

# Fibonacci Heaps

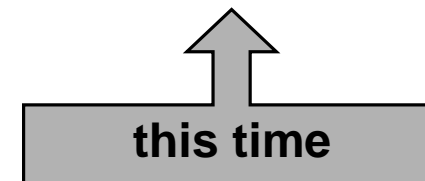


**These lecture slides are adapted  
from CLRS, Chapter 20.**

# Priority Queues

Operation	Linked List	Heaps			
		Binary	Binomial	Fibonacci †	Relaxed
make-heap	1	1	1	1	1
insert	1	log N	log N	1	1
find-min	N	1	log N	1	1
delete-min	N	log N	log N	log N	log N
union	1	N	log N	1	1
decrease-key	1	log N	log N	1	1
delete	N	log N	log N	log N	log N
is-empty	1	1	1	1	1

† amortized



# Fibonacci Heaps

## Fibonacci heap history. Fredman and Tarjan (1986)

- Ingenious data structure and analysis.
- Original motivation:  $O(m + n \log n)$  shortest path algorithm.
  - also led to faster algorithms for MST, weighted bipartite matching
- Still ahead of its time.

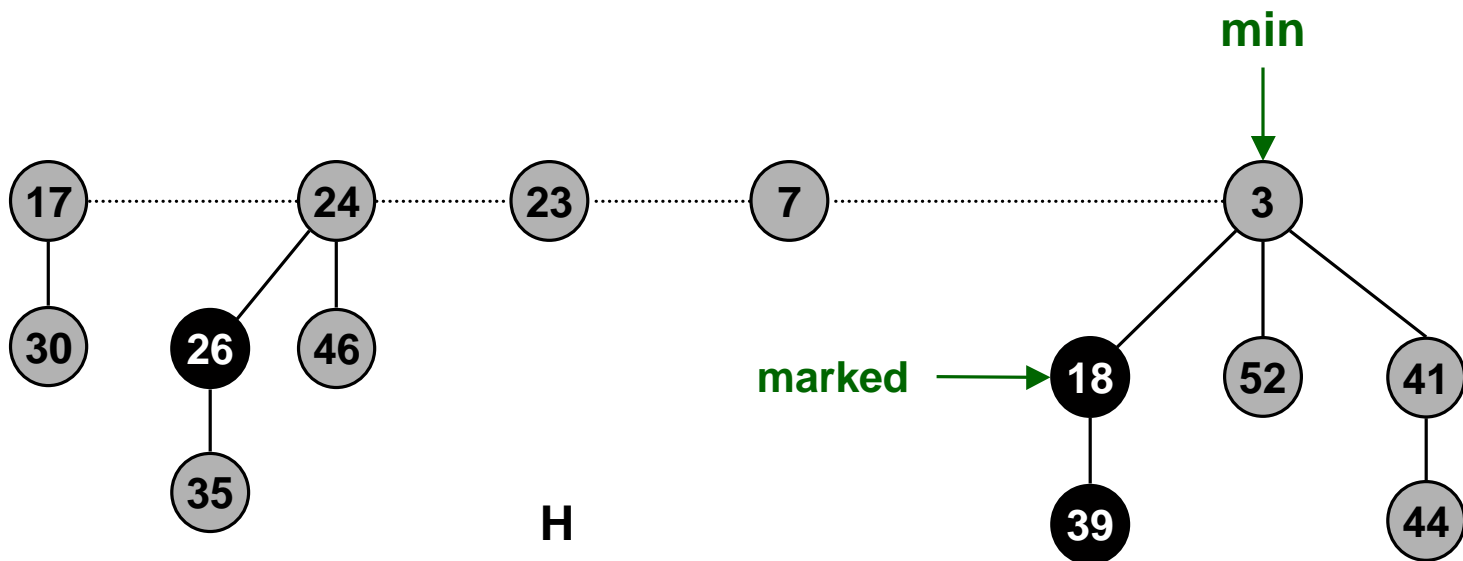
## Fibonacci heap intuition.

- Similar to binomial heaps, but less structured.
- Decrease-key and union run in  $O(1)$  time.
- "Lazy" unions.

# Fibonacci Heaps: Structure

## Fibonacci heap.

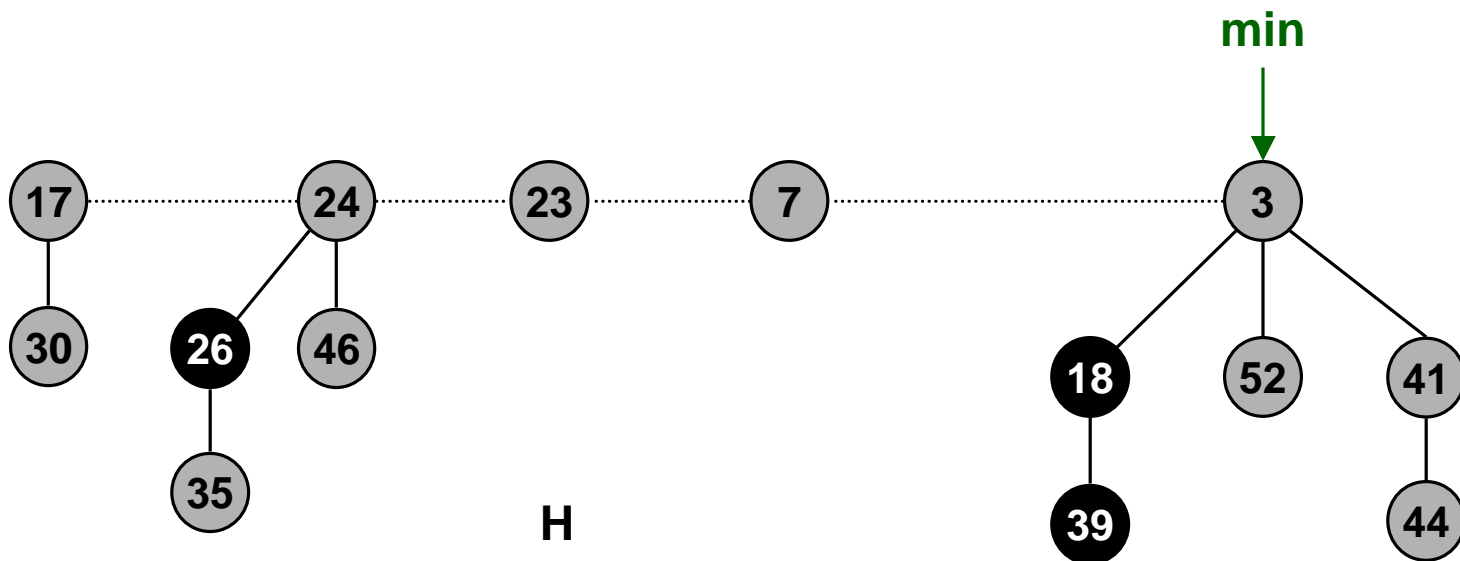
- Set of min-heap ordered trees.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Implementation

## Implementation.

- Represent trees using left-child, right sibling pointers and circular, doubly linked list.
  - can quickly splice off subtrees
- Roots of trees connected with circular doubly linked list.
  - fast union
- Pointer to root of tree with min element.
  - fast find-min



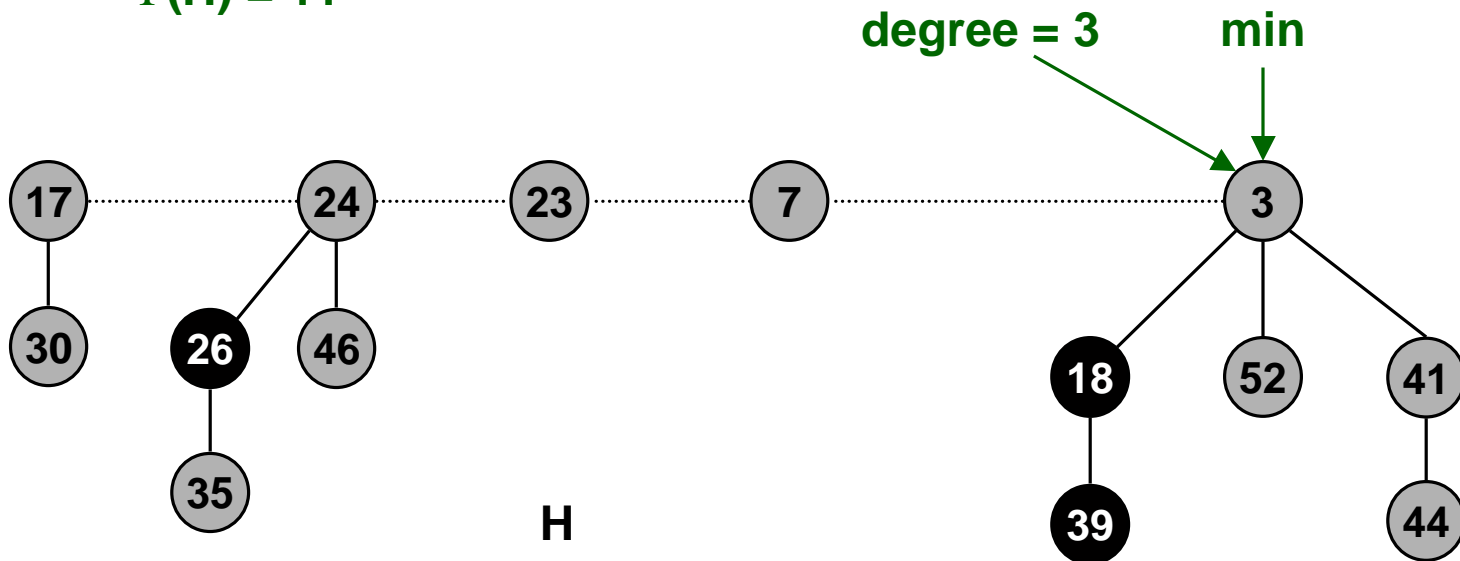
# Fibonacci Heaps: Potential Function

## Key quantities.

- Degree[x] = degree of node x.
- Mark[x] = mark of node x (black or gray).
- $t(H)$  = # trees.
- $m(H)$  = # marked nodes.
- $\Phi(H) = t(H) + 2m(H)$  = potential function.

$$t(H) = 5, m(H) = 3$$

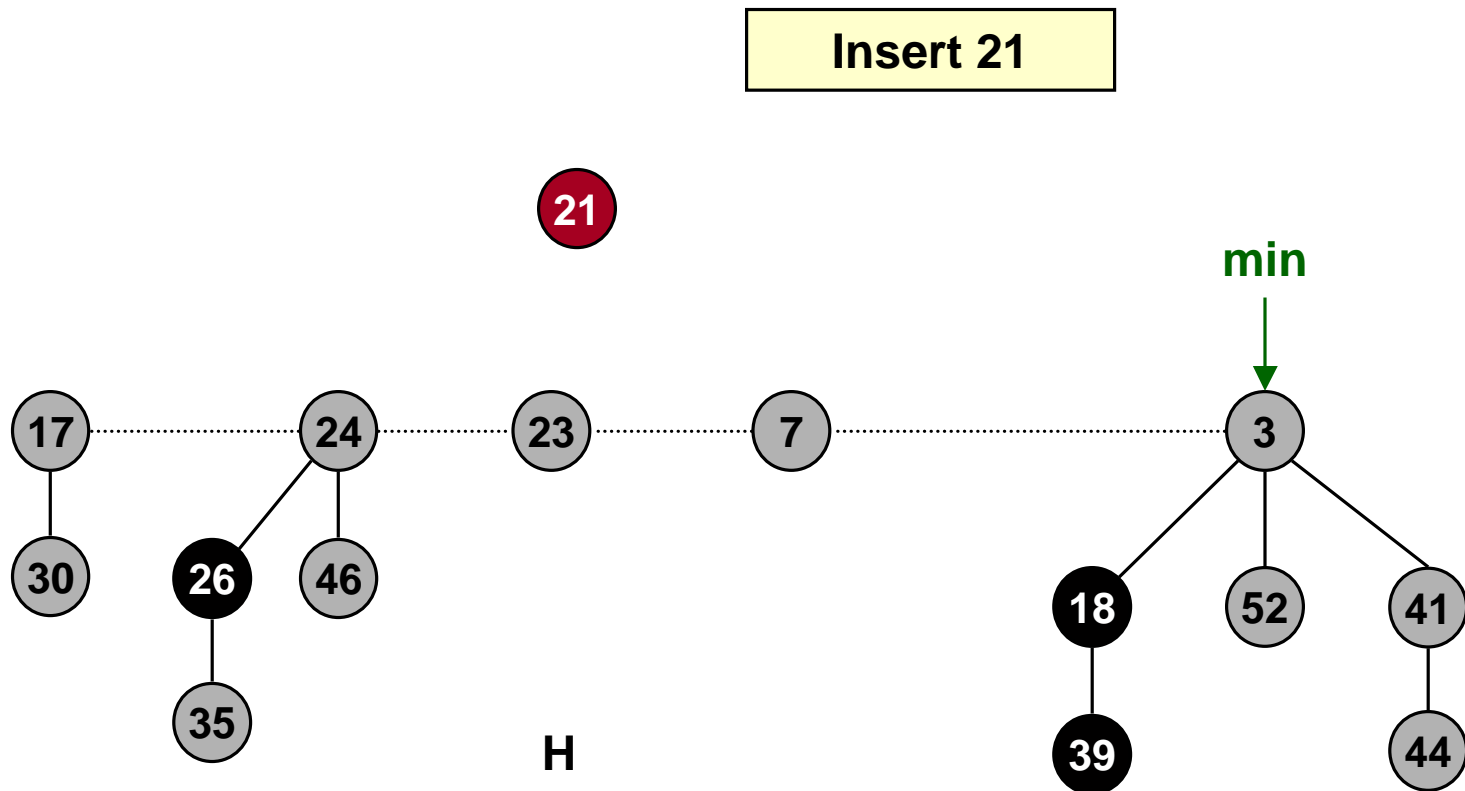
$$\Phi(H) = 11$$



# Fibonacci Heaps: Insert

## Insert.

- Create a new singleton tree.
- Add to left of min pointer.
- Update min pointer.

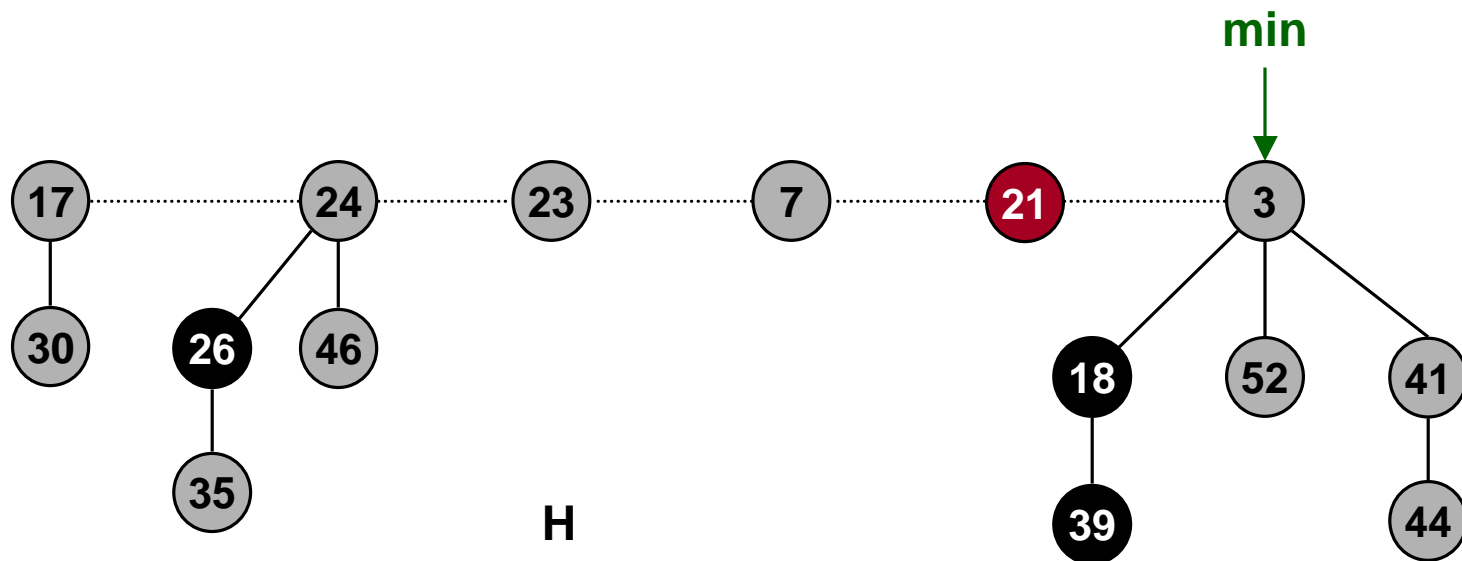


# Fibonacci Heaps: Insert

## Insert.

- Create a new singleton tree.
- Add to left of min pointer.
- Update min pointer.

Insert 21





# Fibonacci Heaps: Insert

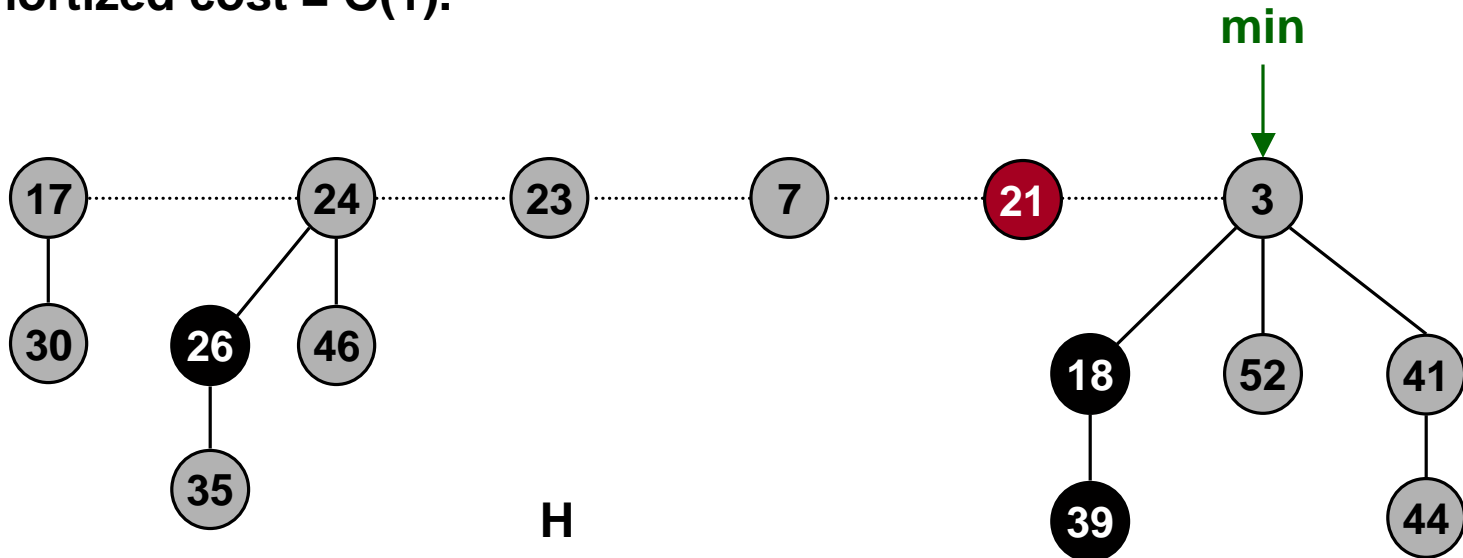
## Insert.

- Create a new singleton tree.
- Add to left of min pointer.
- Update min pointer.

## Running time. $O(1)$ amortized

- Actual cost =  $O(1)$ .
- Change in potential = +1.
- Amortized cost =  $O(1)$ .

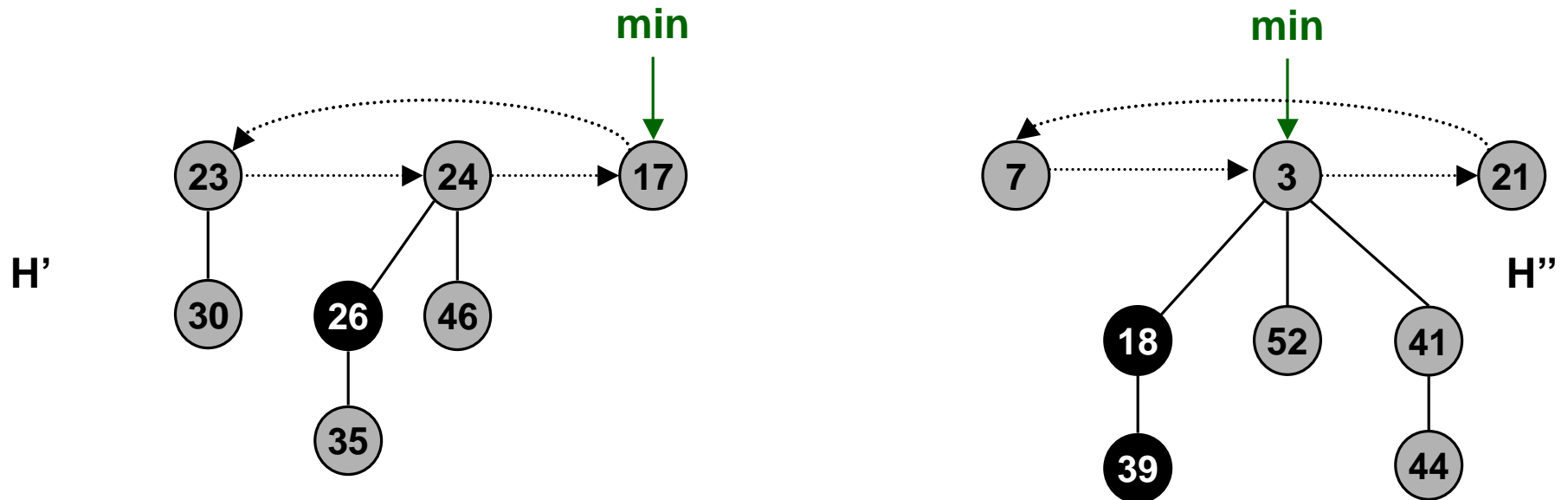
Insert 21



# Fibonacci Heaps: Union

## Union.

- Concatenate two Fibonacci heaps.
- Root lists are circular, doubly linked lists.



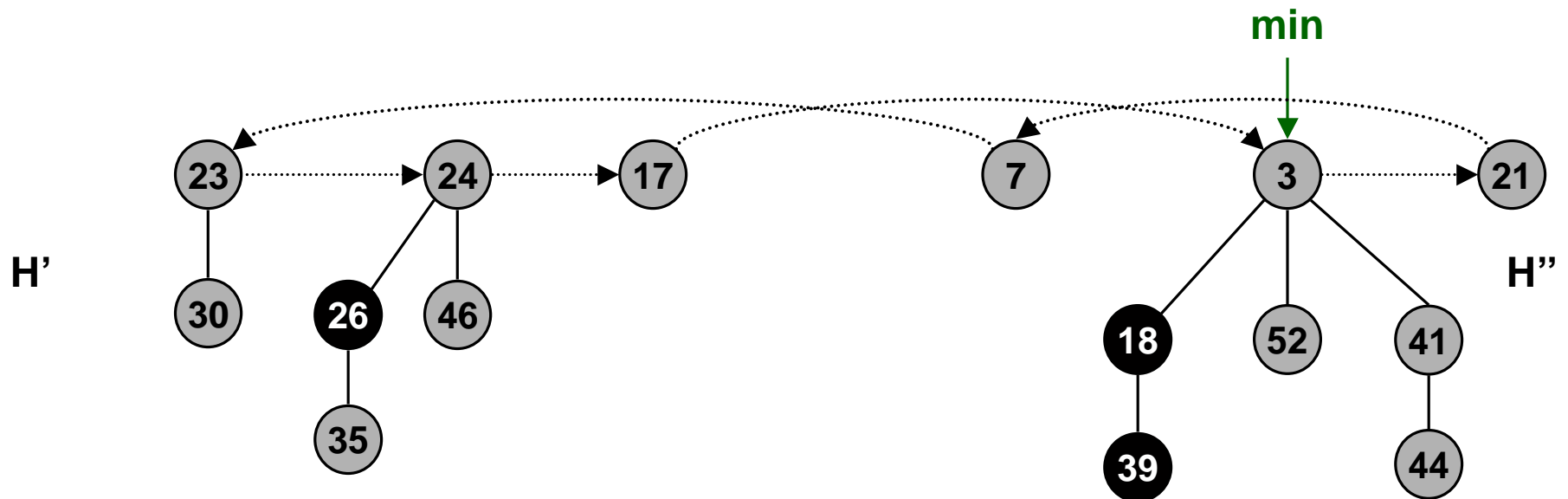
# Fibonacci Heaps: Union

## Union.

- Concatenate two Fibonacci heaps.
- Root lists are circular, doubly linked lists.

## Running time. $O(1)$ amortized

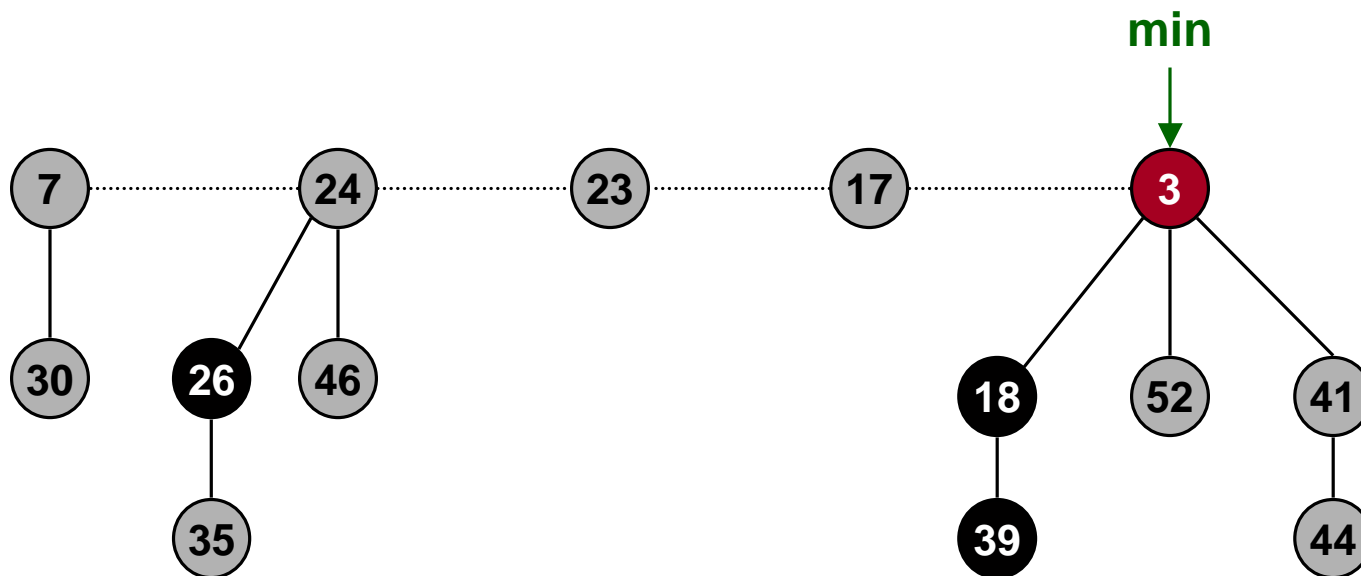
- Actual cost =  $O(1)$ .
- Change in potential = 0.
- Amortized cost =  $O(1)$ .



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

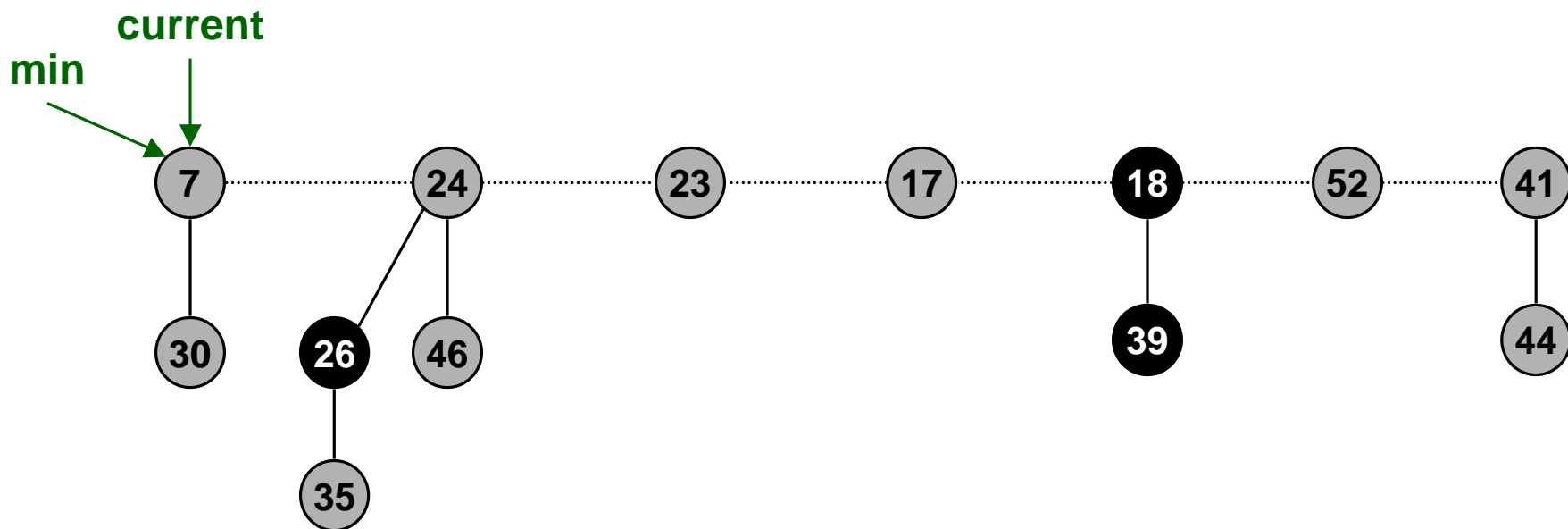
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

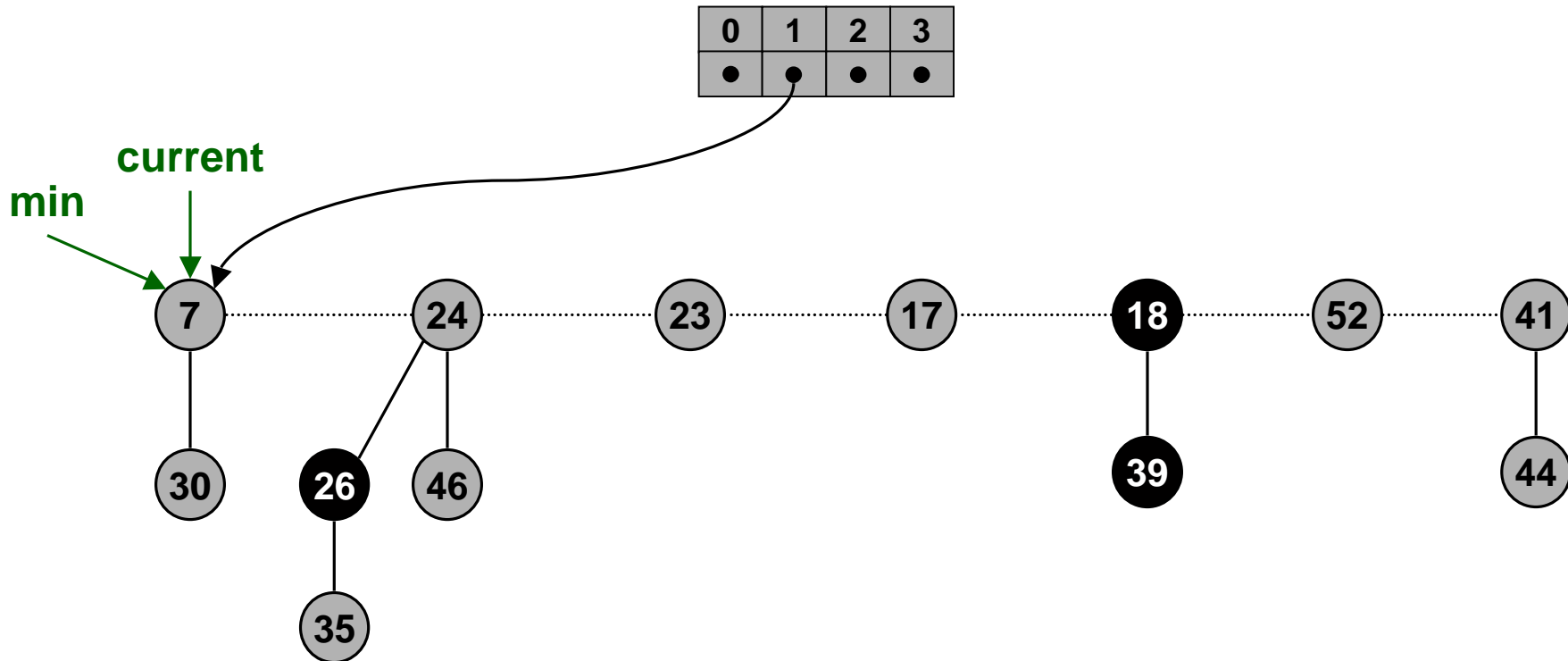
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

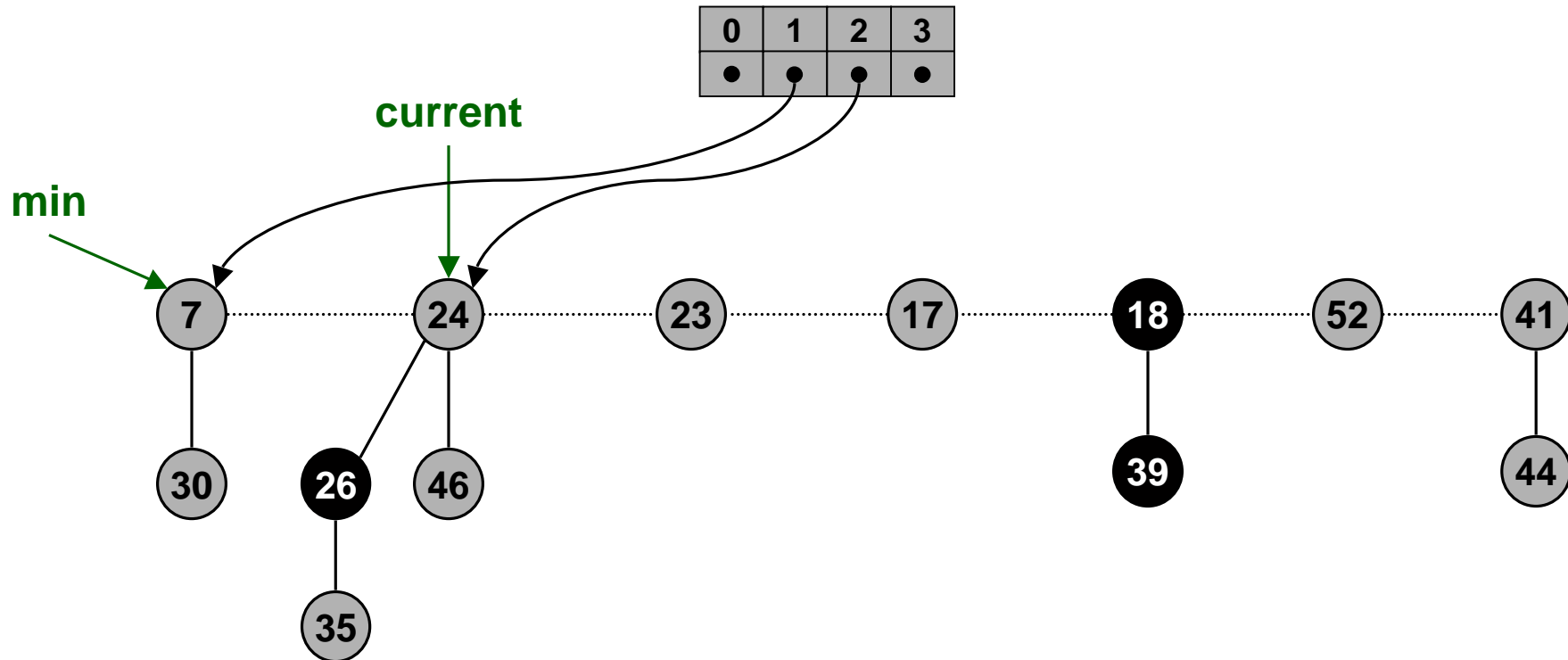
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

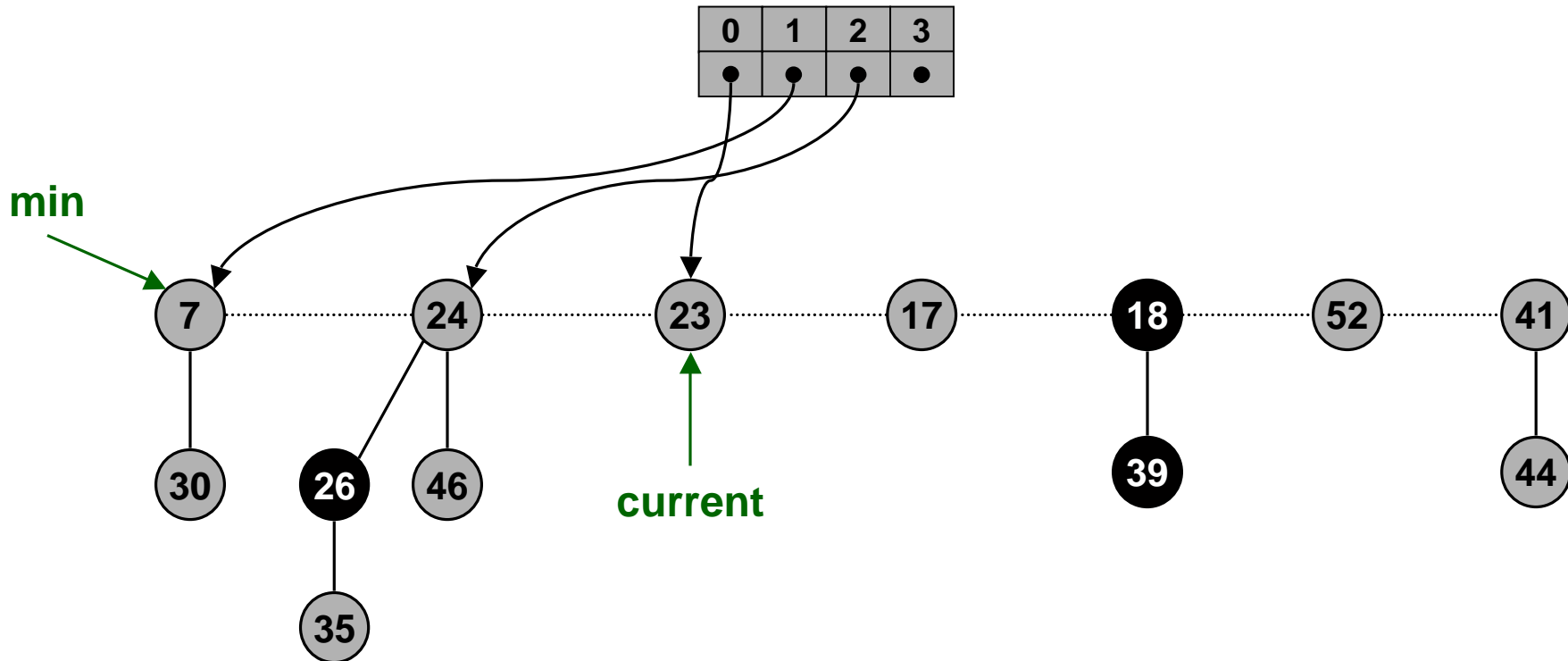
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.

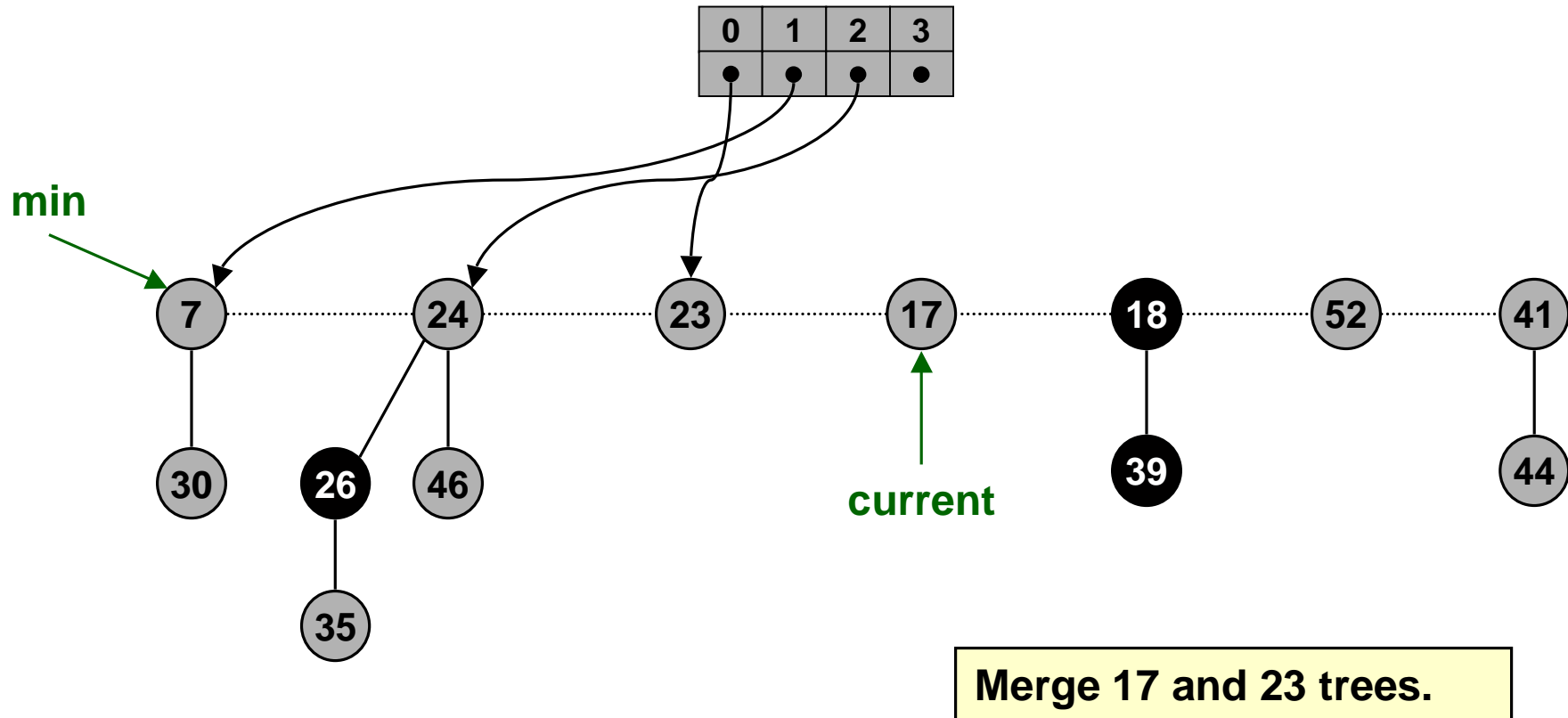




# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

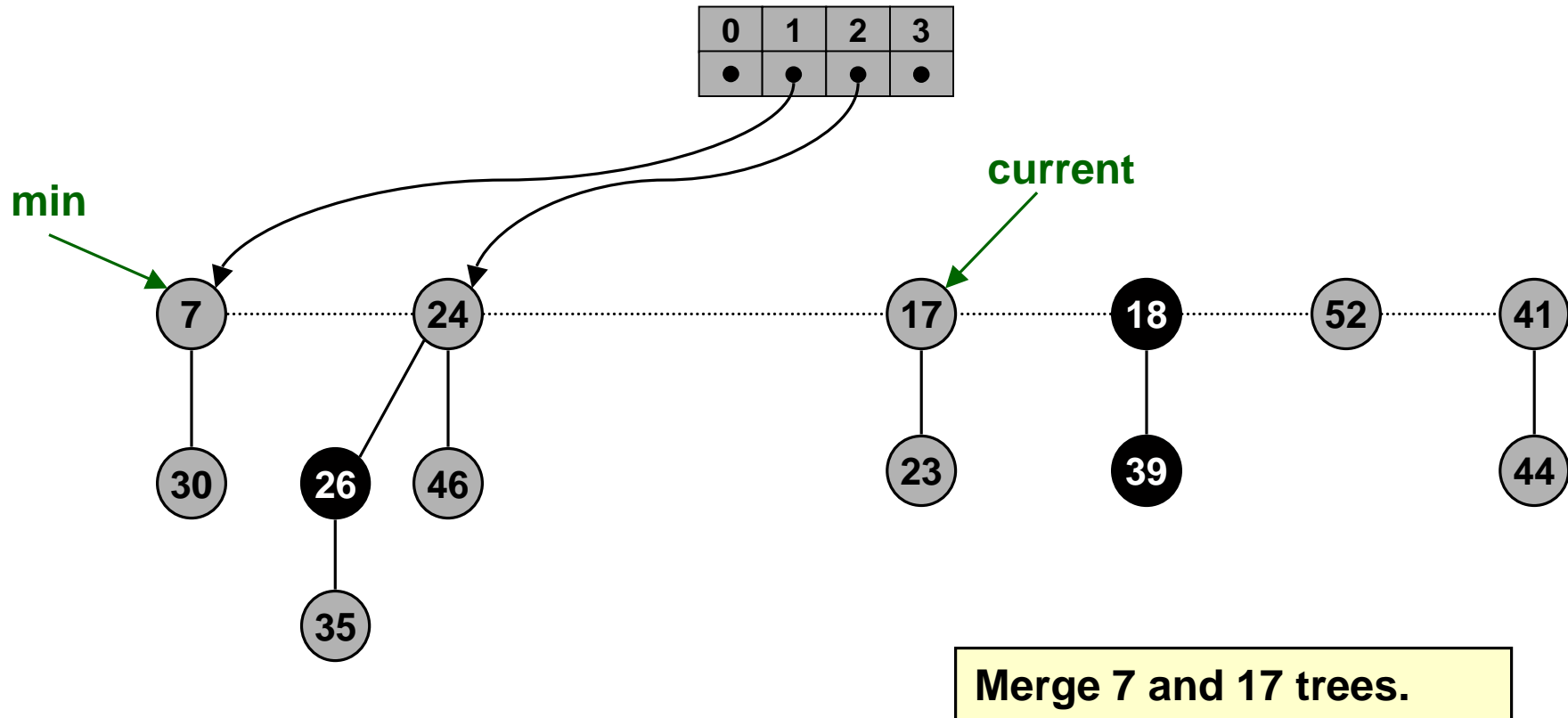
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

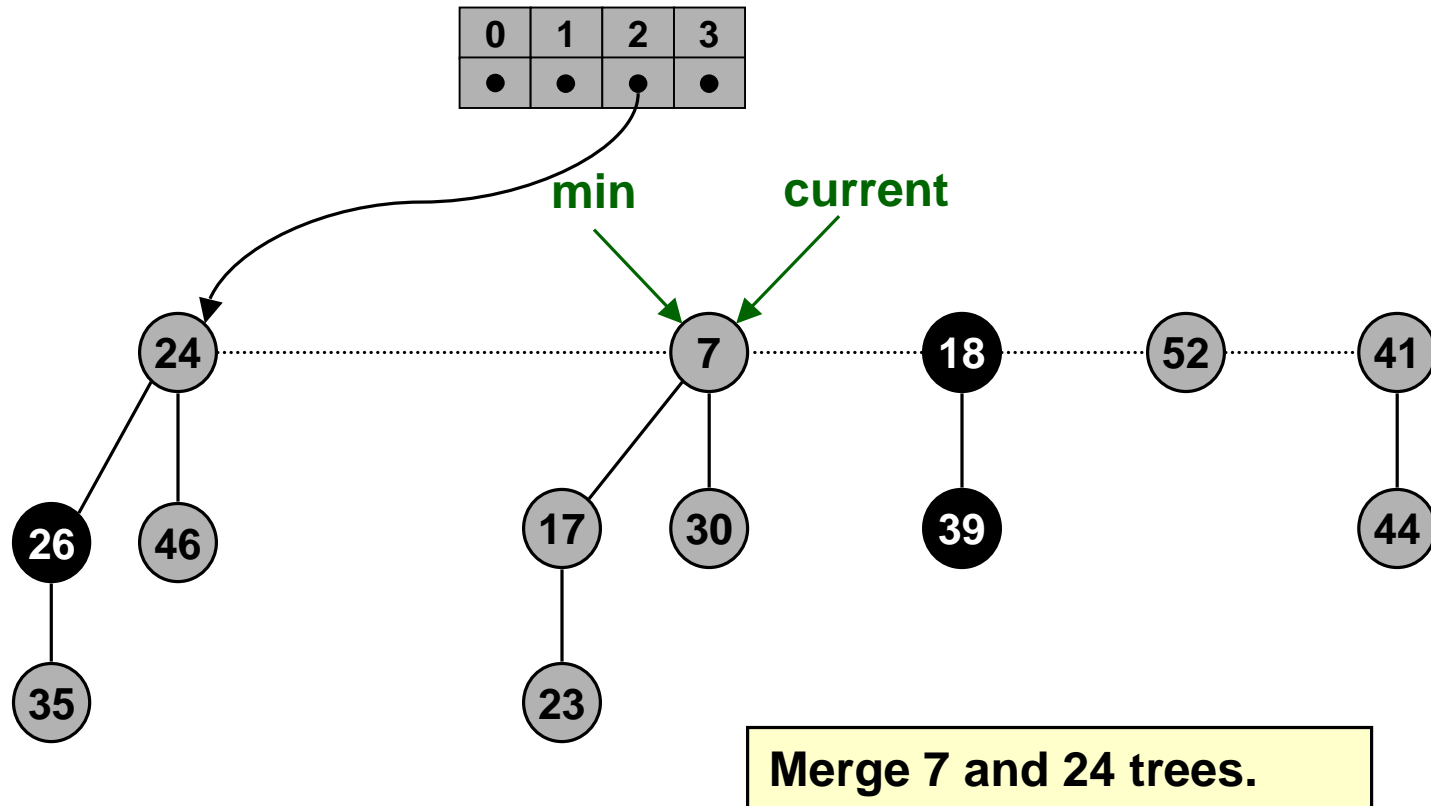
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

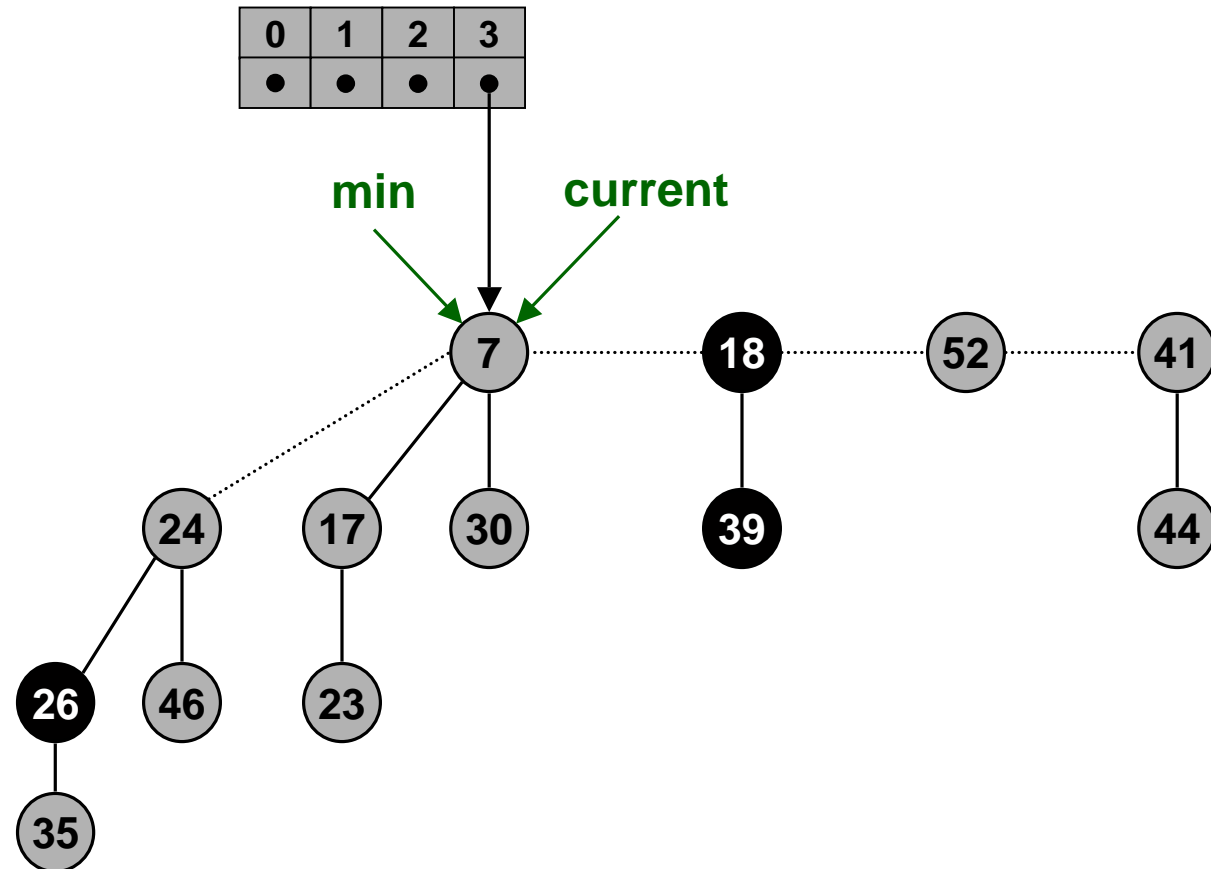
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

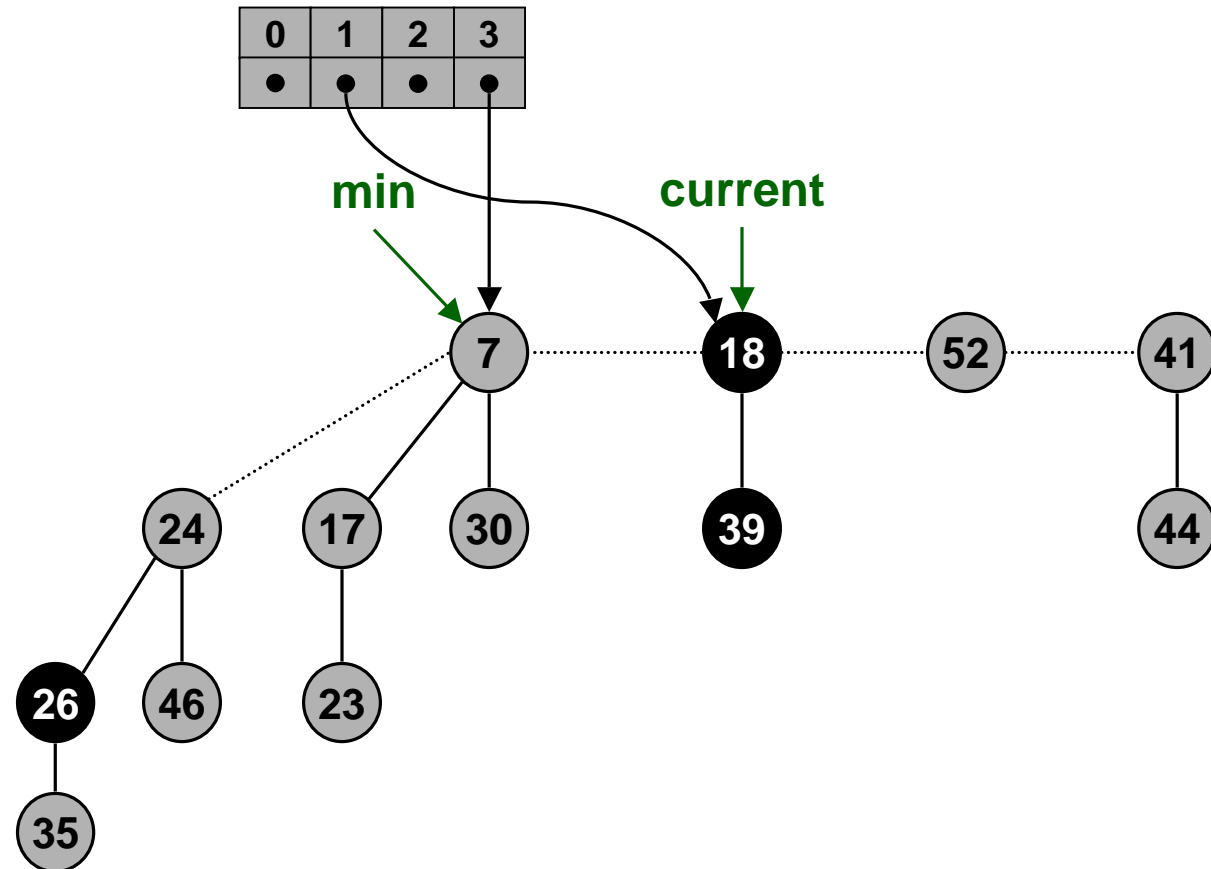
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

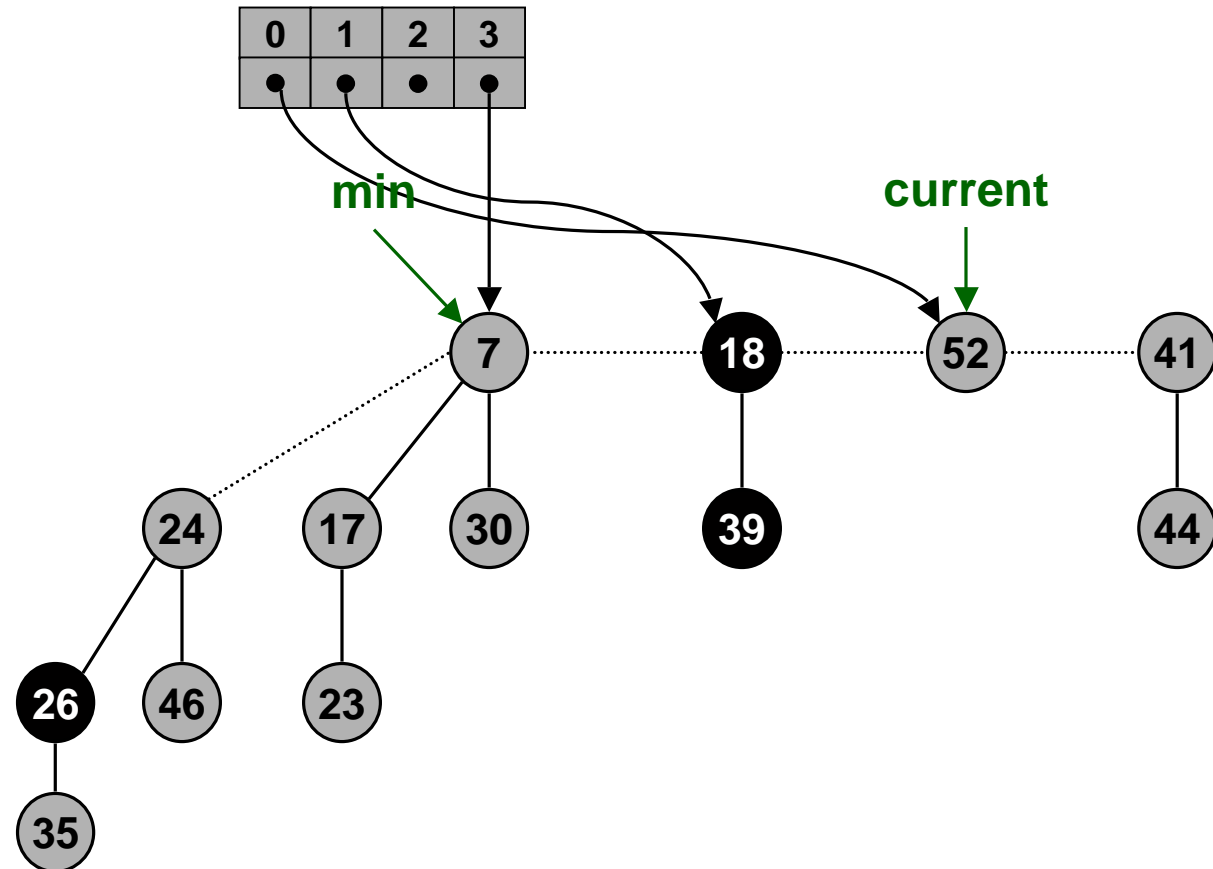
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

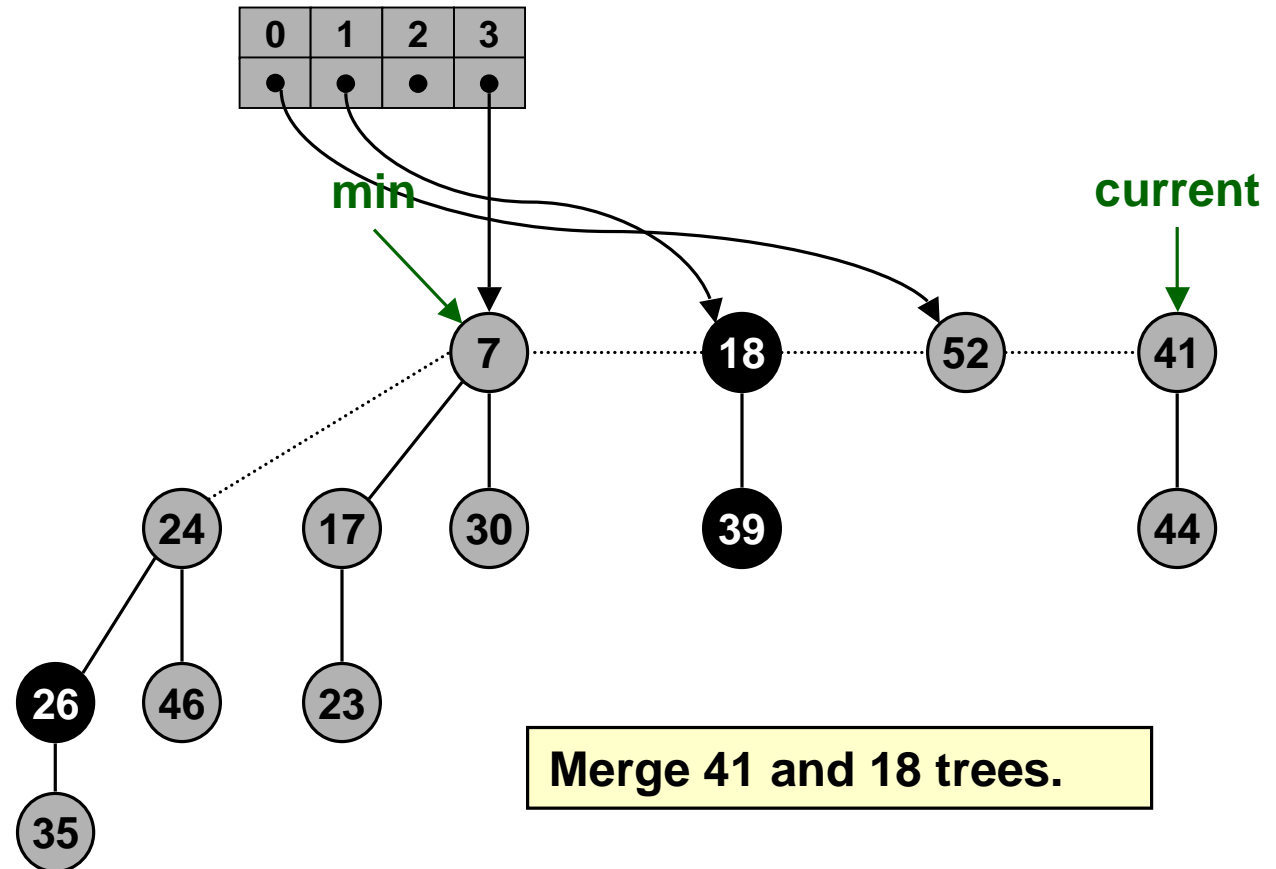
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

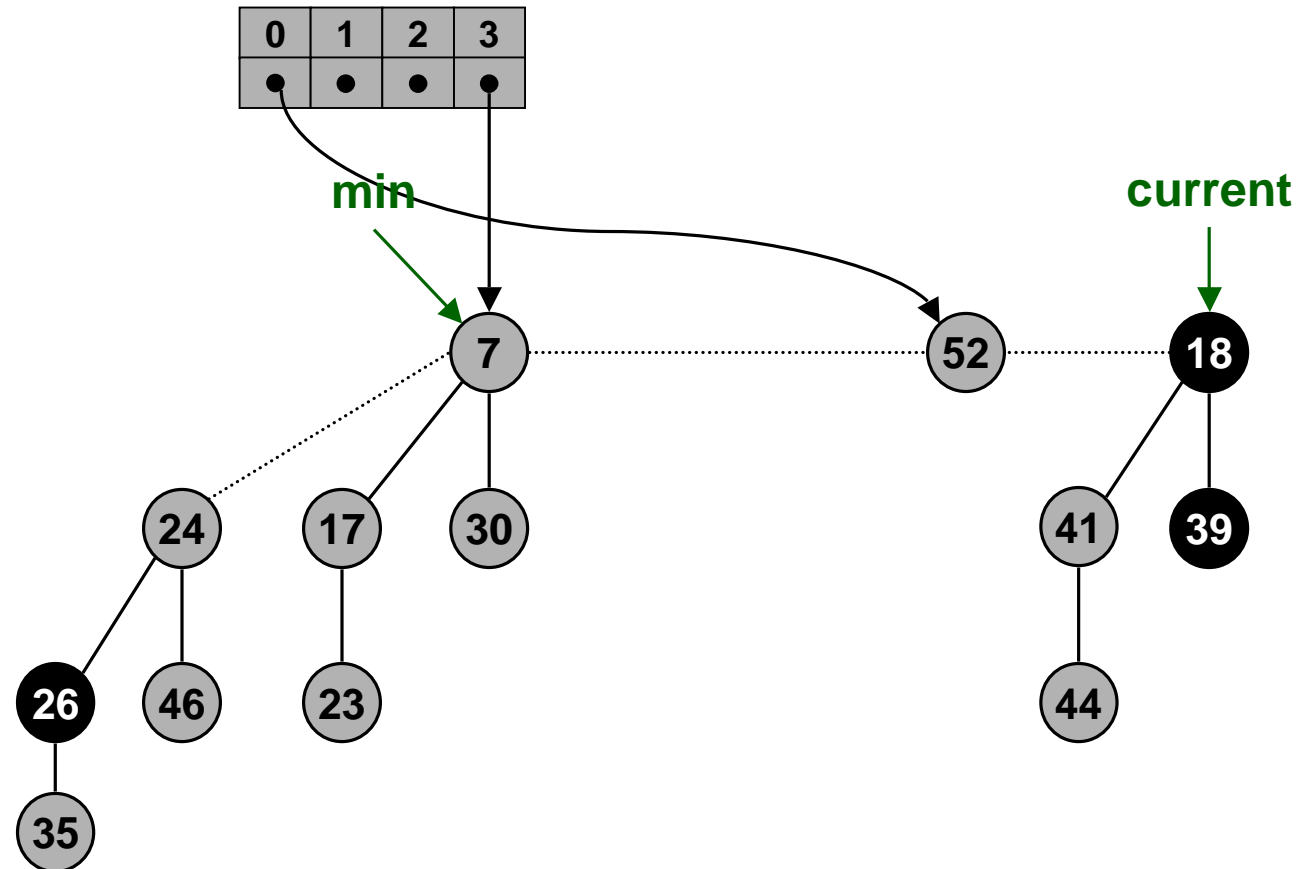
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.

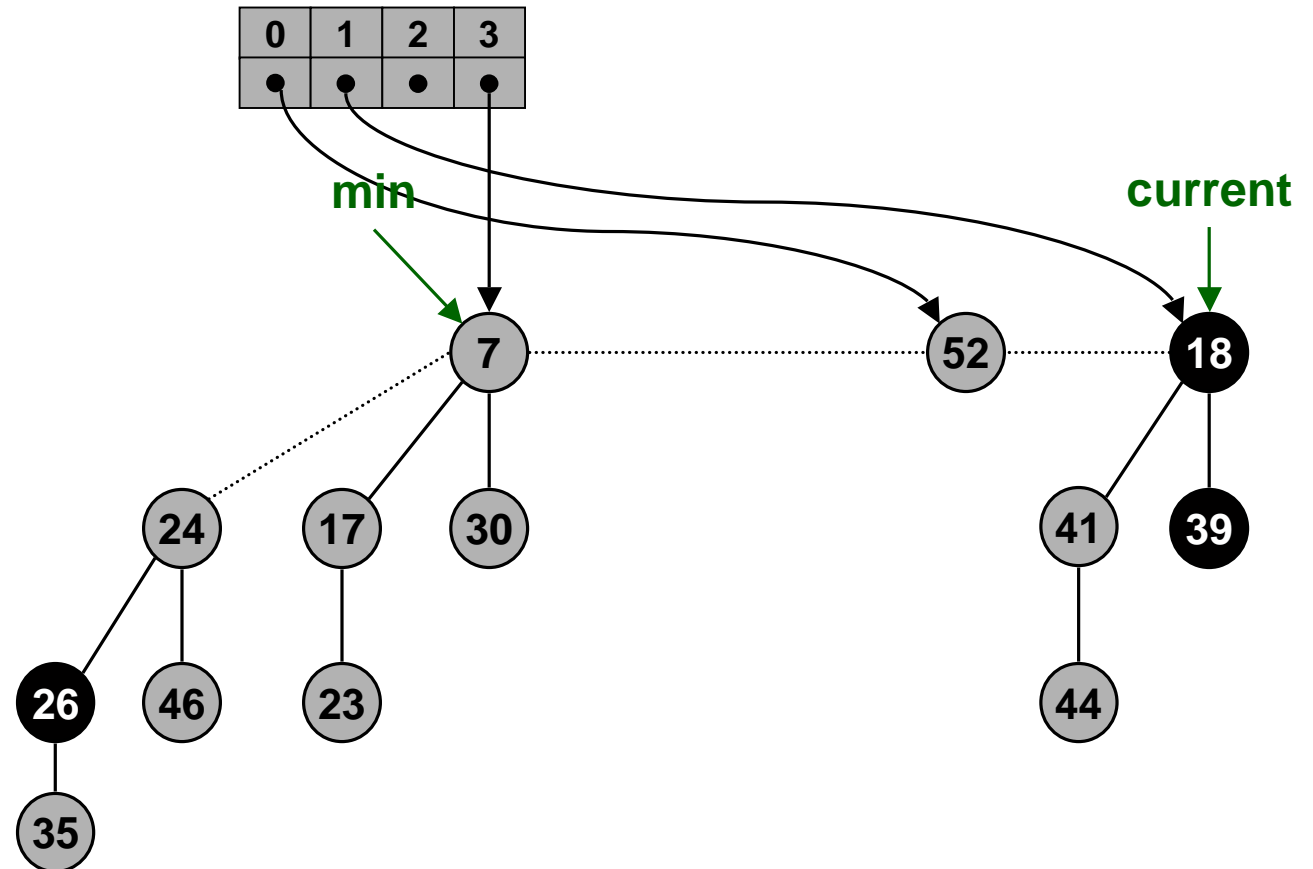




# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

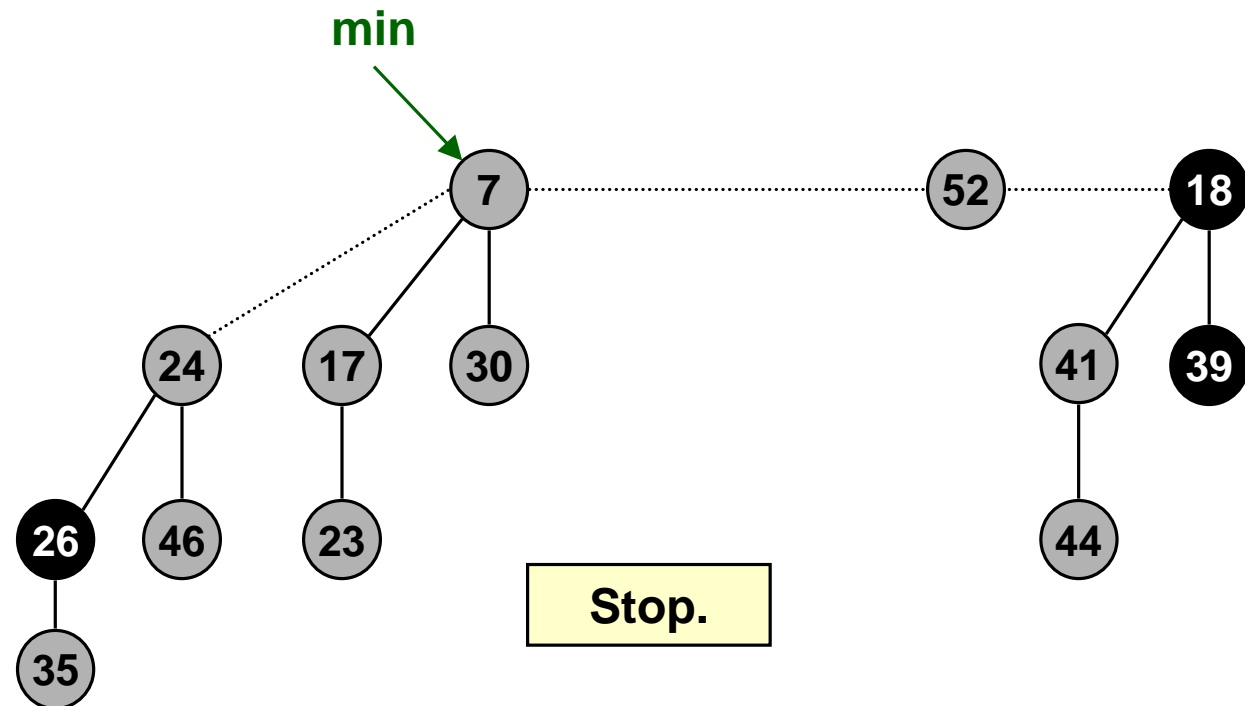
- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min

## Delete min.

- Delete min and concatenate its children into root list.
- Consolidate trees so that no two roots have same degree.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min Analysis

## Notation.

- $D(n)$  = max degree of any node in Fibonacci heap with  $n$  nodes.
- $t(H)$  = # trees in heap  $H$ .
- $\Phi(H) = t(H) + 2m(H)$ .

## Actual cost. $O(D(n) + t(H))$

- $O(D(n))$  work adding min's children into root list and updating min.
  - at most  $D(n)$  children of min node
- $O(D(n) + t(H))$  work consolidating trees.
  - work is proportional to size of root list since number of roots decreases by one after each merging
  - $\leq D(n) + t(H) - 1$  root nodes at beginning of consolidation

## Amortized cost. $O(D(n))$

- $t(H') \leq D(n) + 1$  since no two trees have same degree.
- $\Delta\Phi(H) \leq D(n) + 1 - t(H)$ .

# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete Min Analysis

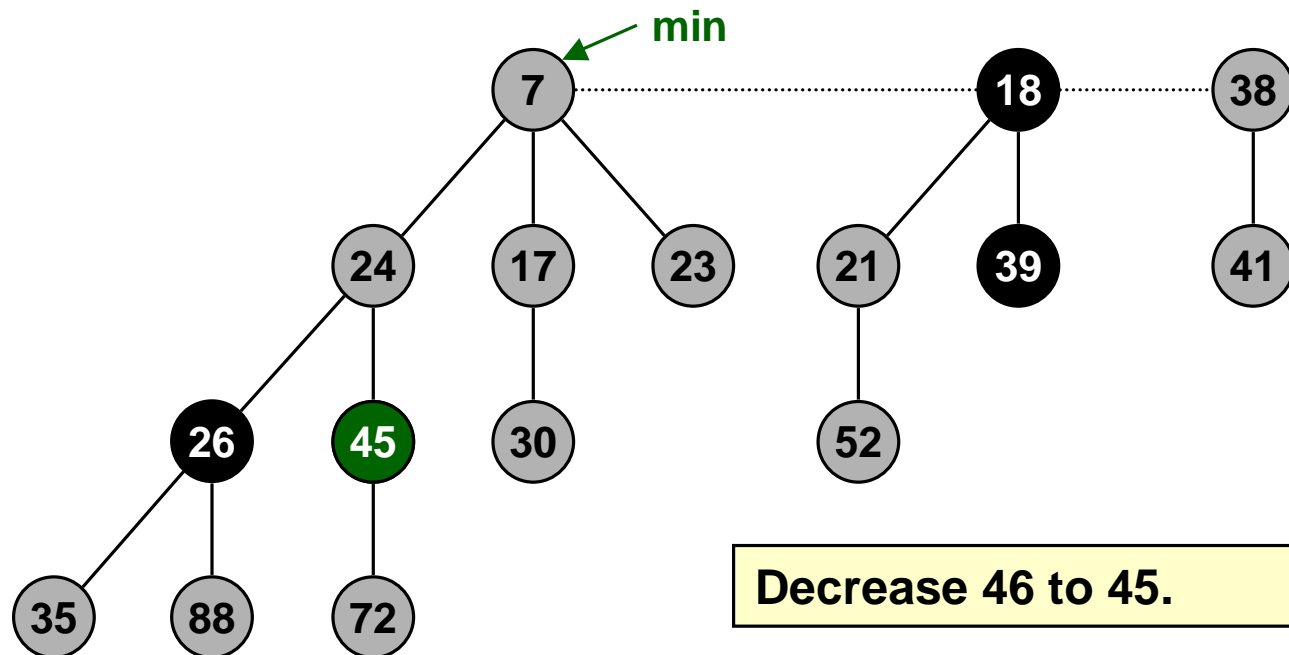
Is amortized cost of  $O(D(n))$  good?

- Yes, if only Insert, Delete-min, and Union operations supported.
  - in this case, Fibonacci heap contains only binomial trees since we only merge trees of equal root degree
  - this implies  $D(n) \leq \lfloor \log_2 N \rfloor$
- Yes, if we support Decrease-key in clever way.
  - we'll show that  $D(n) \leq \lfloor \log_\phi N \rfloor$ , where  $\phi$  is golden ratio
  - $\phi^2 = 1 + \phi$
  - $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2 = 1.618\dots$
  - limiting ratio between successive Fibonacci numbers!

# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key

Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

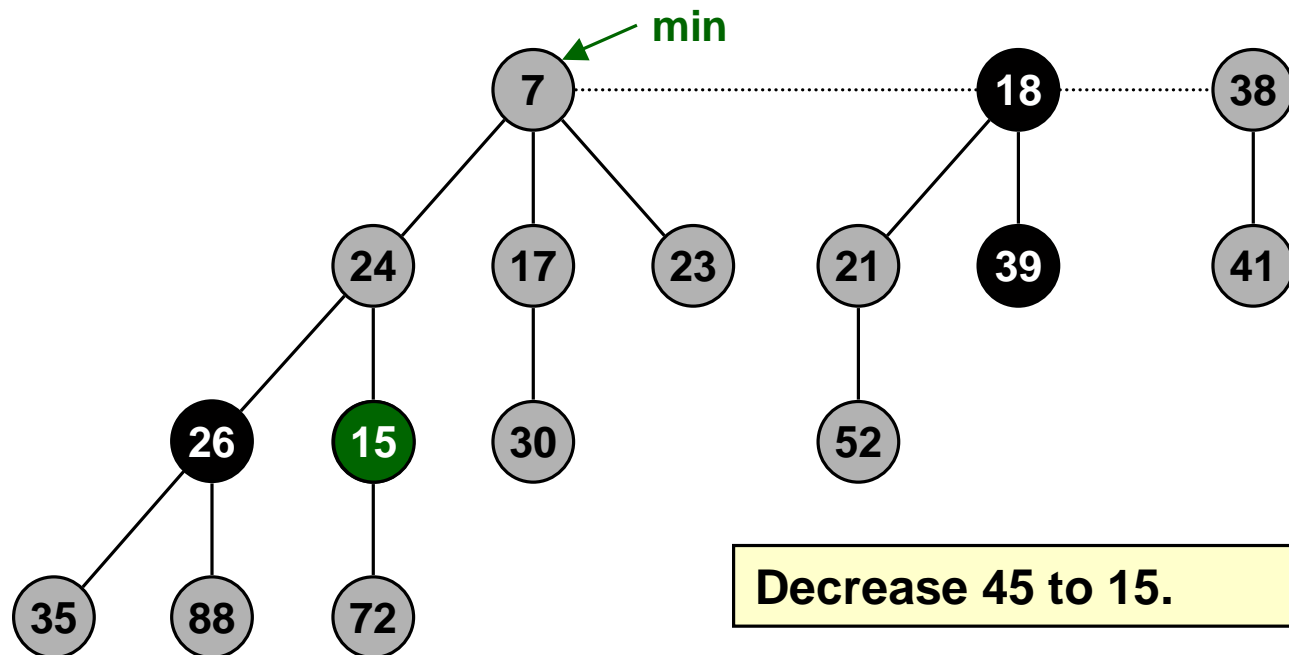
- **Case 0:** min-heap property not violated.
  - decrease key of  $x$  to  $k$
  - change heap min pointer if necessary



# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key

Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

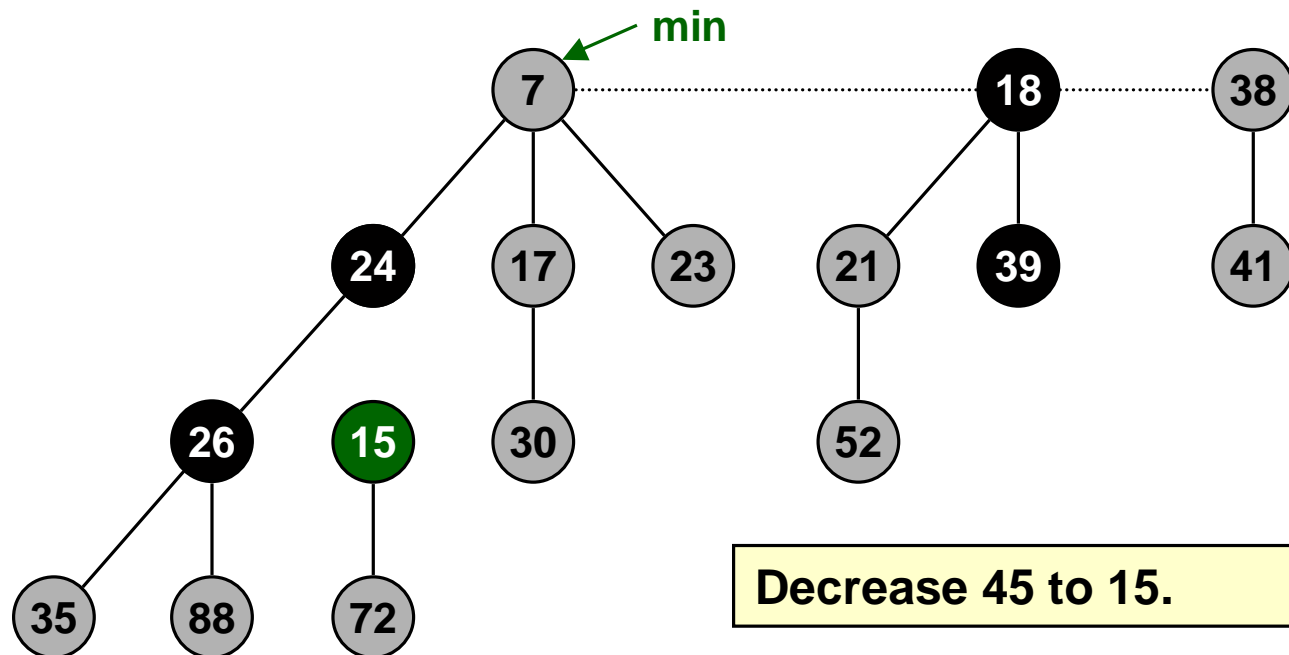
- Case 1: parent of  $x$  is unmarked.
  - decrease key of  $x$  to  $k$
  - cut off link between  $x$  and its parent
  - mark parent
  - add tree rooted at  $x$  to root list, updating heap min pointer



# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key

Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

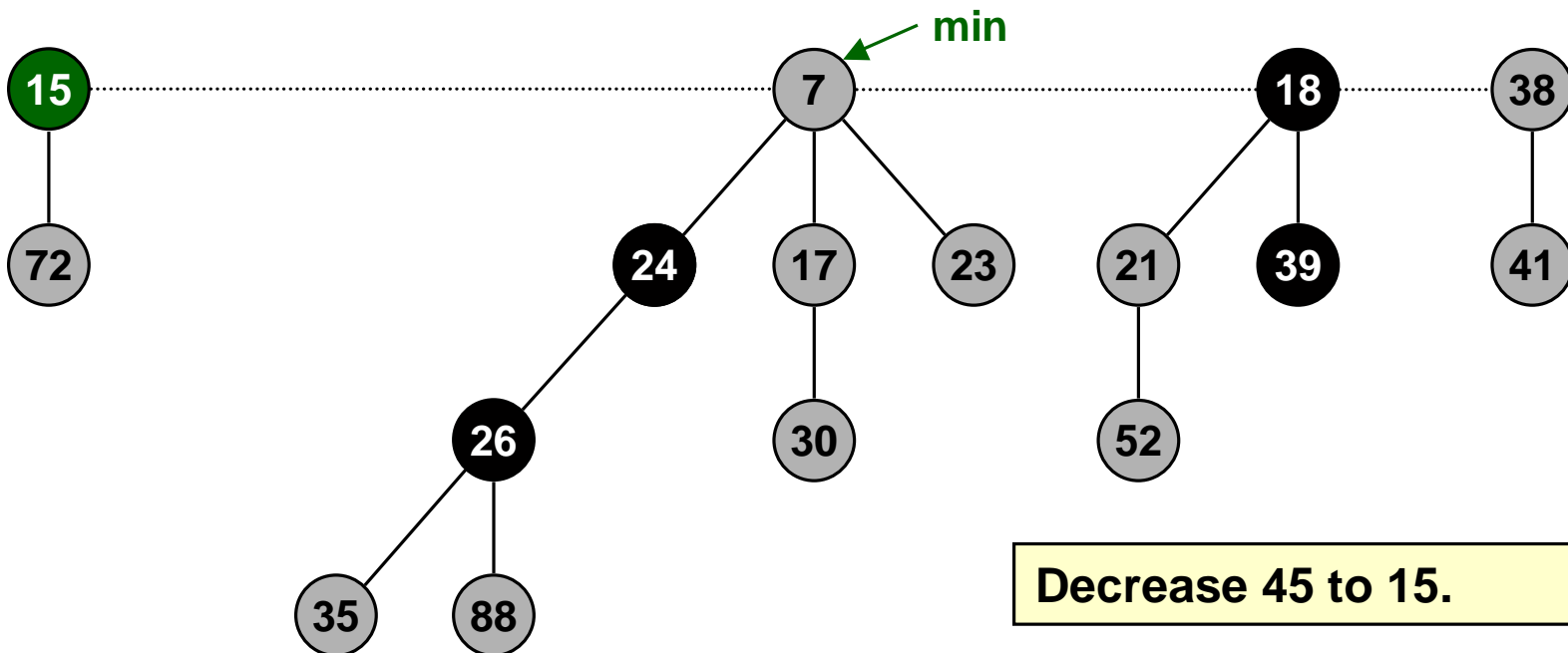
- Case 1: parent of  $x$  is unmarked.
  - decrease key of  $x$  to  $k$
  - cut off link between  $x$  and its parent
  - mark parent
  - add tree rooted at  $x$  to root list, updating heap min pointer



# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key

Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

- Case 1: parent of  $x$  is unmarked.
  - decrease key of  $x$  to  $k$
  - cut off link between  $x$  and its parent
  - mark parent
  - add tree rooted at  $x$  to root list, updating heap min pointer

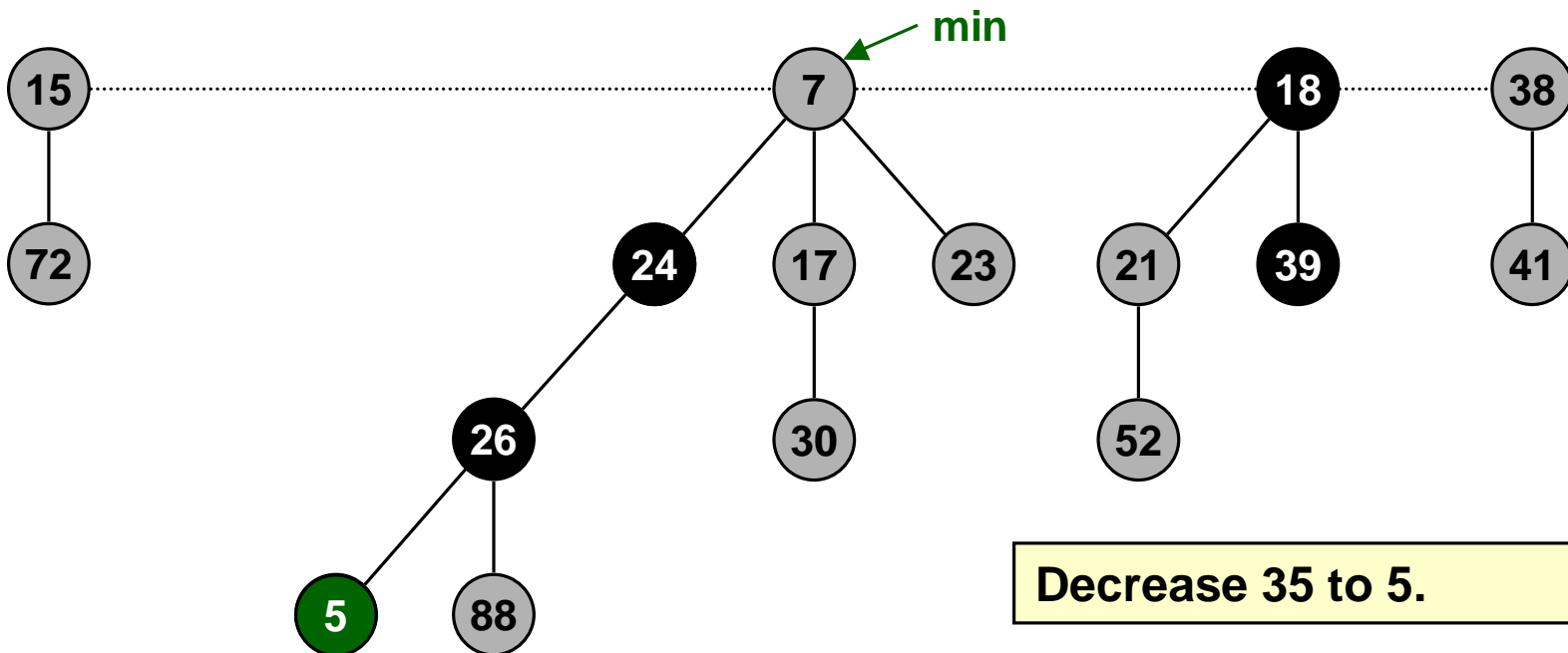




# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key

Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

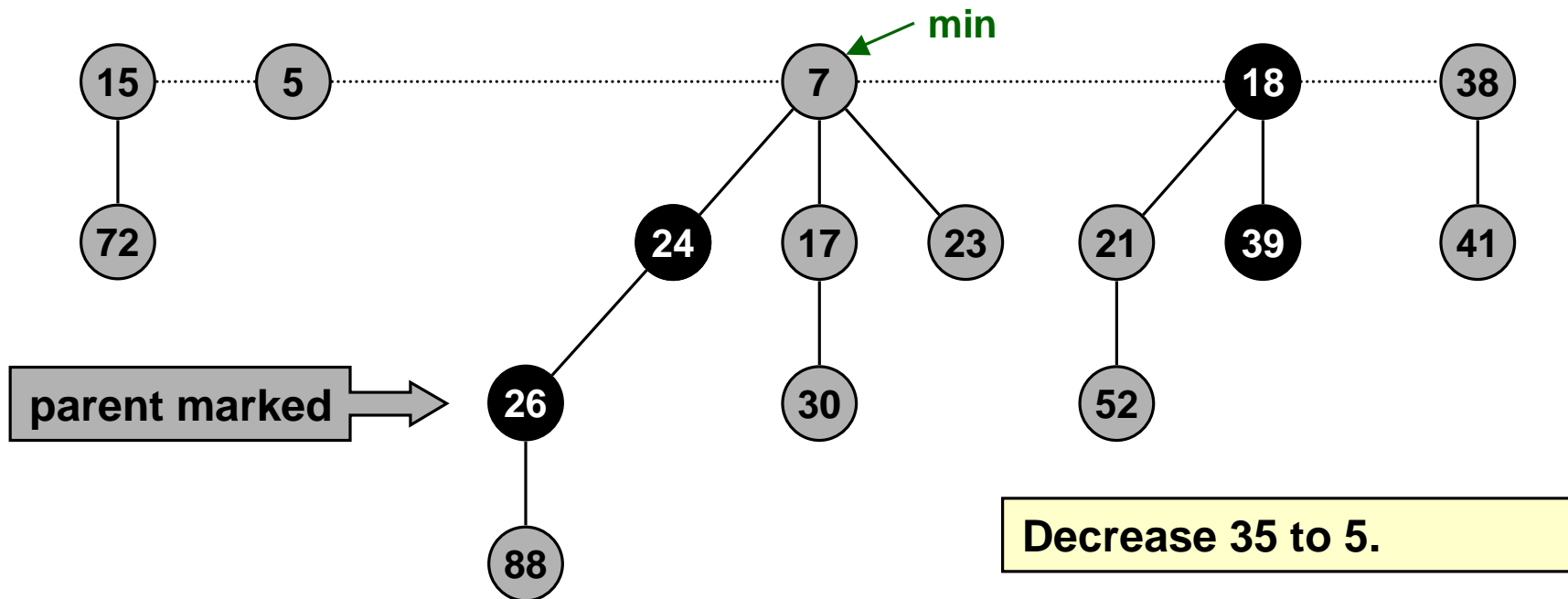
- Case 2: parent of  $x$  is marked.
  - decrease key of  $x$  to  $k$
  - cut off link between  $x$  and its parent  $p[x]$ , and add  $x$  to root list
  - cut off link between  $p[x]$  and  $p[p[x]]$ , add  $p[x]$  to root list
    - ✎ If  $p[p[x]]$  unmarked, then mark it.
    - ✎ If  $p[p[x]]$  marked, cut off  $p[p[x]]$ , unmark, and repeat.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key

Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

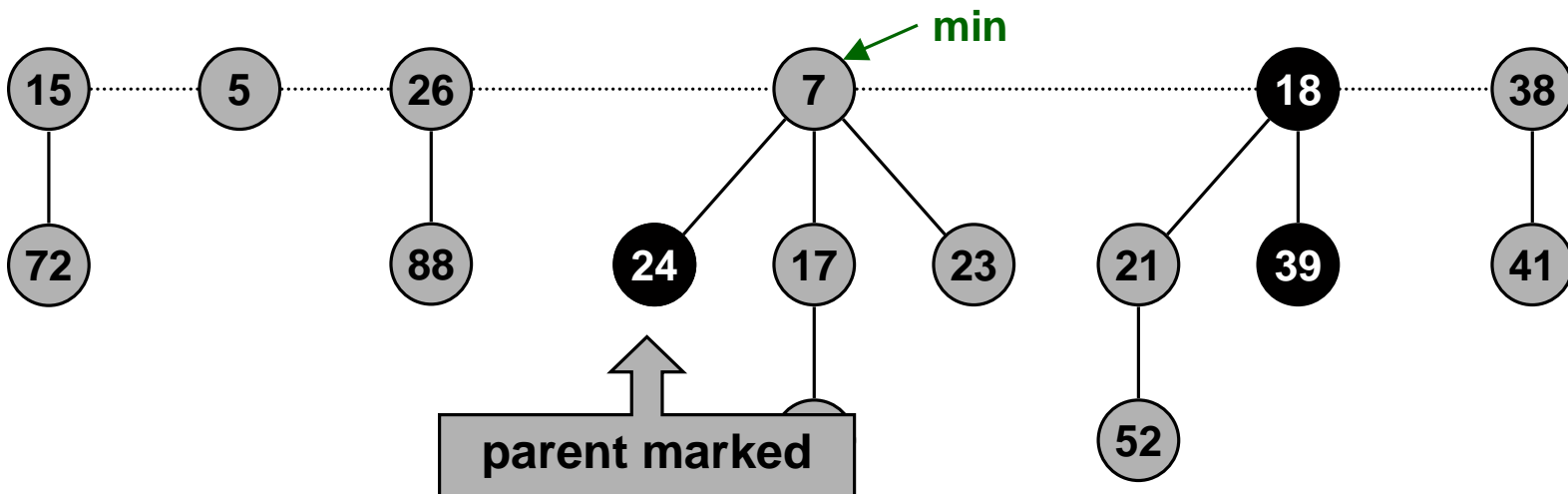
- Case 2: parent of  $x$  is marked.
  - decrease key of  $x$  to  $k$
  - cut off link between  $x$  and its parent  $p[x]$ , and add  $x$  to root list
  - cut off link between  $p[x]$  and  $p[p[x]]$ , add  $p[x]$  to root list
    - ✎ If  $p[p[x]]$  unmarked, then mark it.
    - ✎ If  $p[p[x]]$  marked, cut off  $p[p[x]]$ , unmark, and repeat.



# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key

Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

- Case 2: parent of  $x$  is marked.
  - decrease key of  $x$  to  $k$
  - cut off link between  $x$  and its parent  $p[x]$ , and add  $x$  to root list
  - cut off link between  $p[x]$  and  $p[p[x]]$ , add  $p[x]$  to root list
    - ✎ If  $p[p[x]]$  unmarked, then mark it.
    - ✎ If  $p[p[x]]$  marked, cut off  $p[p[x]]$ , unmark, and repeat.

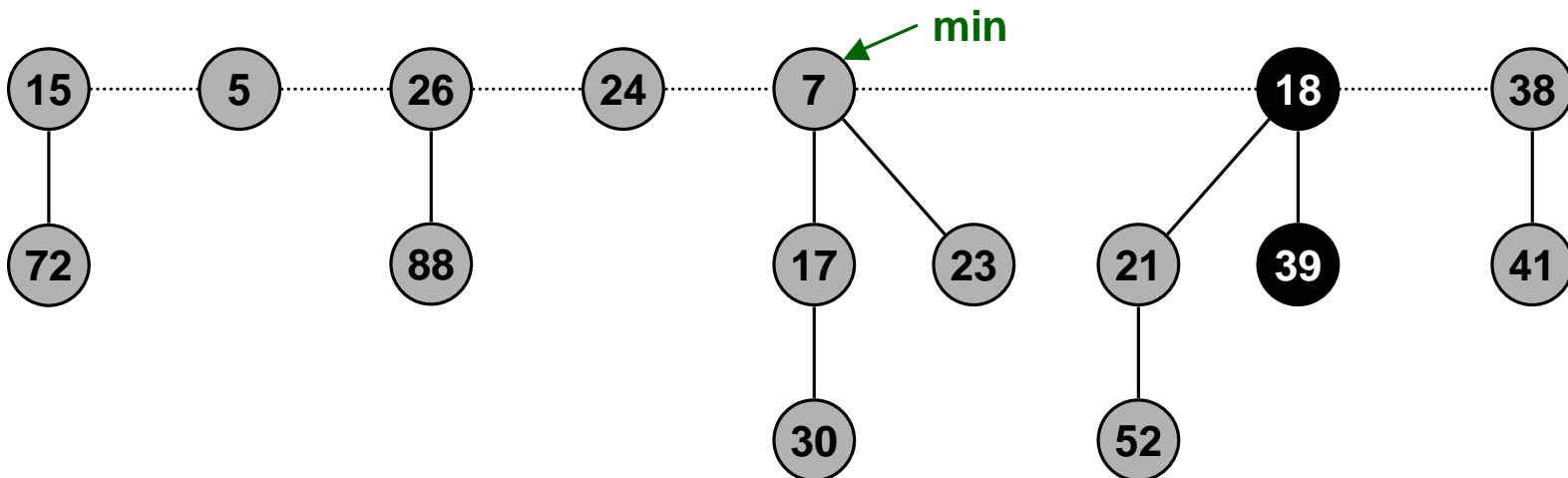


Decrease 35 to 5.

# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key

Decrease key of element  $x$  to  $k$ .

- Case 2: parent of  $x$  is marked.
  - decrease key of  $x$  to  $k$
  - cut off link between  $x$  and its parent  $p[x]$ , and add  $x$  to root list
  - cut off link between  $p[x]$  and  $p[p[x]]$ , add  $p[x]$  to root list
    - ✎ If  $p[p[x]]$  unmarked, then mark it.
    - ✎ If  $p[p[x]]$  marked, cut off  $p[p[x]]$ , unmark, and repeat.



Decrease 35 to 5.

# Fibonacci Heaps: Decrease Key Analysis

## Notation.

- $t(H)$  = # trees in heap  $H$ .
- $m(H)$  = # marked nodes in heap  $H$ .
- $\Phi(H) = t(H) + 2m(H)$ .

## Actual cost. $O(c)$

- $O(1)$  time for decrease key.
- $O(1)$  time for each of  $c$  cascading cuts, plus reinserting in root list.

## Amortized cost. $O(1)$

- $t(H') = t(H) + c$
- $m(H') \leq m(H) - c + 2$ 
  - each cascading cut unmarks a node
  - last cascading cut could potentially mark a node
- $\Delta\Phi \leq c + 2(-c + 2) = 4 - c$ .

# Fibonacci Heaps: Delete

## Delete node $x$ .

- Decrease key of  $x$  to  $-\infty$ .
- Delete min element in heap.

## Amortized cost. $O(D(n))$

- $O(1)$  for decrease-key.
- $O(D(n))$  for delete-min.
- $D(n) = \text{max degree of any node in Fibonacci heap.}$

# Fibonacci Heaps: Bounding Max Degree

**Definition.**  $D(N)$  = max degree in Fibonacci heap with  $N$  nodes.

**Key lemma.**  $D(N) \leq \log_{\phi} N$ , where  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2$ .

**Corollary.** Delete and Delete-min take  $O(\log N)$  amortized time.

**Lemma.** Let  $x$  be a node with degree  $k$ , and let  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  denote the children of  $x$  in the order in which they were linked to  $x$ . Then:

$$\text{degree}(y_i) \geq \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = 1 \\ i - 2 & \text{if } i \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

**Proof.**

- When  $y_i$  is linked to  $x$ ,  $y_1, \dots, y_{i-1}$  already linked to  $x$ ,  
⇒  $\text{degree}(x) = i - 1$   
⇒  $\text{degree}(y_i) = i - 1$  since we only link nodes of equal degree
- Since then,  $y_i$  has lost at most one child  
– otherwise it would have been cut from  $x$
- Thus,  $\text{degree}(y_i) = i - 1$  or  $i - 2$

# Fibonacci Heaps: Bounding Max Degree

**Key lemma.** In a Fibonacci heap with  $N$  nodes, the maximum degree of any node is at most  $\log_{\phi} N$ , where  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2$ .

## Proof of key lemma.

- For any node  $x$ , we show that  $\text{size}(x) \geq \phi^{\text{degree}(x)}$ .
  - $\text{size}(x) = \#$  node in subtree rooted at  $x$
  - taking base  $\phi$  logs,  $\text{degree}(x) \leq \log_{\phi} (\text{size}(x)) \leq \log_{\phi} N$ .
- Let  $s_k$  be min size of tree rooted at any degree  $k$  node.
  - trivial to see that  $s_0 = 1, s_1 = 2$
  - $s_k$  monotonically increases with  $k$
- Let  $x^*$  be a degree  $k$  node of size  $s_k$ , and let  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  be children in order that they were linked to  $x^*$ .

Assume  $k \geq 2$  

$$\begin{aligned} s_k &= \text{size}(x^*) \\ &= 2 + \sum_{i=1}^k \text{size}(y_i) \\ &\geq 2 + \sum_{i=1}^k s_{\text{deg}[y_i]} \\ &\geq 2 + \sum_{i=1}^k s_{i-2} \\ &= 2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} s_i \end{aligned}$$



# Fibonacci Facts

**Definition.** The Fibonacci sequence is:

$$F_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ 2 & \text{if } k = 1 \\ F_{k-1} + F_{k-2} & \text{if } k \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

- 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...
- Slightly nonstandard definition.

**Fact F1.**  $F_k \geq \phi^k$ , where  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2 = 1.618\dots$

**Fact F2.** For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $F_k = 2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} F_i$

**Consequence.**  $s_k \geq F_k \geq \phi^k$ .

- This implies that  $\text{size}(x) \geq \phi^{\text{degree}(x)}$  for all nodes  $x$ .

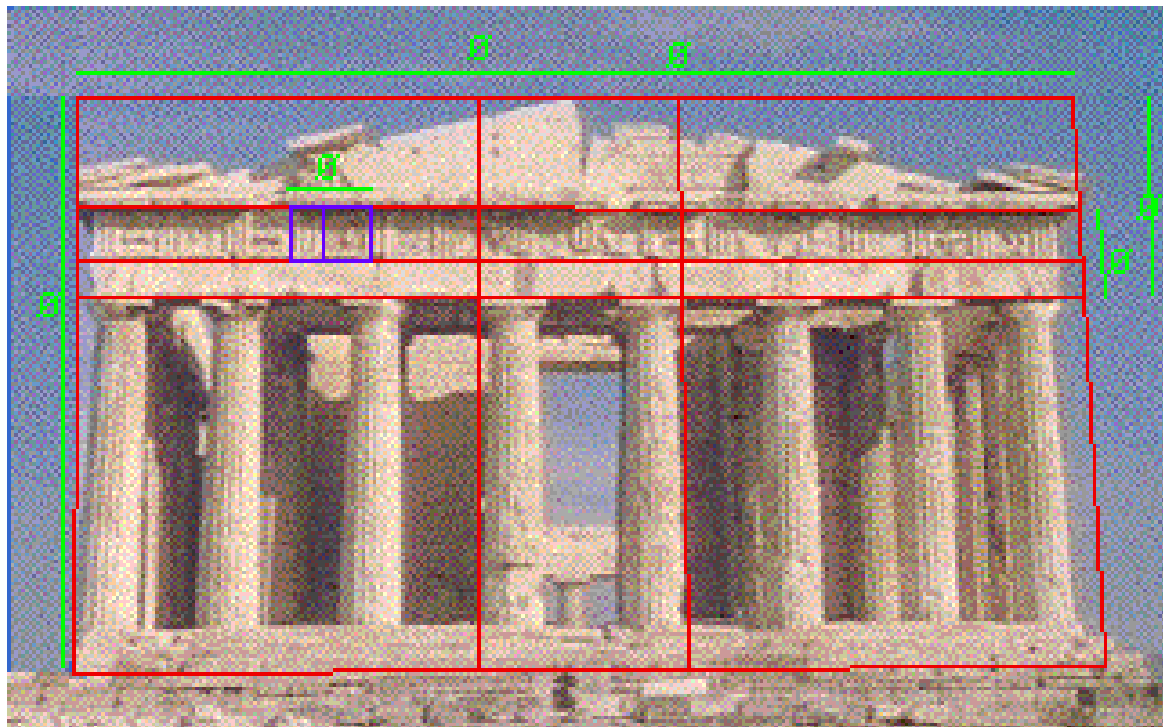
$$\begin{aligned} s_k &= \text{size}(x^*) \\ &= 2 + \sum_{i=2}^k \text{size}(y_i) \\ &\geq 2 + \sum_{i=2}^k s_{\text{deg}[y_i]} \\ &\geq 2 + \sum_{i=2}^k s_{i-2} \\ &= 2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} s_i \end{aligned}$$

# Golden Ratio

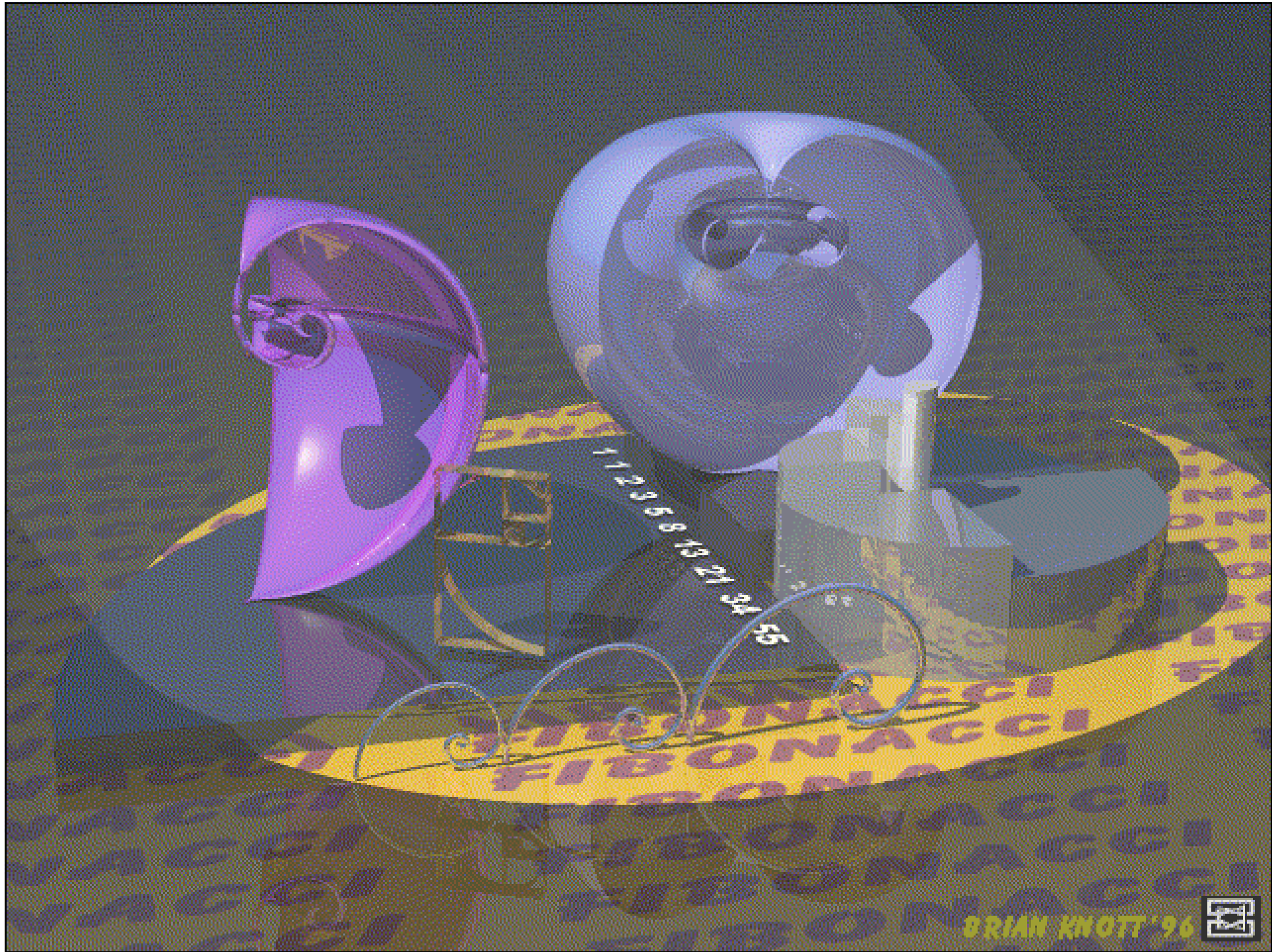
**Definition.** The Fibonacci sequence is: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ...

**Definition.** The golden ratio  $\phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2 = 1.618...$

- Divide a rectangle into a square and smaller rectangle such that the smaller rectangle has the same ratio as original one.



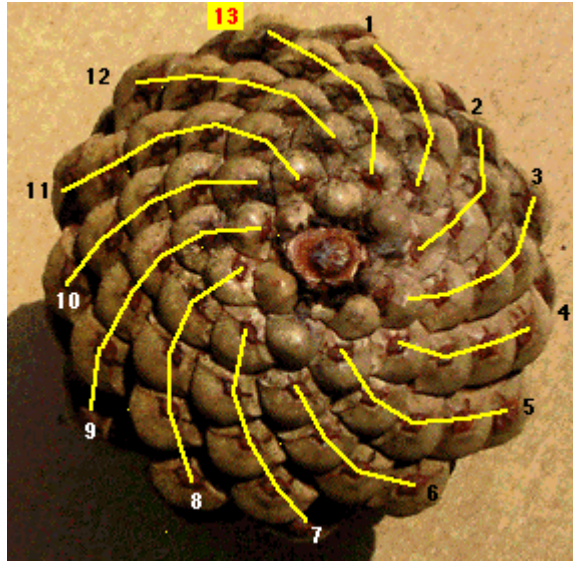
Parthenon, Athens Greece



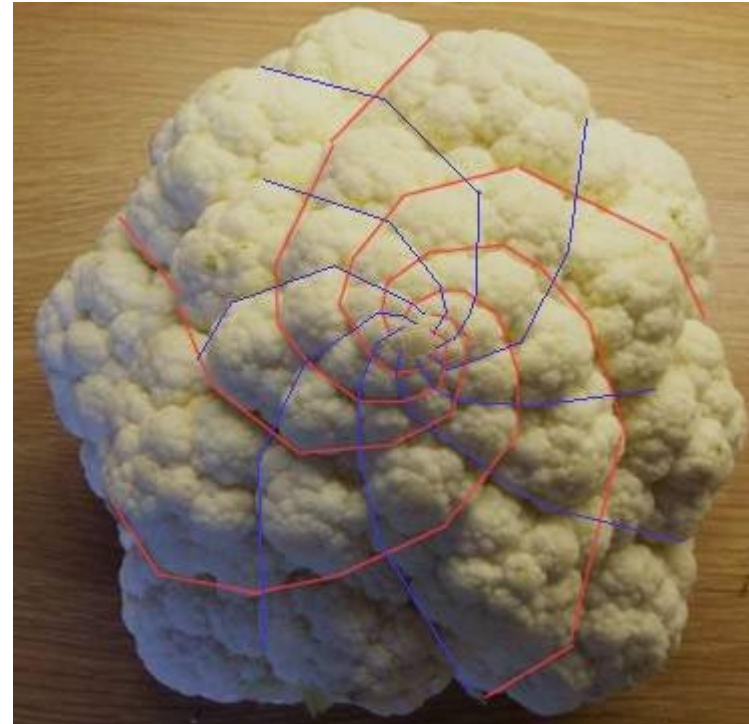
BRIAN KNOTT '96



# Fibonacci Numbers and Nature



**Pinecone**



**Cauliflower**

# Fibonacci Proofs

**Fact F1.**  $F_k \geq \phi^k$ .

**Proof.** (by induction on k)

- **Base cases:**
  - $F_0 = 1, F_1 = 2 \geq \phi$ .
- **Inductive hypotheses:**
  - $F_k \geq \phi^k$  and  $F_{k+1} \geq \phi^{k+1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{k+2} &= F_k + F_{k+1} \\
 &\geq \phi^k + \phi^{k+1} \\
 &= \phi^k (1 + \phi) \\
 &= \phi^k (\phi^2) \\
 &= \phi^{k+2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\phi^2 = \phi + 1$$

**Fact F2.** For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $F_k = 2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} F_i$

**Proof.** (by induction on k)

- **Base cases:**
  - $F_2 = 3, F_3 = 5$
- **Inductive hypotheses:**

$$F_k = 2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} F_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{k+2} &= F_k + F_{k+1} \\
 &= 2 + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} F_i + F_{k+1} \\
 &= 2 + \sum_{i=0}^k F_i
 \end{aligned}$$

# On Complicated Algorithms

**"Once you succeed in writing the programs for [these] complicated algorithms, they usually run extremely fast. The computer doesn't need to understand the algorithm, its task is only to run the programs."**



R. E. Tarjan