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# [ Disjoint Set Union Masterclass ]

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DSU by rank & path compression  
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Implementation

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Offline queries with DSU  
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Pre requisites → few understand

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→ Recursion

→ Introductory graphs

## Disjoint Set Union

# Cluster based problem  $\rightarrow$  You will be having some elements & you need to add them to different clusters / groups. & sometimes you might need to get that which group any element belongs to.

## Terminology

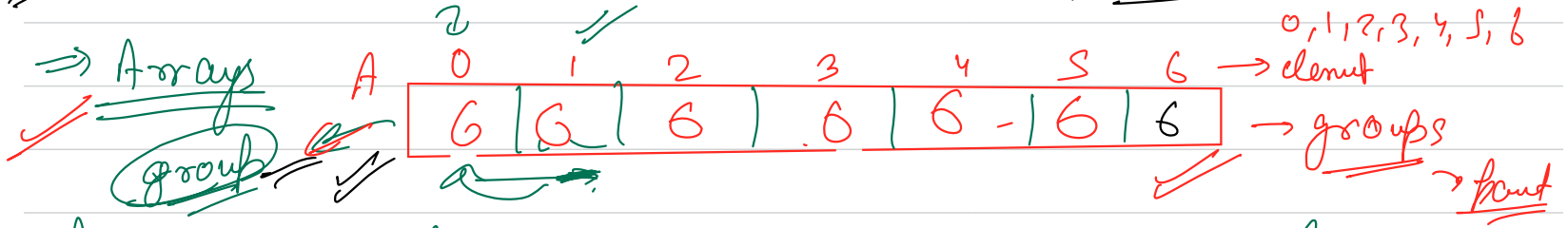
↳ to uniquely define a group we will pick any one element of the group & name it as the leader / parent of the group.

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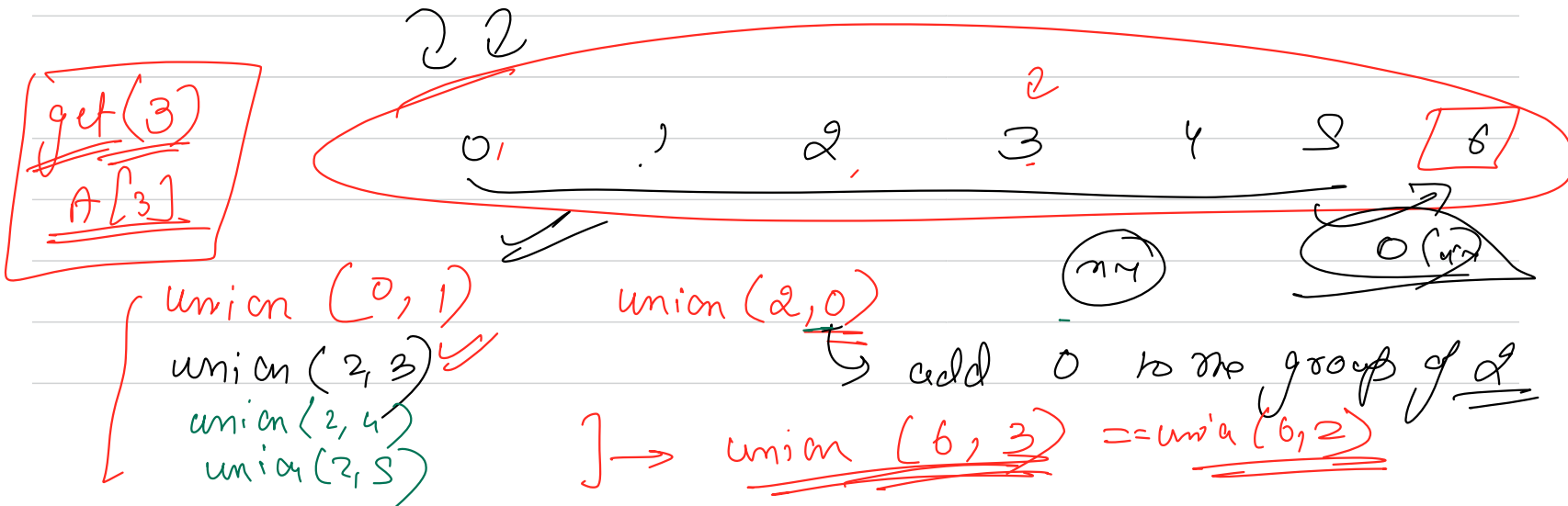
↳ Union Operation  $\rightarrow (a, b) \rightarrow$  adds  $b$  to the group of  $a$ . or vice - a - versa

↳ Act / find operation  $(x) \rightarrow$  to what group / cluster / set the element  $x$  belongs  $\rightarrow$  return parent of the group

How to implement Get and union ?? (n element)



They are all belongs to men our group and



```
int Get (int x) {  
    return p[x];  
}
```

// O(1)

→ void union (a, b) {

// O(n)

↳ for one pass

a = Get(a);

b = Get(b);

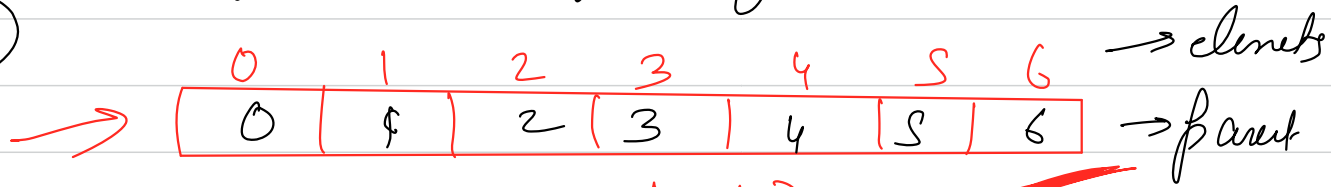
↳ for i in 1...n {  
 if p[i] == b  
 p[i] = a

//

}

// we can store groups as group of vectors ~~LL~~

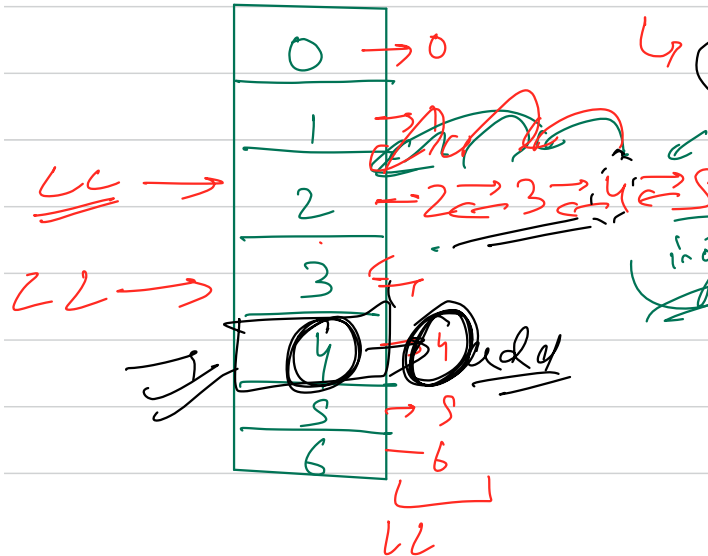
Complexity  
get



~~$O(n^2)$~~

union(3,4)  
union(3,5)

↳ union(2,3)



merge 2 linked list

get(4)

Singly

Doubly LL



get  $\rightarrow O(n)$   
Union  $\rightarrow O(n)$  }  $\rightarrow$  using LL

We can update the parent array while merging 2  
LL, to optimize get

```
get(x) {  
    return parent[x];  
}
```

$O(1)$

```
union(a, b) {  
    a = get(a)  
    b = get(b)  
    for el in LL(b):  
        parent[el] = a  
    merge(LL(a), LL(b))  
}
```

$O(n)$

So what we can see if we add  $n$  elements then the operation of updating parent array for each element is  $O(n)$ .

So amortized complexity  $\left( \frac{n \times n}{n} \right) \rightarrow \underline{O(n)}$  for union

we do  $O(n)$  loop  $k$  times for  $n$  union

amortized  $\rightarrow \left( \frac{n \times k}{n} \right) \rightarrow \underline{O(k)}$

Now lets say we can do an optimization.

We will not union b to a for union(a, b)

everytime

We will add the smaller size group to the bigger size group

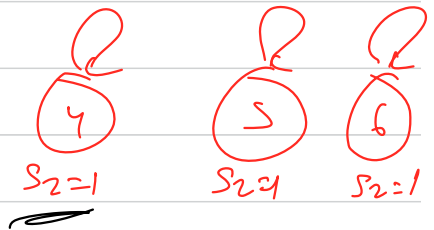
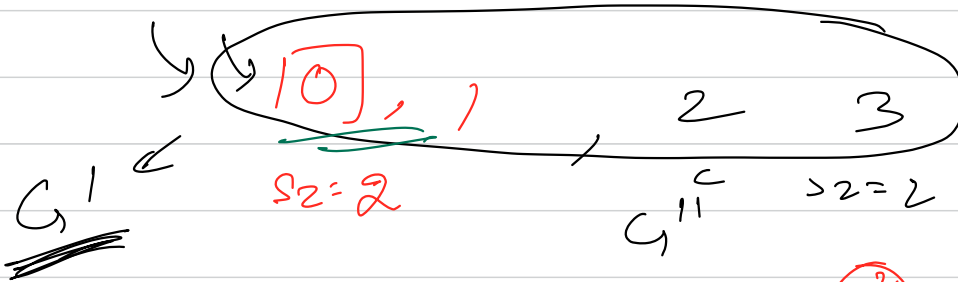
Union by size

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Size of group is even

union (0,1)

union (0,2)



Size  $\geq 4$

1 2 4 8

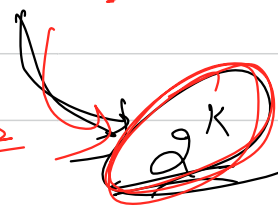


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2 correct



when did you applied that loop, when you may a  
Smaller into greater

answer

$$\frac{n \times (\log n)}{n}$$

$n$  unions

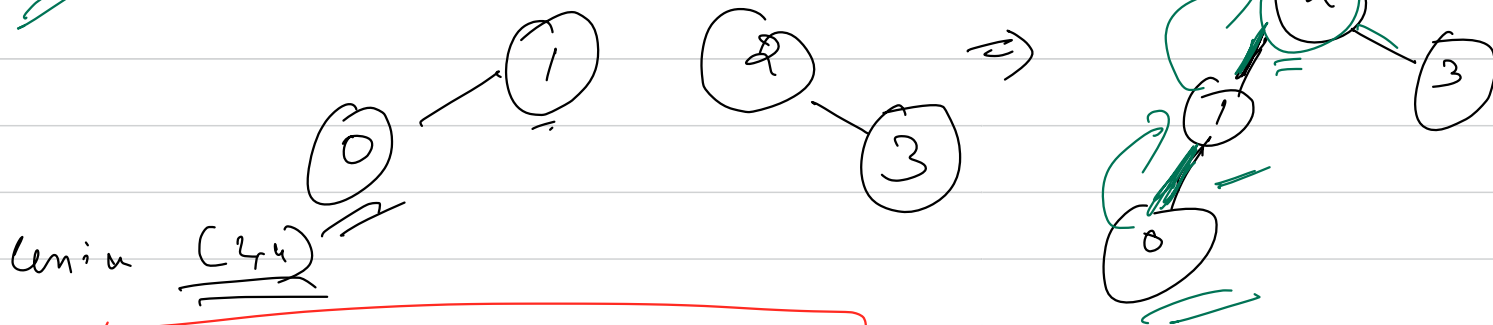
$\rightarrow$

$$\frac{O(\log n)}{1}$$

union  $(\log n)$

Cut

to optimize get instead of using LC how about tree  
hierarchy



new link on new page

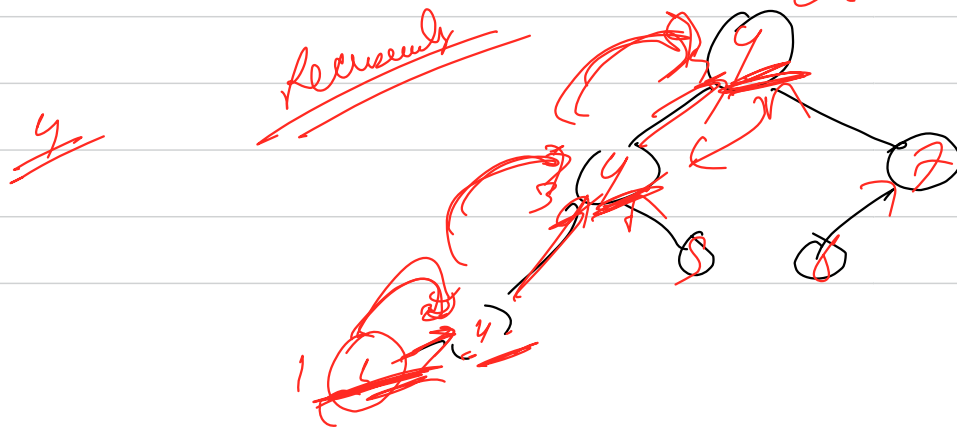
How may merge we do? by new

no of operations you need to traverse is root of tree will  
be equal to no. of operations to get the path  
= No of links = no. of nodes  $\rightarrow \underline{\underline{\log n}}$

Insert  $\rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(\log n)}}$   
Union  $\rightarrow \underline{\underline{O(\log n)}}$

# Union by rank  $\rightarrow$  In union by size, size is updated at max logn times. Count of how many merges have been done

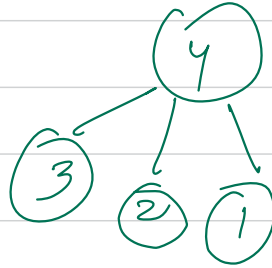
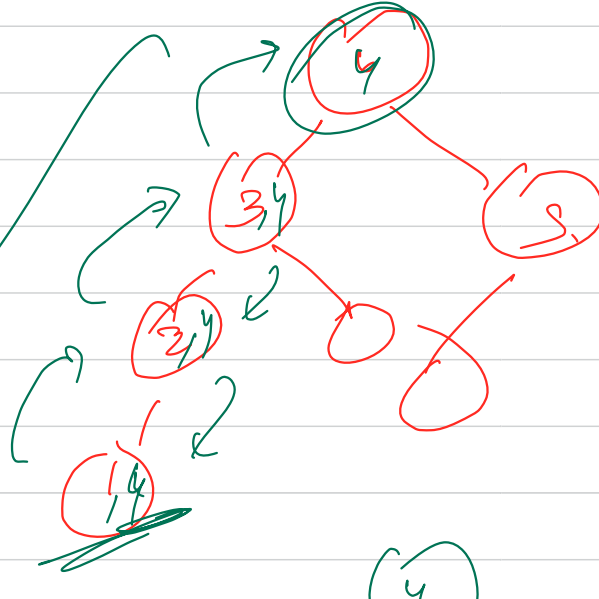
$\hookrightarrow$  # path compression  $\rightarrow$  partition





path compression

path



Time Complexity

path compression

Inverse Ackermann func<sup>n</sup>

Unic<sup>n</sup>  
get  $\rightarrow O(\log^* n)$

what is this  $\log^* n$   $\rightarrow$  very very slow growth func<sup>n</sup>

$\rightarrow$  how many times we should take binary log of  $n$  to get a value smaller than one.

Take a big value

$\log^*(2^{65536}) \rightarrow$  In how many steps we can reduce  $2^{65536}$  to less than 1 using binary log ( $\log_2$ )

$$(\log_2 2^{65536}) \rightarrow (65536 \rightarrow \log_2 16) = (16 \rightarrow \log_2 4) \rightarrow (4 \rightarrow \log_2 2) \rightarrow (2 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 0)$$

6 steps

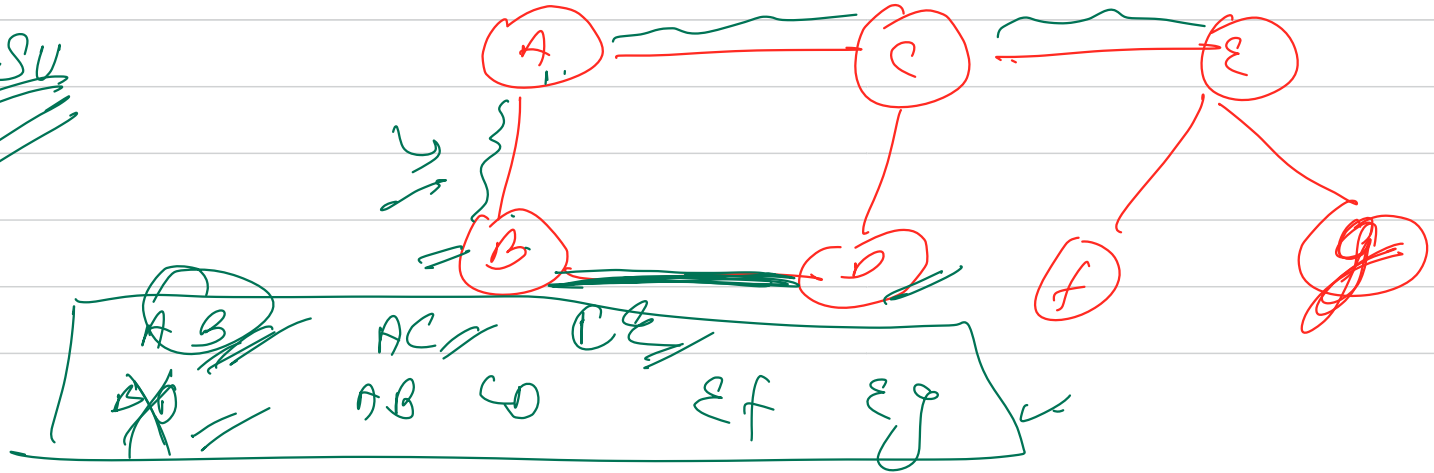
# Graph algorithms

- Cycle finding ✓
- Minimum Spanning Trees (Kruskal's)
- Range Query comparison
- connected components
- Bipartiteness
- ...

Tree is a special case of graph when the graph<sup>h</sup> is  
acyclic

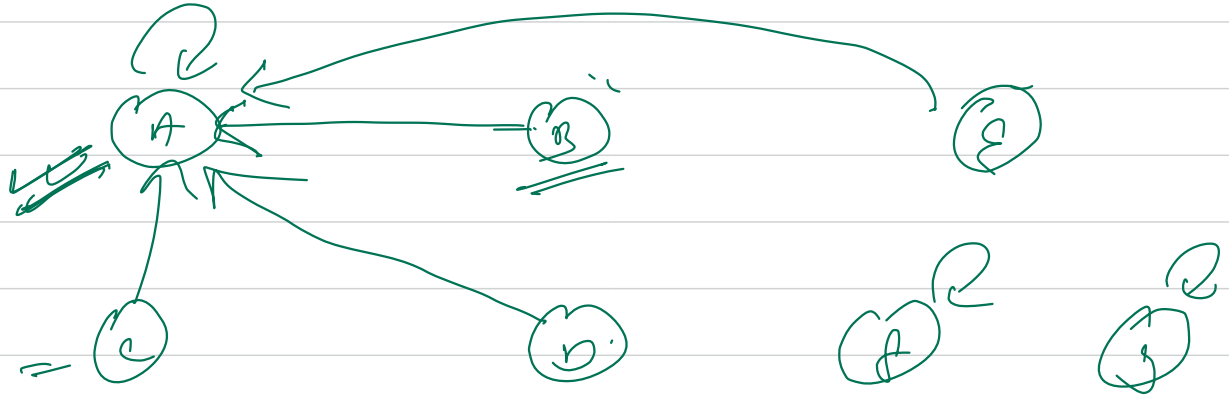
↳ Given a graph, you need to find if it has  
cycle or not

DSU



Union of vertices by edges

cycle found



union(A, B)

union(A, B)

union(A, C)

union(C, E)

union(B, D)

→ parent(A) → A → if 2 vertices  
 → parent(B) → A belong to the  
 same group  
 then we have a cycle

