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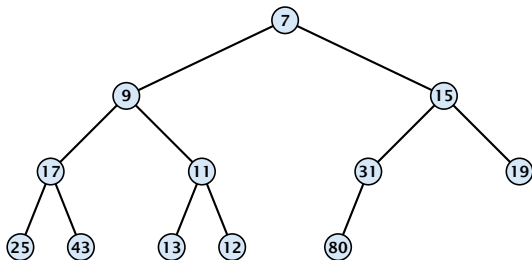
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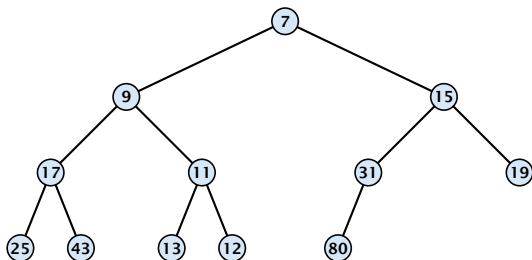
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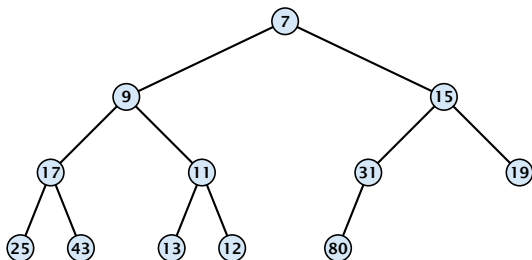
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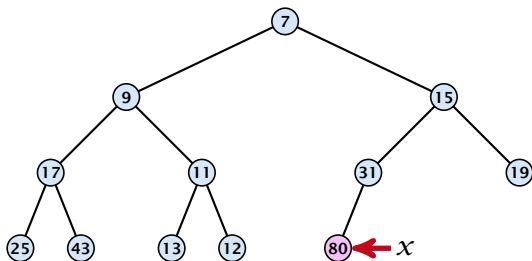
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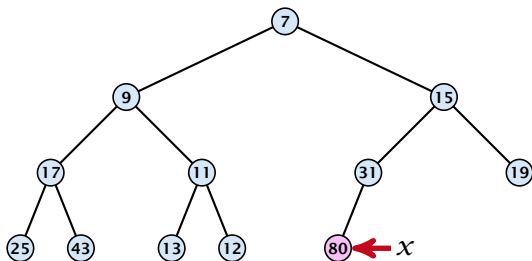
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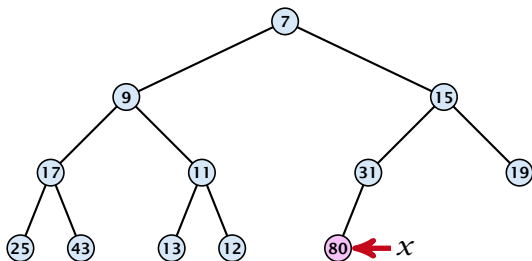
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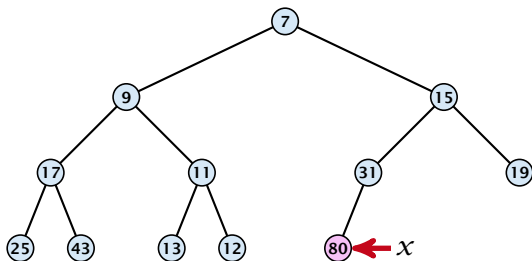
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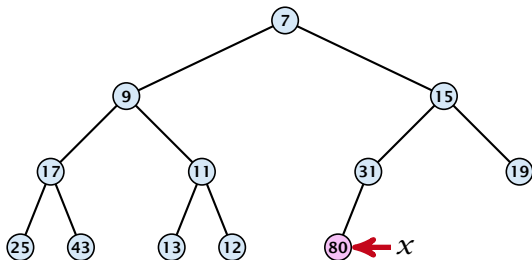
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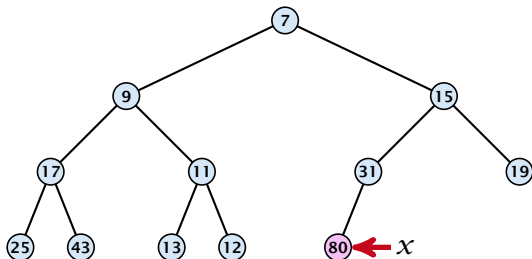
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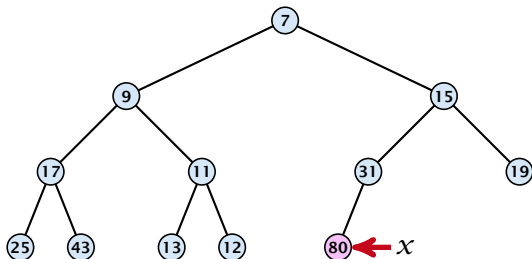
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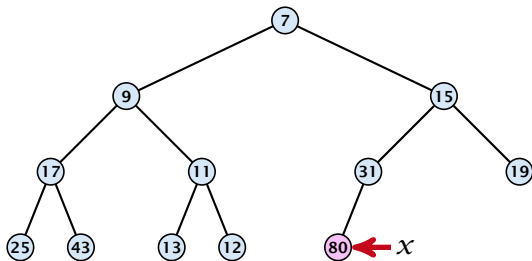
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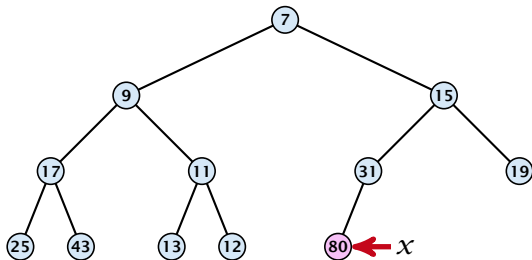
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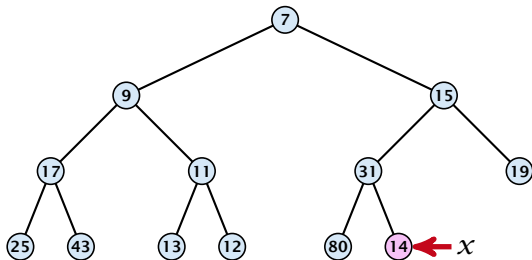
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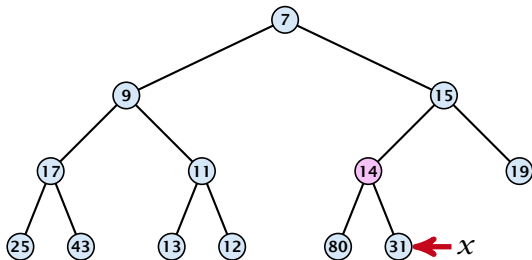
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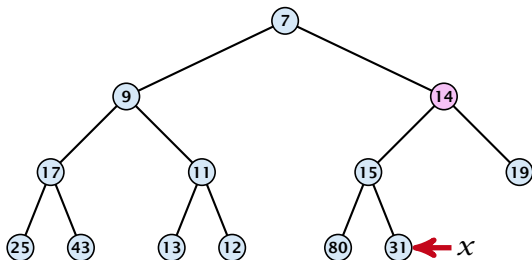
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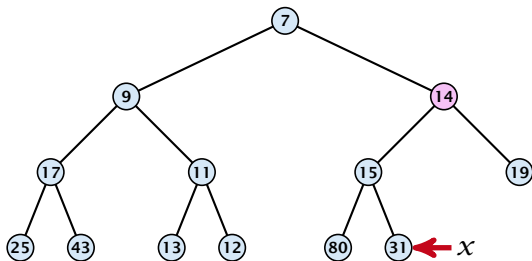
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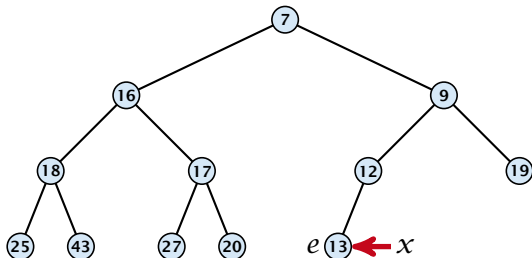
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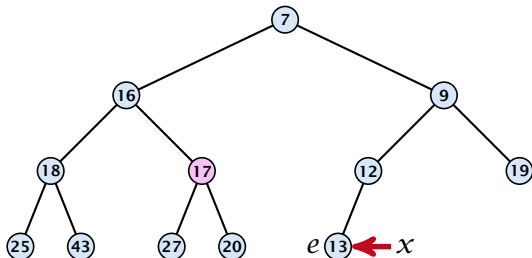
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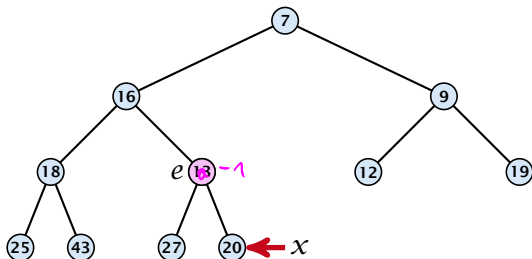
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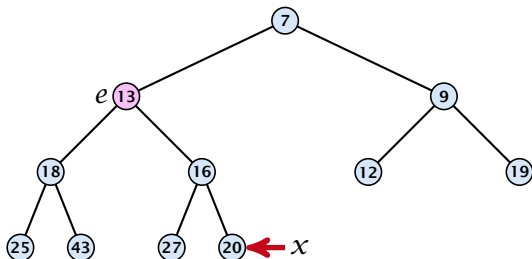
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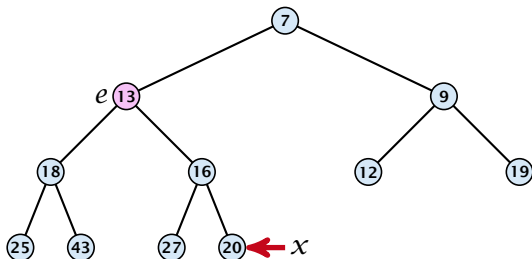
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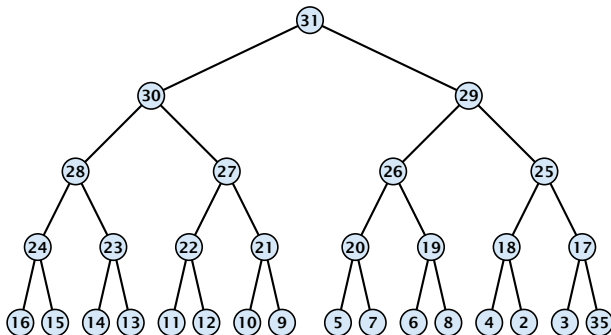
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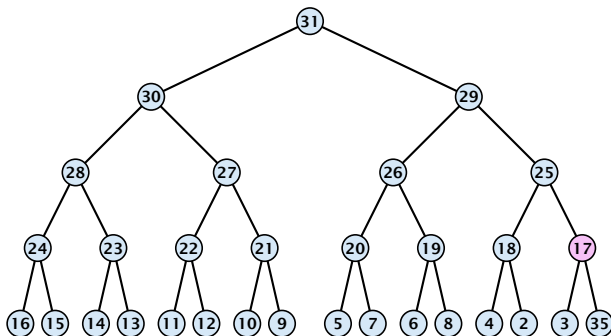
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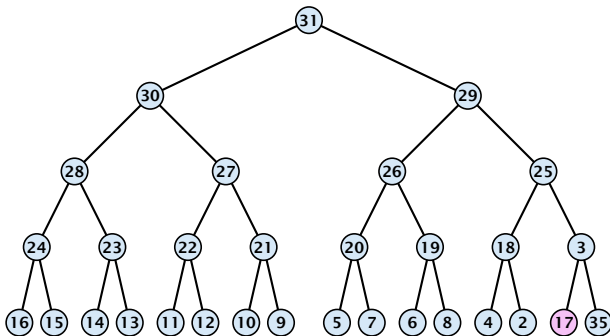
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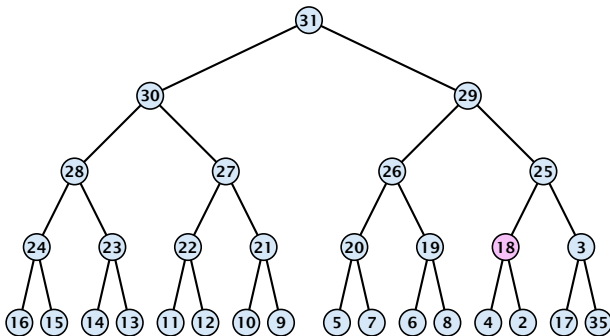
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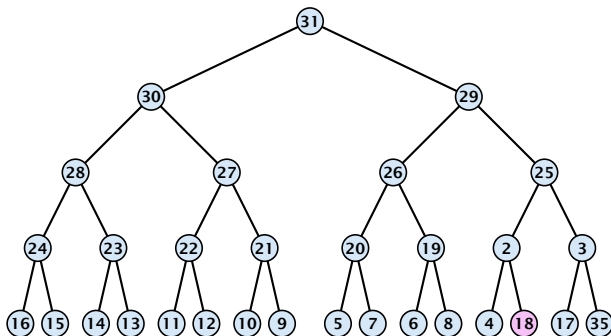
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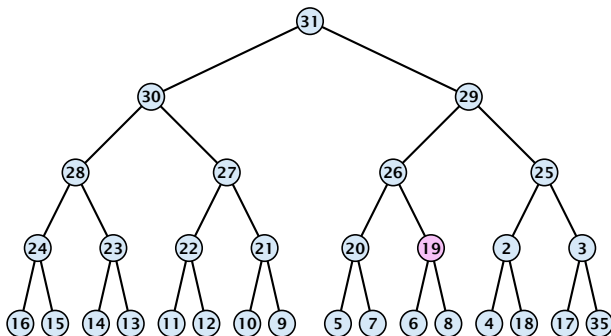
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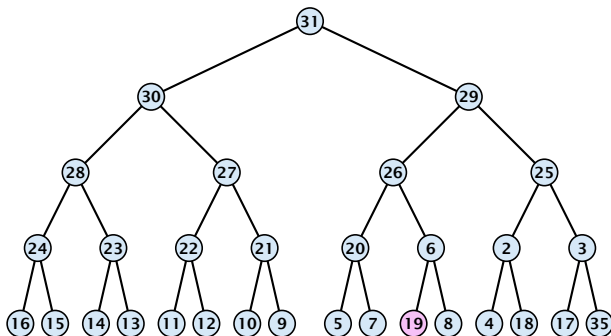
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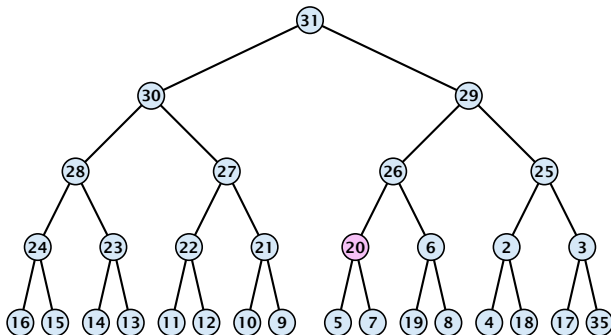
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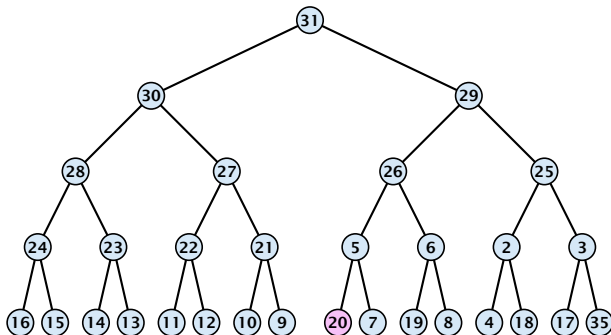
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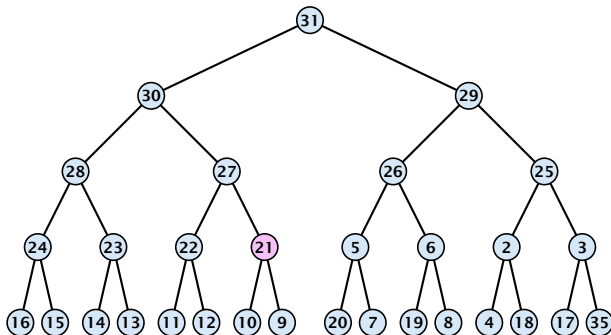
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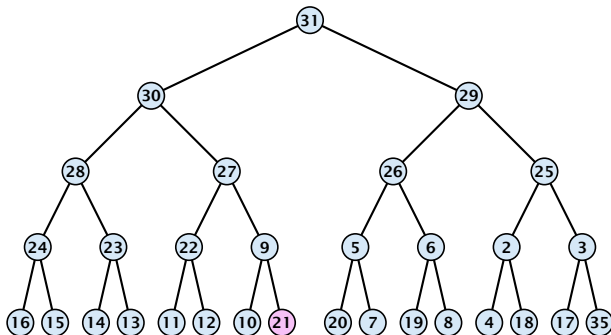
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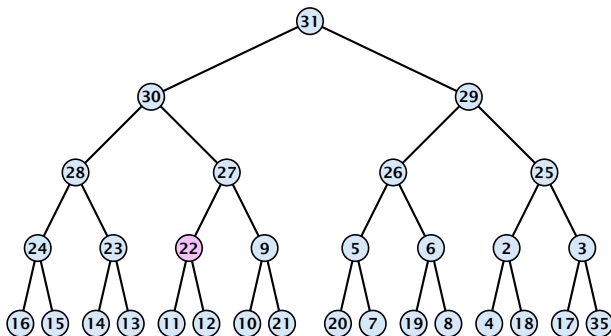
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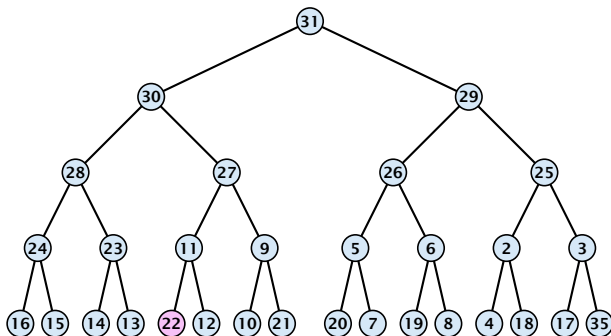
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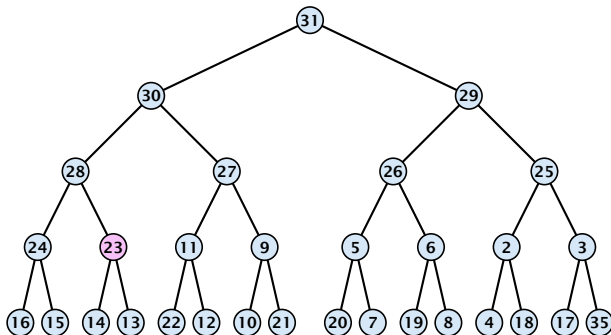
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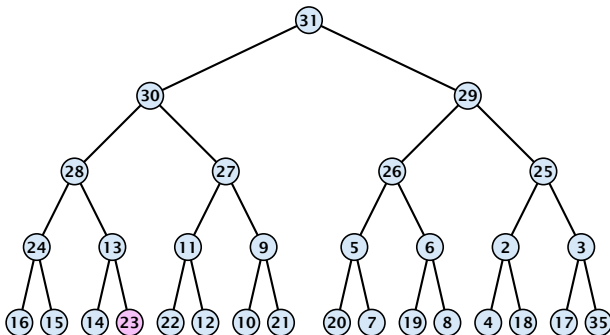
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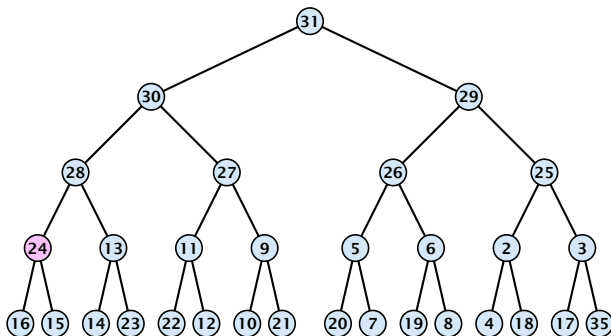
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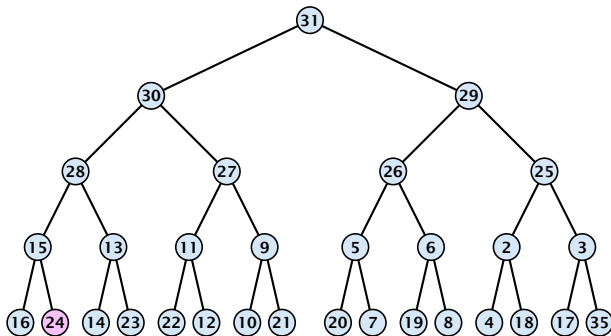
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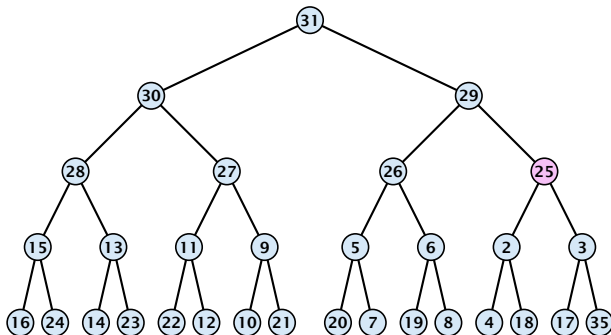
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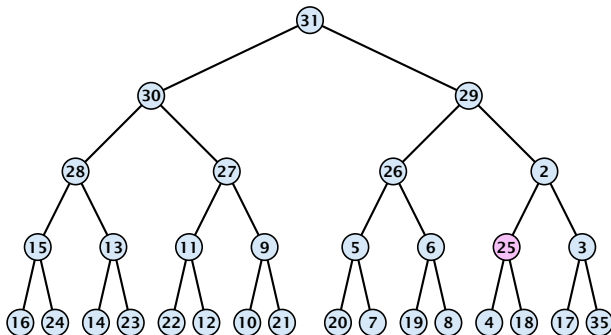
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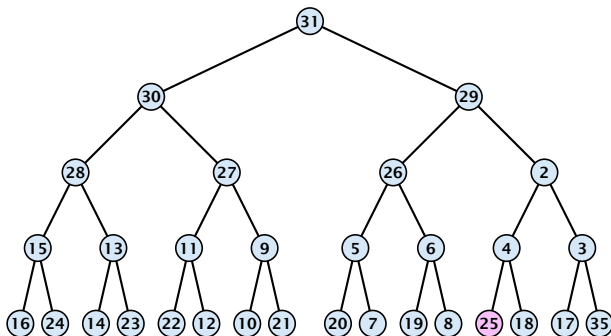
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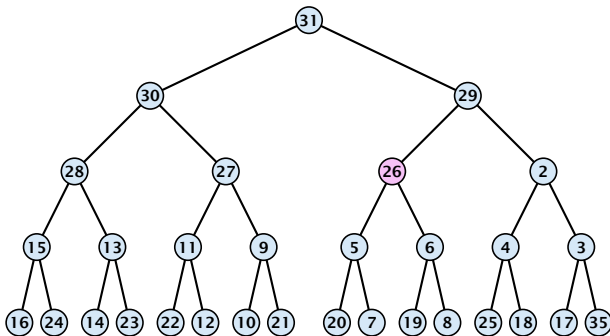
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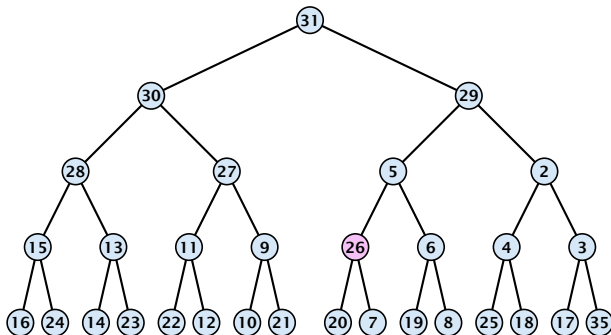
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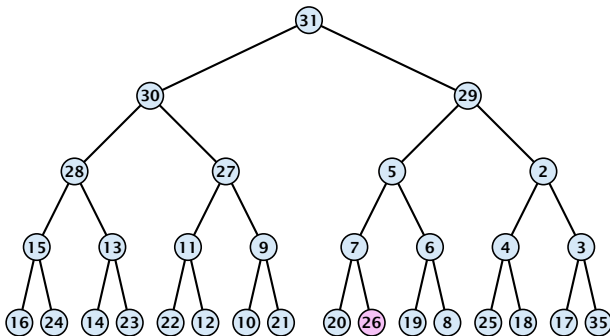
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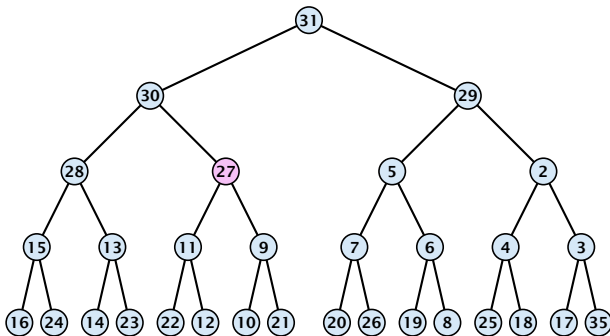
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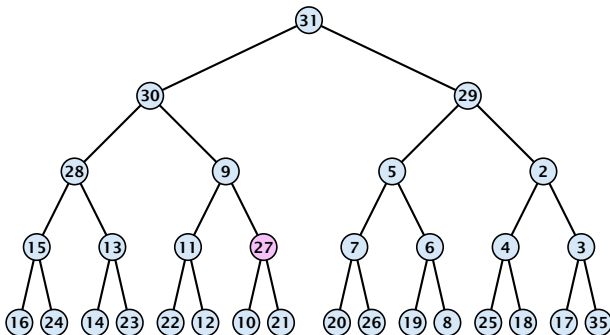
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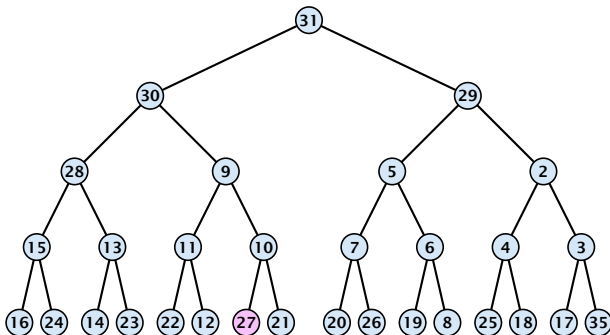
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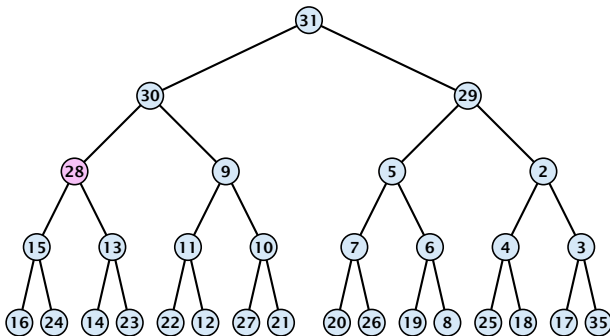
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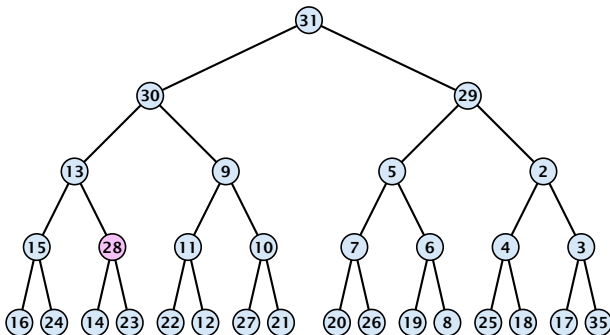
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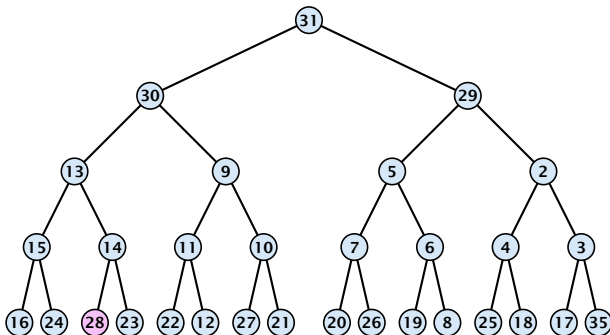
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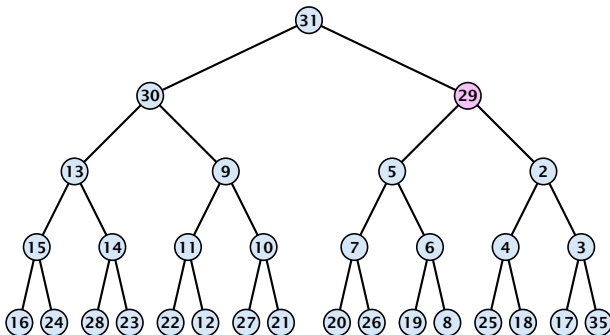
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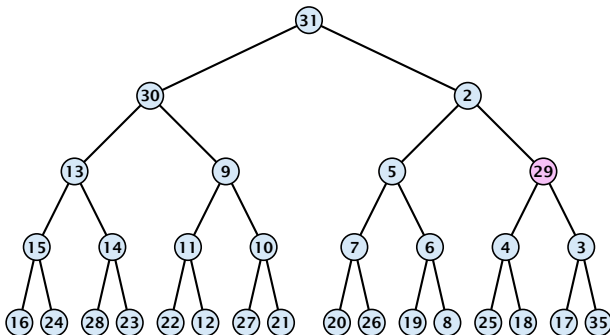
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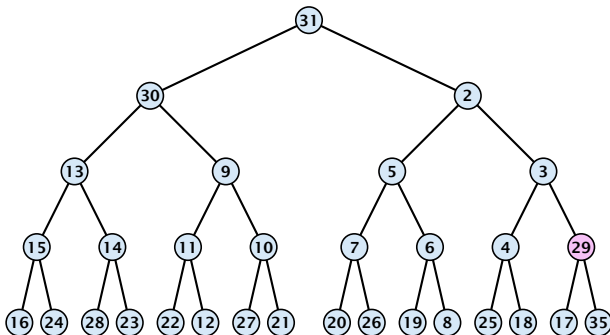
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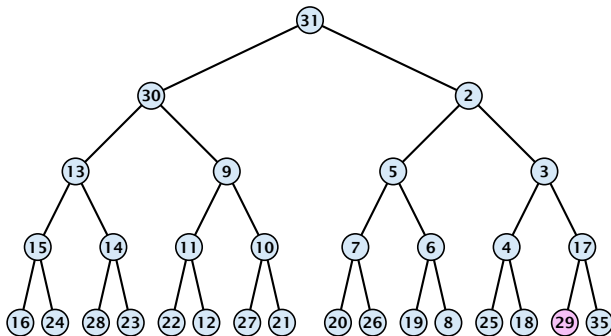
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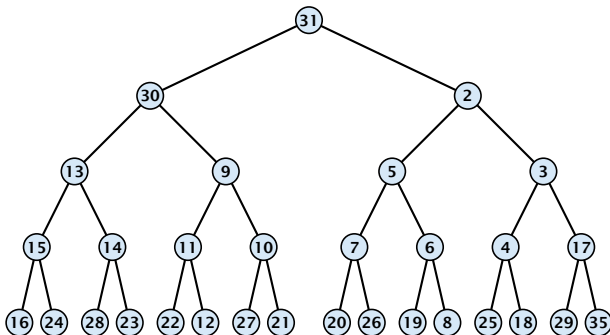
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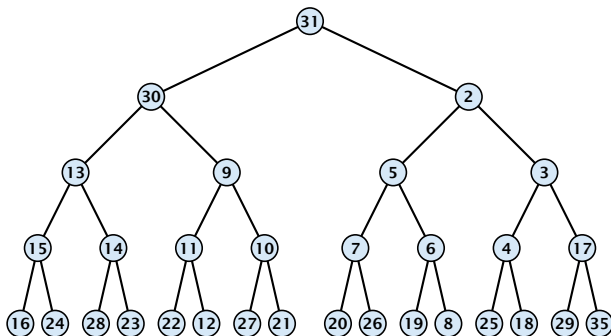
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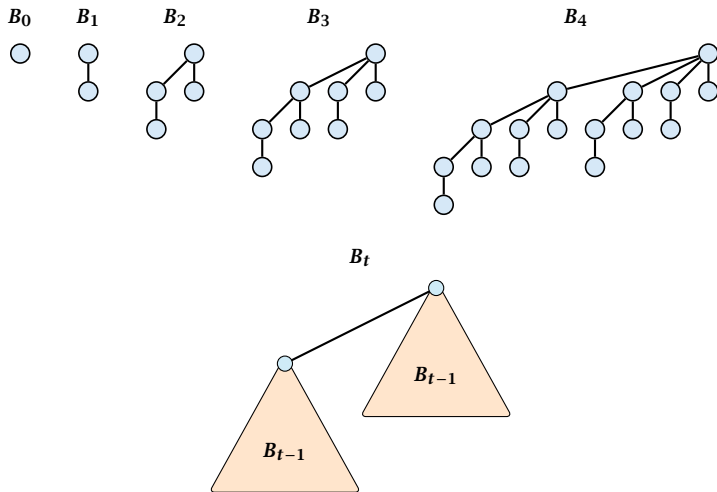
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minimum	1	$\log n$	$\log n$	1
is-empty	1	1	1	1
insert	$\log n$	$\log n$	$\log n$	1
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delete-min	$\log n$	$\log n$	$\log n$	$\log n$
decrease-key	$\log n$	$\log n$	$\log n$	1
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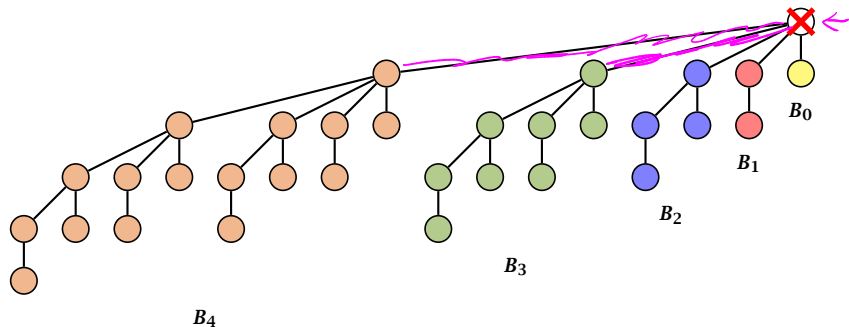
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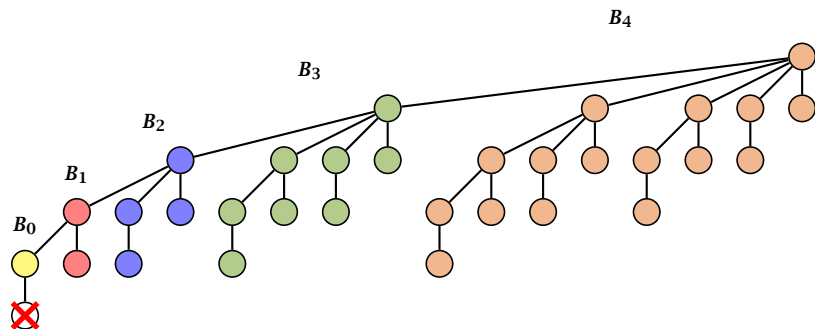
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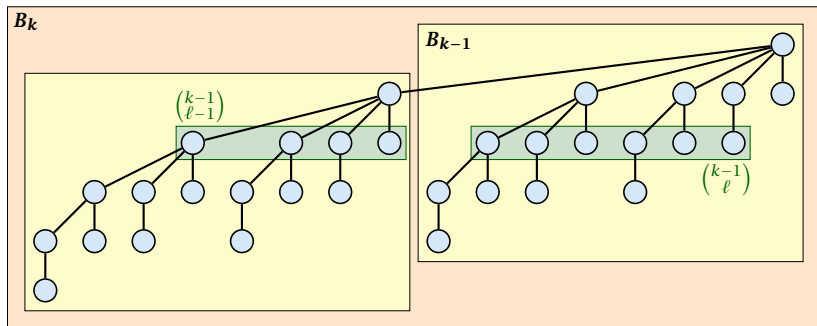
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$$B_0: \text{level } 0 \quad \binom{0}{0} = 1 \quad \binom{k}{0} = 1$$

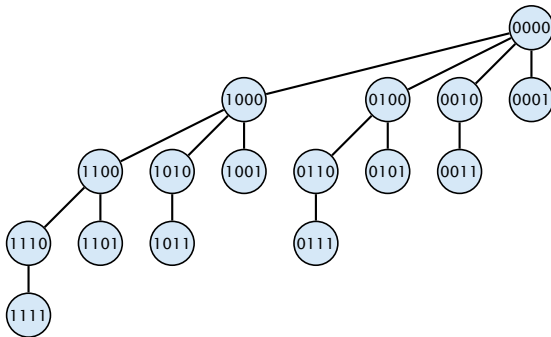


The number of nodes on level ℓ in tree B_k is therefore

$$\binom{k-1}{\ell-1} + \binom{k-1}{\ell} = \binom{k}{\ell}$$

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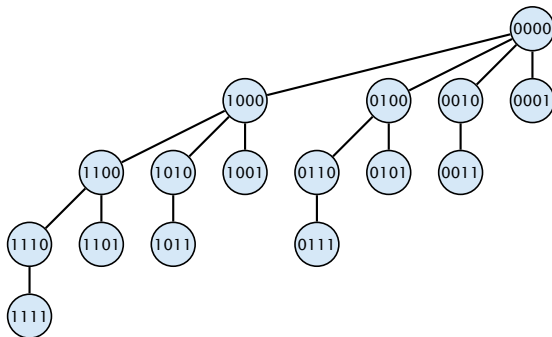


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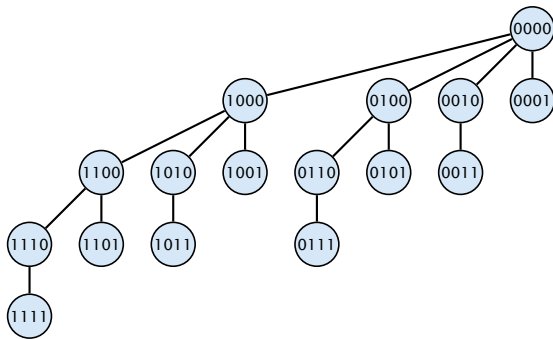


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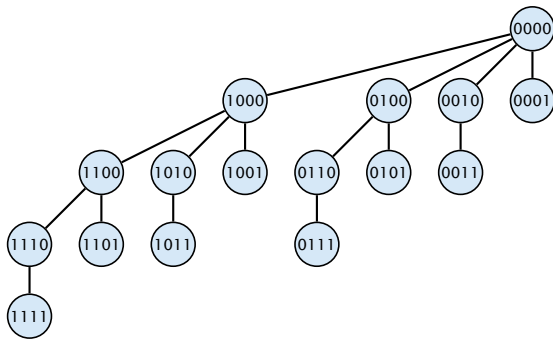


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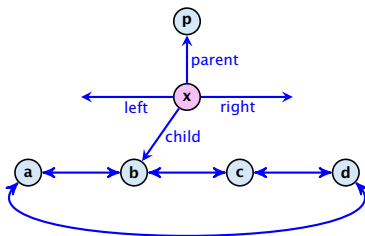
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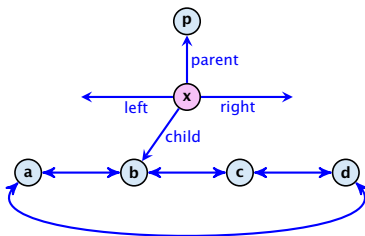
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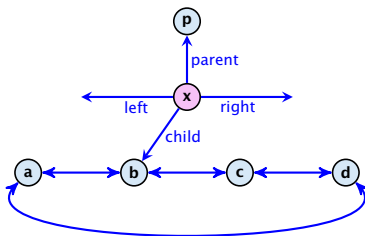
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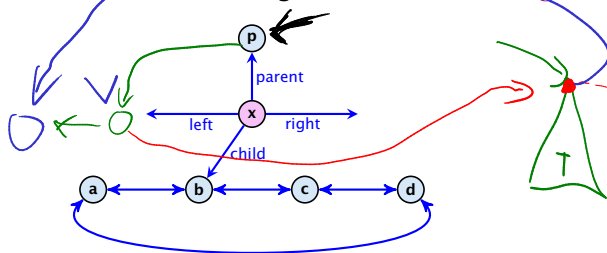
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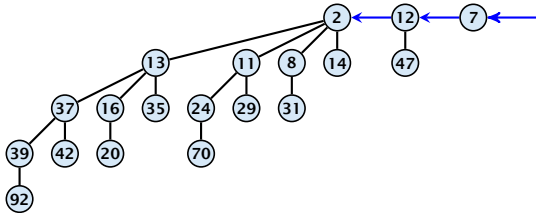
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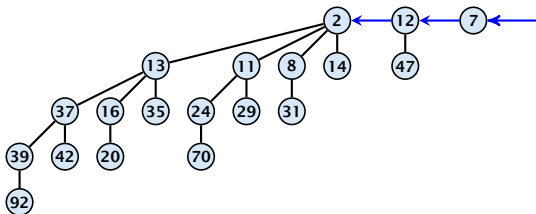


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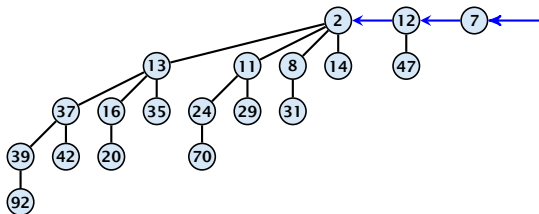


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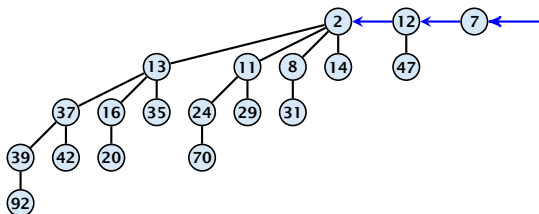


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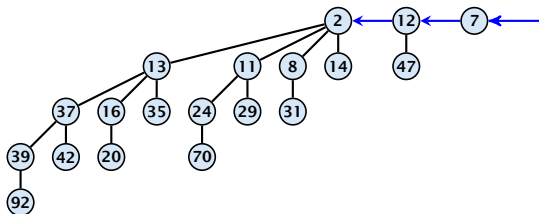
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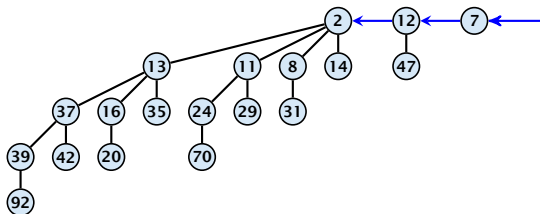
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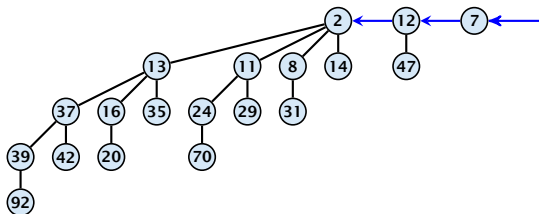
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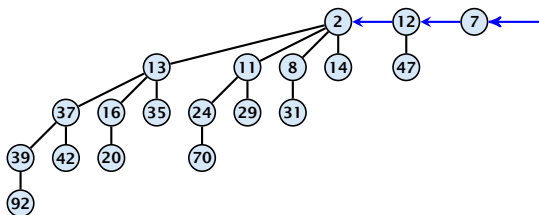
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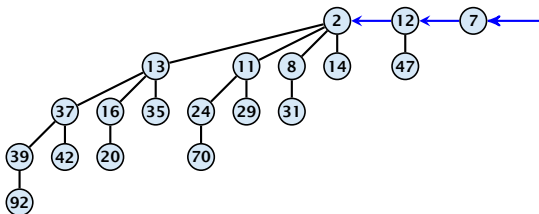
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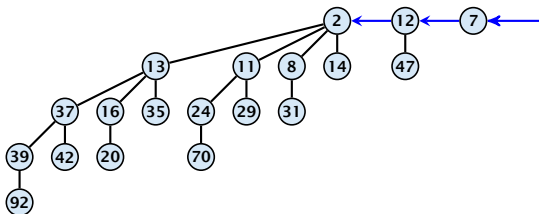
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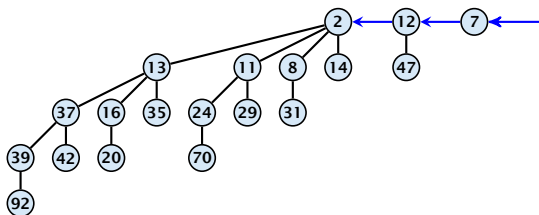
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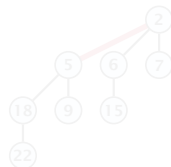
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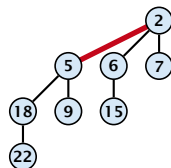
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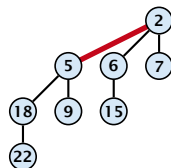
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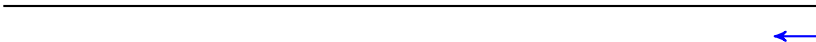
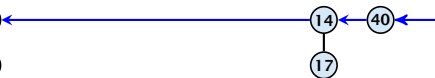
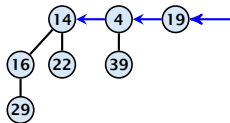
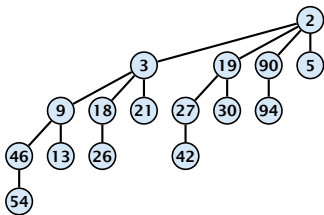
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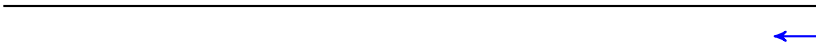
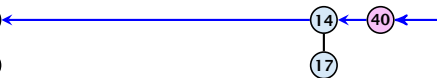
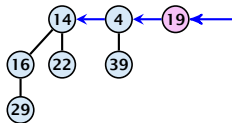
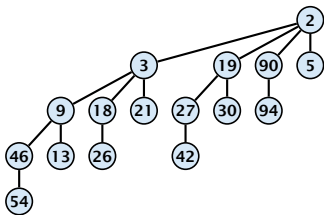
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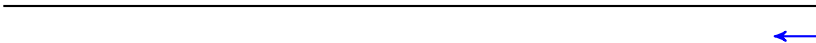
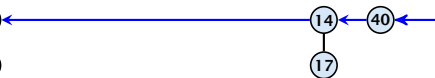
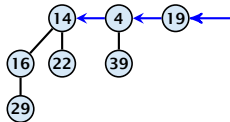
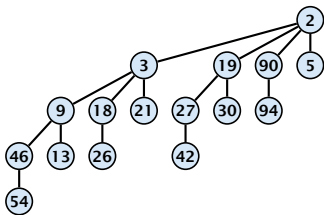
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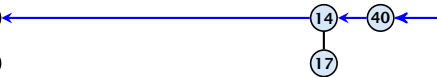
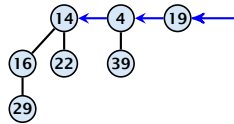
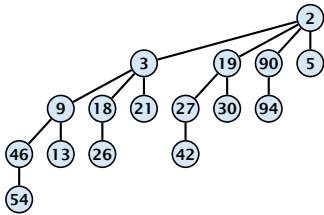
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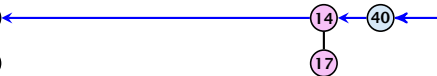
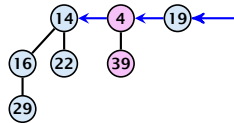
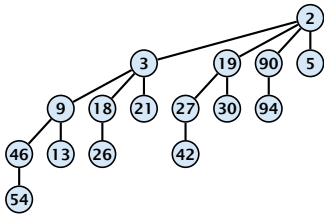


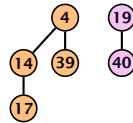
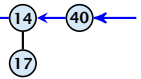
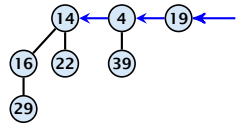
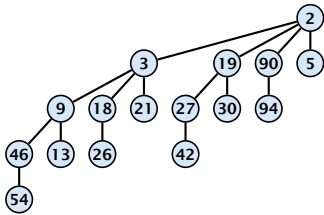


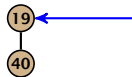
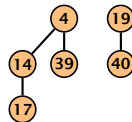
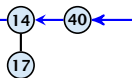
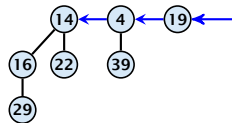
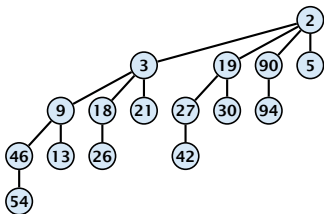


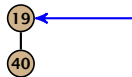
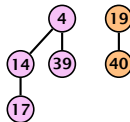
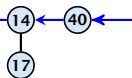
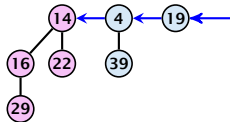
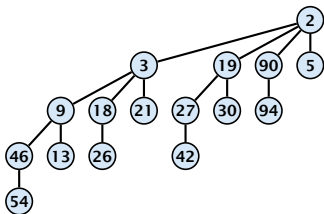


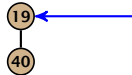
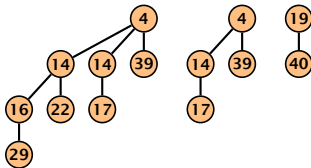
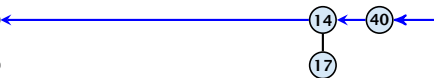
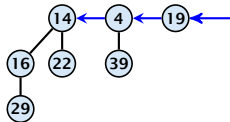
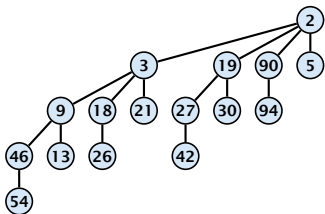


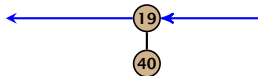
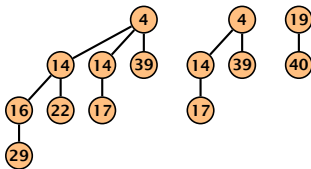
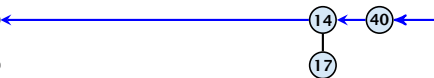
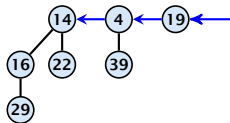
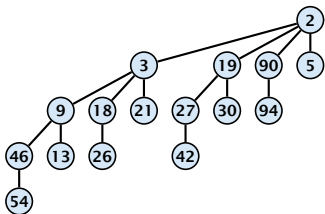


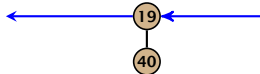
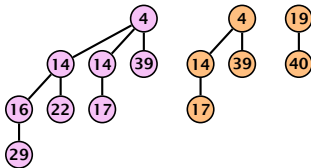
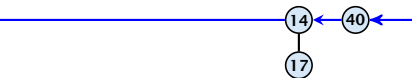
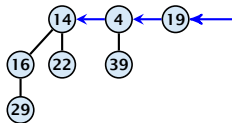
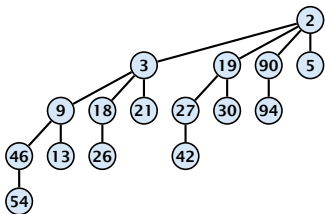




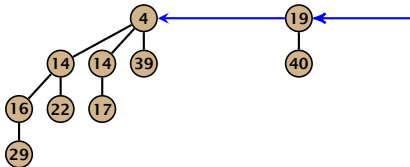
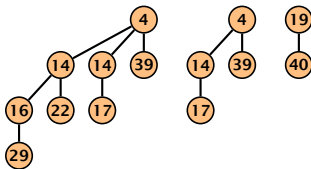
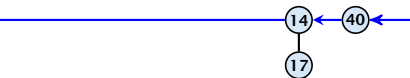
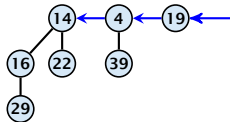
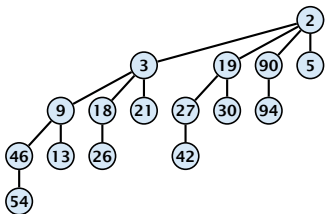




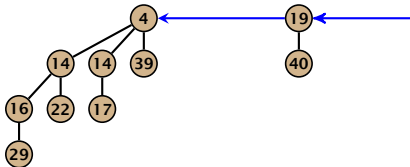
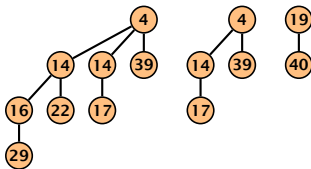
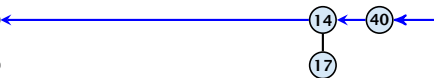
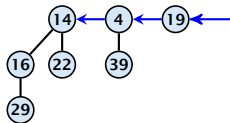
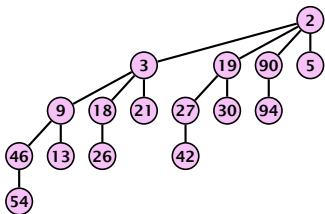




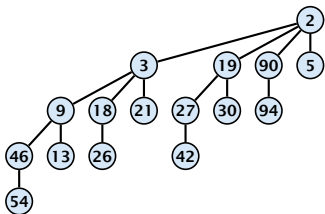
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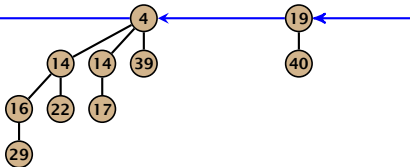
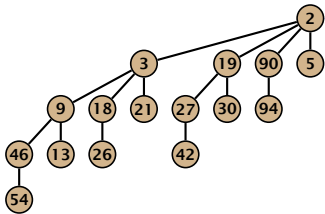
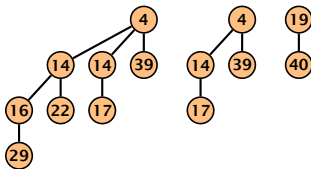
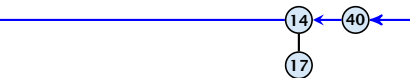
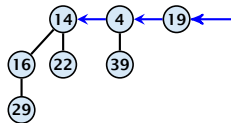
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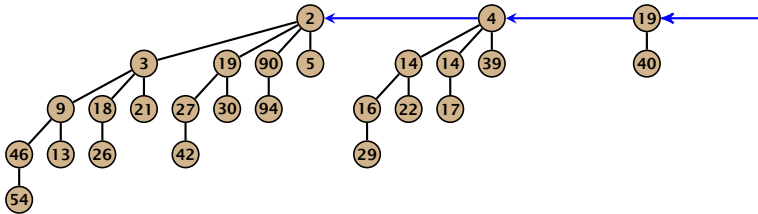
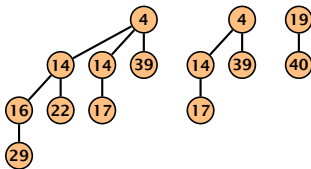
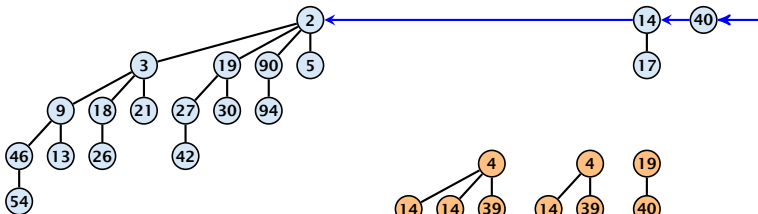
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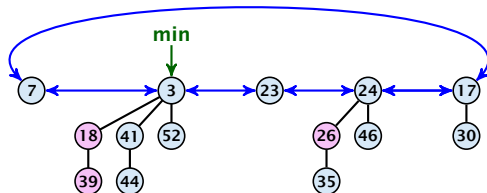
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Collection of trees that fulfill the heap property.

Structure is much more relaxed than binomial heaps.



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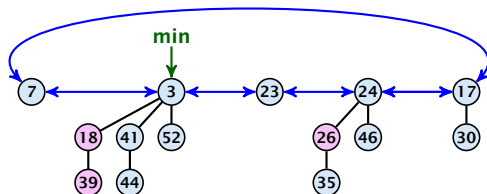
Additional implementation details:

- ▶ Every node x stores its degree in a field $x.degree$. Note that this can be updated in constant time when adding a child to x .
- ▶ Every node stores a boolean value $x.marked$ that specifies whether x is **marked** or not.

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The potential function:

- ▶ $t(S)$ denotes the number of trees in the heap.
- ▶ $m(S)$ denotes the number of marked nodes.
- ▶ We use the potential function $\Phi(S) = t(S) + 2m(S)$.



The potential is $\Phi(S) = 5 + 2 \cdot 3 = 11$.

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We assume that one unit of potential can pay for a constant amount of work, where the constant is chosen “big enough” (to take care of the constants that occur).

To make this more explicit we use c to denote the amount of work that a unit of potential can pay for.

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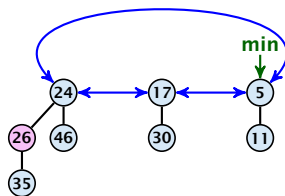
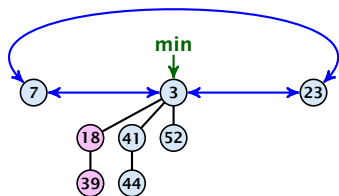
S. minimum()

- ▶ Access through the min-pointer.
- ▶ Actual cost $\mathcal{O}(1)$.
- ▶ No change in potential.
- ▶ Amortized cost $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

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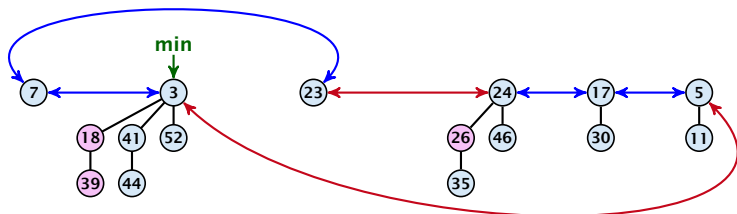
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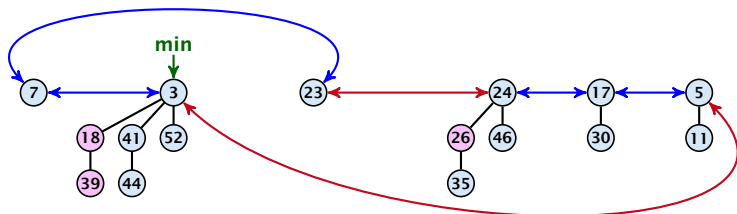
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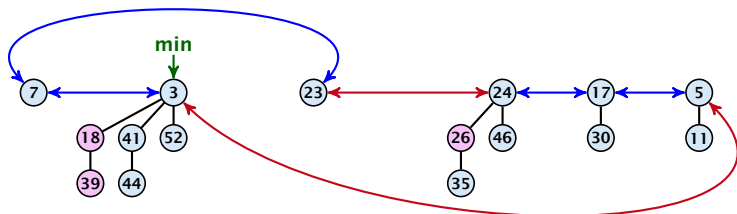
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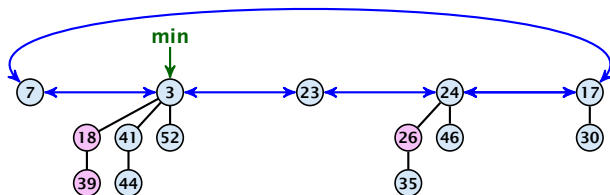
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- ▶ Hence, amortized cost is $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

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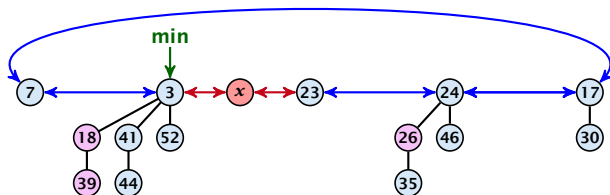
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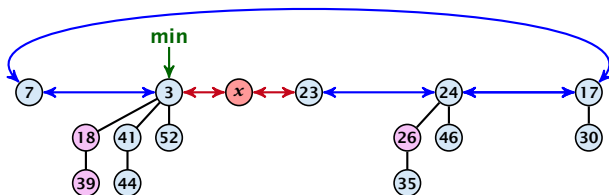
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- ▶ Change in potential is $+1$.
- ▶ Amortized cost is $c + \mathcal{O}(1) = \mathcal{O}(1)$.

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S. delete-min(x)

