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S

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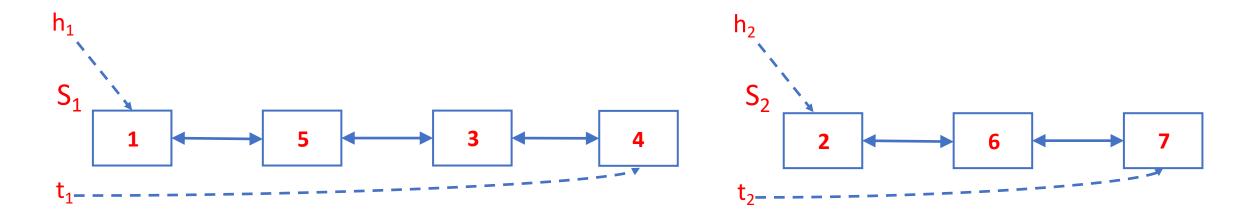
Goal: a data structure that minimizes the total cost of executing such sequences

# Data Structures for Disjoint Sets

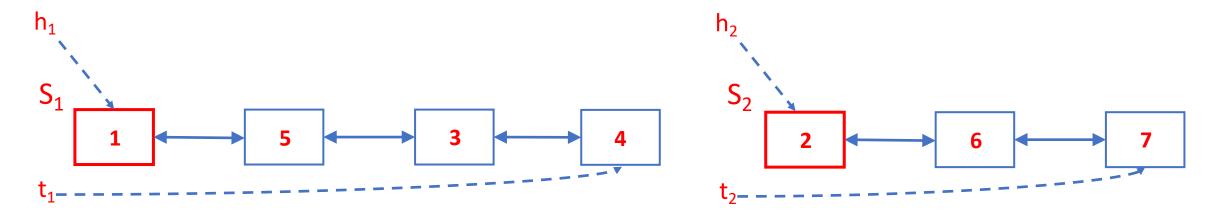
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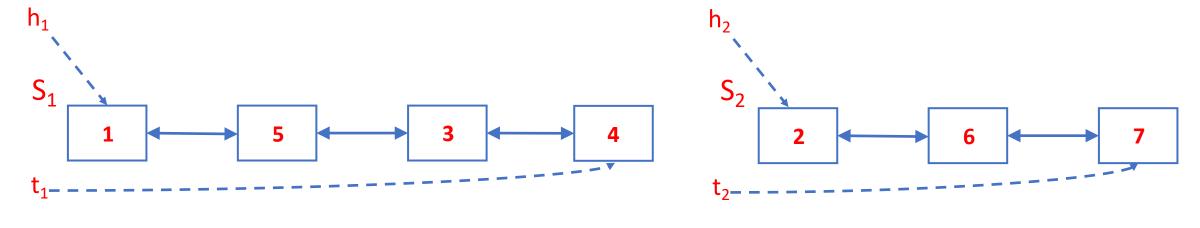
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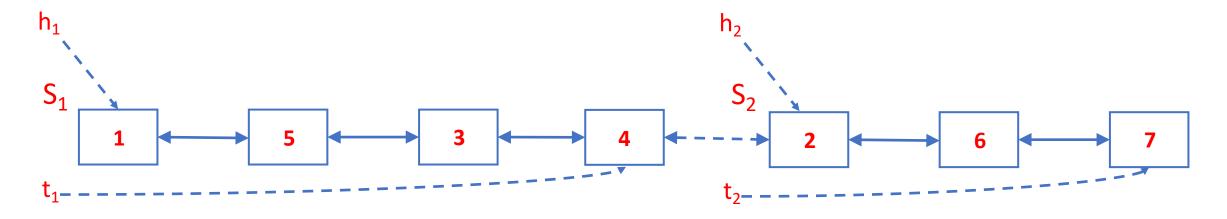


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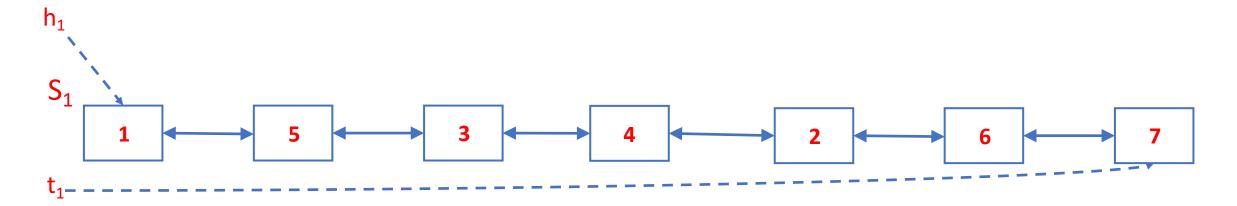
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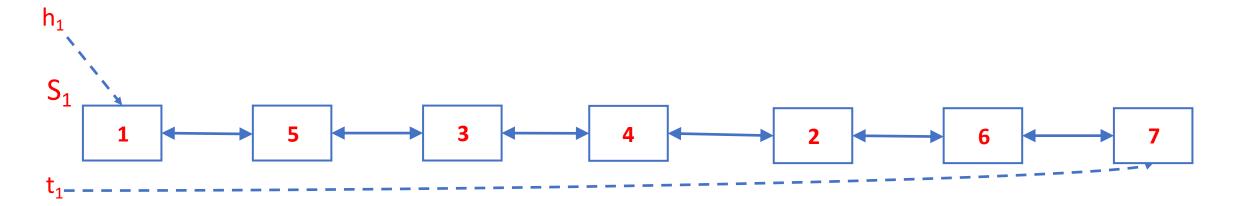
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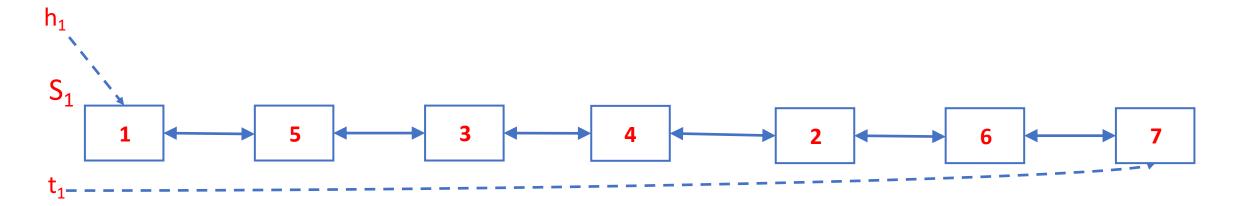
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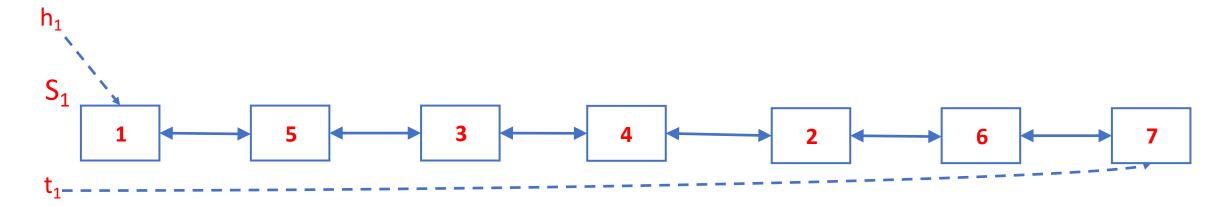
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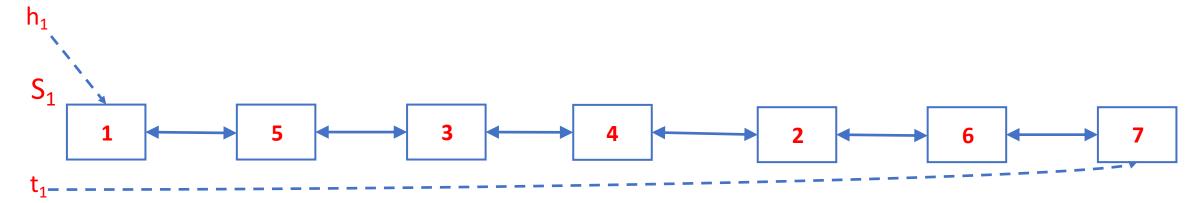
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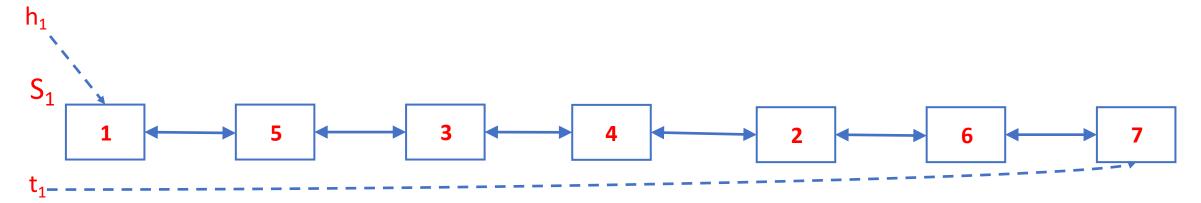


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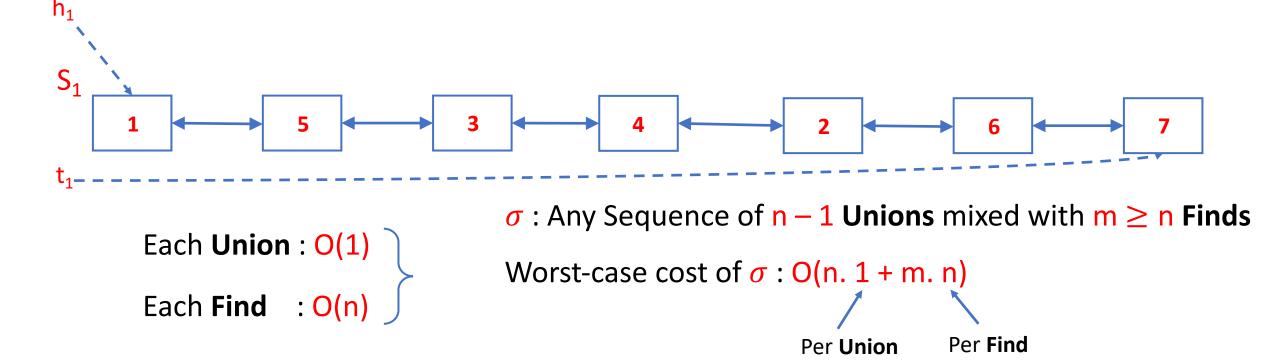
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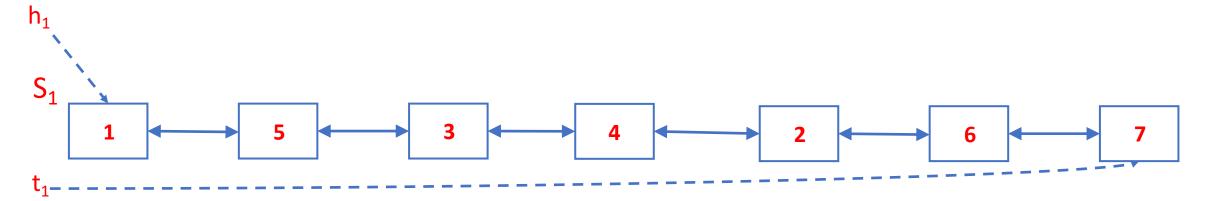
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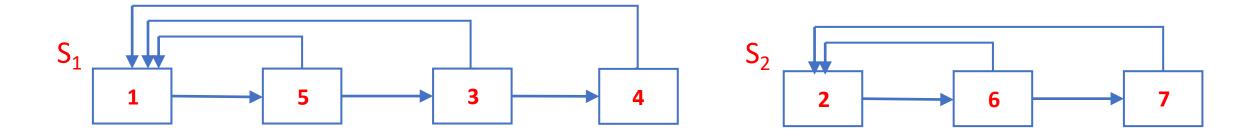
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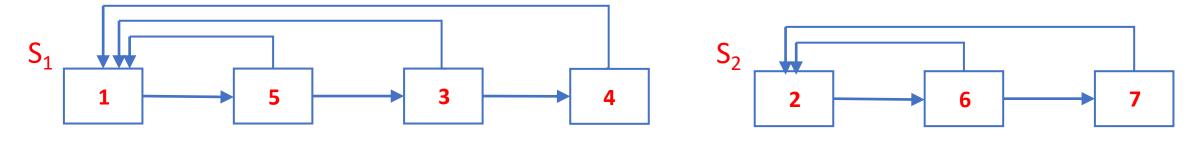
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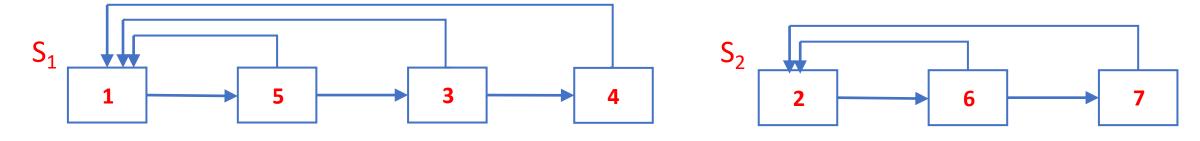


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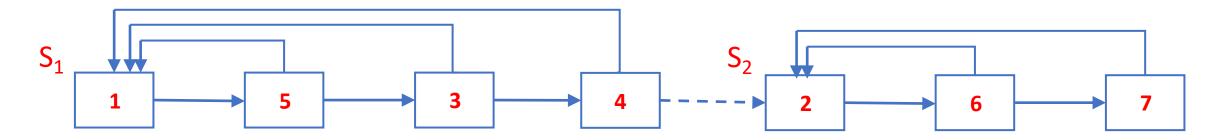
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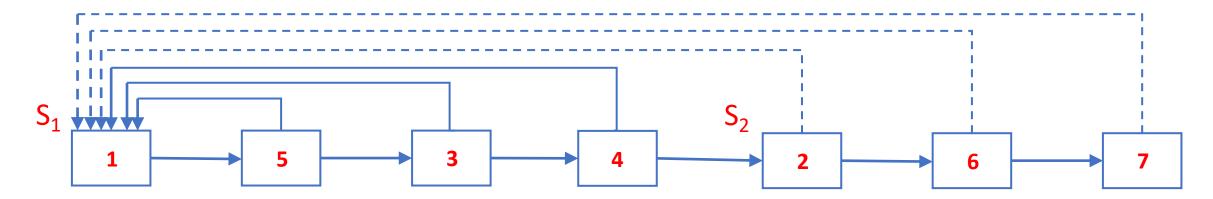
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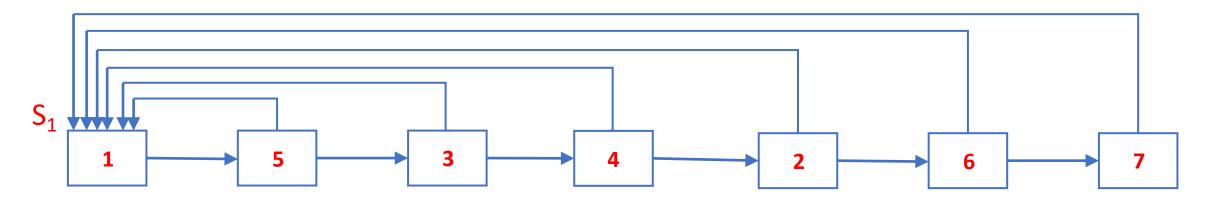
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**Union**: must redirect O(n) pointers to the new representative

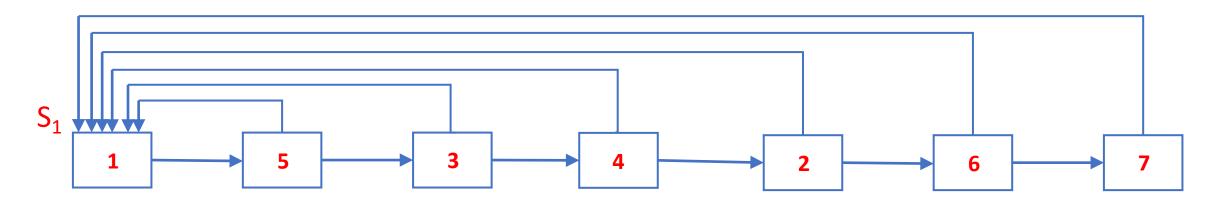
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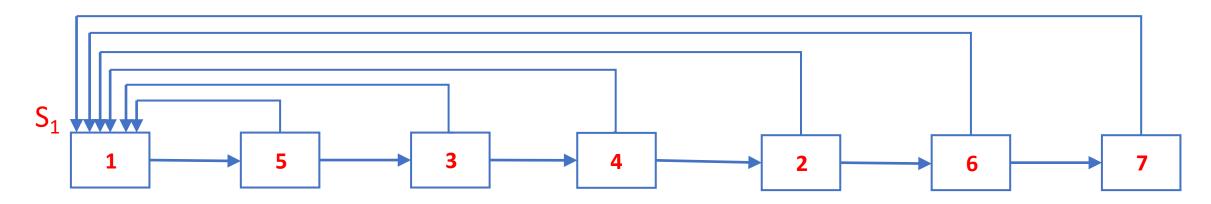


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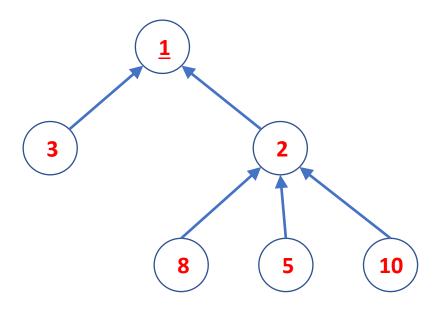
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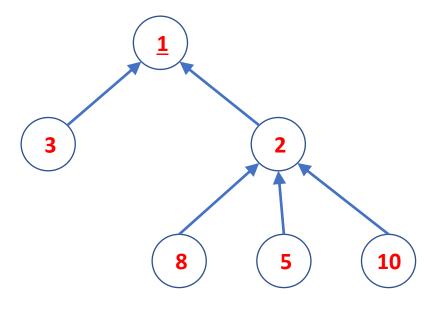
**Proof**: Go to the tutorial ©

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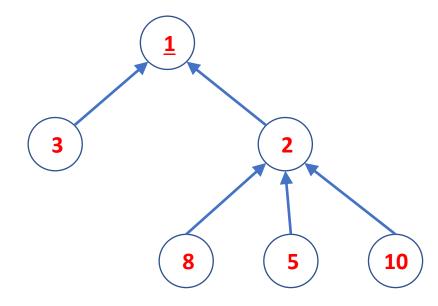
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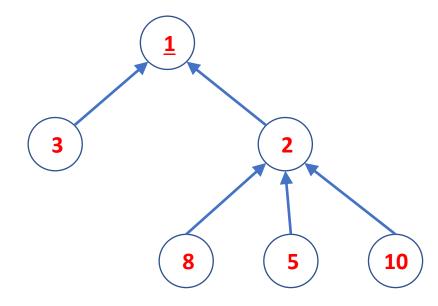
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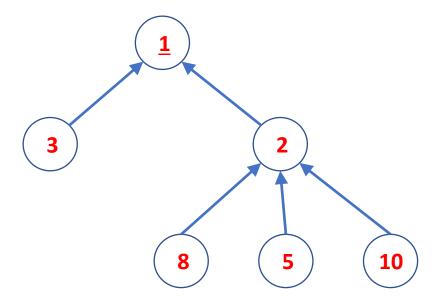
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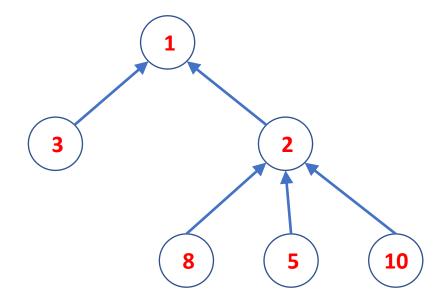
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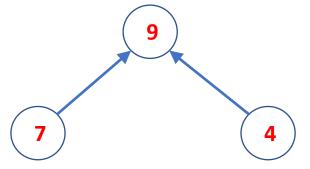
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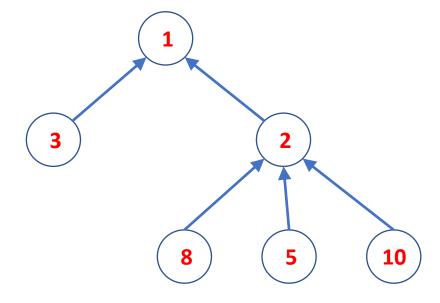


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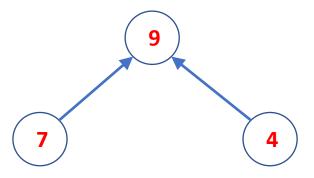
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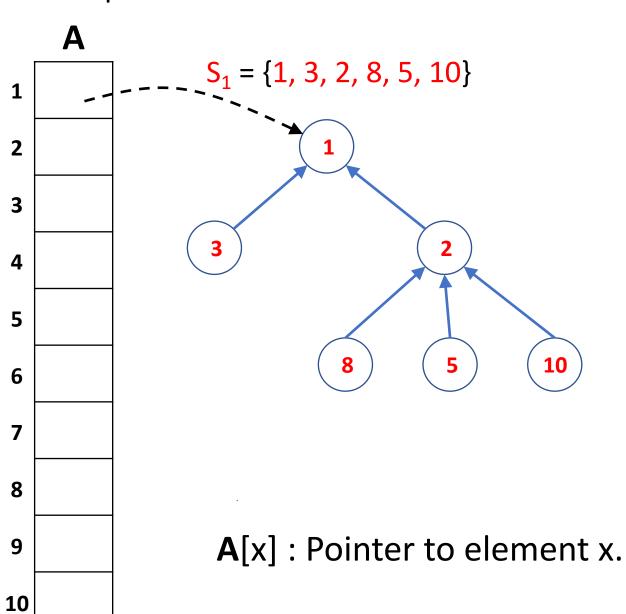
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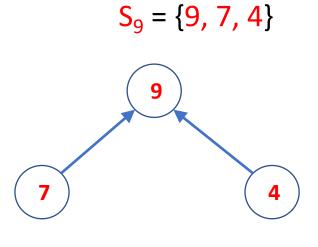
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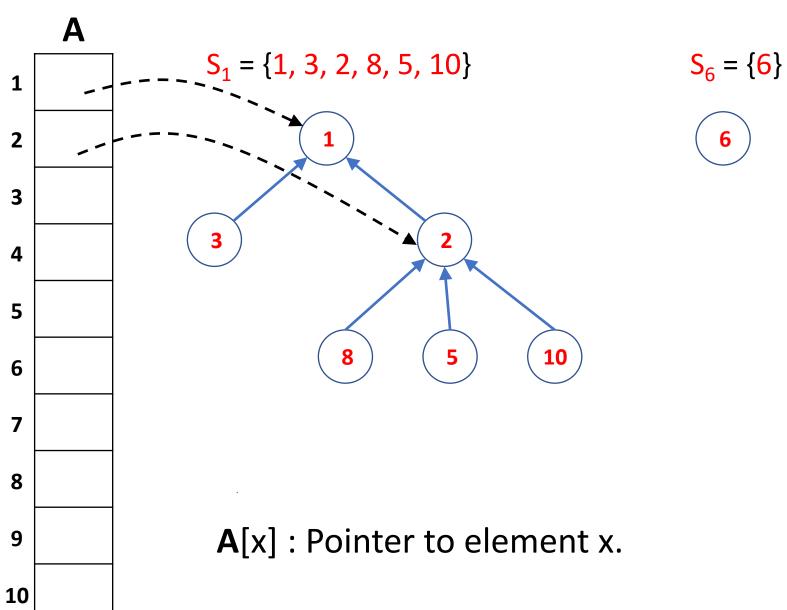


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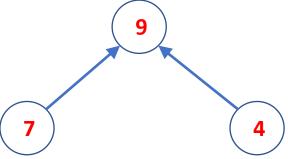


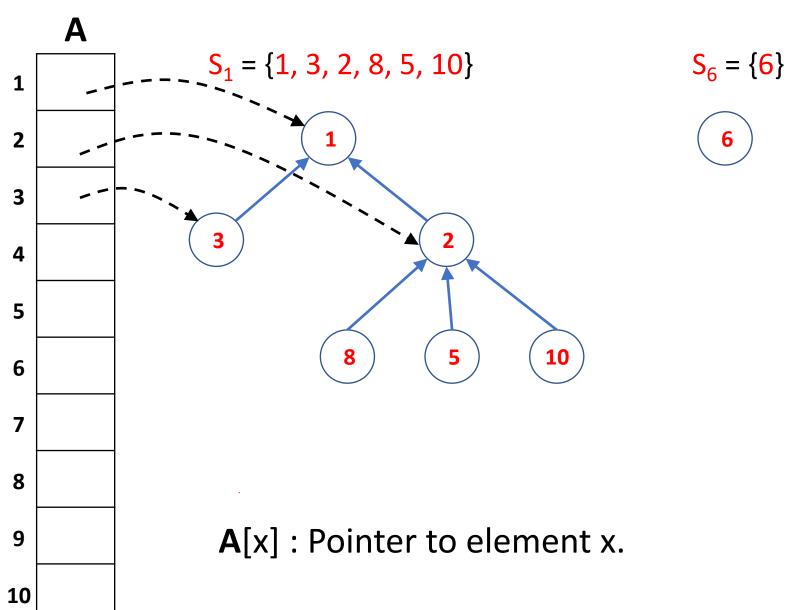
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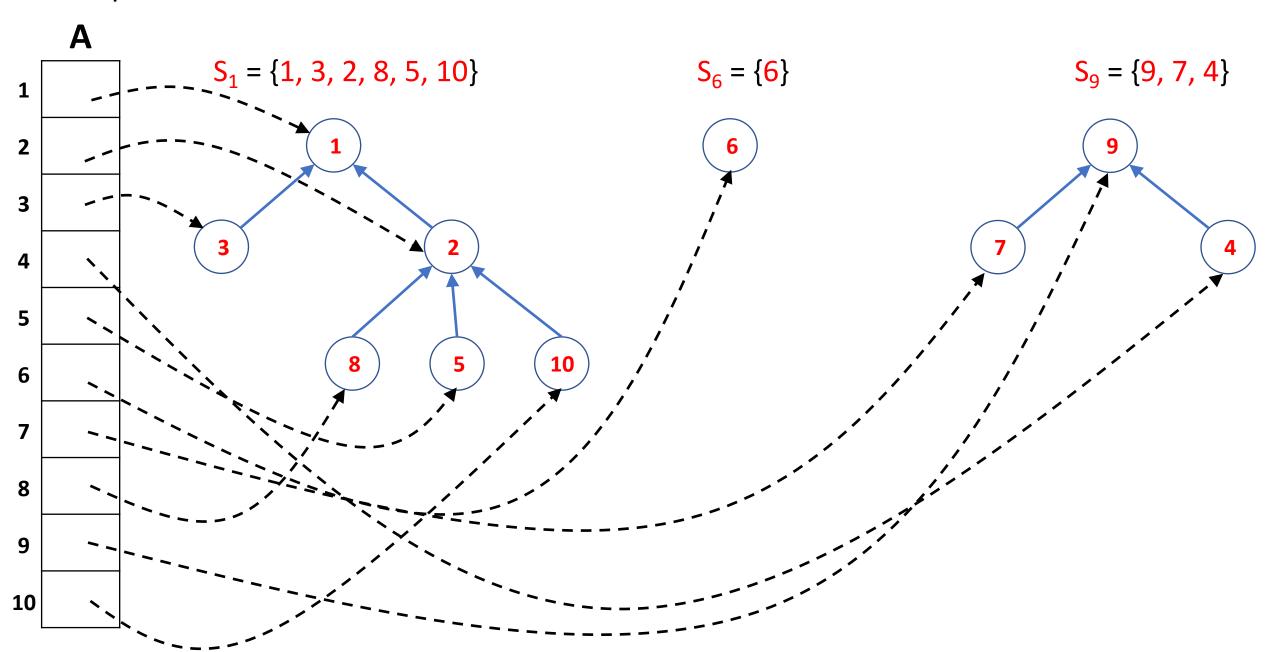


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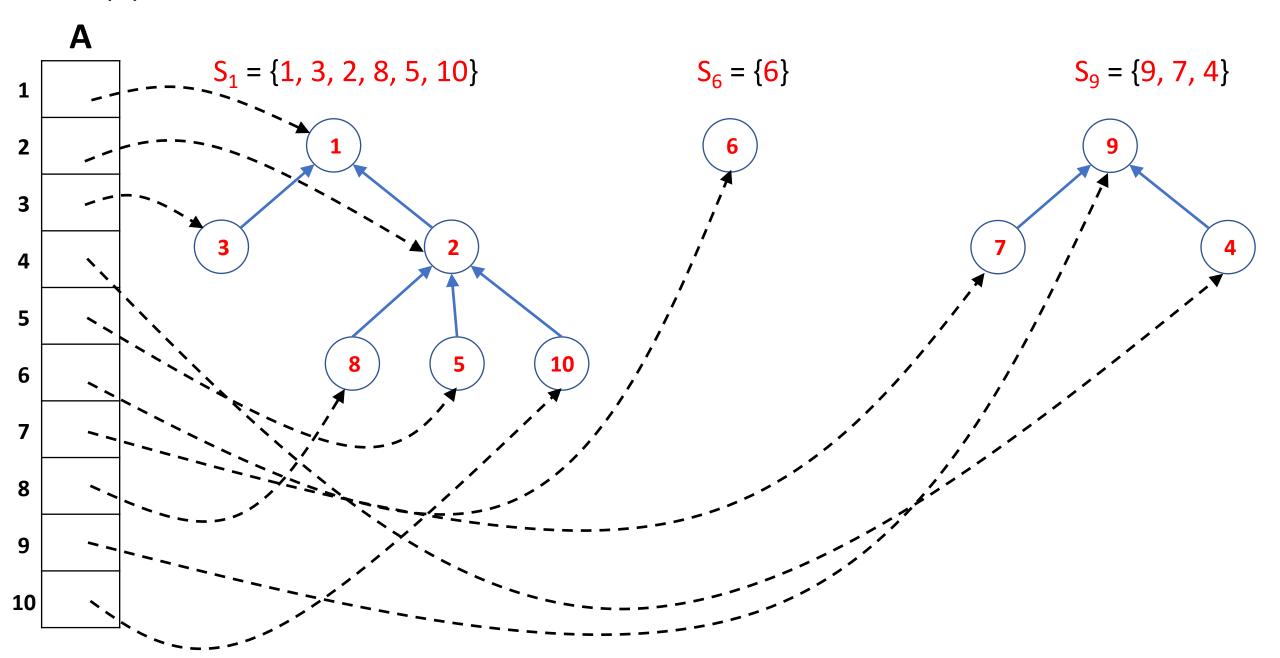




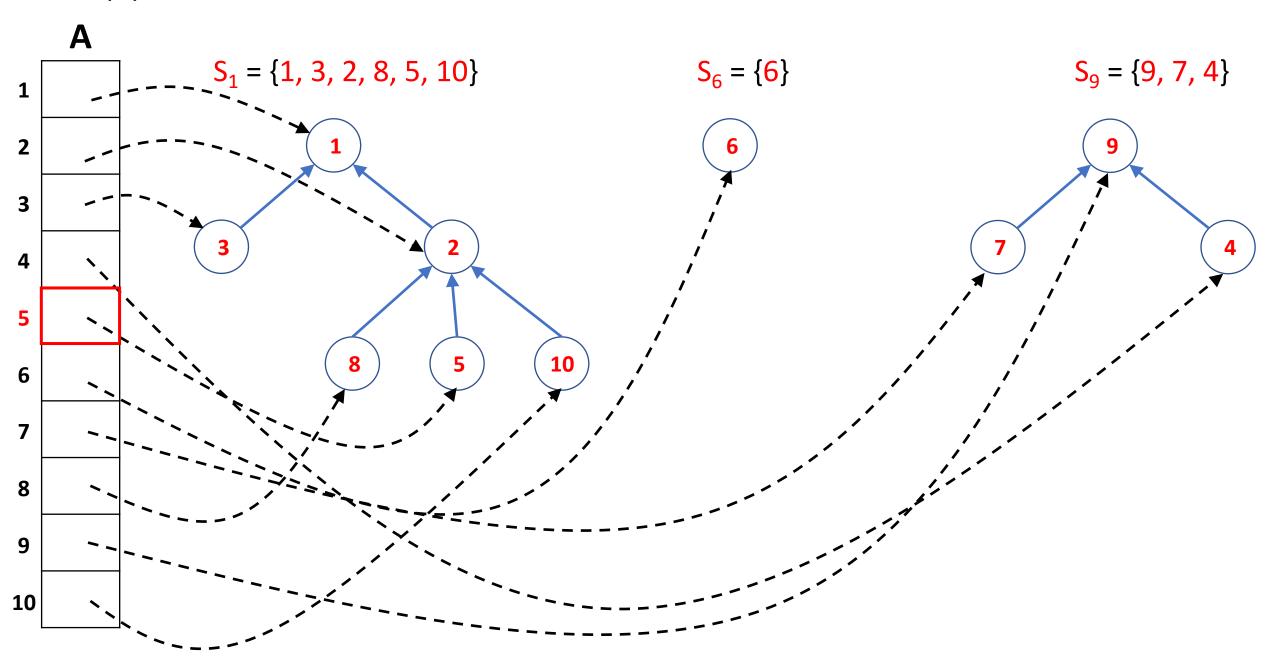
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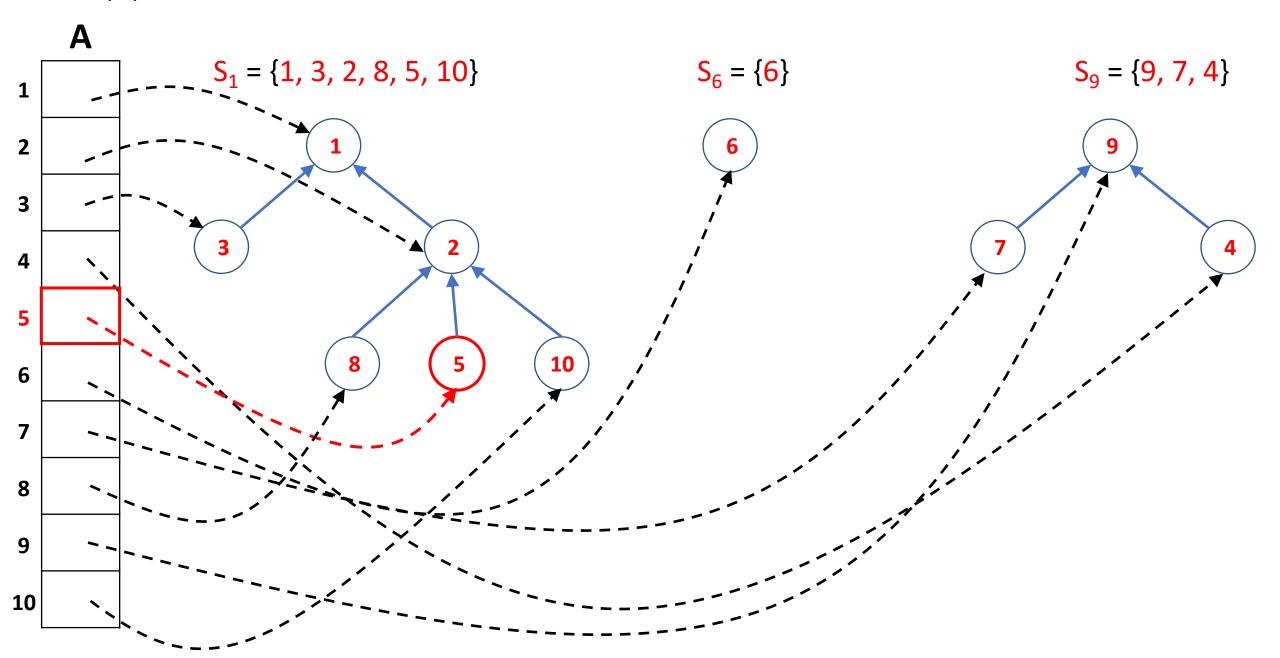
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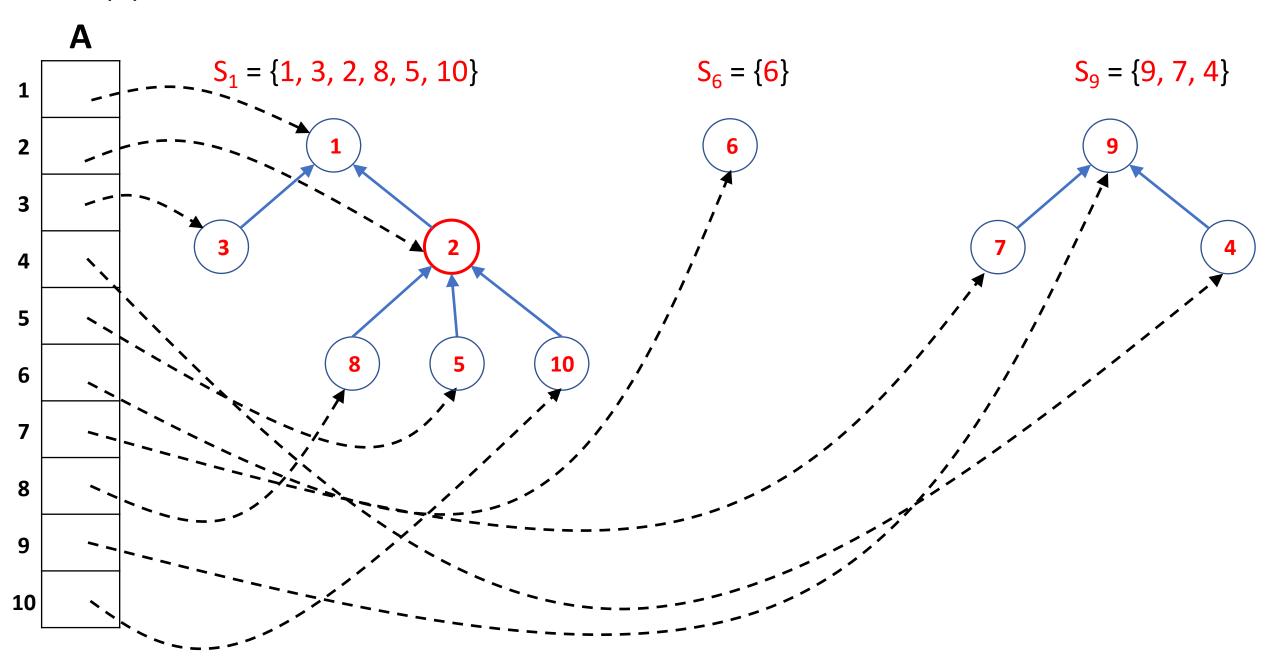
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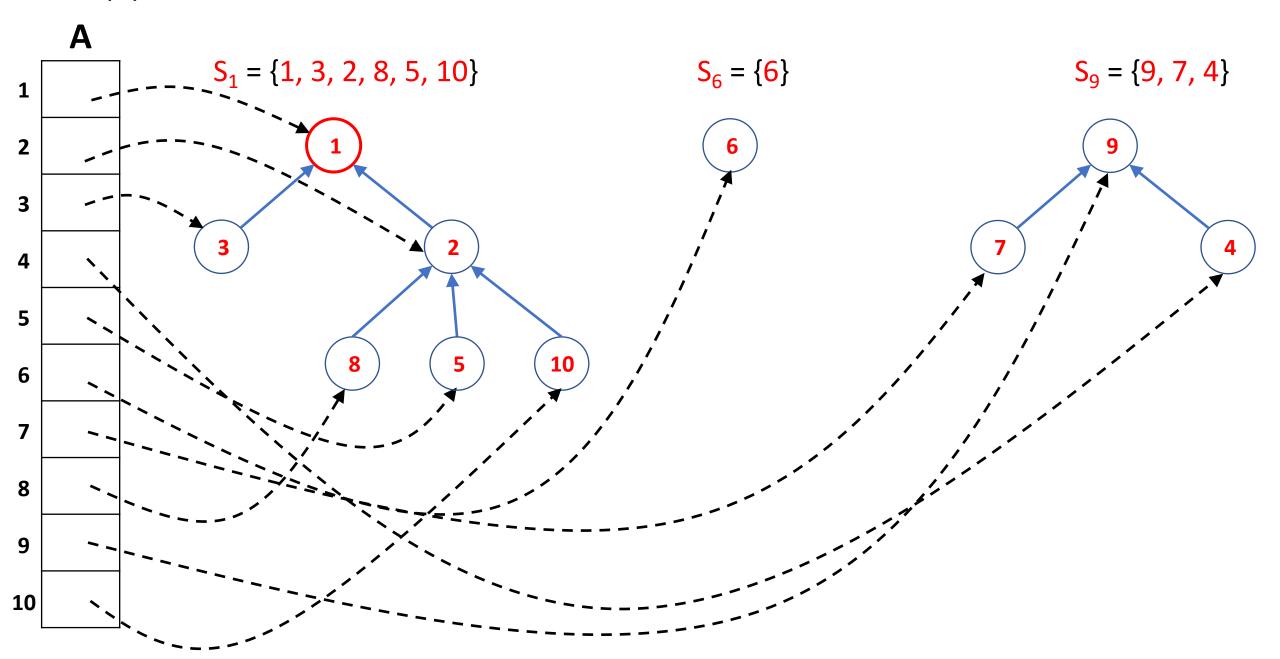
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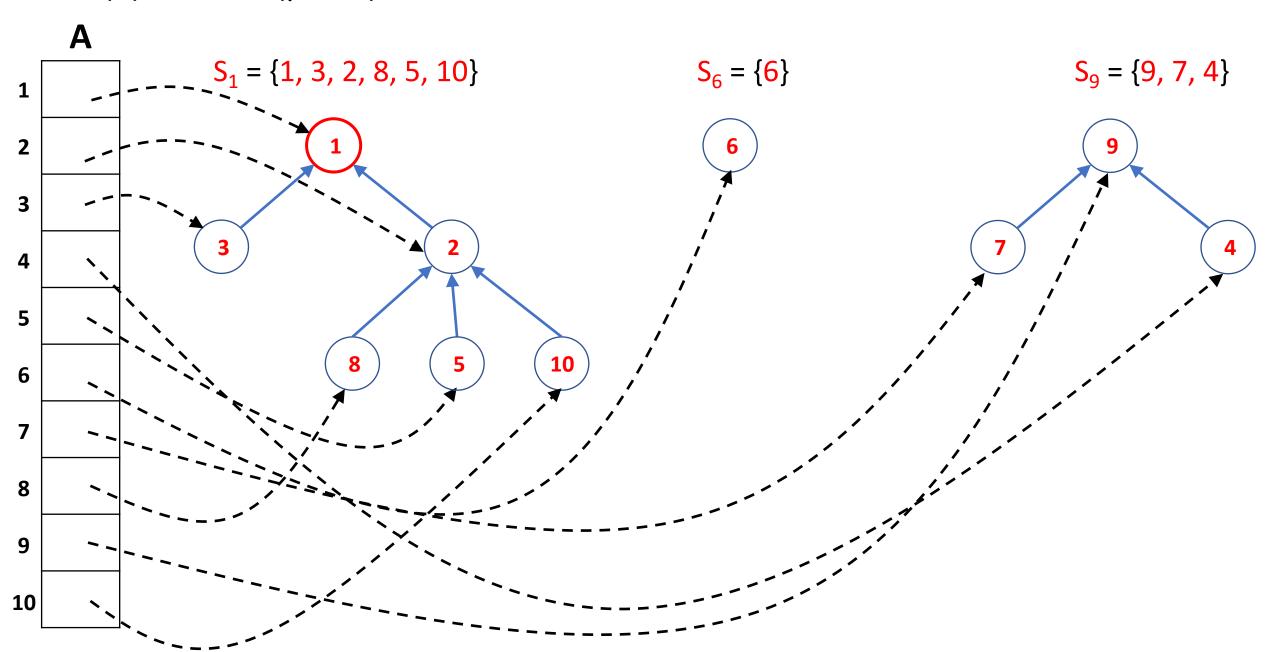
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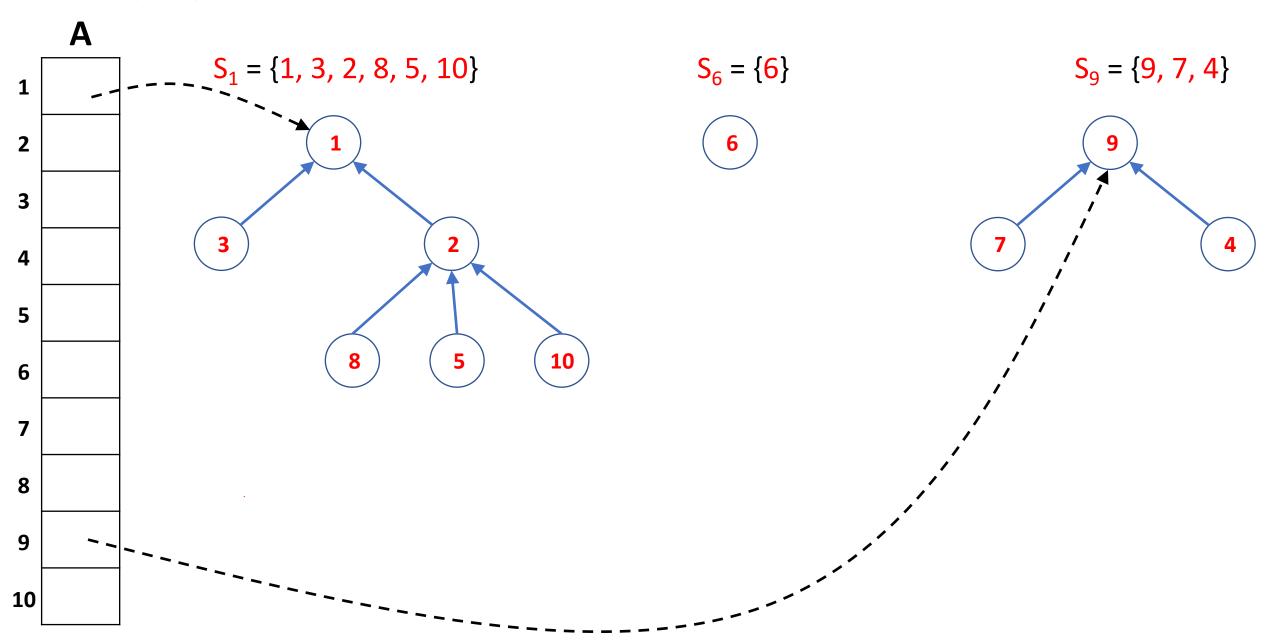
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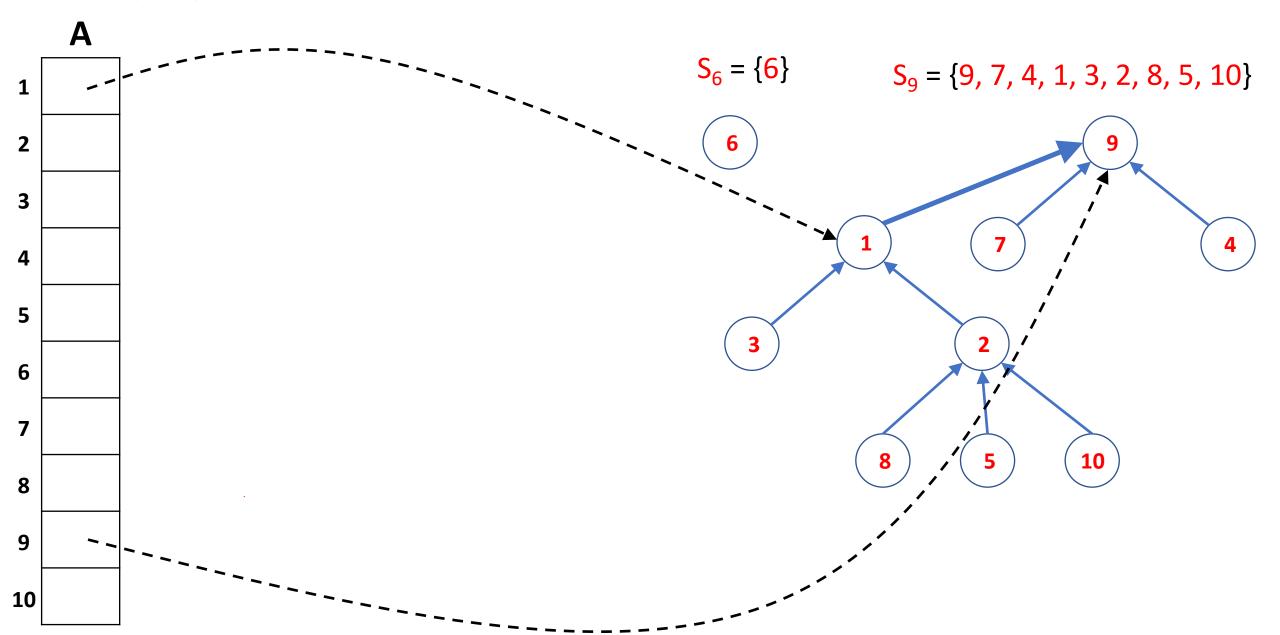
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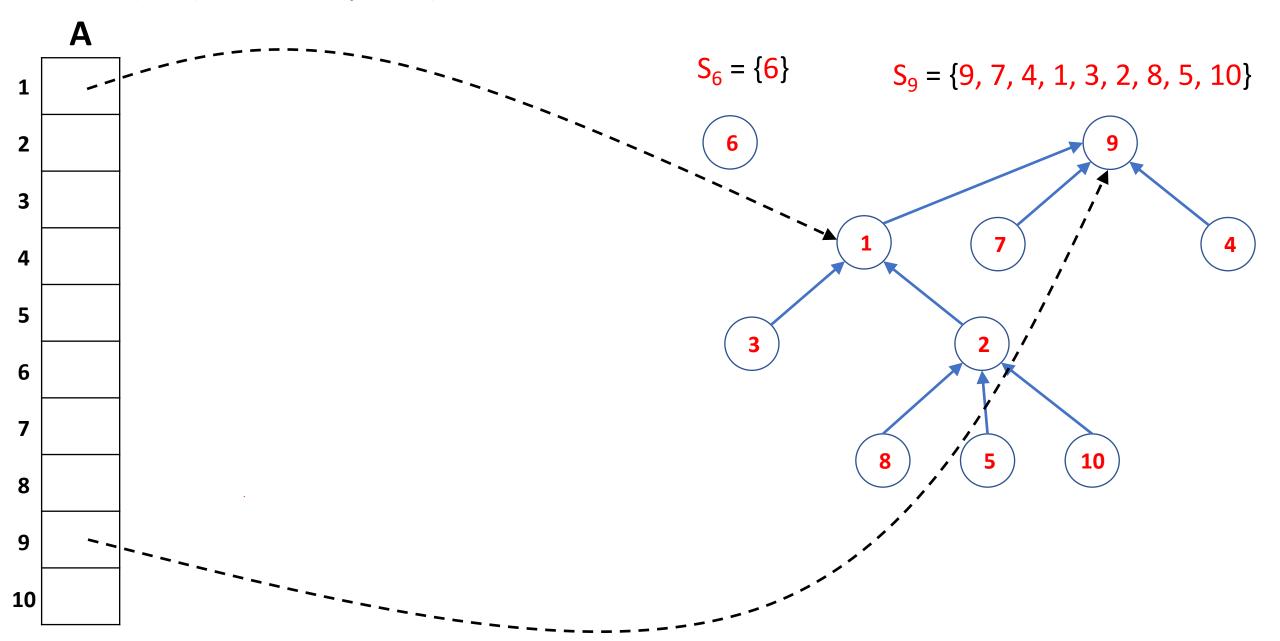
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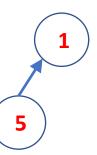
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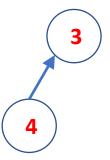
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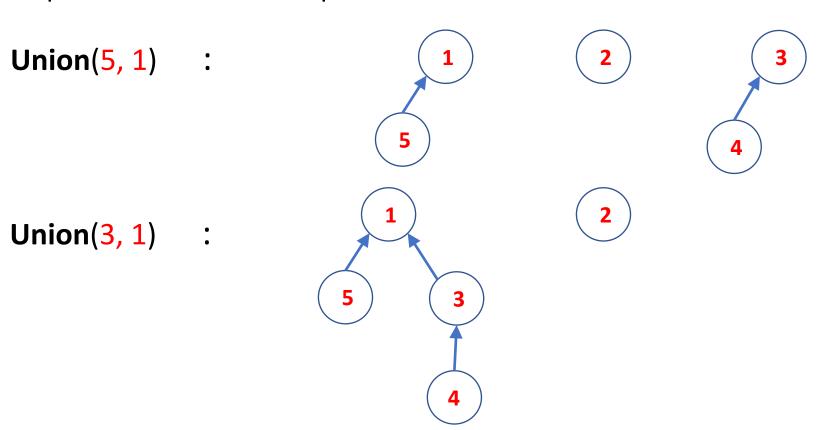


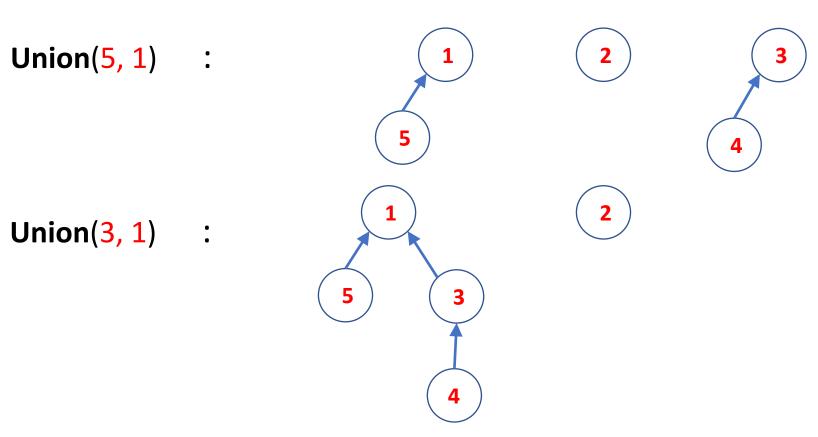




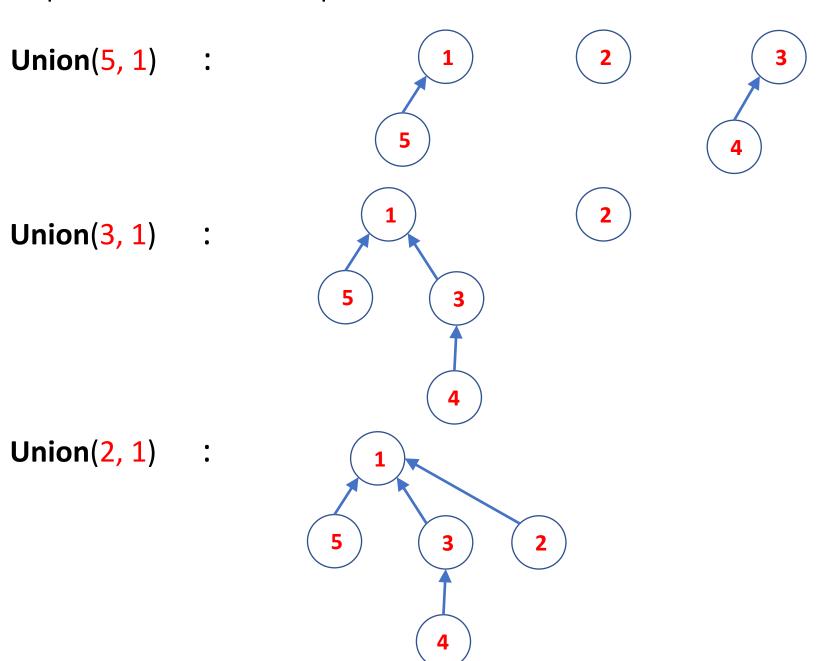
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**Union(3, 1)** 





**Union(2, 1)** 



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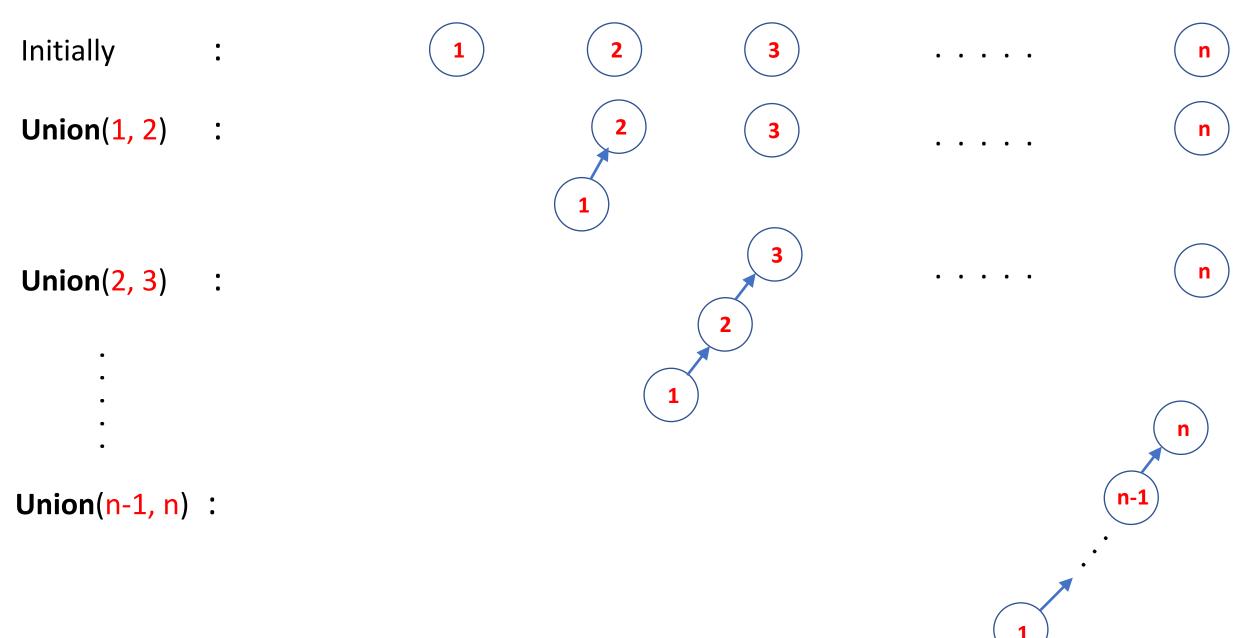
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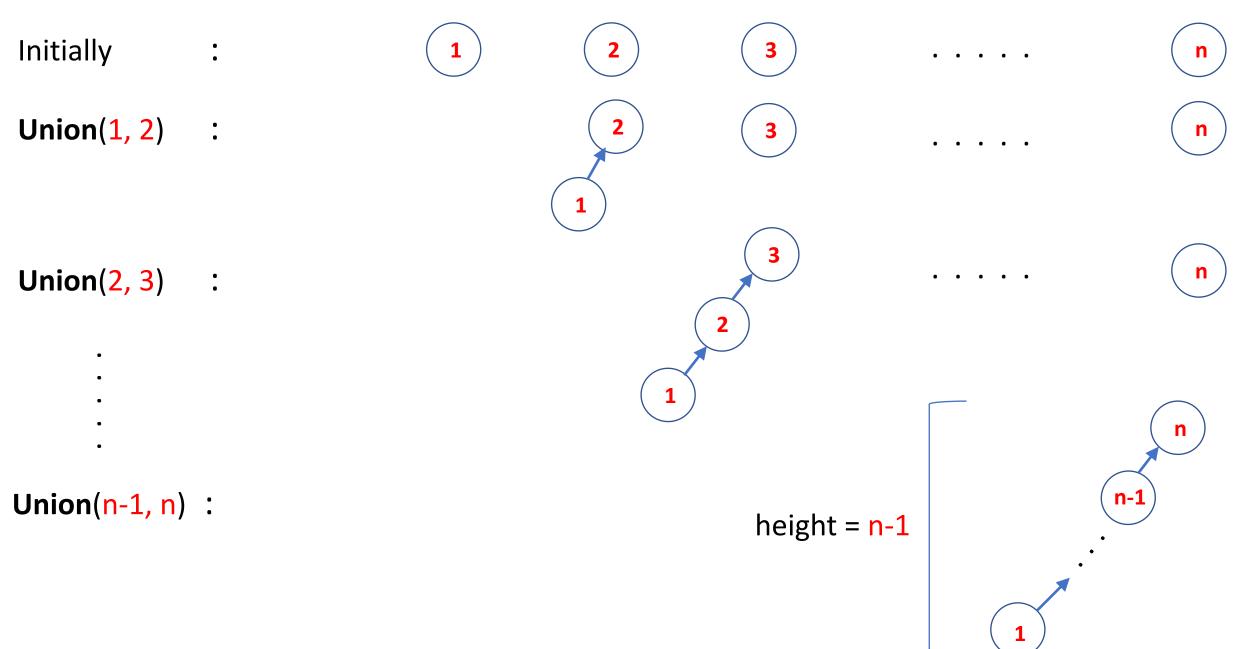
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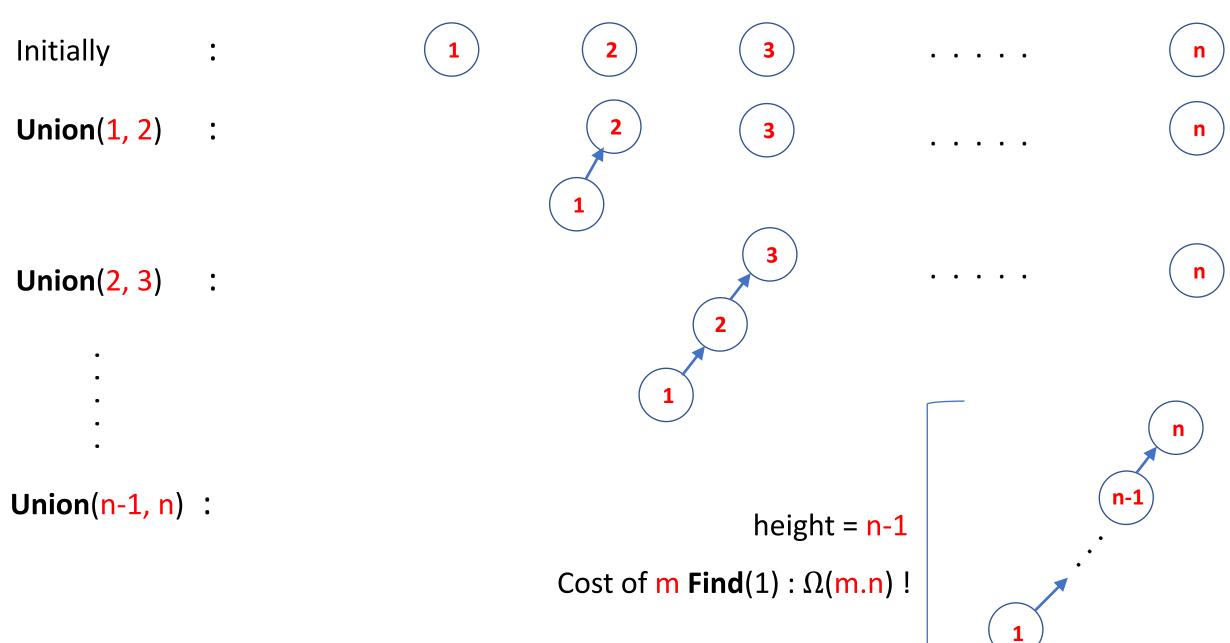
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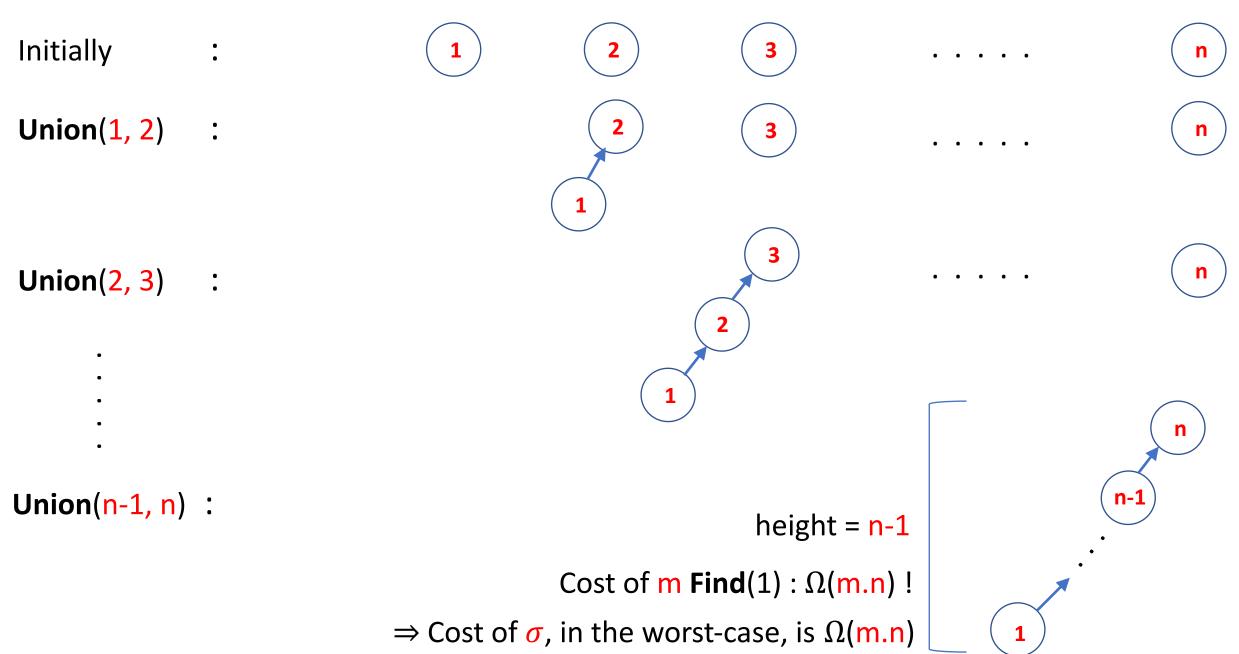
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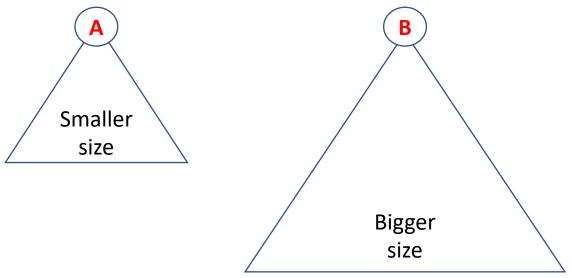
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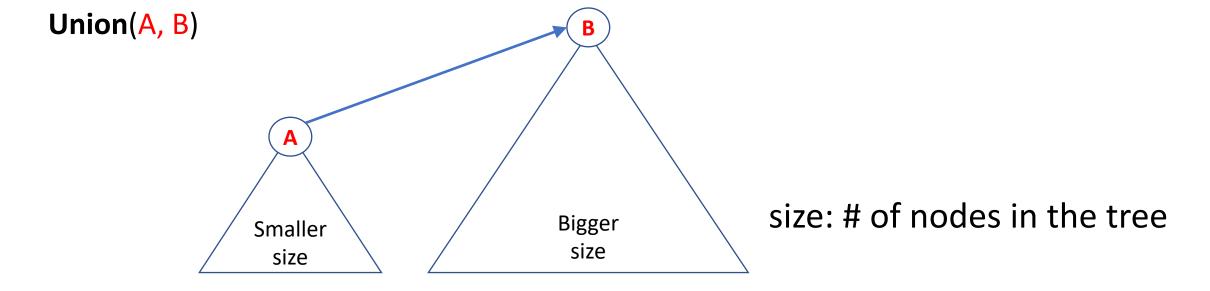
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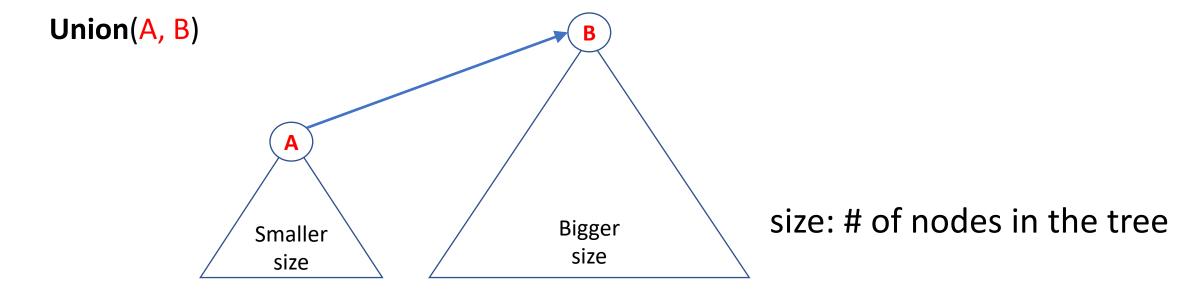
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size: # of nodes in the tree



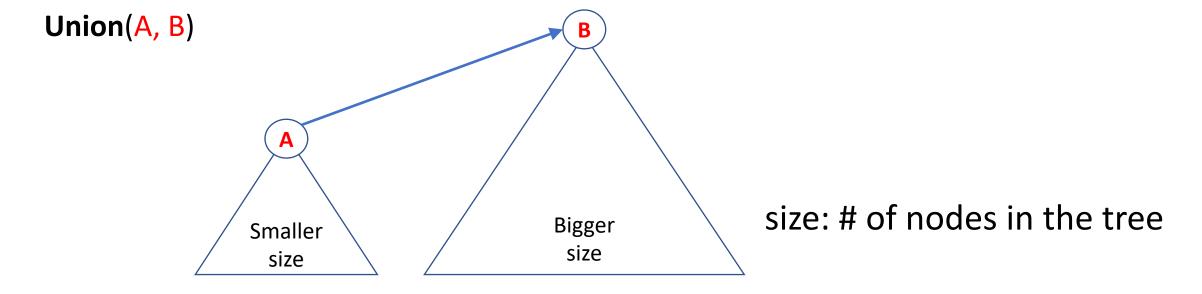
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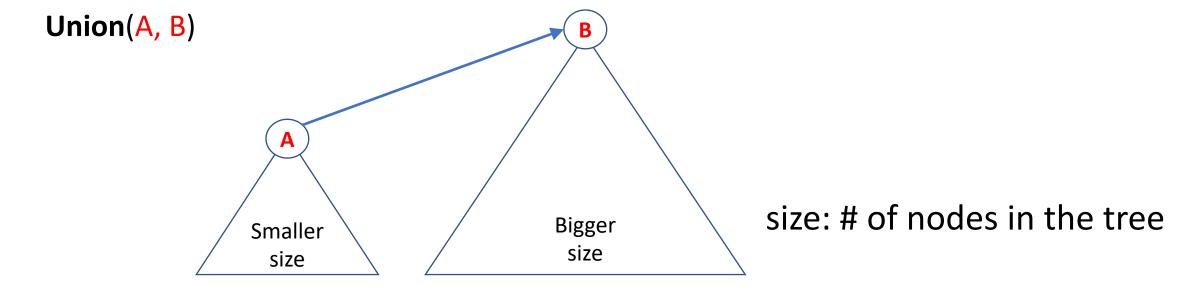
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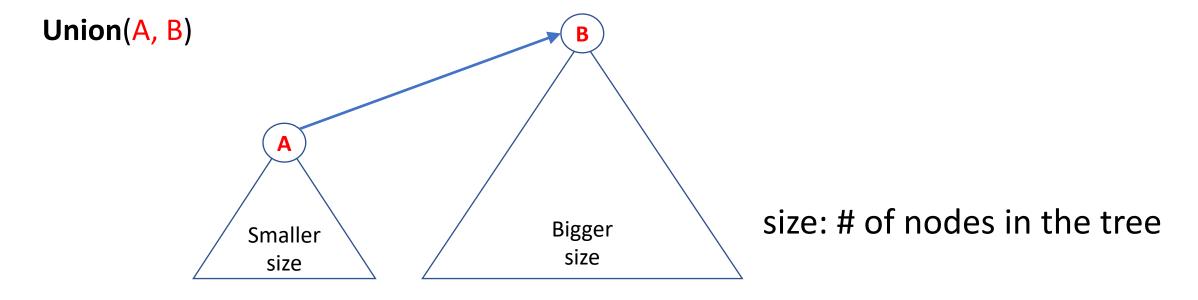
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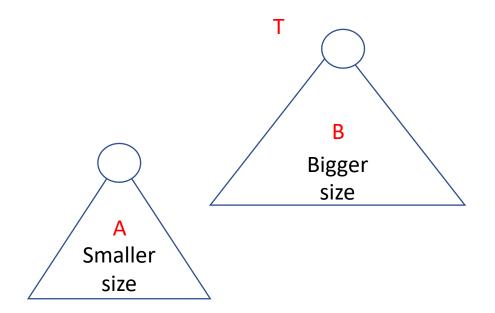
Since 
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**Proof Sketch:** Induction on h

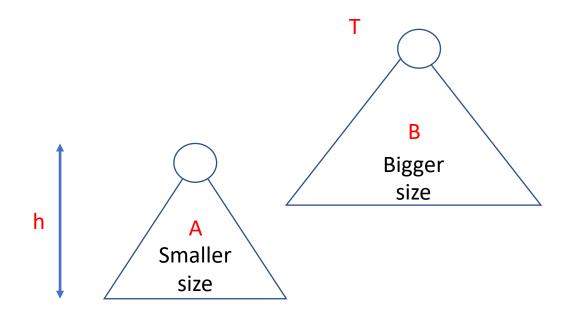
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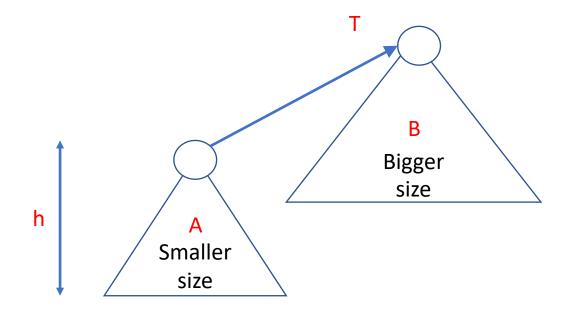
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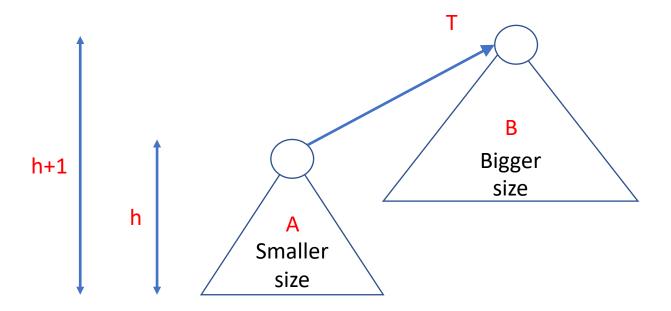
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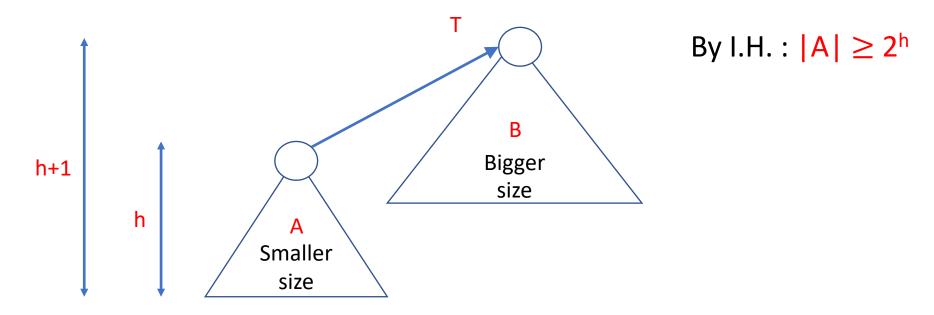
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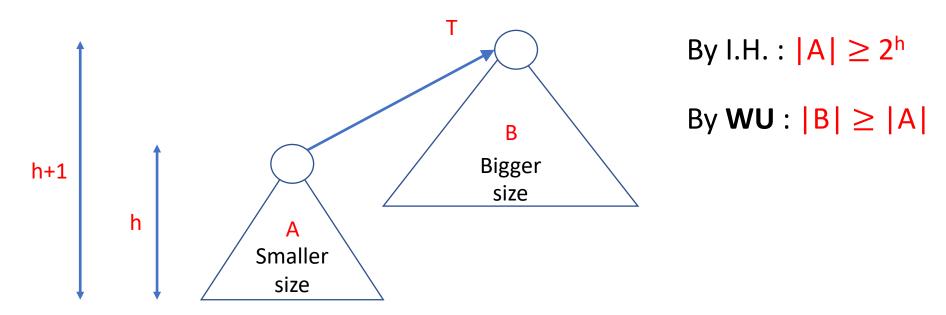
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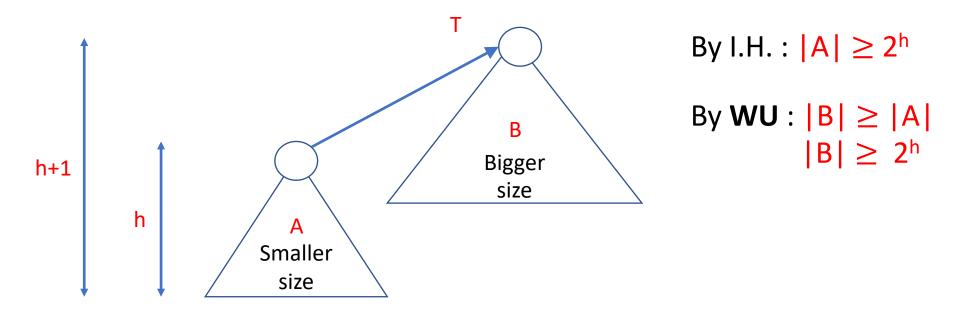
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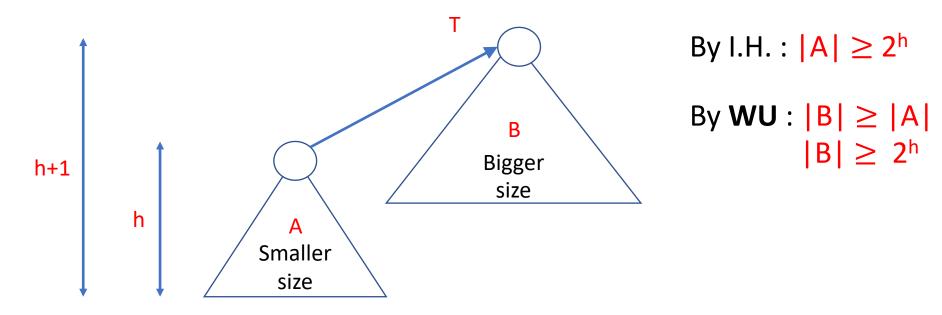
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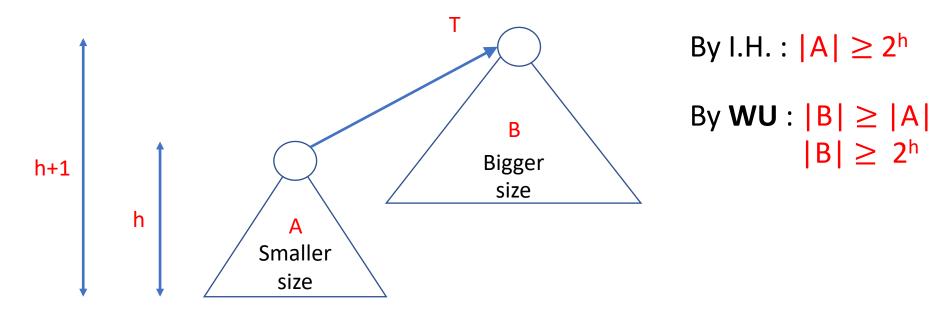


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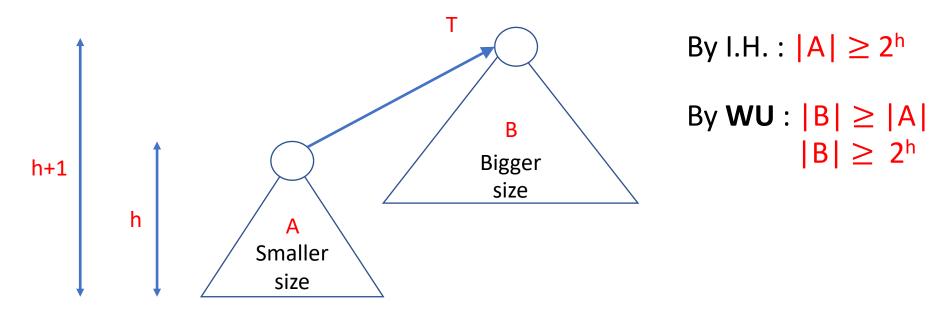
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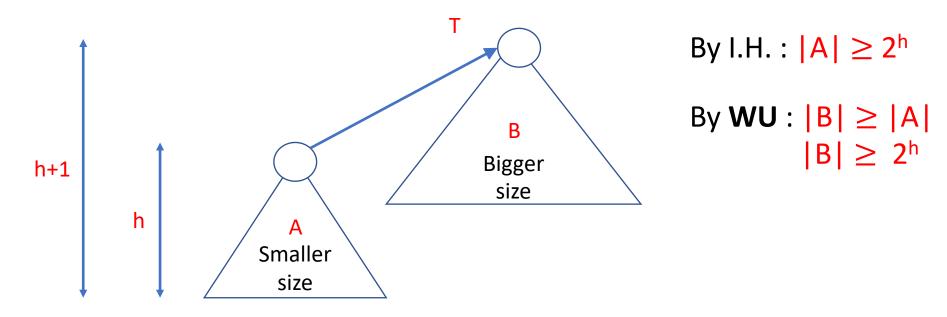
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