Algorithms and Analysis

Lesson 7: Make Friends with Trees





Binary trees, binary search trees, sets, tree iterators

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- 1. Trees
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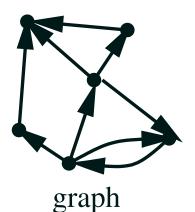
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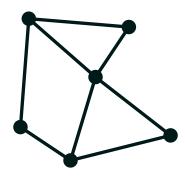
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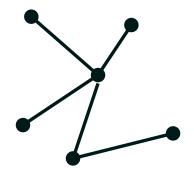
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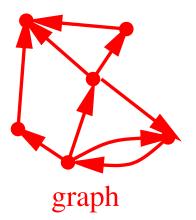


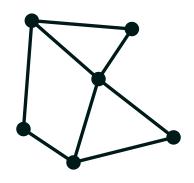




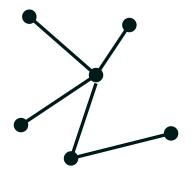
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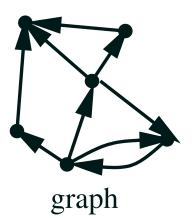


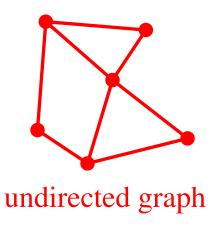
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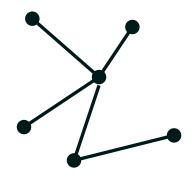


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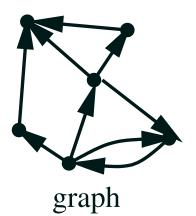


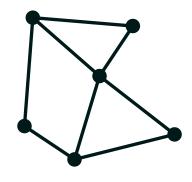




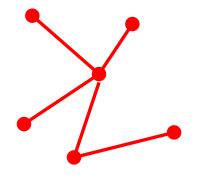
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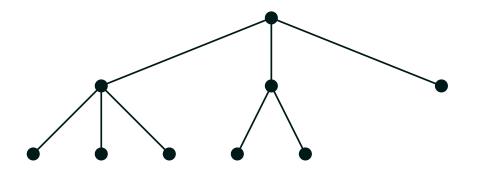


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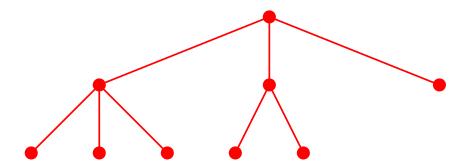


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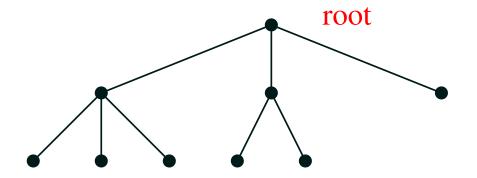
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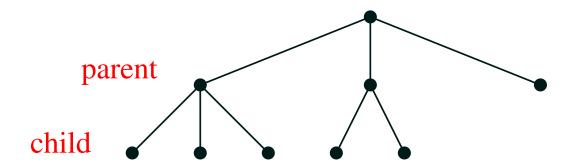
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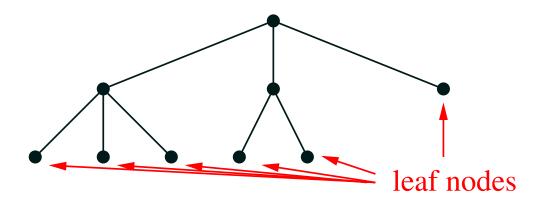
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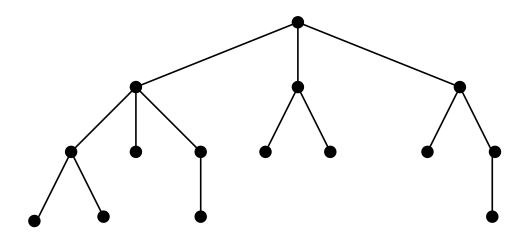


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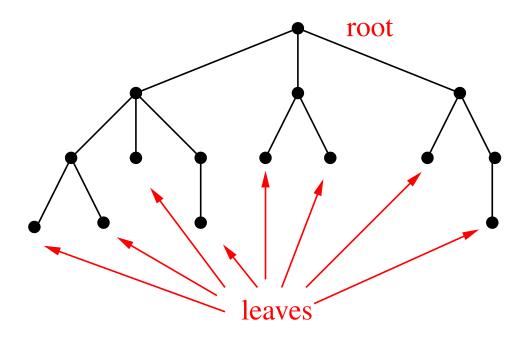
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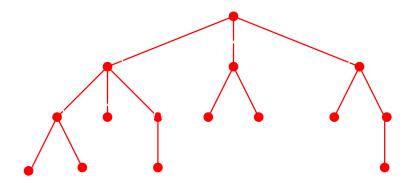
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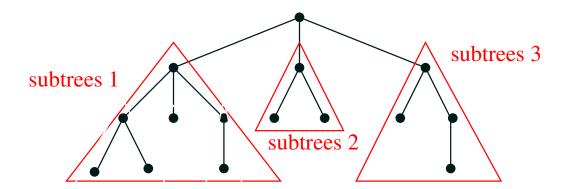
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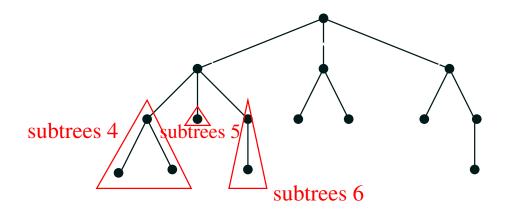
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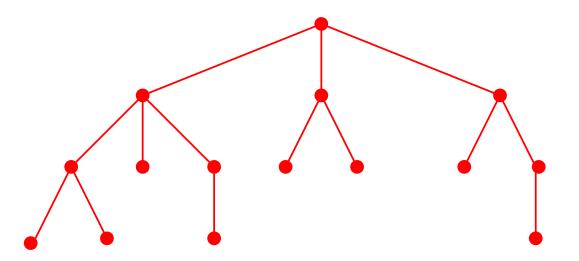
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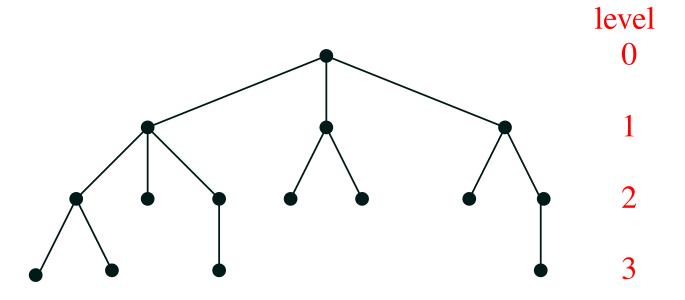
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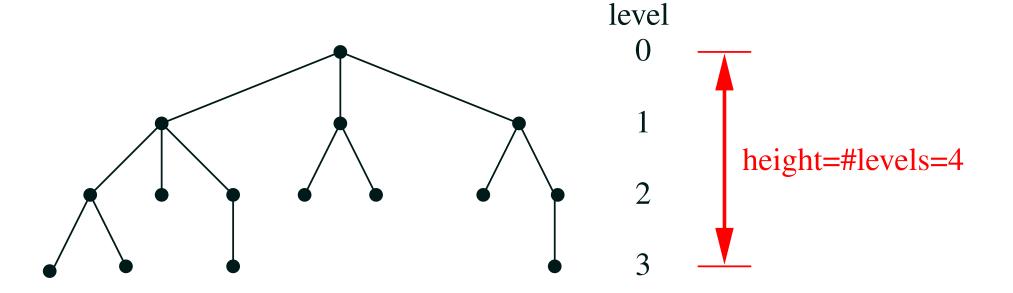
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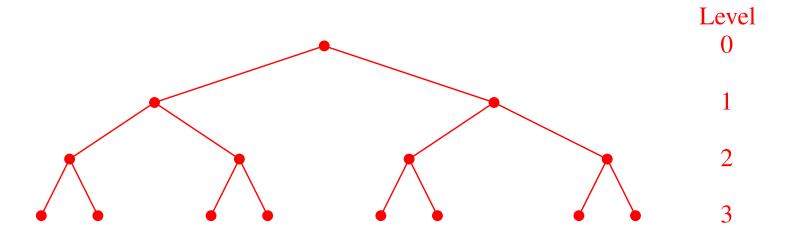
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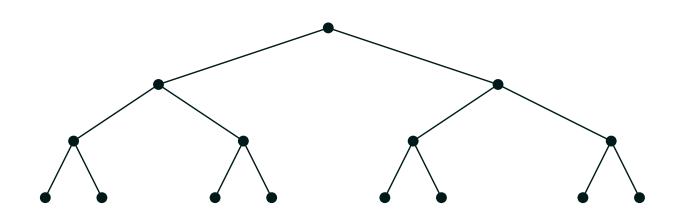
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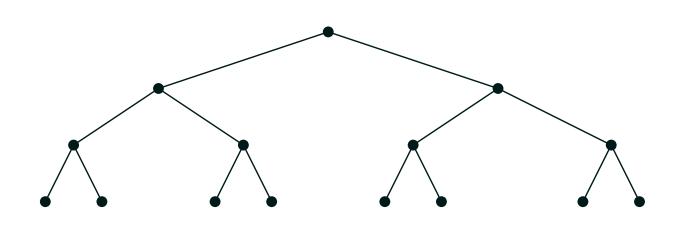


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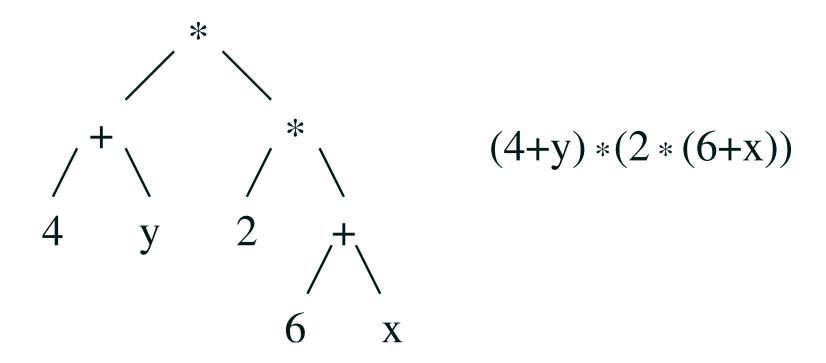
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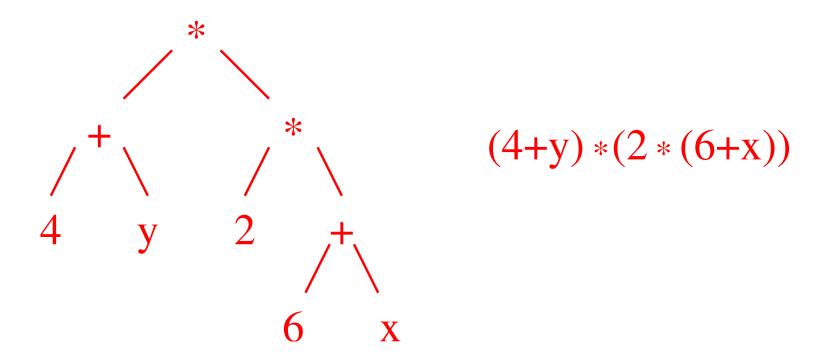
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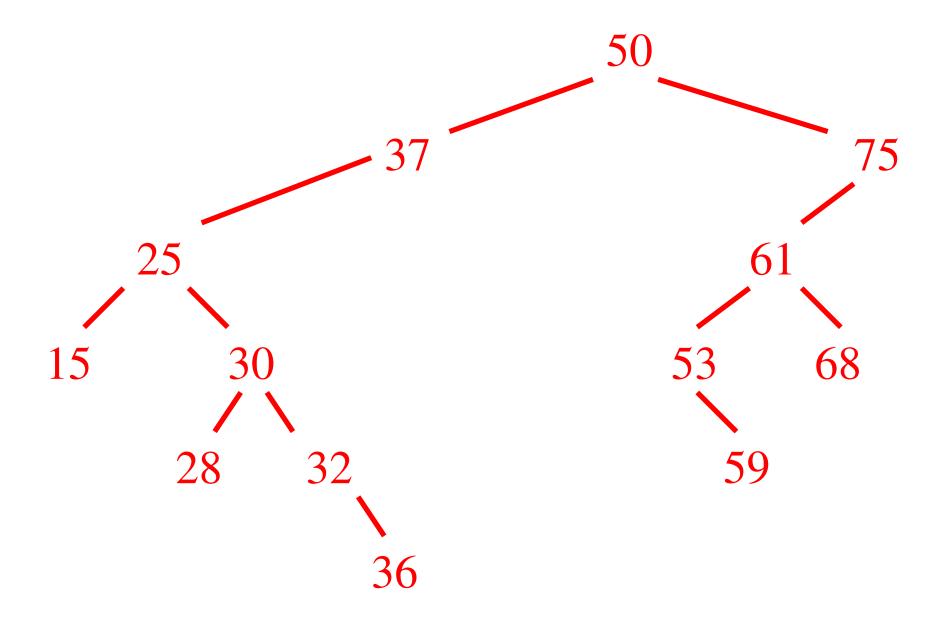
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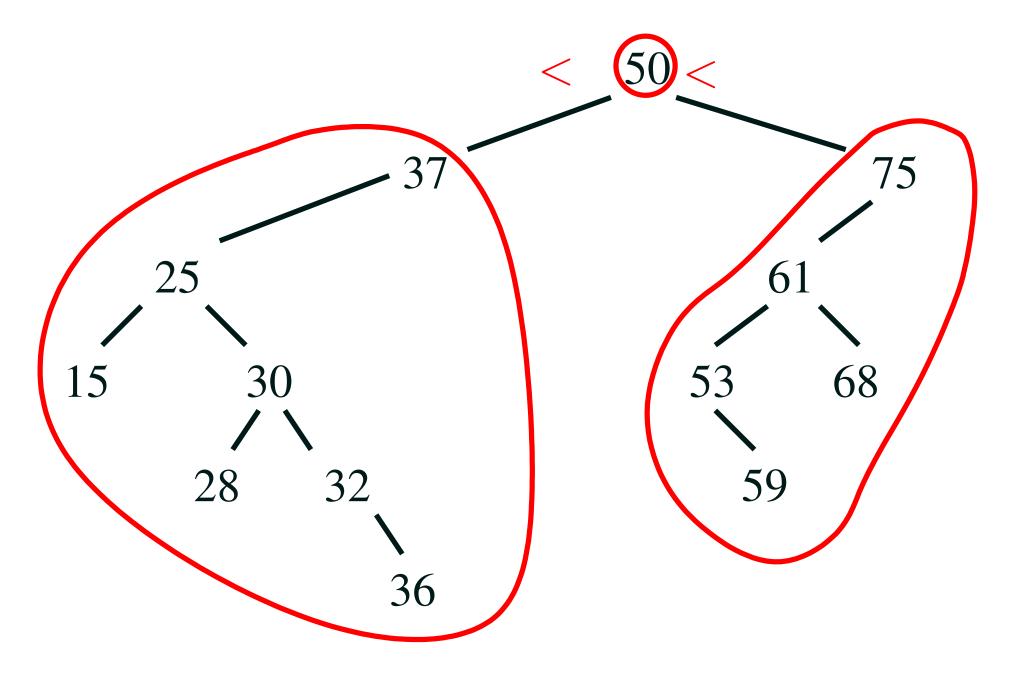
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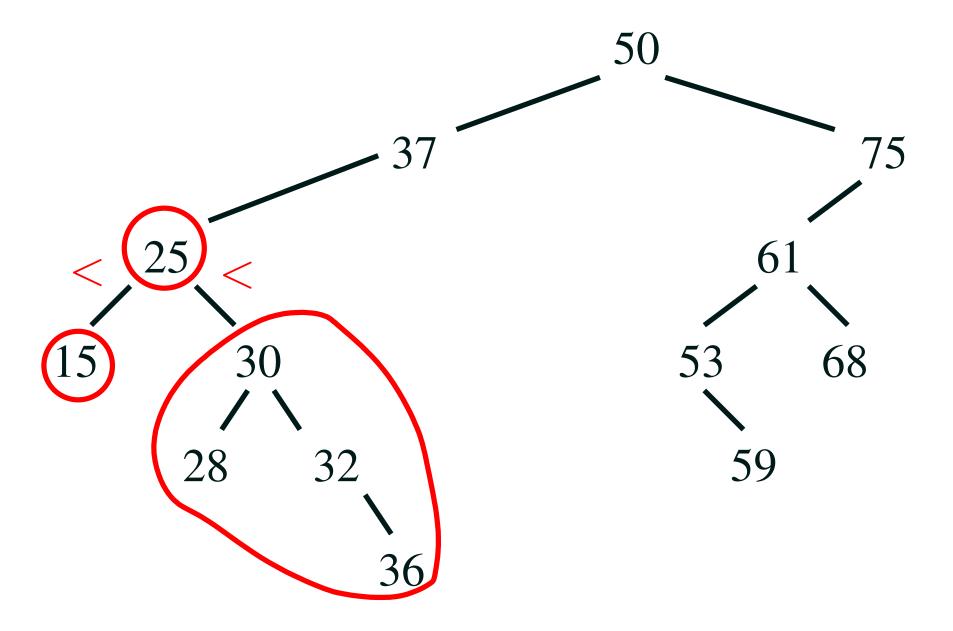
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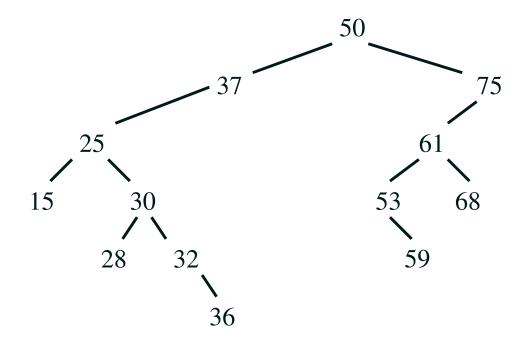
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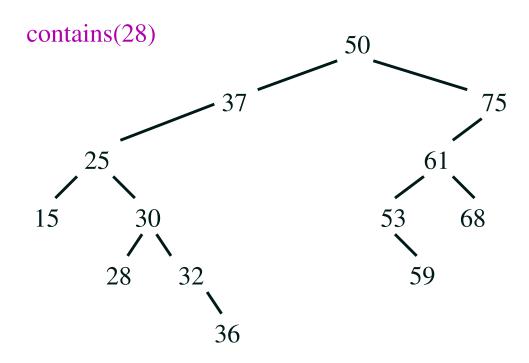
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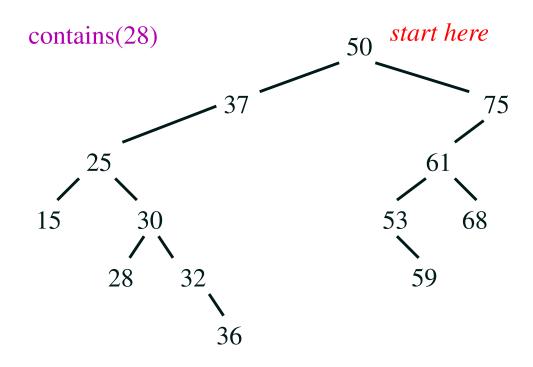
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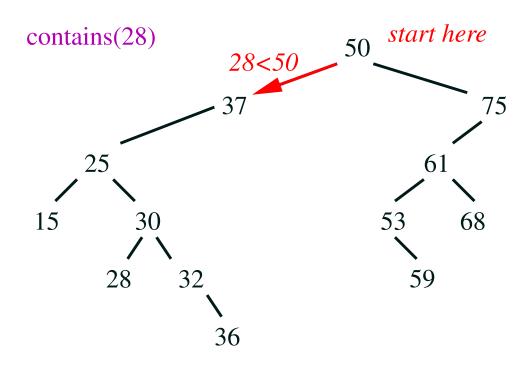
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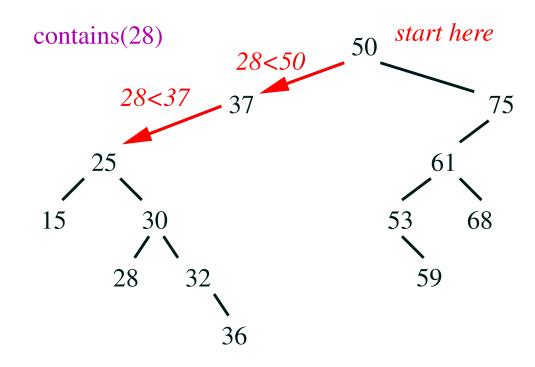
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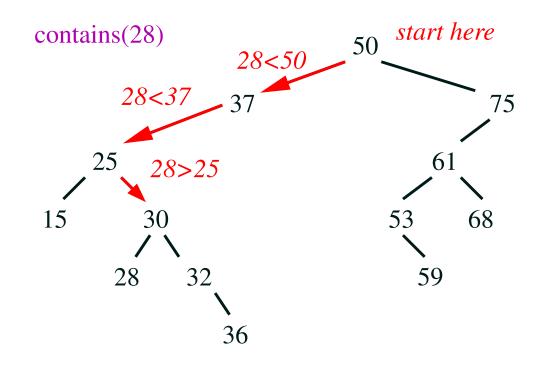
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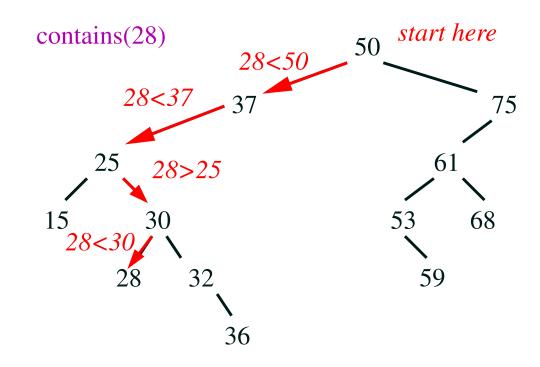
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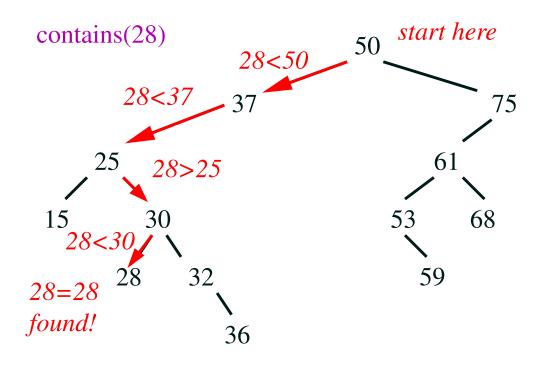
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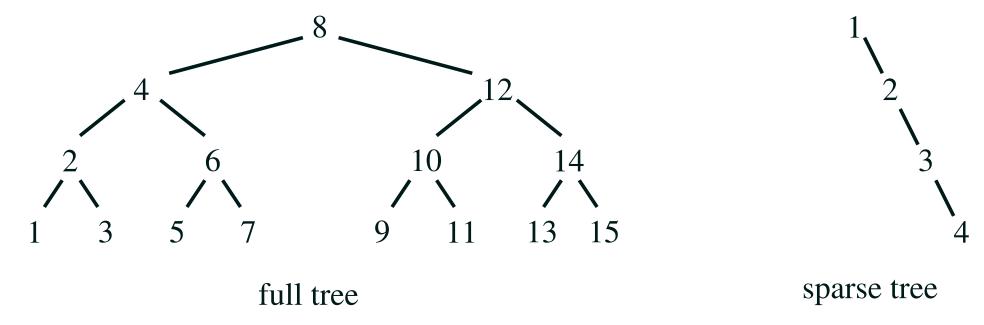
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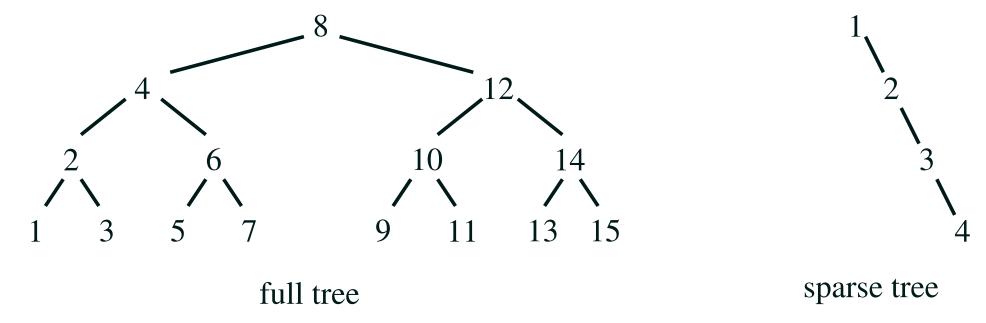
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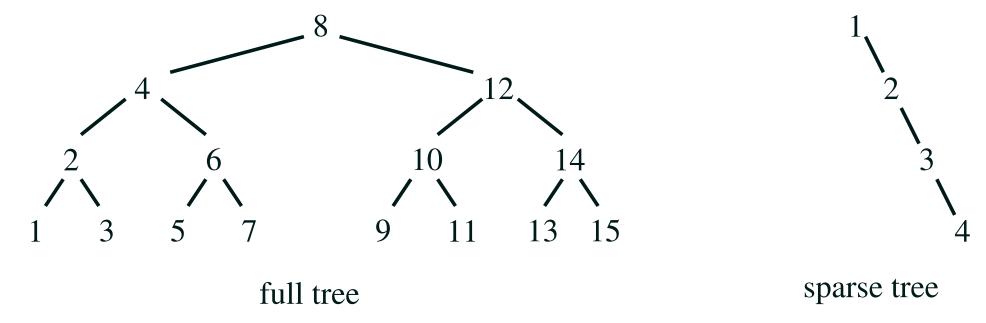
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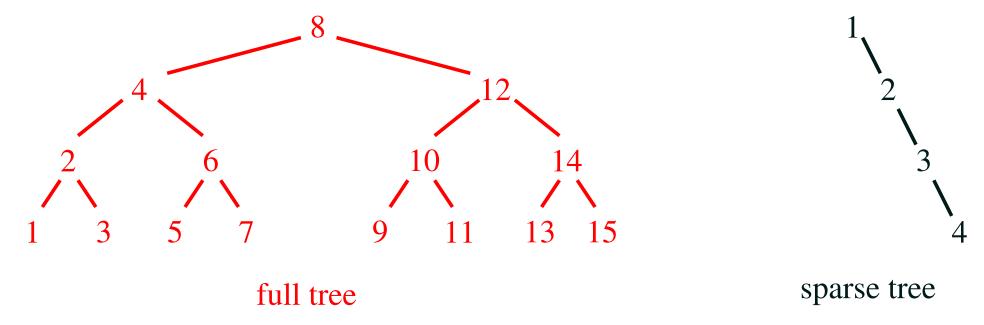
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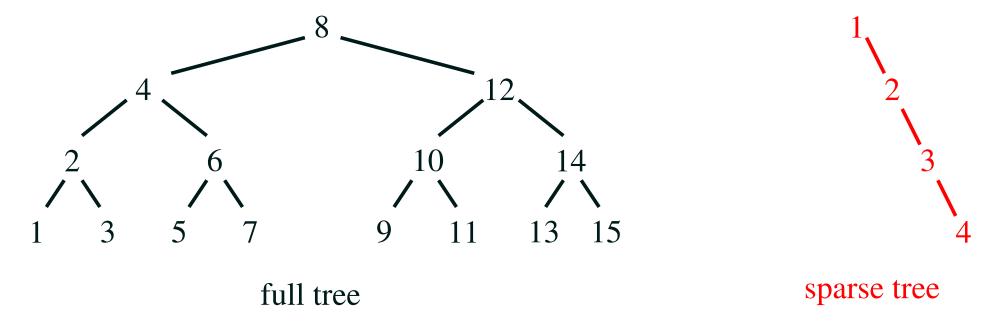
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 - ★ begin() and end()

Fitting In

- The standard template library provides a class std:set<T>
- This contains many functions like

```
* Constructors

* size()

* insert(To)

* find(Objecto)

* erase(Object o)

* begin() and end()
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Find an Element

One of the core operations of a binary tree is to find a node

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  if (current->element == element) {
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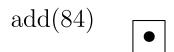
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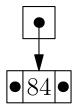
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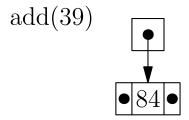
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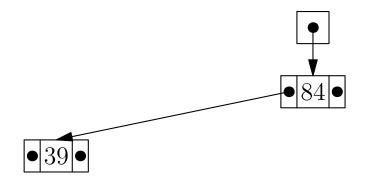
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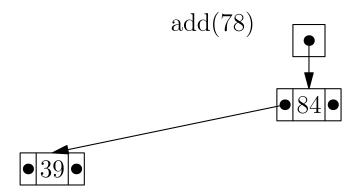
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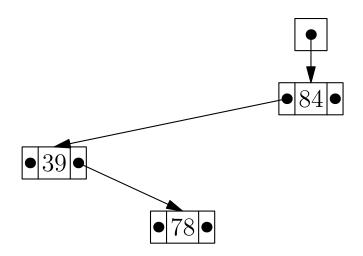


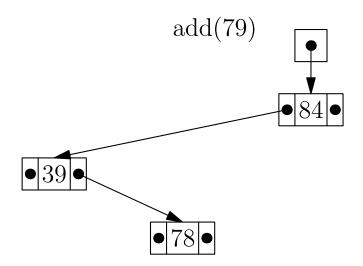


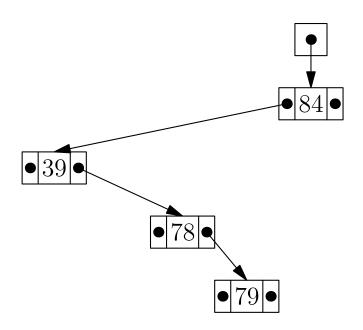


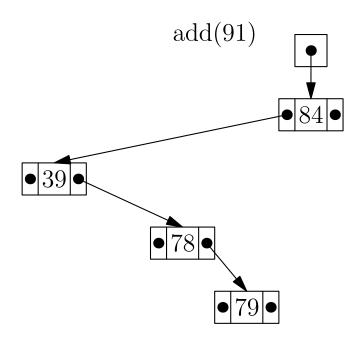


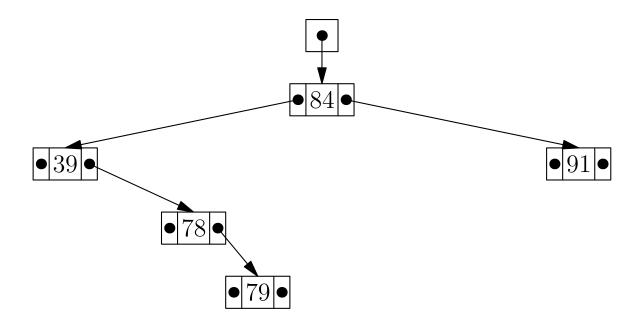


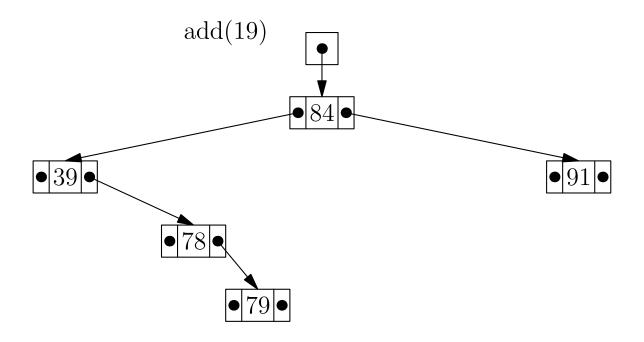


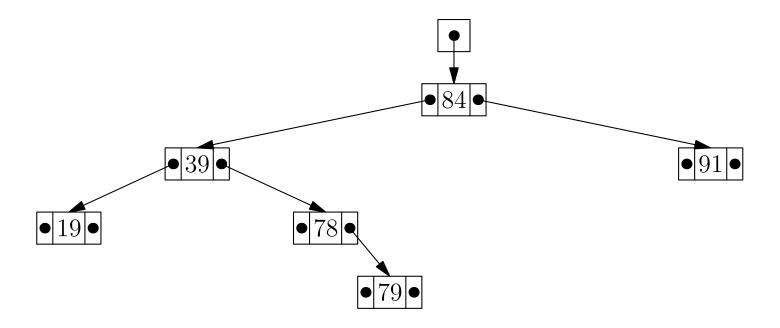


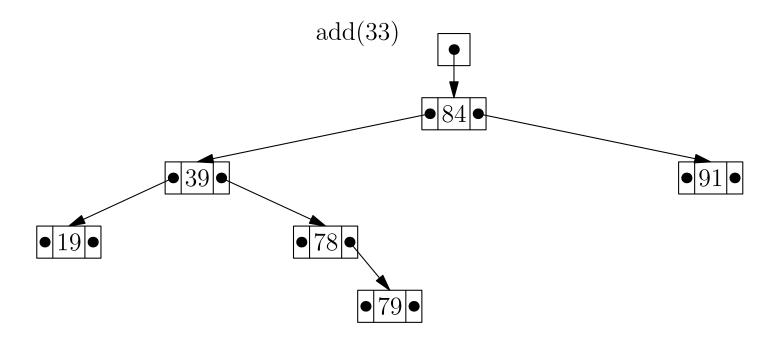


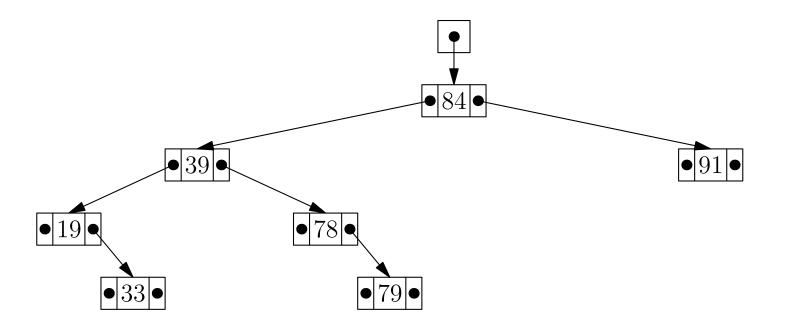


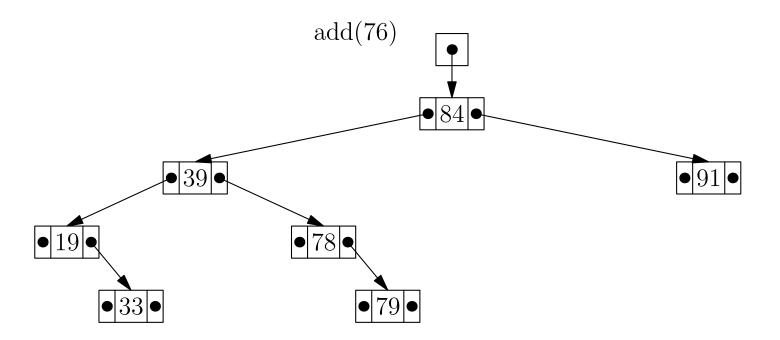


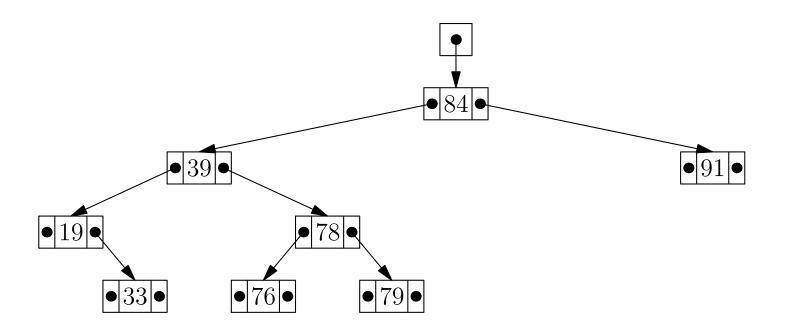


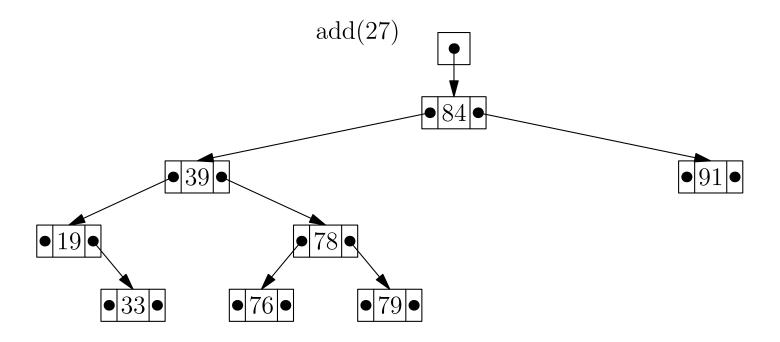


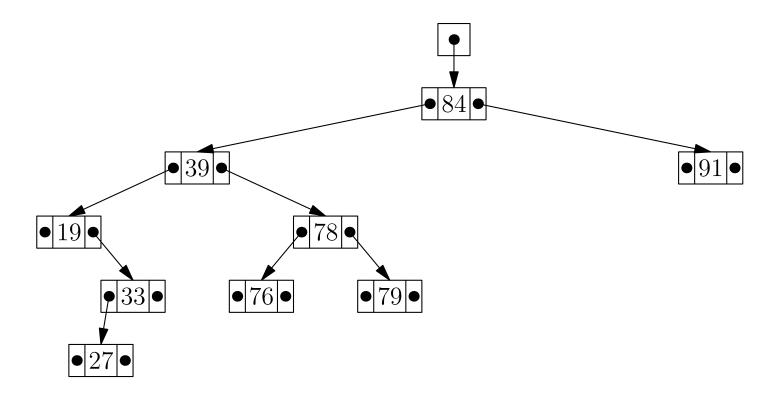


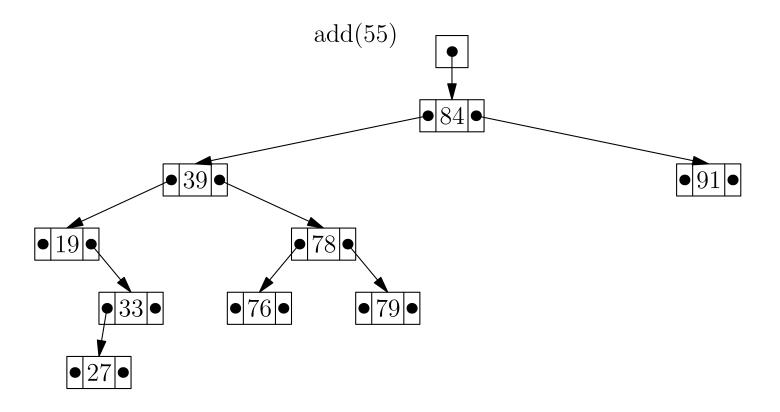


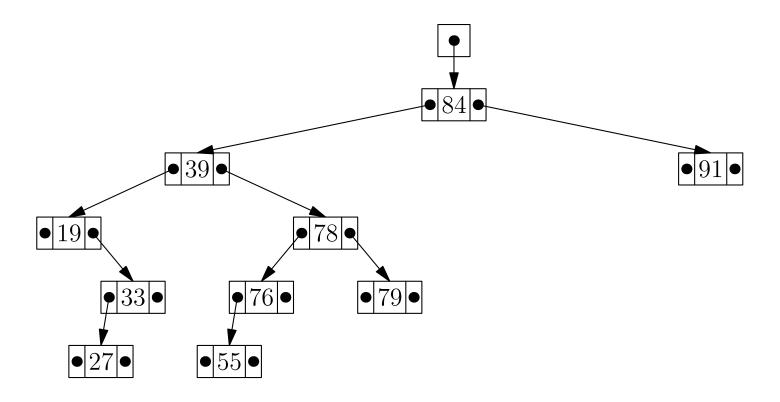












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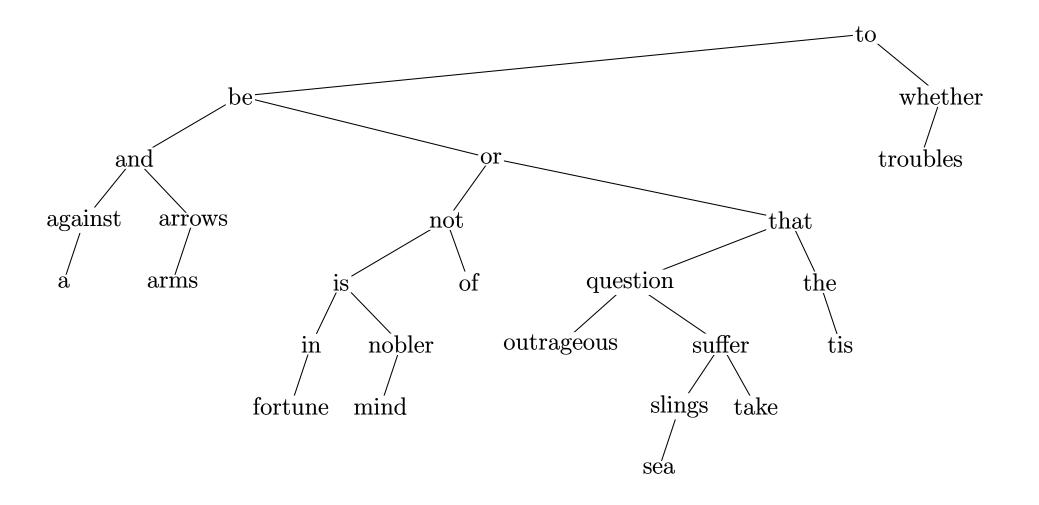
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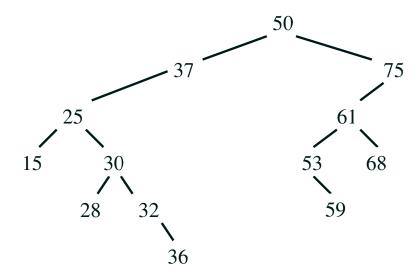
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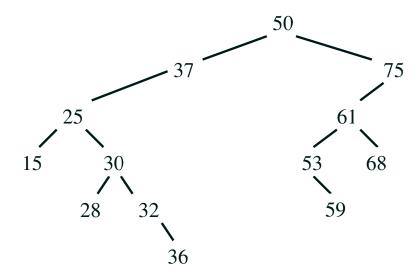
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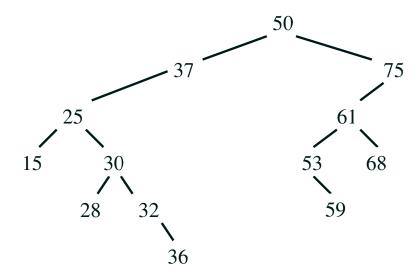
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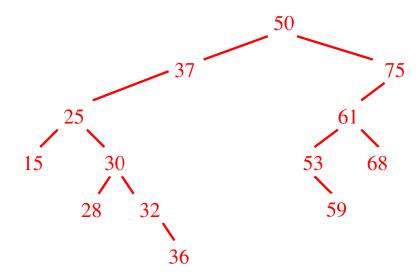
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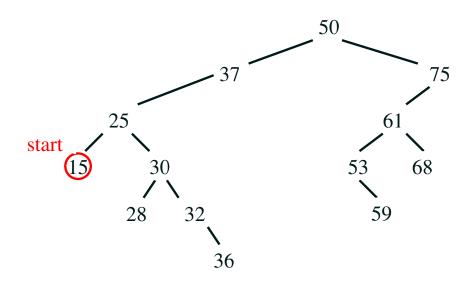
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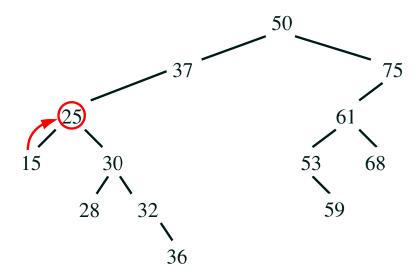
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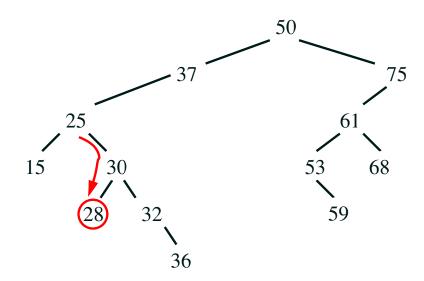
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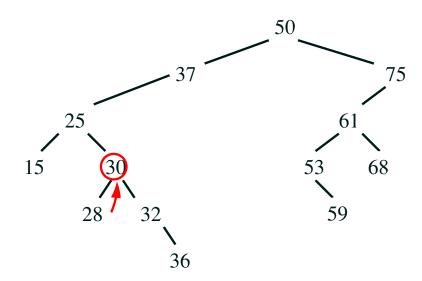
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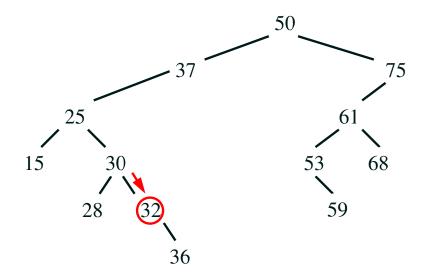
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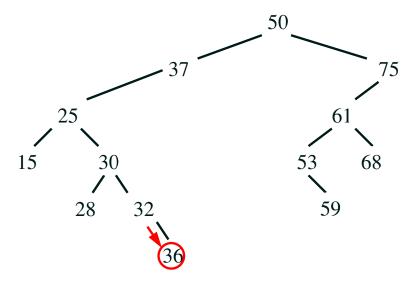
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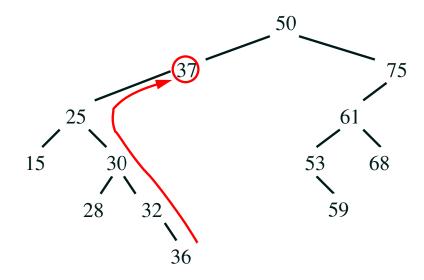


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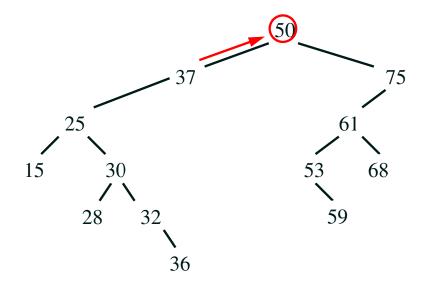


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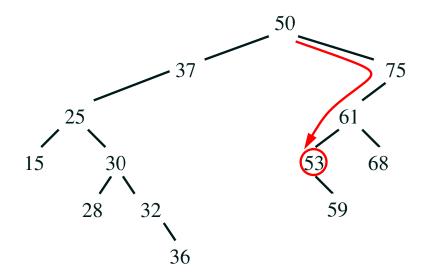
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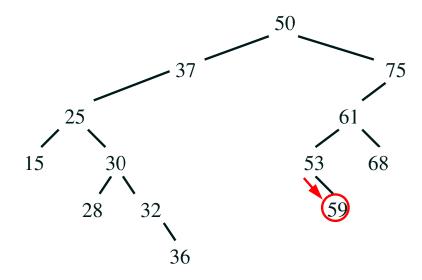
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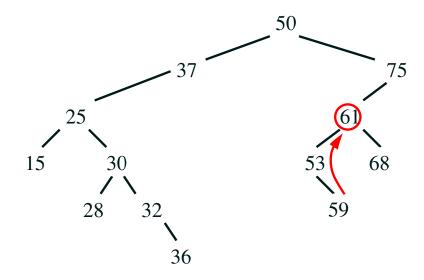
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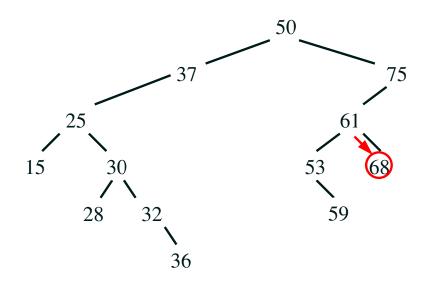


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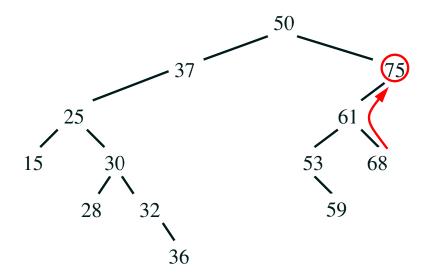
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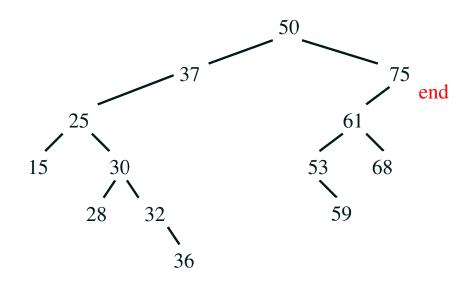


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