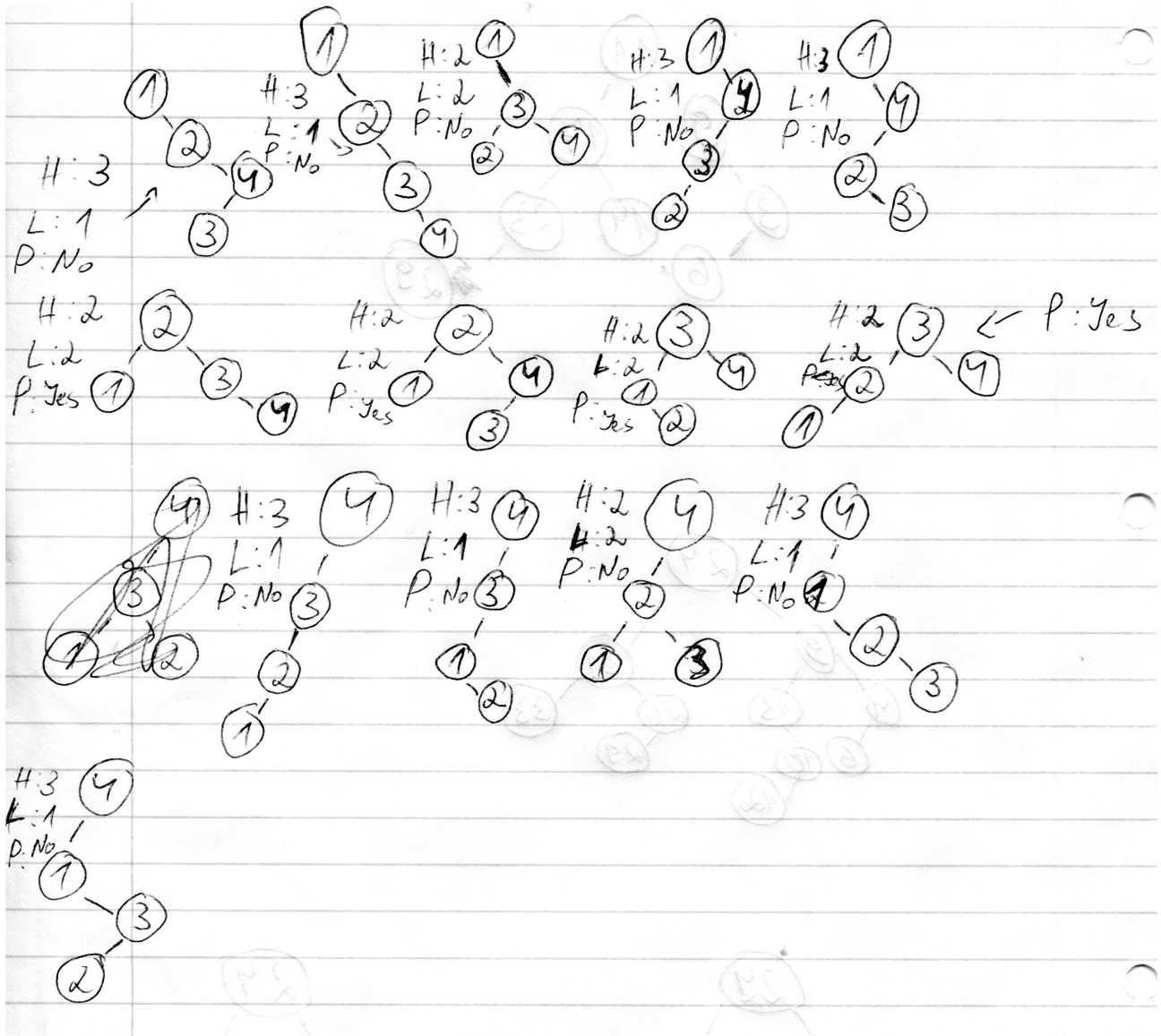


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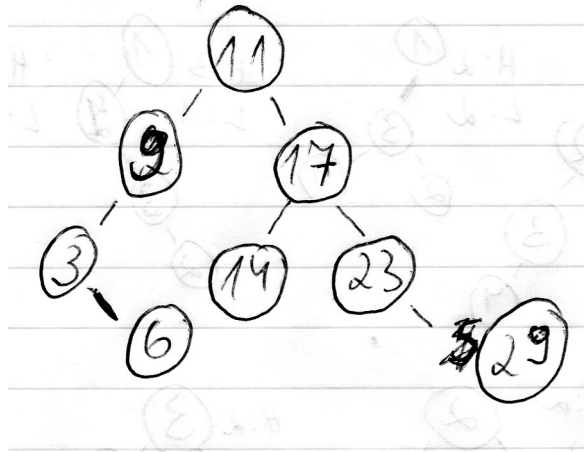
1. There are  $4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$  different orderings of the numbers  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  available. They can be represented by the following binary trees:



On the right of every tree are written its height, number of leaves and if it's perfectly balanced (H – height, L – number of leaves and P – is it perfectly balanced).

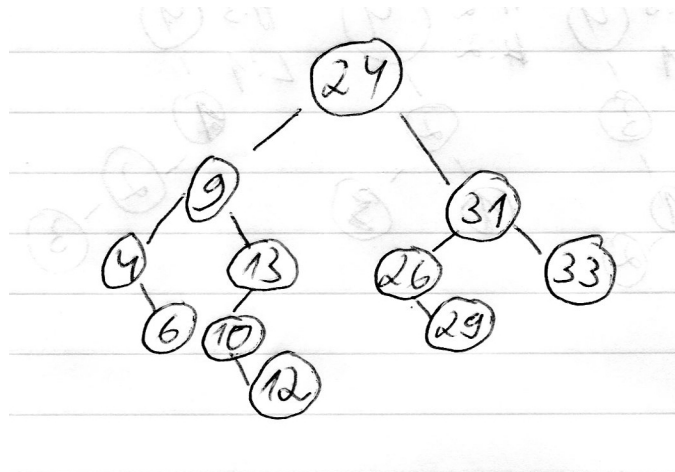
There are 14 unique trees.

2. Here's the tree that is formed if number 6 is the root:

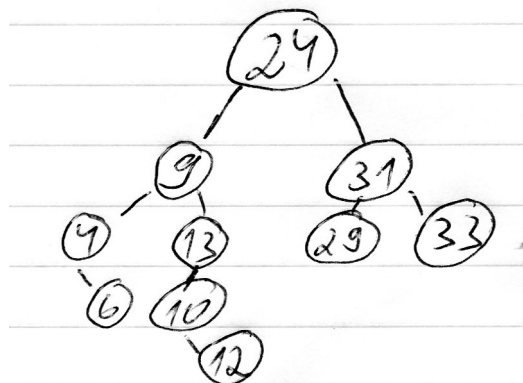


This is a valid search binary tree because on the left side we always have values smaller than the root and on the right – values always bigger than the node.

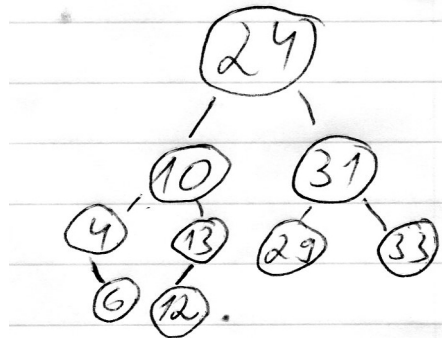
3. The tree which is a result of inserting the items [24, 9, 13, 4, 31, 26, 6, 10, 29, 33, 12] in that order into an empty tree is:



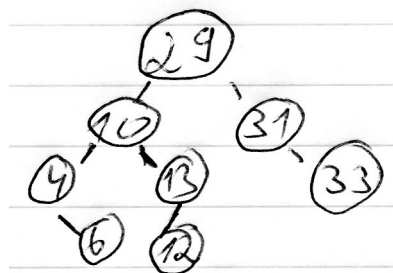
When we remove item 26 we get:



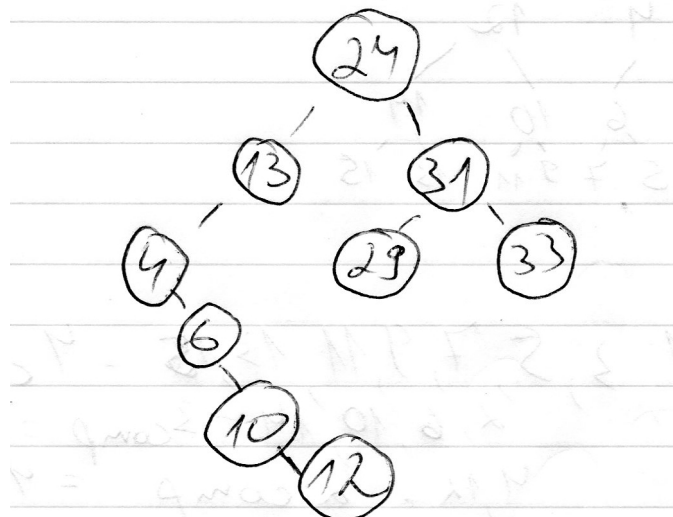
And when we delete 9 from the new tree:



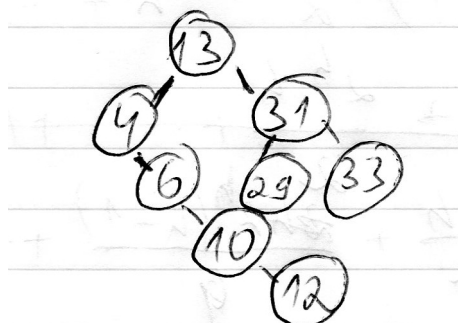
And after we remove 24:



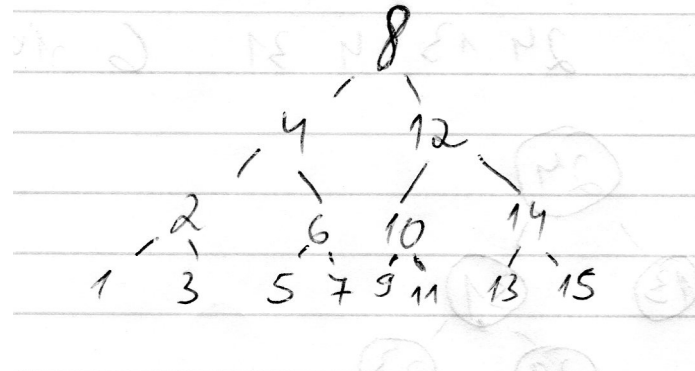
All new trees are valid binary search trees. Not always though the same trees would form if we remove some of numbers – if we only remove 26 the tree would be the same, but if we remove 9 too then the “tree from scratch” would be:



After we remove 24 the tree from building a new binary search would again be different:



4. The tree looks like this:



The leaves (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15) need the most comparisons – 4. Then the level above them requires one comparison less, therefore 2, 6, 10 and 14 require 3 comparisons each. Using the same logic we can see that 4 and 12 need 2 comparisons and 8 needs only one. We can say that the number of comparisons required is equal to  $l+1$  where  $l$  is the level on which the node is situated.

Using these numbers, if we want to search for all the numbers the total number of comparisons  $C$  required for this would be  $8*4 + 4*3 + 2*2 + 1 = 49$ . Therefore the average number of comparisons required for searching a number should be  $49 / 15 \approx 3.267$  so around 3-4 comparisons.

5. As we saw in Question 4 the total number of comparisons  $C$  required is the sum of the comparisons needed to search all the numbers on a given level. So if we get the tree from Question 4 as an example we can have these sums:

- For Level 3 (the lowest one): 8 elements \* 4 comparisons needed for each = 32 comparisons
- For Level 2: 4 elements \* 3 comparisons = 12 comparisons
- For Level 1: 2 elements \* 2 comparisons = 4 comparisons
- For Level 0: 1 element \* 1 comparison = 1 comparison

We can see that the elements on each level are 2 at the power of  $l$  (" $l$ " being the level we're computing). We can also see that the comparisons needed are always  $l+1$  for each element. Therefore we can derive the equation for a level:

- $C(l) = (2^l) * (l+1)$

The overall  $C$  is the sum of all sums of the levels, so the whole equation for  $C$  should be:

- $C(h) = (2^h) * (h+1) + (2^{(h-1)}) * h + \dots + (2^0) * 1$

We've seen that in Question 4 we computed  $A(h)$  by dividing the total number of comparisons ( $C(h)$ ) by the total number of elements. In the case of Question 4 the exact numbers were  $49 / 15$ .

Using this we can make a default equation for computing  $A(h)$ . If we have a full binary search tree then the number of elements on each level should be  $2^l$  where  $l$  is the level we're computing for. Therefore the whole number of elements i.e. the size  $S(h)$  of a tree should be:

- $S(h) = 2^h + 2^{(h-1)} + \dots + 2^0$

Therefore we can write  $A(h)$  as:

- $A(h) = C(h) / S(h) = ((2^h) \cdot (h+1) + (2^{(h-1)}) \cdot h + \dots (2^0) \cdot 1) / (2^h + 2^{(h-1)} + \dots + 2^0)$

A clearer version:

$$C(h) = 2^h(h+1) + 2^{h-1} \cdot h + \dots + 2^0 \cdot 1$$

$$A(h) = \frac{2^h(h+1) + 2^{h-1} \cdot h + \dots + 2^0 \cdot 1}{2^h + 2^{h-1} + \dots + 2^0}$$

We can see that for large trees the average amount of comparisons needed shouldn't increase quickly – both  $C(h)$  and  $S(h)$  increase exponentially, but the  $C(h)$  is divided by  $S(h)$  and therefore the increase isn't massive.