Lecture 8: Priority Queues and Heaps

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Today and State of the Art

State of the art: *strict Fibonacci Heaps*.

- Too complicated for this class, not practical. See CLRS 19 for Fibonacci Heaps.

Today: binary heaps (should be review), then binomial heaps

- Binomial heaps not quite as complicated as Fibonacci heaps, many of same core ideas

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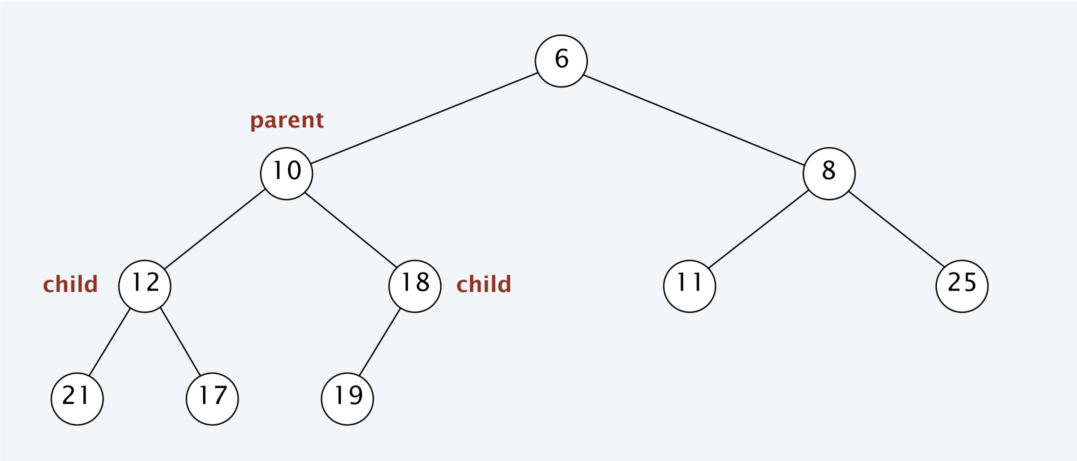

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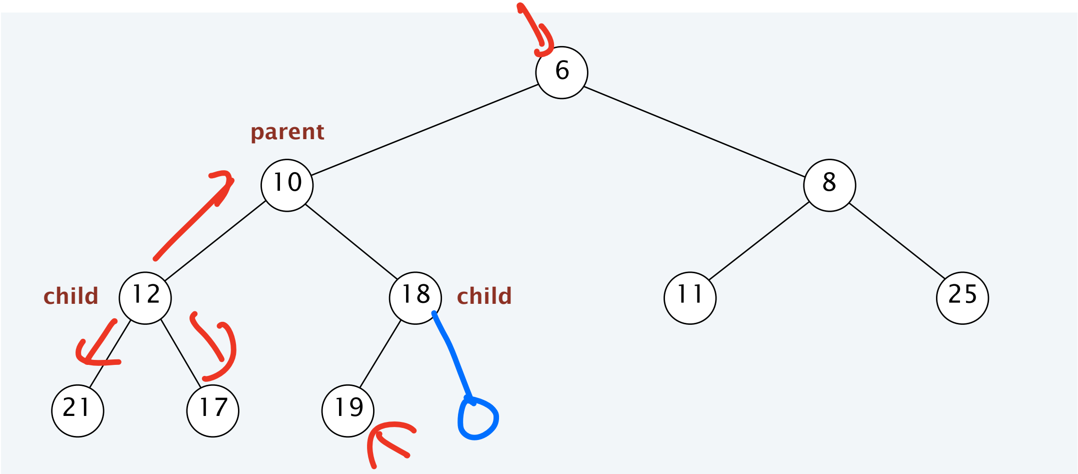

Properties:

- Since (almost) complete binary tree, depth $\Theta(\log n)$
- Min must be at root

Representation:

- Pointers to root and rightmost leaf
- Every node has pointers to parent and children

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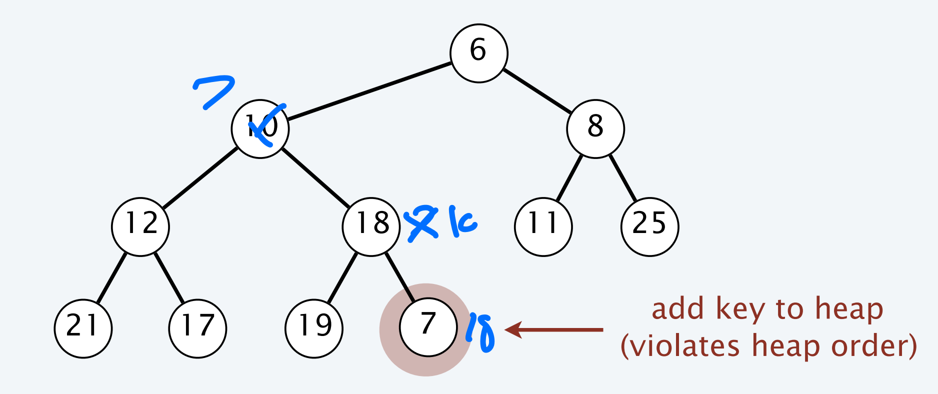

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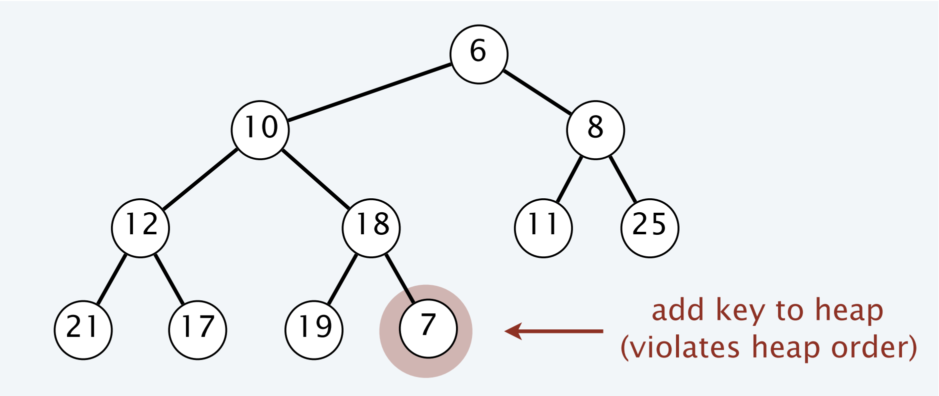

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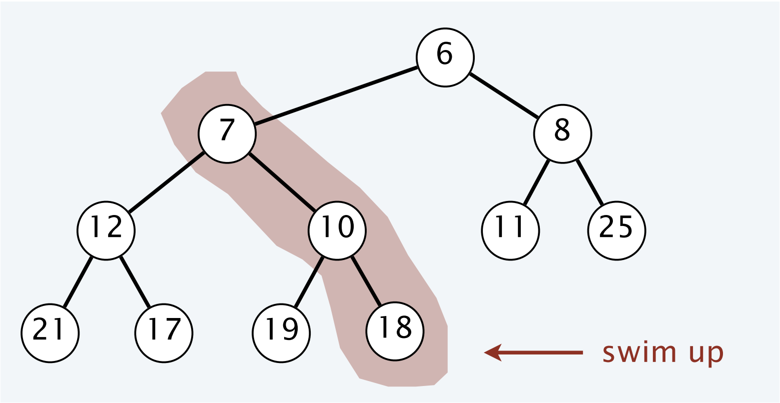

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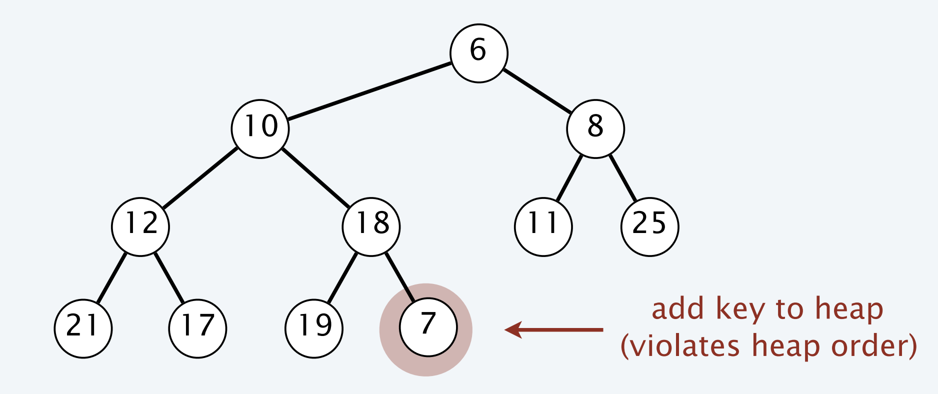

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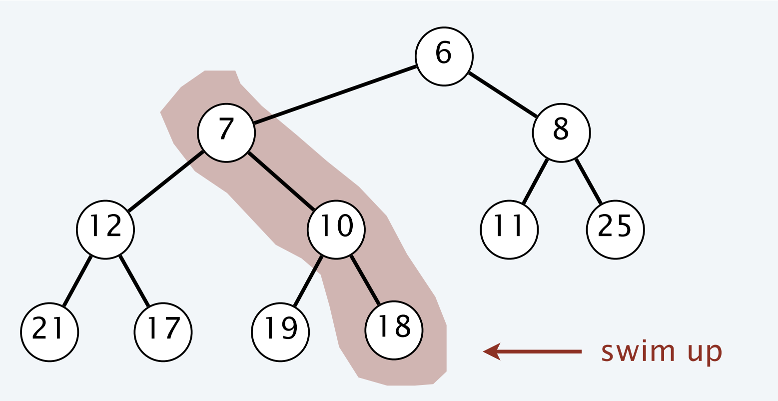

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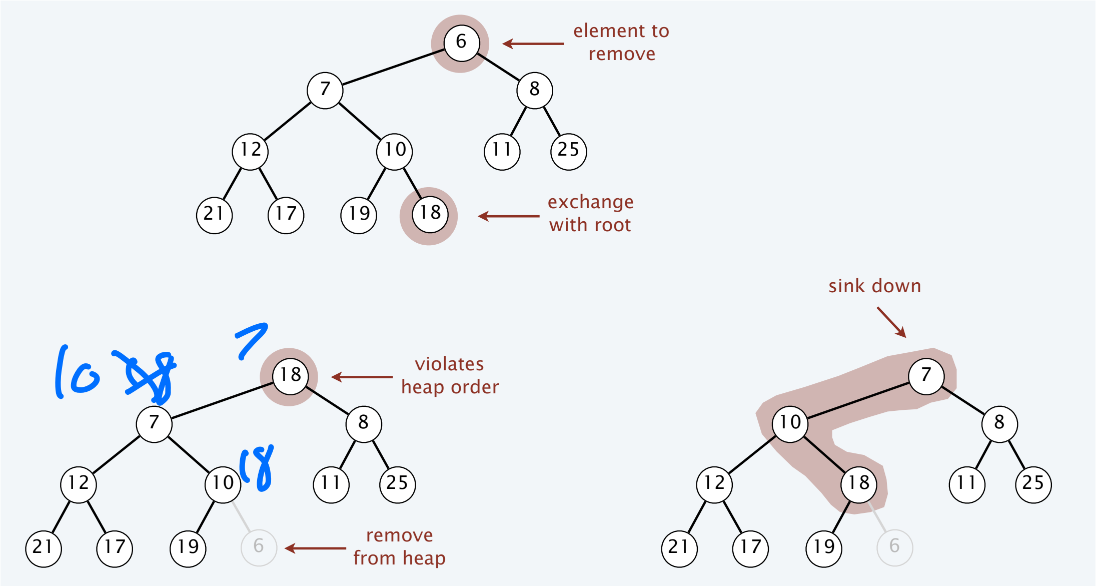

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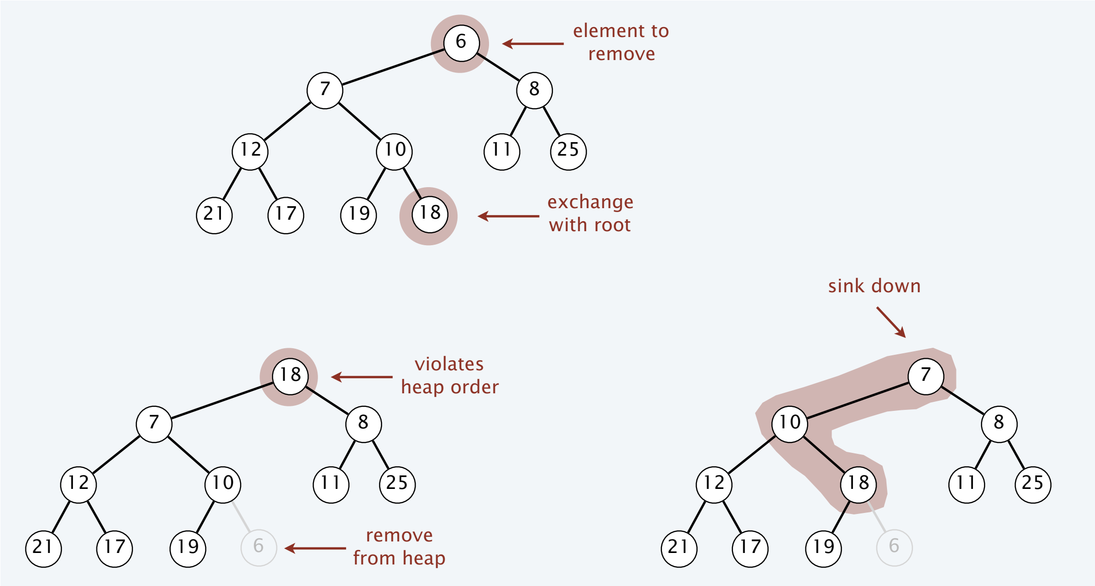

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Decrease-Key(H, x, k)

Decrease key of x to k, "swim up" until heap order restored.

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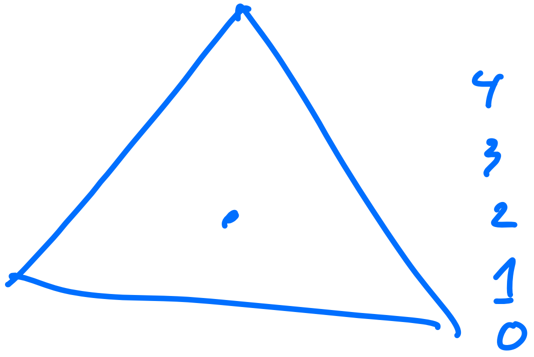

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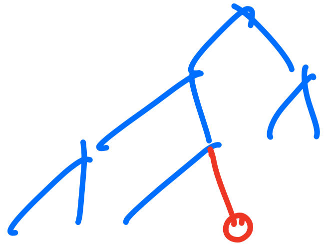

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Fibonacci Heaps:

- Everything $O(1)$ (amortized) except $O(\log n)$ Extract-Min (amortized)

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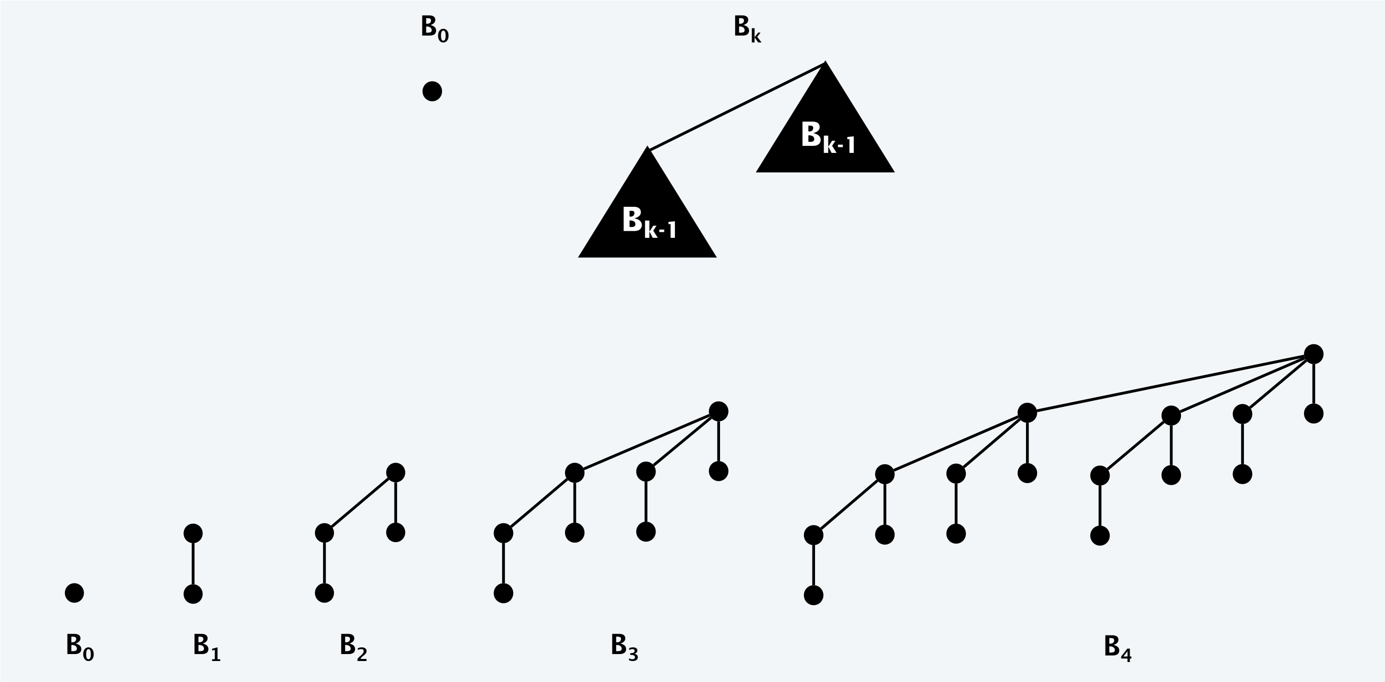

Structure Lemma

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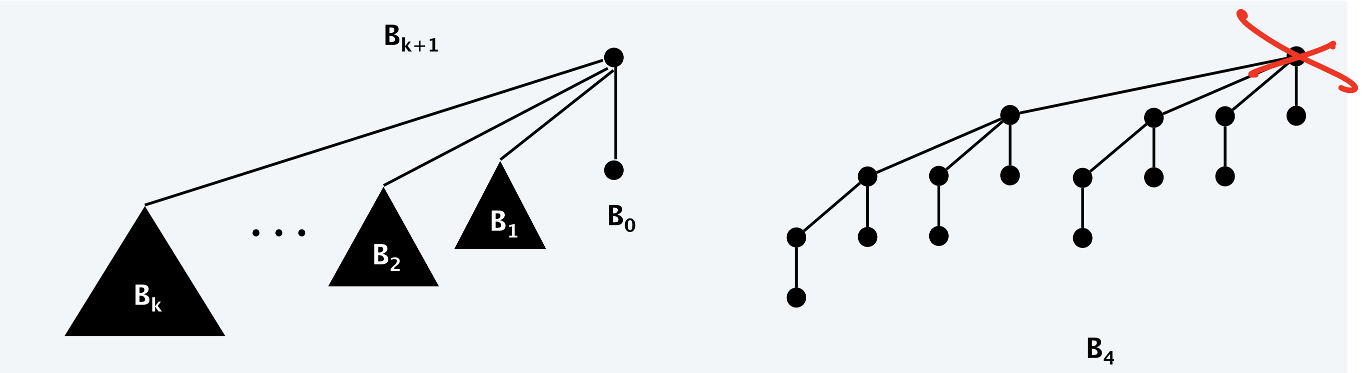
The order k binomial tree B_k has the following properties:

1. *Its height is k.*
2. *It has 2^k nodes*
3. *The degree of the root is k*
4. *If we delete the root, we get k binomial trees $B_{k-1}, \ldots, B_0$.*



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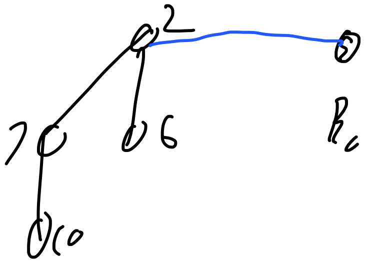

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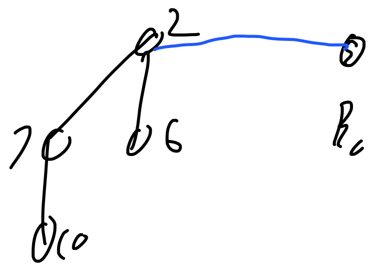

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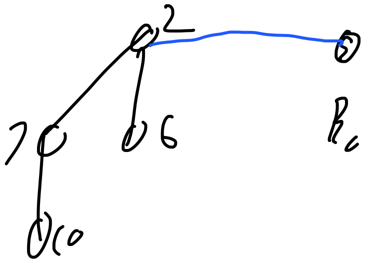

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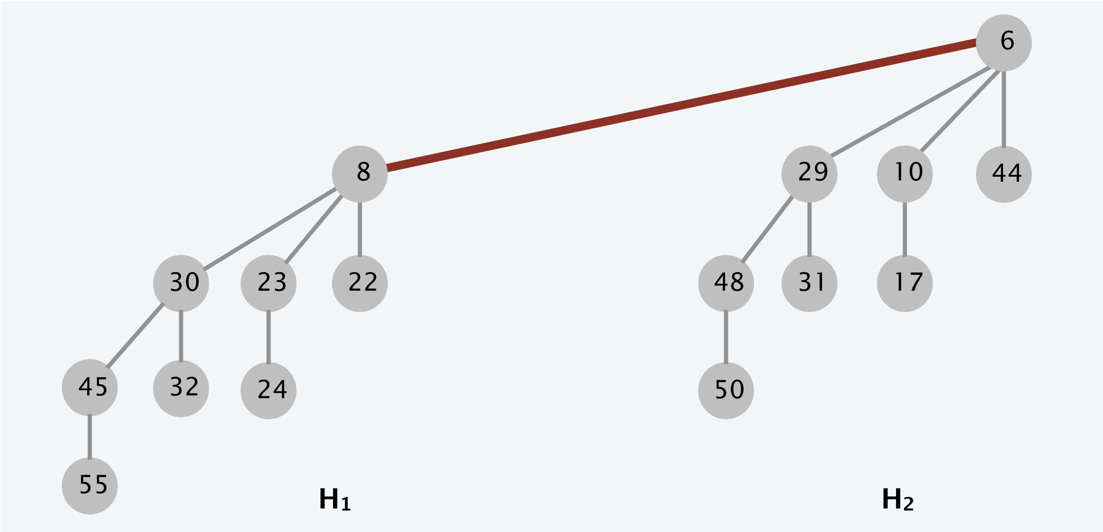

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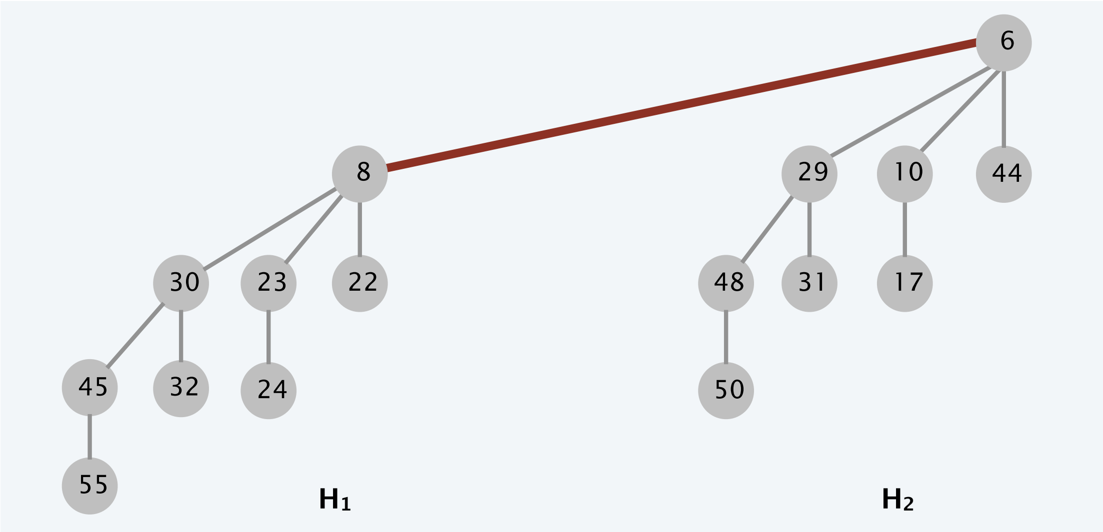
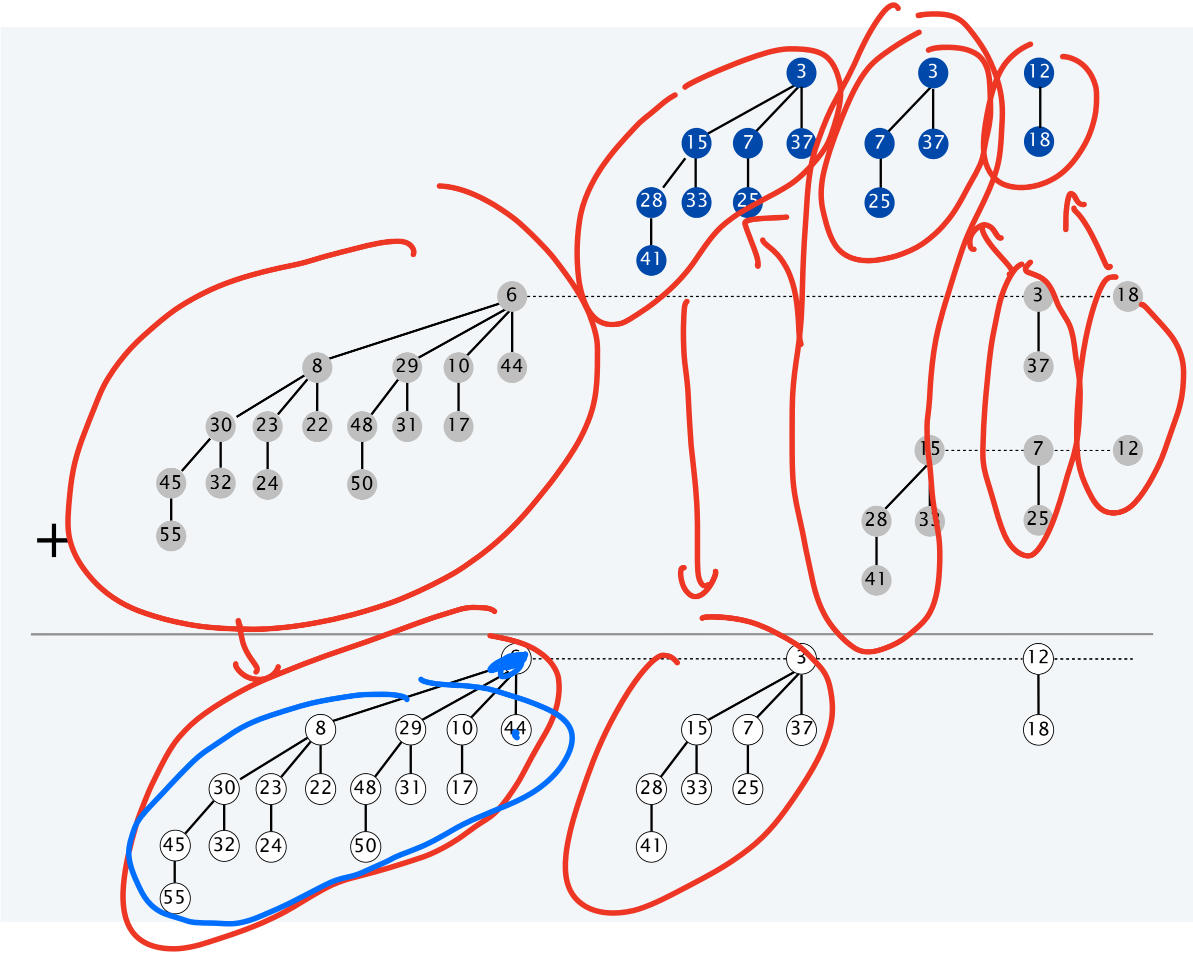


Link of two trees.

- Worst-case time: $O(1)$ (create a single link). Normalize: call 1
- $\Delta\Phi$: two trees to one: -1
- Amortized cost: $1 - 1 = 0 = O(1)$.

Meld(H_1, H_2): General Case

(Almost) just like binary addition!



Meld(H_1, H_2): Analysis

Easy to prove correct (exercise for home).

Running time:

- Worst case: $O(1)$ per "order" $k \implies \leq O(\log n)$
- Amortized: Potential does not go up, but could stay the same $\implies O(\log n)$ amortized

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  - If we link k trees, potential goes down by $k - 1$
  - Cost = # links plus 1 (for making new heap)
  - Amortized cost = $k + 1 + \Delta\Phi = k + 1 - (k - 1) = 2 = O(1)$

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