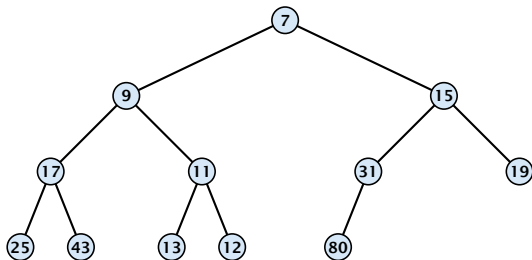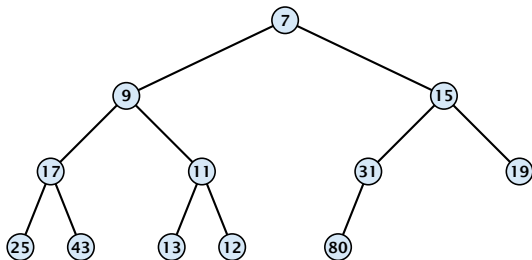# 8.1 Binary Heaps

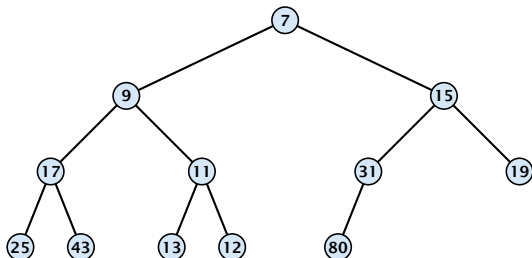# 8.1 Binary Heaps

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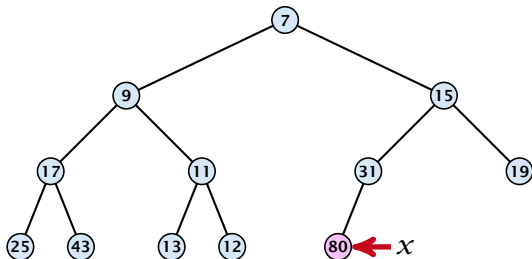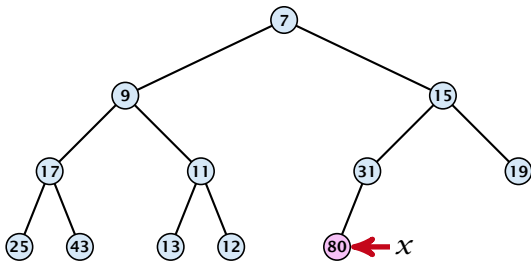Maintain a pointer to the last element x.

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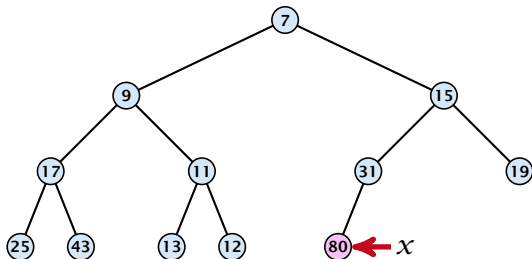 element

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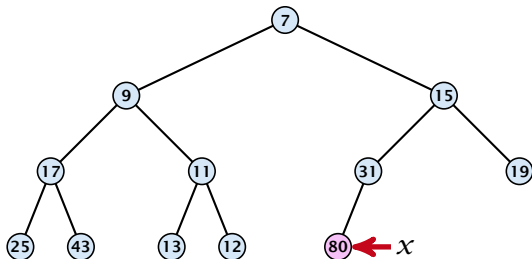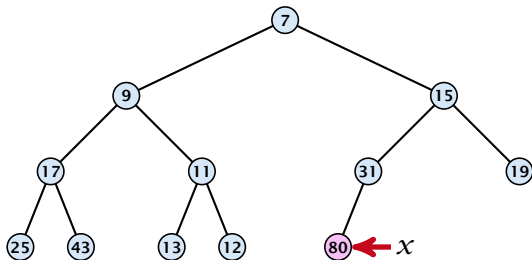if you hit the root on the way up, go to the rightmost
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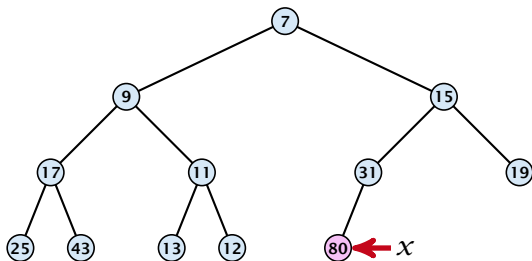Maintain a pointer to the last element x.

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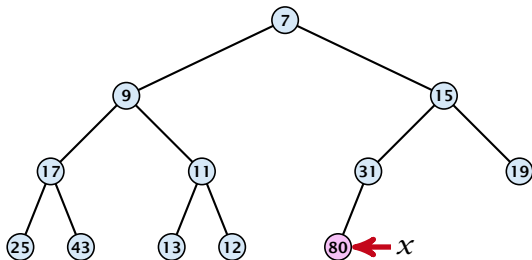element; insert a new element as a left child;

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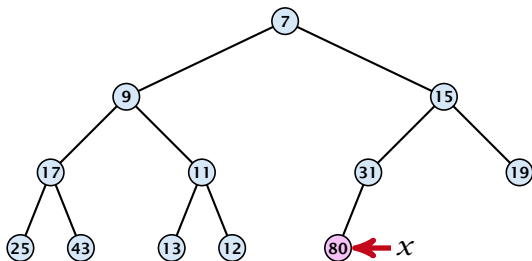 element; insert a new element as a left child;

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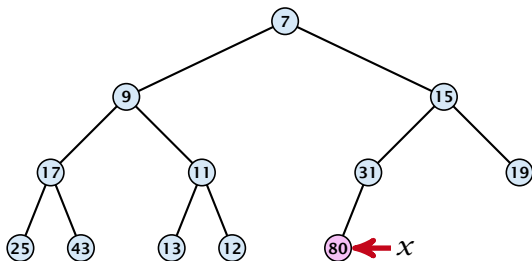
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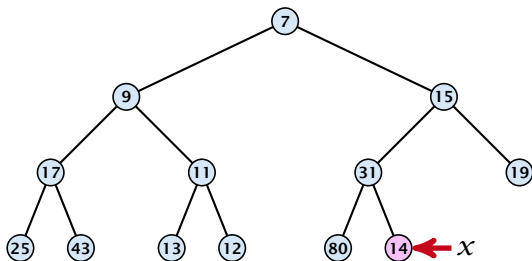element; insert a new element as a left child;

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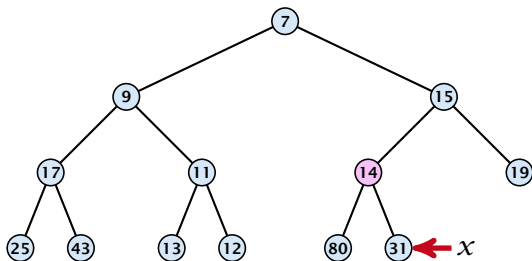
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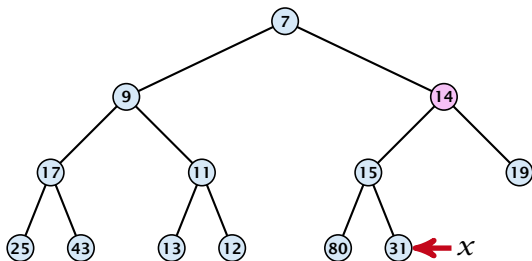
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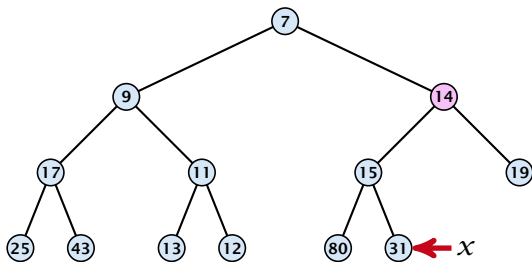
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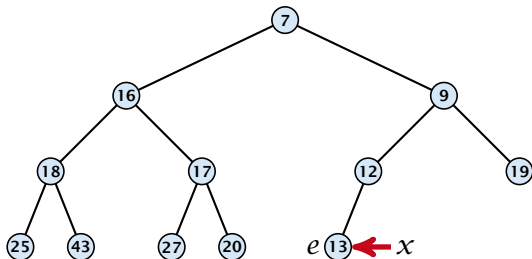
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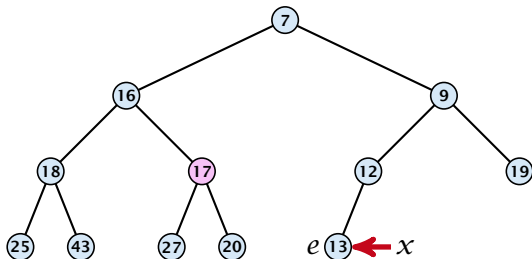
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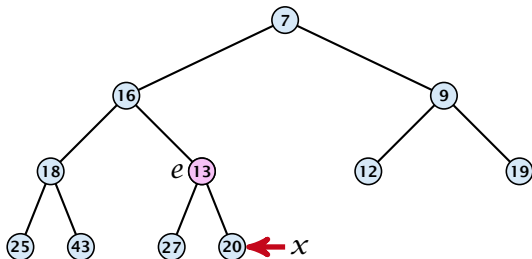
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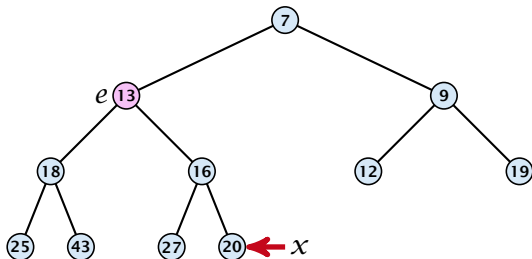
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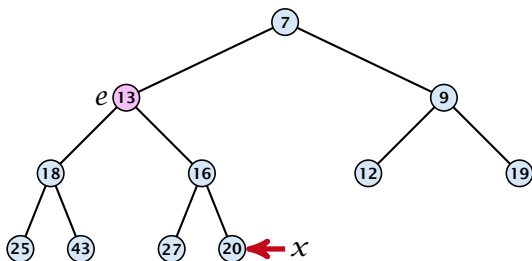
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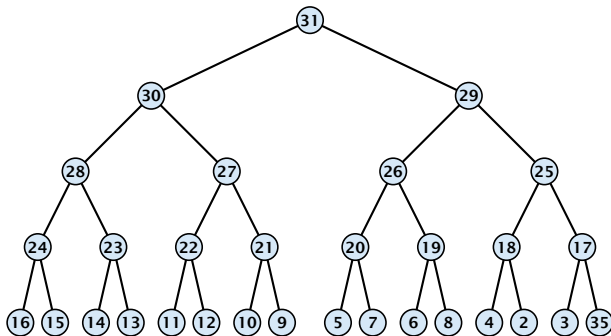
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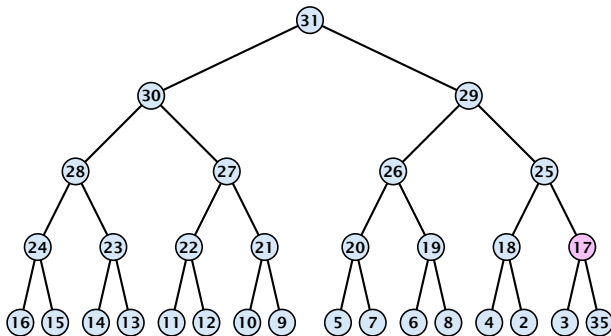
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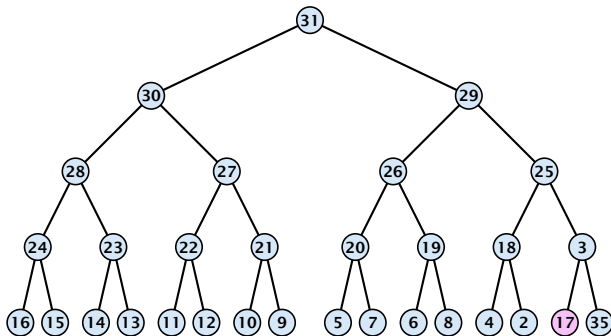
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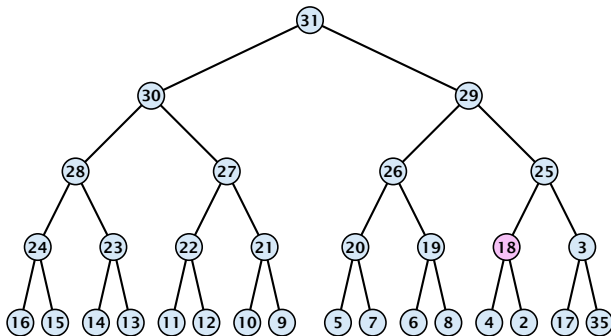
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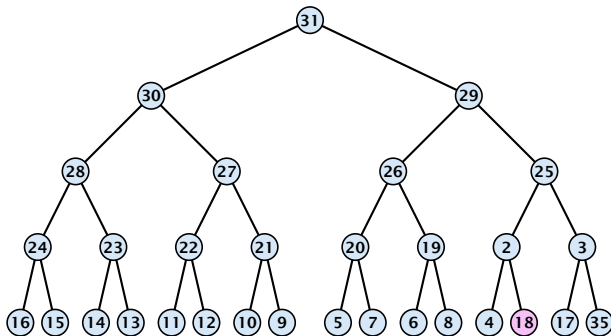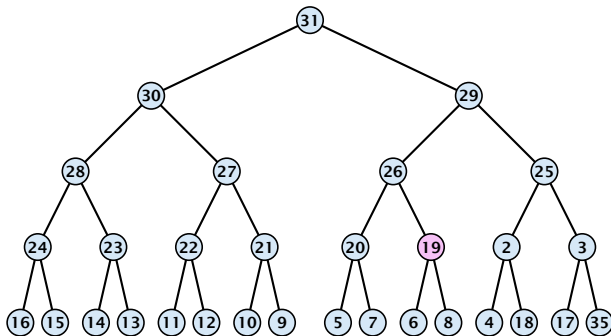
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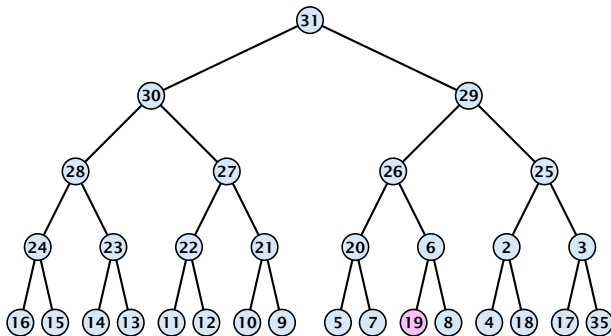
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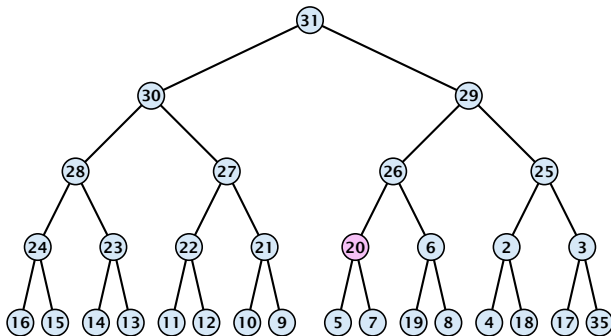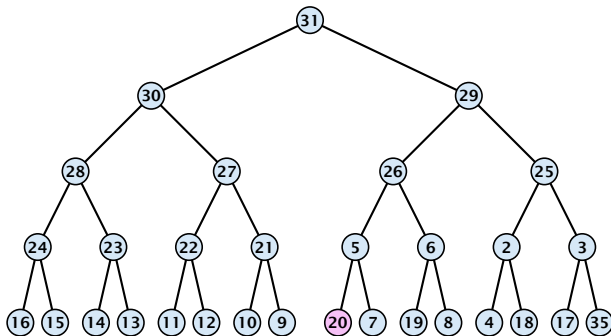
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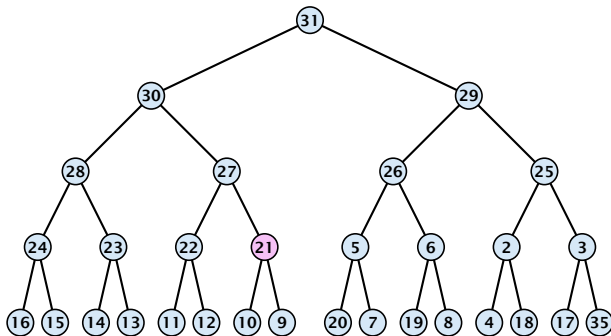
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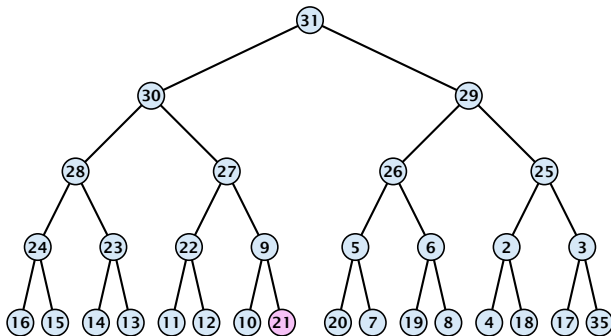8.1 Binary Heaps

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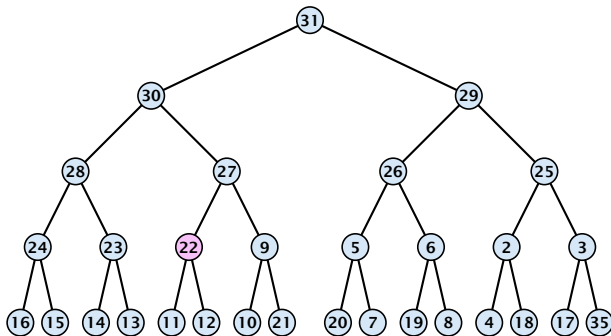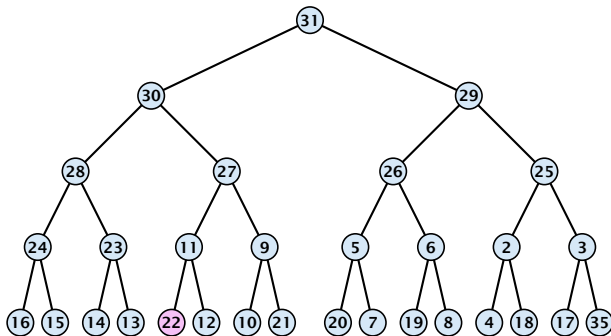# Build Heap

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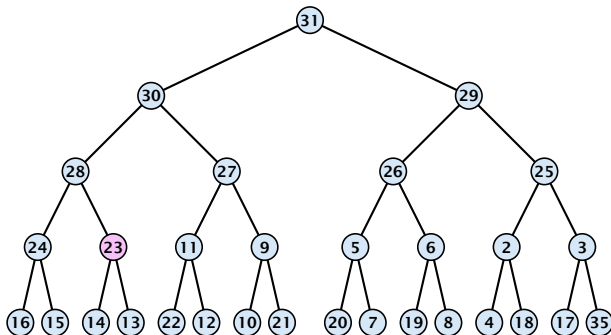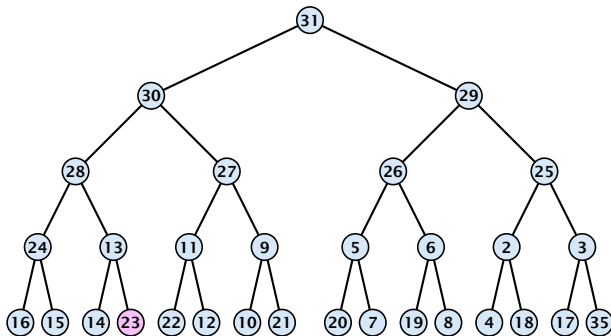
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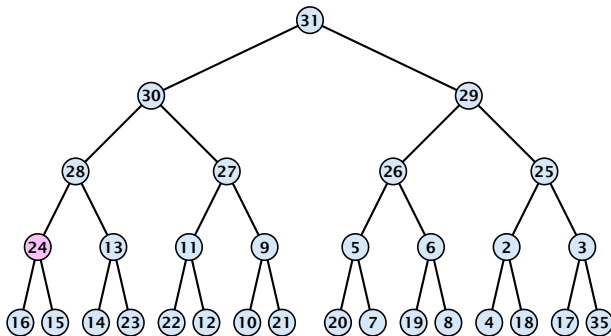
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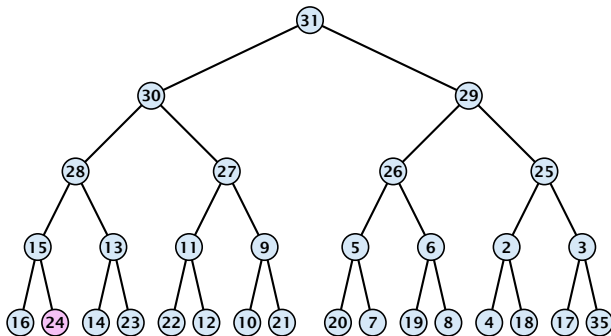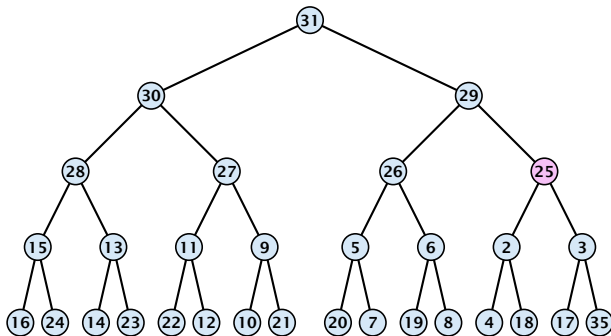
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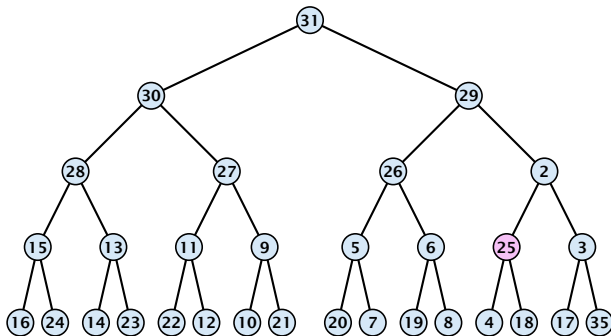
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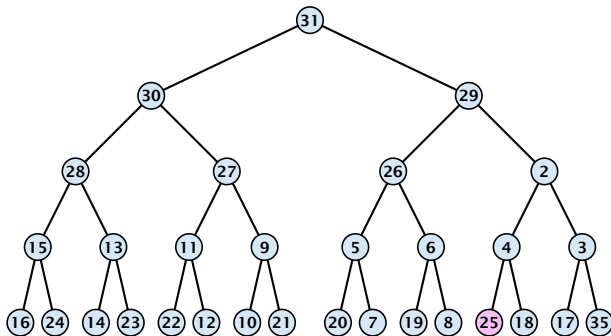
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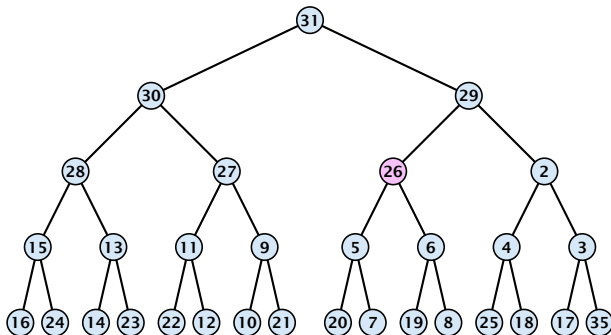
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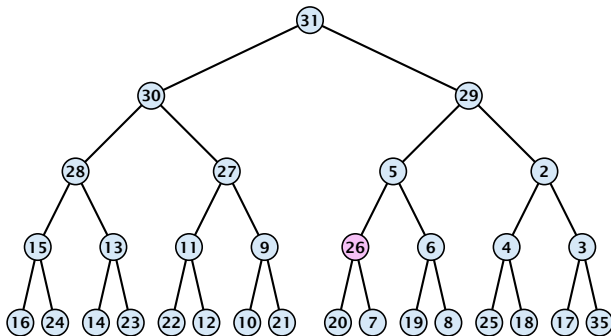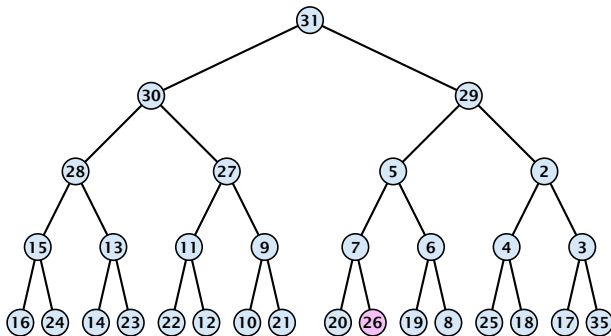
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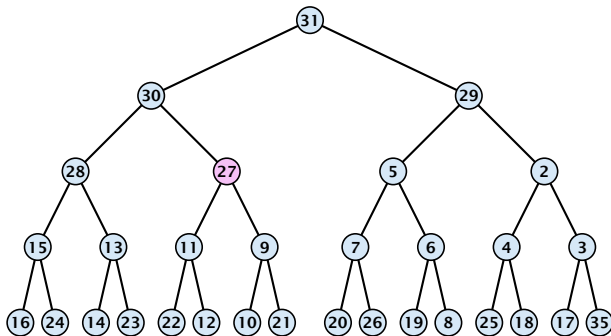
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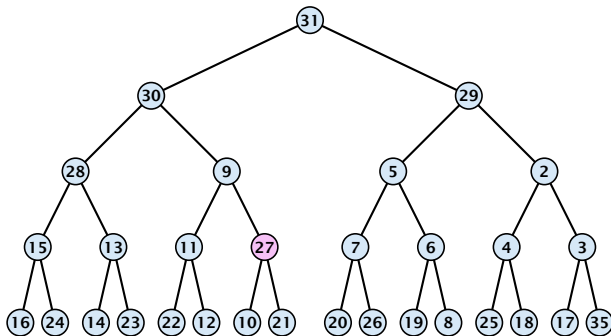
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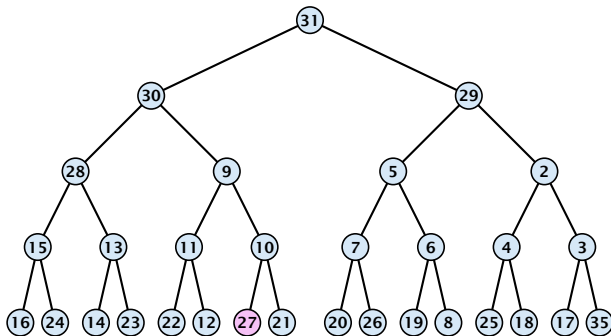
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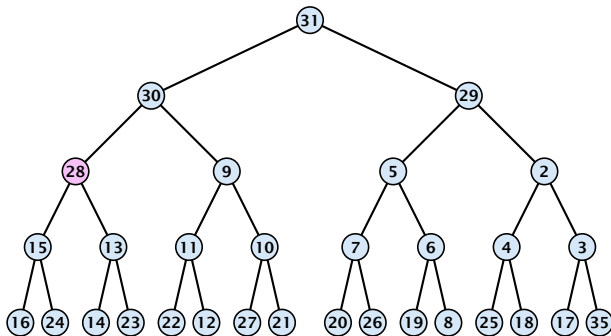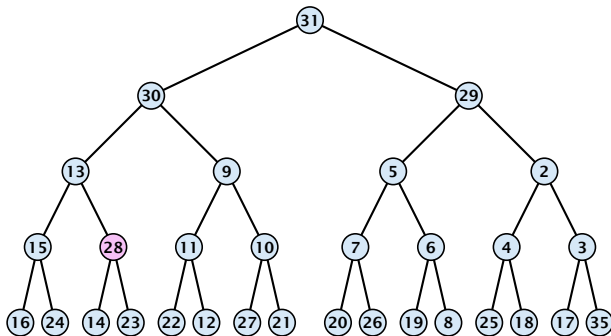
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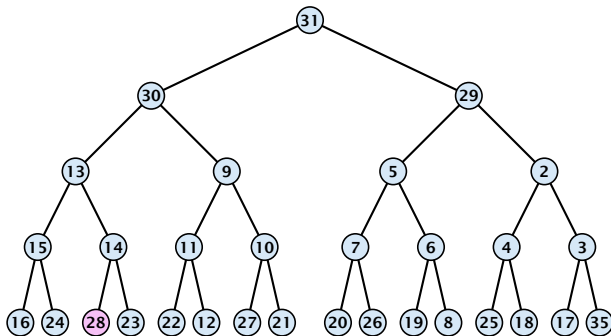
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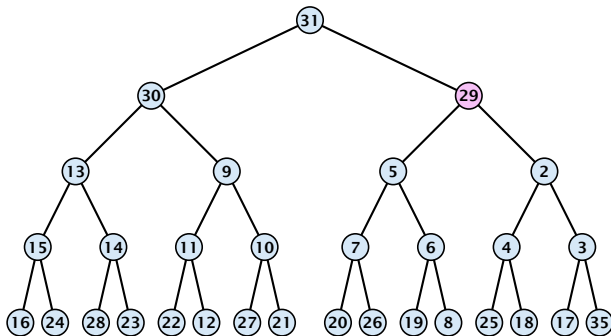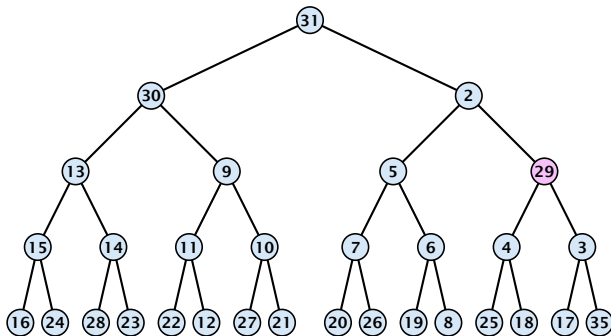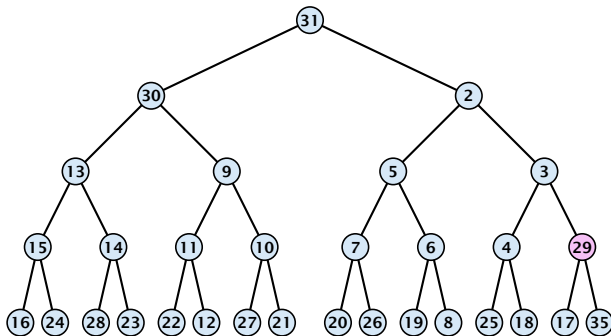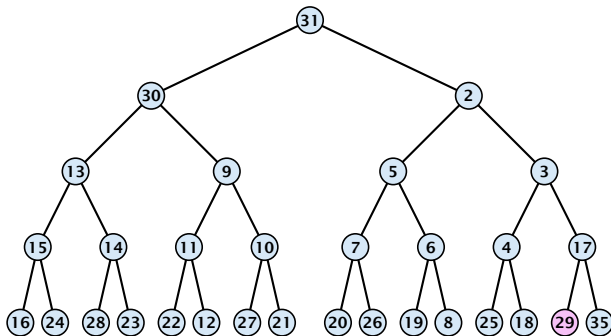
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Operations:

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- ▶ **is-empty():** Check whether root-pointer is null. Time $\mathcal{O}(1)$.
- ▶ **insert(k):** Insert at x and bubble up. Time $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$.
- ▶ **delete(h):** Swap with x and bubble up or sift-down. Time $\mathcal{O}(\log n)$.
- ▶ **build($x_1, \ldots, x_n$):** Insert elements arbitrarily; then do sift-down operations starting with the lowest layer in the tree. Time $\mathcal{O}(n)$.

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