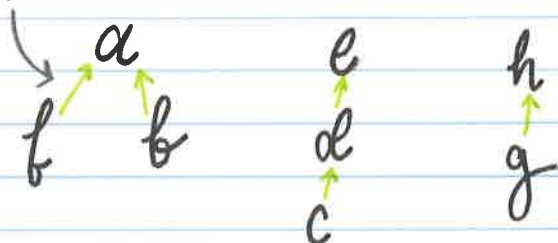


# MERGE FIND SETS

PARENT POINTERS



PARENT MAP

a	-1
b	a
c	d
d	e
e	-1
f	a
g	h
h	-1

- STORED IN A MAP
  - ↳ KEY: EACH NODE
  - ↳ VALUE: THE KEY'S PARENT

$S \leftarrow \text{INIT}()$

**FIND**( $x, S$ ):  $\in O(\text{HEIGHT})$

// finds  $x$  in set  $S$

// returns parent

$p = x$

while  $S[p] \neq -1$ :

$p = S[p]$

endwhile

return  $p$

end

**MERGE**( $x, y, S$ ):  $\in O(\text{HEIGHT})$

$c1 = \text{Find}(x, S)$

$c2 = \text{Find}(y, S)$

$S[c2] = c1$

end

**NOTE:**

AS LONG AS WE POINT THE SMALLER TREE TO THE LARGER ONE, HEIGHT DOESN'T GROW