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Homework 3

Part A

1)

Function add(v, item):

 If item in set:

 Return set v

 Else:

 Add item to set v

 Return set v

The time constant is Big $O(N)$ for adding a new item to a list that is acting as a set because you have to search through the whole list to confirm if the item is or is not already in the list. The Function add would be $O(1)$ for a dictionary because with a dictionary you can perform an $O(1)$ mathematical operation to determine if the key is already being used in the dictionary.

2)

Function union(v, w):

 Create set union_set

 For each item i in v:

 If not in union_set add i to union_set

 For each item i in w:

 If not in union_set add i to union_set

 Return union_set

The time constant is $O(M + N)$ because you must add each element of v and w one by one to the set. The time constant for a dictionary would be $O(M + N)$ because you still have to add each element one-by-one.