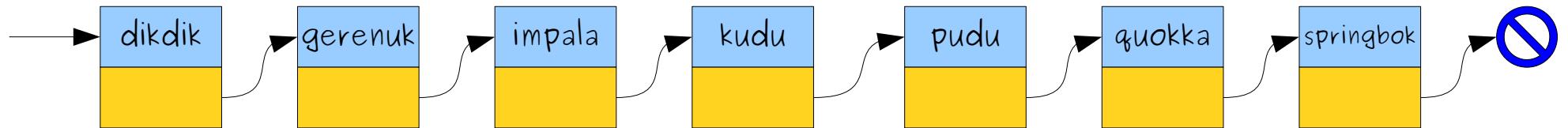


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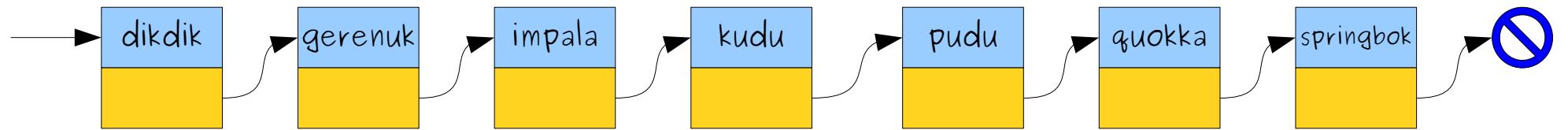
Part One



What is the average cost of searching
for an element in an n -item linked list?
Answer using big-O notation.

Answer online at

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Answer: **O(*n*).**

Intuition: Most elements are far from the front.

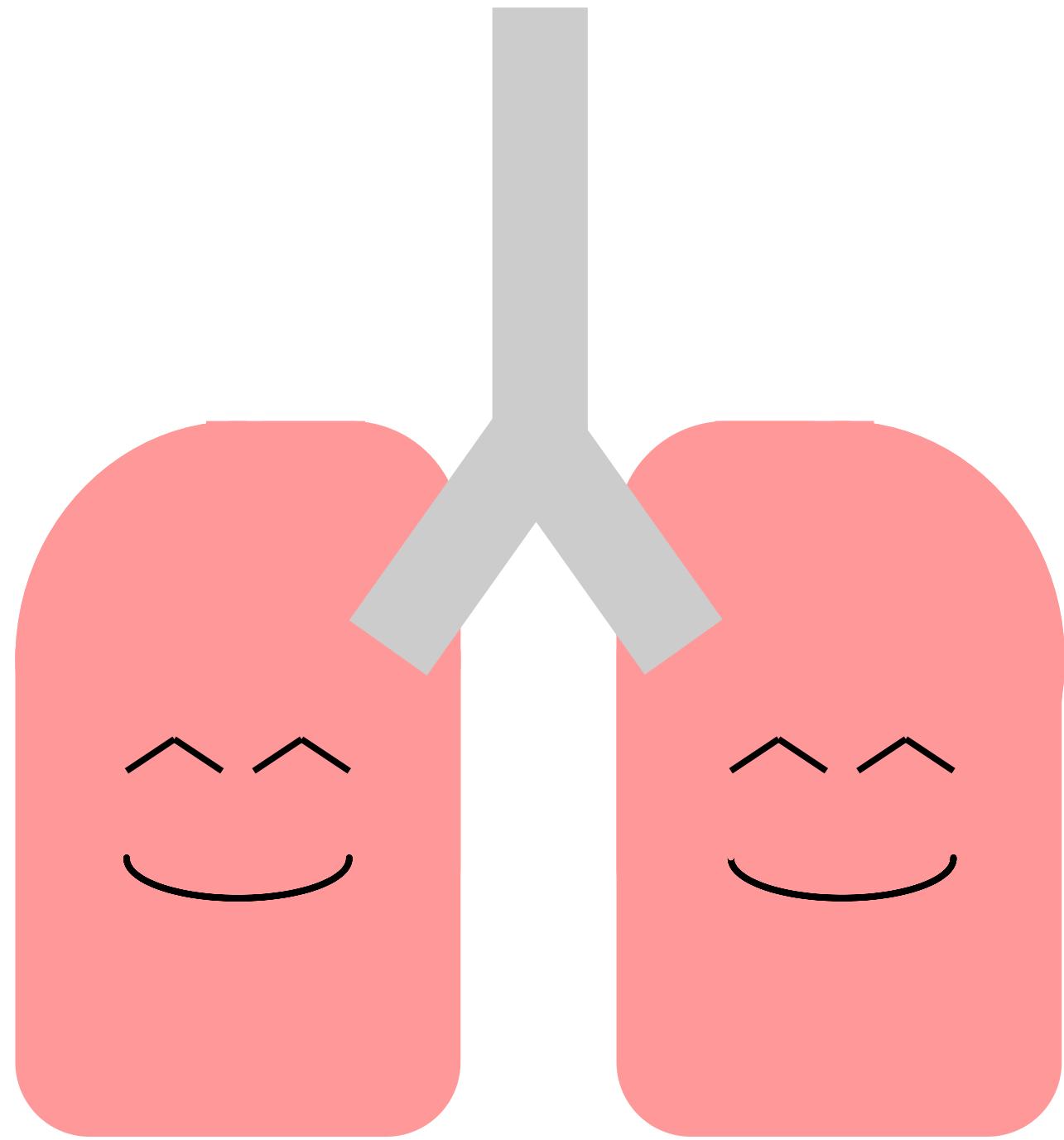
Can you chain a bunch of objects together so that most of them are near the front?

An Interactive Analogy

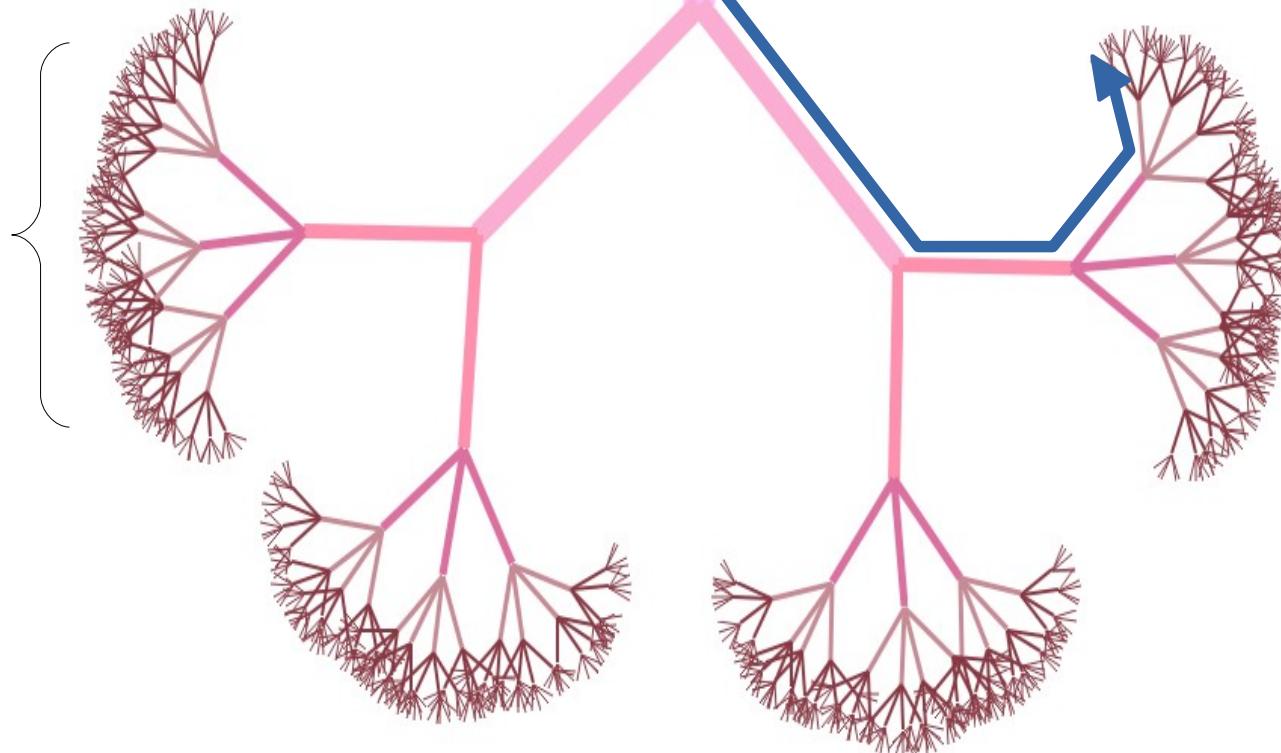
Take a deep breath.

And exhale.

Feel nicely oxygenated?



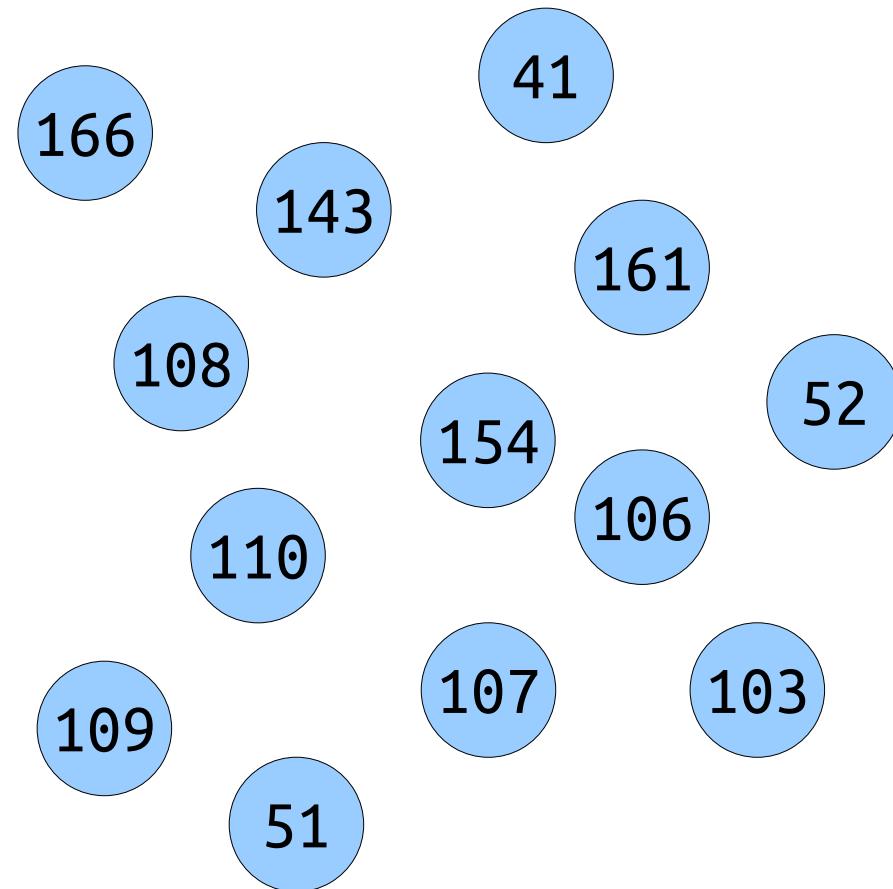
Your lungs
have about
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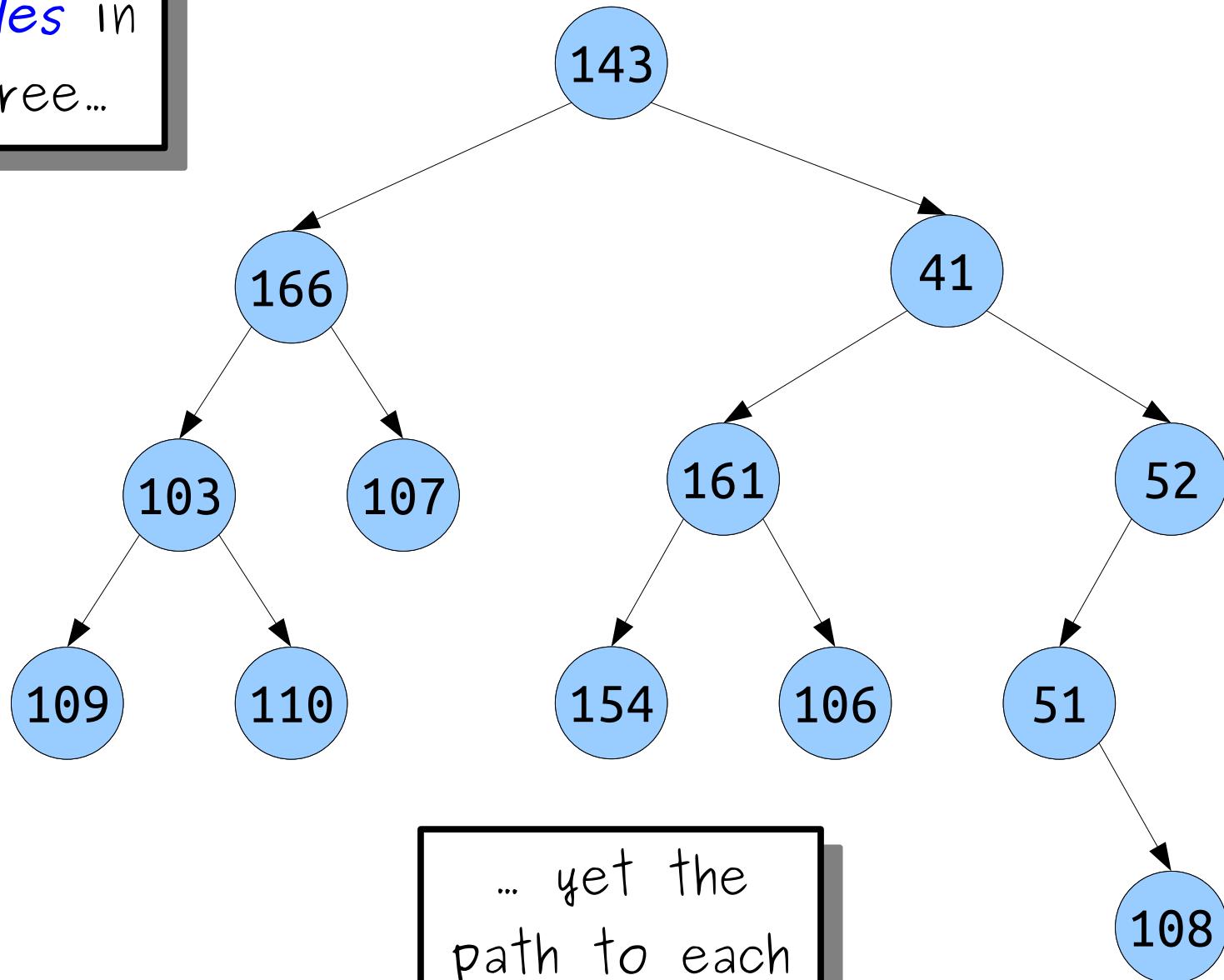
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Key Idea: The distance from the top of a tree to each node in the tree is small.

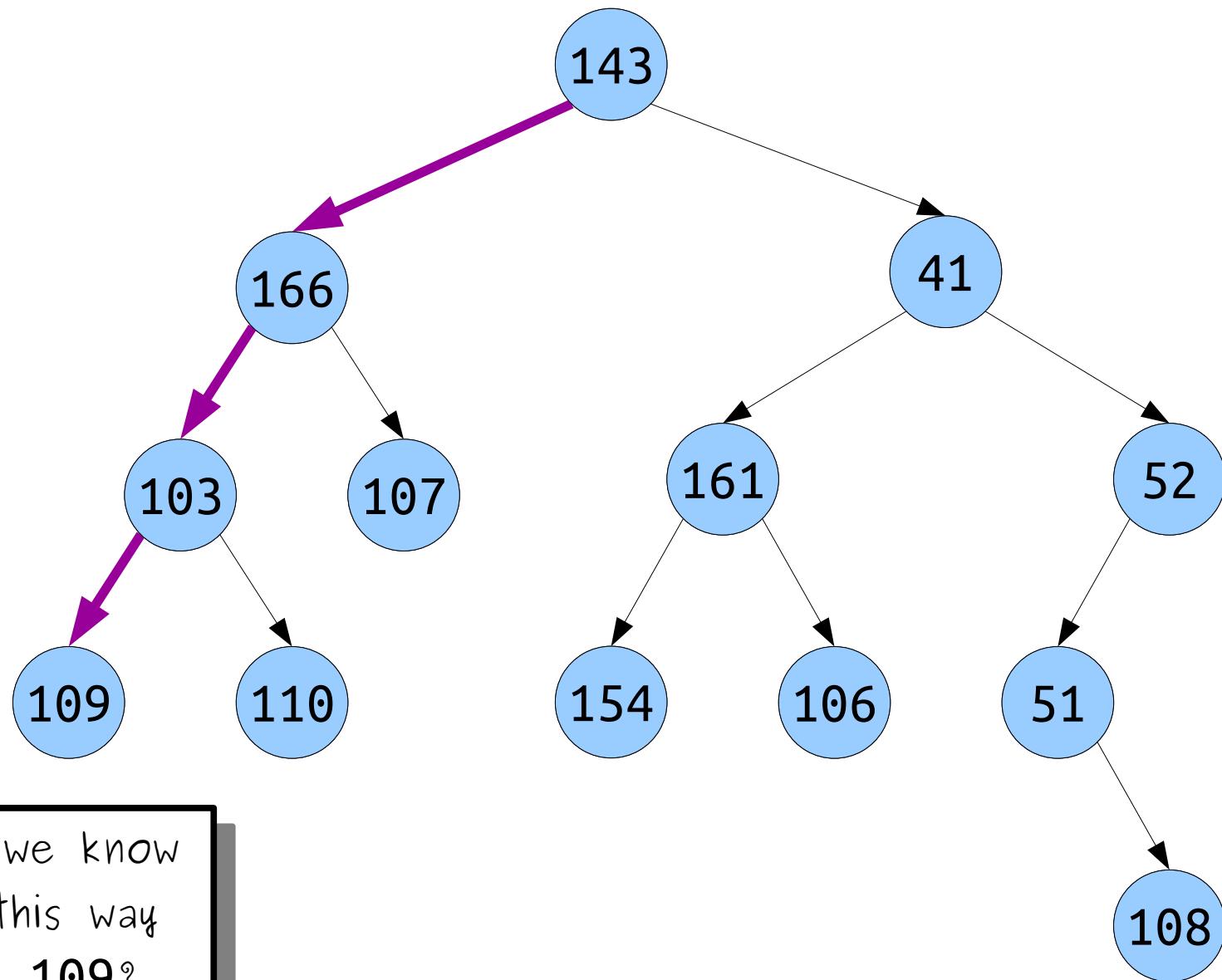
Harnessing this Insight

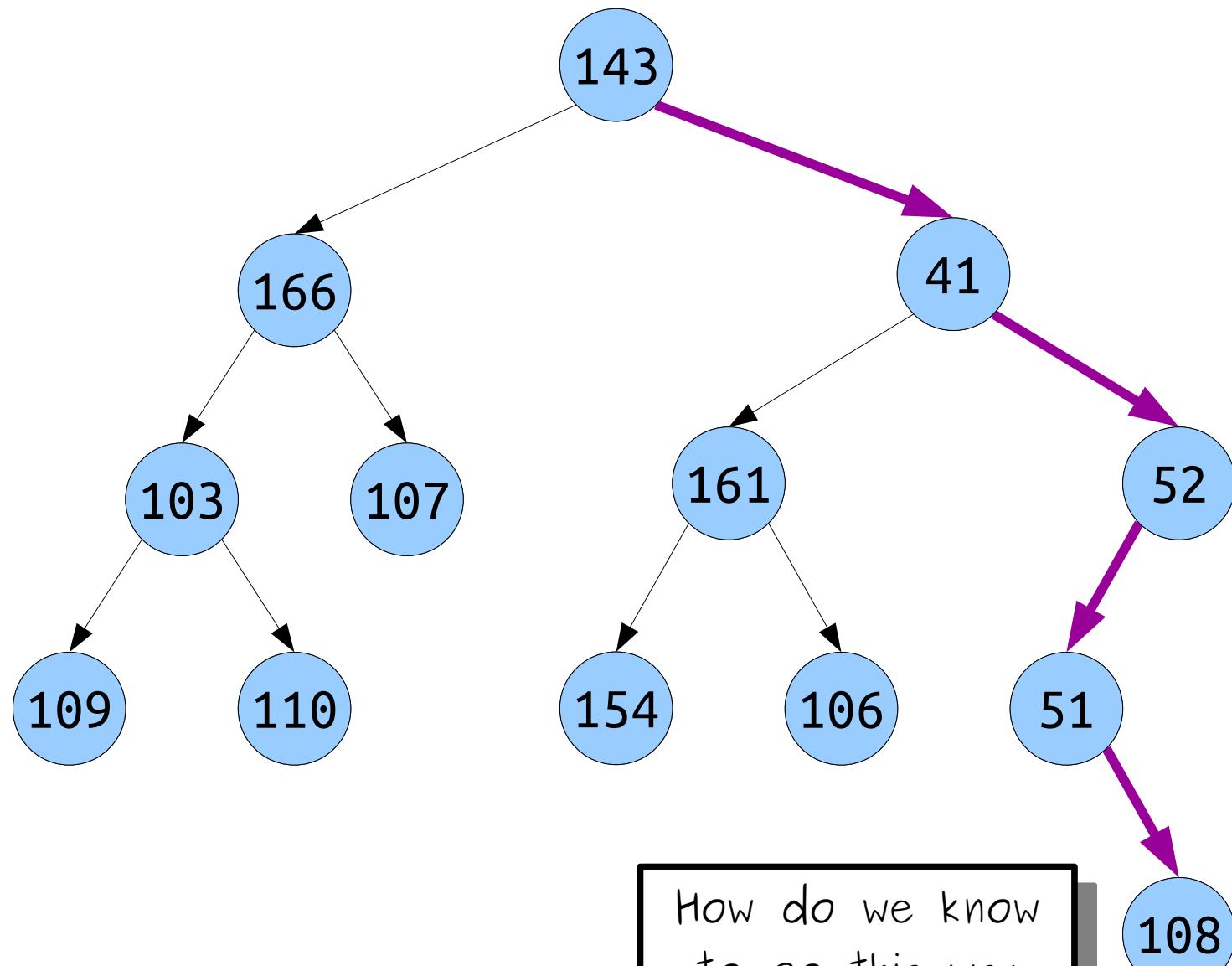


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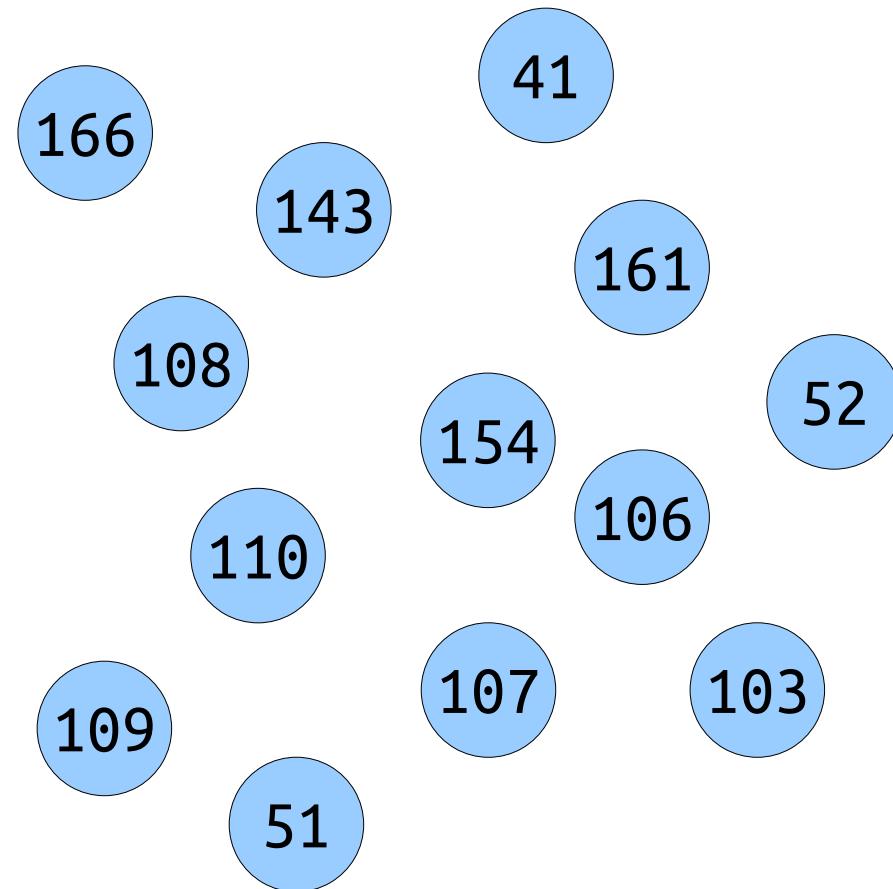
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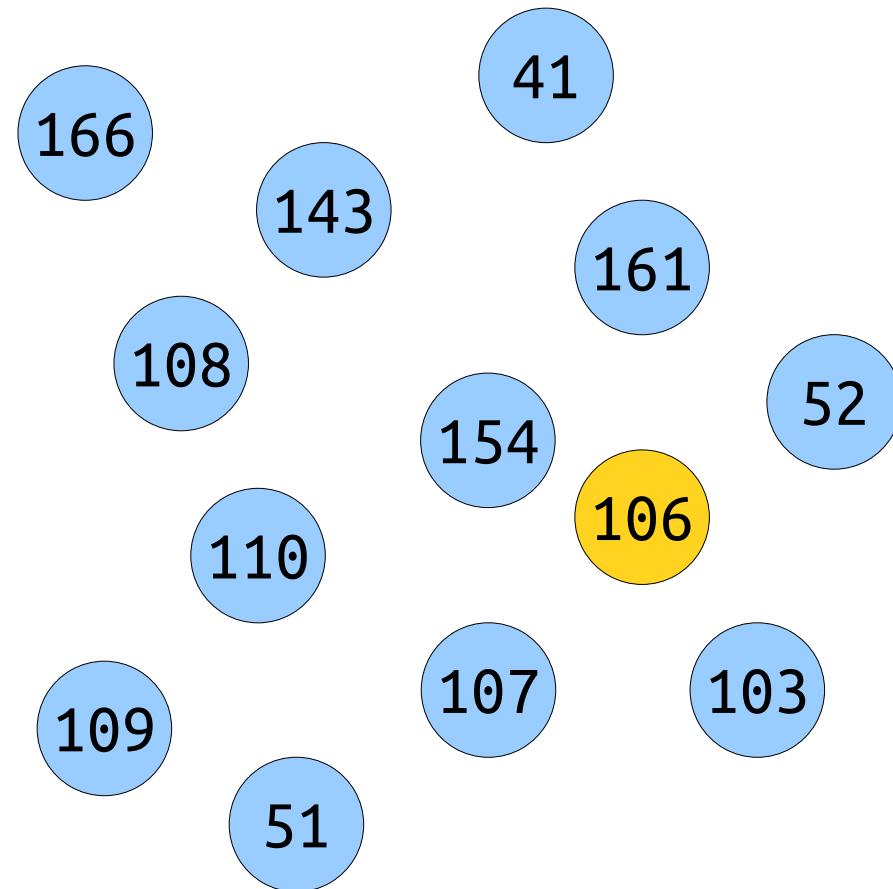


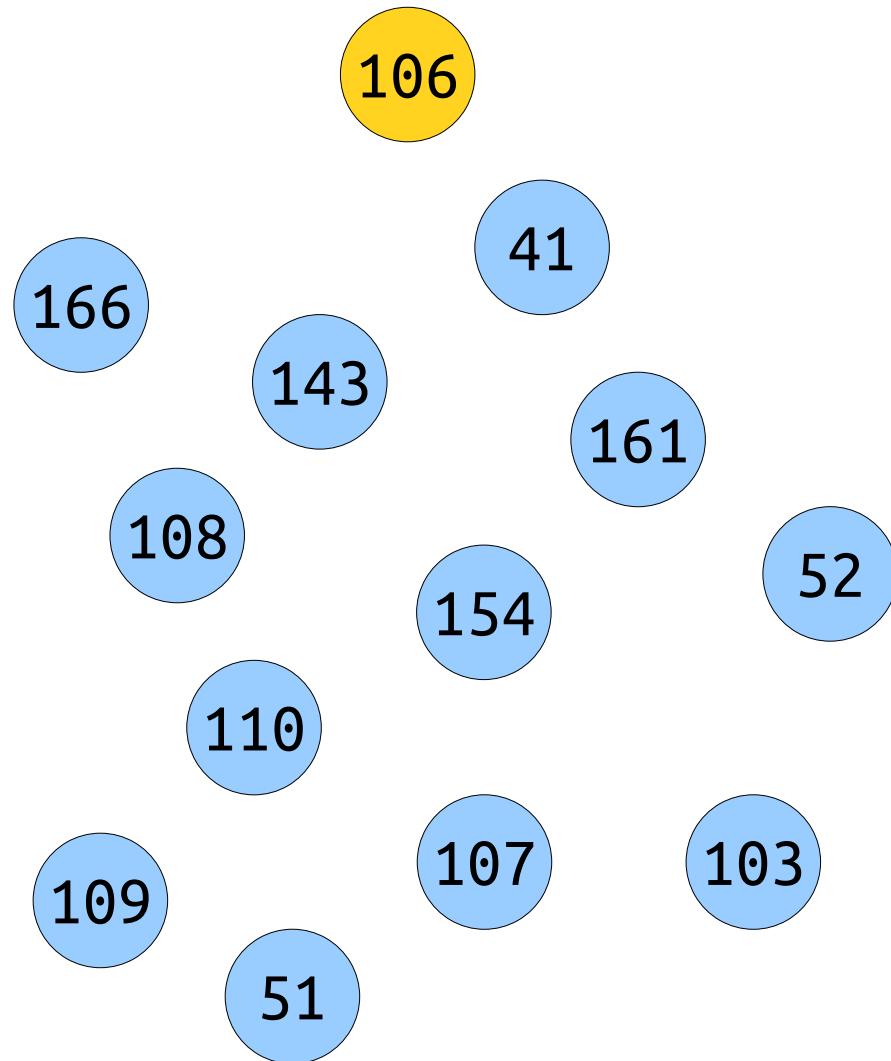


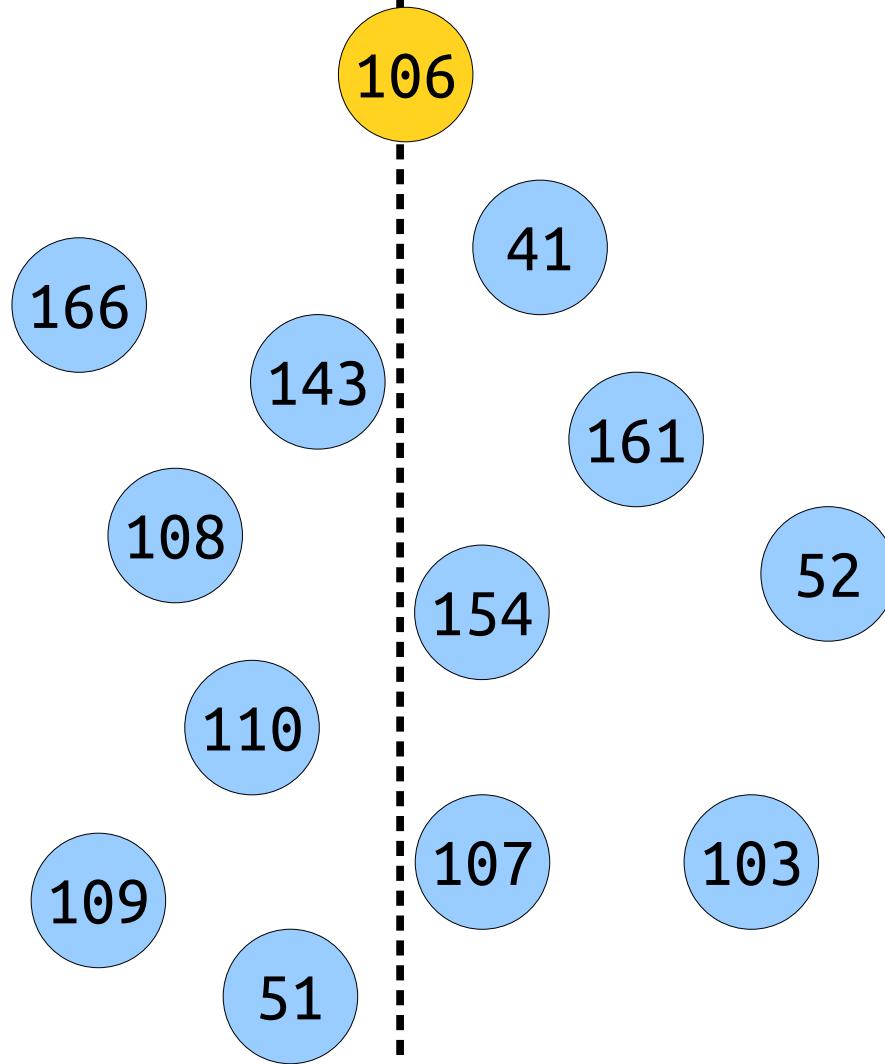
How do we know
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to get 108?

Goal: Store elements in a tree structure where there's an easy way to find them.



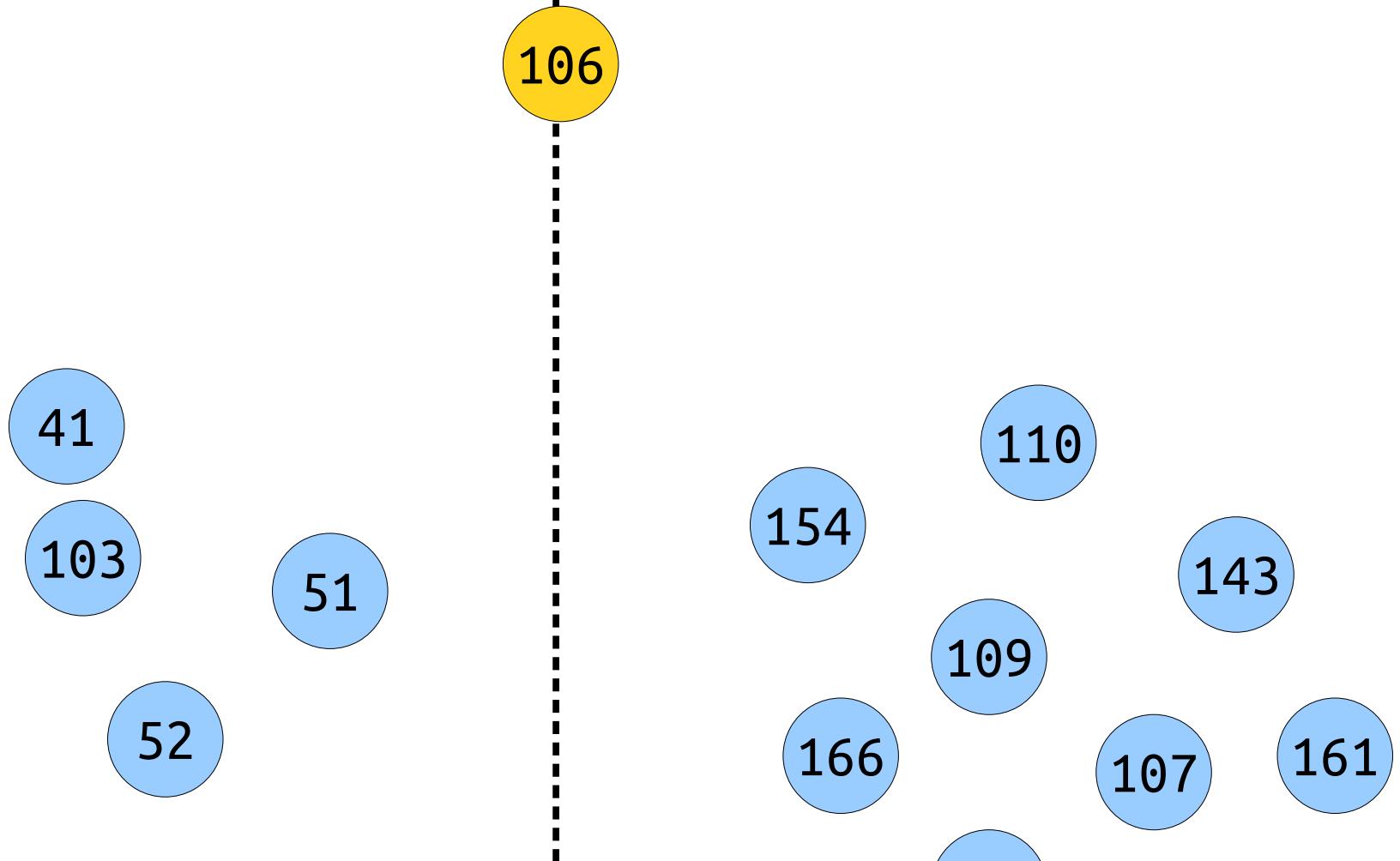






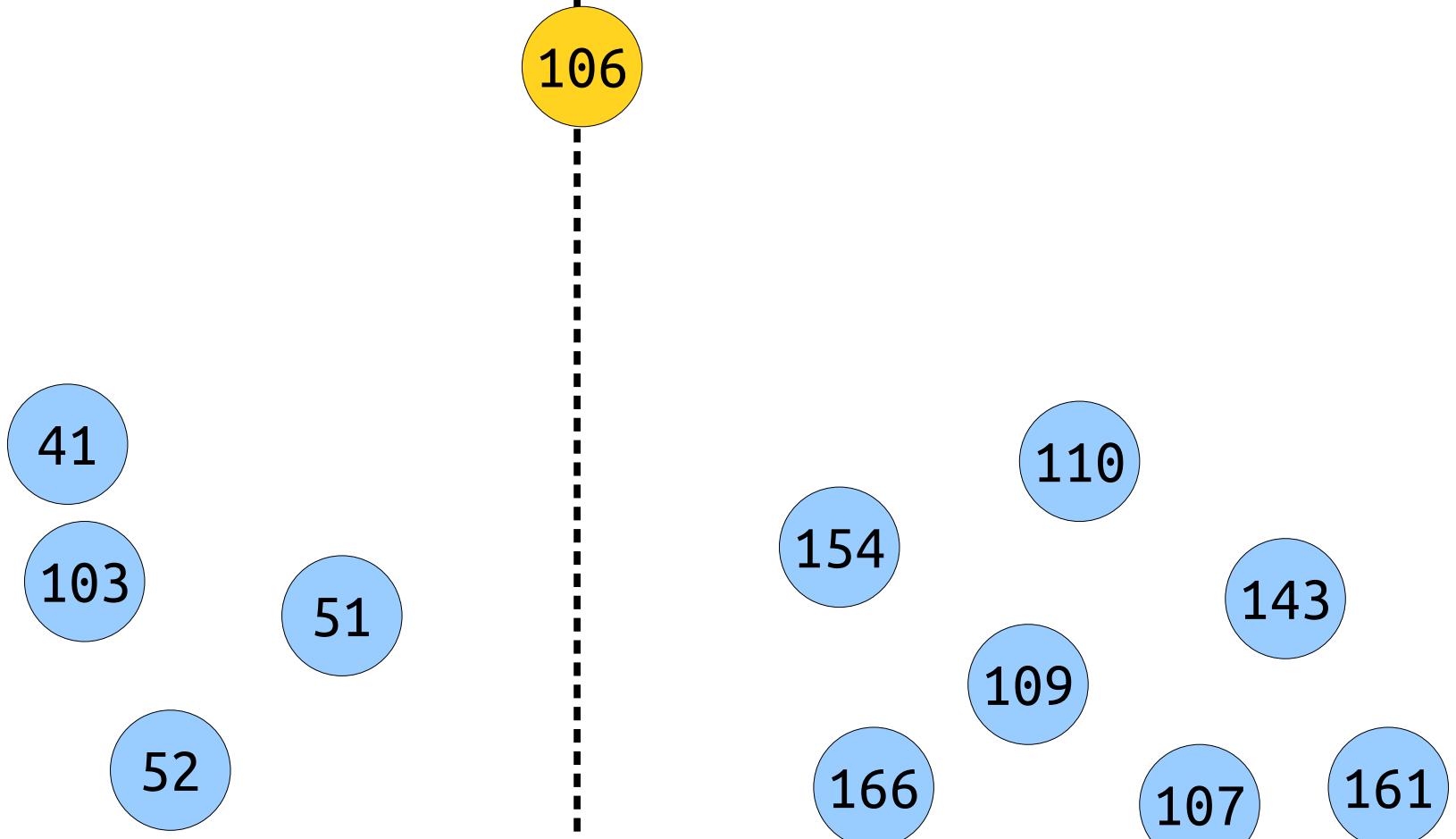
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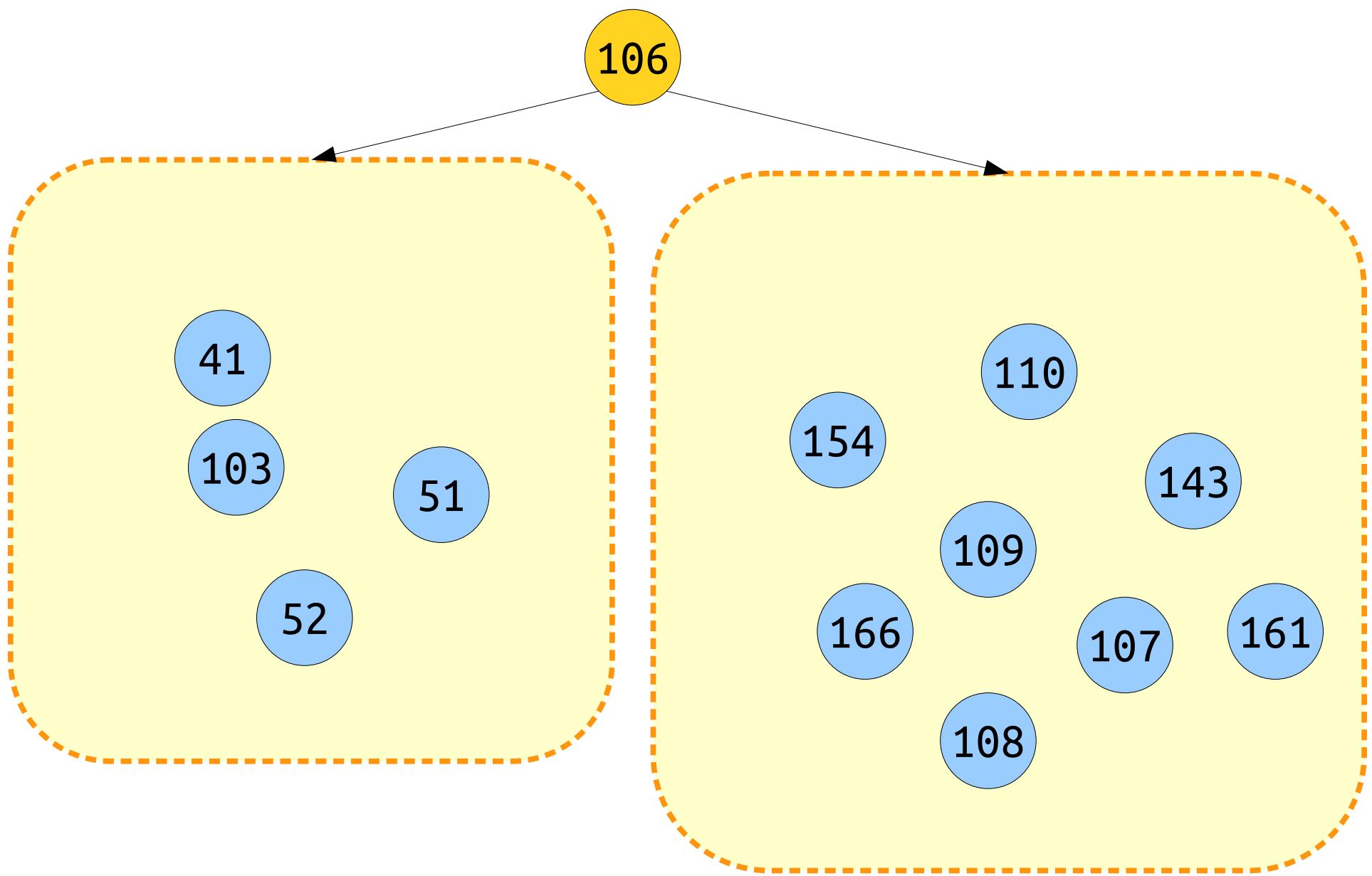
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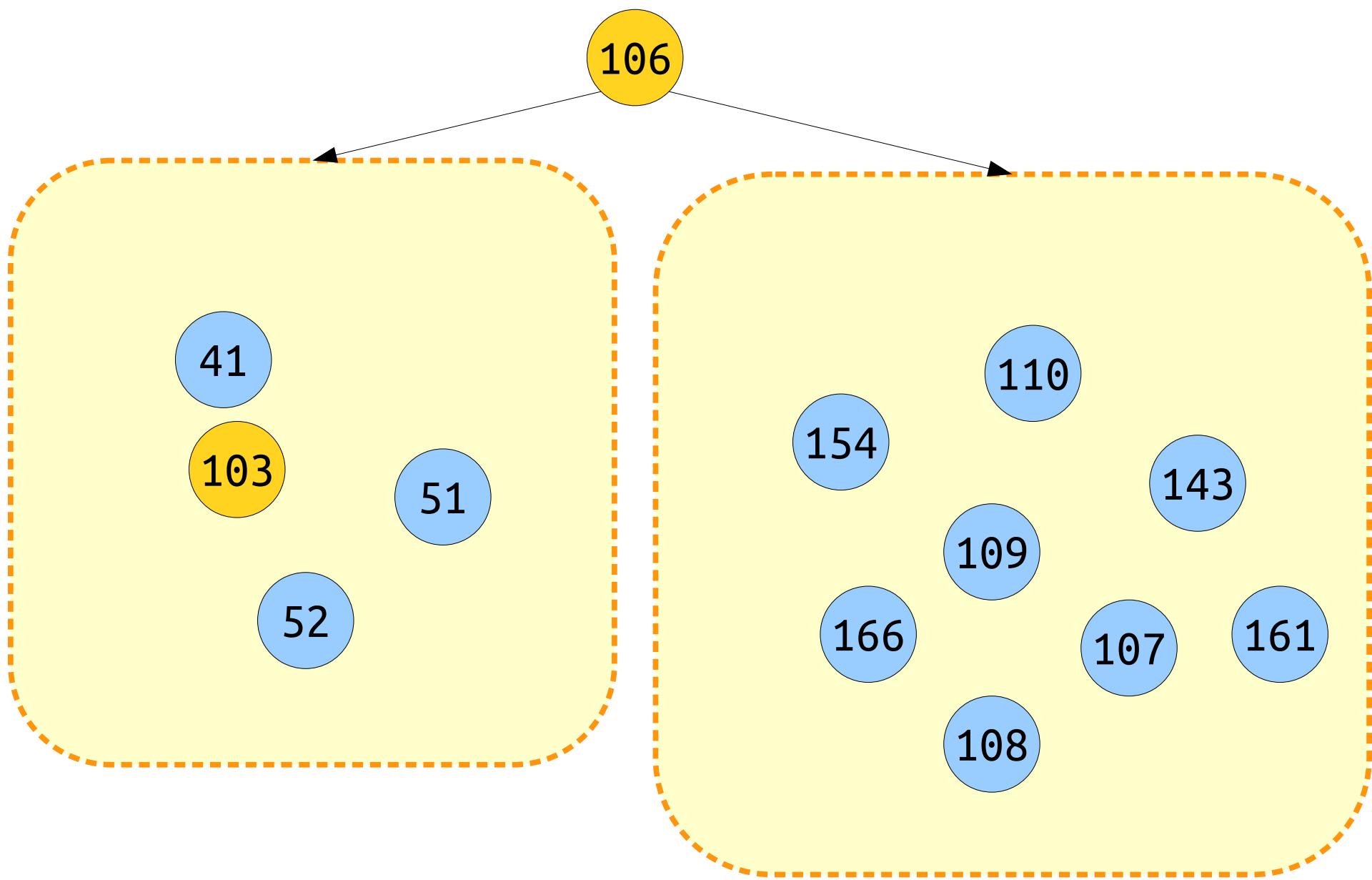


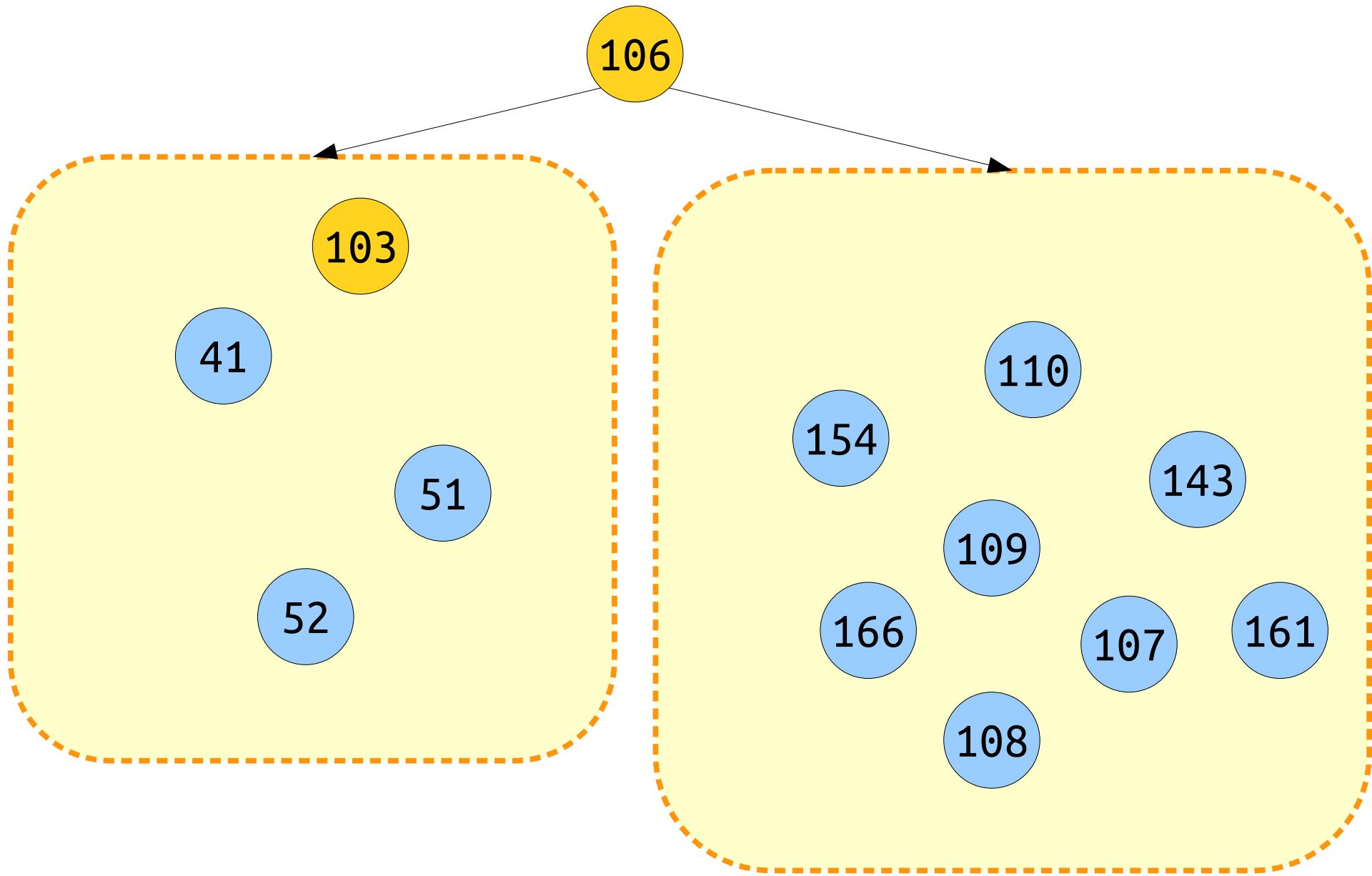
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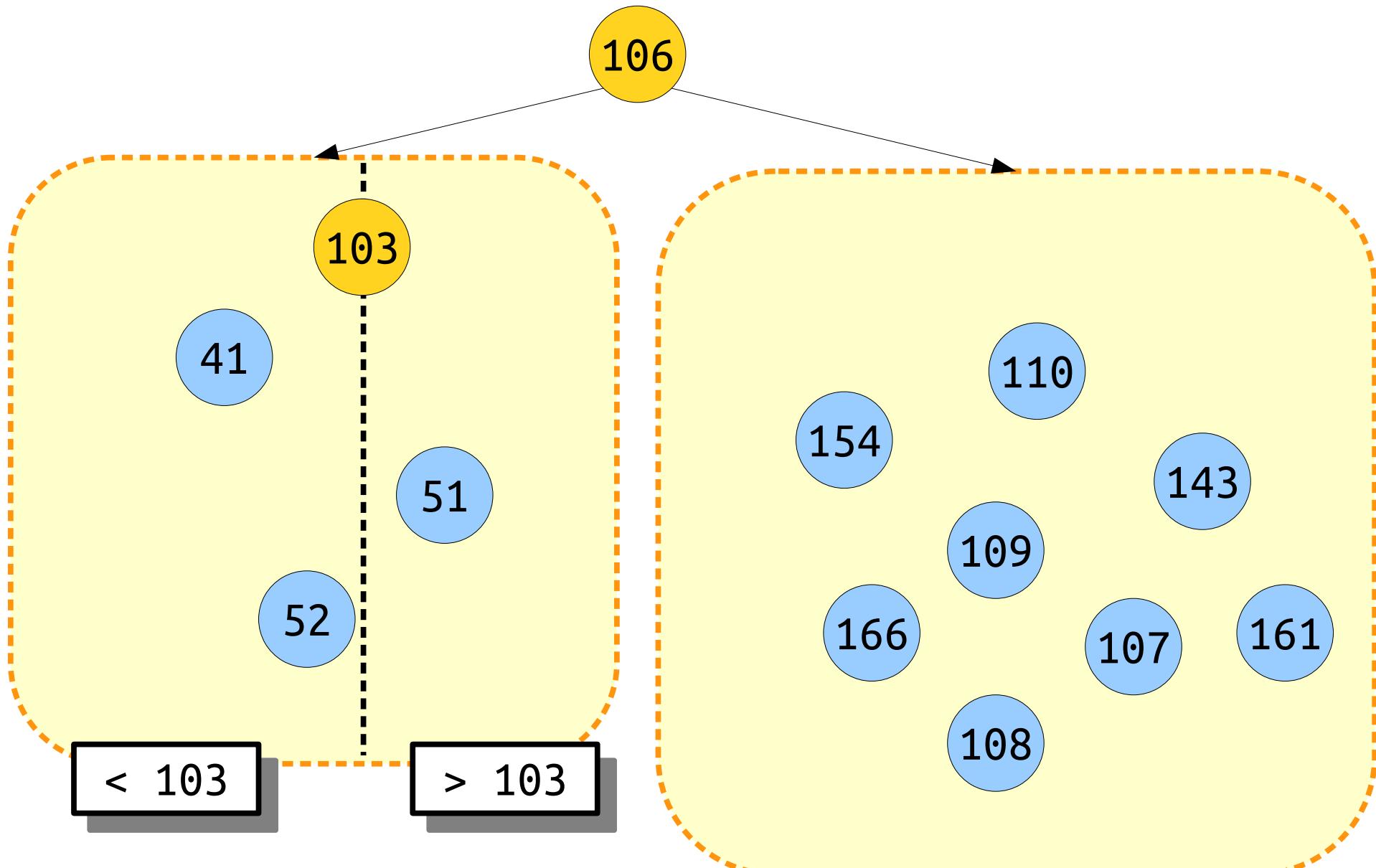
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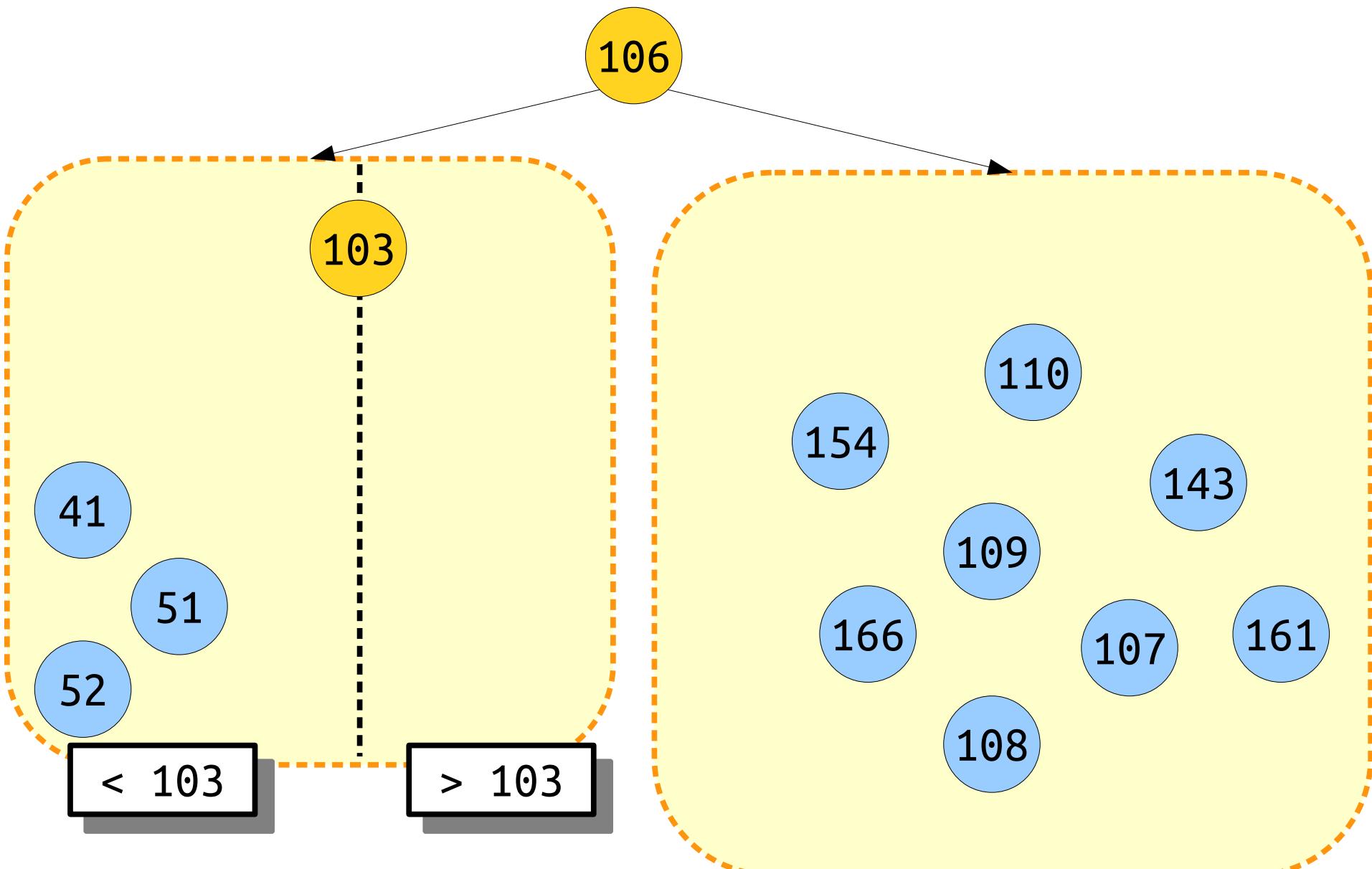


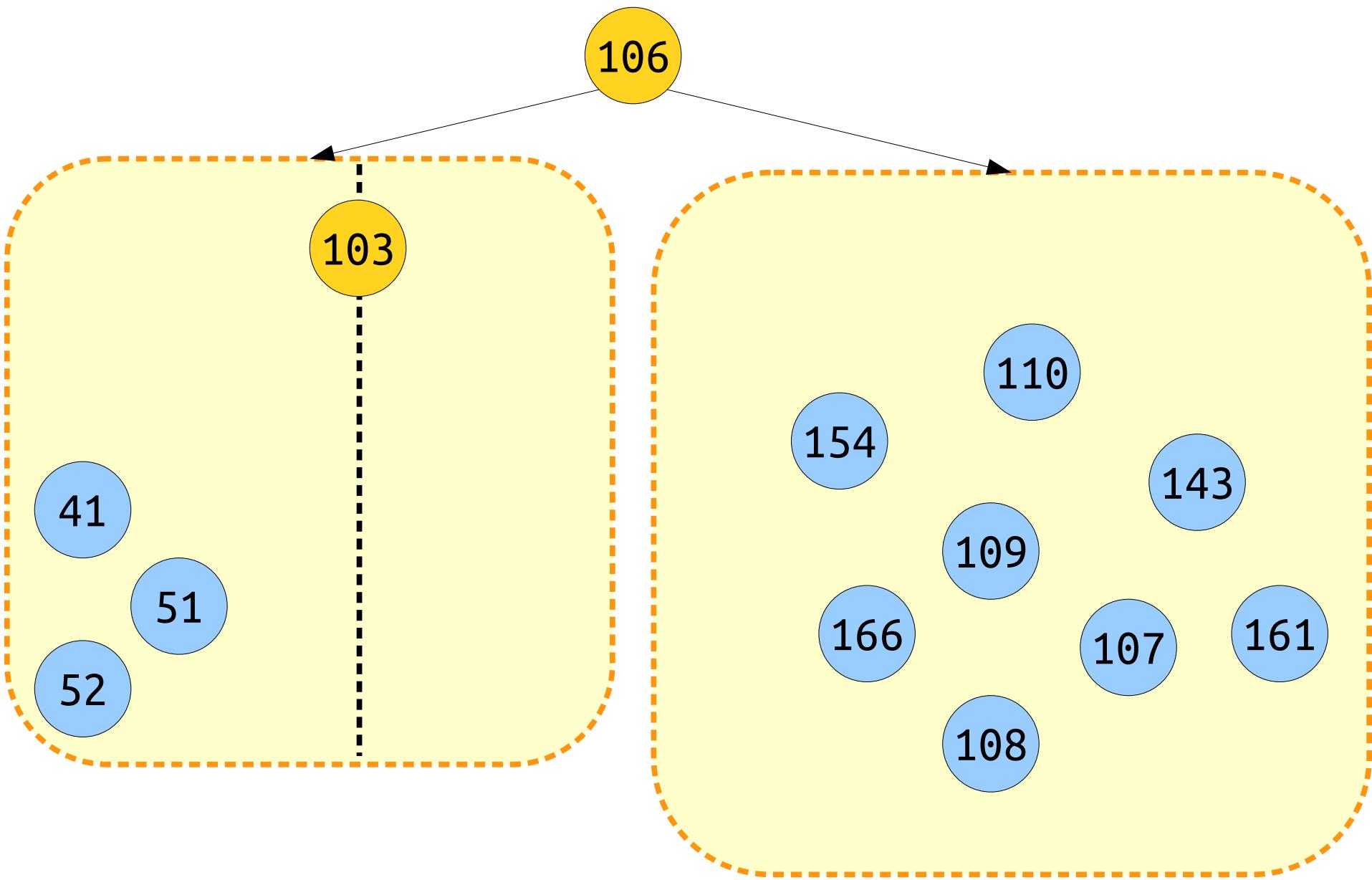


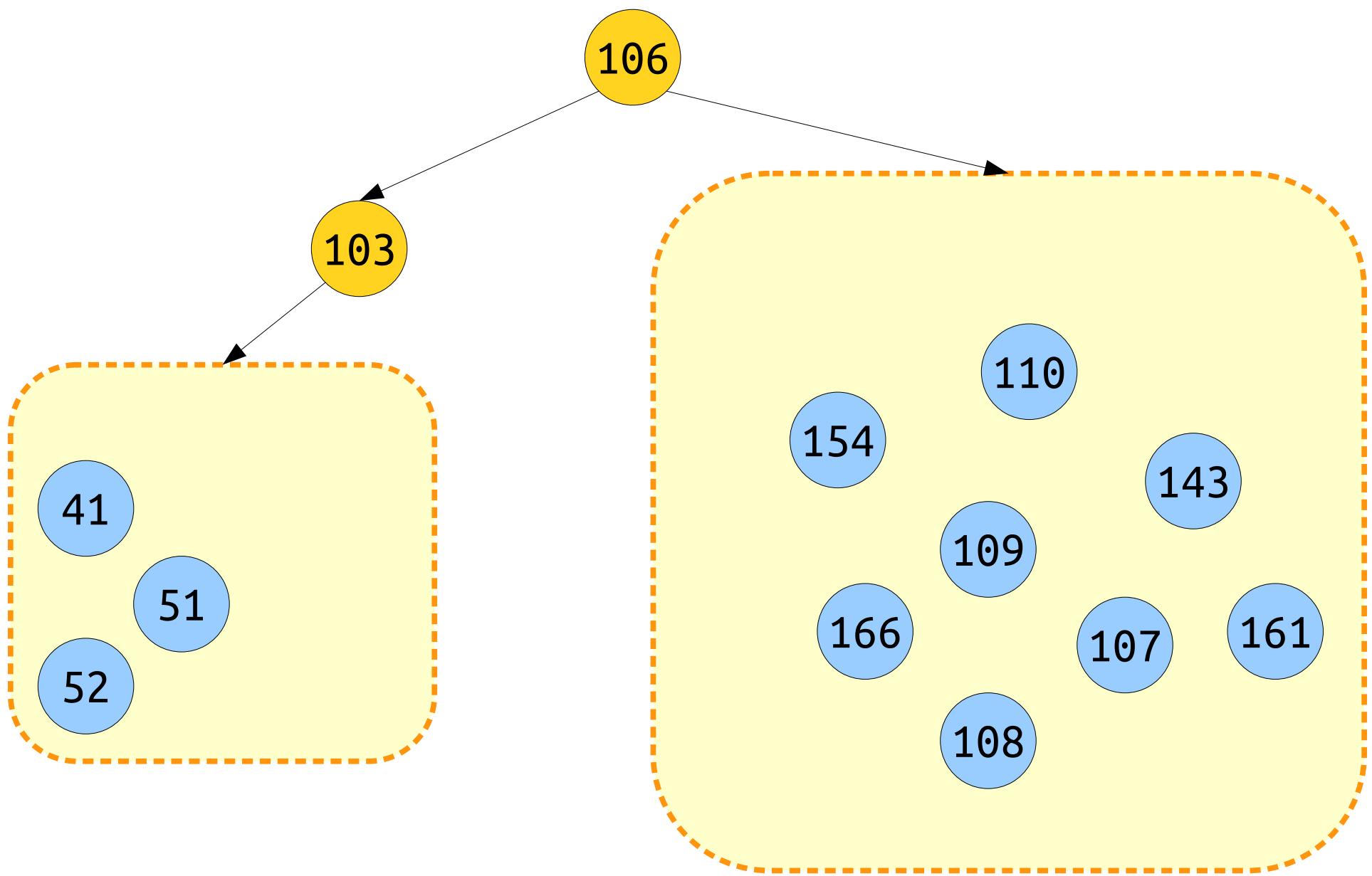


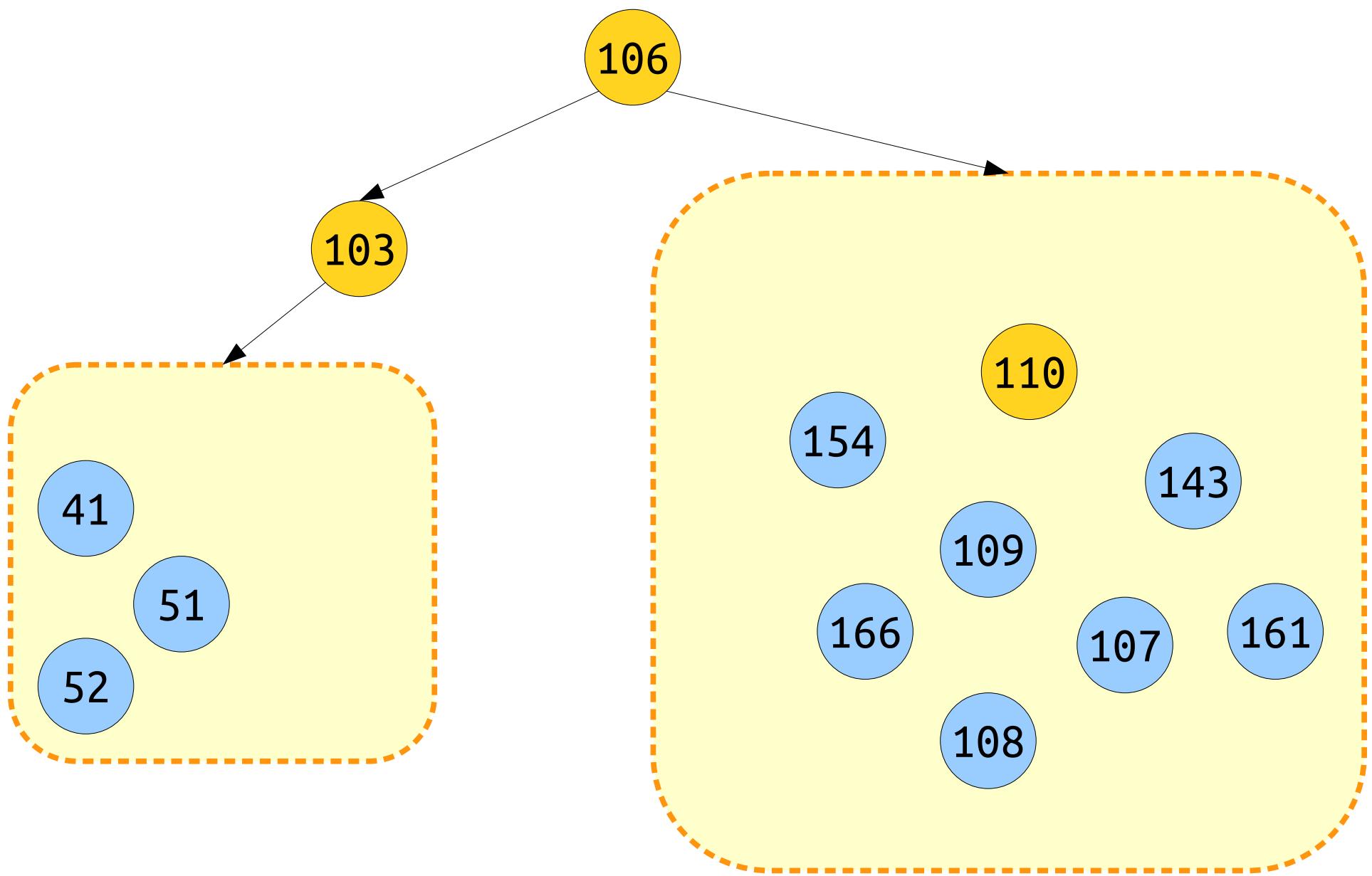


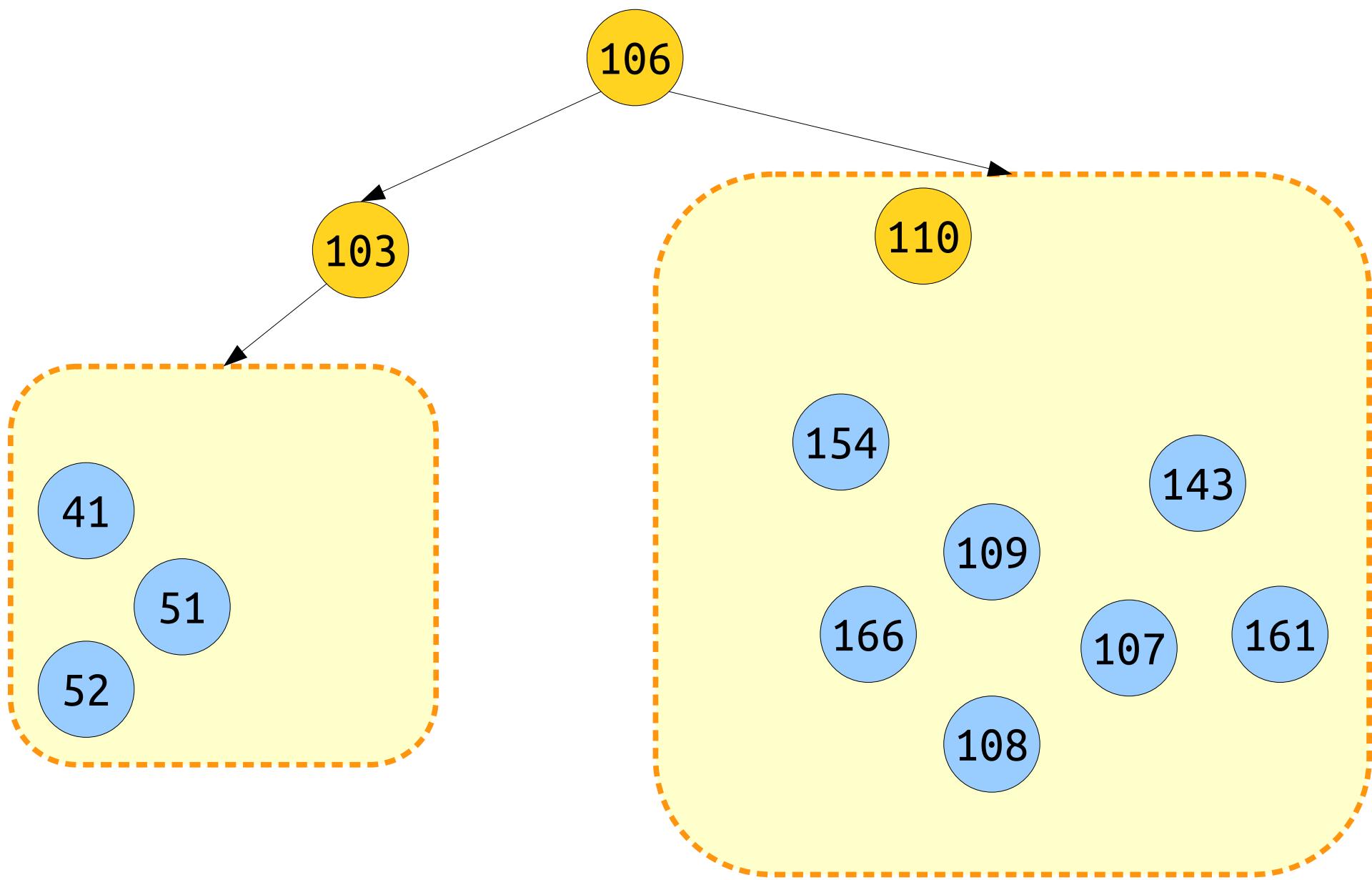


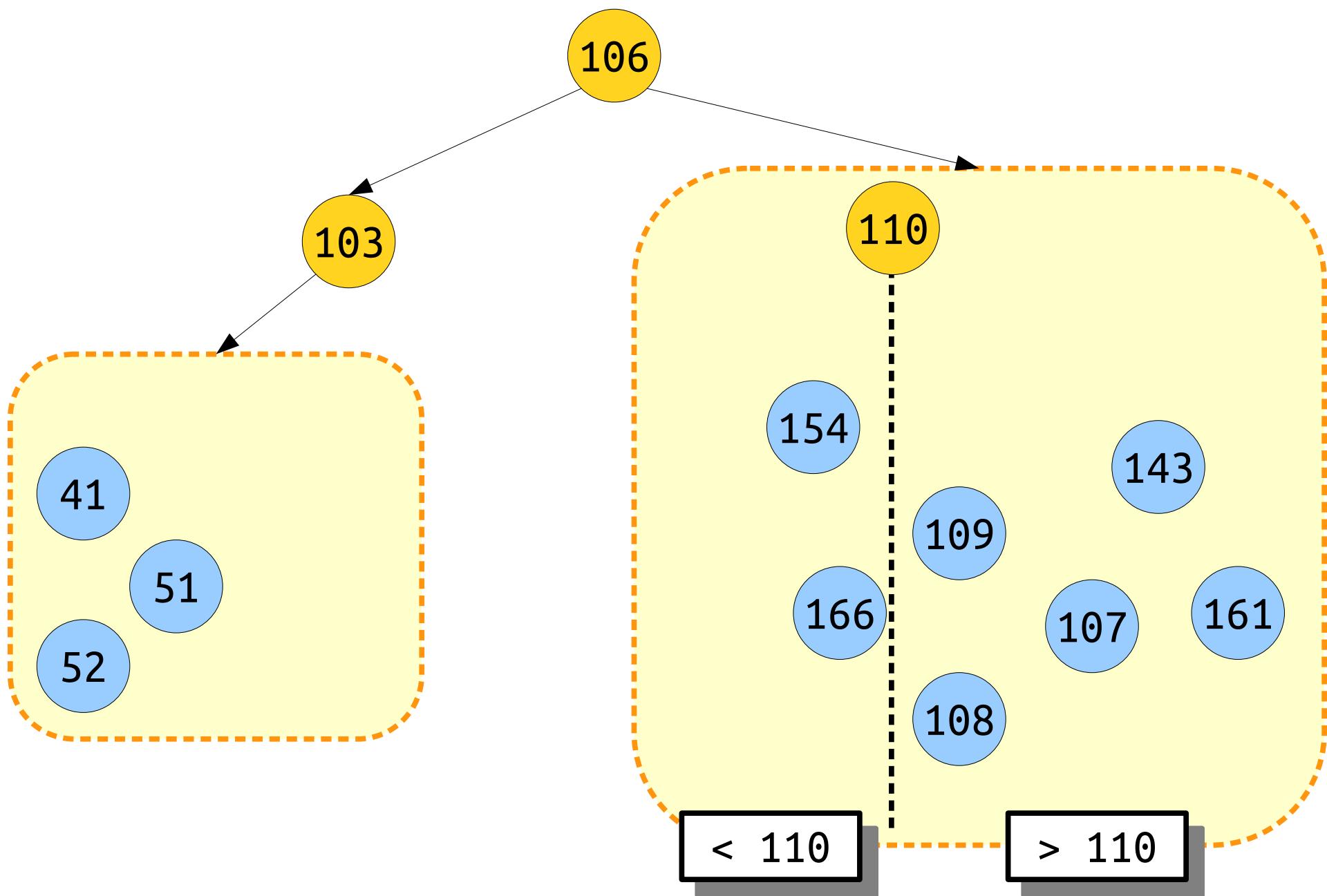


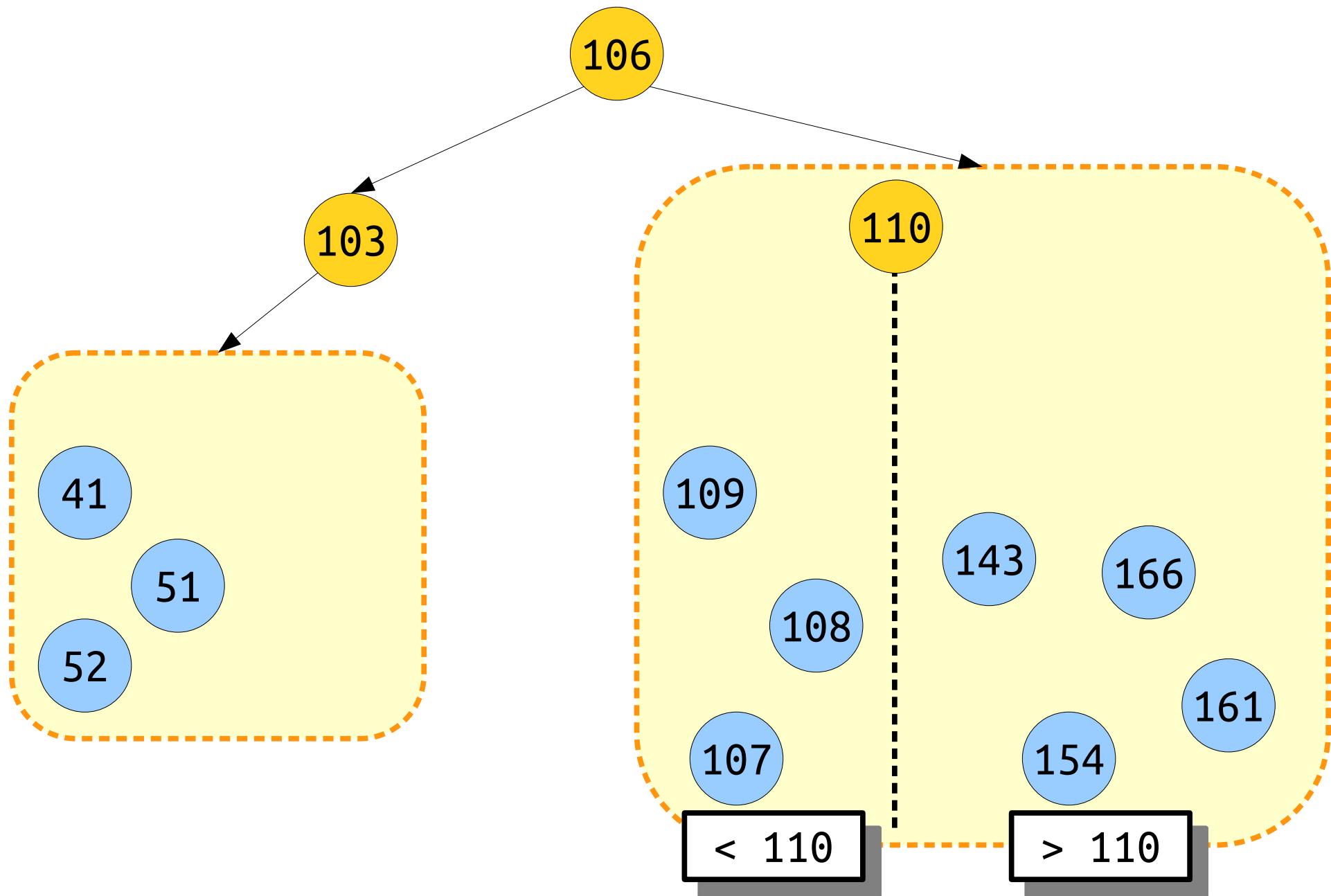


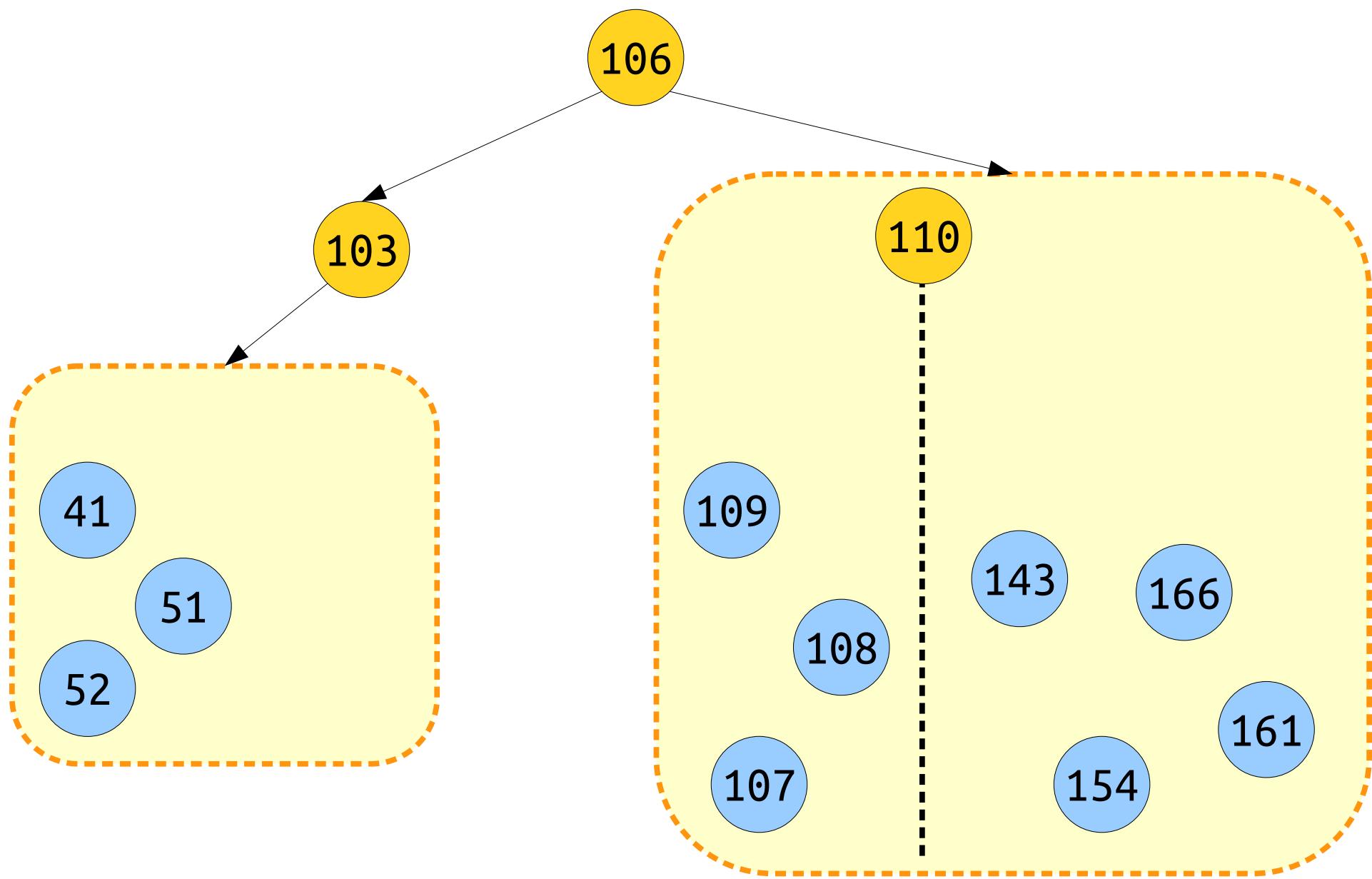


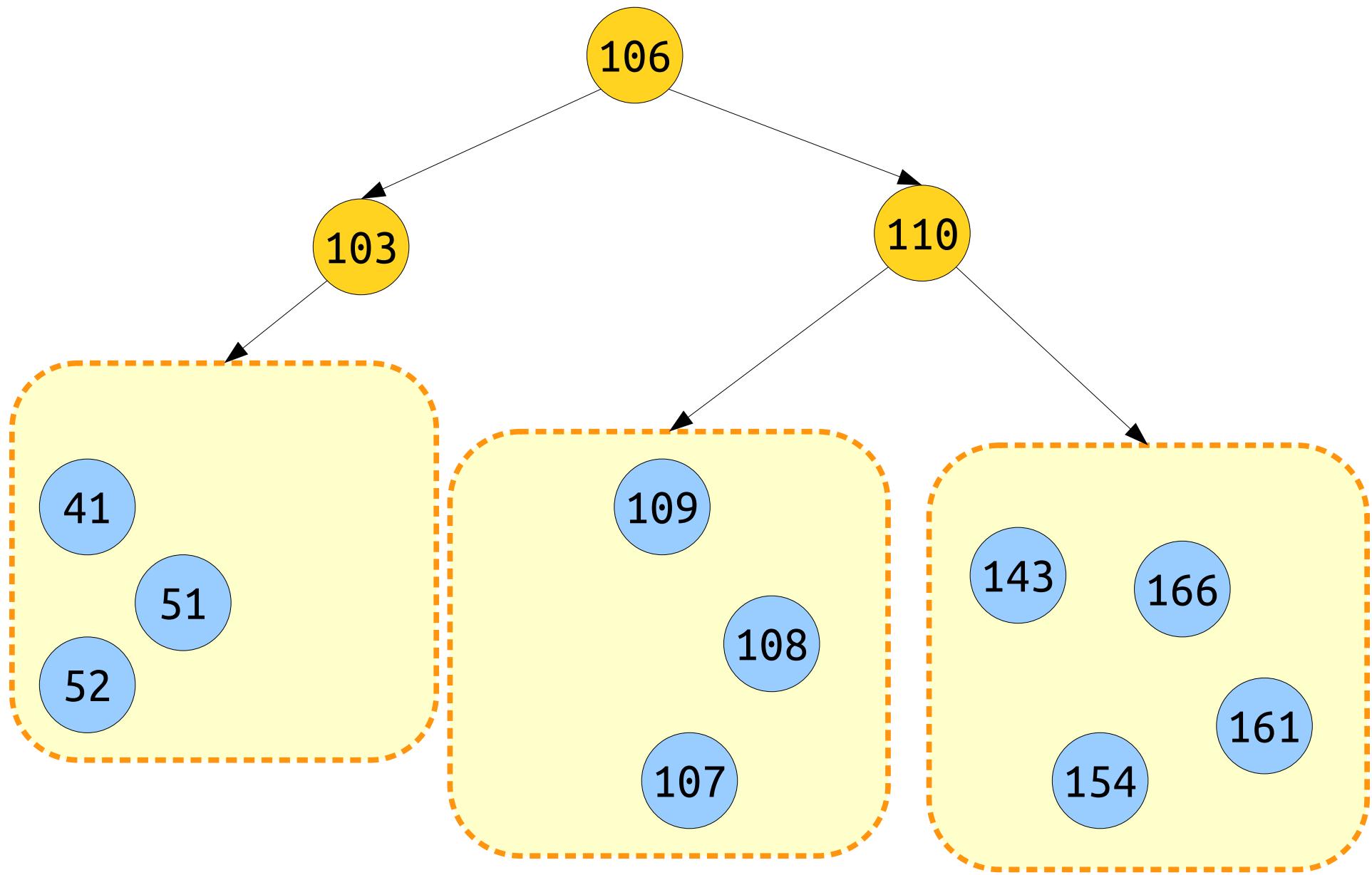


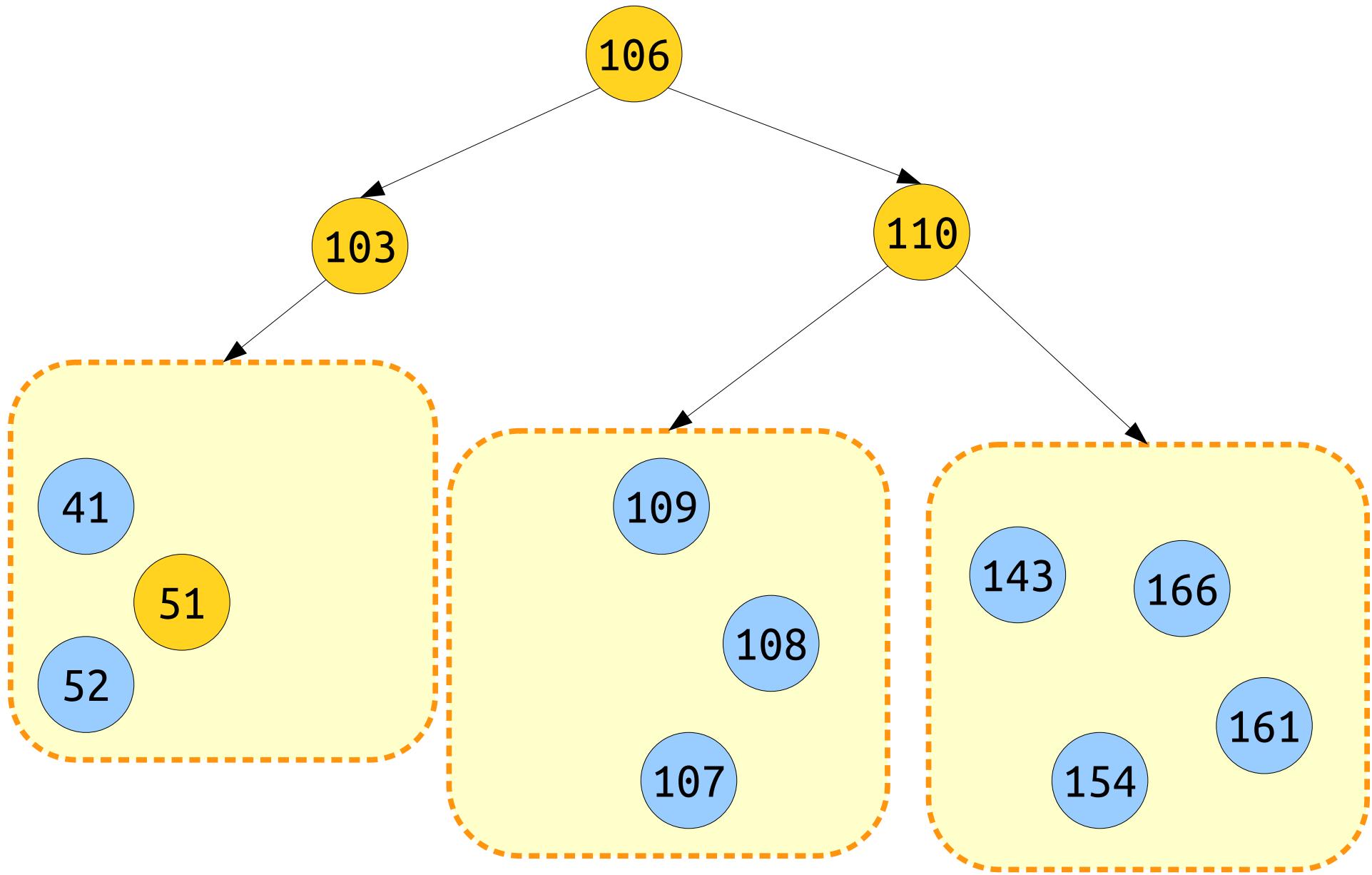


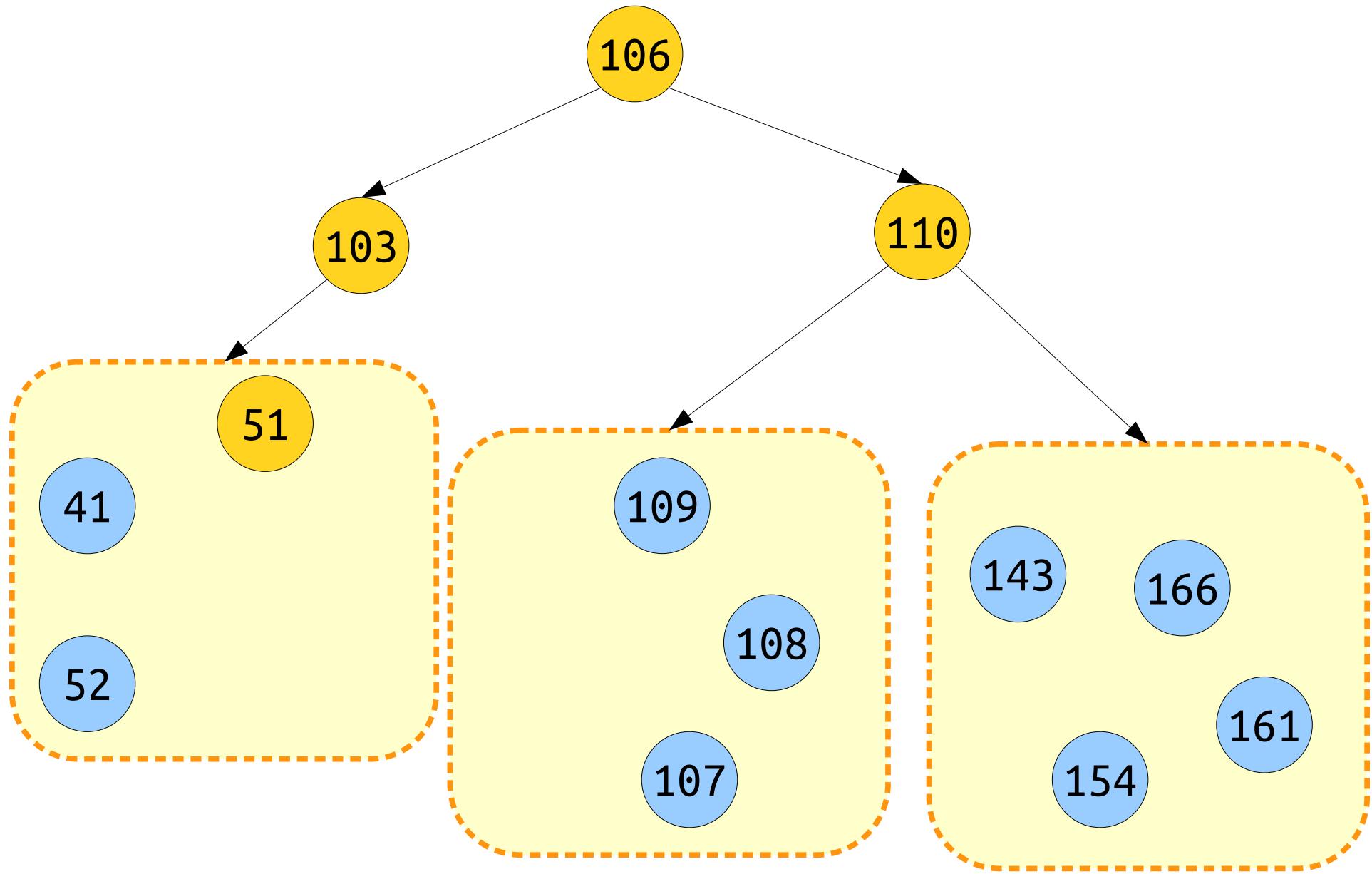


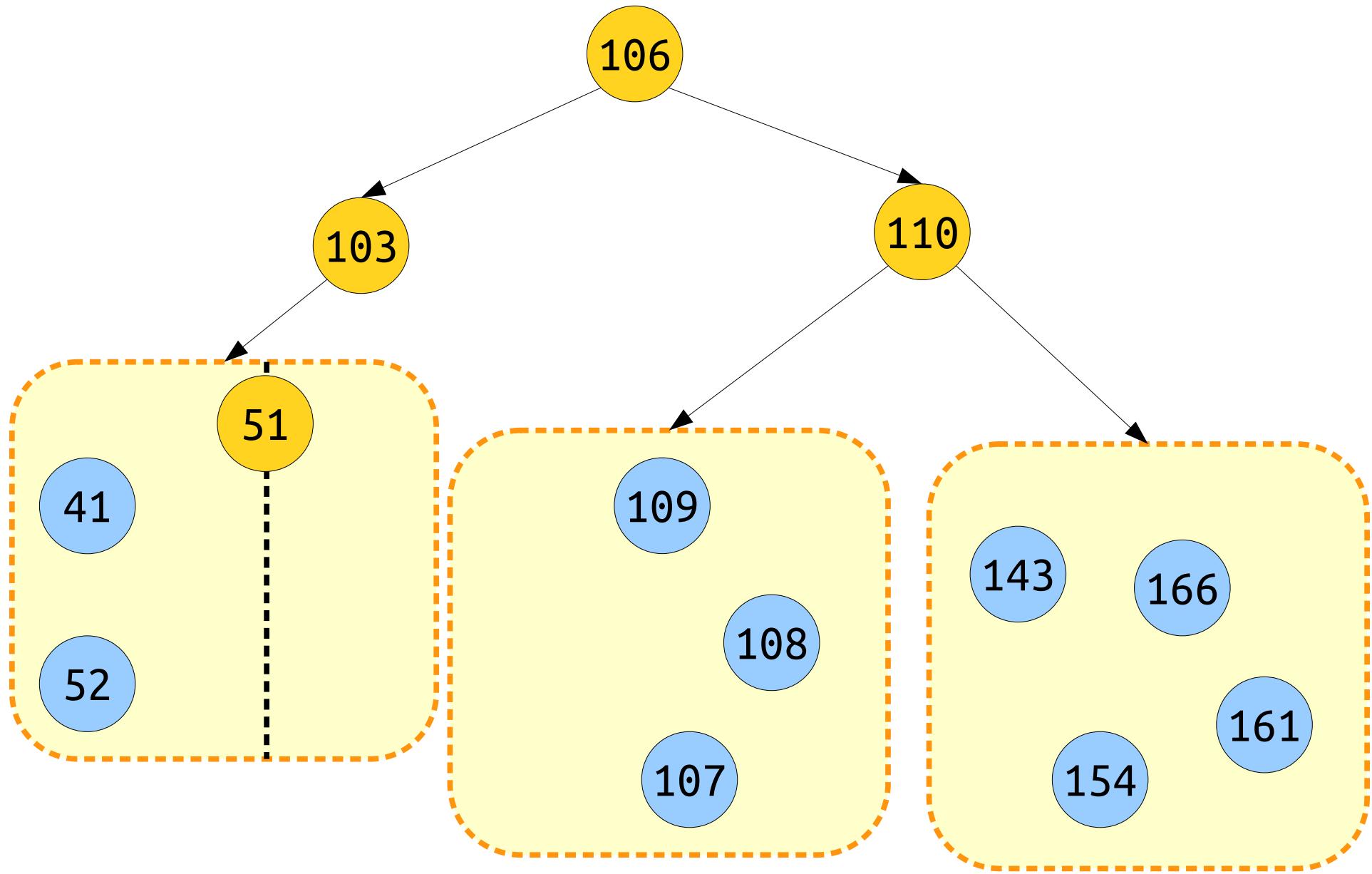


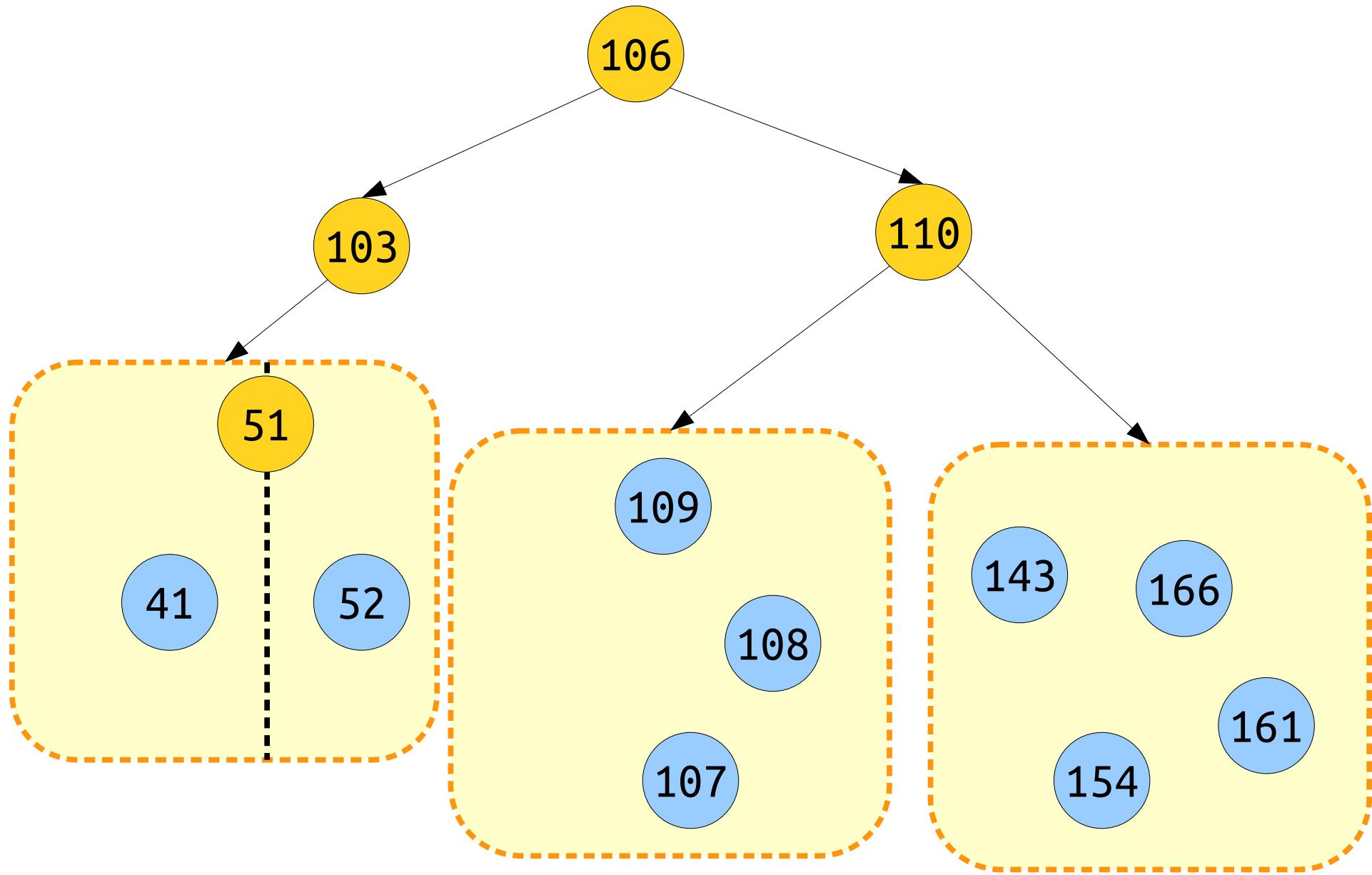


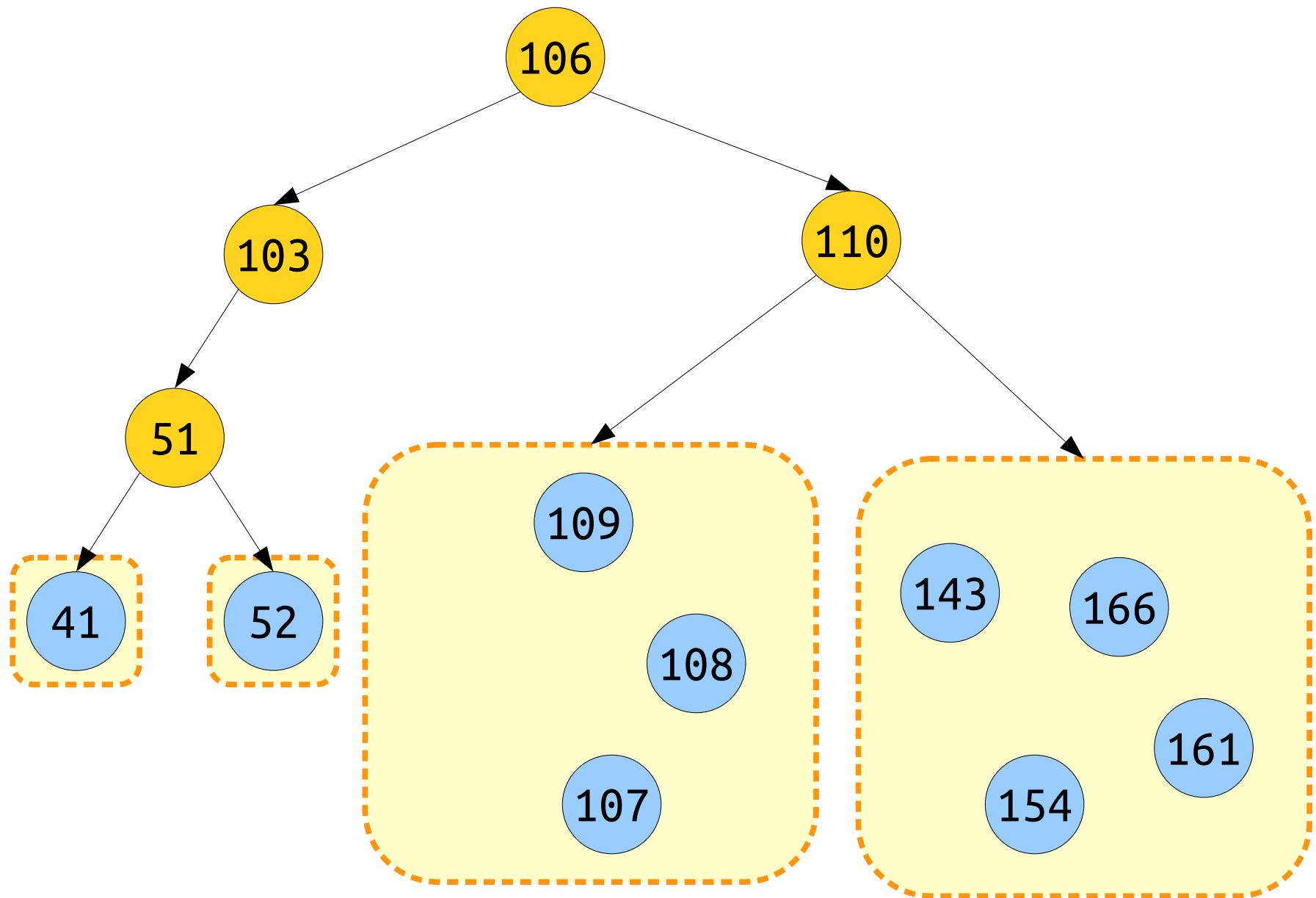


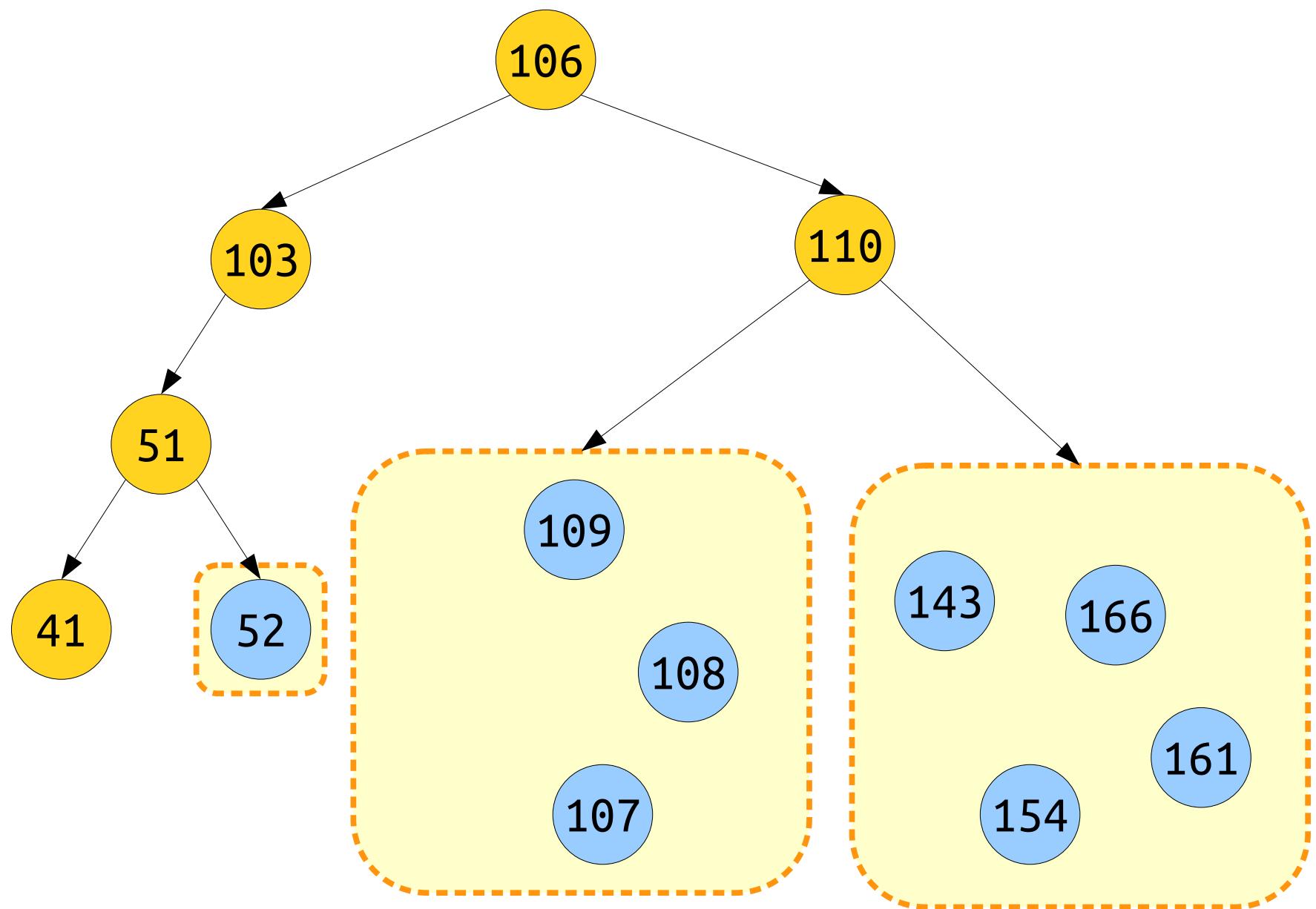


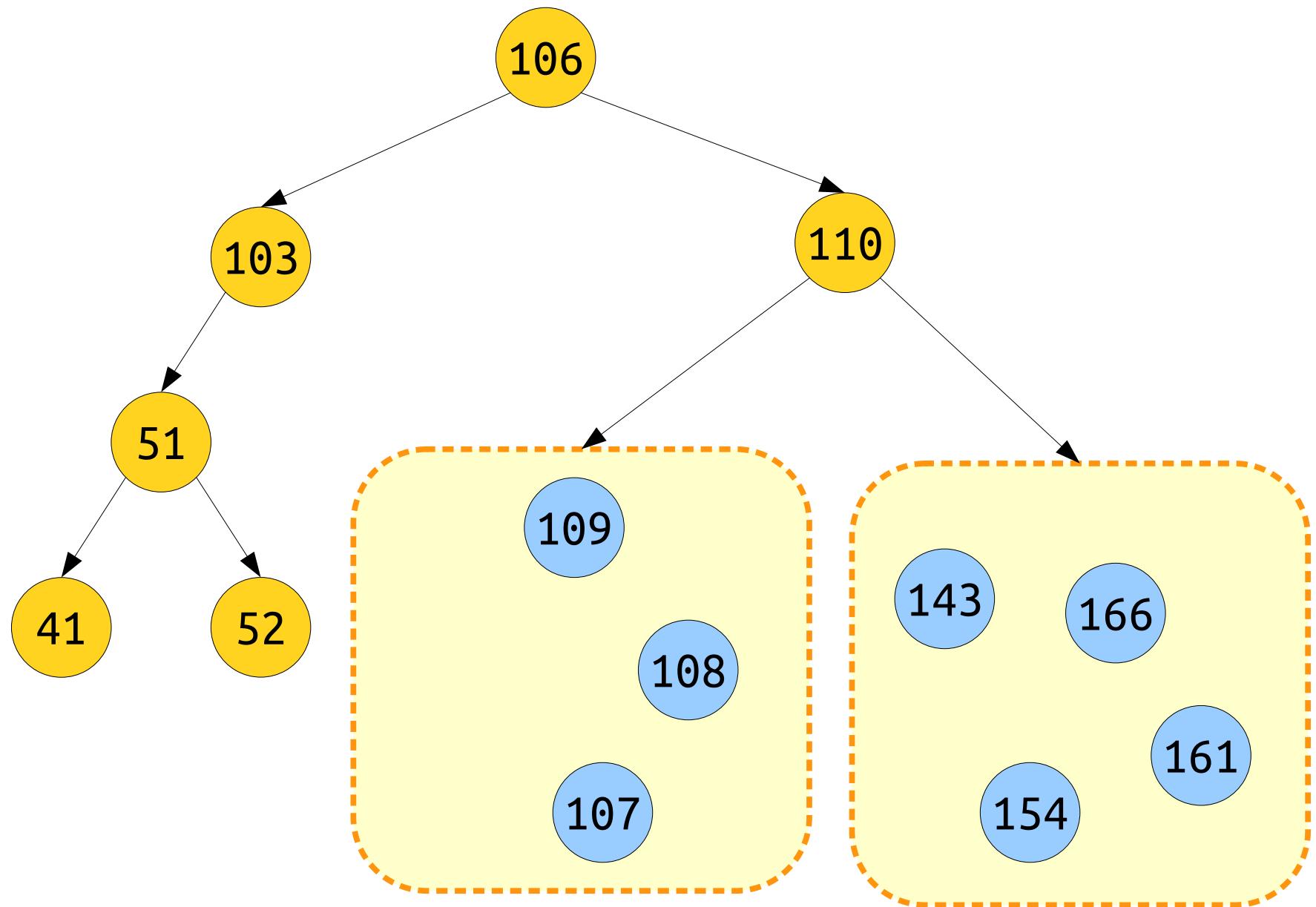




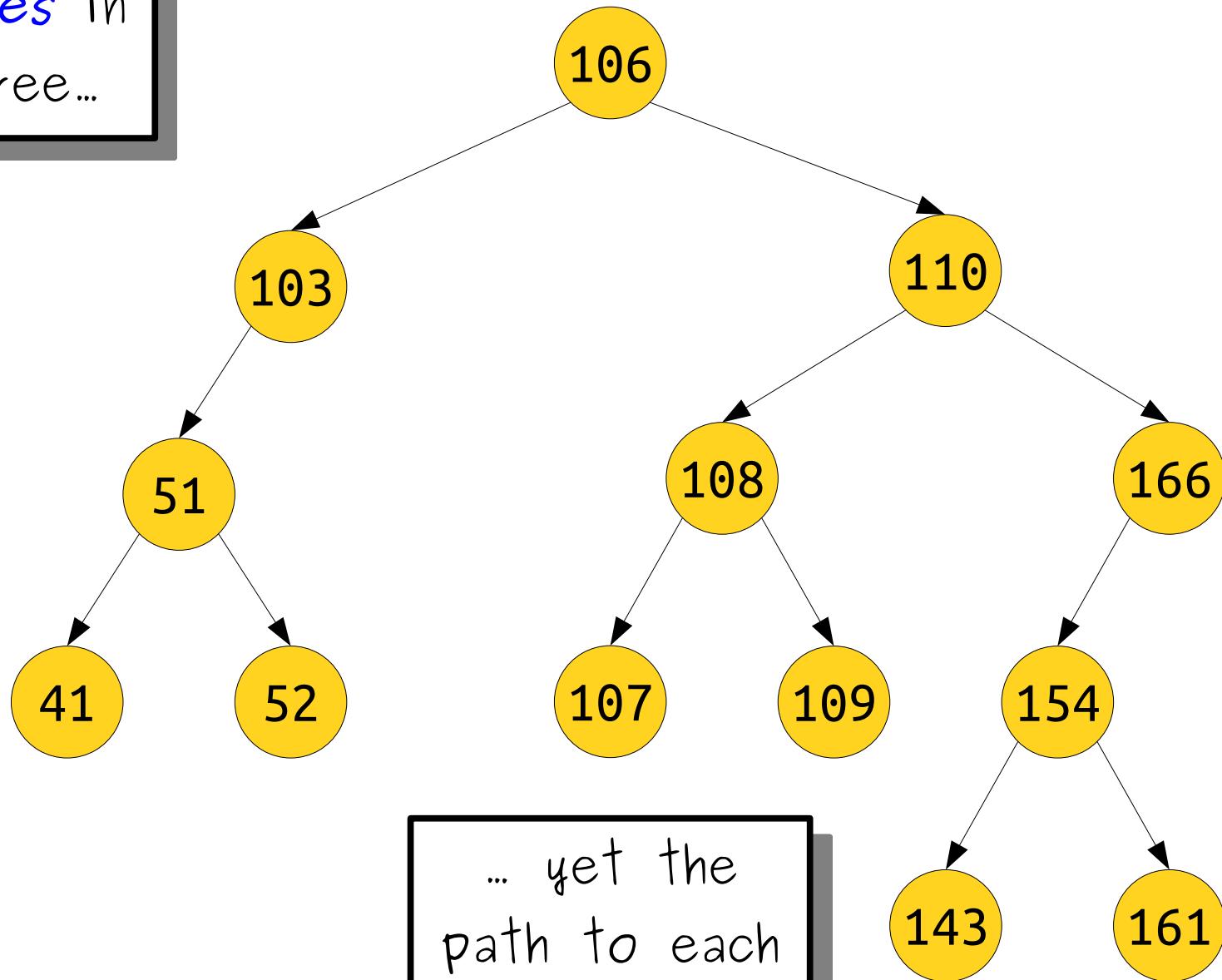




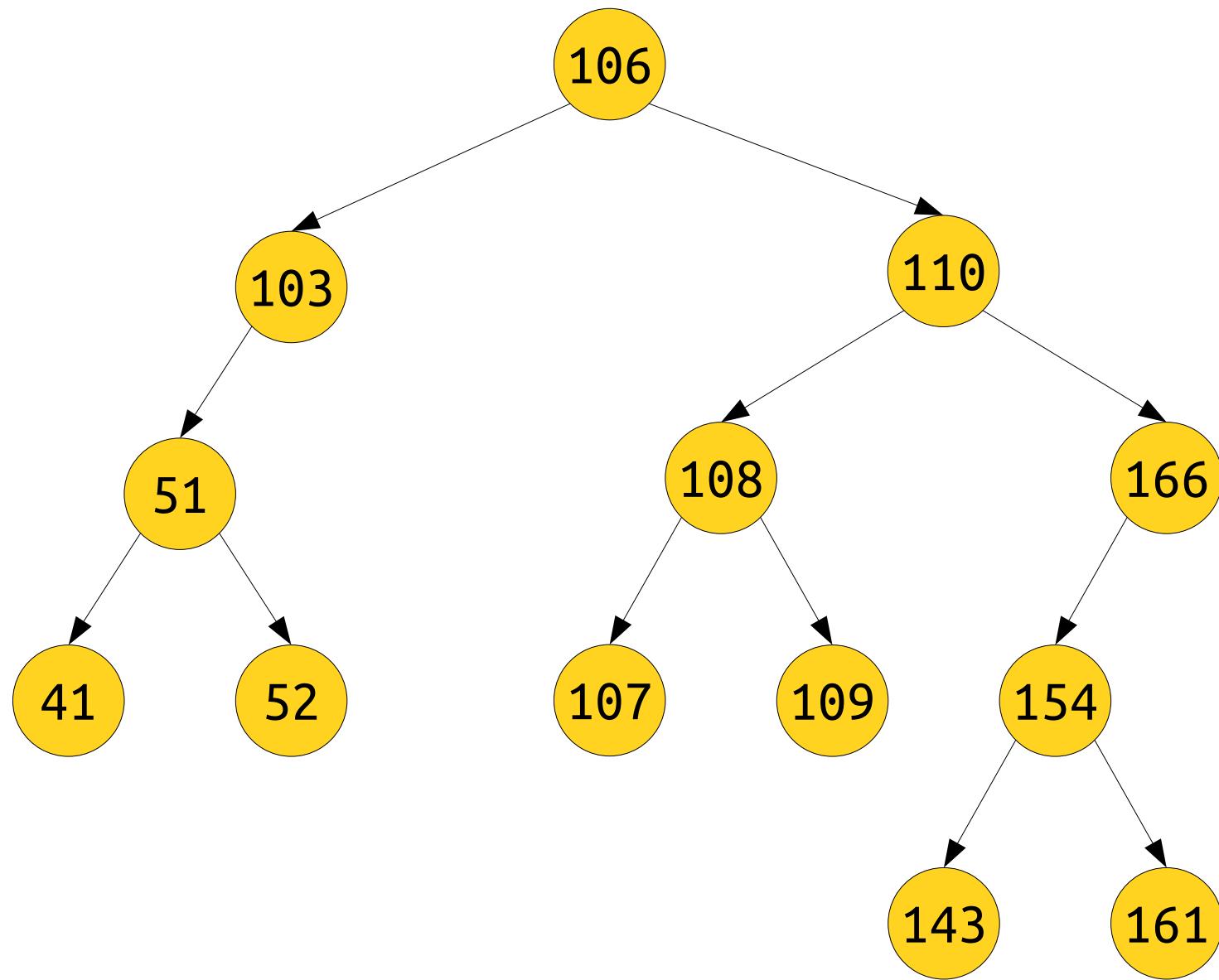


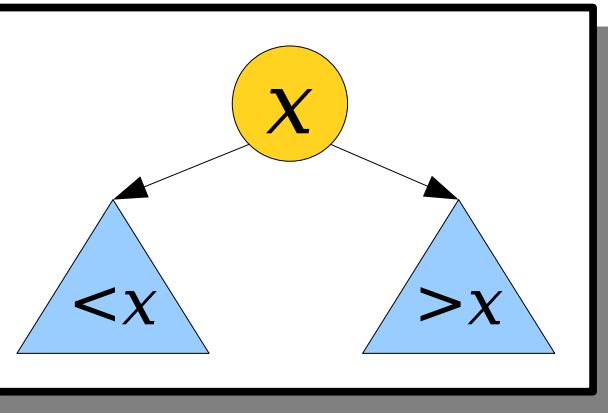


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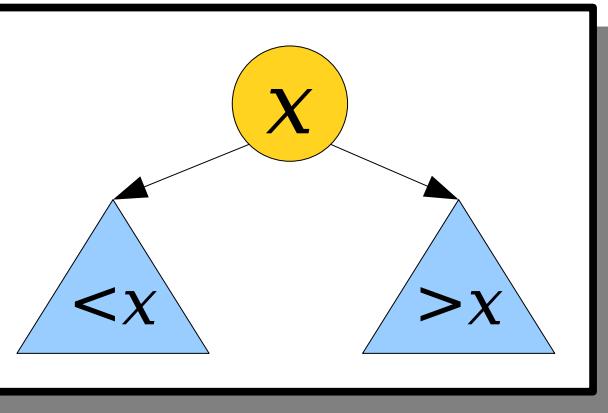


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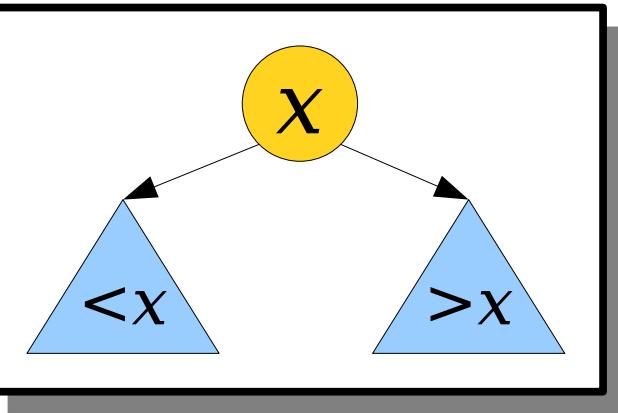




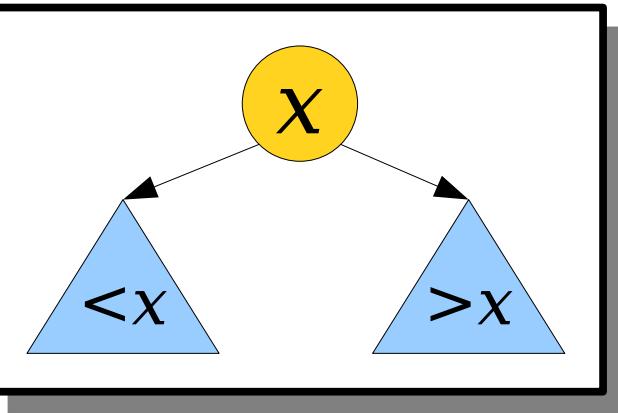
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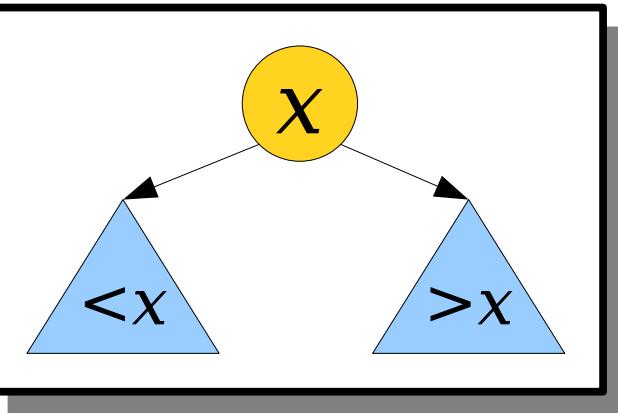
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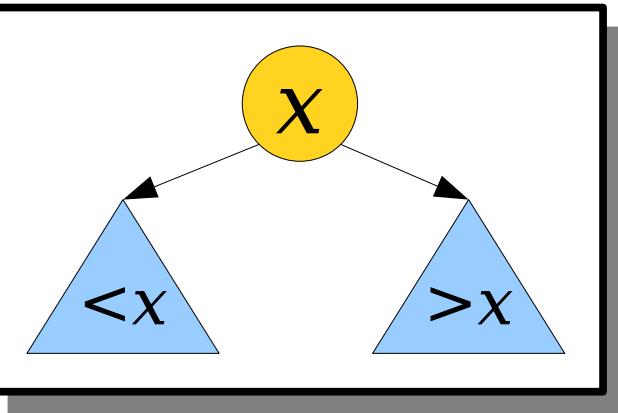
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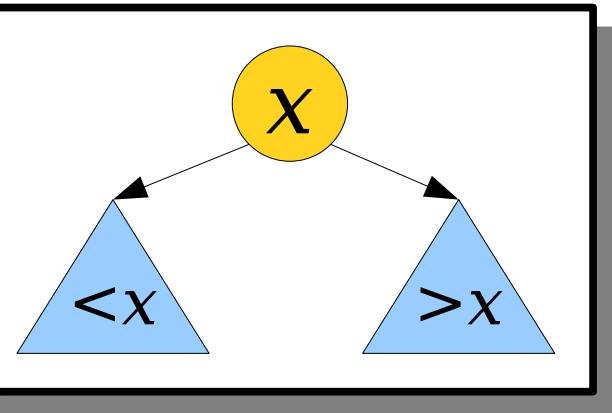
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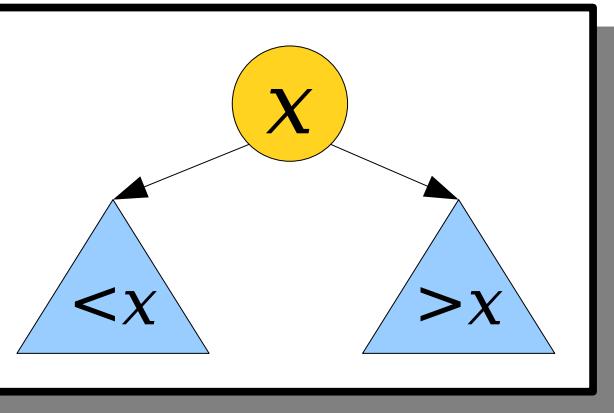
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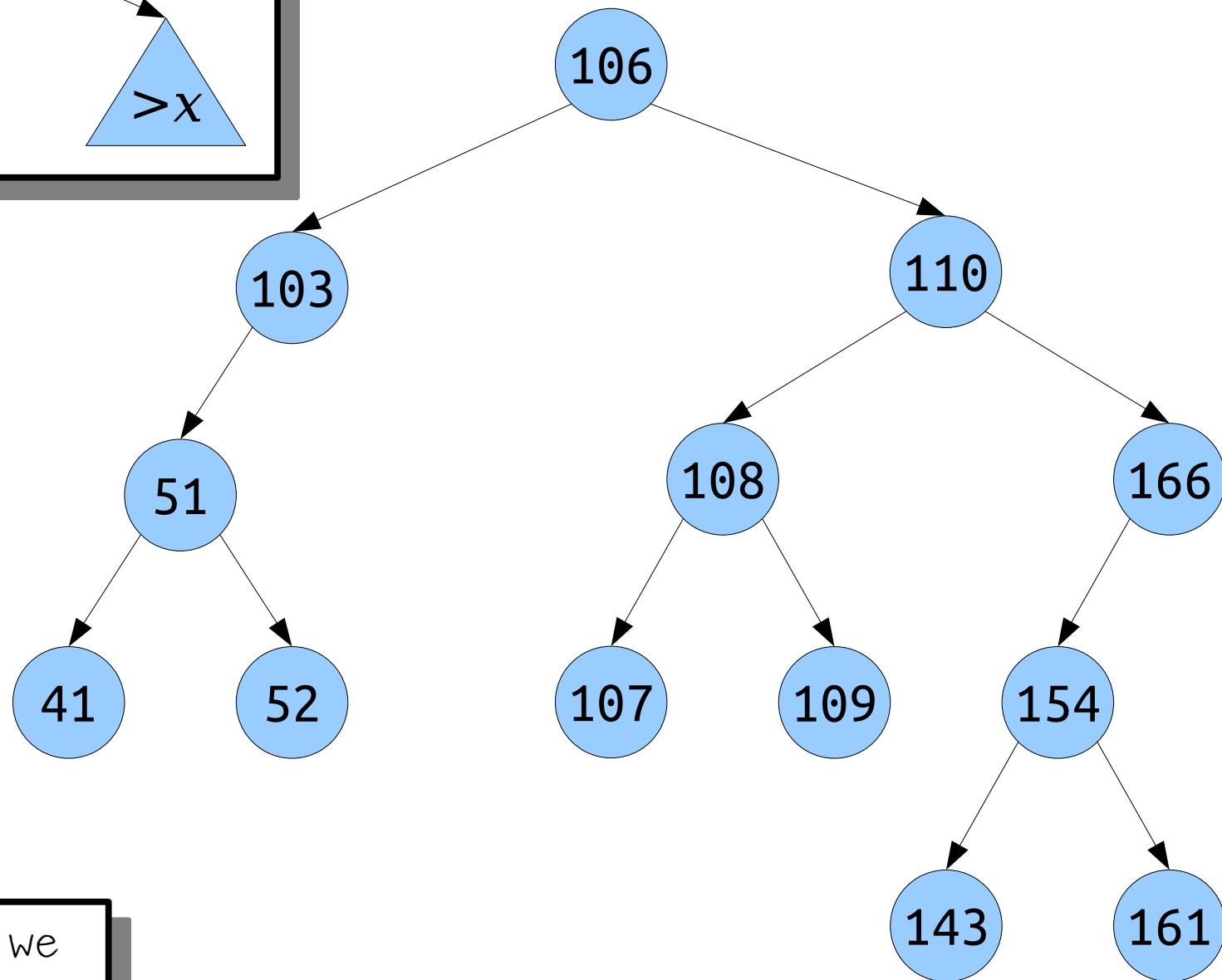
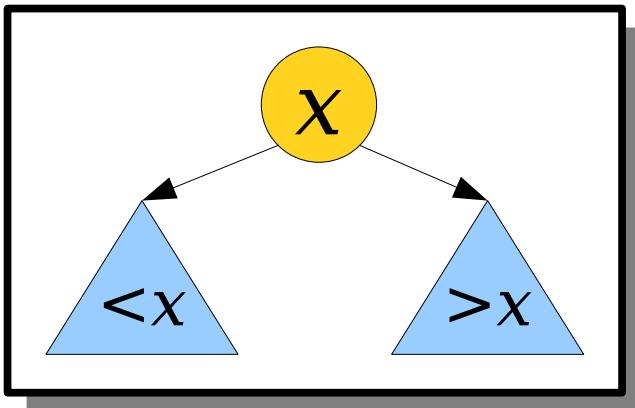
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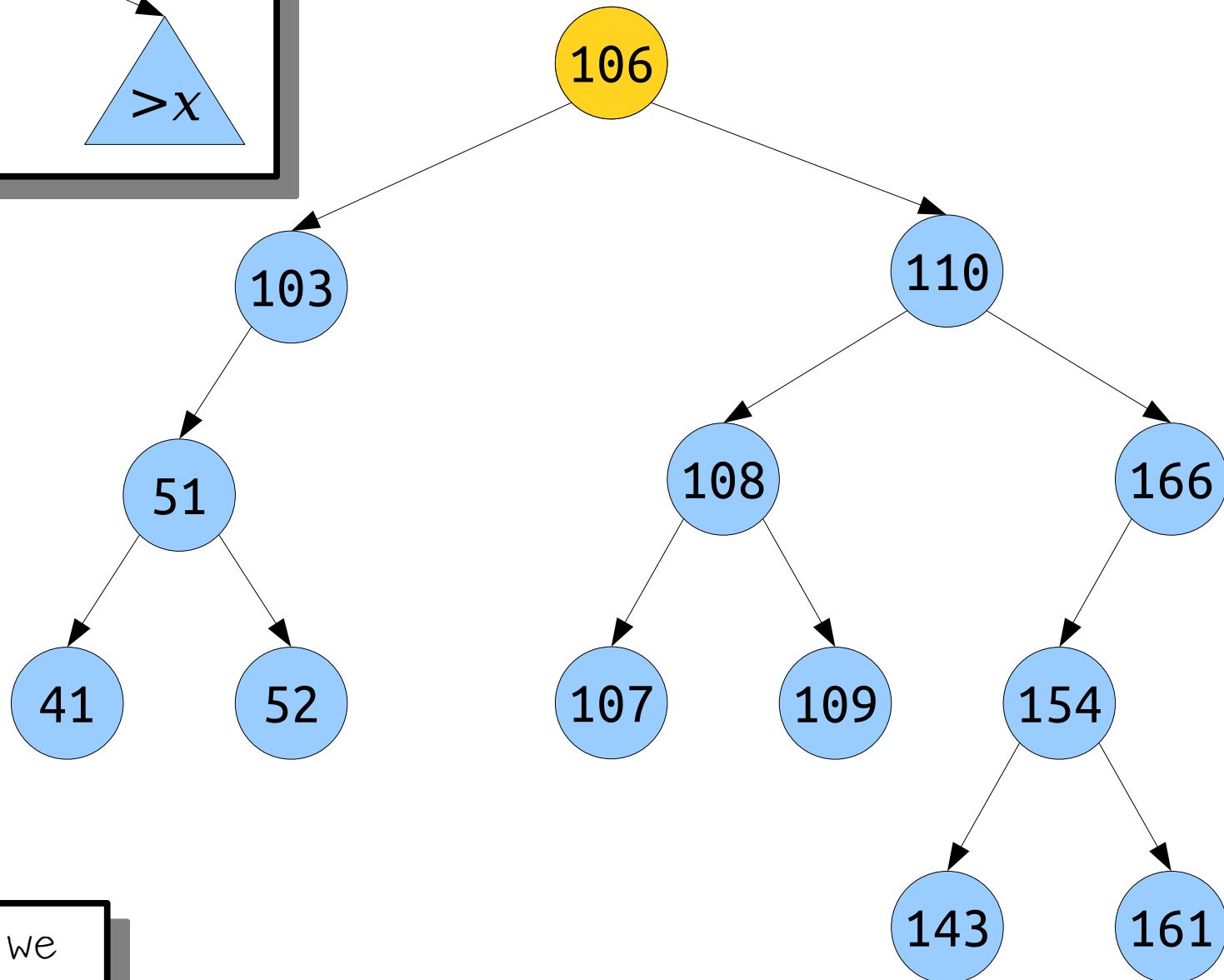
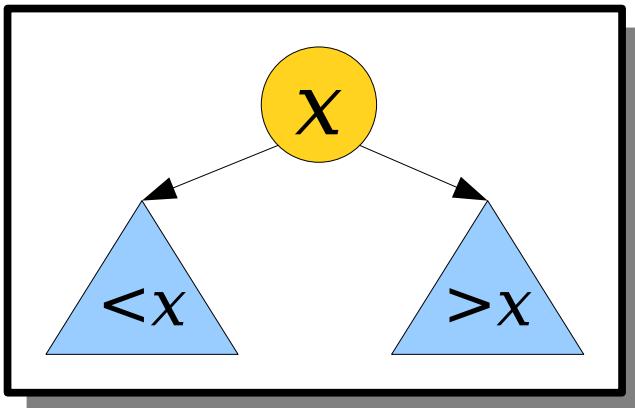
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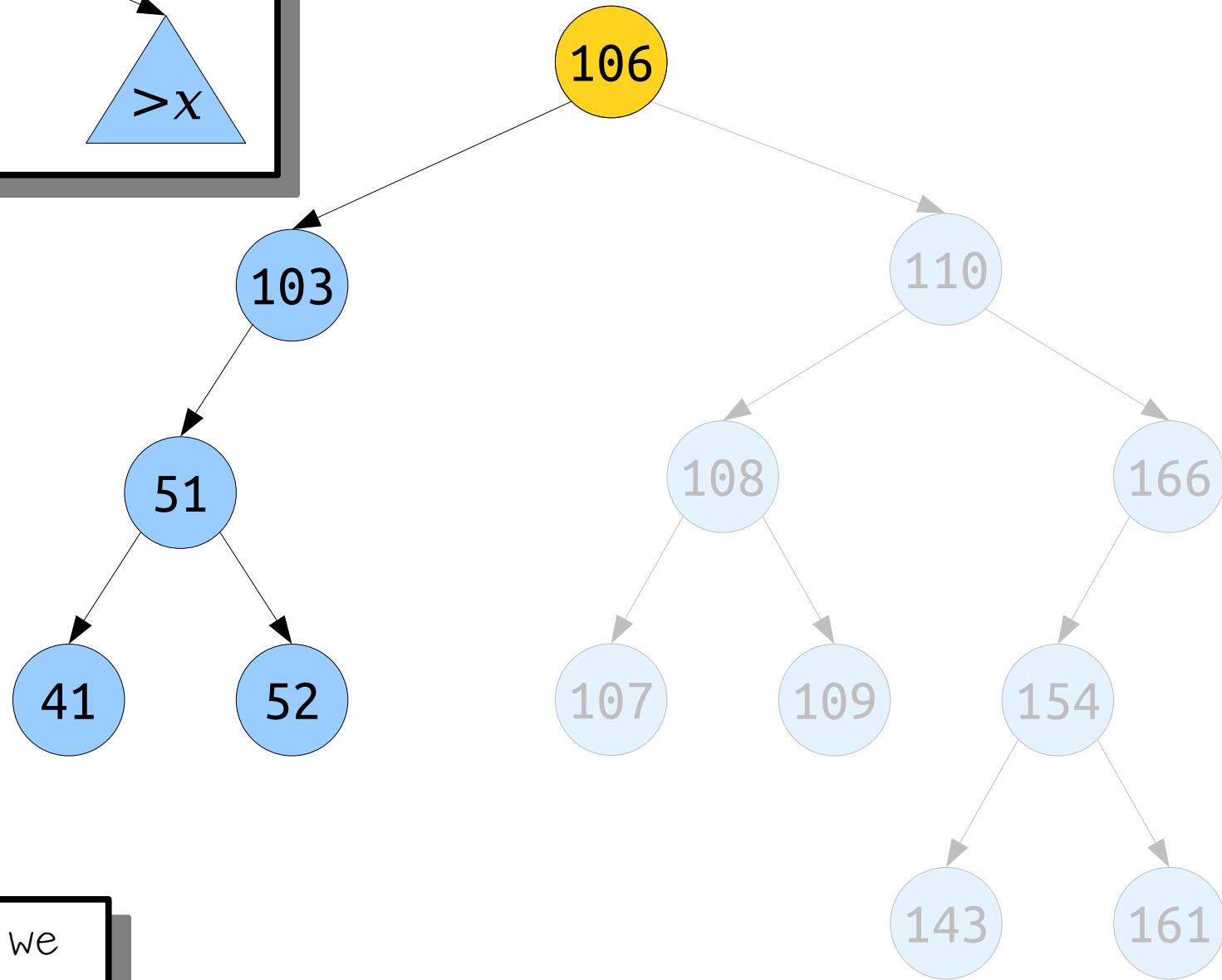
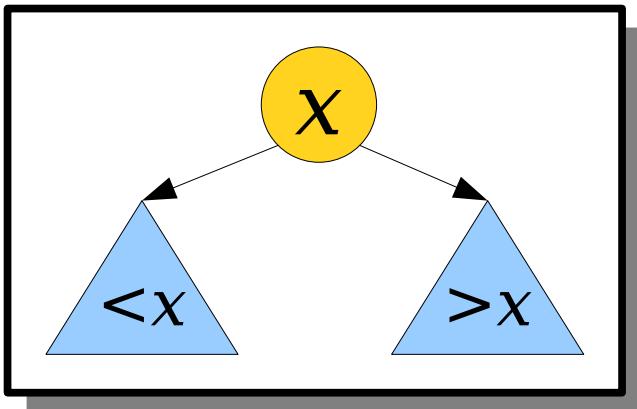
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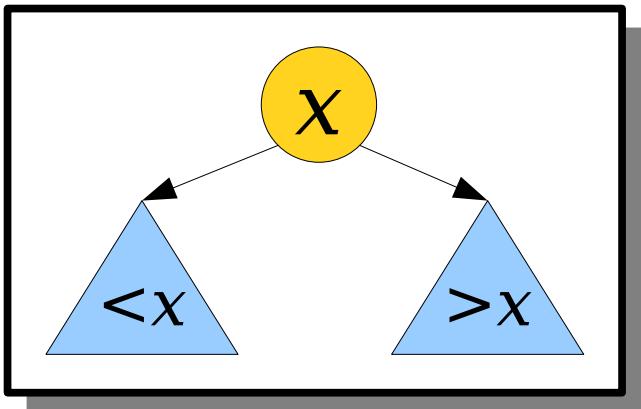
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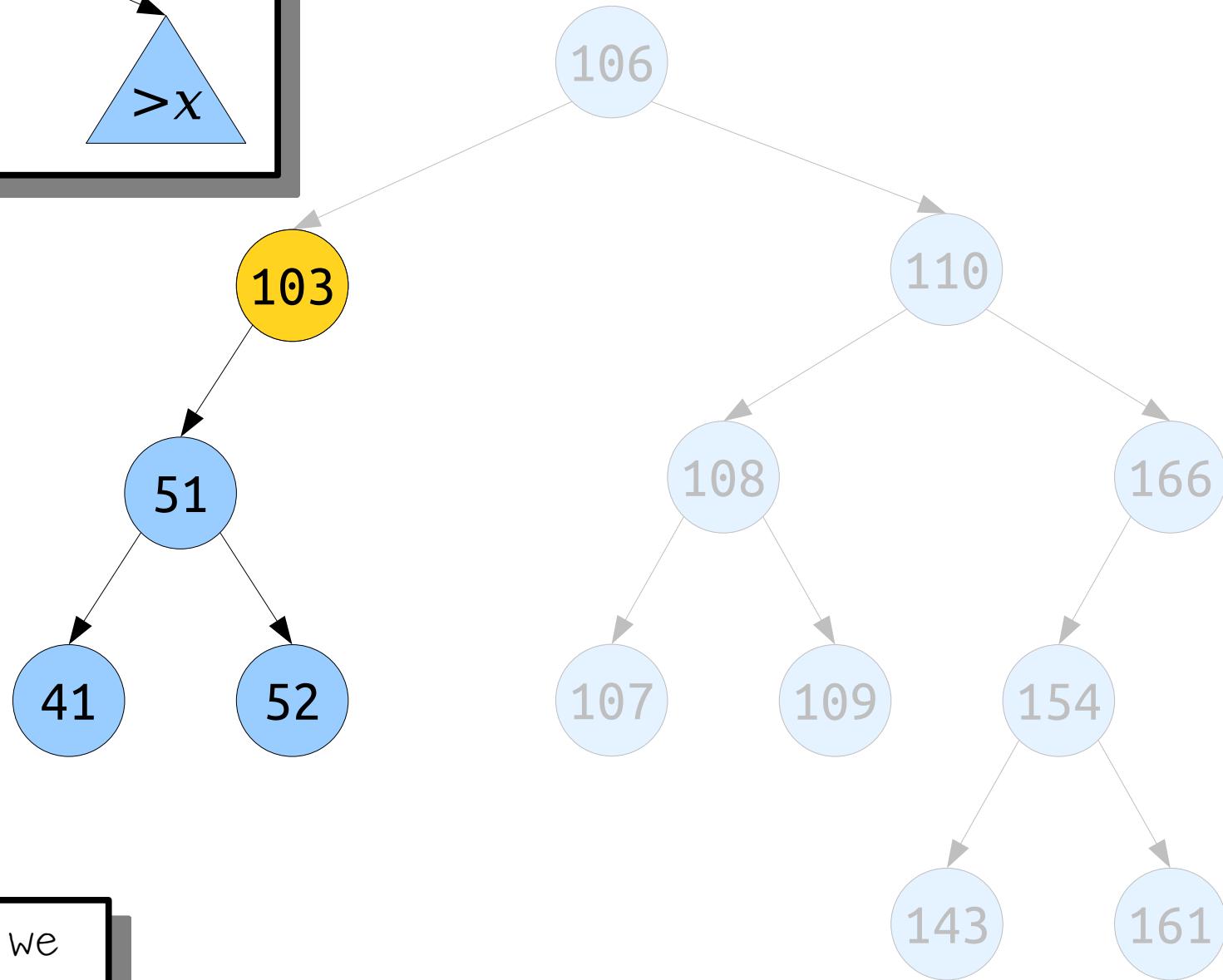
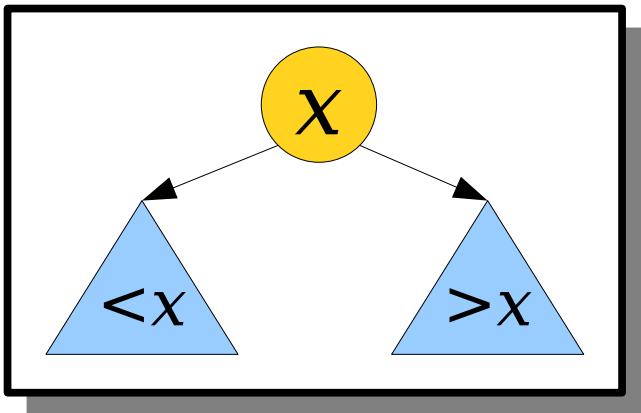
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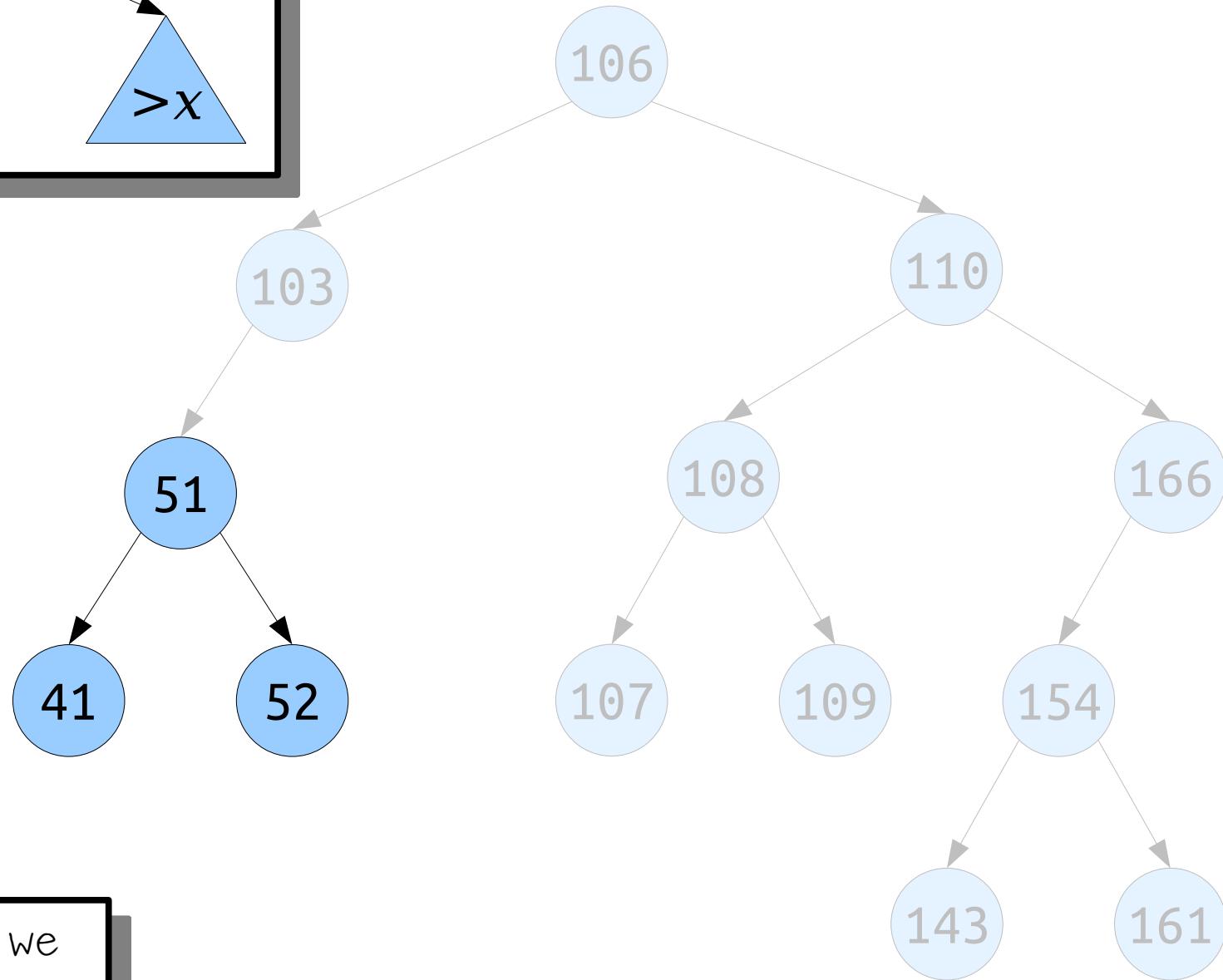
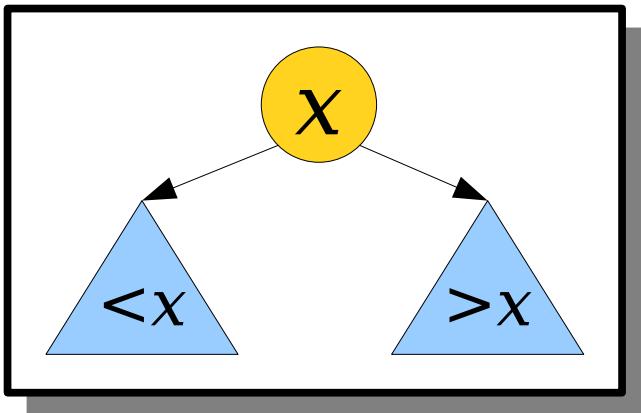
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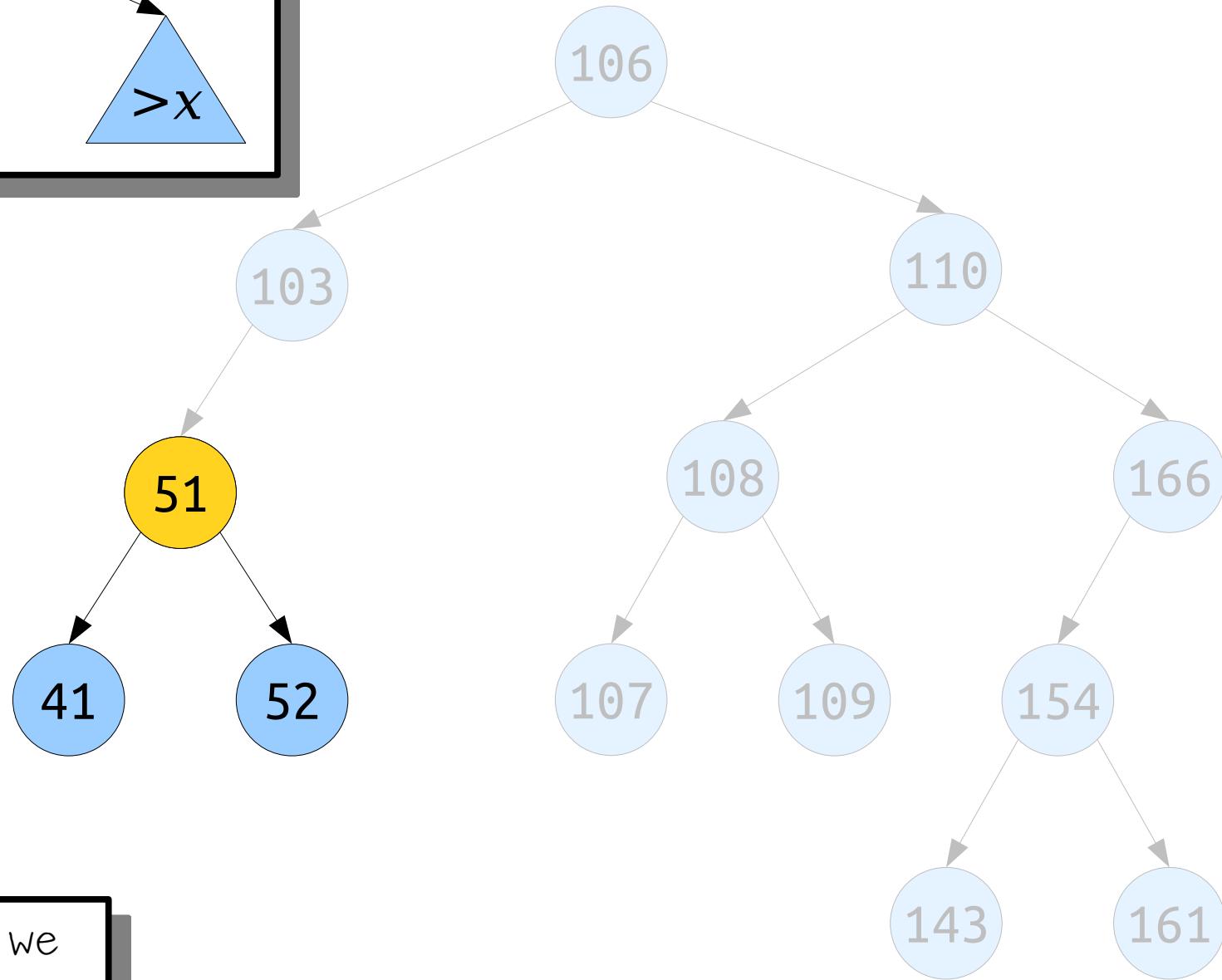
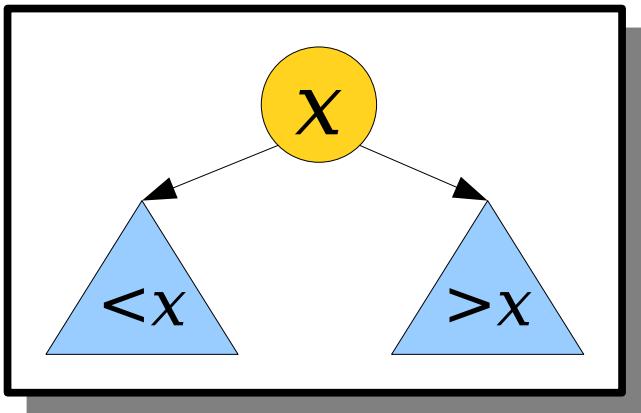
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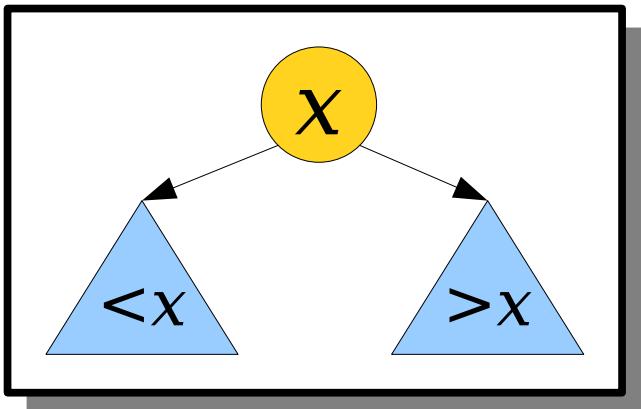
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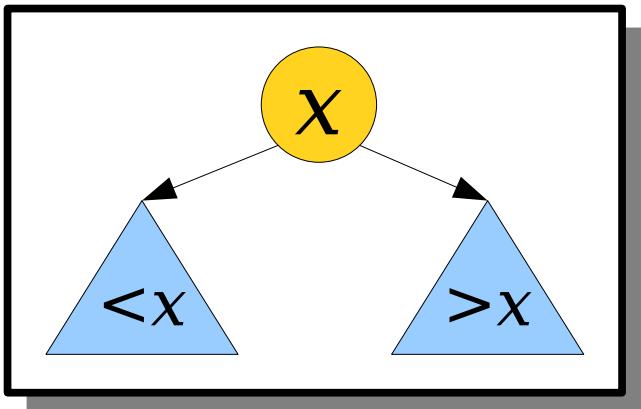
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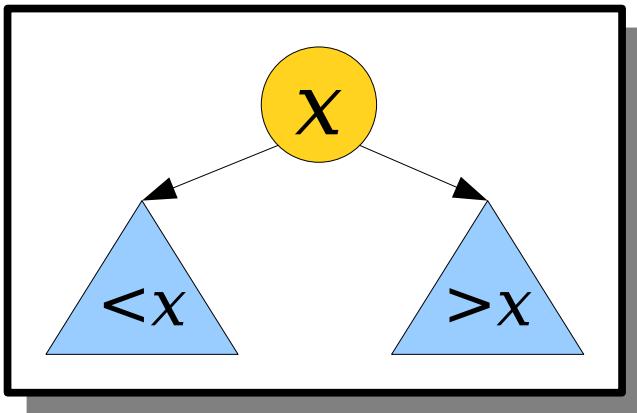
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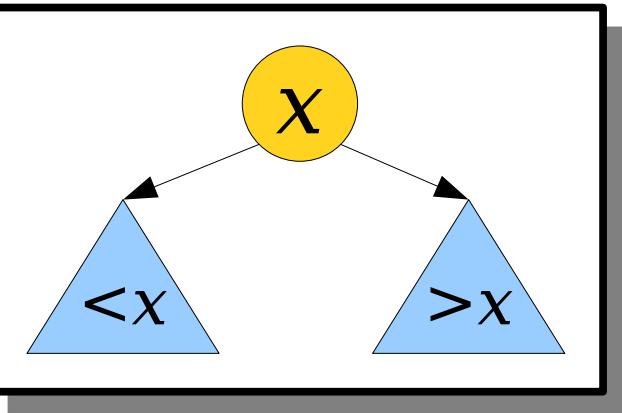
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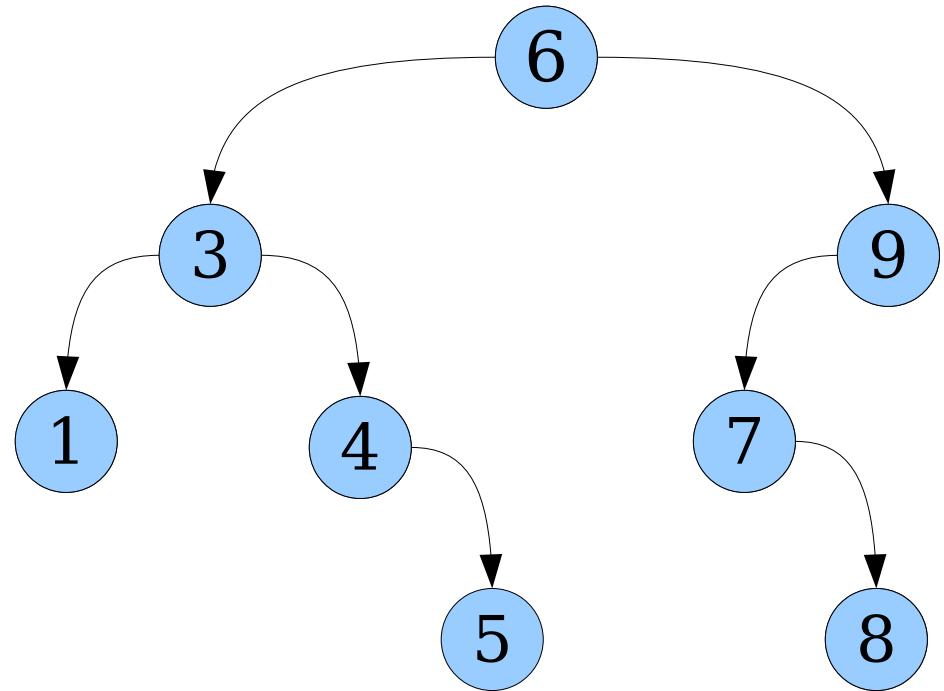
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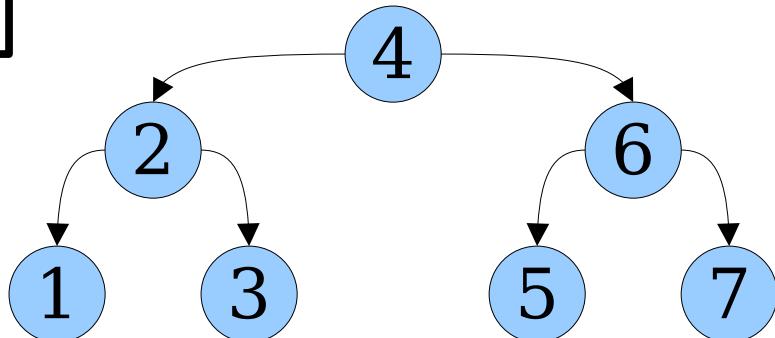
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Binary Search Trees

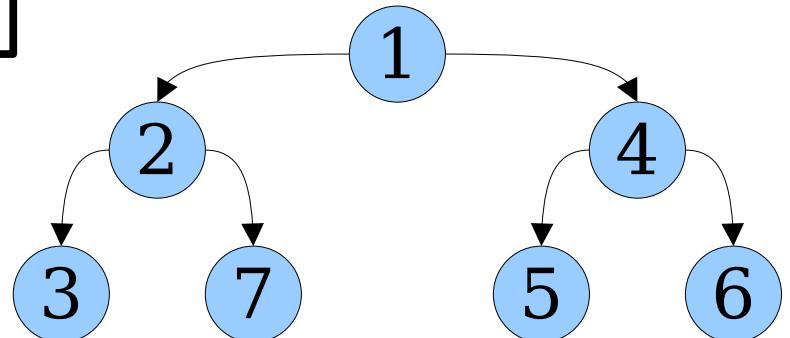
- The data structure we have just seen is called a ***binary search tree*** (or ***BST***).
- The tree consists of a number of ***nodes***, each of which stores a value and has zero, one, or two ***children***.
- All values in a node's left subtree are ***smaller*** than the node's value, and all values in a node's right subtree are ***greater*** than the node's value.



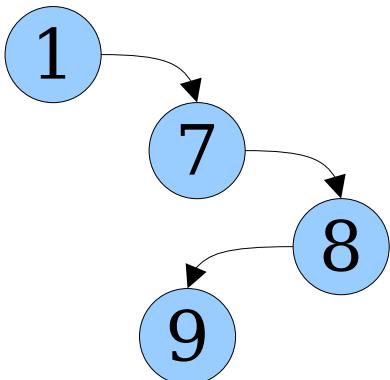
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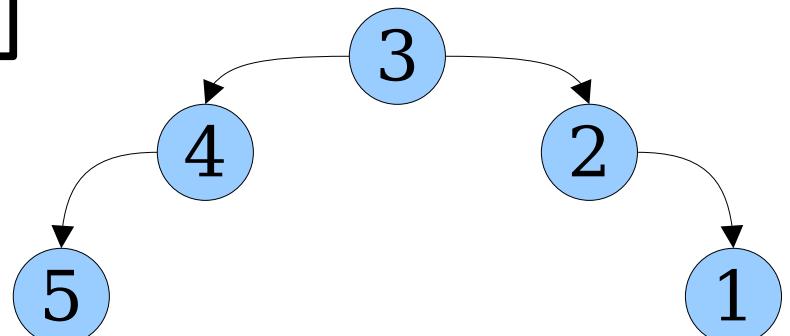
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Which of these are BSTs?
Which are binary heaps?

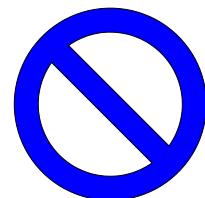
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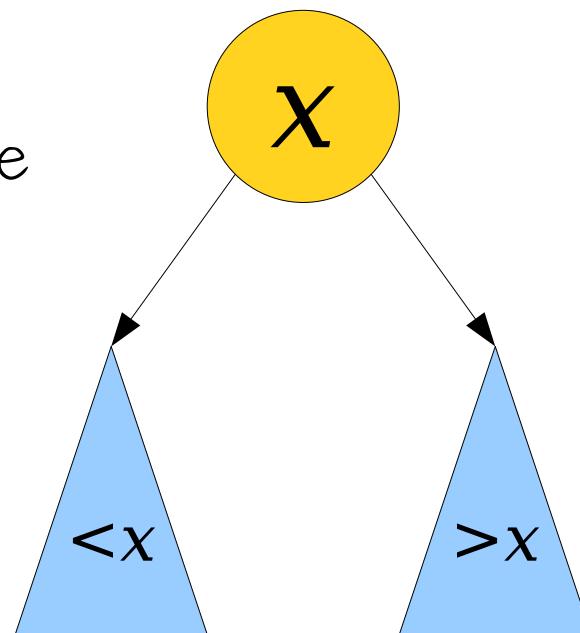
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Binary Search Tree Nodes

```
struct Node {  
    Type value;  
    Node* left;    // Smaller values  
    Node* right;   // Bigger values  
};
```

Kinda like a linked list, but with two pointers instead of just one!

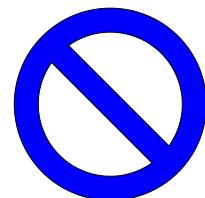
Searching Trees



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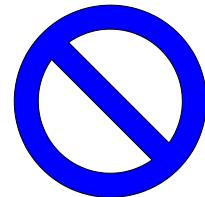
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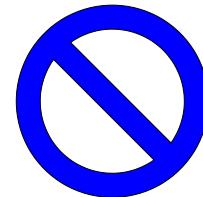
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If you're looking for
something in an
empty BST, it's not
there! Sorry.

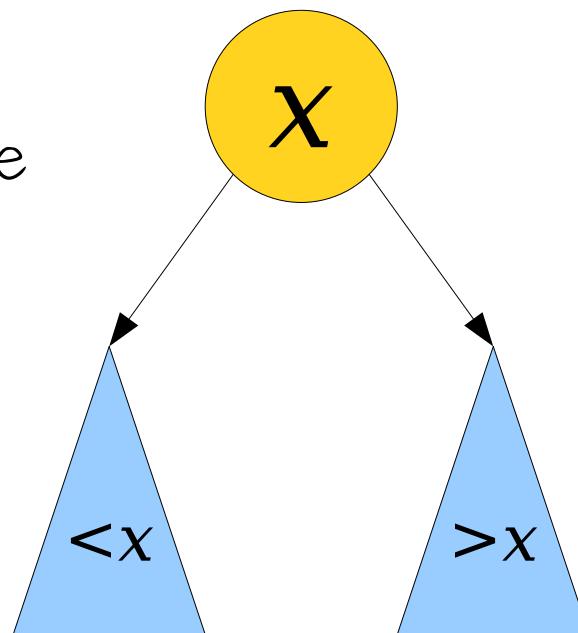
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Good exercise:

Rewrite this function iteratively!

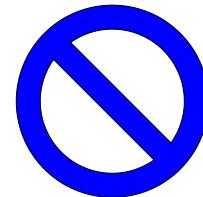
Walking Trees



Print all the values in a BST,
in sorted order.

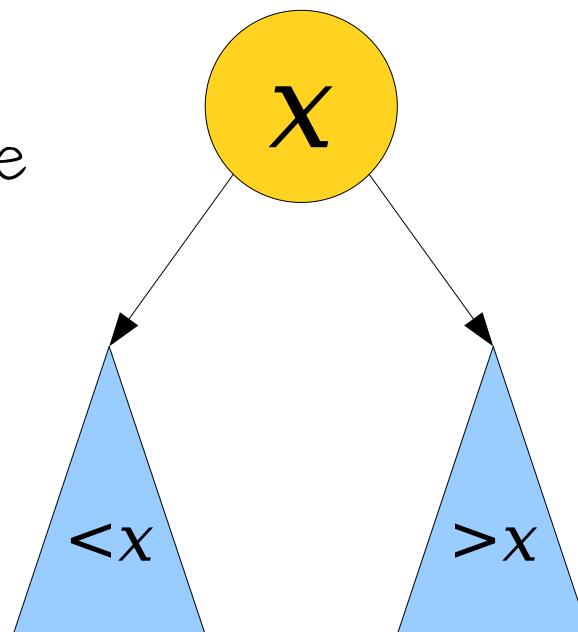
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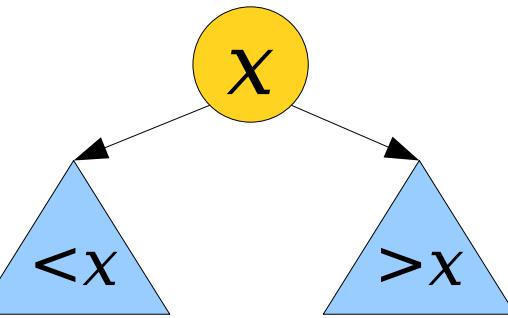
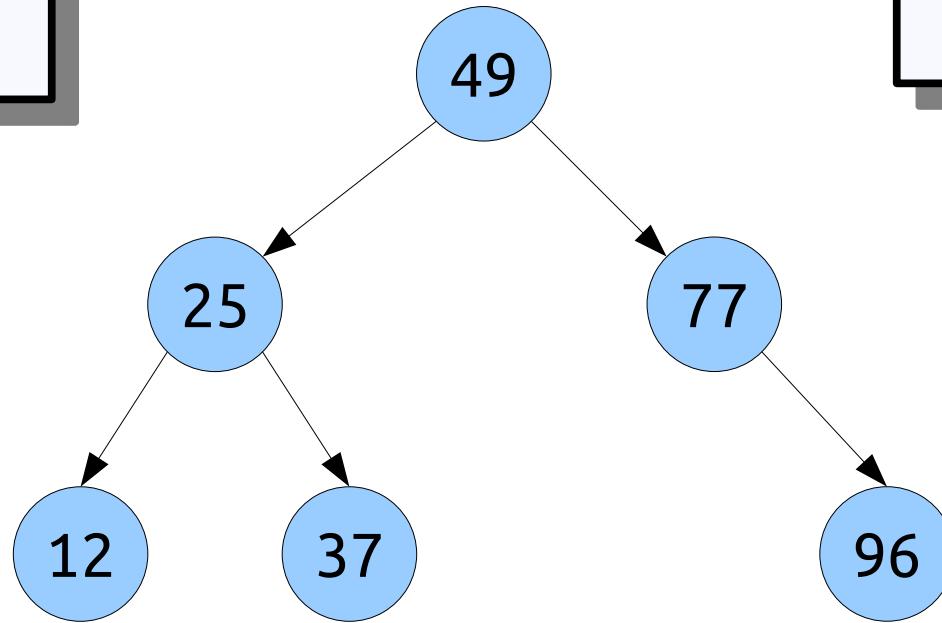


... and whose right
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Print all values
that come before
49...

...then 49...

... then all values
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49.

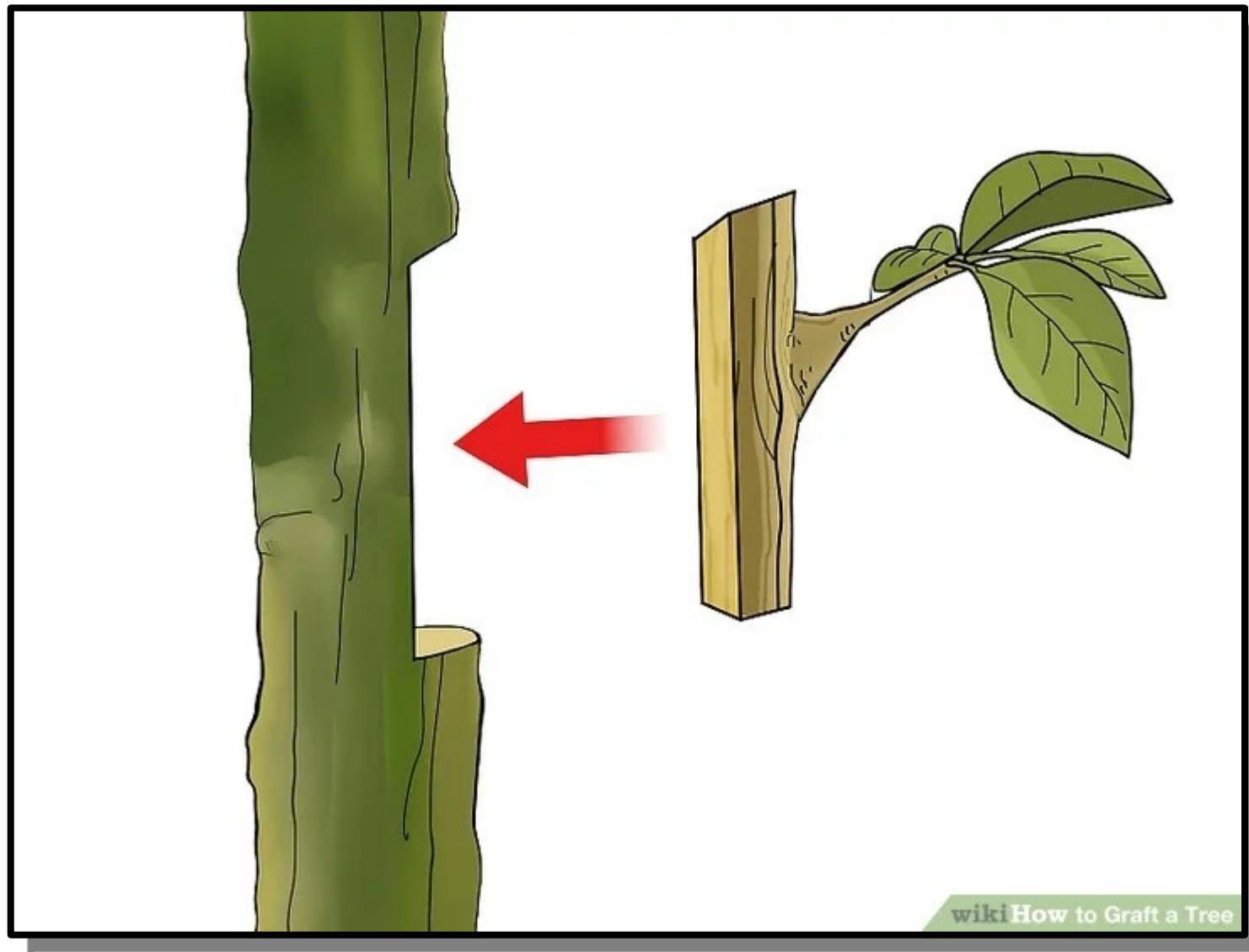


Inorder Traversals

- The particular recursive pattern we just saw is called an ***inorder traversal*** of a binary tree.
- Specifically:
 - Recursively visit all the nodes in the left subtree.
 - Visit the node itself.
 - Recursively visit all the nodes in the right subtree.

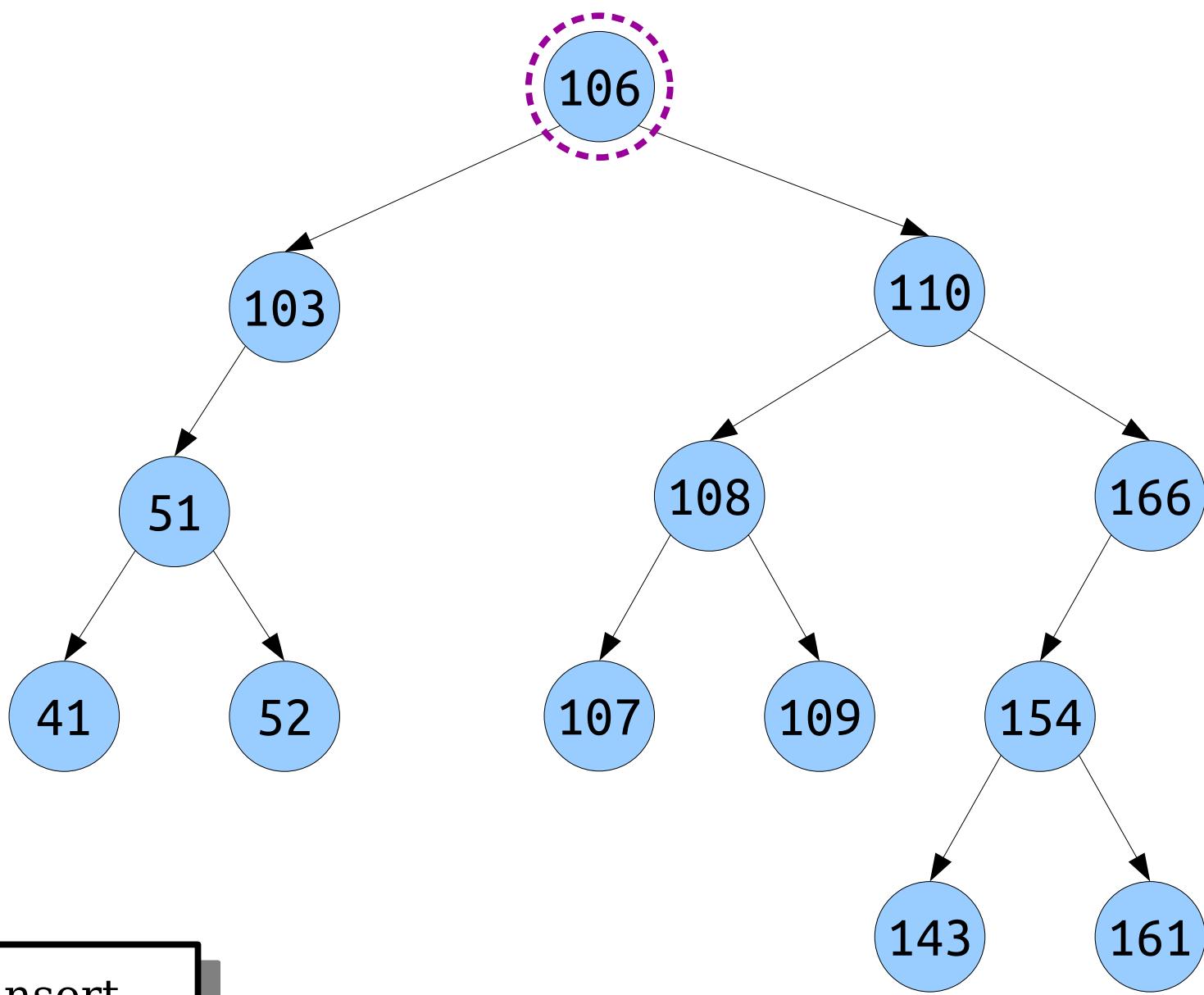
Challenge problem:
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Adding to Trees



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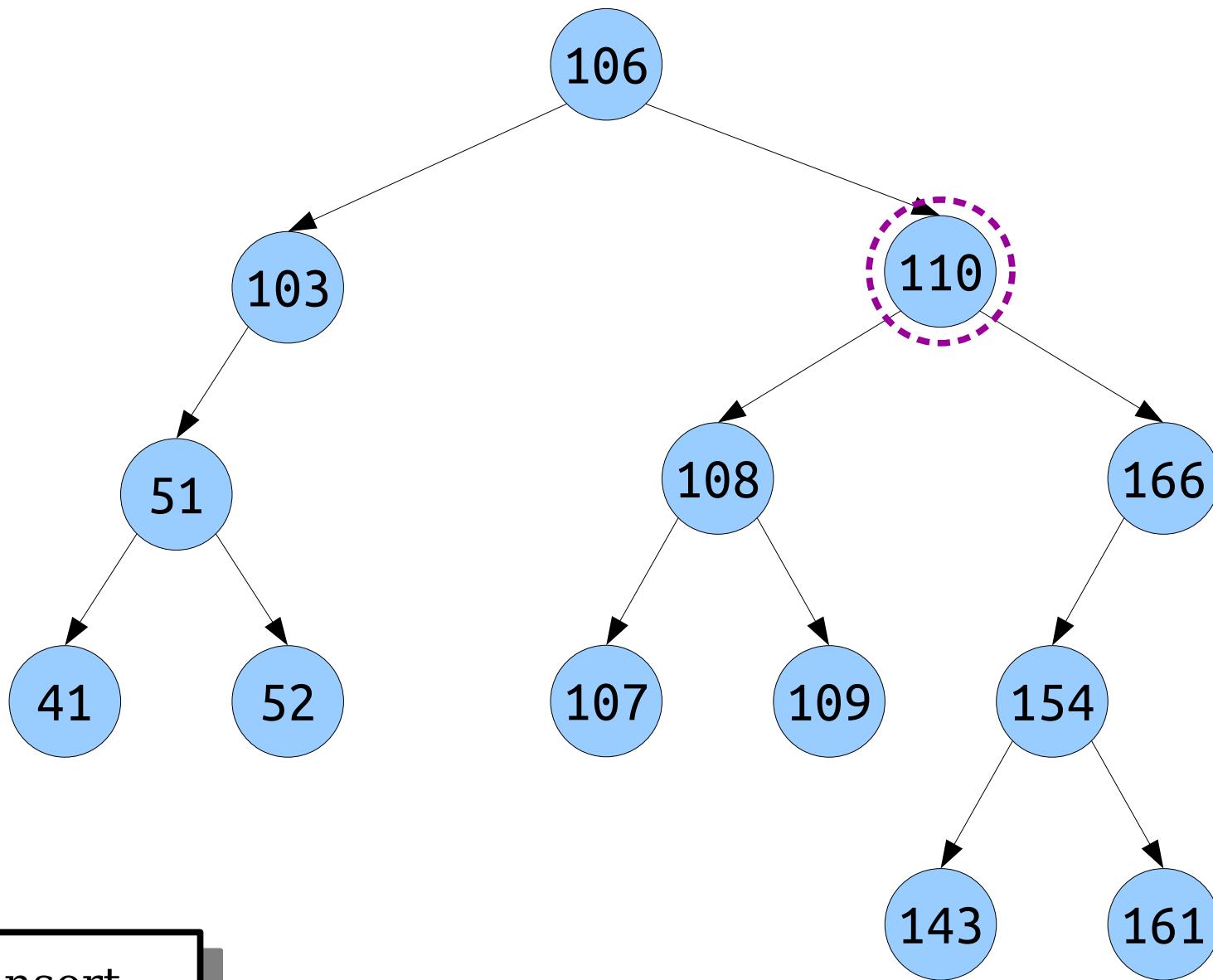
Thanks,
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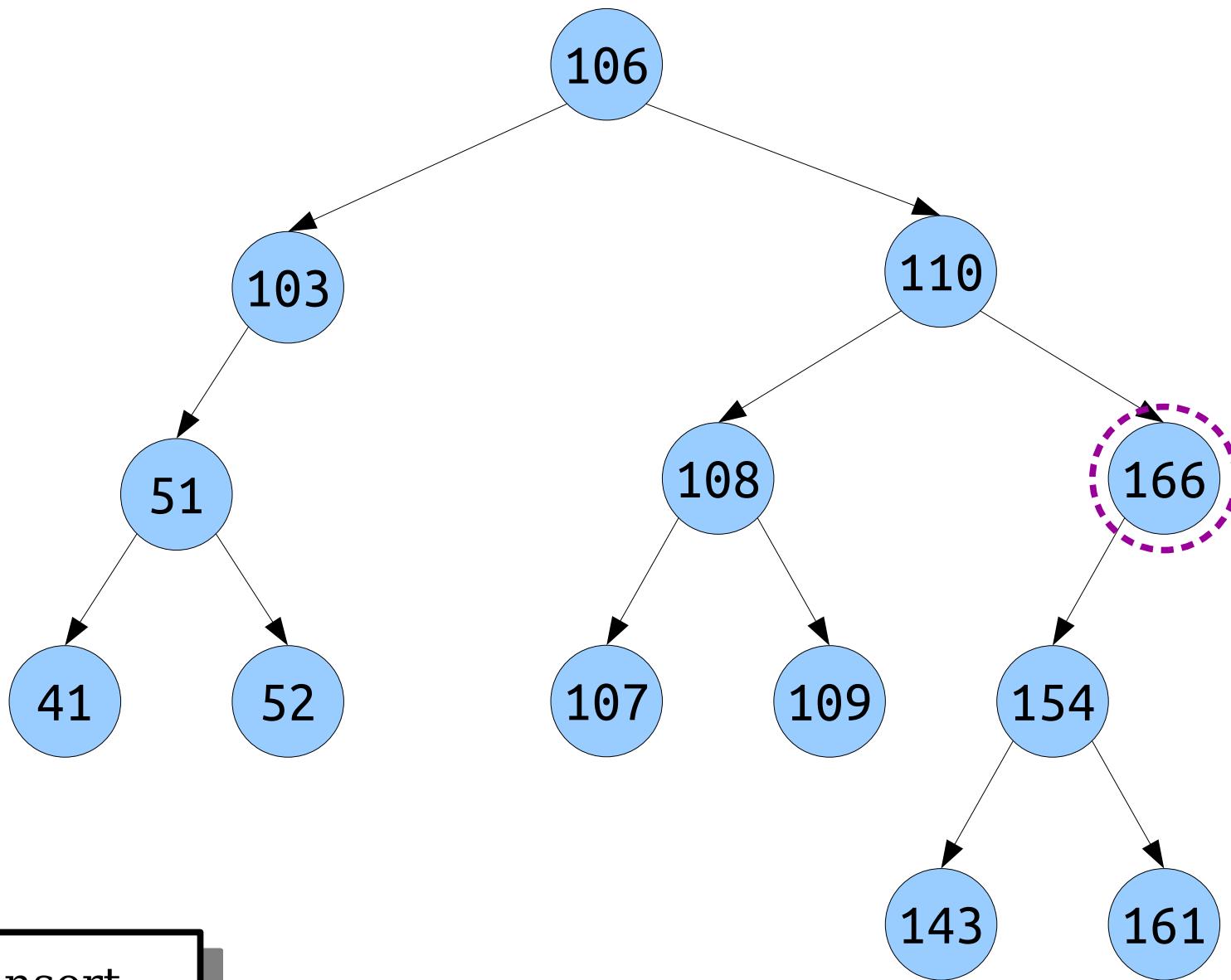


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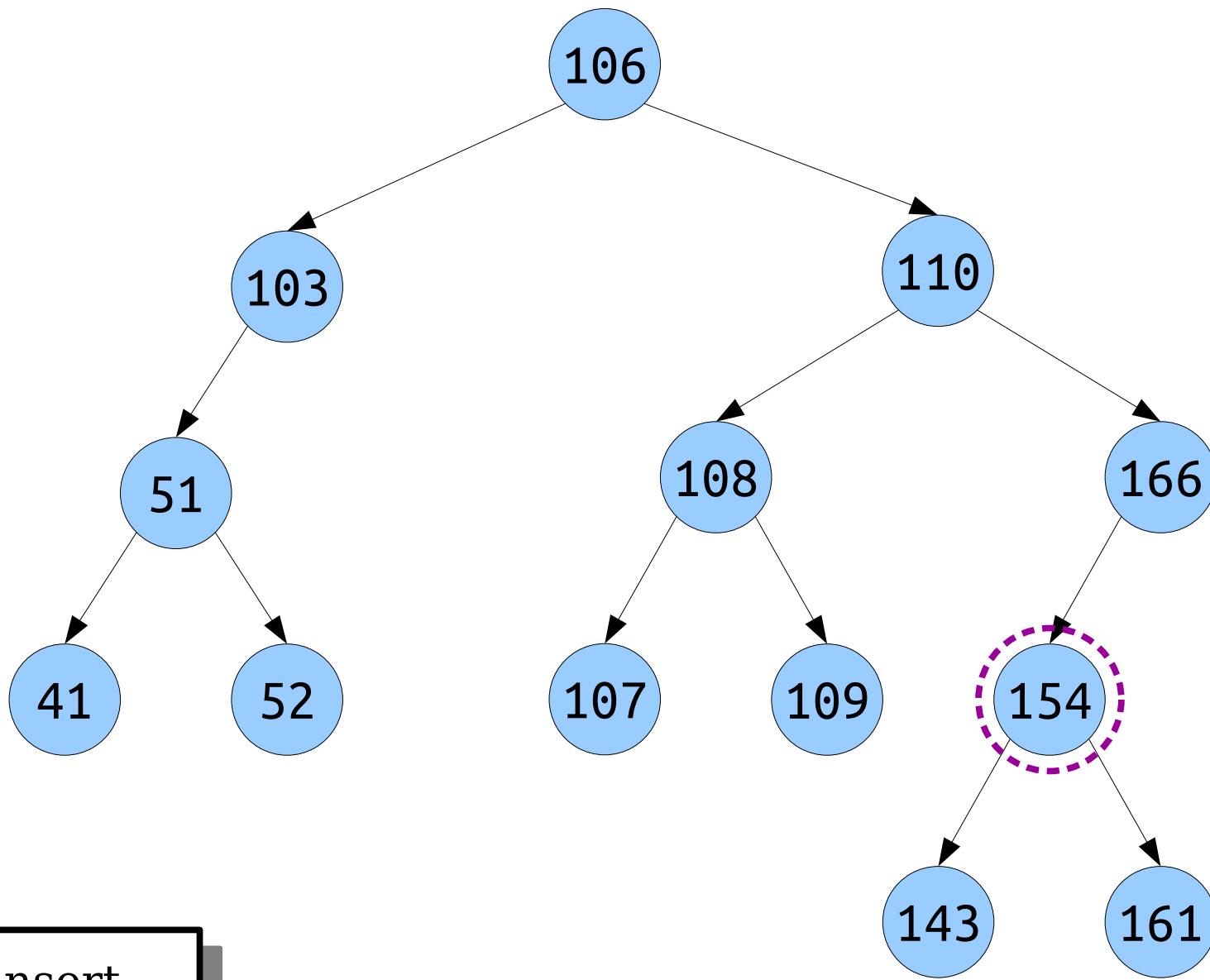




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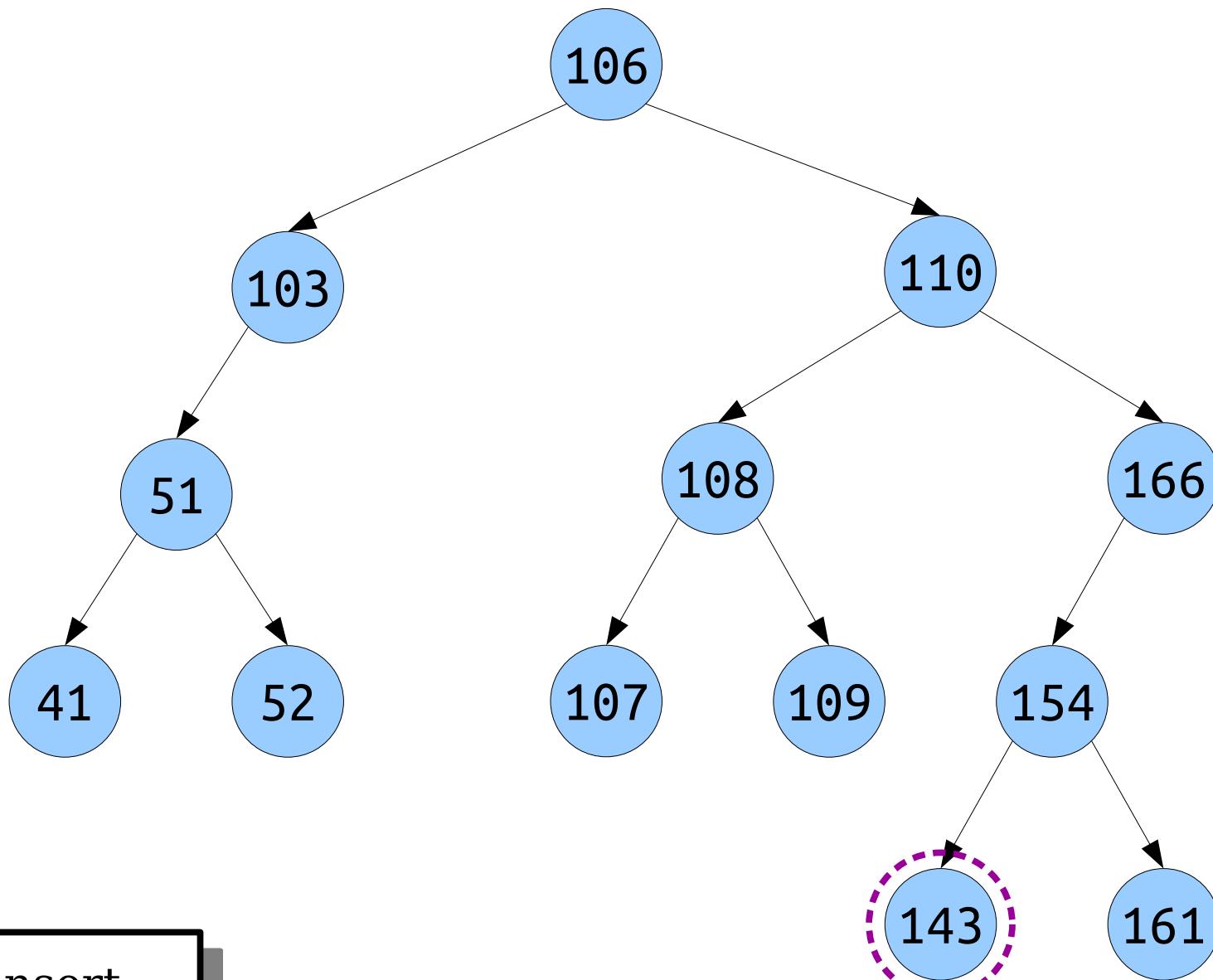
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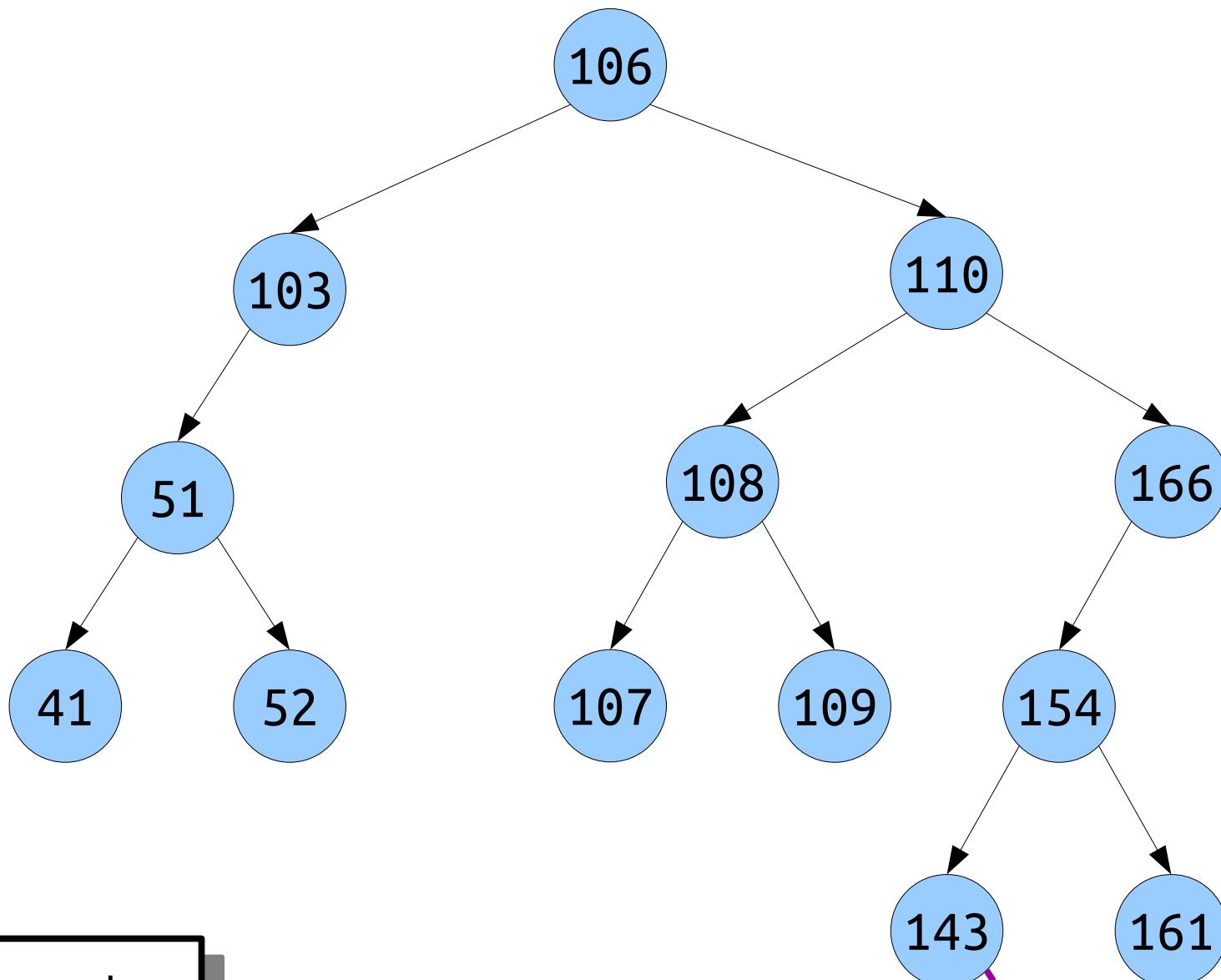
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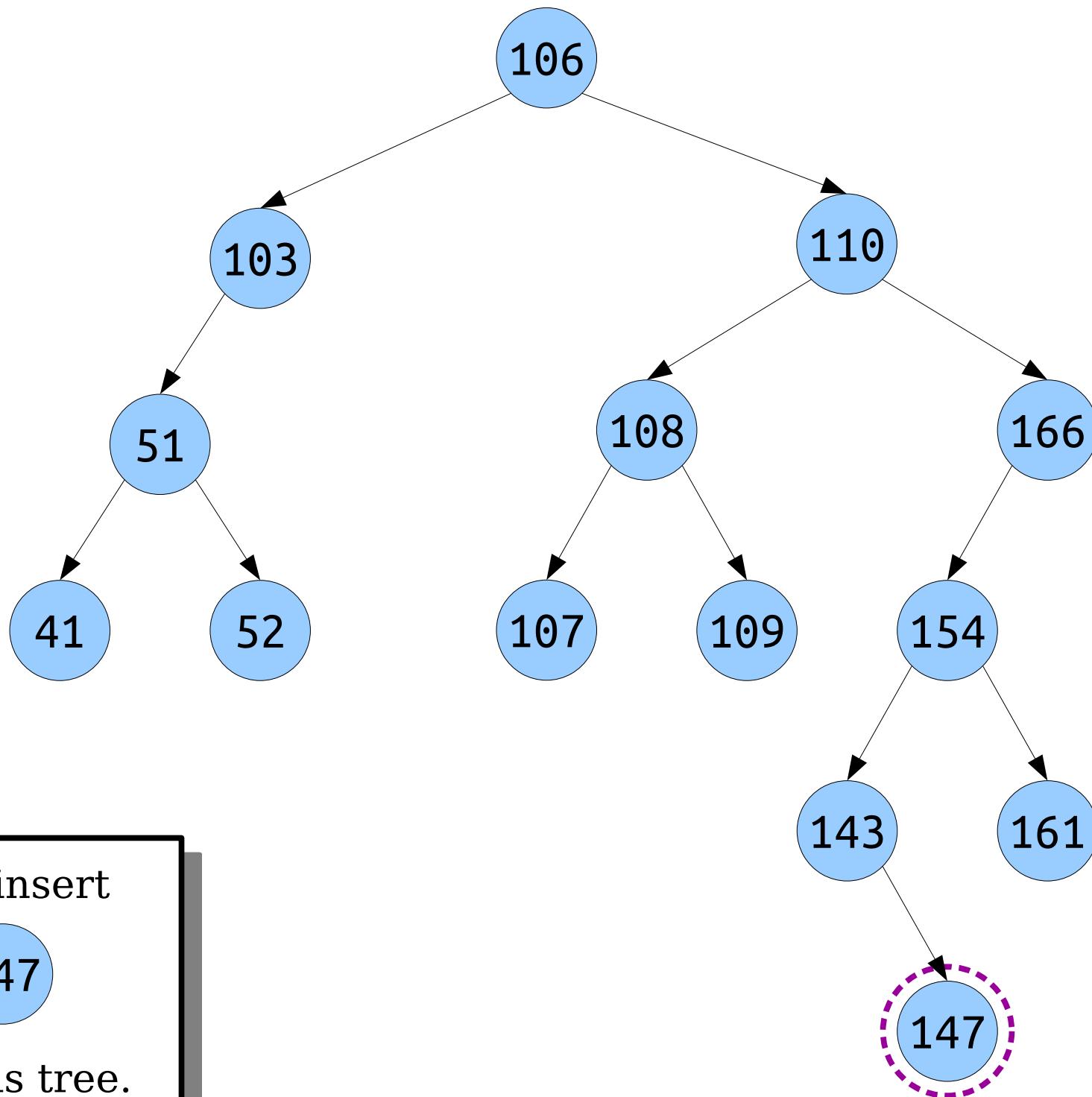
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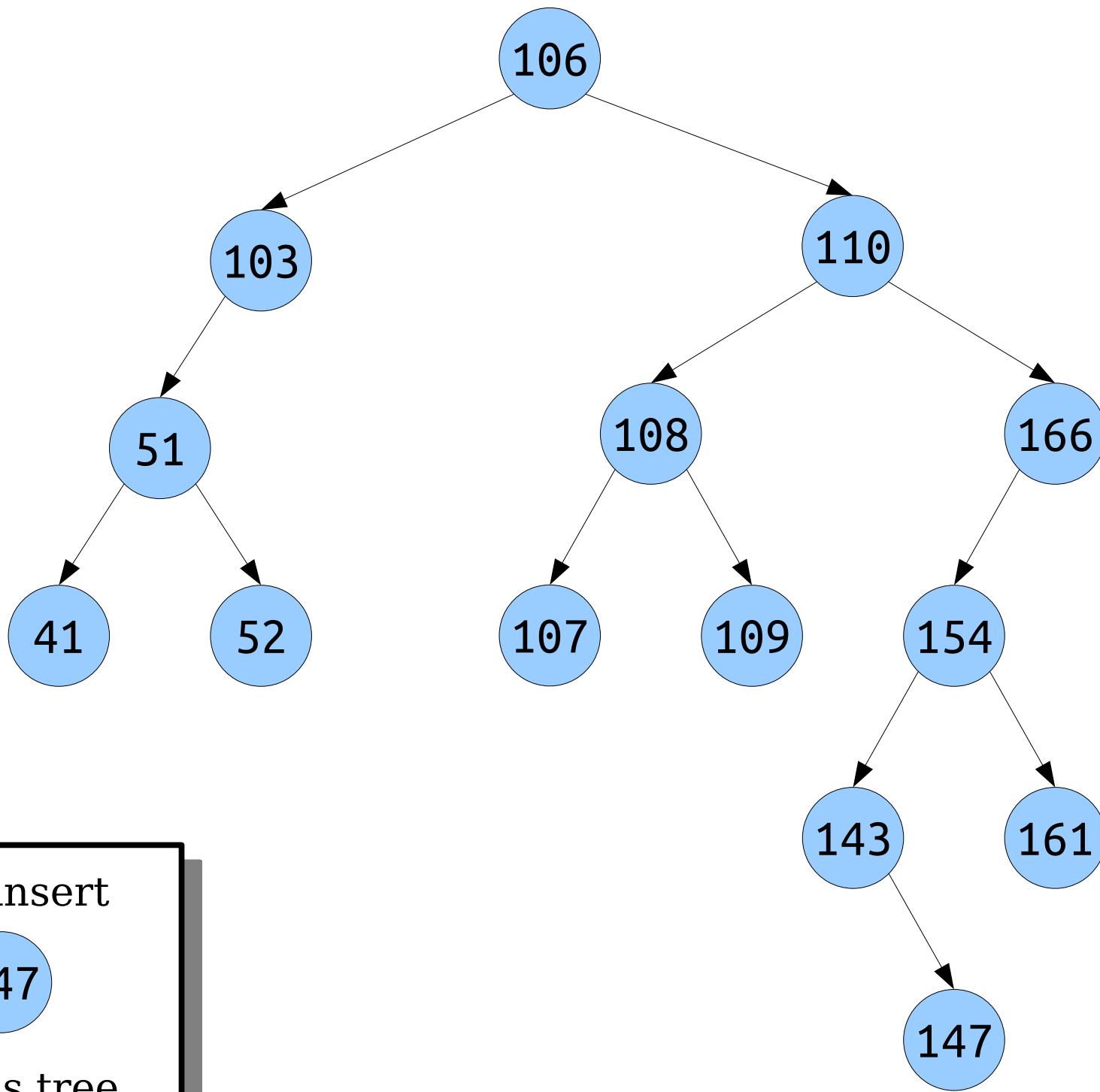
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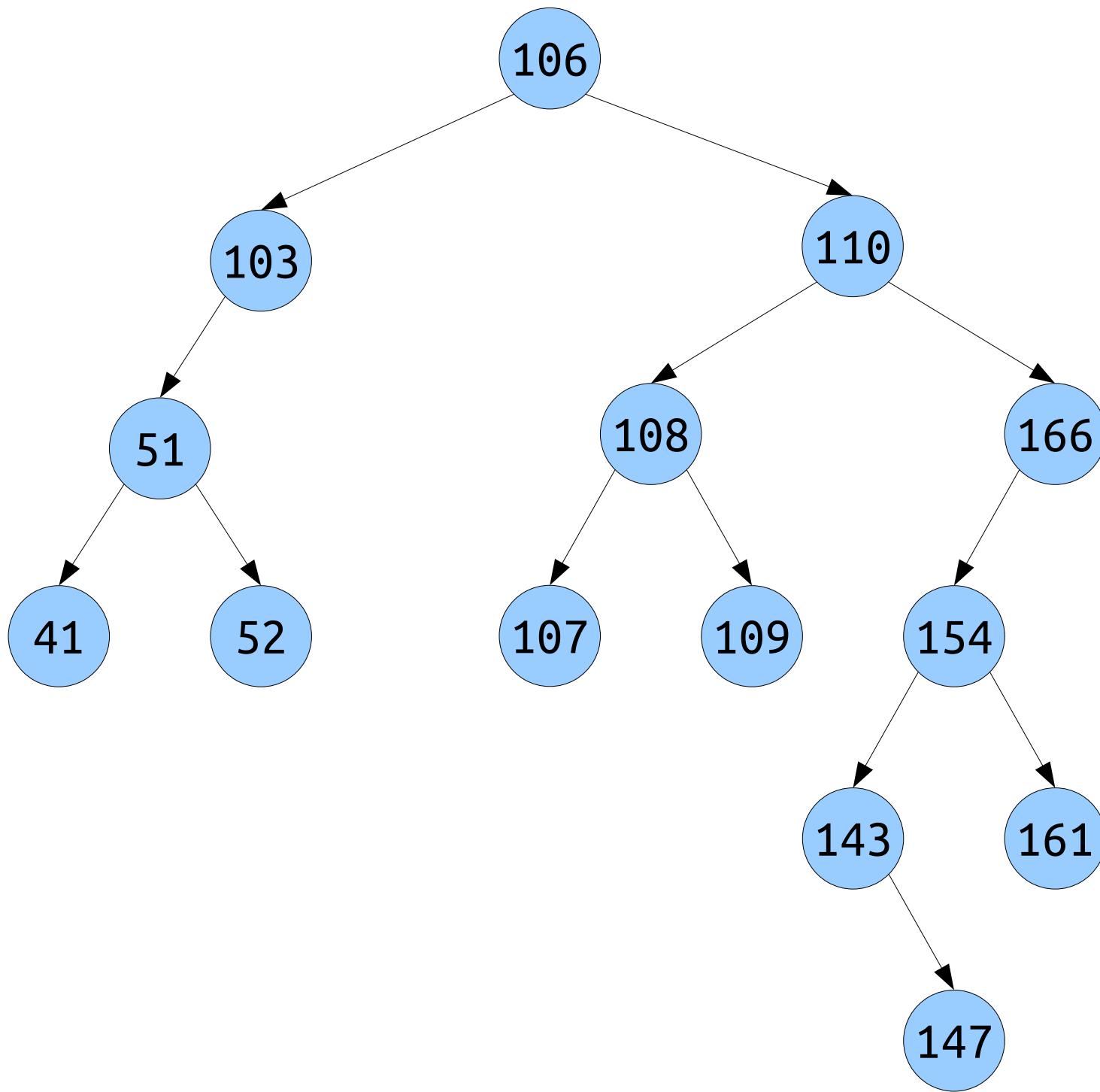
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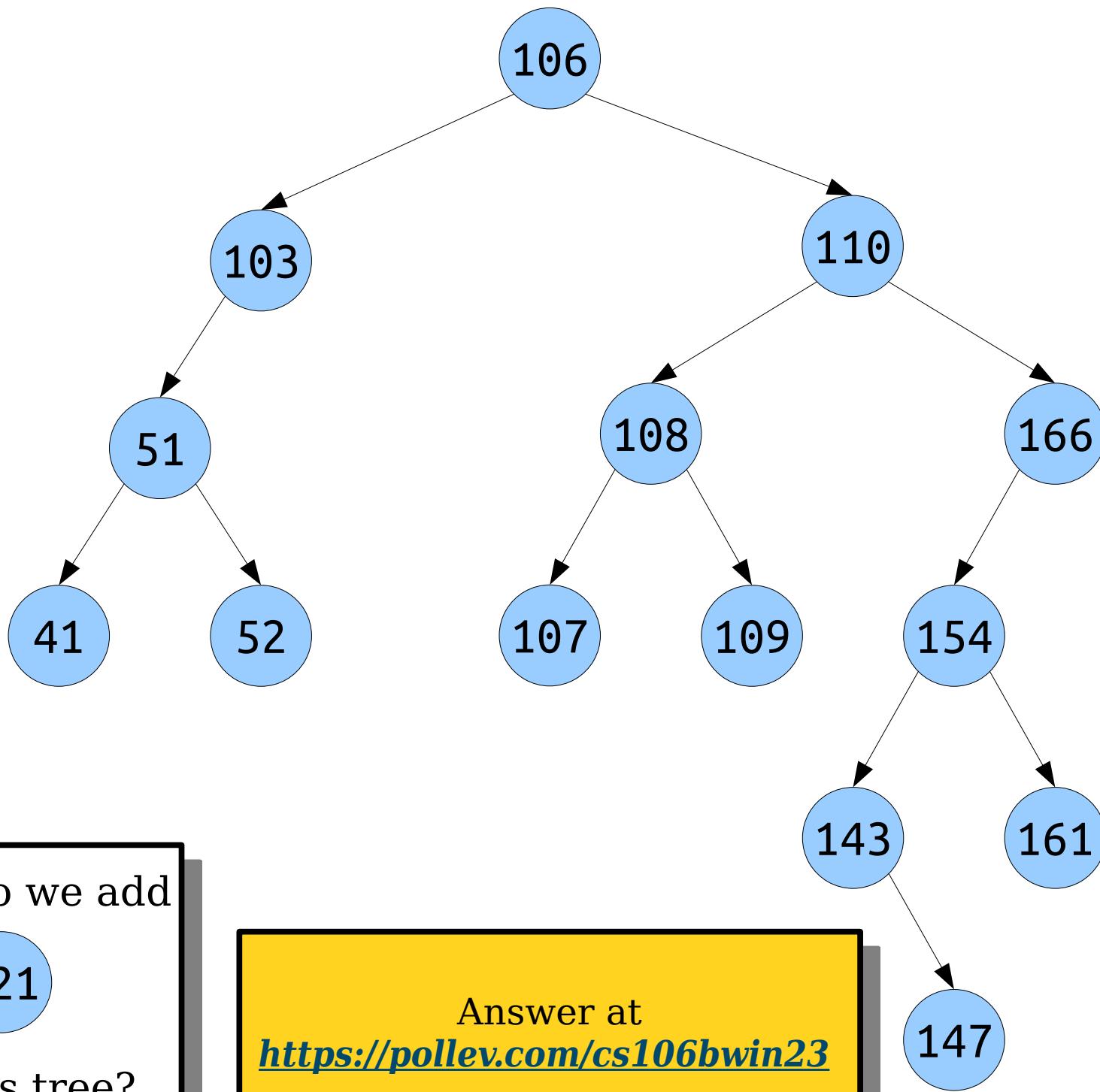


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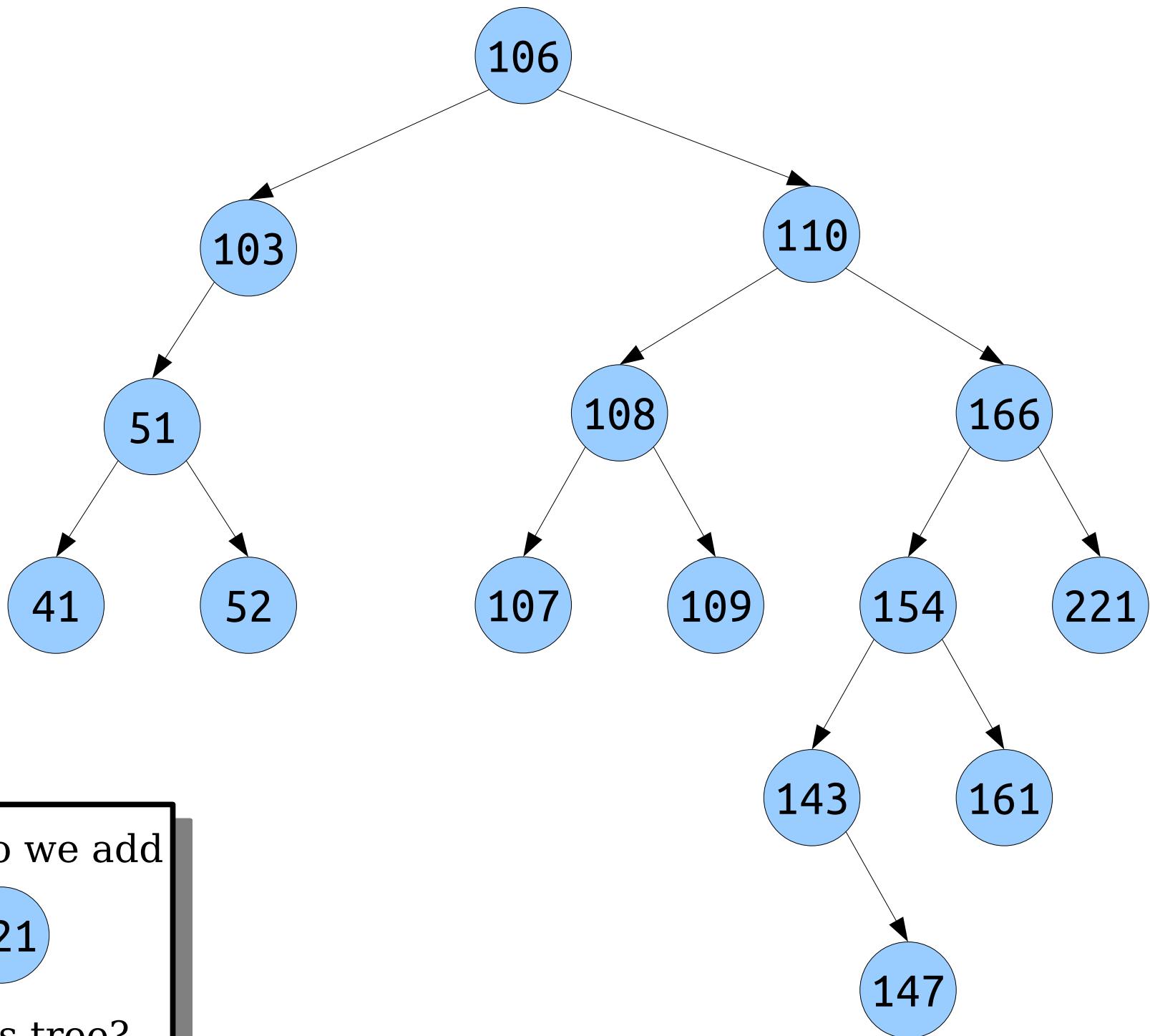
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Where do we add
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Answer at
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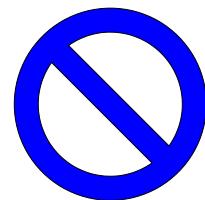


Let's Code it Up!

A Binary Search Tree Is Either...

an empty tree,
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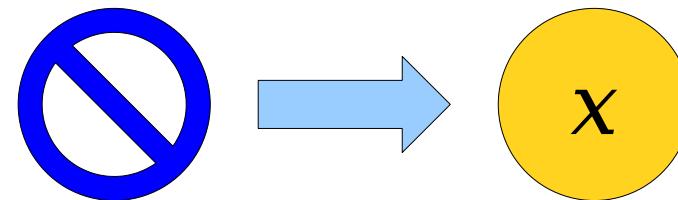
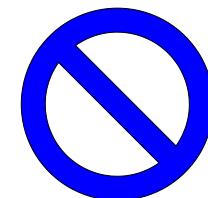
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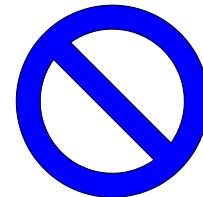
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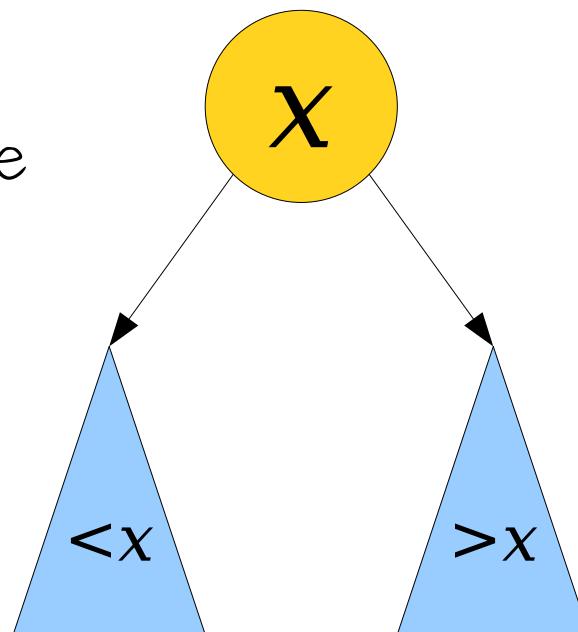
A Binary Search Tree Is Either...

an empty tree,
represented by



nullptr, or...

... a single node,
whose left subtree
is a BST of
smaller values ...



... and whose right
subtree is a BST
of larger values.

Your Action Items

- ***Read Chapter 16.1 - 16.2.***
 - There's a bunch of BST topics in there, along with a different intuition for how they work.
- ***Start Assignment 7.***
 - To follow our recommended timetable, aim to complete the labyrinth exercise and the doubly-linked list warmup by Sunday, and start working on Particle Systems by Monday.

Next Time

- *Applied Ethics*

- What happens when you deploy priority queues in the real world?
- What benefits and harms can result?
- Learn from our resident ethicist Diana Acosta Navas!