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## Programming 2 Notes Union find

Running cost:

Find: time proportional to depth of  $p$  and  $q$

Union: takes constant time, given root

Depth of any node  $x$  is at most  $\lg N$

	initialise	Union	Find (compressed)
Quick find	$N$	$N$	1
Quick union	$N$	$N$	$N$
Weighted QU	$N$	$\lg N$	$\lg N$

\* includes cost of finding roots

## Path compression:

QU with PC: just after computing the root of  $p$ , set the id of each examined node to point to that root.

Give FIND a side job of compressing the tree

Singular (one-pass) variant: Make every other node in path point to its grandparent (halving path length)

private int root (int  $i$ ) {

while ( $i \neq \text{id}[i]$ ) {

$\text{id}[i] = \text{id}[\text{id}[i]]$ ;  $\leftarrow$  one extra line

$i = \text{id}[i]$ ;

}

return  $i$ ;

}

## SUMMARY:

Worst case time

Quick find	$mN$
Quick Union	$mN$
Weighted QU	$N + m \lg N$
QU + path compression	$N + m \lg N$
Weighted QU + path compression	$N + \lg^2 N$

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## Programming 2 Notes - Union Find

- Given a fixed number of  $N$  elements
- Each element belongs to exactly one set.
- We want to be able to union sets

### Union Find Interface

`UnionFind(N)` initializes a union-find data structure with  $N$ -elements each numbered  $0 \dots N-1$

`void union(int x, int y)` unifies the sets of  $x$  and  $y$ .

`int Find(int x)` returns the REPRESENTATIVE ELEMENT of a set where  $x$  is in

`boolean connected(int x, int y)` returns true when  $x$  is connected to  $y$

### Main idea of Array Implementation

- Element  $x$  is represented by position  $x$  in an array `id[]`.

- Connection from  $x$  to  $y$

→ `id[x] = y`

→ NOTE: don't need to record `id[y] = x`

→ Note: Direction of connection unimportant.

→ No connect → `id[x] = x`.

element:	0	1	2	3	4	5
<code>id[]</code>	0	1	2	4	4	2

Interpretation `id[i]` is parent of  $i$ .

```
private int root(int i) {
```

```
    while (i != id[i]) {
```

```
        i = id[i];
```

```
    }
```

```
    return i;
```

```
}
```

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```
public void union (int p, int q) {
    int i = root (p);
    int j = root (q);
    id[i] = j;
}
```

Cost	initiate	union	find
Quick find	N	N	1
Quick Union	N	N	N

Quick find detail

- Union too expensive
- trees are flat  $\rightarrow$  expensive

Quick union detail

- trees get tall
- find too expensive

Weighted quick union

- Modify quick union to avoid tall trees
- keep track of size of each tree (number of objects)
- Balance by linking root of smaller tree to root of larger tree

Data structure: Same as quick union, but maintain extra array  $sz[i]$  to count number of objects in the tree rooted at  $i$ .

Union method:

```
int rootP = find(p);
int rootQ = find(q);
if (rootP == rootQ) return;
if (sz[rootP] < sz[rootQ]) {
    id[rootP] = rootQ;
    sz[rootQ] += sz[rootP];
} else {
    id[rootQ] = rootP;
    sz[rootP] += sz[rootQ];
}
```