

Priority Queues: Binary Heaps

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Outline

- 1 Binary Trees
- 2 Basic Operations
- 3 Complete Binary Trees
- 4 Pseudocode
- 5 Heap Sort
- 6 Final Remarks

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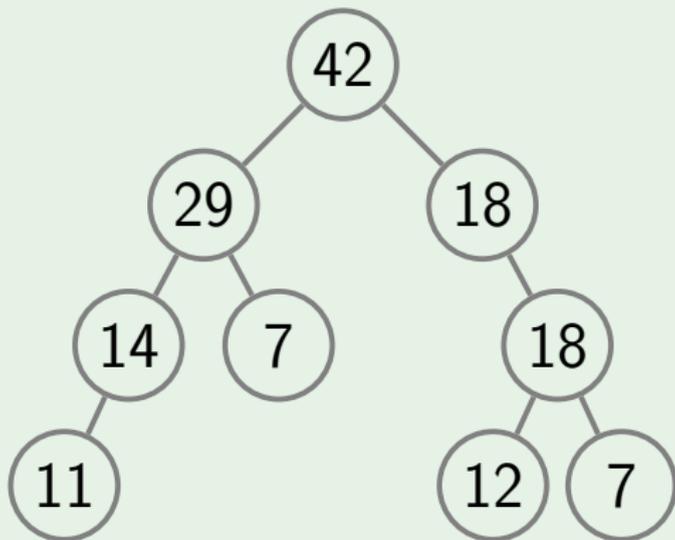
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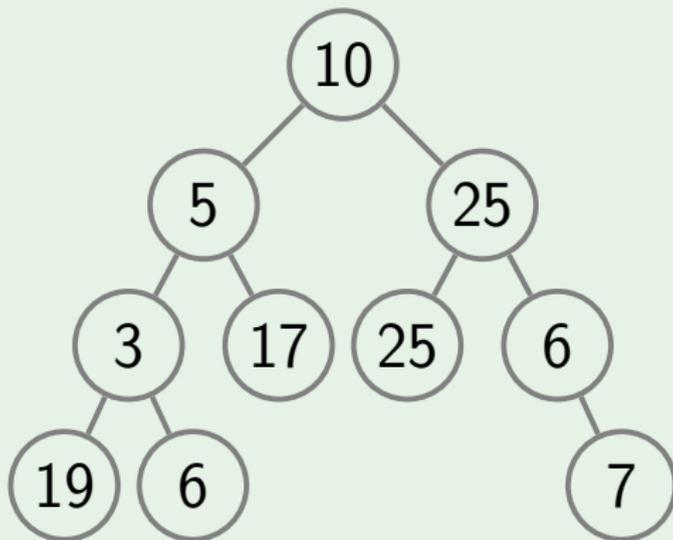
In other words

For each edge of the tree, the value of the parent is at least the value of the child.

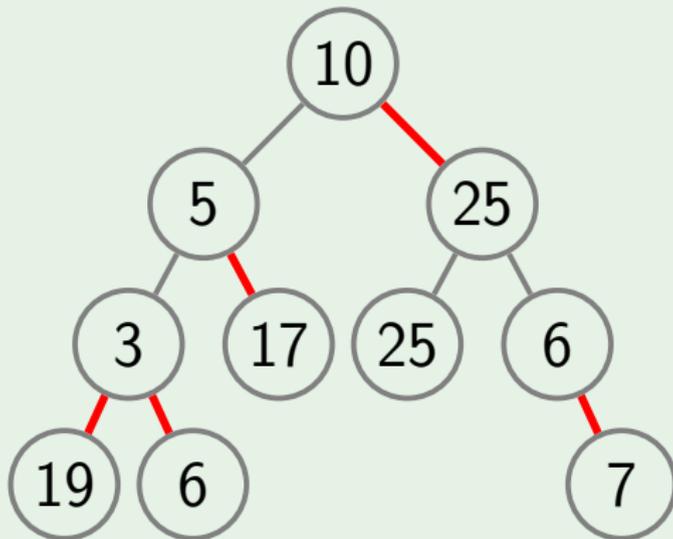
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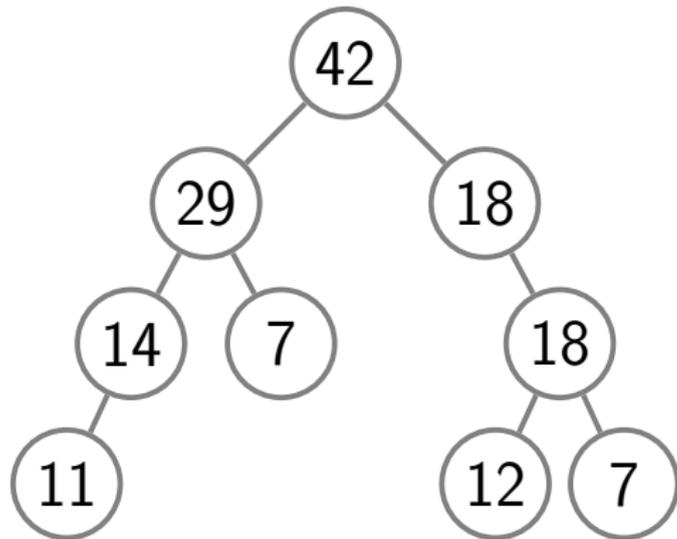
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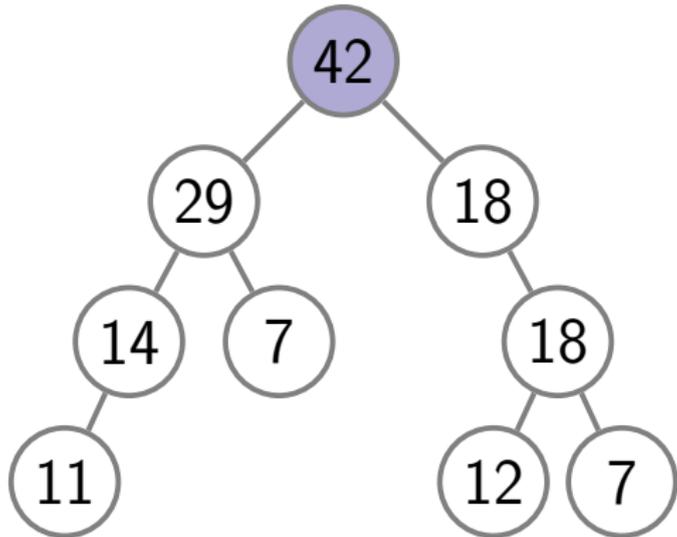
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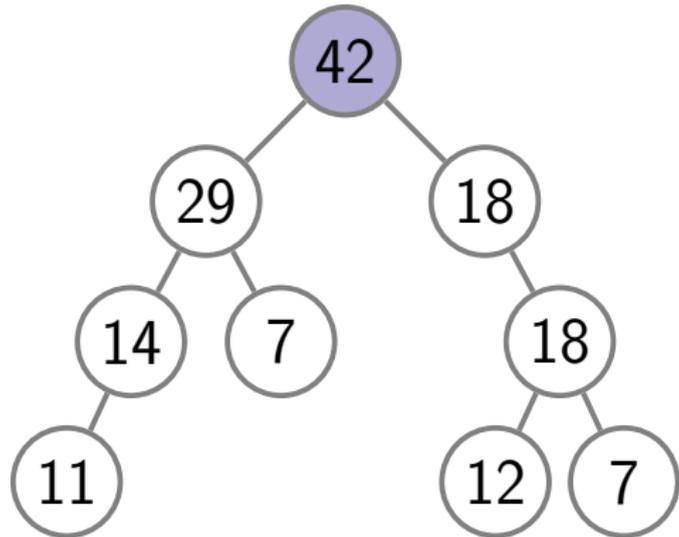
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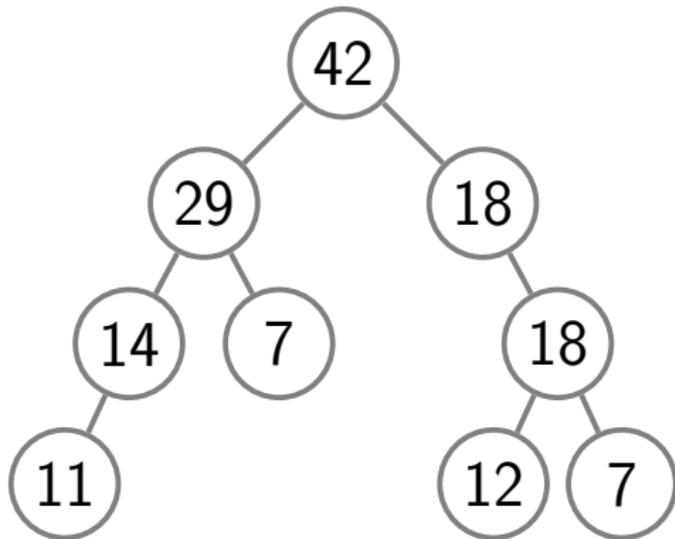
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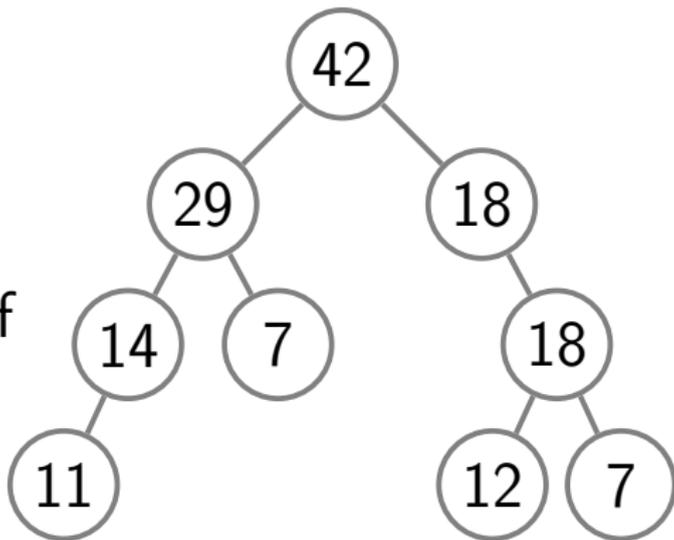
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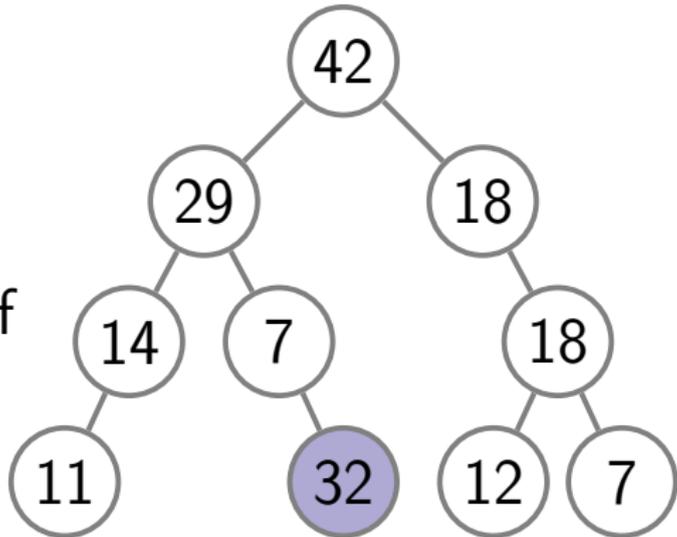
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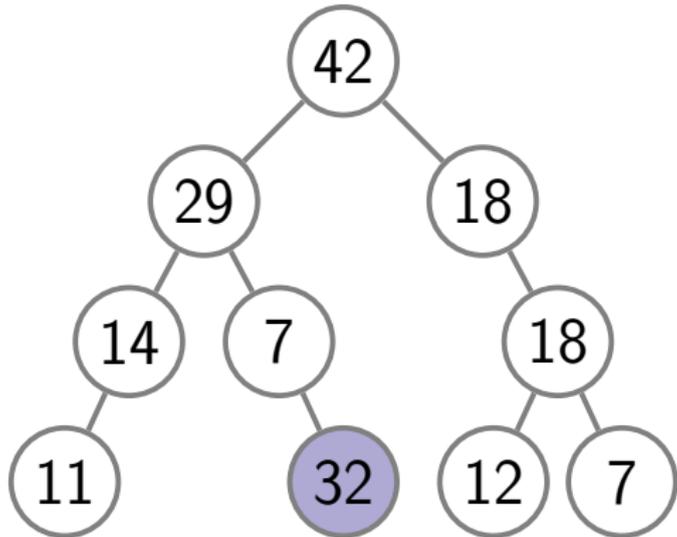
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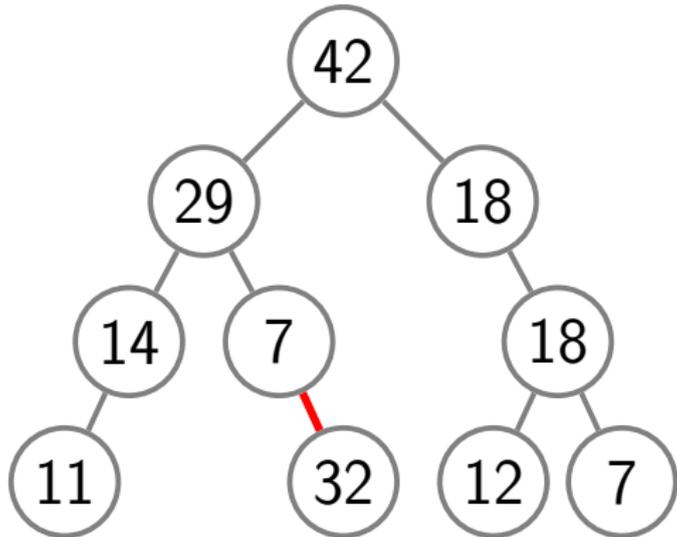
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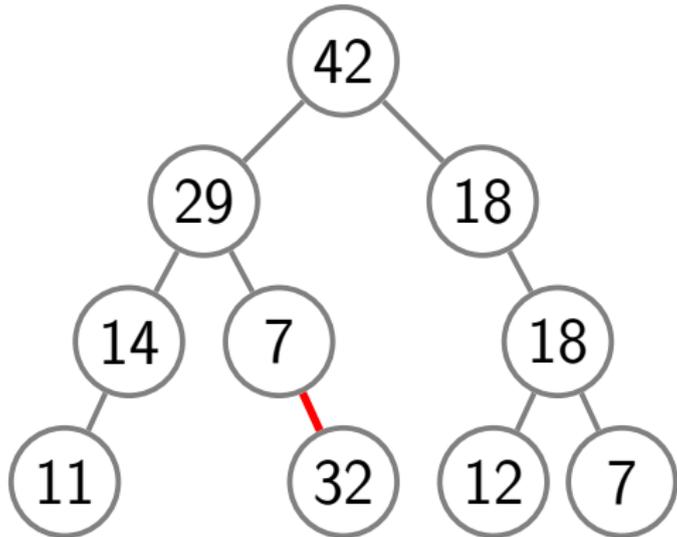
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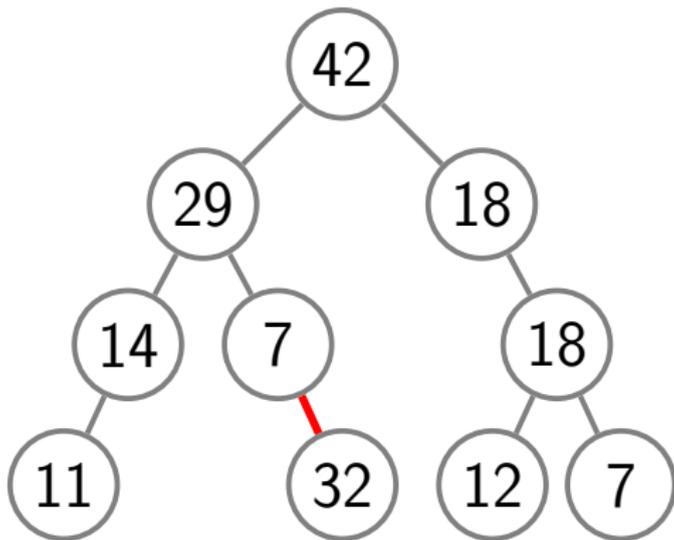
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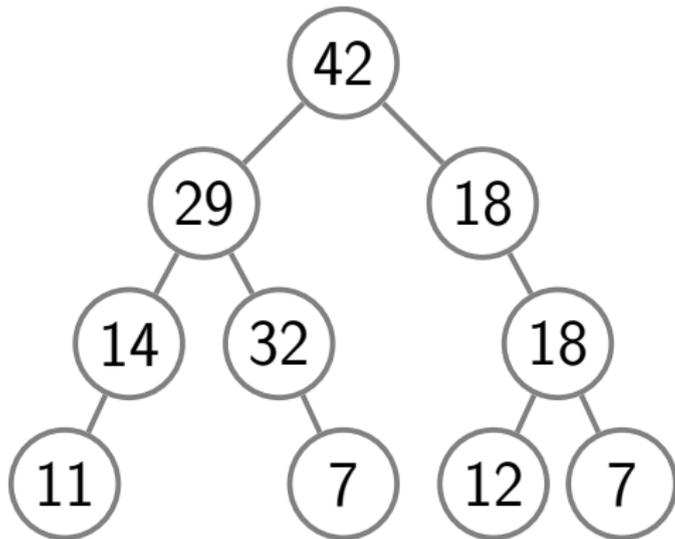


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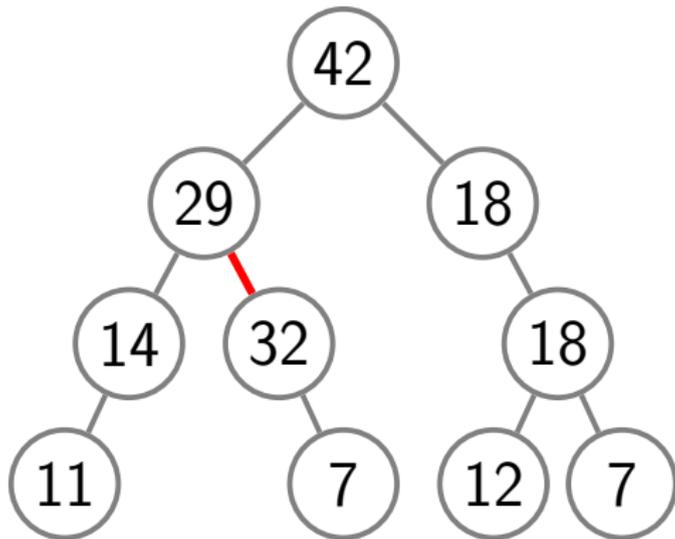
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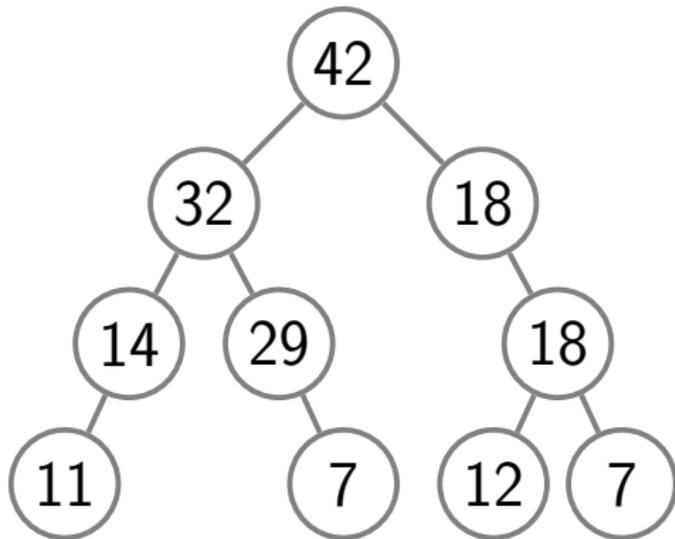
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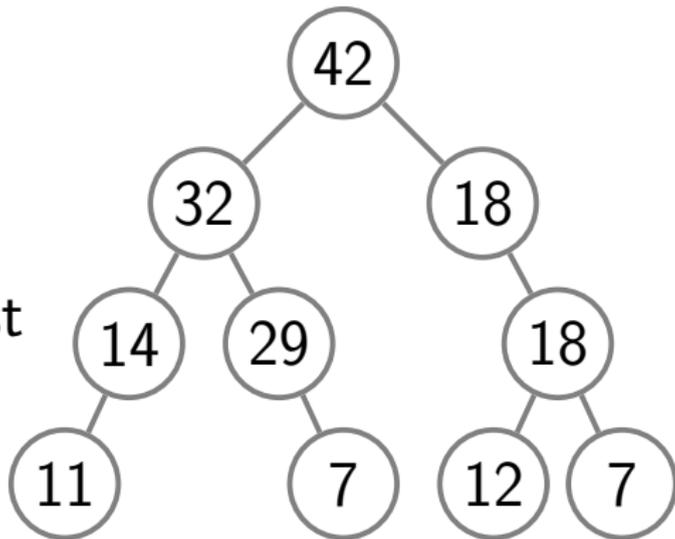


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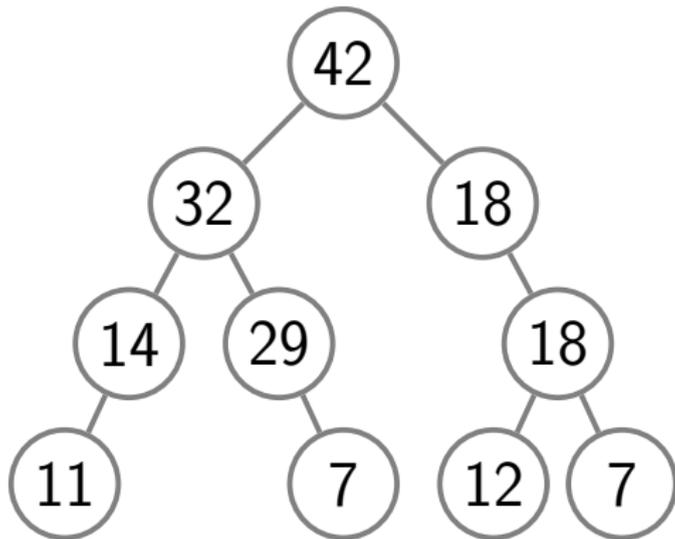
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invariant: heap property is violated on at most one edge

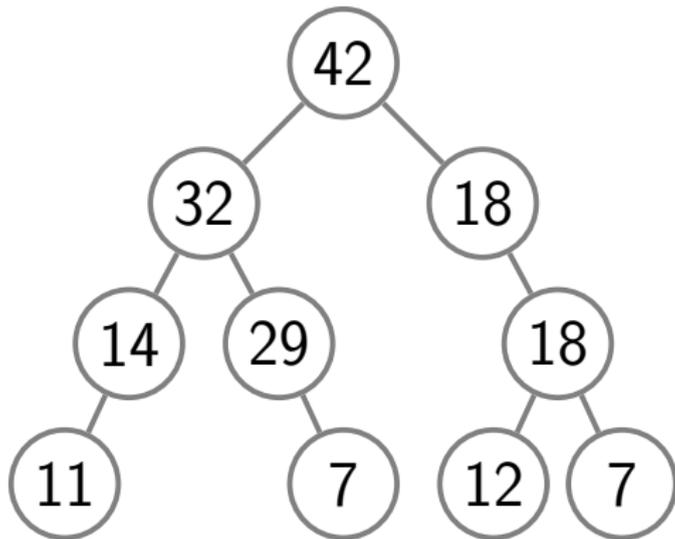


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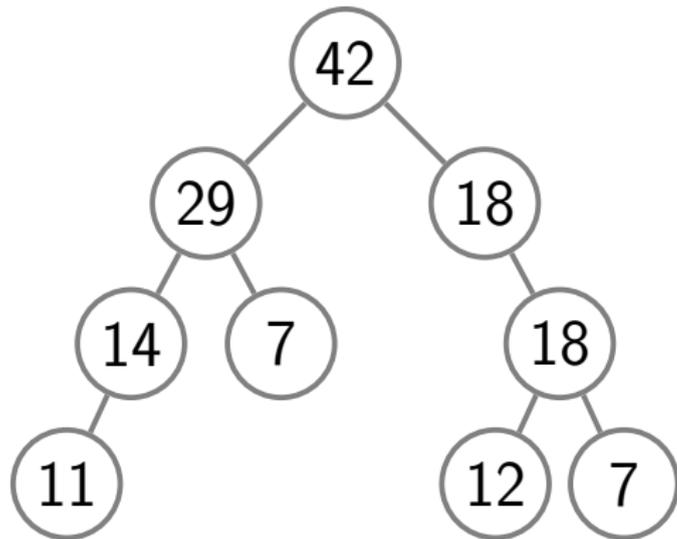


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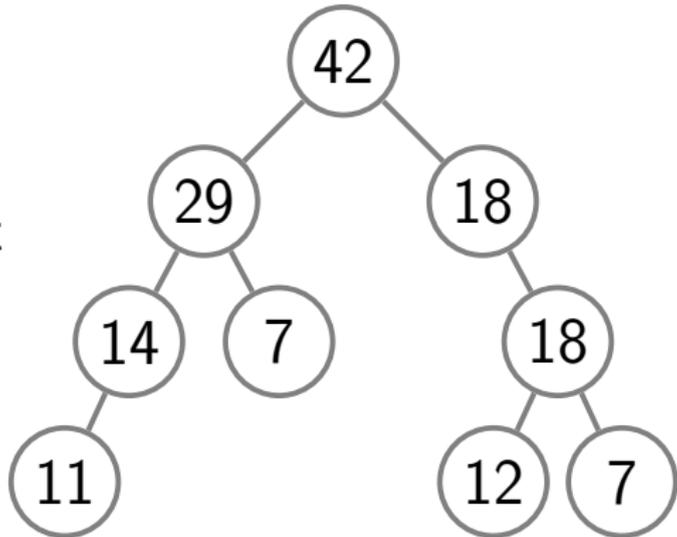
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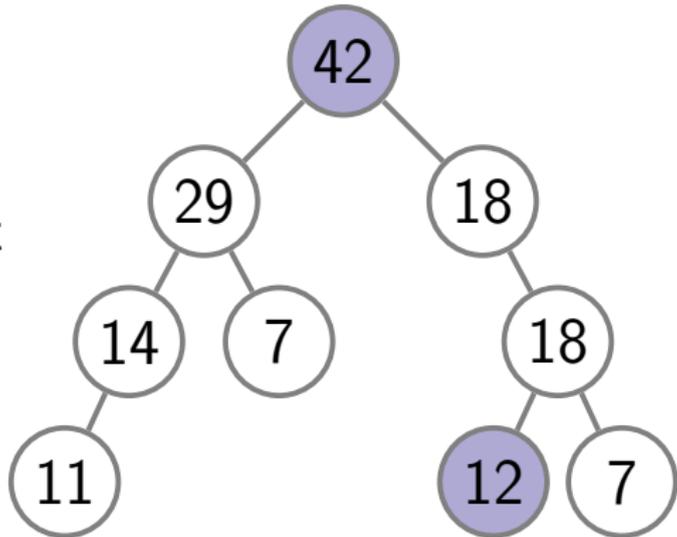
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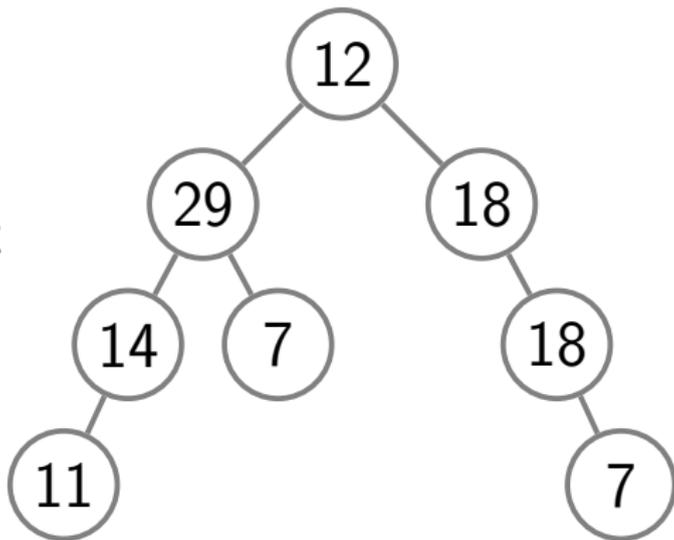
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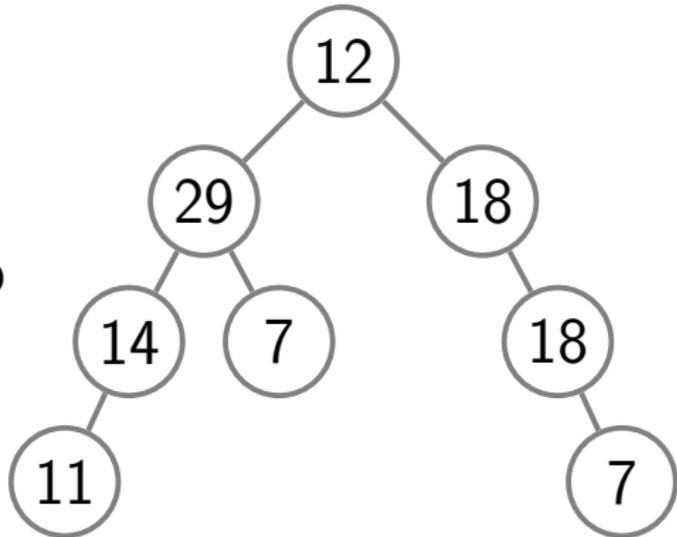
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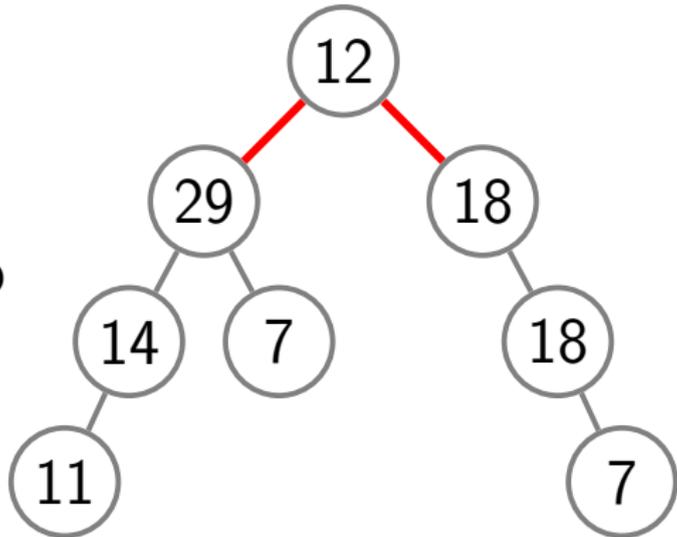
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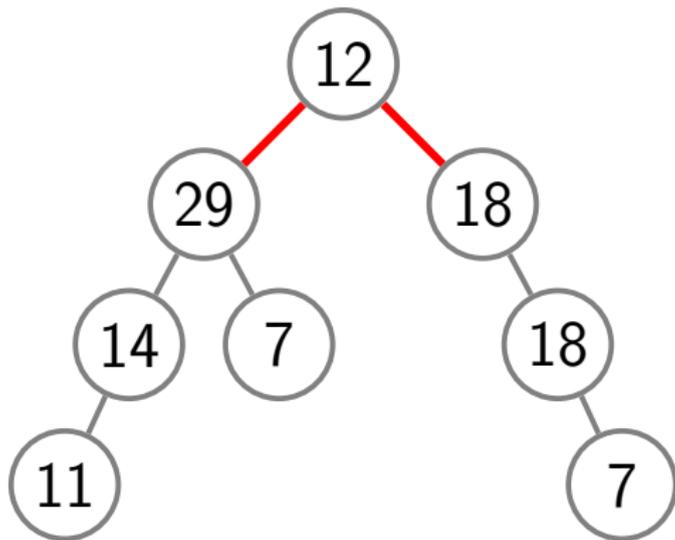
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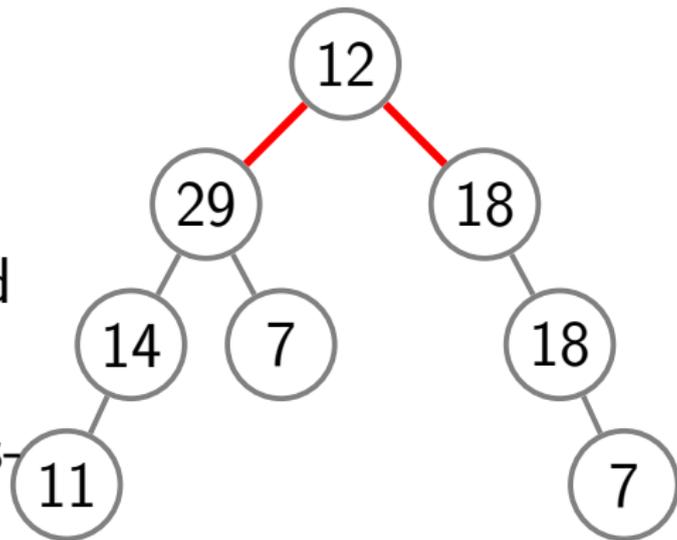
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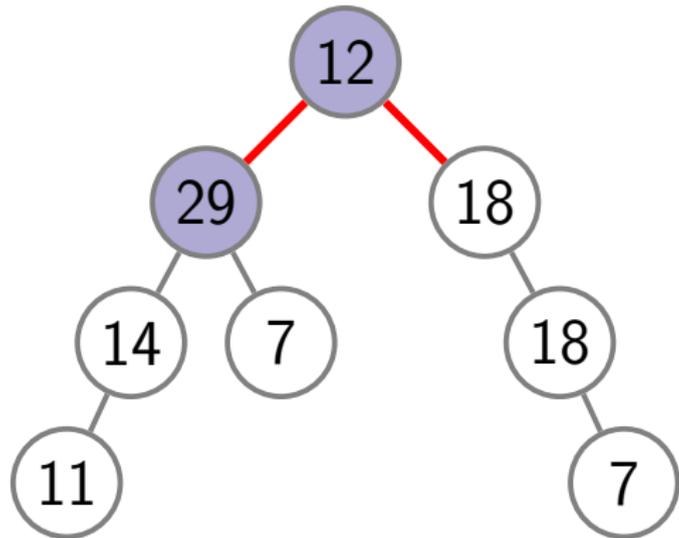


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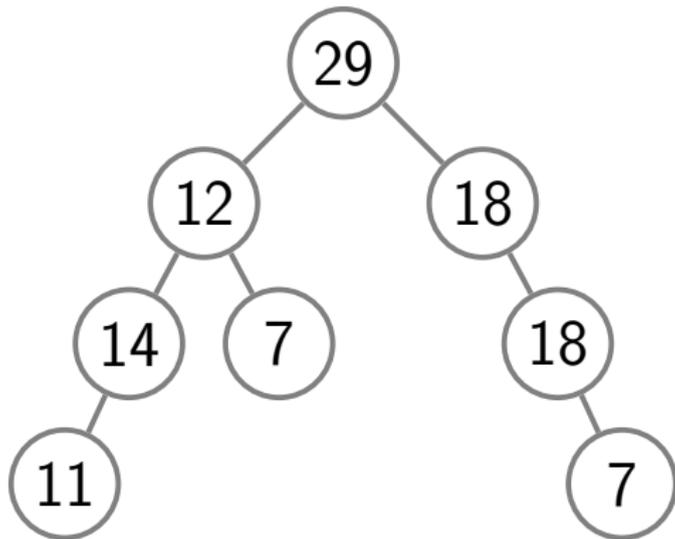
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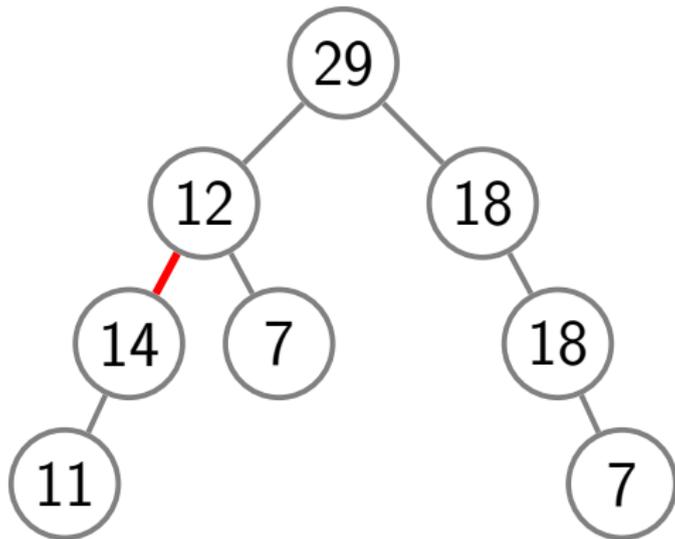
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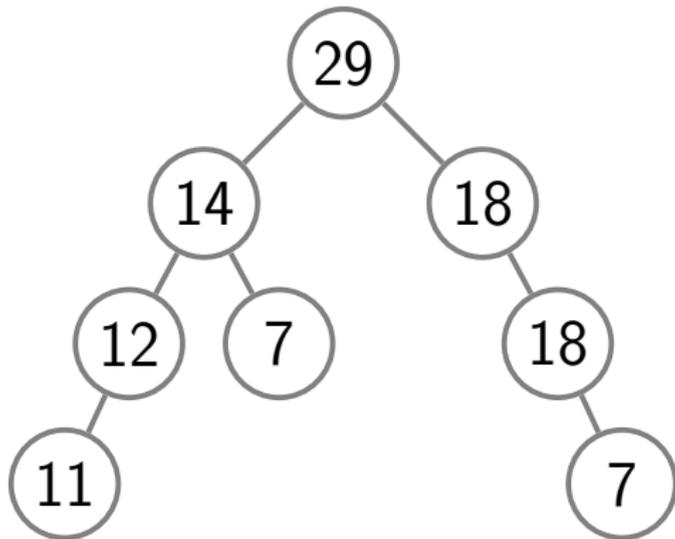
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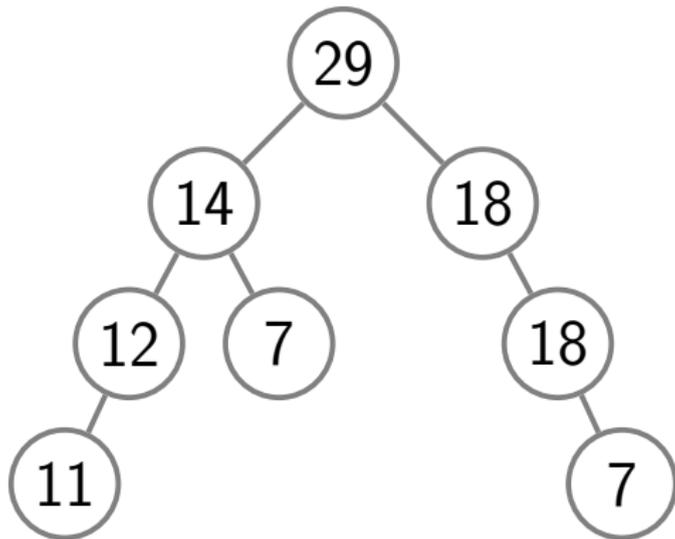


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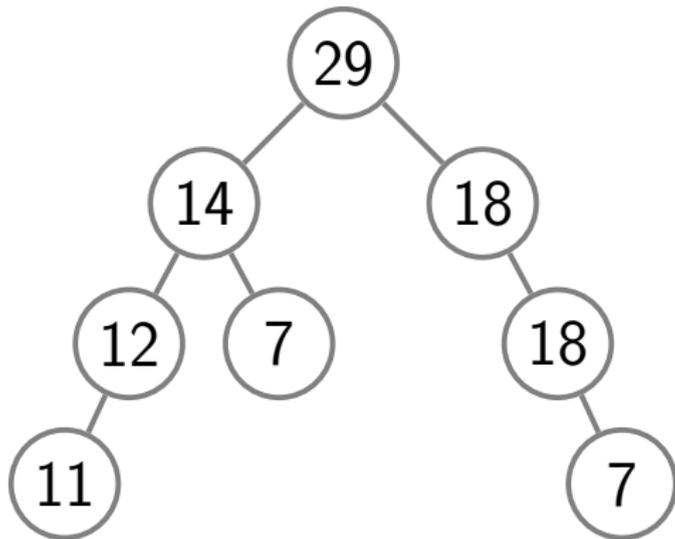


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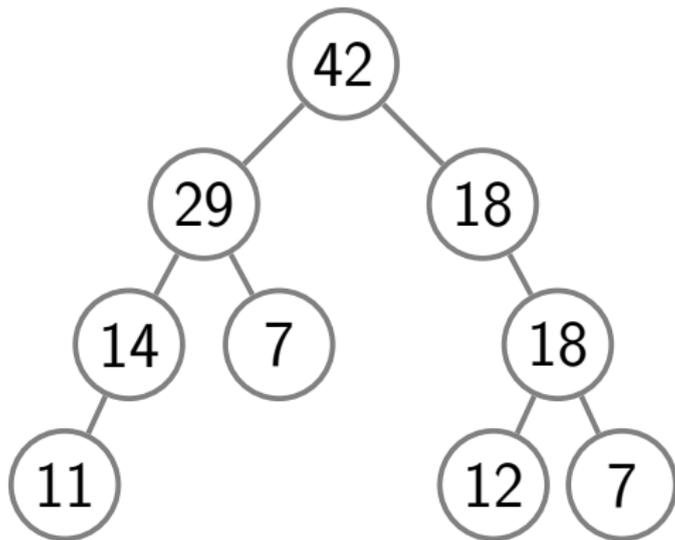


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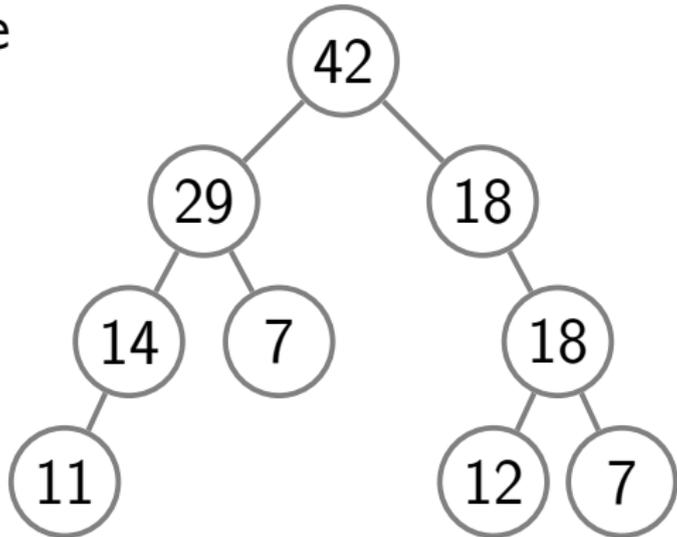
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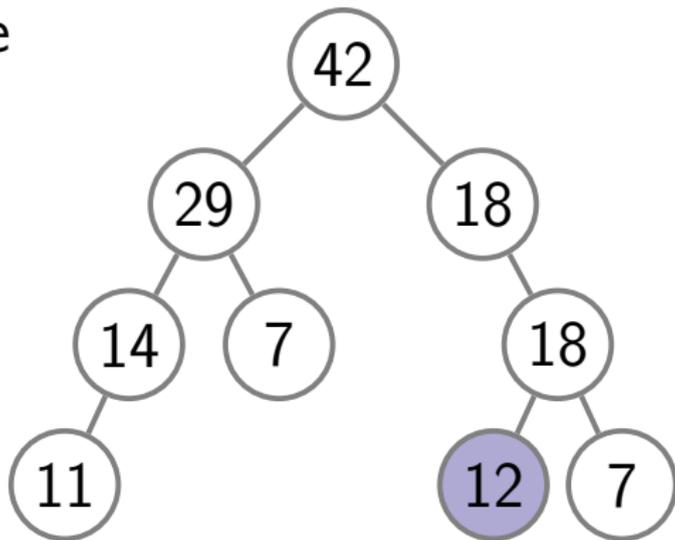
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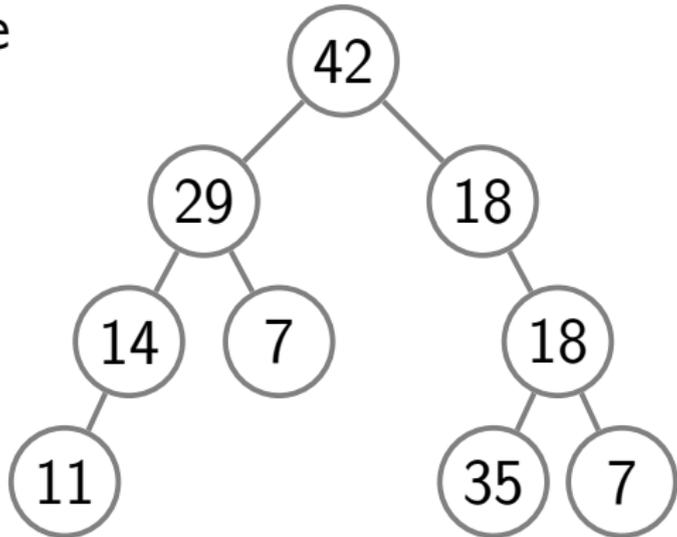
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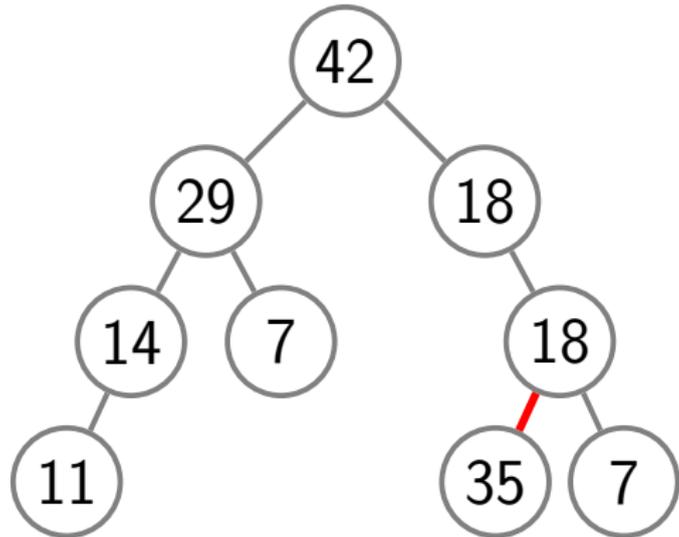


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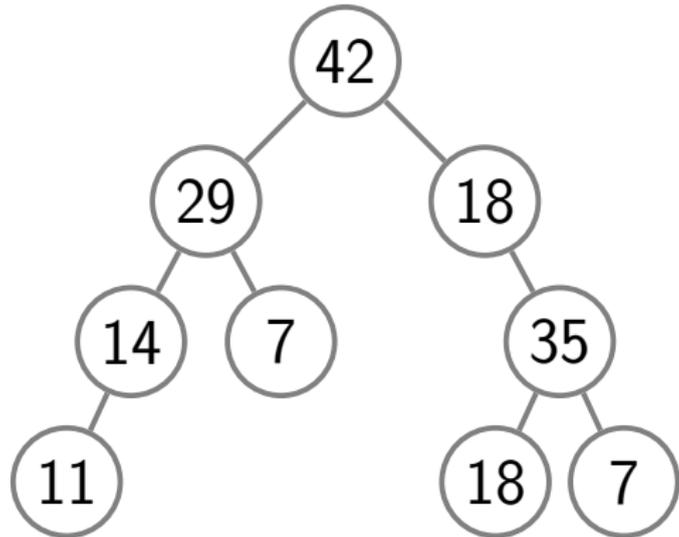
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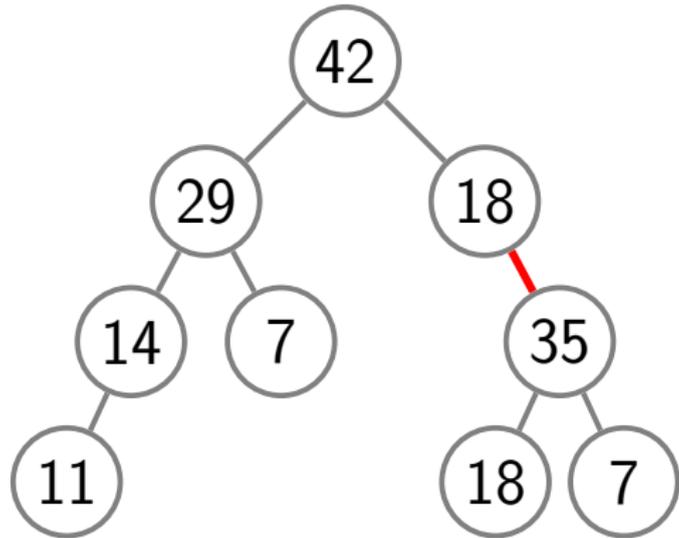
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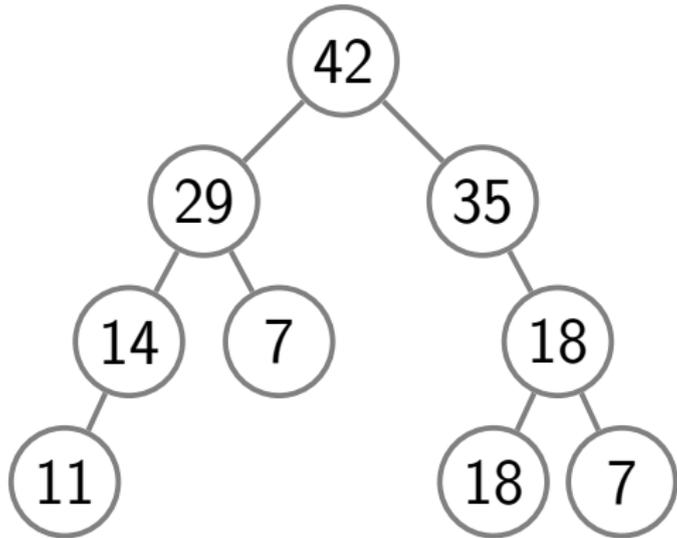
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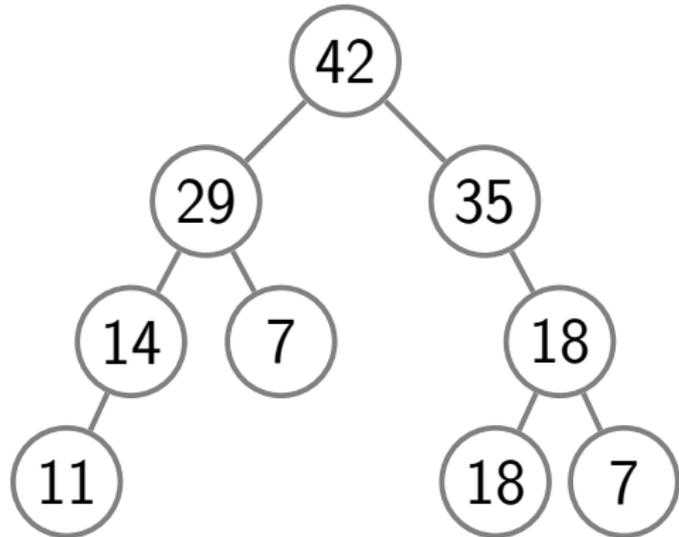
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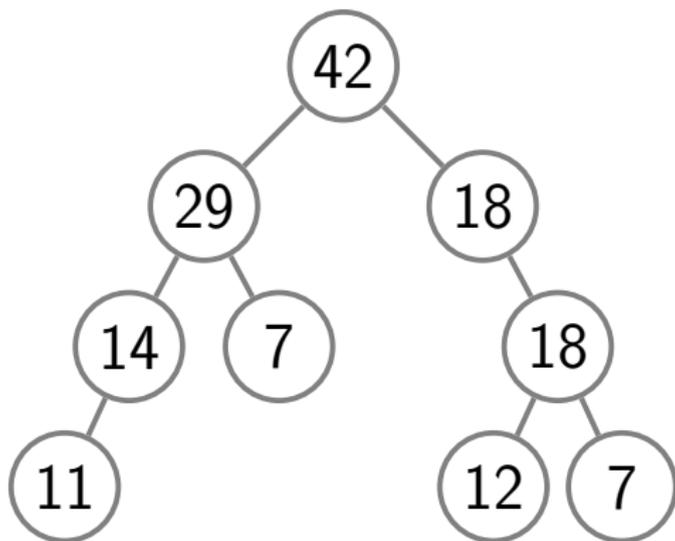


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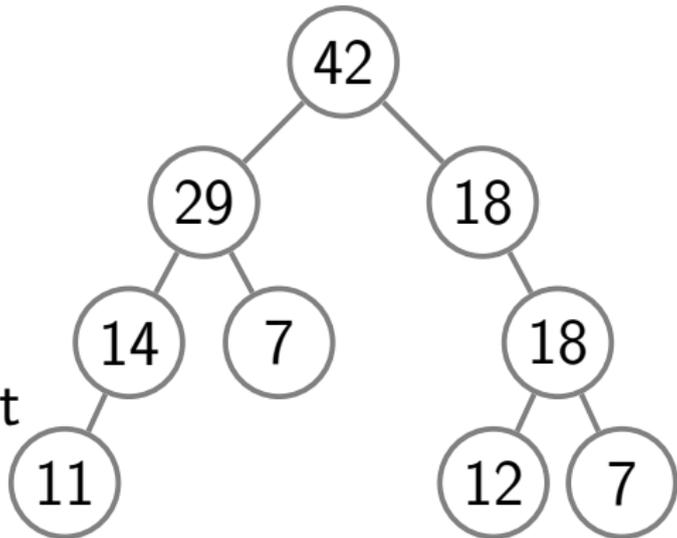
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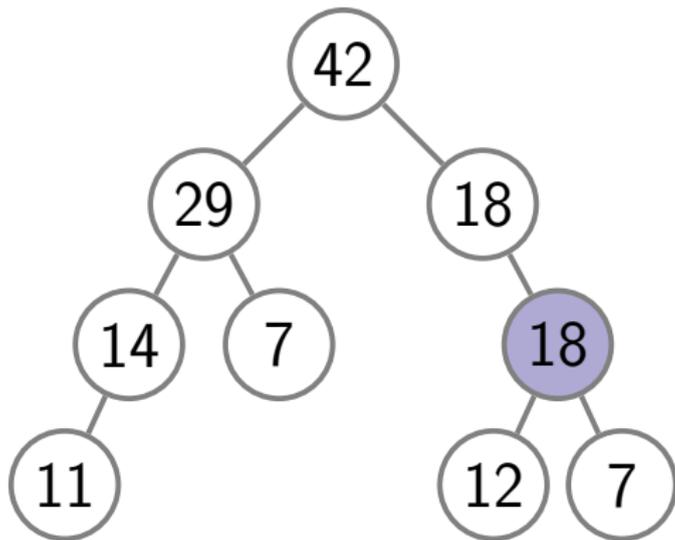


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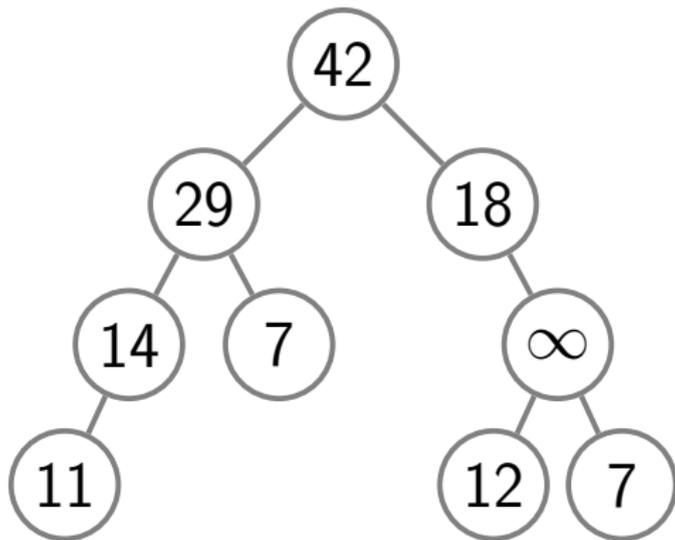
change the priority of the element to ∞ ,
let it sift up,
and then extract maximum



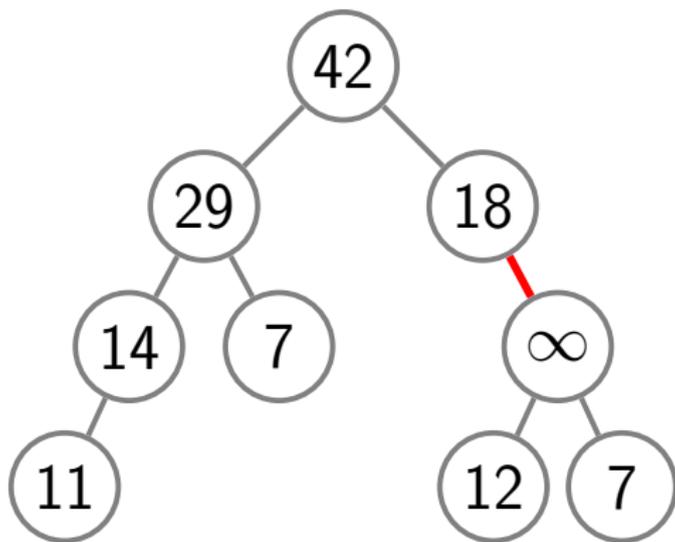
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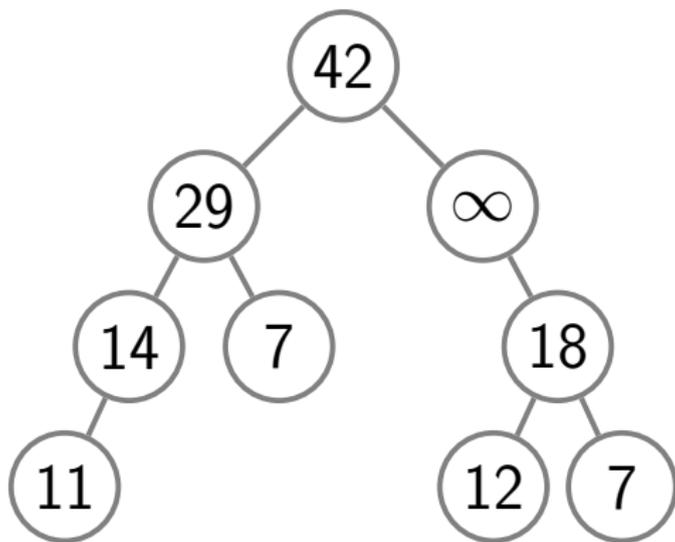
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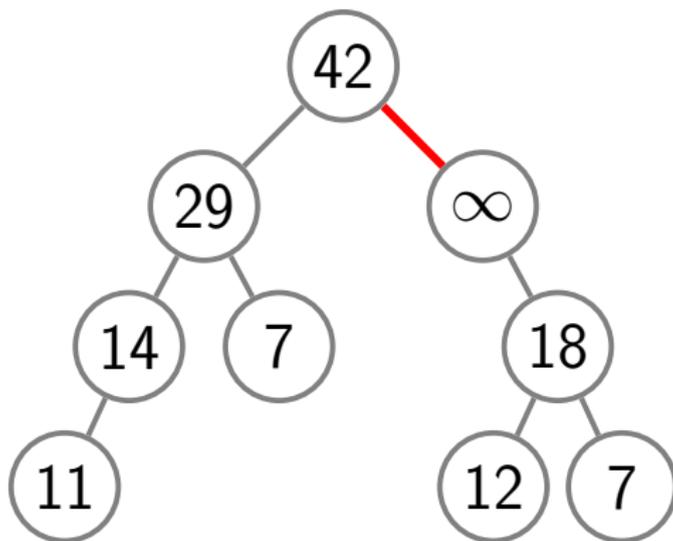
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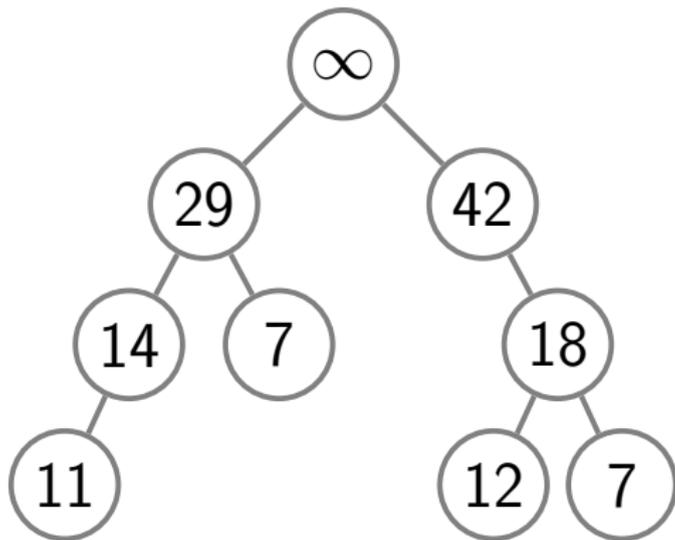
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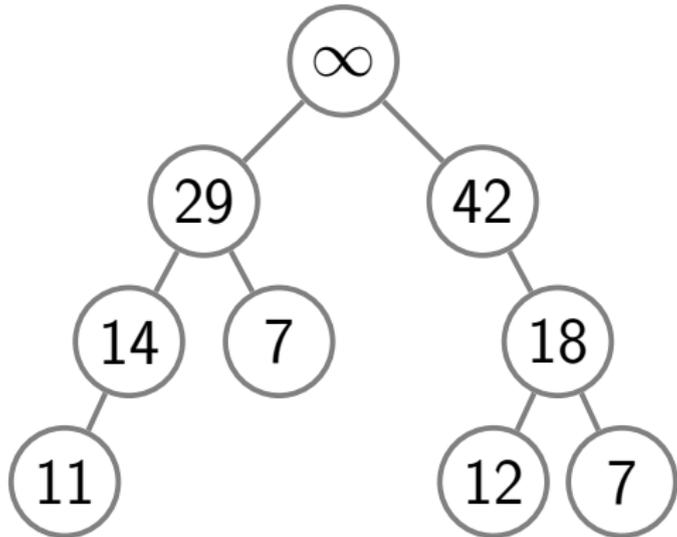


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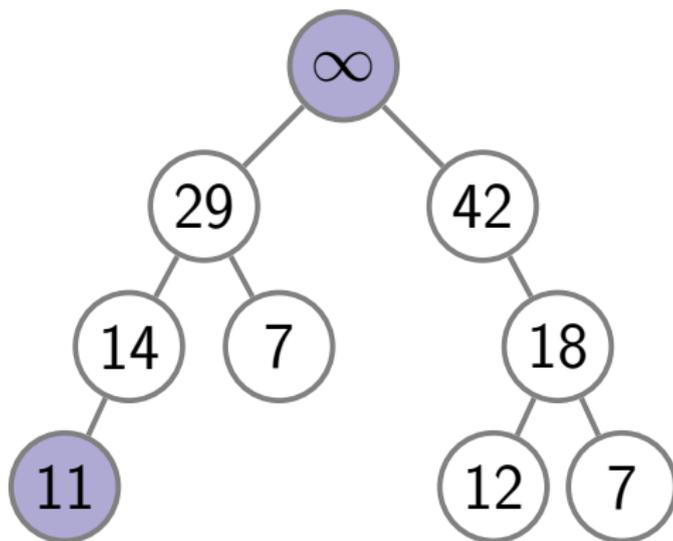


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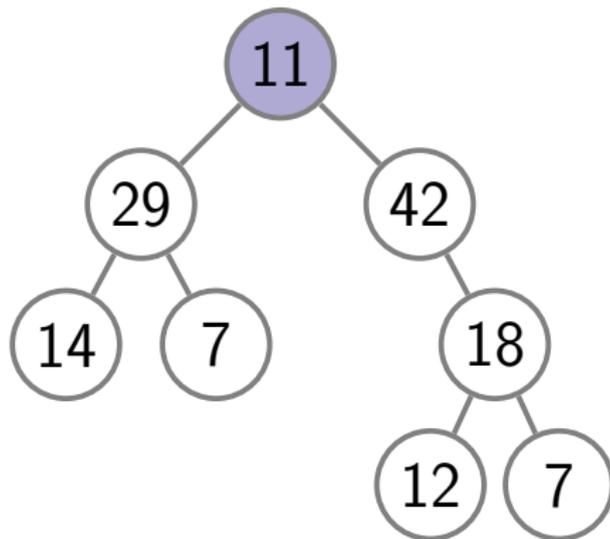
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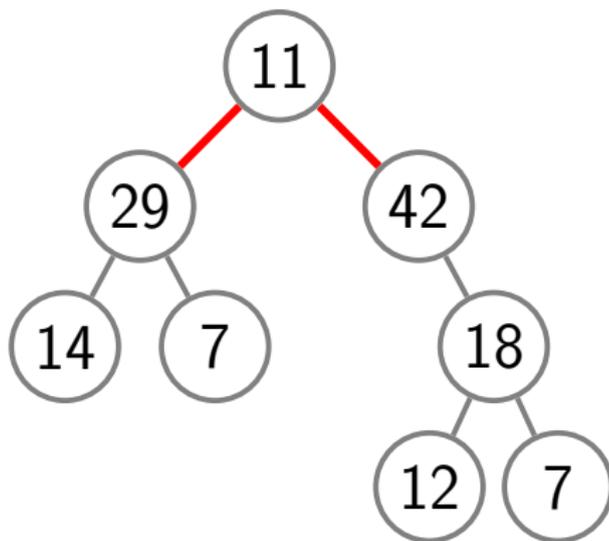
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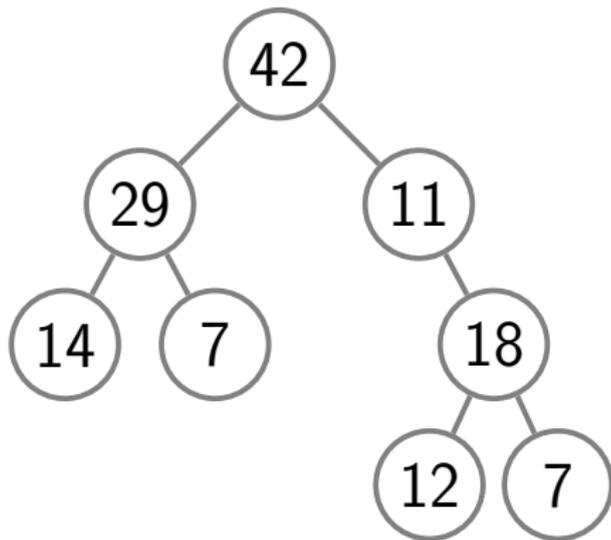
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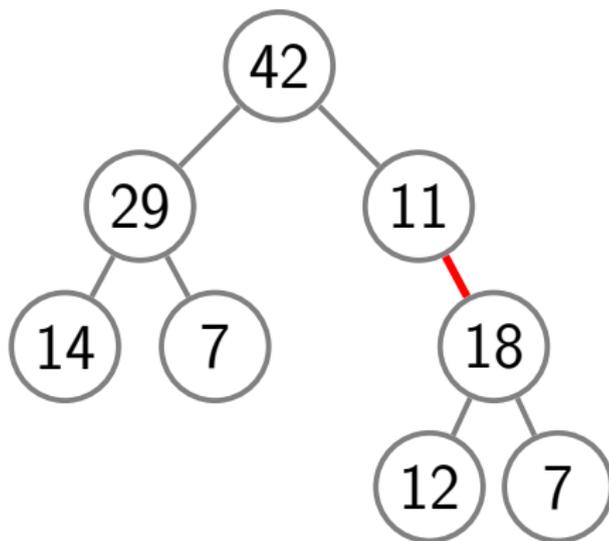
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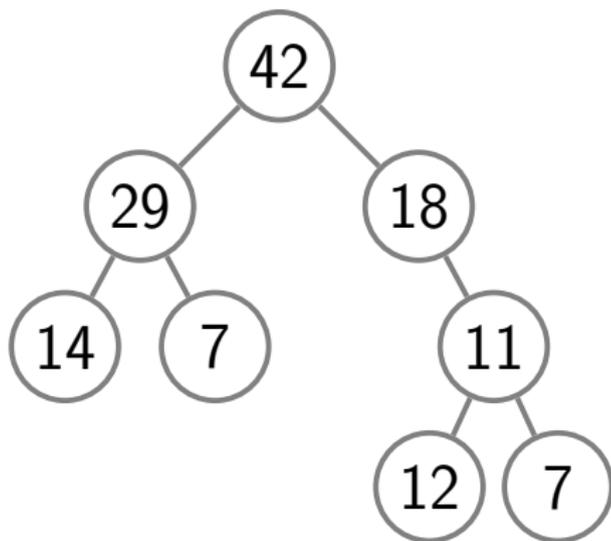
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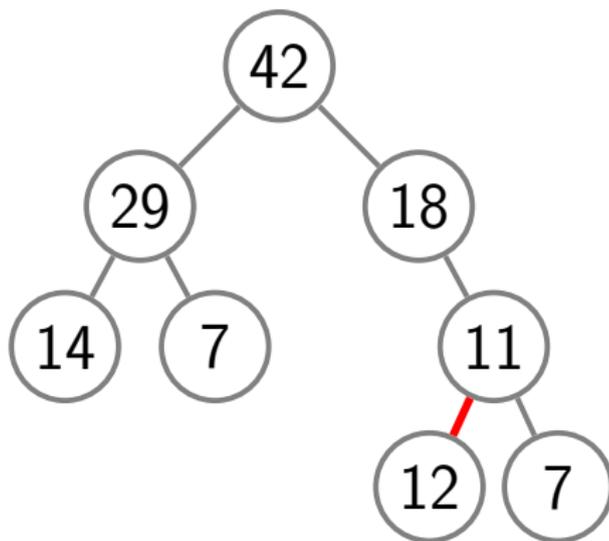
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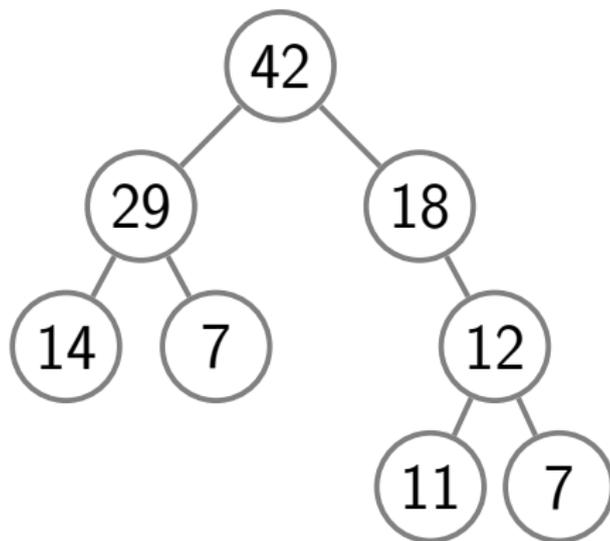
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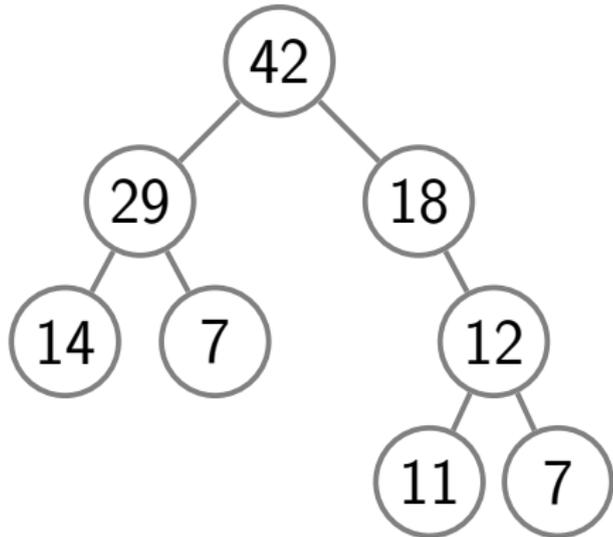
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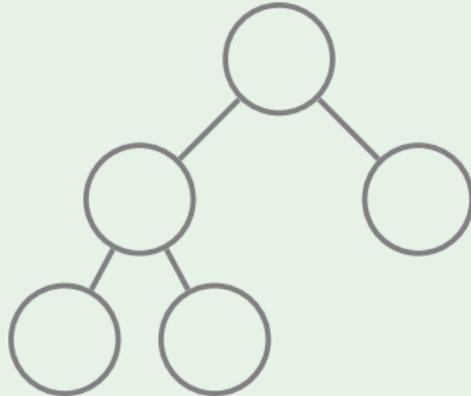
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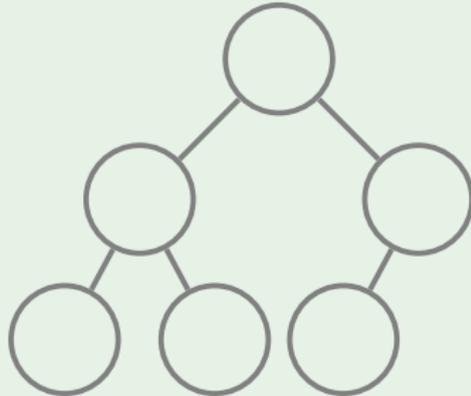
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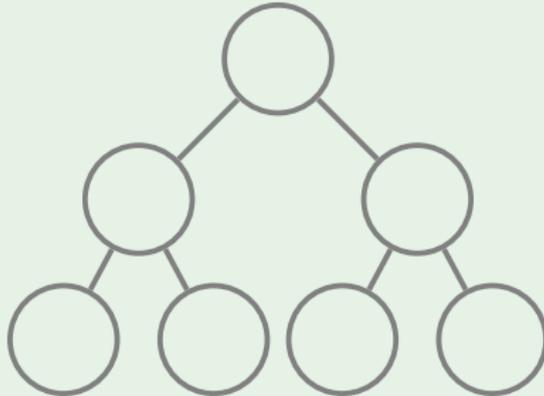
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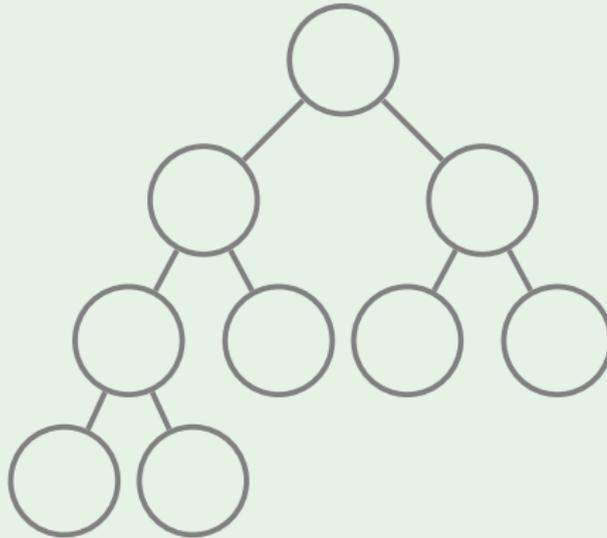
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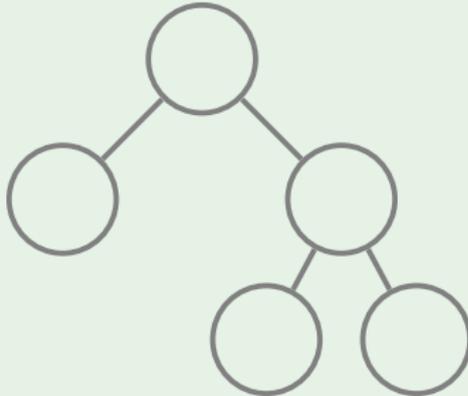
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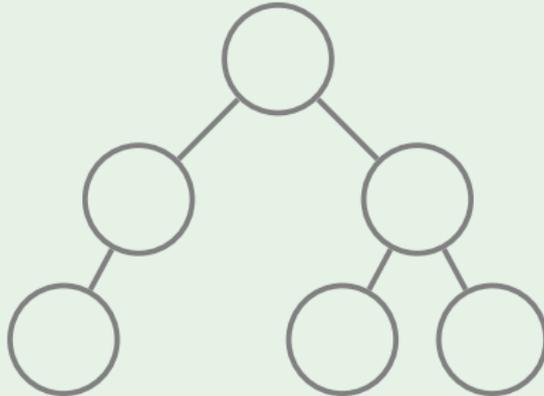
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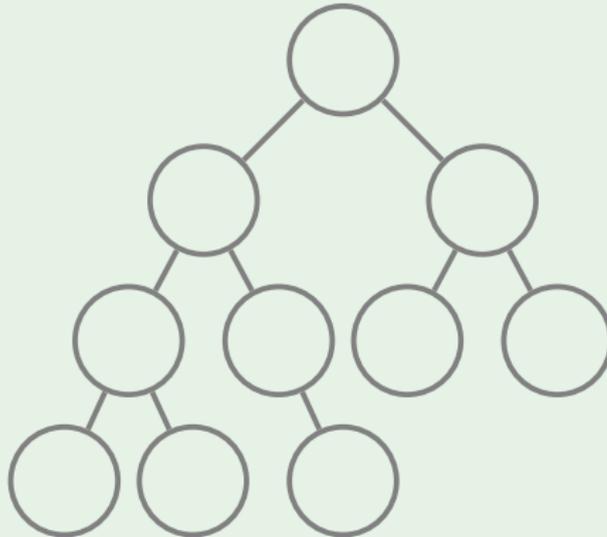
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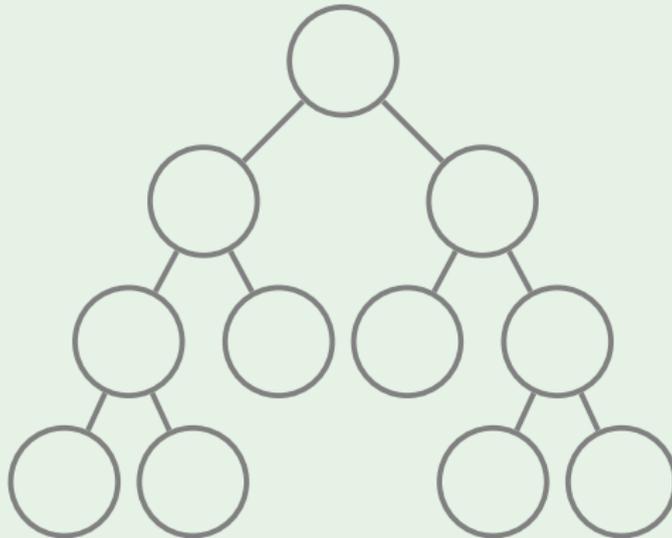
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First Advantage: Low Height

Lemma

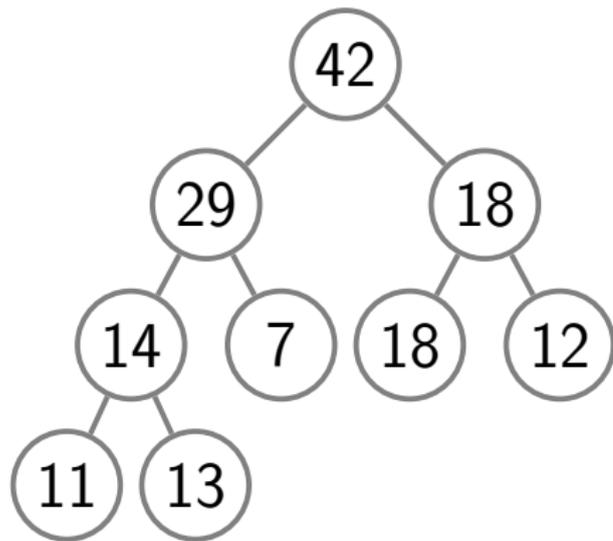
A complete binary tree with n nodes has height at most $O(\log n)$.

Proof

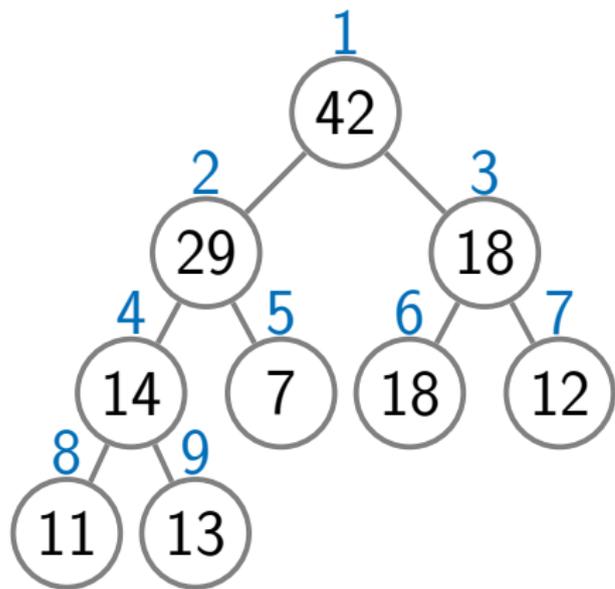
- Complete the last level to get a **full** binary tree on $n' \geq n$ nodes and the same number of levels ℓ .
- Note that $n' \leq 2n$.
- Then $n' = 2^\ell - 1$ and hence
$$\ell = \log_2(n' + 1) \leq \log_2(2n + 1) = O(\log n).$$



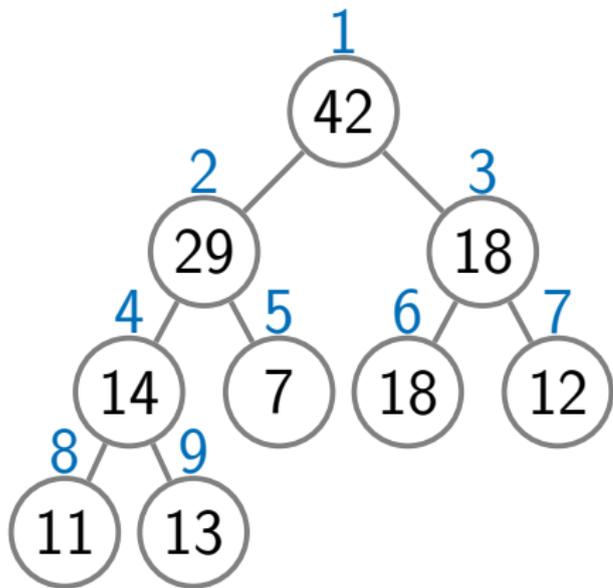
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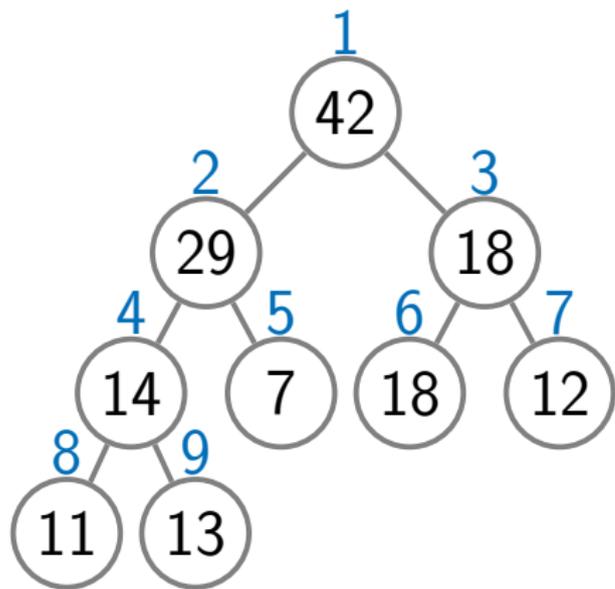


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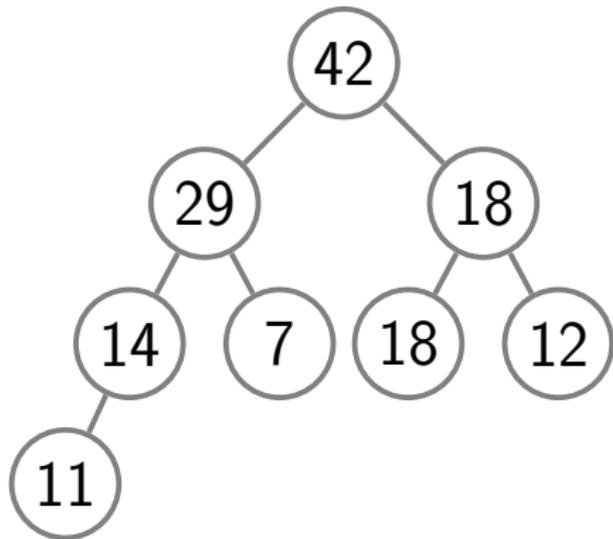
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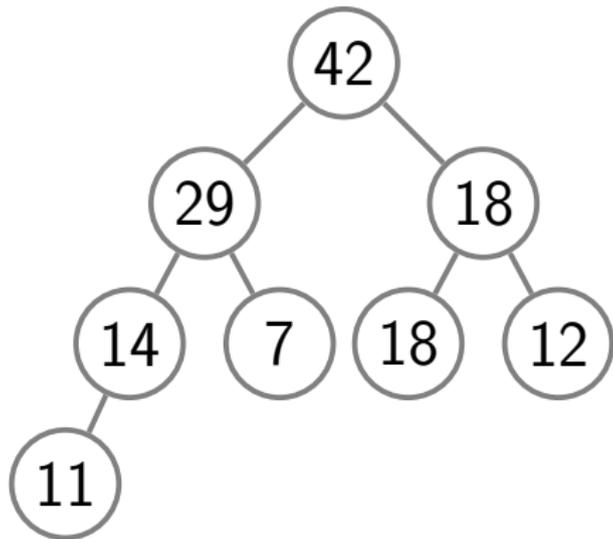
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- Only Insert and ExtractMax (Remove changes the shape by calling ExtractMax).

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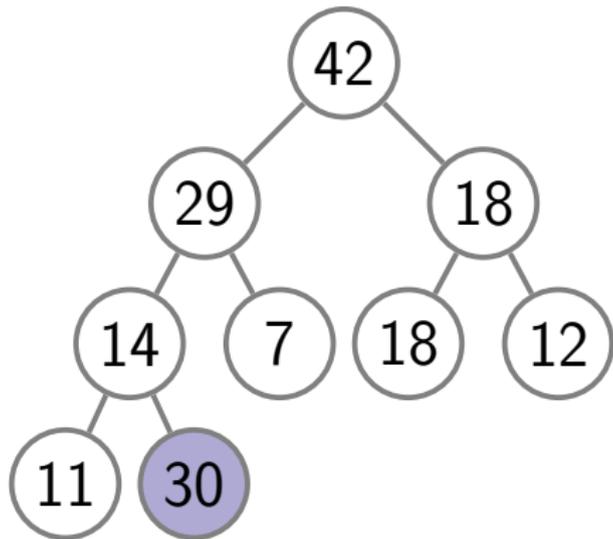
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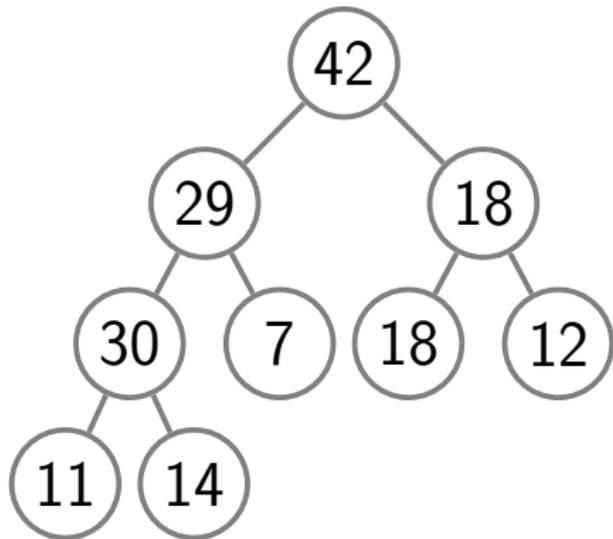
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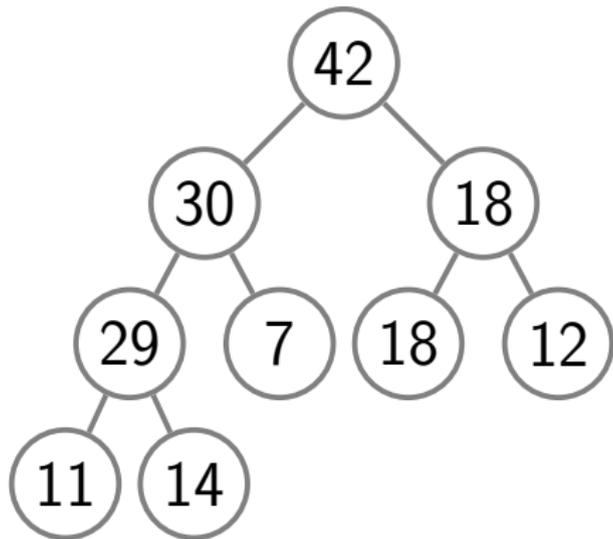
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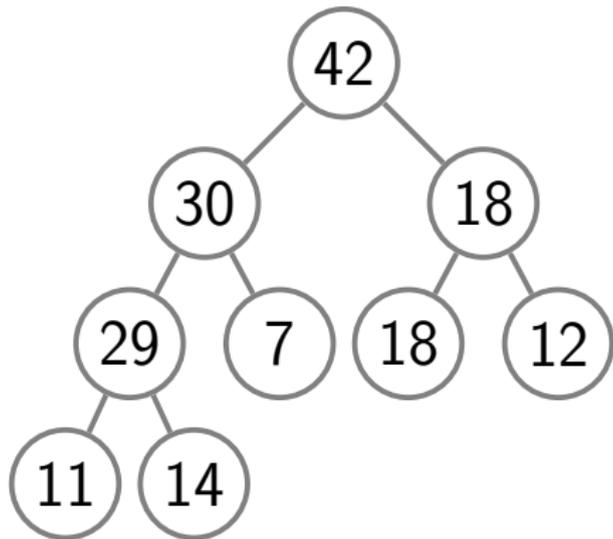
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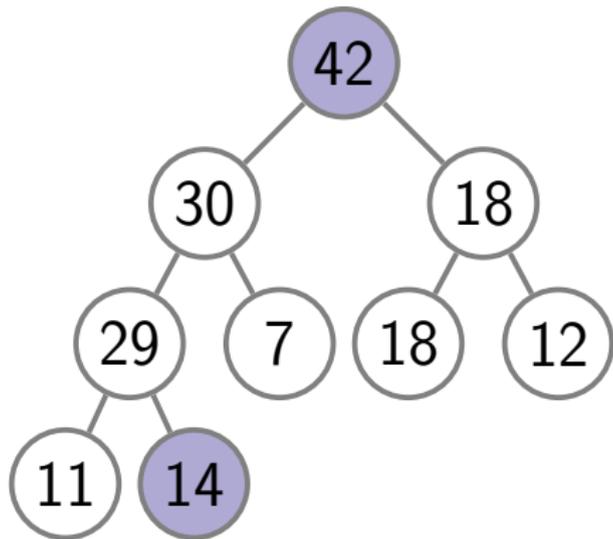
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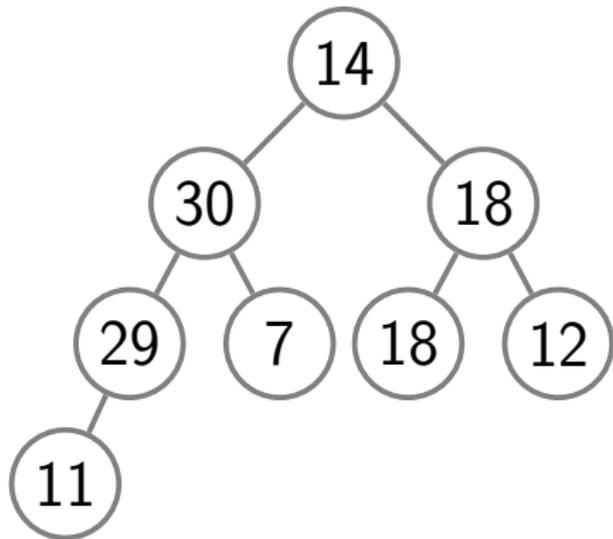
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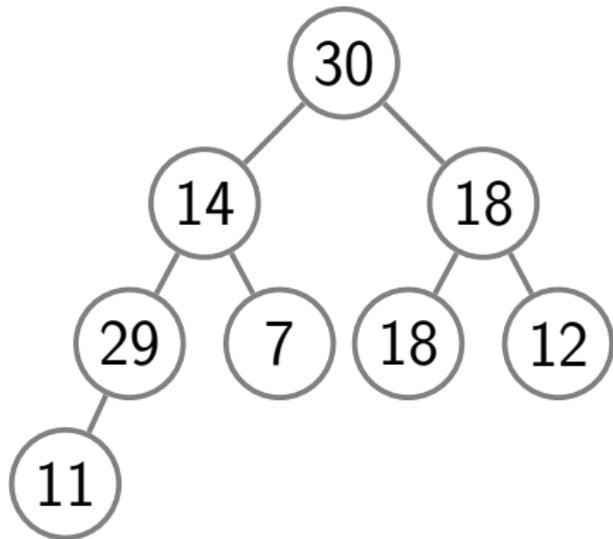
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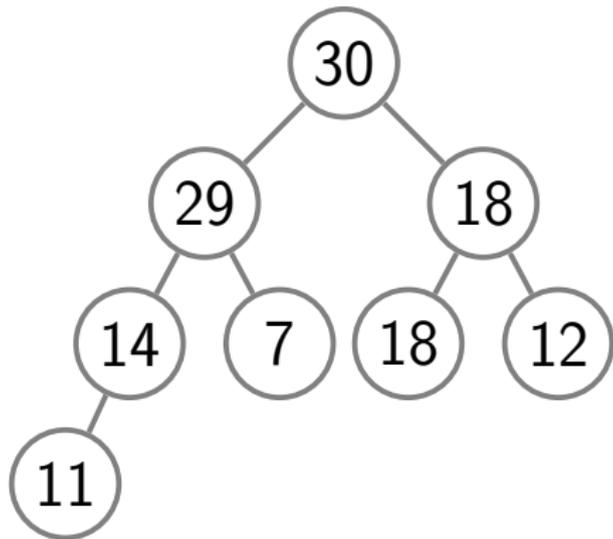
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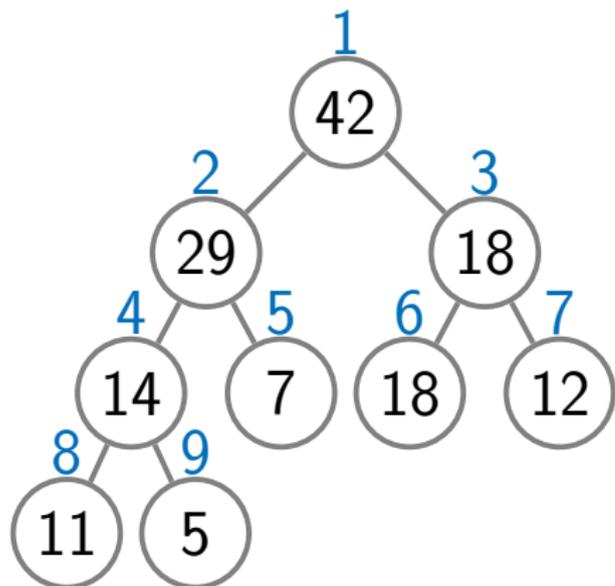
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Example



size = 9

maxSize = 13

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>H</i>	42	29	18	14	7	18	12	11	5	30	29	2	8

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return $\lfloor \frac{i}{2} \rfloor$

LeftChild(i)

return $2i$

RightChild(i)

return $2i + 1$

SiftUp(i)

```
while  $i > 1$  and  $H[\text{Parent}(i)] < H[i]$ :  
    swap  $H[\text{Parent}(i)]$  and  $H[i]$   
     $i \leftarrow \text{Parent}(i)$ 
```

SiftDown(i)

$maxIndex \leftarrow i$

$l \leftarrow \text{LeftChild}(i)$

if $l \leq size$ and $H[l] > H[maxIndex]$:

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if $i \neq maxIndex$:

swap $H[i]$ and $H[maxIndex]$

SiftDown($maxIndex$)

Insert(p)

if $size = maxSize$:

 return ERROR

$size \leftarrow size + 1$

$H[size] \leftarrow p$

SiftUp($size$)

ExtractMax()

```
result  $\leftarrow$  H[1]  
H[1]  $\leftarrow$  H[size]  
size  $\leftarrow$  size - 1  
SiftDown(1)  
return result
```

Remove(*i*)

$H[i] \leftarrow \infty$

SiftUp(*i*)

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ChangePriority(i, p)

```
oldp  $\leftarrow H[i]$   
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if  $p > oldp$ :  
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This lesson

In-place heap sort algorithm. For this, we will first turn a given array into a heap by permuting its elements.

Turn Array into a Heap

```
BuildHeap( $A[1 \dots n]$ )
```

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 $size \leftarrow n$ 
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for  $i$  from  $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor$  downto 1:
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BuildHeap(A) $\{size = n\}$
repeat $(n - 1)$ times:
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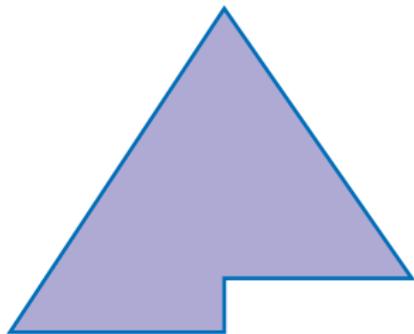
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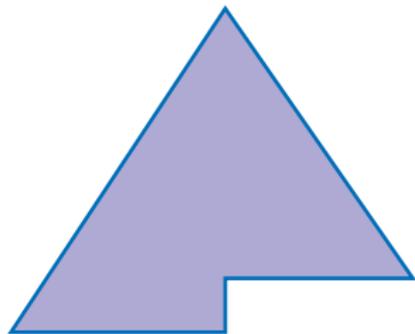
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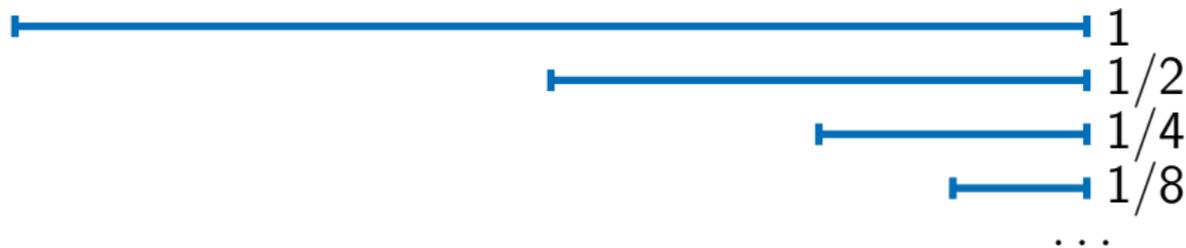


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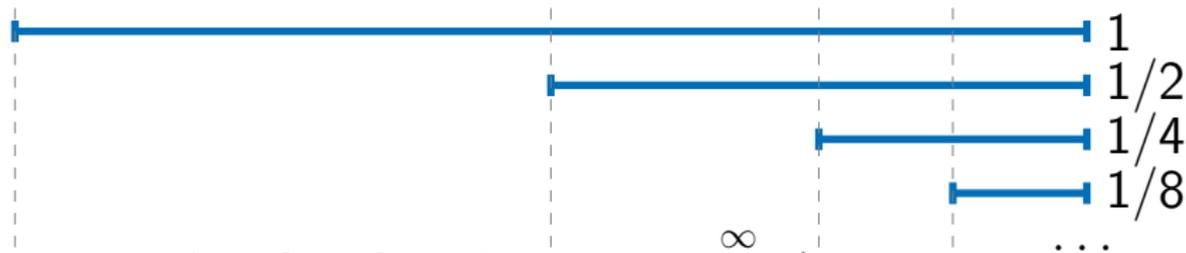
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Definition

Binary **min**-heap is a binary tree (each node has zero, one, or two children) where the value of each node is **at most** the values of its children.

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