

# ANALYSIS: UNION BY RANK

- Find( $u$ ): takes time proportional to  $u$ 's depth in its tree.
- Show that if  $u$ 's depth is  $h$ , then its tree has at least  $2^h$  nodes.
- When union( $u, v$ ) performed, the depth of  $u$  only increases if its root becomes the child of  $v$ .
  - That only happens if  $v$ 's tree is larger than  $u$ 's tree.
- If  $u$ 's depth grows by 1, its (new) treeSize is  $> 2 * \text{oldTreeSize}$ 
  - Since  $v$  has size more than  $u$ 's old tree size.
  - Each increment in depth, doubles the size of  $u$ 's tree.
  - After  $n$  union operations, size is at most  $n$ , **so depth is at most  $\log n$ .**
- Theorem: With Union-By-Rank, we can do find in  $O(\log n)$  time and union in  $O(1)$  time (assuming roots of  $u, v$  known).
- $N-1$  Unions,  $O(N)$  Finds:  $O(N \log N)$  total time