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- Solve the following problem
 - Given a set of N objects

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- Union command
 - Connects two objects
- Find query
 - Finds connected couples
- We do not want to know the path which connect two objects but only whether such a path exists or not
- N objects (whatever they are) can be mapped on N integers (from 0 to N-1)



Online Connectivity

- Input: sequence of integer pairs (p, q)
 - Interpretation: p is connected to q
- Output
 - Null if p and q are already connected (directly or indirectly)
 - Else (p, q)



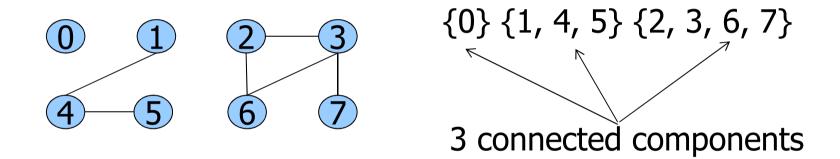
Online Connectivity

- Connectivity is an equivalence relation
 - Reflexive: p is connected to p
 - Symmetrical: if p is connected to q, q is connected to p
 - Transitive: if p is connected to q and q is connected to r, then p is connected to r



Online Connectivity

- Connected component
 - Maximal subset of mutually reachable nodes



- There are no elements connecte to an element outside its connected component
 - Find is checking connected component
 - Union is replacing connected component with their union



Applications

- Computer networks
 - Integers p and q represent computers
 - (p, q) connections between computers
- Electrical networks
 - Integers p and q represent contact points
 - (p, q) wires
- Programming environments
 - Integers p and q represent variables
 - (p, q) declarations of equivalent variables
- Social network

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- Pairs
 - 3-4, 4-9, 8-0, 2-3, 5-6, 2-9, 5-9, 7-3, 4-8, 5-6, 0-2, 6-1

Graph:

structure representing nodes (vertices) and their connections (edges)

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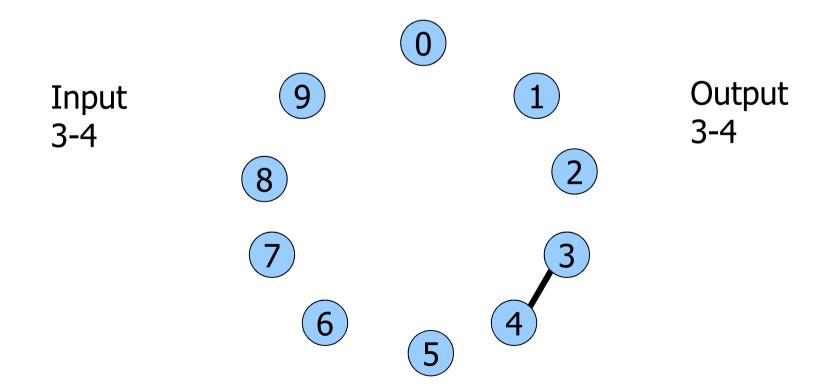
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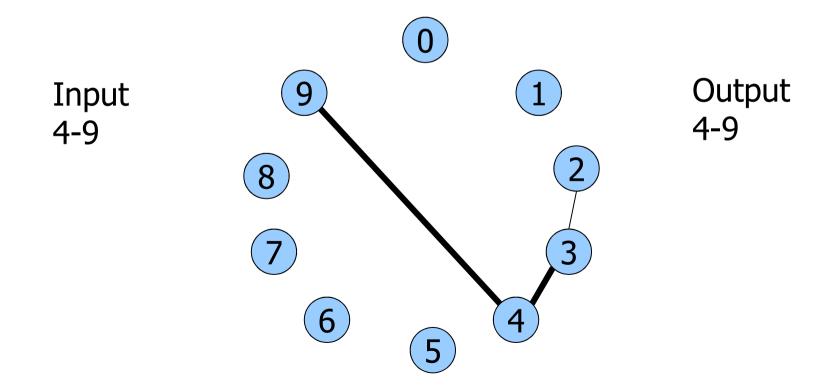


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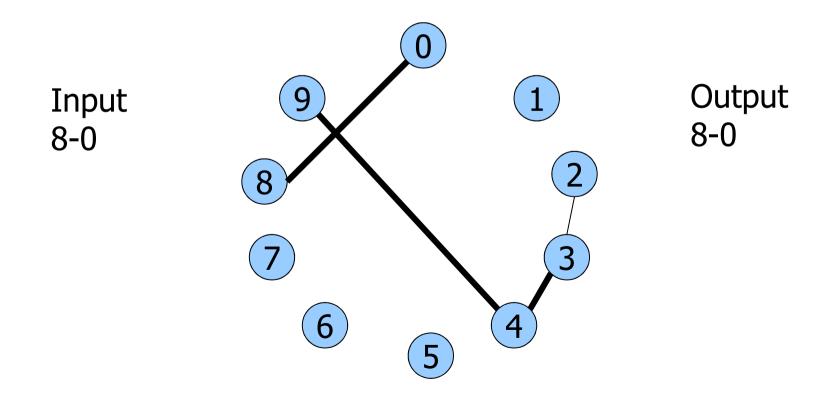


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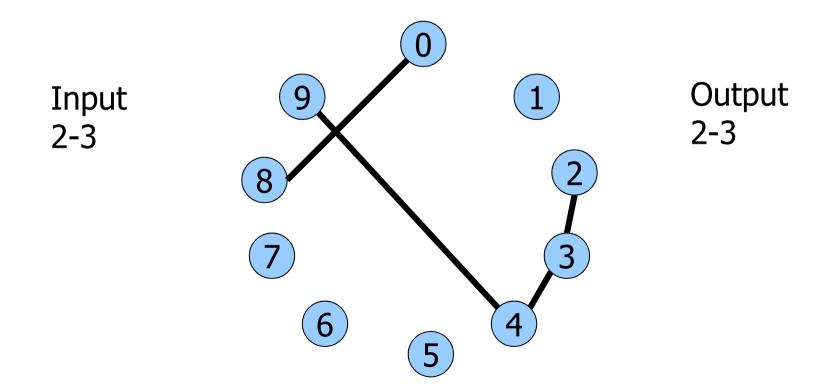


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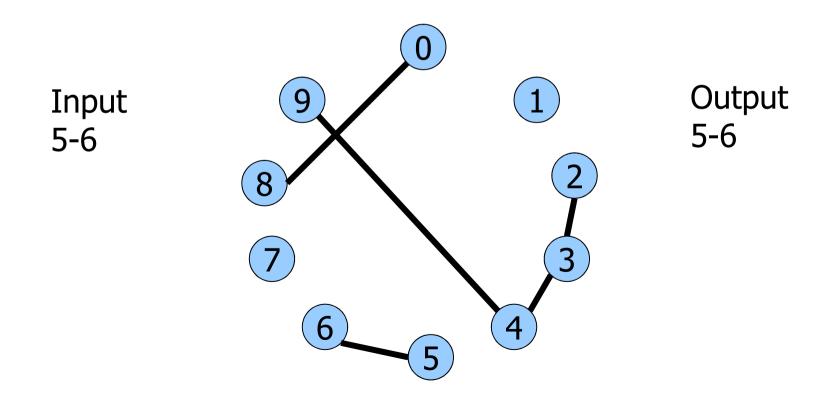


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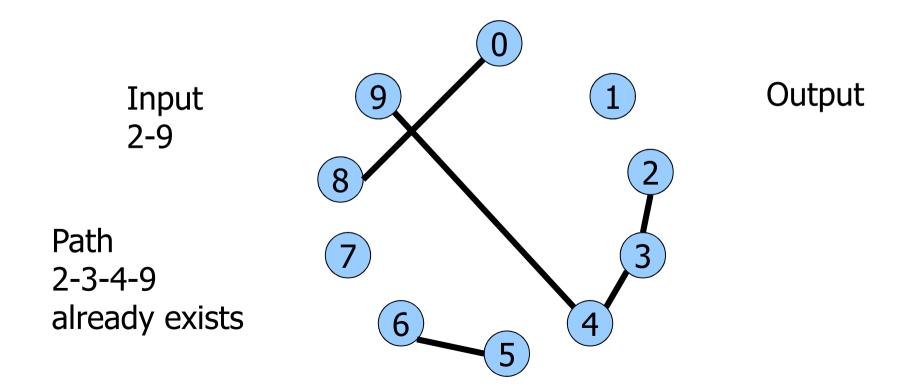


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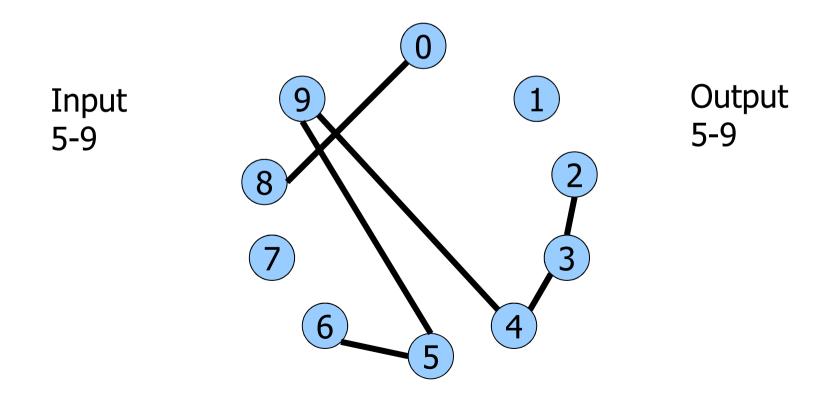


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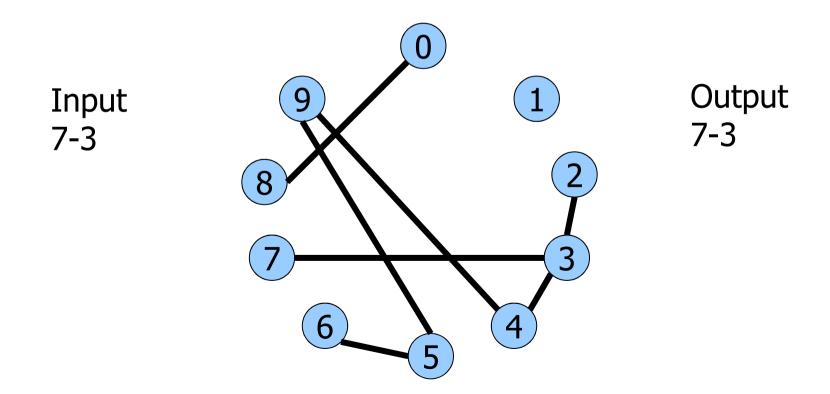


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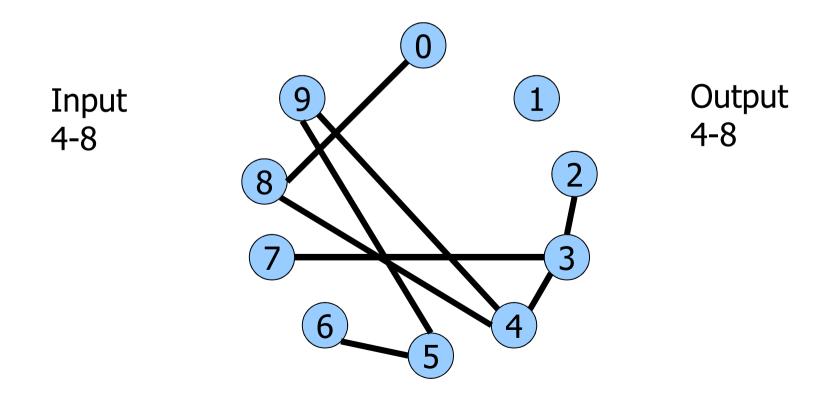


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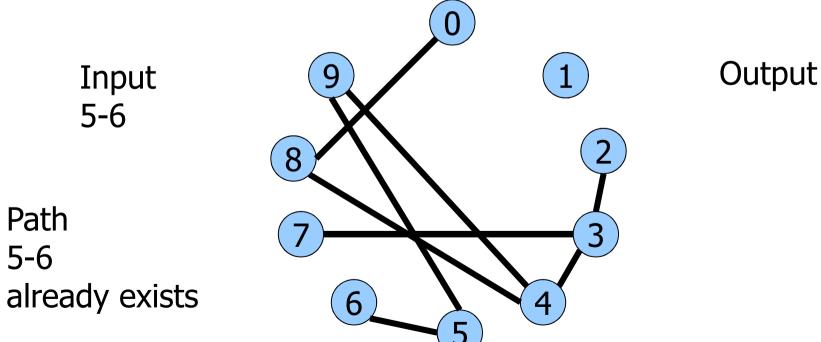


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Path 5-6



- Pairs
 - 3-4, 4-9, 8-0, 2-3, 5-6, 2-9, 5-9, 7-3, 4-8, 5-6, 0-2, 6-1

Output Input

Path 0-8-4-3-2 already exists

0-2



- Pairs
 - 3-4, 4-9, 8-0, 2-3, 5-6, 2-9, 5-9, 7-3, 4-8, 5-6, 0-2, 6-1

Input 6-1 Output 6-1 7 3

Approach

Hypothesis

- We do not have the graph
- We work pair by pair
 - We keep and update information necessary to find out connectivity
 - Sets S_i of connected pairs, initially as many sets as nodes, each node being connected just with itself
- Abstract operations
 - find: find the set an object belongs to
 - union: merge two sets



- Algorithm: repeat for all pairs (p, q)
 - Read the pair (p, q)
 - Execute find on p: find an S_p such that p∈ S_p
 - Execute find on q: find an S_q such that $q \in S_q$
 - If S_p and S_q coincide
 - Consider the next pair
 - Otherwise execute union on S_p and S_q



Quick find

- Represent sets S_i of connected pairs with array id
 - Initially id[i] = i (no connection)

If p and q are connected, id[p] = id[q]

6 and 8 are connected



Quick find

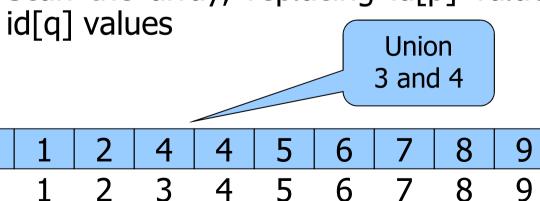
Repeat for all pairs (p, q)

- Read pair (p, q)
- Find

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- Check if (id[p] = id[q])
- Do nothing and move to the next pair
- Else Union

Scan the array, replacing id[p] values with



id



Tree representation

by hand

- Some objects represent the set they belong to
- Other objects point to the object that represents the set they belong to





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Initially

$$S_0 = \{0\}, S_1 = \{1\}, S_2 = \{2\}, S_3 = \{3\}, S_4 = \{4\}$$

 $S_5 = \{5\}, S_6 = \{6\}, S_7 = \{7\}, S_8 = \{8\}, S_9 = \{9\}$



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- 1
- 2
- 3—4

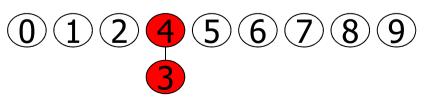
- **(5)**
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- 8

$$p q = 3 4$$

$$id[p]=3 \neq id[q]=4$$

replace all $id[p]$ values with $id[q]$ values

$$S_0 = \{0\}, S_1 = \{1\}, S_2 = \{2\}, S_{3-4} = \{3,4\}, S_5 = \{5\}, S_6 = \{6\}, S_7 = \{7\}, S_8 = \{8\}, S_9 = \{9\}$$





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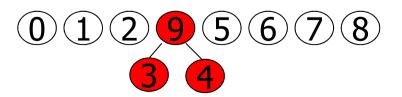
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$$pq = 49$$

$$id[p]=4 \neq id[q]=9$$

replace all $id[p]$ values with $id[q]$ values

$$S_0 = \{0\}, S_1 = \{1\}, S_2 = \{2\}, S_{3-4-9} = \{3,4,9\}, S_5 = \{5\}, S_6 = \{6\}, S_7 = \{7\}, S_8 = \{8\}$$







$$p q = 8 0$$

$$id[p]=8 \neq id[q]=0$$

replace all $id[p]$ values with $id[q]$ values

$$S_{0-8} = \{0,8\}, S_1 = \{1\}, S_2 = \{2\}, S_{3-4-9} = \{3,4,9\},$$

$$S_5 = \{5\}, S_6 = \{6\}, S_7 = \{7\}$$













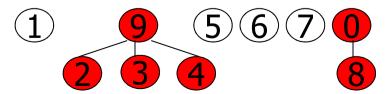
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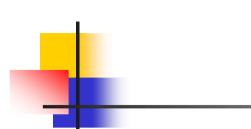
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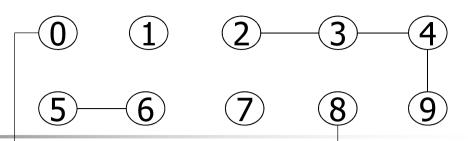
$$id[p]=2 \neq id[q]=9$$

replace all $id[p]$ values with $id[q]$ values

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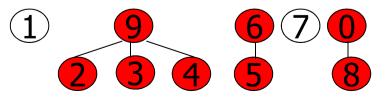


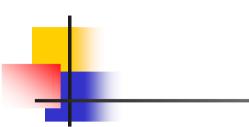
$$pq = 56$$

$$id[p]=5 \neq id[q]=6$$

replace all $id[p]$ values with $id[q]$ values

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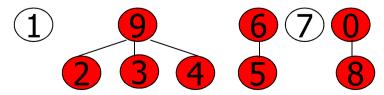
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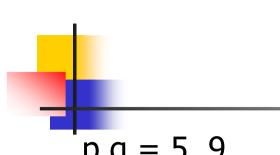
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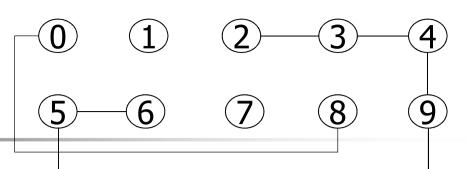
$$id[p]=9 = id[q]=9$$

no change

$$S_{0-8} = \{0,8\}, S_1 = \{1\}, S_{2-3-4-9} = \{2,3,4,9\}, S_{5-6} = \{5,6\}, S_7 = \{7\}$$





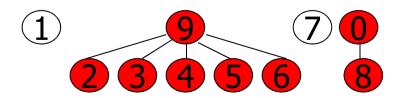


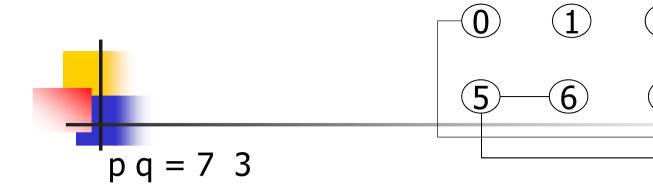
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$$id[p]=6 \neq id[q]=9$$

replace all $id[p]$ values with $id[q]$ values

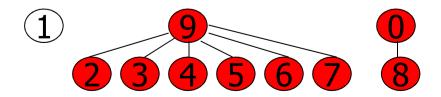
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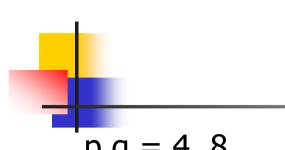




id[p]=7 ≠ id[q]=9
replace all id[p] values with id[q] values

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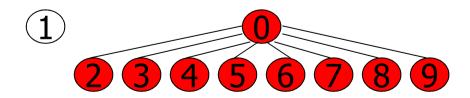
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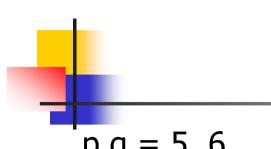
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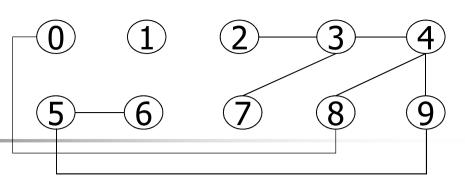
$$id[p]=9 \neq id[q]=0$$

replace all $id[p]$ values with $id[q]$ values

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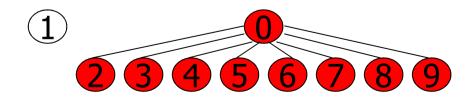


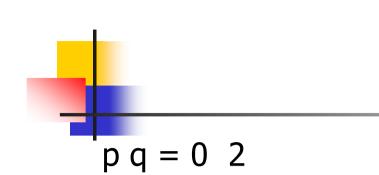
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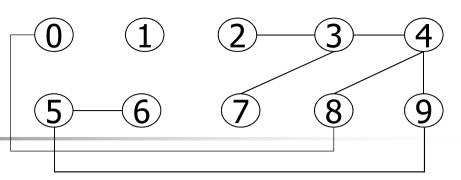
$$id[p]=0 = id[q]=0$$

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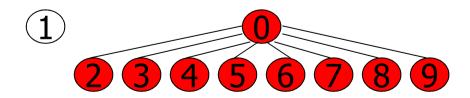




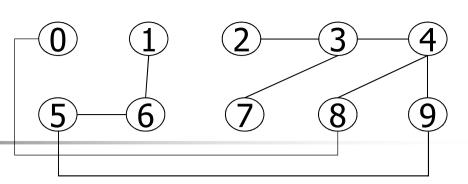
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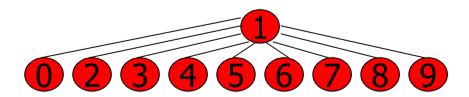




$$pq = 61$$

id[p]=0 = id[q]=1
replace all id[p] values with id[q] values

$$S_{0-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9} = \{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$$



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#include <stdio.h>
#define N 10000
main() {
                               i entry pos
  int i, t, p, q, id[N];
  for(i=0; i<N; i++)
    id[i] = i;
  printf("Input pair p q: ");
                                               read pairs
  while (scanf("%d %d", &p, &q) ==2) {
    if (id[p] == id[q])
      printf("%d %d already connected\n", p,q);
    else {
      for (t = id[p], i = 0; i < N; i++)
                                                     t for tmp
        if (id[i] == t)
                                               id i may change
          id[1] = id[q];
        printf("pair %d %d not yet connected\n", p, q);
      printf("Input pair p q:
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Performance

Find

 Simple reference to cell in array id[index], unit cost

Union

- Scan array to replace p values with q values, cost linear in array size
- overall number of operations related to

pairs ' array size

Quadratic

n

n^2

Too slow

Quick union

- Represent sets S_i of connected pairs with an array id
 - Initially all the objects point to themselves id[i] = i (no connection)
 - Each object points either to an object to which it is connected or to itself (no loops)
 Writing (id[i])* for id[id[id[... id[i]]]]
 if objects i are j connected
 (id[i])* = (id[j])*



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- Example

Keep going until it doesn't change

id

0	1	9	4	9	6	6	7	8	9	019678
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	019678

Quick union

Algorithm

- Repeat for all the pairs (p, q)
 - Read pair (p, q)
 - If(id[p])* = (id[q])*
 - Do nothing (the pair is already connected)
 and move on to the next pair
 - Else id[(id[p])*] = (id[q])* (connect the pair)





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Initially

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$$p q = 3 4$$

$$id[p]=3 \neq id[q]=4$$

p points to q: id[p]=4



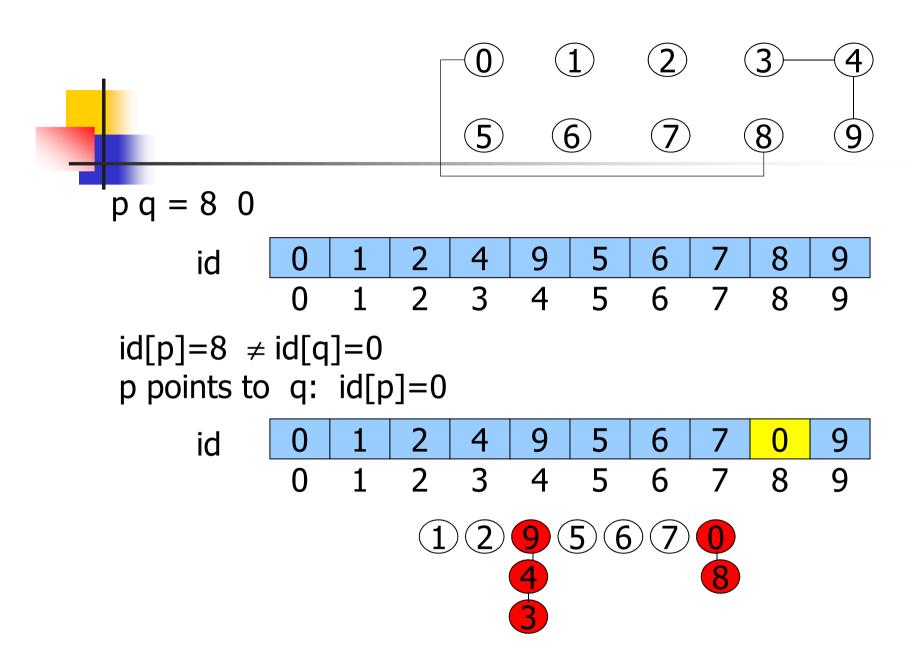


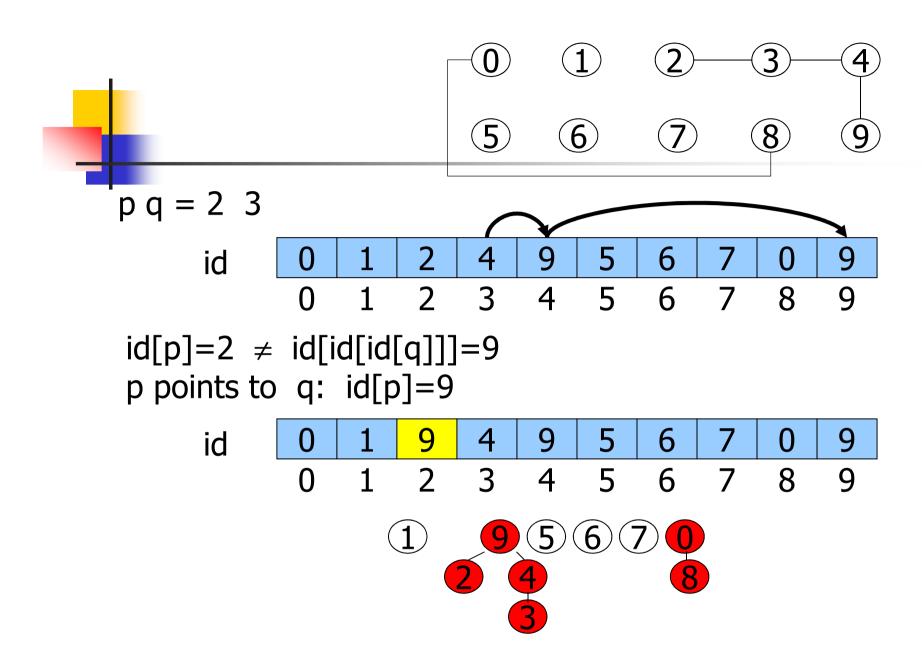
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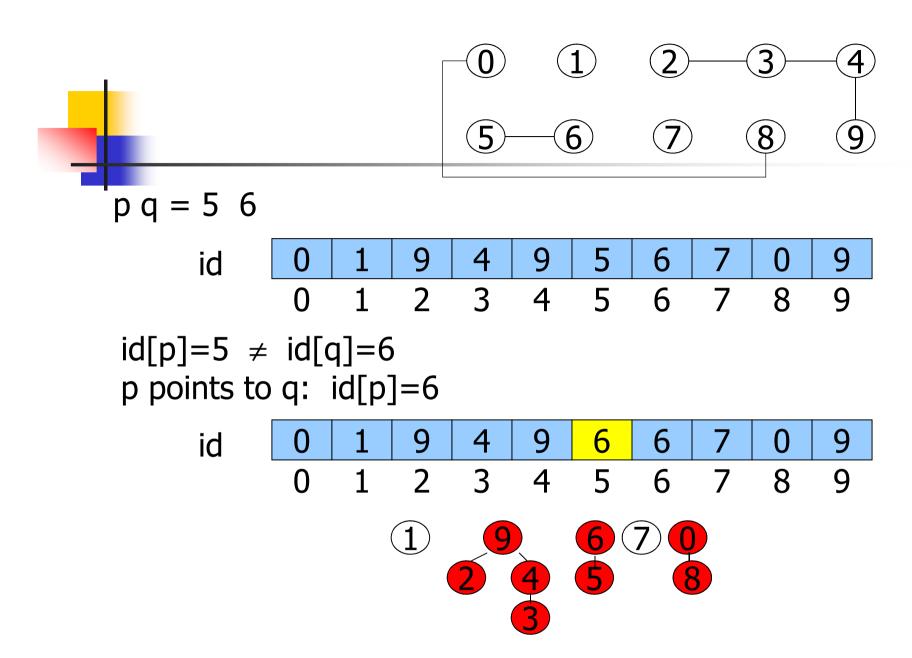
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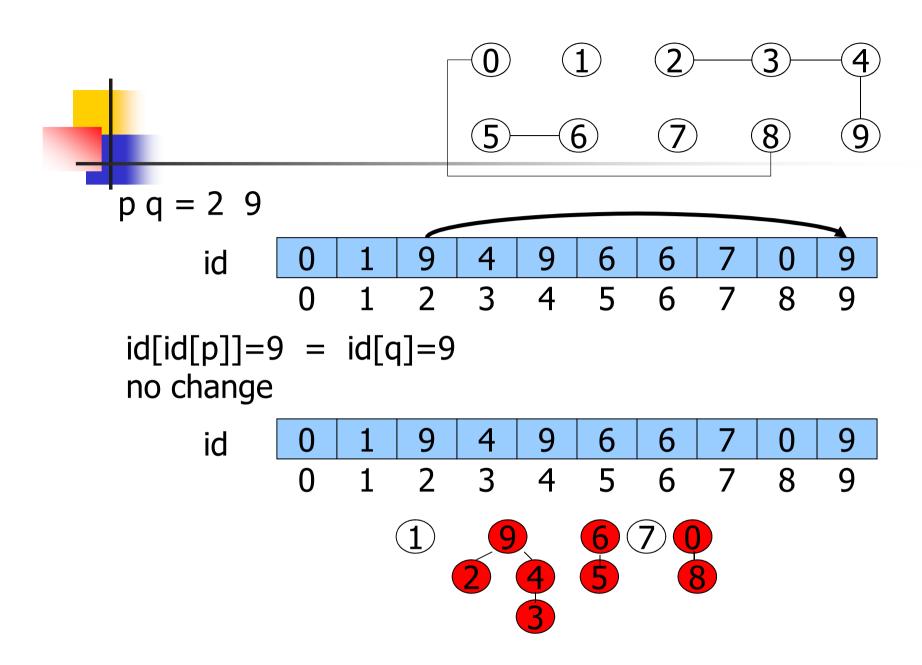
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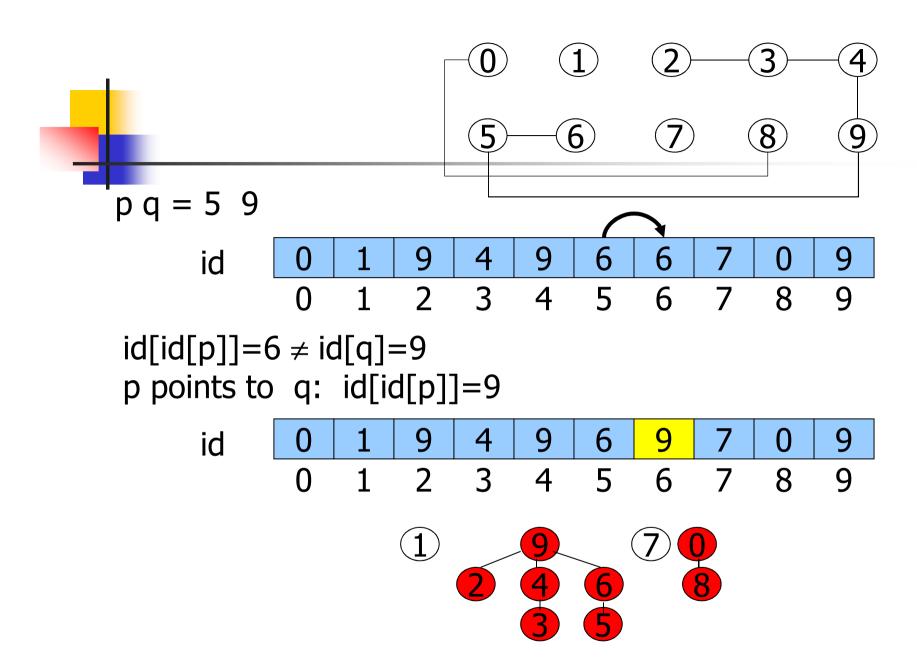
- p points to q: id[p]=9
 - id

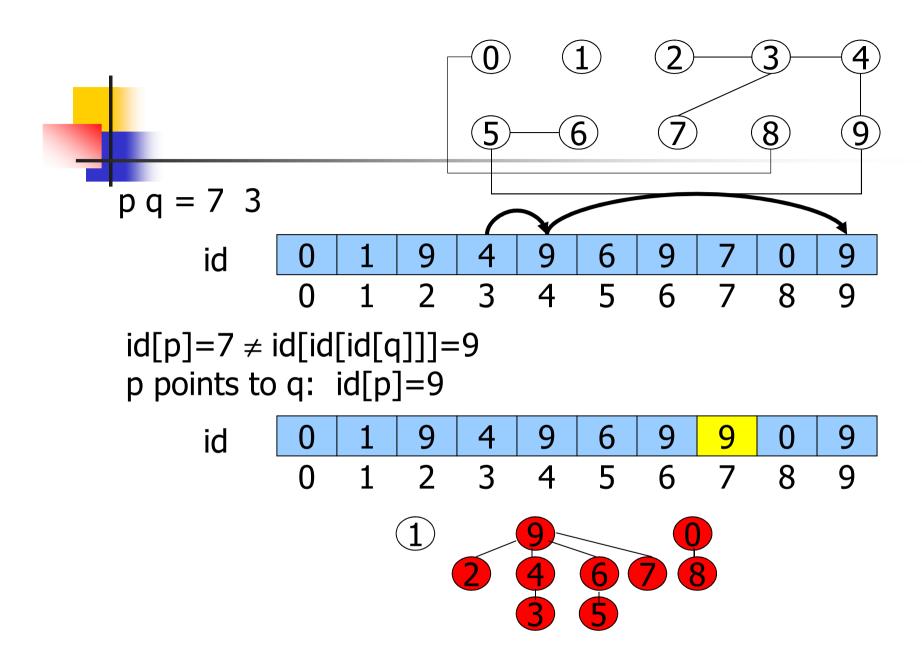


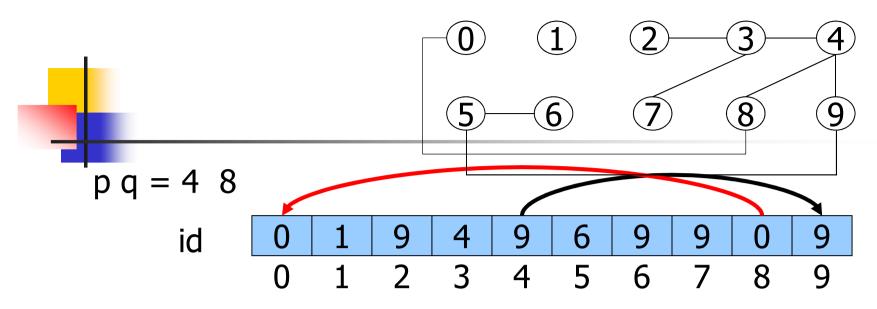




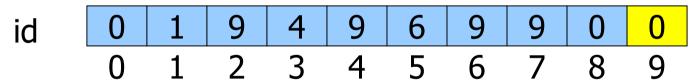


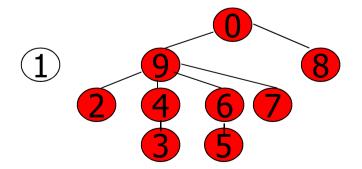


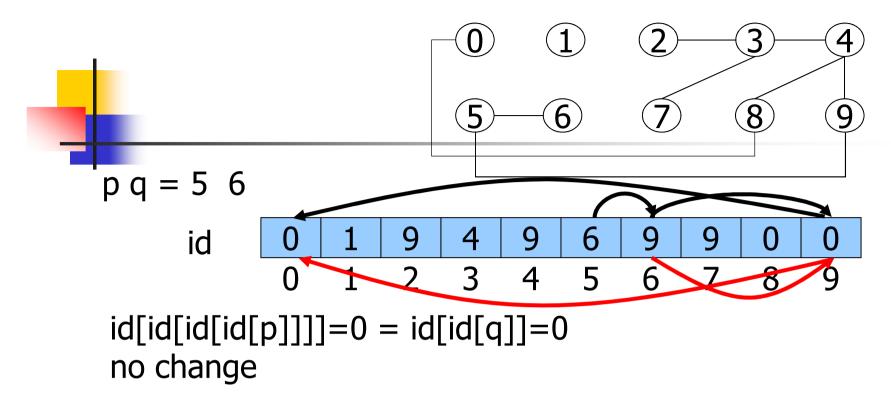


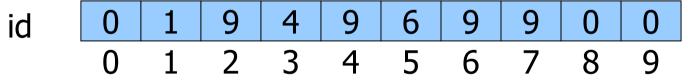


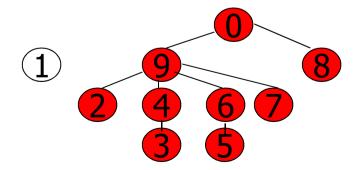
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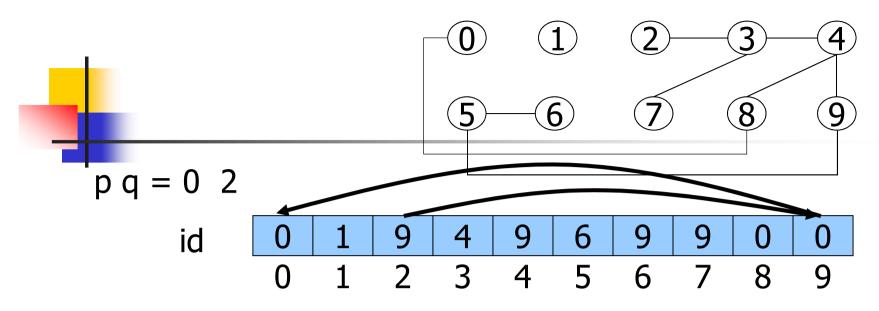






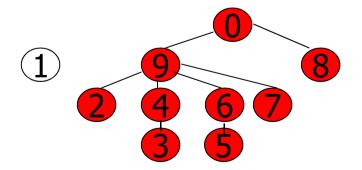


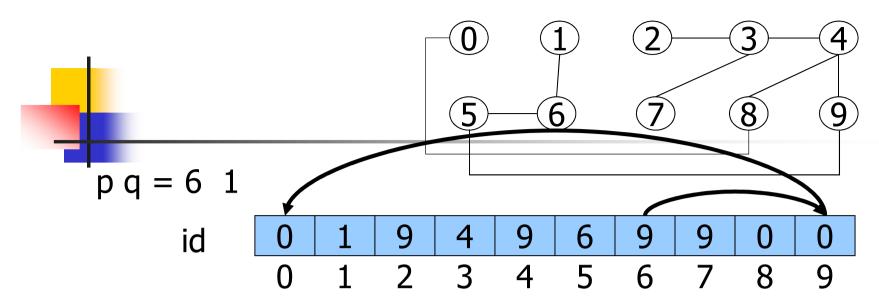




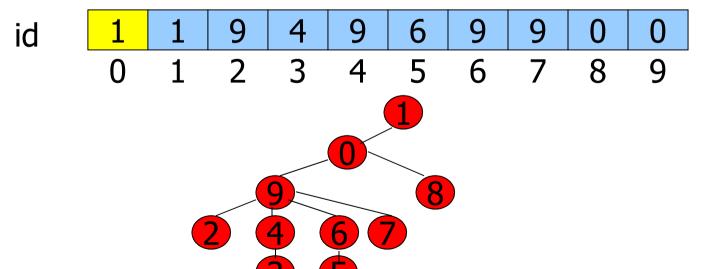
id[p]=0 = id[id[id[q]]]=0no change







 $id[id[id[p]]]=0 \neq id[q]=1$ p points to q: id[id[id[p]]]=1



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#include <stdio.h>
#define N 10000
main() {
  int i, j, p, q, id[N];
  for(i=0; i<N; i++)
    id[i] = i:
  printf("Input pair p q: ");
 while (scanf("%d %d", &p, &q) == 2) {
    for (i = p; i!= id[i]; i = id[i]);
    for (j = q; j!= id[j]; j = id[j]);
    if (i == j) {
      printf("pair %d %d already connected\n", p,q);
    } else {
      id[i] = j;
      printf("pair %d %d not yet connected\n", p, q);
    printf("Input pair p q: ");
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Performance

Find

 Scan a "chain" of objects, upper bound linear cost in the number of objects, in general well below upper bound

Union

- Simple, as it is enough that an object points to another object, unit cost
- Overall number of operations related to

Still too slow

pairs 'chain length



Quick union optimizations

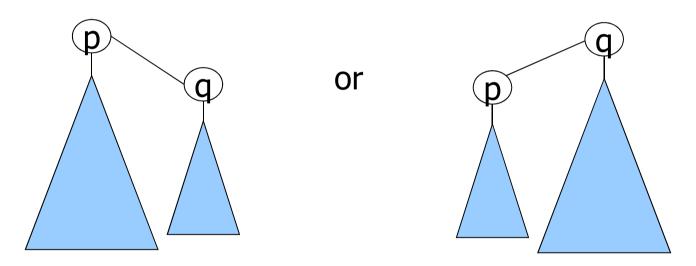
Weighted quick union

■ To shorten the chain length, keep track of the number of elements in each tree (array sz) and connect the smaller tree to the larger one

Union by height or "rank", i.e., always link the root of smaller tree to root of lager tree



According to which one is the larger, there might be 2 solutions



It is irrelevant if p appears at the right or at the left of q







Initially



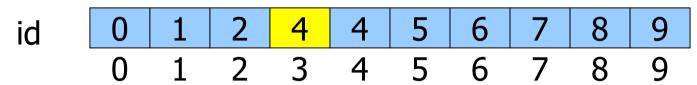
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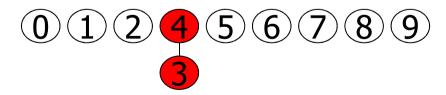
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$$id[p]=3 \neq id[q]=4$$

p points to q: $id[p]=4$





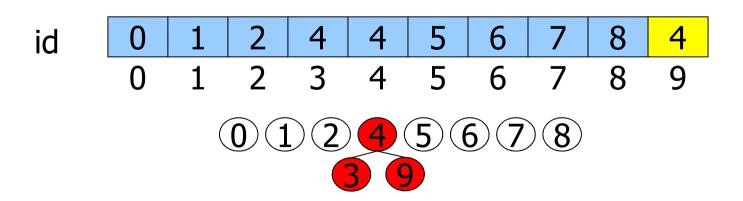


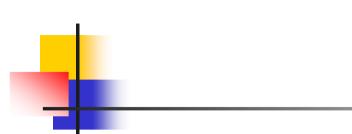


$$p q = 4 9$$

$$id[p]=4 \neq id[q]=9$$

the smaller tree q points to the larger one p: id[q]=4





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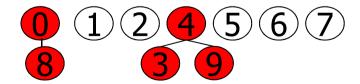
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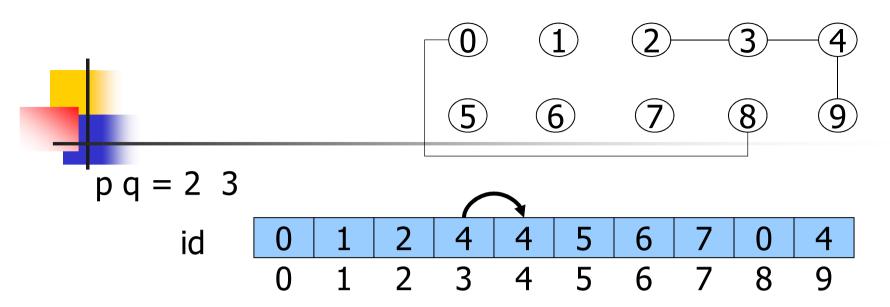
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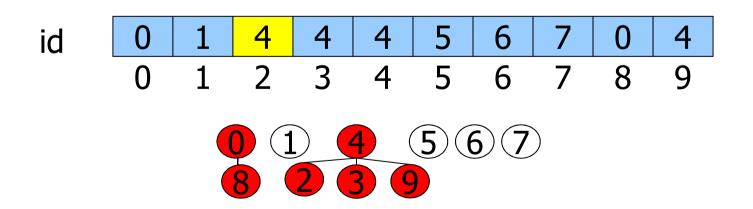
$$id[p]=8 \neq id[q]=0$$

p points to q: $id[p]=0$

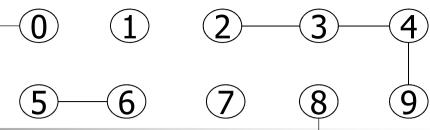




 $id[p]=2 \neq id[id[q]]=4$ the smaller tree p points to the larger one q: id[p]=4



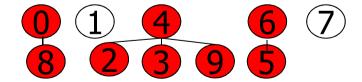


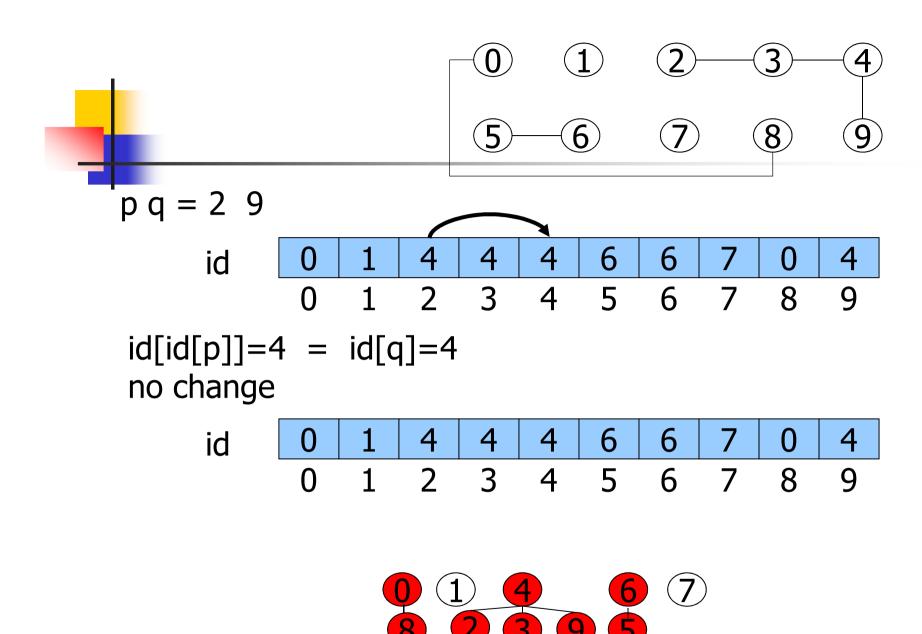


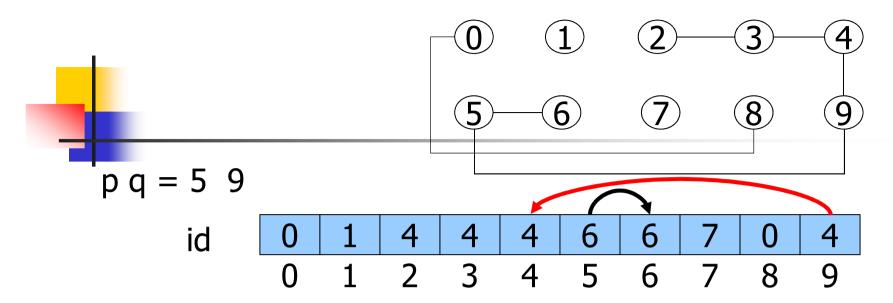
$$pq = 56$$

$$id[p]=5 \neq id[q]=6$$

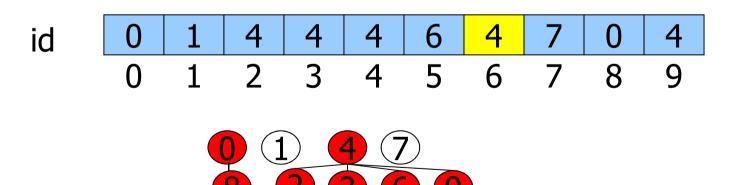
p points to q: $id[p]=6$

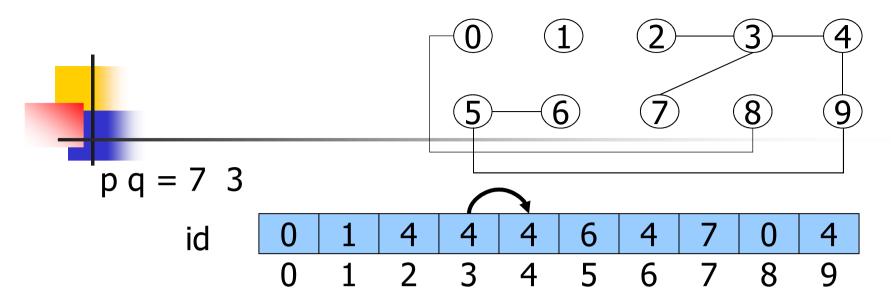




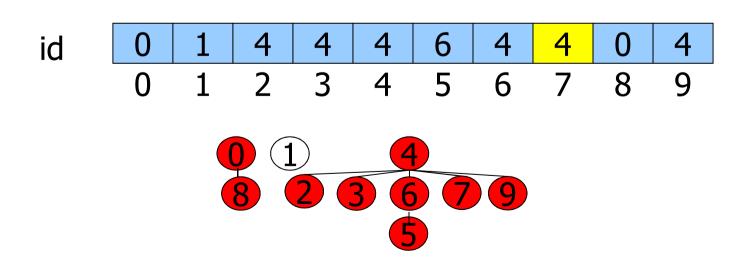


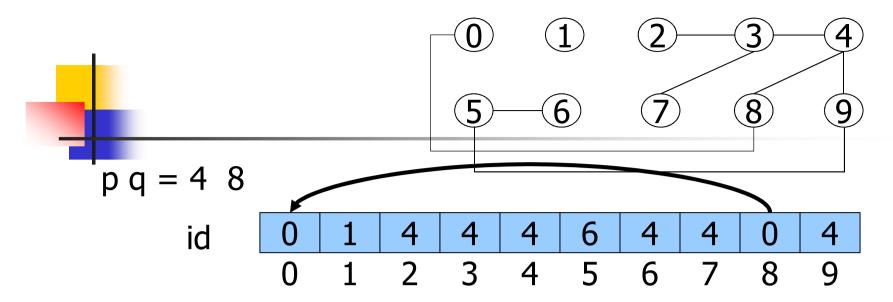
 $id[id[p]]=6 \neq id[id[q]]=4$ the smaller tree p points to the larger one q: id[id[p]]=4





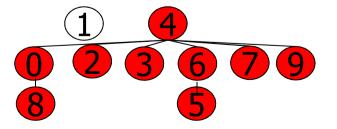
 $id[p]=7 \neq id[id[q]]=4$ the smaller tree p points to the larger one q: id[p]=4

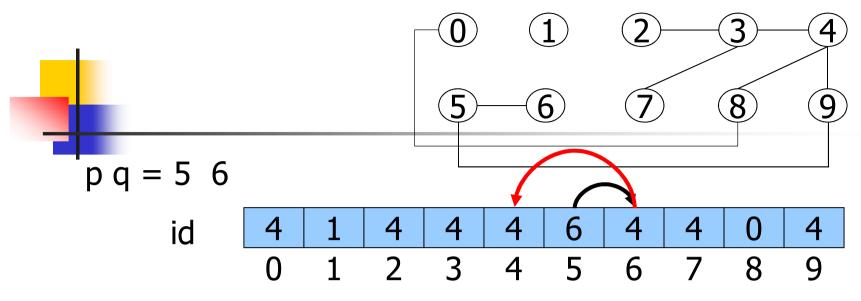




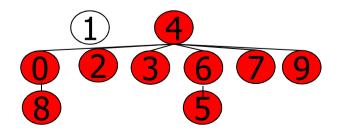
 $id[p]=4 \neq id[id[q]]=0$ the smaller tree q points to the larger one p: id[id[q]]=4

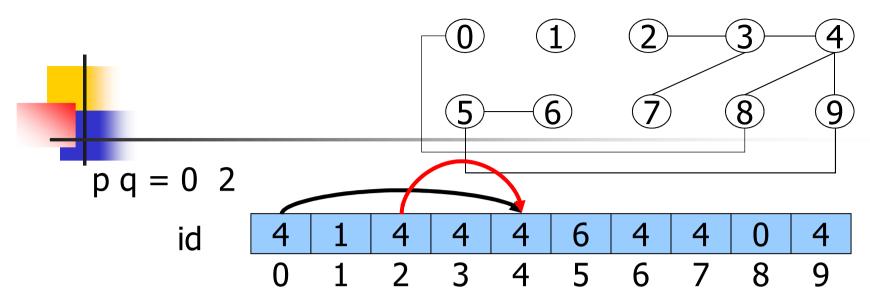


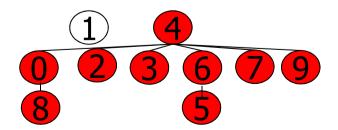


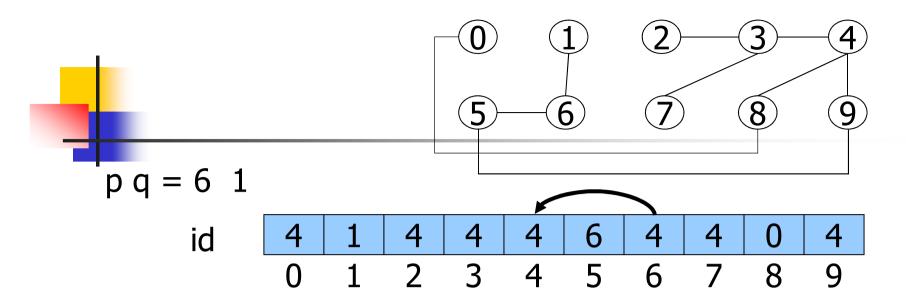


id[id[id[p]]]=4 = id[id[q]]=4
no change

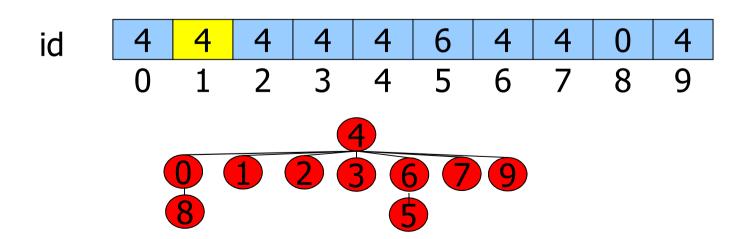








 $id[id[p]]=4 \neq id[q]=1$ the smaller tree q points to the larger one p: id[q]=4



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int i, j, p, q, id[N], sz[N];
  for(i=0; i<N; i++) {
    id[i] = i: sz[i] = 1:
  printf("Input pair p q: ");
 while (scanf("%d %d", &p, &q) ==2) {
    for (i = p; i!= id[i]; i = id[i]);
                                           find root
    for (j = q; j!= id[j]; j = id[j]);
    if (i == j)
      printf("pair %d %d already connected\n", p,q);
    else {
       printf("pair %d %d not yet connected\n", p, q);
       if (sz[i] < sz[j]) {</pre>
         id[i] = j; sz[j] += sz[i];
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       else {
          id[j] = i; sz[i] += sz[j];
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Find

 Scanning a "chain" of objects, cost at most logarithmic in the number of objects

Union

- Simple, because it is enough that an object points to another object, unit cost
- Globally the number of operations is bounded by

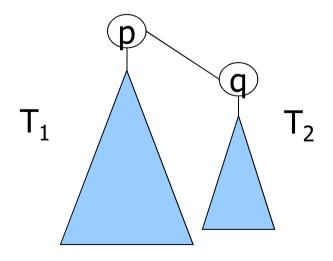
numb. of pairs * "chain" length but chain length grows logarithmically!

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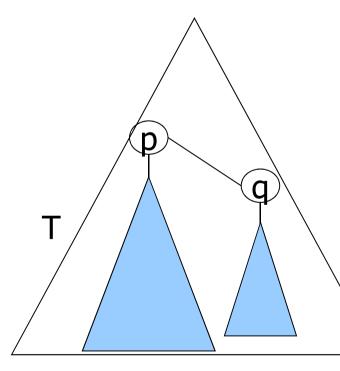
Why logarithmically?

What matters is the maximum distance between a node and the root. The distance increases by 1 when we connect a smaller tree (whose size is T_2) to a larger tree (whose size is T_1).



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But if $T_1 \ge T_2$ each time we connect a smaller tree to a larger one we generate a tree whose size T is at least twice as big as T_2 .



If at each step the number of elements increases by at least a factor 2 and if there are N elements, after i steps there will be at least 2^i elements. $2^i \le N$ must, hold, thus $i \le \log_2 N$