

# Binary and Binomial Heaps



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# Priority Queues

**Supports the following operations.**

- Insert element  $x$ .
- Return min element.
- Return and delete minimum element.
- Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

**Applications.**

- Dijkstra's shortest path algorithm.
- Prim's MST algorithm.
- Event-driven simulation.
- Huffman encoding.
- Heapsort.
- . . .

# Priority Queues in Action

## Dijkstra's Shortest Path Algorithm

```
PQinit()
for each  $v \in V$ 
     $\text{key}(v) \leftarrow \infty$ 
    PQinsert( $v$ )

 $\text{key}(s) \leftarrow 0$ 
while (!PQisempty())
     $v = \text{PQdelmin}()$ 
    for each  $w \in Q$  s.t.  $(v,w) \in E$ 
        if  $\pi(w) > \pi(v) + c(v,w)$ 
            PQdecrease( $w, \pi(v) + c(v,w)$ )
```

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		Binary	Binomial	Fibonacci *	Relaxed
make-heap	1	1	1	1	1
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union	1	$N$	$\log N$	1	1
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delete	$N$	$\log N$	$\log N$	$\log N$	$\log N$
is-empty	1	1	1	1	1

Dijkstra/Prim

1 make-heap

$|V|$  insert

$|V|$  delete-min

$|E|$  decrease-key

$O(|V|^2)$

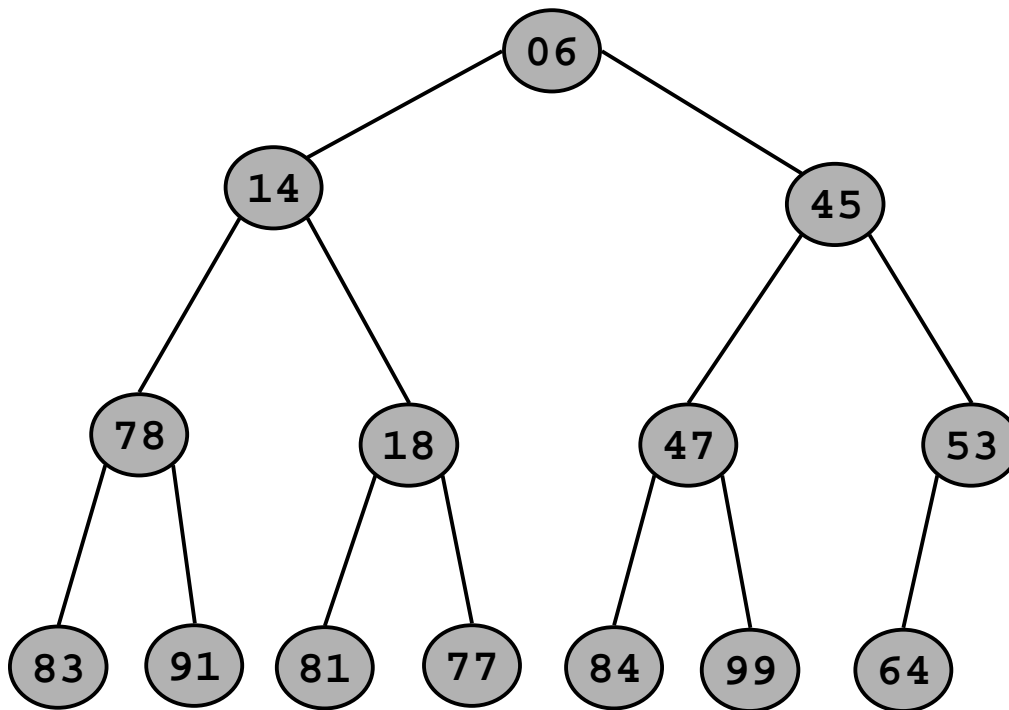
$O(|E| \log |V|)$

$O(|E| + |V| \log |V|)$

# Binary Heap: Definition

## Binary heap.

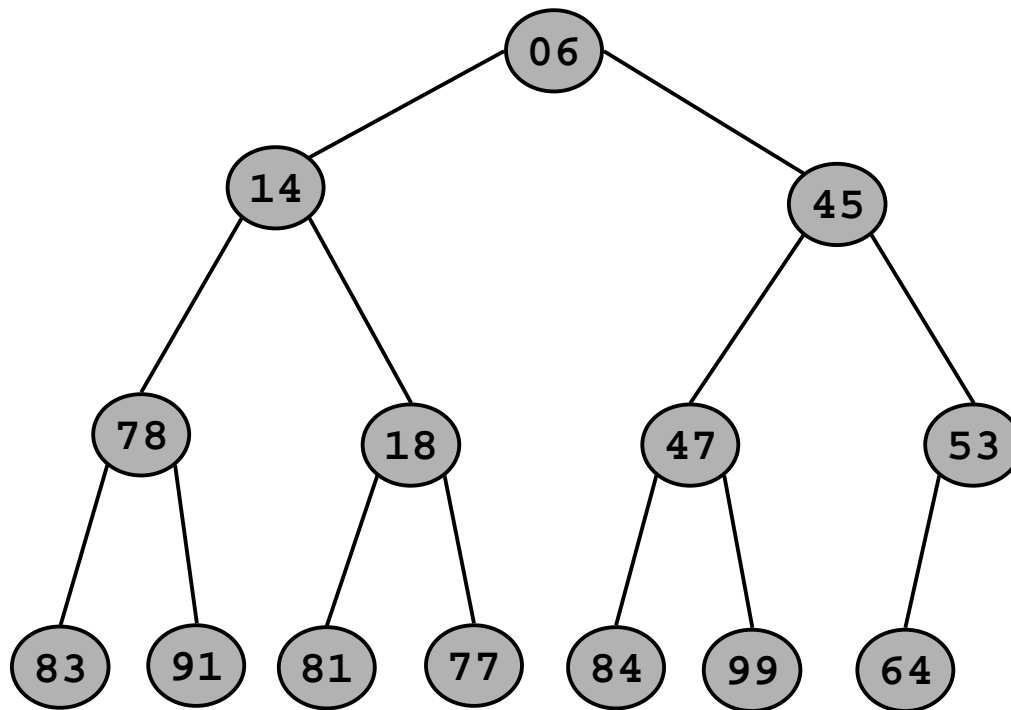
- Almost complete binary tree.
  - filled on all levels, except last, where filled from left to right
- Min-heap ordered.
  - every child greater than (or equal to) parent



# Binary Heap: Properties

## Properties.

- Min element is in root.
- Heap with N elements has height =  $\lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor$ .



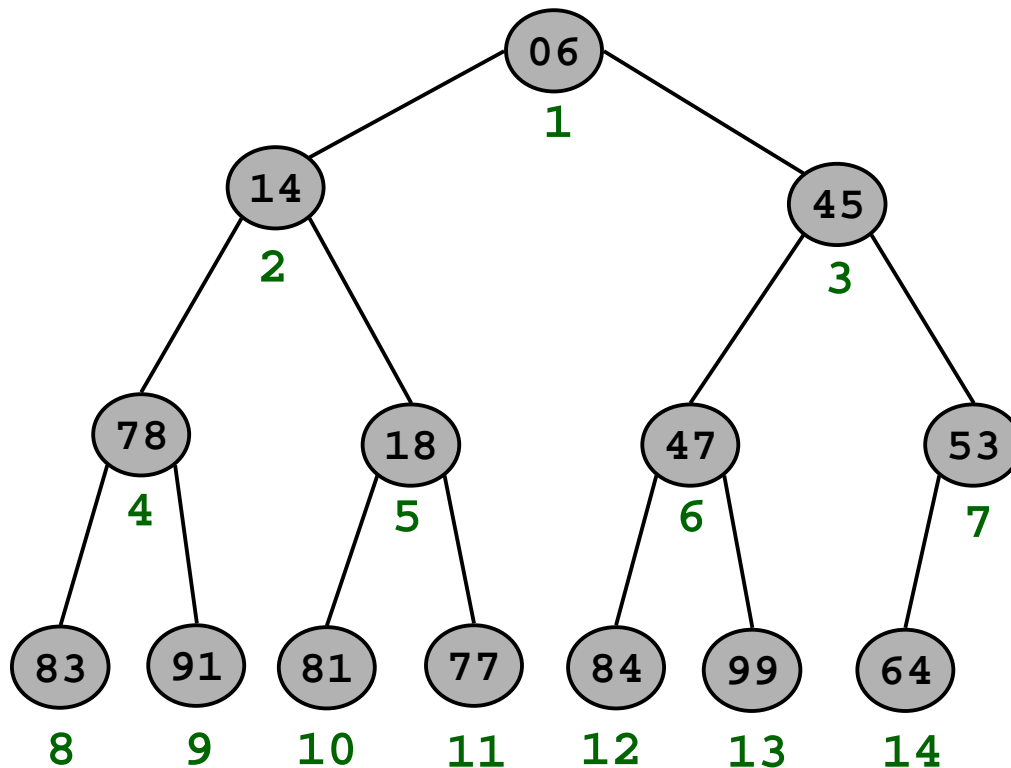
**N = 14**  
**Height = 3**

# Binary Heaps: Array Implementation

## Implementing binary heaps.

- Use an array: no need for explicit parent or child pointers.

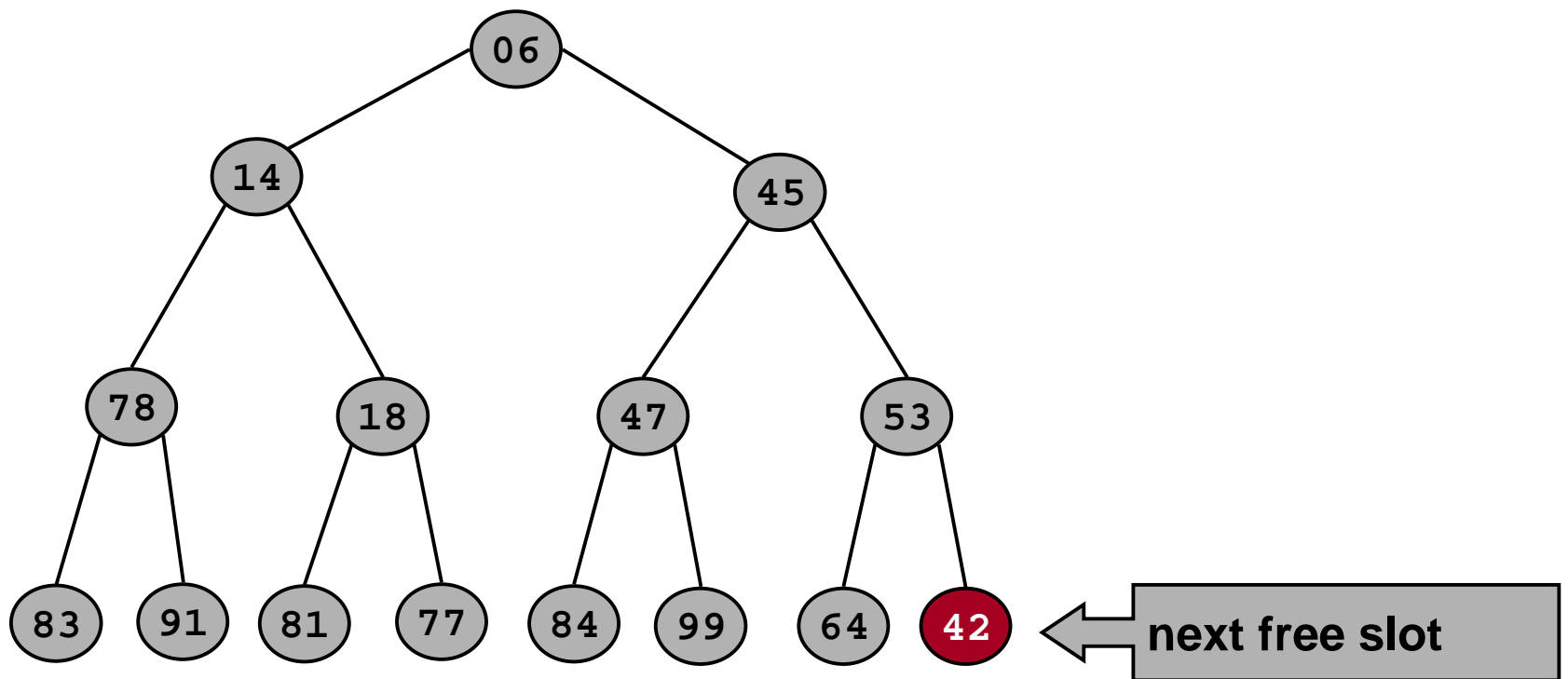
- $\text{Parent}(i) = \lfloor i/2 \rfloor$
- $\text{Left}(i) = 2i$
- $\text{Right}(i) = 2i + 1$



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- Insert into next available slot.
- Bubble up until it's heap ordered.
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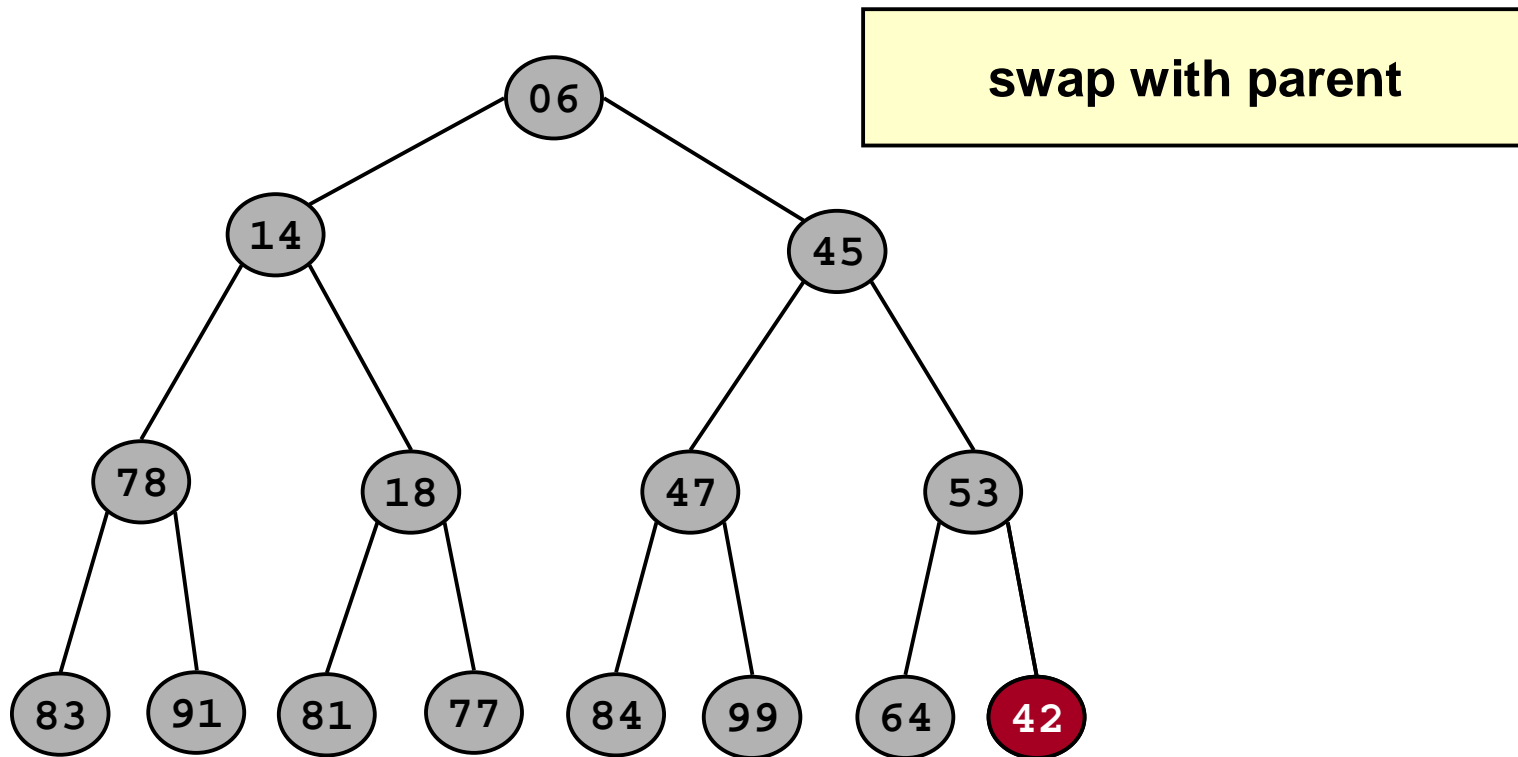




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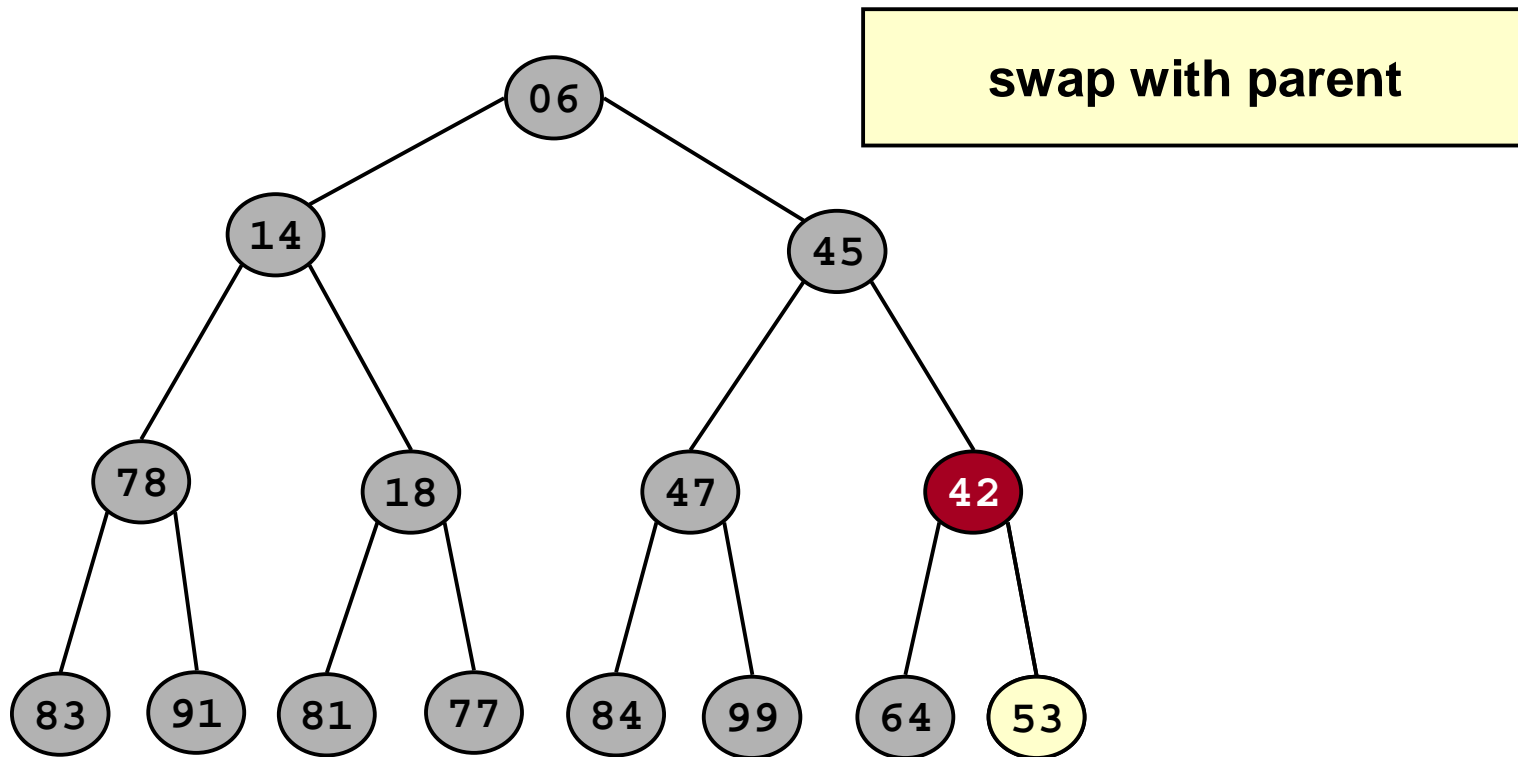
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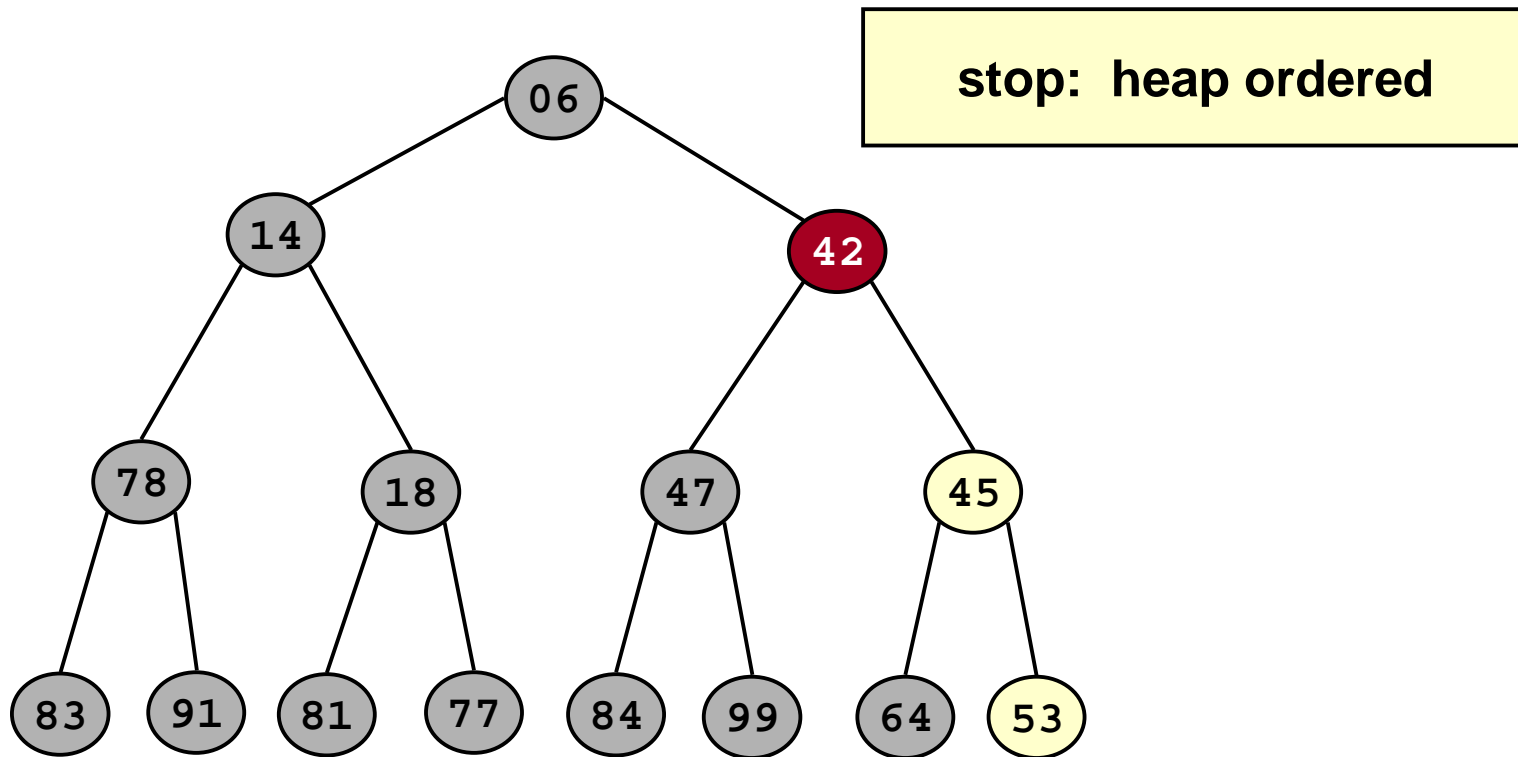
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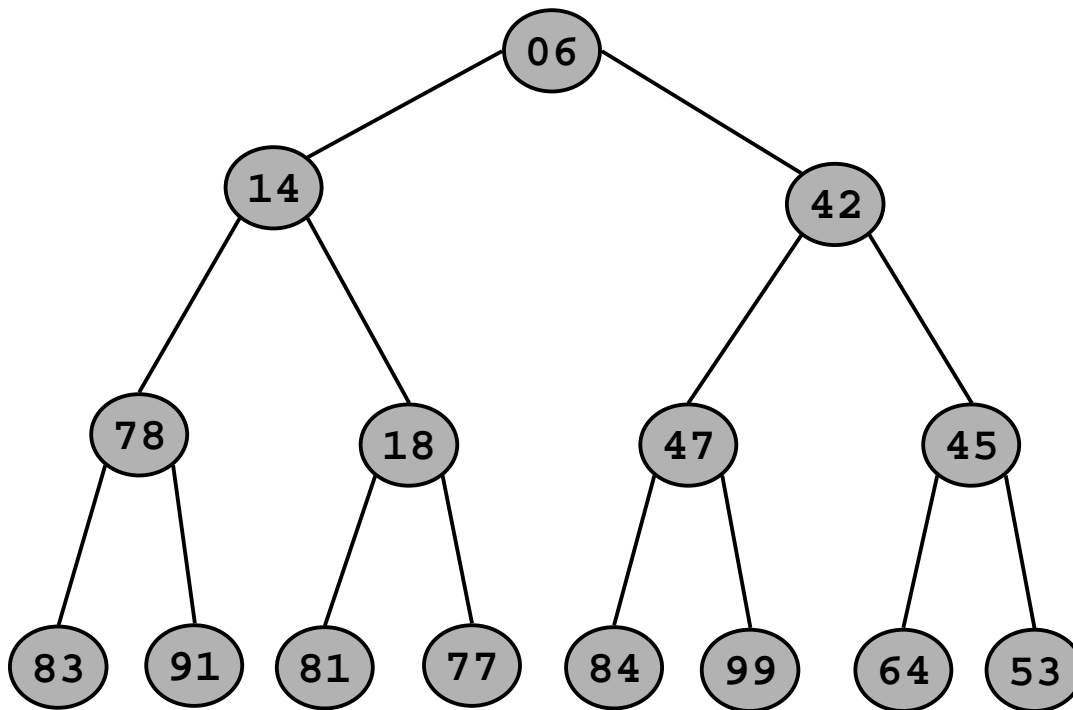
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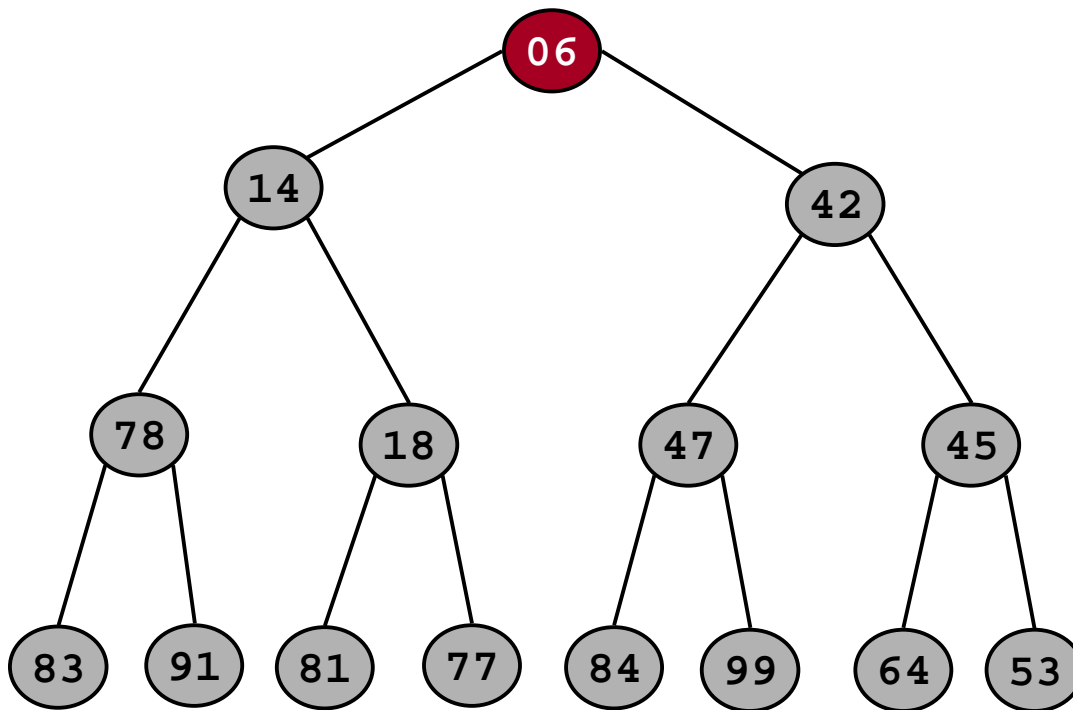
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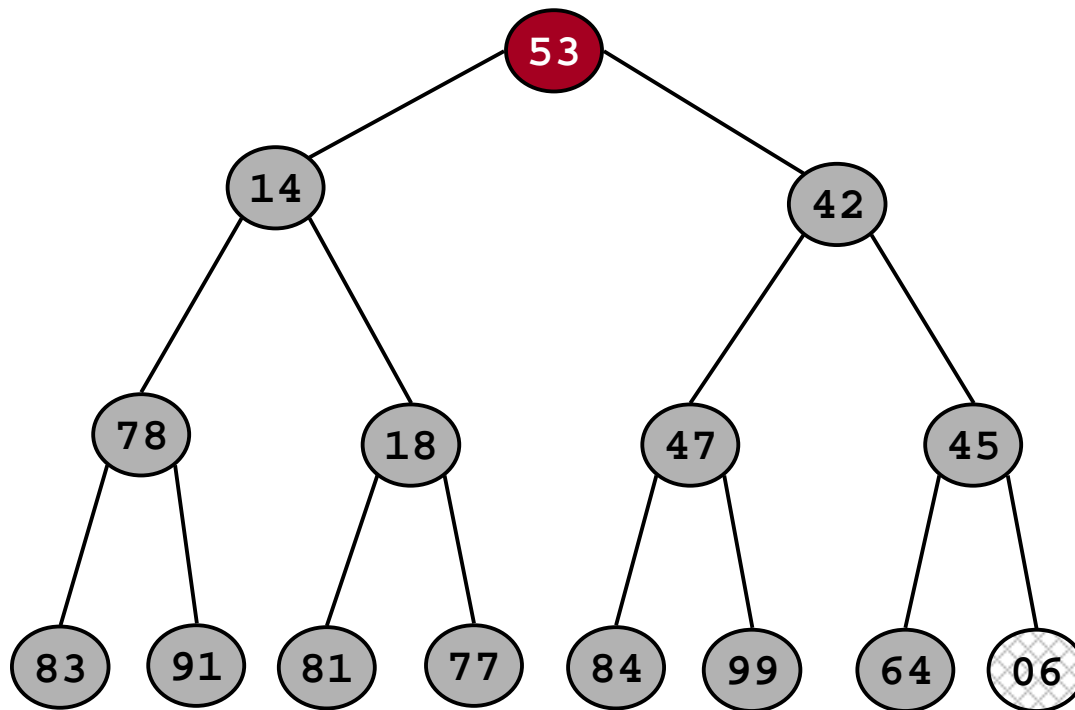
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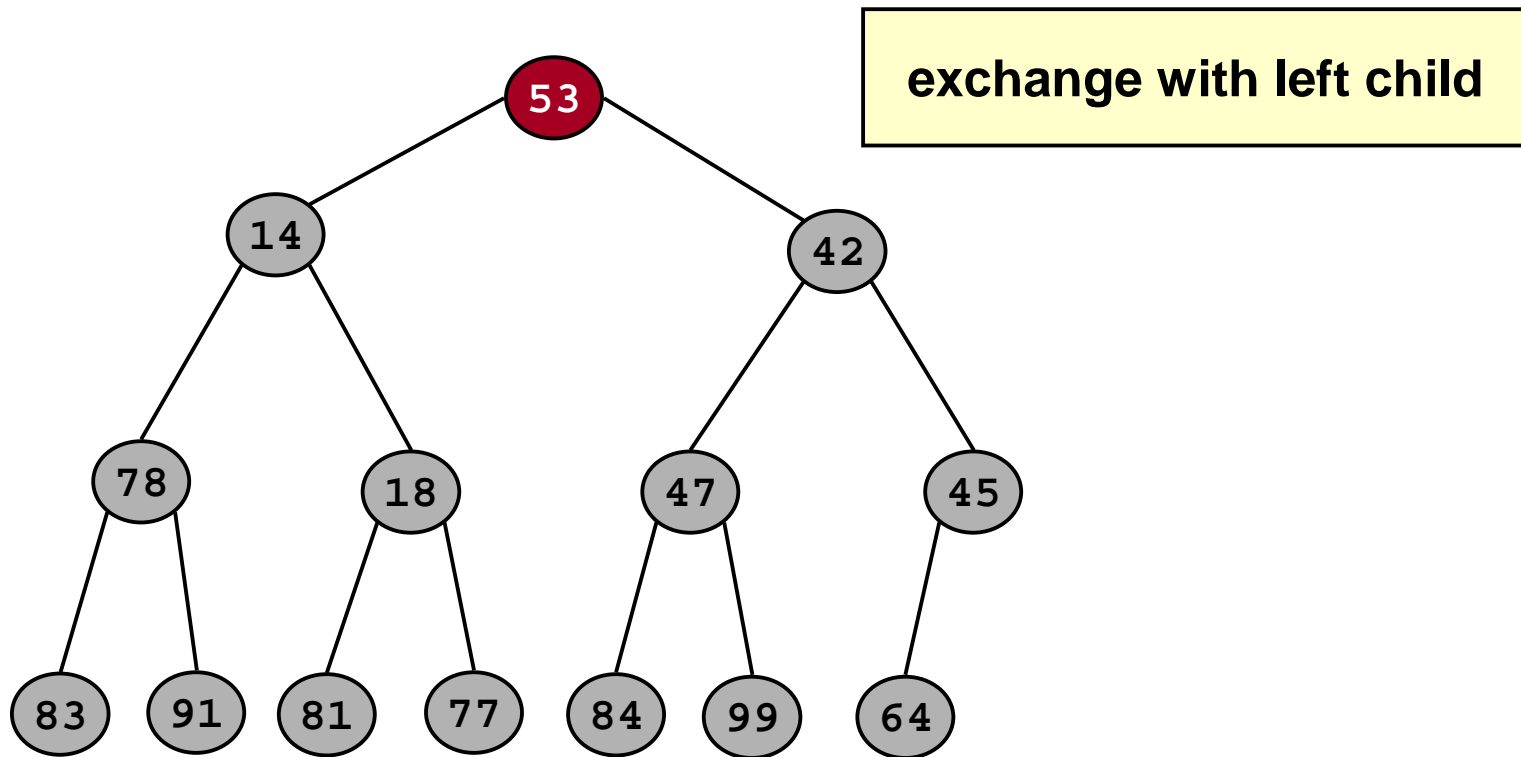
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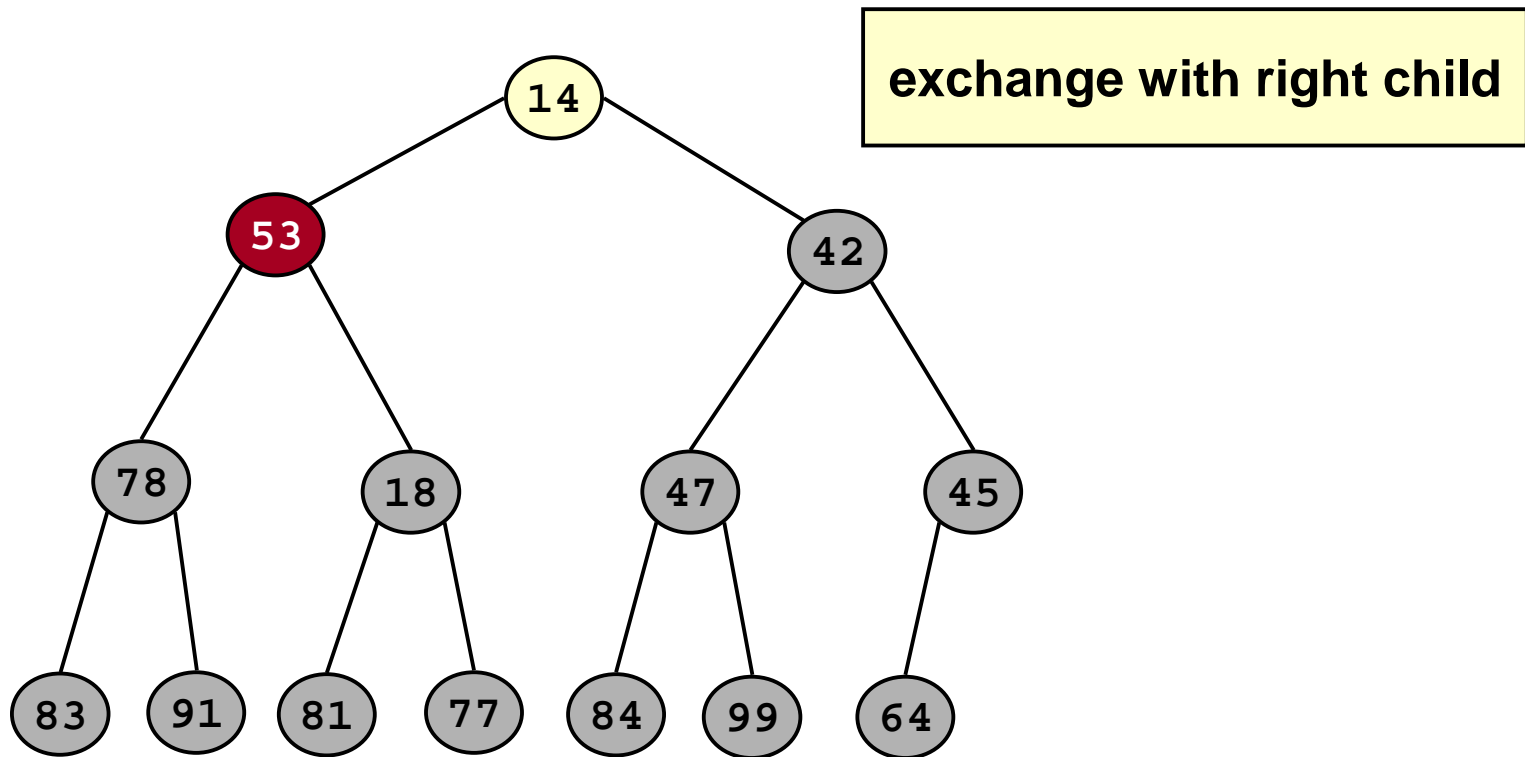
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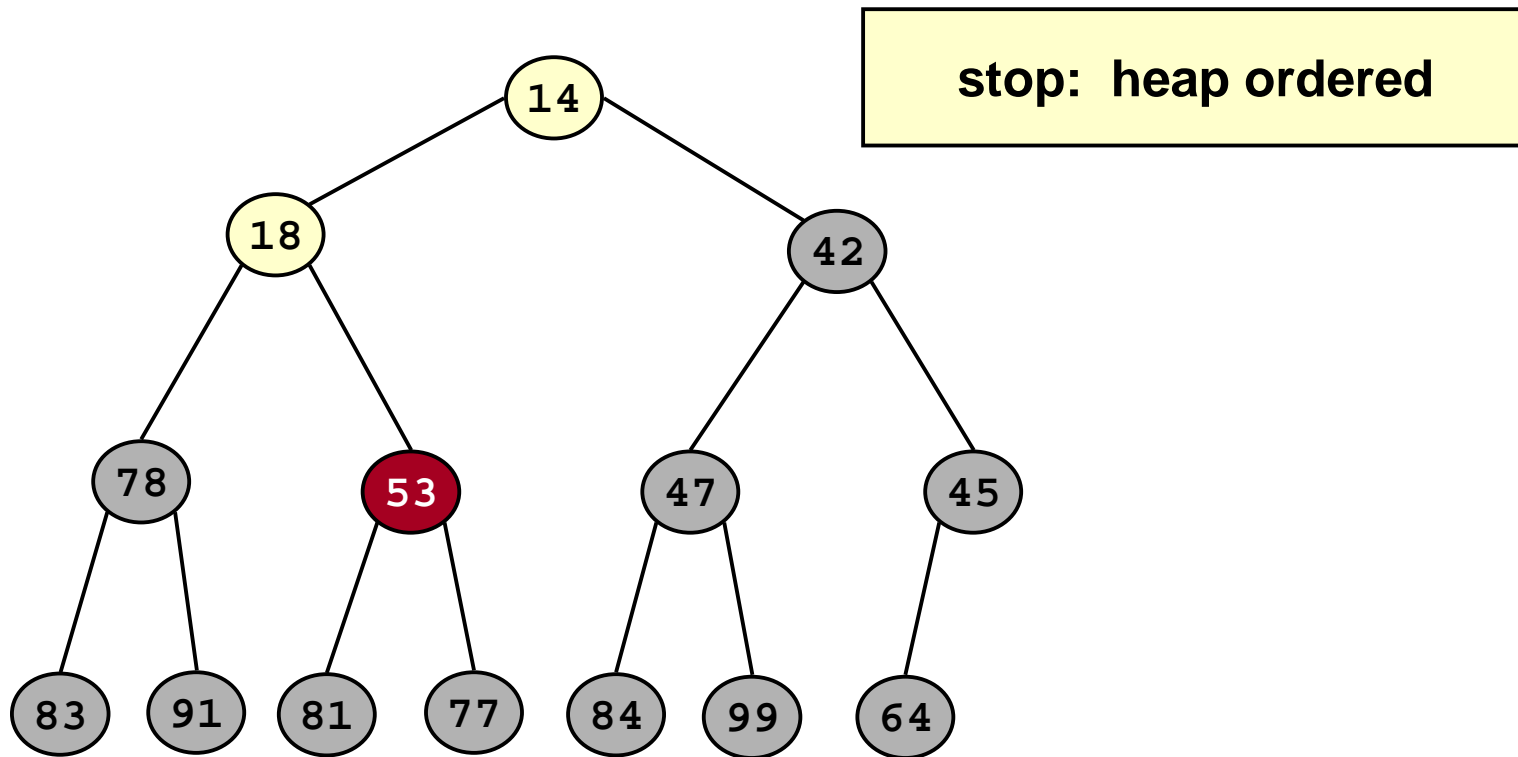




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# Binary Heap: Heapsort

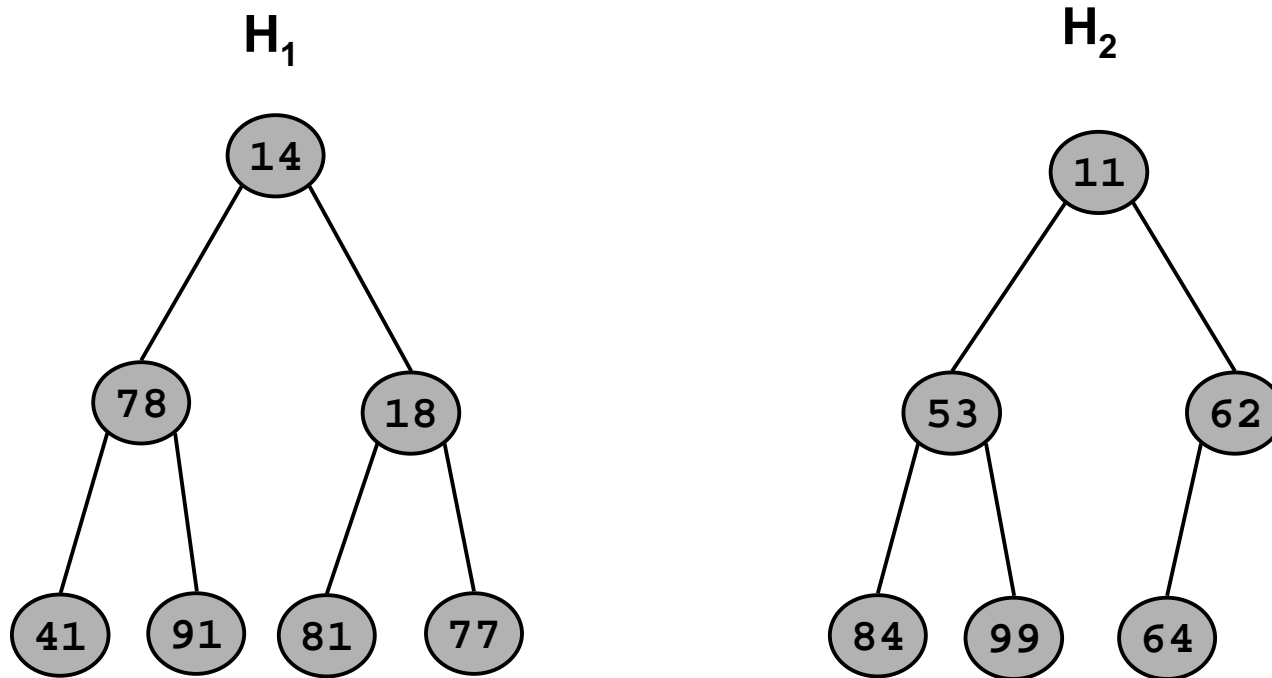
## Heapsort.

- Insert  $N$  items into binary heap.
- Perform  $N$  delete-min operations.
- $O(N \log N)$  sort.
- No extra storage.

# Binary Heap: Union

## Union.

- Combine two binary heaps  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  into a single heap.
- No easy solution.
  - $\Omega(N)$  operations apparently required
- Can support fast union with fancier heaps.



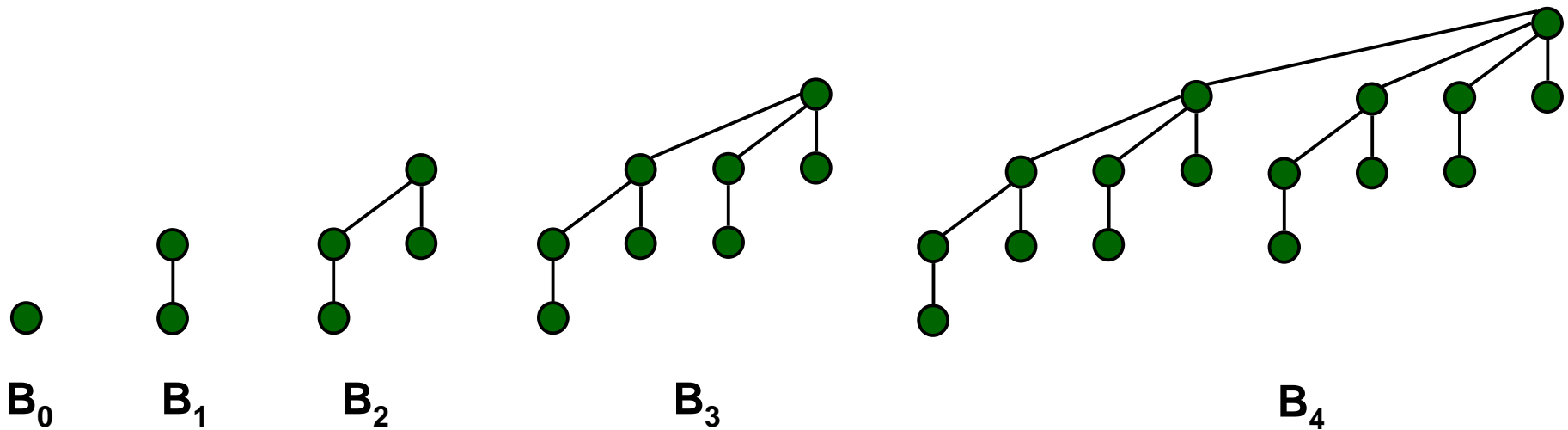
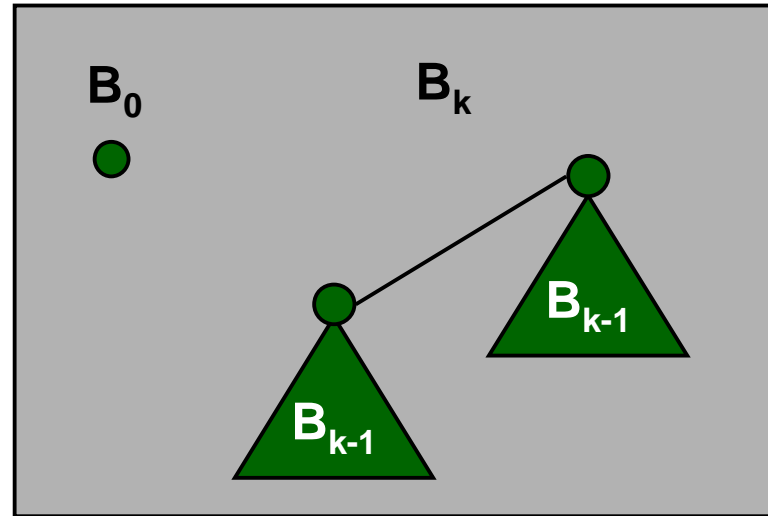
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# Binomial Tree

## Binomial tree.

- Recursive definition:



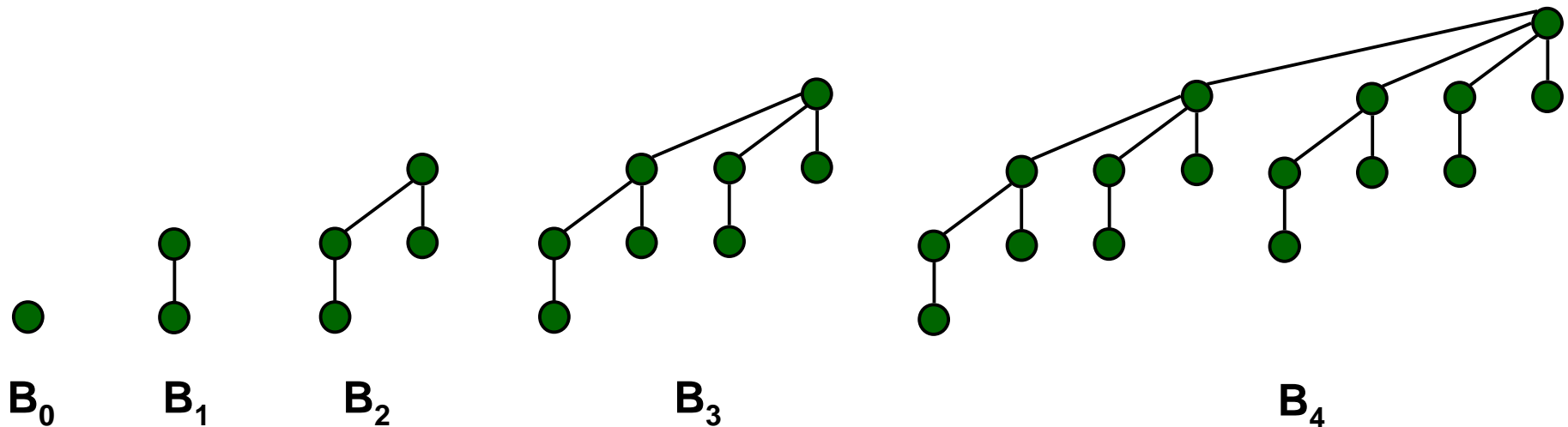
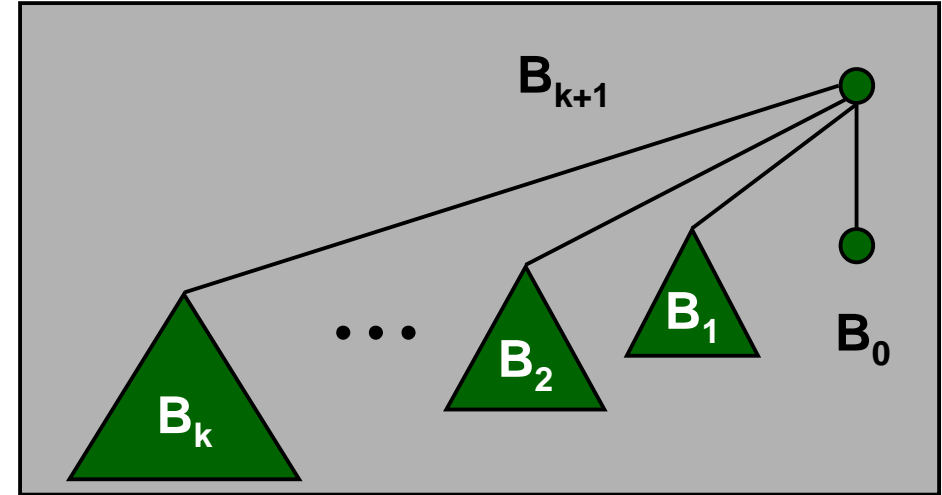
# Binomial Tree

## Useful properties of order $k$ binomial tree $B_k$ .

- Number of nodes =  $2^k$ .
- Height =  $k$ .
- Degree of root =  $k$ .
- Deleting root yields binomial trees  $B_{k-1}, \dots, B_0$ .

## Proof.

- By induction on  $k$ .



# Binomial Tree

A property useful for naming the data structure.

- $B_k$  has  $\binom{k}{i}$  nodes at depth  $i$ .

$$\binom{4}{2} = 6$$

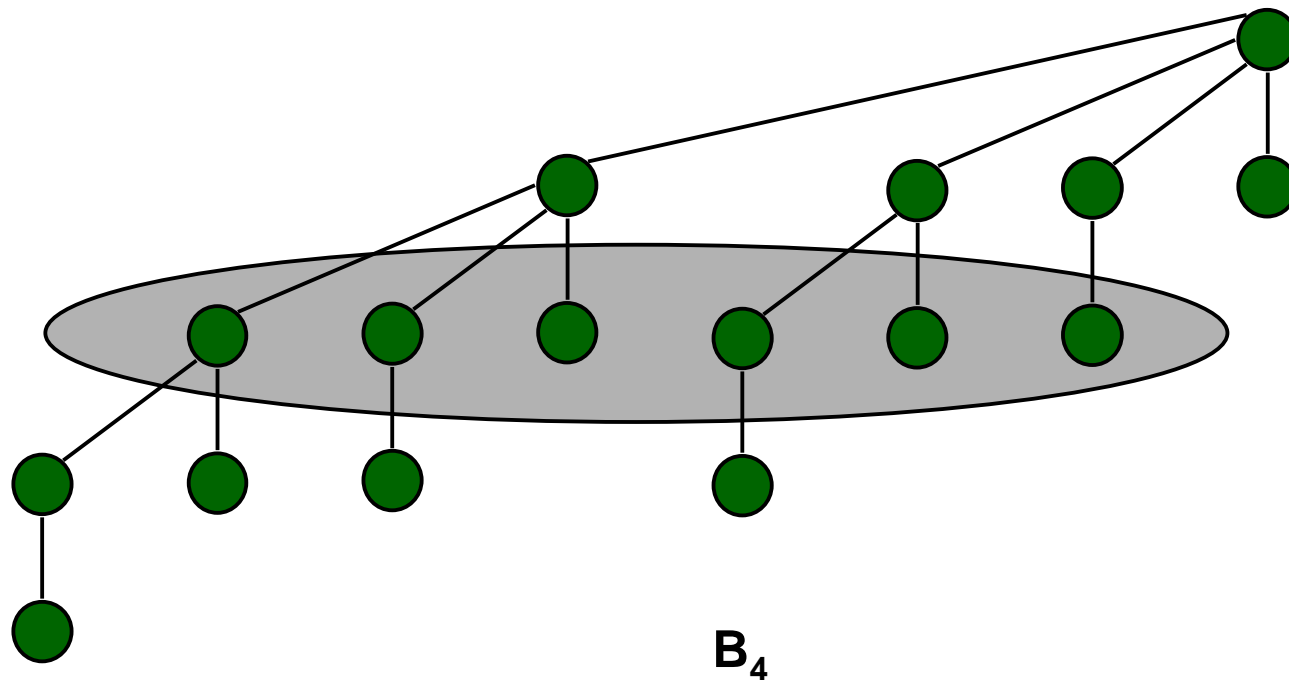
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depth 1

depth 2

depth 3

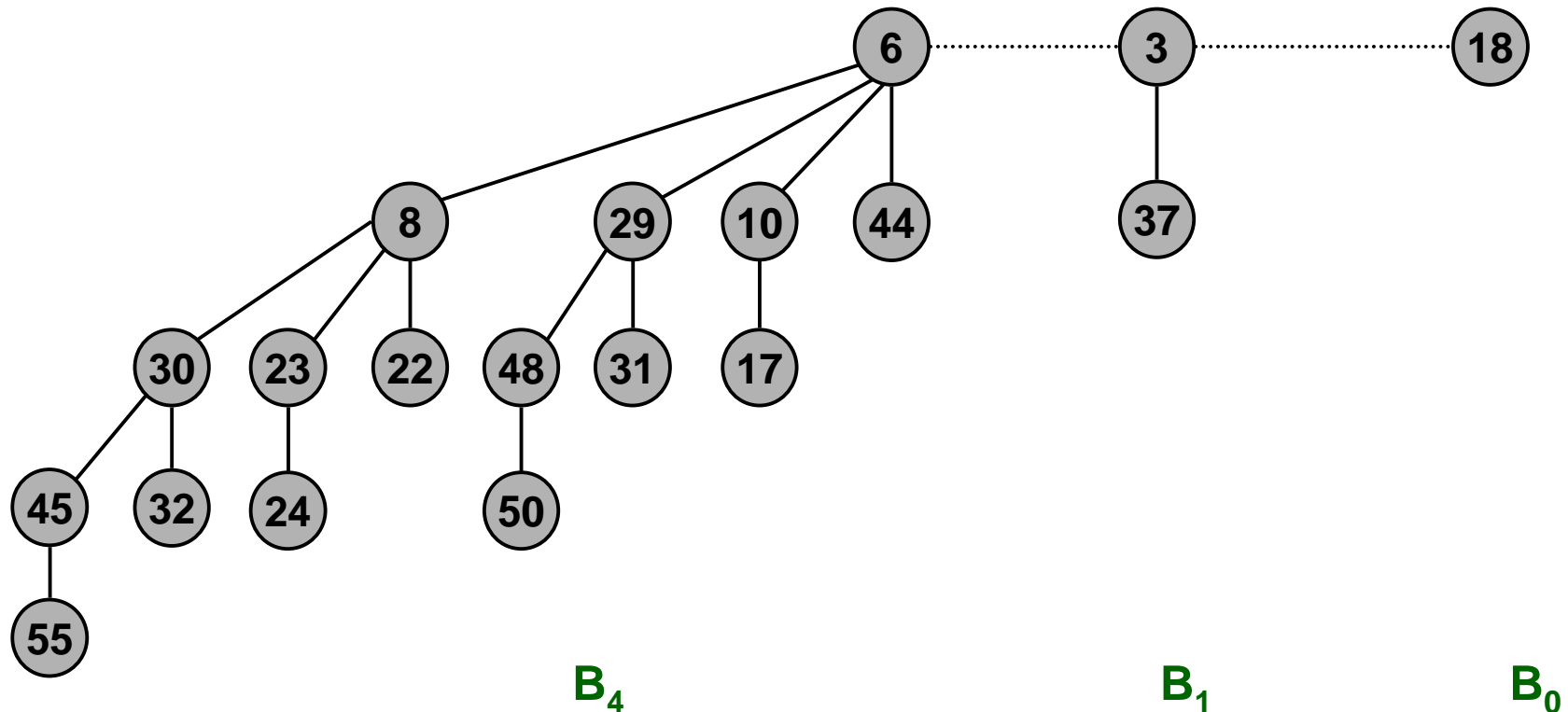
depth 4



# Binomial Heap

Binomial heap. Vuillemin, 1978.

- Sequence of binomial trees that satisfy binomial heap property.
  - each tree is min-heap ordered
  - 0 or 1 binomial tree of order  $k$

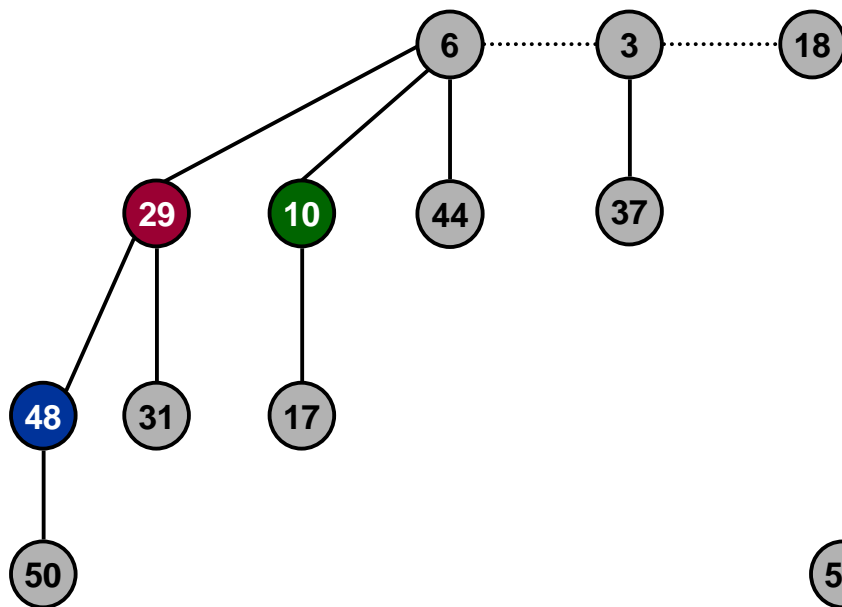




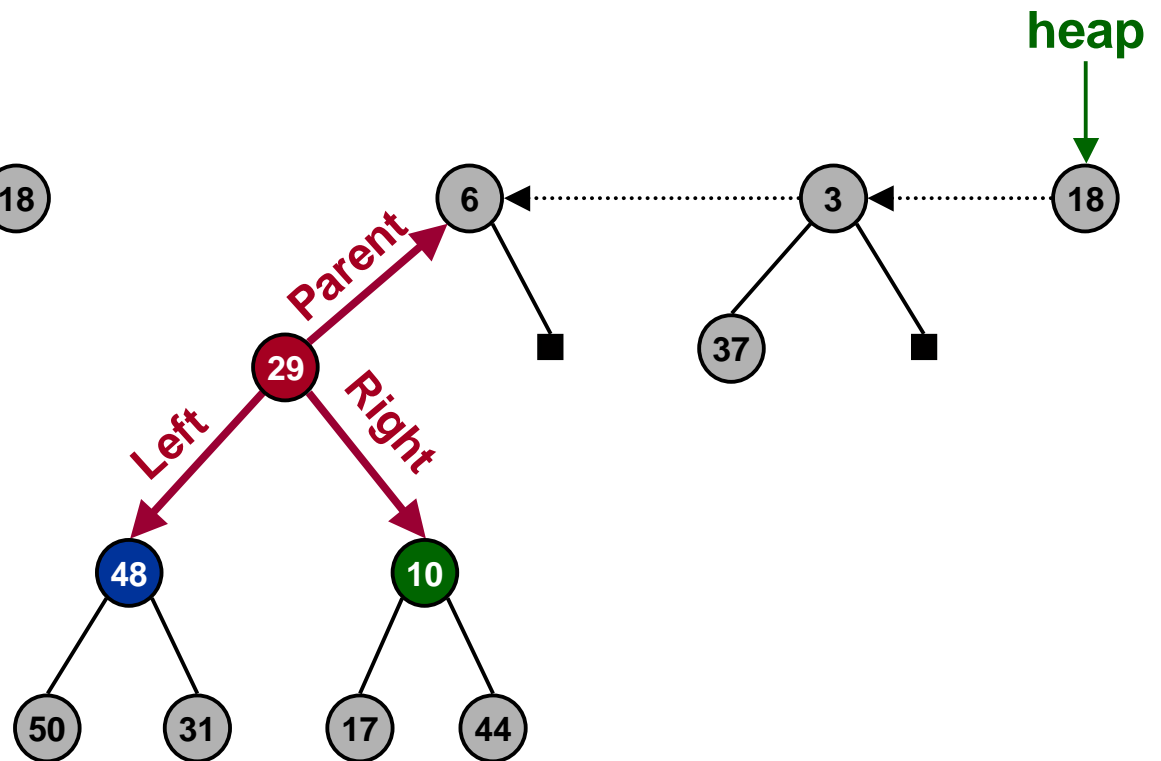
# Binomial Heap: Implementation

## Implementation.

- Represent trees using left-child, right sibling pointers.
  - three links per node (parent, left, right)
- Roots of trees connected with singly linked list.
  - degrees of trees strictly decreasing from left to right



Binomial Heap

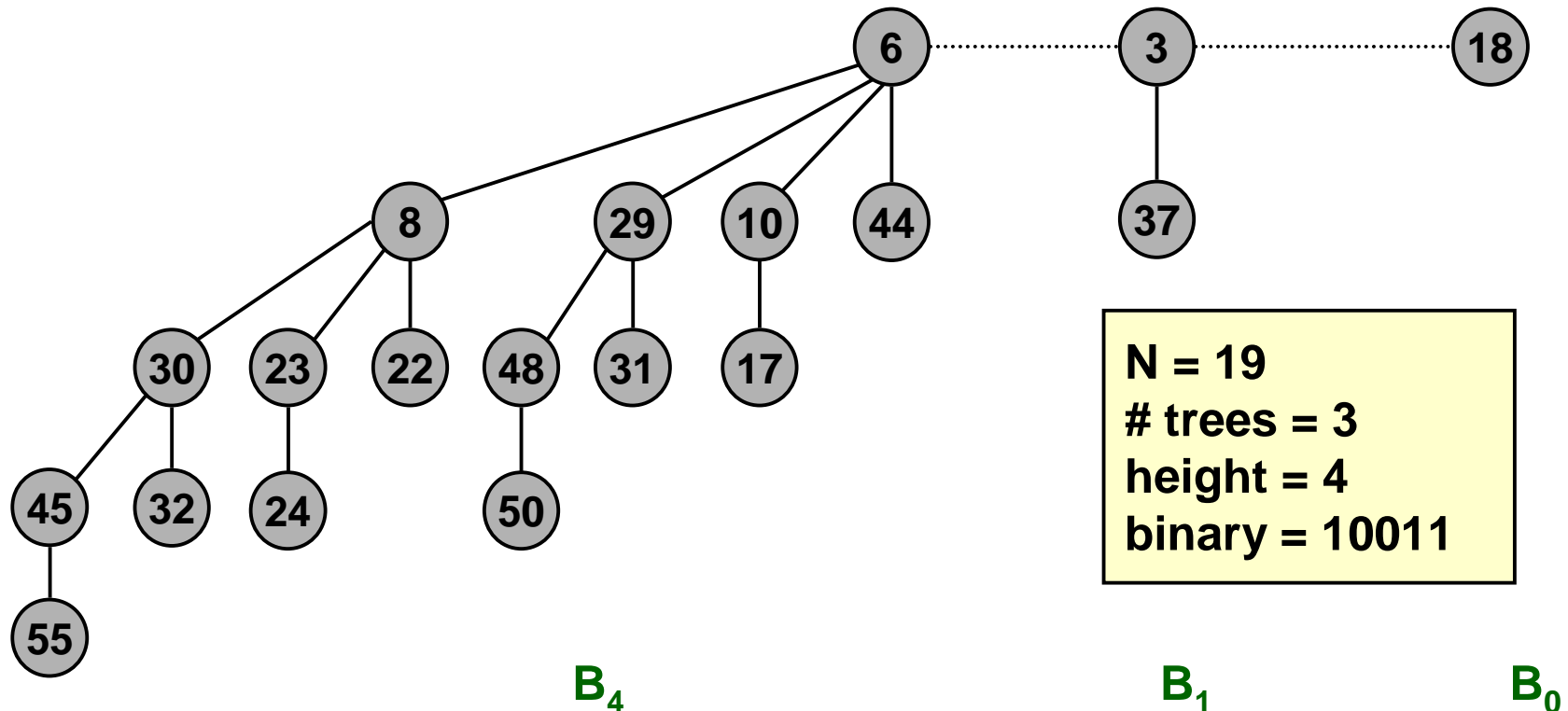


Leftist Power-of-2 Heap

# Binomial Heap: Properties

## Properties of N-node binomial heap.

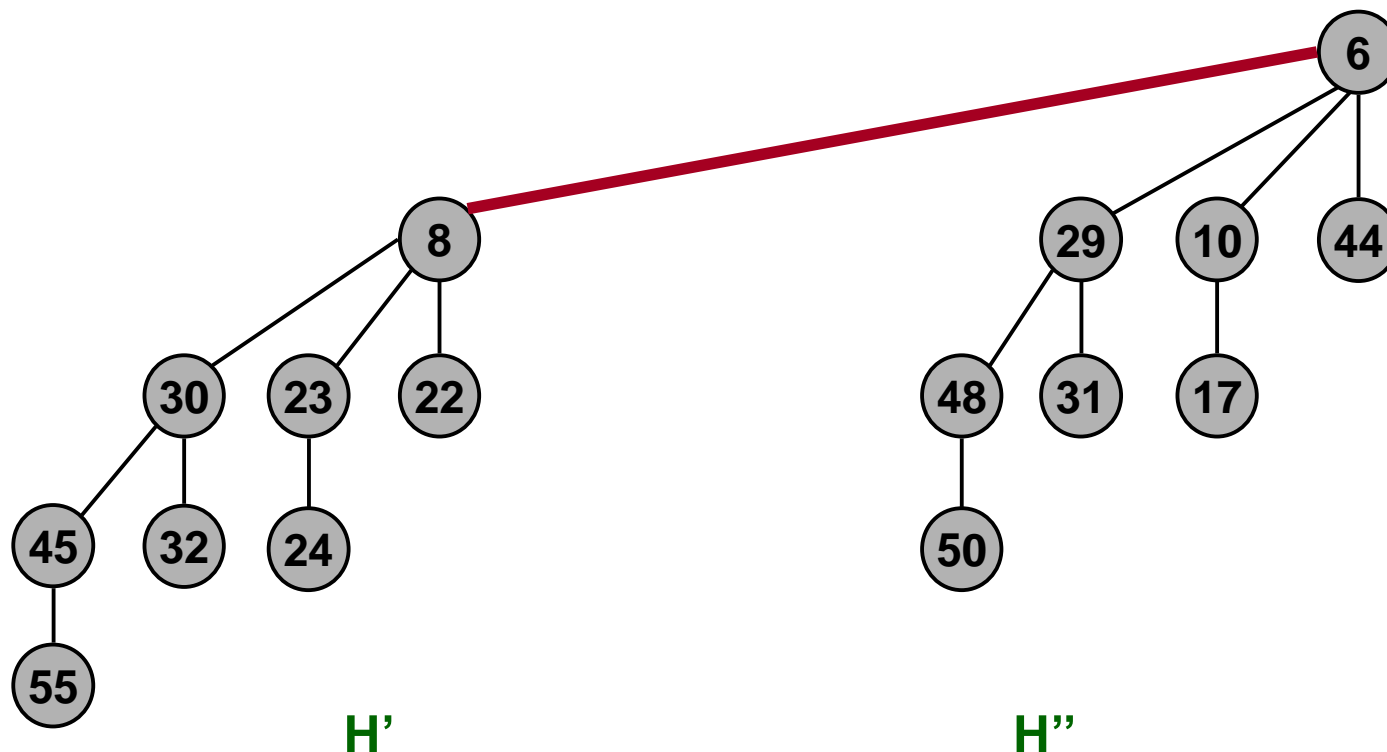
- Min key contained in root of  $B_0, B_1, \dots, B_k$ .
- Contains binomial tree  $B_i$  iff  $b_i = 1$  where  $b_n \cdot b_2 b_1 b_0$  is binary representation of  $N$ .
- At most  $\lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor + 1$  binomial trees.
- Height  $\leq \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor$ .



# Binomial Heap: Union

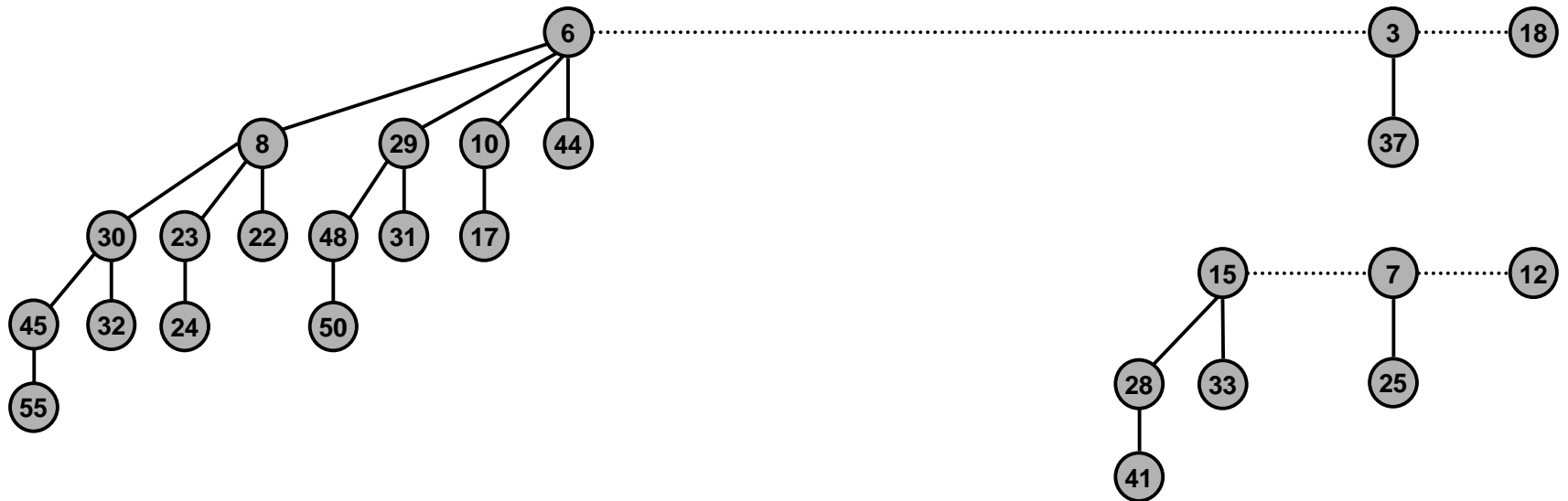
Create heap H that is union of heaps H' and H''.

- "Mergeable heaps."
- Easy if H' and H'' are each order k binomial trees.
  - connect roots of H' and H''
  - choose smaller key to be root of H



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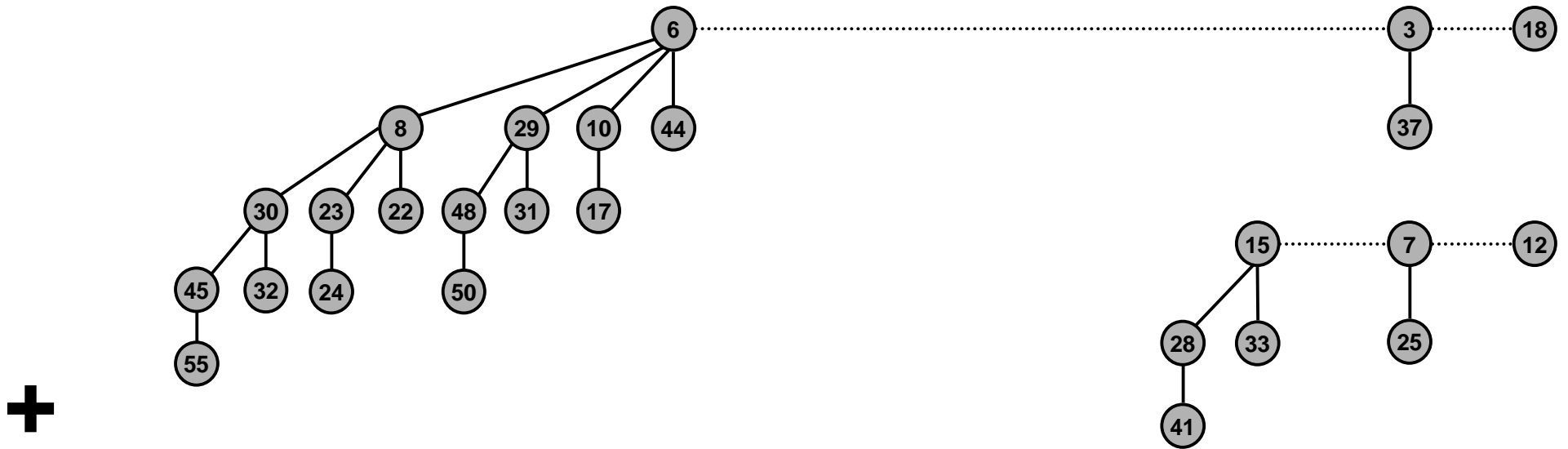
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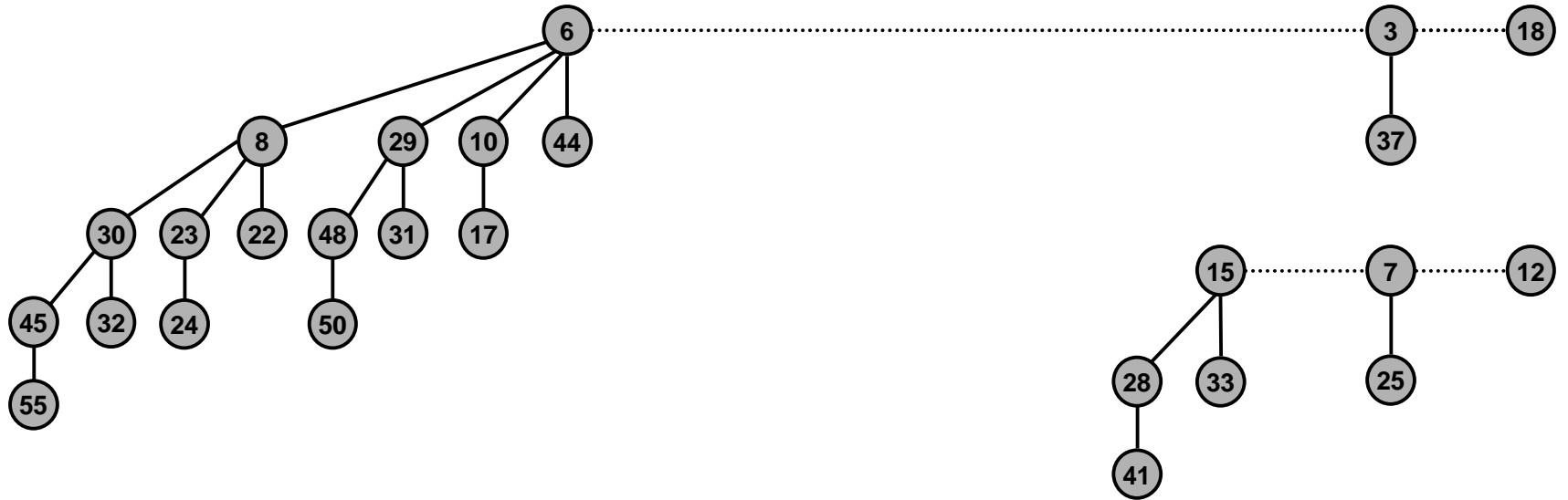
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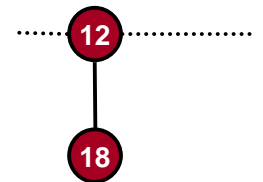
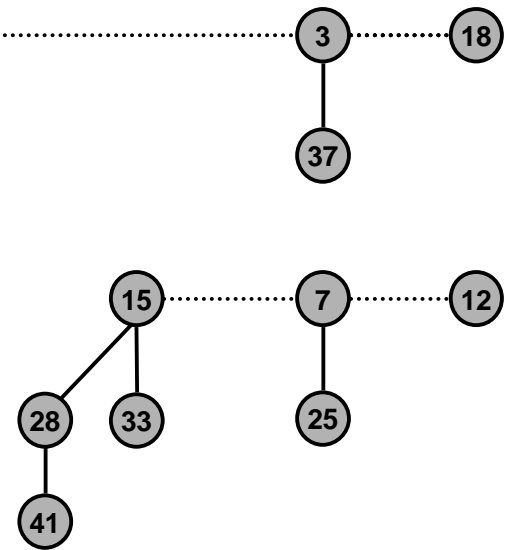
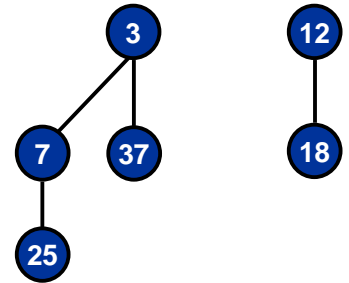
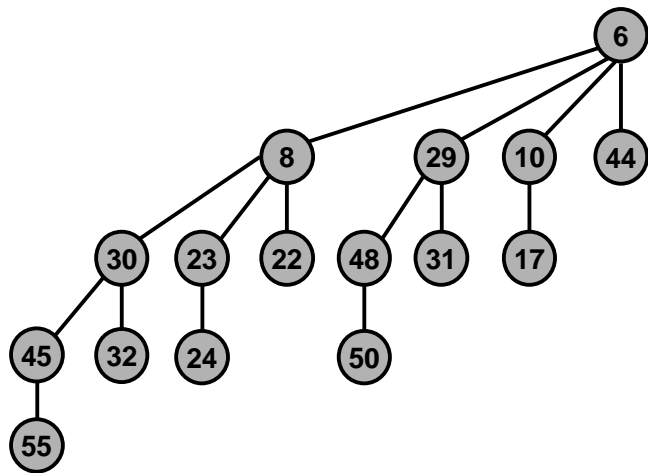


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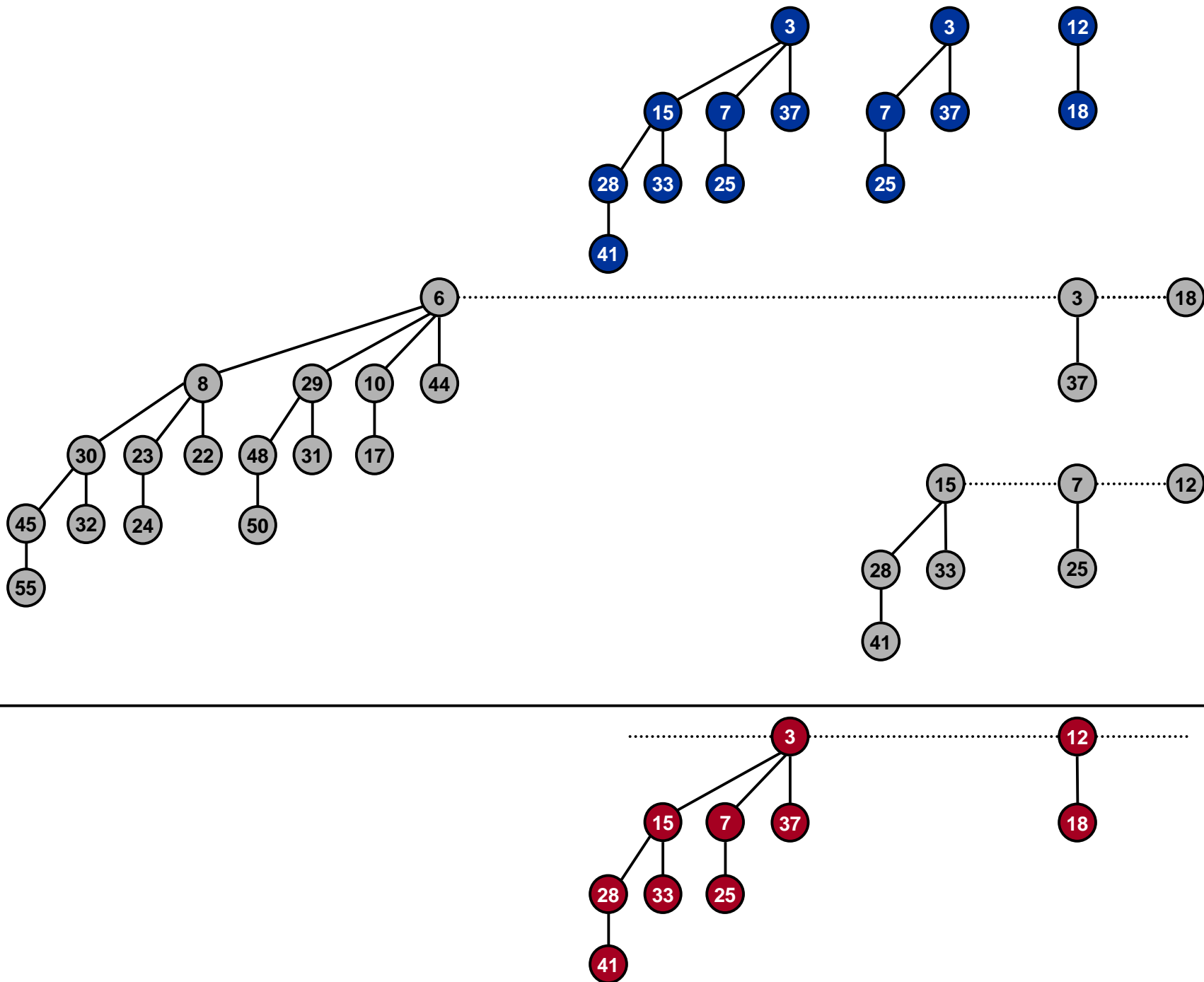
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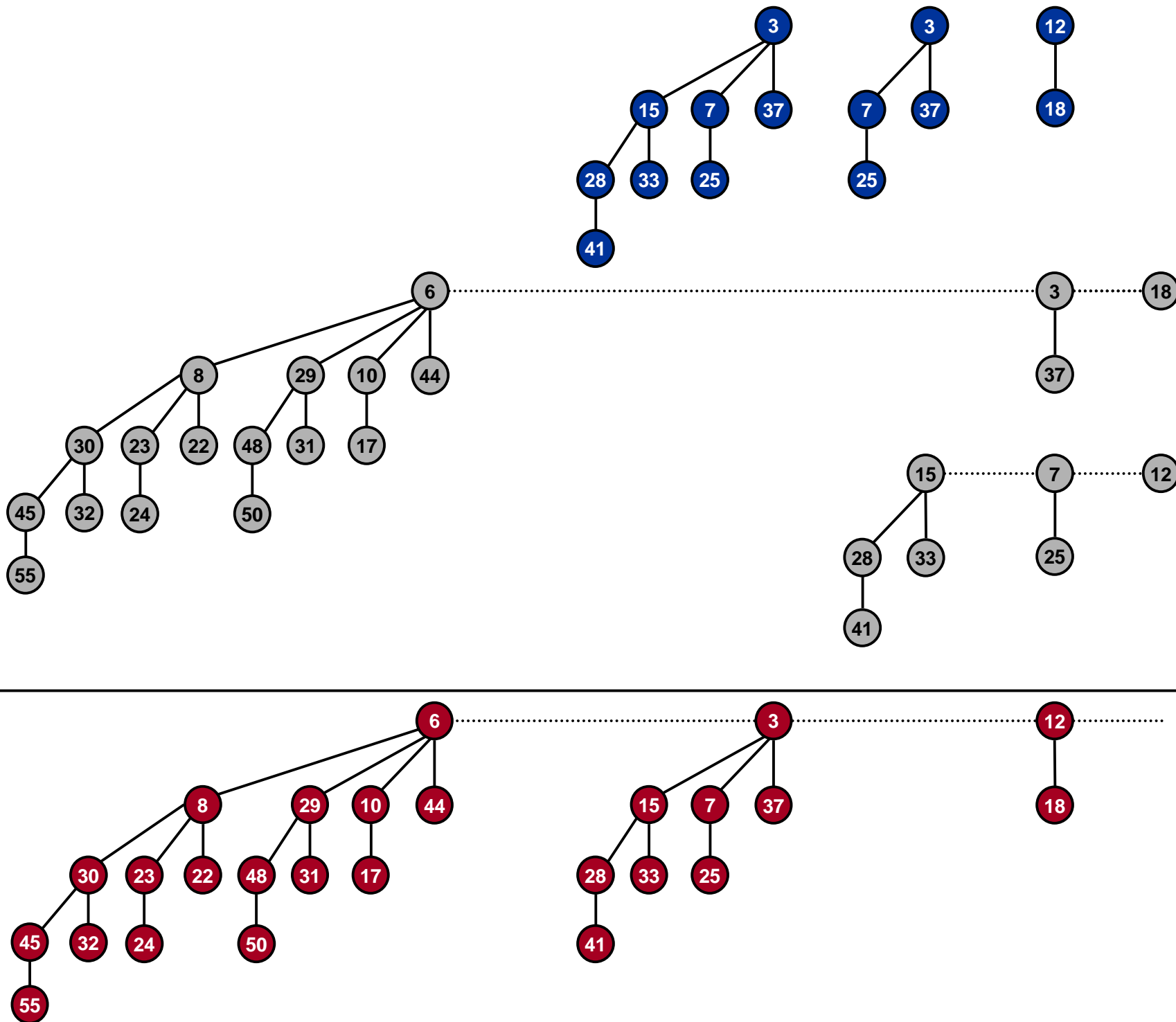




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# Binomial Heap: Union

Create heap H that is union of heaps H' and H''.

- Analogous to binary addition.

Running time.  $O(\log N)$

- Proportional to number of trees in root lists  $\leq 2(\lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor + 1)$ .

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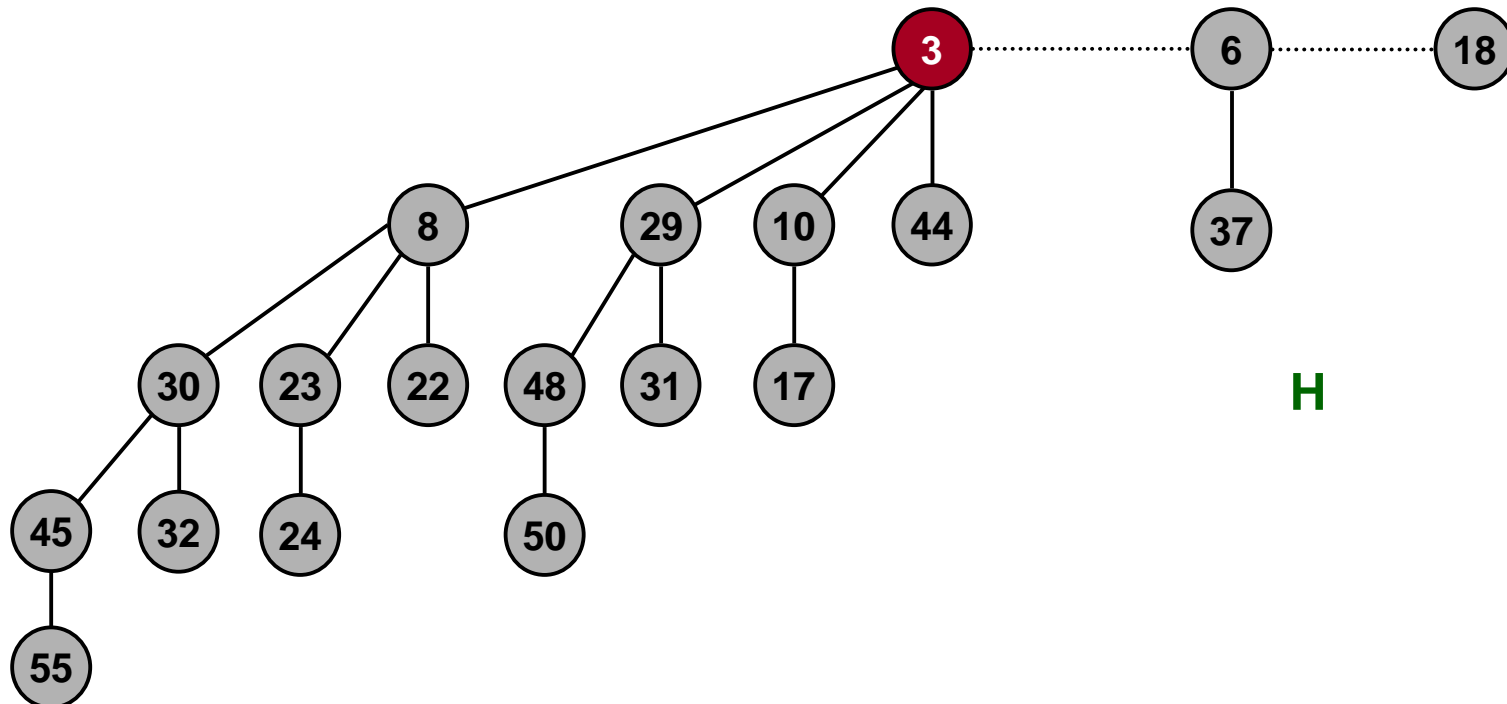
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# Binomial Heap: Delete Min

Delete node with minimum key in binomial heap  $H$ .

- Find root  $x$  with min key in root list of  $H$ , and delete
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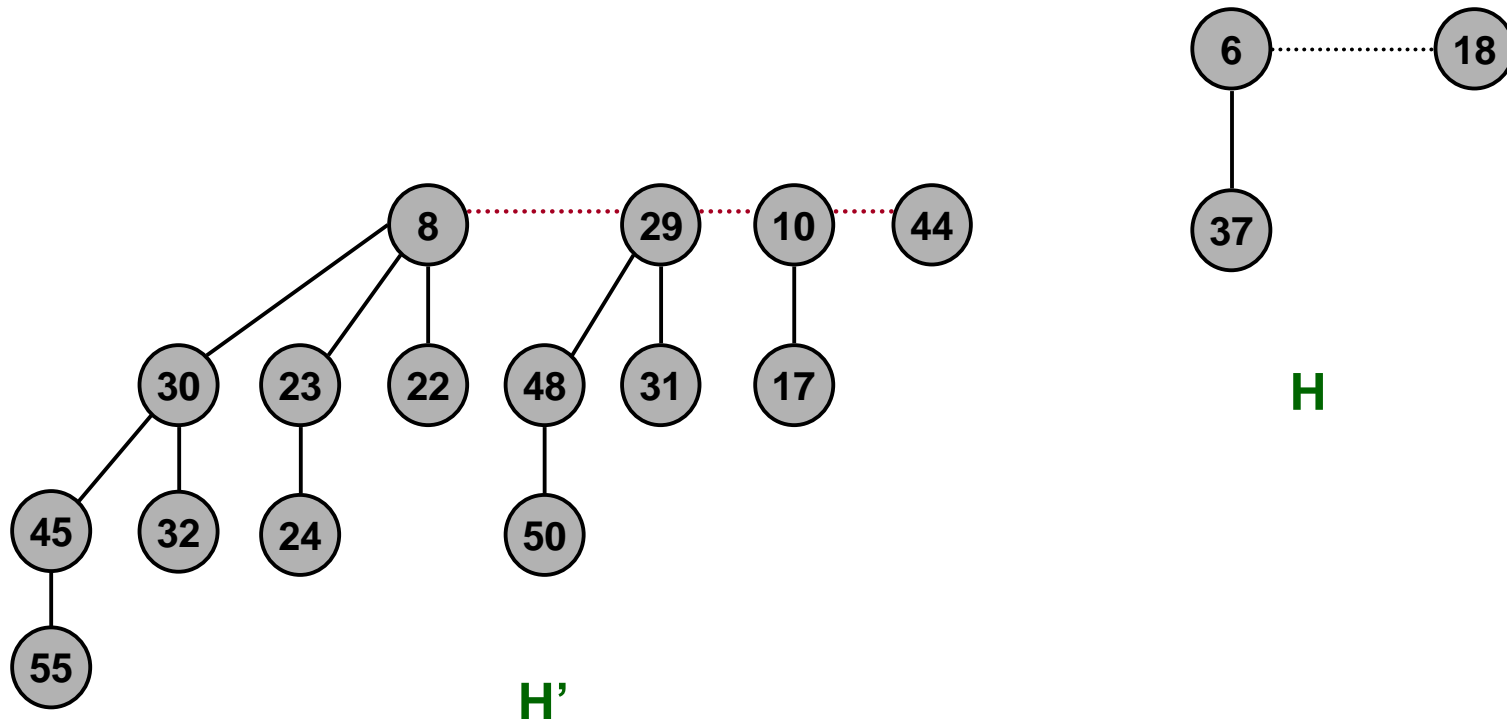


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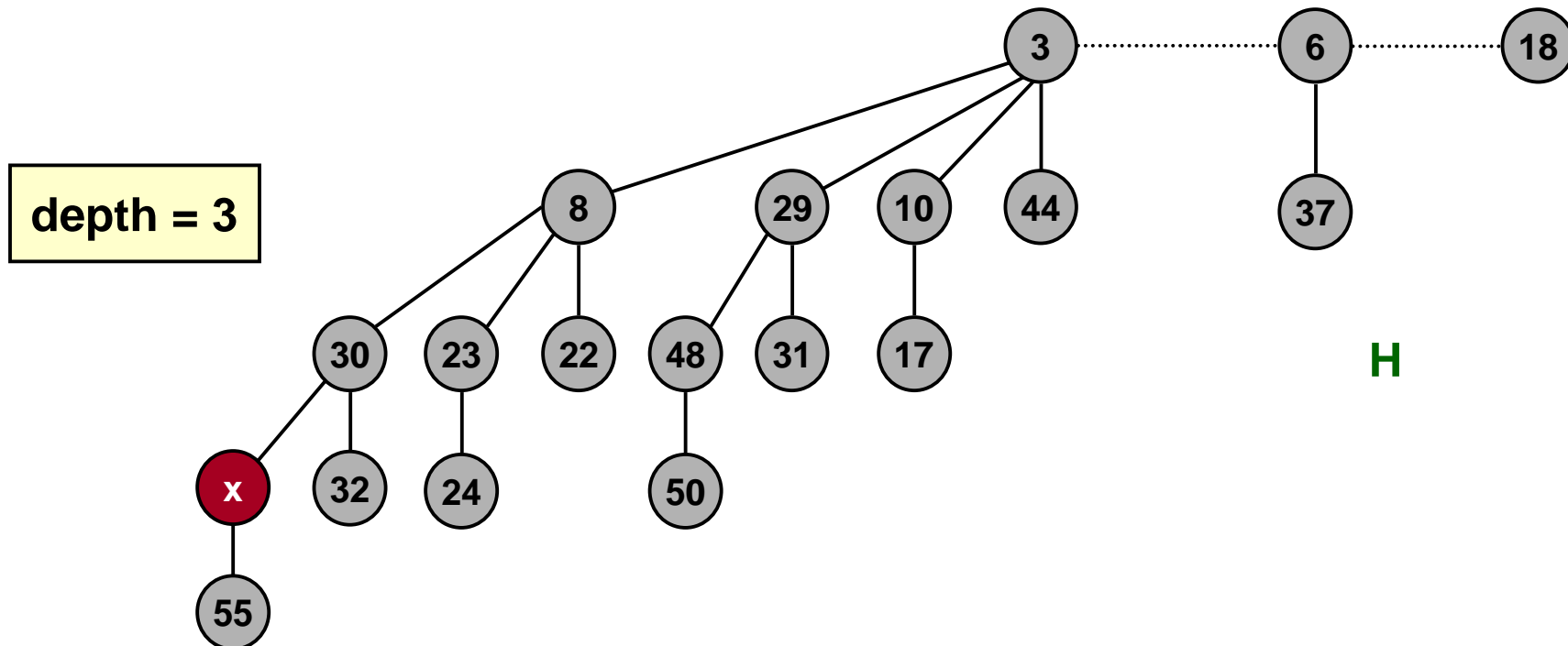
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Decrease key of node  $x$  in binomial heap  $H$ .

- Suppose  $x$  is in binomial tree  $B_k$ .
- Bubble node  $x$  up the tree if  $x$  is too small.

Running time.  $O(\log N)$

- Proportional to depth of node  $x \leq \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor$ .



# Binomial Heap: Delete

**Delete node  $x$  in binomial heap  $H$ .**

- Decrease key of  $x$  to  $-\infty$ .
- Delete min.

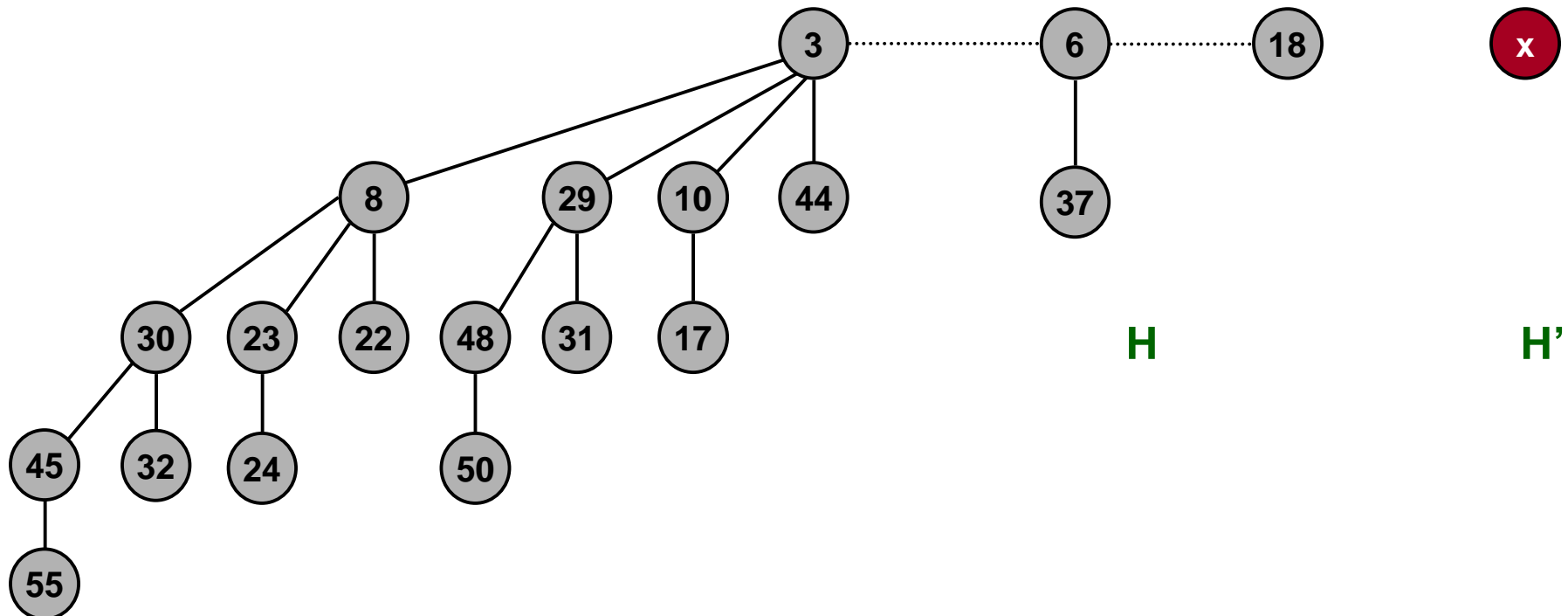
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Running time.  $O(\log N)$

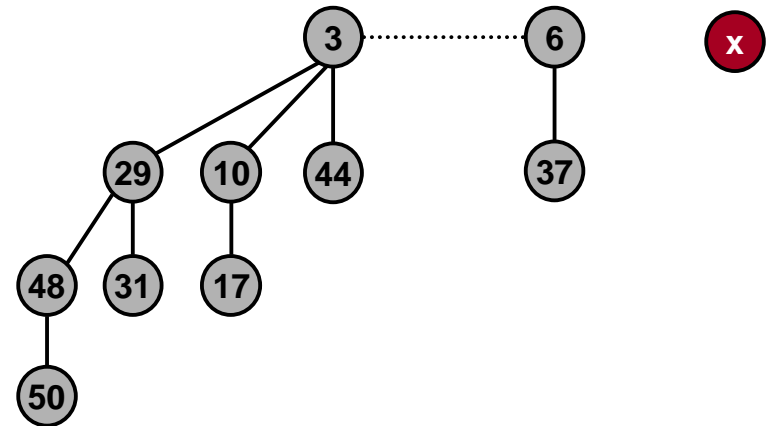




# Binomial Heap: Sequence of Inserts

Insert a new node  $x$  into binomial heap  $H$ .

- If  $N = \dots\dots\dots 0$ , then only 1 step.
- If  $N = \dots\dots\dots 01$ , then only 2 steps.
- If  $N = \dots\dots\dots 011$ , then only 3 steps.
- If  $N = \dots\dots\dots 0111$ , then only 4 steps.



Inserting 1 item can take  $\Omega(\log N)$  time.

- If  $N = 11\dots 111$ , then  $\log_2 N$  steps.

But, inserting sequence of  $N$  items takes  $O(N)$  time!

- $(N/2)(1) + (N/4)(2) + (N/8)(3) + \dots \leq 2N$
- Amortized analysis.
- Basis for getting most operations down to constant time.

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{n}{2^n} = 2 - \frac{N}{2^N} - \frac{1}{2^{N-1}} \leq 2$$

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