

NPTEL MOOC, JAN-FEB 2015  
Week 5, Module 4

# DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF ALGORITHMS

## Heaps

MADHAVAN MUKUND, CHENNAI MATHEMATICAL INSTITUTE  
<http://www.cmi.ac.in/~madhavan>



# Priority queue

- \* Need to maintain a list of jobs with priorities to optimise the following operations
  - \* `delete_max()`
    - \* Identify and remove job with highest priority
    - \* Need not be unique
  - \* `insert()`
    - \* Add a new job to the list



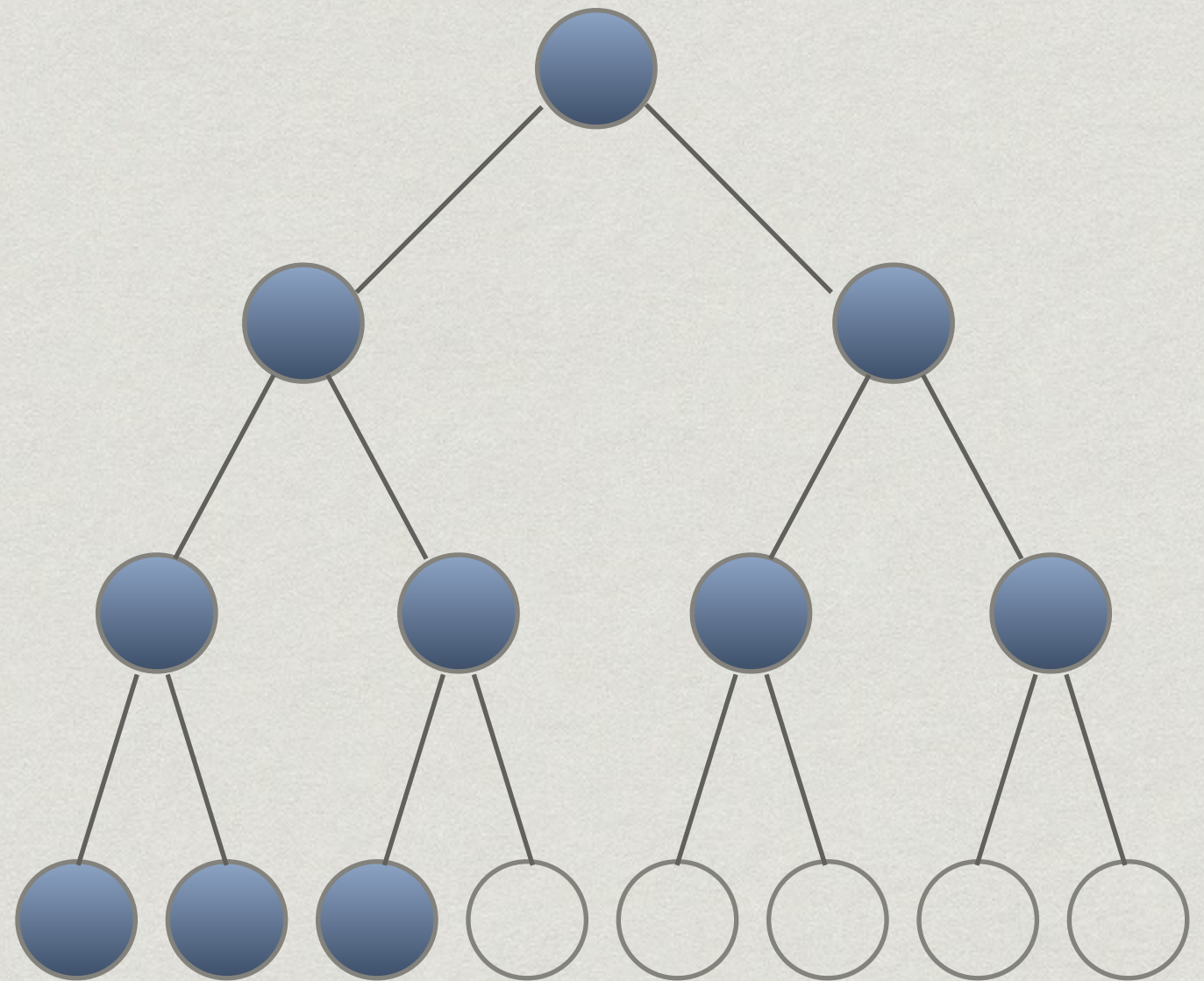
# Trees

- \* Maintain a special kind of binary tree called a **heap**
  - \* **Balanced**: N node tree has height  $\log N$
- \* Both `insert()` and `delete_max()` take  $O(\log N)$ 
  - \* Processing N jobs takes time  $O(N \log N)$
- \* Truly flexible, need not fix upper bound for N in advance



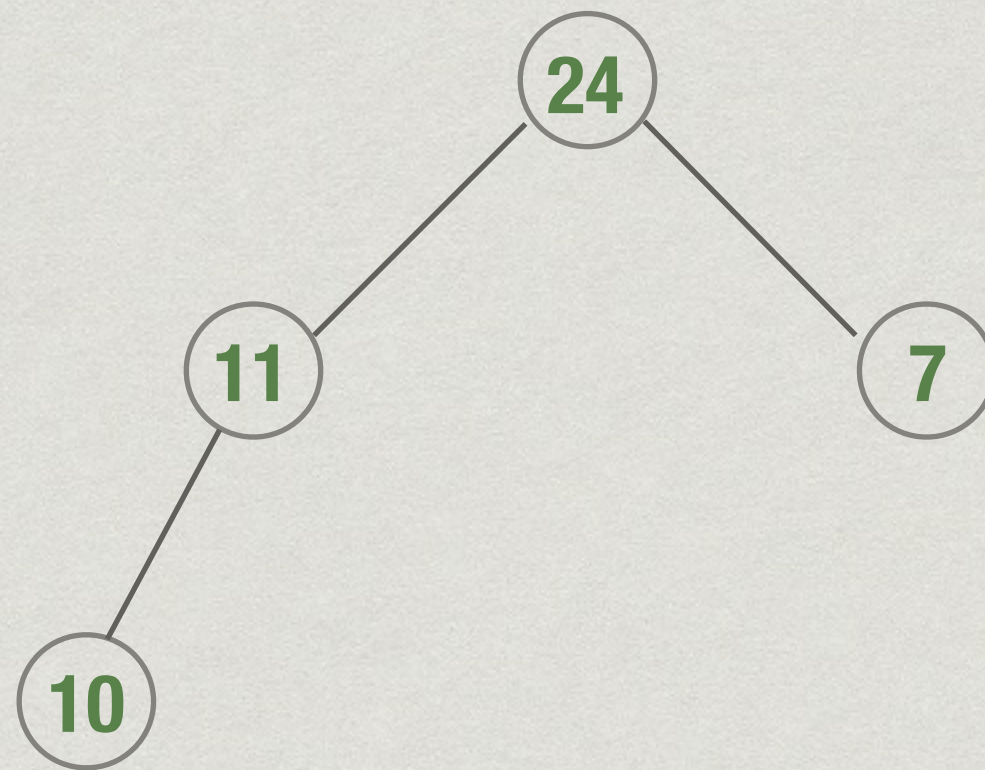
# Heaps

- \* Binary tree filled level by level, left to right
- \* At each node, value stored is bigger than both children
- \* **(Max) Heap**  
**Property** Binary tree filled level by level, left to right



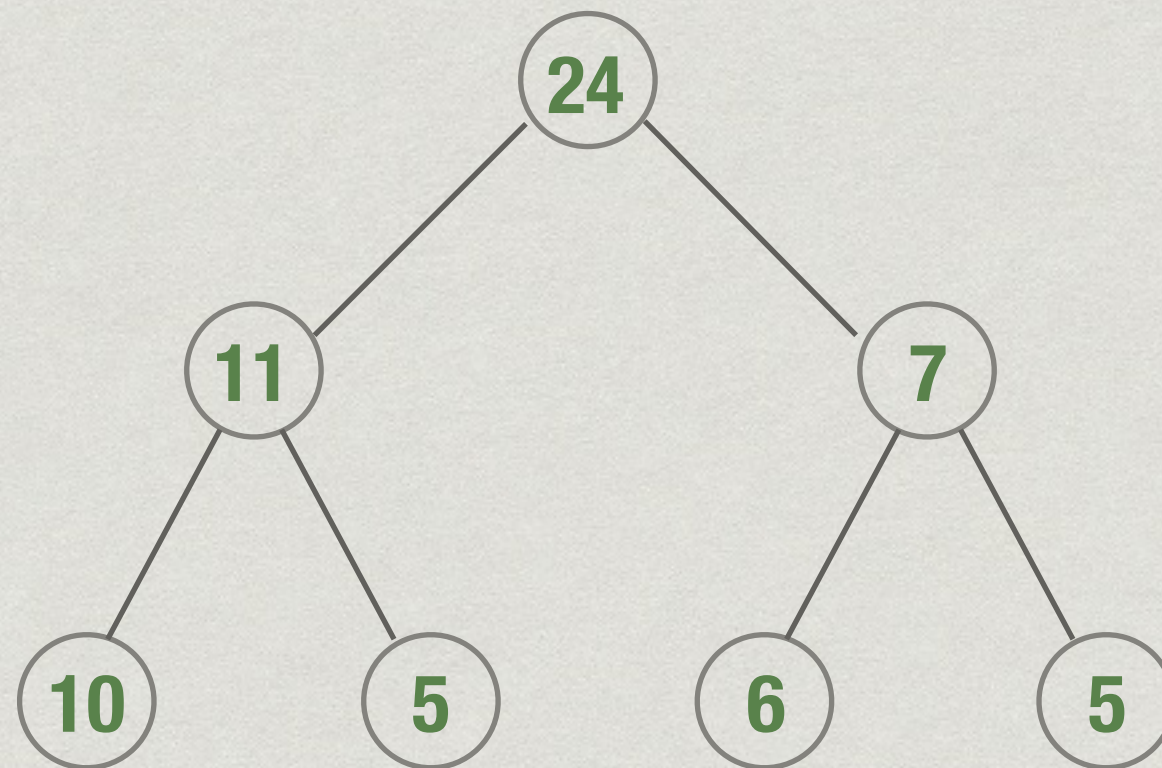


# Examples





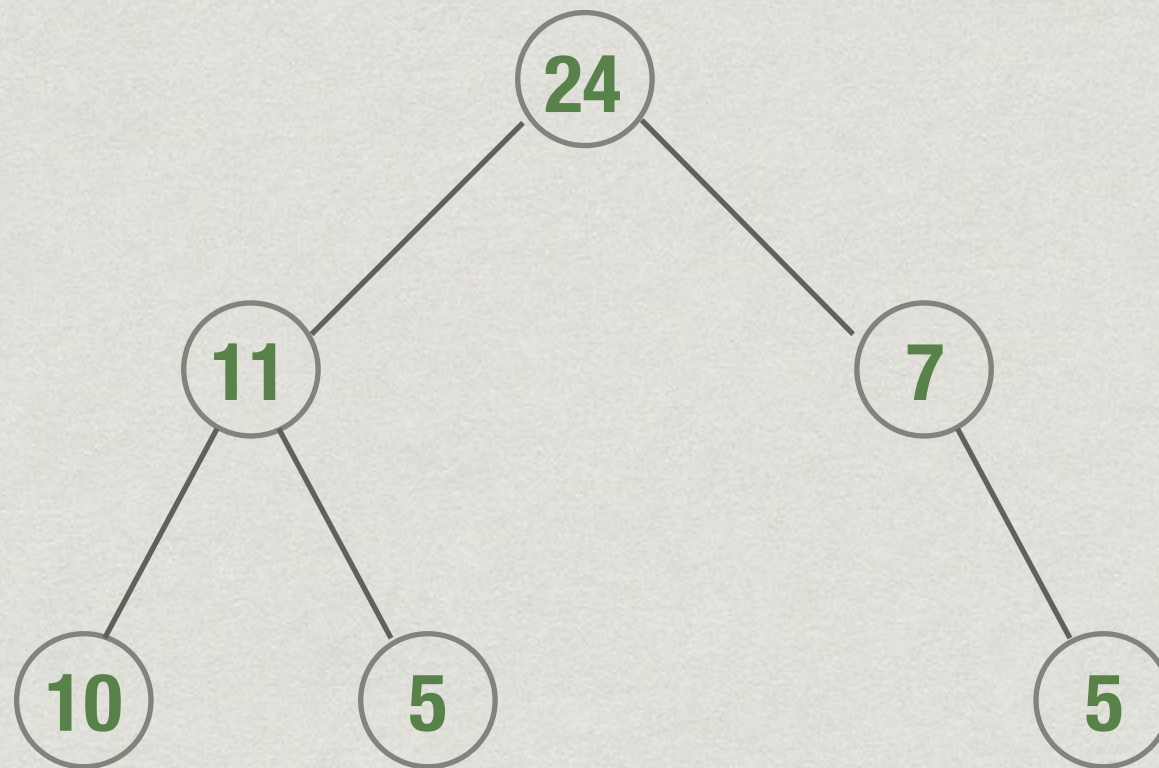
# Examples





# Non-examples

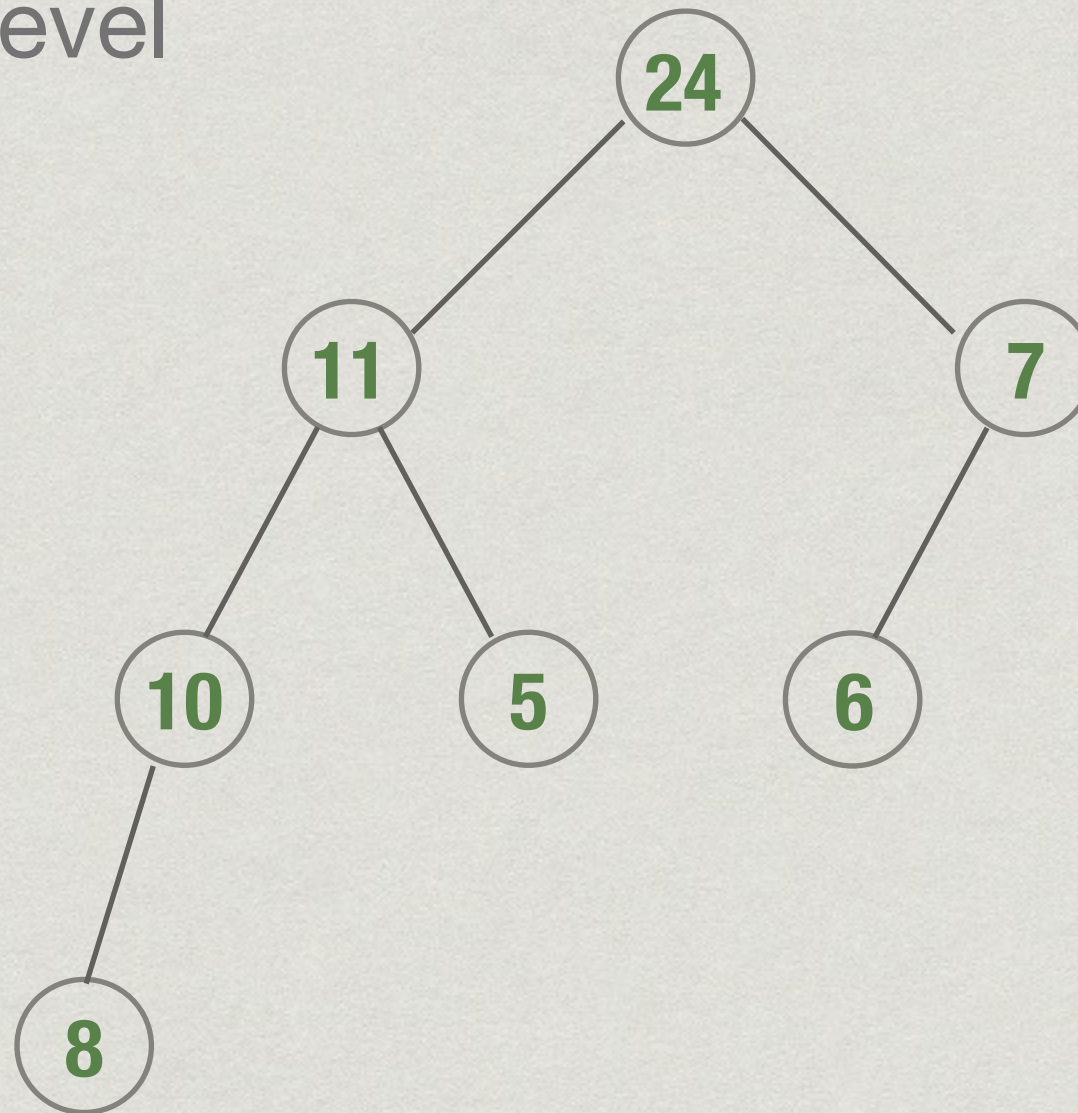
- \* No “holes” allowed





# Non-examples

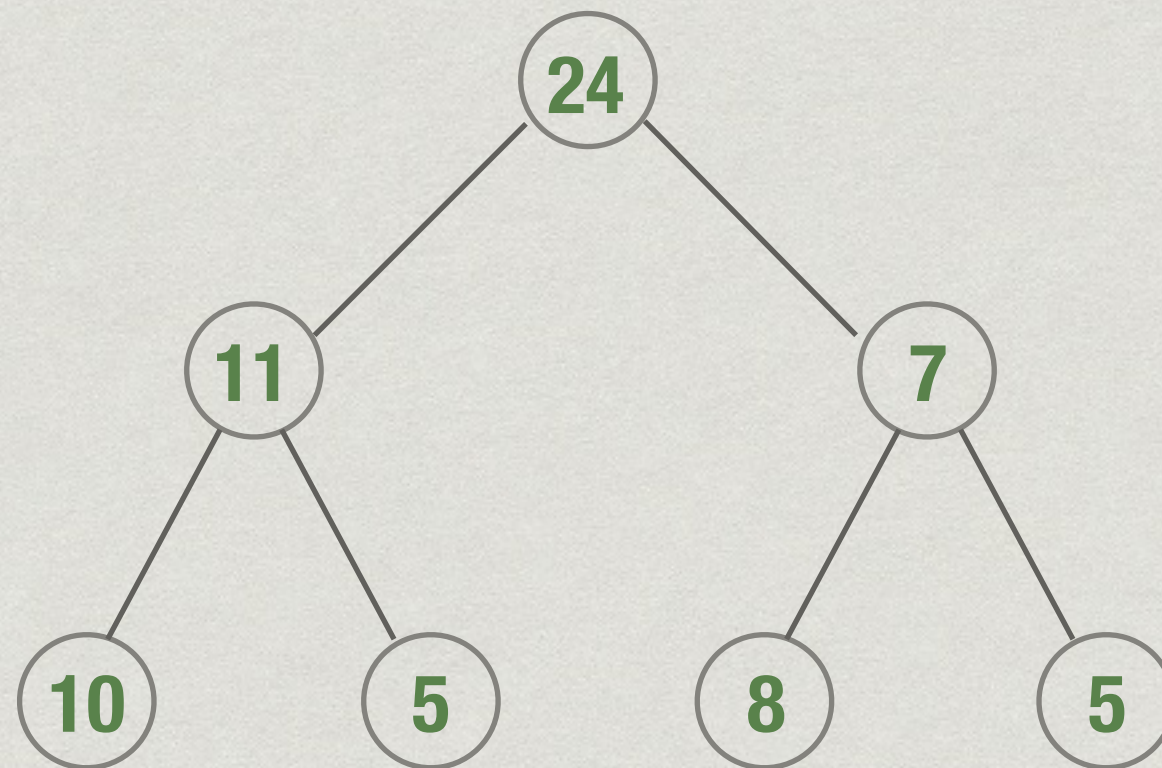
- \* Can't leave a level incomplete





# Non-examples

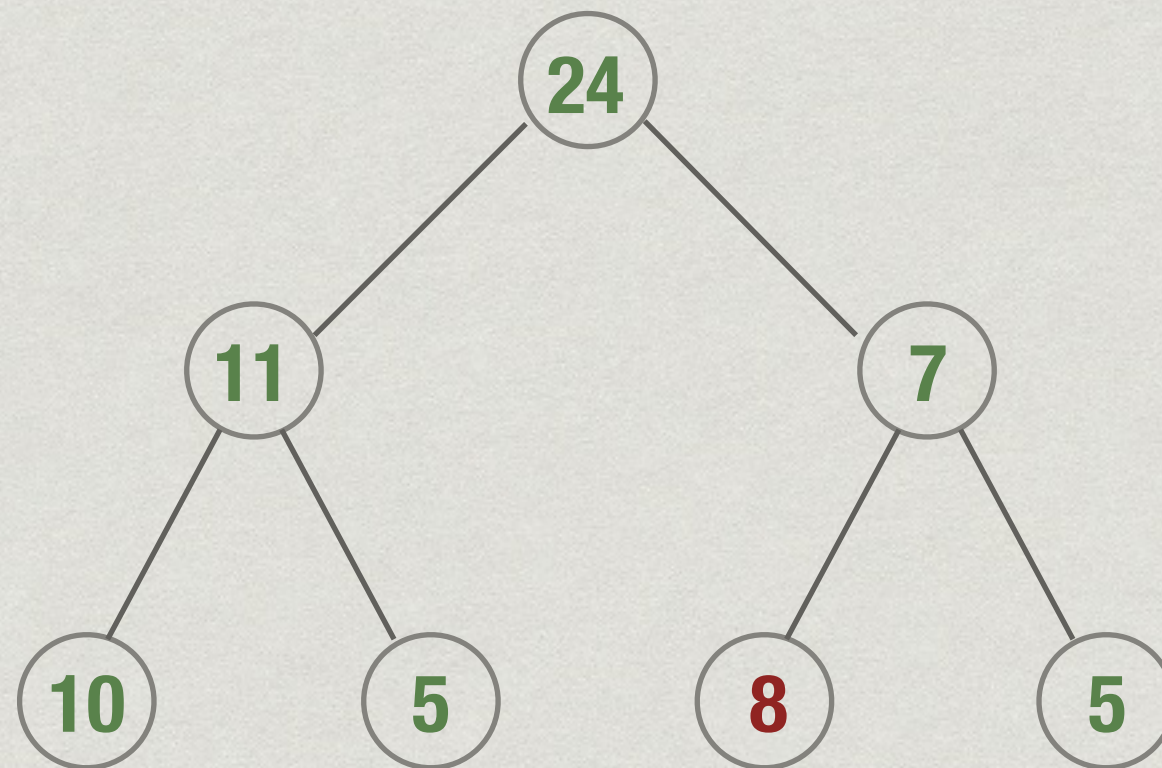
- \* Violates heap property





# Non-examples

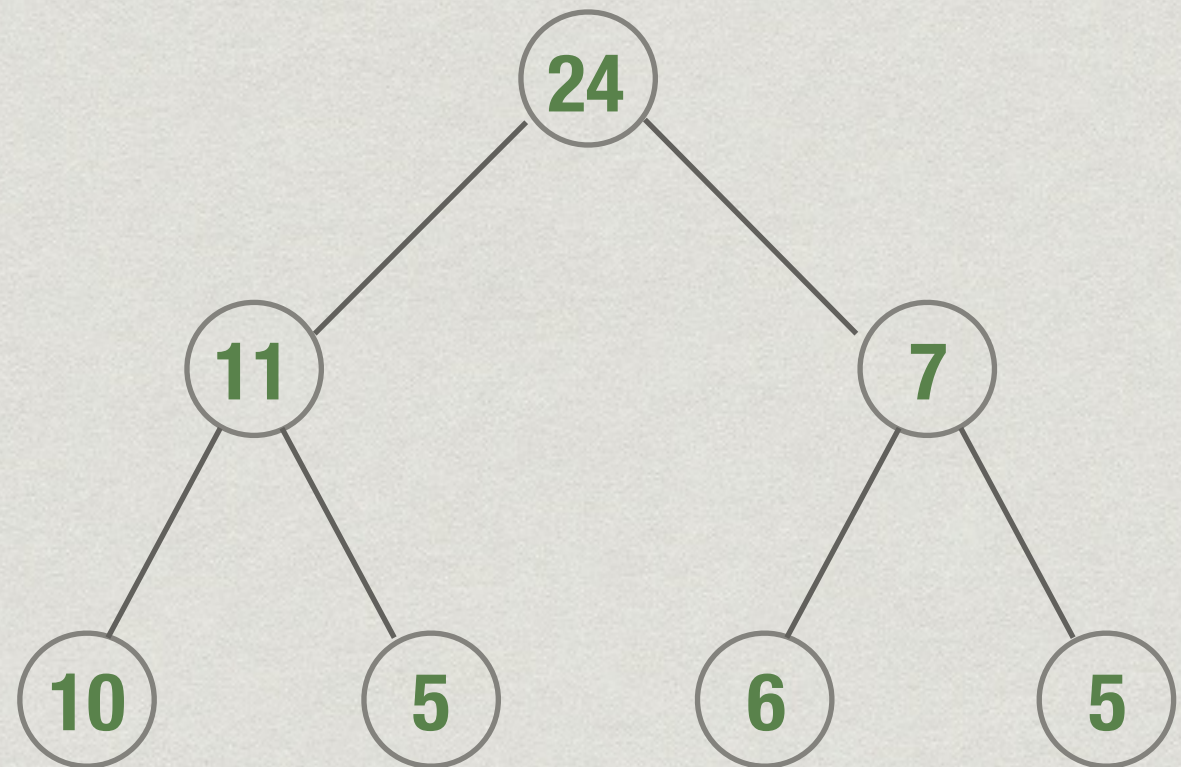
- \* Violates heap property





# insert()

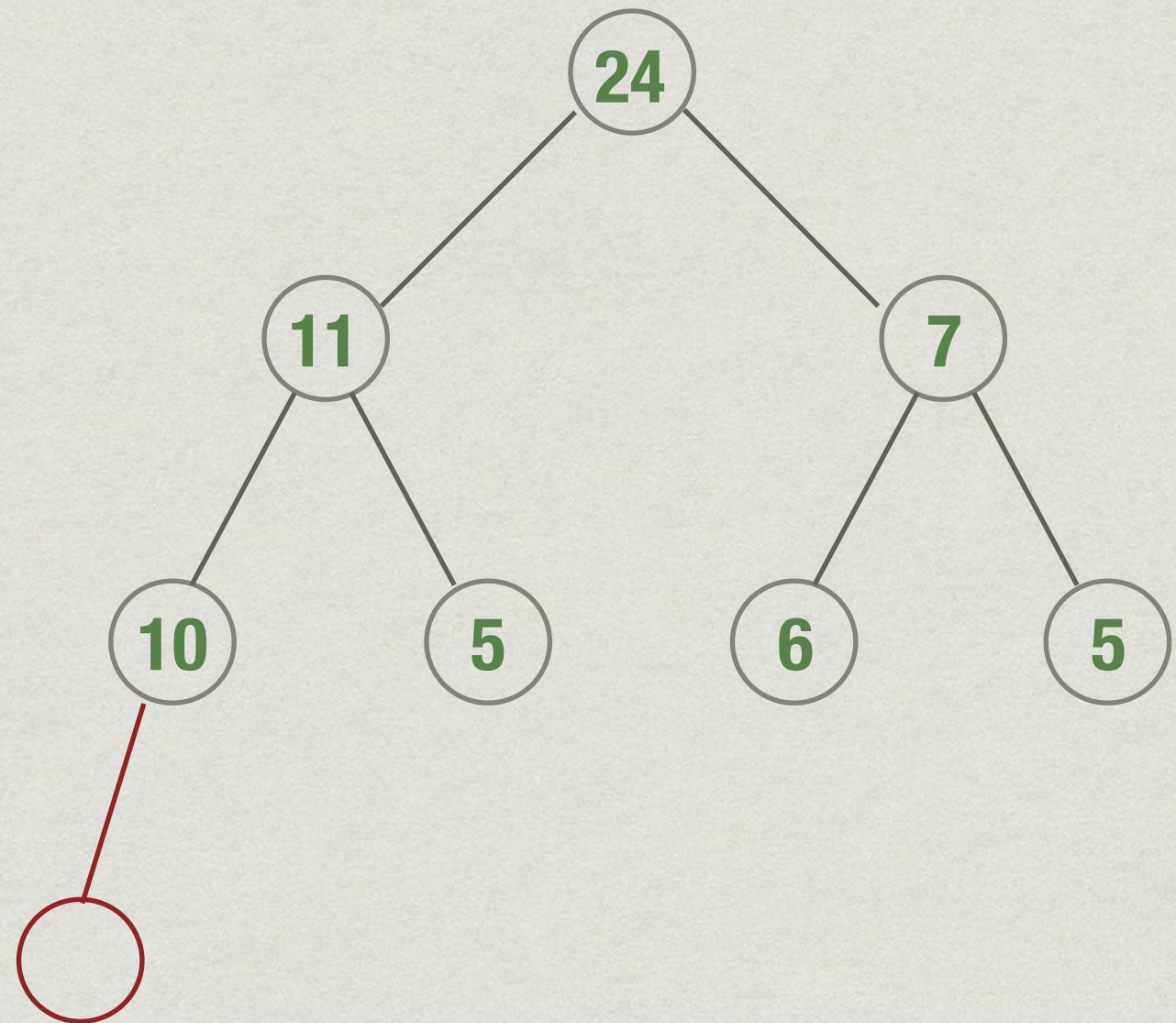
- \* insert 12
- \* Position of new node is fixed by structure
- \* Restore heap property along the path to the root





# insert()

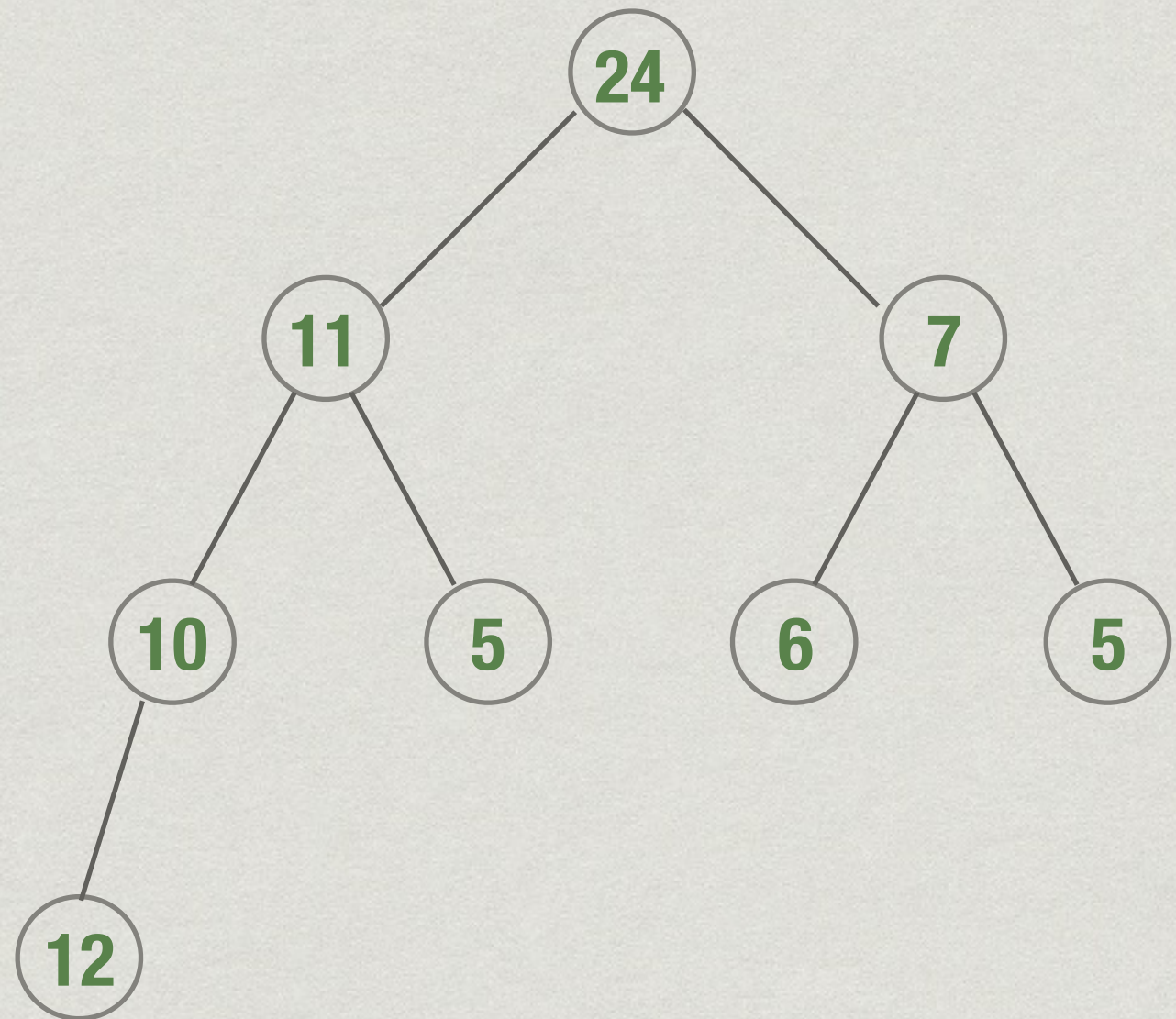
- \* insert 12
- \* Position of new node is fixed by structure
- \* Restore heap property along the path to the root





# insert()

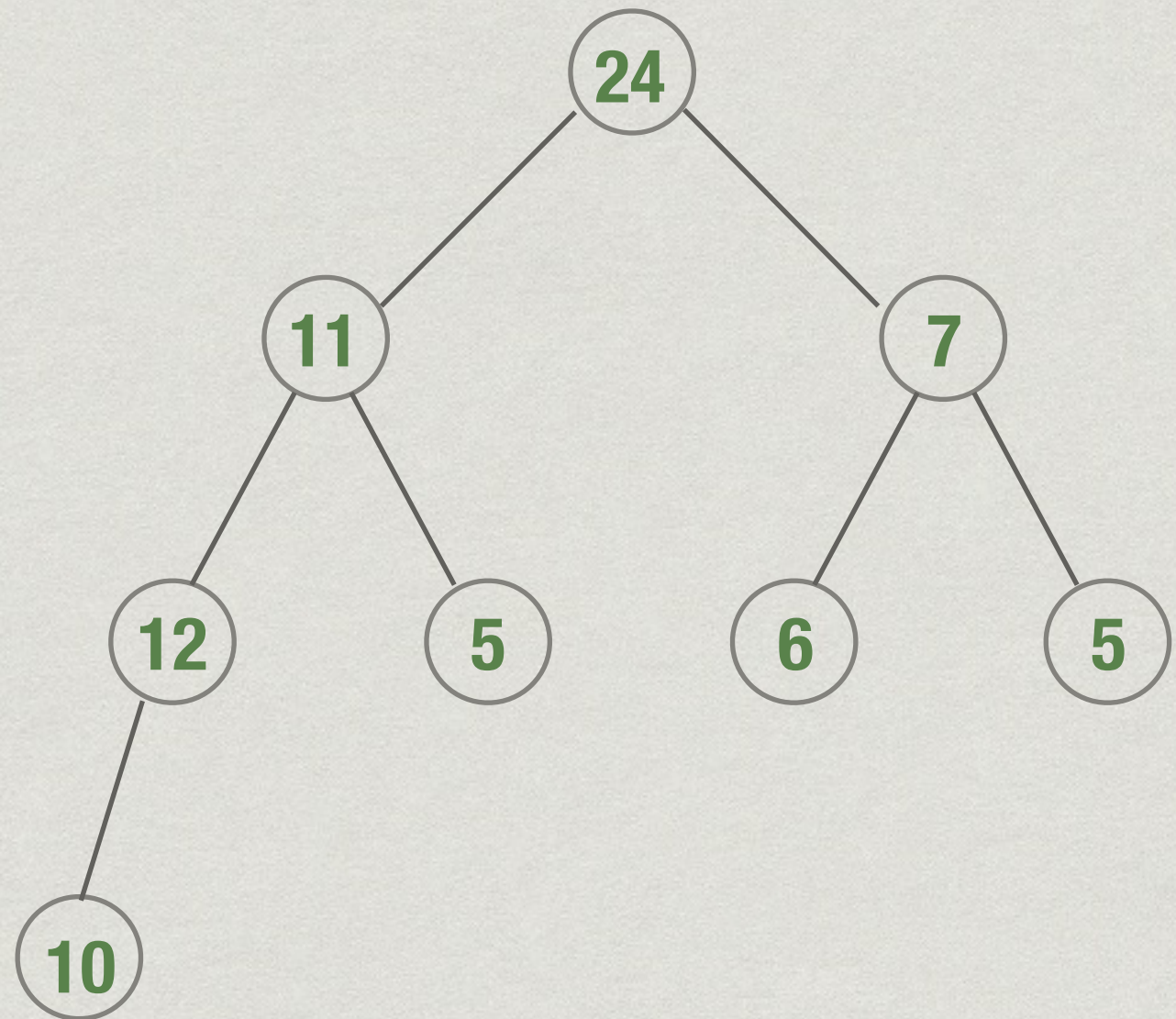
- \* insert 12
- \* Position of new node is fixed by structure
- \* Restore heap property along the path to the root





# insert()

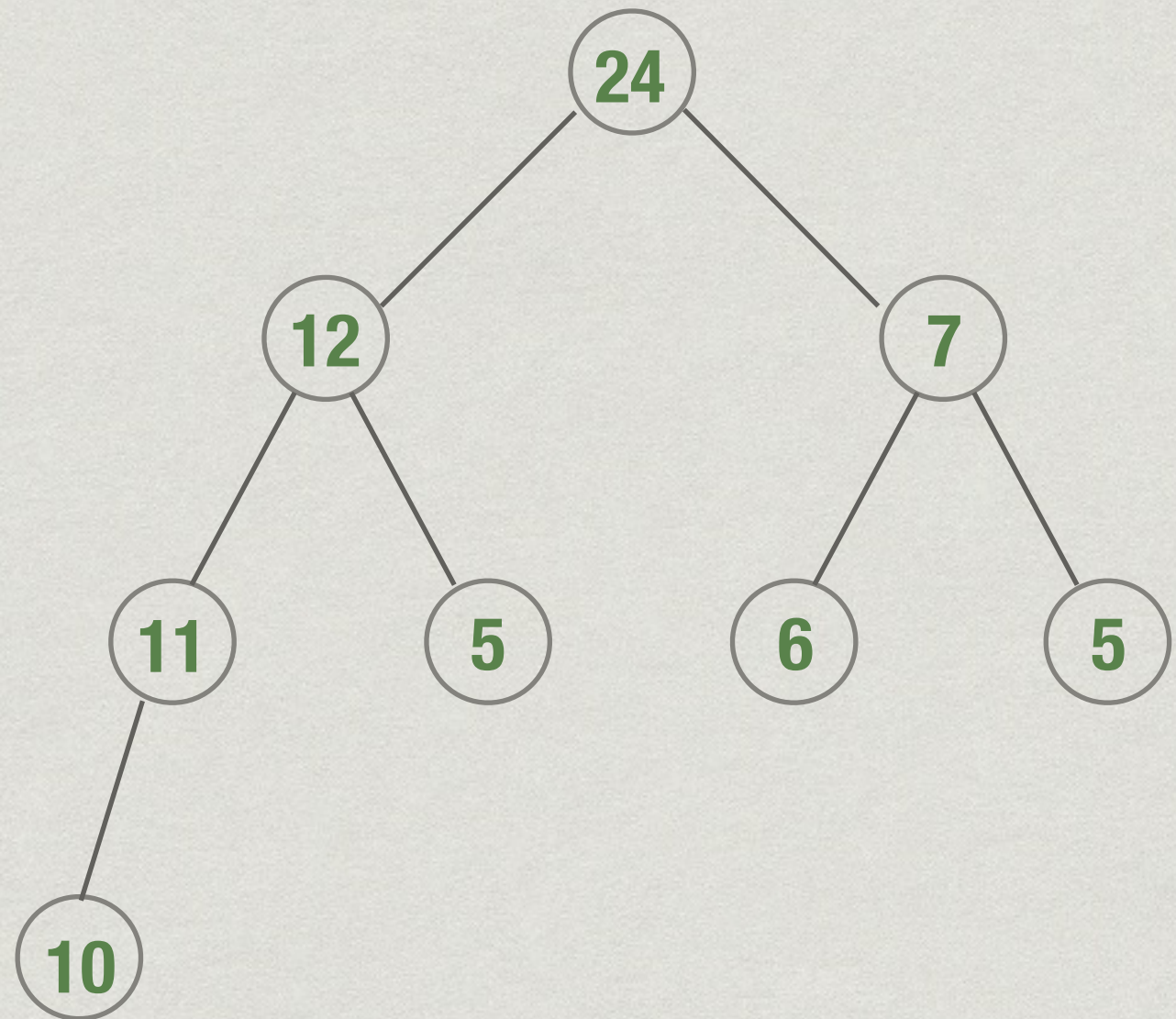
- \* insert 12
- \* Position of new node is fixed by structure
- \* Restore heap property along the path to the root





# insert()

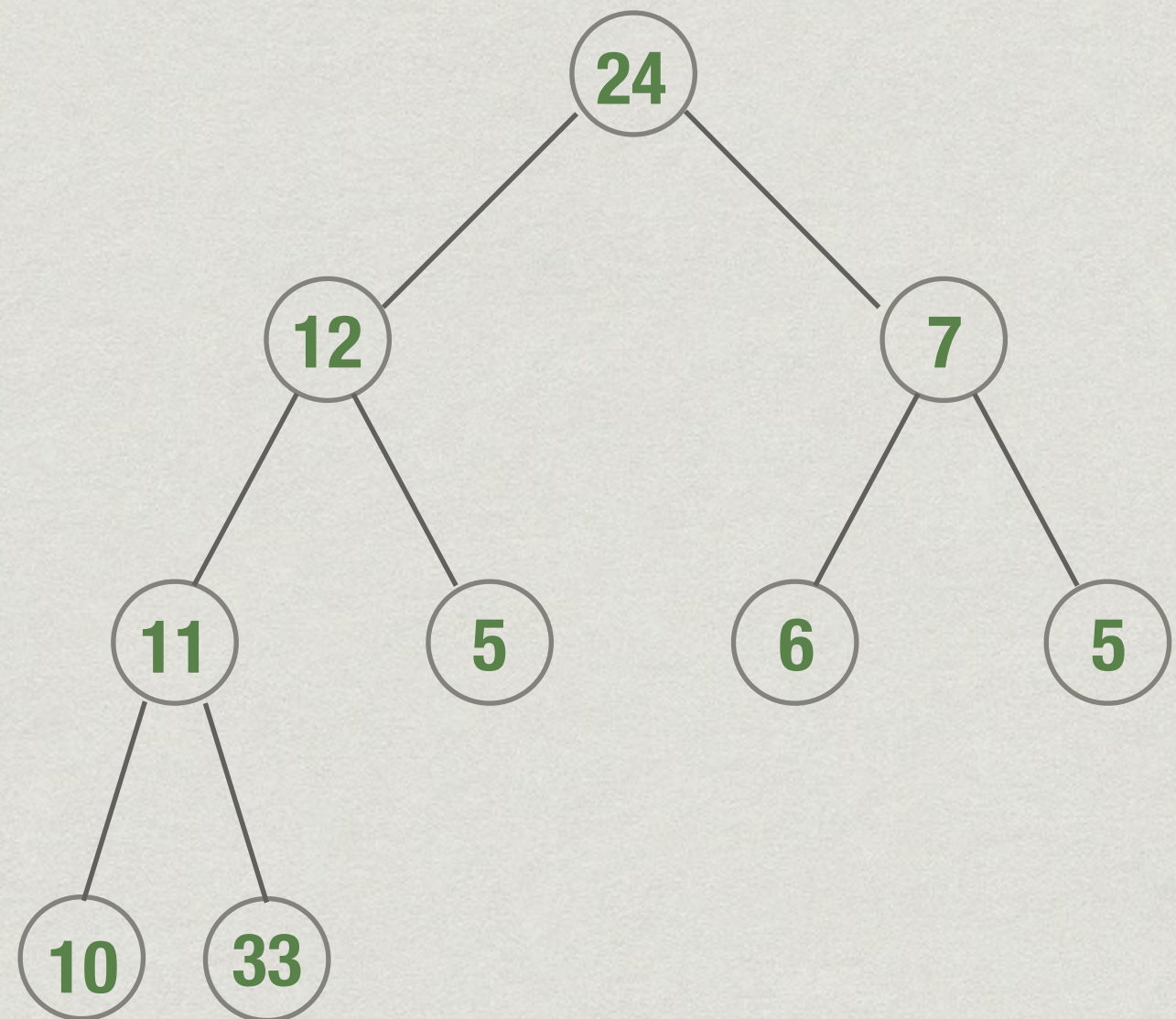
- \* insert 12
- \* Position of new node is fixed by structure
- \* Restore heap property along the path to the root





# insert()

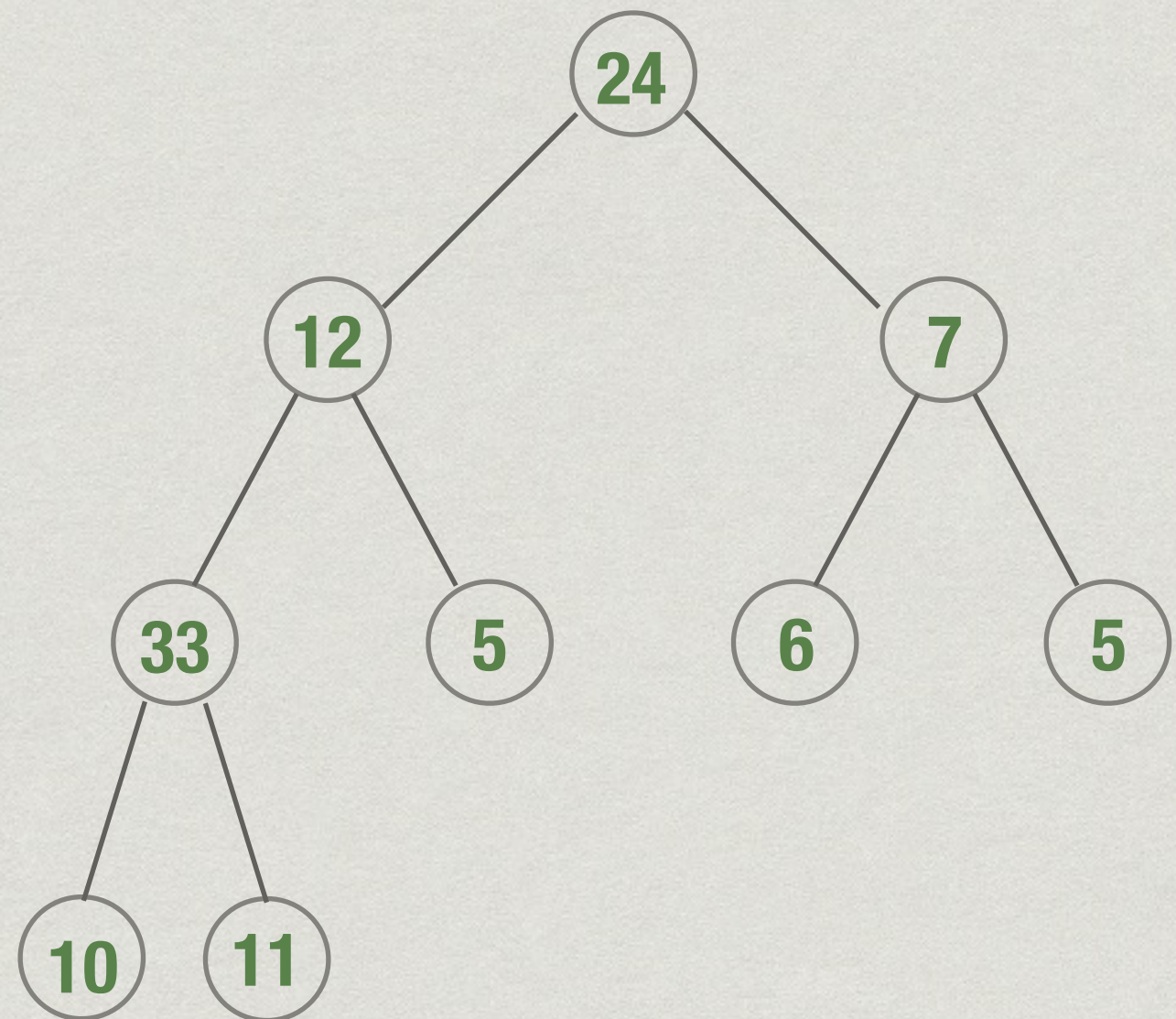
\* insert 33





# insert()

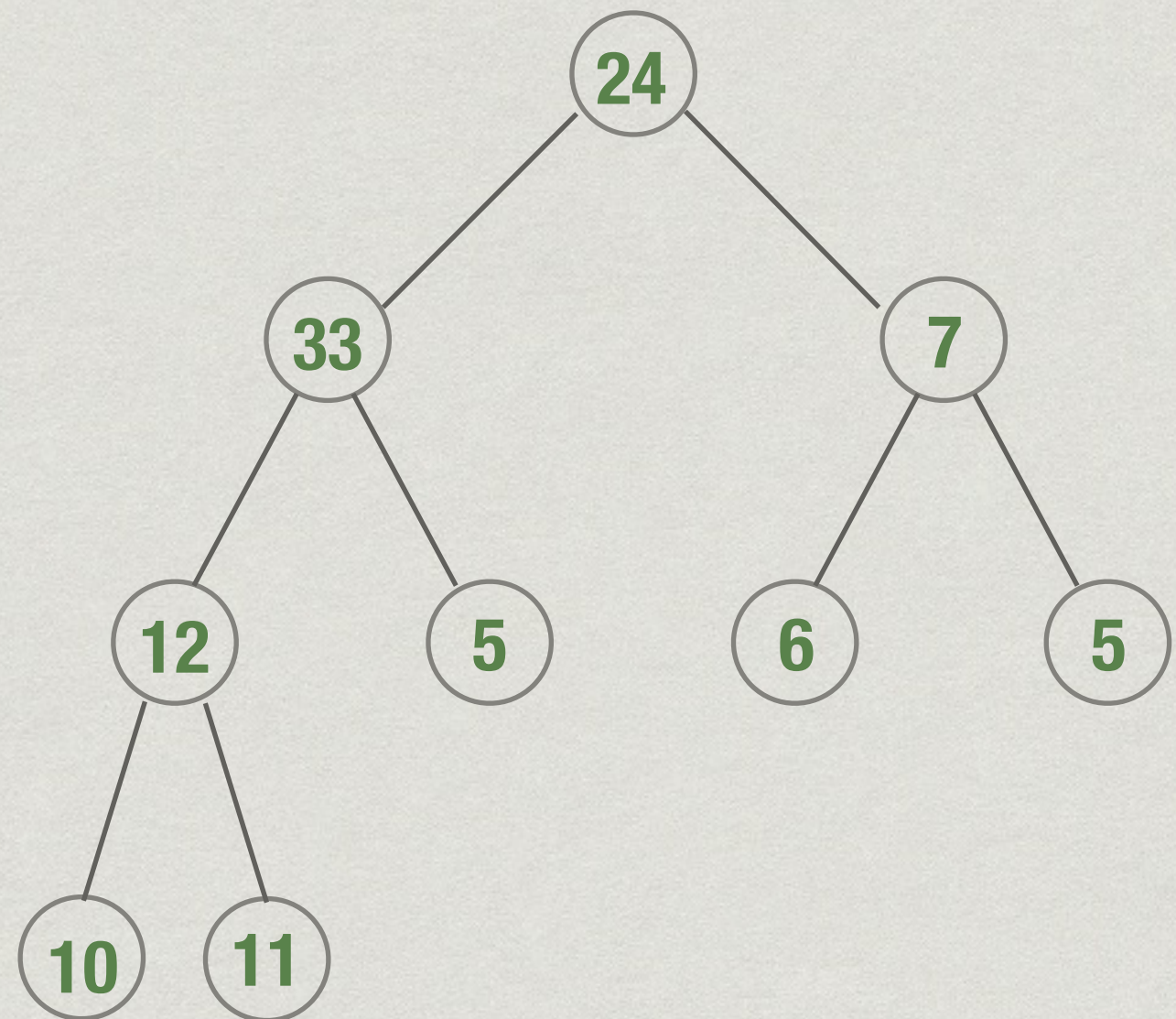
\* insert 33





# insert()

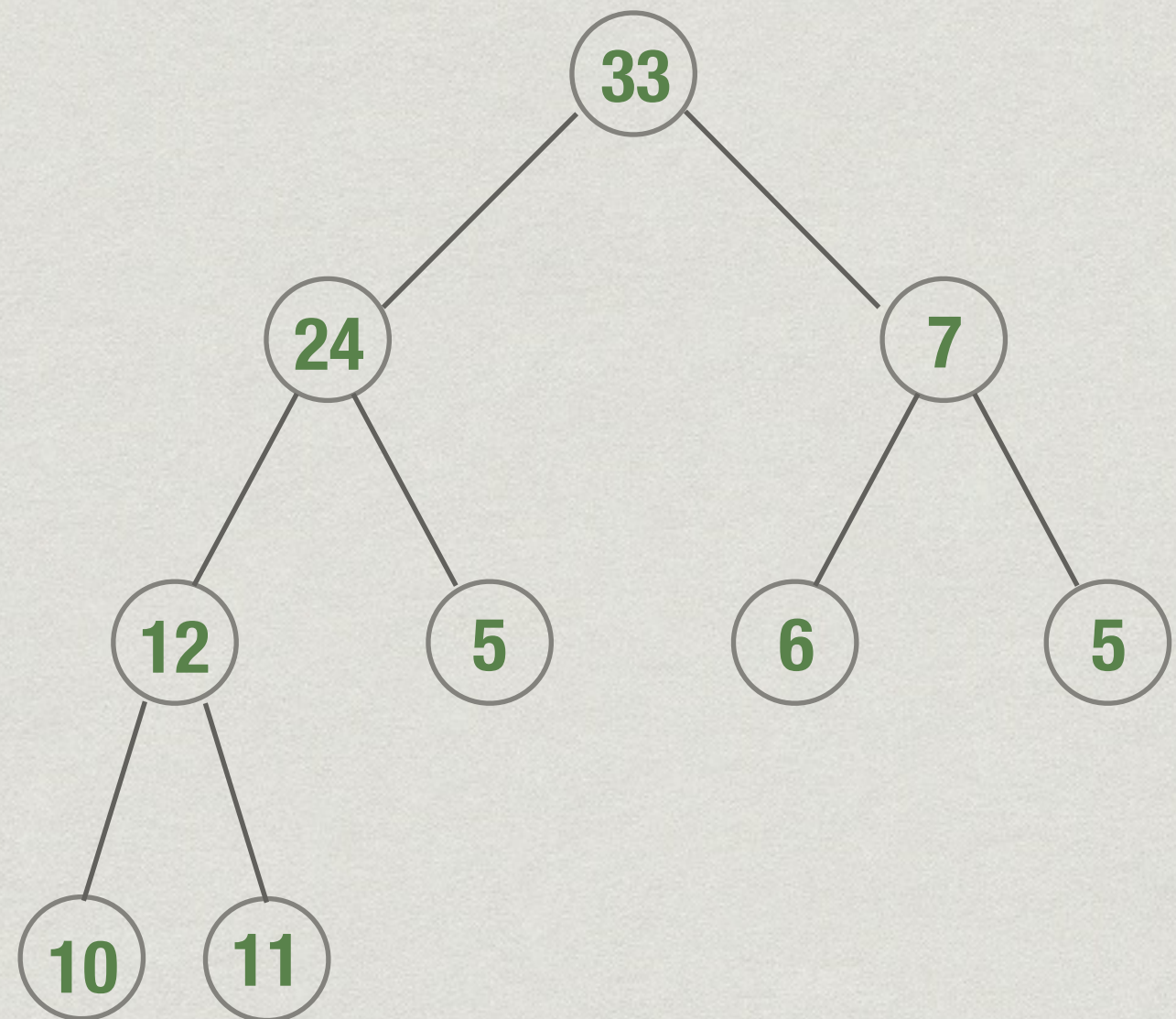
\* insert 33





# insert()

\* insert 33





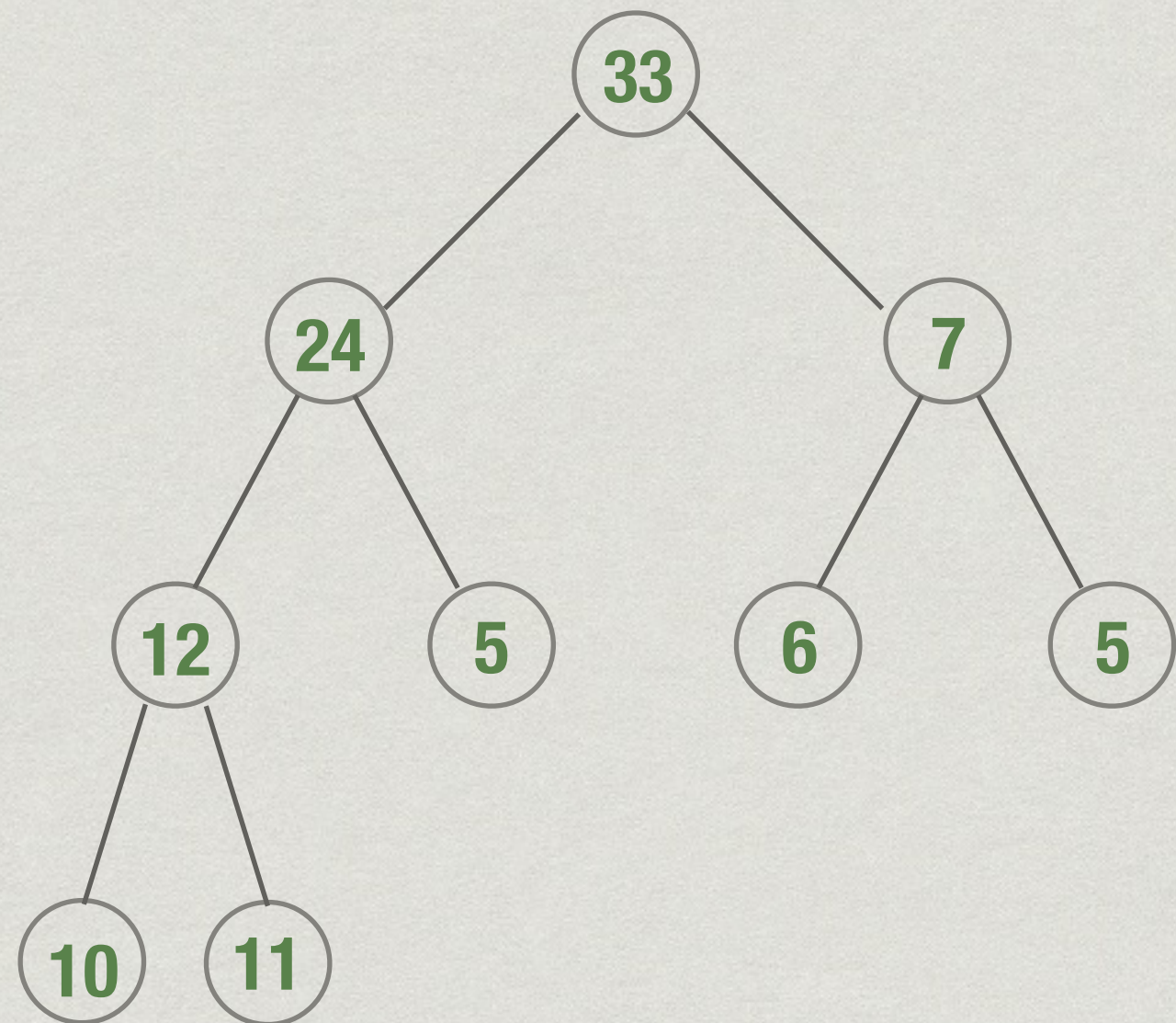
# Complexity of insert()

- \* Need to walk up from the leaf to the root
  - \* Height of the tree
- \* Number of nodes at level 0,1,...,i is  $2^0, 2^1, \dots, 2^i$
- \* K levels filled :  $2^0 + 2^1 + \dots + 2^{k-1} = 2^k - 1$  nodes
- \* N nodes : number of levels at most  $\log N + 1$
- \* insert() takes time  $O(\log N)$



# delete\_max()

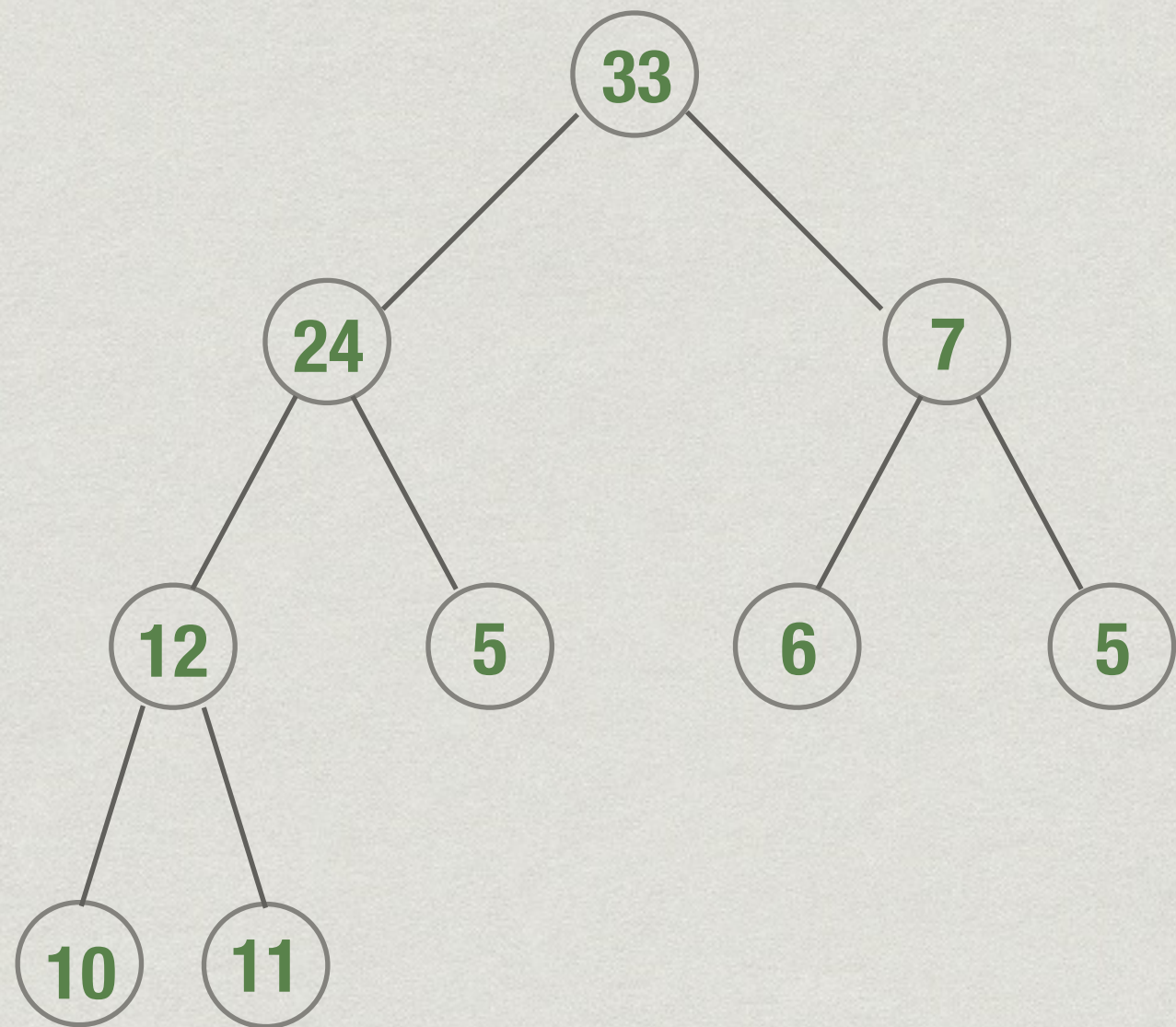
- \* Maximum value is always at the root
- \* From heap property, by induction
- \* How do we remove this value efficiently?





# delete\_max()

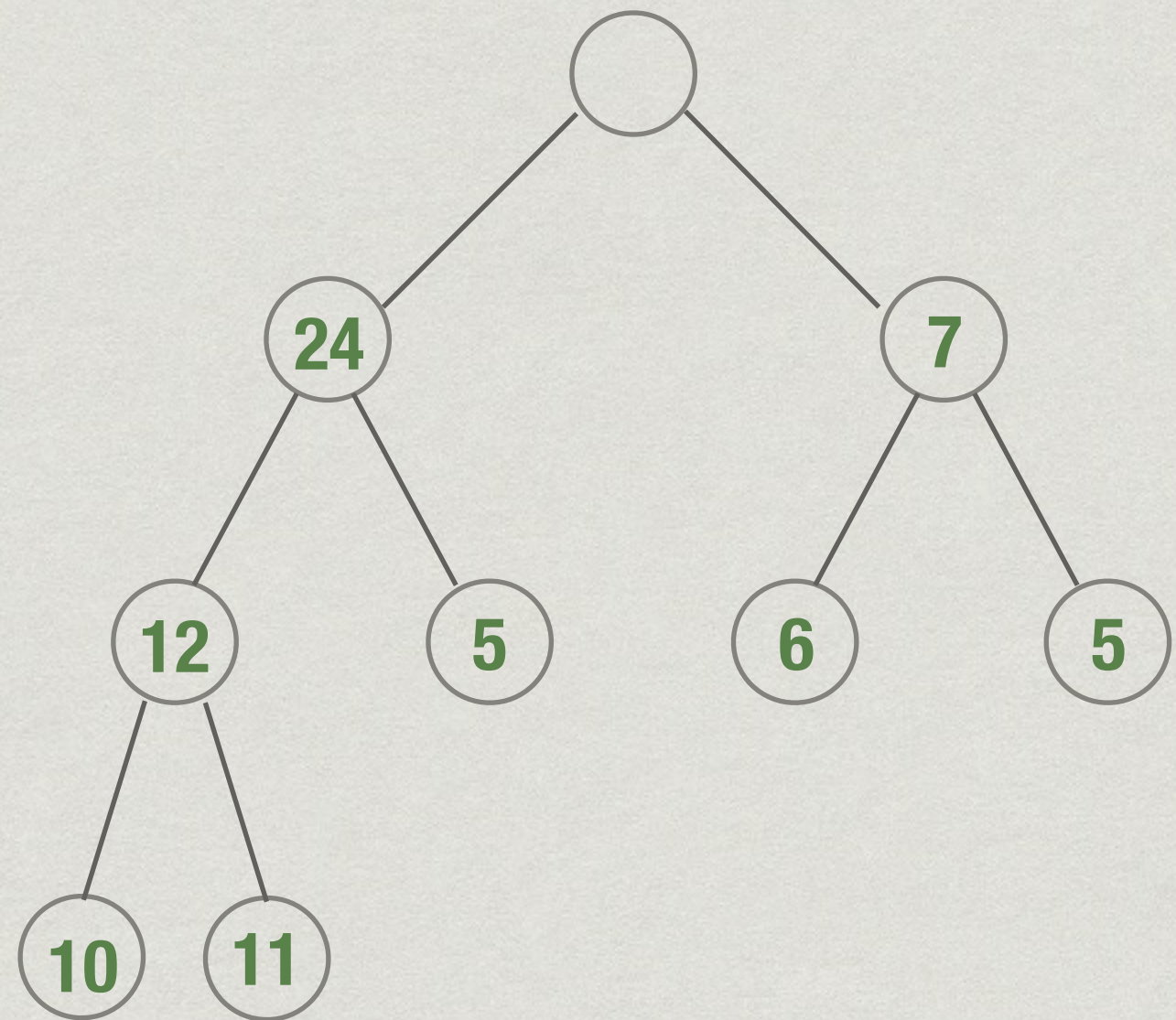
- \* Removing maximum value creates a “hole” at the root
- \* Reducing one value requires deleting last node
- \* Move “homeless” value to root





# delete\_max()

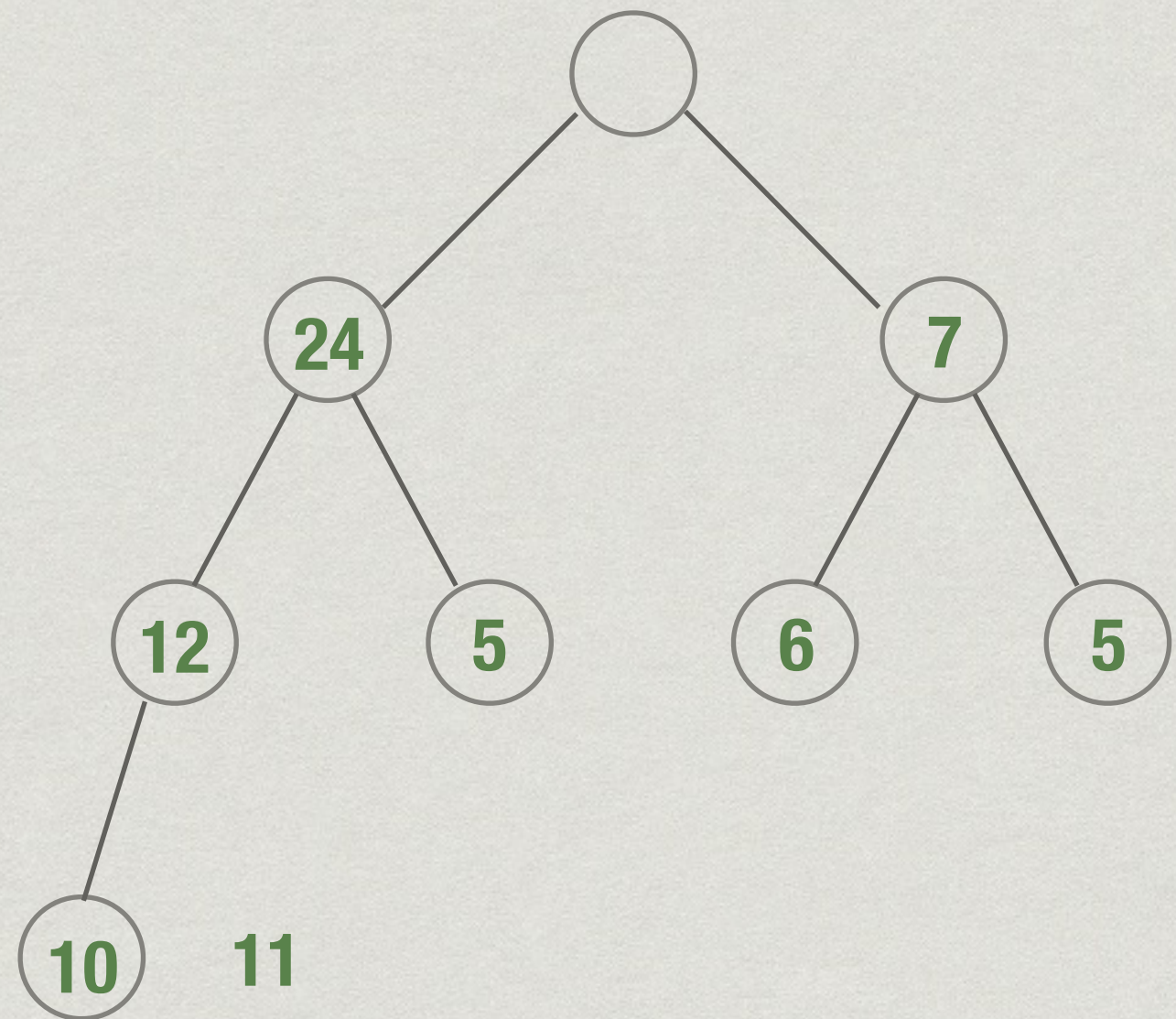
- \* Removing maximum value creates a “hole” at the root
- \* Reducing one value requires deleting last node
- \* Move “homeless” value to root





# delete\_max()

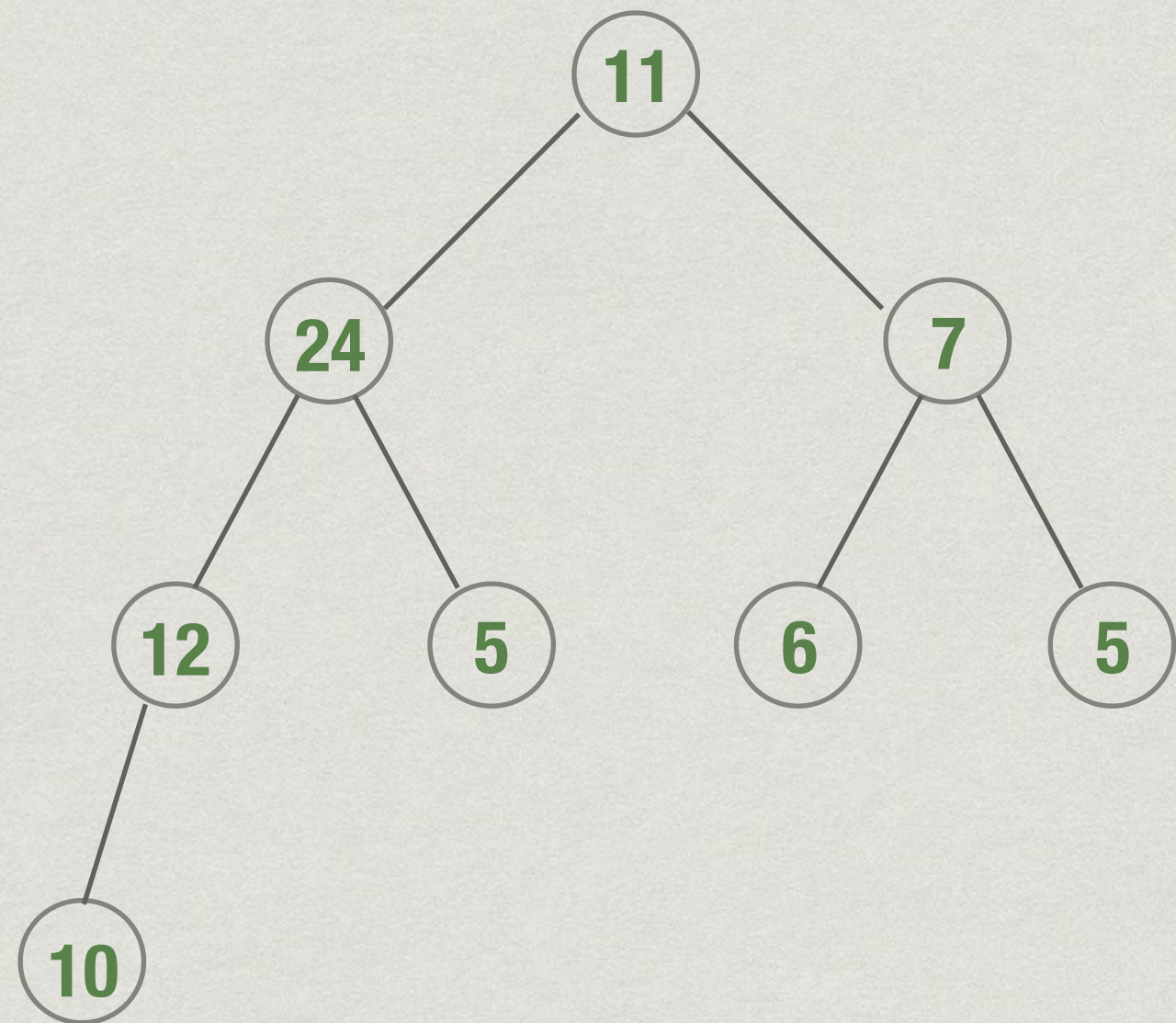
- \* Removing maximum value creates a “hole” at the root
- \* Reducing one value requires deleting last node
- \* Move “homeless” value to root





# delete\_max()

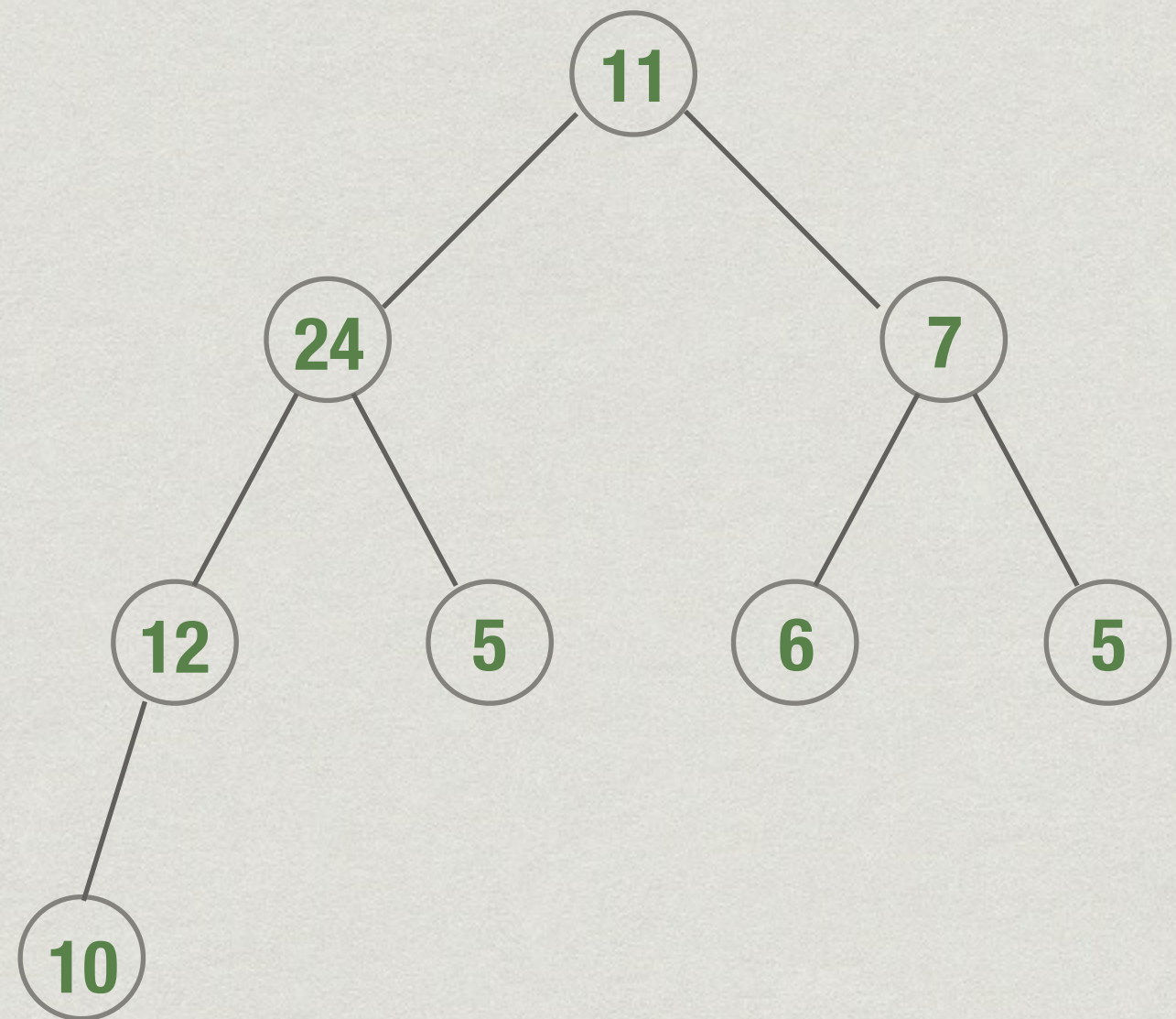
- \* Removing maximum value creates a “hole” at the root
- \* Reducing one value requires deleting last node
- \* Move “homeless” value to root





# delete\_max()

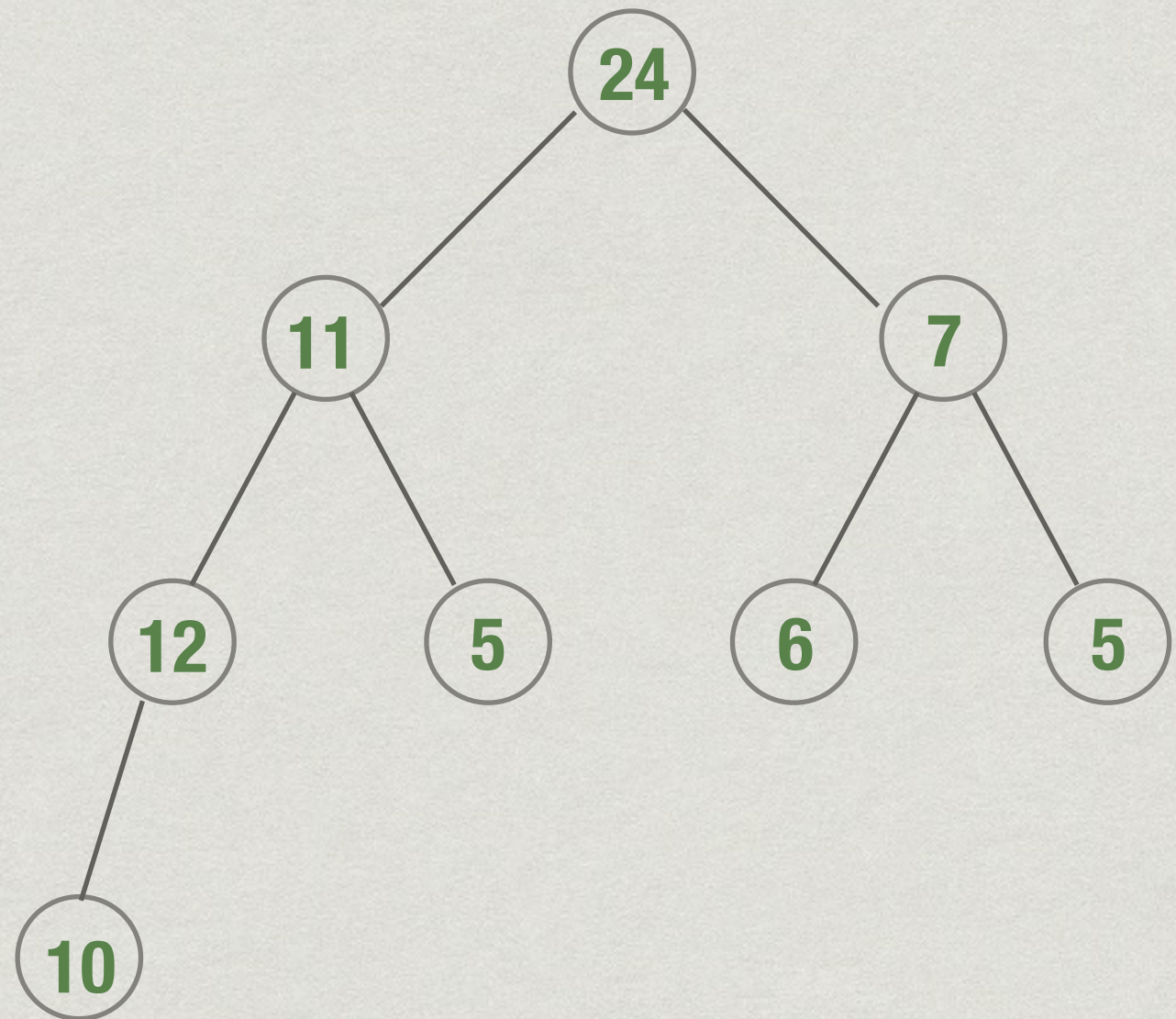
- \* Now restore the heap property from root downwards
- \* Swap with largest child
- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf





# delete\_max()

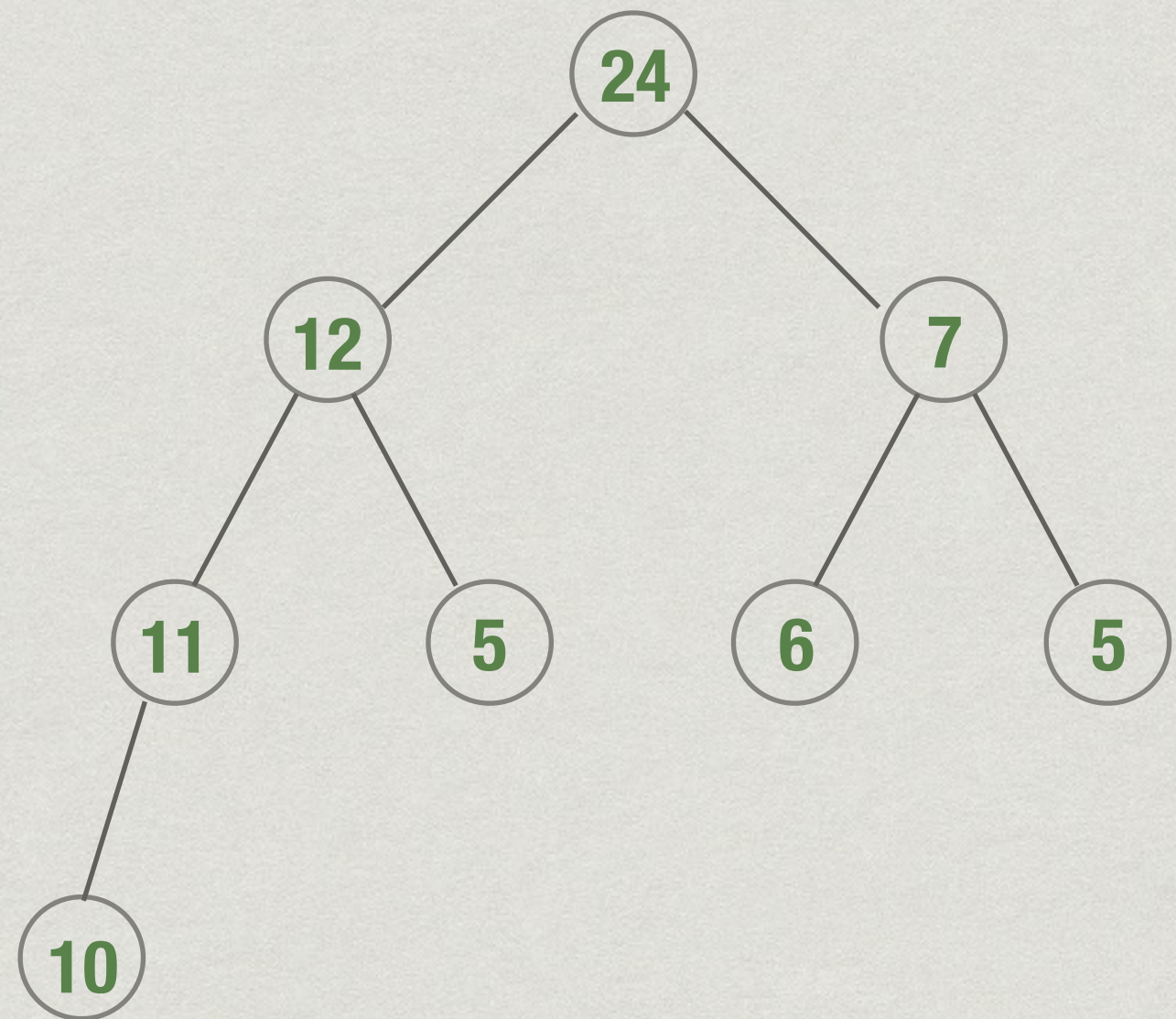
- \* Now restore the heap property from root downwards
- \* Swap with largest child
- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf





# delete\_max()

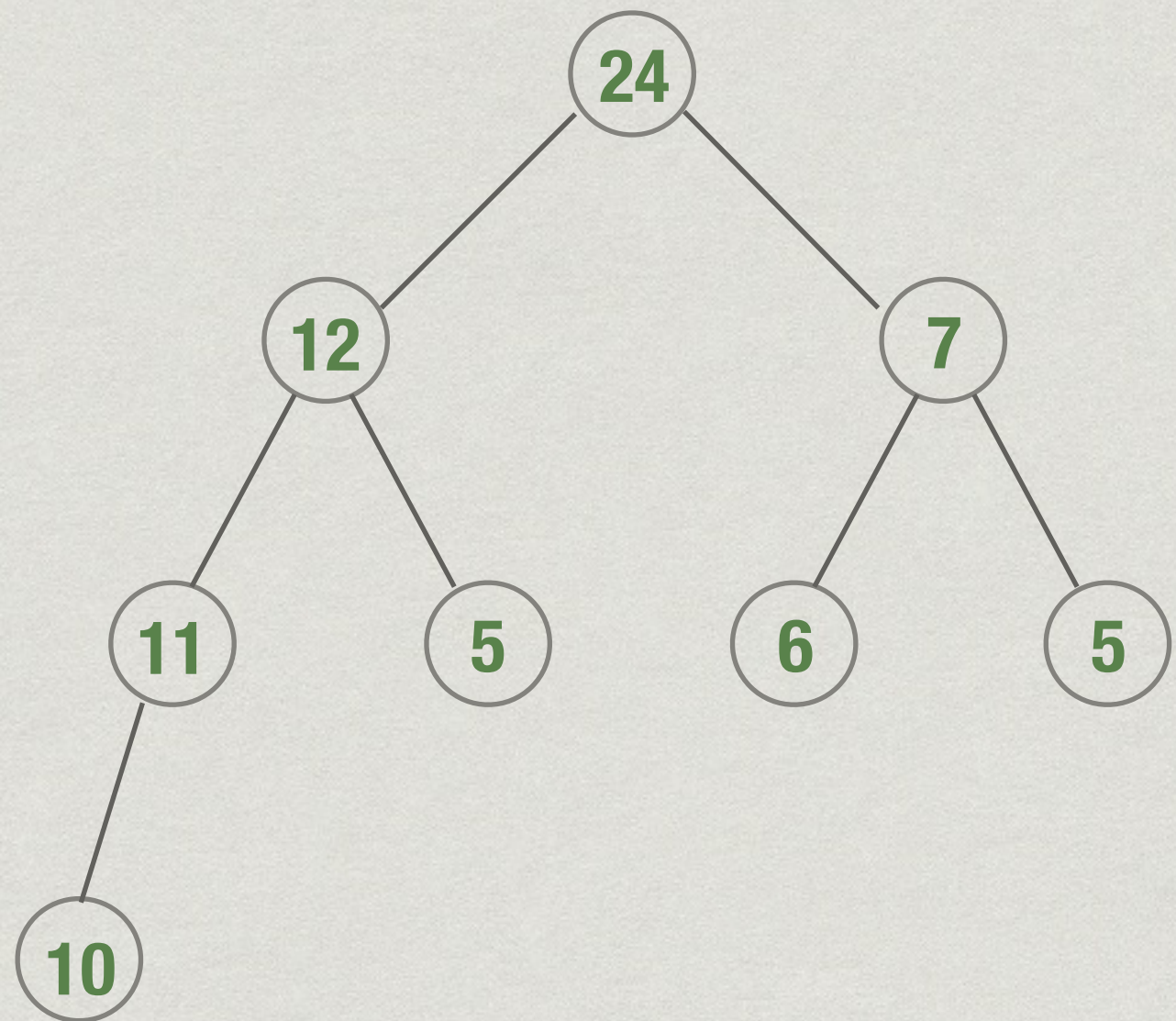
- \* Now restore the heap property from root downwards
- \* Swap with largest child
- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf





# delete\_max()

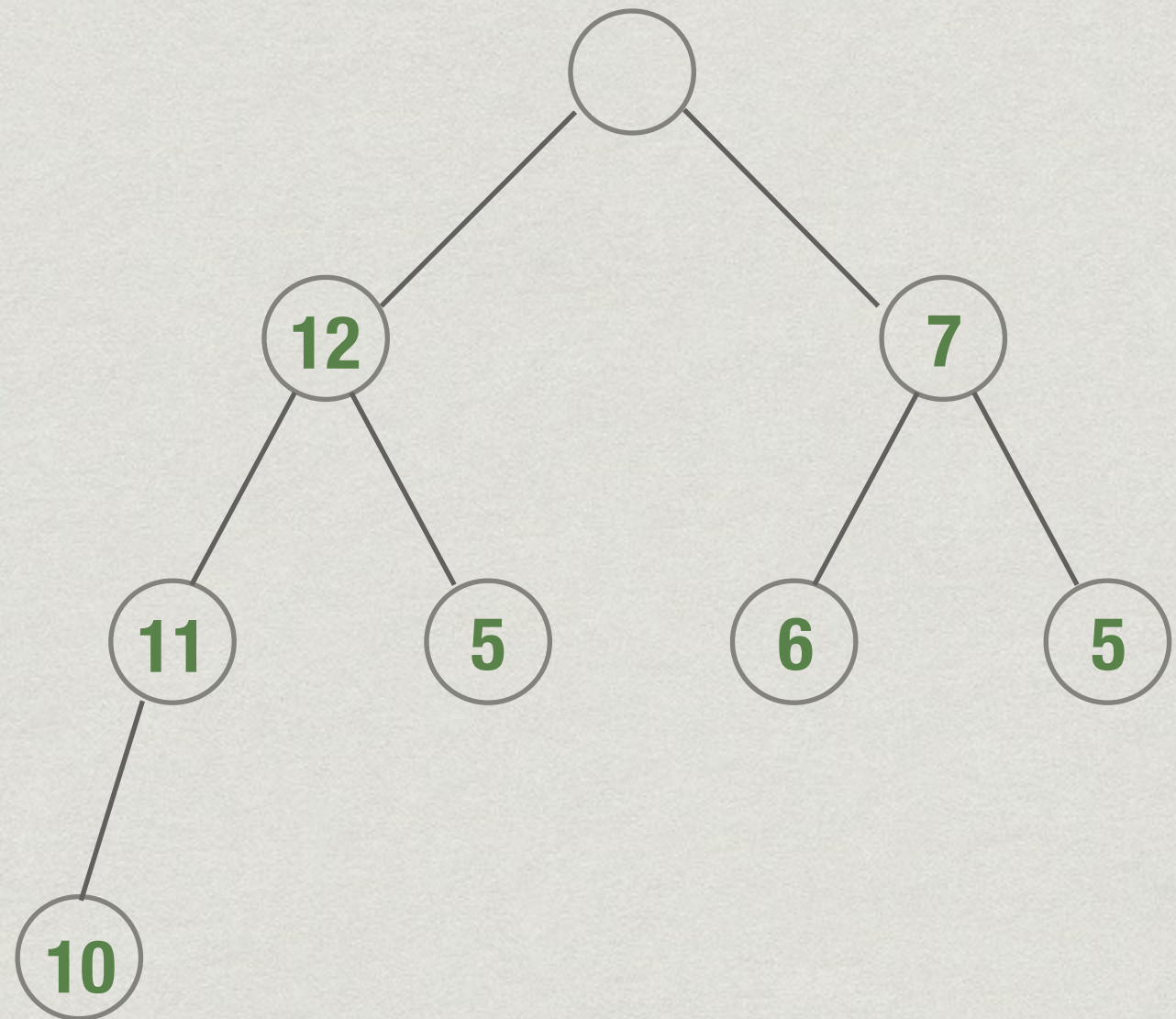
- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf
- \* Cost proportional to height of tree
- \*  $O(\log N)$





# delete\_max()

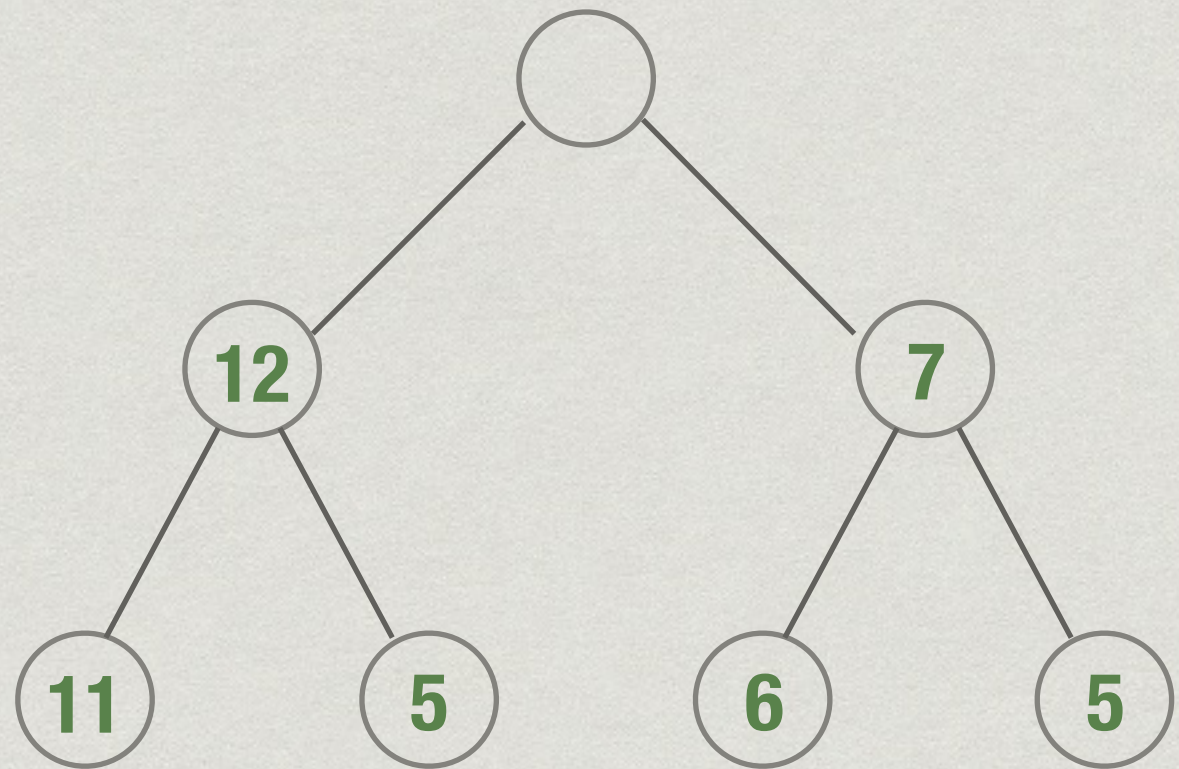
- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf
- \* Cost proportional to height of tree
- \*  $O(\log N)$





# delete\_max()

- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf
- \* Cost proportional to height of tree
- \*  $O(\log N)$

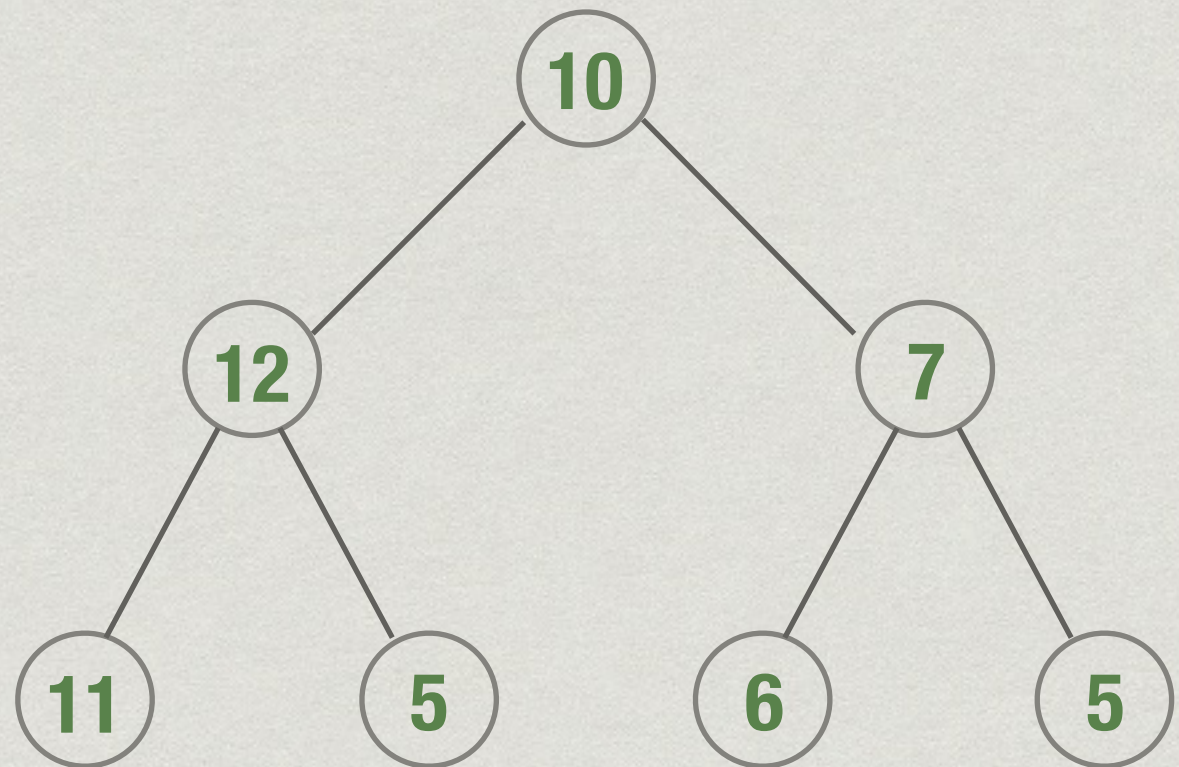


10



# delete\_max()

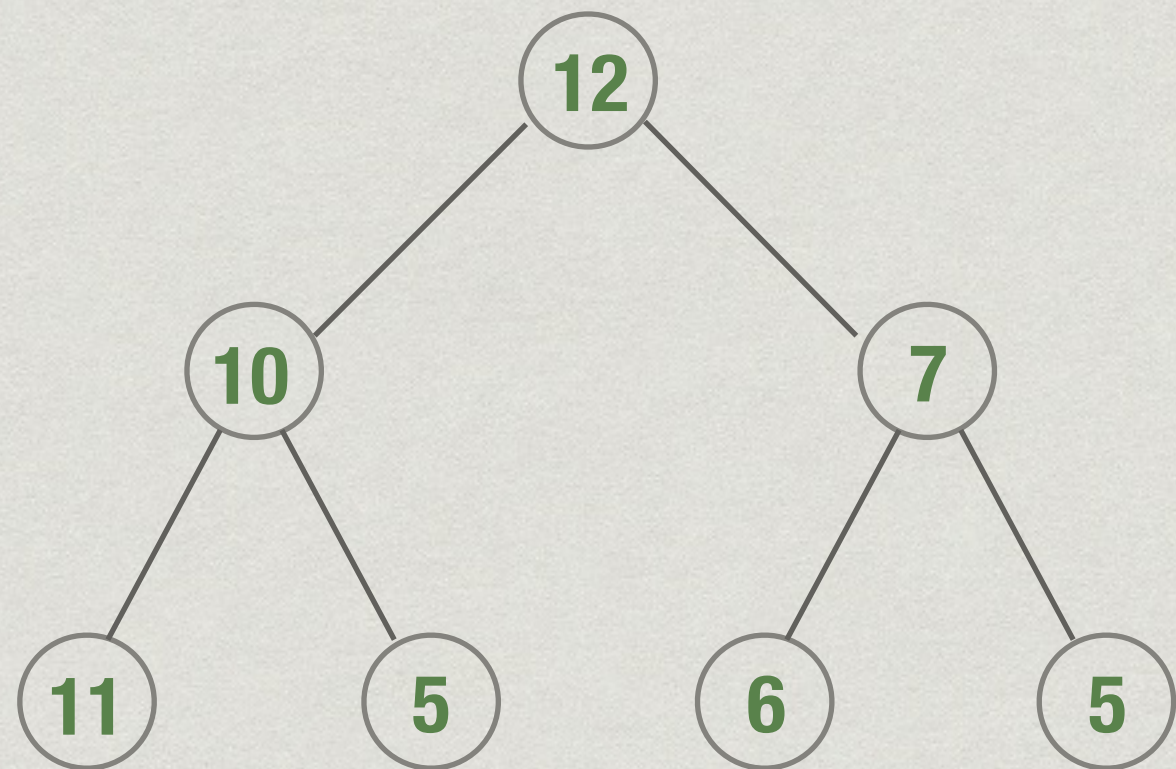
- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf
- \* Cost proportional to height of tree
- \*  $O(\log N)$





# delete\_max()

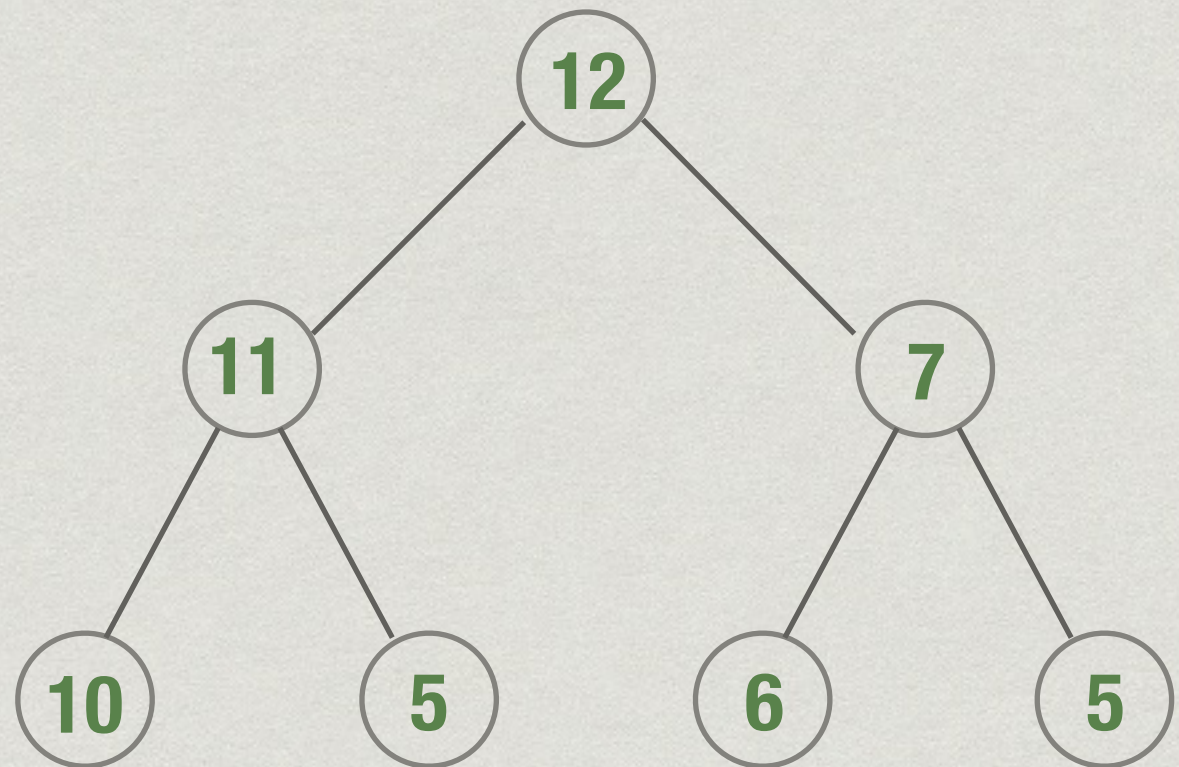
- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf
- \* Cost proportional to height of tree
- \*  $O(\log N)$





# delete\_max()

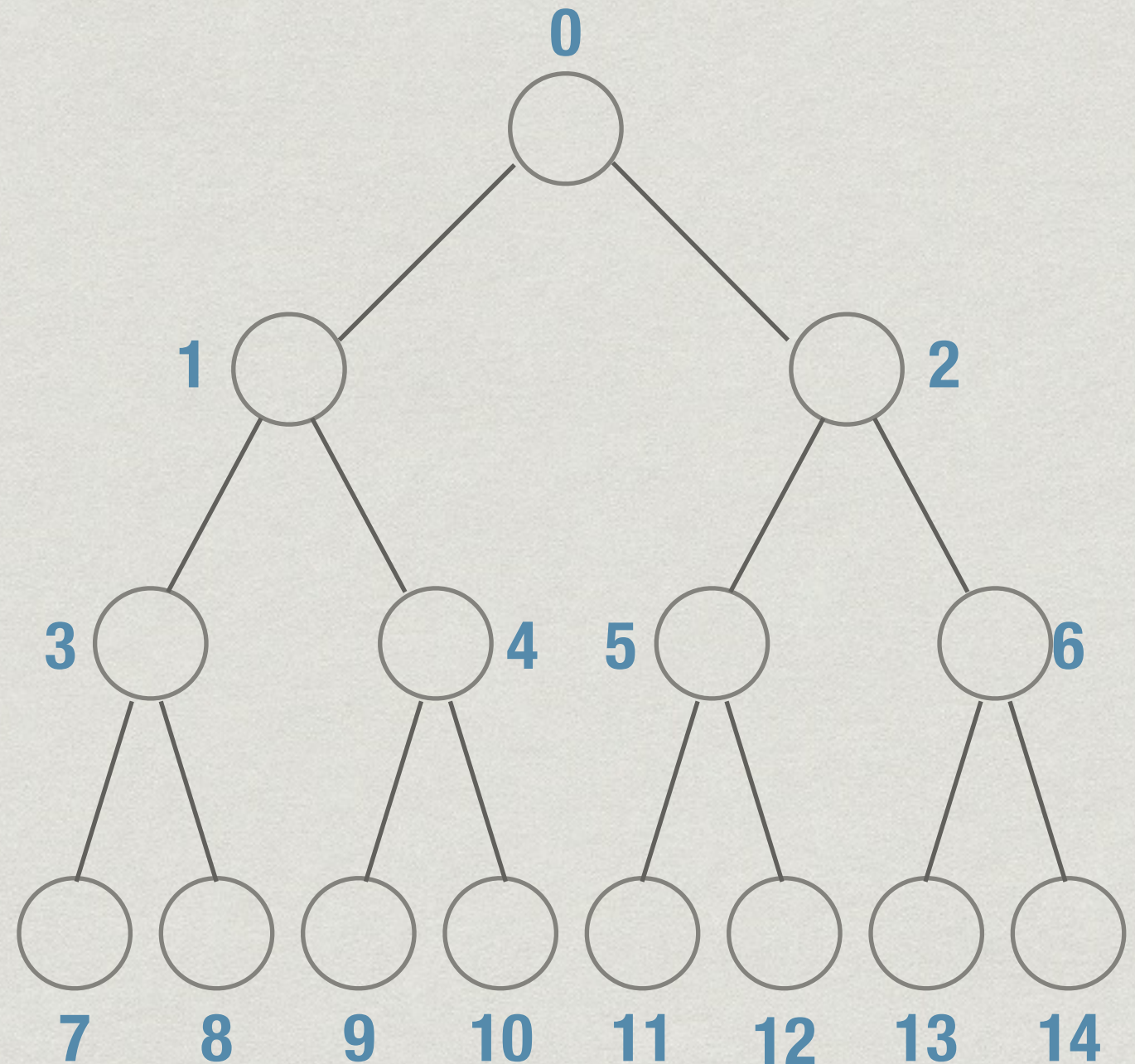
- \* Will follow a single path from root to leaf
- \* Cost proportional to height of tree
- \*  $O(\log N)$





# Implementing using arrays

- \* Number the nodes left to right, level by level
- \* Represent as an array  $H[0..N-1]$
- \* **Children** of  $H[i]$  are at  $H[2i+1]$ ,  $H[2i+2]$
- \* **Parent** of  $H[j]$  is at  $H[\text{floor}((j-1)/2)]$  for  $j > 0$





# Building a heap, `heapify()`

- \* Given a list of values  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]$ , build a heap
- \* Naive strategy
  - \* Start with an empty heap
  - \* Insert each  $x_j$
  - \* Overall  $O(N \log N)$

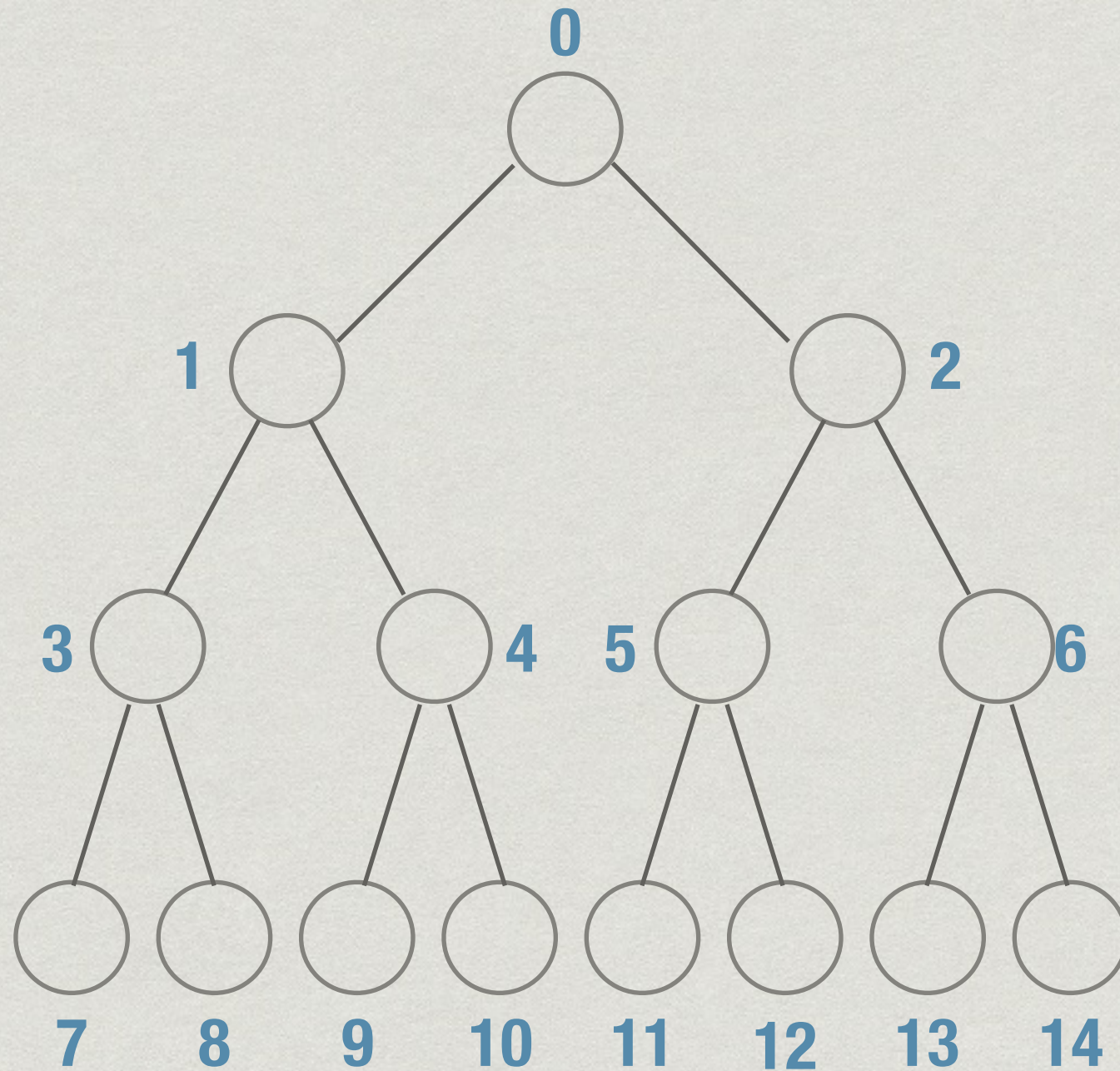


# Better heapify()

- \* Set up the array as  $[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]$ 
  - \* Leaf nodes trivially satisfy heap property
  - \* Second half of array is already a valid heap
- \* Assume leaf nodes are at level  $k$ 
  - \* For each node at level  $k-1, k-2, \dots, 0$ , fix heap property
  - \* As we go up, the number of steps per node goes up by 1, but the number of nodes per level is halved
  - \* Cost turns out to be  $O(N)$  overall



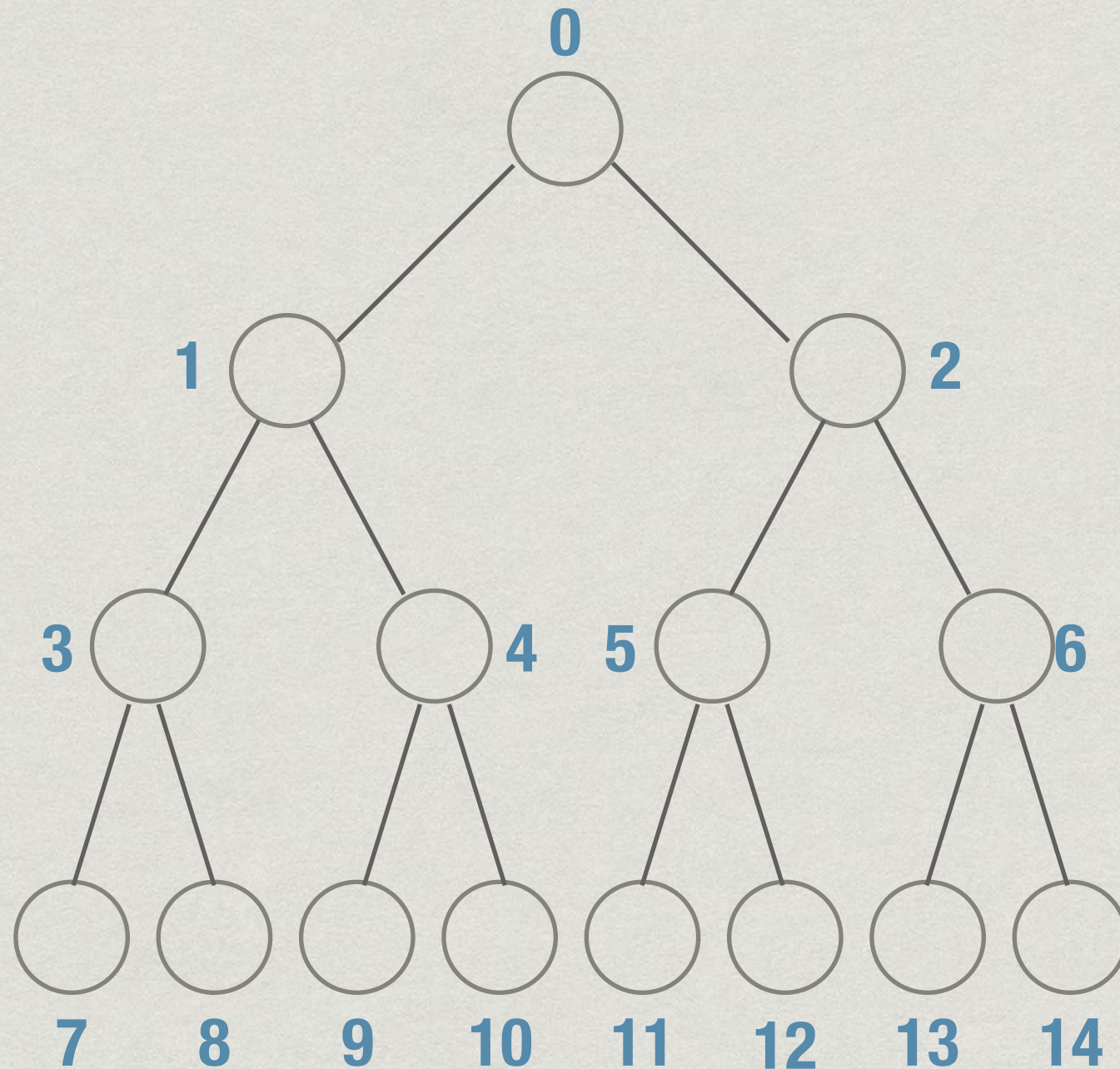
# Better heapify()



**N/2 nodes  
already satisfy  
heap property**



# Better heapify()



**4 nodes,  
height 1 repair**

**N/2 nodes  
already satisfy  
heap property**

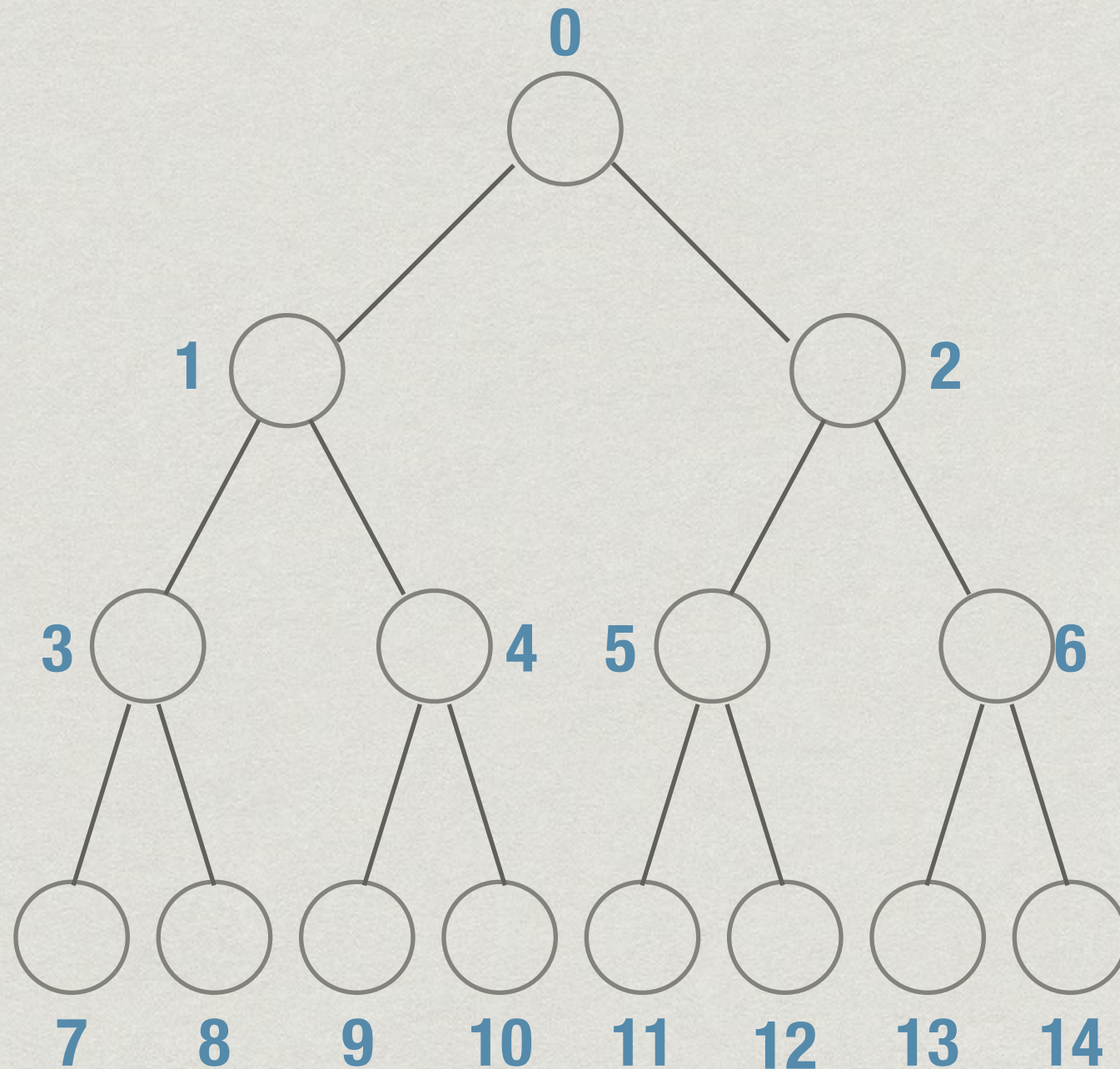


# Better heapify()

**2 nodes,  
height 2 repair**

**4 nodes,  
height 1 repair**

**$N/2$  nodes  
already satisfy  
heap property**





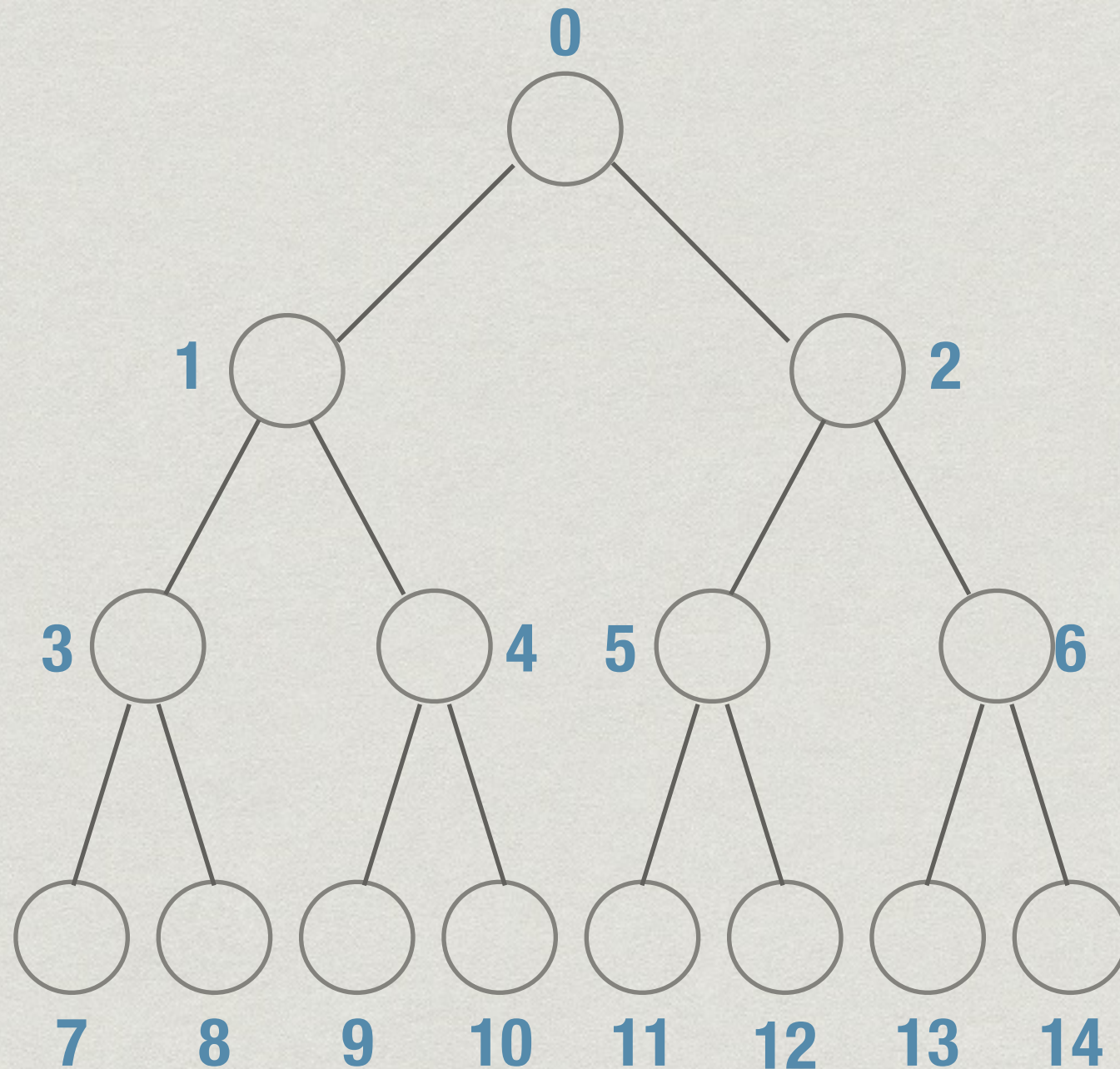
# Better heapify()

**1 node,  
height 3 repair**

**2 nodes,  
height 2 repair**

**4 nodes,  
height 1 repair**

**$N/2$  nodes  
already satisfy  
heap property**





# Summary

- \* Heaps are a tree implementation of priority queues
  - \* `insert()` and `delete_max()` are both  $O(\log N)$
  - \* `heapify()` builds a heap in  $O(N)$
  - \* Tree can be manipulated easily using an array
- \* Can invert the heap condition
  - \* Each node is **smaller** than its children
  - \* **Min-heap**, for `insert()`, `delete_min()`