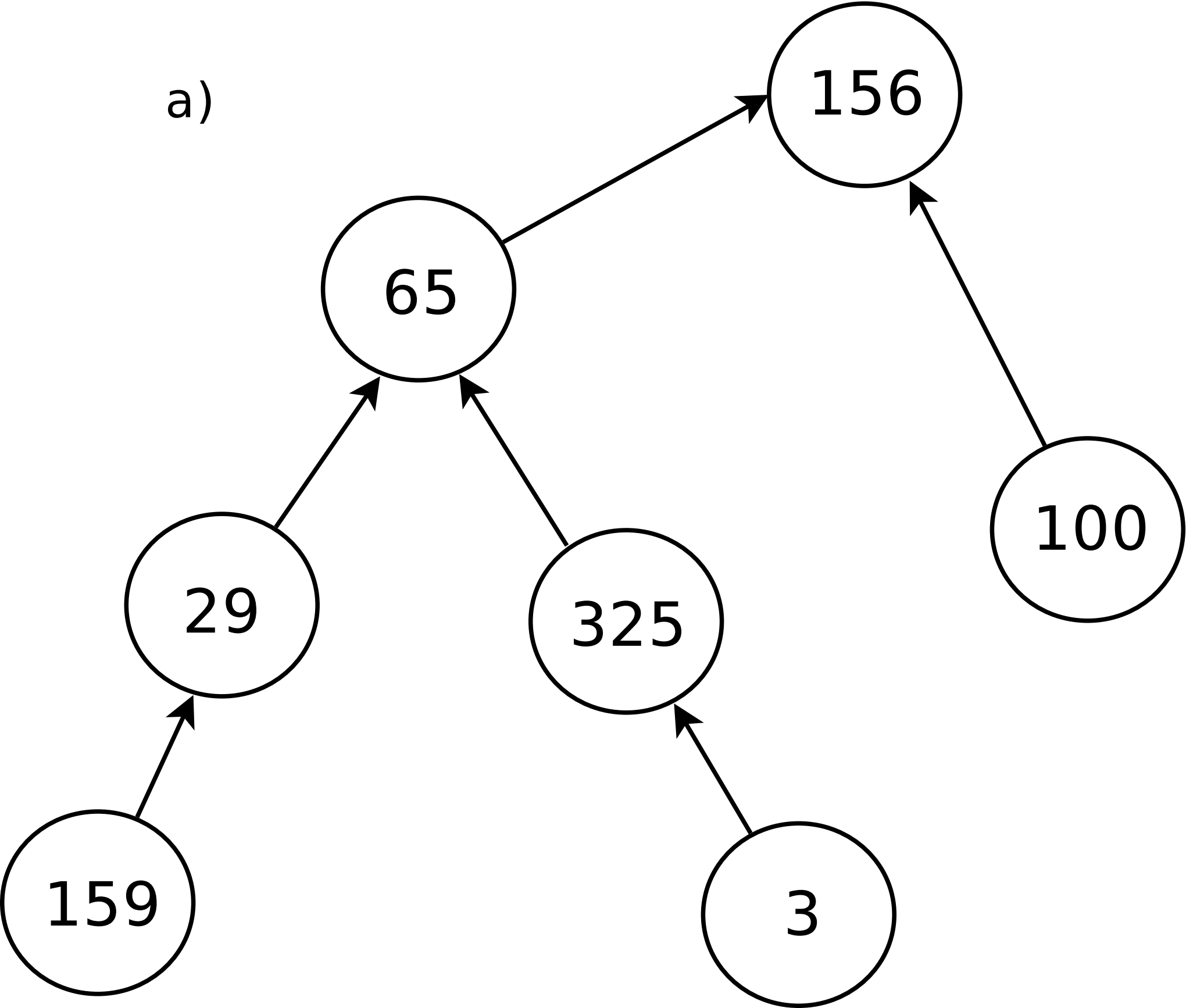a)