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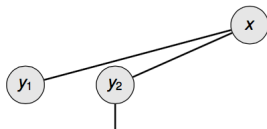
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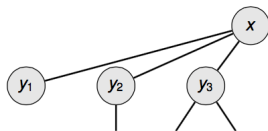


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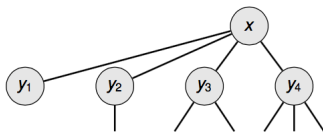


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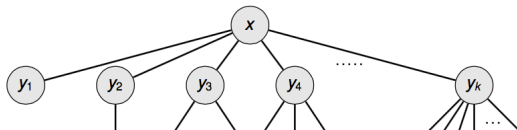


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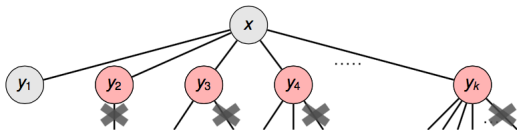


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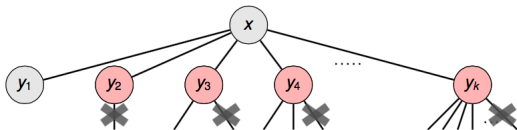


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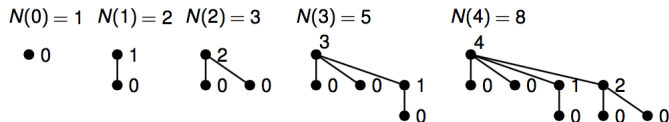
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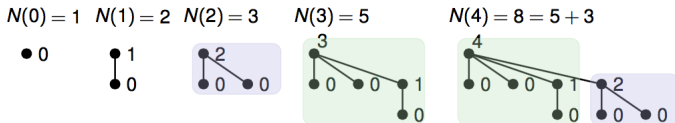
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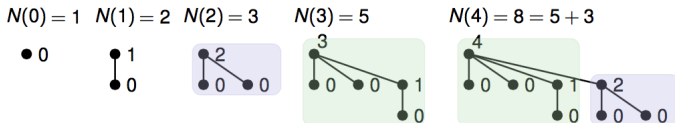
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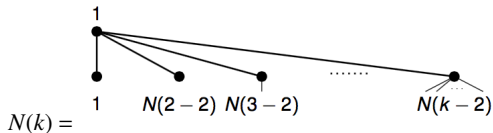


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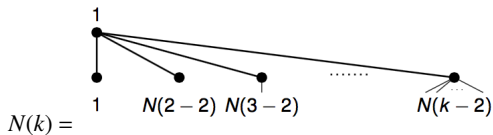
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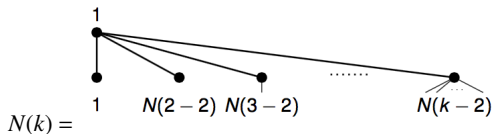
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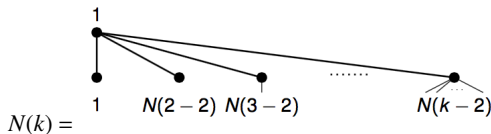
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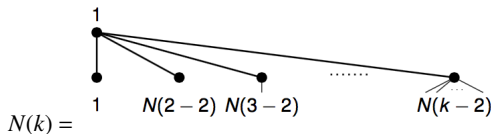
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$\Rightarrow \log_{\varphi} n \geq k$ where k is... $d(n)$.

Therefore,

`Extract_Min` amortized cost of $O(d(n))$ is really $O(\log n)$.