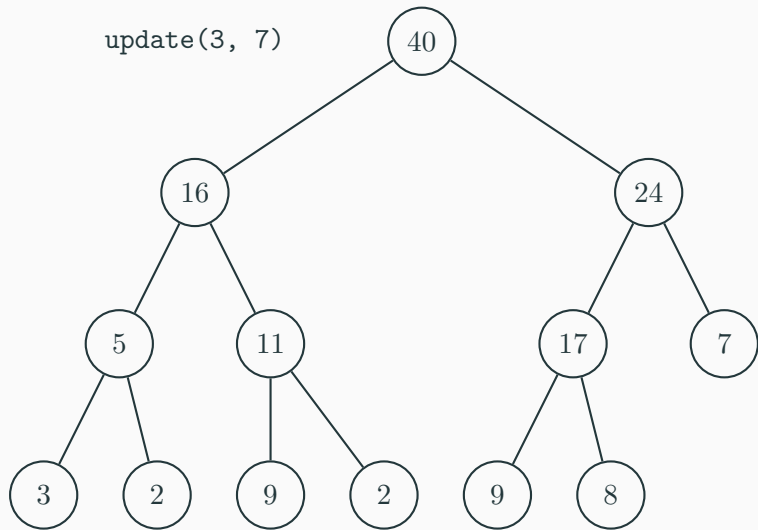
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        : from(from), to(to), left(NULL), right(NULL), value(0) { }
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segment_tree* build(const vector<int> &arr, int l, int r) {
    if (l > r) return NULL;
    segment_tree *res = new segment_tree(l, r);
    if (l == r) {
        res->value = arr[l];
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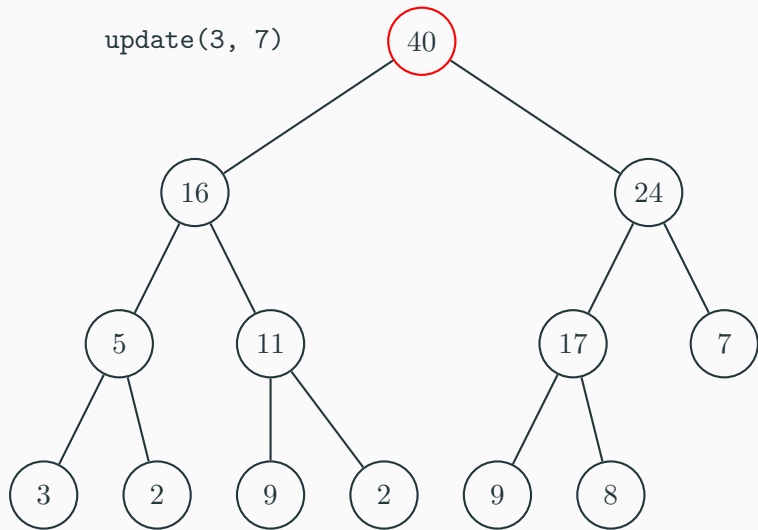
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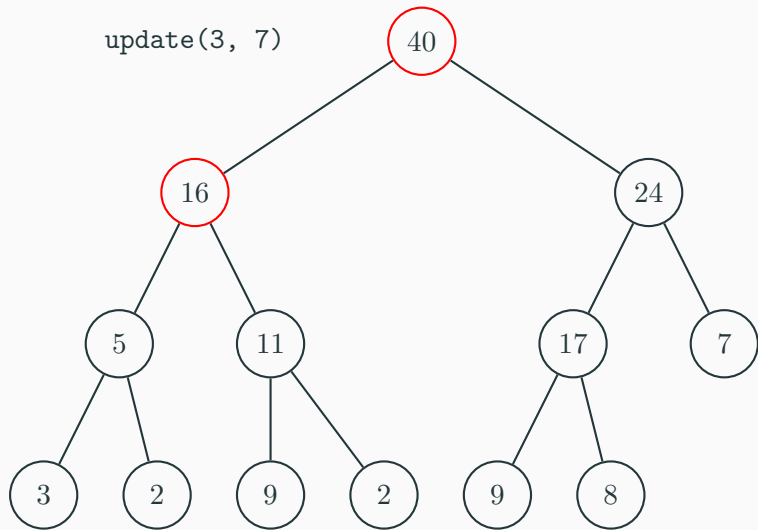
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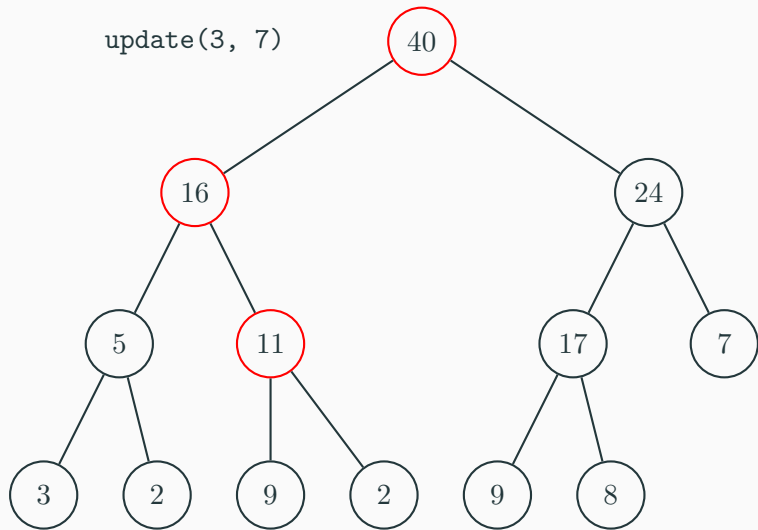
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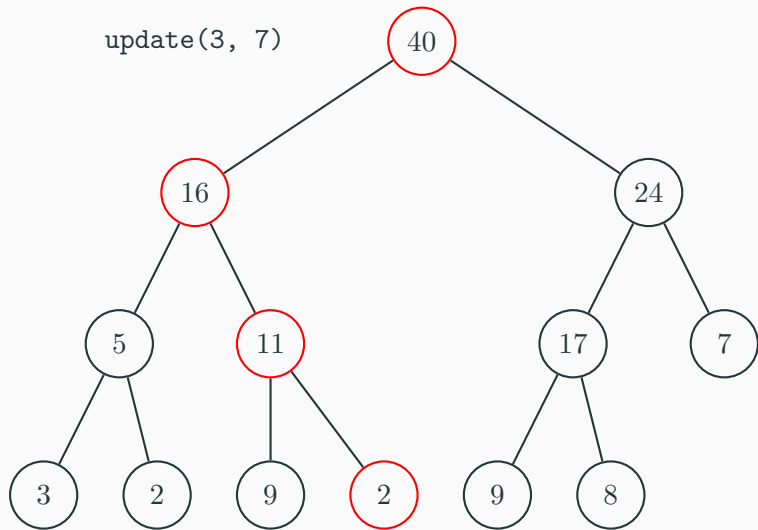
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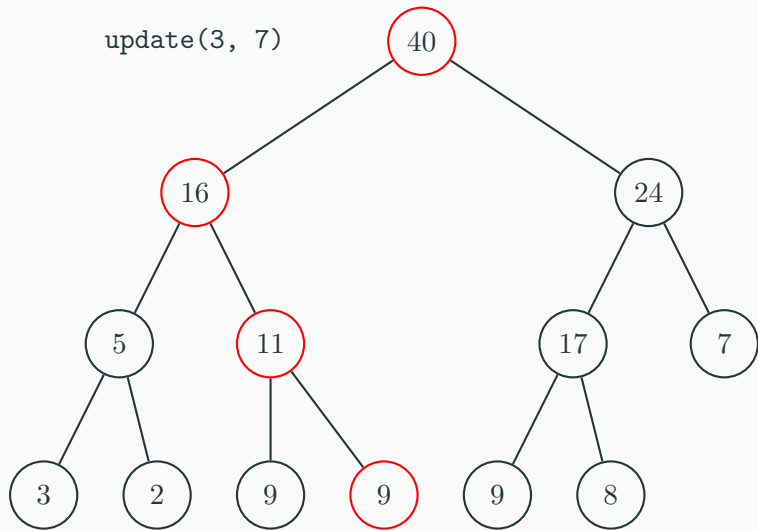
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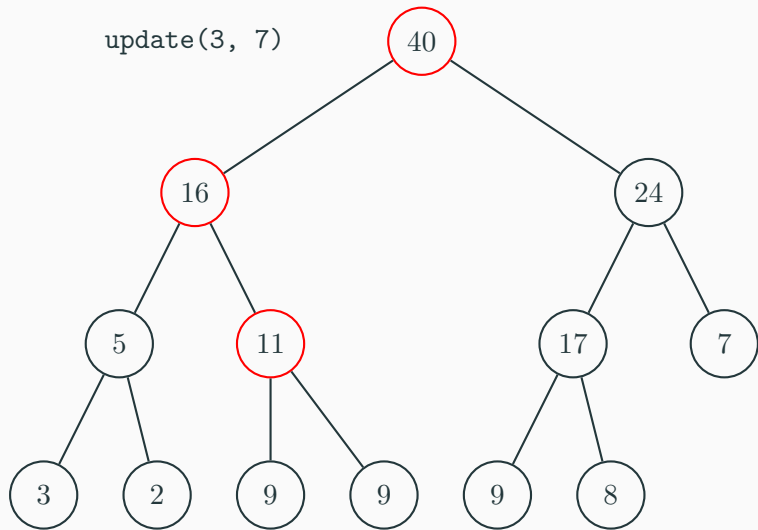
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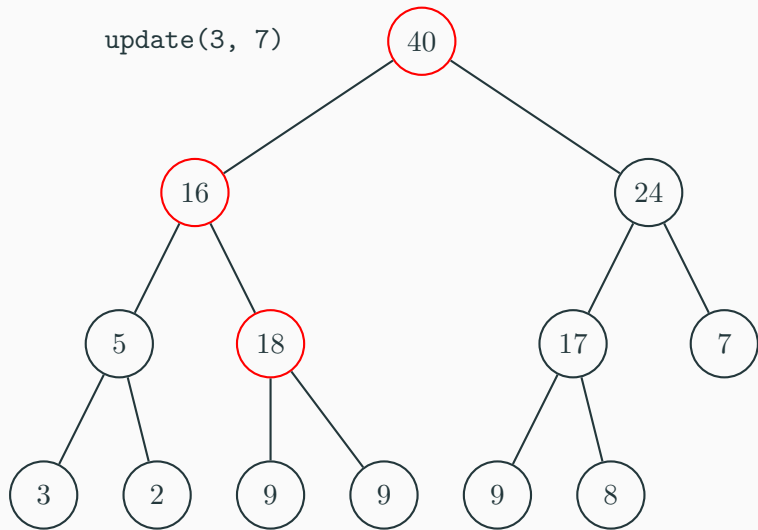
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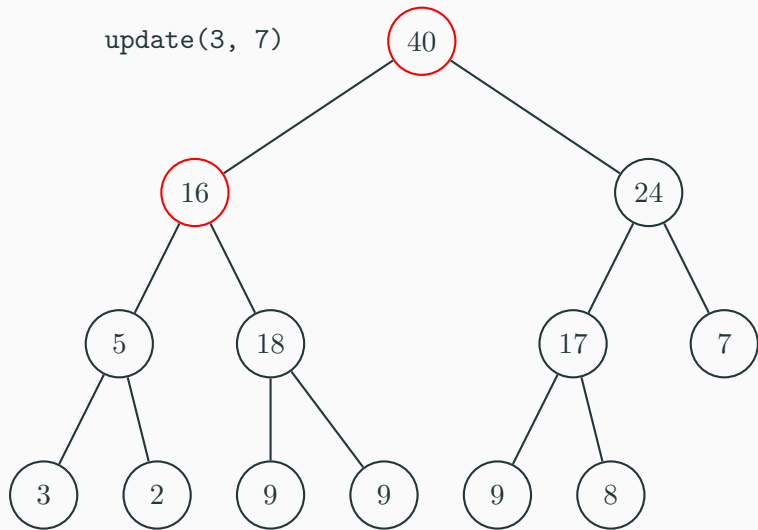
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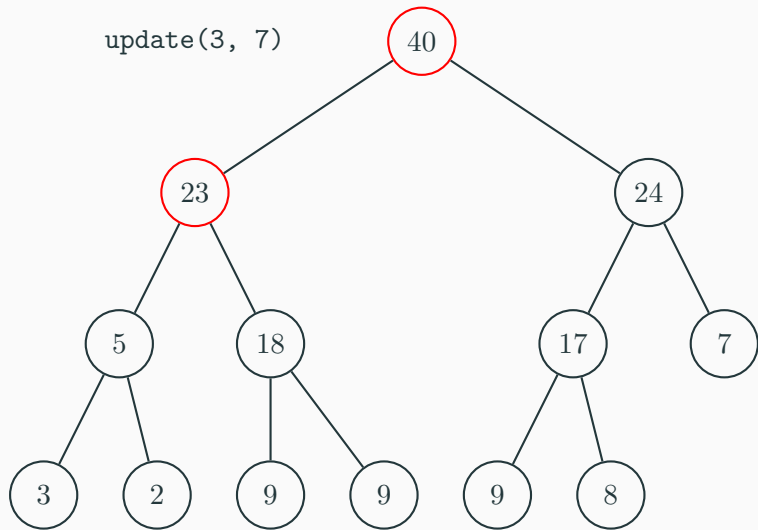
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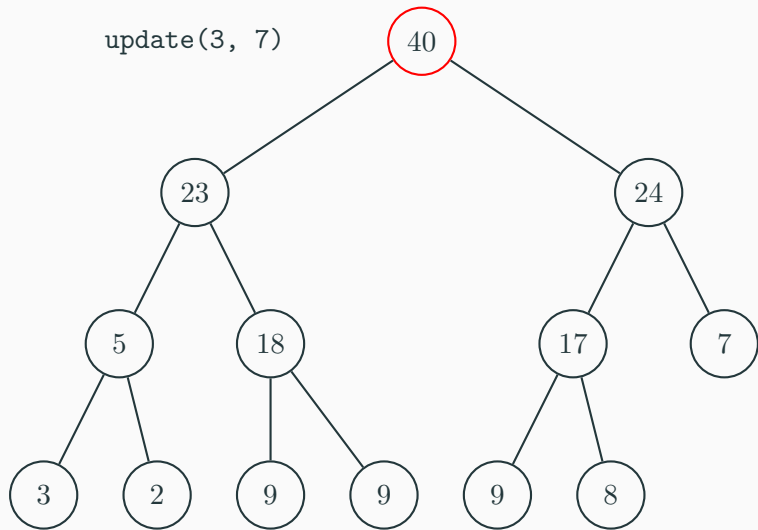
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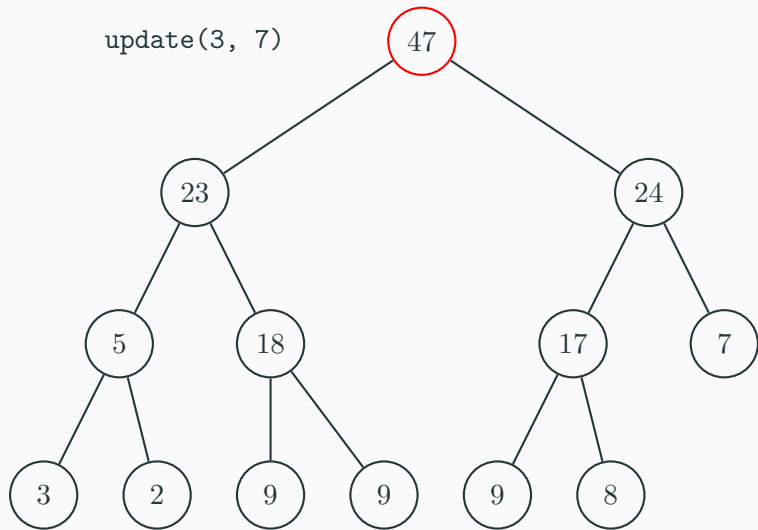
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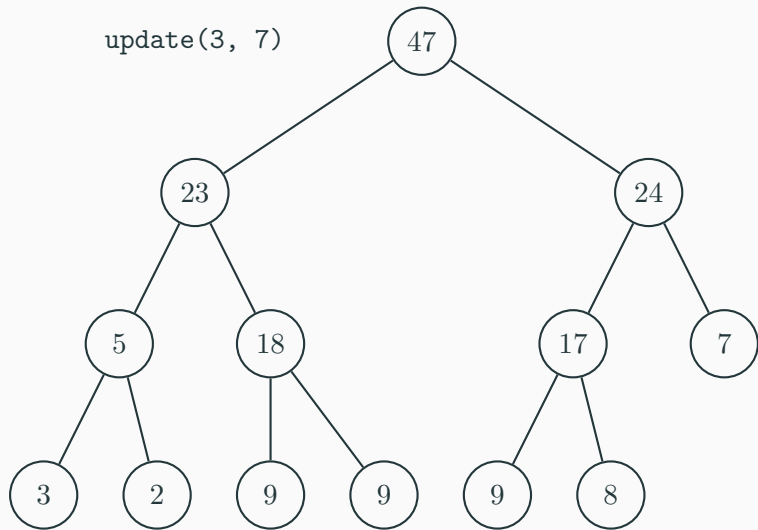
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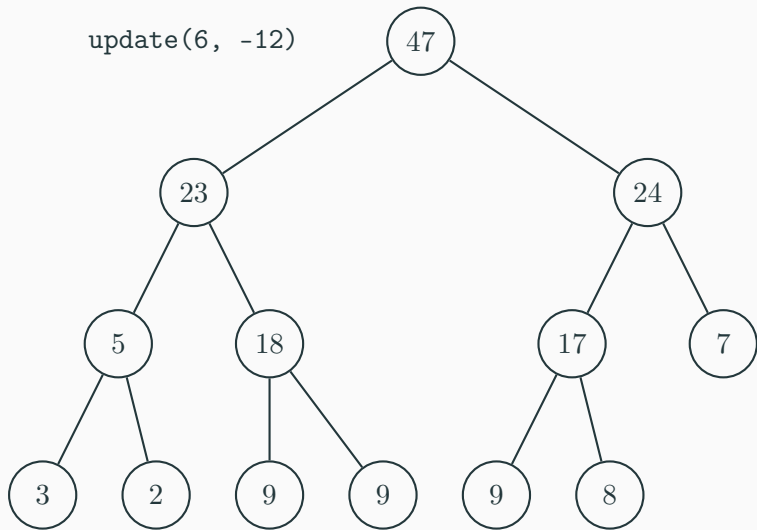
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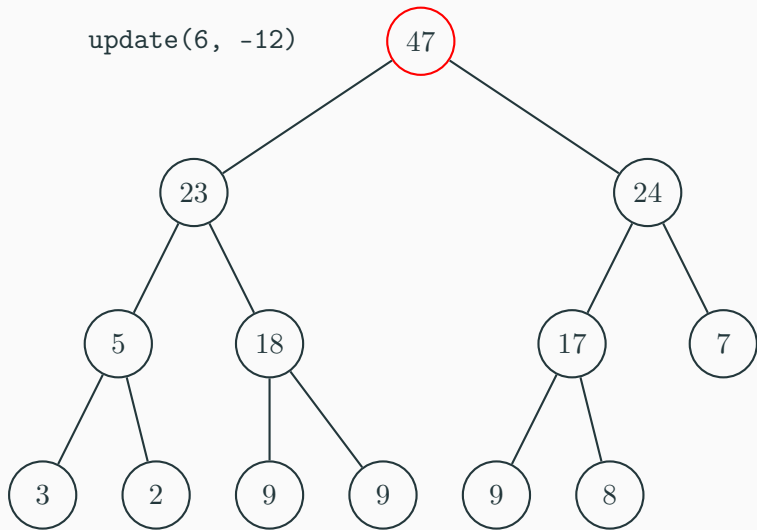
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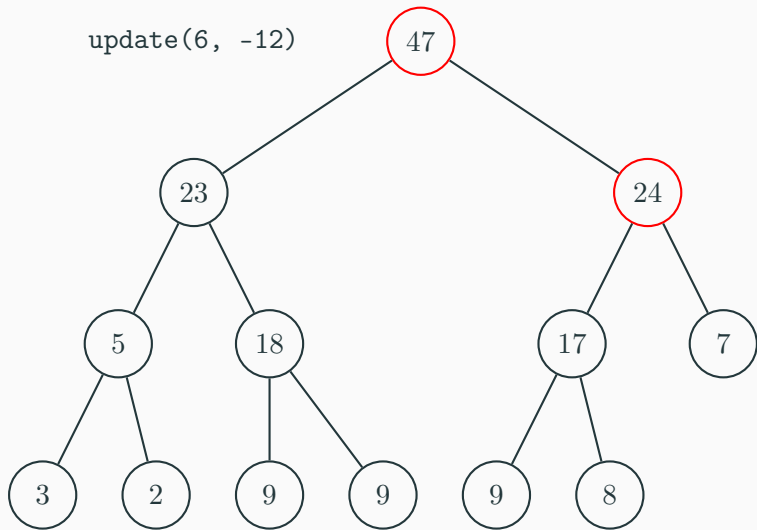
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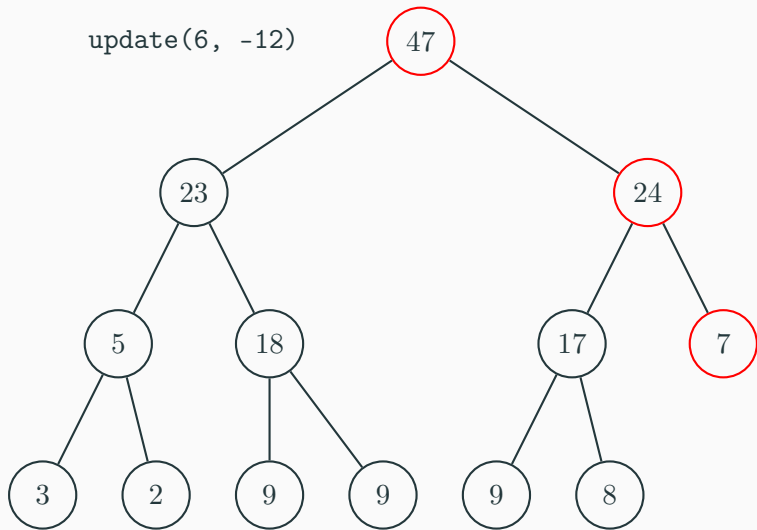
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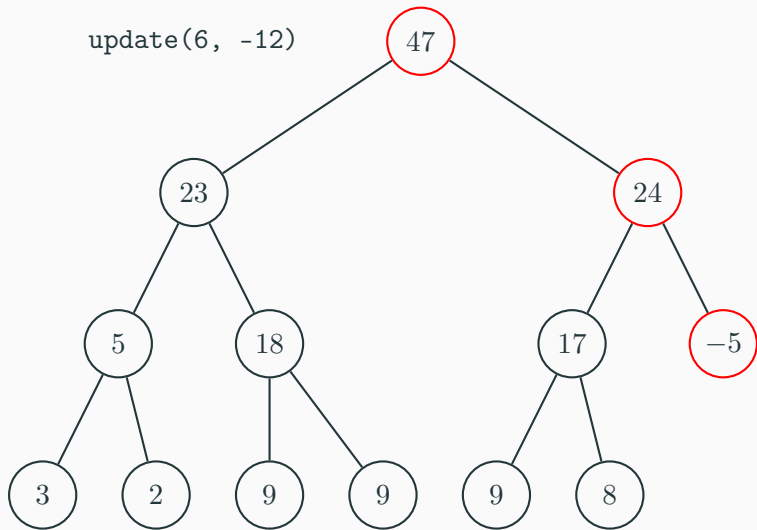
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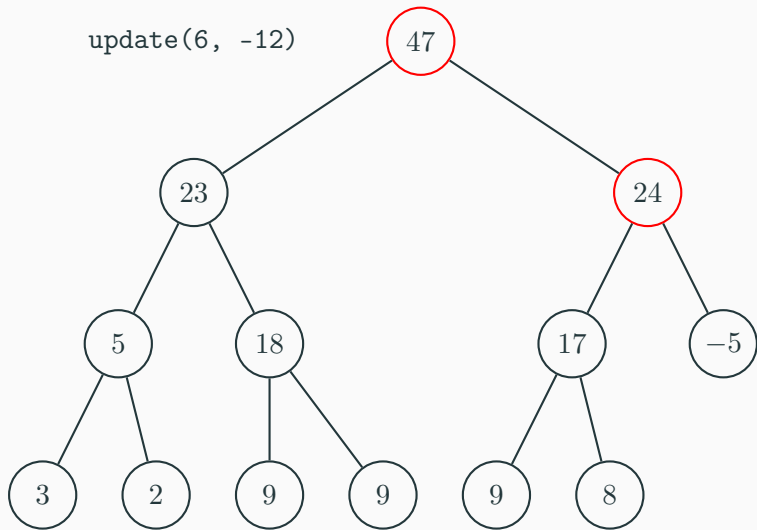
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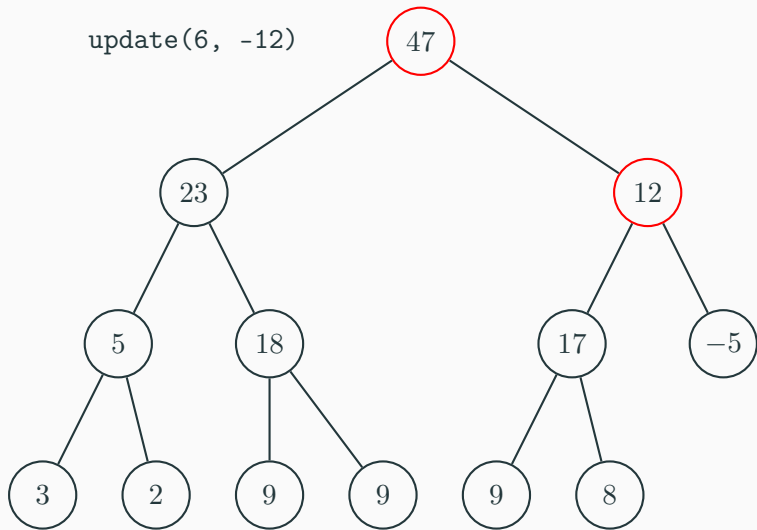
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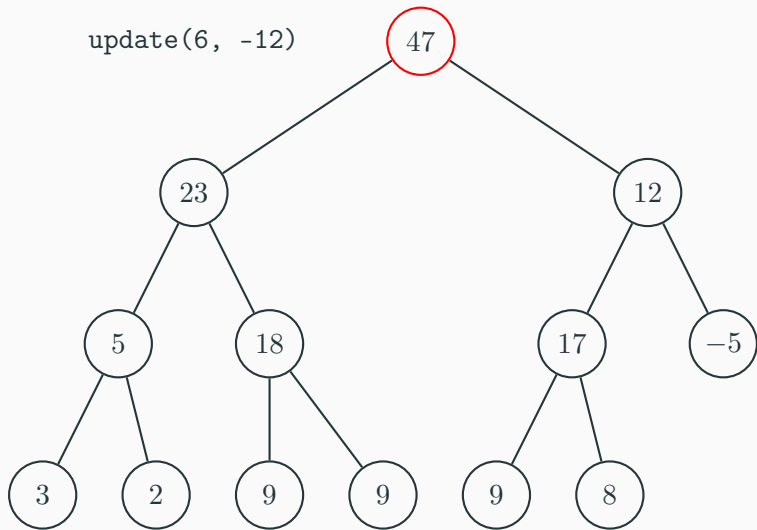
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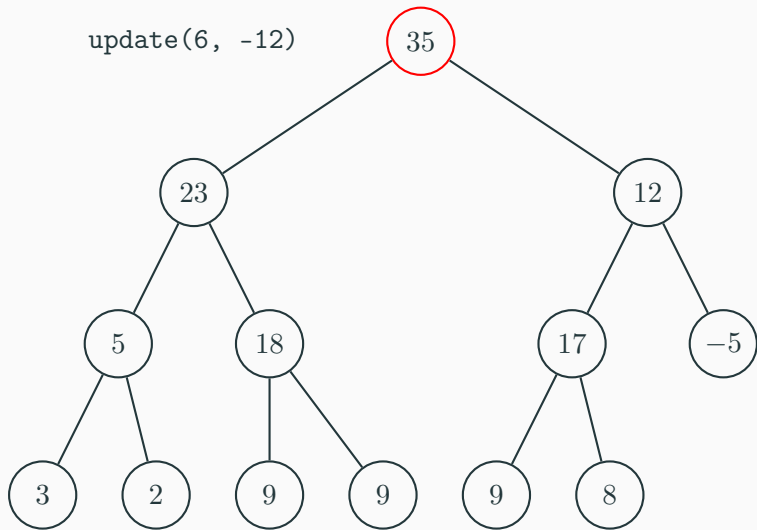
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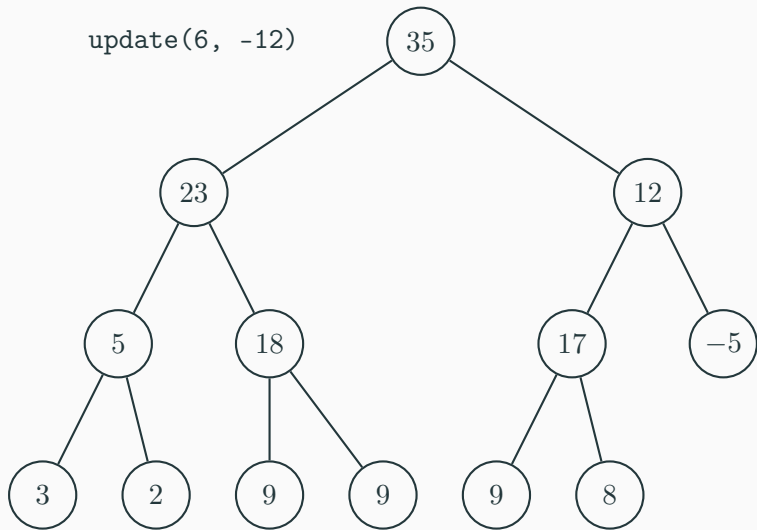
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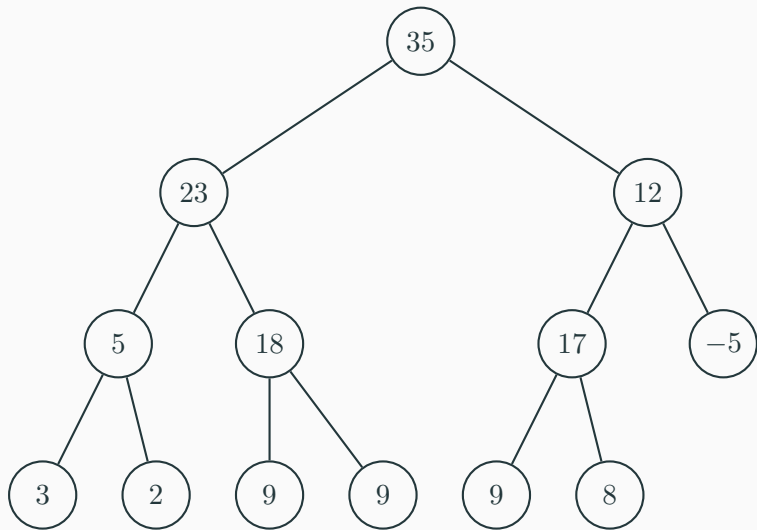
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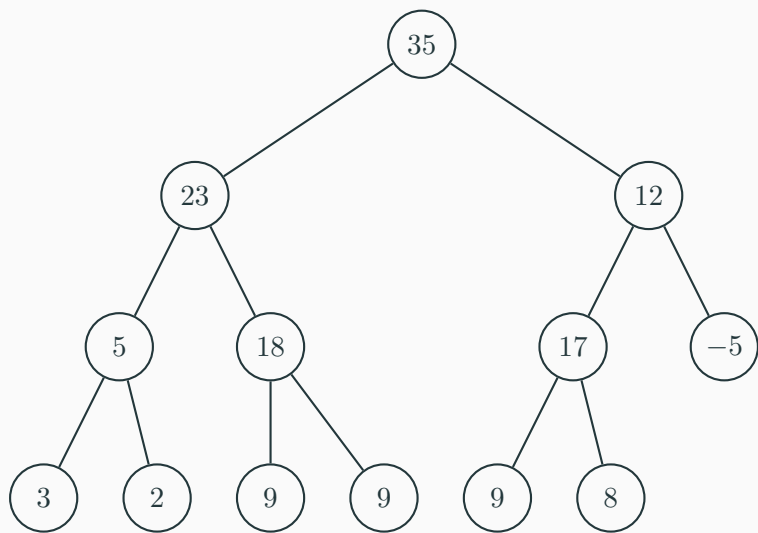
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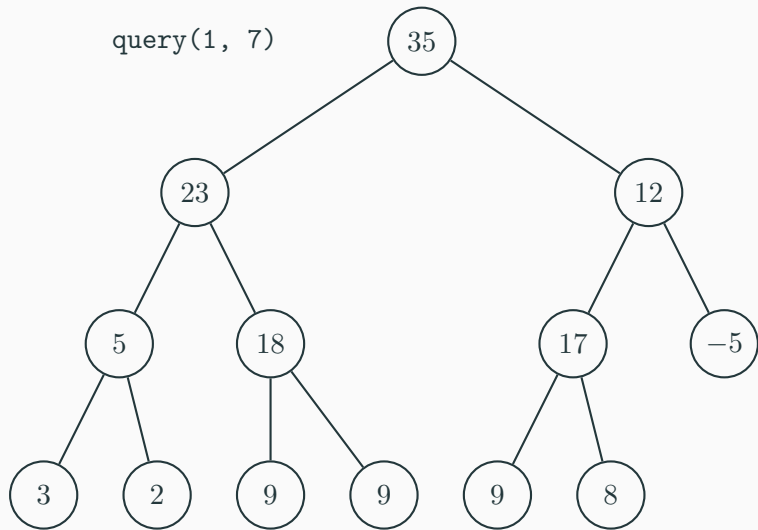
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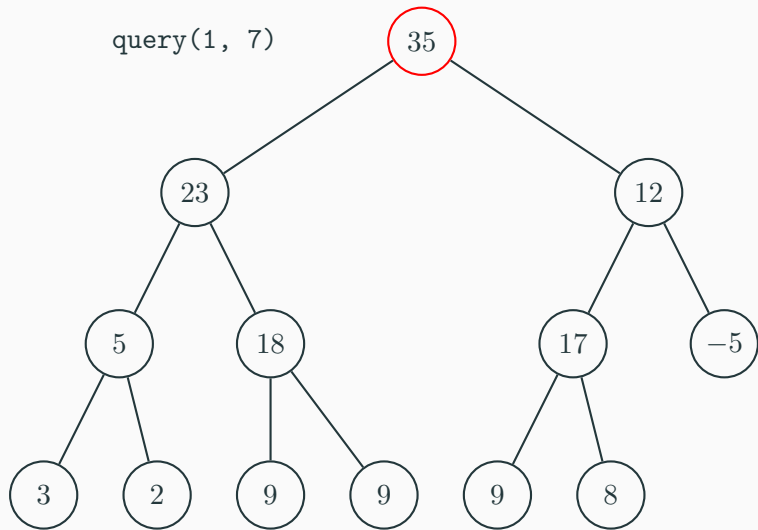
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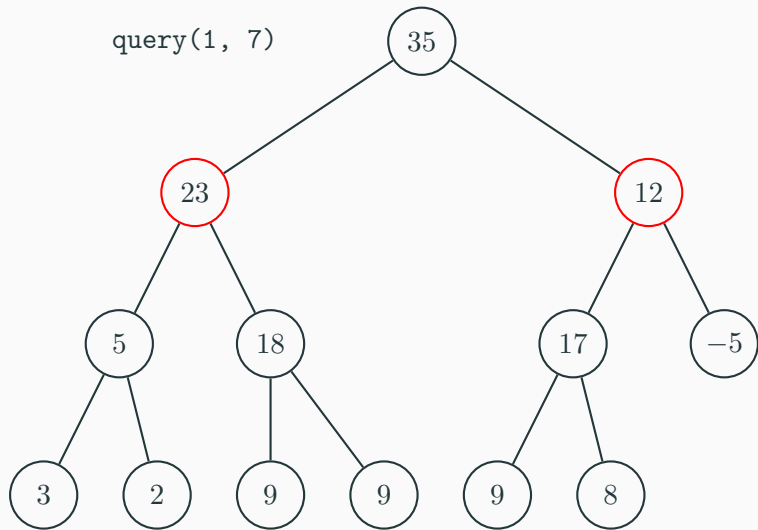
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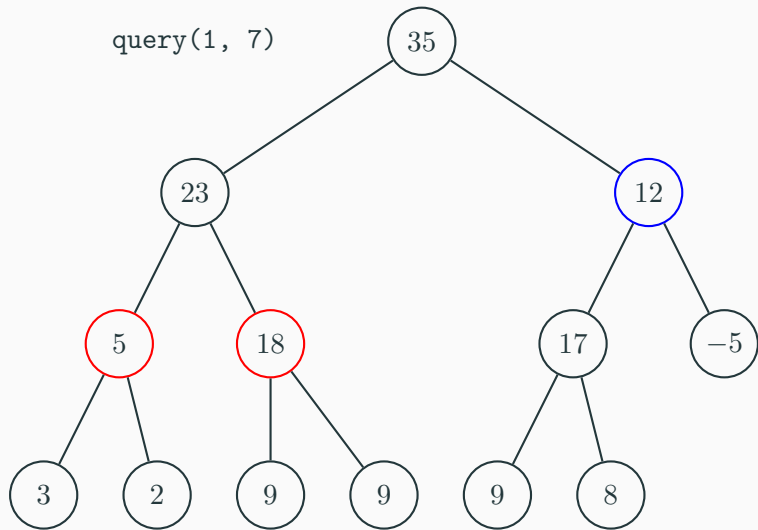
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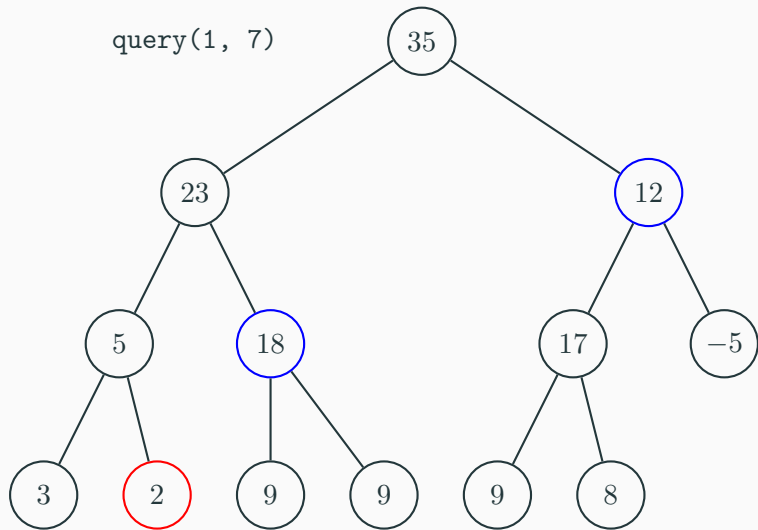
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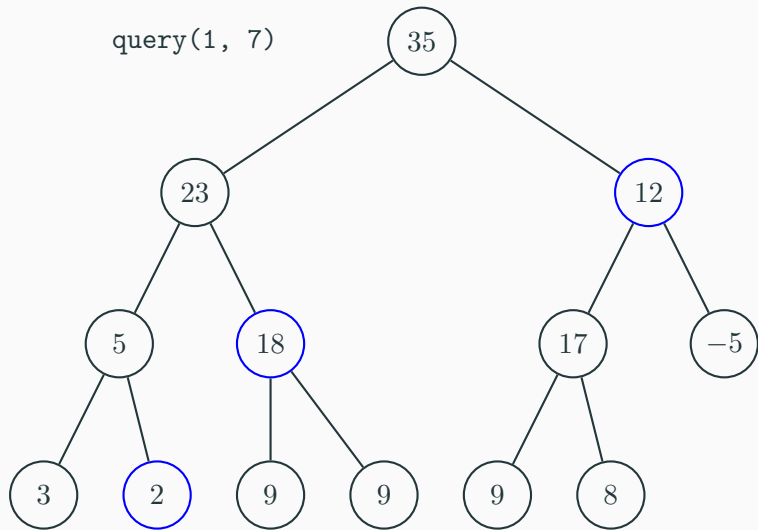
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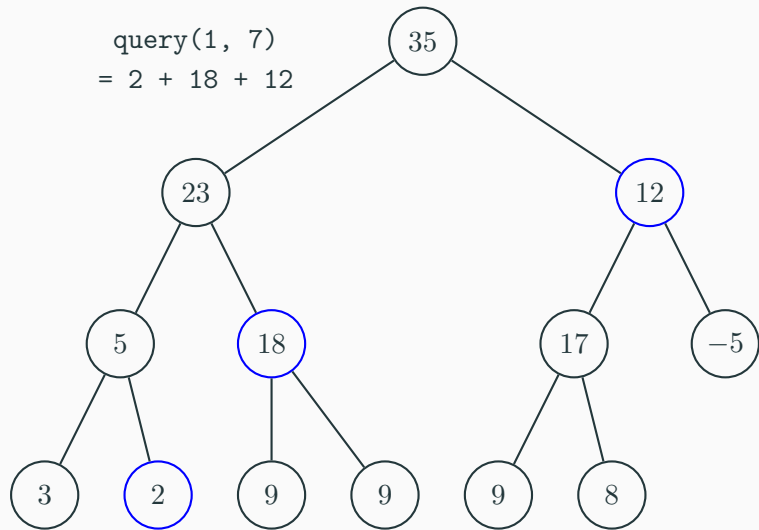
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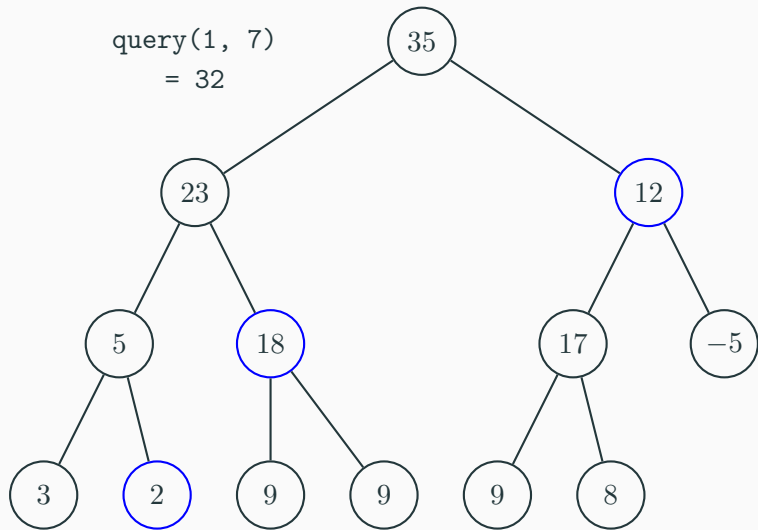
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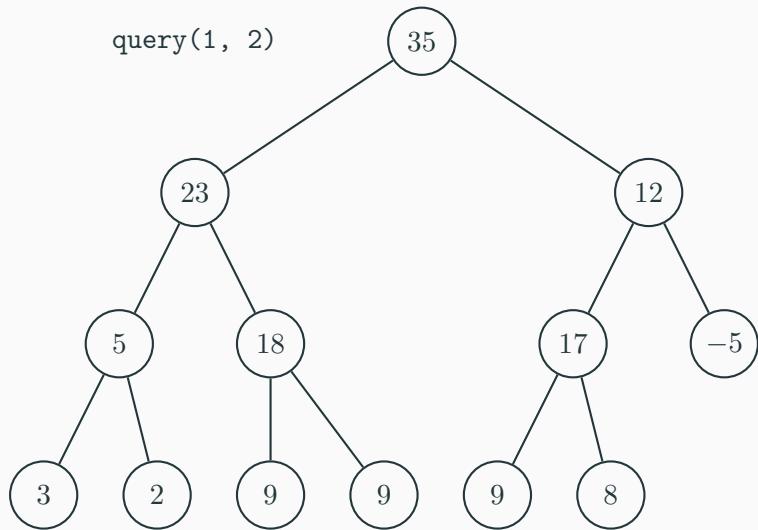
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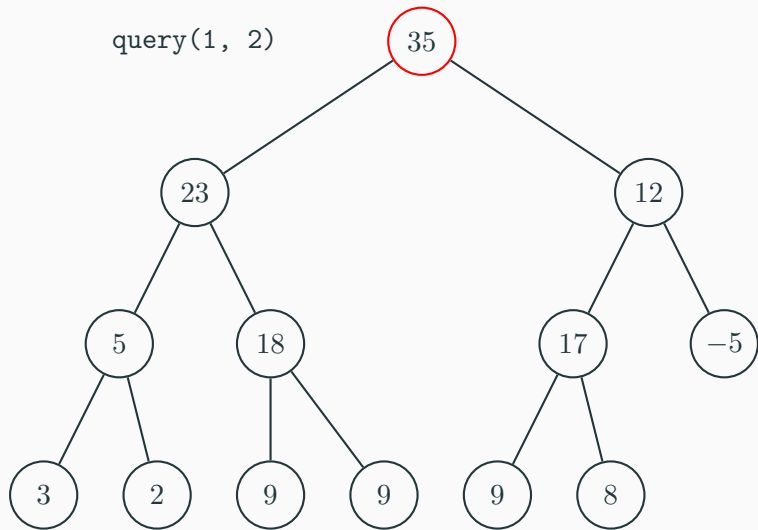
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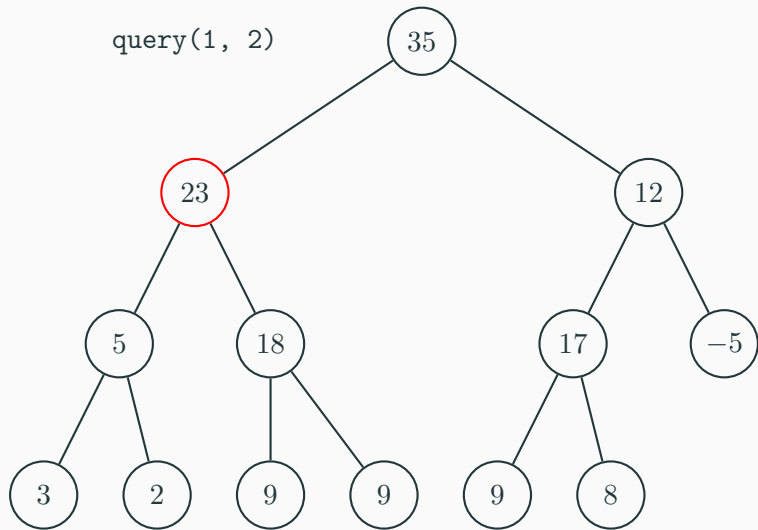
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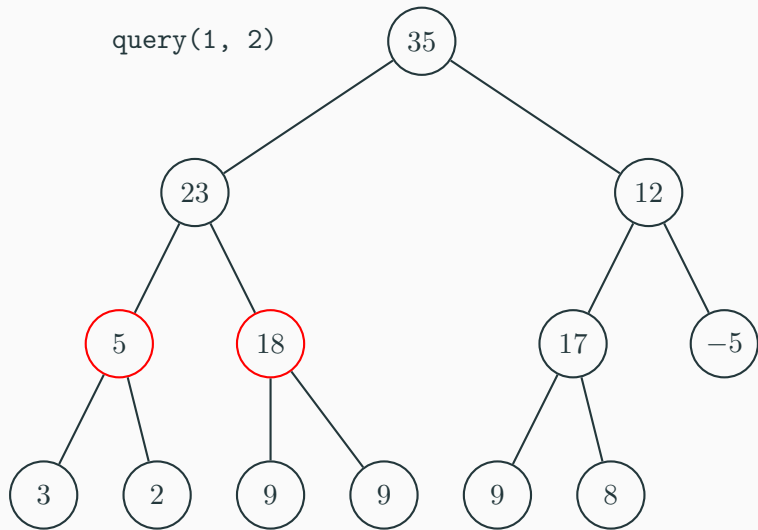
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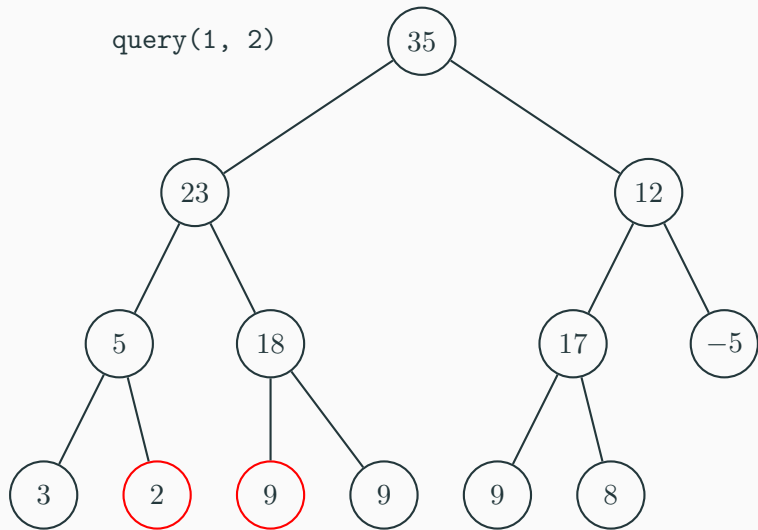
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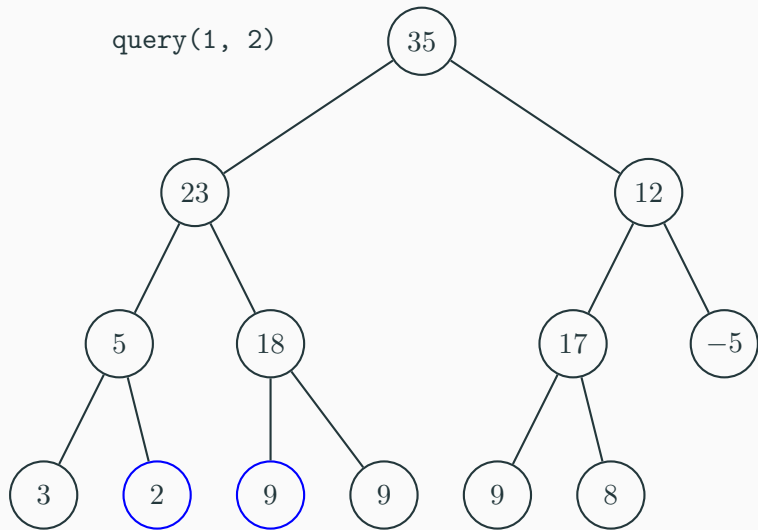
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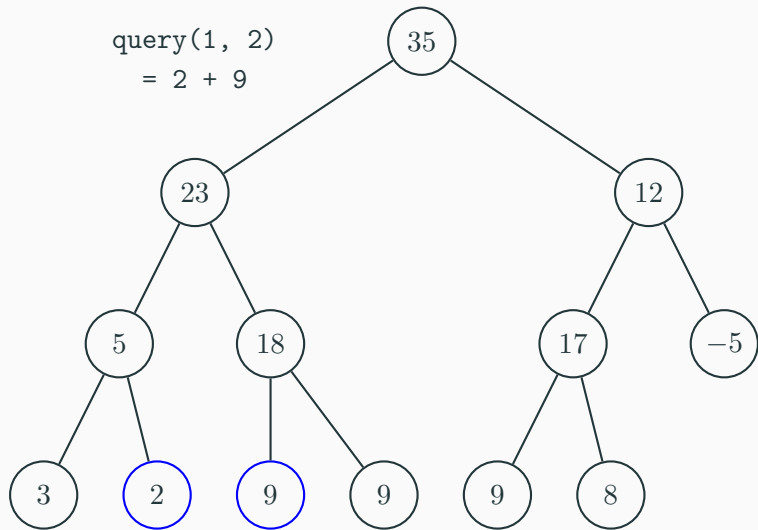
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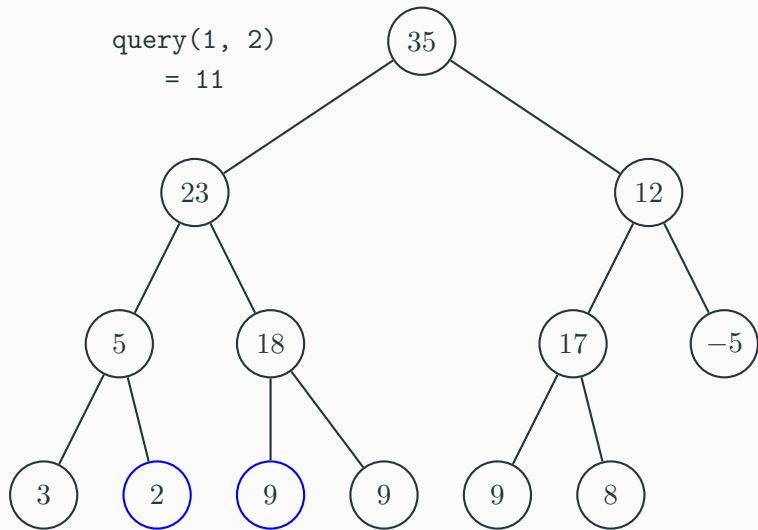
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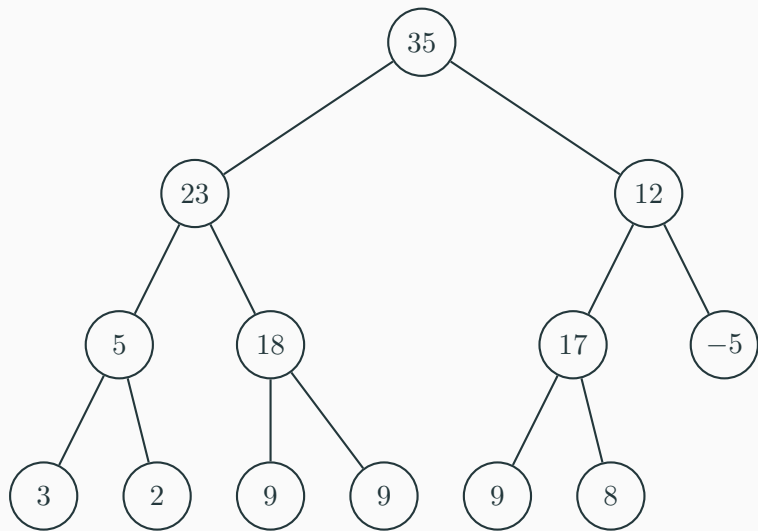
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- Querying takes $\mathcal{O}(\log(n))$, however updating is slow and difficult.
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7	1	6	4	8	0	9	2	2	7	1	6
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7	1	6	4	8	0	9	2	2	7	1	6

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7	1	6	4	8	0	9	2	2	7	1	6

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18	19	18	21	19	13	20	12	16	14	7	6
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
8	7	10	12	8	9	11	4	9	8	7	6
7	1	6	4	8	0	9	2	2	7	1	6

$j = 2$

$j = 1$

$j = 0$

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37	32	38	33	35	27	27	18	16	14	7	6
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
18	19	18	21	19	13	20	12	16	14	7	6
8	7	10	12	8	9	11	4	9	8	7	6
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$j = 3$

$j = 2$

$j = 1$

$j = 0$

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$$\text{query}(1, 8) = 19 + 9 + 2$$

37	32	38	33	35	27	27	18	16	14	7	6	$j = 3$
18	19	18	21	19	13	20	12	16	14	7	6	$j = 2$
8	7	10	12	8	9	11	4	9	8	7	6	$j = 1$
7	1	6	4	8	0	9	2	2	7	1	6	$j = 0$

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$$\text{query}(0, 9) = 37 + 9$$

37	32	38	33	35	27	27	18	16	14	7	6	$j = 3$
18	19	18	21	19	13	20	12	16	14	7	6	$j = 2$
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Example problem: Stikl

- <https://open.kattis.com/problems/stikl>