Heaps

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Outline

Topics and Learning Objectives

- Discuss data structure operations
- Cover heap sort
- Discuss heaps

Exercise

- Heap practice

Extra Resources

- Introduction to Algorithms, 3rd, chapter 6
- Algorithms Illuminated, Part 2: Chapter 10

Data Structures

Used in essentially every single programming task that you can think of

- What are some examples of data structures?
- What are some example programs?

What do they do?

- They organize data so that it can be effectively accessed.

- A data structure is not necessarily a method of laying out data in memory
- It is a way of logically thinking about your data.

The Heap Data Structure (not heap memory)

A container for objects that have key values

(Sometimes called a “Priority Queue”)

Operations:

- Insert : O(lg n)
- Extract-Min (or max) : O(lg n)

- Heapify : O(n) for batched inserts
- Arbitrary Deletion : O(lg n)

- Good for continually getting a minimum (or maximum) value

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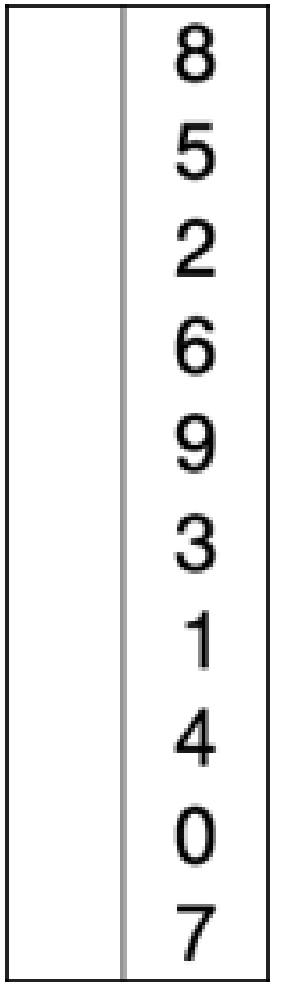

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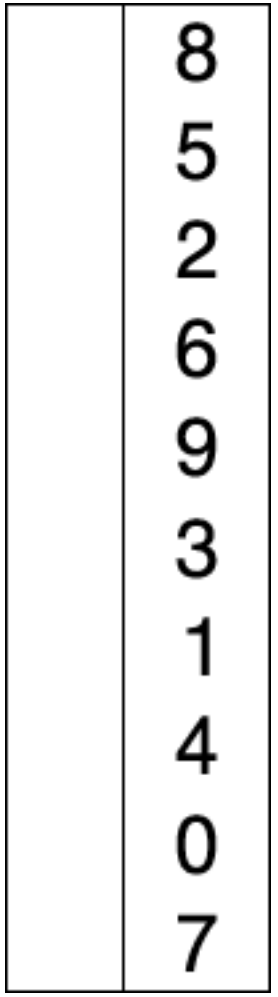

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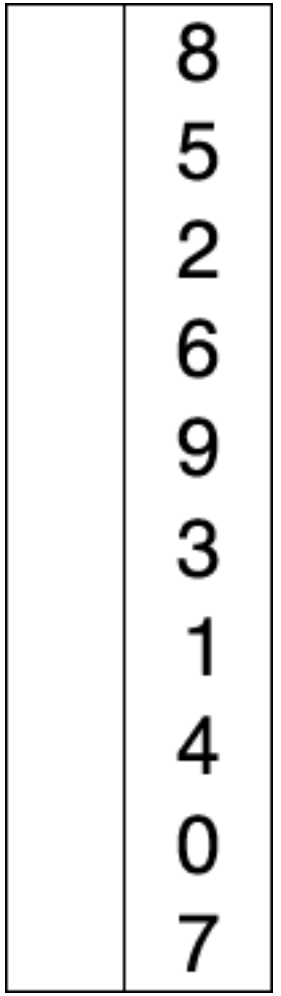

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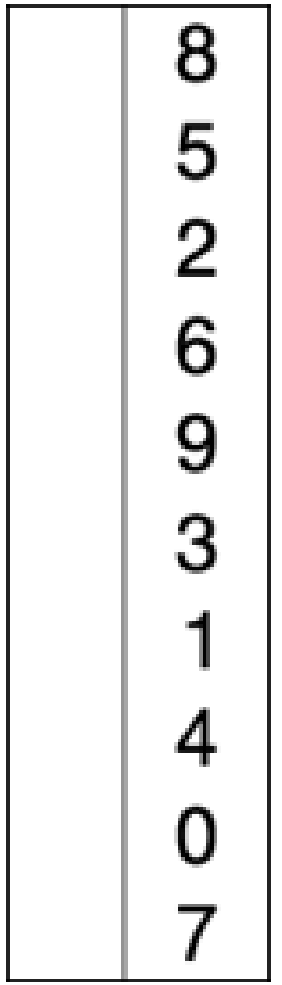
What is the runtime of selection sort?

How can we make it faster with a heap?

With a heap: $O(n^2) \rightarrow O(n \lg n)$

- Insert all elements into a heap: n
- Extract each element: n * lg n



Example : Event Manager

Uses a priority queue (synonym for Heap)

Example: simulation or game

- play sounds
- render animation — We can probably delay this without much trouble.
- detect collisions
- register input — Probably the most important to get correct. But does it need to be the highest priority?

Heap Implementation

No pointer following
Fewer heap-allocations
No pointer storing

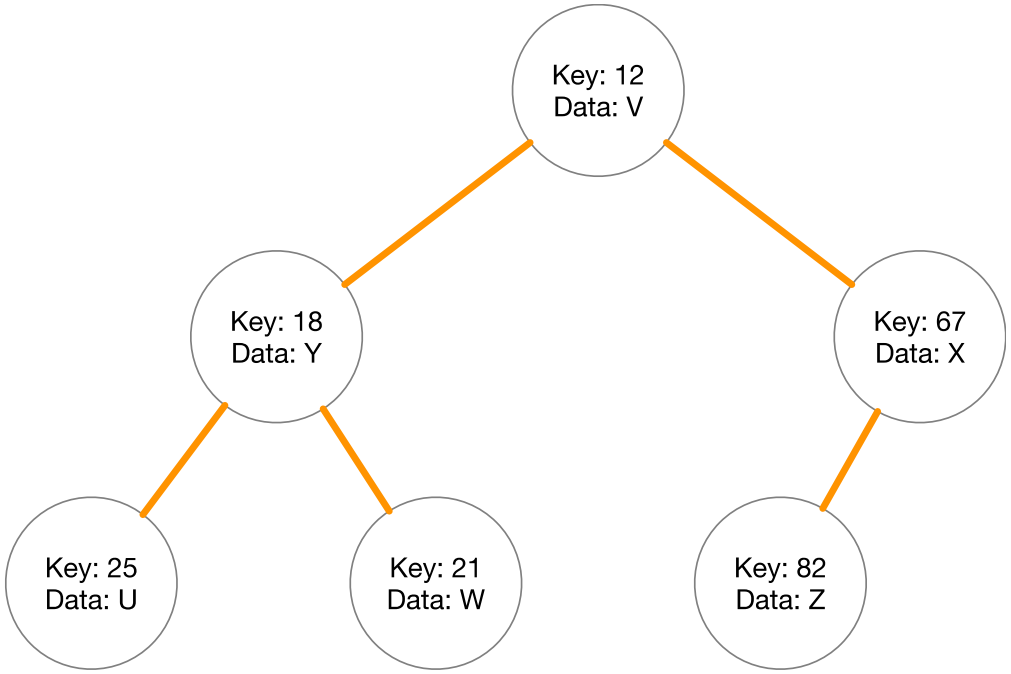
Conceptually you should think of a Heap as a binary tree

But it is implemented using an array (why?)

Heap Property: for any given node x,

1. key[x] ≤ key[x's left child], and
2. key[x] ≤ key[x's right child]

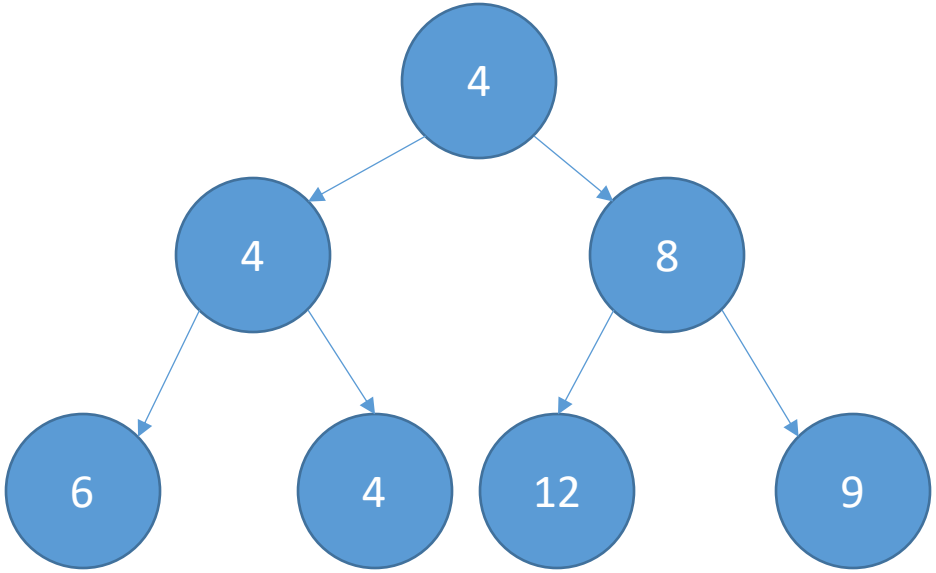
Where is the minimum key?

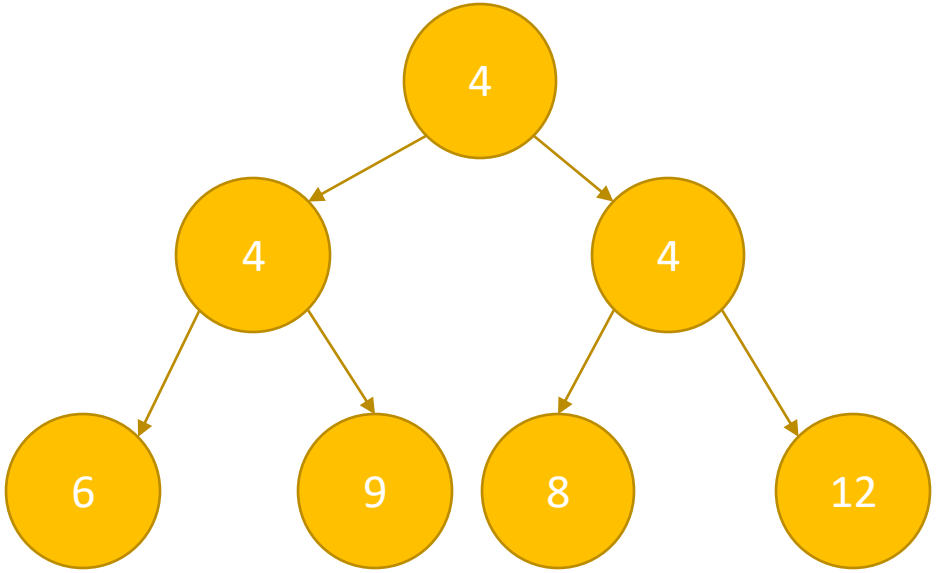


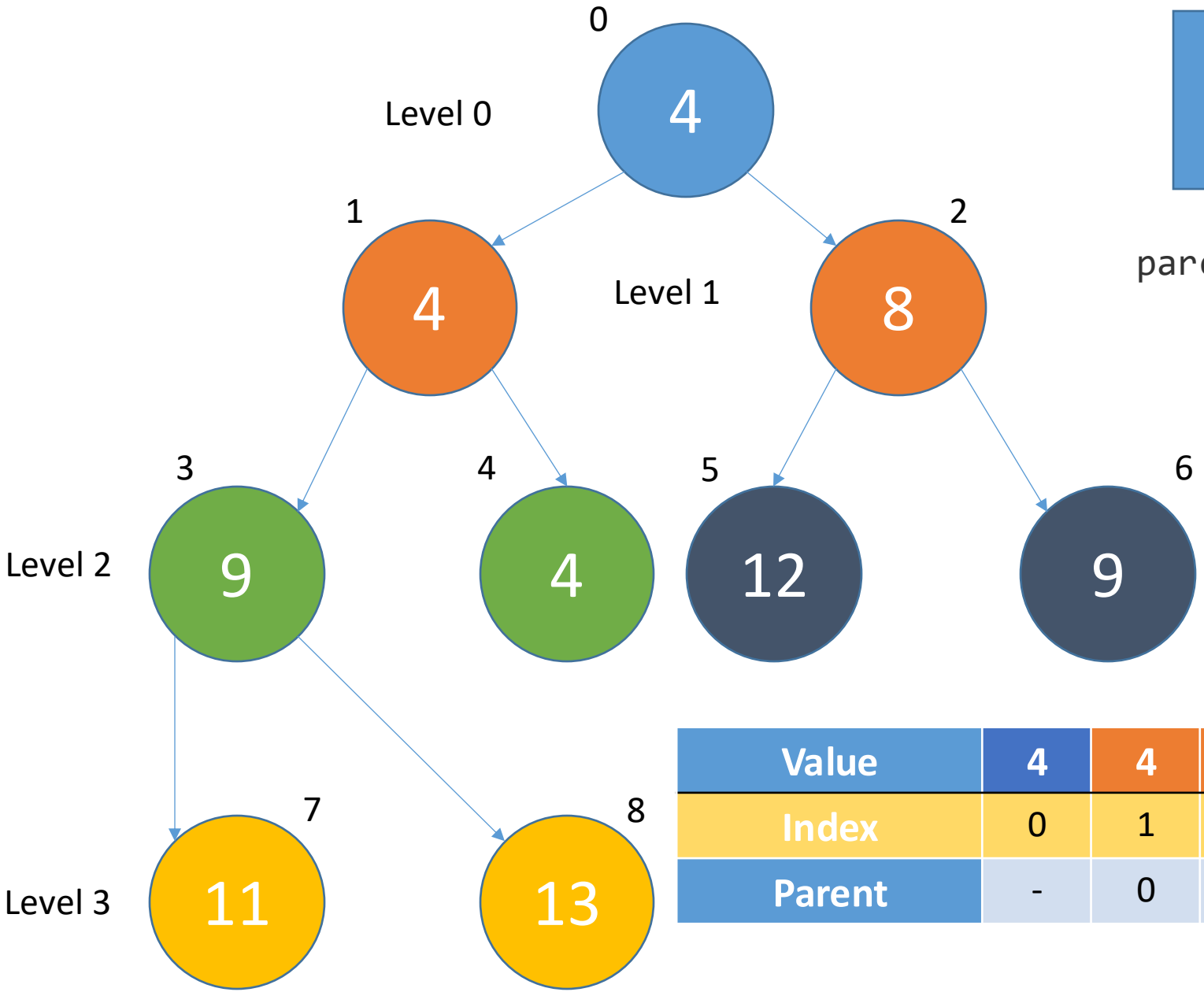
Heap Implementation

Note: Heaps are not unique

You can have multiple different configurations that hold the same data







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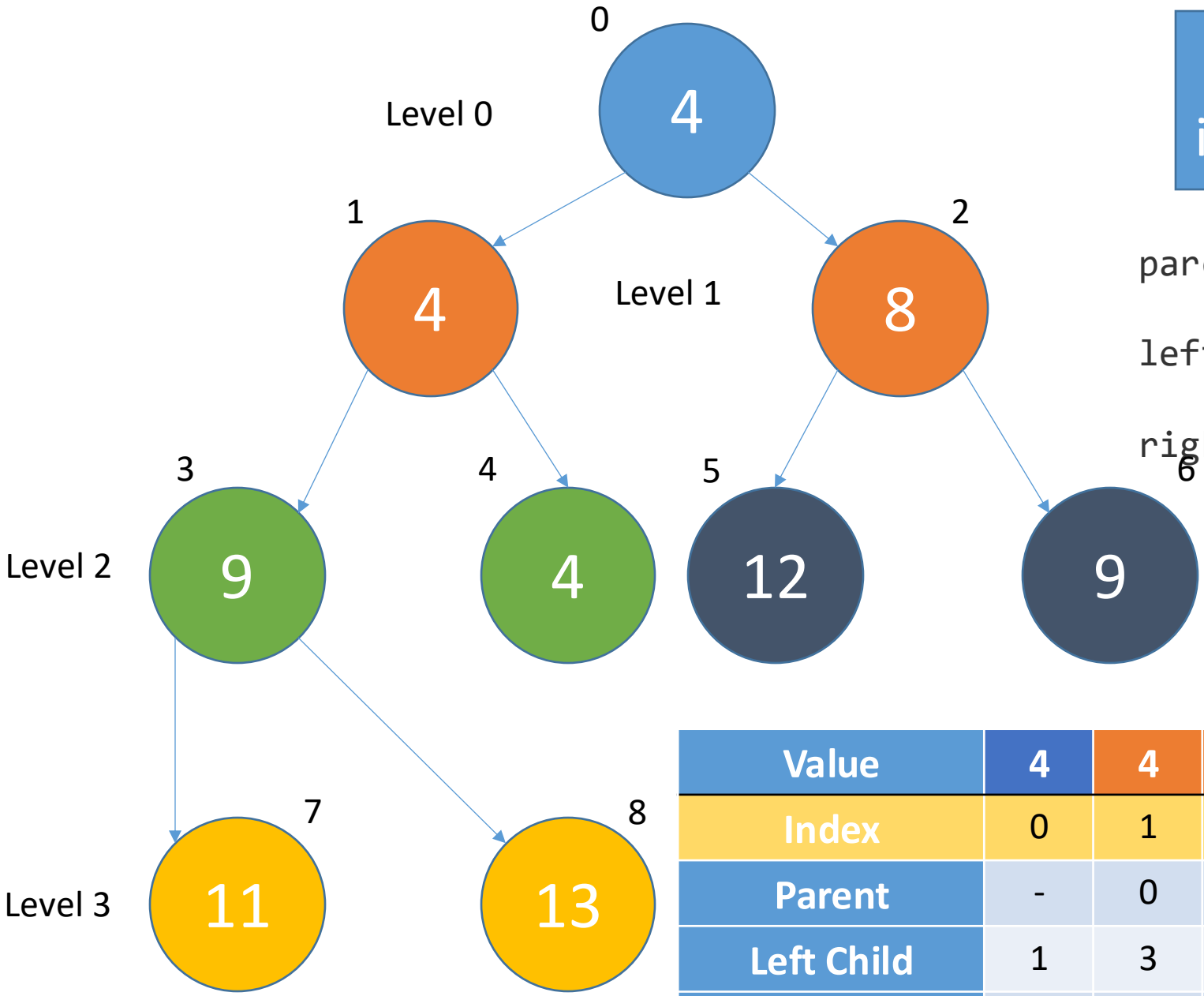

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Left Child	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17
Right Child	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18

Exercise

Insert: 7

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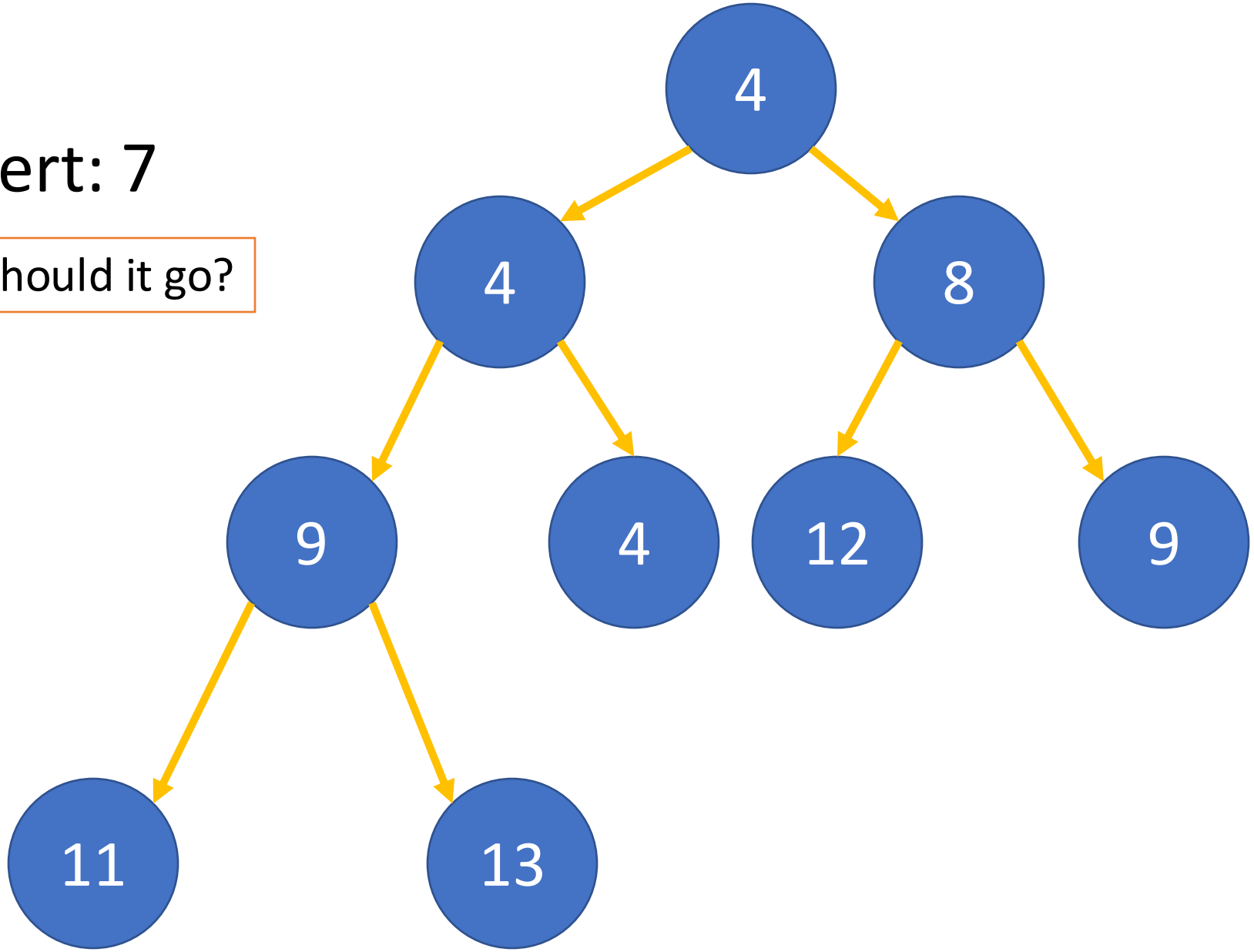

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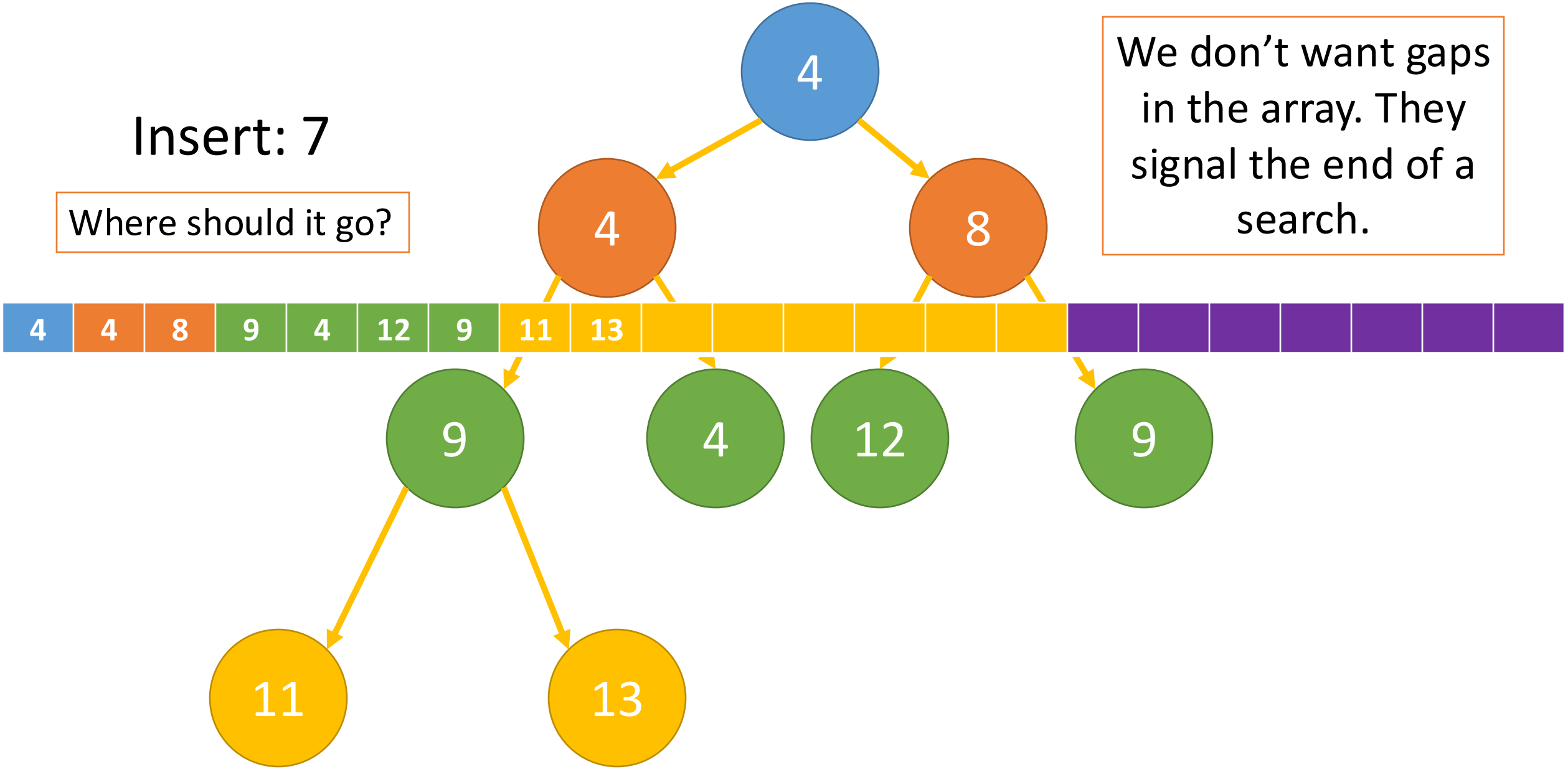
We don’t want gaps in the array. They signal the end of a search.



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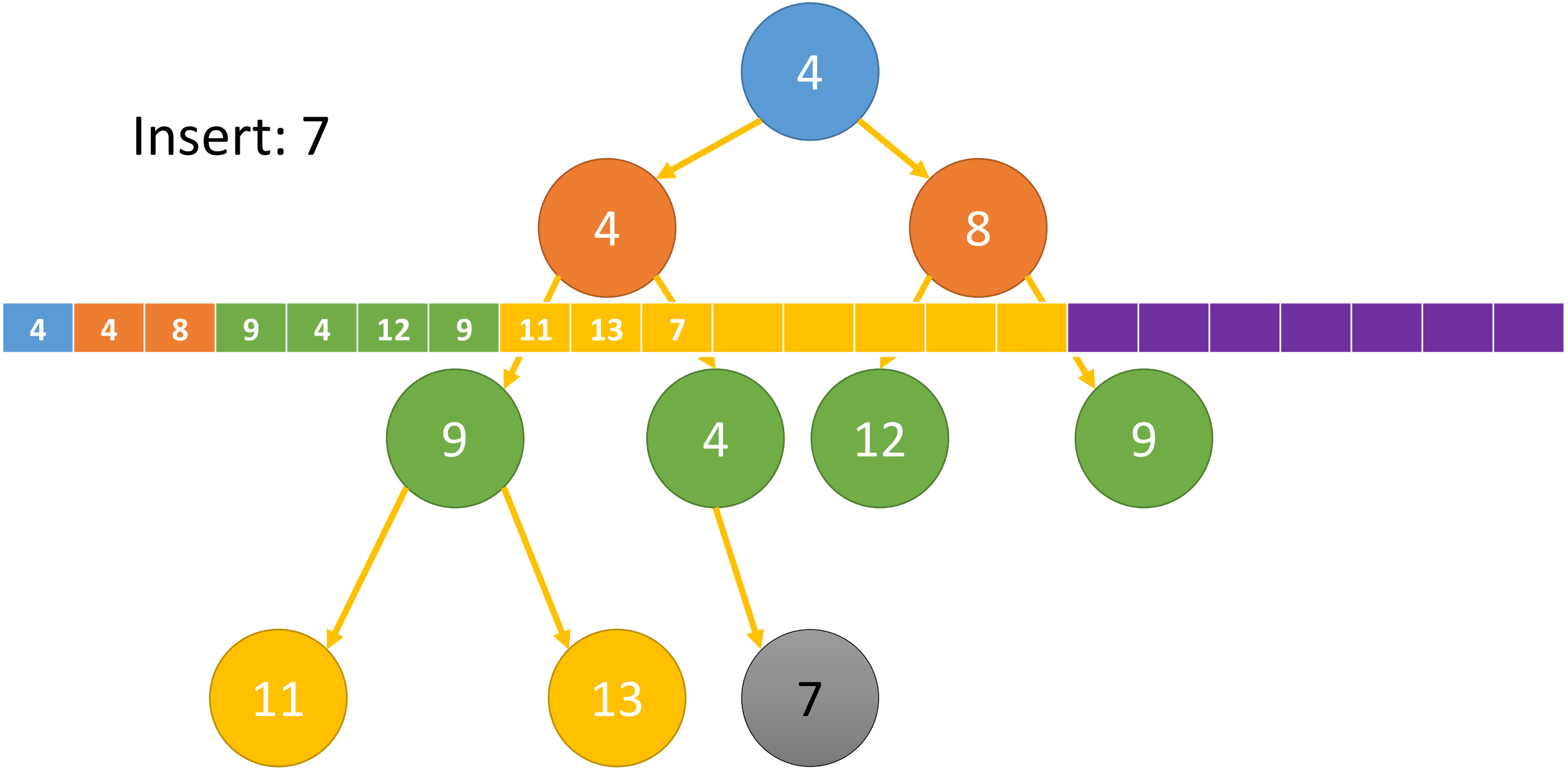

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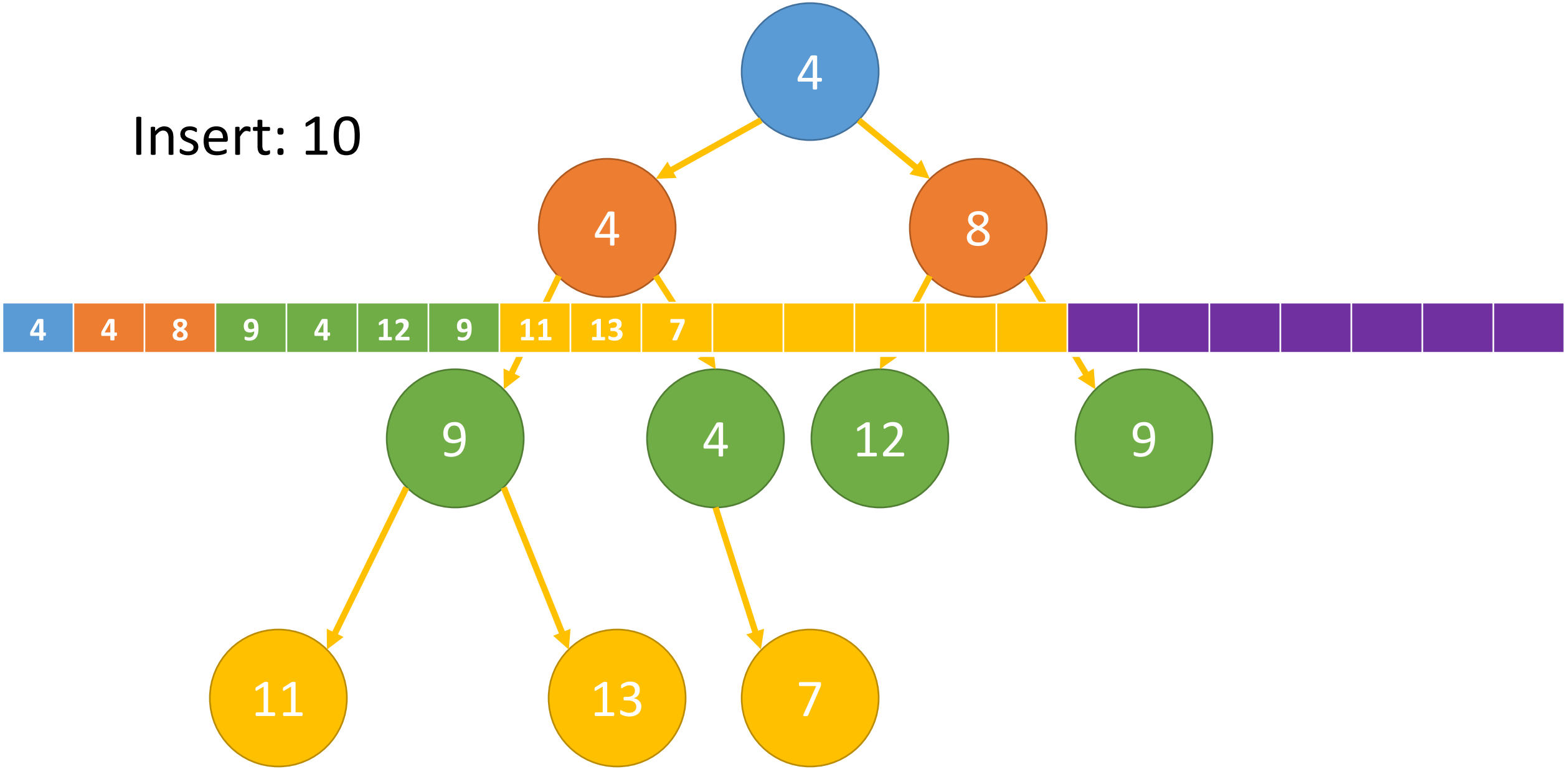

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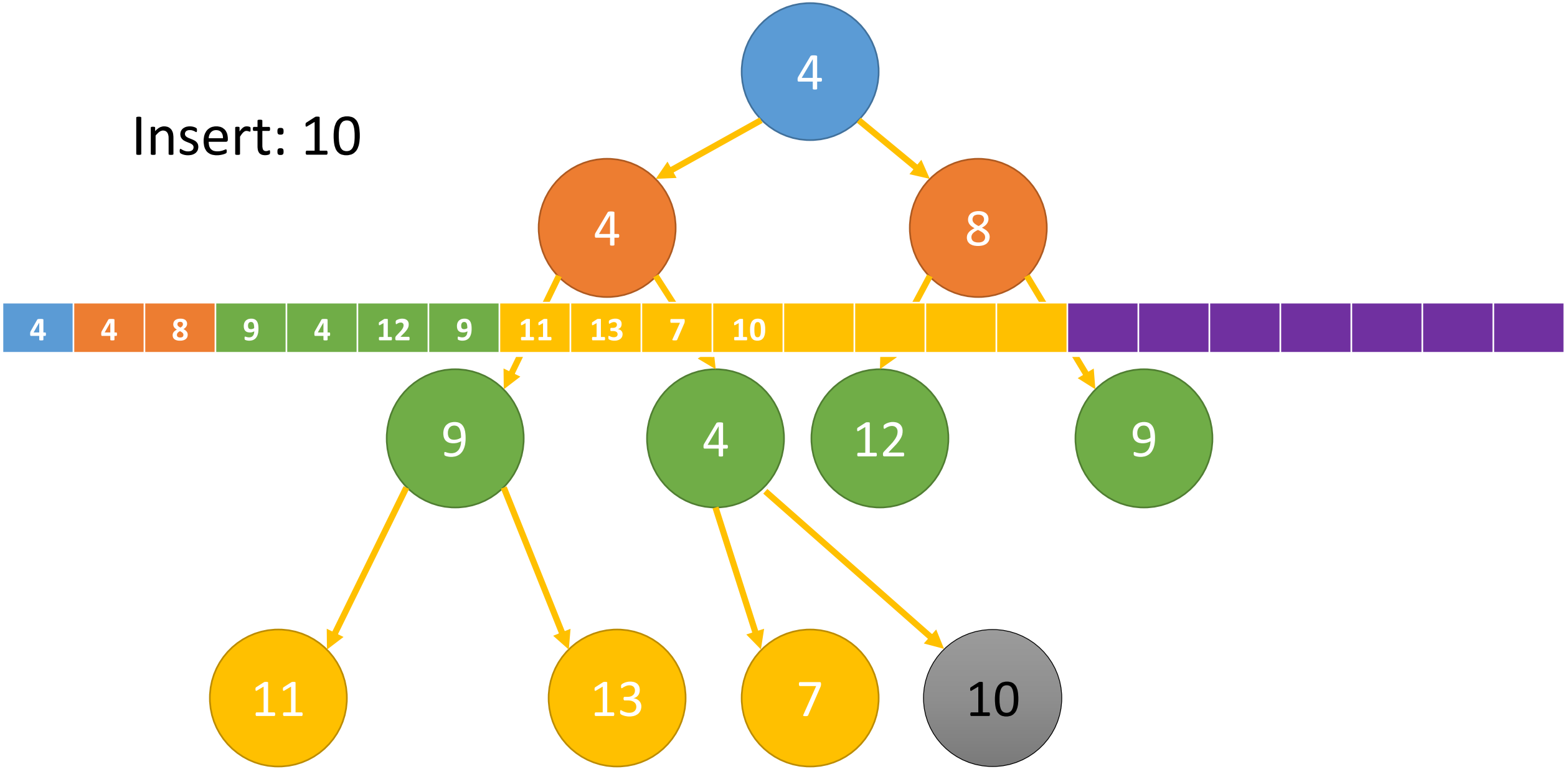

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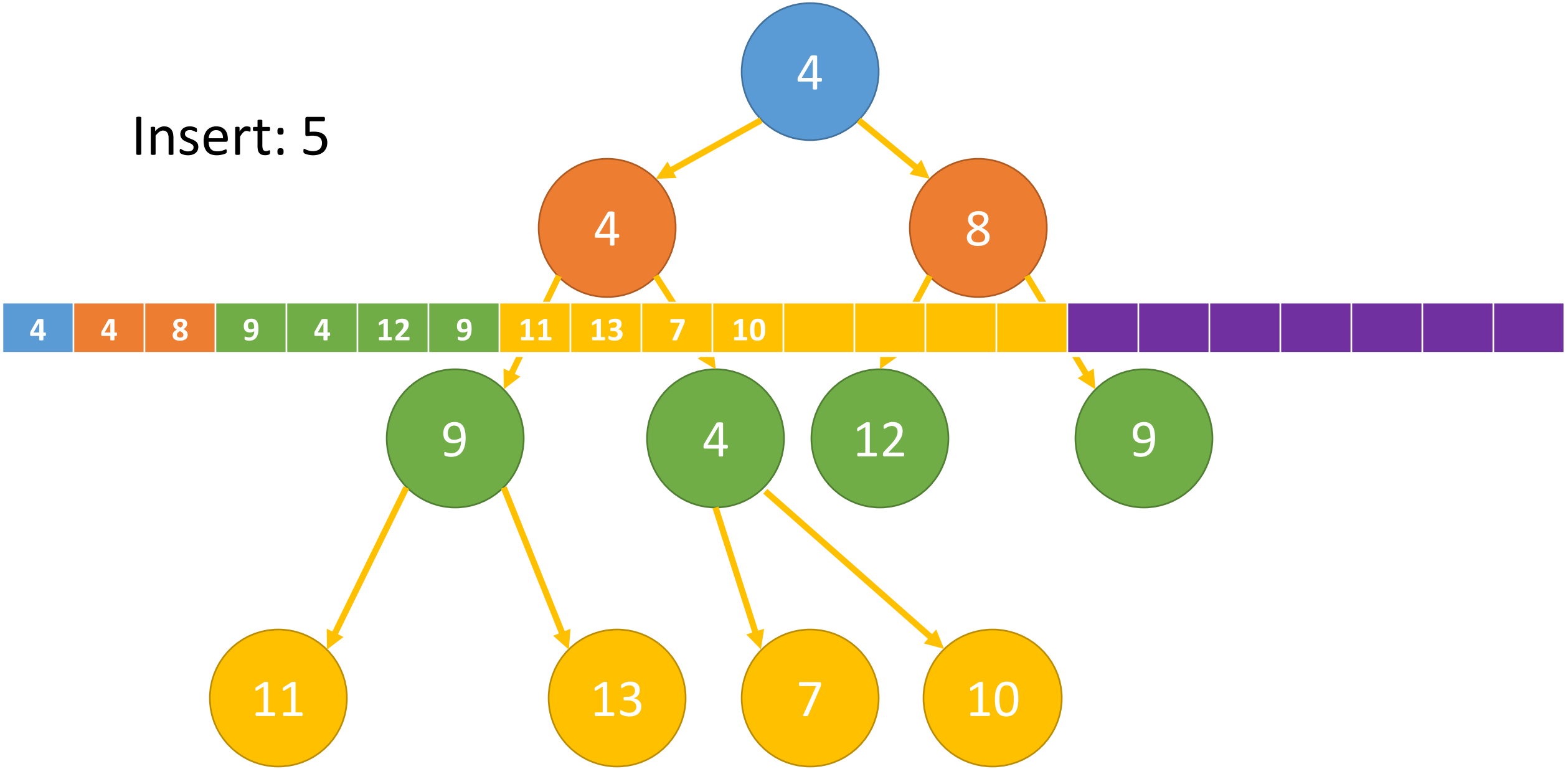

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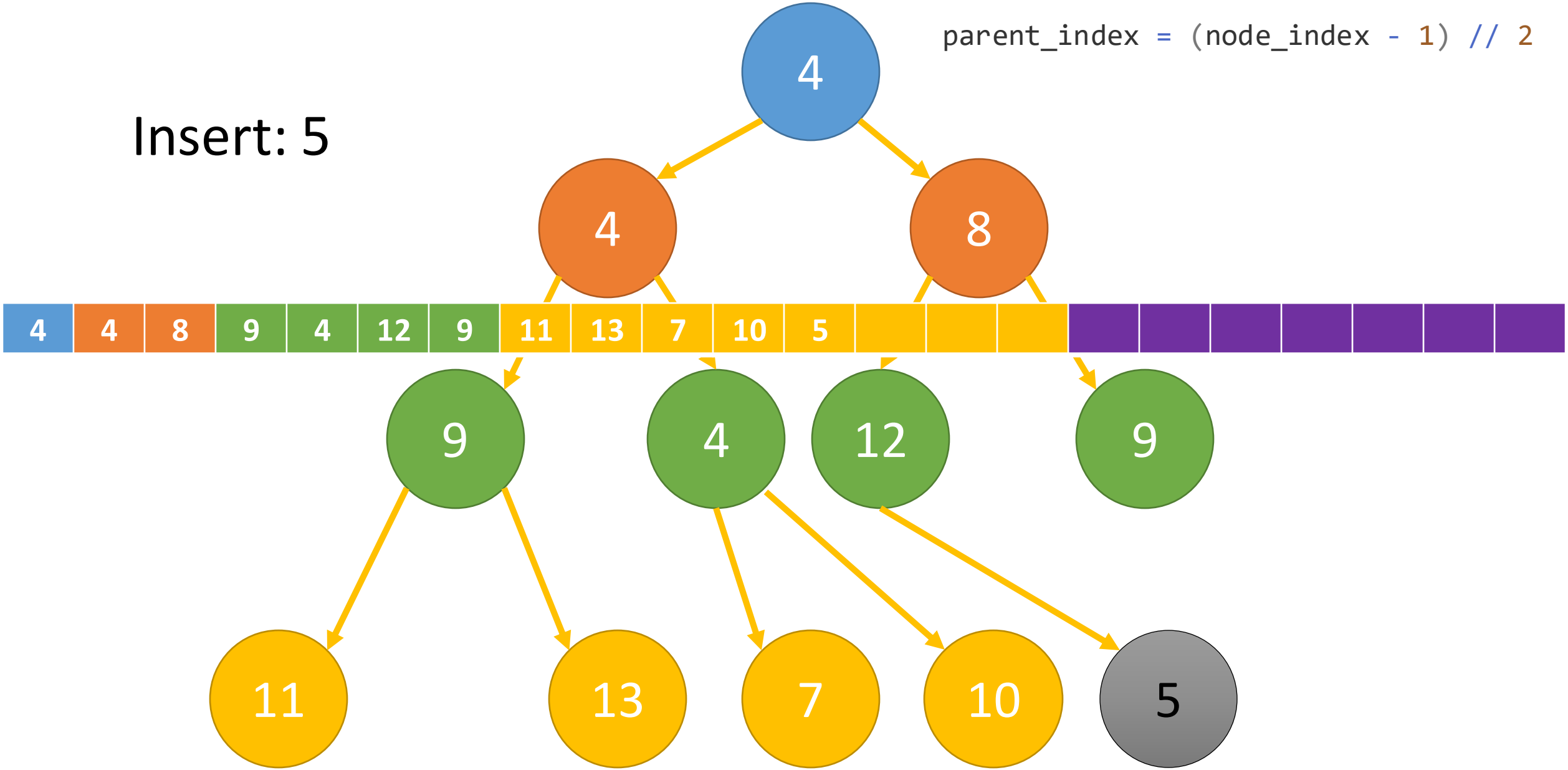

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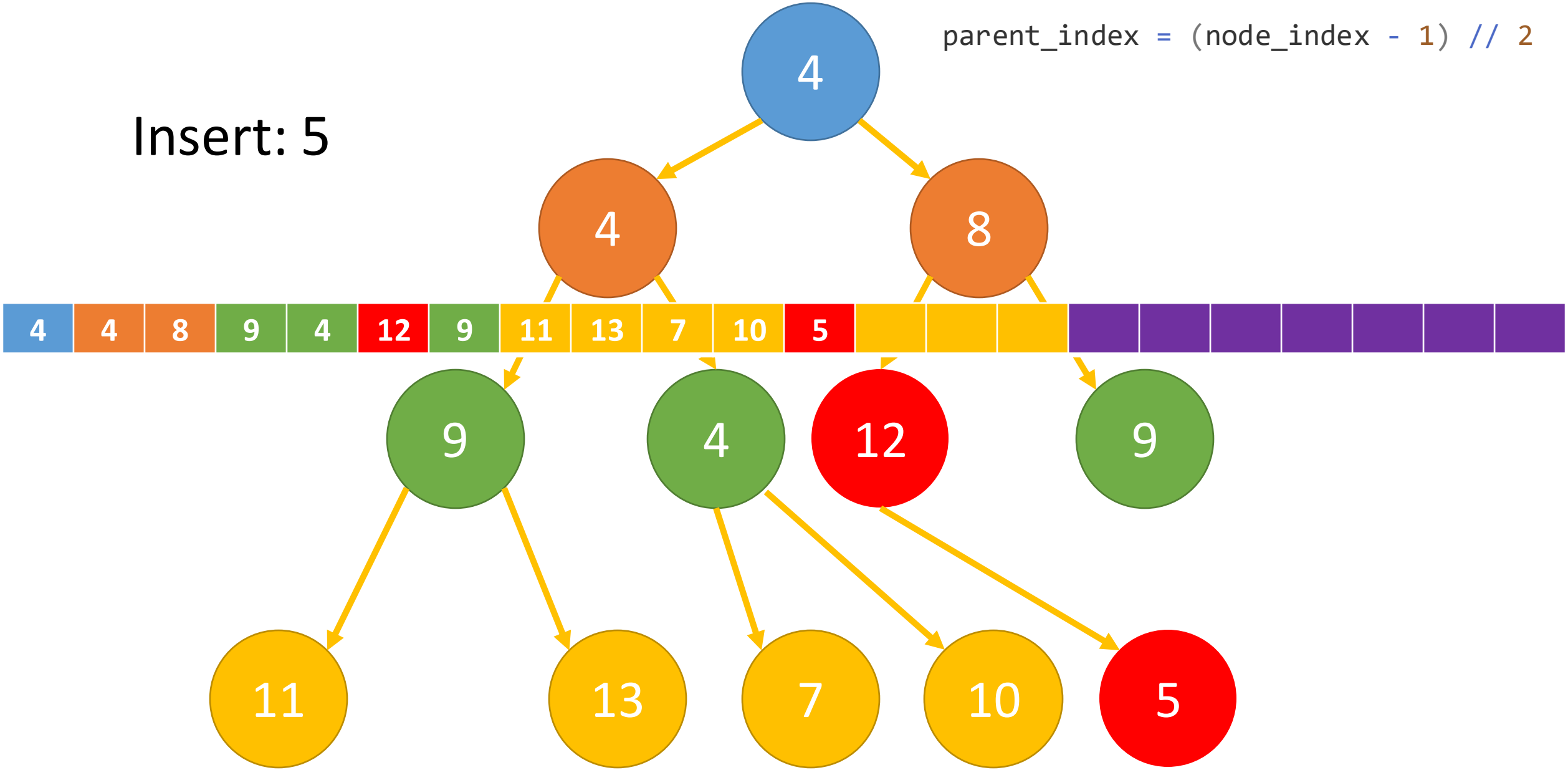

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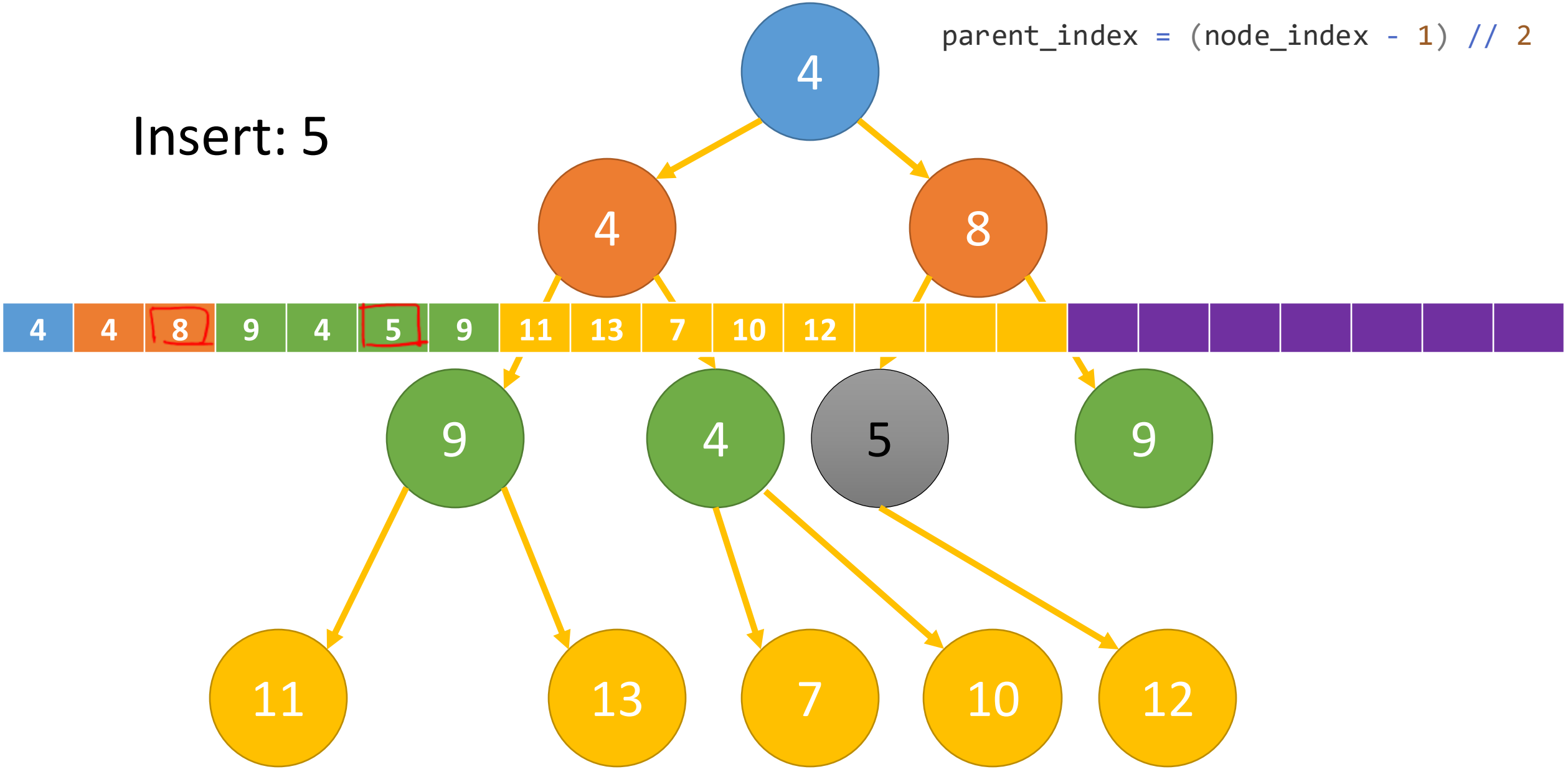

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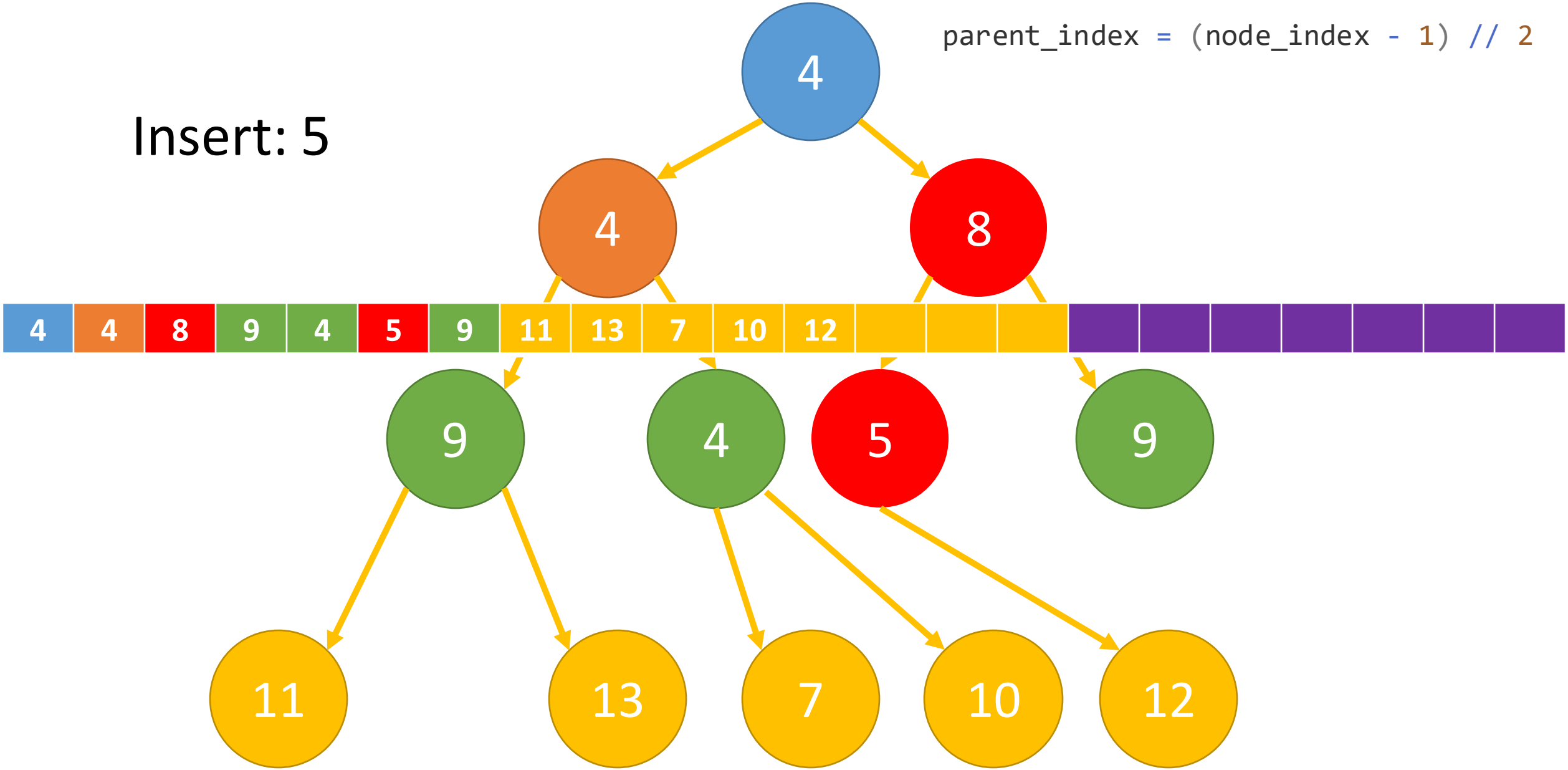
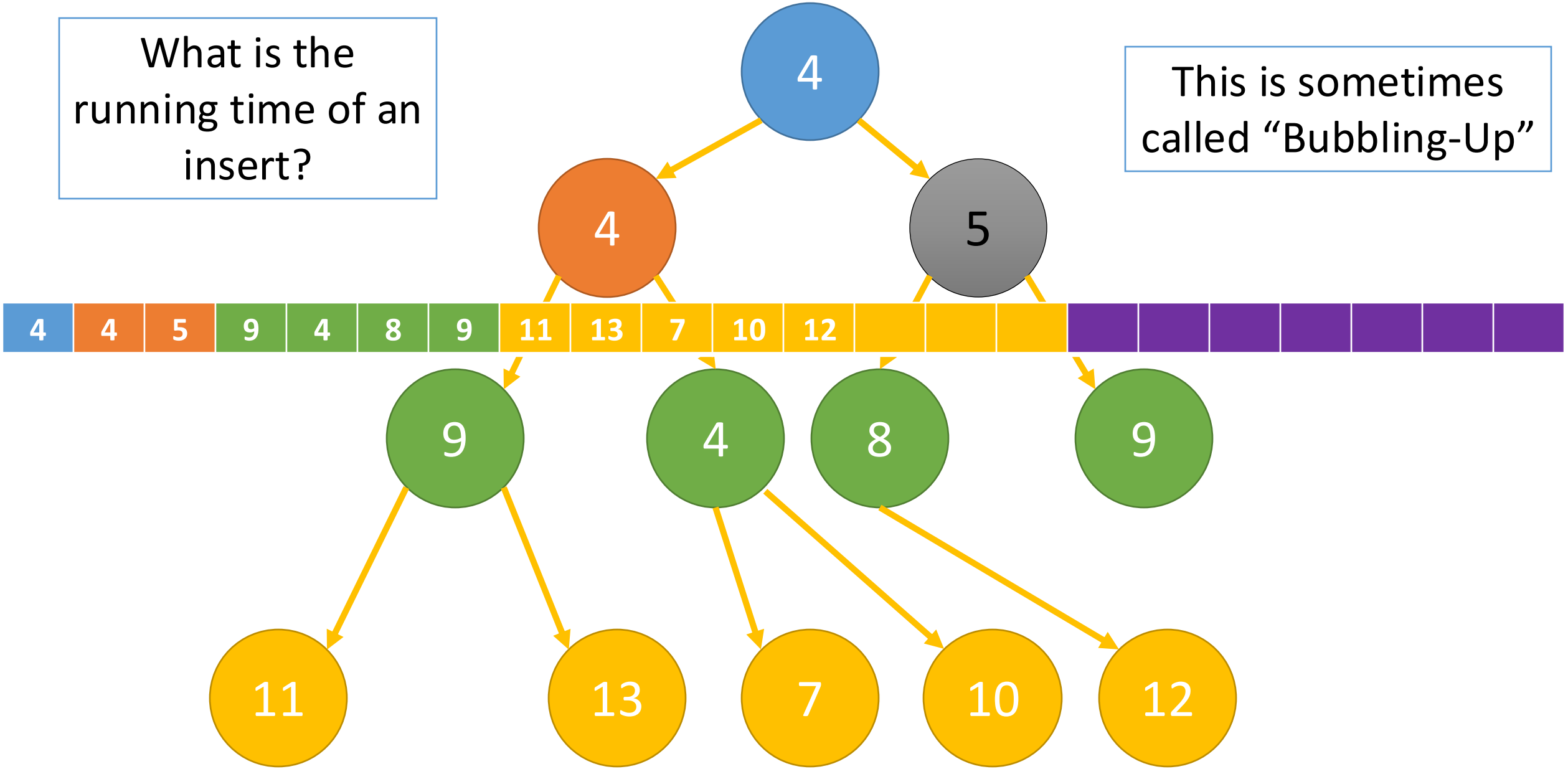


What is the running time of an insert?

This is sometimes called “Bubbling-Up”



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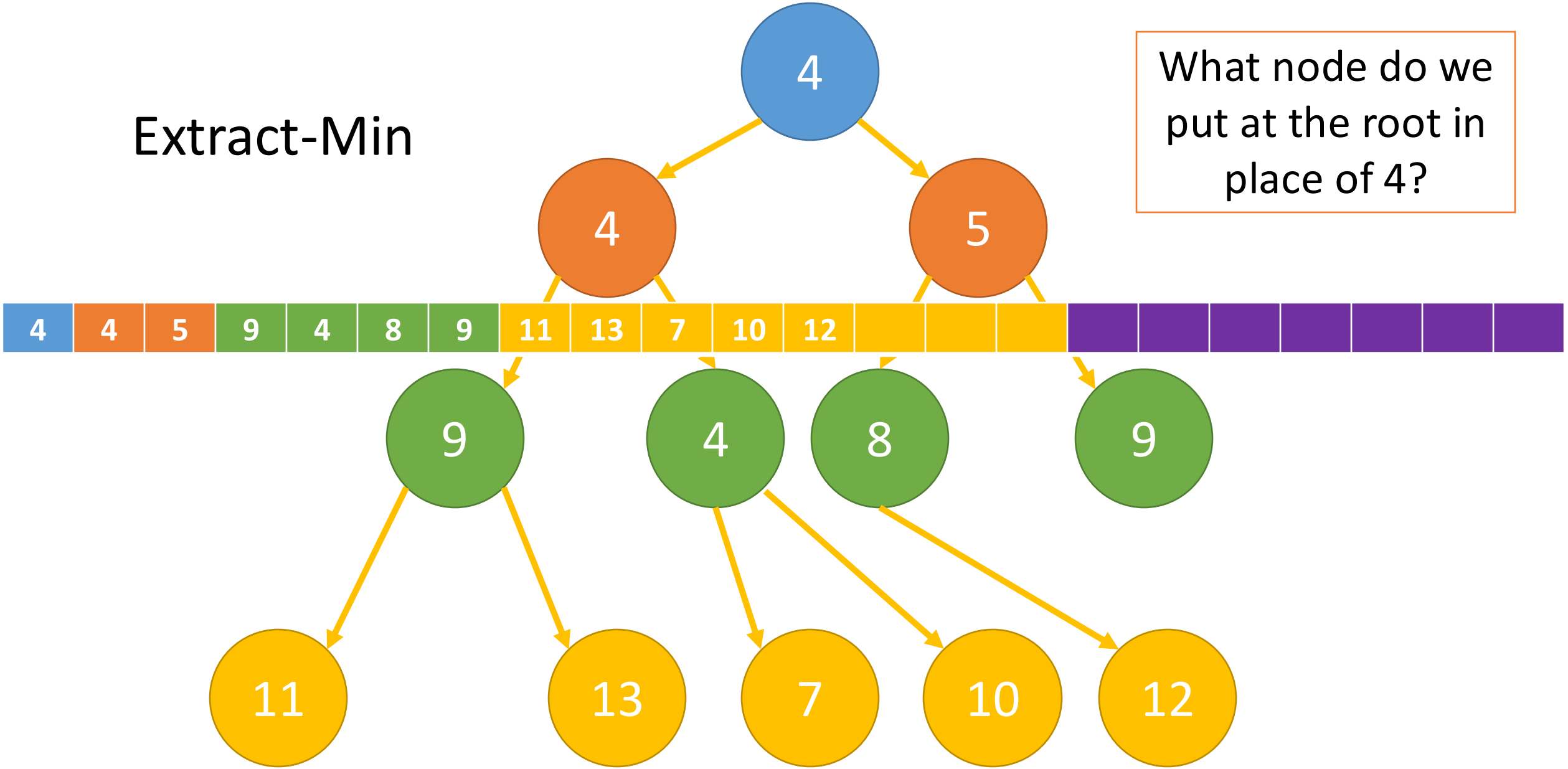

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What if we choose a child?

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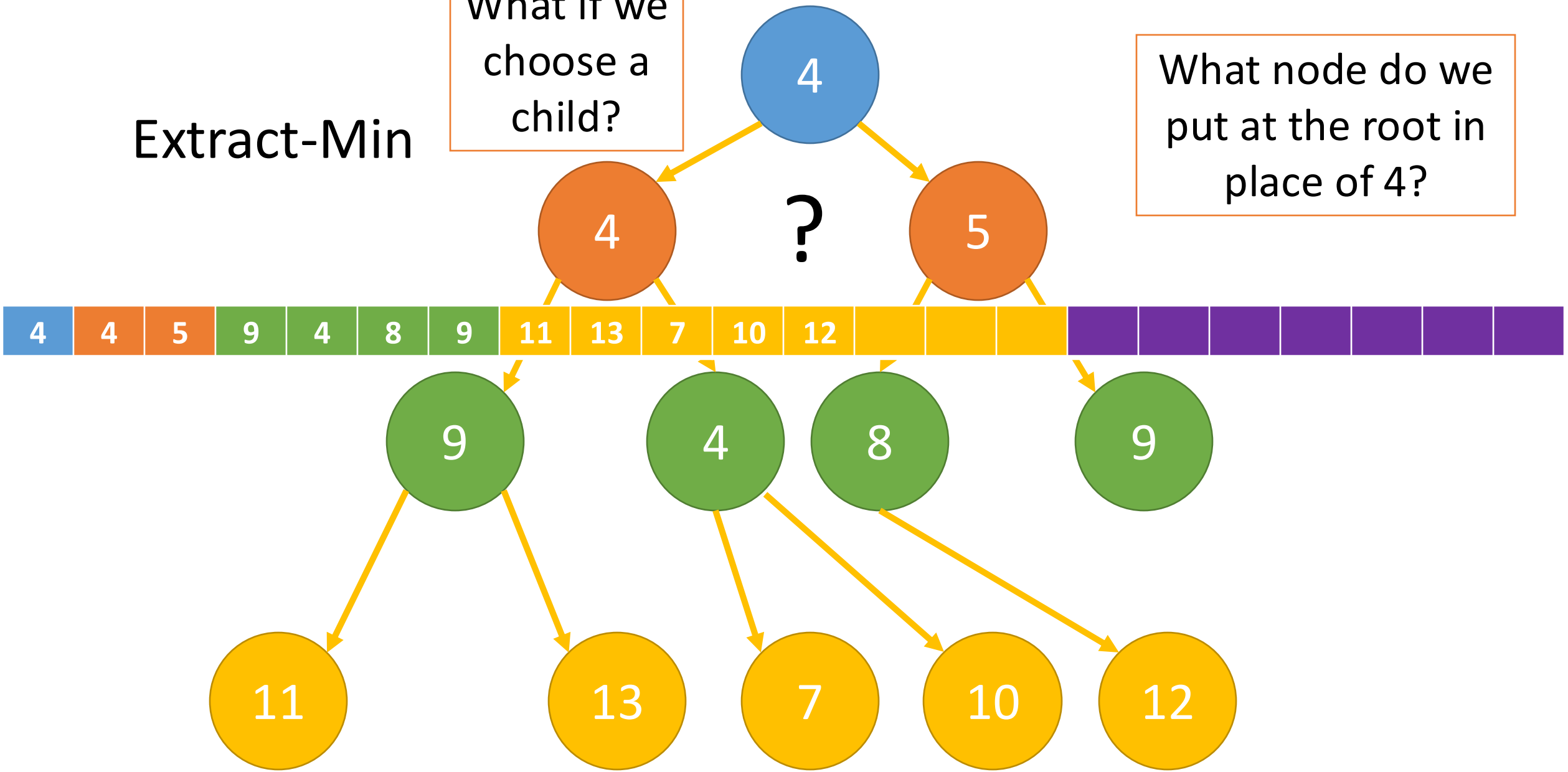

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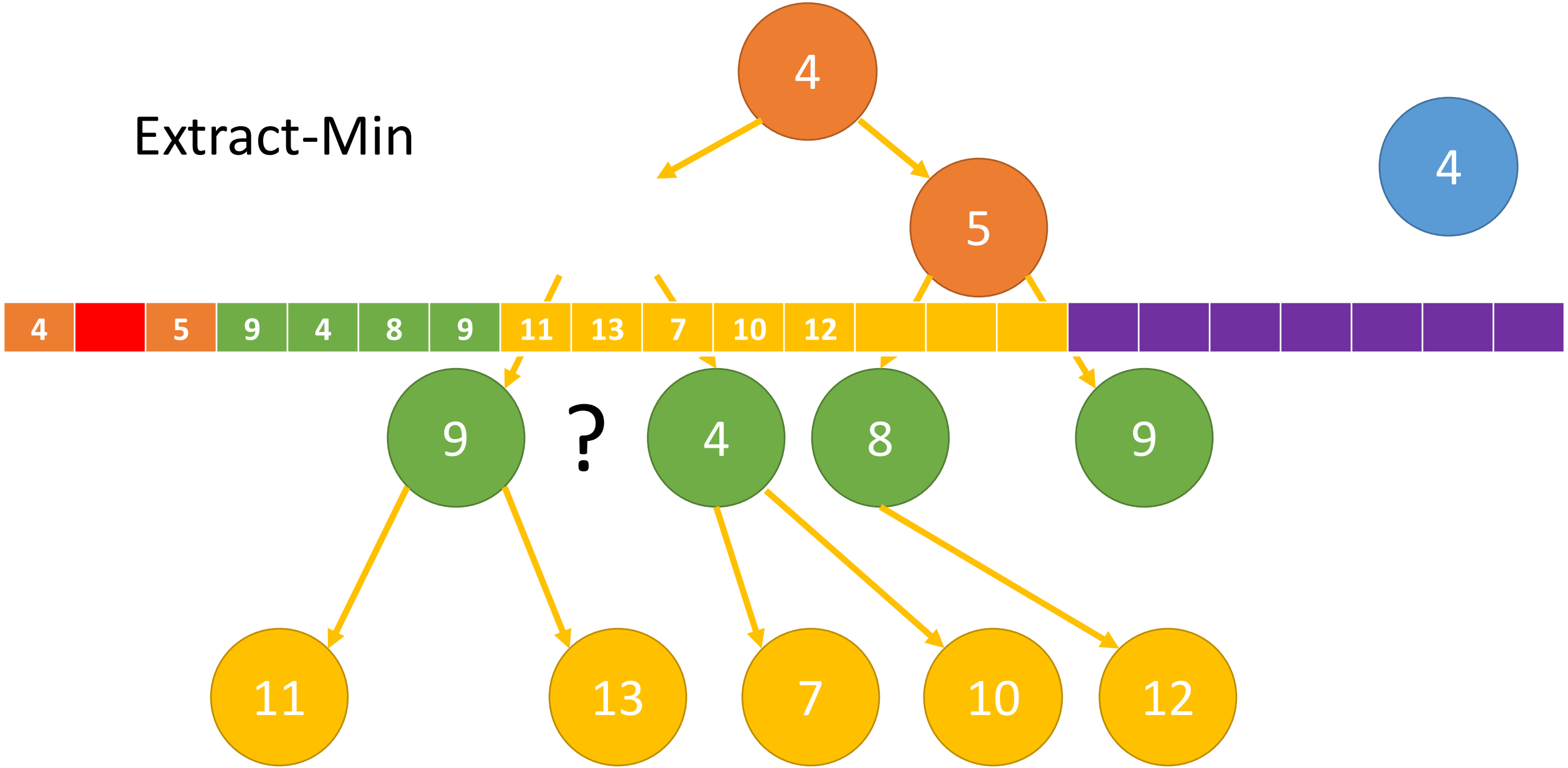

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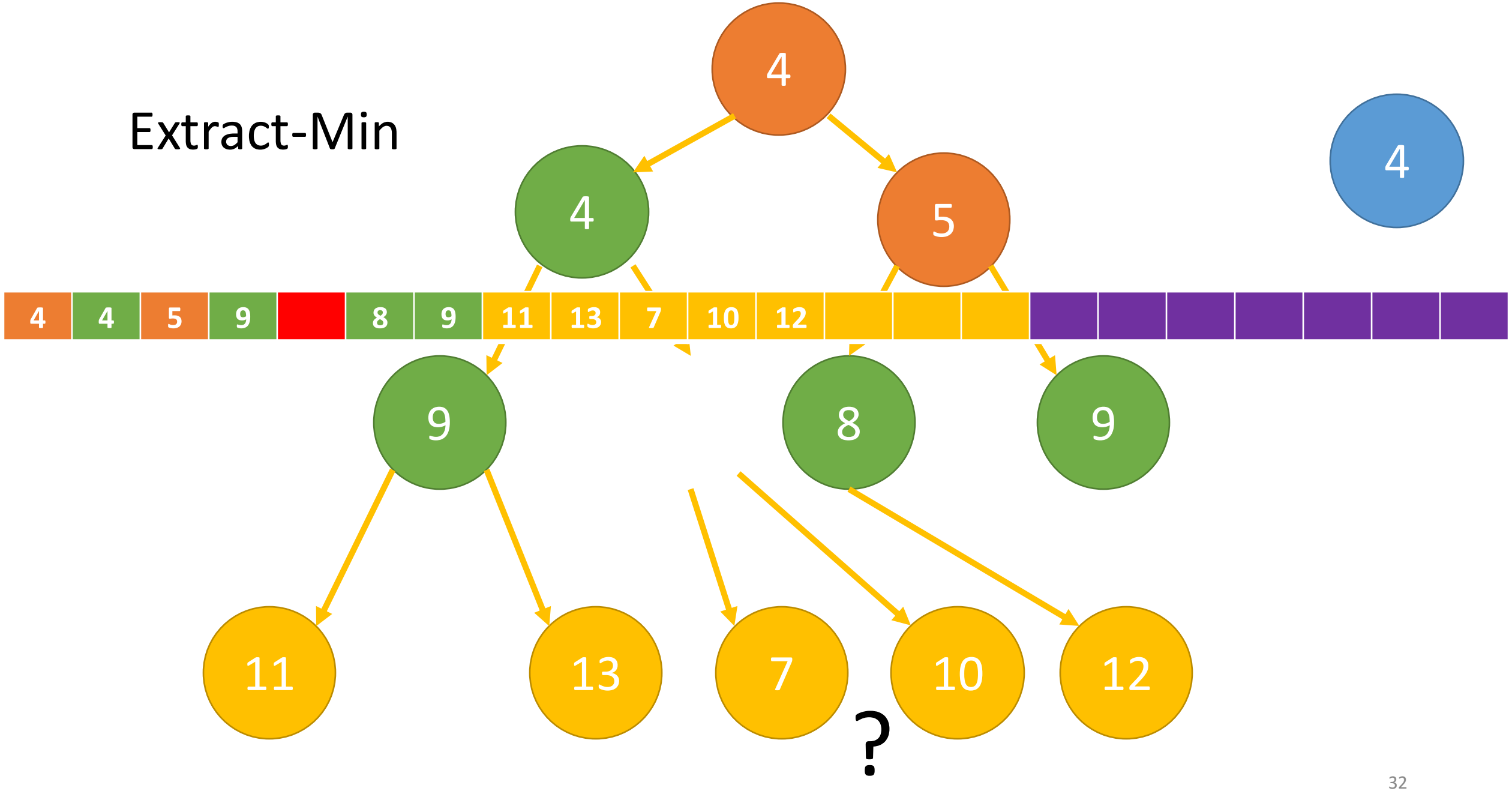

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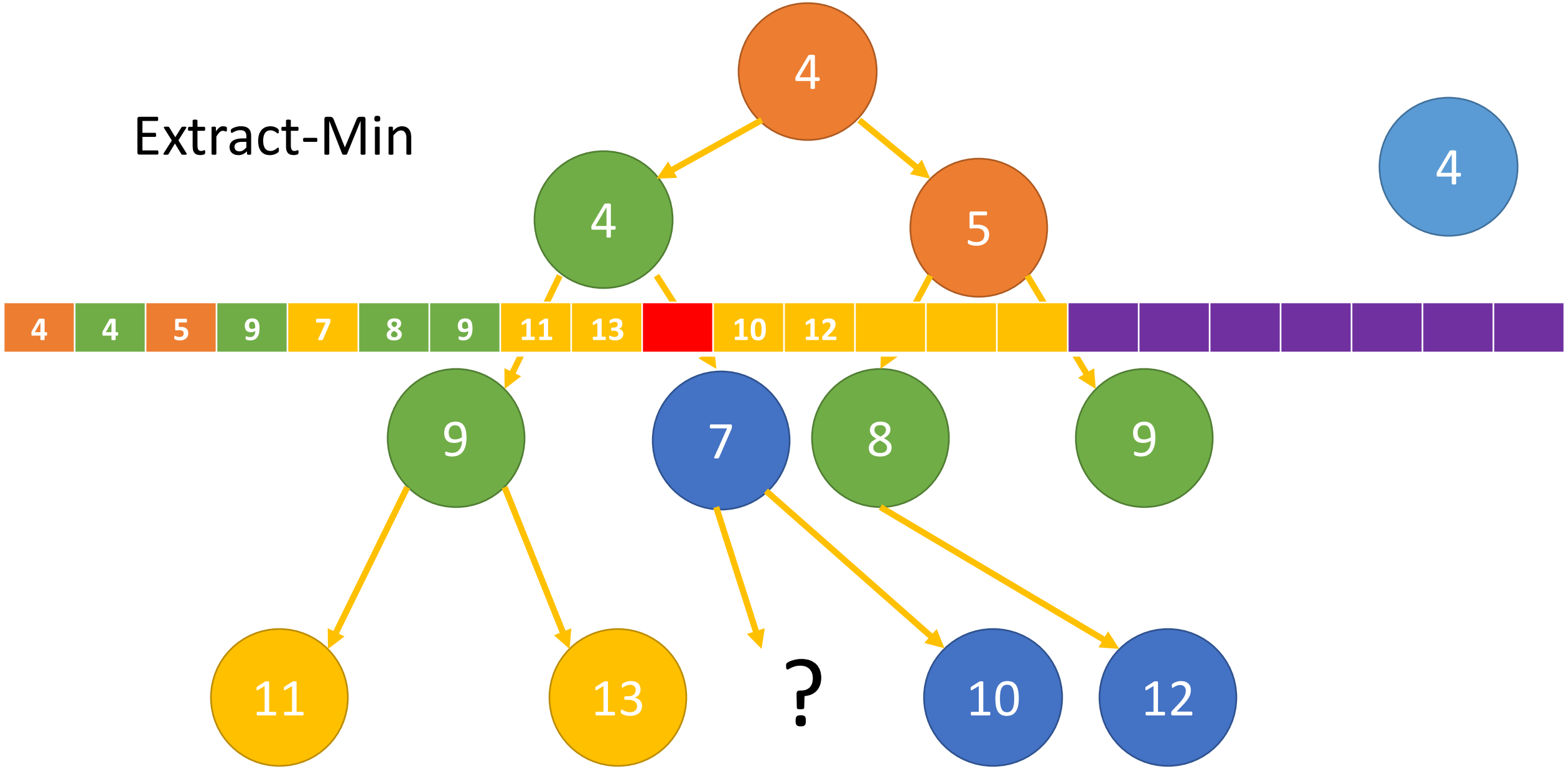

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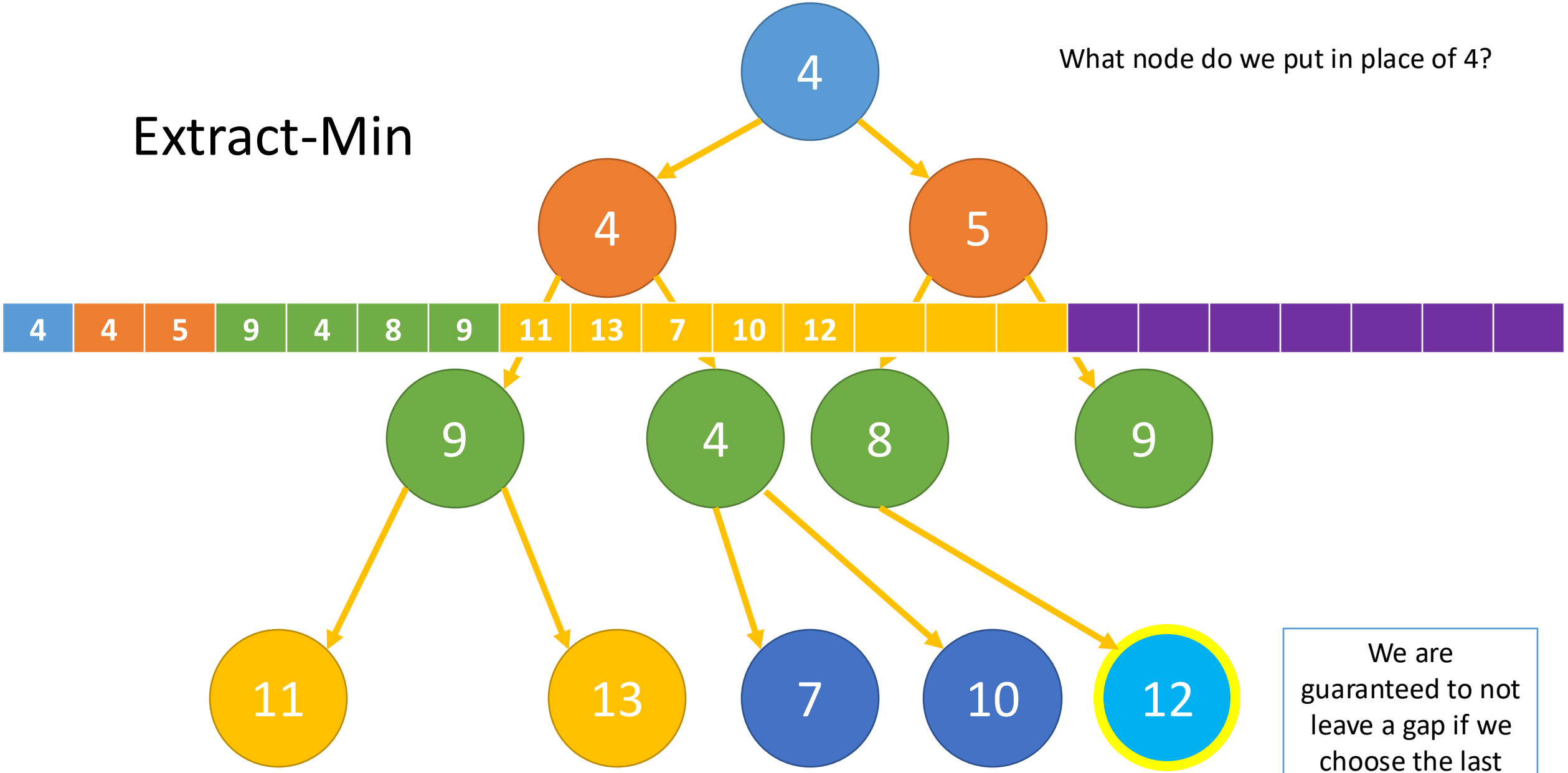

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We are guaranteed to not leave a gap if we choose the last node.

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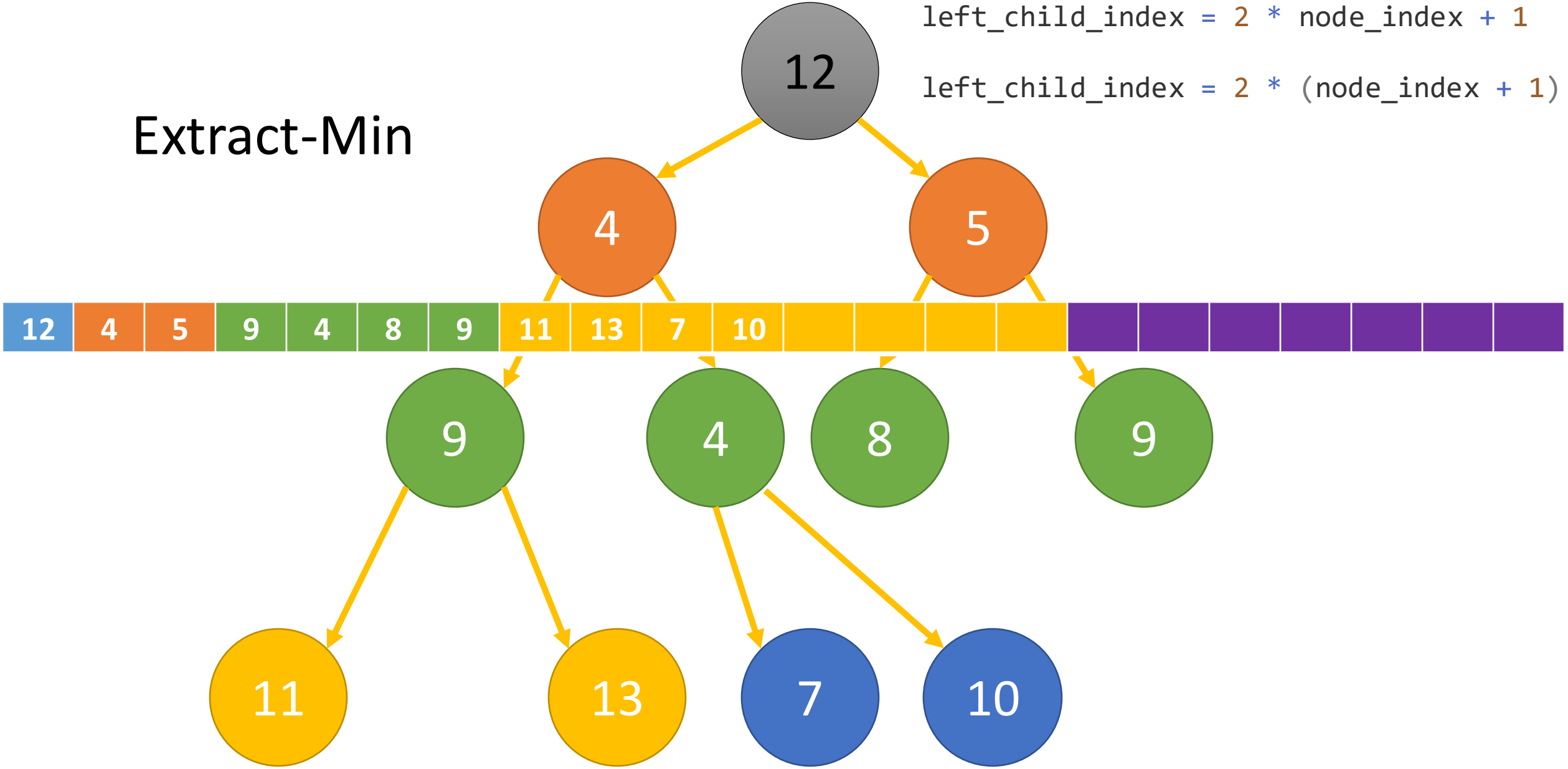

Do we swap with the 4 or the 5?

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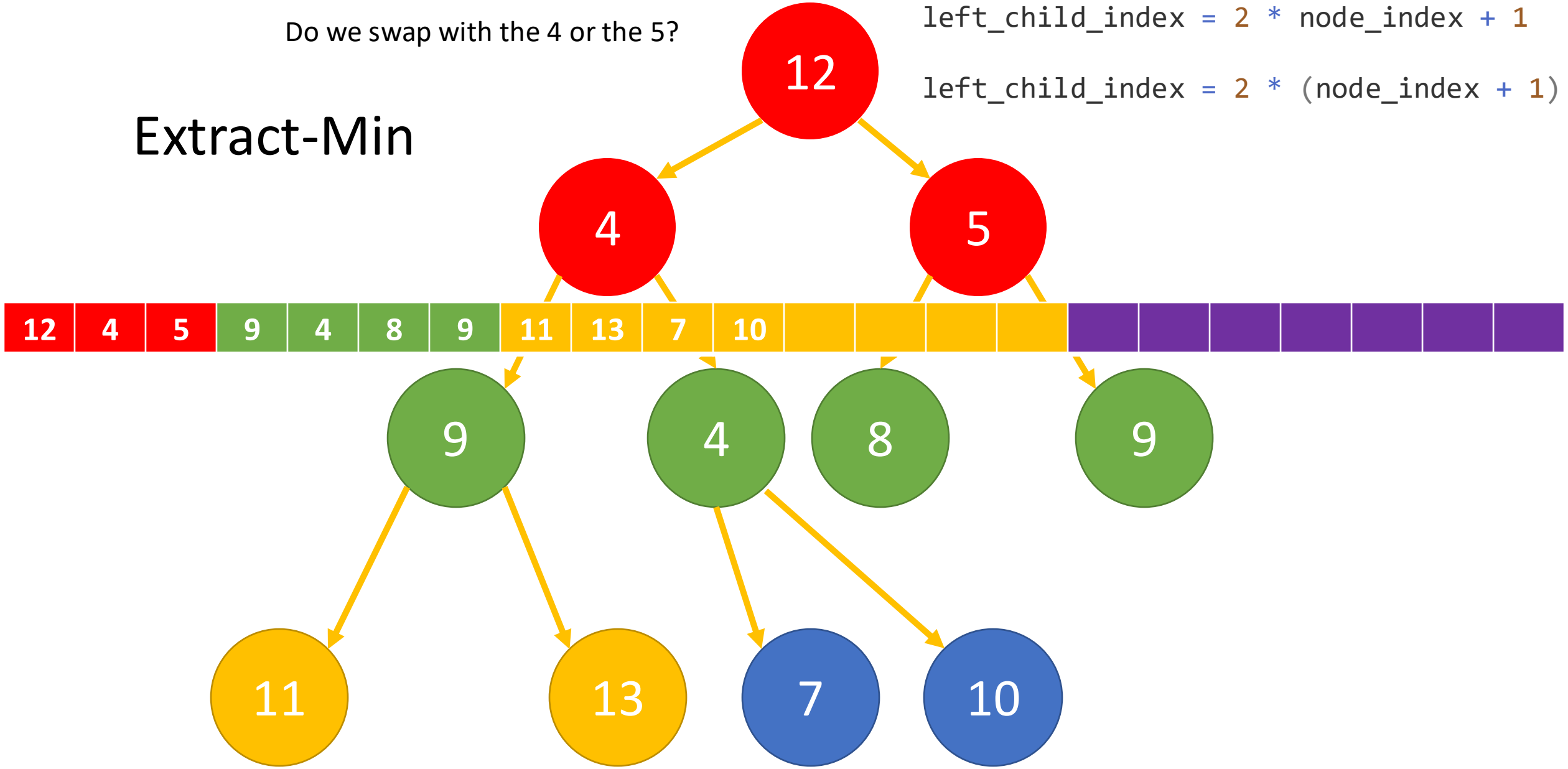

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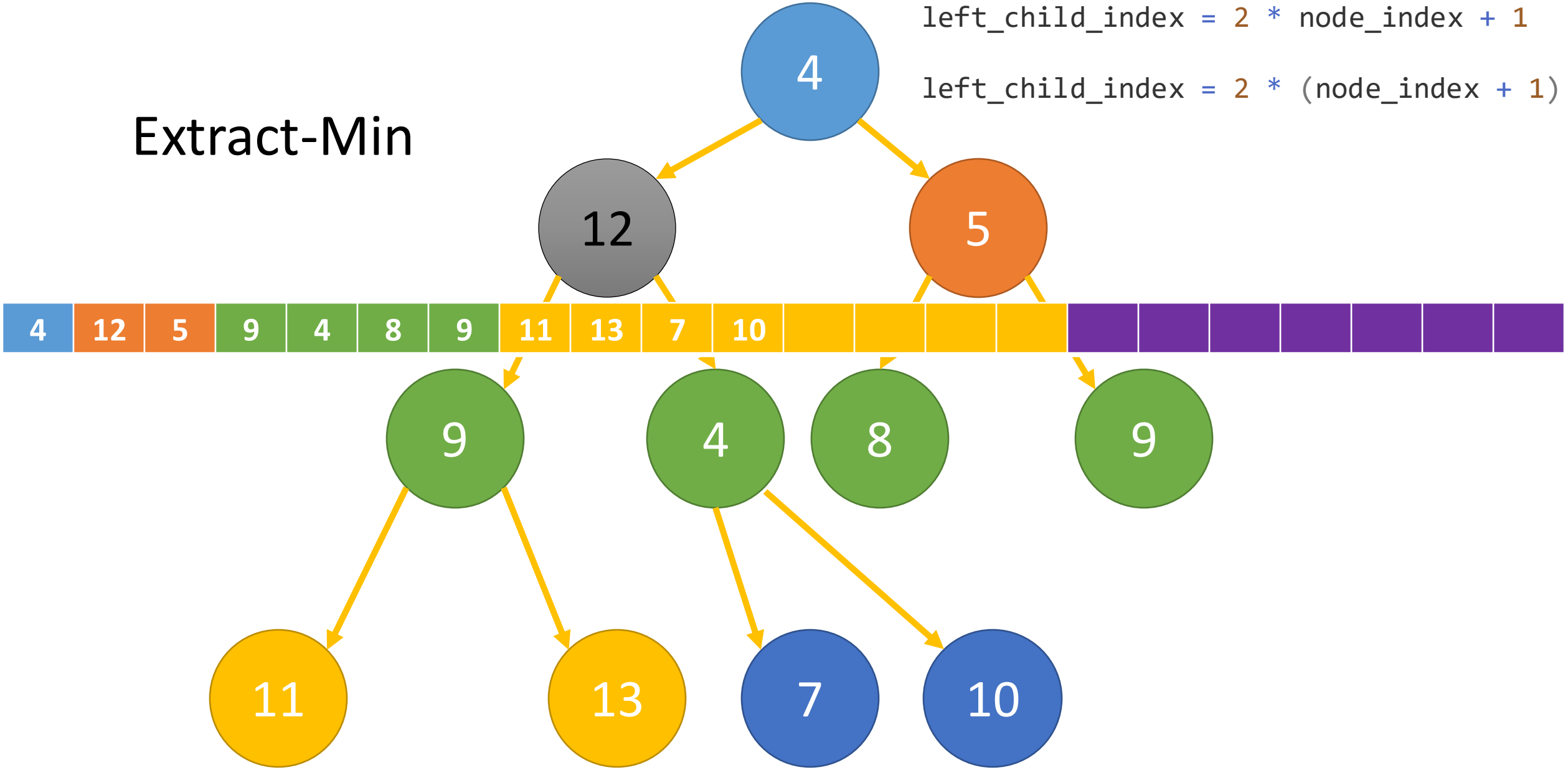

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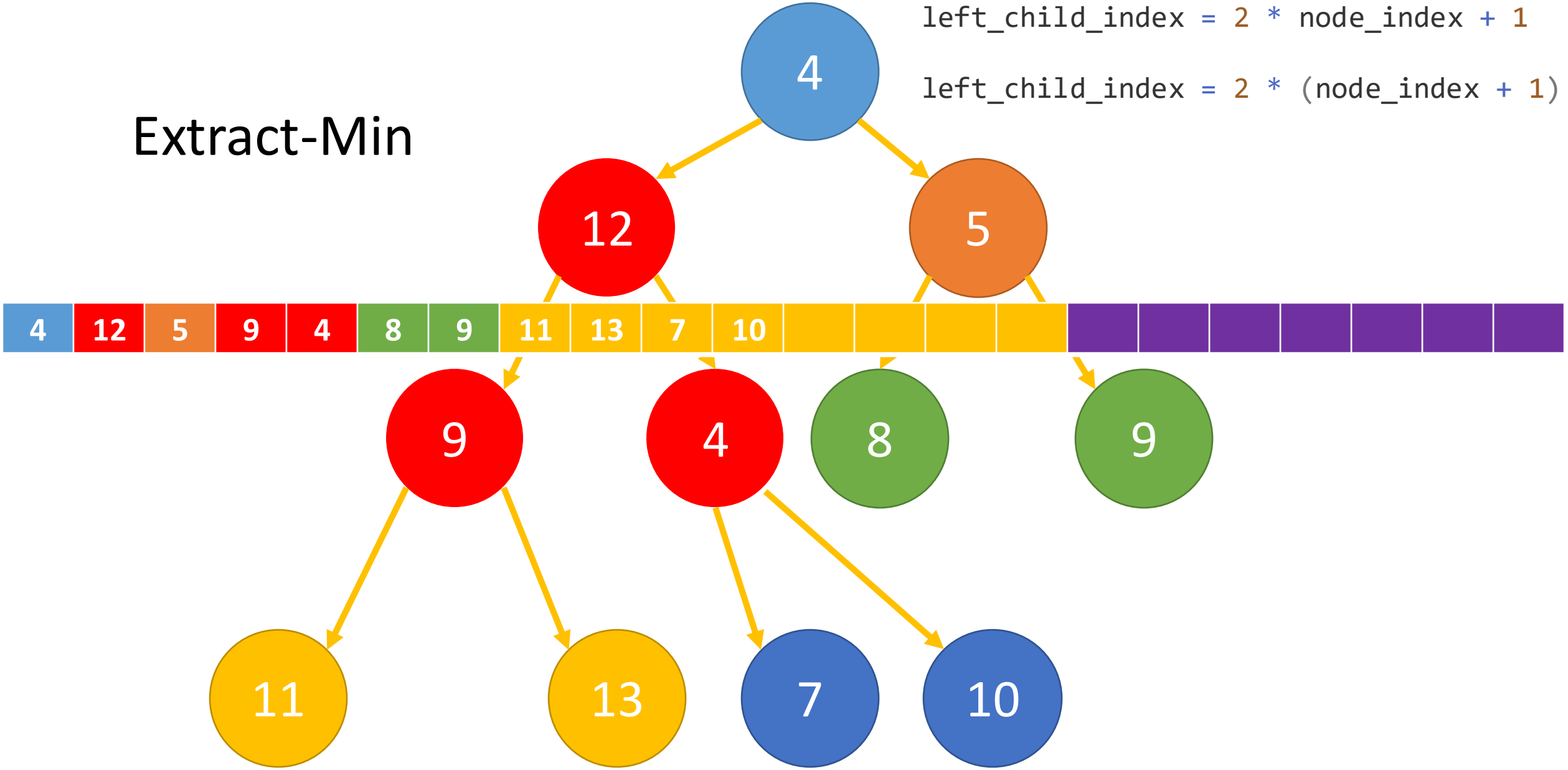

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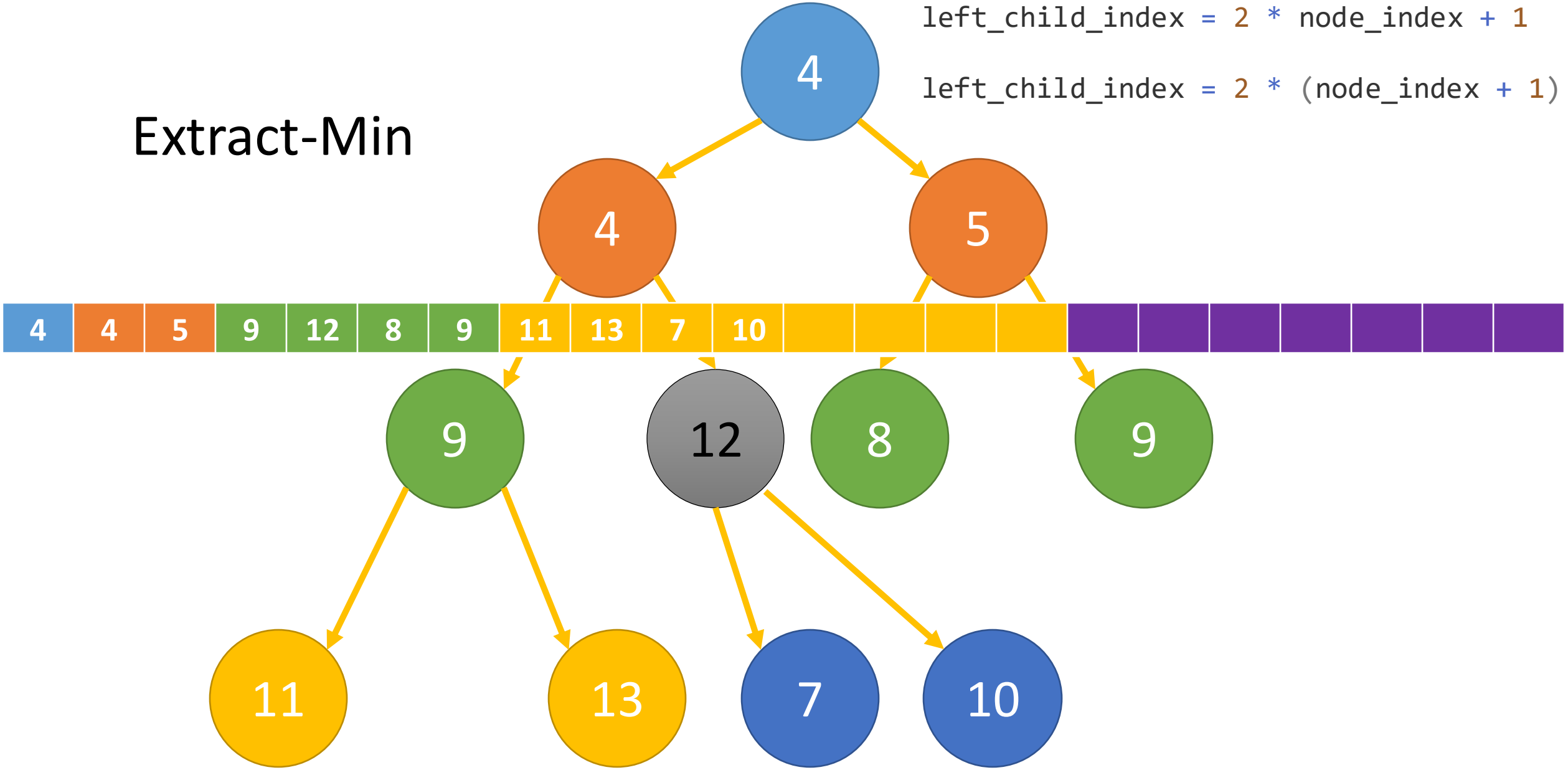

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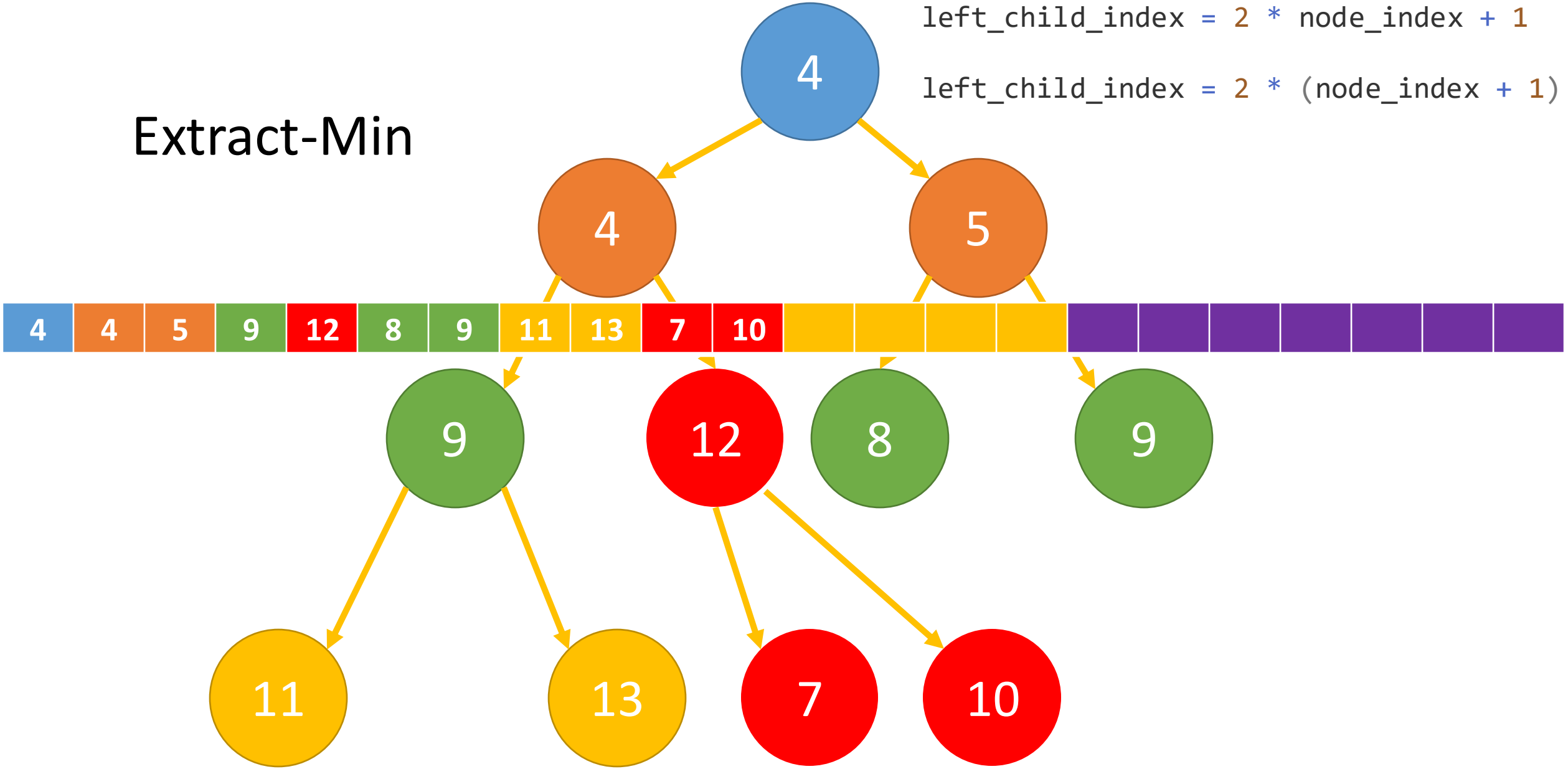

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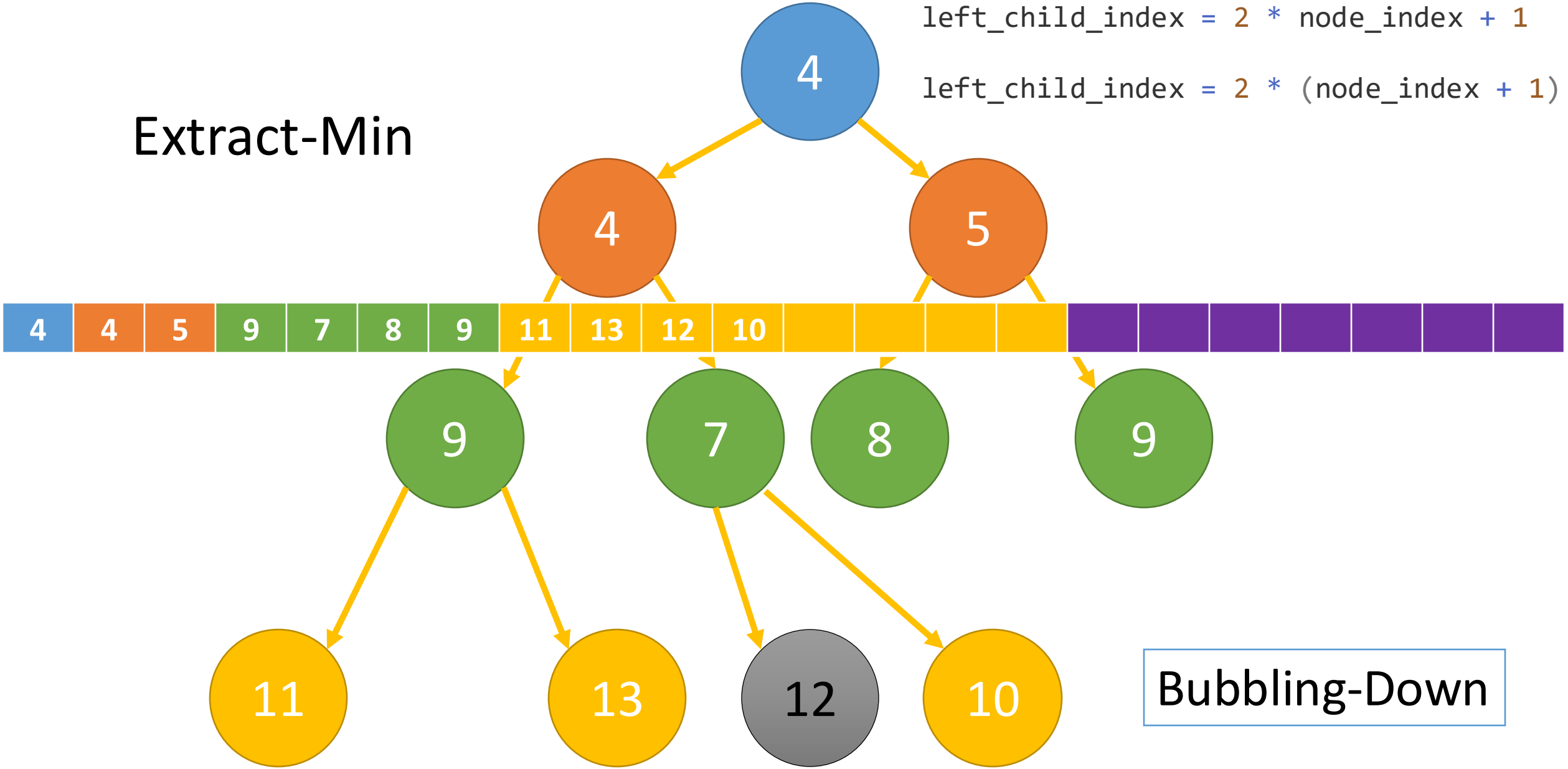

Bubbling-Down

```
FUNCTION Dijkstra(G, start_vertex)
    found = {}
    lengths = {v: INFINITY FOR v IN G.vertices}

    found.add(start_vertex)
    lengths[start_vertex] = 0

    WHILE found.length != G.vertices.length
        FOR v IN found
            FOR vOther, weight IN G.edges[v]
                IF vOther NOT IN found
                    vOther_length = lengths[v] + weight
                    IF vOther_length < min_length
                        min_length = vOther_length
                        vMin = vOther
        found.add(vMin)
        lengths[vMin] = min_length

    RETURN lengths
```

What is the running time?

How many times does the outer loop run?

O(n)

How many times do the inner two loops run?

O(m)

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What is the running time?

We can bring this down to O(m lg m) with a simple change.

State of the art of Dijkstra's:
O(m + n lg n)
(uses Fibonacci heap)

```
def dijkstras_heap(adjacency_list, start_vertex):
    """Dijkstra's Algorithm implemented with all vertices placed in a heap.

    This version of Dijkstra's Algorithm has a running time of O(m lg m).
    """

    n = len(adjacency_list)

    path_lengths = {v: inf for v in adjacency_list}
    predecessors = {v: None for v in adjacency_list}

    path_lengths[start_vertex] = 0
    predecessors[start_vertex] = None

    found = set()
    vertex_min_heap = [(path_lengths[start_vertex], start_vertex)]

    while len(found) != n:
        vfrom_length, vfrom = heappop(vertex_min_heap)
        found.add(vfrom)

        for vto, weight in adjacency_list[vfrom]:
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    return path_lengths, predecessors
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Not optimal but works very well in practice.

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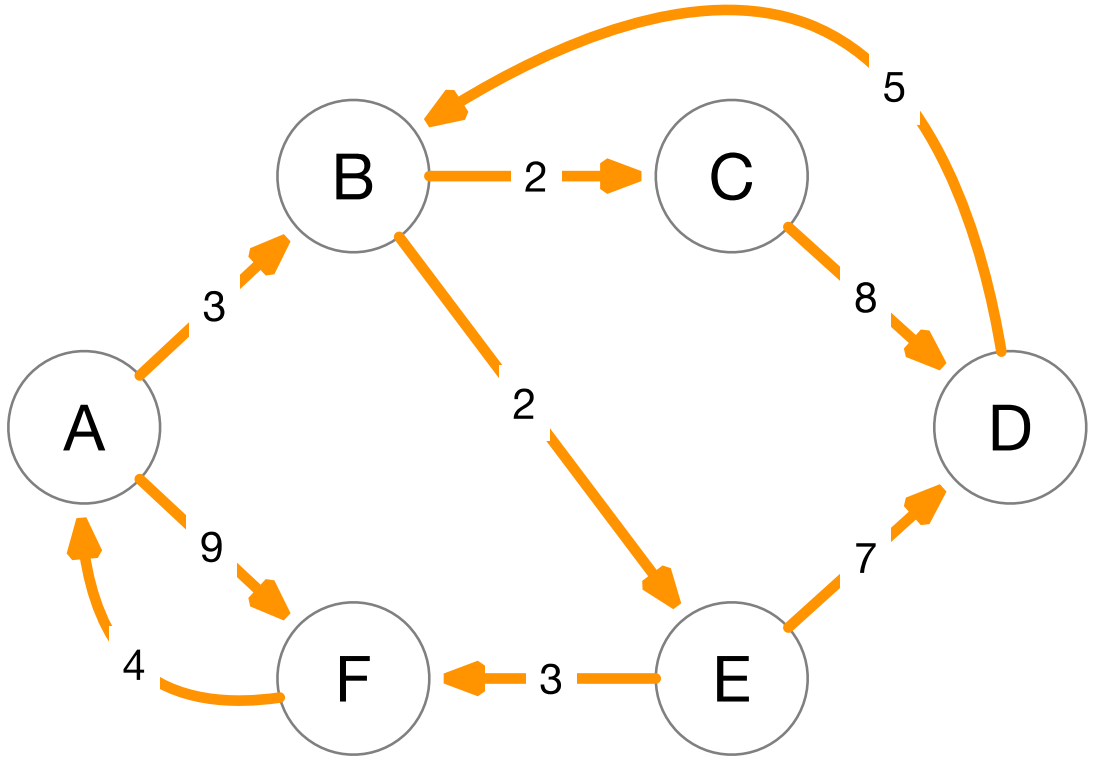

```
def print_path(end_vertex, predecessors):

    path = [end_vertex]
    pred = predecessors[end_vertex]

    while pred is not None:

        path.append(pred)
        pred = predecessors[pred]

    print(" -> ".join([str(v) for v in reversed(path)]))
```

Dijkstra's Algorithm Correctness

Theorem:

- Dijkstra's algorithm will find the shortest path from the start vertex to every other vertex on any graph with non-negative weights.

Proof using a loop invariant. Loop predicate:

- At the start of each iteration of the while loop, the shortest path has been found for every vertex in the found set

Initialization

- Initially, the found set is empty. So, the invariant is trivially true.

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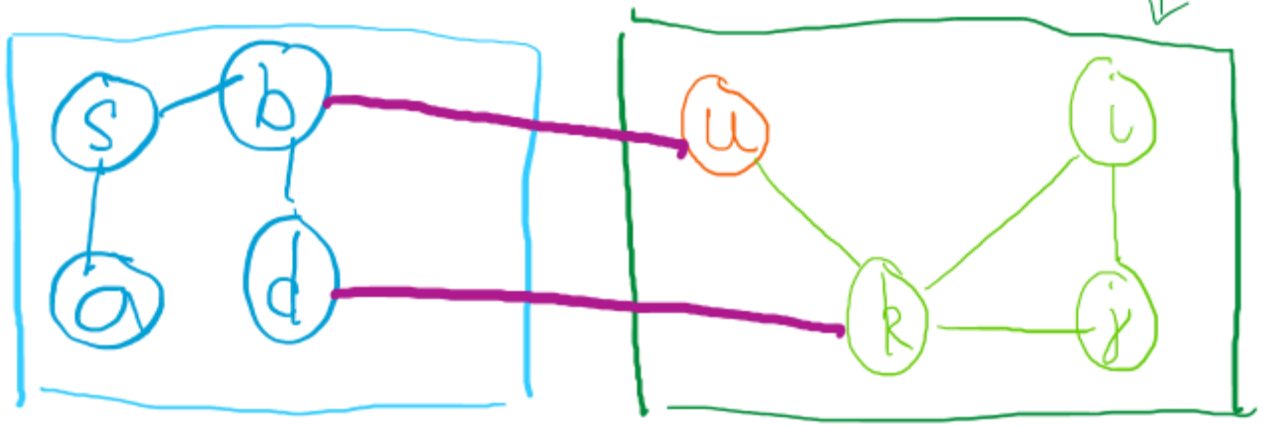


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- At the time u is found we must have some path to u
- To have a shorter path to u, it must go through some vertex k not in found.
- But since we only have positive edges, a shorter path going through k, means that k must have been chosen before u. Contradiction.

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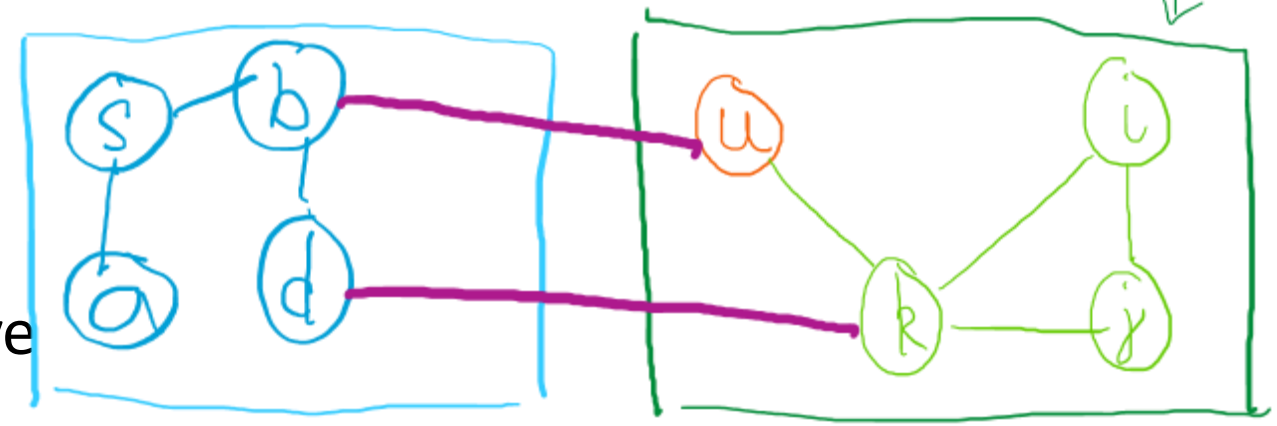
Not found

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Termination

- The loop terminates when all vertices have been added to the found set.

- Given the loop invariant the shortest path to all vertices have been calculated.

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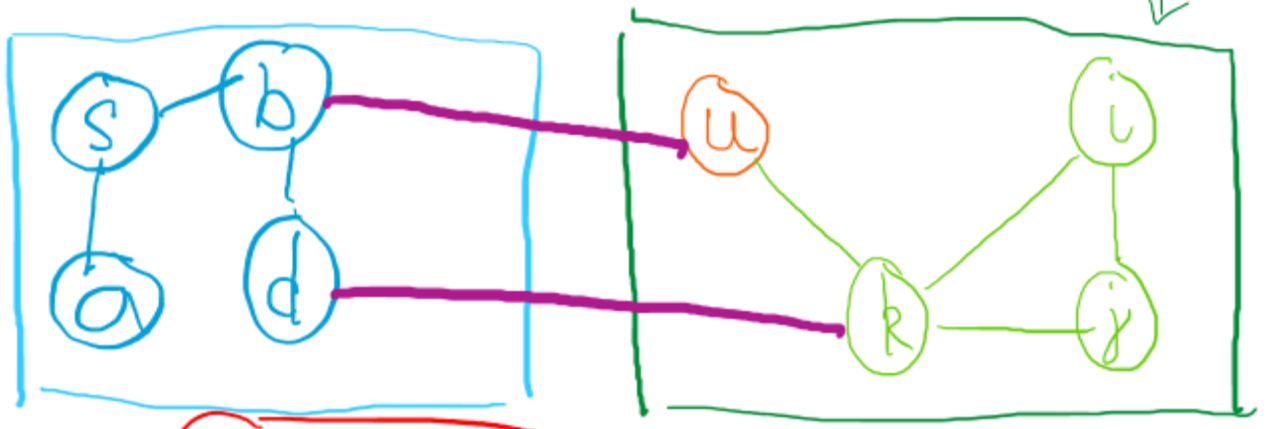


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