

CS4311  
Design and Analysis of  
Algorithms

Lecture 18: Fibonacci Heap I

# About this lecture

- Introduce **Fibonacci Heap**
  - another example of mergeable heap
  - no good worst-case guarantee for any operation (except **Insert/Make-Heap**)
  - excellent **amortized cost** to perform each operation

# Fibonacci Heap

- Like binomial heap, Fibonacci heap consists of a **set** of **min-heap ordered** component trees
- However, unlike binomial heap, it has
  - **no limit** on #trees (up to  $O(n)$ ), and
  - **no limit** on height of a tree (up to  $O(n)$ )

# Fibonacci Heap

- Consequently,  
Find-Min, Extract-Min, Union,  
Decrease-Key, Delete  
all have worst-case  $O(n)$  running time
- However, in the amortized sense, each operation performs very quickly ...

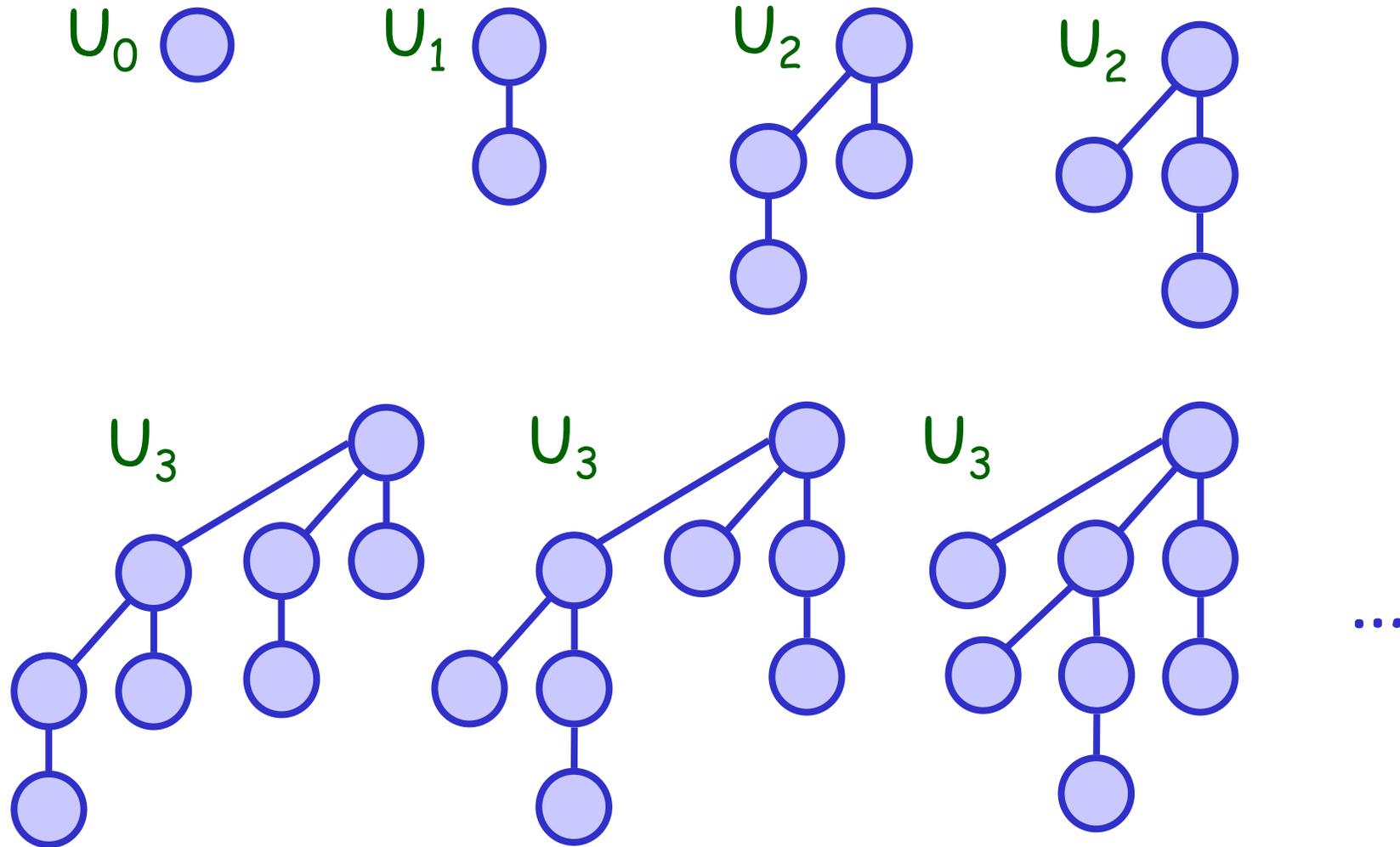
# Comparison of Three Heaps

	Binary (worst-case)	Binomial (worst-case)	Fibonacci (amortized)
Make-Heap	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(1)$
Find-Min	$\Theta(1)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(1)$
Extract-Min	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$
Insert	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(1)$
Delete	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$
Decrease-Key	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(1)$
Union	$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(1)$

# Fibonacci Heap

- If we never perform **Decrease-Key** or **Delete**, each component tree of Fibonacci heap will be an **unordered** binomial tree
  - An order-**k** unordered binomial tree  $U_k$  is a tree whose root is connected to  $U_{k-1}, U_{k-2}, \dots, U_0$ , in any order
    - in this case, height =  $O(\log n)$
- In general, the tree can be **very skew**

# Unordered Binomial Tree



# Properties of $U_k$

Lemma: For an unordered binomial tree  $U_k$ ,

1. There are  $2^k$  nodes
2. height =  $k$
3.  $\text{deg}(\text{root}) = k$  ;  $\text{deg}(\text{other node}) < k$
4. Children of root are  $U_{k-1}, U_{k-2}, \dots, U_0$   
in any order
5. Exactly  $C(k,i)$  nodes at depth  $i$

How to prove? (By induction on  $k$ )

# Potential Function

- To help the running time analysis, we may **mark** a tree node from time to time
  - Roughly, we mark a node if it has lost a child
- For a heap  $H$ , let
  - $t(H) = \#trees$ ,  $m(H) = \#marked\ nodes$
- The potential function  $\Phi$  for  $H$  is simply:

$$\Phi(H) = t(H) + 2 m(H)$$

[ Here, we assume a unit of potential is large enough to pay for any constant amount of work ]

# Remark

- Let  $\Phi_i$  = potential after  $i^{\text{th}}$  operation
  - $\Phi_0 = 0, \Phi_i \geq \Phi_0$  for all  $i$
  - So, if each operation sets its amortized cost  $\alpha_i$  by the formula ( $\alpha_i = c_i + \Phi_i - \Phi_{i-1}$ )
  - total amortized  $\geq$  total actual
- We claim that we can compute  $\text{MaxDeg}(n)$ , which can bound max degree of any node.  
Also,  $\text{MaxDeg}(n) = O(\log n)$ 
  - This claim will be proven later

# Fibonacci Heap Operation

- *Make-Heap( )*:

It just creates an empty heap

→ no trees and no nodes at all !!

→ amortized cost =  $O(1)$

# Fibonacci Heap Operation

- Find-Min( $H$ ):

The heap  $H$  always maintain a pointer  $\text{min}(H)$  which points at the node with minimum key

→ actual cost = 1

→ no change in  $t(H)$  and  $m(H)$

→ amortized cost =  $O(1)$

# Fibonacci Heap Operation

- $\text{Insert}(H, x, k)$ :

It adds a tree with a single node to  $H$ , storing the item  $x$  with key  $k$

Also, update  $\text{min}(H)$  if necessary

→  $t(H)$  increased by 1,  $m(H)$  unchanged

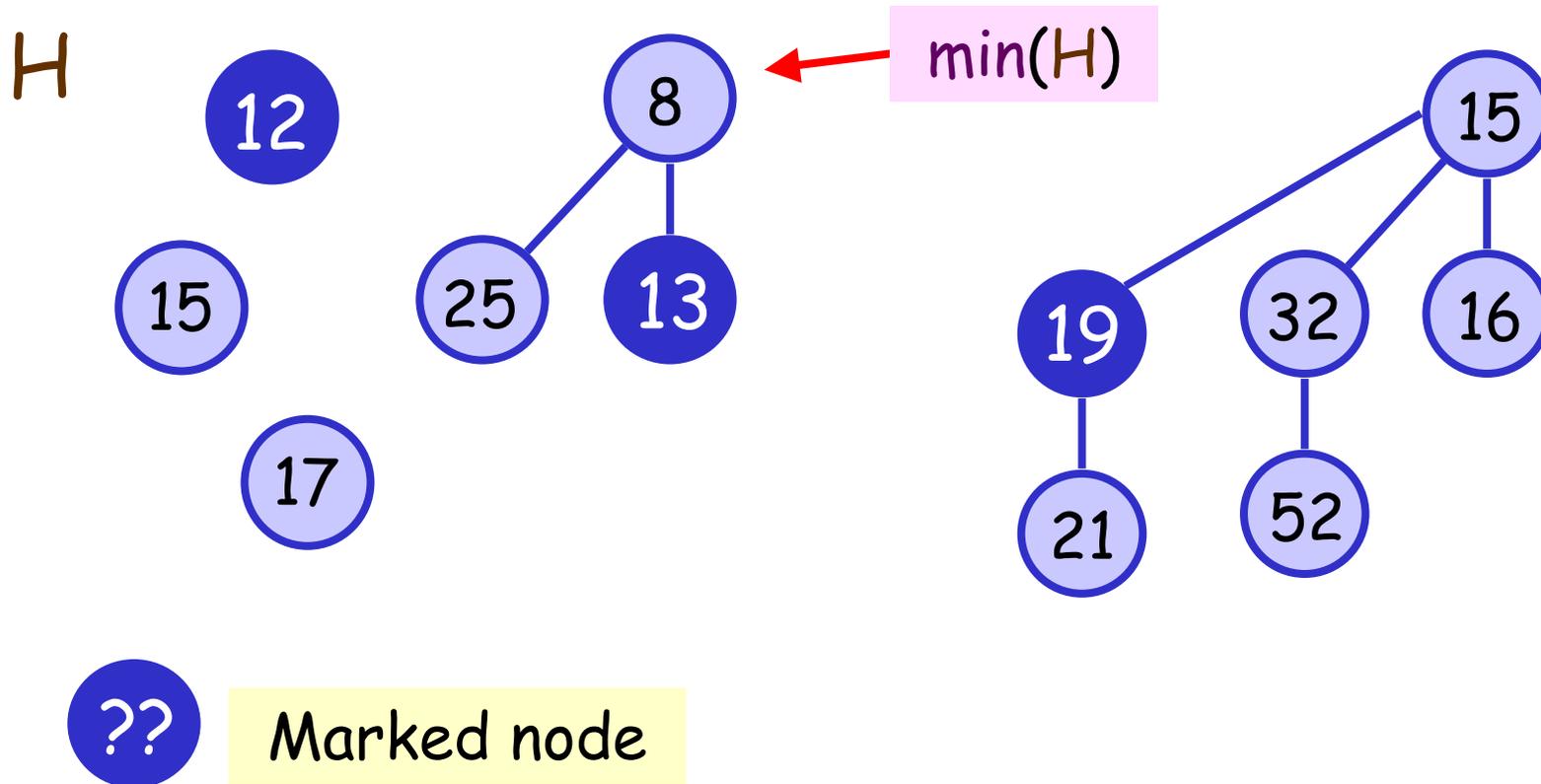
→ amortized cost =  $2 + 1 = O(1)$

Add a node, and  
update  $\text{min}(H)$



# Insertion (Example)

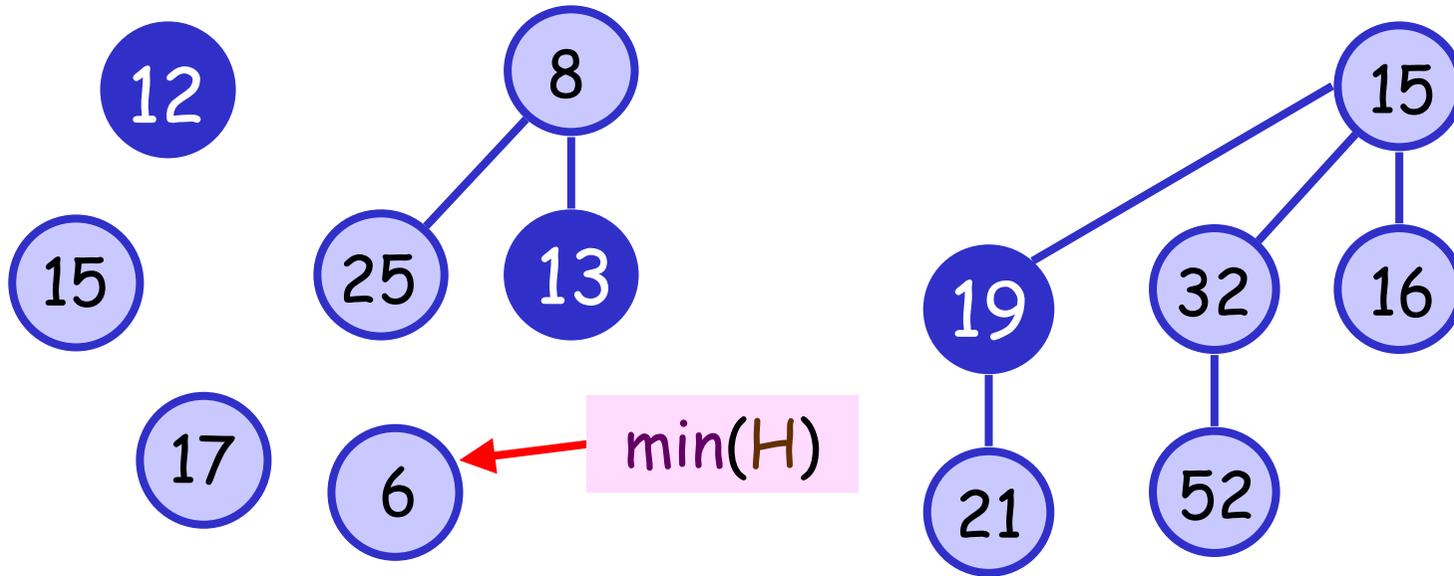
Inserting an item with **key** = 17



# Insertion (Example)

Inserting an item with **key** = 6

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Marked node

Question: What will happen after **k** consecutive **Insert**?

# Fibonacci Heap Operation

- Union( $H_1, H_2$ ):

It puts the trees in  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  together, forming a new heap  $H$

- does **not** merge any trees into one

Set  $\min(H)$  accordingly

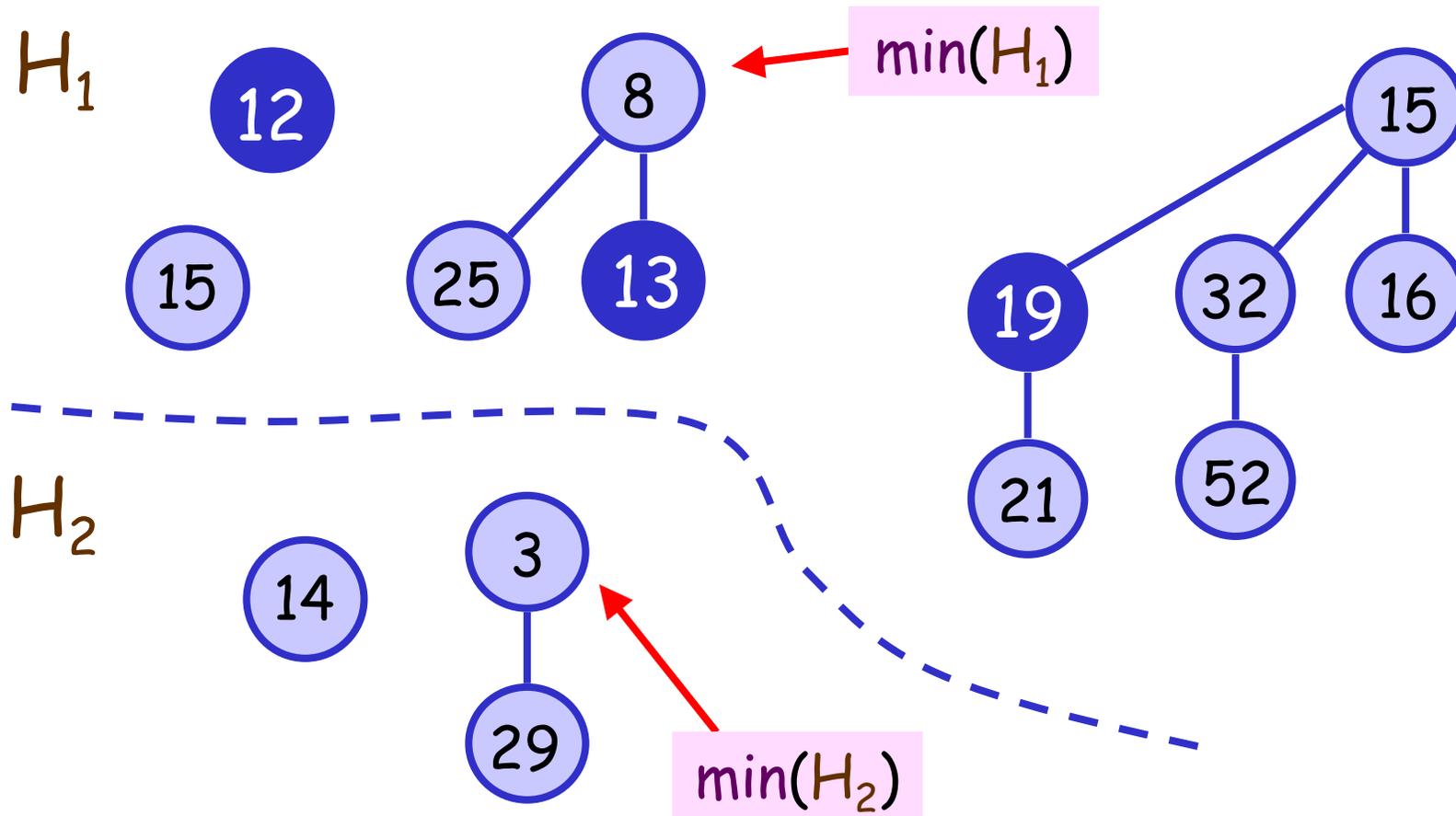
→  $t(H)$  and  $m(H)$  unchanged

→ amortized cost =  $2 + 0 = O(1)$

Put trees together,  
and set  $\min(H)$

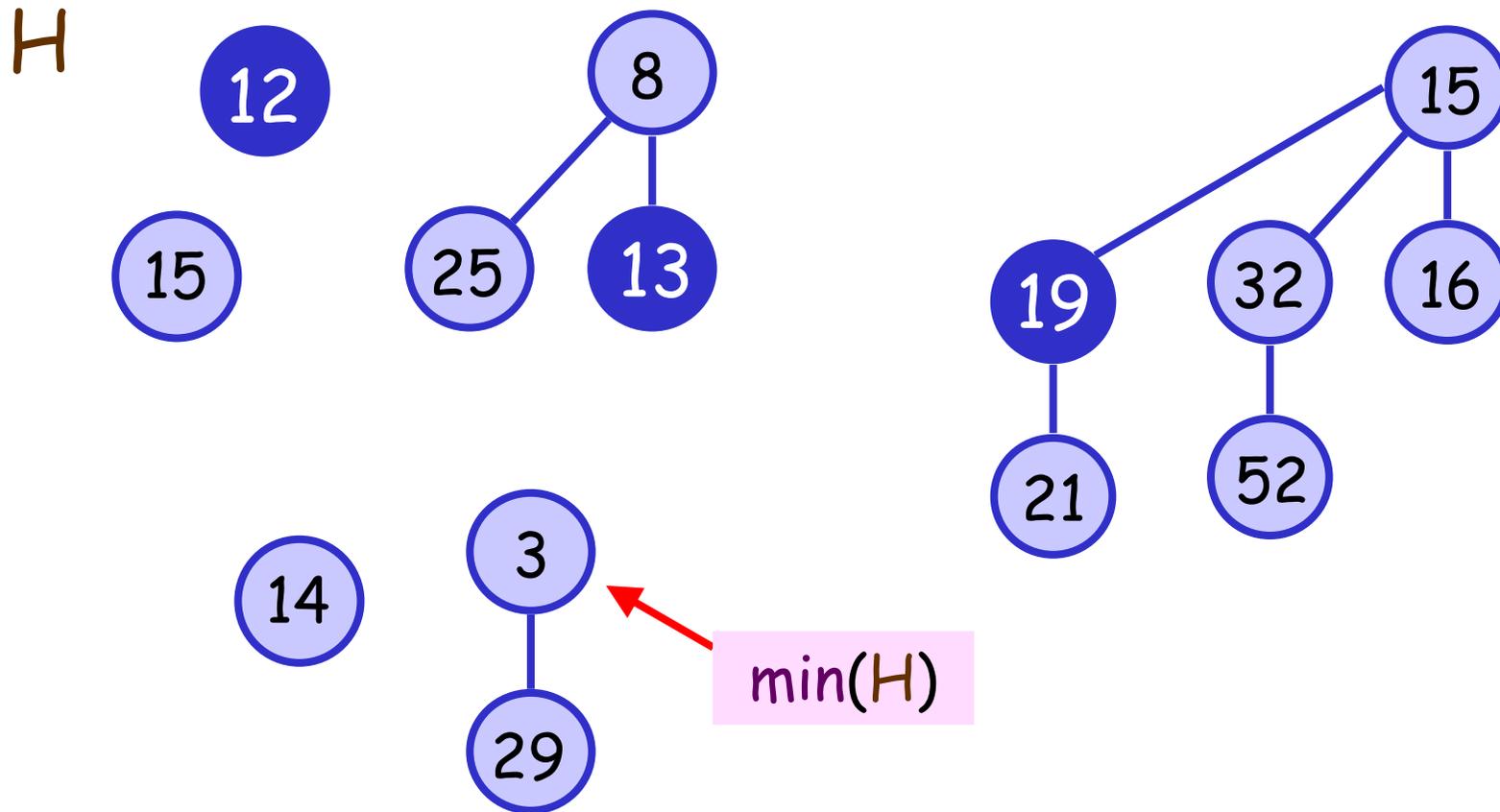
# Union (Example)

Before Union



# Union (Example)

After Union



# Fibonacci Heap Operations

- Insert and Union are both very lazy...
- Extract-Min is a hardworking operation
  - It reduces the #trees by joining them together
- What if Extract-Min is also lazy ??
  - a sequence of  $n/2$  Insert and  $n/2$  Extract-Min has worst-case  $O(n^2)$  time

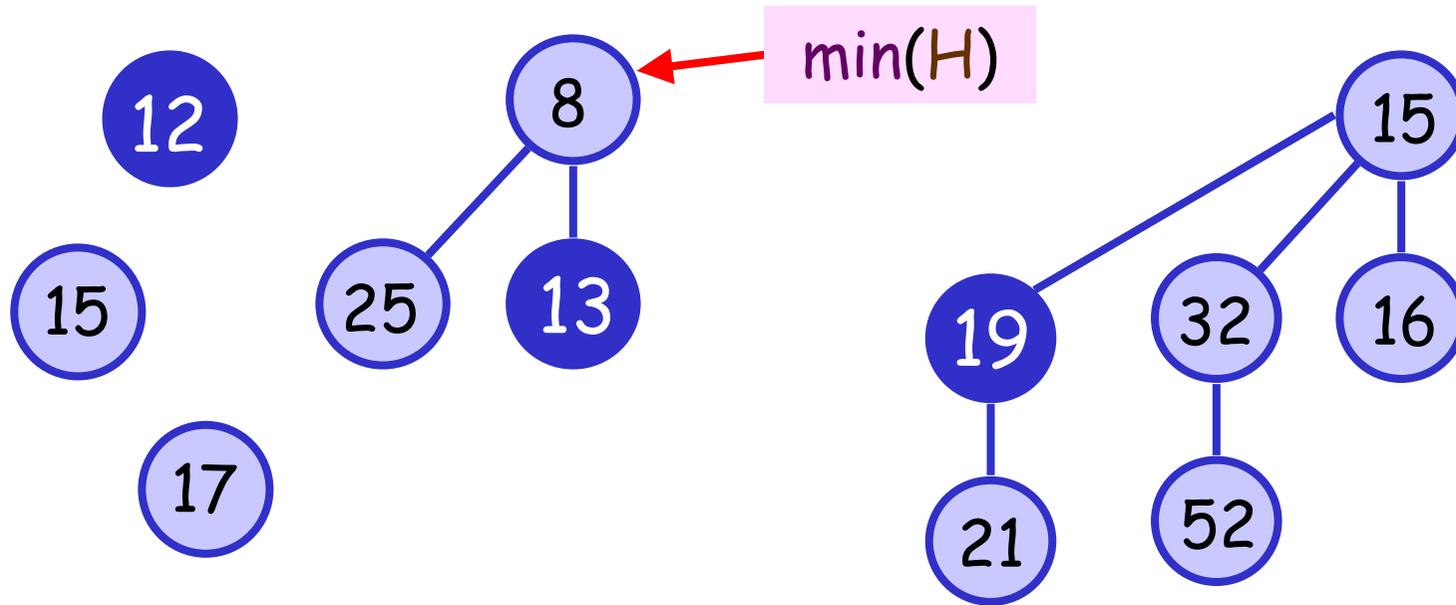
# Extract-Min

- Two major steps:
  1. **Remove** node with minimum key  $\rightarrow$  its children form roots of new trees in  $H$
  2. **Consolidation**: Repeatedly joining roots of two trees with same degree  
 $\rightarrow$  in the end, the roots of any two trees do not have same degree
- \*\* During consolidation, if a marked node receives a parent  $\rightarrow$  we **unmark** the node

# Extract-Min (Example)

Before Extract-Min

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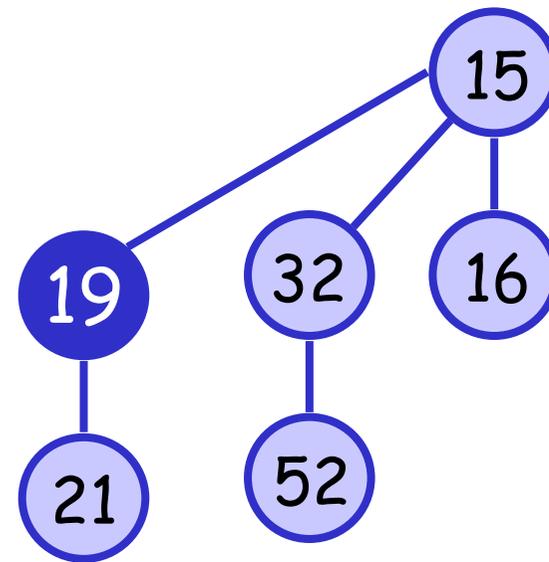
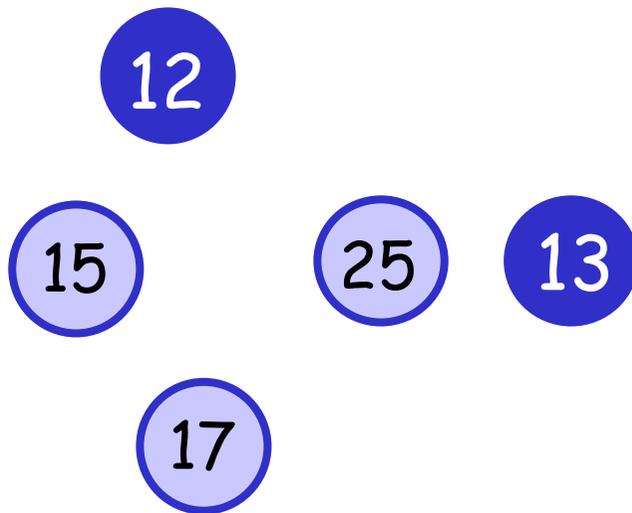


Marked node

# Extract-Min (Example)

Step 1: Remove node with min-key

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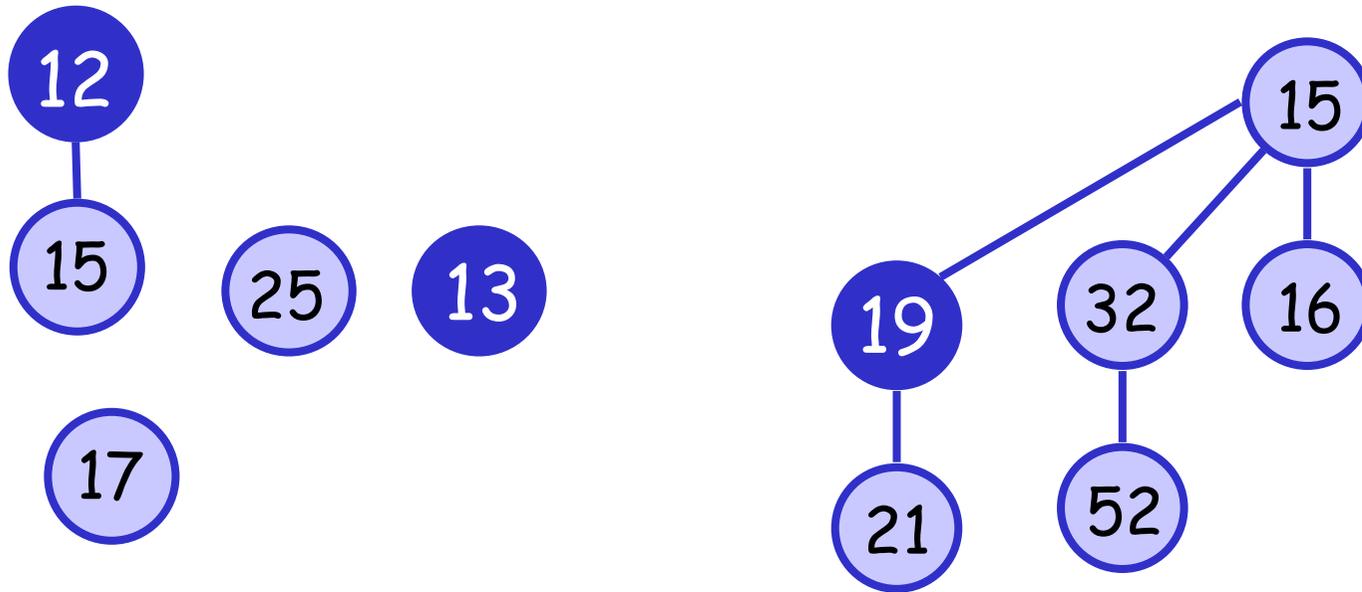


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# Extract-Min (Example)

## Step 2: Consolidation

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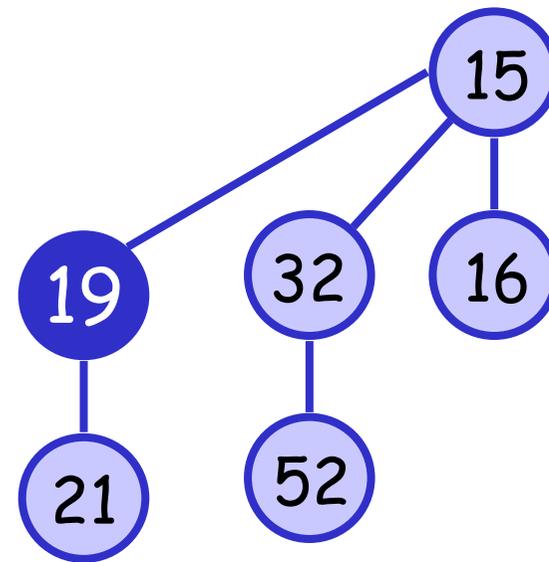
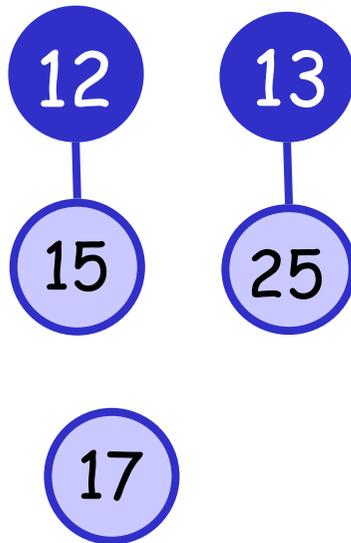


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# Extract-Min (Example)

## Step 2: Consolidation

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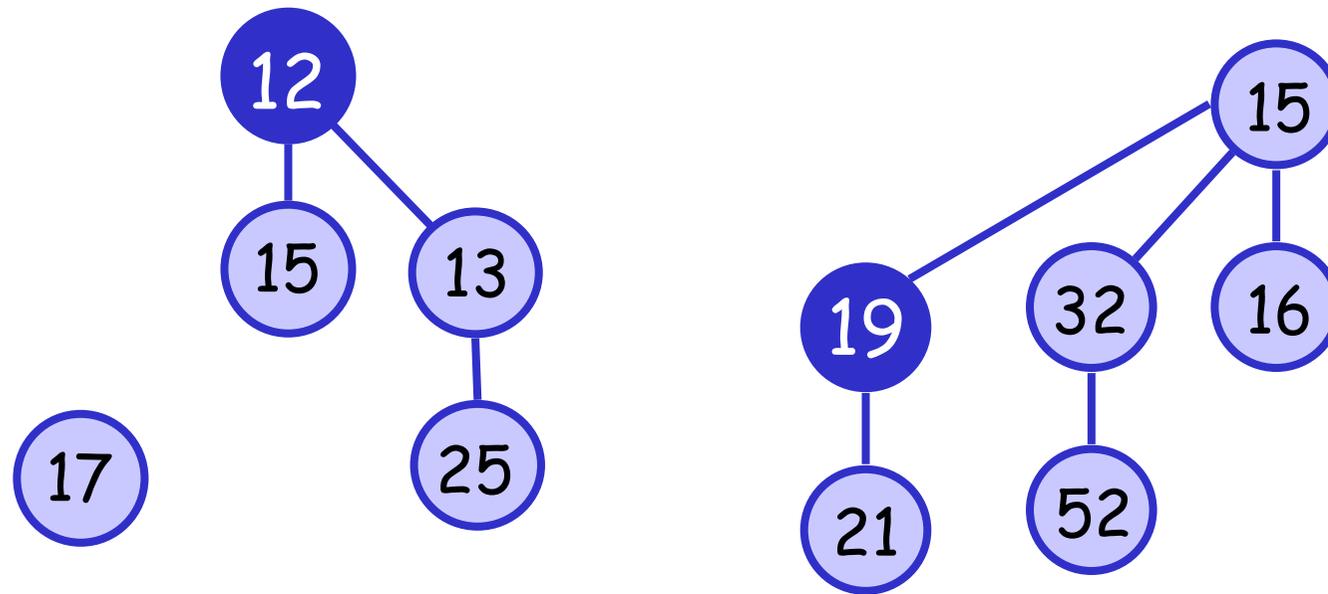


Marked node

# Extract-Min (Example)

## Step 2: Consolidation

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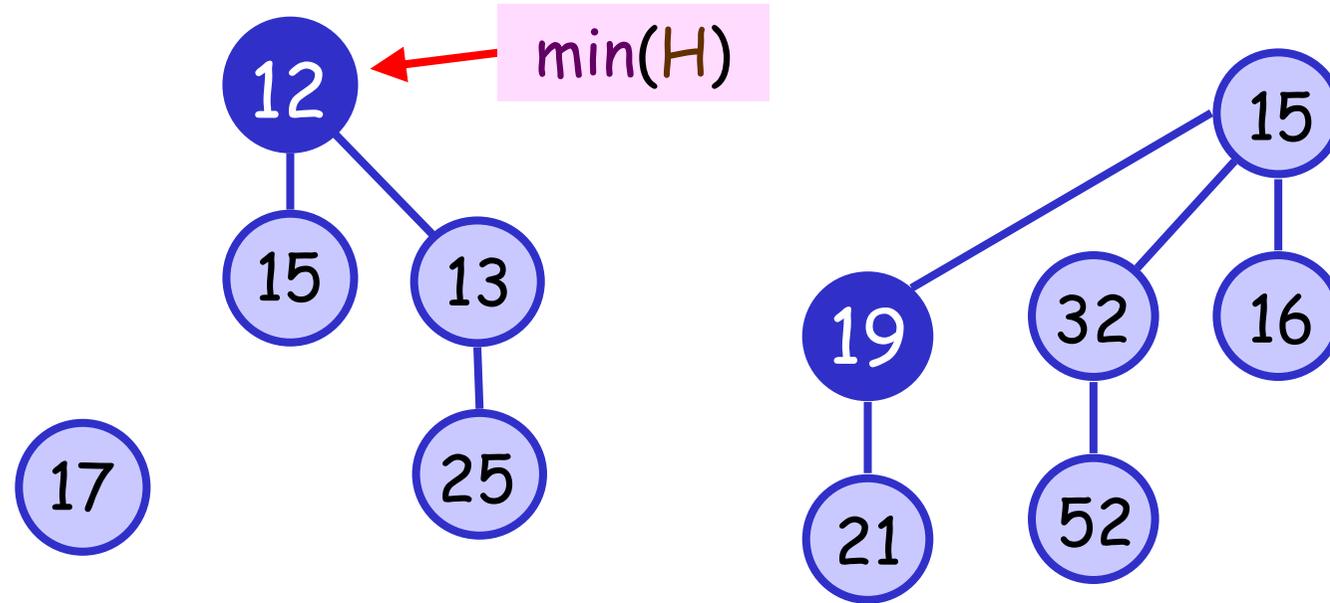


Marked node

# Extract-Min (Example)

Step 3: After consolidation, update  $\text{min}(H)$

H



Marked node

# More on Consolidation

- The consolidation step will examine each tree in  $H$  one by one, in arbitrary order
- To facilitate the step, we use an array of size  $\text{MaxDeg}(n)$

[ Recall:  $\text{MaxDeg}(n) \geq \max \text{deg of a node in final heap}$  ]

- At any time, we keep track of **at most** one tree of a particular degree
  - If there are two, we join their roots

# Amortized Cost

- Let  $H'$  denote the heap just before the Extract-Min operation

→ actual cost:  $t(H') + \text{MaxDeg}(n)$

potential before:  $t(H') + 2m(H')$

potential after:

at most  $\text{MaxDeg}(n) + 1 + 2m(H')$

[ since #trees  $\leq \text{MaxDeg}(n) + 1$ , and no new marked nodes ]

→ amortized cost  $\leq 2\text{MaxDeg}(n) + 1 = O(\log n)$