

# Chapter 21 Solusion

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## 21.1

### 21.1-1

Edge processed	Collection of disjoint sets										
initial sets	{a}	{b}	{c}	{d}	{e}	{f}	{g}	{h}	{i}	{j}	{k}
(d, i)	{a}	{b}	{c}	{d, i}	{e}	{f}	{g}	{h}		{j}	{k}
(f, k)	{a}	{b}	{c}	{d, i}	{e}	{f, k}	{g}	{h}		{j}	
(g, i)	{a}	{b}	{c}	{d, g, i}	{e}	{f, k}		{h}		{j}	
(b, g)	{a}	{b, d, g, i}	{c}		{e}	{f, k}		{h}		{j}	
(a, h)	{a, h}	{b, d, g, i}	{c}		{e}	{f, k}				{j}	
(i, j)	{a, h}	{b, d, g, i, j}	{c}		{e}	{f, k}					
(d, k)	{a, h}	{b, d, f, g, i, j, k}	{c}		{e}						
(b, j)	{a, h}	{b, d, f, g, i, j, k}	{c}		{e}						
(d, f)	{a, h}	{b, d, f, g, i, j, k}	{c}		{e}						
(g, j)	{a, h}	{b, d, f, g, i, j, k}	{c}		{e}						
(a, e)	{a, e, h}	{b, d, f, g, i, j, k}	{c}								

### 21.1-2

**Proof.** By contents in B.4, we know that the connected components of a graph are the equivalence classes of vertices under the “is reachable from” relation. The collection of the disjoint sets is exactly the quotient set of  $G.V$  by the “is reachable from” relation. It is not hard to find out that CONNECTED-COMPONENTS construct such the quotient set since the procedure unions vertices based on all edges, and edges connect two reachable vertices with the smallest length of the path (recall that a equivalence relation must be transitive). Two vertices are in the same connected component if and only if they are reachable from each other.  $\square$

### 21.1-3

FIND-SET:  $2 \cdot |E|$

UNION:  $|V| - k$

## 21.2

### 21.2-1

```
1  struct Set
2  {
3      Node *head;
4      Node *tail;
5      int size;
6  };
7
8  struct Node
9  {
10     int key;
11     Set *set;
12     Node *next;
13 };
14
15 void MakeSet(Node *x)
16 {
17     x->next = nullptr;
18     x->set = new Set; // need to be freed
19     x->set->head = x;
20     x->set->tail = x;
21     x->set->size = 1;
22 }
23
24 Node* FindSet(Node *x)
25 {
26     return x->set->head;
27 }
28
29 void Union(Node *x, Node *y)
30 {
31     Node *node;
32     if (x->set->size < y->set->size)
33     {
34         Union(y, x);
35     }
36     else
```

```
37     {
38         node = y->set->head;
39         x->set->size += y->set->size;
40         x->set->tail->next = node;
41         x->set->tail = y->set->tail;
42         delete y->set;
43         while (node)
44         {
45             node->set = x->set;
46             node = node->next;
47         }
48     }
49 }
```

## 21.2-2

collection before line 3:

$$\{\{x_1\}, \{x_2\}, \{x_3\}, \{x_4\}, \{x_5\}, \{x_6\}, \{x_7\}, \{x_8\}, \{x_9\}, \{x_{10}\}, \{x_{11}\}, \{x_{12}\}, \{x_{13}\}, \{x_{14}\}, \{x_{15}\}, \{x_{16}\}\}$$

collection before line 5:

$$\{\{x_1, x_2\}, \{x_3, x_4\}, \{x_5, x_6\}, \{x_7, x_8\}, \{x_9, x_{10}\}, \{x_{11}, x_{12}\}, \{x_{13}, x_{14}\}, \{x_{15}, x_{16}\}\}$$

collection before line 7:

$$\{\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\}, \{x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8\}, \{x_9, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}\}, \{x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}\}\}$$

collection before line 8:

$$\{\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8\}, \{x_9, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}\}, \{x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}\}\}$$

collection before line 9:

$$\{\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8\}, \{x_9, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}\}\}$$

collection before line 10:

$$\{\{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9, x_{10}, x_{11}, x_{12}, x_{13}, x_{14}, x_{15}, x_{16}\}\}$$

Hence  $\text{FIND-SET}(x_2)$  and  $\text{FIND-SET}(x_{11})$  return a pointer points to  $x_1$ .

## 21.2-3

**Lemma 1.** Using the linked-list representation of disjoint sets and the weighted-union heuristic, a sequence of  $h$  UNION operations on a disjoint set that has never been operated UNION takes  $O(h \lg h)$  time.

**Proof.** We claim that, after  $h$  UNION operations, the largest set has at most  $h + 1$  members. Notice that the number of sets decreases by one each time UNION is called. Suppose that we have  $n$  sets in which each set contains one member in the beginning. After the  $h$  UNION operations, we have  $(n - h)$  sets. Note that each set must contain one member. In order to maximize the number of members in the the largest set, we let  $(n - h - 1)$  sets contains one member, and let the remaining set contains all remaining members. Then the remaining set contains

$$n - (n - h - 1) = h + 1$$

members.

We claim that each object's pointer back to its set object is updated at most  $\lceil \lg h \rceil$  times over all the UNION operations. Let  $x$  be an arbitrary object. By the similar approach in the proof of Theorem 21.1, we know that for any  $k \leq h + 1$ , after  $x$ 's pointers has been updated  $\lceil \lg k \rceil$  times, the resulting set must have at least  $k$  members. Since the largest set has at most  $h + 1$  members, each object's pointer is updated at most  $\lg(h + 1)$  times over all the UNION operations.

We claim that there are  $h$  elements have been updated their pointers back to their set objects at least once. Consider a set contains  $k$  members. Then within this set, there are  $(k - 1)$  members have been updated their pointers back to their set objects at least once since there must exists exactly  $(k - 1)$  members updated their pointers from the initial pointer to the current one. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be our collection of sets. Then after the  $h$  UNION operations, the number of elements have been updated their pointers is

$$\sum_{A \in \mathcal{S}} (|A| - 1) = \sum_{A \in \mathcal{S}} |A| - |\mathcal{S}| = n - (n - h) = h$$

Since each object's pointer is updated at most  $\lceil \lg h \rceil$  times and there are  $h$  elements have been updated their pointers, we conclude  $h$  UNION operations on a disjoint set that has never been operated UNION takes  $O(h \lg h)$  time.  $\square$

**Claim 2.** The amortized time of MAKE-SET and FIND-SET is  $O(1)$ , and the amortized time of UNION is  $O(\lg n)$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that we performed  $h$  UNION operations. Since  $n$  MAKE-SET operations are performed, we know  $(m - n - h)$  FIND-SET operations are performed. By the lemma, we know that the total actual cost of UNION is  $O(h \lg h)$ . Hence the total actual cost of the sequence is

$$O(\underbrace{n}_{\text{MAKE-SET}} + \underbrace{(m - n - h)}_{\text{FIND-SET}} + \underbrace{h \lg h}_{\text{UNION}}) = O(m - h + h \lg h)$$

The total amortized cost of the sequence is

$$O(\underbrace{n}_{\text{MAKE-SET}} + \underbrace{(m - n - h)}_{\text{FIND-SET}} + \underbrace{h \lg n}_{\text{UNION}}) = O(m - h + h \lg n)$$

Since  $h < n$ , we have showed the claim successfully.  $\square$

## 21.2-4

In the  $i$ th UNION operation, we call  $\text{UNION}(x_{i+1}, x_i)$ . At this time, the size of set contains  $x_i$  contains  $i$  members, and the size of set contains  $x_{i+1}$  contains 1 members. Then we notice, for all  $i \geq 2$ , we append the list contains  $x_{i+1}$  onto the list contains  $x_i$  with the weighted-union heuristic, and this only takes  $\Theta(1)$  time for each operation. We operate  $n$  times MAKE-SET and  $(n - 1)$  times UNION, so the sequence takes  $\Theta(n + (n - 1)) = \Theta(n)$  time.

## 21.2-5

```
1  struct Node
2  {
3      int key;
4      Node *next;
5      // let the tail element be the set's representative
6      union
7      {
8          Node *tail; // for non-tail elements
9          Node *head; // for the tail element
10     } representative;
11     int size; // only for the tail element
12 };
13
14 void MakeSet(Node *x)
15 {
16     x->next = nullptr;
17     x->representative.head = x;
18     x->size = 1;
19 }
20
21 Node* FindSet(Node *x)
22 {
23     return x->next ? x->representative.tail : x;
24 }
25
26 void Union(Node *x, Node *y)
27 {
28     Node **node, *x_head, *y_head, *x_representative, *y_representative;
29     if (x->representative.tail->size < y->representative.tail->size)
30     {
31         Union(y, x);
```

```
32     }
33     else
34     {
35         x_representative = FindSet(x);
36         y_representative = FindSet(y);
37         x_head = x_representative->representative.head;
38         y_head = y_representative->representative.head;
39         x_representative->size += y_representative->size;
40         node = &y_head;
41         while (*node)
42         {
43             (*node)->representative.tail = x_representative;
44             node = &((*node)->next);
45         }
46         *node = x_head;
47         x_representative->representative.head = y_head;
48     }
49 }
```

## 21.2-6

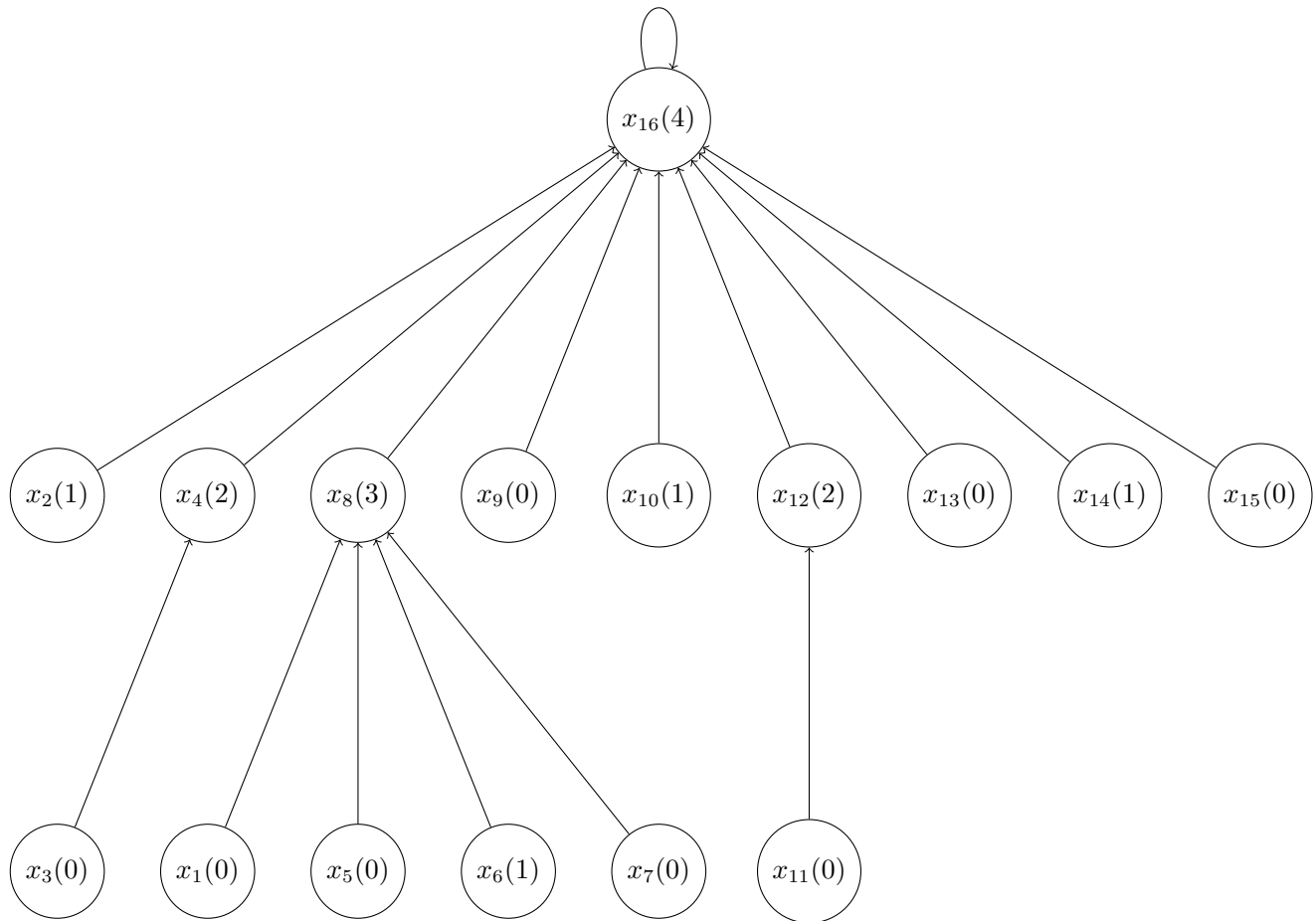
```
1  struct Set
2  {
3      Node *head;
4      int size;
5  };
6
7  struct Node
8  {
9      int key;
10     Set *set;
11     Node *next;
12 };
13
14 void MakeSet(Node *x)
15 {
16     x->next = nullptr;
17     x->set = new Set; // need to be freed
18     x->set->head = x;
19     x->set->size = 1;
```

```
20 }
21
22 Node* FindSet(Node *x)
23 {
24     return x->set->head;
25 }
26
27 void Union(Node *x, Node *y)
28 {
29     Node **node, *x_second;
30     if (x->set->size < y->set->size)
31     {
32         Union(y, x);
33     }
34     else
35     {
36         x->set->size += y->set->size;
37         x_second = x->next;
38         x->next = y->set->head;
39         node = &(x->next);
40         delete y->set;
41         while (*node)
42         {
43             (*node)->set = x->set;
44             node = &((*node)->next);
45         }
46         *node = x_second;
47     }
48 }
```

## 21.3

### 21.3-1

The data structure in the end (rank of each node is in the parentheses):



Hence  $\text{FIND-SET}(x_2)$  and  $\text{FIND-SET}(x_{11})$  return a pointer points to  $x_{16}$ .

### 21.3-2

```
1 Node* FindSet(Node *x)
2 {
3     Node *representative, *tmp;
4     representative = x;
5     while (representative != representative->p)
6     {
7         representative = representative->p;
8     }
9     while (x->p != representative)
10    {
11        tmp = x->p;
12        x->p = representative;
13        x = tmp;
14    }
```



```
15     return representative;
16 }
```

### 21.3-3

Note that we are proving that the upper bound  $O(m \lg n)$  is tight (least upper bound), instead of prove it is a tight bound  $\Theta(m \lg n)$ . In order to prove it, we just need to find an example that takes  $\Omega(m \lg n)$  time, which is what the question is asking for. We want our sequence to take as much as possible time. WLOG, assume that  $n = 2^k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Consider the following sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \text{MAKE-SET}(x_1), \text{MAKE-SET}(x_2), \dots, \text{MAKE-SET}(x_n), \\ &\quad \text{UNION}(x_1, x_2), \text{UNION}(x_3, x_4), \dots, \text{UNION}(x_{n-1}, x_n), \\ &\quad \text{UNION}(x_1, x_3), \text{UNION}(x_5, x_7), \dots, \text{UNION}(x_{n-3}, x_{n-1}), \\ &\quad \text{UNION}(x_1, x_5), \text{UNION}(x_9, x_{13}), \dots, \text{UNION}(x_{n-7}, x_{n-3}), \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad \text{UNION}(x_1, x_{n/2+1}), \\ &\quad \text{FIND-SET}(x_1) \dots \quad \text{(until all } m \text{ operations are performed)} \rangle \end{aligned}$$

We performed  $n$  MAKE-SET,  $(n-1)$  UNION, and  $(m-2n+1)$  FIND-SET. We observed we performed  $n/2$  UNION( $x_i, x_{i+1}$ ),  $n/4$  UNION( $x_i, x_{i+2}$ ),  $n/8$  UNION( $x_i, x_{i+4}$ ),  $\dots$ . We conclude we performed  $n/2^j$  UNION( $x_i, x_{i+2^{j-1}}$ ) for all  $j = \{1, 2, \dots, \lg n\}$ . For each  $j$ , the height of each tree increases by 1. Hence after all  $(n-1)$  UNION operations, the height of the tree (for the only set) is  $\lg n$ . Note that  $x_1$  is the deepest element in the tree. Then, each of FIND-SET( $x_1$ ) operation takes  $\Theta(\lg n)$  time, and we perform  $(m-2n+1)$  times FIND-SET( $x_1$ ) operation. Hence all of FIND-SET( $x_1$ ) take  $(m-2n+1)\Theta(\lg n) = \Theta(m \lg n)$  time. We successfully find a sequence that takes  $\Omega(m \lg n)$  time.

### 21.3-4

We just need to modify LINK procedure to maintain the data structure.

```
1 void Link(Node *x, Node *y)
2 {
3     Node *y_next;
4     if (x->rank > y->rank)
5     {
6         y->p = x;
7     }
8     else
9     {
10        x->p = y;
11        if (x->rank == y->rank)
```

```
12         ++y->rank;
13     }
14     // maintain the circular list
15     y_next = y->next;
16     y->next = x->next;
17     x->next = y_next;
18 }
19
20 std::list<Node*> PrintSet(Node *x)
21 {
22     Node *node;
23     std::list<Node*> result;
24     result.push_back(x);
25     for (node = x->next; node != x; node = node->next)
26     {
27         result.push_back(node);
28     }
29     return result;
30 }
```

### 21.3-5

Let  $a_i$  be the number of nodes with depth greater than 0 (i.e. non-root) in the forest after the  $i$ th operation. Let  $b_i$  be the number of nodes with depth greater than 1 (i.e. non-root and non-child-of-root) in the forest after the  $i$ th operation. Suppose that we start to perform FIND-SET operations in the  $k$ th operation. Let the potential function be

$$\Phi(D_i) \begin{cases} a_i & \text{if } i < k, \\ b_i & \text{if } i \geq k \end{cases}$$

where  $D_i$  is the disjoint forest after the  $i$ th operation. Let  $\Phi(D_0) = 0$ . Observed each of MAKE-SET and LINK takes  $O(1)$  time. Denote  $\text{depth}_i(x)$  as the depth of the node  $x$  in the tree after the  $i$ th operation. Then FIND-SET( $x$ ) moves  $\max(0, \text{depth}_{i-1}(x) - 1)$  nodes to be the children of the root node. Denote  $c_i$  as the cost of the  $i$ th operation. Then we assume

$$c_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if MAKE-SET is performed in the } i\text{th operation,} \\ 1 & \text{if LINK is performed in the } i\text{th operation,} \\ \max(1, \text{depth}_{i-1}(x)) & \text{if FIND-SET}(x) \text{ is performed in the } i\text{th operation} \end{cases}$$

**Case 1.** MAKE-SET is performed in the  $i$ th operation.

Then  $a_i = a_{i-1}$ , so

$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

**Case 2.**  $\text{LINK}(x, y)$  is performed in the  $i$ th operation.

Note that  $x$  and  $y$  must be root nodes of different tree. This operation make either  $x$  or  $y$  be a non-root node. Then  $a_i = a_{i-1} + 1$ , so

$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

**Case 3.**  $\text{FIND-SET}(x)$  is performed in the  $i$ th operation.

Note that  $b_i \leq a_i$  for all  $i$ . If  $i = k$ , then

$$\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = b_i - a_{i-1} \leq b_i - b_{i-1}$$

If  $i > k$ , then

$$\Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) = b_i - b_{i-1}$$

Note that

$$b_i - b_{i-1} = -(\max(1, \text{depth}_{i-1}(x)) - 1) = 1 - \max(1, \text{depth}_{i-1}(x))$$

Hence

$$\hat{c}_i = c_i + \Phi(D_i) - \Phi(D_{i-1}) \leq c_i + b_i - b_{i-1} = \max(1, \text{depth}_{i-1}(x)) + (1 - \max(1, \text{depth}_{i-1}(x))) = 1$$

We have shown that amortized of each operation is  $O(1)$  with the path-compression heuristic, no matter whether we use union by rank or not. Hence the sequence takes  $O(m)$  time with the path-compression heuristic, no matter whether we use union by rank or not.

## 21.4

### 21.4-1

**Proof.** We prove by induction on the number of operations.

(Base) Initially, there is no element in the disjoint sets, so it is trivial.

(Induction) Denote  $D_i$  be the data structure after  $i$ th operation. Denote  $p_i(x)$  be  $x.p$  after  $i$ th operation. Denote  $\text{rank}_i(x)$  be  $x.\text{rank}$  after  $i$ th operation. Suppose that, for all  $x \in D_{i-1}$ , ①  $\text{rank}_{i-1}(x) < \text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(x))$  if  $x \neq p_{i-1}(x)$ , ②  $\text{rank}_{i-1}(x) = \text{rank}_{i-2}(x)$  if  $x \neq p_{i-1}(x)$ , and ③  $\text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(x)) \geq \text{rank}_{i-2}(p_{i-2}(x))$ .

**Case 1.**  $\text{MAKE-SET}(y)$  is performed in the  $i$ th operation.

Then all structures of trees in  $D_{i-1}$  remain same in  $D_i$ , and ①②③ are vacuously true for  $y$ .

**Case 2.**  $\text{FIND-SET}(y)$  is performed in the  $i$ th operation.

Since no rank changes in  $\text{FIND-SET}$ , ② holds. Let  $z$  be the root of the tree contains  $y$ . Let  $A$  be the set contains all the nodes on the simple path from  $y$  to  $z$  except  $z$  in  $D_{i-1}$ . Let  $w \in A$  be arbitrary choice. We have  $w \neq p_{i-1}(w)$ . By ①, since  $p_i(w) = z$ , we have

$$\text{rank}_{i-1}(w) < \text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(w)) \leq \text{rank}_{i-1}(z) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(p_i(w))$$

Since no rank changes in FIND-SET, we have  $\text{rank}_i(w) < \text{rank}_i(p_i(w))$  and  $\text{rank}_i(p_i(w)) \geq \text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(w))$ . For all elements not in  $A$ , their  $p$  are not changed in the  $i$ th operation. Thus, we conclude ①③ holds.

**Case 3.** UNION( $y, z$ ) is performed in the  $i$ th operation. Let  $f$  be the root of the tree contains  $y$ , and let  $g$  be the root of the tree contains  $z$ . UNION( $y, z$ ) is acutally perfoming the following sequence

$$\langle \text{FIND-SET}(y), \text{FIND-SET}(z), \text{LINK}(f, g) \rangle$$

By case 2, we know IH holds after FIND-SET. Then we assume ①②③ holds for  $(i-1)$ th operation and we are performing LINK( $f, g$ ) in the  $i$ th operation. There are three subcases:  $\text{rank}_{i-1}(f) > \text{rank}_{i-1}(g)$ ,  $\text{rank}_{i-1}(f) < \text{rank}_{i-1}(g)$ , and  $\text{rank}_{i-1}(f) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(g)$ ; we notice the first two are similar, so we ignore the first subcase. First, we suppose that  $\text{rank}_{i-1}(f) < \text{rank}_{i-1}(g)$ . Notice that  $f$  is the only node that  $p$  attribute is changed in the  $i$ th operation. We have  $p_{i-1}(f) = f$  and  $p_i(f) = g$ . Then

$$\text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(f)) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(f) < \text{rank}_{i-1}(g) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(p_i(f))$$

Since no rank changes in this subcase, we have  $\text{rank}_i(f) < \text{rank}_i(p_i(f))$  and  $\text{rank}_i(p_i(f)) \geq \text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(f))$ . Thus, we conclude ①②③ holds. Now, we suppose that  $\text{rank}_{i-1}(f) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(g)$ . By the similar approach to the last subcase, we have

$$\text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(f)) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(f) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(g) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(p_i(f))$$

By line 5 of the procedure, we have  $\text{rank}_i(g) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(g) + 1$ , and ranks of all nodes except  $g$  remain same in the  $i$ th operation. Then

$$\text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(f)) = \text{rank}_i(f) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(f) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(g) = \text{rank}_i(g) - 1 < \text{rank}_i(g) = \text{rank}_i(p_i(f))$$

Hence ①②③ holds for  $f$ . Since  $p_{i-1}(g) = p_i(g) = g$ , we have

$$\text{rank}_{i-1}(p_{i-1}(g)) = \text{rank}_{i-1}(g) = \text{rank}_i(g) - 1 < \text{rank}_i(g) = \text{rank}_i(p_i(g))$$

Hence ①②③ holds for  $g$  (①② are vacuously true). For all nodes other than  $f$  and  $g$ , rank and  $p$  attributes remain same in  $i$ th operation. Thus, we conclude ①②③ holds.  $\square$

## 21.4-2

**Lemma 3.** If there exist a node has rank of  $k$ , then there exists at least  $2^k$  nodes in the forest.

**Proof.** (Base) If there exist a node has rank of 0, there is at least one node in the forest.

(Induction) Suppose that the lemma is true for  $k = h$  for some  $h \geq 0$ . Consider  $k = h + 1$ . If there exist a node has rank of  $h + 1$ , then, by line 4 of LINK, there must were at least two node have rank of  $h$  before. By the inductive hypothesis, there exists at least  $2 \cdot 2^h = 2^{h+1}$  nodes in the forest.  $\square$

**Claim 4.** In an  $n$  disjoint sets using union by rank and path compression heuristic, every node has rank at most  $\lfloor \lg n \rfloor$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that there exist a node has rank of  $\lfloor \lg n \rfloor + 1$ , for the purpose of contradiction. By the lemma, there exists at least  $2^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor + 1}$  nodes in the forest.

$$2^{\lfloor \lg n \rfloor + 1} > 2^{\lg n} = n$$

Contradiction. □

### 21.4-3

We need  $\lceil \lg(k+1) \rceil$  bits to store value  $k$ . Hence  $\lceil \lg(\lfloor \lg n \rfloor + 1) \rceil$  bits are necessary to store  $x.rank$ .

### 21.4-4

**Proof.** Taking advantage of Lemma 21.7, we convert the sequence into a sequence of  $m$  MAKE-SET, LINK, and FIND-SET. Without path compression, rank of each node is exactly the height of the node. Observed MAKE-SET and LINK take  $O(1)$  time, and FIND-SET( $x$ ) takes  $O(x.rank)$  time. Hence the sequence run in  $O(m \lg n)$  time. □

### 21.4-5

No. Consider  $x.rank = 1$ ,  $x.p.rank = 7$ , and  $x.p.p.rank = 8$ . Clearly,  $x.rank > 0$  and  $x.p$  is not a root. Since

$$A_2(x.rank) = A_2(1) = 7$$

and

$$A_3(x.rank) = A_3(1) = 2047 \quad ,$$

we have

$$A_2(x.rank) \leq x.p.rank < A_3(x.rank) \quad ,$$

so

$$\text{level}(x) = 2 \quad .$$

Since

$$A_0(x.p.rank) = A_0(7) = 8$$

and

$$A_1(x.p.rank) = A_1(7) = 15 \quad ,$$

we have

$$A_0(x.p.rank) \leq x.p.p.rank < A_1(x.p.rank) \quad ,$$

so

$$\text{level}(x.p) = 0 \quad .$$

Therefore,

$$\text{level}(x) > \text{level}(x.p) \quad .$$

## 21.4-6

Since  $A_3(1) = 2047$ ,  $\alpha'(n) \leq 3$  implies

$$A_3 = 2047 \geq \lg(n+1) \quad .$$

Then

$$n \leq 2^{2047} - 1 = \frac{2^{2048}}{2} - 1 = \frac{(2^4)^{512}}{2} - 1 = 16^{511} - 1 \gg 10^{80} \quad .$$

Replace all  $\alpha(n)$  with  $\alpha'(n)$  in the argument. The only modification we need to make is at the bound (21.1). We claim that

$$0 \leq \text{level}(x) < \alpha'(n) \quad .$$

We need to modify the argument to prove  $\text{level}(x) < \alpha'(n)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\alpha'(n)}(x.\text{rank}) &\geq A_{\alpha'(n)}(1) && \text{(because } A_k(j) \text{ is strictly increasing)} \\ &\geq \lg(n+1) && \text{(by the definition of } \alpha'(n)) \\ &> \lfloor \lg(n) \rfloor \\ &\geq x.p.\text{rank} && \text{(by exercise 21.4-2)} \end{aligned}$$

**Updating...**