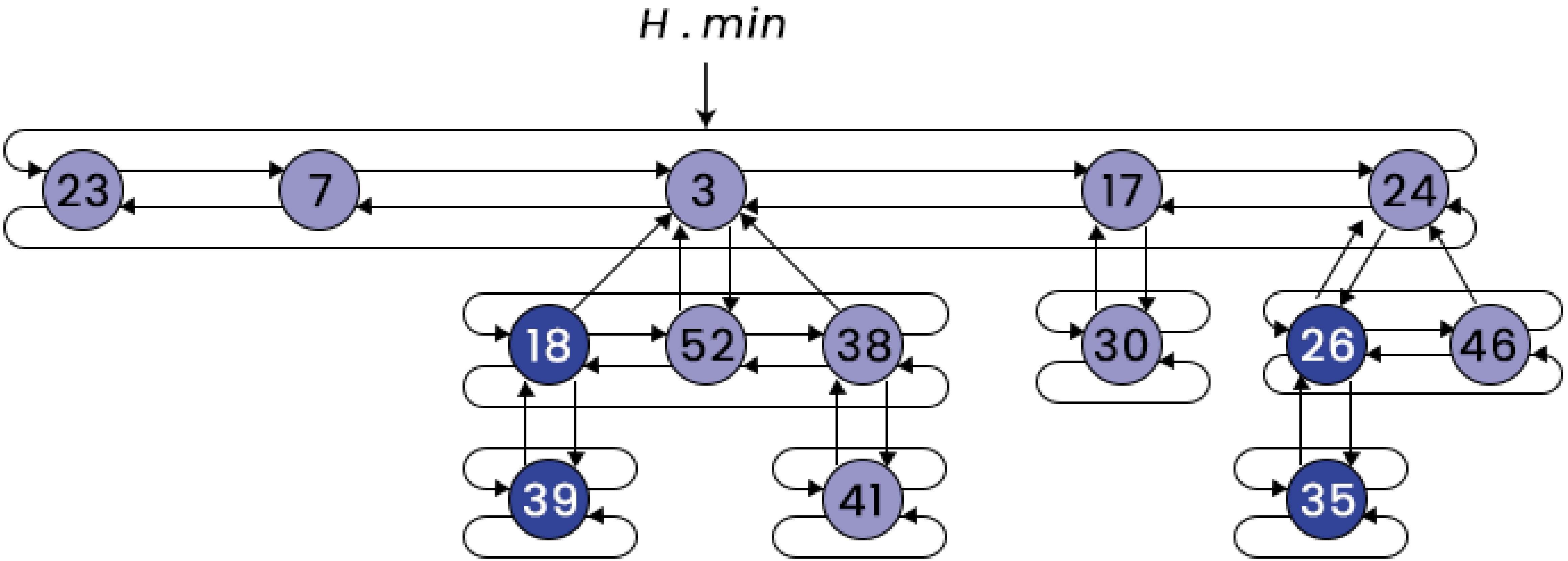

Fibonacci Heap

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Computational Problem

- Data Structure designed to optimize operations on Priority Queues
- Problems it was designed to solve:
  - Dijkstra’s Algorithm
  - Prim’s Algorithm

Background Information


Created by Micheal Freedman & Robert Tarjan in 1984

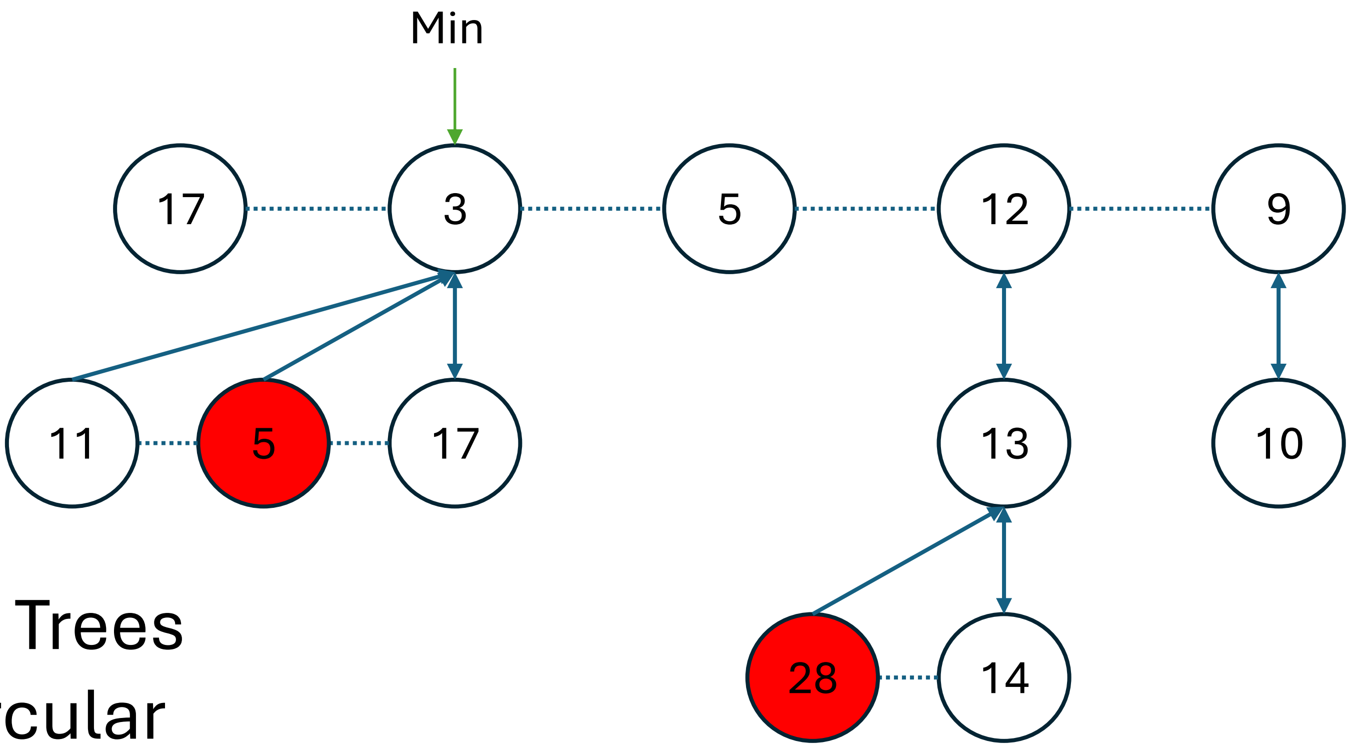
Function	Fibonacci Heap	Binomial Heap	Binary Heap
Insert	O(1)	O(log n)	O(log n)
Find-min	O(1)	O(log n)	O(1)
Extract-Min	O(log n)	O(log n)	O(log n)
Decrease-key	O(1)	O(log n)	O(log n)
Union	O(1)	O(log n)	O(n)

*Amortized except for Binary heap

Example Fibonacci Heap

Key Operations:

- Insert
- Extract-Min
- Decrease-Key
- Union

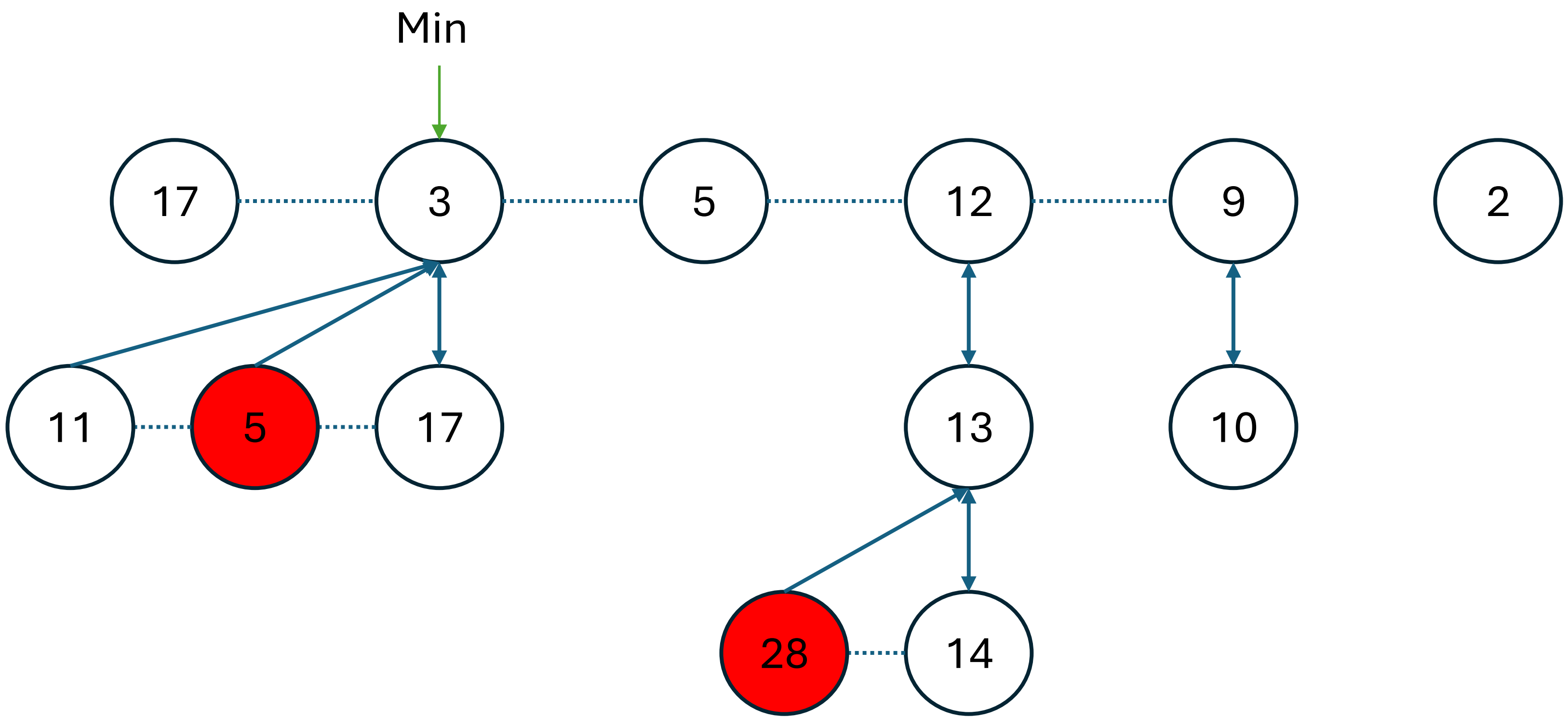


Collection of Heap Ordered Trees

- Nodes structured in a circular doubly linked list
- Lazy Consolidation

Insert : $O(1)$

- Simply add node to the root list
- Update min if needed



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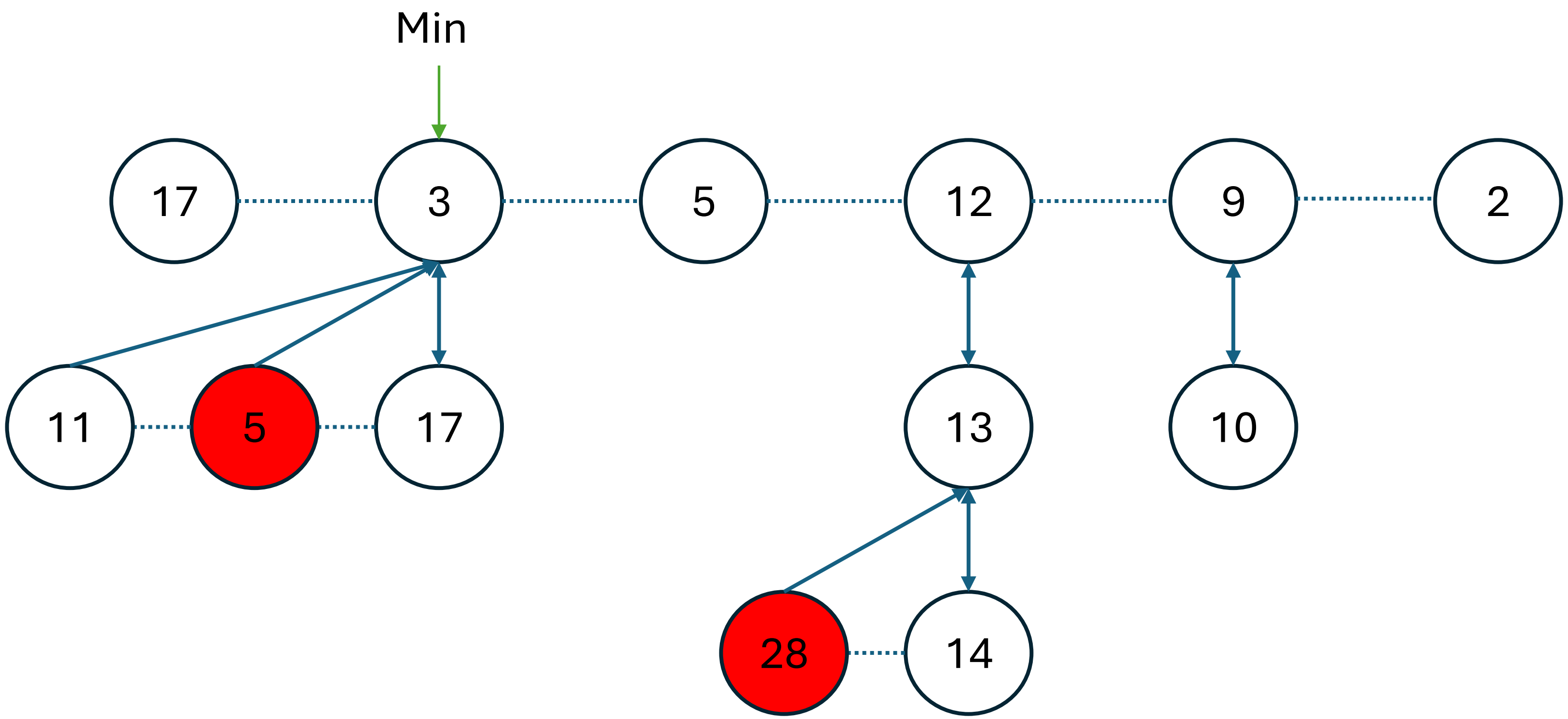

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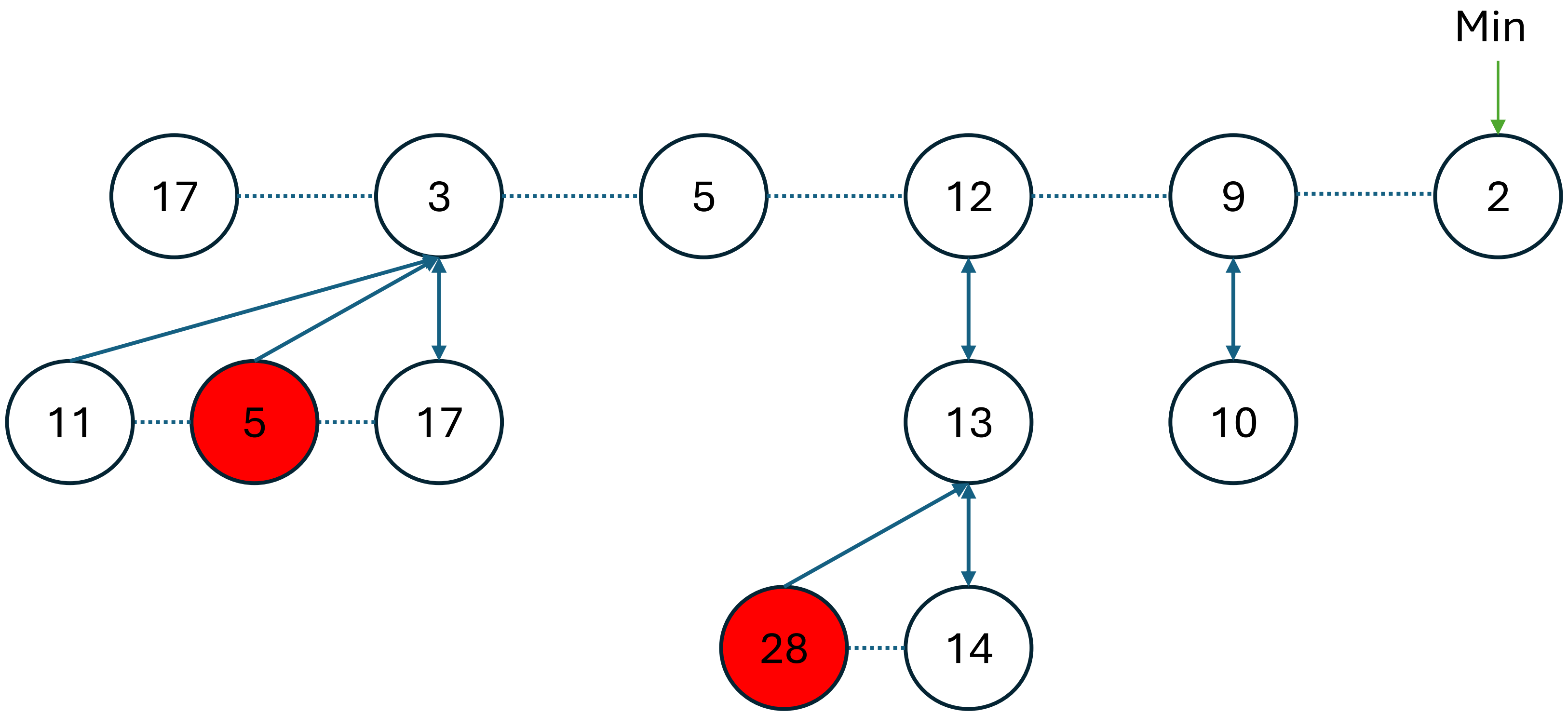

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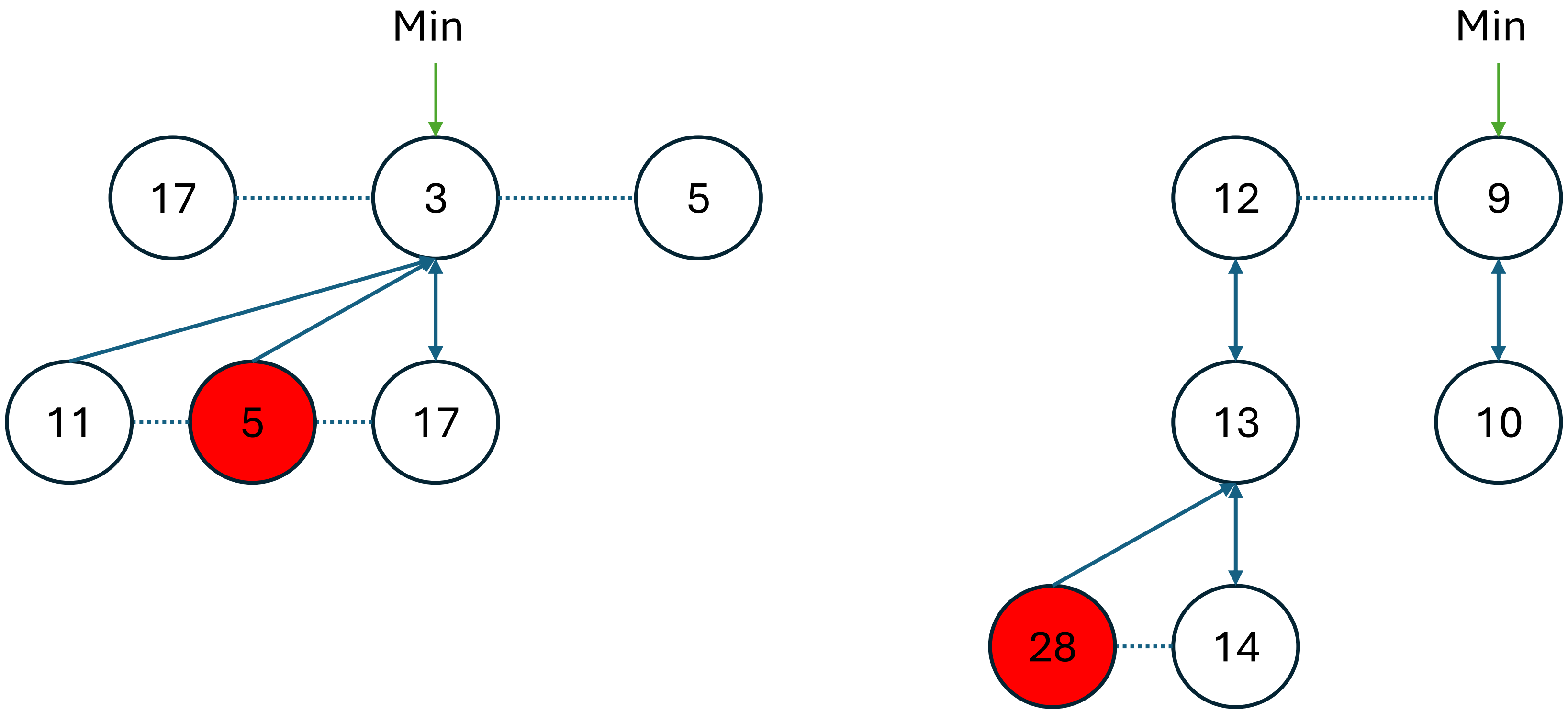
- Update min



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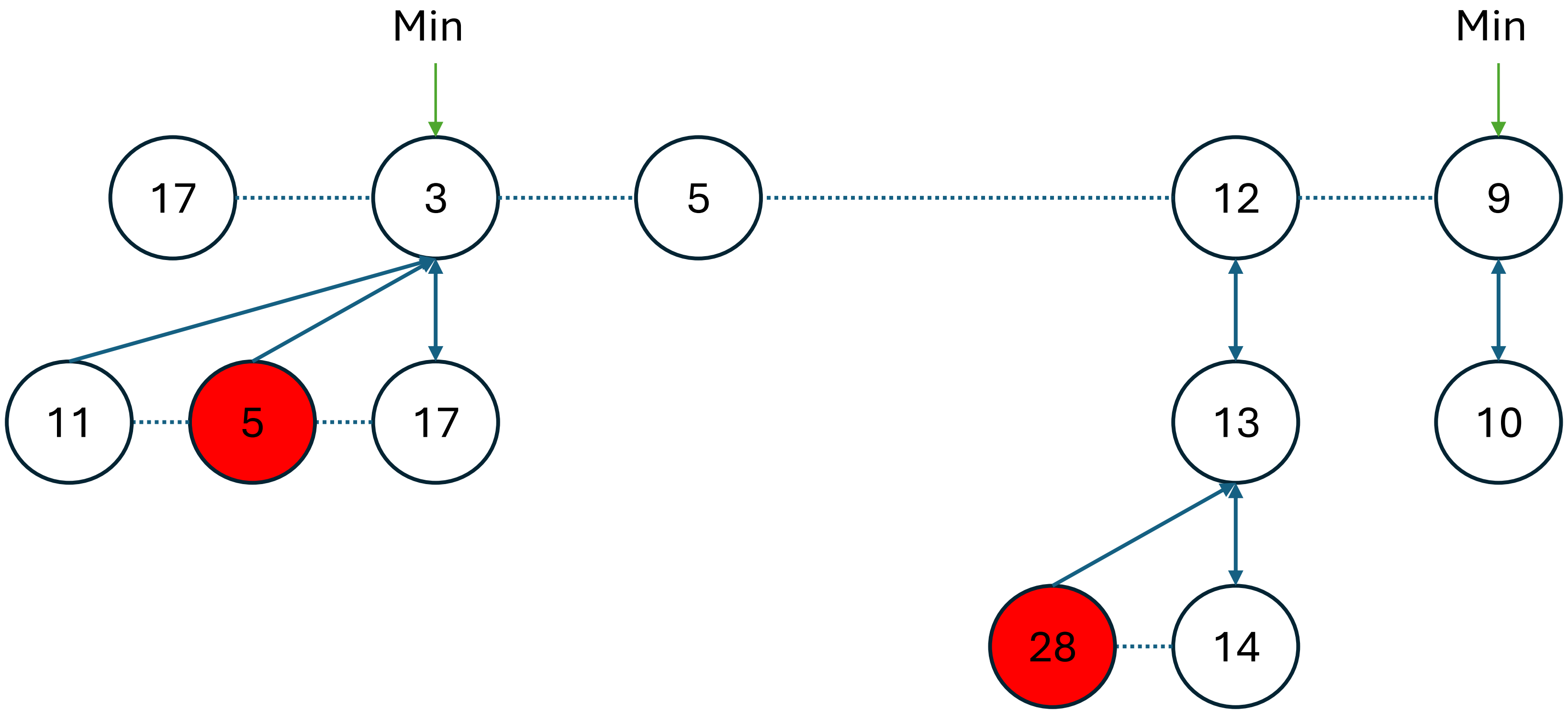

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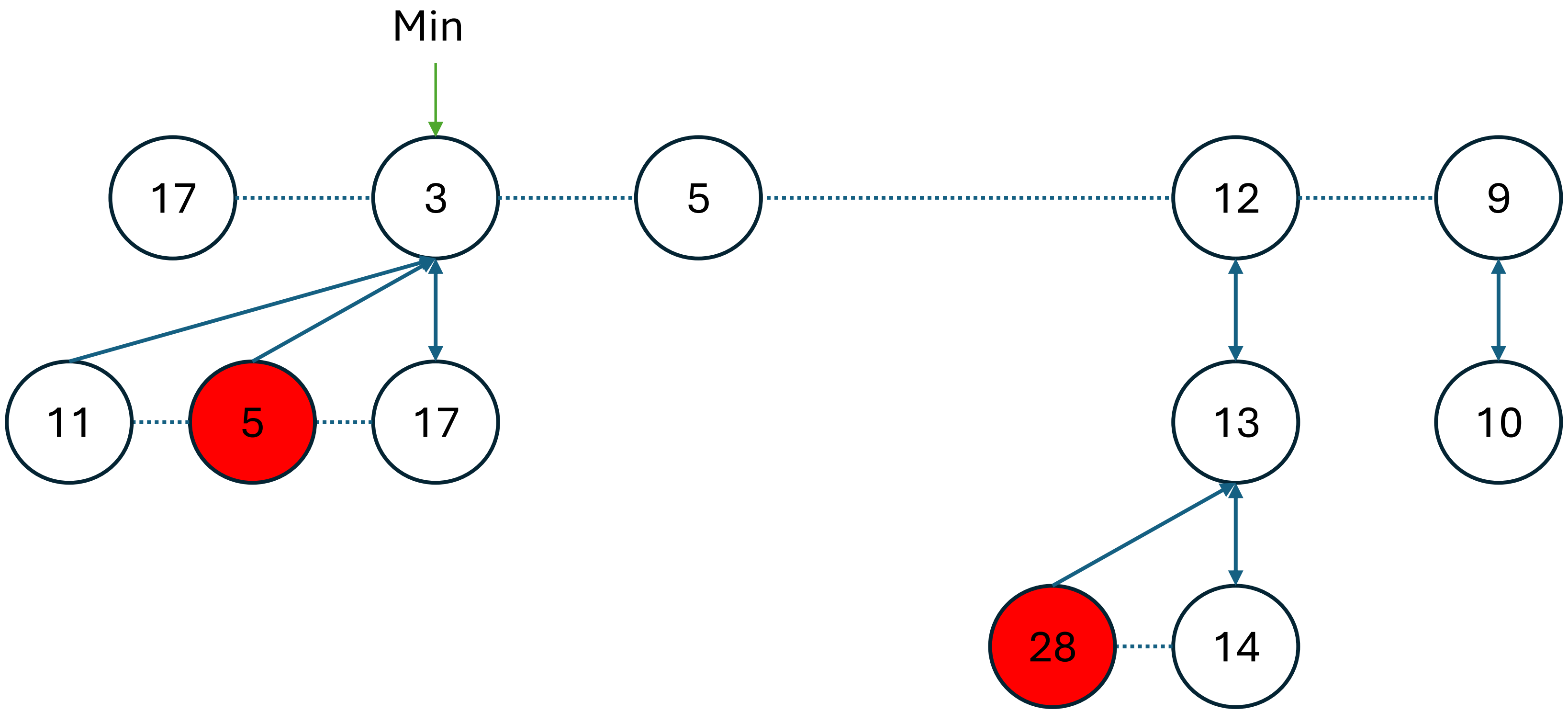
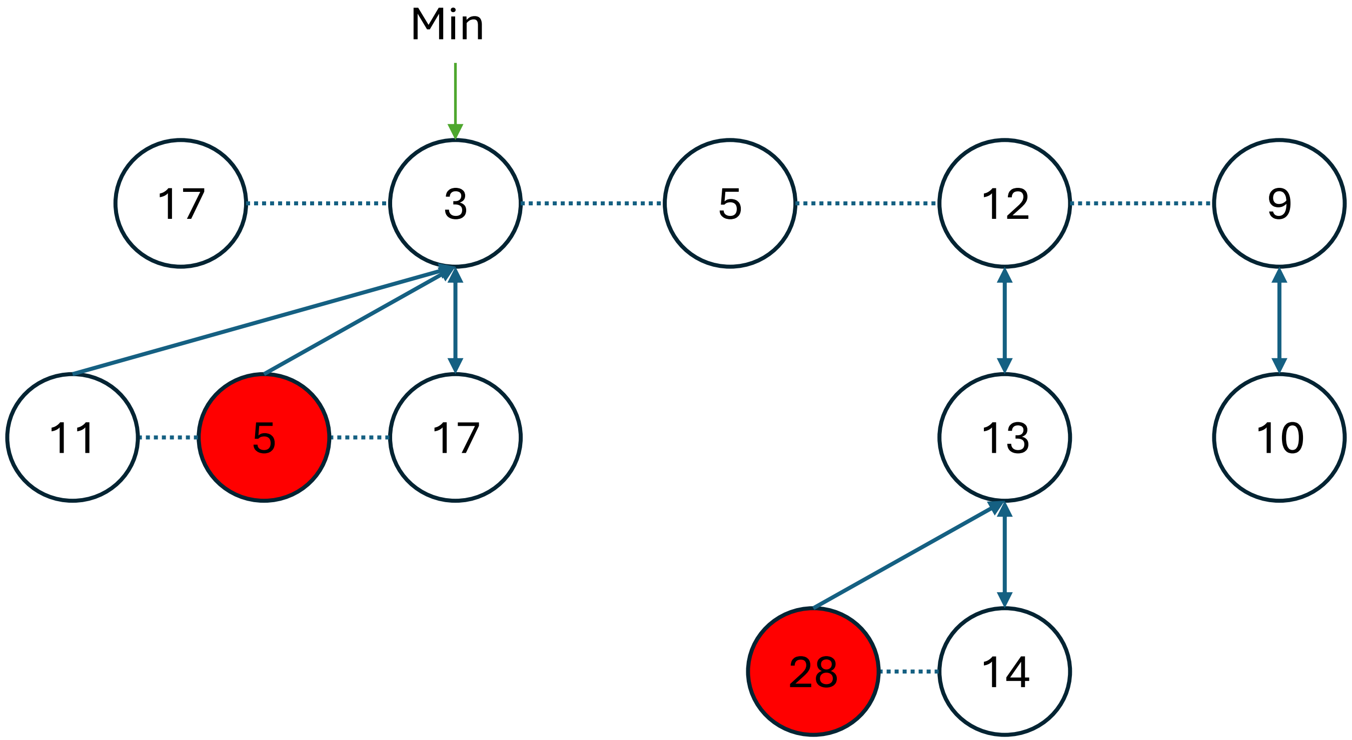


Extract-Min : $O(\log n)$

- Add children of the min node to the root list if needed
- Consolidate trees so that no two trees have the same degree



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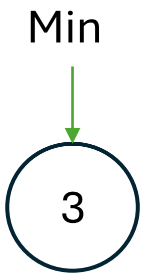

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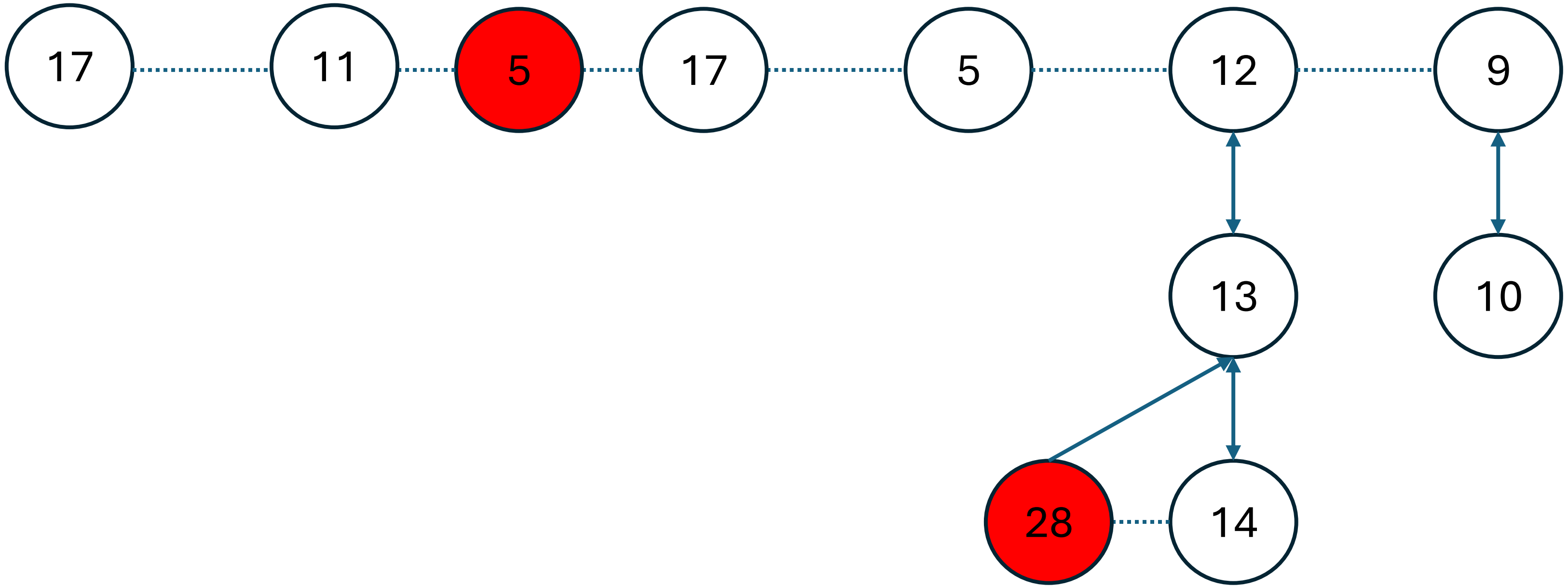

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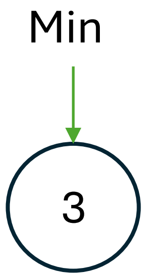

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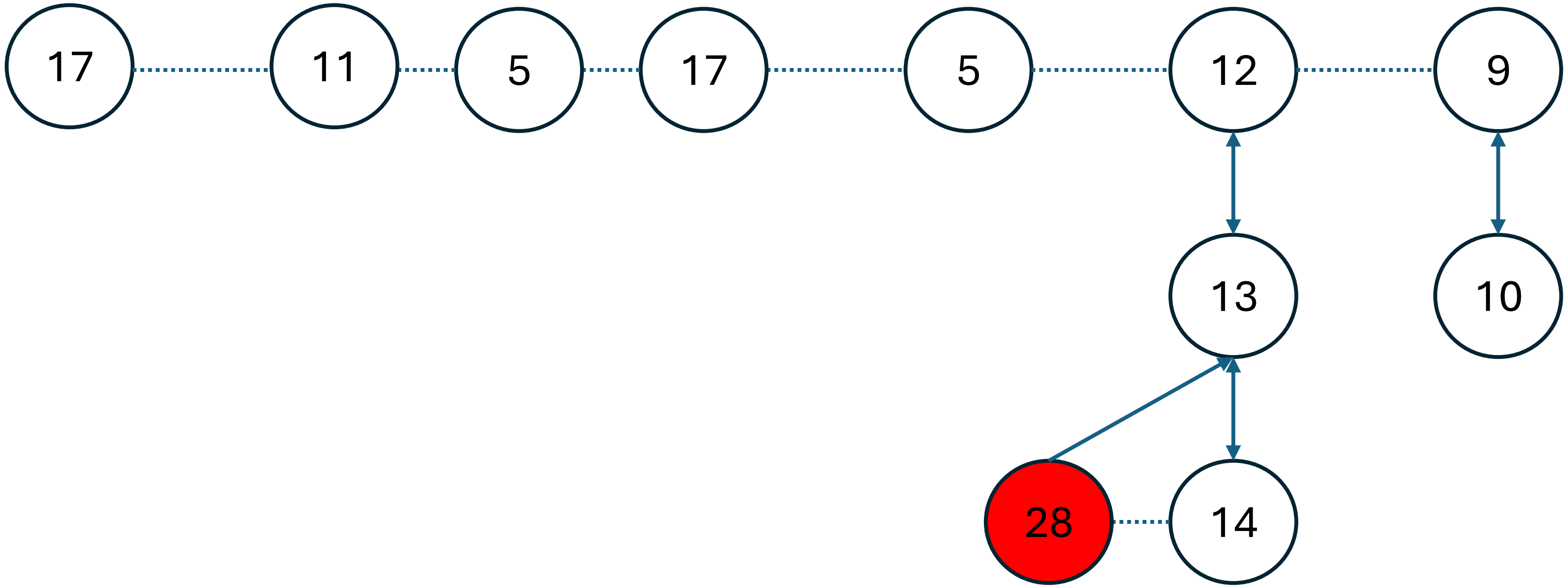
  - Unmark any new root nodes if needed
  - Set min to a node in the root list



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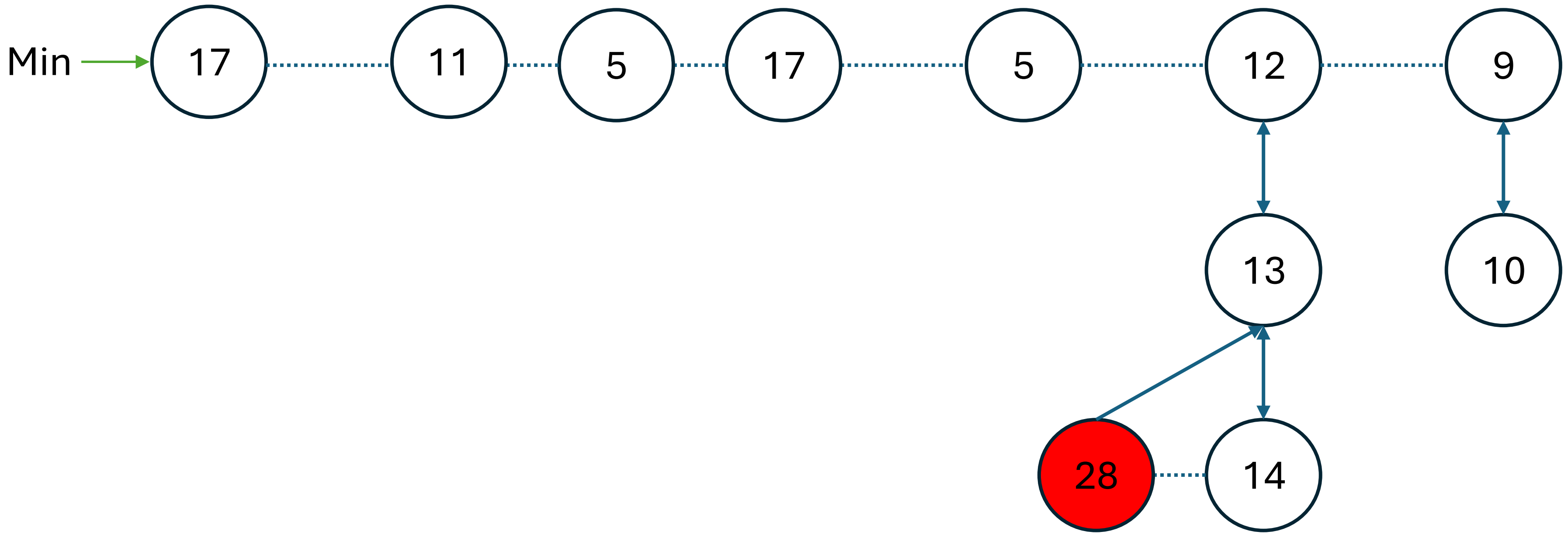

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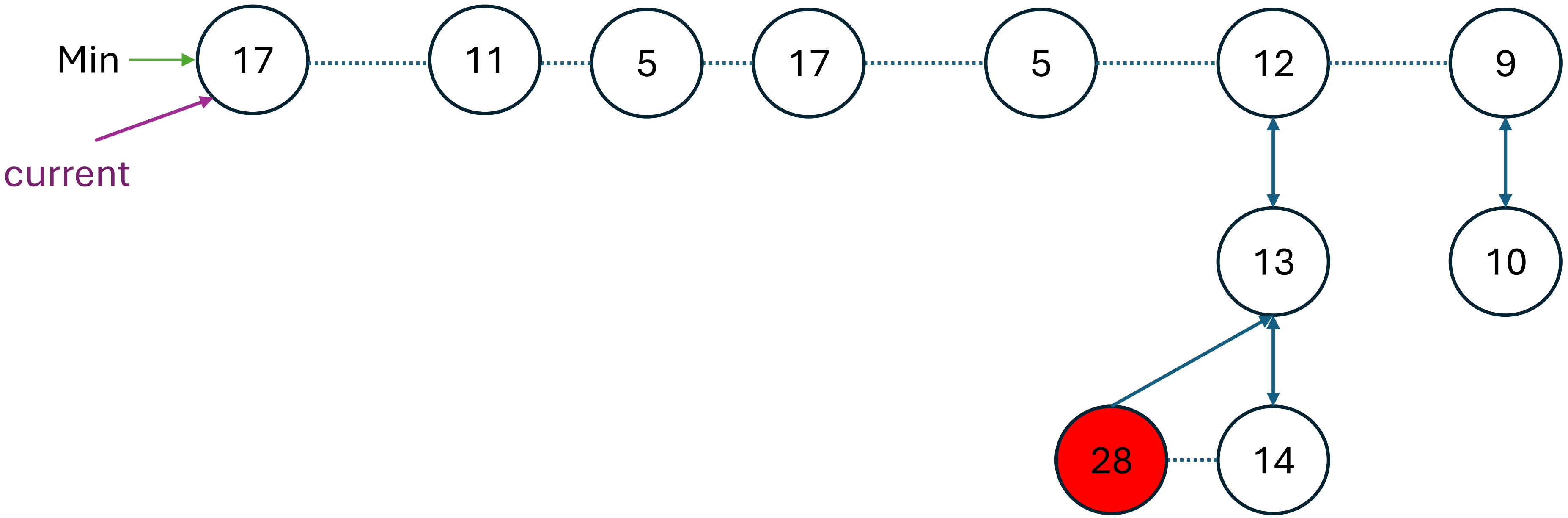

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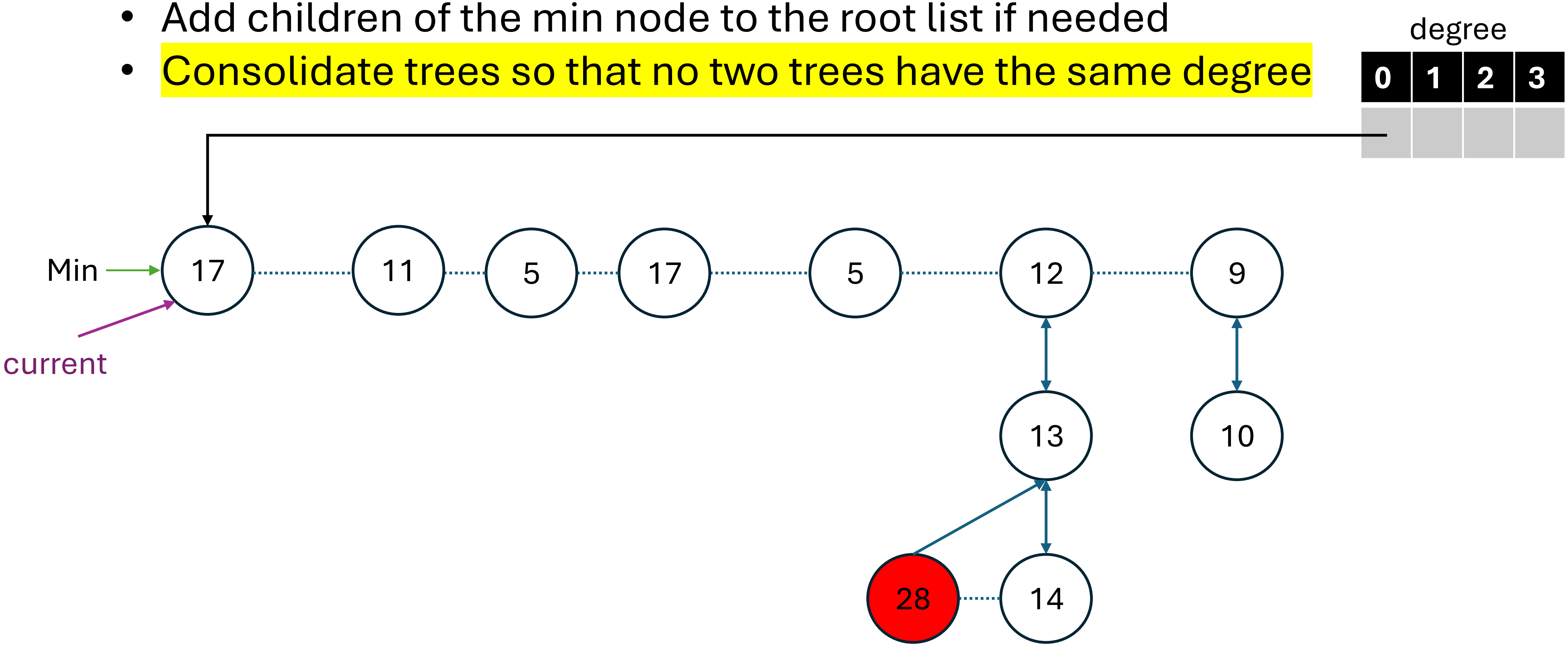

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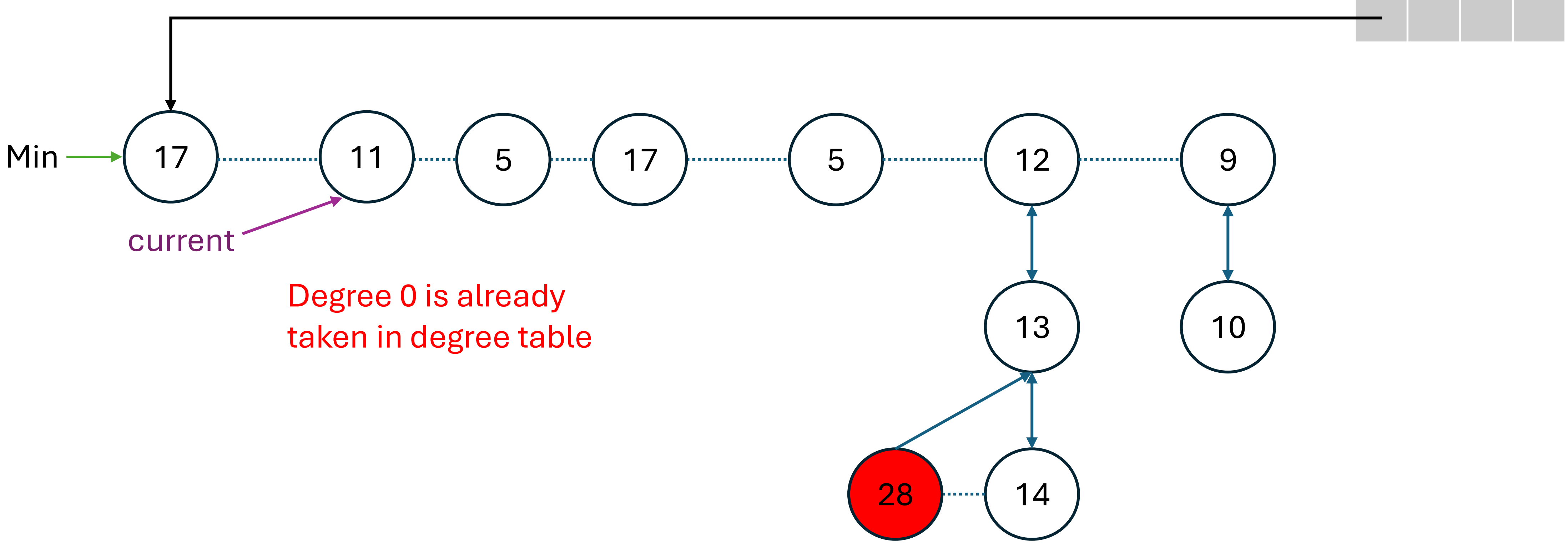

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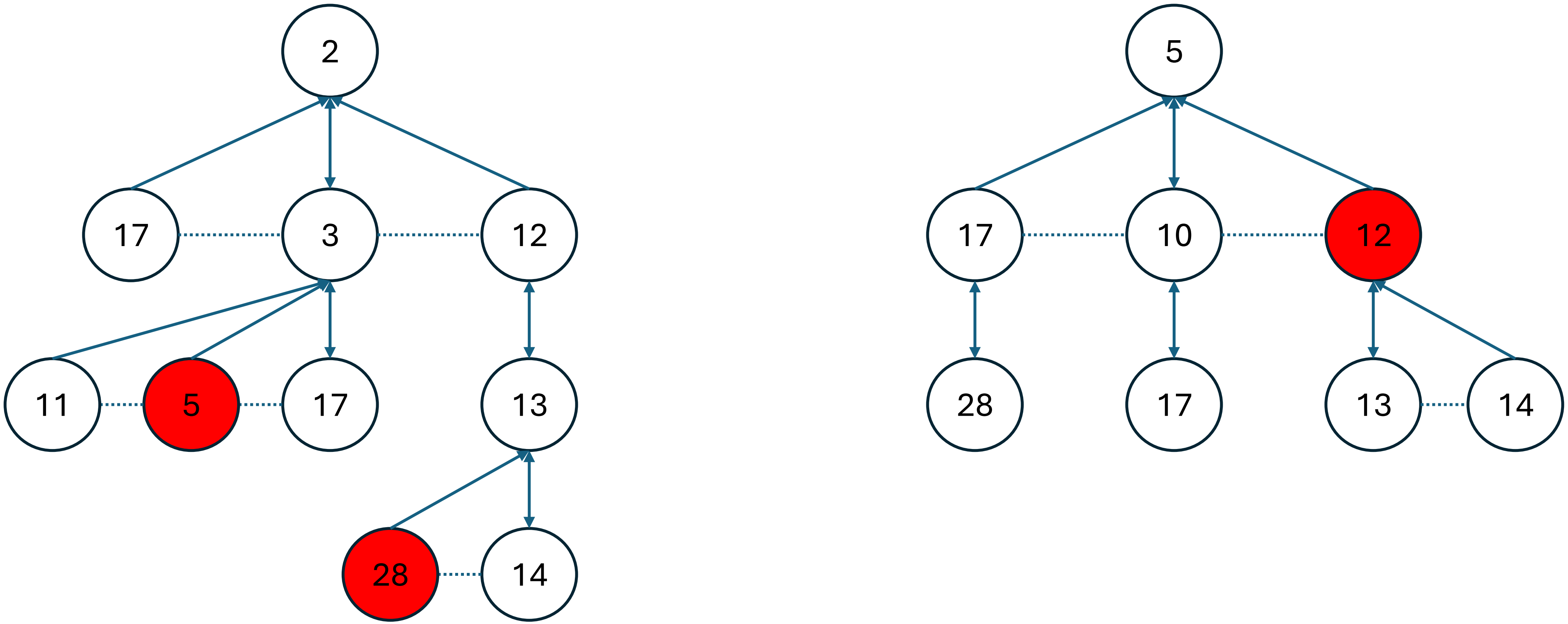

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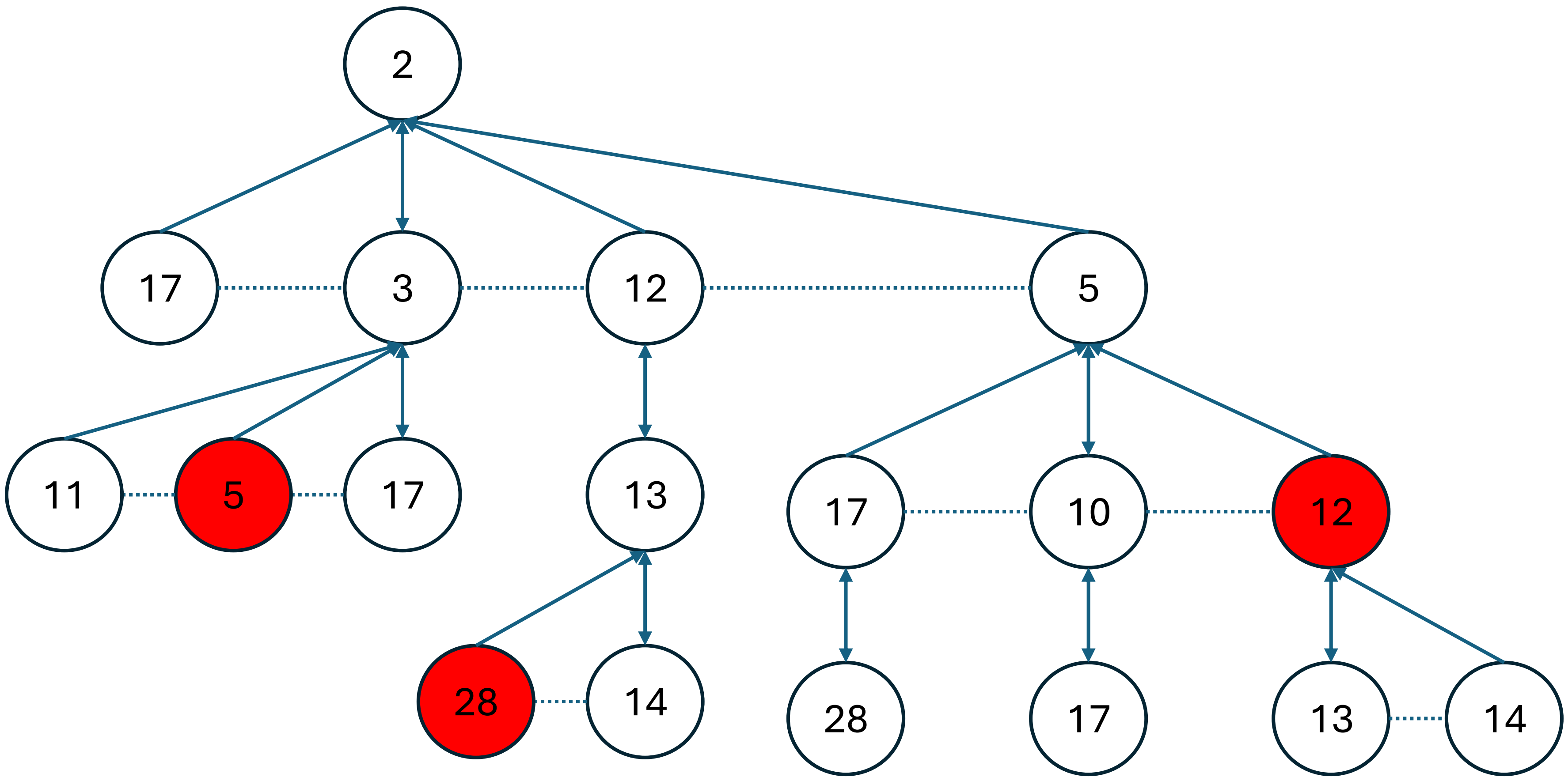

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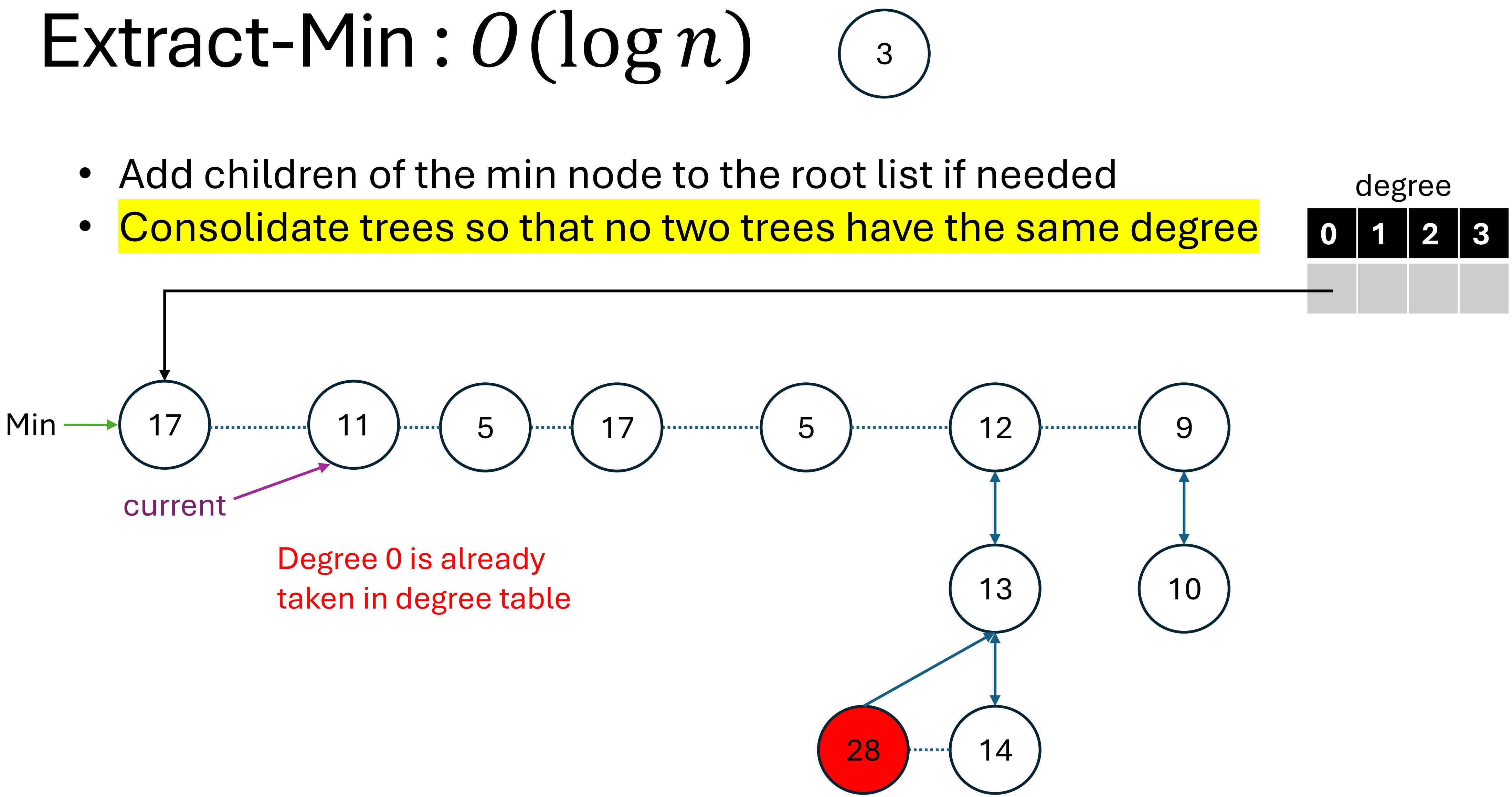

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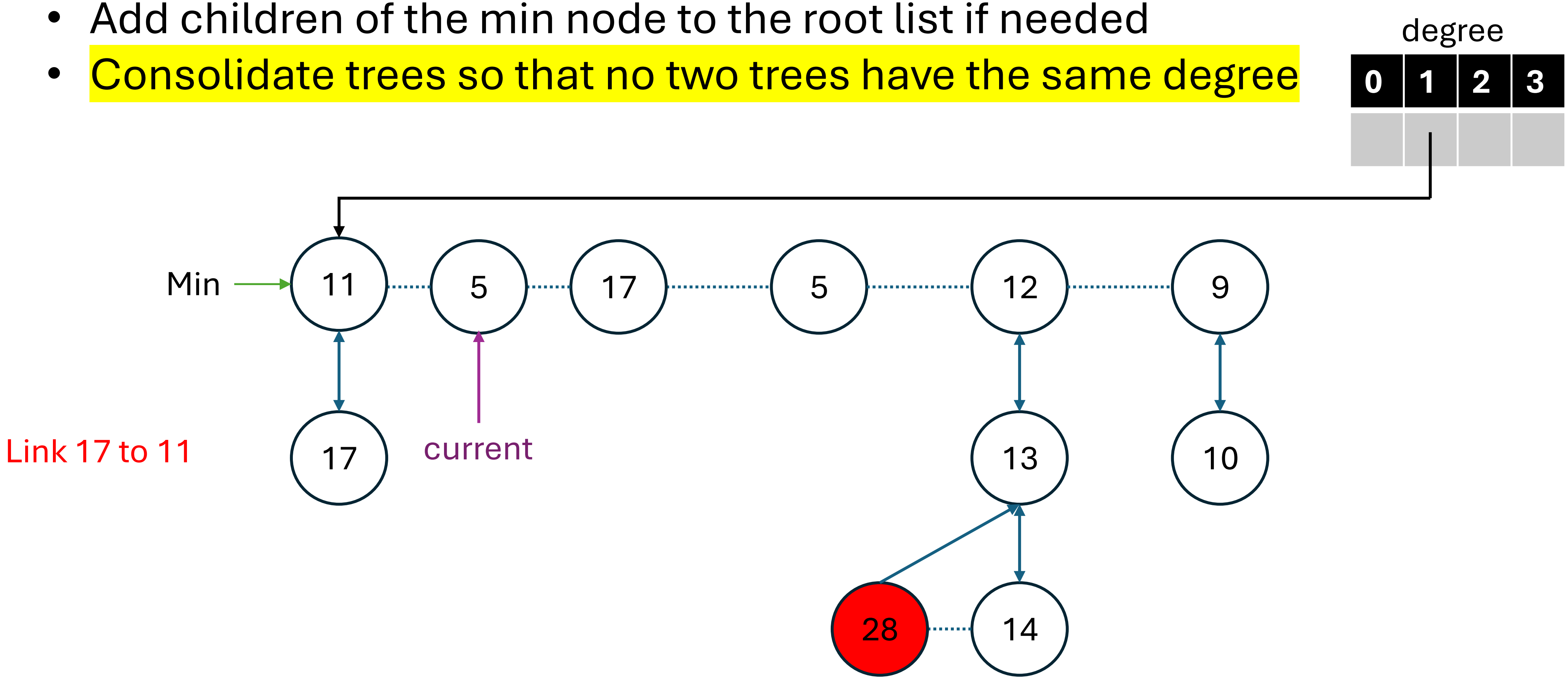

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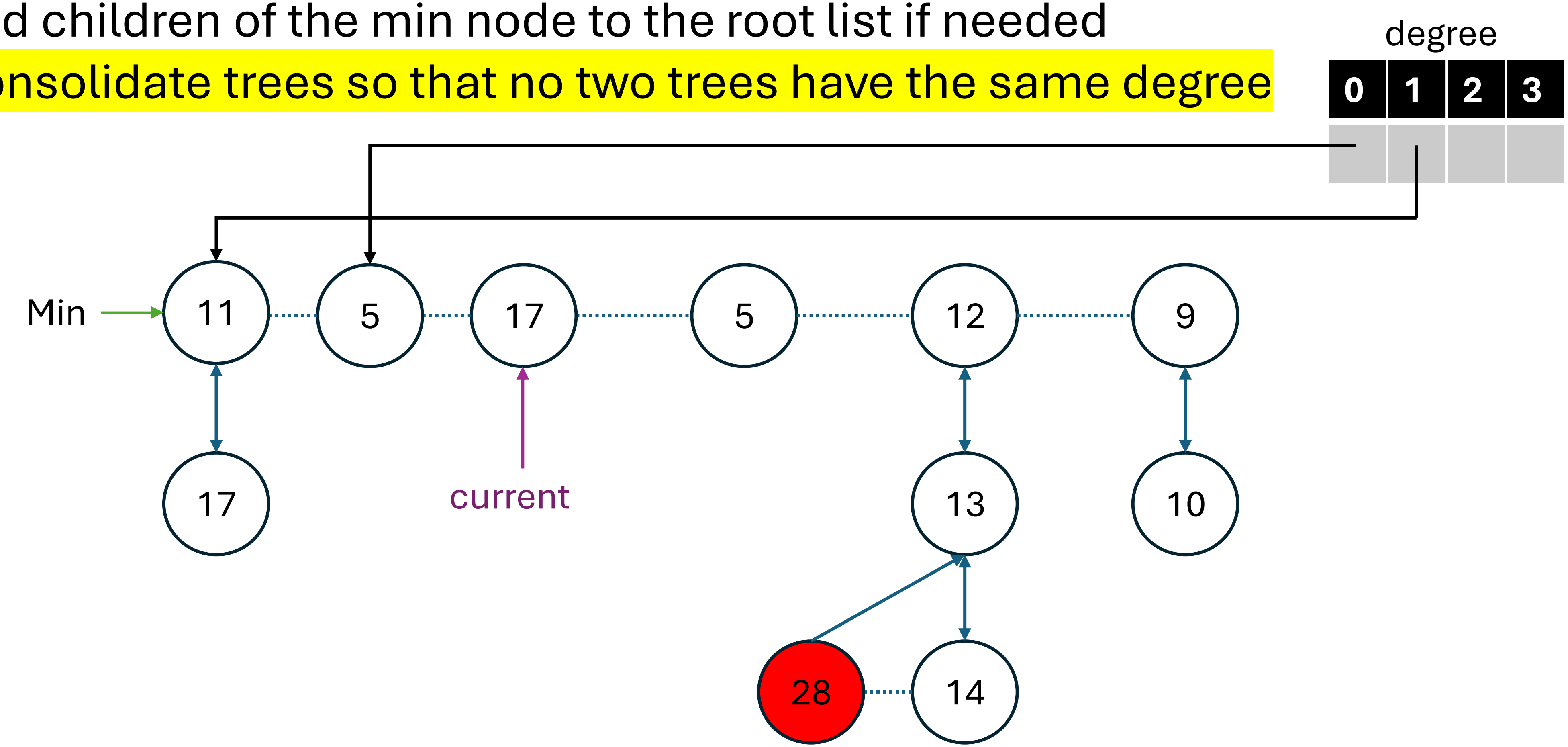

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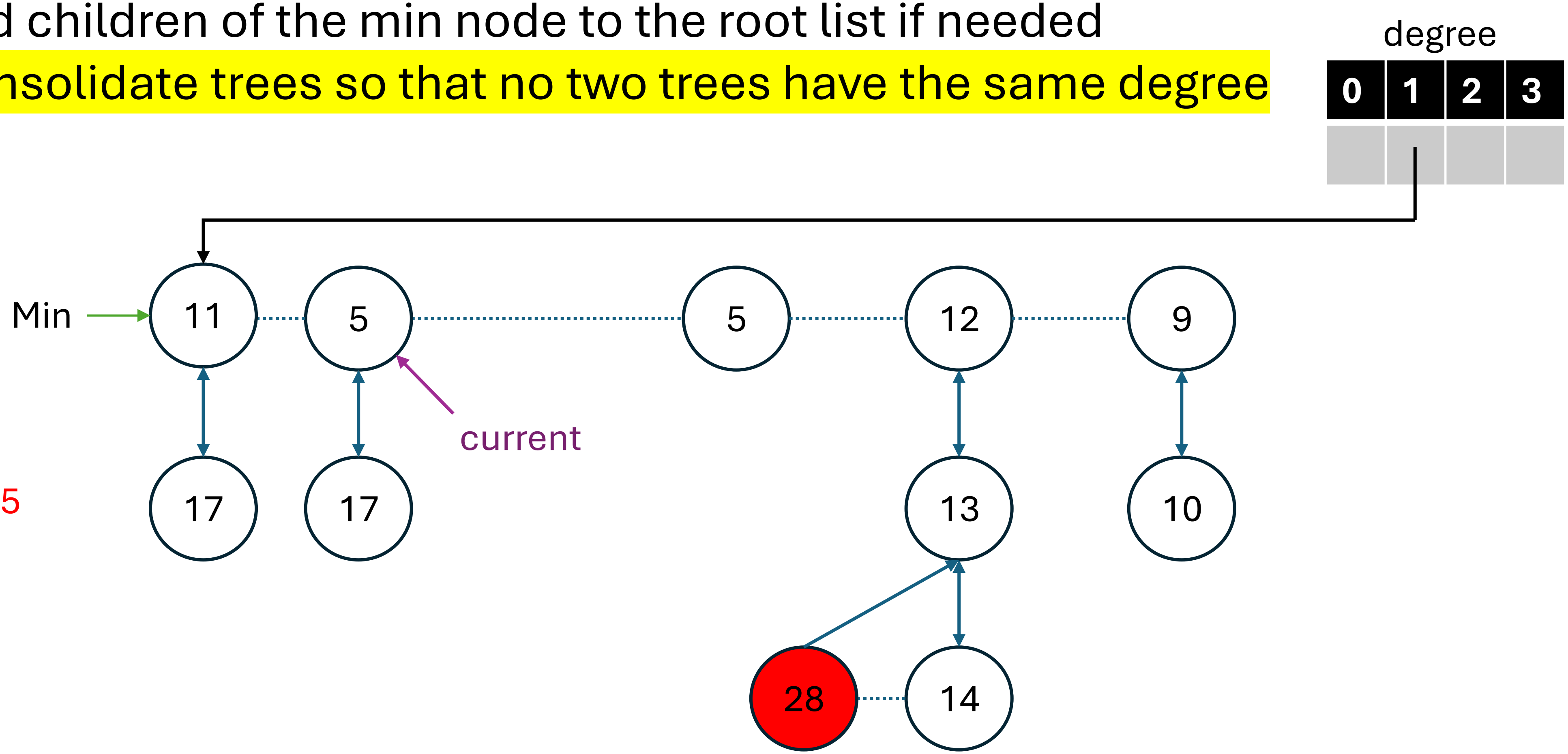

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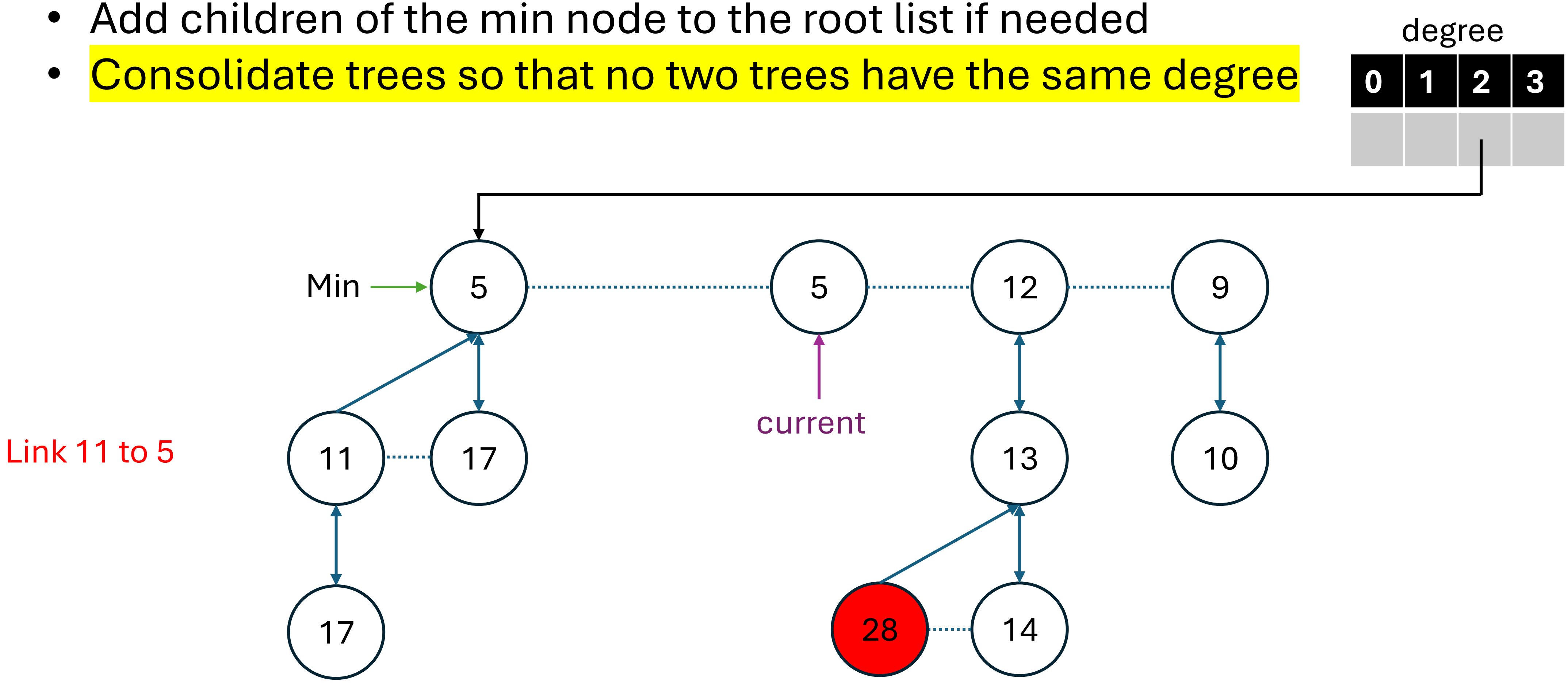

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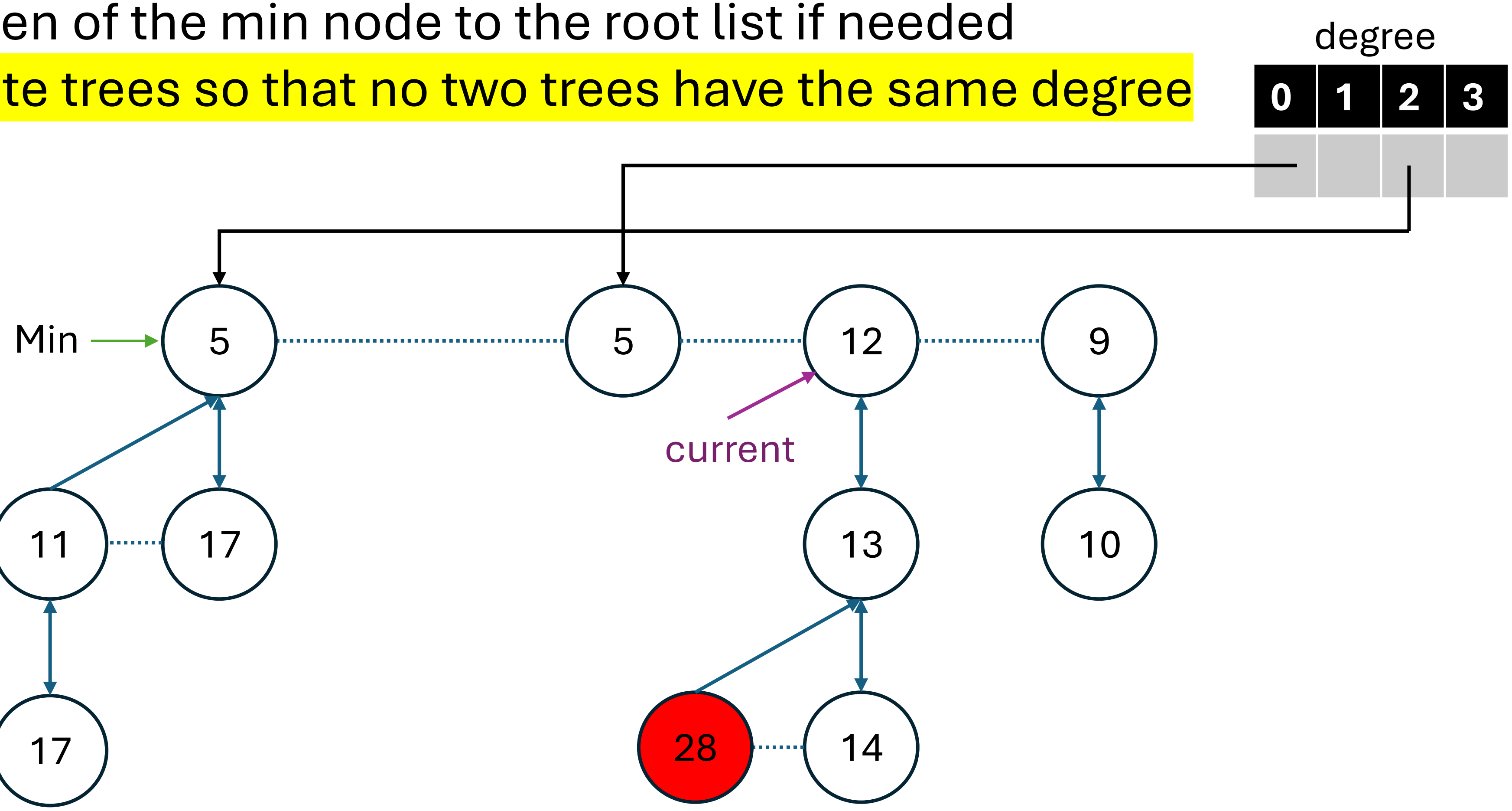

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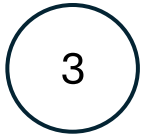

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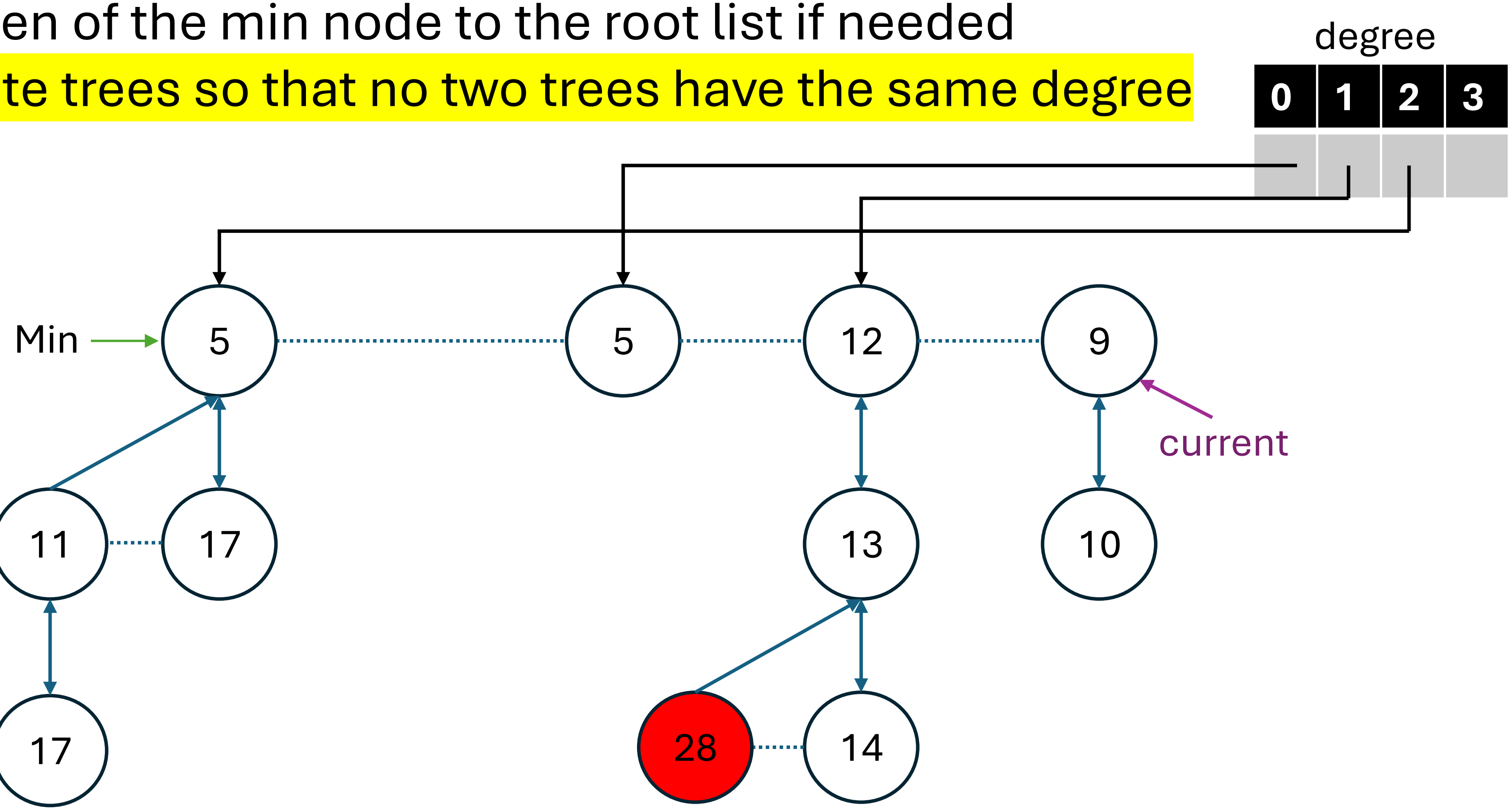

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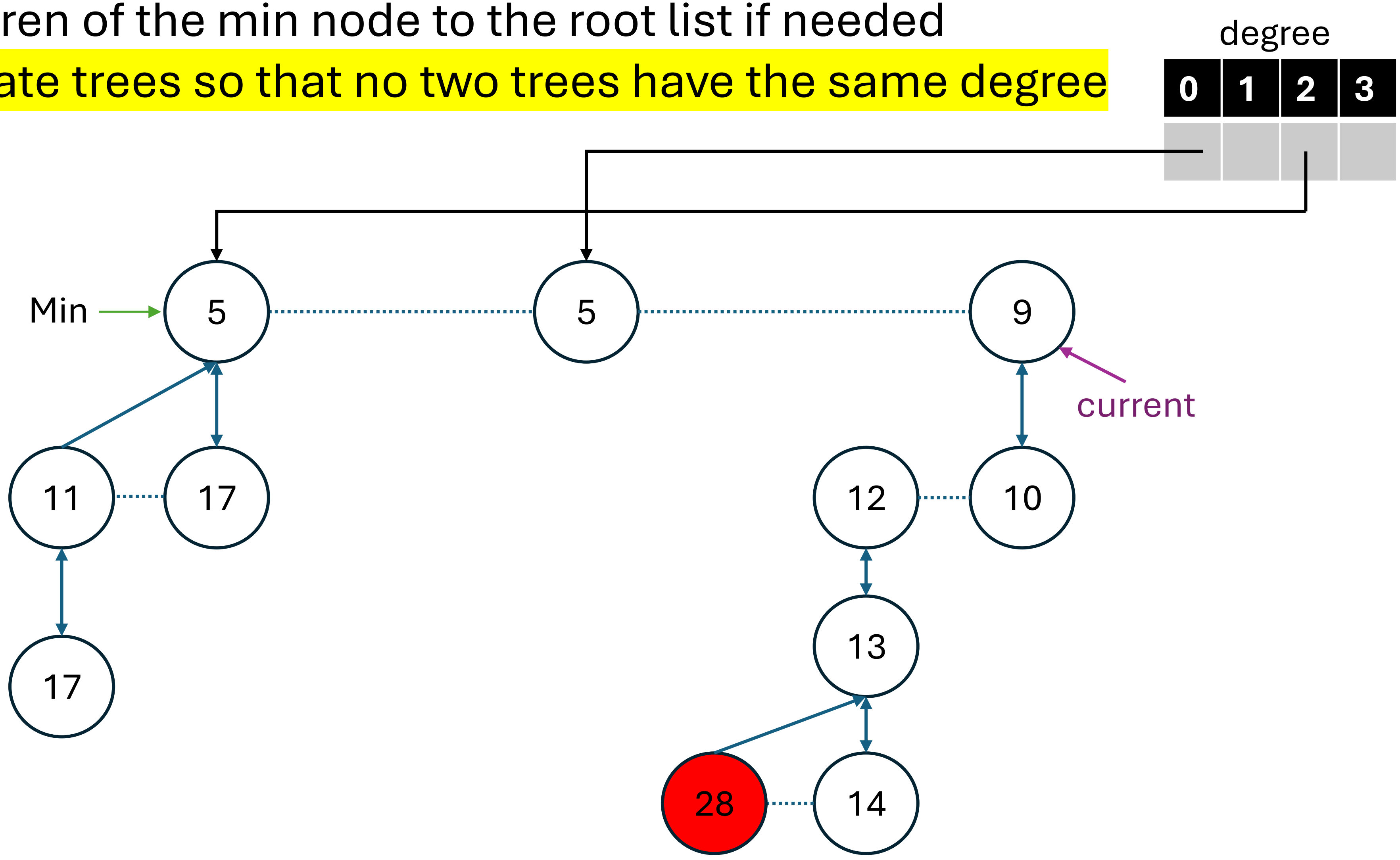

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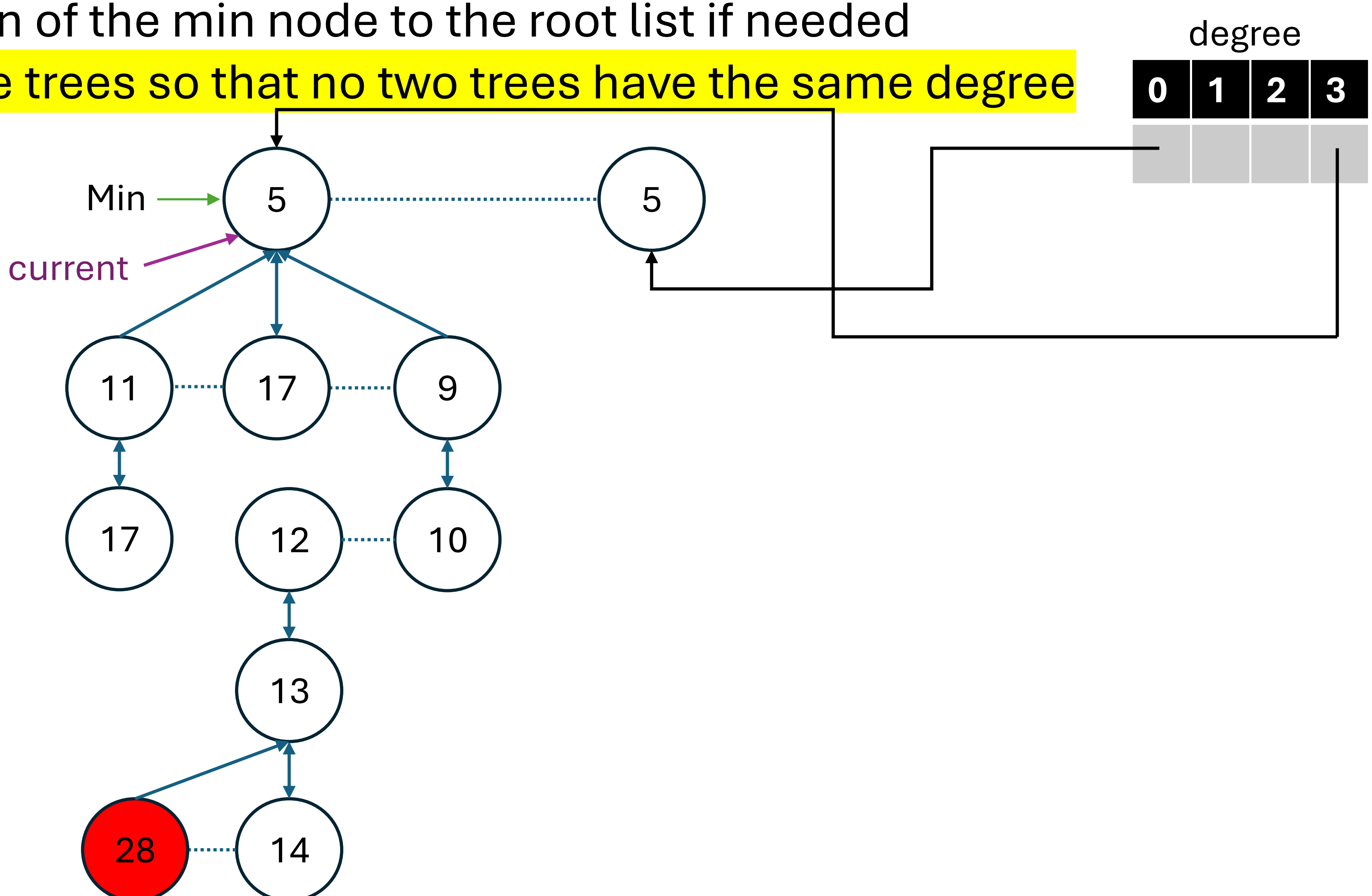

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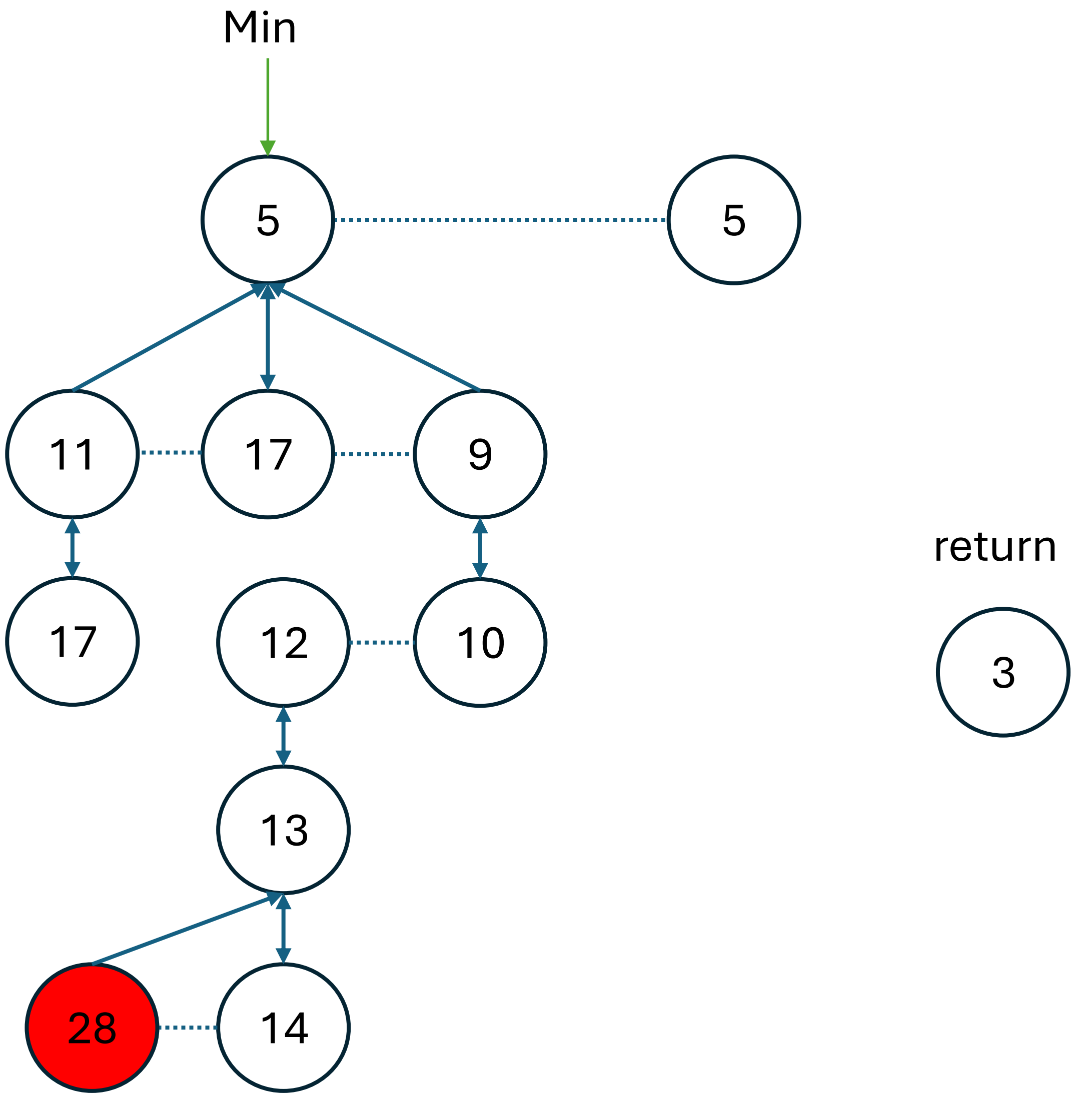
Extract-Min : $O(\log n)$

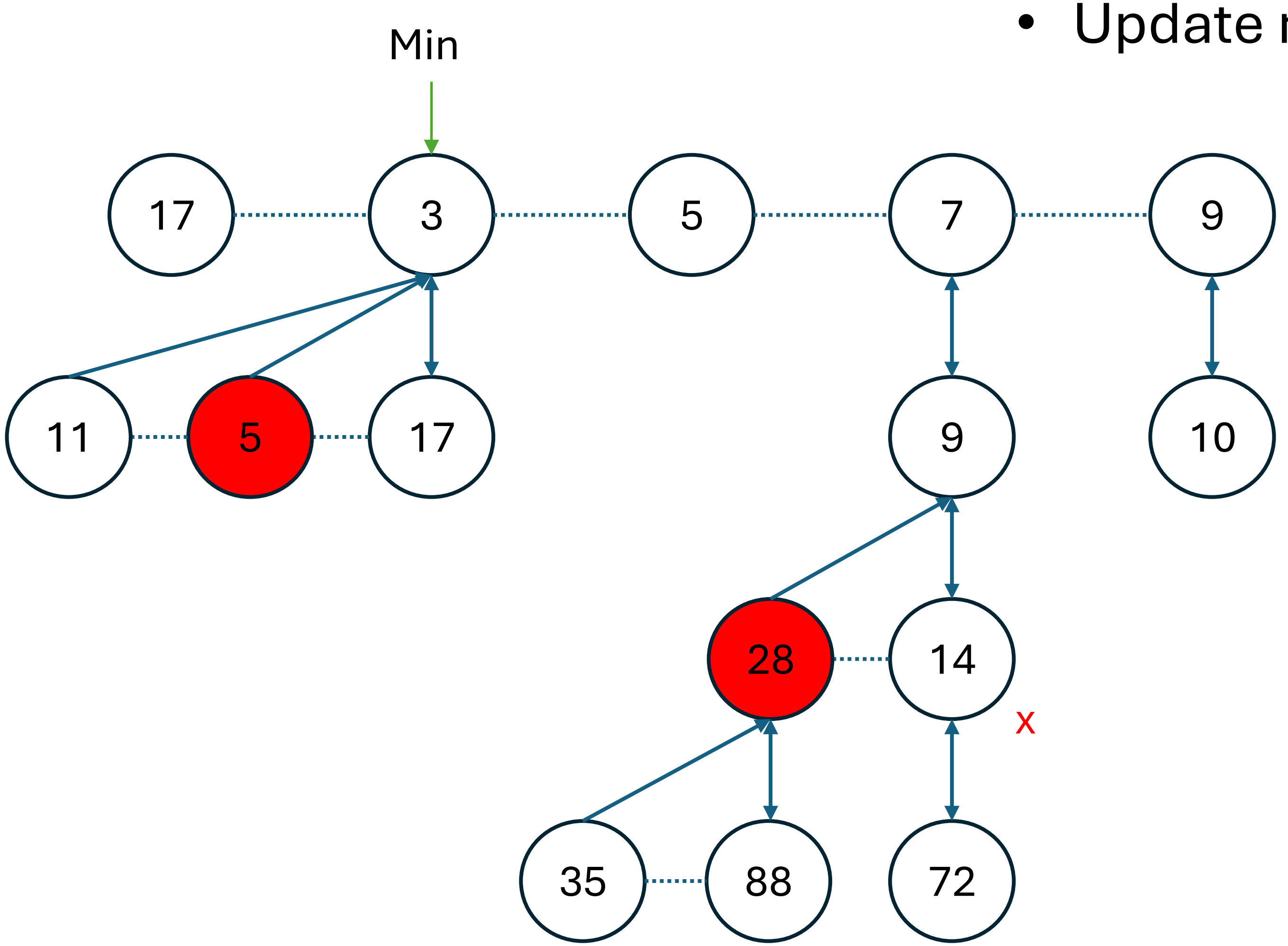
- Update min if needed



Decrease-Key : $O(1)$

Case 1

- If heap order is not violated, just decrease key of node
- Update min if needed



Decrease x from 14 to 10

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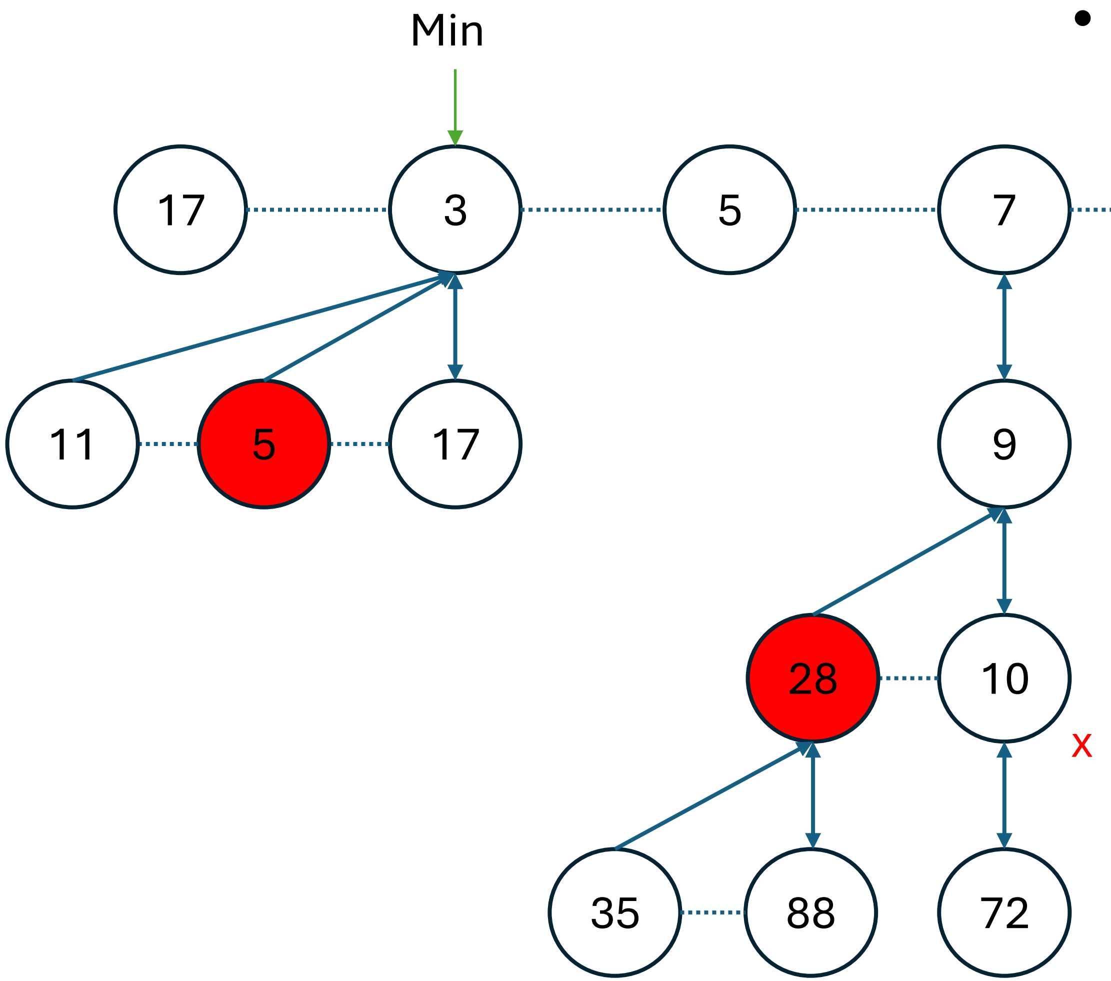

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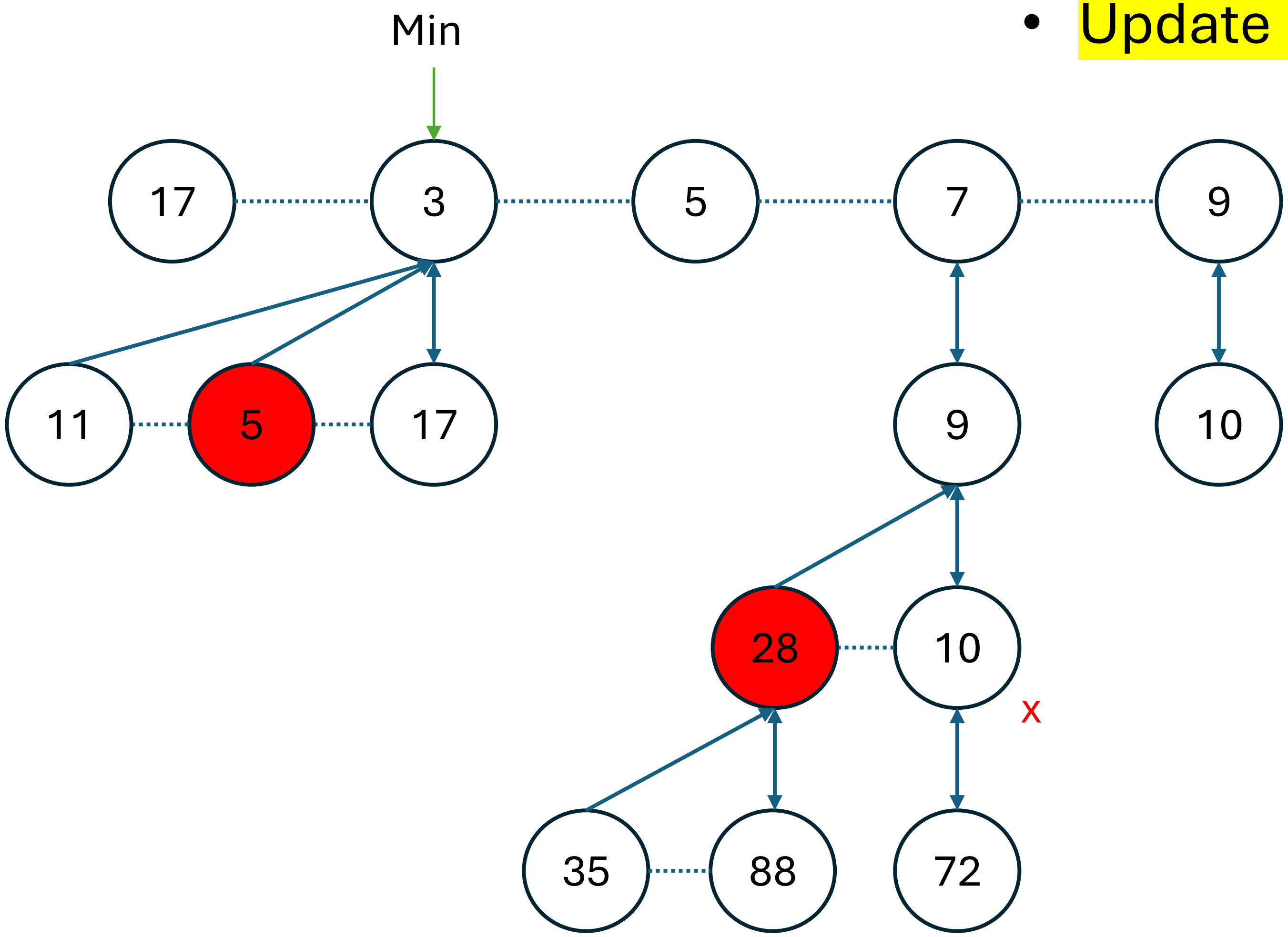

Decrease x from 14 to 10

Decrease-Key : $O(1)$

Case 2a [Heap order violated]

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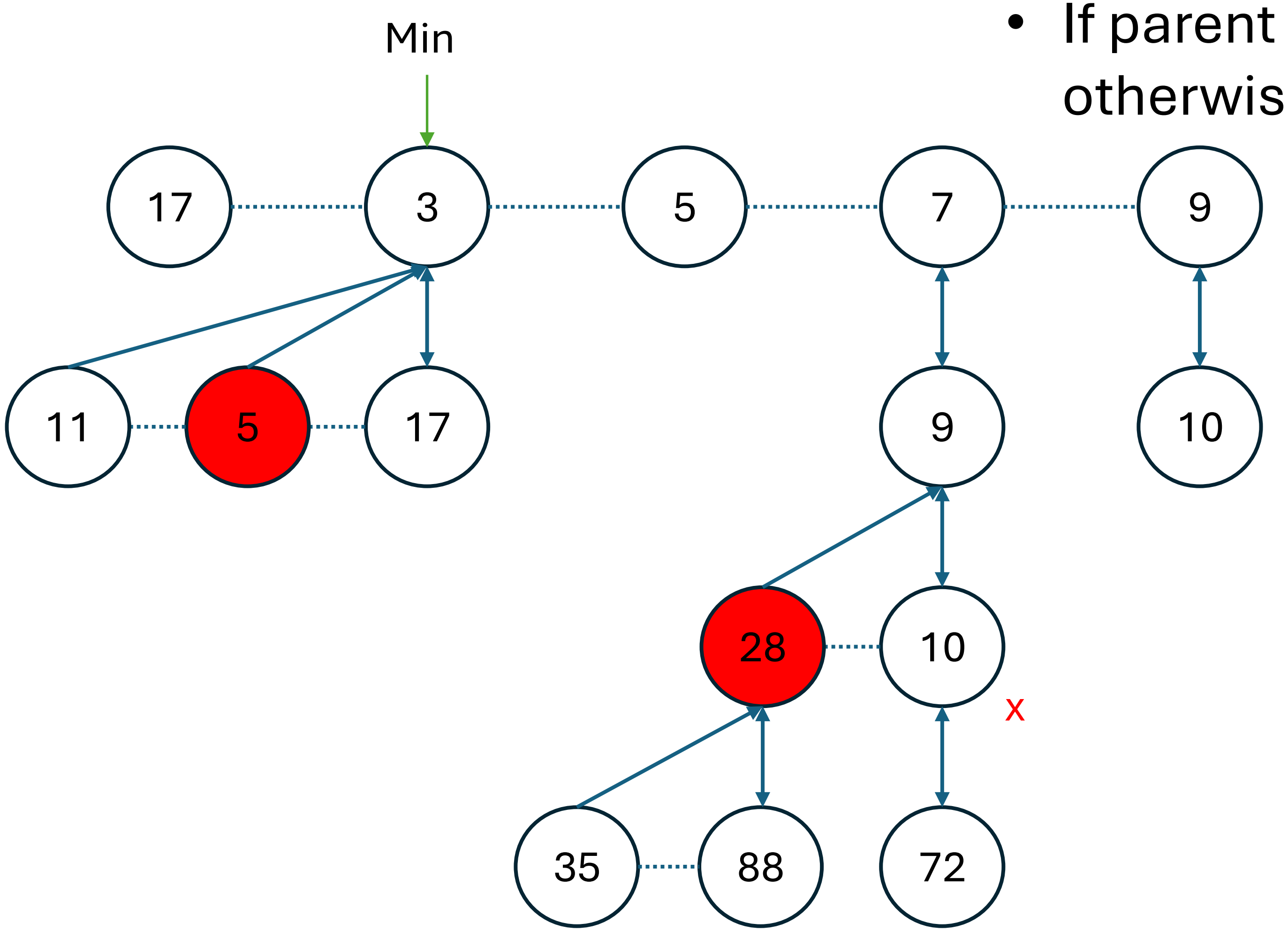
- If parent of node is unmarked, mark it, otherwise perform cascading cut



Decrease x from 10 to 8

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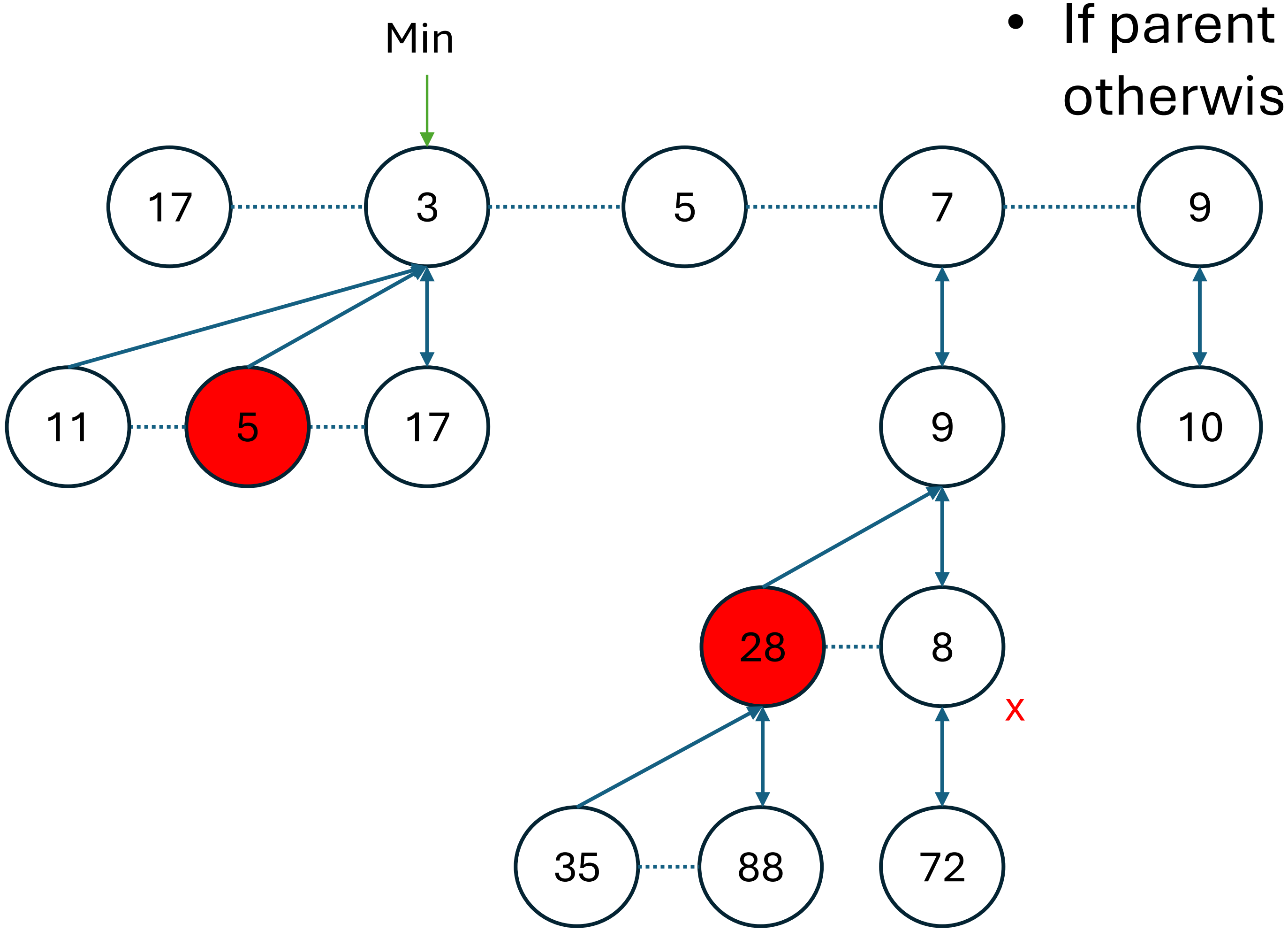

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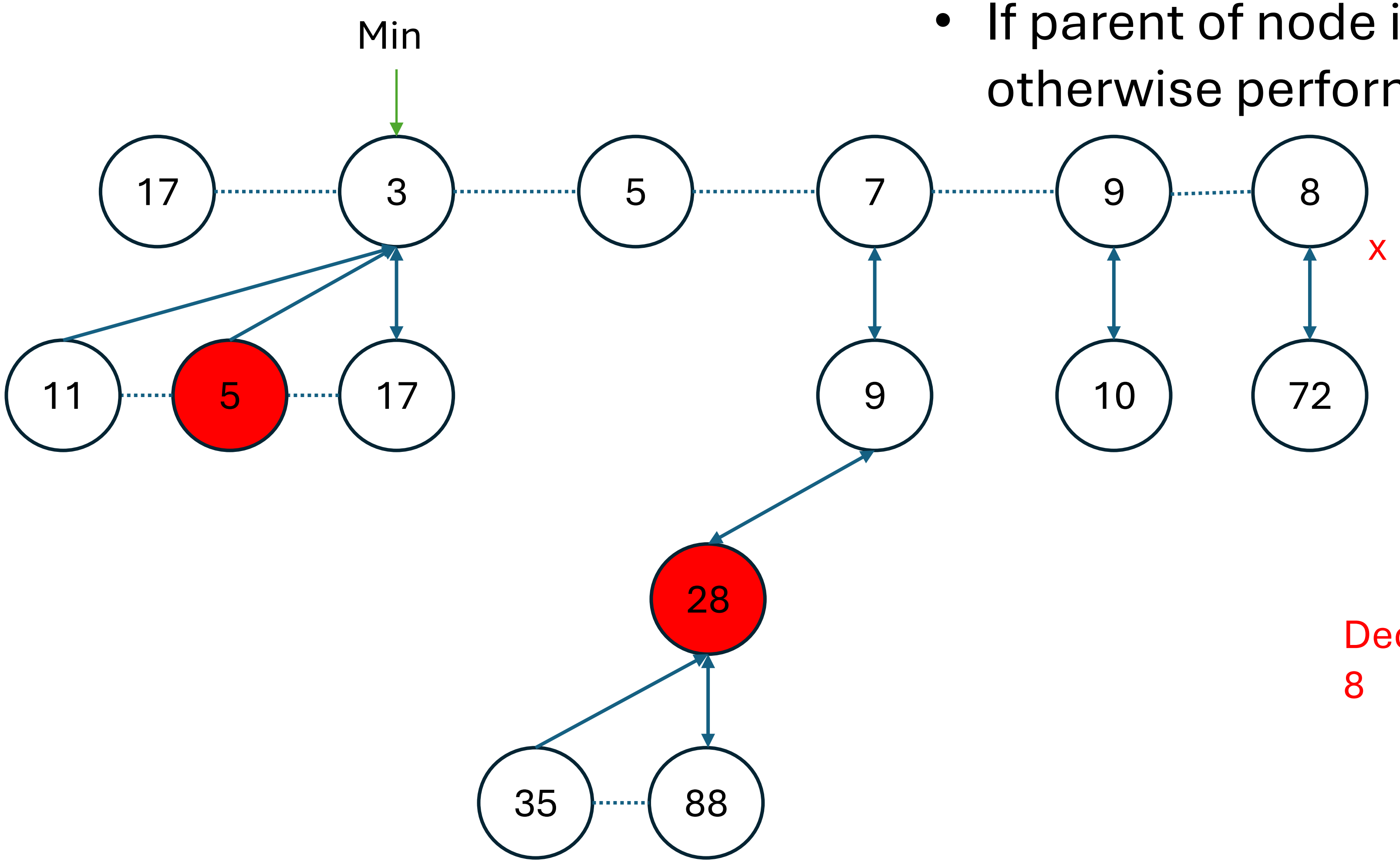

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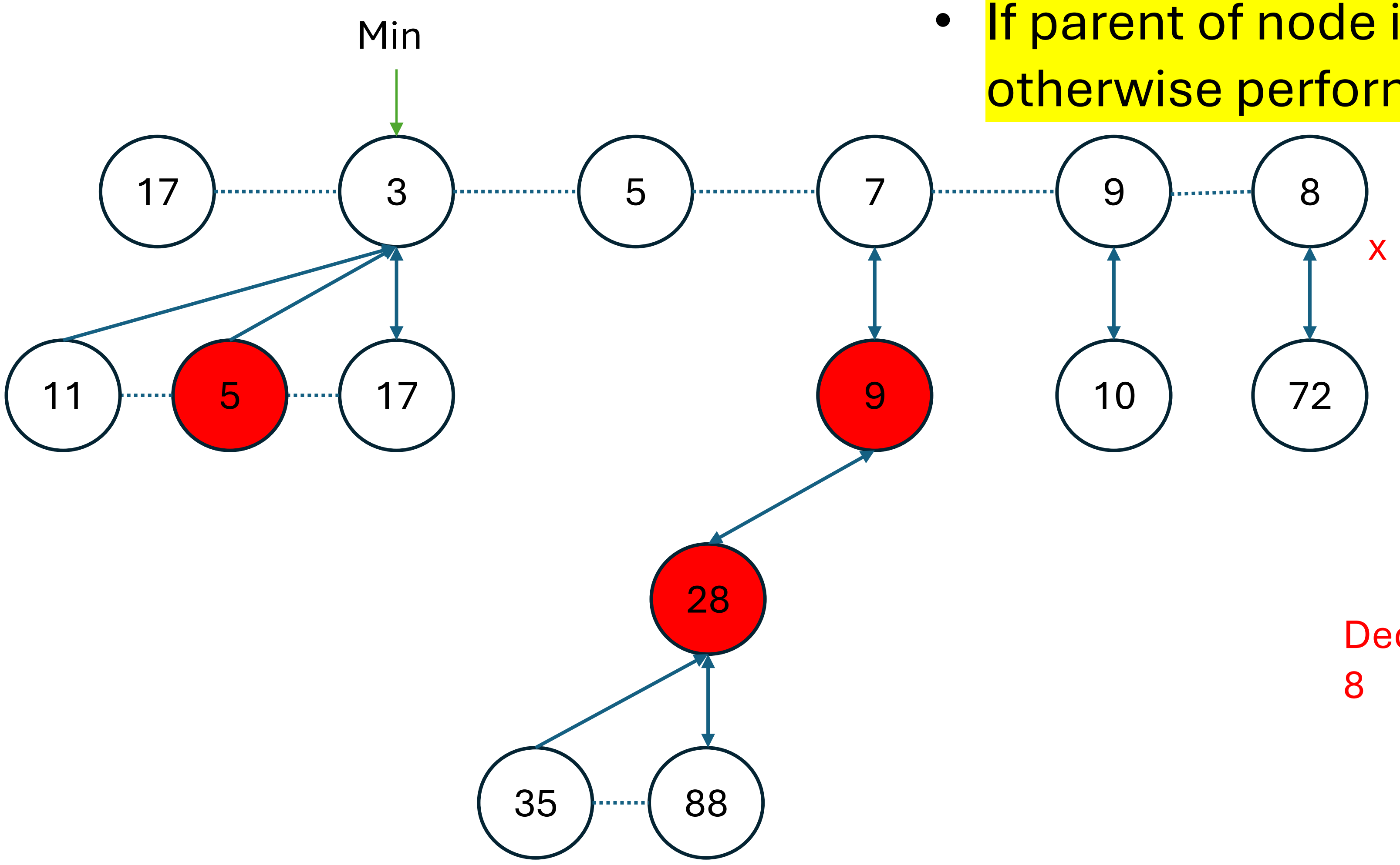

Decrease x from 10 to 8

Decrease-Key : $O(1)$

Case 2b [Heap order violated]

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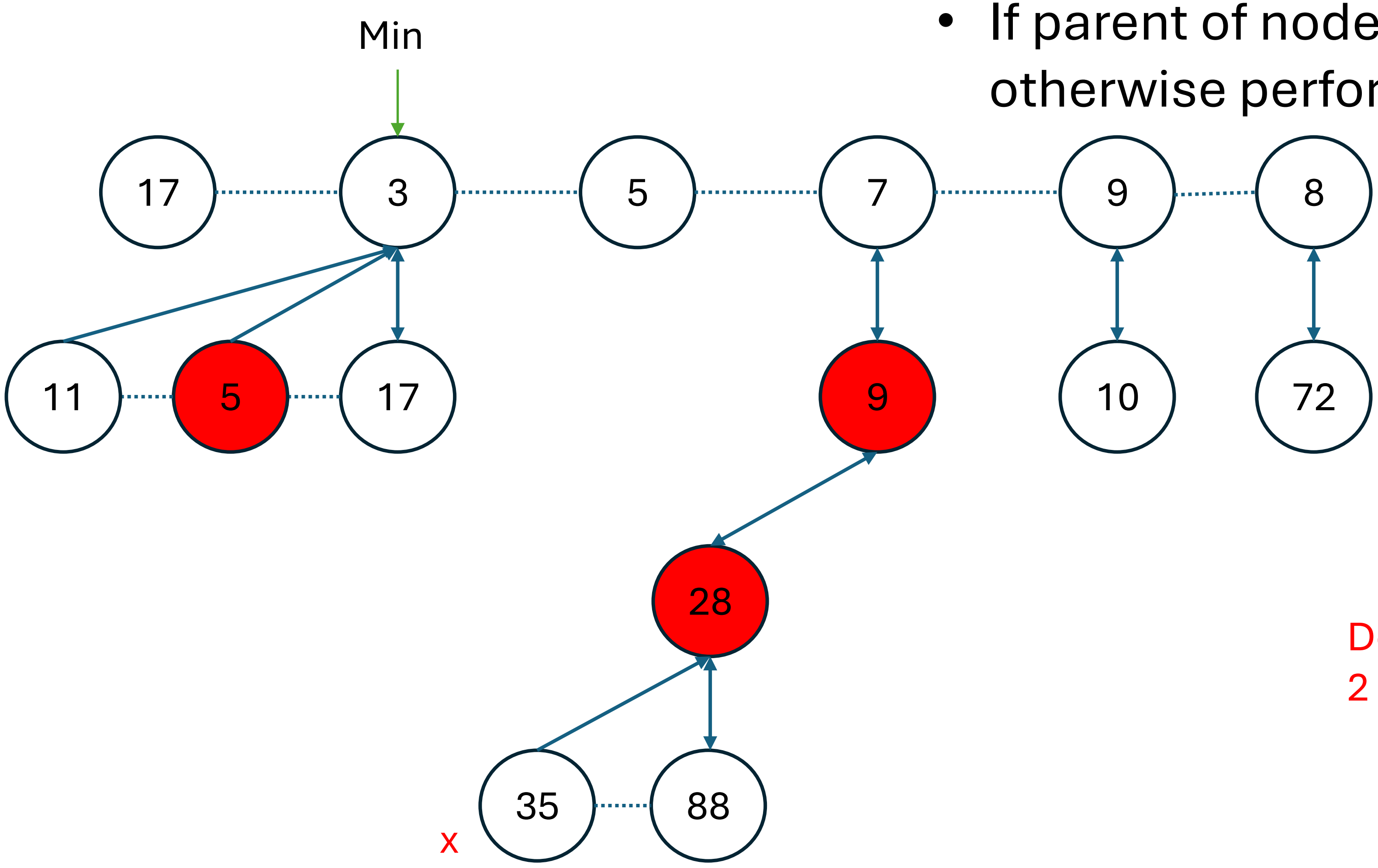

Decrease x from 35 to 2

Decrease-Key : $O(1)$

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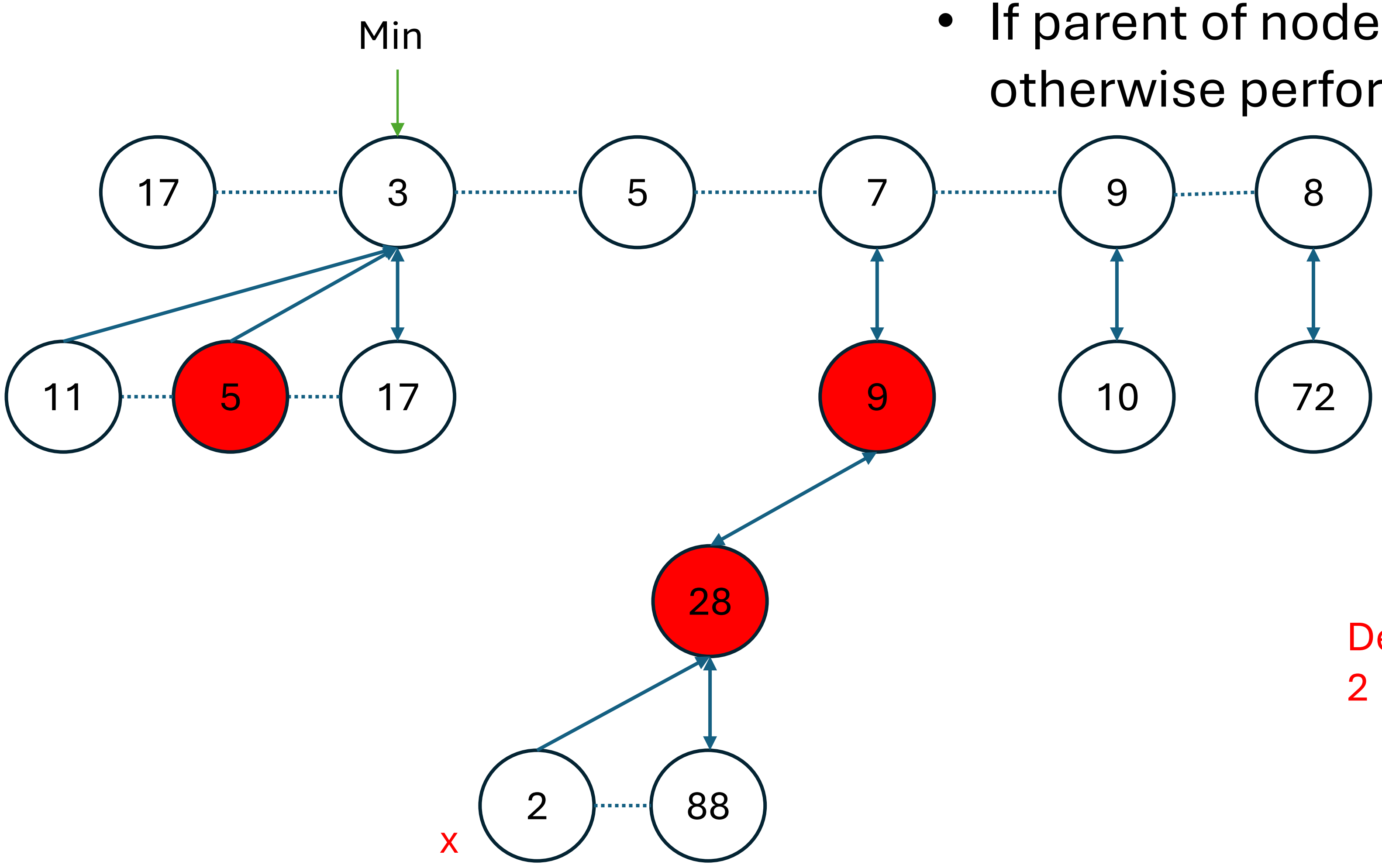

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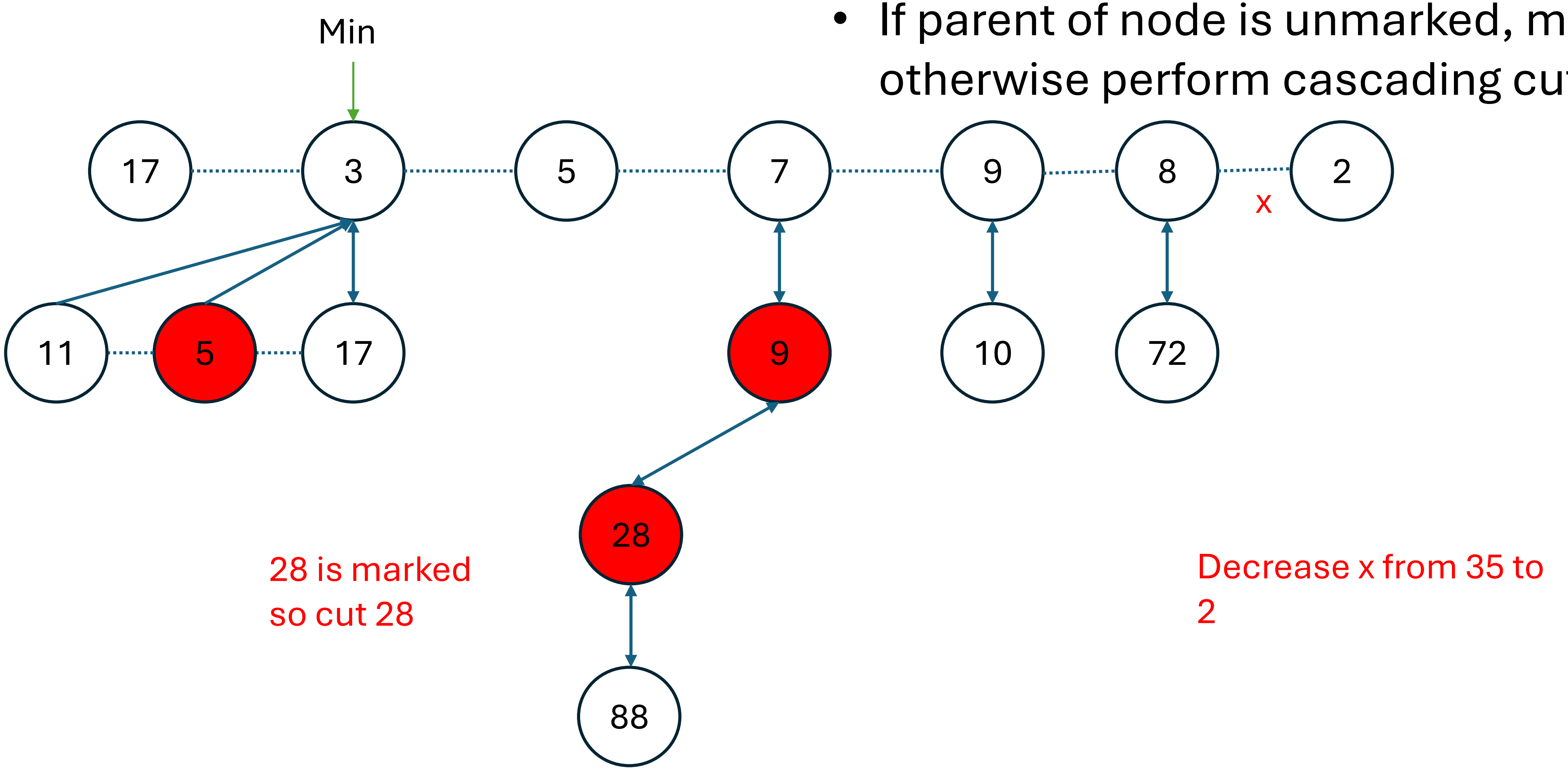

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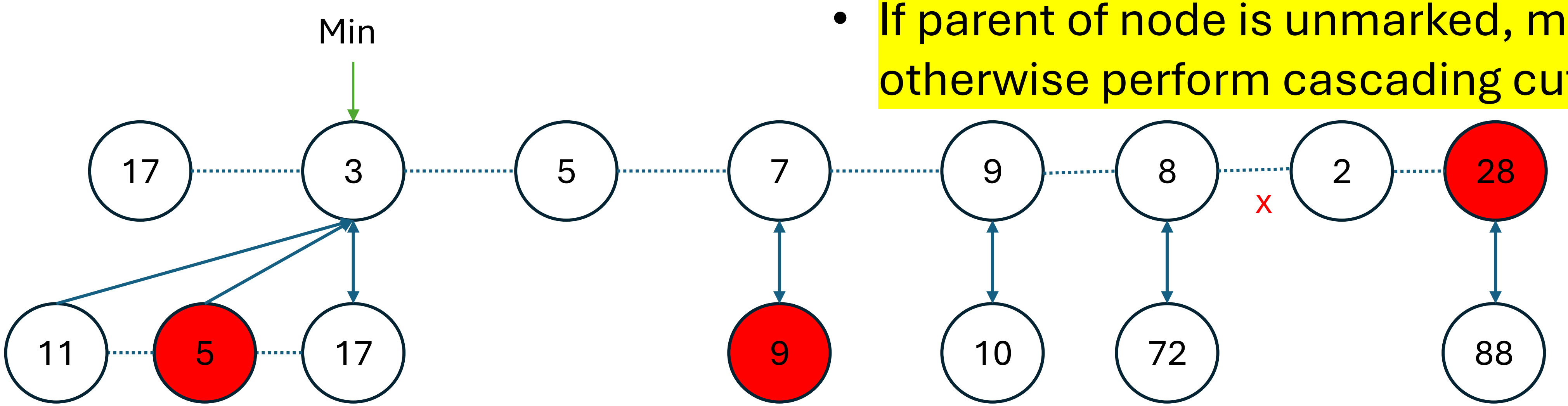

Unmark root nodes

Decrease x from 35 to 2

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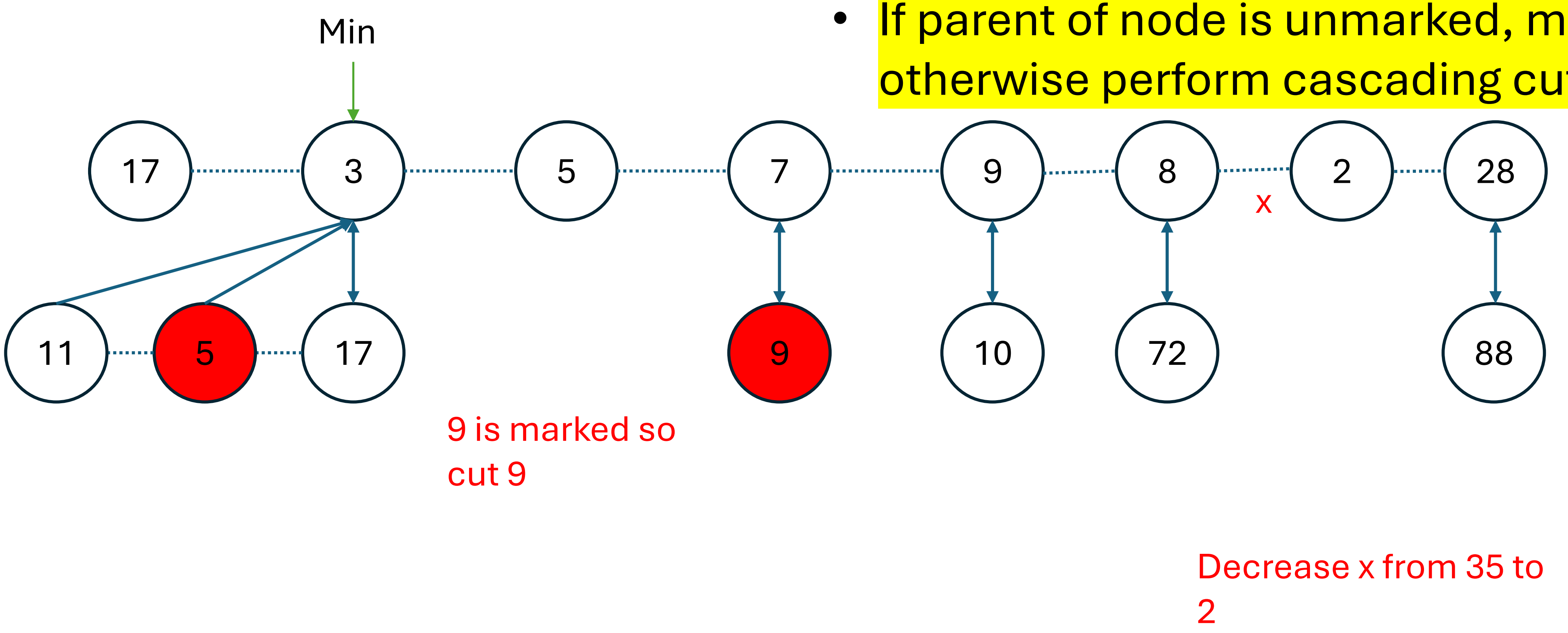

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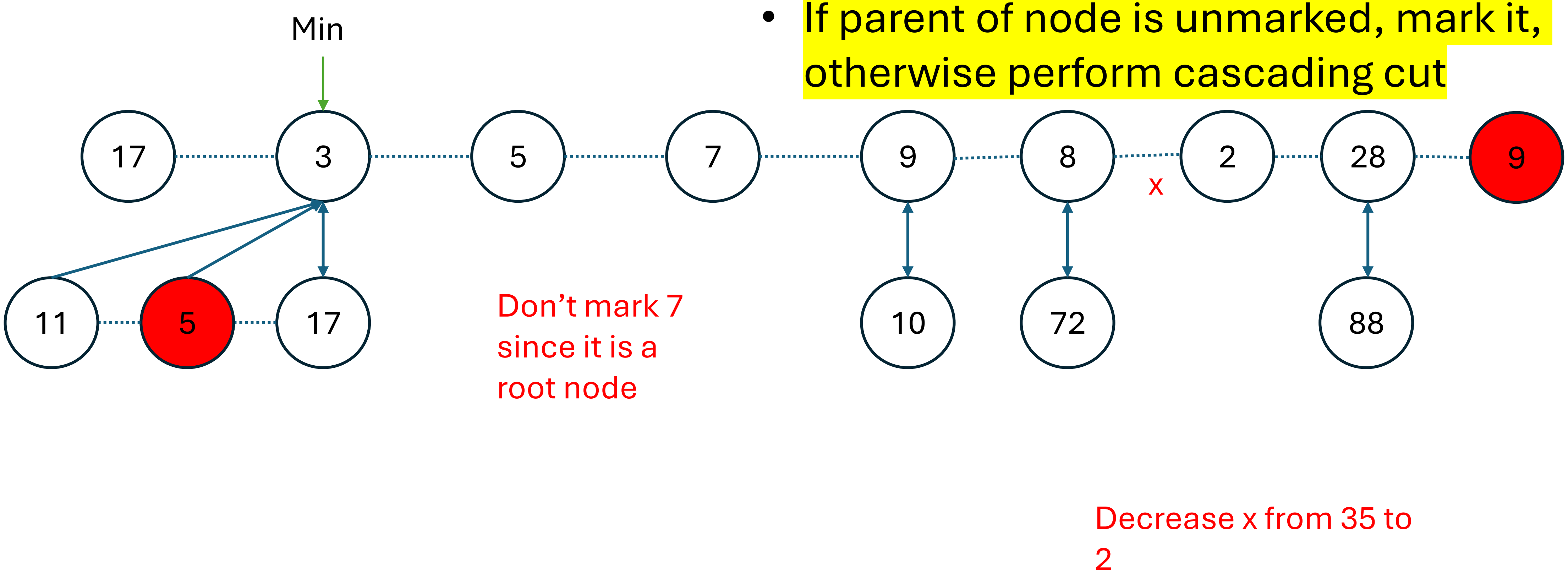

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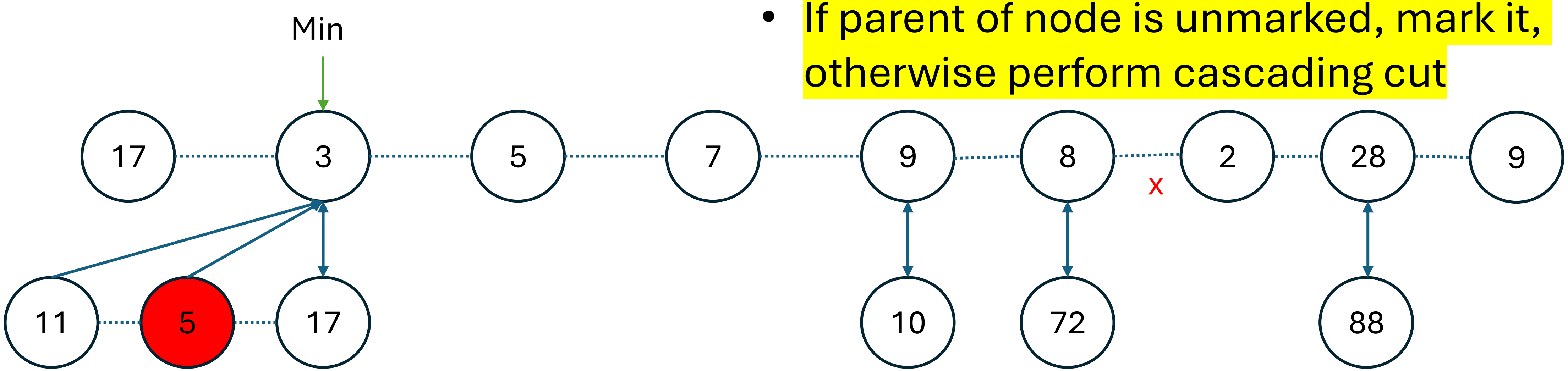

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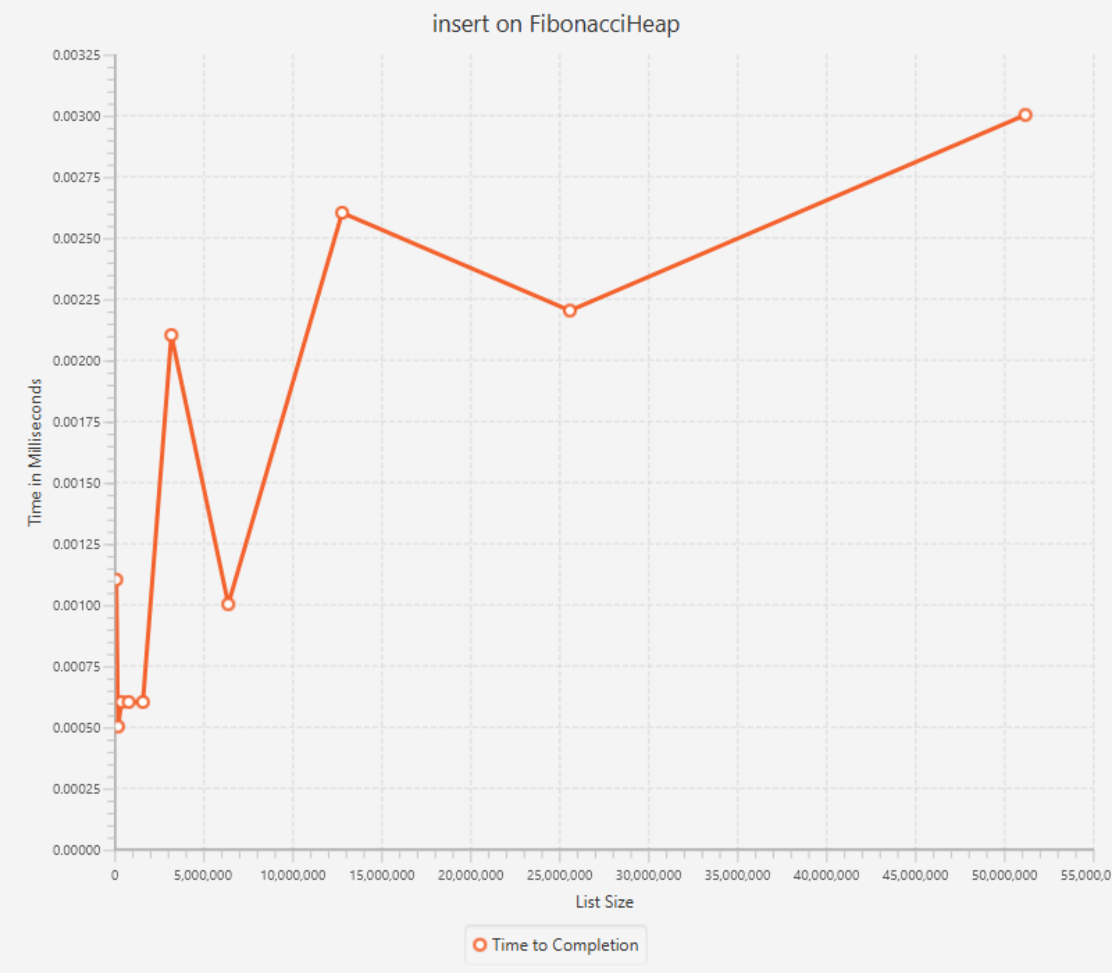
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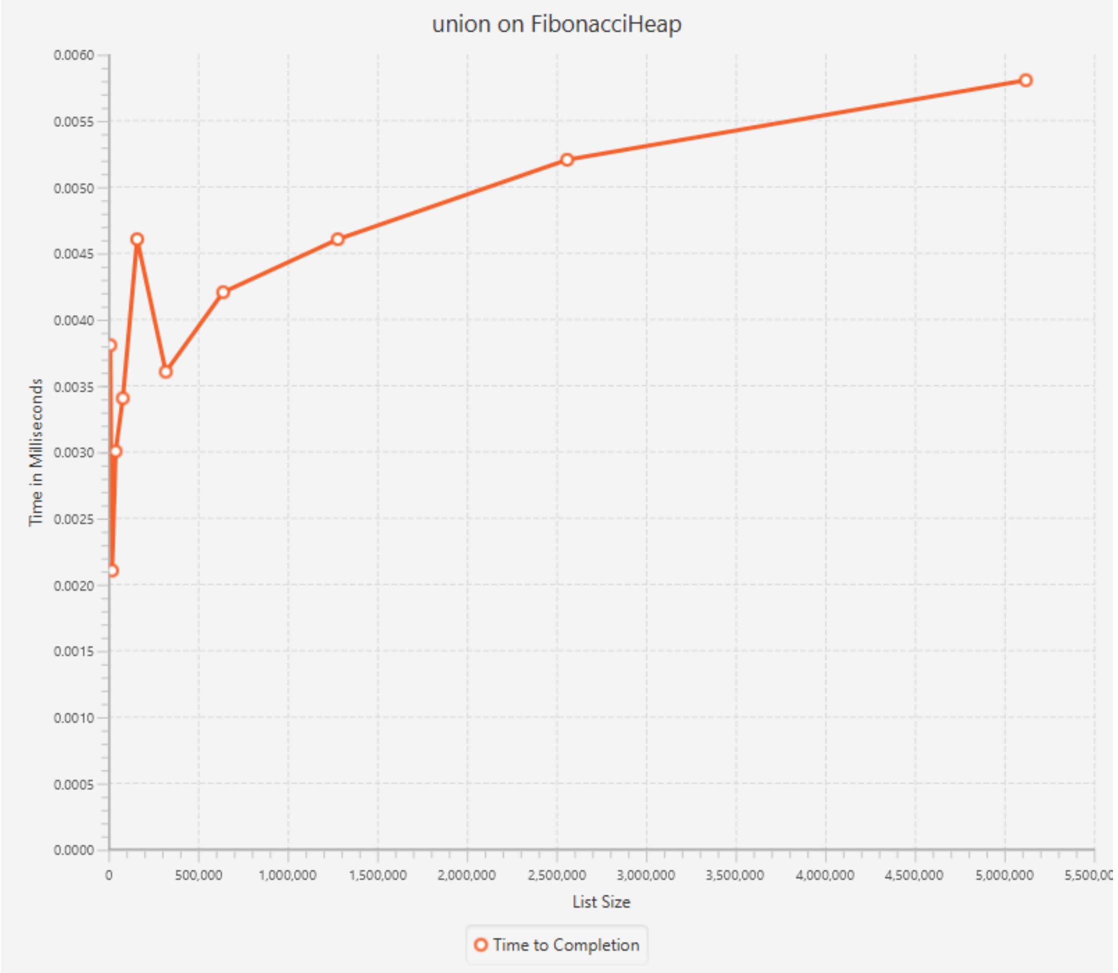
List Size
Time to Completion


union on FibonacciHeap
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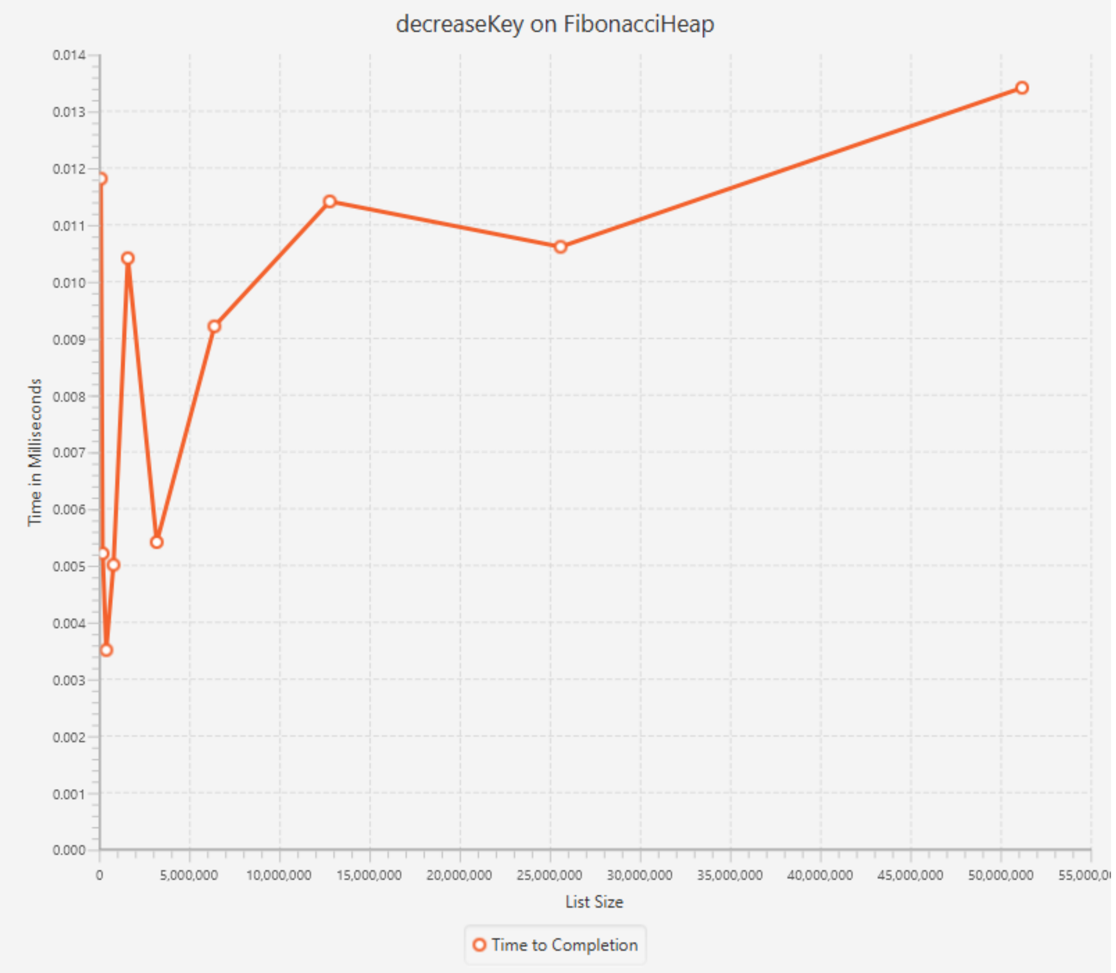
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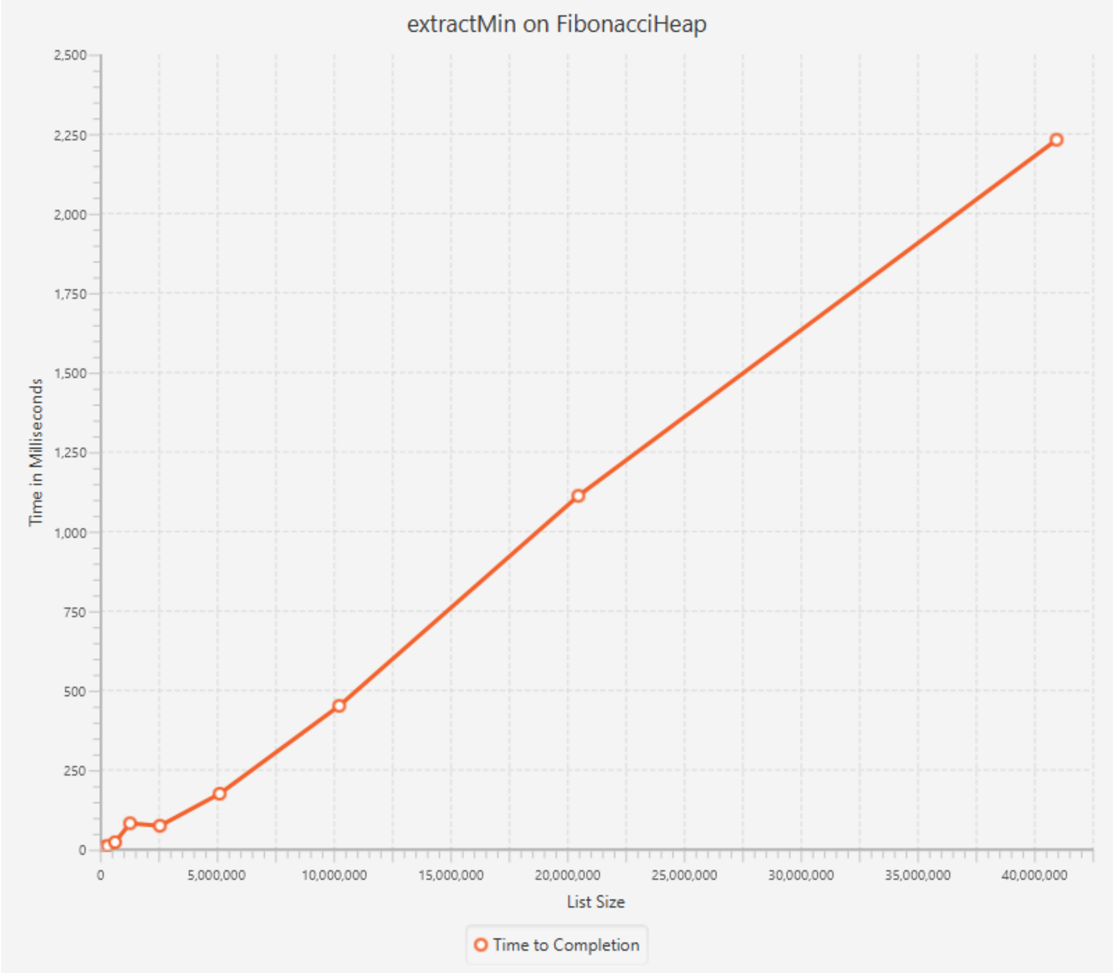
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List Size
Time to Completion

Advantages and Disadvantages

Advantages:

- Efficient amortized time complexities for Decrease-Key, Insert, and Union
- Beneficial in graphing algorithms like Dijkstra's and Prim's because of many calls to Decrease-key

Disadvantages:

- Very challenging to implement and no standard implementation in Java or Python
- If an application doesn't use decrease-key many times, binomial heaps or binary heaps may be more efficient due to reduced overhead

Why is the maximum degree of a node $O(\log_{\phi} n)$

1. Fibonacci Sequence and its Growth: The Fibonacci sequence is defined as:

$$F_0 = 0, F_1 = 1, F_d = F_{d-1} + F_{d-2} \text{ for } d \geq 2$$

The Fibonacci numbers grow exponentially, and there is a closed-form expression for the Fibonacci numbers, called **Binet's formula**:

$$F_d = \frac{\phi^d - (1-\phi)^d}{\sqrt{5}} \text{ where } \phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \text{ is the golden ratio}$$

For very large d, the term $(1-\phi)^d$ approaches 0, so the formula can be approximated as:

$$F_d \approx \frac{\phi^d}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Why is the maximum degree of a node $O(\log_\phi n)$

2. Relationship Between Degree and Fibonacci Numbers: In a Fibonacci heap, the degree d of a node is the number of children that node has. The size of the tree rooted at a node with degree d is at least F_d, meaning that a tree with degree d has at least F_d nodes.

Therefore, for a Fibonacci heap with n nodes, the degree d of any node must satisfy:

$$F_d \leq n$$

*See Appendix B

Why is the maximum degree of a node $O(\log_{\phi} n)$

3. Finding the Maximum Degree: To determine the maximum degree d_{max} of any node in the Fibonacci heap, we want to find the largest d such that $F_d \leq n$. Using the approximation $F_d \approx \frac{\phi^d}{\sqrt{5}}$, we can solve for d as follows:

$$\frac{\phi^d}{\sqrt{5}} \leq n$$

Multiplying both sides by $\sqrt{5}$, we get: $\phi^d \leq n\sqrt{5}$

Taking the log of both sides, we get: $\log_{\phi}(\phi^d) \leq \log_{\phi} n\sqrt{5}$

Using properties of logs, we get: $d \log_{\phi}(\phi) \leq \log_{\phi} n + \log_{\phi} \sqrt{5}$

Simplifying: $$d \leq \log_{\phi} n + \mathrm{O}(1)$$

Therefore the degree d is bounded by: $\mathrm{d} = O(\log_{\phi} n)$

How Fibonacci numbers bound node degrees

Fibonacci heaps have a special structure where the size of a subtree rooted at a node with degree d is **at least** F_d , the d-th Fibonacci number.

This property arises from the way trees are merged and the rules of consolidation in Fibonacci heaps:

- When two trees of the same degree are merged, one becomes the child of the other, and their degrees increase. (Link operation)
- The consolidation process ensures that higher-degree nodes have increasingly larger subtrees. This recursive merging leads to the **Fibonacci sequence** as the minimum number of nodes in a subtree for any given degree.

The number of nodes in the tree grows exponentially as the degree increases, following the Fibonacci sequence.

How Fibonacci numbers bound node degrees

Now consider the entire Fibonacci heap, which contains n nodes in total. No single tree in the heap can have more than n nodes.

Let's denote the degree of a node in this heap by d. Since the subtree rooted at a node with degree d must contain **at least** F_d nodes, the total number of nodes in the heap n provides an upper bound on F_d . That is:

$$F_d \leq n$$

This inequality is the direct result of the fact that F_d represents the **minimum size** of a tree of degree d, and the heap as a whole has at most n nodes.

How Fibonacci numbers bound node degrees

This is true because:

- Each tree in the Fibonacci heap grows according to the rules of consolidation, which guarantees that the size of a tree increases at least as fast as the Fibonacci sequence.
- The degree d determines the size of the smallest possible subtree rooted at a node of that degree, which is F_d .
- Since the entire heap cannot have more nodes than n, the largest degree d must satisfy $F_d \leq n$.

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