

# Binomial Heaps

Ch. 9.3

# Leftist vs. Binomial heaps

- Time complexity for different operations

	Leftist trees	Binomial heaps	
		Actual	Amortized
Insert	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$
Delete min (or max)	$O(\log n)$	$O(n)$	$O(\log n)$
Meld	$O(\log n)$	$O(1)$	$O(1)$

# Toy example of amortization

- Performing a sequence of insert and delete-min operations:

I1, I2, D1, I3, I4, I5, I6, D2, I7

Actual cost of each insertion: 1

Actual cost of D1: 8

Actual cost of D2: 10

Total cost: 25

- Cost transferring (amortization) scheme:

Transfer one unit of cost of a delete-min to the prior insertions.

	I1	I2	D1	I3	I4	I5	I6	D2	I7
Actual	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	10	1
Amortized	1 +1	1 +1	8 -2	1 +1	1 +1	1 +1	1 +1	10 -4	1

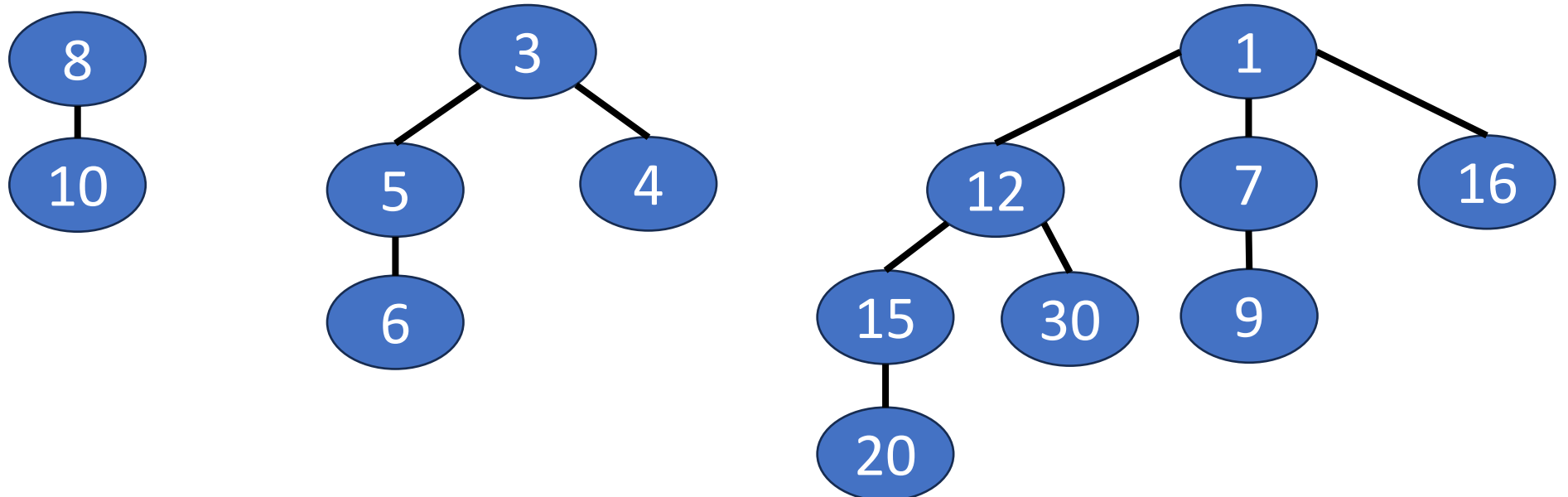
# Amortization

- Sometimes, we care more about the overall time to perform a sequence of operations.
  - The time to perform a single operation is less important.
  - For example: sorting.

# Binomial heaps (B-heap)

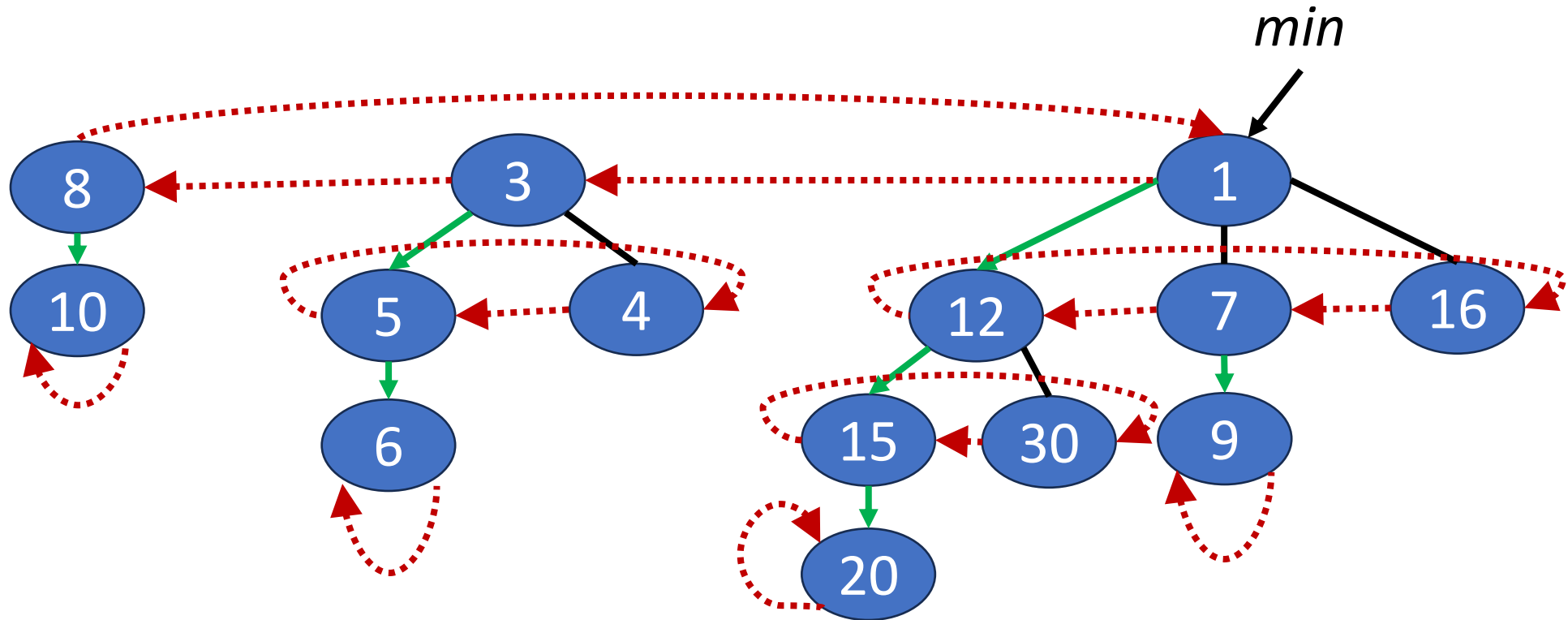
- **Max** binomial heap
    - A collection of **max** trees
  - **Min** binomial heap
    - A collection of **min** trees
- (In this lecture, we will consider **min** binomial heaps only.)

Example: A B-heap with 3 min trees.



# Binomial heap representation

- All roots of min trees form a **circular linked list**.
  - All the children of a node form a **circular linked list**.
- {10}, {6}, {5,4}, {20}, {15,30}, {9}, {12,7,16}, {8,3,1}
- *min*: pointer to the B-heap.



# Node structure

- Child

- Pointer to one of the node's children.
- Null iff node has no child.

- Link

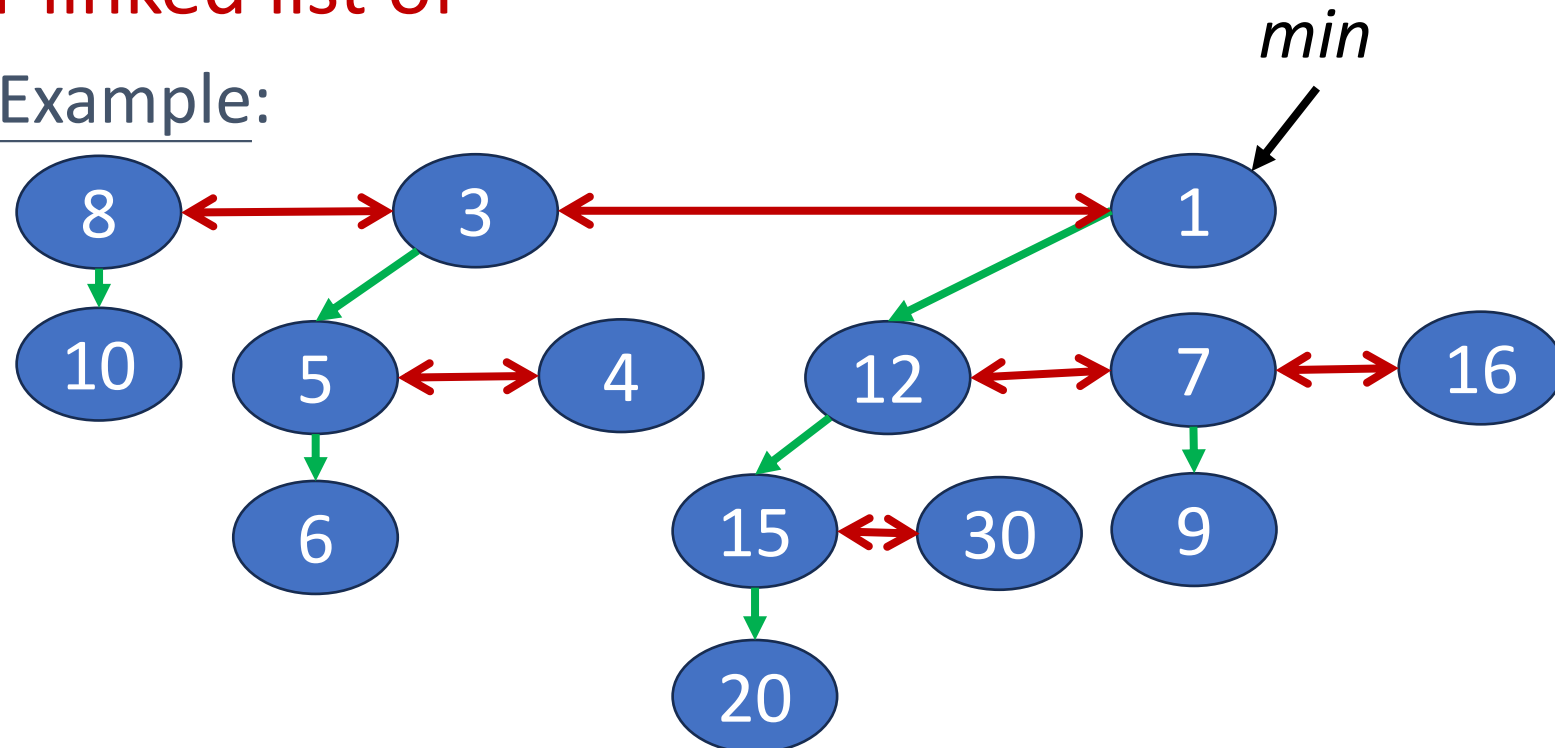
- Used for singly circular linked list of siblings.

- Degree

- Number of children.

- Data

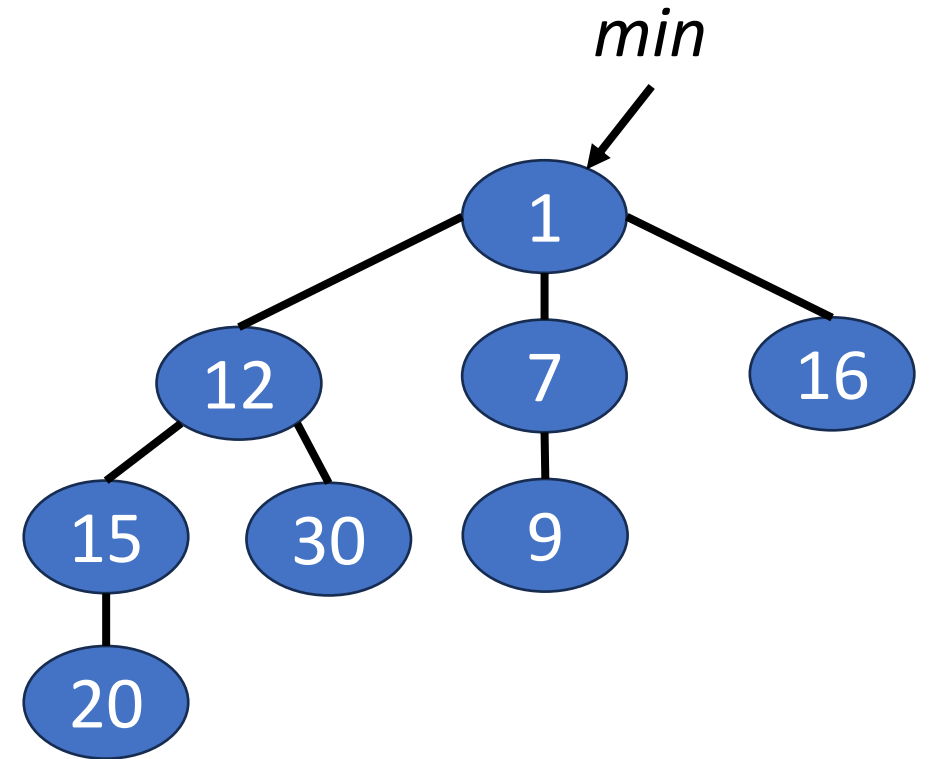
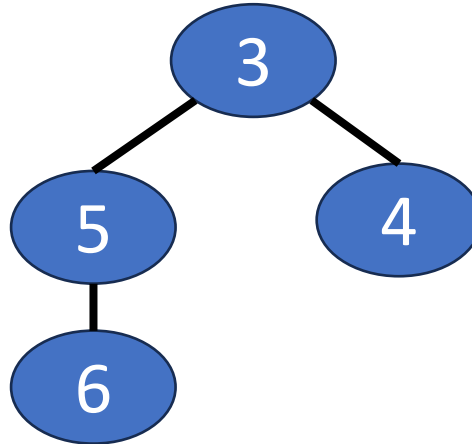
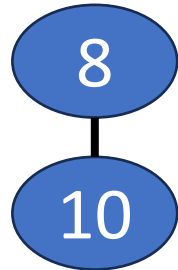
Example:



# Operation: Insertion

- Add a new single-node min tree to the collection.
- Update min-element pointer if necessary.

Example: Insert **10**

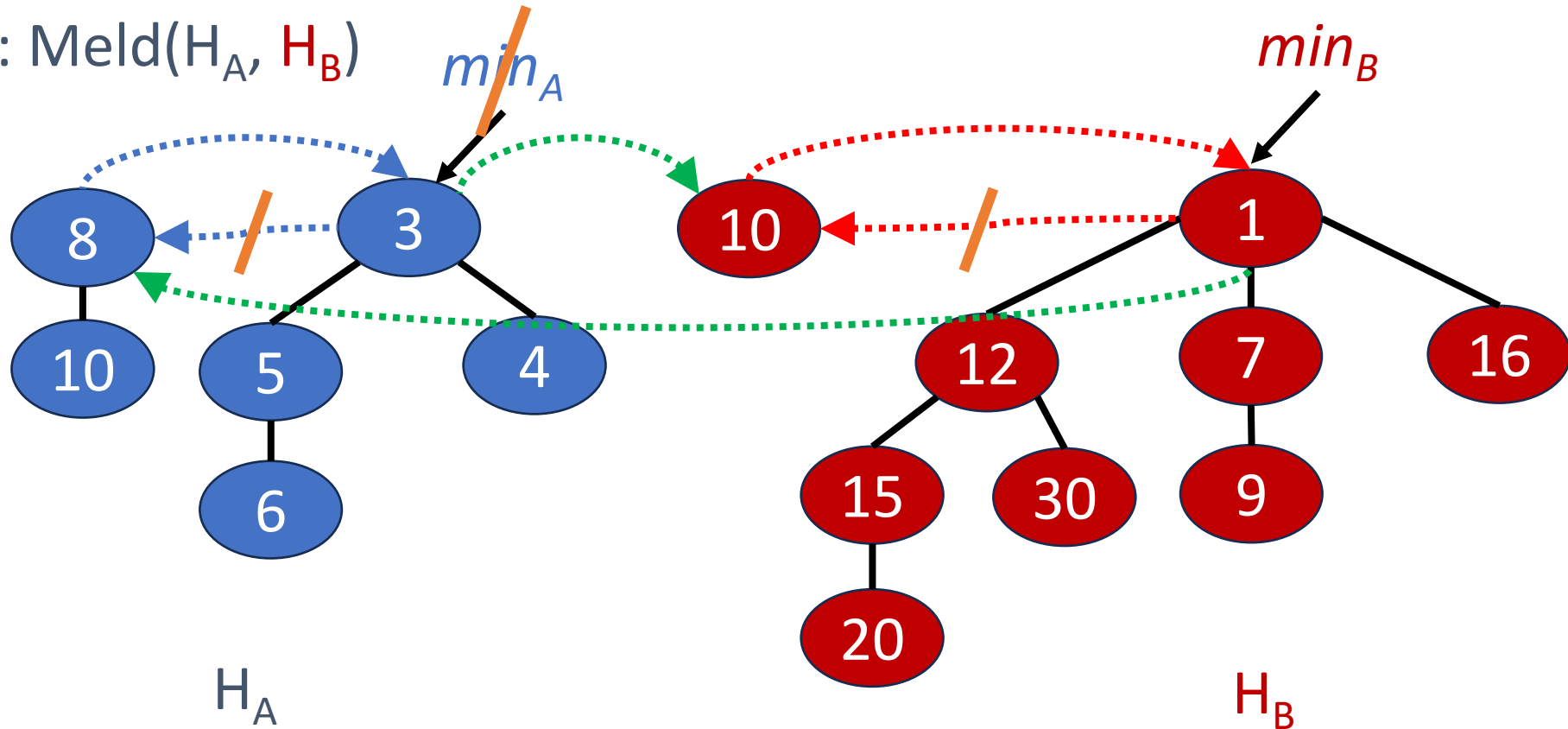




# Operation: Meld

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- Keep only the min pointer having the smaller key

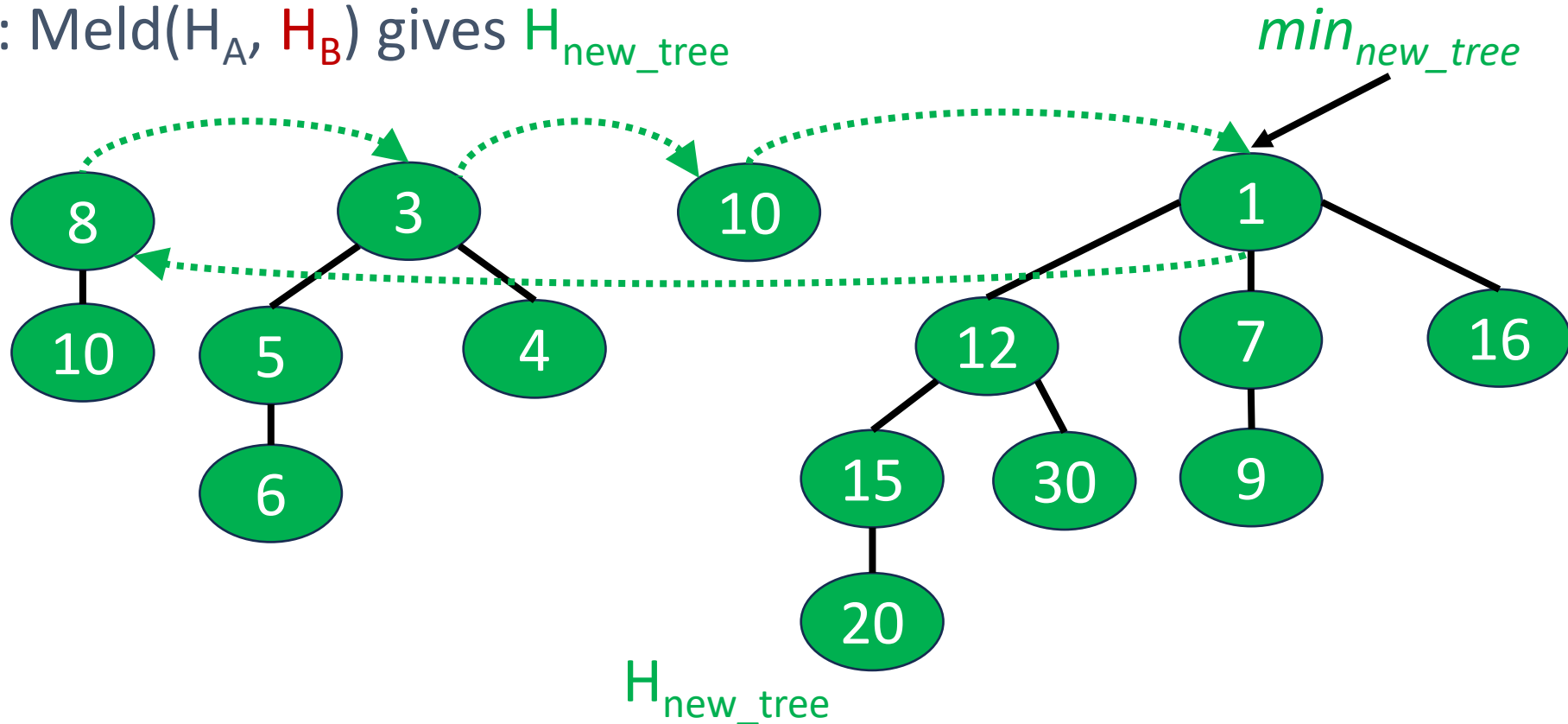
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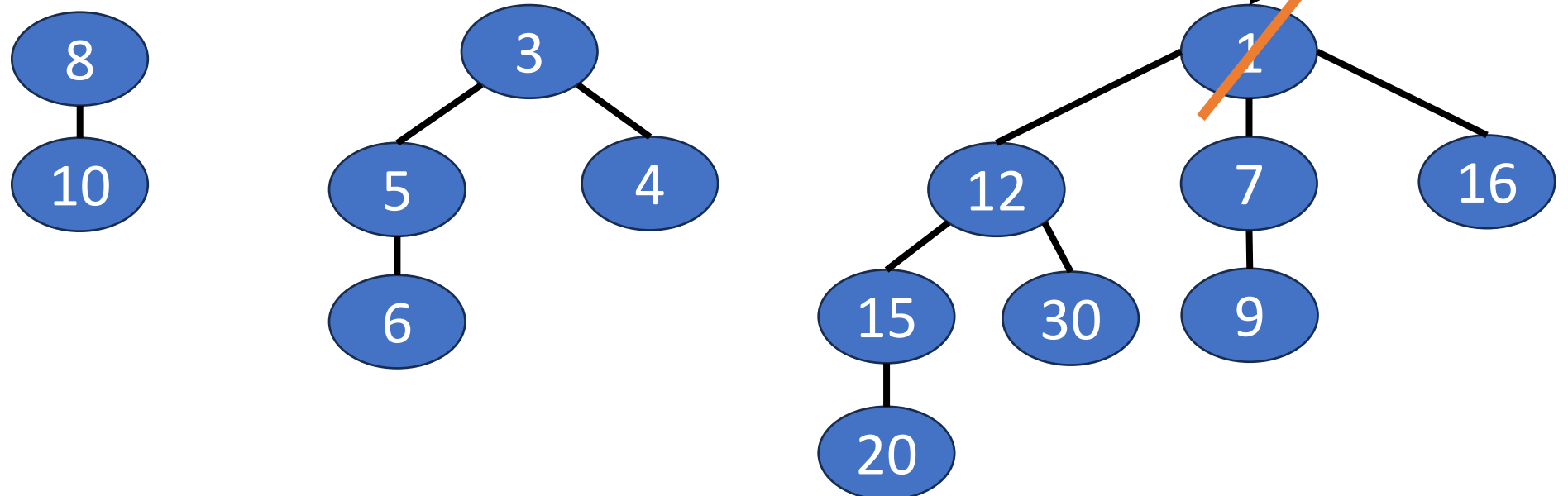
Example:  $\text{Meld}(H_A, H_B)$  gives  $H_{\text{new\_tree}}$



# Operation: Delete-min

- If min is 0, the B-heap is empty. → Cannot perform deletion.
- If min points to a node, the B-heap is not empty.
  - 1) Remove the node pointed by min.
  - 2) Reinsert subtrees of the removed node.
  - 3) Update the pointer min.

Example:

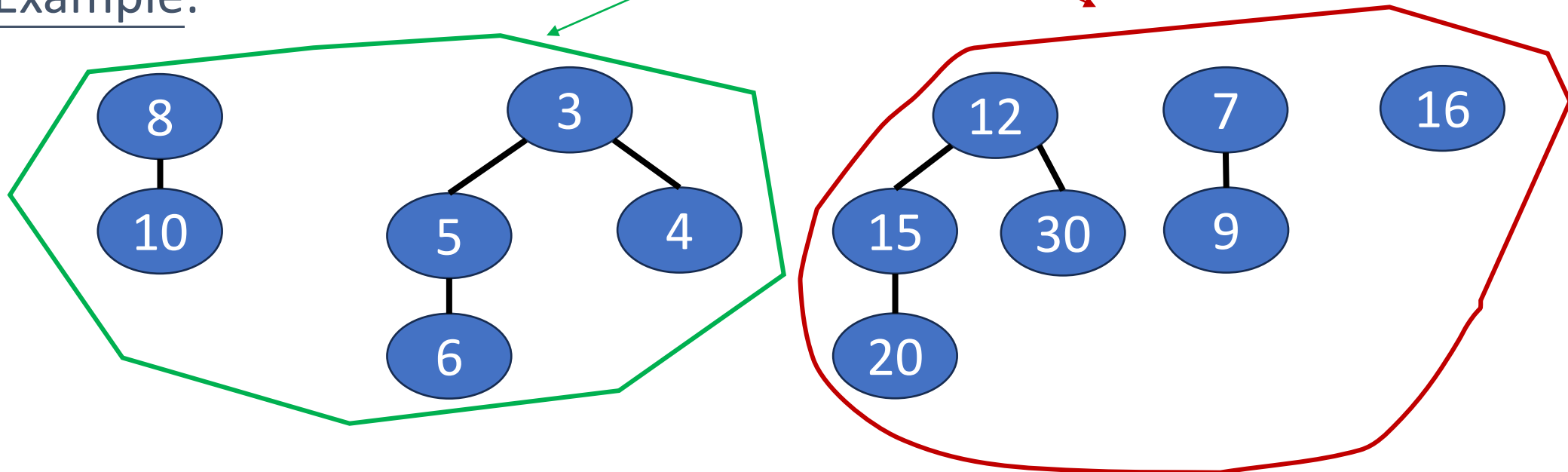


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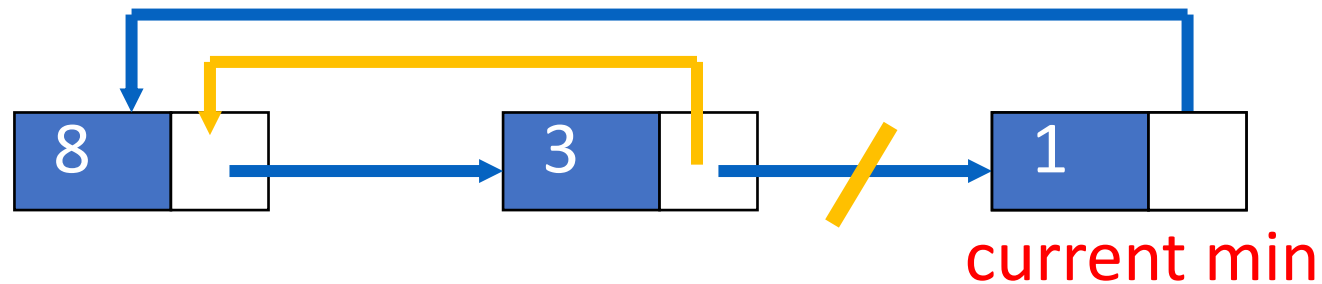
➔ New B-heap consists of the **remaining min trees** and the **sub-min tree of the deleted node**.

Example:



# Remove min node from B-heap

- Delete the min node from its circular list.
- Same as removing a node from a circular list.



- If no next node ➔ The list is empty after remove min node.

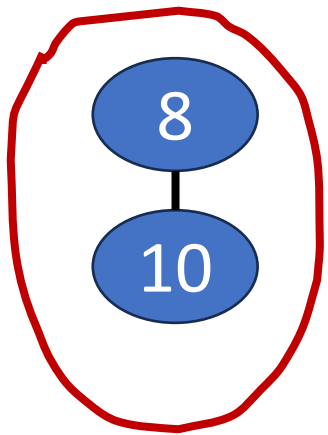
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## 2) Min-tree joining.

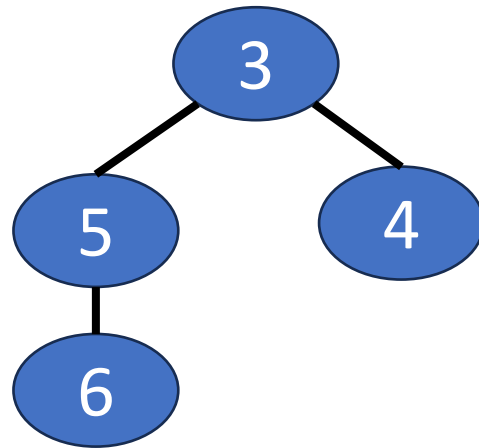
- Pairs of min trees having the same degree must be joined.

The degree of a min tree is the degree of its root.

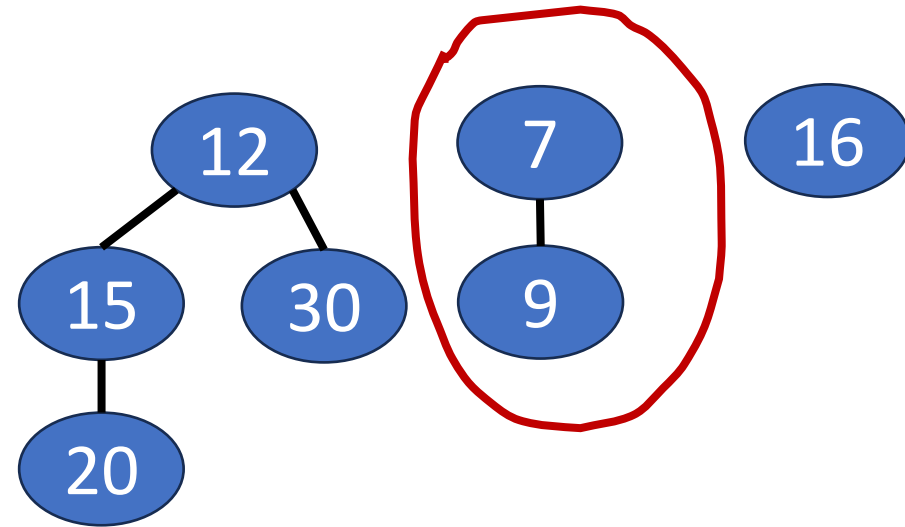
Example:



Degree = 1



Degree = 2



Degree = 2

Degree = 1

Degree = 0

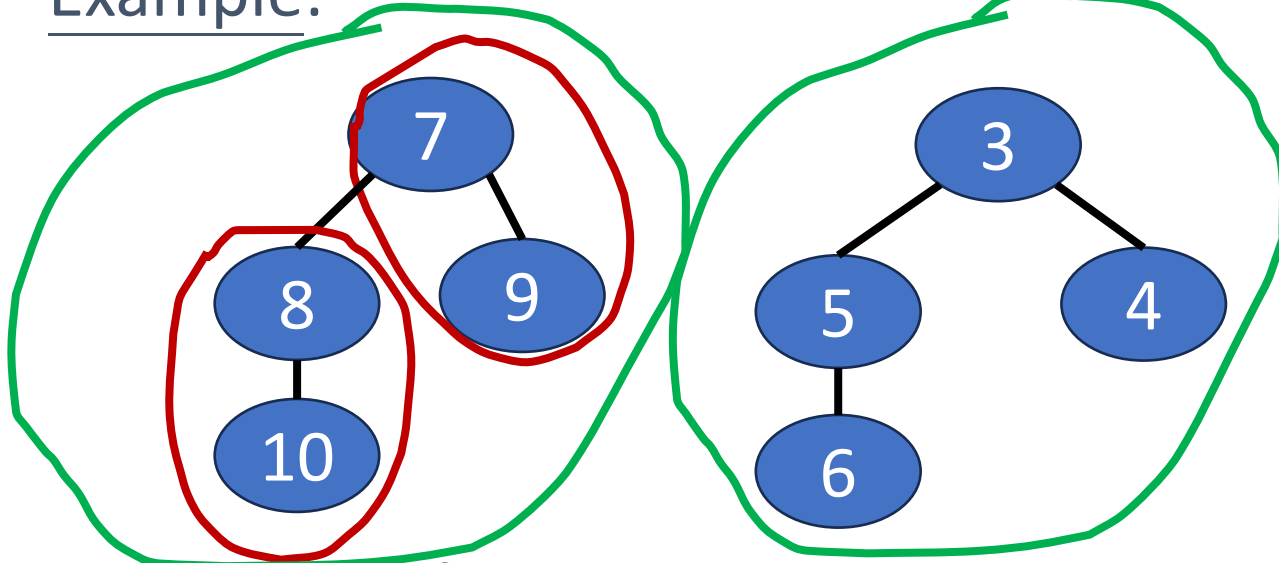
# Operation: Delete-min

## 2) Min-tree joining.

- Pairs of min trees having the same degree must be joined.
- The min tree (root has a larger key) becomes a subtree of the min tree (root has a smaller key). **To maintain property of min tree.**

Example:

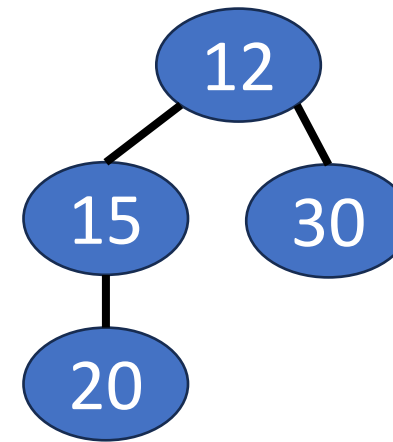
Find a pair of degree-three min trees



Degree = 2

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Joining a pair of  
degree-one min trees



Degree = 2



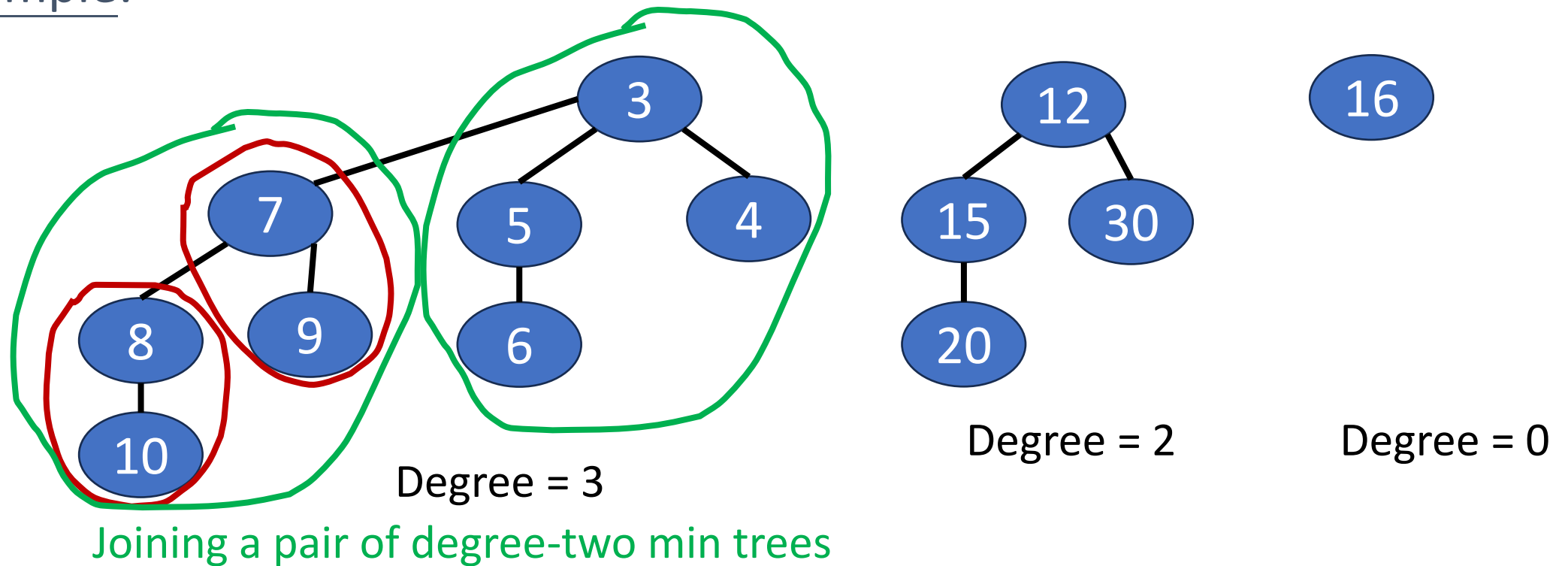
Degree = 0

# Operation: Delete-min

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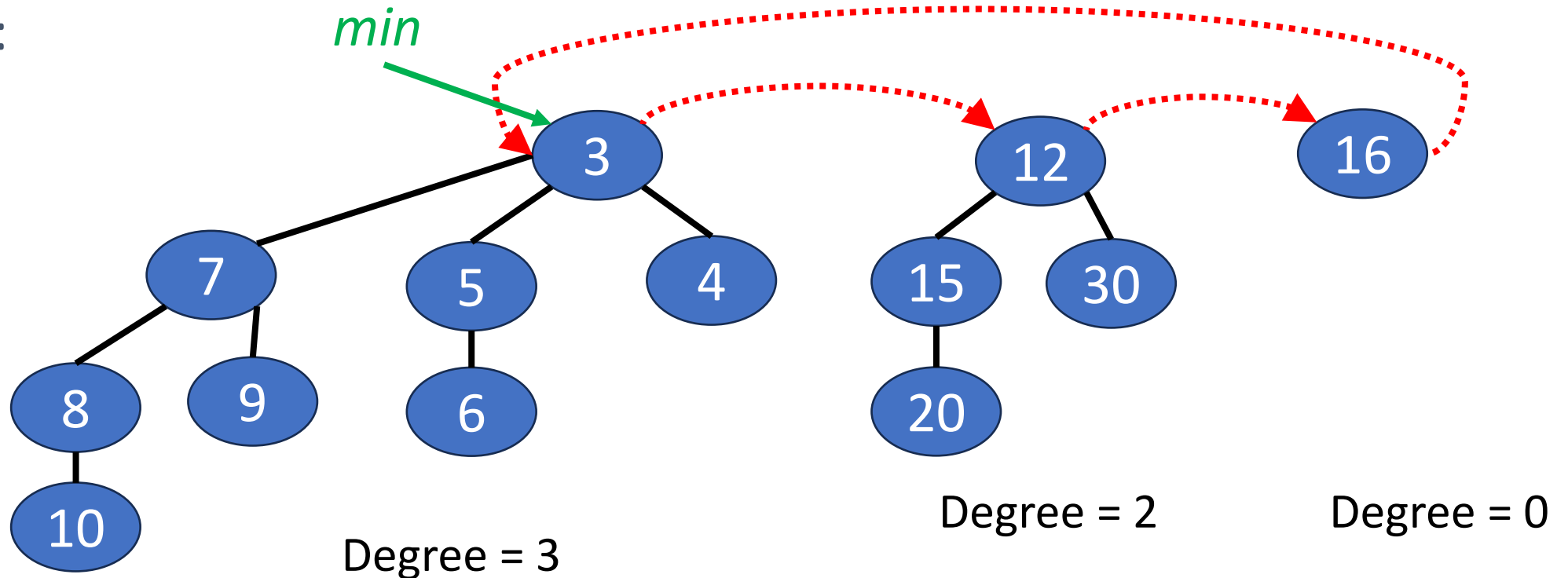


# Operation: Delete-min

See programs 9.3 and 9.4 in textbook for more details.

- 3) Form **min-tree root list** and update **min pointer**.
- Link roots of the remaining min-trees together using linked circular list.
  - Set min to point to the root with minimum key.

Example:



# Importance of circular lists in B-heaps

- Reinsert sub-trees due to removal of min
  - Deleting *min* node results in several sub-min trees.
  - With the circular list, those sub-min trees can be visited.
- Find *min* node
  - Searching the top-level circular list.
- Meld two binomial heaps
  - Melding the top-level circular lists of the two B-heaps.

# Complexity of Delete-min

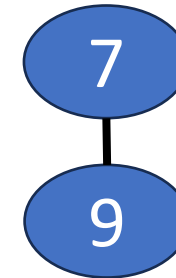
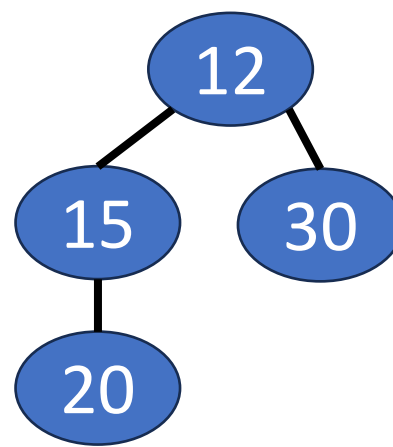
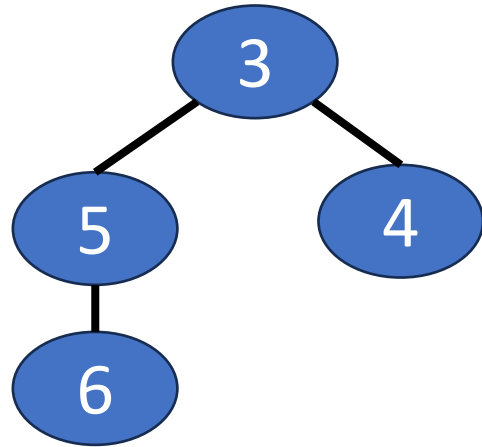
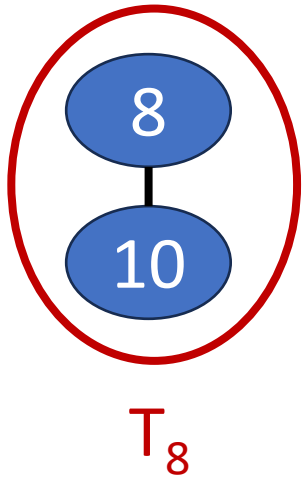
- 1) Remove the node pointed by min.
  - $O(1)$
- 2) Min-tree joining.
  - $O(s)$ , where  $s$  is the number of min trees.
  - $s = O(n)$ , since there may be several one-node subtrees.
- 3) Form min-tree root list and update min pointer.
  - The final number of min trees  $\leq s$ .

Overall complexity of delete-min is  $O(n)$ .

# Pairwise combine

- Can be implemented using an array *tree* to keep track of trees by degree.

Example:



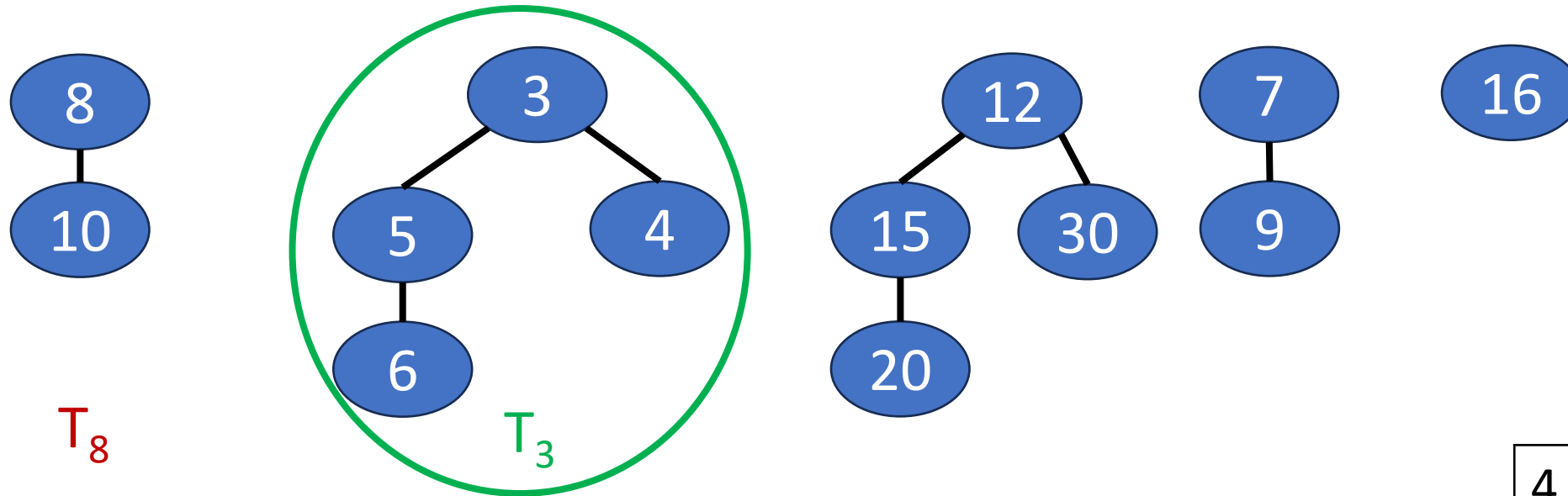
*tree*

4	
3	
2	
1	$T_8$
0	

Visiting the min trees following the top-level circular list.  
Recording the degree of visited min trees.

# Pairwise combine

Example:



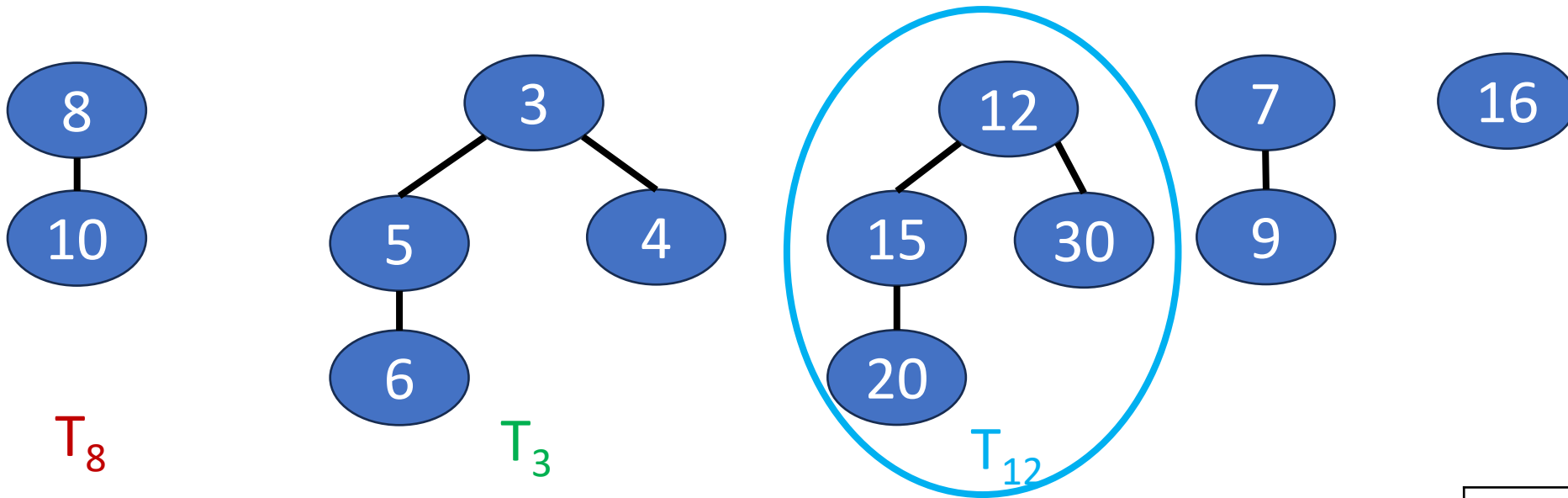
Visiting the next min tree.  
Recording the degree of visited min trees.

*tree*

4	
3	
2	$T_3$
1	$T_8$
0	

# Pairwise combine

Example:



Visiting the next min tree.

Recording the degree of visited min trees.

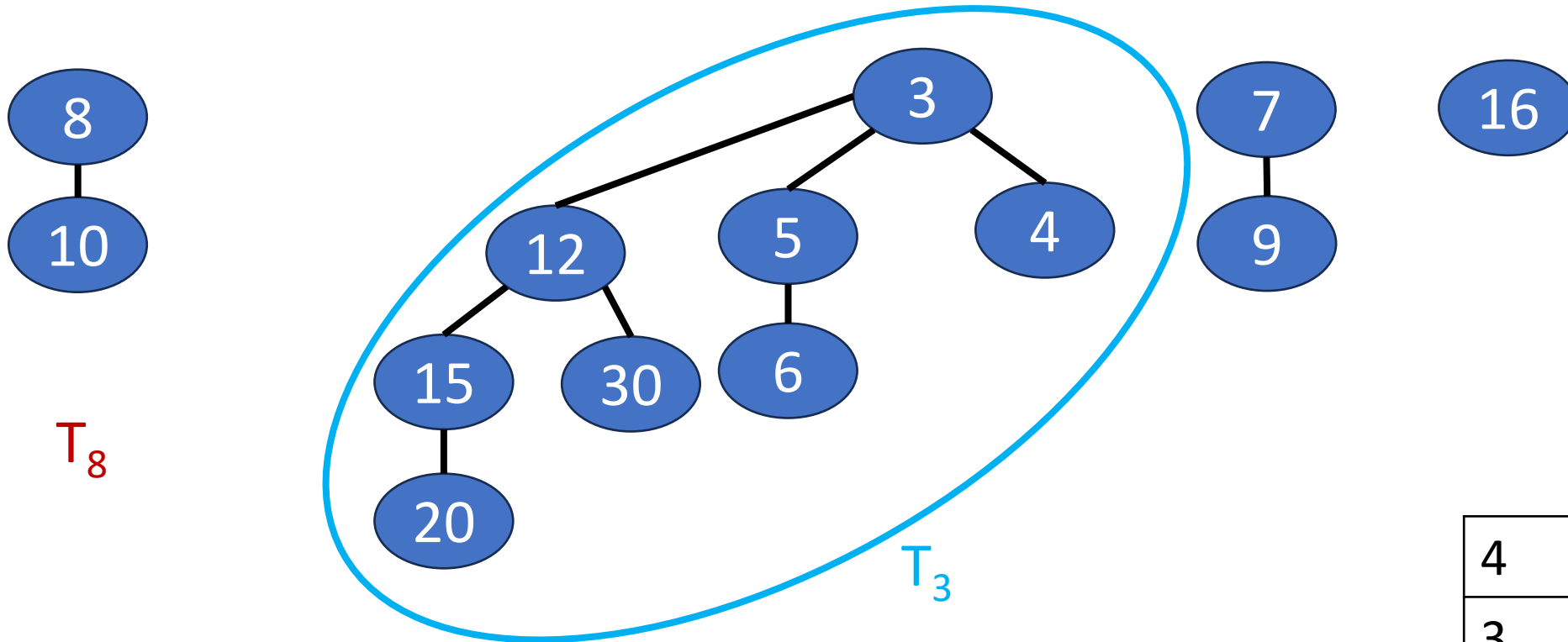
Finding another min tree  $T_3$  having same degree. → Meld them.

*tree*

4	
3	
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0	

# Pairwise combine

Example:



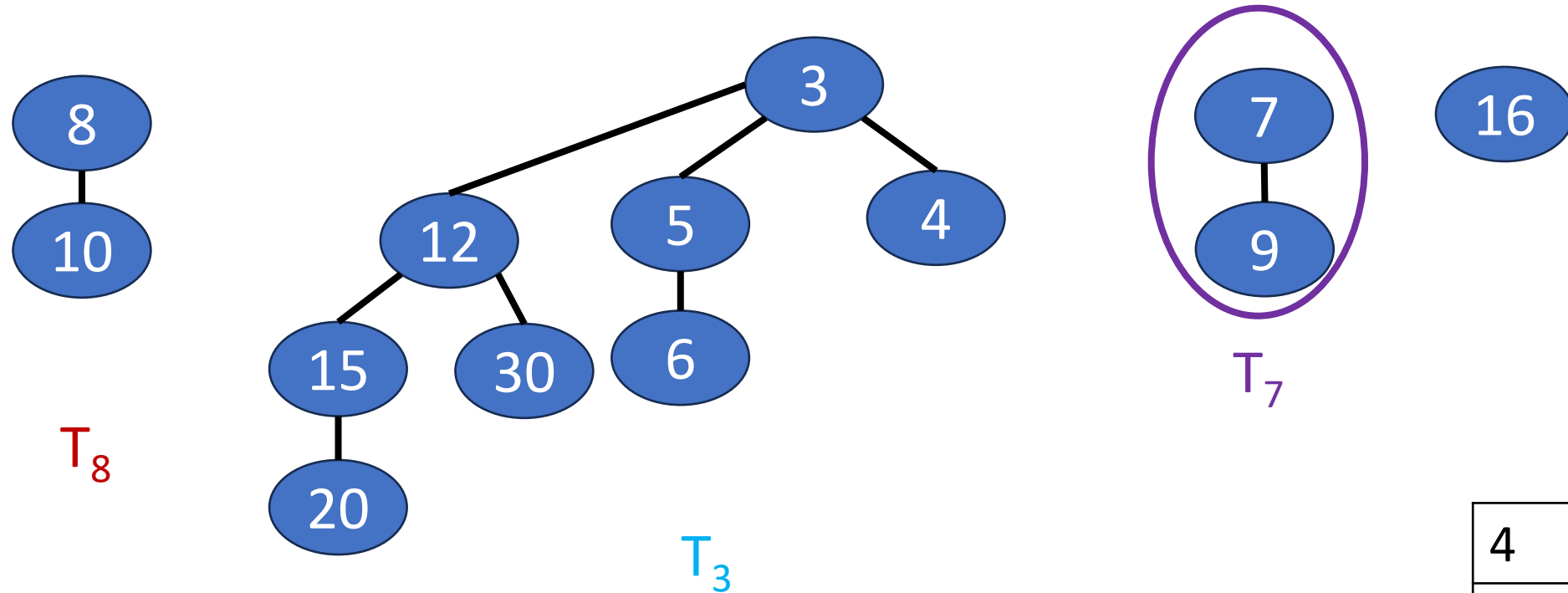
*tree*

4	
3	$T_3$
2	
1	$T_8$
0	

Recording the degree of new min-tree.

# Pairwise combine

Example:



Visiting the next min tree.

Recording the degree of visited min trees.

Finding another min tree  $T_8$  having same degree.  $\rightarrow$  Meld them.

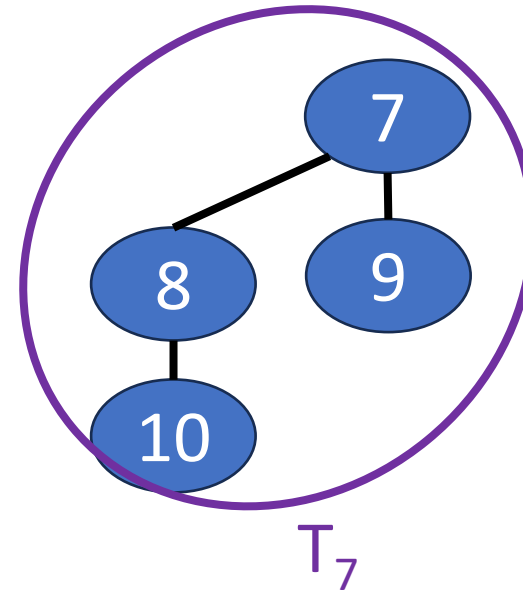
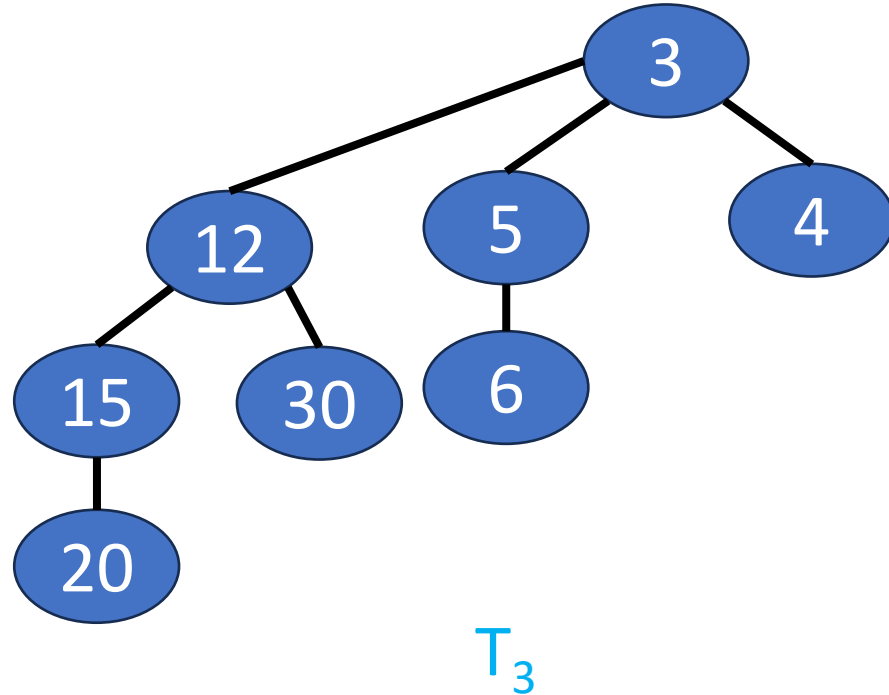
*tree*

4	
3	$T_3$
2	
1	$T_8$
0	



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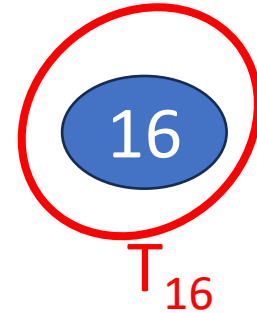
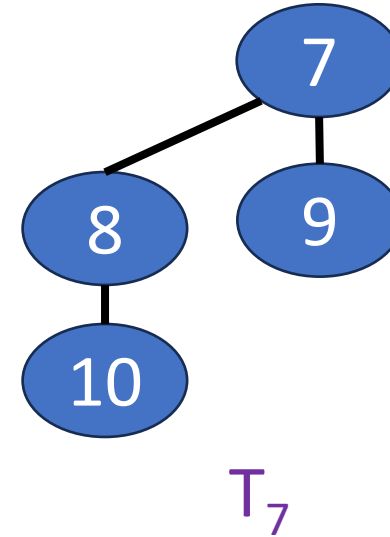
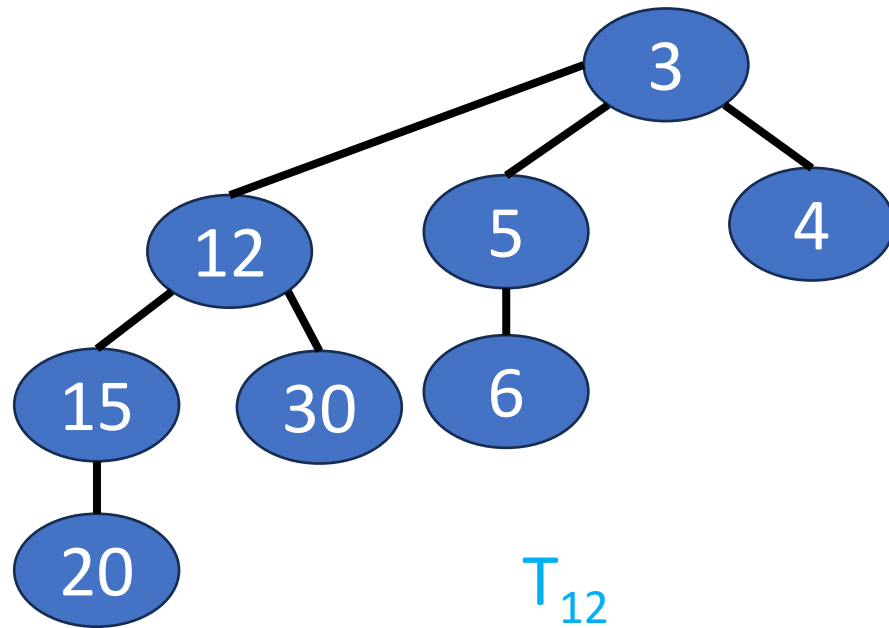
*tree*

4	
3	$T_3$
2	$T_7$
1	
0	

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Example:



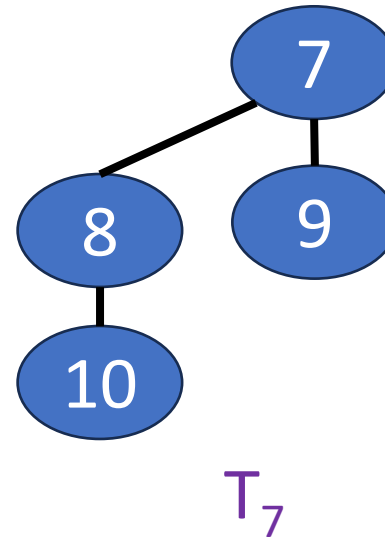
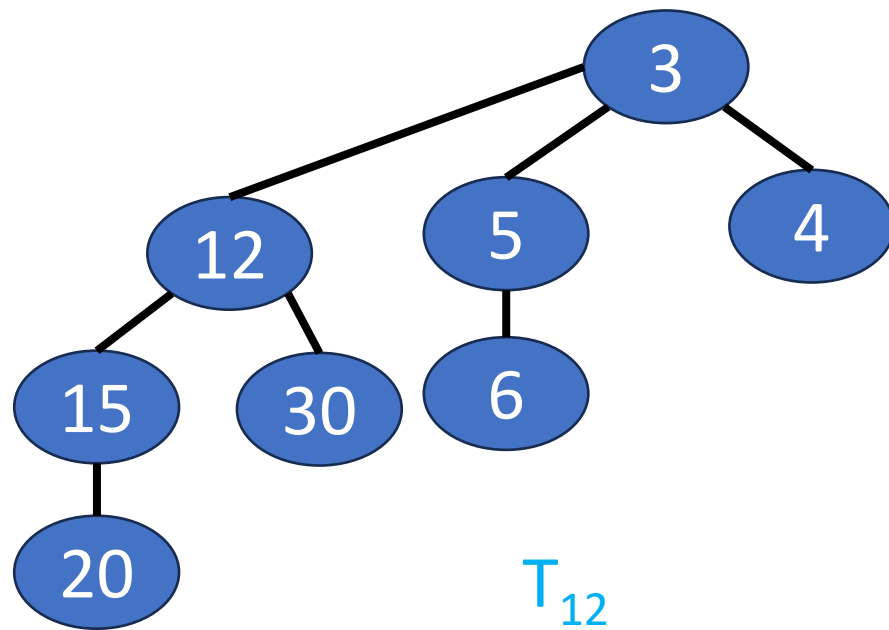
Visiting the next min tree.  
Recording the degree of visited min trees.

*tree*

4	
3	$T_{12}$
2	$T_7$
1	
0	$T_{16}$

# Pairwise combine

Example:



*tree*

4	
3	$T_{12}$
2	$T_7$
1	
0	$T_{16}$

Create circular list of remaining trees in the *tree* table.

# Complexity of Delete-min

## 2) Min-tree joining.

- Create and initialize tree table.
  - $O(\text{MaxDegree})$ .
  - Done once only.
- Examine  $s$  min trees and pairwise combine.
  - $O(s)$ , where  $s$  is the number of min trees.

Number of joins is at most  $s-1$  as each join reduces number of min-trees by 1.

## 3) Form min-tree root list and update min pointer.

- Collect remaining trees from tree table, reset table entries to **null**, and set min pointer.
  - $O(\text{MaxDegree})$ .

Overall complexity of delete-min is  $O(\text{MaxDegree} + s)$ .

# Exercise

- Q7: Into an empty B-heap, insert elements with priorities **20, 10, 5, 18, 6, 12, 14, 4, and 22** (in this order). Each insertion operation includes **min-tree joining (pairwise combine)**. Please write the roots and degrees of min trees in the final B-heap.
- Q8: Delete the min element from the final B-heap of Q7. Please write the roots and degrees of min trees in the resulting B-heap.

Please reply your answers of Q7-Q8 via the following link:



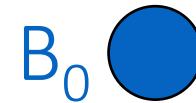
Group members: 1~3 people

# Binomial trees

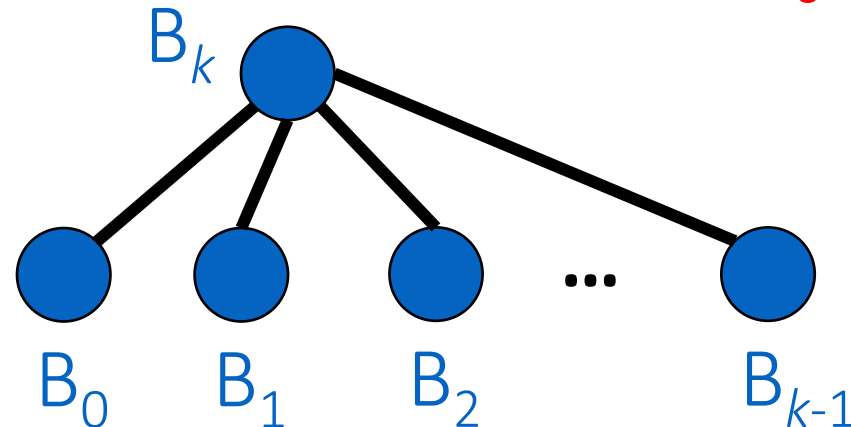
- If performing inserts, melds, and delete-mins only, the min trees in B-heap are **binomial trees**.

- $B_k$  is degree- $k$  binomial tree.

- $k=0$ , the tree has one node.



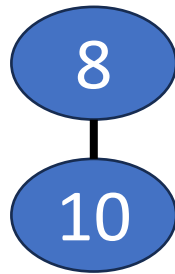
- $k>0$ , root with degree  $k$  and subtrees are  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{k-1}$ .



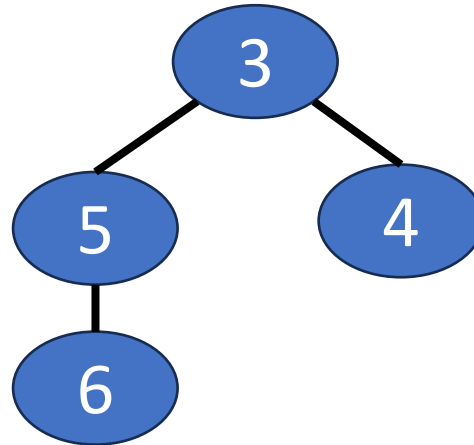
# Example of binomial trees



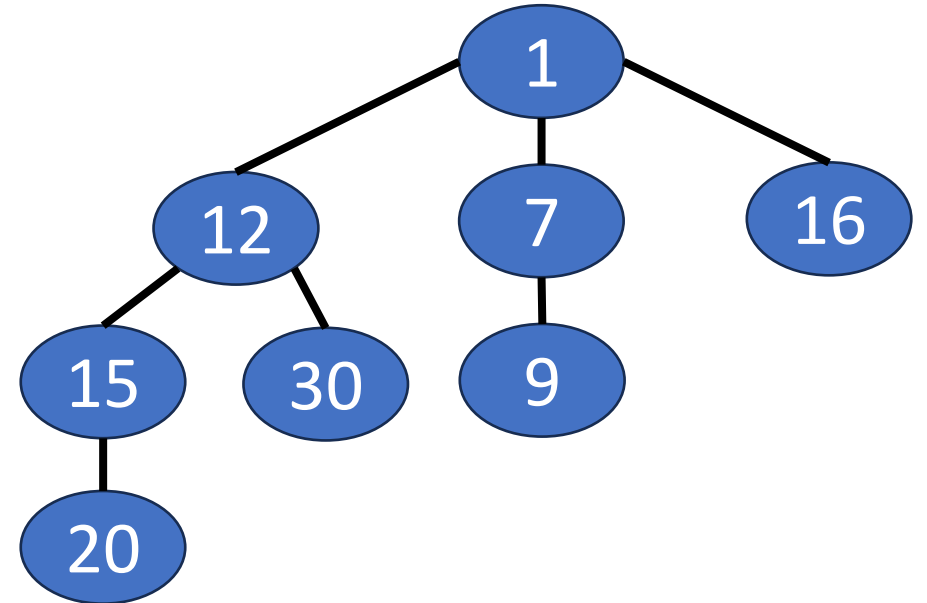
$B_0$



$B_1$



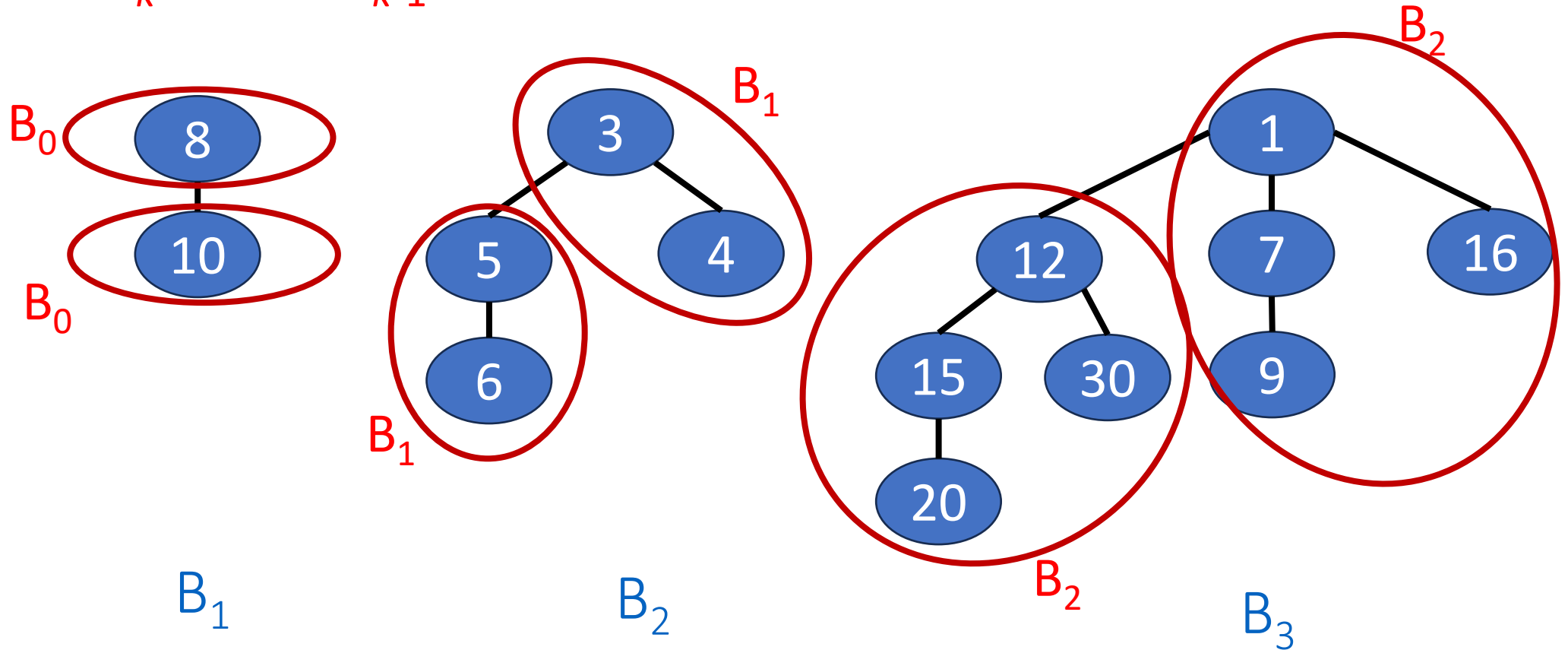
$B_2$



$B_3$

# Equivalent definition of binomial trees

- $B_k$  is degree- $k$  binomial tree.
- $k > 0$ ,  $B_k$  is two  $B_{k-1}$ .





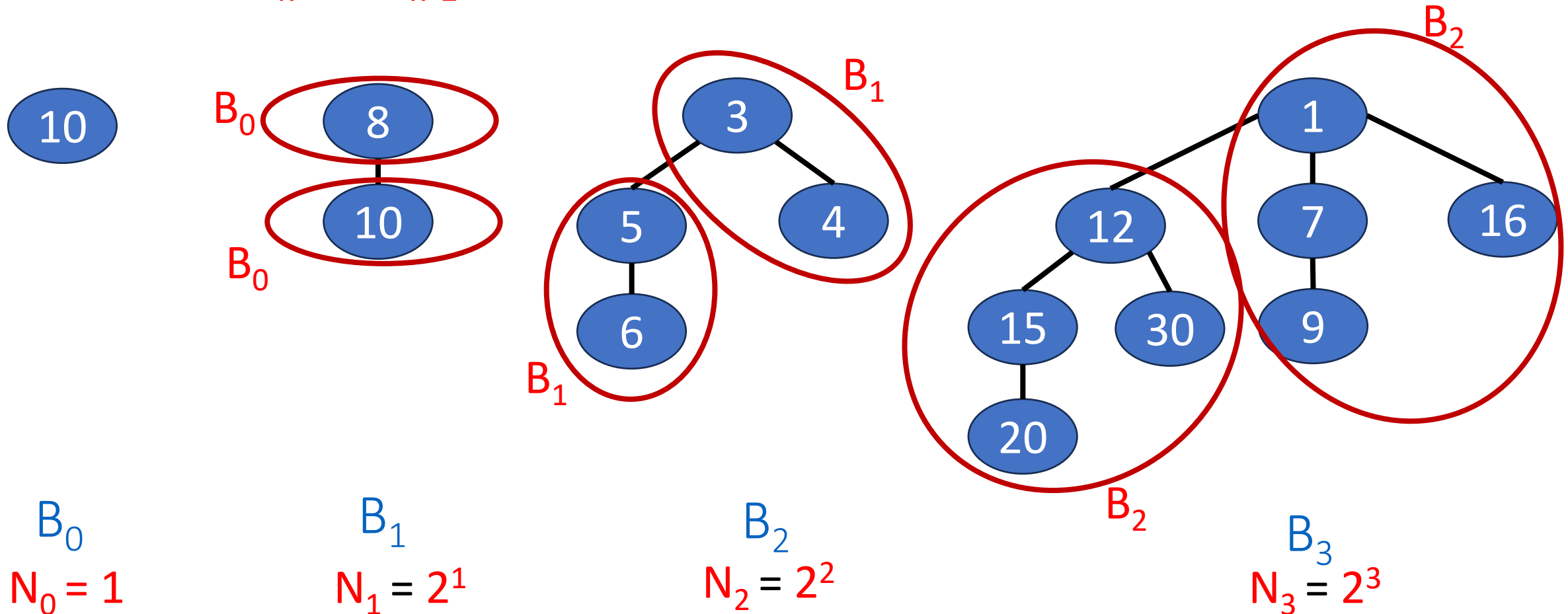
# Number of nodes in binomial trees

- $N_k$  is number of nodes in degree- $k$  binomial tree.

- $N_0 = 1$

- $N_k = 2N_{k-1} = 2^k$

In B-heap, all trees are binomial trees.  
Thus MaxDegree of a min tree is  $O(\log n)$ .



# Performance analysis

See Theorem 9.1 in textbook for more details.

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- Actual cost of a delete-min:  $O(\text{MaxDegree} + s) = O(\log n + s)$ .
- If a sequence of insert, meld, and delete-min operations is performed on empty B-heaps, we can transfer the cost of delete-min  $s$  to prior insertions.
- Amortized cost of insertion becomes  $O(1+1) = O(1)$  and that of delete-min becomes  $O(\text{MaxDegree}) = O(\log n)$ .

# Summary

- Binomial heaps
  - Operations: Insert, Meld, Delete-min, Delete-min using tree table.
- Binomial trees
  - Definition
  - Number of nodes
- Performance analysis
- Amortized cost