

Range Minimum Queries and Lowest Common Ancestor

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Range Minimum Queries

- **Range minimum query problem.** Preprocess array $A[1 \dots n]$ of integers to support
 - $\text{RMQ}(i,j)$: return the (entry of) minimum element in $A[i \dots j]$.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	7	12	8	2	5	1	4	8	3

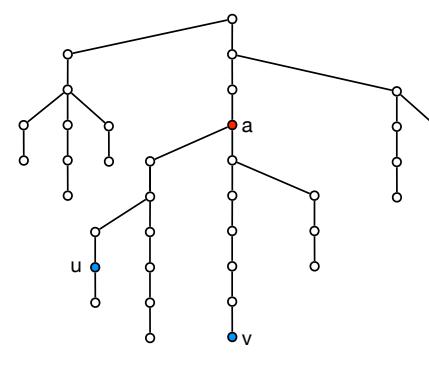
- $\text{RMQ}(2,5) = 2$ (index 4)
- Basic (extreme) solutions
 - **Linear search:**
 - Space: $O(n)$. Only keep array (no extra space)
 - Time: $O(j-i) = O(n)$
 - **Save all possible answers:** Precompute and save all answers in a table.
 - Space: $O(n^2)$ pairs $\Rightarrow O(n^2)$ space
 - Time: $O(1)$

Range Minimum Queries and Lowest Common Ancestor

- Range Minimum Queries (RMQ) and Lowest Common Ancestor (LCA)
- RMQ
 - Simple solutions
 - Better solution
 - 2-level solution
- Reduction between RMQ and LCA
- Dynamic RMQ

Lowest Common Ancestor

- **Lowest common ancestor problem.** Preprocess rooted tree T with n nodes to support
 - $\text{LCA}(u,v)$: return the lowest common ancestor of u and v .



Lowest Common Ancestor

- Basic (extreme) solutions
 - [Linear search](#): Follow paths to root and mark when you visit a node.
 - Space: $O(n)$. Only keep tree (no extra space)
 - Time: $O(\text{depth of tree}) = O(n)$
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RMQ

Sparse table solution

RMQ and LCA

- [Outline](#).
 - Can solve both RMQ and LCA in linear space and constant time.
 - First solution to RMQ
 - Solution to a special case of RMQ.
 - See that RMQ and LCA are equivalent (can reduce one to the other both ways).

RMQ: Sparse table solution

- Save the result for all intervals of length a power of 2.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
0	1	1	1	1	1										
1	3	3	3	3	1										
2	4	4	1	1	1										
3	8	6	1	1											
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11	5	4	1												
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Diagram illustrating the sparse table solution for RMQ. A sequence of 16 elements is shown below the table. Three queries are highlighted: a blue query from index 1 to 4, a red query from index 3 to 5, and a green query from index 5 to 8. The table entries represent the minimum value in each interval of length 2ⁱ starting at index 2ⁱ.

RMQ: Sparse table solution

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	0	1	2	3	4
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1	3	3	3	1	
2	4	4	1	1	
3	8	6	1	1	
4	6	1	1	1	
5	1	1	1	1	
6	4	2	2	1	
7	2	2	2	1	
8	3	3	3	1	
9	9	7	4		
10	7	5	1		
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- Space: $O(n \log n)$

RMQ: Sparse table solution

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A horizontal sequence of 15 numbers. The first 14 numbers are black, and the last number is red. A blue horizontal bar spans from the first number to the 10th number, and an orange horizontal bar spans from the 11th number to the 15th number.

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$$\text{RMQ}(6, 12) = ?$$

	0	1	2	3
0	1	1	1	1
1	3	3	3	1
2	4	4	1	1
3	8	6	1	1
4	6	1	1	1
5	1	1	1	1
6	4	2	2	1
7	2	2	2	1
8	3	3	3	1
9	9	7	4	
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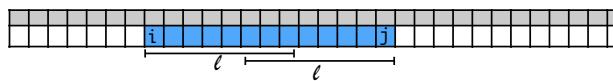
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5	1	1	1	1	
6	4	2	2	1	
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$$\text{RMQ}(6, 12) = \min(\text{RMQ}(6,9), \text{RMQ}(9,12)) = \min(2,4) = 2$$

- Space: $O(n \log n)$

RMQ: Sparse table solution

- Query:



- Any interval is the union of two power of 2 intervals.
 - k largest number such that $2^k \leq j - i + 1$.
 - Lookup results for the two intervals and take minimum.

Time: O(1)

Space: O($n \log n$)

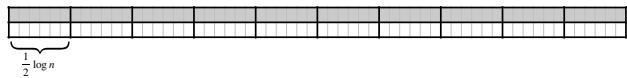
Preprocessing time: O($n \log n$)

 - To compute results for length 2^i use results for length 2^{i-1} .

± 1 RMQ

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- Divide A into blocks of size $\frac{1}{2} \log n$



- 2-level data structure:

- Sparse table on blocks
- Tabulation inside blocks.

RMQ: Linear space

- Consider ± 1 RMQ: consecutive entries differ by 1.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
4	5	6	5	4	3	2	3	2	3	4	5	4

- 2-level solution: Combine

- $O(n \log n)$ space, $O(1)$ time
- $O(n^2)$ space, $O(1)$ time.

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- $O(n)$ space, $O(1)$ time.

± 1 RMQ

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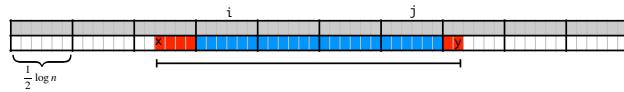


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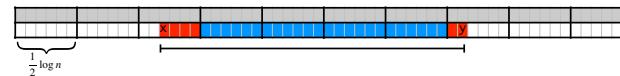
± 1 RMQ

- Divide A into blocks of size $\frac{1}{2} \log n$



- 2-level data structure:
 - Sparse table on blocks
 - Tabulation inside blocks.
- $\text{RMQ}(x,y) = \min\{ \text{RMQ on blocks } i \text{ to } j, \text{ RMQ inside block } i-1, \text{ RMQ inside block } j+1 \}$.

± 1 RMQ: Data structure on blocks



- Two new arrays.

- Array A' : minimum from each block



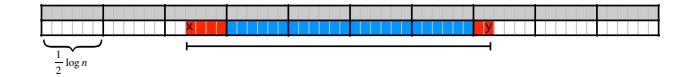
- B: position in A where $A'[i]$ occurs.

- Sparse table data structure on A' .

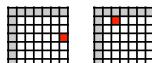
- Space: $O(|A'| \log |A'|) = O\left(\frac{n}{\log n} \cdot \log \frac{n}{\log n}\right) = O(n)$.

- Time: $O(1)$

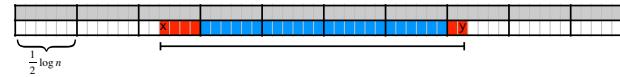
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- Precompute and save all answers for each block.
- Gives solution using
 - Space:



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- Space: $O(n) + \text{space for precomputed tables}$.

- Time: $O(1) + O(1) + O(1) = O(1)$.

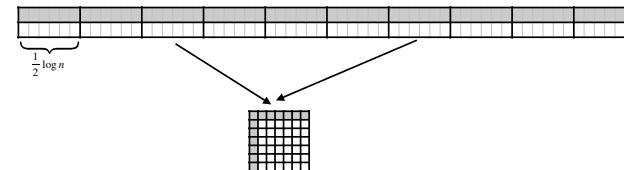
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 2 table
 lookups ↗
 sparse
 table ↗
 $\min\{\cdot, \cdot, \cdot\}$

± 1 RMQ: Storing the tables

- Naively: $\log^2 n$ for each table => $n \log n$ space. 😞
- **Observation:** If $X[i] = Y[i] + c$ then all RMQ answers are the same for X and Y.
 - $X = [7, 6, 5, 6, 5, 4]$
 - $Y = [3, 2, 1, 2, 1, 0]$
- **Normalize blocks:**
 - $X = [0, -1, -2, -1, -2, -3] = Y$
- Normalized block described by sequence of +1s and -1s:
 - $X = Y = [-1, -1, +1, -1, -1]$.
- How many different normalized blocks are there?
 - length of sequence = $\frac{1}{2} \log n - 1$
 - #sequences = $2^{\frac{1}{2} \log n - 1} \leq \sqrt{n}$.

± 1 RMQ: Data structure inside blocks

- Precompute and save all answers for each normalized block.
- Size of a table: $O(\log^2 n)$
- For each block save which precomputed table it uses.

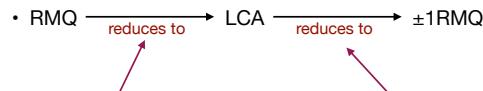


- Space: $O(\sqrt{n} \cdot \log^2 n) + O(n/\log n) = O(n)$
- Plugging into 2-level solution:
 - Space: $O(n) + \text{space for precomputed tables} = O(n)$.

LCA and RMQ

RMQ and LCA

- We will show



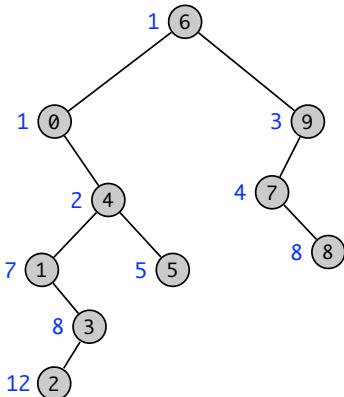
If there is a solution to LCA using $s(n)$ space and $t(n)$ time, then there is a solution to RMQ using $O(s(n))$ space and $O(t(n))$ time.

If there is a solution to ± 1 RMQ using $s(n)$ space and $t(n)$ time, then there is a solution to LCA using $O(s(n))$ space and $O(t(n))$ time.

RMQ to LCA

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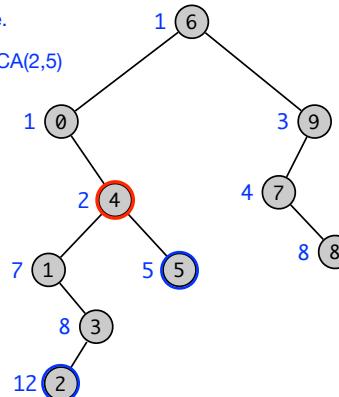
- Cartesian tree.



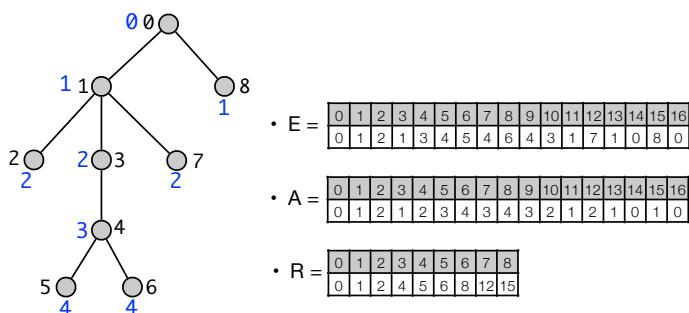
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- Cartesian tree.
- $\text{RMQ}(2,5) = \text{LCA}(2,5)$

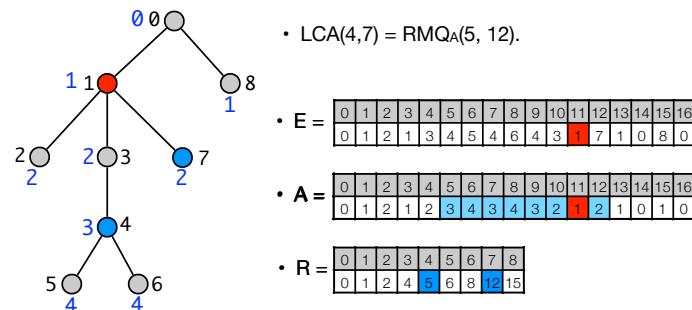


LCA to ± 1 RMQ



- E: Euler tour representation: preorder walk, write preorder number of node when met.
- A: depth of node node in E[i].
- R: first occurrence in E of node with preorder number i
- $\text{LCA}(i, j) = E[\text{RMQA}(R[i], R[j])]$.

LCA to ± 1 RMQ



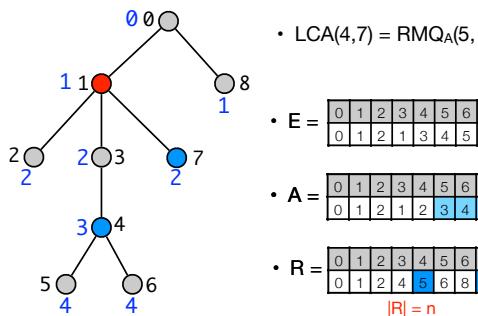
- $\text{LCA}(4,7) = \text{RMQA}(5, 12)$.
- E =

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
0	1	2	1	3	4	5	4	6	4	3	1	7	1	0	8	0
- A =

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
0	1	2	1	2	3	4	3	4	3	2	1	2	1	0	1	0
- R =

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	1	2	4	5	6	8	12	15

LCA to ± 1 RMQ



- LCA(4,7) = RMQ_A(5, 12).
- $E = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 & 15 & 16 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 3 & 1 & 7 & 1 & 0 & 8 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ $|E| = 2n$
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- $R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 8 & 12 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$ $|R| = n$
Space O(n):
• 3 tables
• ± 1 RMQ data structure on table of length $2n$

RMQ and LCA

- **Theorem.** RMQ and LCA can be solved in $O(n)$ space and $O(1)$ query time.

Segment trees

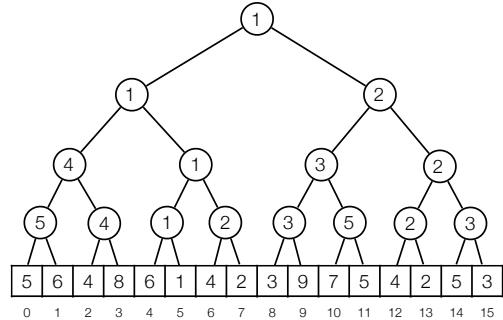
Dynamic Range Minimum Queries

Segment trees

- Dynamic RMQ: Support following operations.
 - Add(i, k): Set $A[i] = A[i] + k$ (k can be negative).
 - RMQ(i,j)

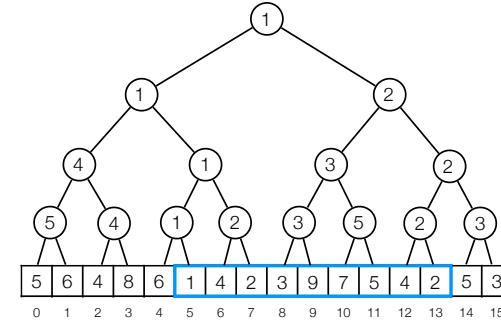
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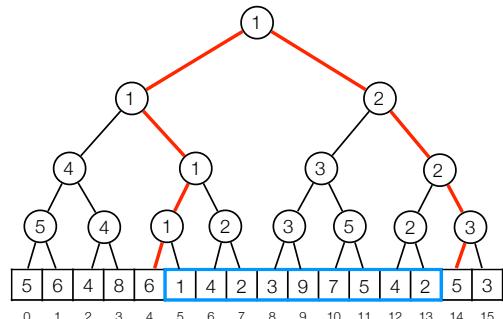
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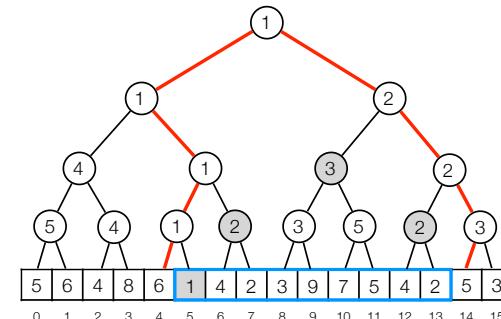
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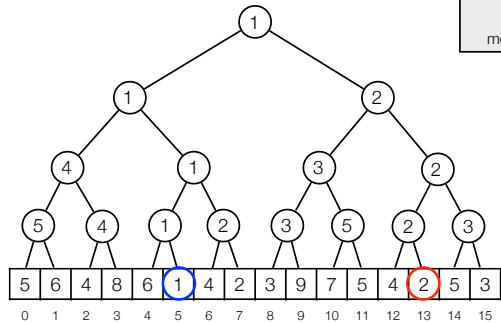
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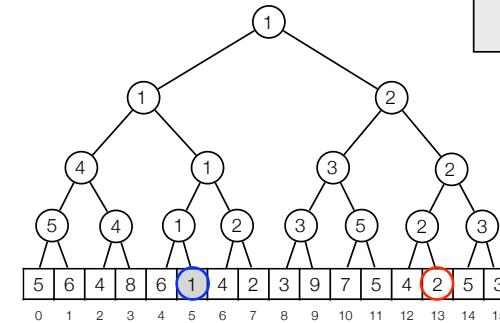
- Dynamic RMQ
 - $\text{RMQ}(5,13) = \text{INF}$



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while (a not right of b):
  if (a right child):
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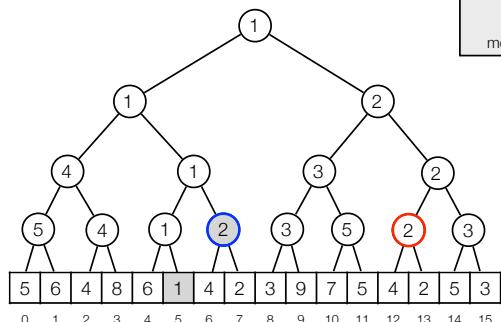
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 - $\text{RMQ}(5,13) = 1$



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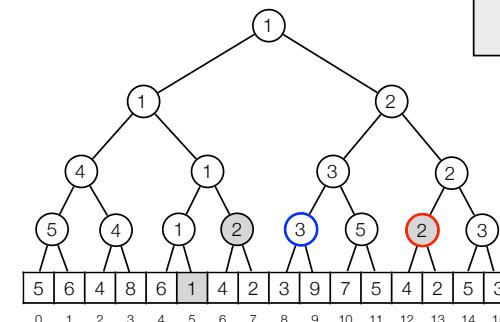
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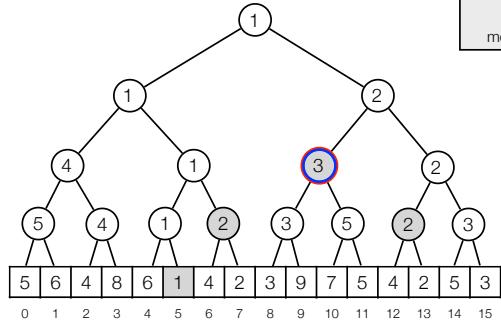
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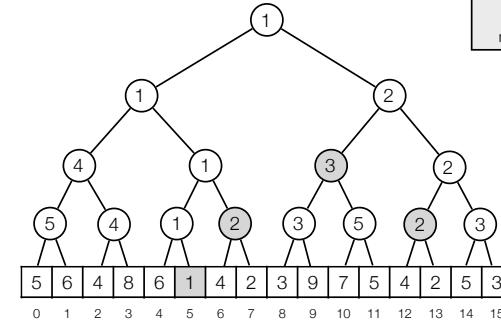
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 - $\text{RMQ}(5, 13) = 1$

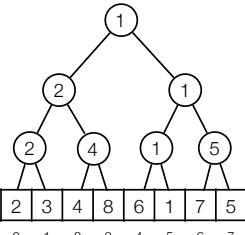


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Implementation

- Implement tree using heap layout in array of length $2n$:
 - Root at position 1.
 - Children of node i at position $2i$ and $2i+1$.

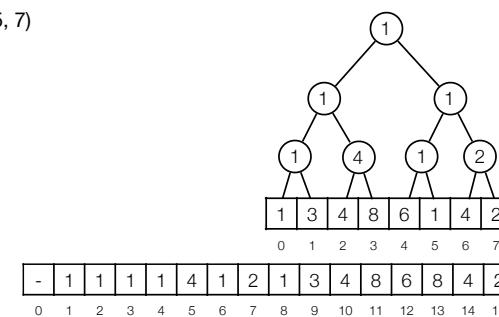
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m = INFINITY
a += n, b += n
while (a <= b):
  if (a % 2 == 1):
    m = min(m, tree[a])
    a += 1
  if (b % 2 == 0):
    m = min(m, tree[b])
    b -= 1
  a = ⌊a / 2⌋
  b = ⌈b / 2⌋
return m
```



Space: $O(n)$
Time: $O(\log n)$

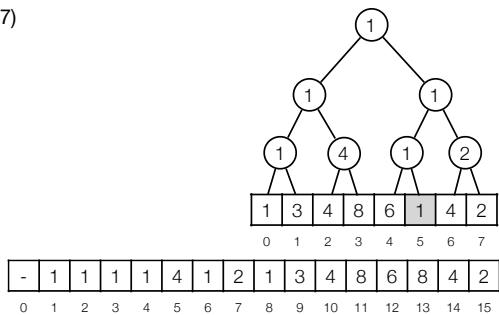
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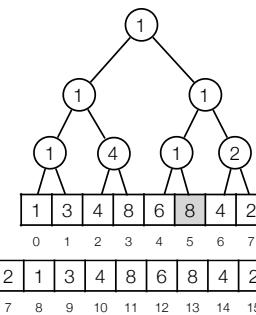
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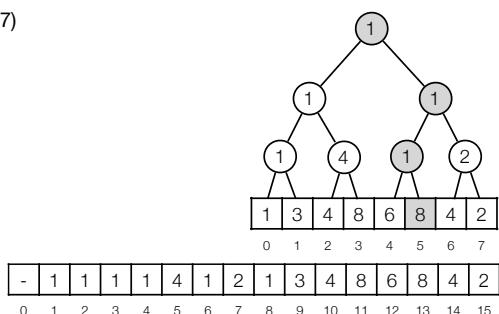
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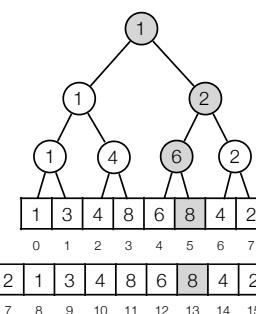
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Add(i, k):
    i += n
    tree[i] += k
    i = ⌊i/2⌋
    while (i ≥ 1):
        tree[x] = min(tree[2*i], tree[2*i+1])
        i = ⌊i/2⌋
```

Time: O(log n)