

Binomial Queues

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- There are other crucial operations on PQs!
 - **Merging PQs** (binomial queues)
 - **Decreasing a key** (fibonacci queues)

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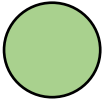
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- Binomial heaps can be merged in $\mathcal{O}(\log_2 n)$.

Binomial queue: basic structure

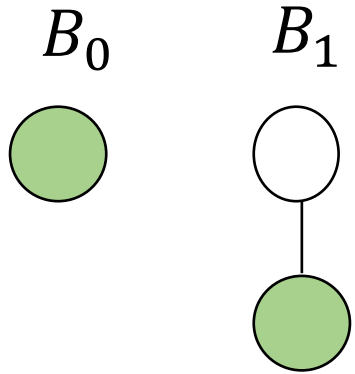
- Instead of a **single** binary tree, a binomial queue is a **forest of k -ary trees B_i** , themselves called *binomial trees*!
- Recursive definition of a binomial tree:
 - B_0 is a tree consisting of a single node.
 - B_k , for $k \geq 1$ is made up by a root node that contains k links to trees B_0, B_1, \dots, B_{k-1} .

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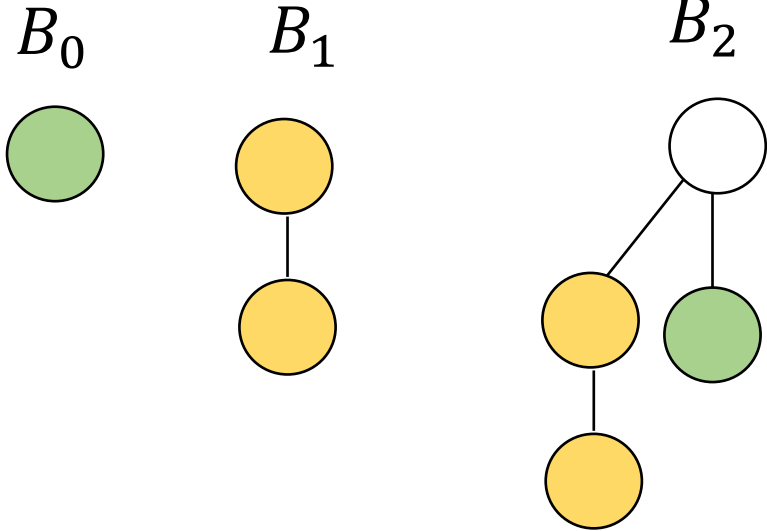
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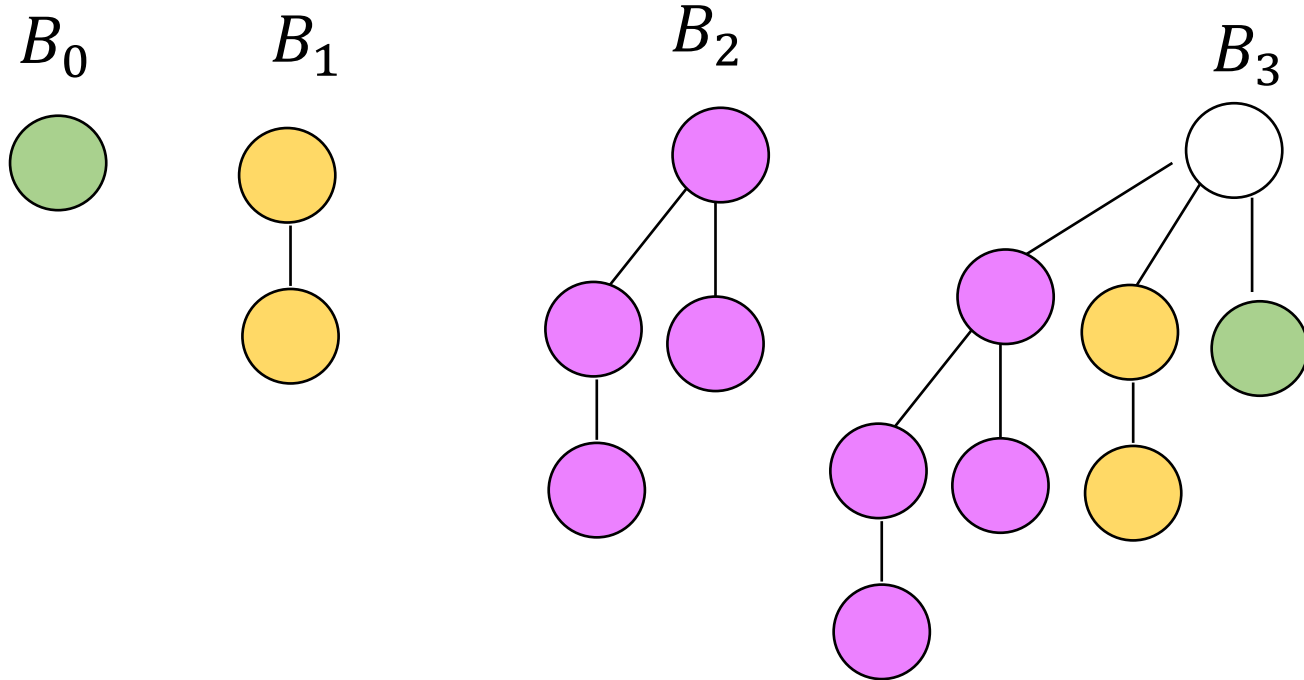
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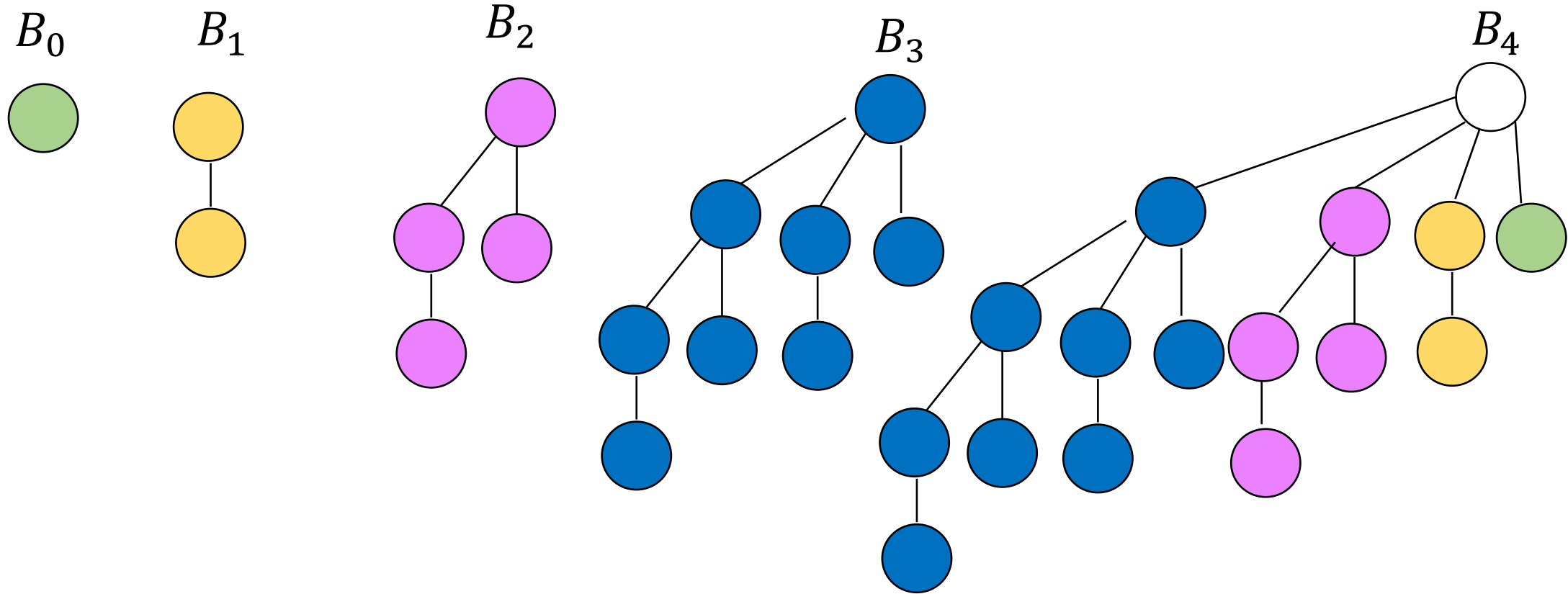
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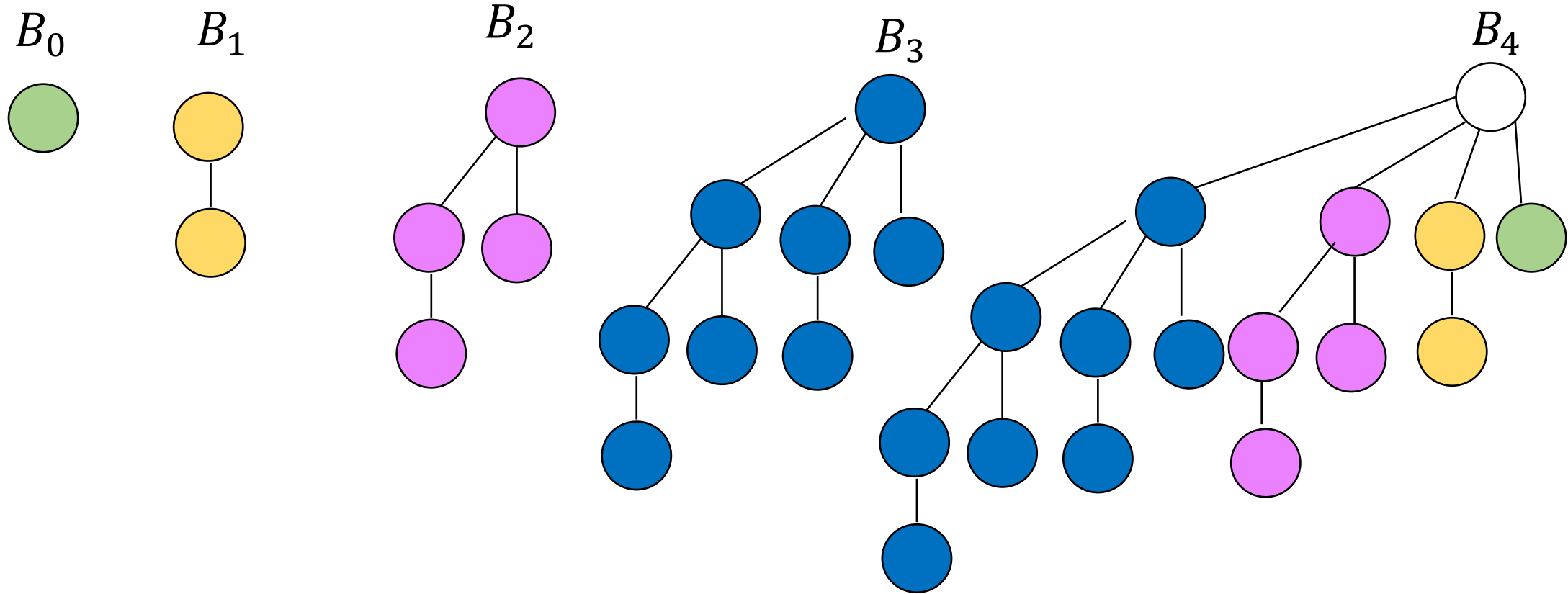
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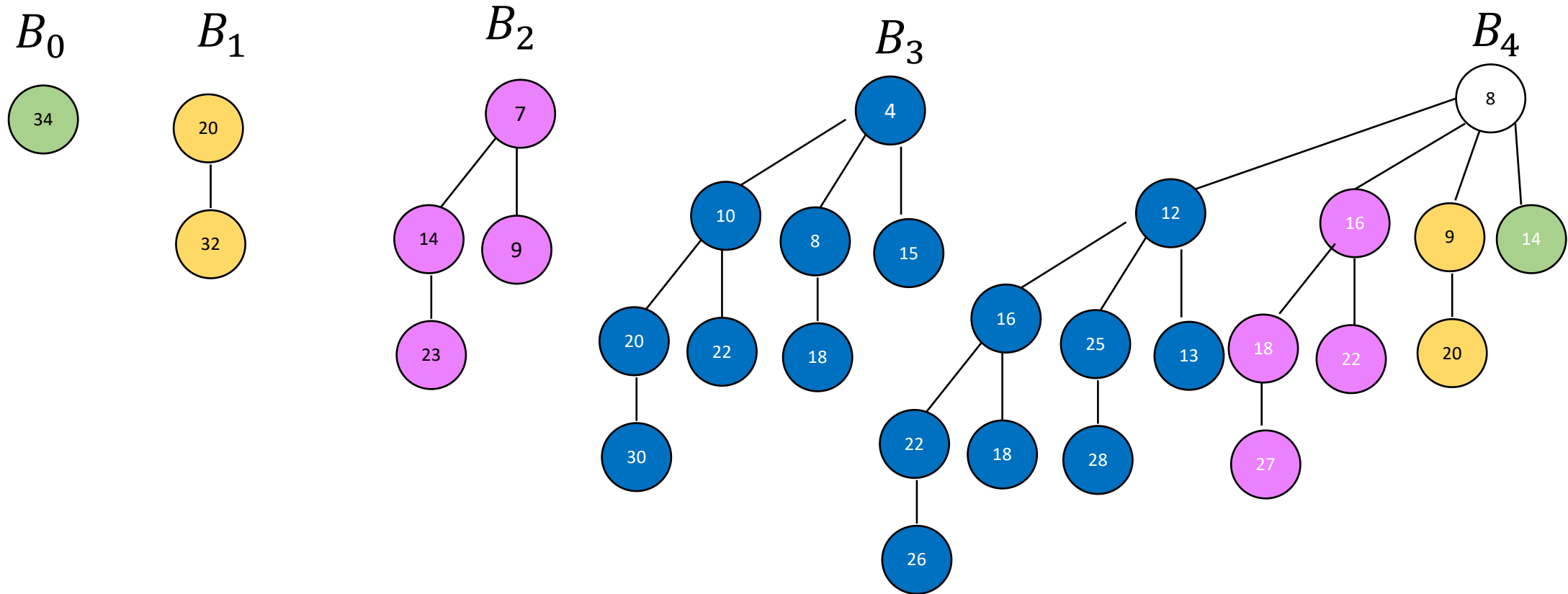


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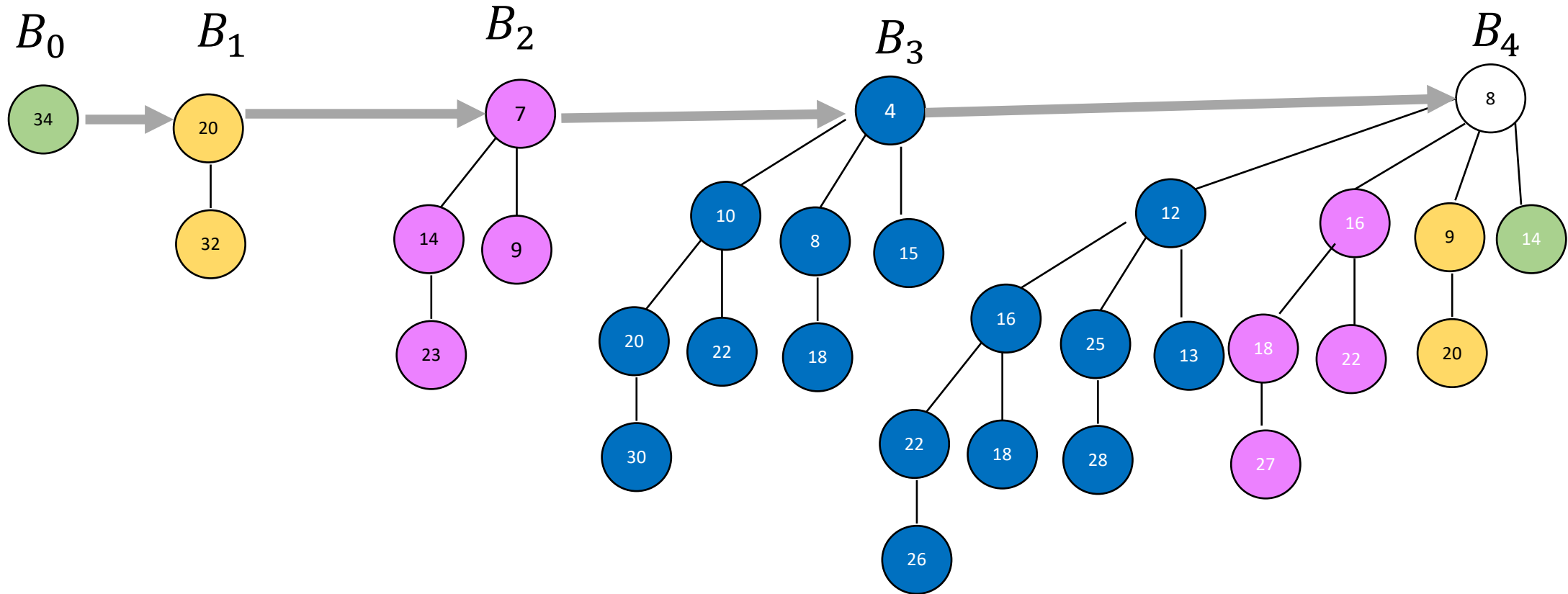
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3. The i^{th} level of the tree B_k , where $i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, has $\binom{k}{i}$ nodes!

Binary representation of a binomial queue

- A binomial queue is a set of binomial trees with some maximum degree K for its trees.
- We define a $\text{length} - K$ binary representation $B = B_0 B_1 \dots B_k$ of our queue using the following rule:

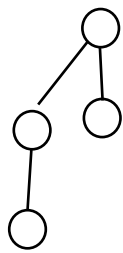
$$B_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } T_i \text{ is part of the queue} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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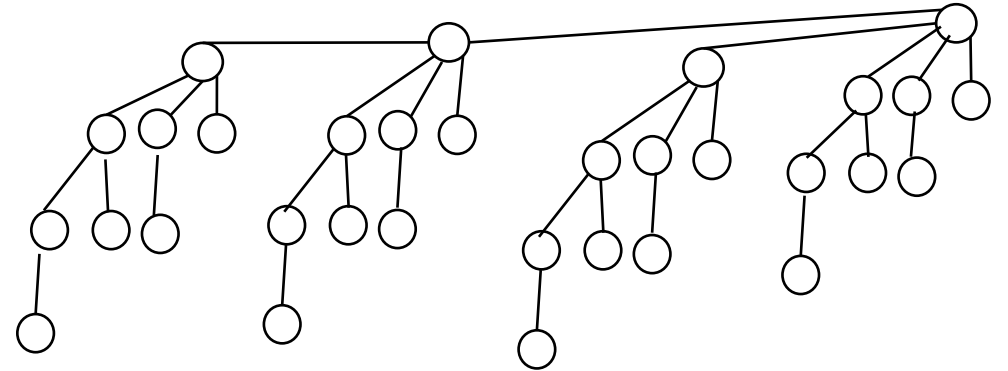
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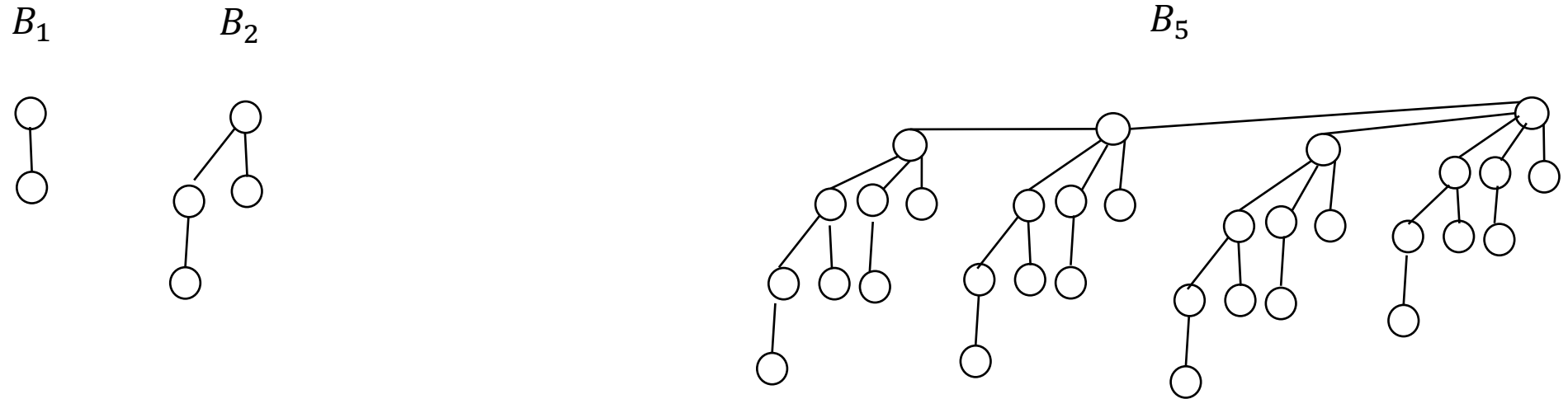
B_2



B_5

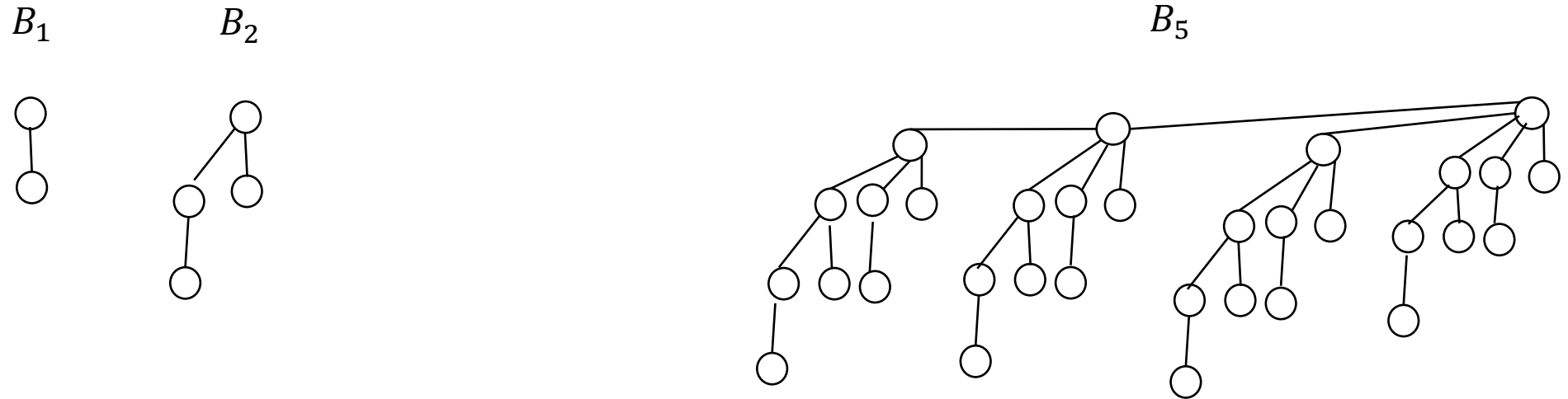


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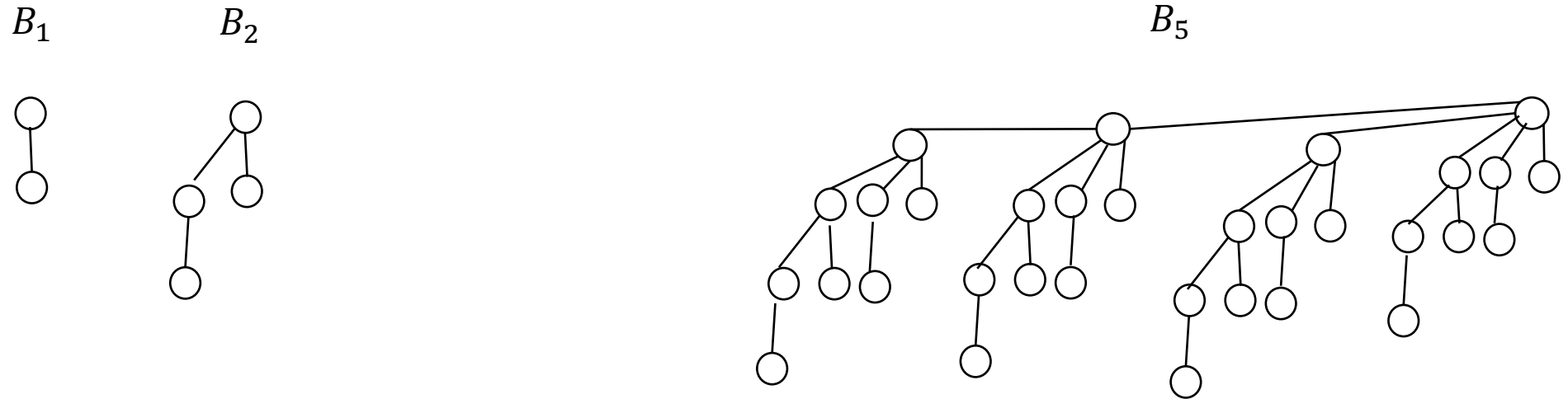
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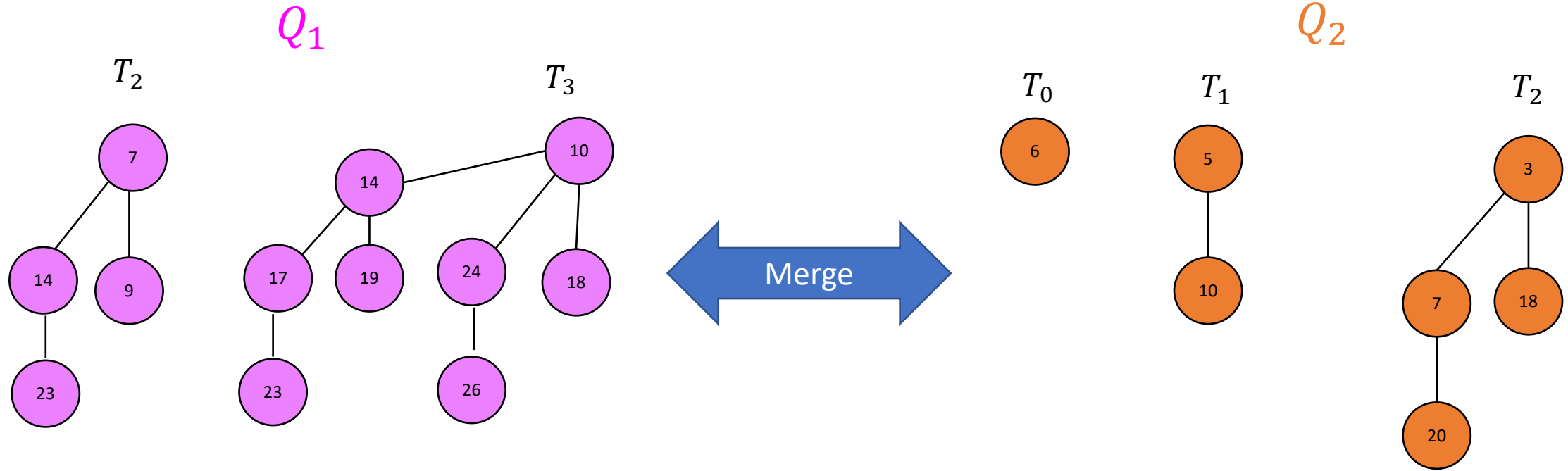
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Another result: A binomial queue of size n has $\lceil \log_2 n \rceil$ trees.

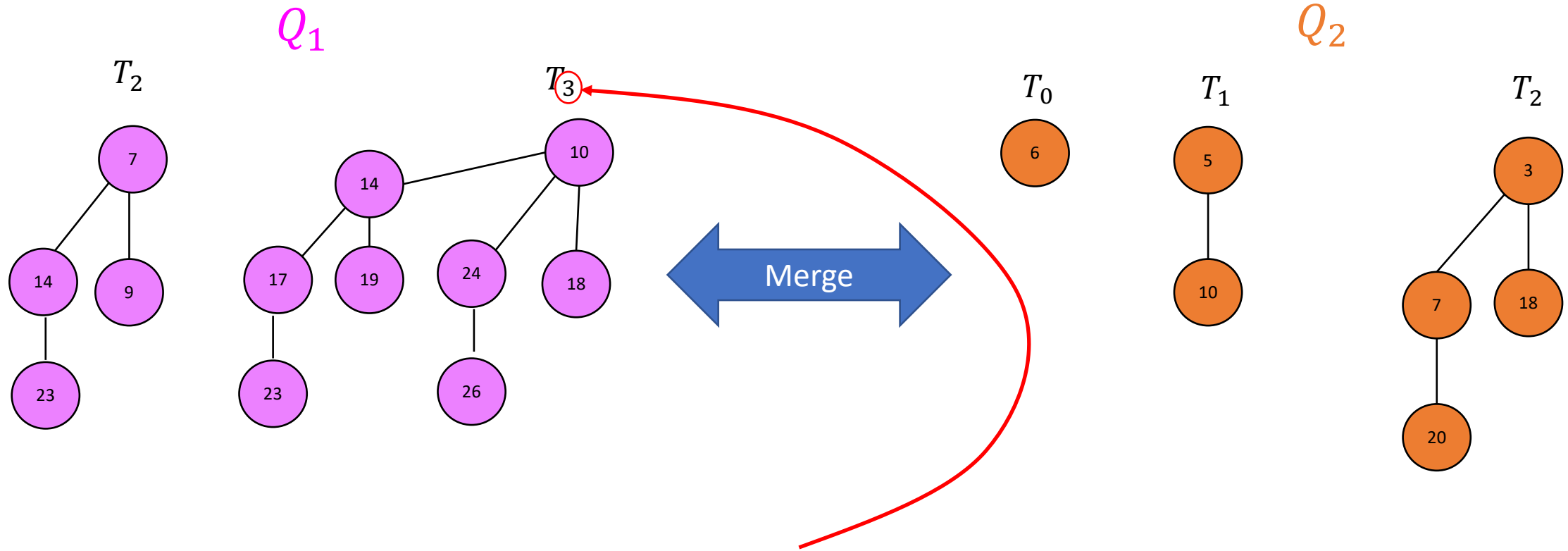
Merging binomial queues

- To merge two binomial queues, we simply **add the two binary representations together!**
- Whenever we encounter an addition of a 1 with a 1, we have a **carry bit**.
 - In Bin Queue terms, this means that we construct a tree of order B_{k+1} by comparing the roots of two B_k s (those made up the '1's in the addition) and making the **smaller one** the root of the new tree.
 - So combining two binomial trees is **constant time**: one comparison and one reference assignment, **irrespective of n** .

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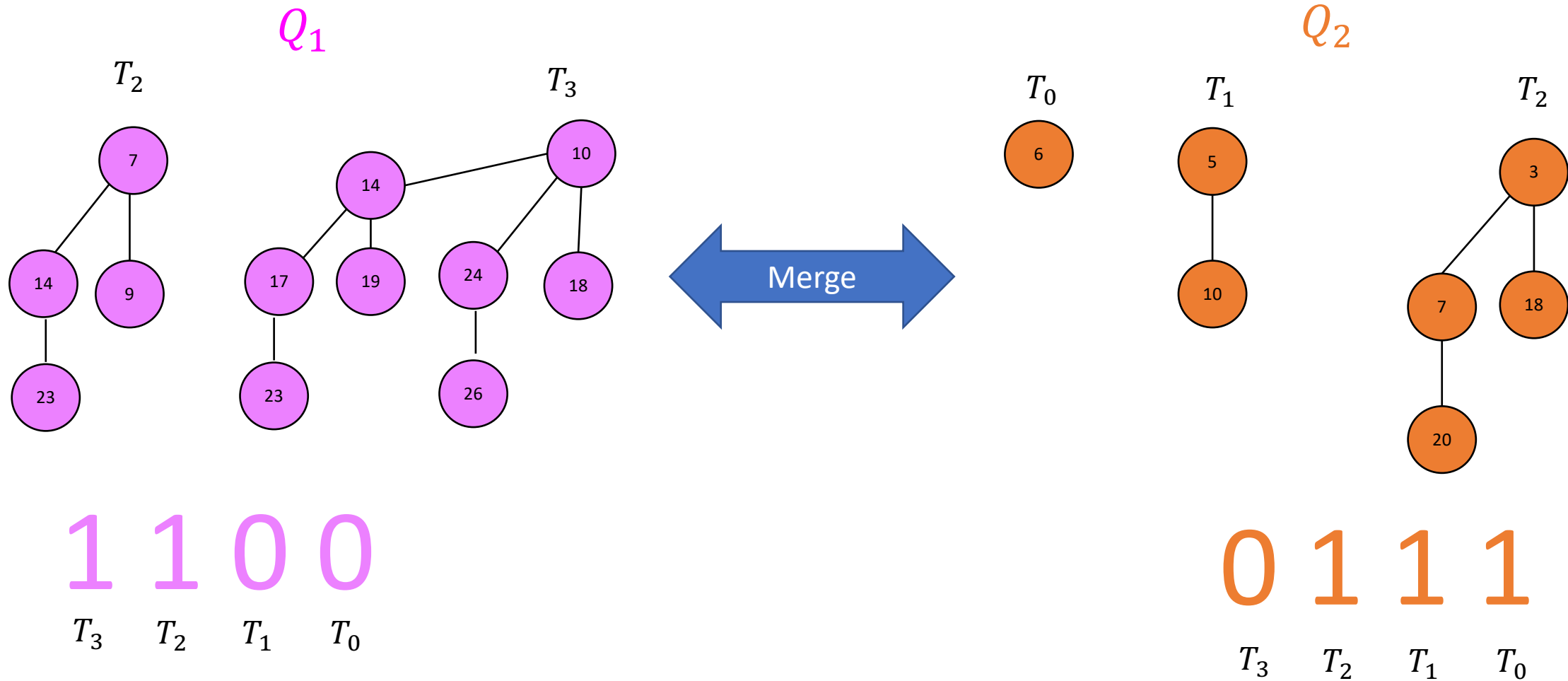


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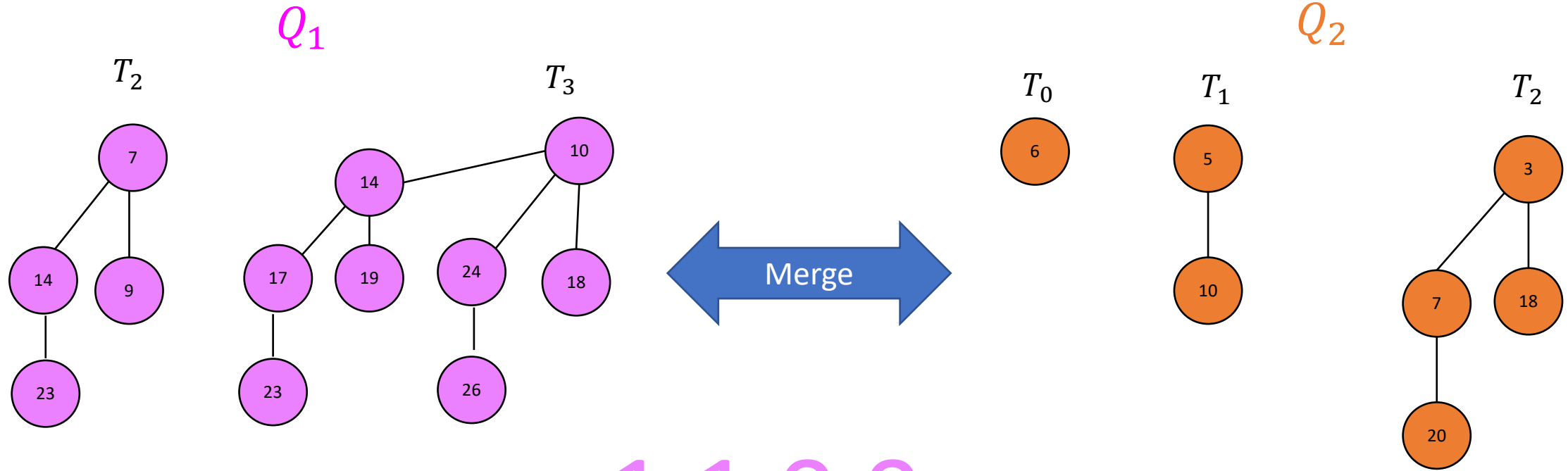


Since the highest rank tree is 3, we have two 4-bit representations to add.

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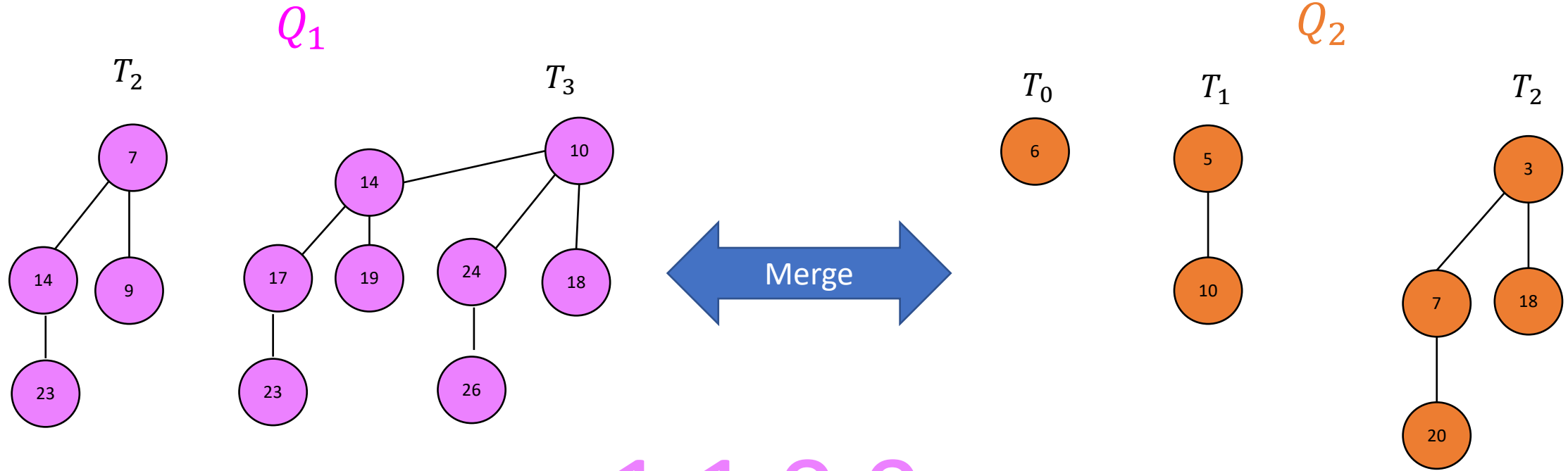


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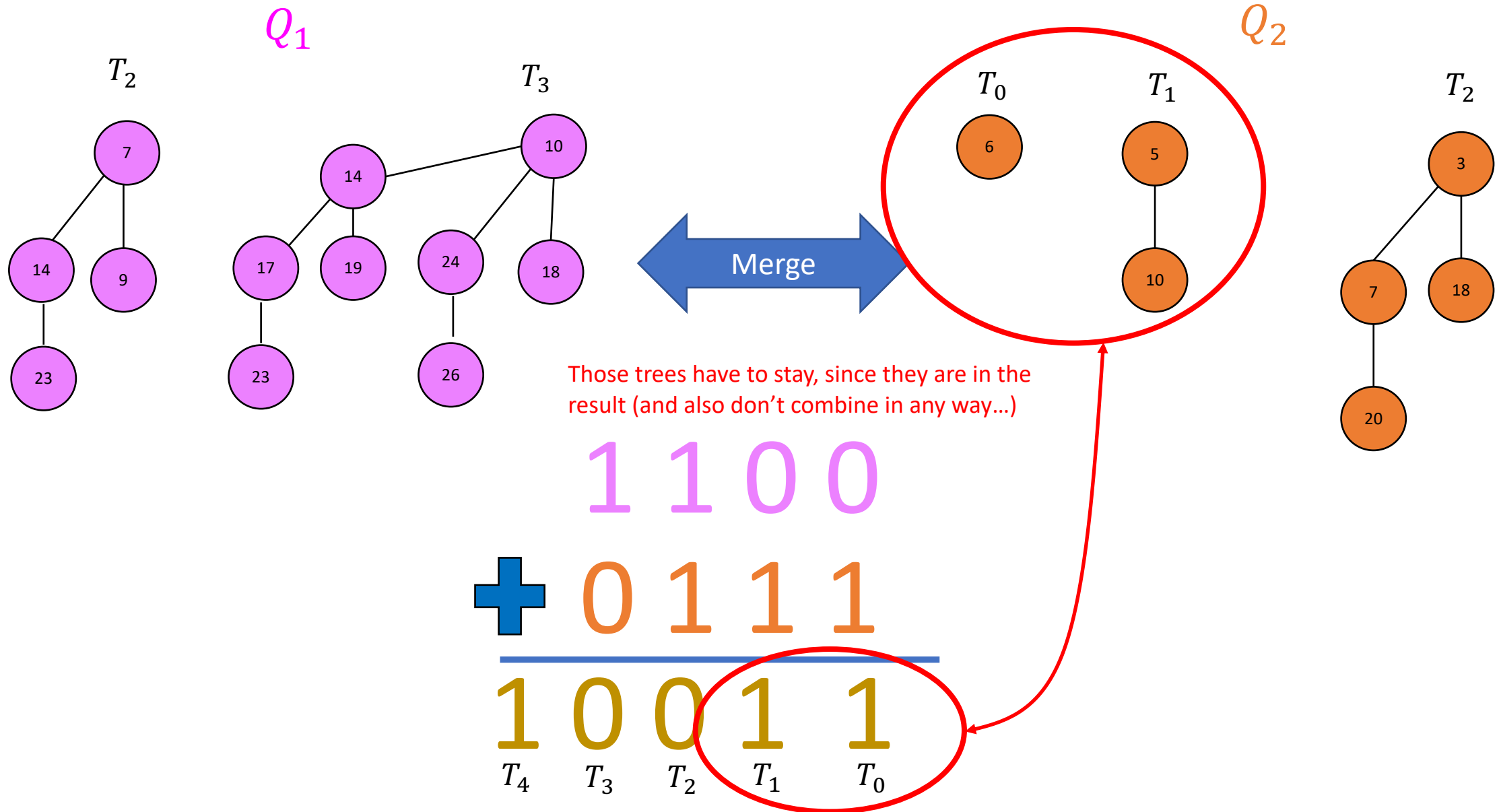
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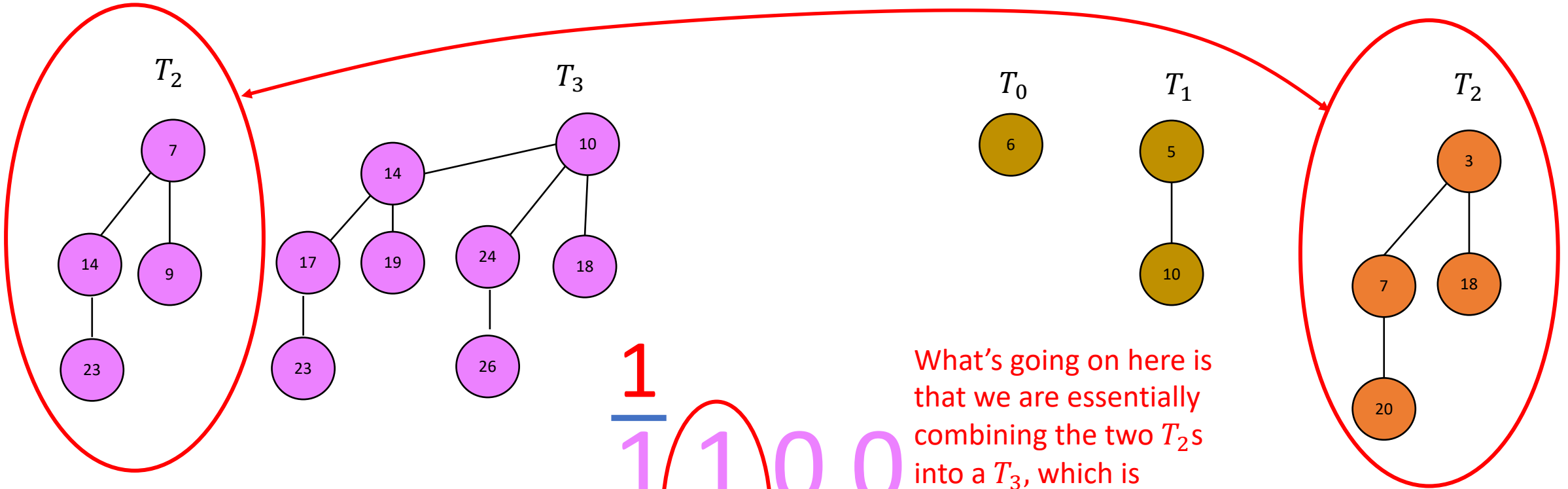
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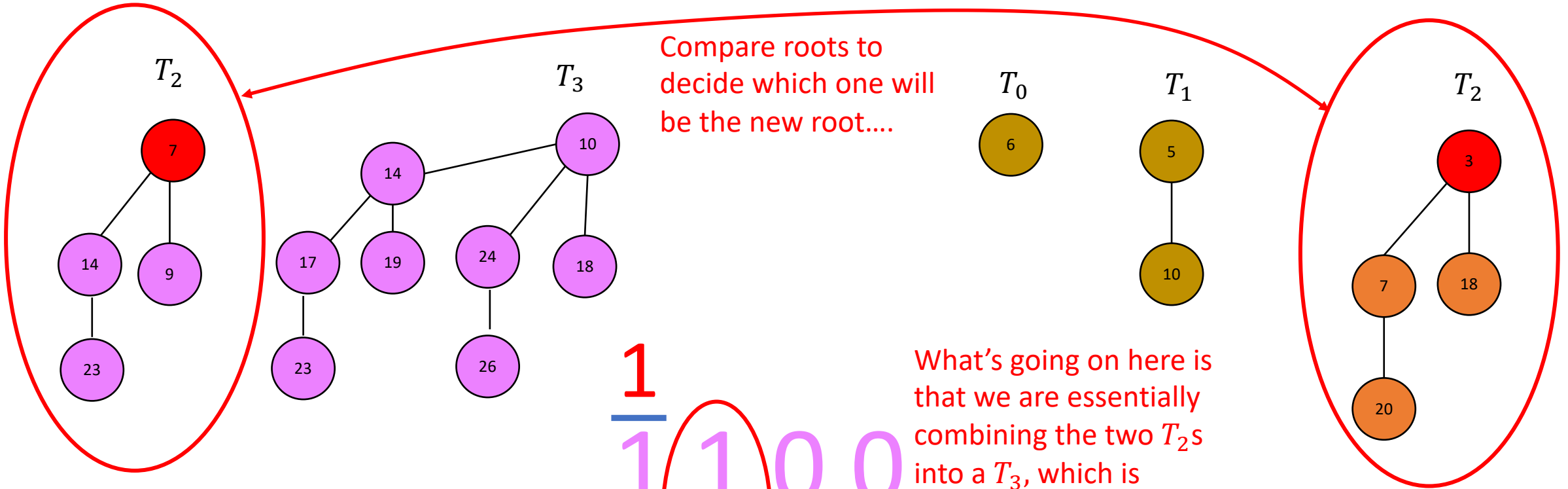
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$$\begin{array}{r}
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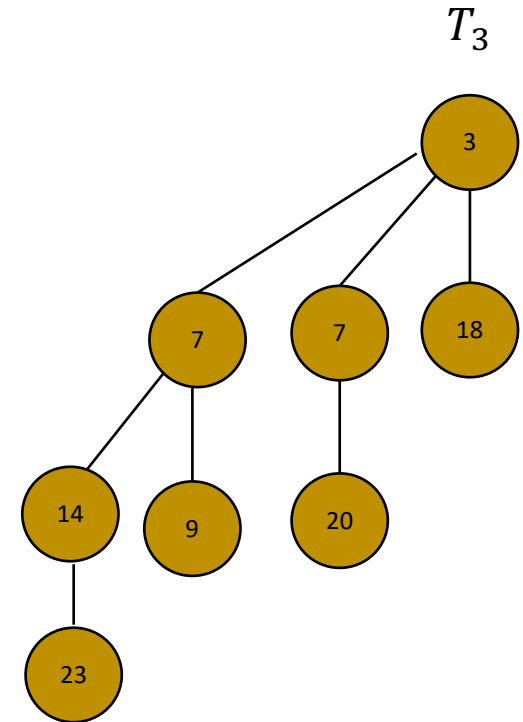
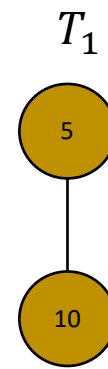
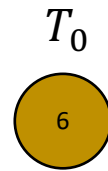
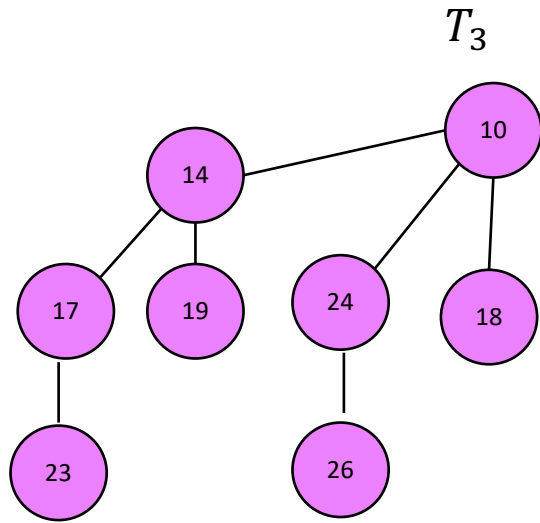
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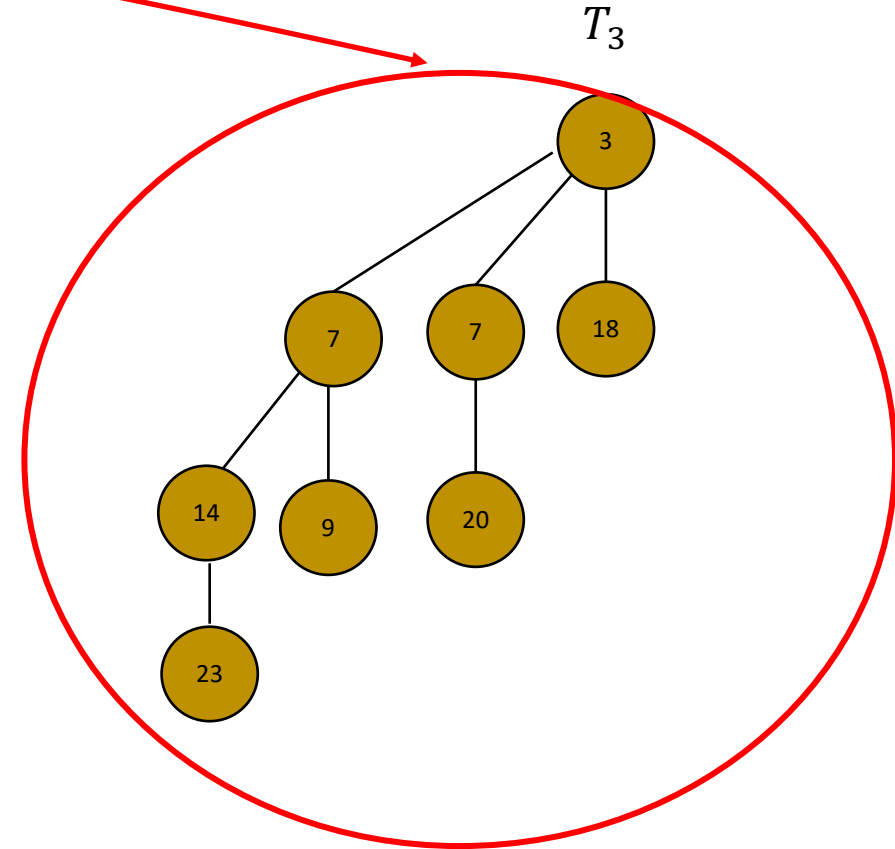
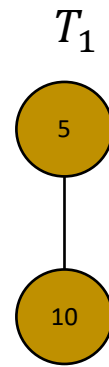
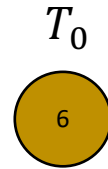
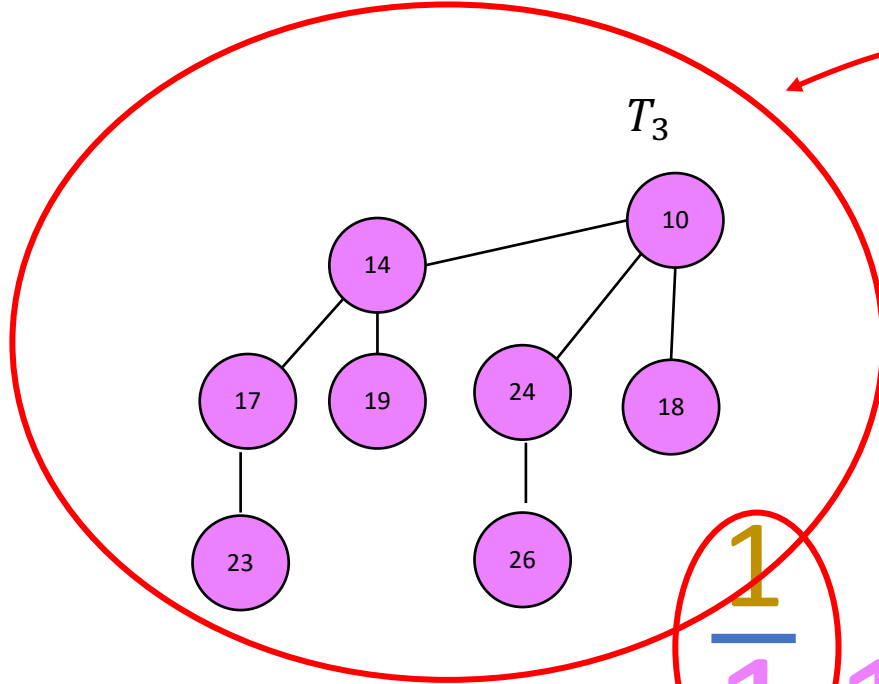
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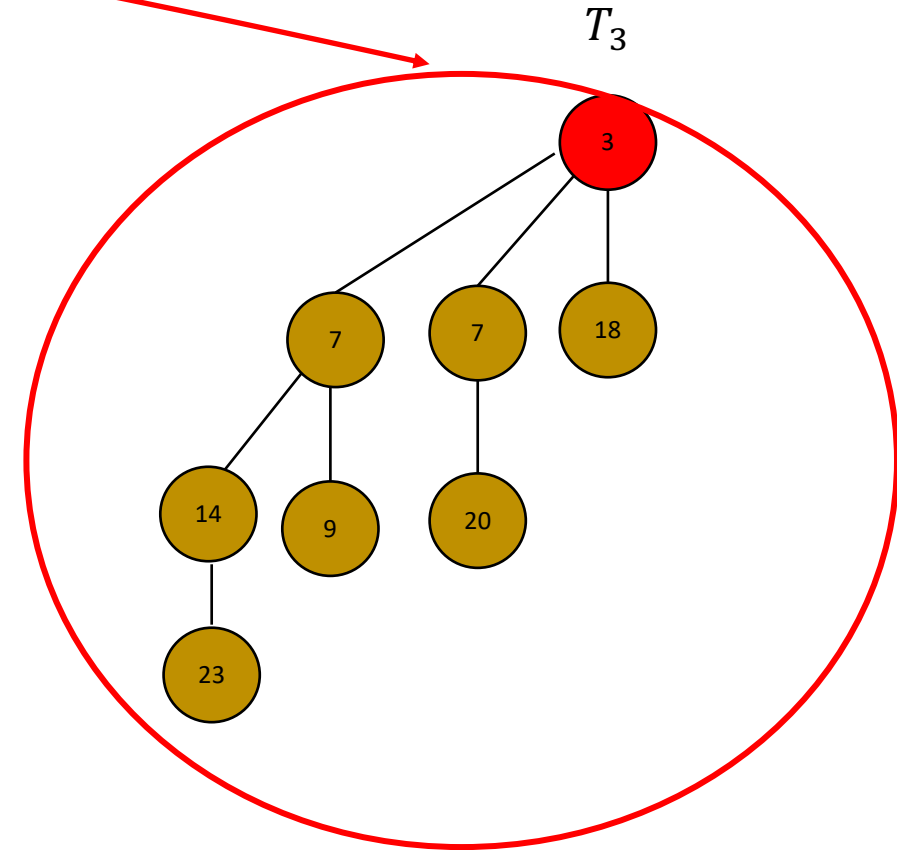
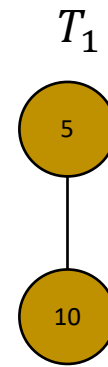
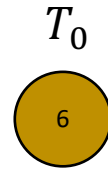
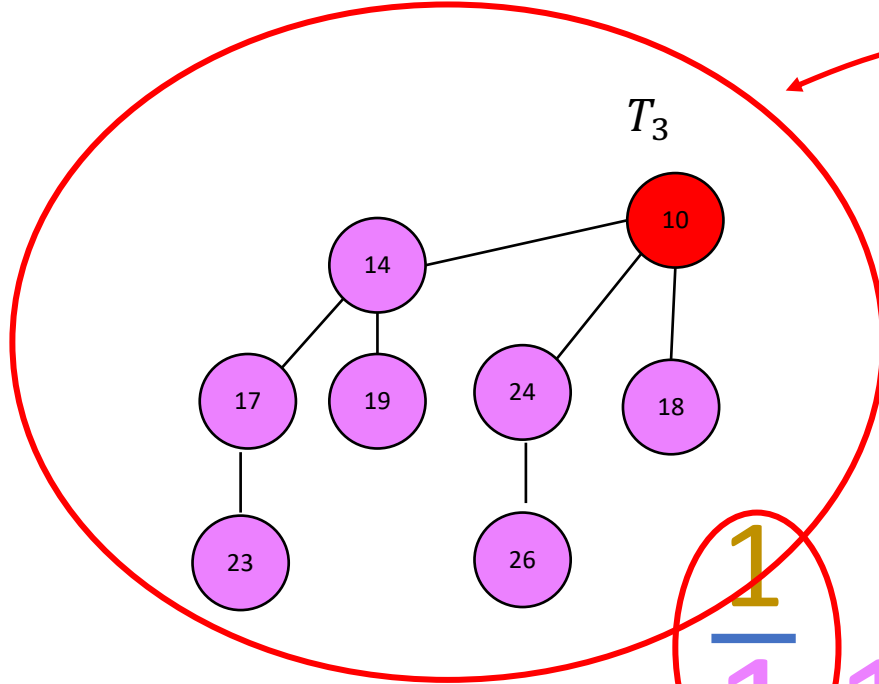


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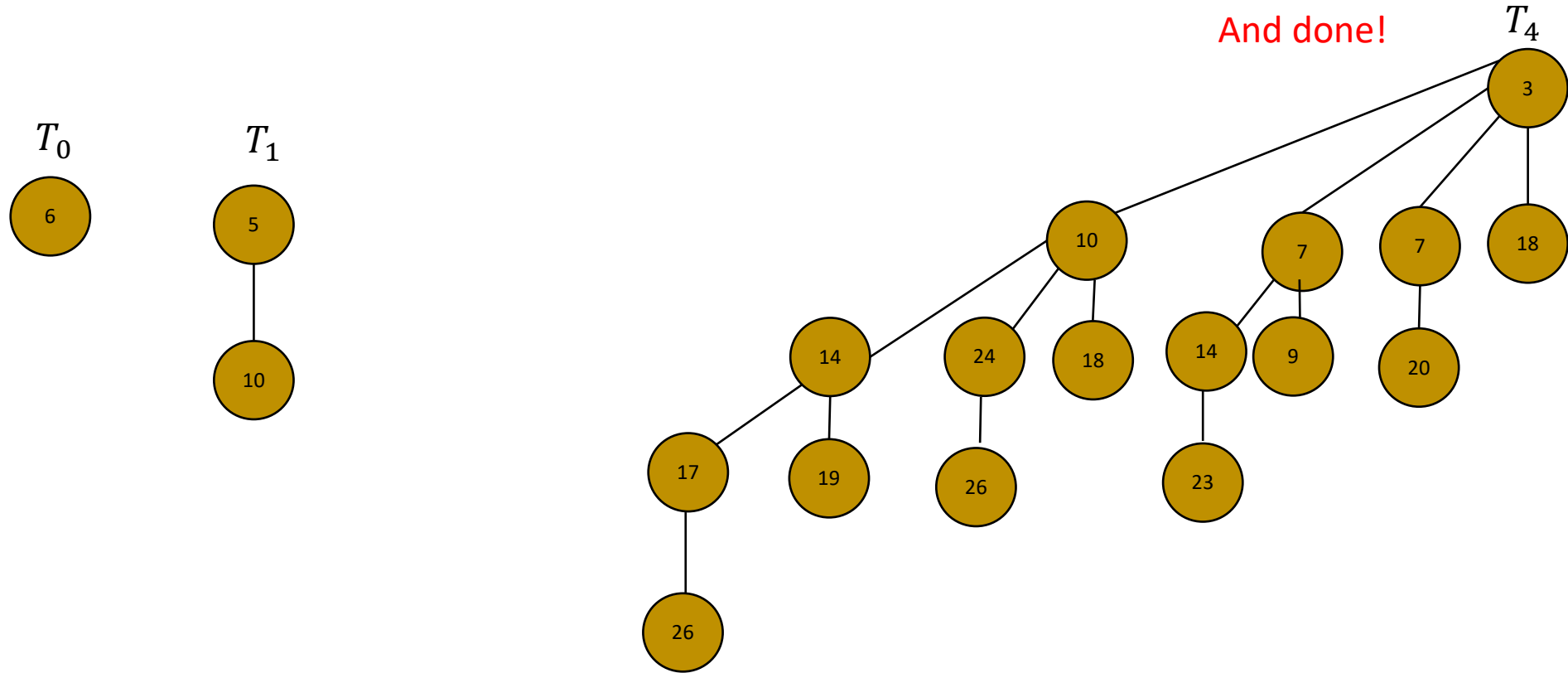
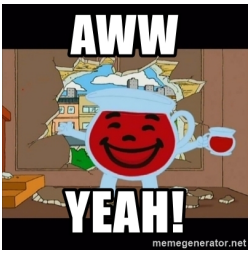
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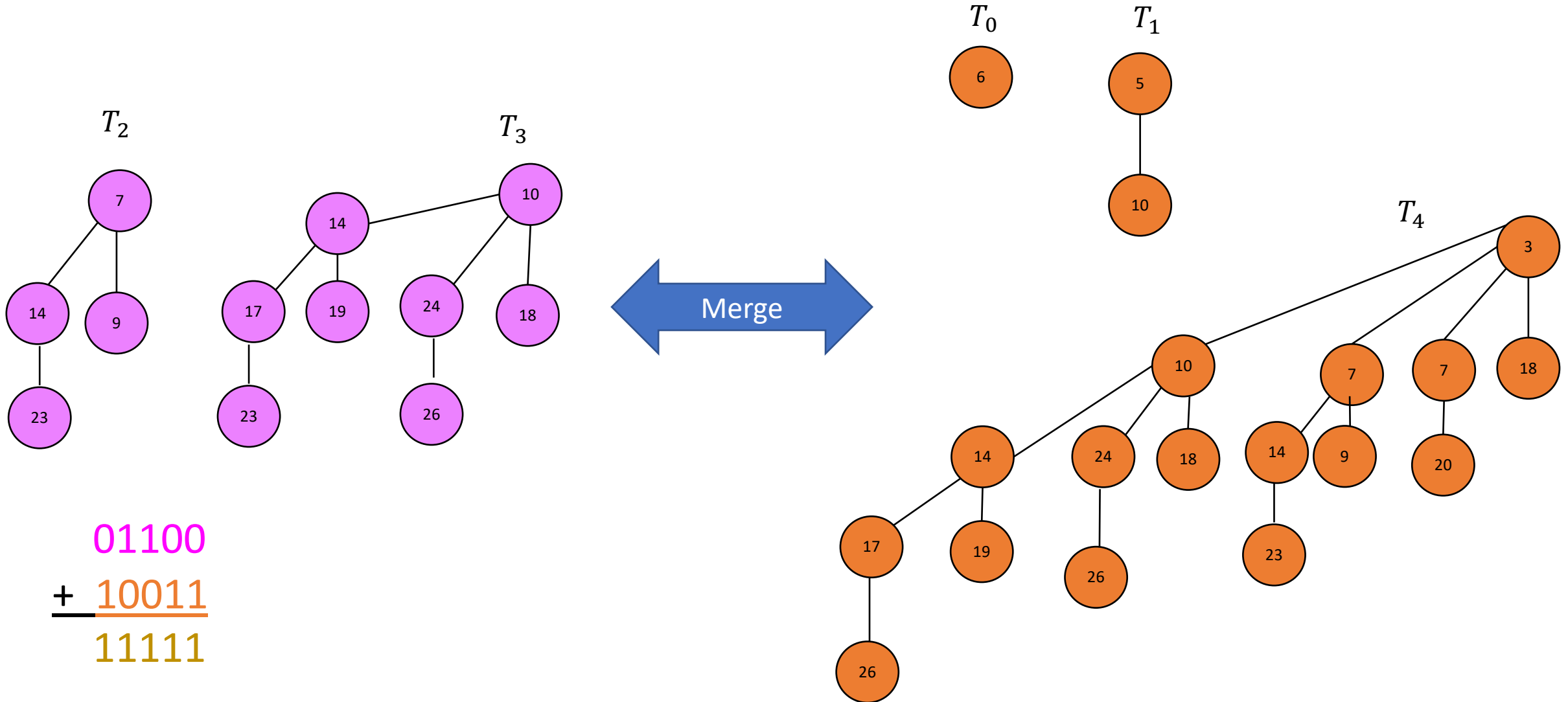
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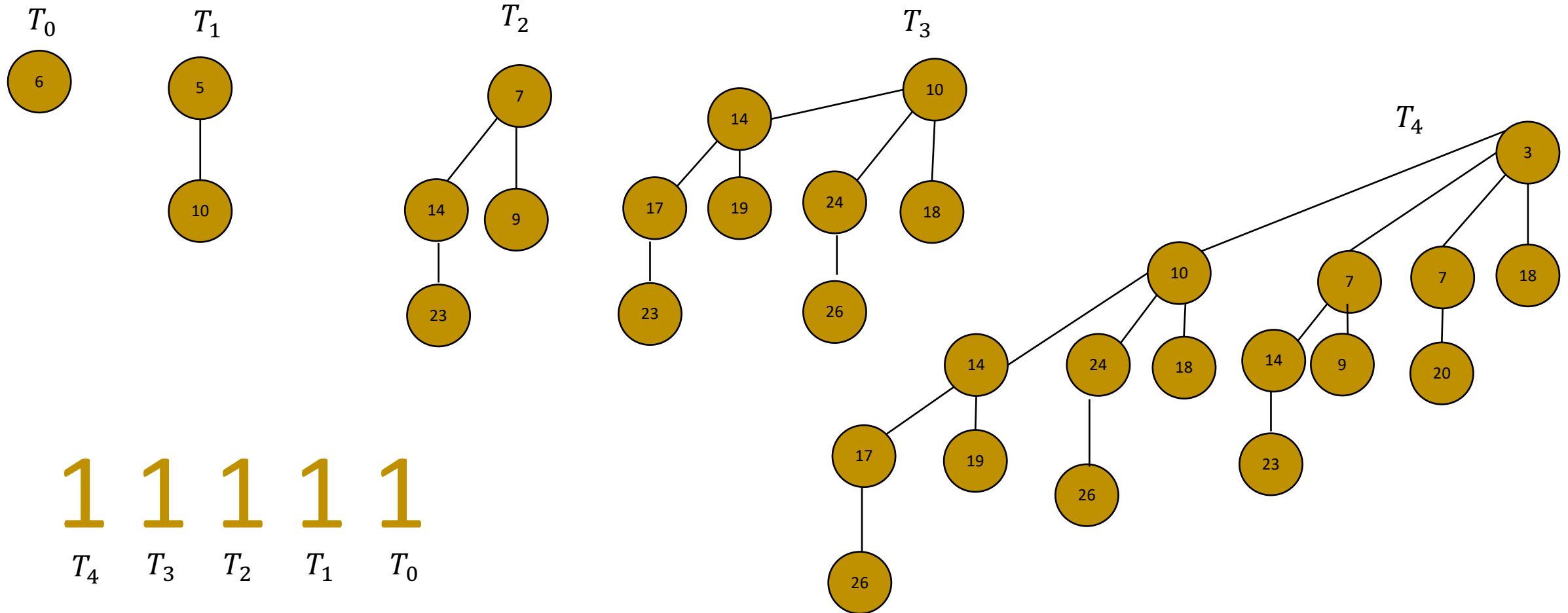
And done!

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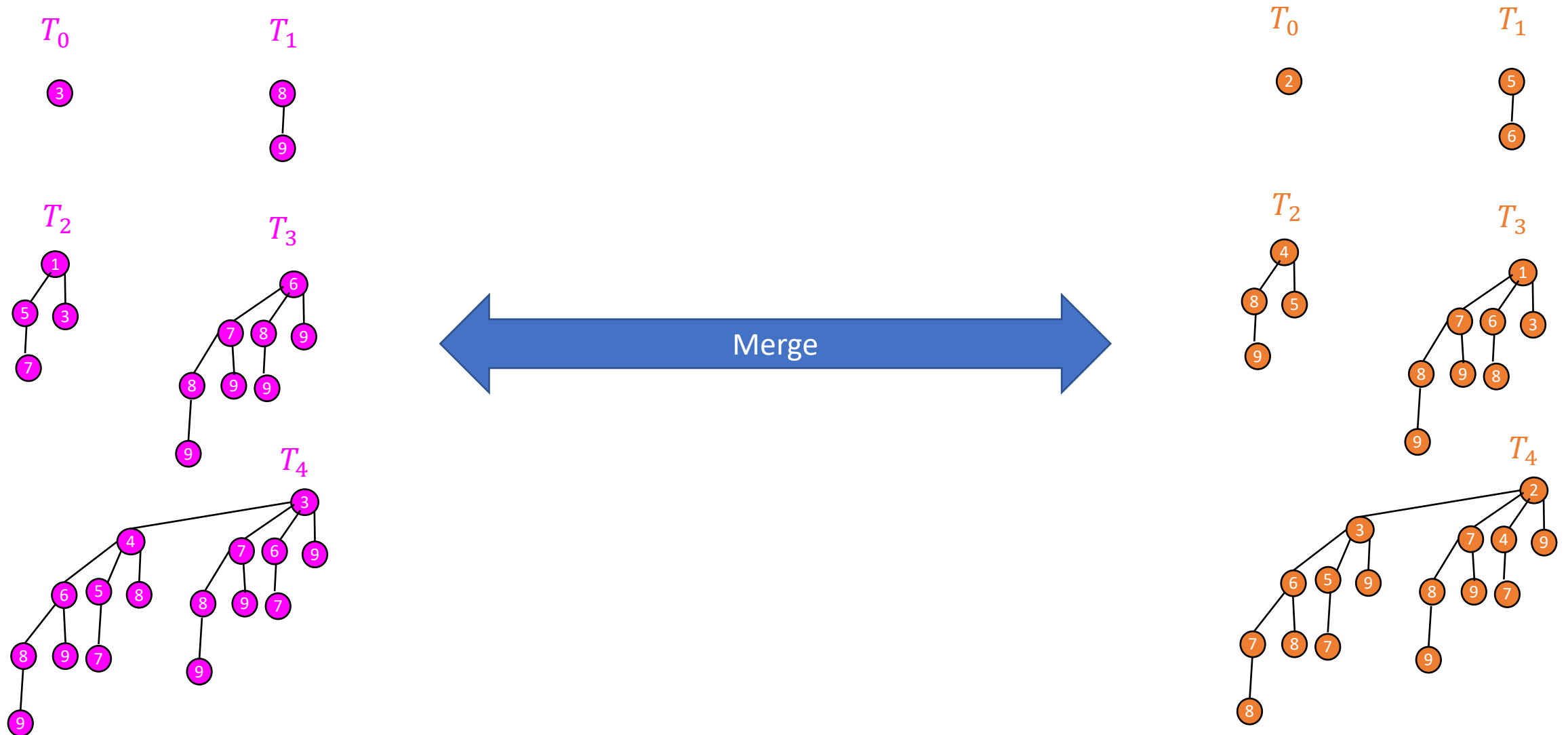
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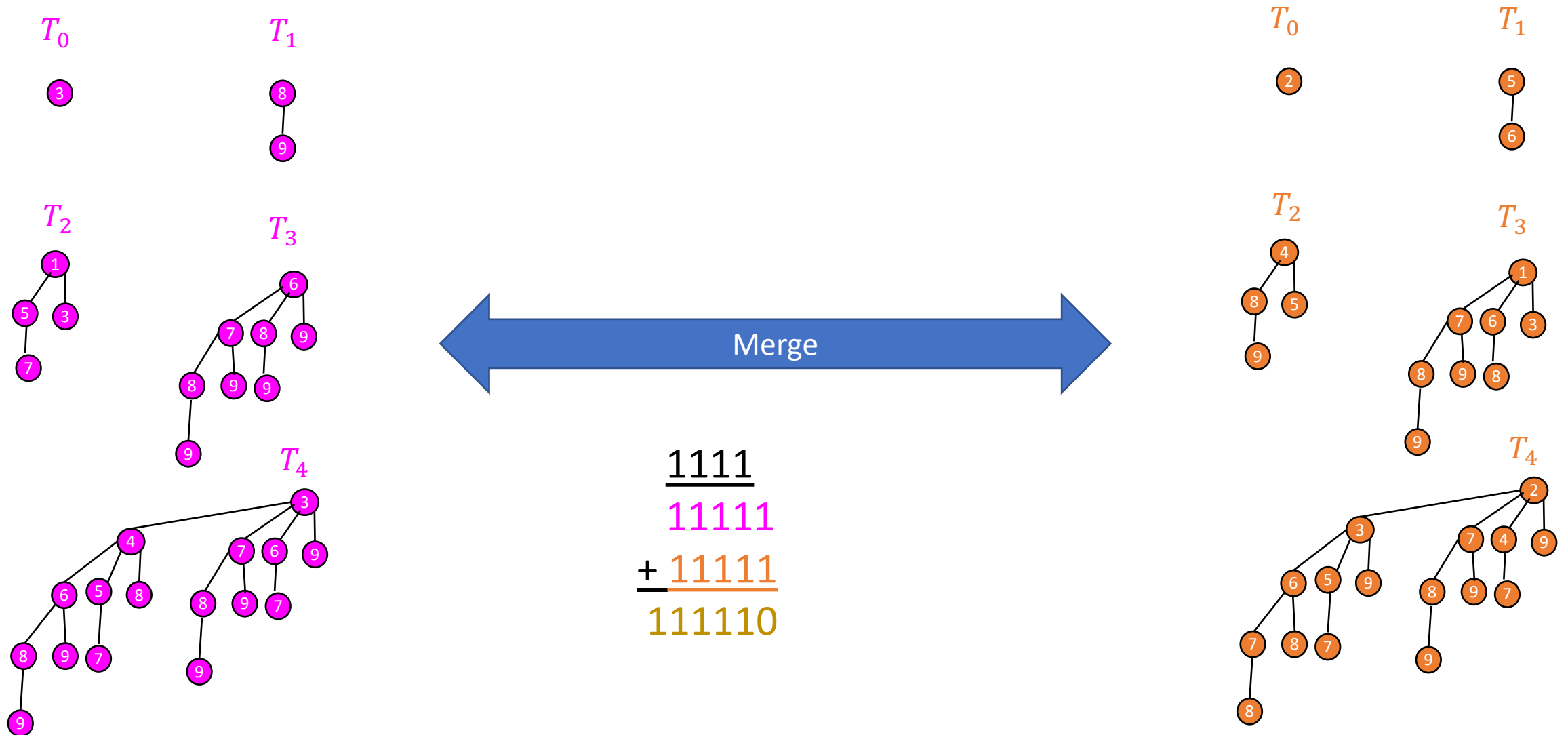
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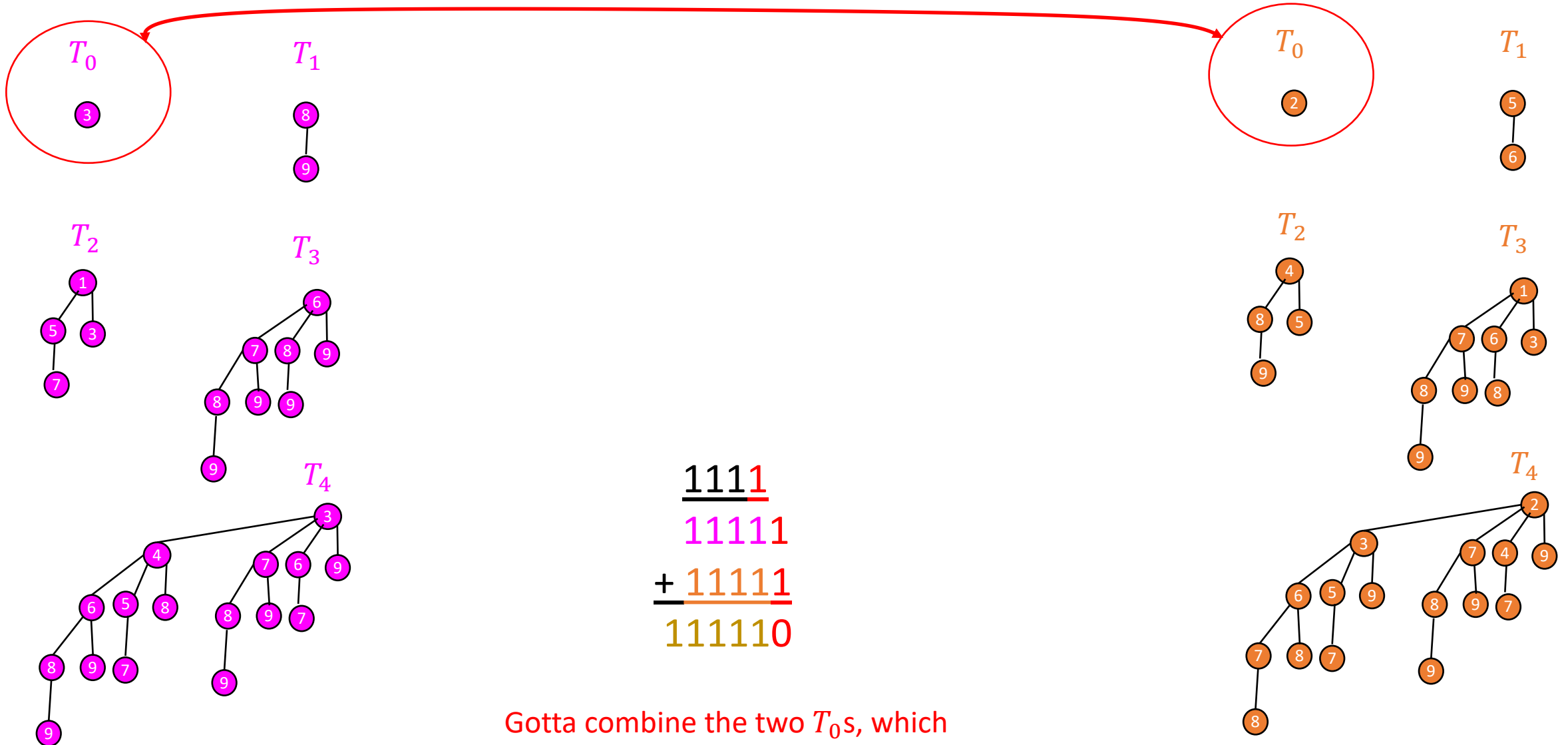
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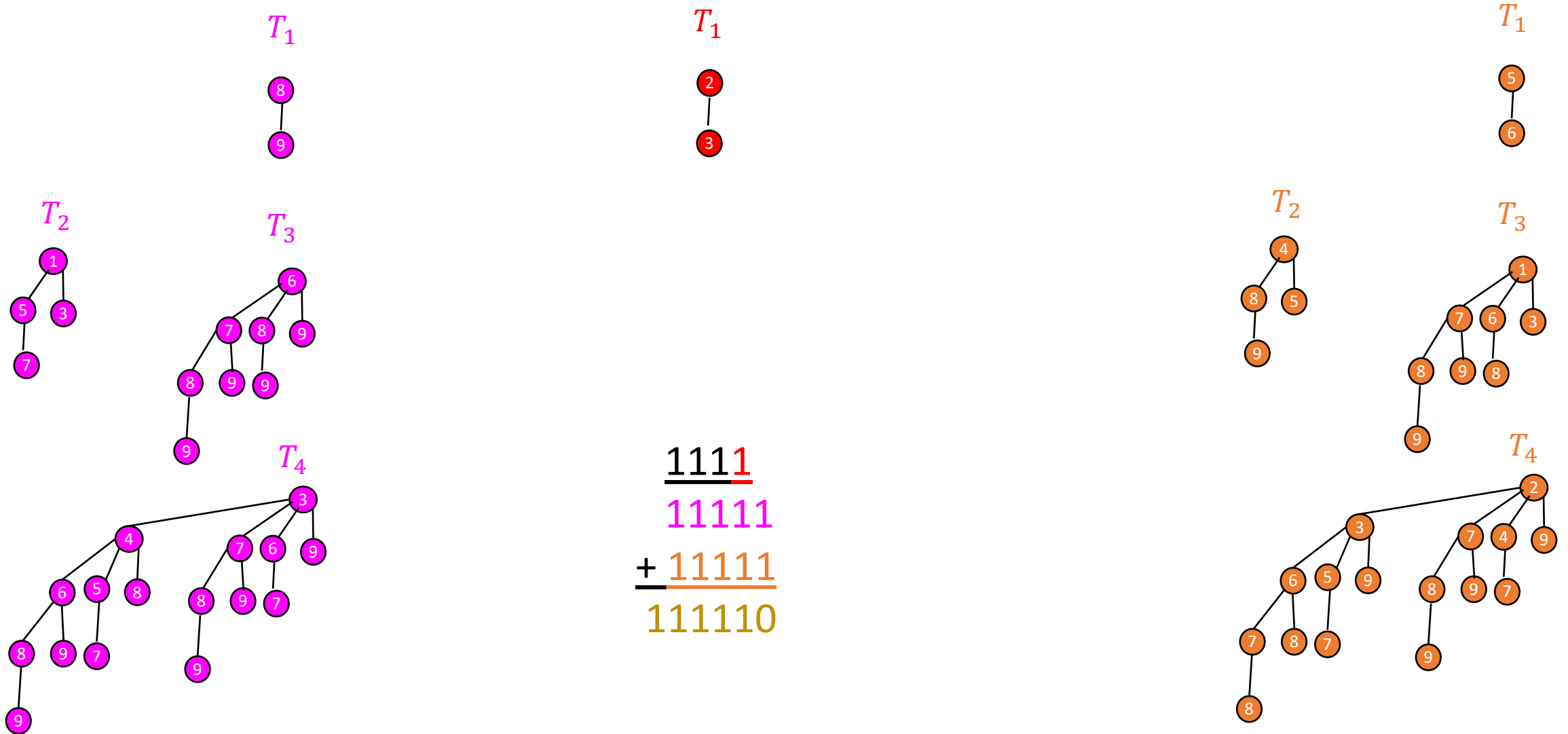
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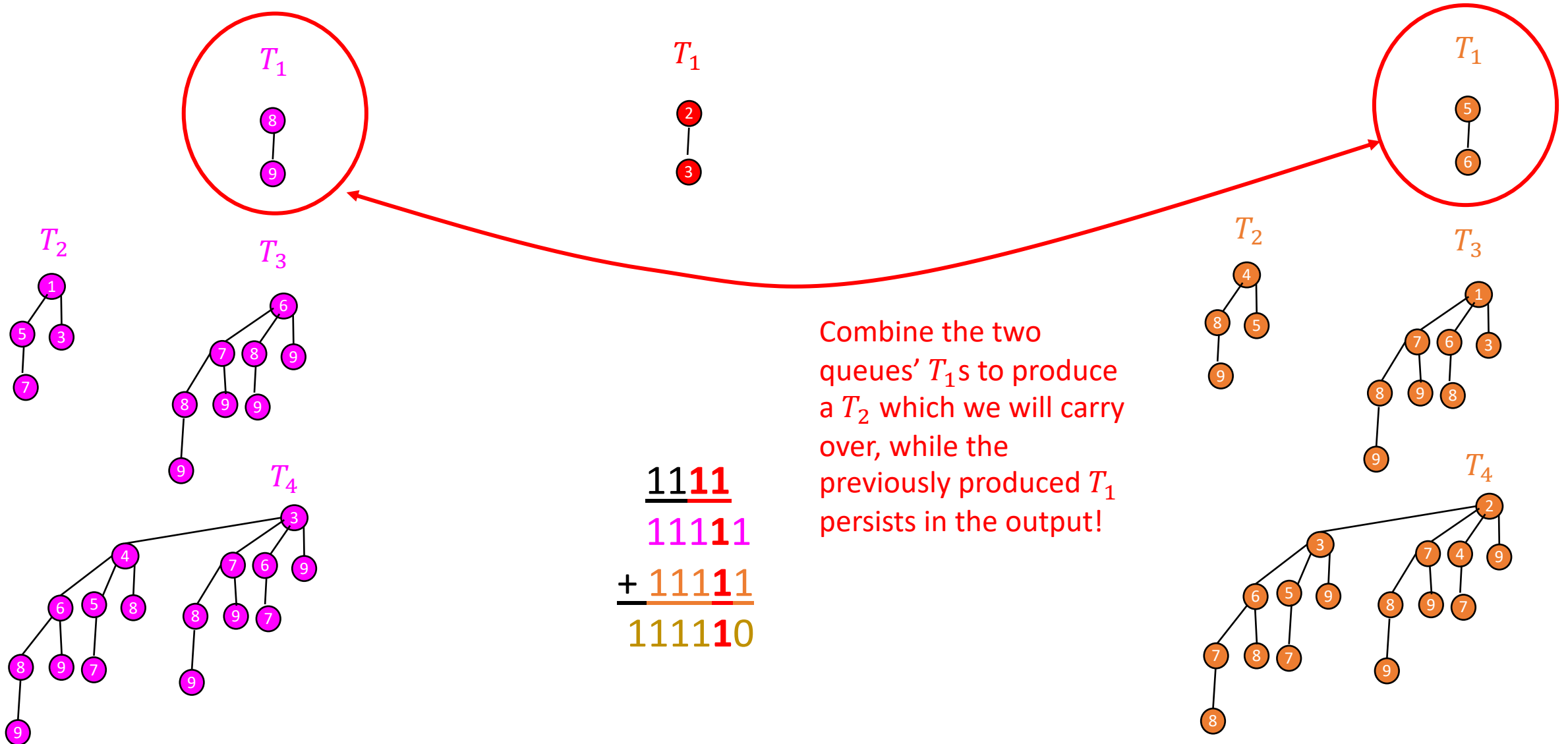
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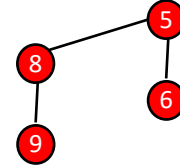


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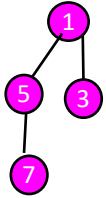
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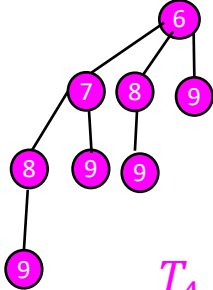
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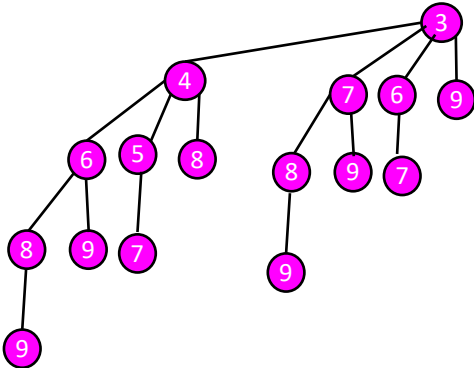
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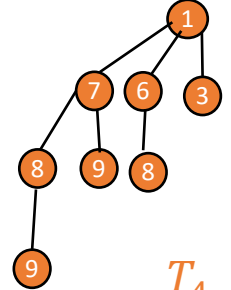


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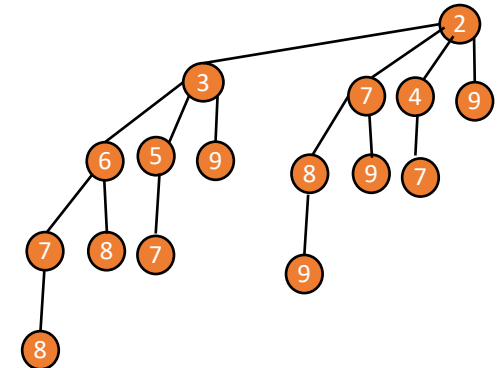
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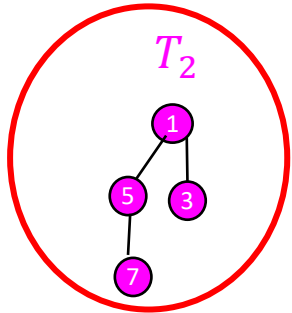
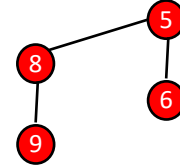


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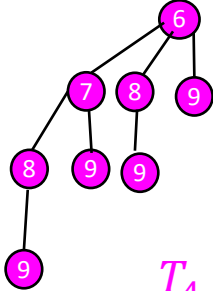
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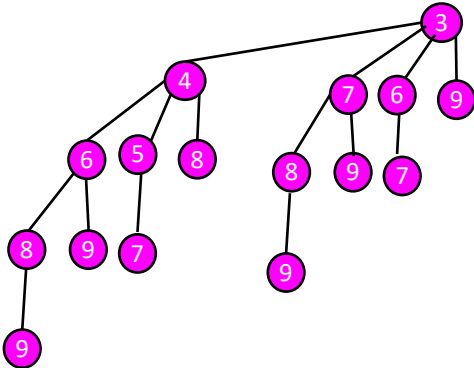
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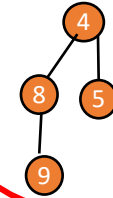


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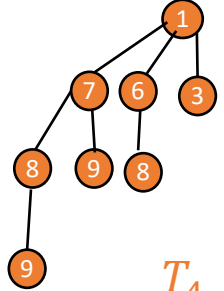


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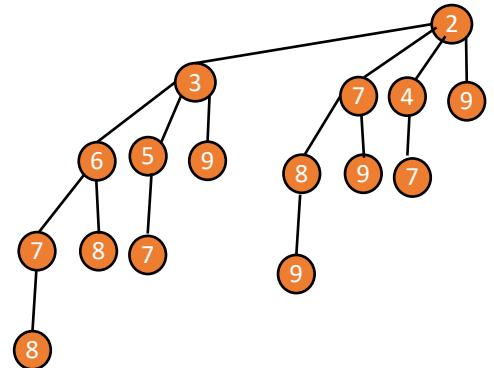
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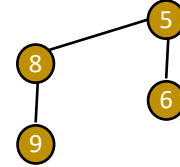


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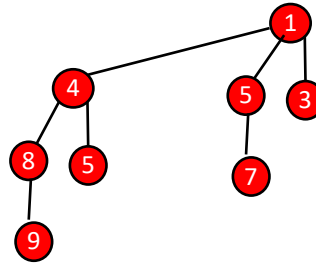
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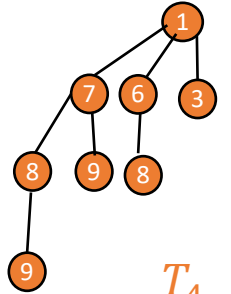
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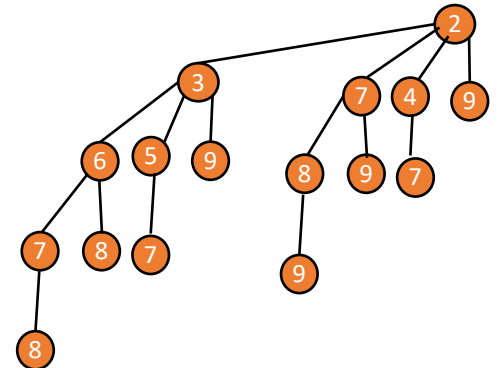
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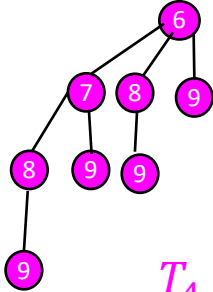
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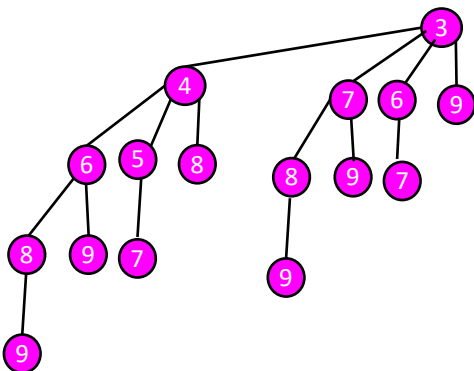
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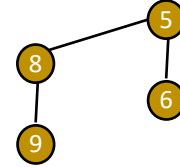
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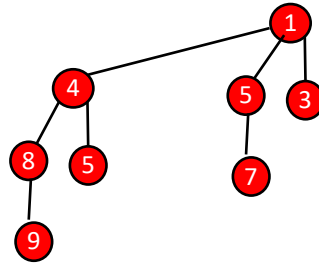
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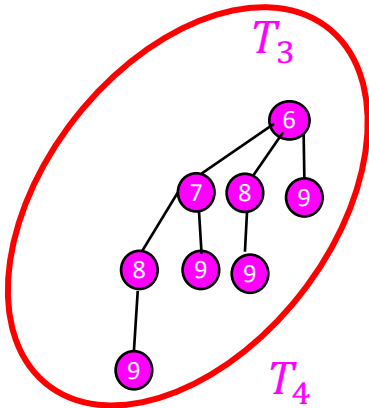
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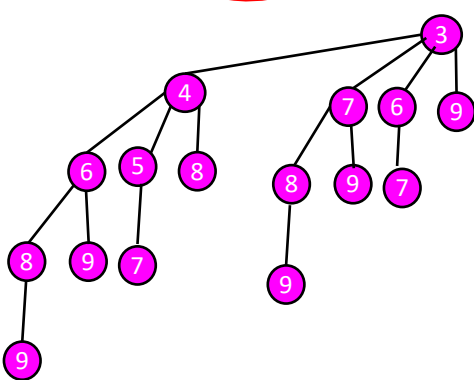
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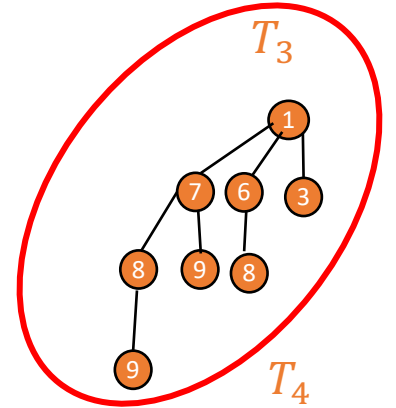
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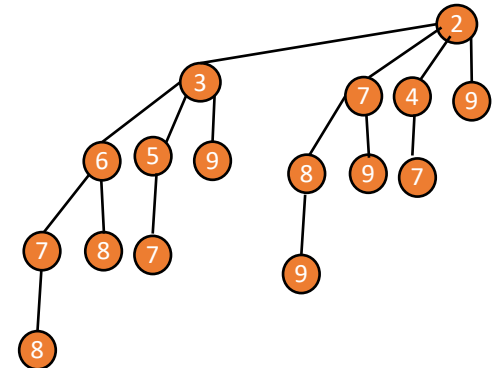
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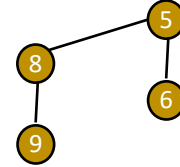


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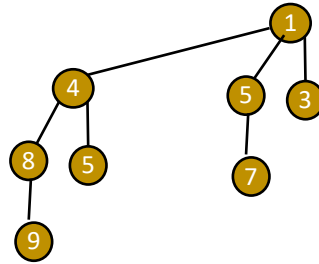
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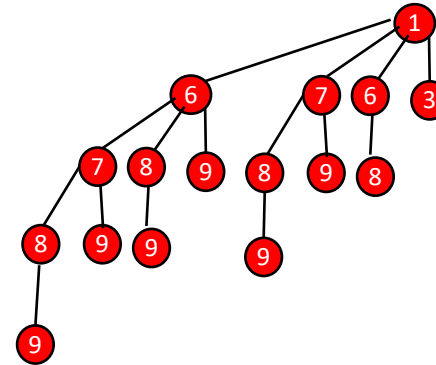
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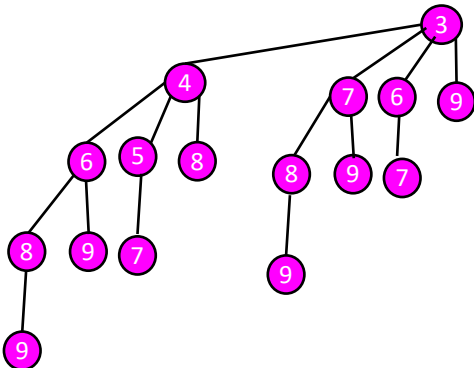
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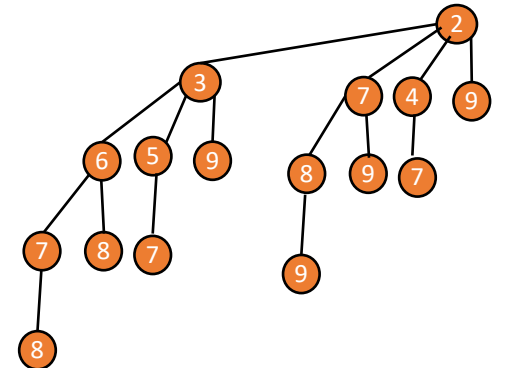


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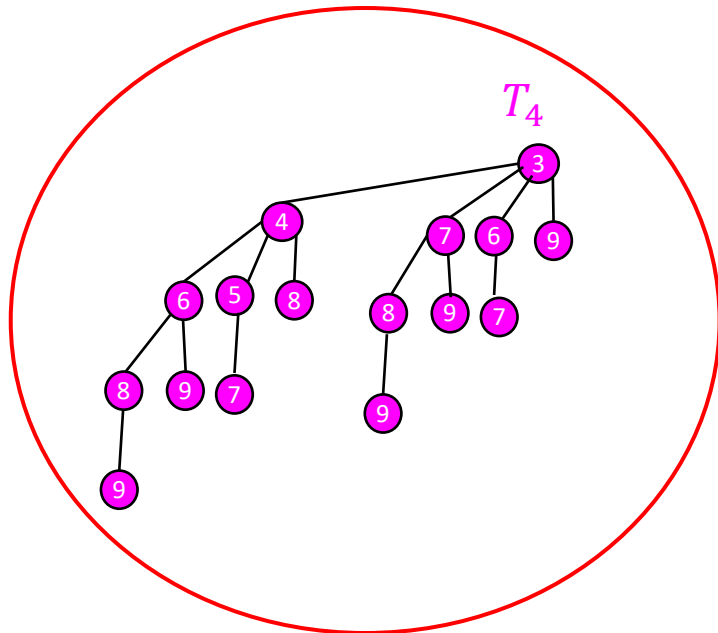
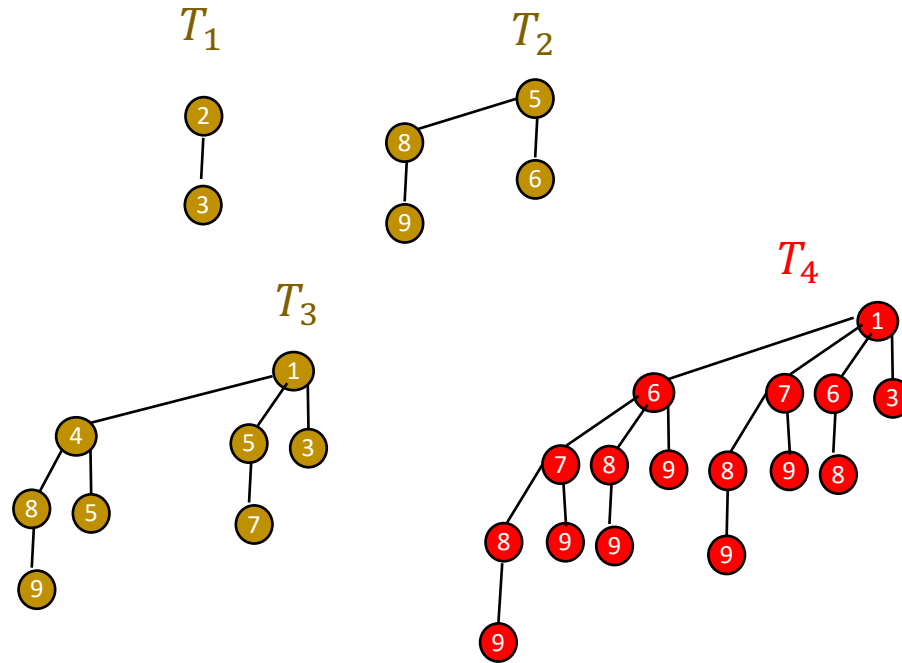


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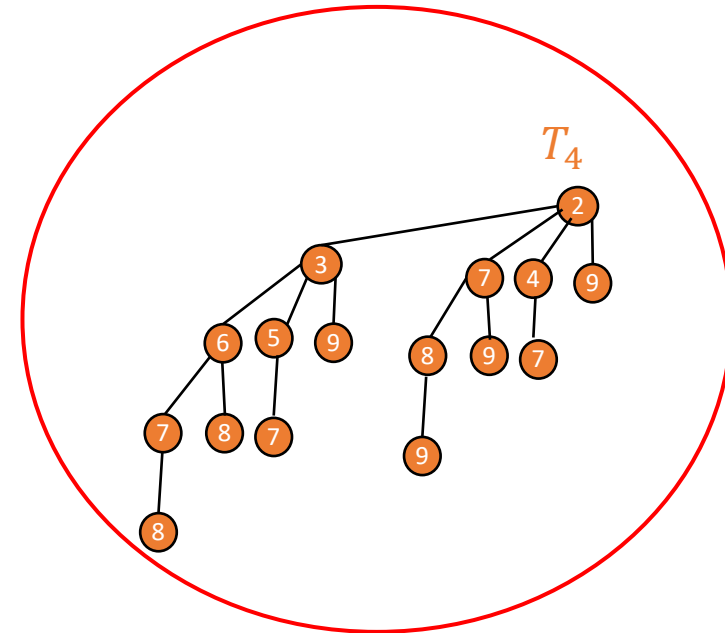
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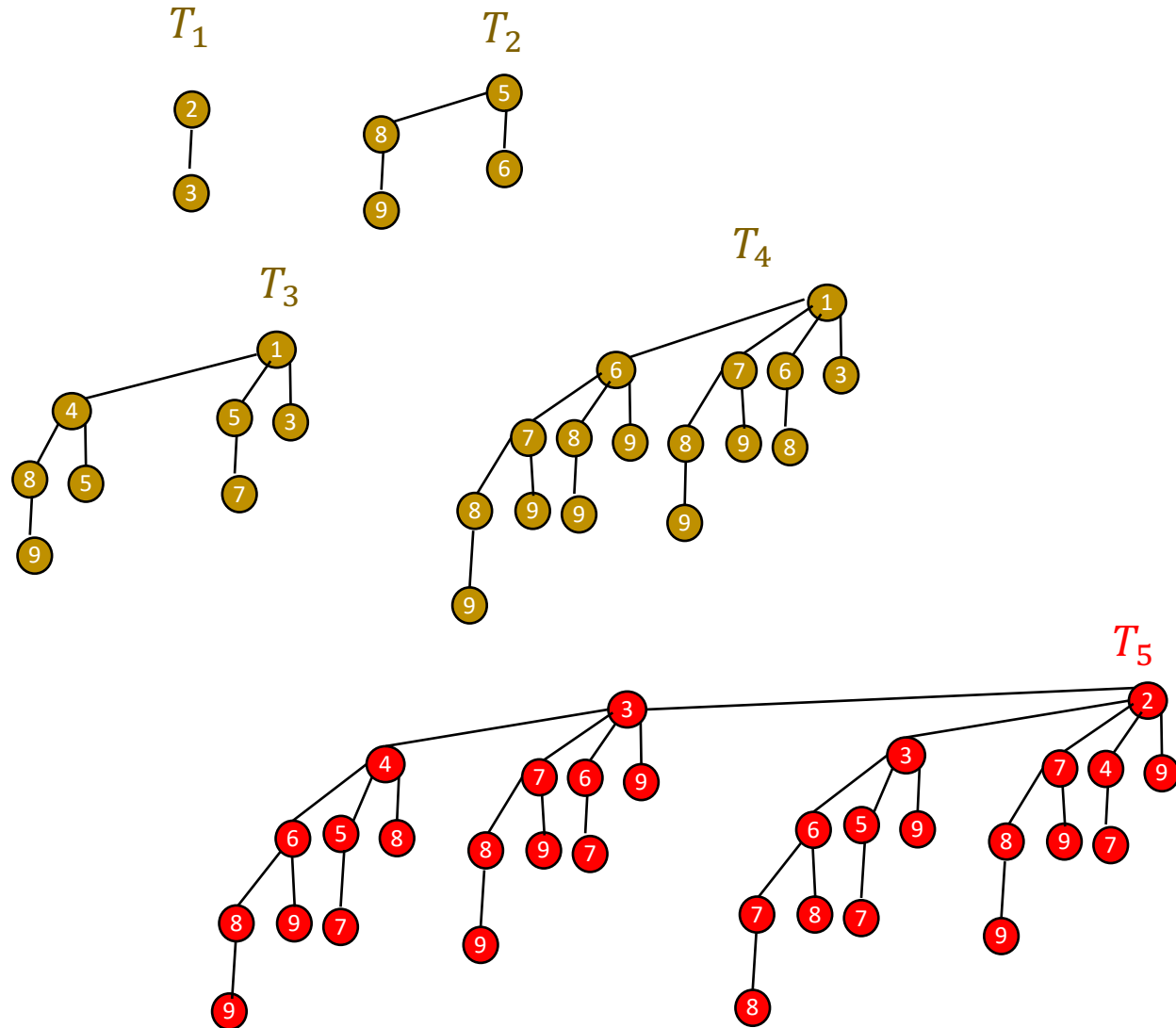
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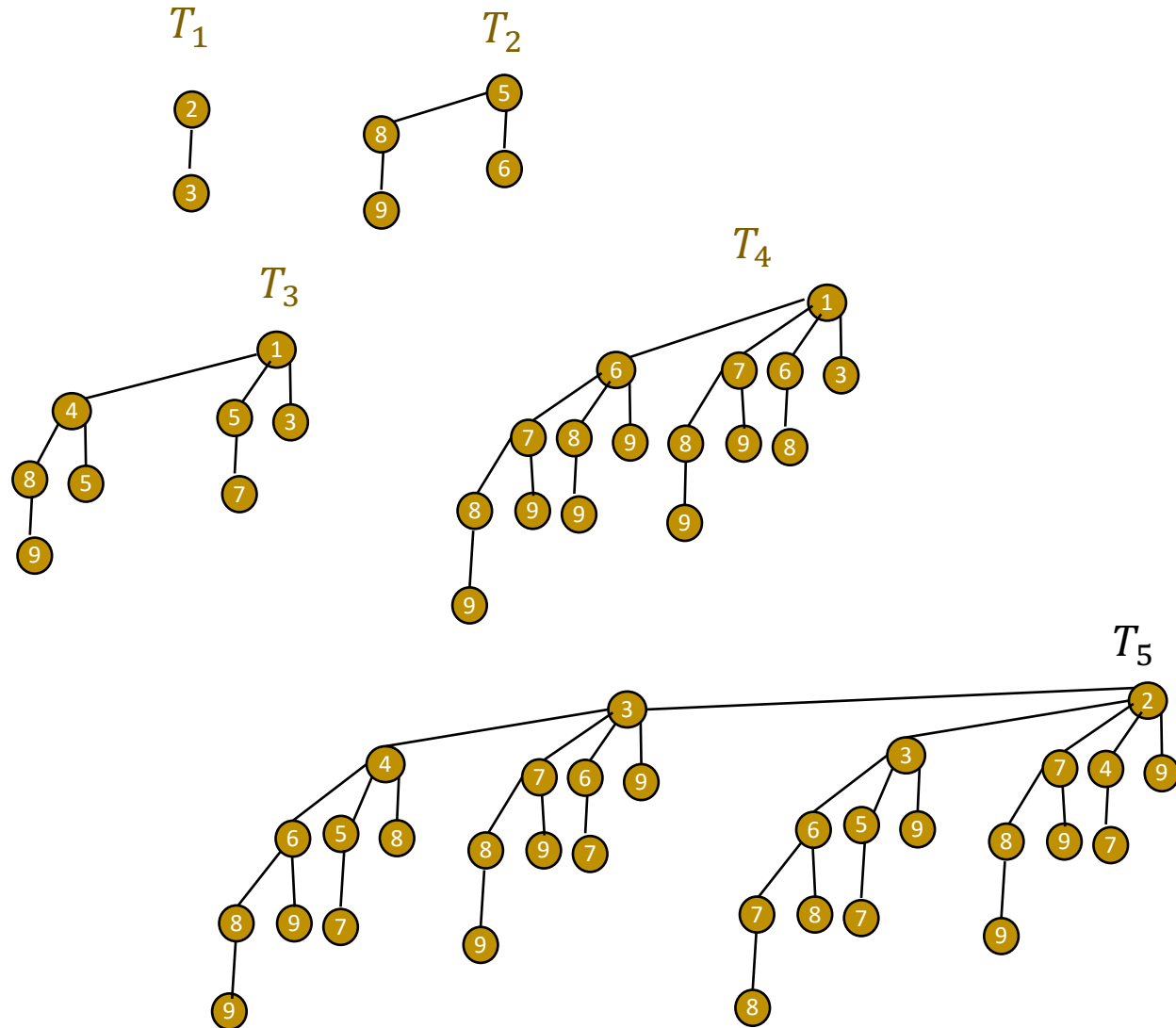
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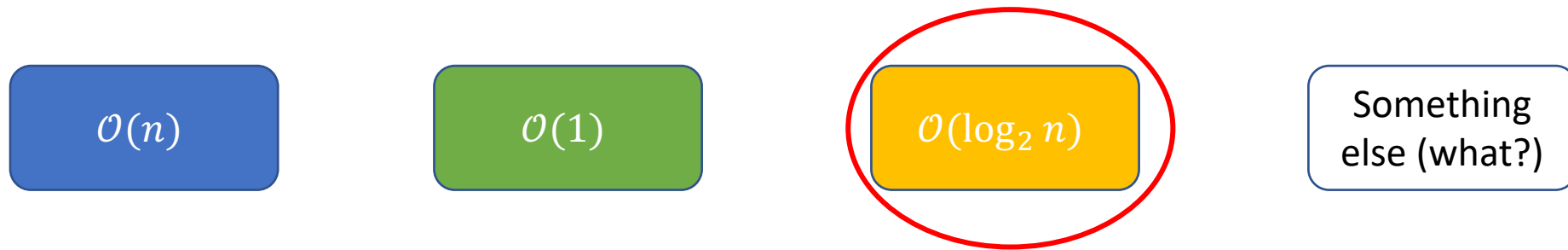
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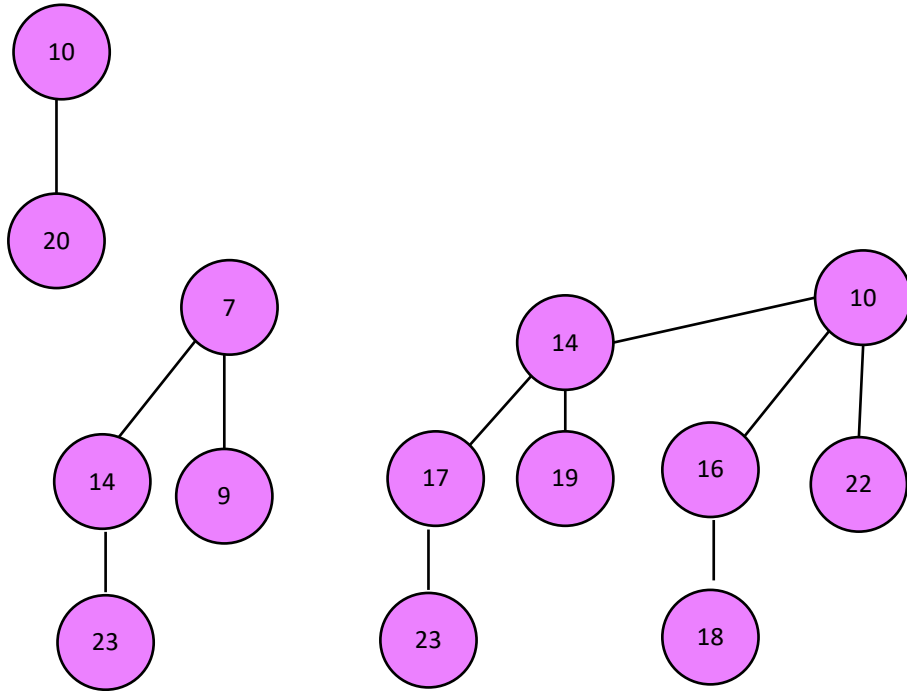
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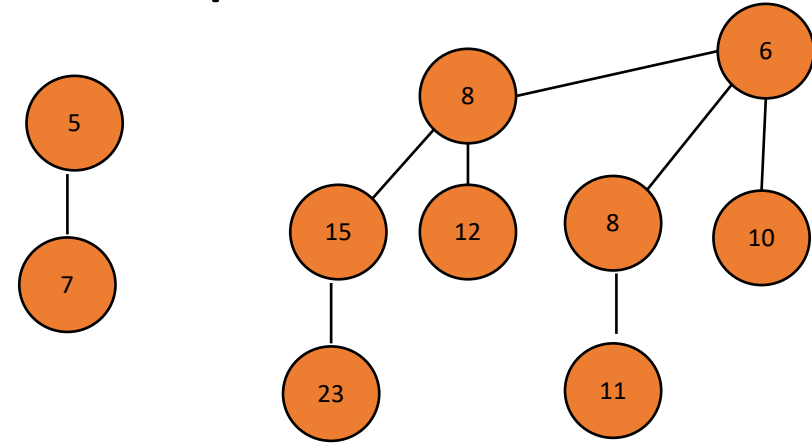


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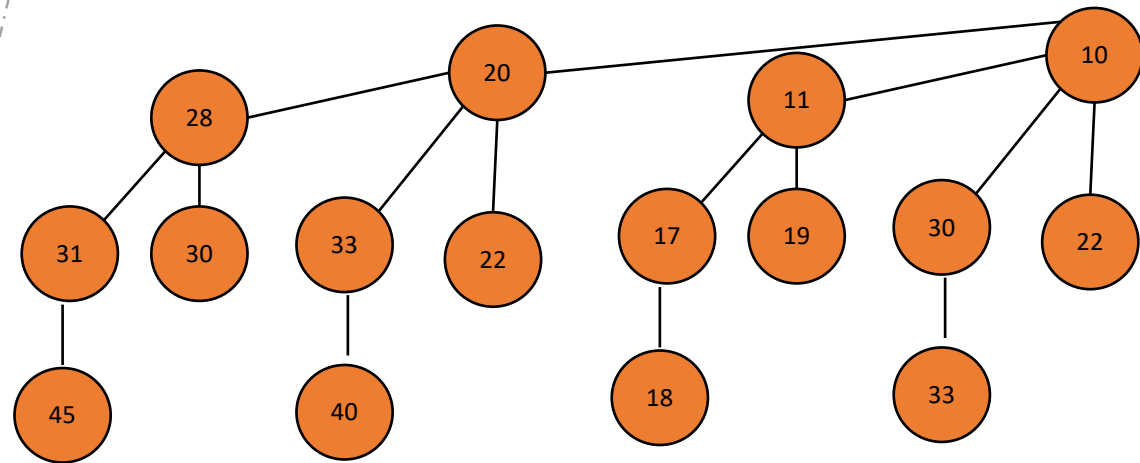
Merge these for me please!



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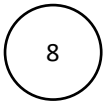
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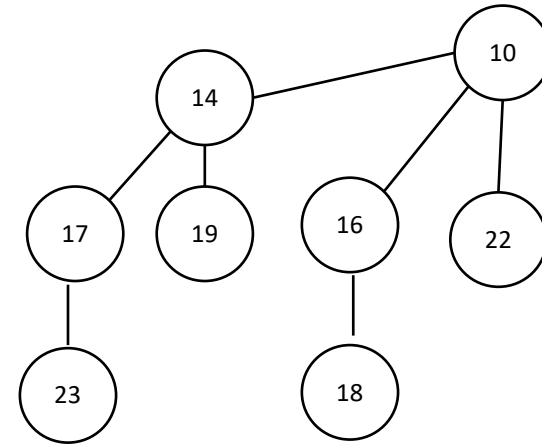
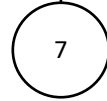
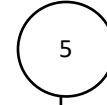
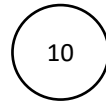
Enqueue

- To enqueue an element in a Binomial Queue, we simply make a T_0 out of it and **merge** this singleton queue with the rest of the queue.
- Since we can generate up to $\log_2 n$ pairs of trees that we should merge, enqueue() is also a $\mathcal{O}(\log_2 n)$ operation .

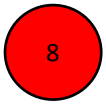
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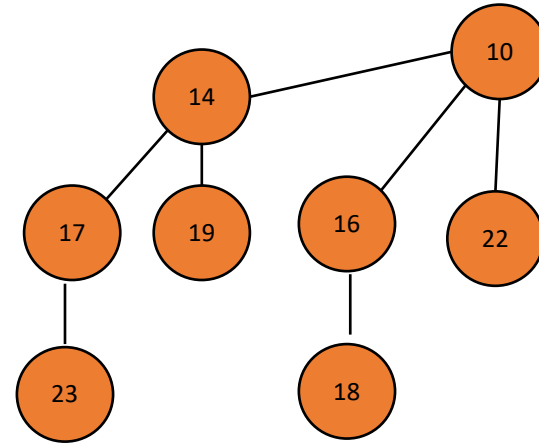
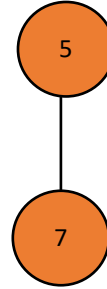
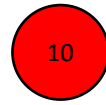
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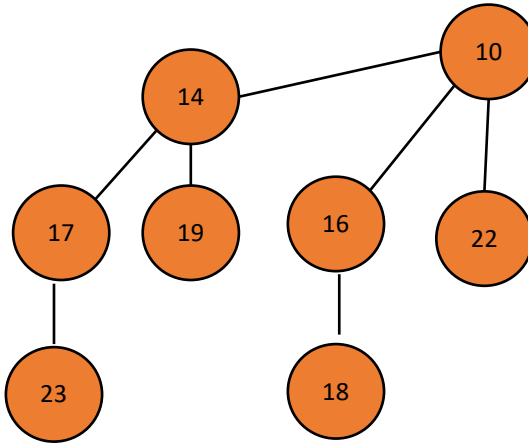
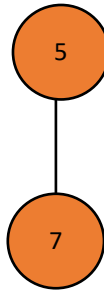
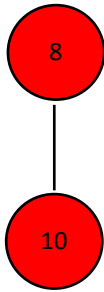
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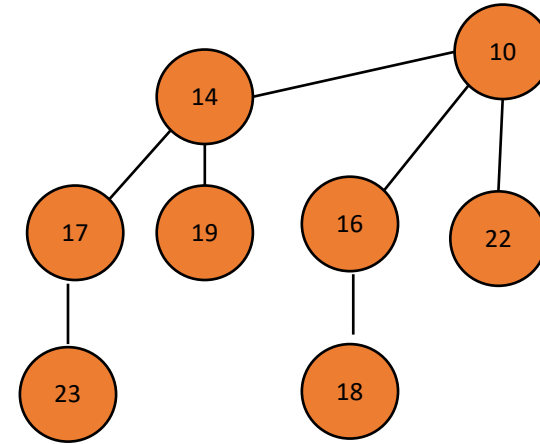
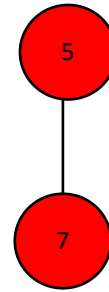
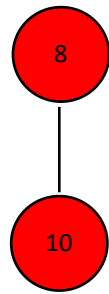
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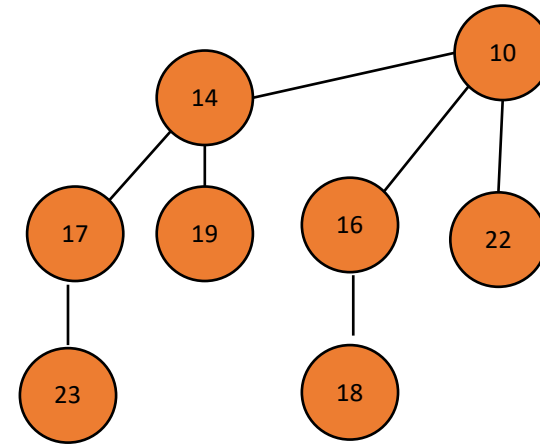
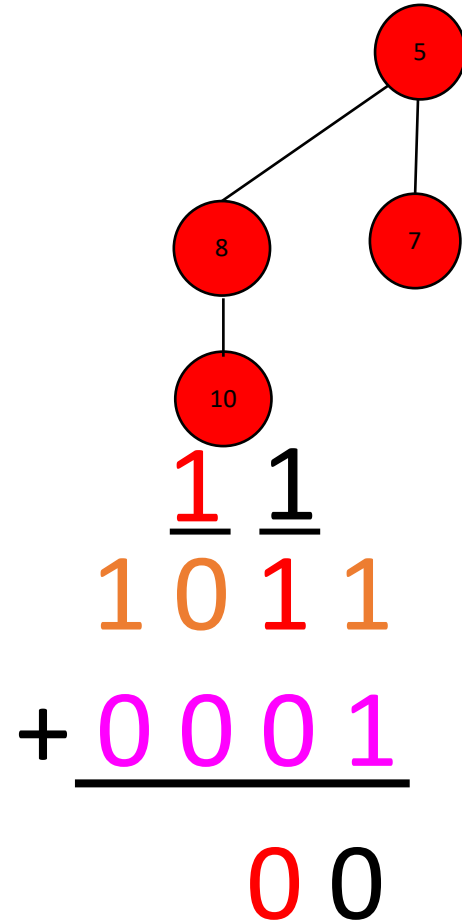
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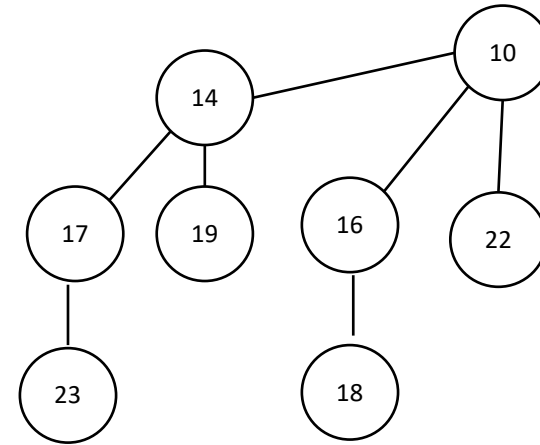
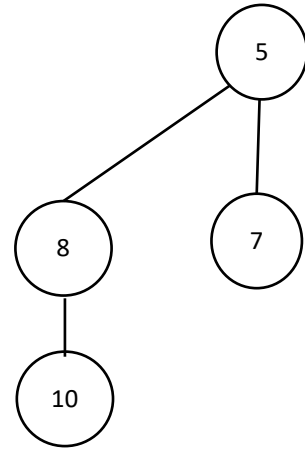
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Done! 😊



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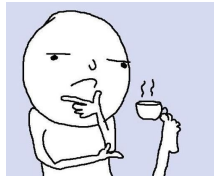
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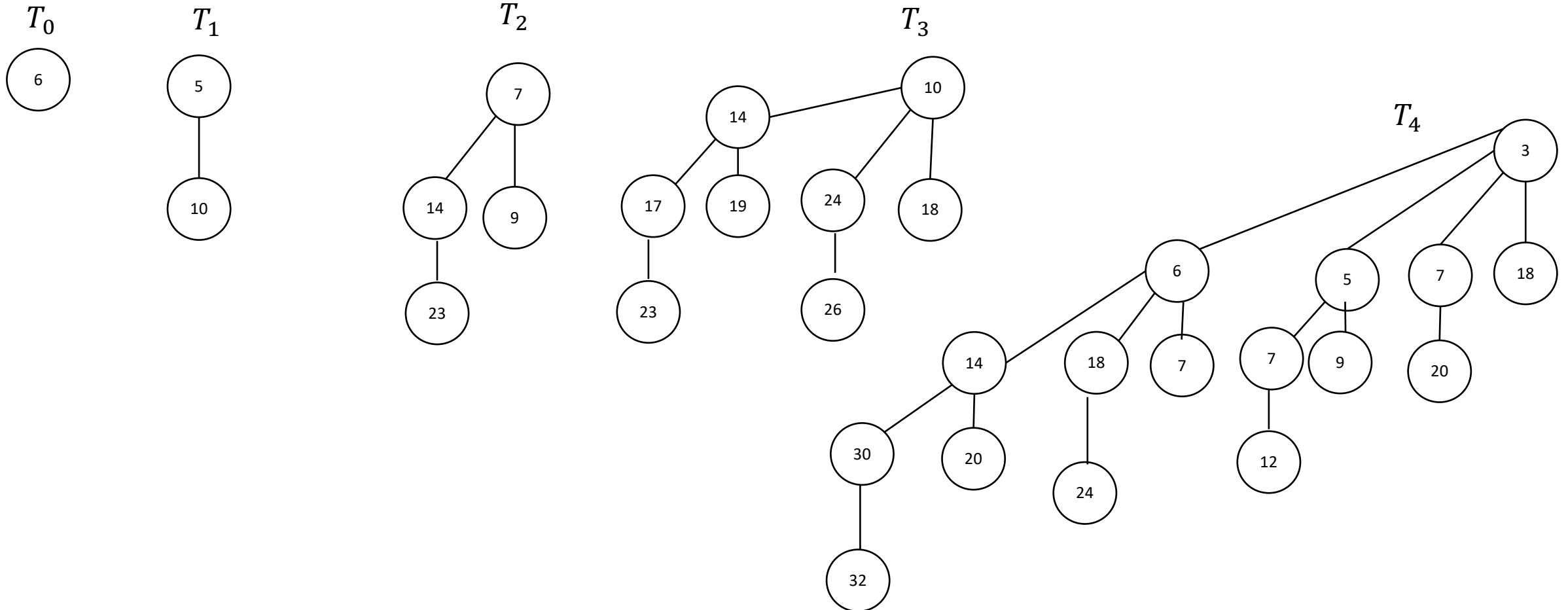
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 - So, in total, we pay the logarithmic cost twice
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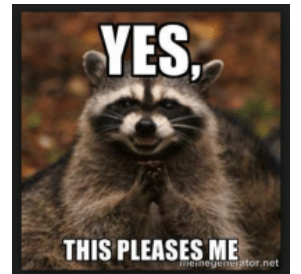
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Binomial vs Binary heaps

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