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Find(z): Given (a ptr to) z , find set S that contains z and return the representative of S



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Goal: a data structure that minimizes the **total cost** of executing such sequences



Data Structures for Disjoint Sets

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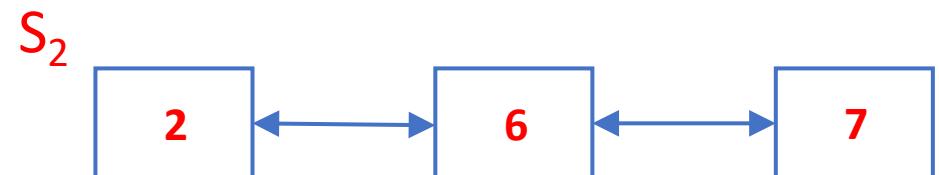
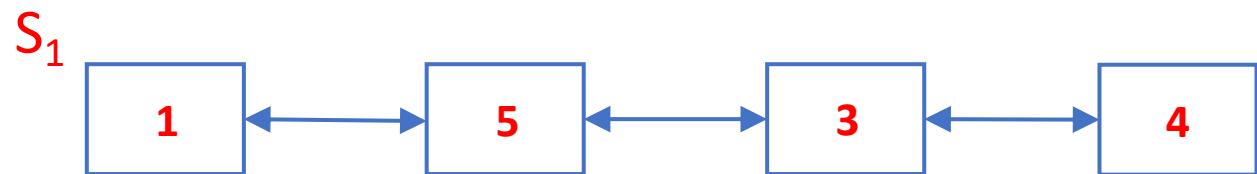
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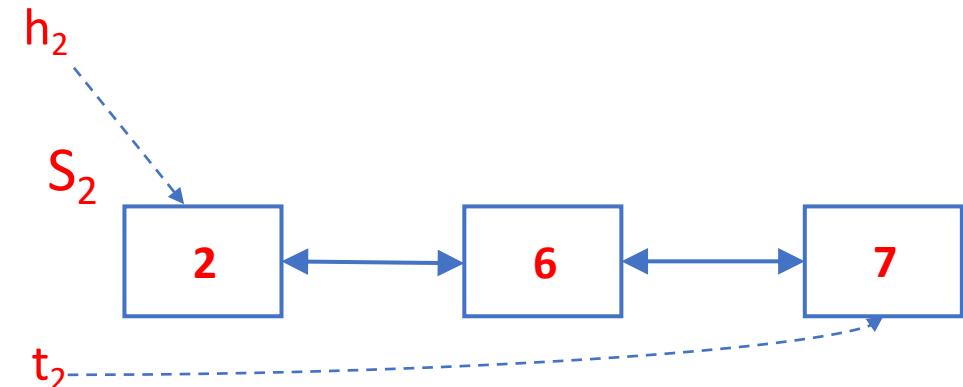
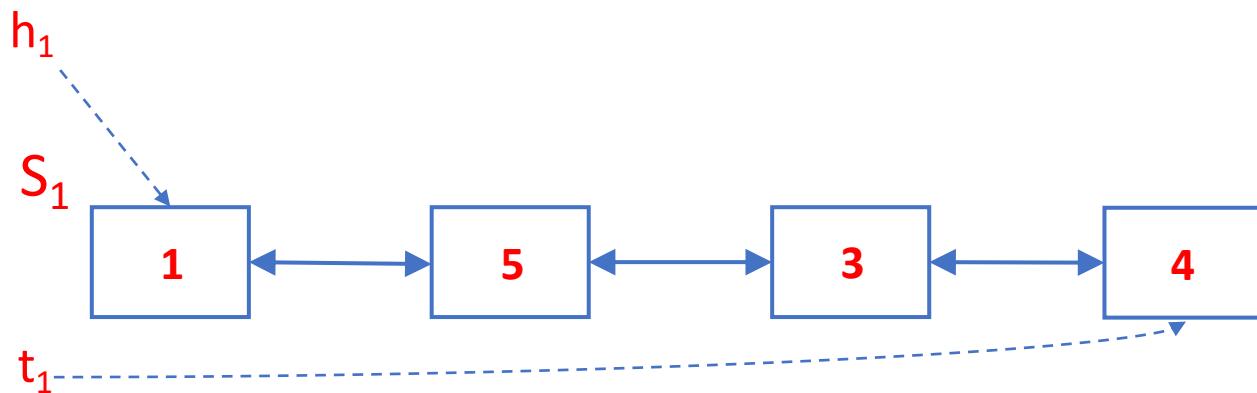
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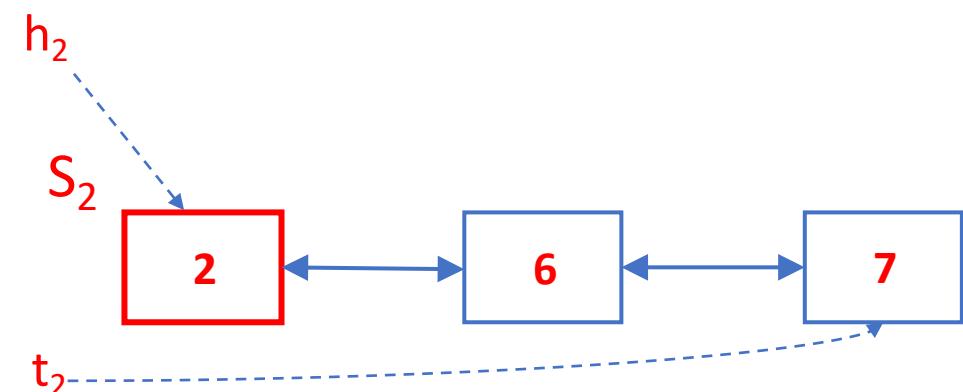
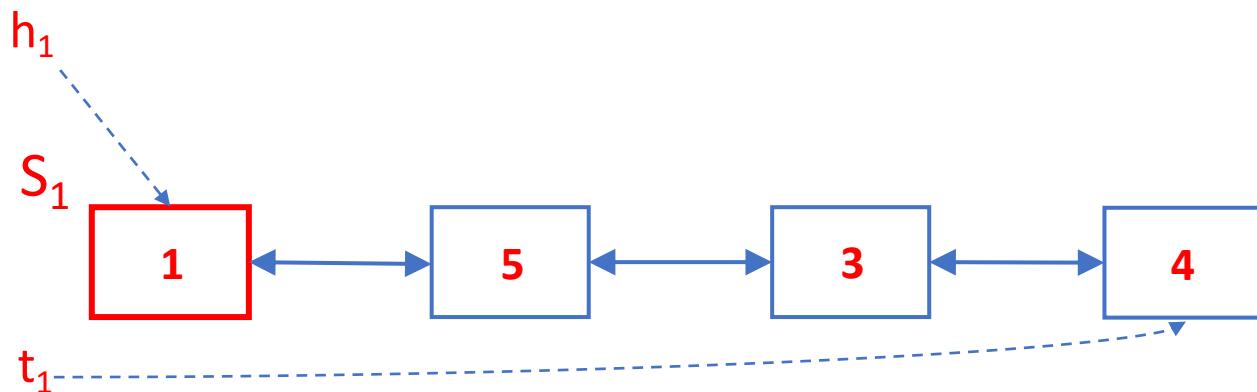
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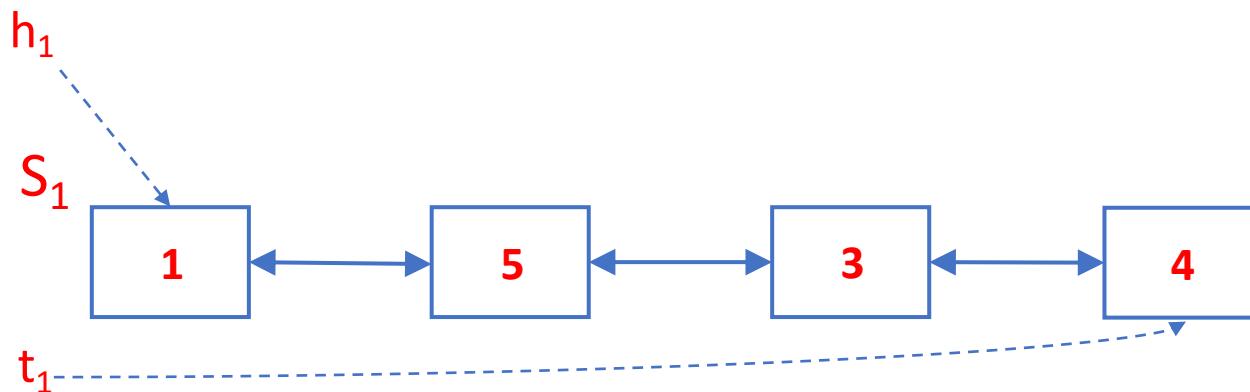
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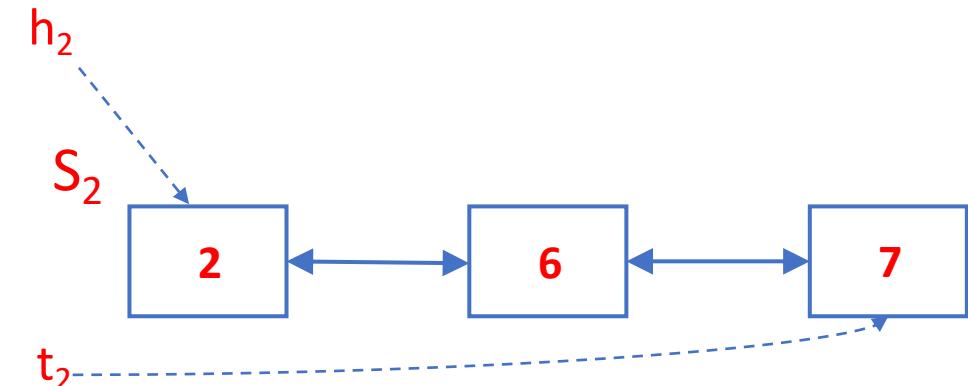


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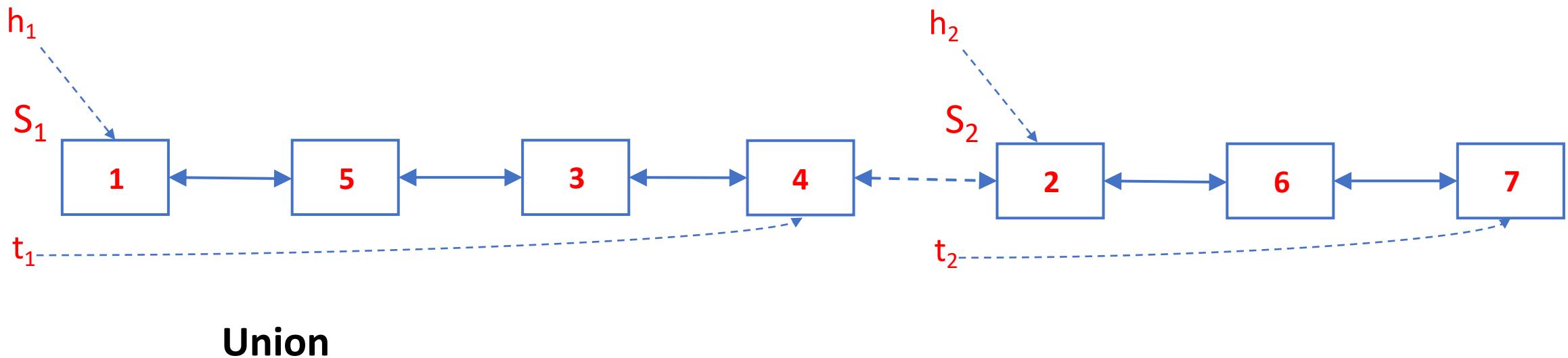


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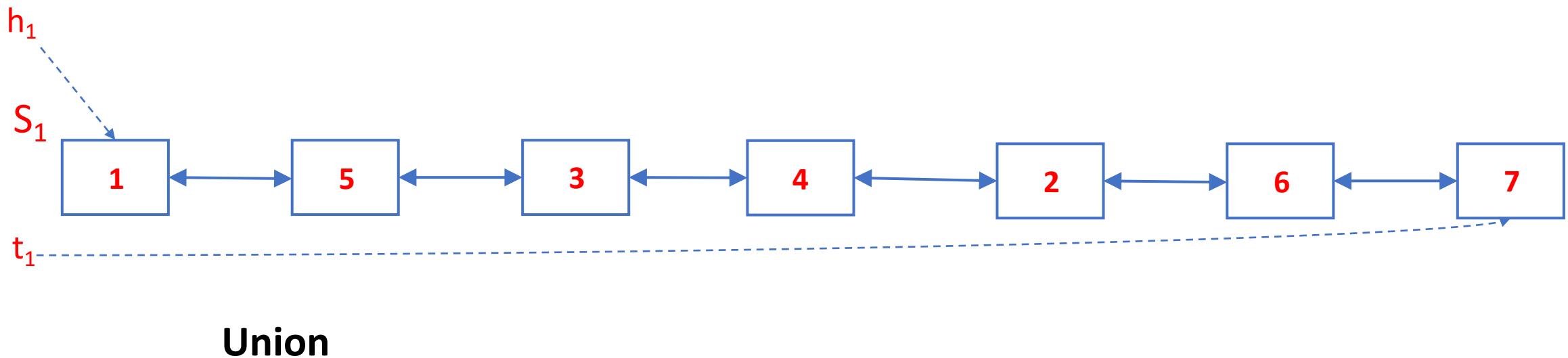
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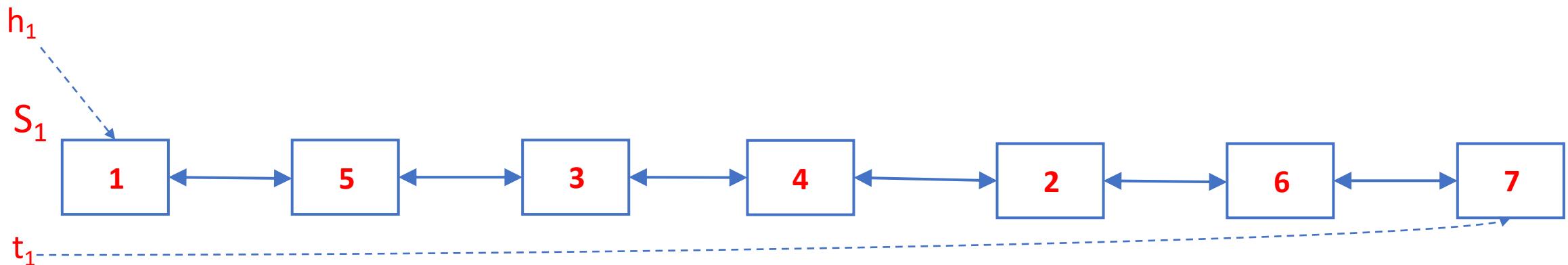
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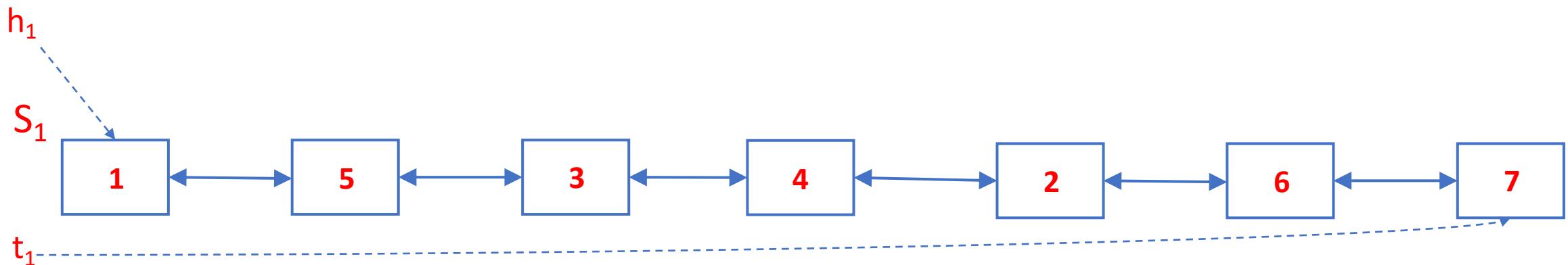


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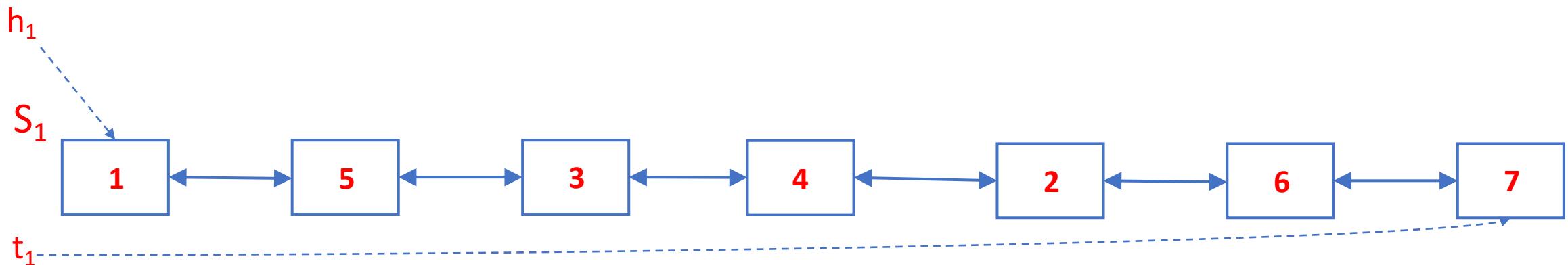
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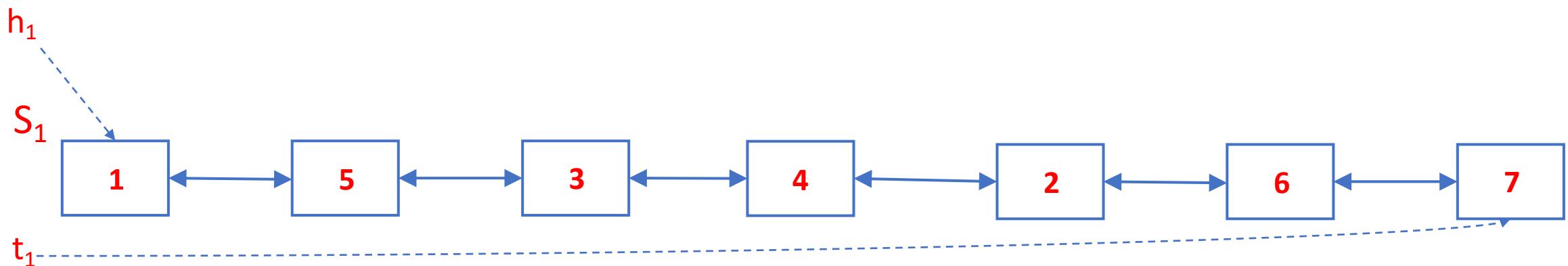
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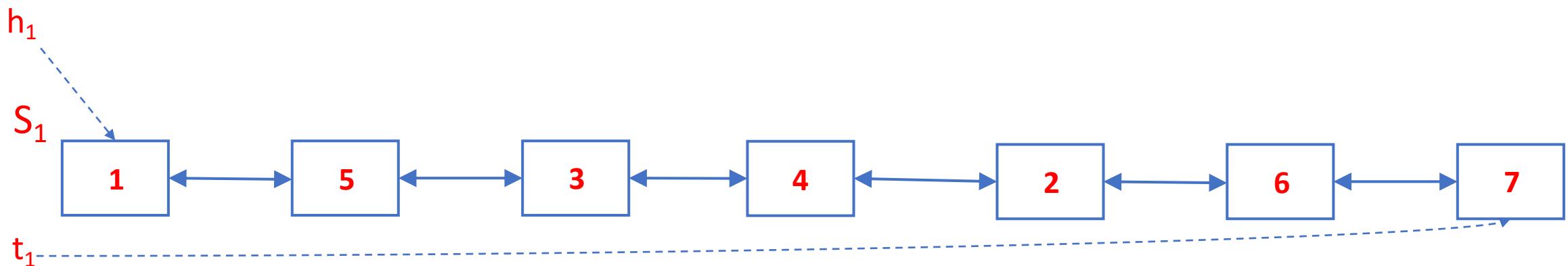
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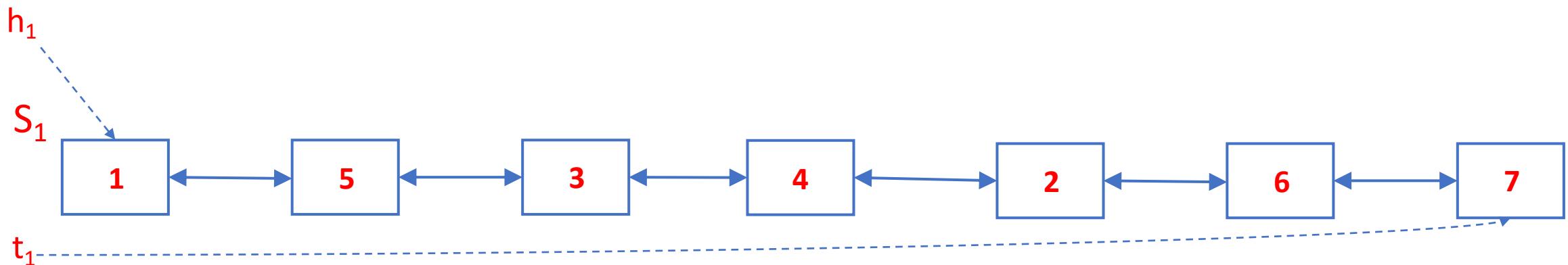
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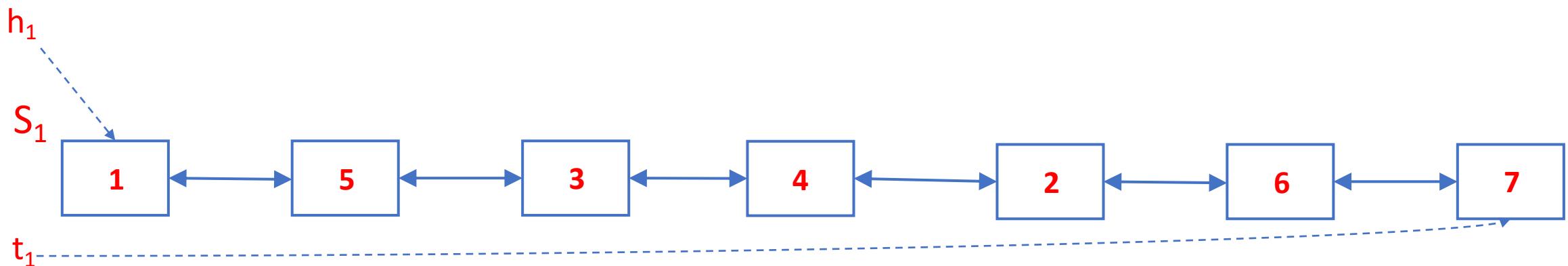
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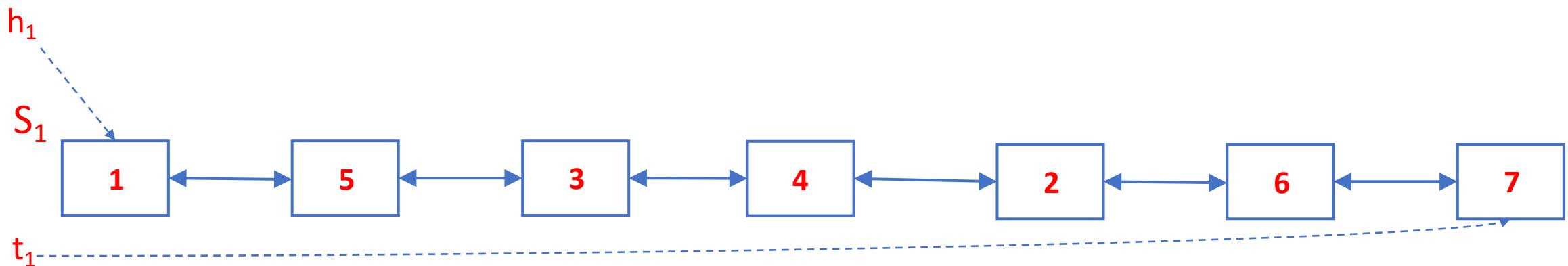
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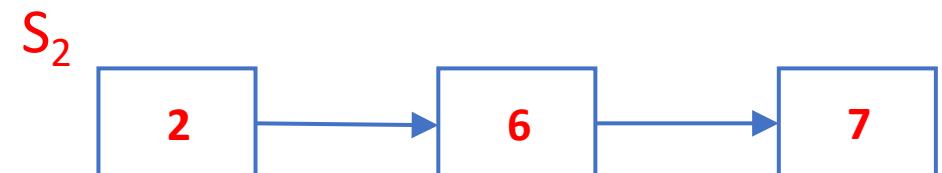
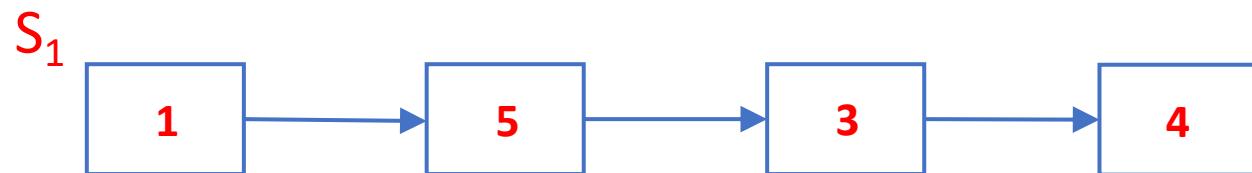
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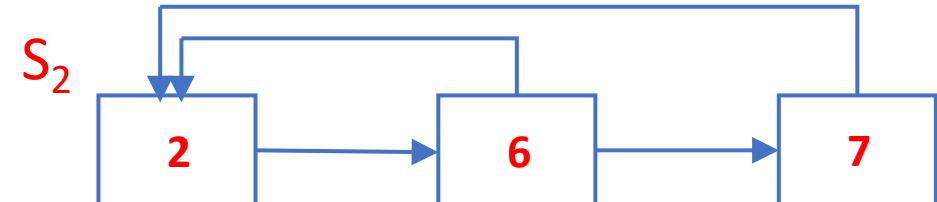
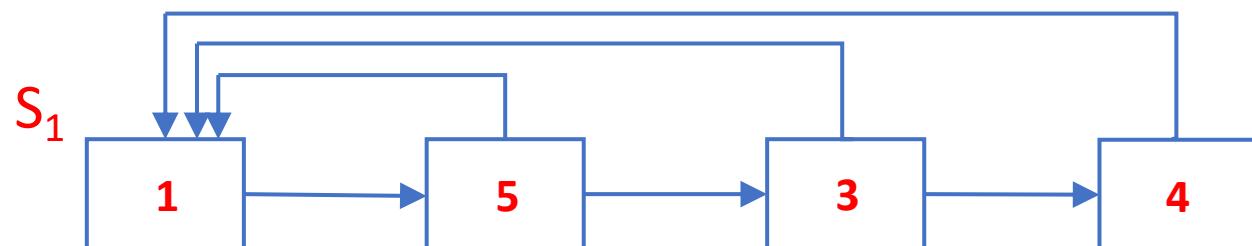
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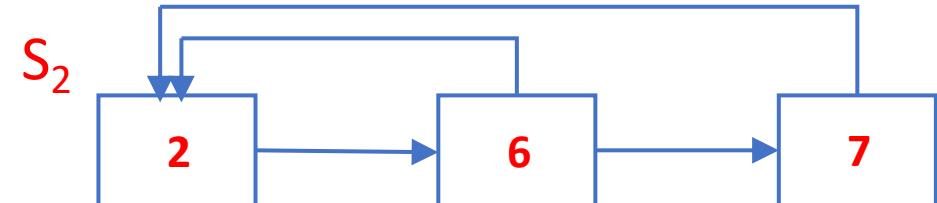
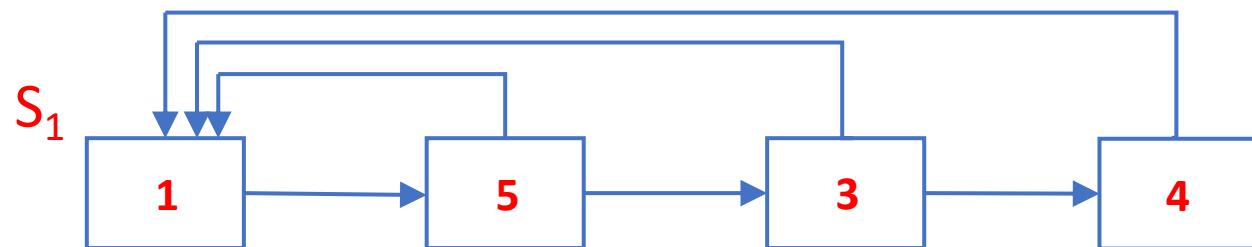
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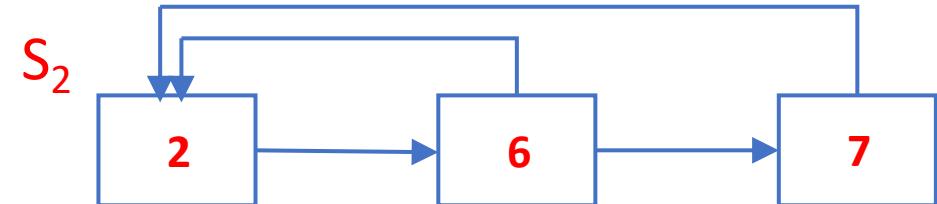
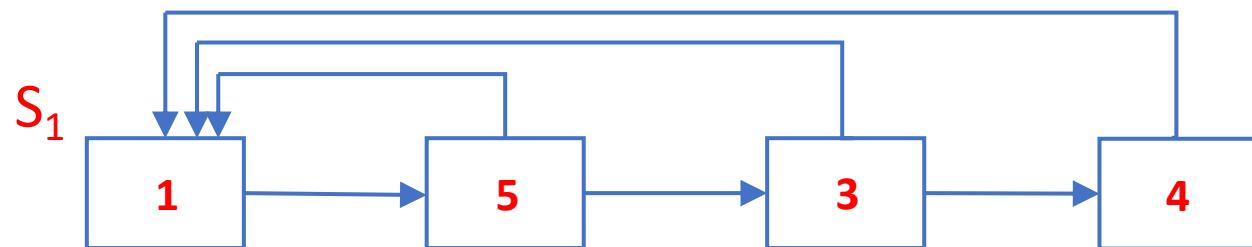


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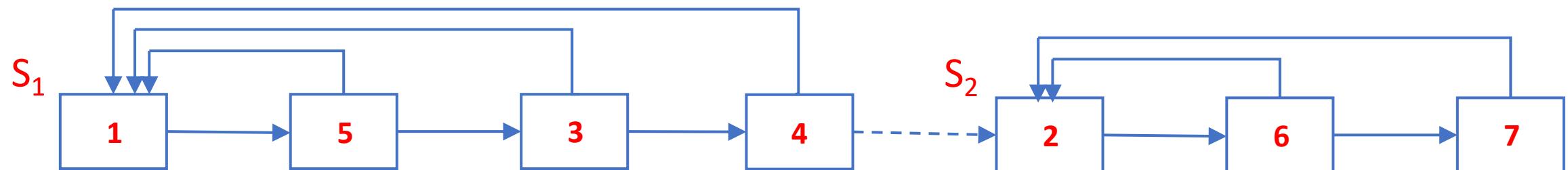
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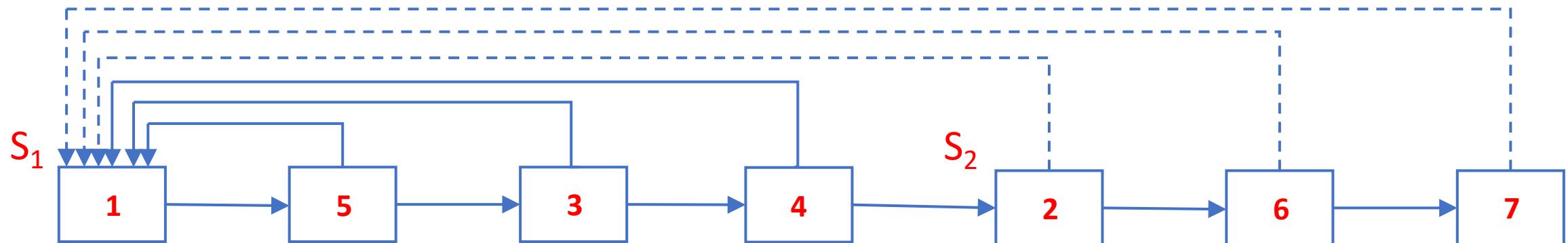
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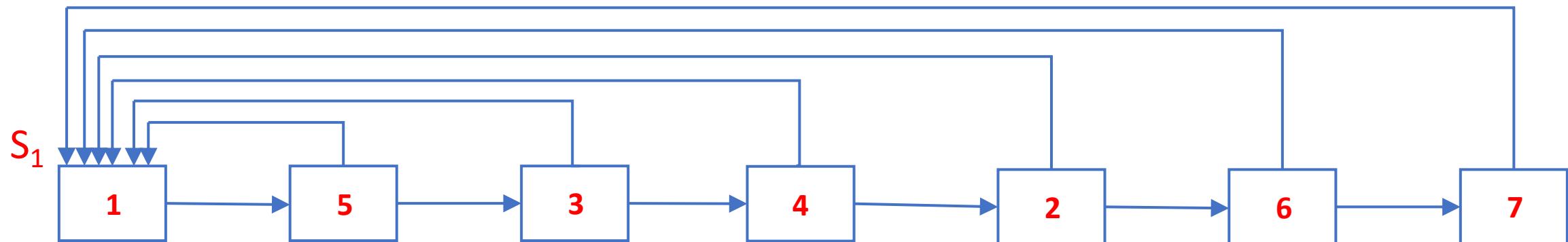
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Union : must redirect O(n) pointers to the new representative



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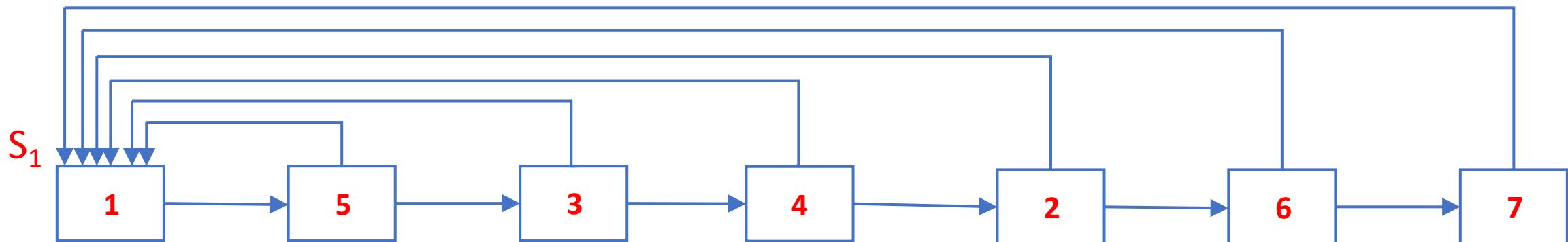


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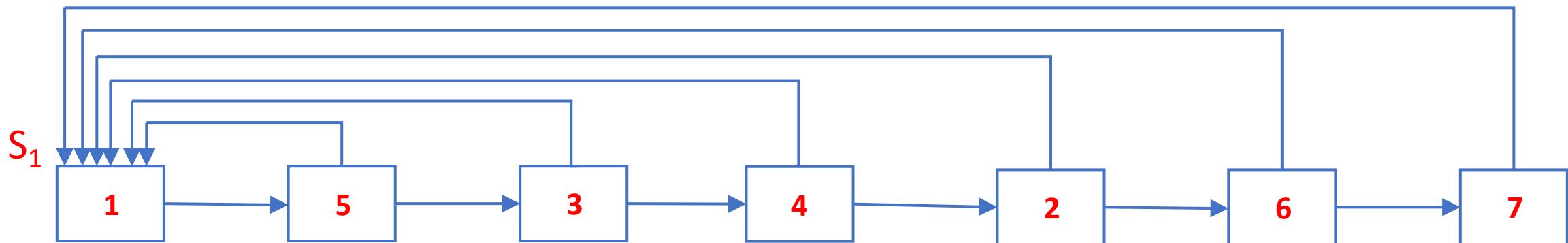
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The diagram shows a mathematical expression $m +)$. Two blue arrows point from the text "m Finds" and "n-1 Unions" to the terms m and $)$ respectively.



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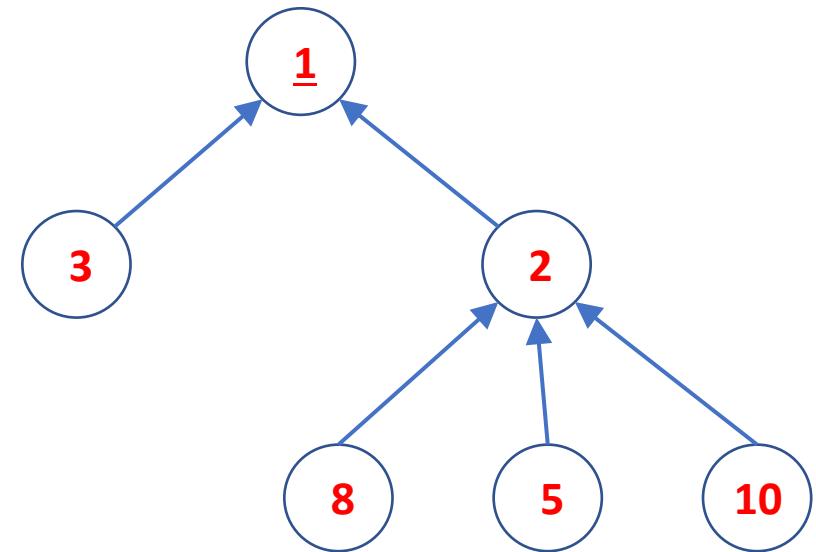
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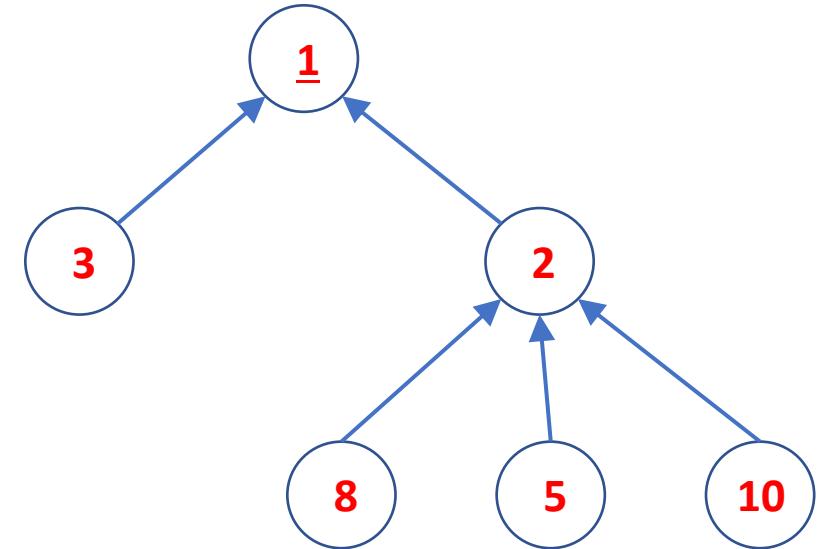
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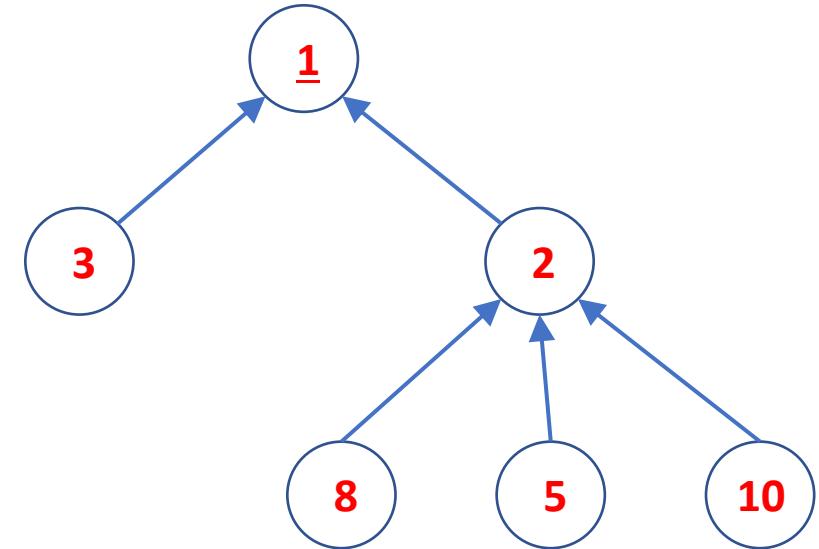
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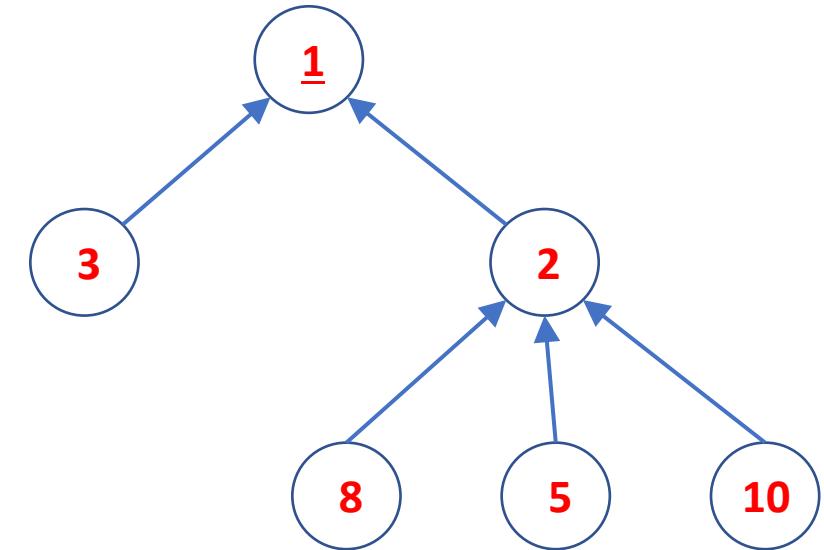
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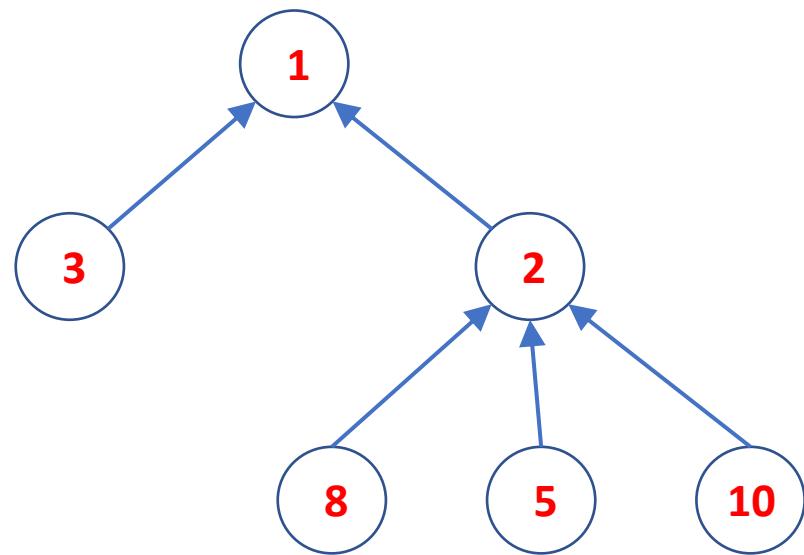
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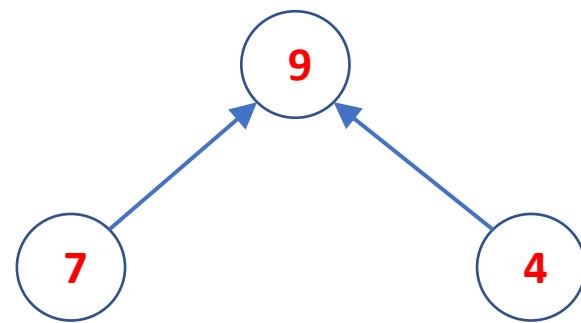
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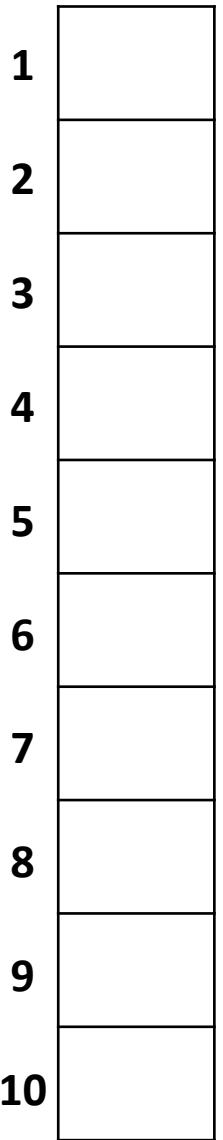


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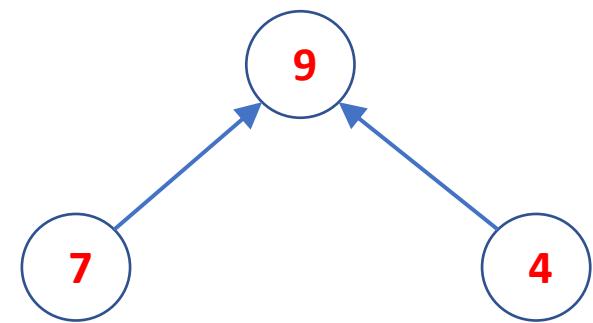
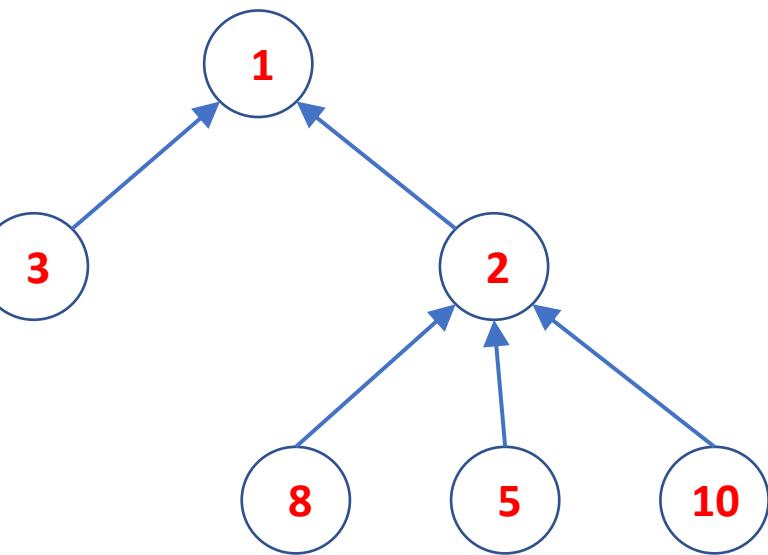
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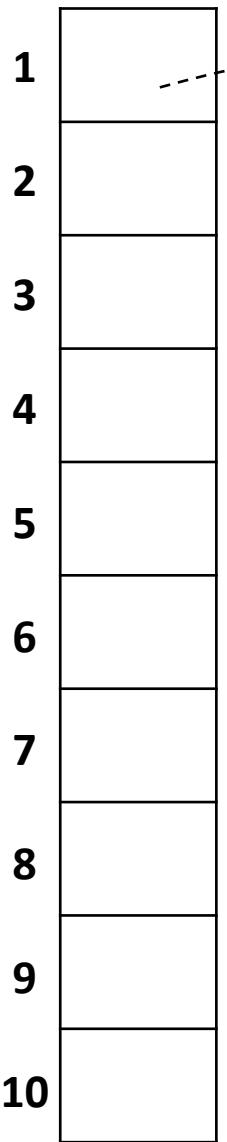
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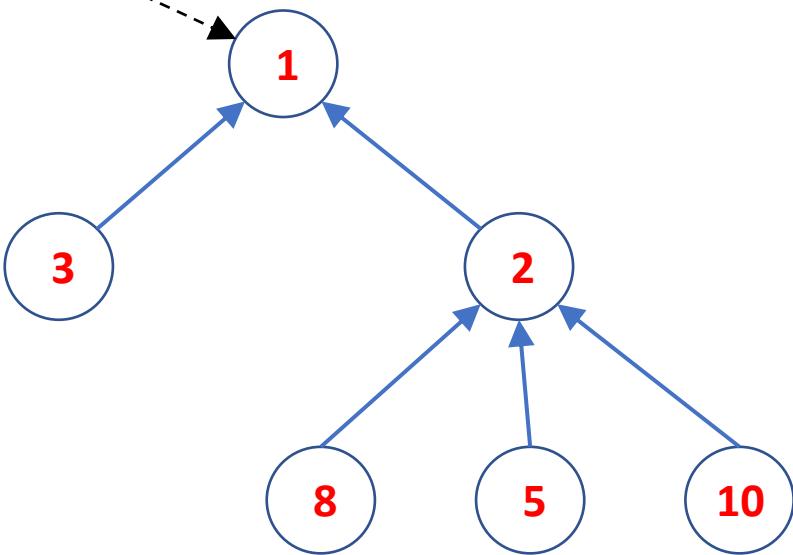
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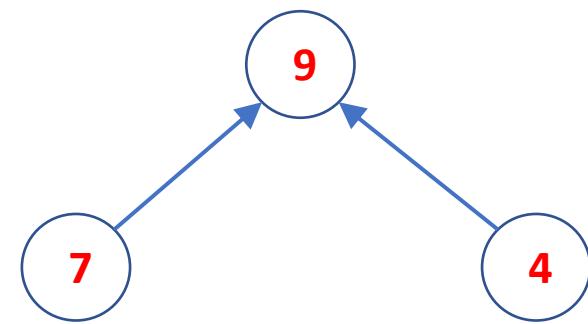
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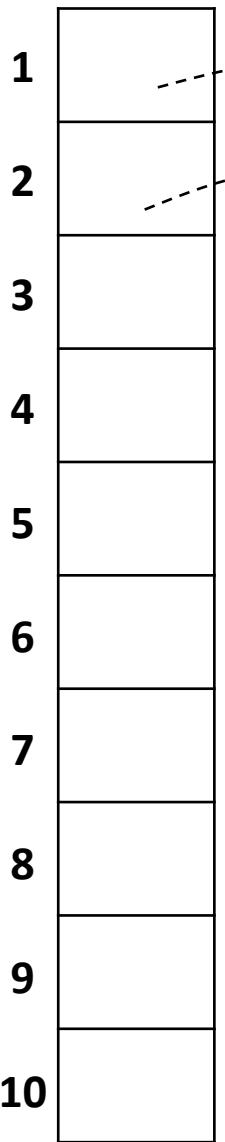


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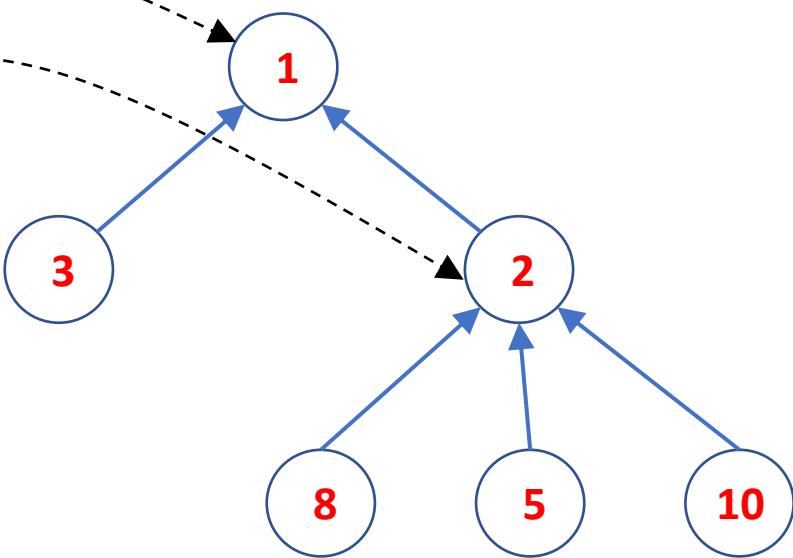


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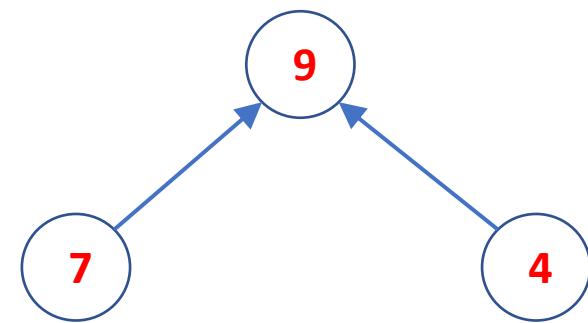
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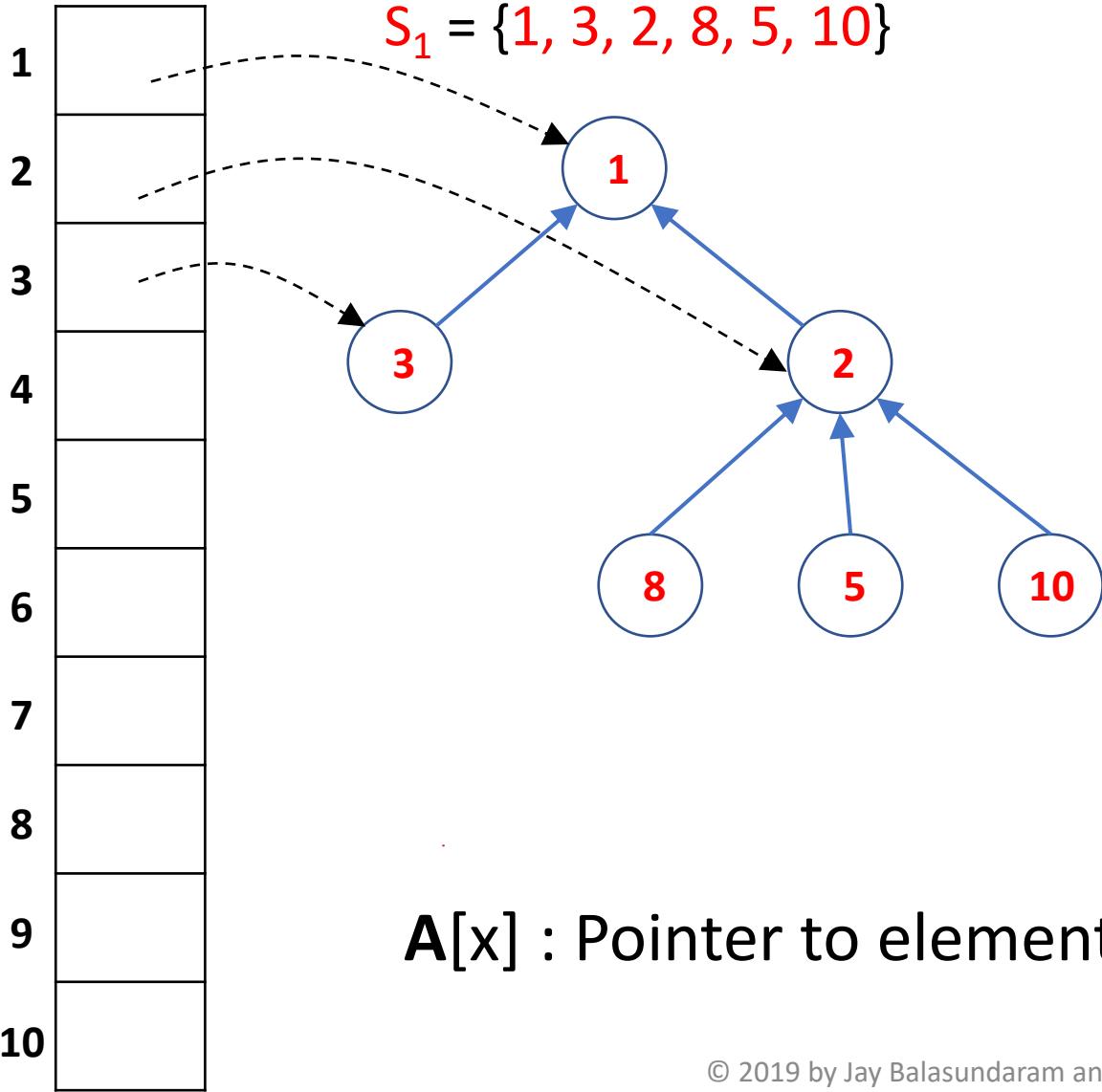


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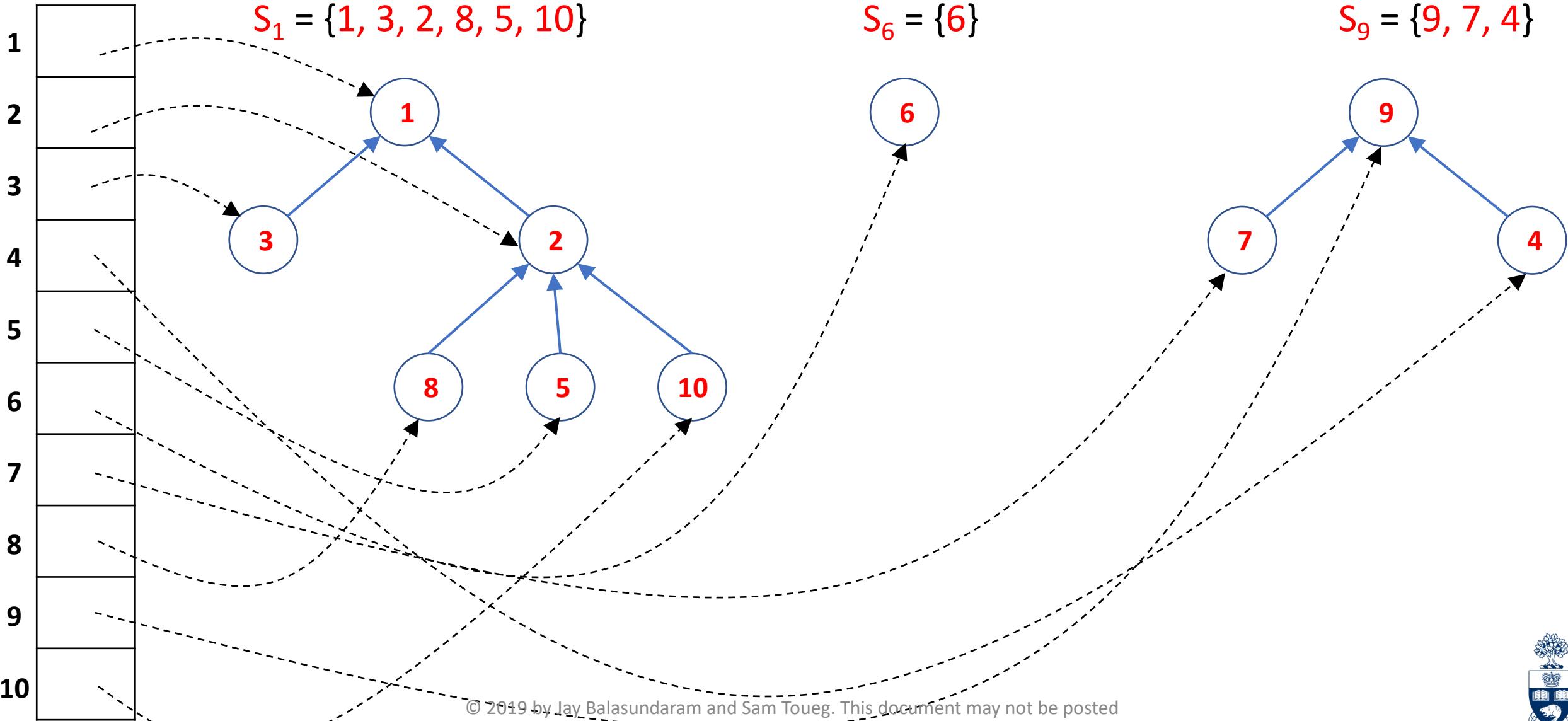
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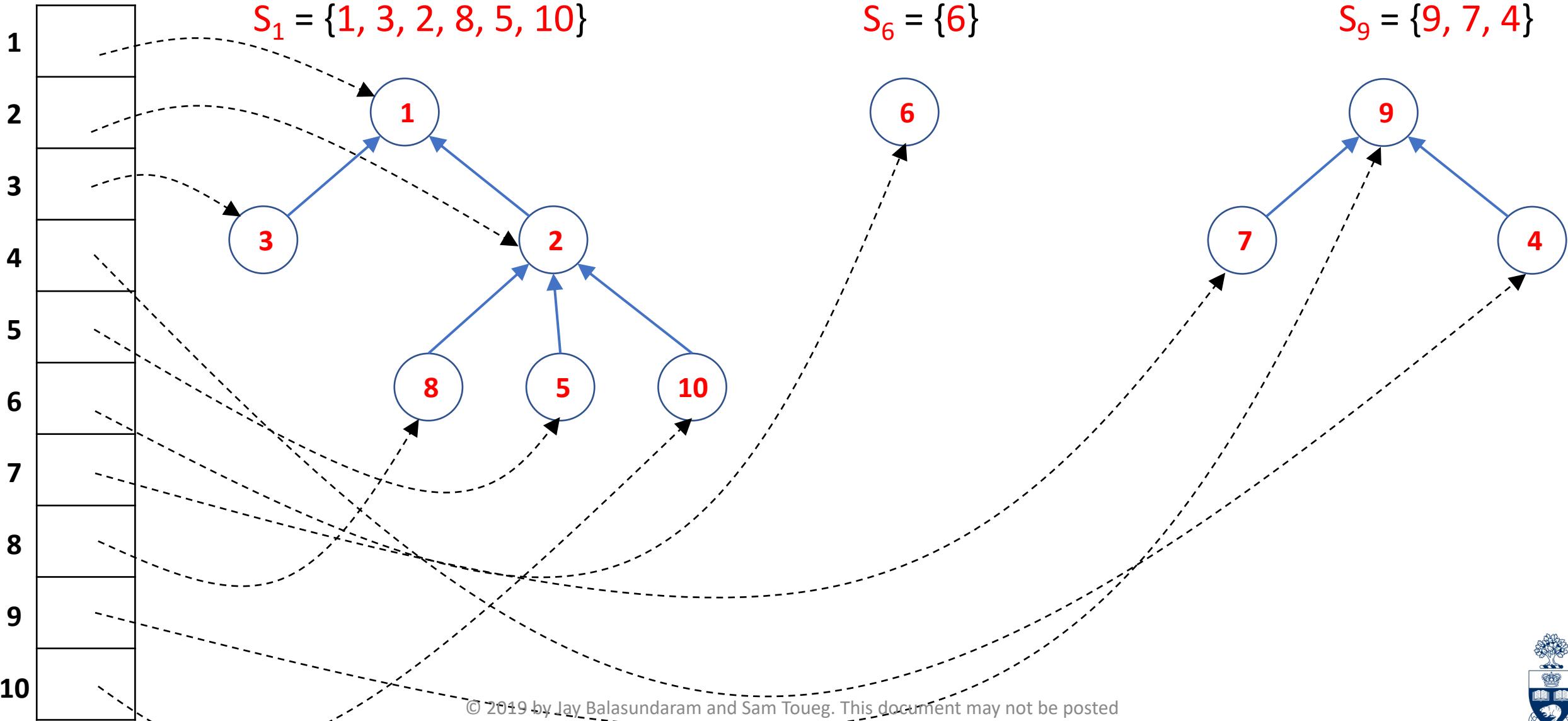
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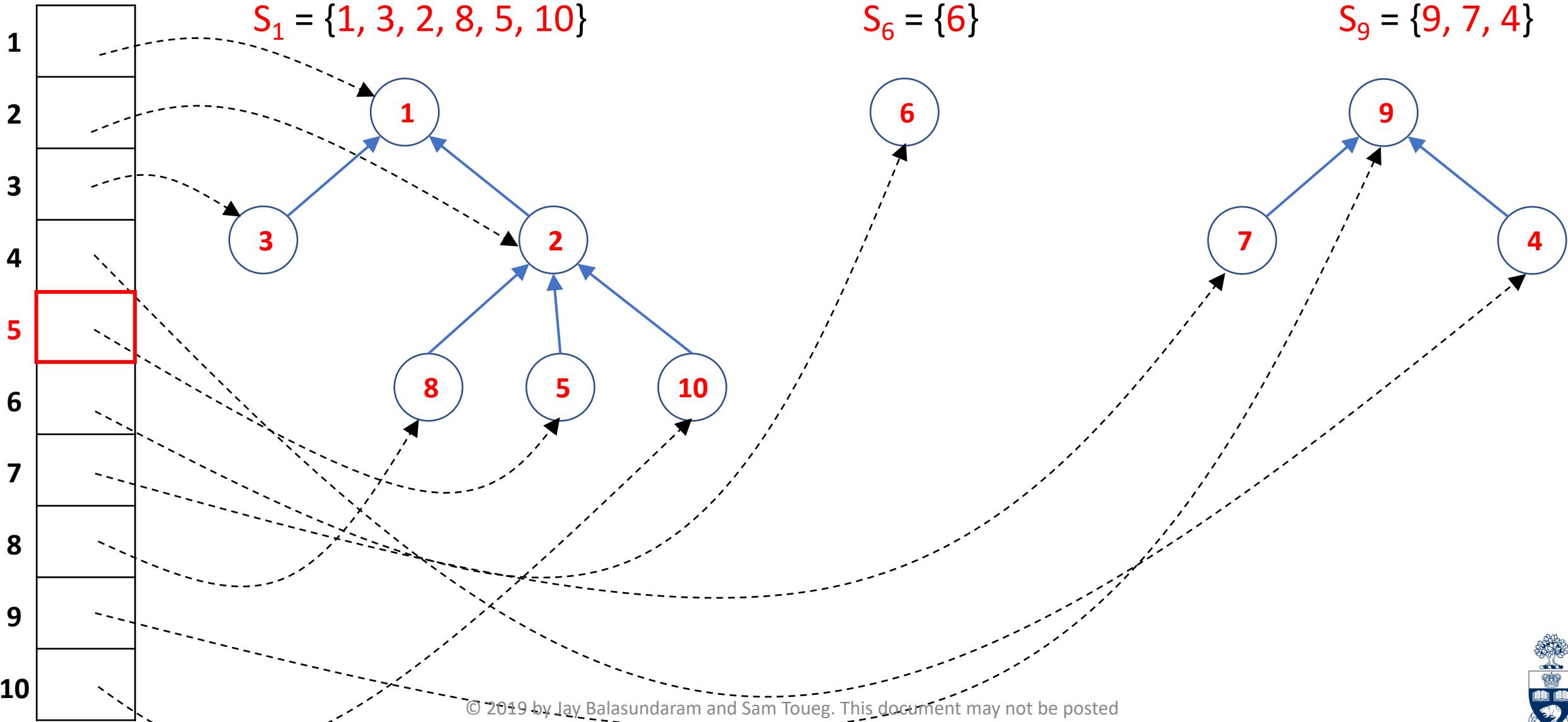
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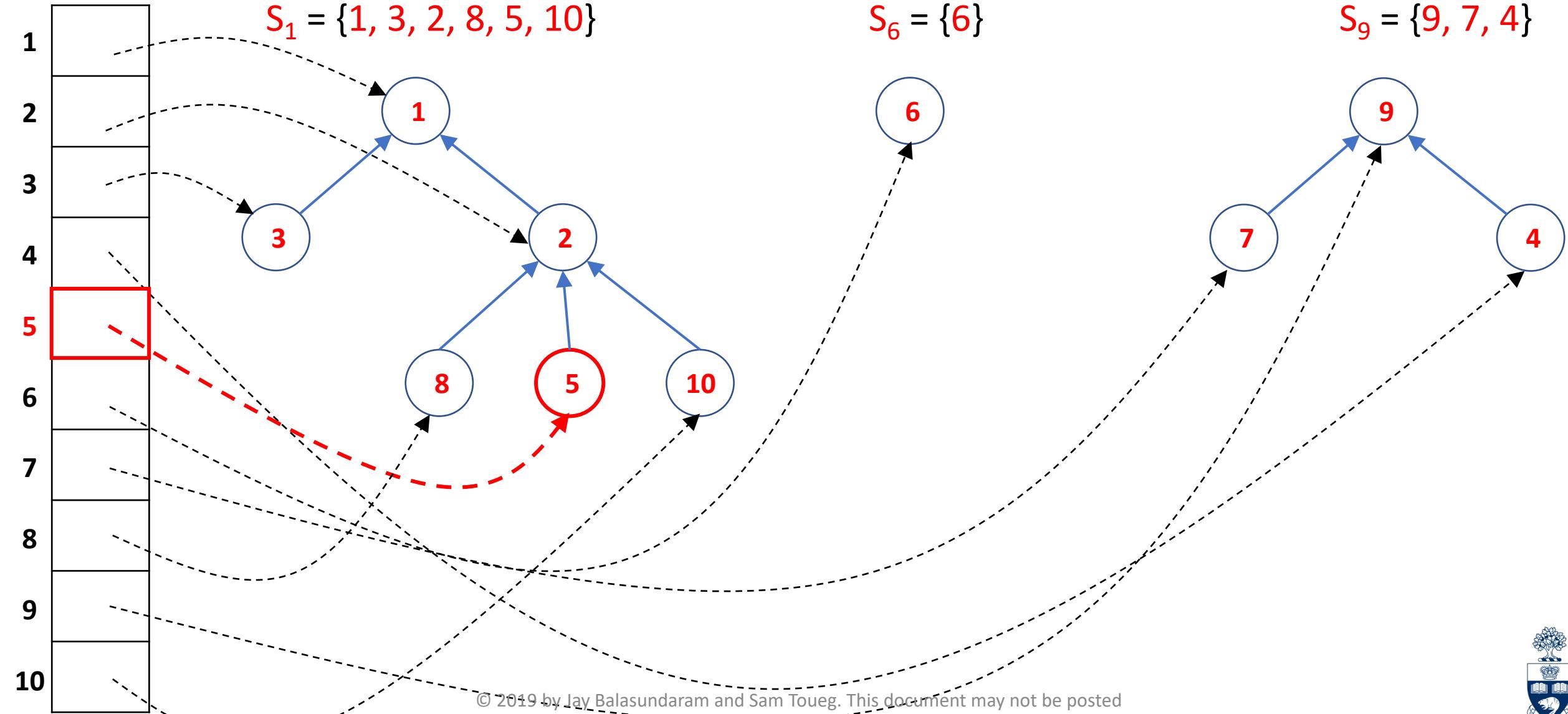
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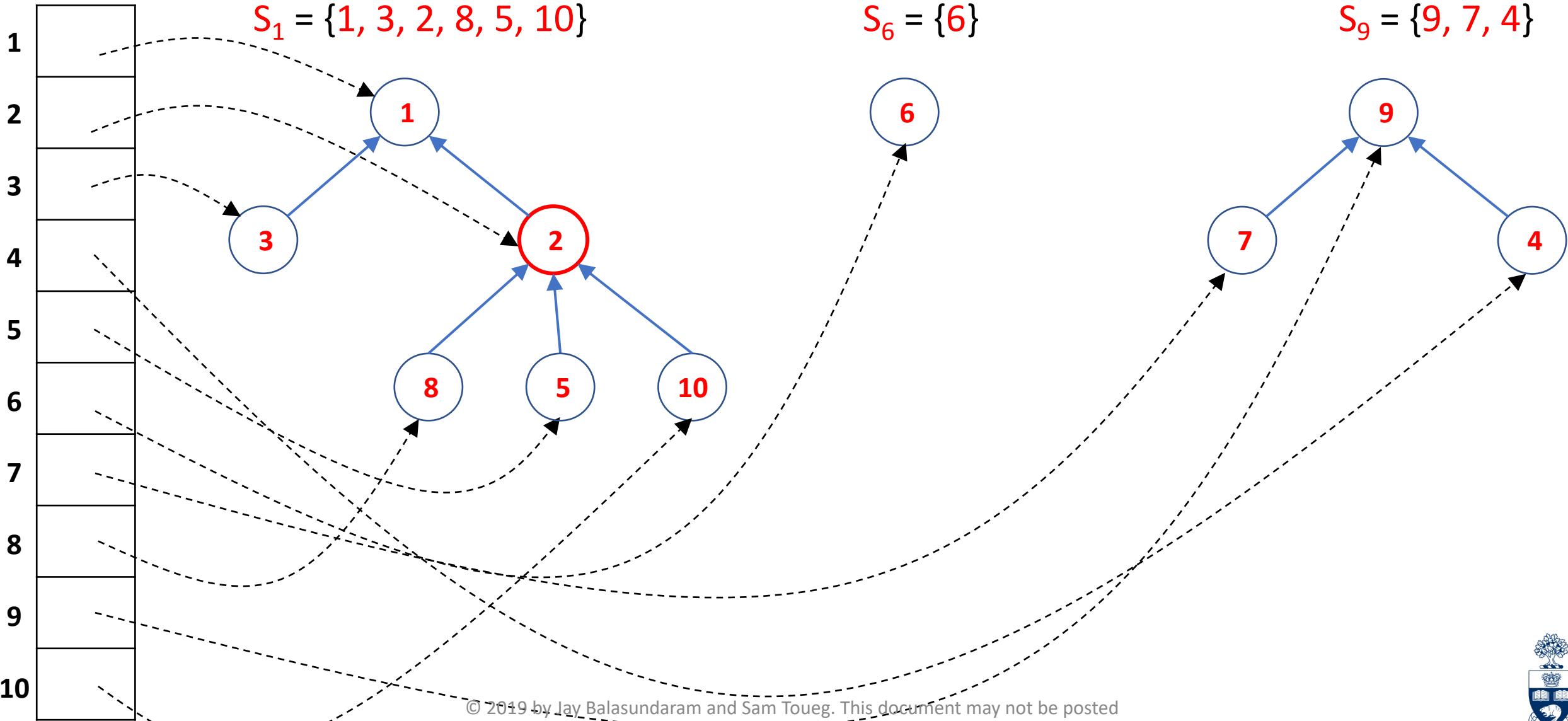
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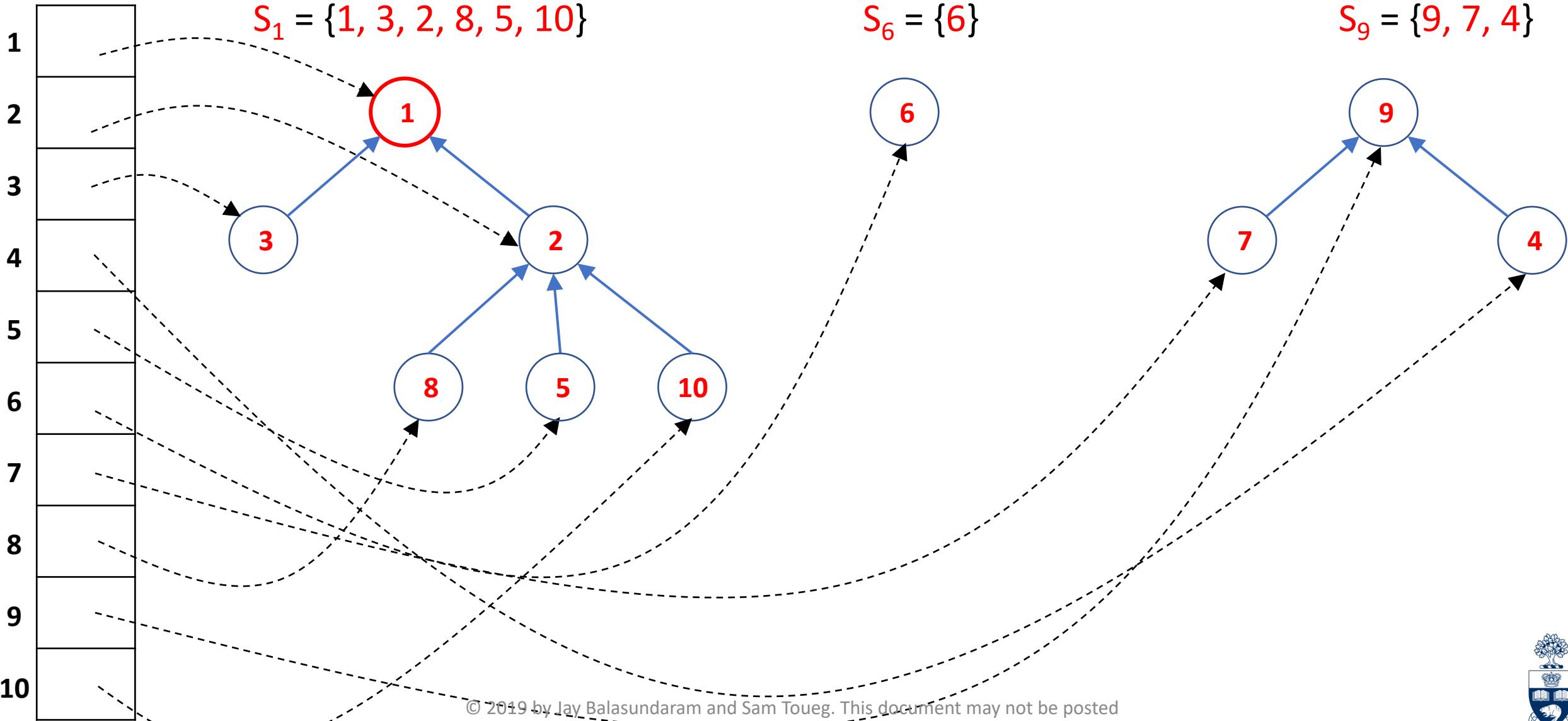
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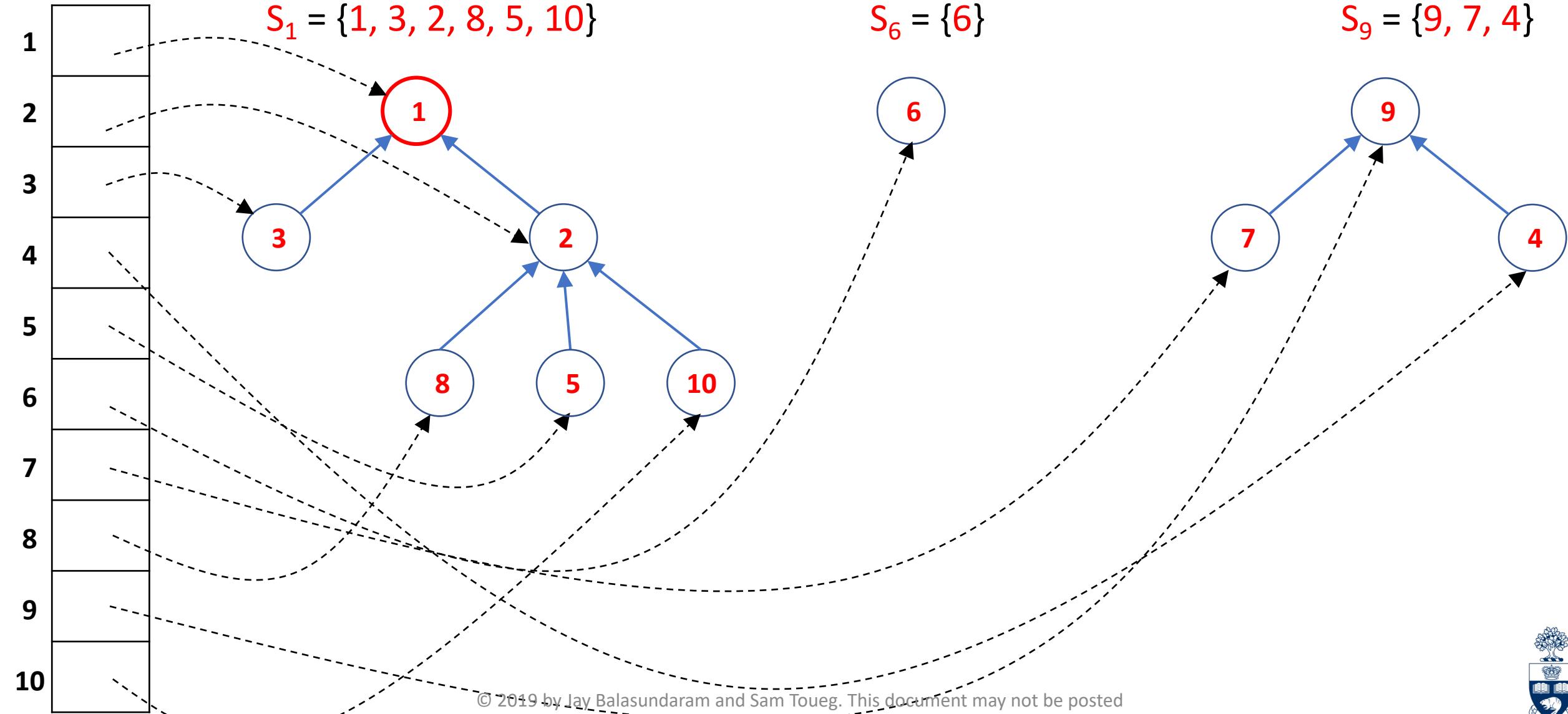
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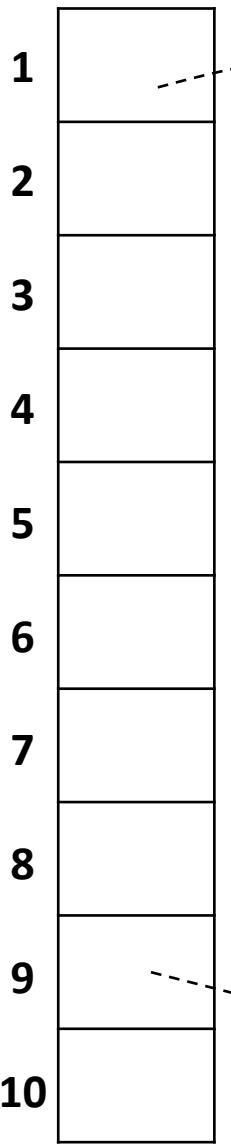
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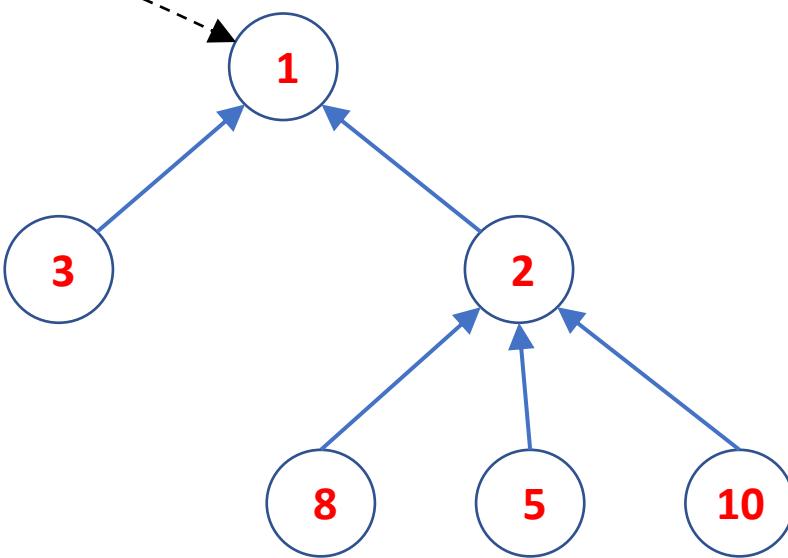


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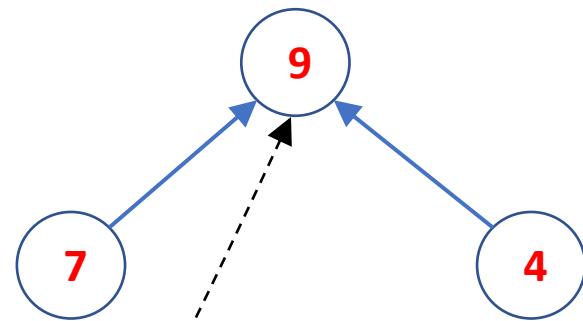
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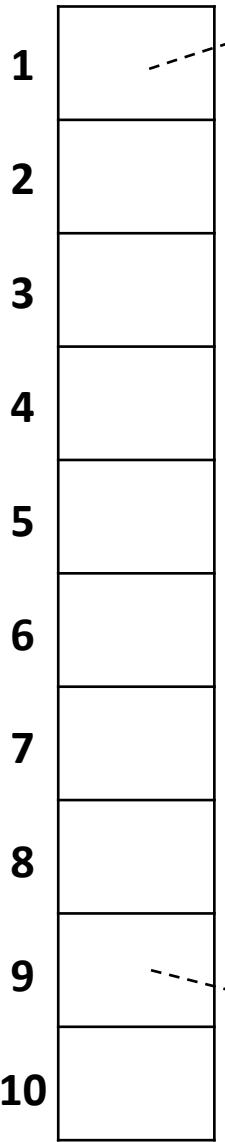


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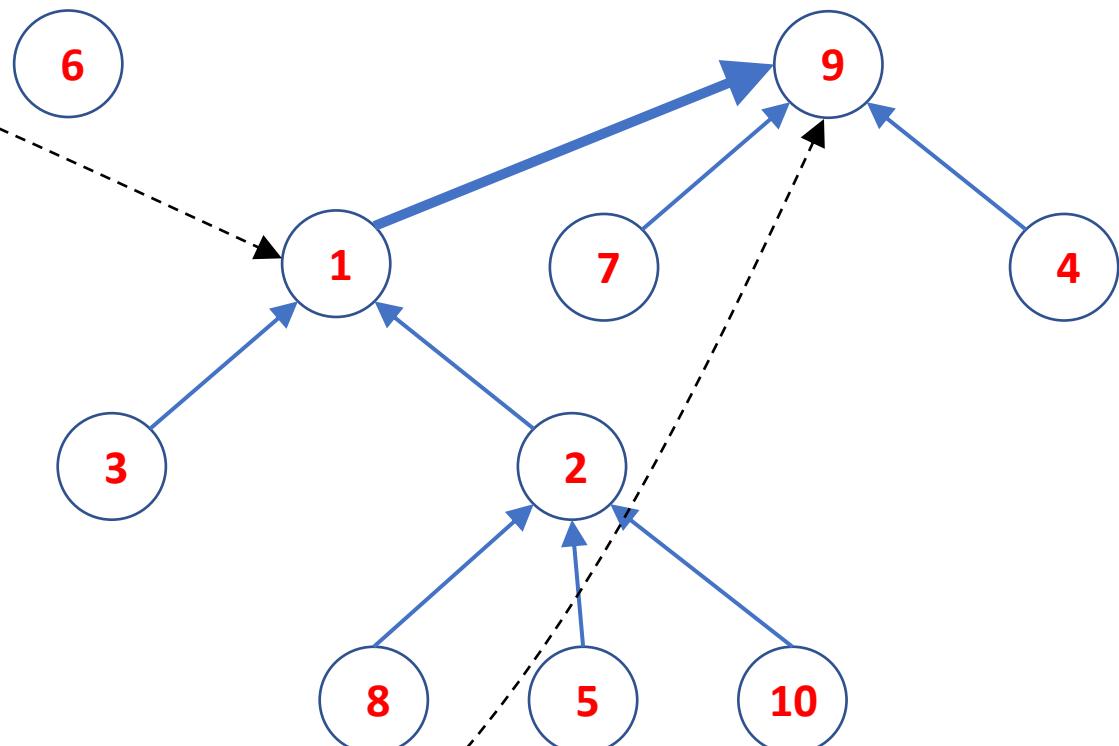
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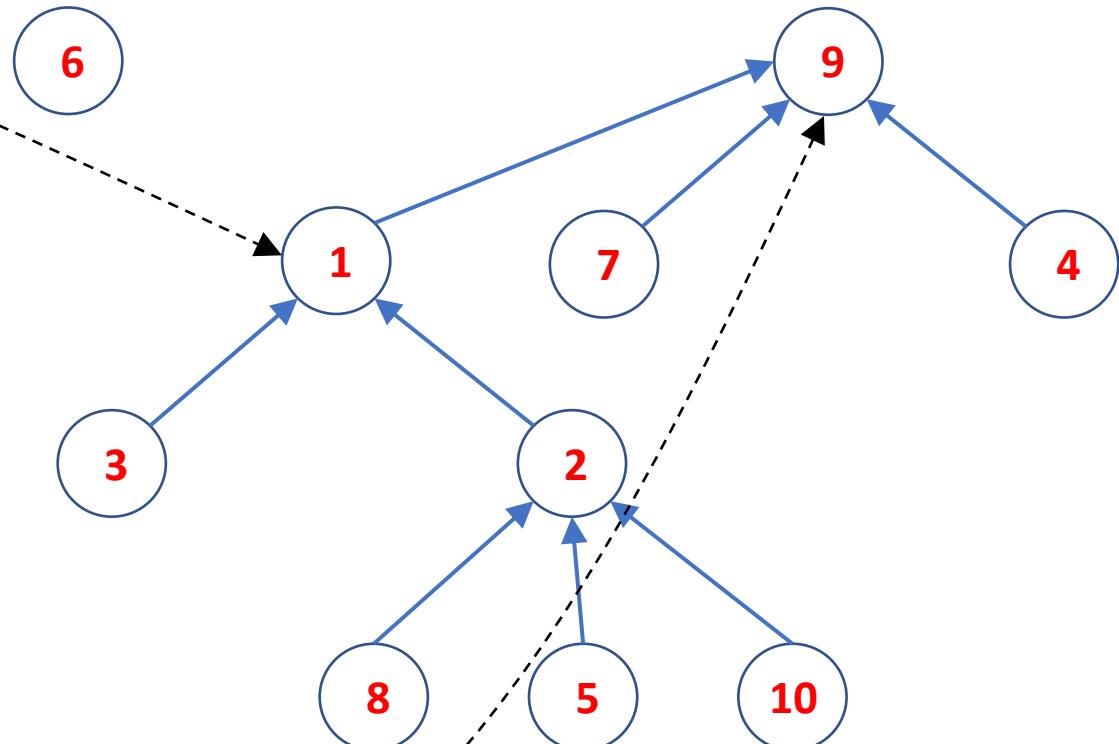
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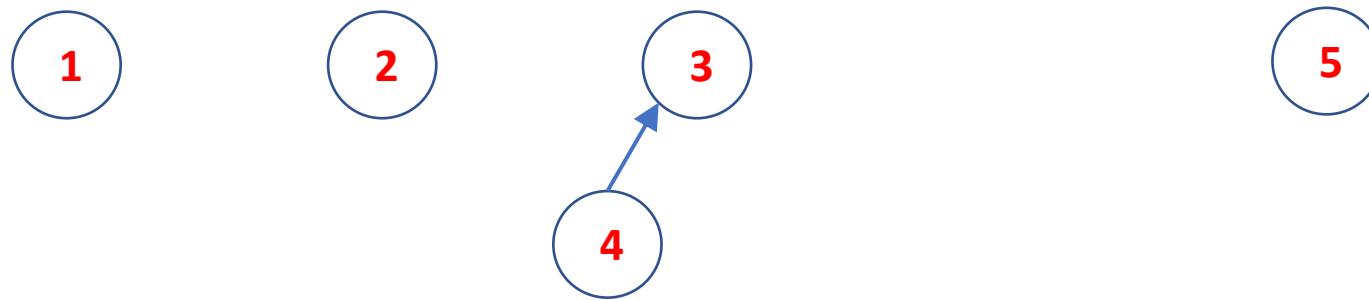


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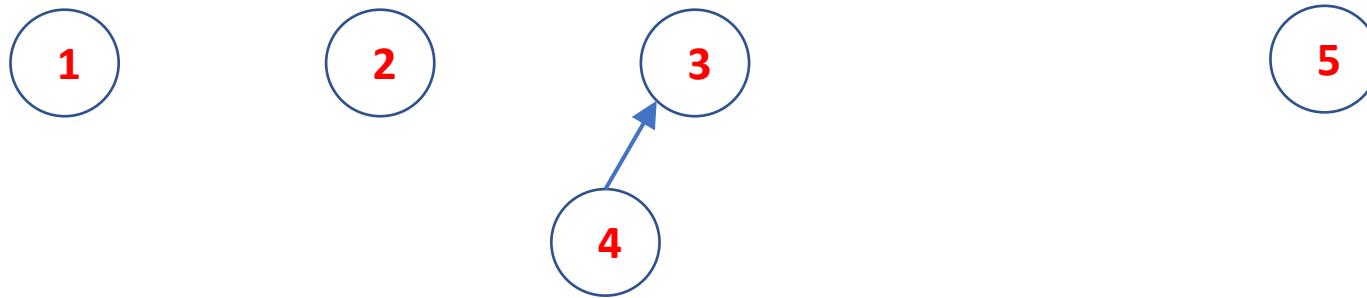


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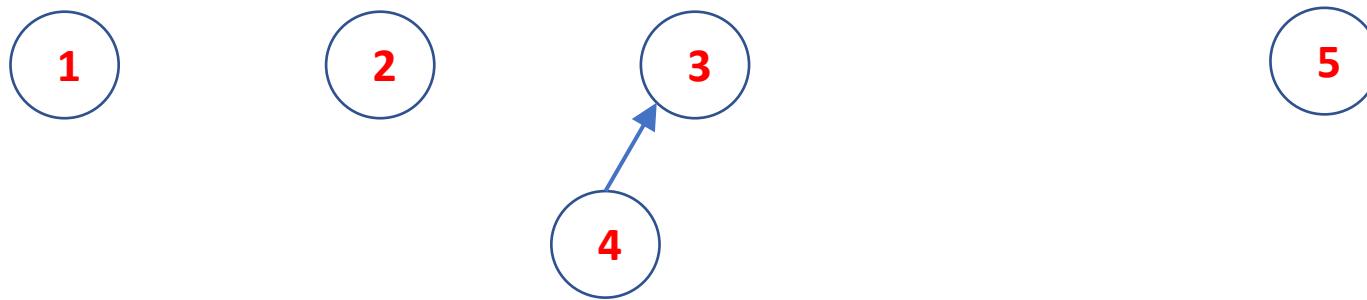


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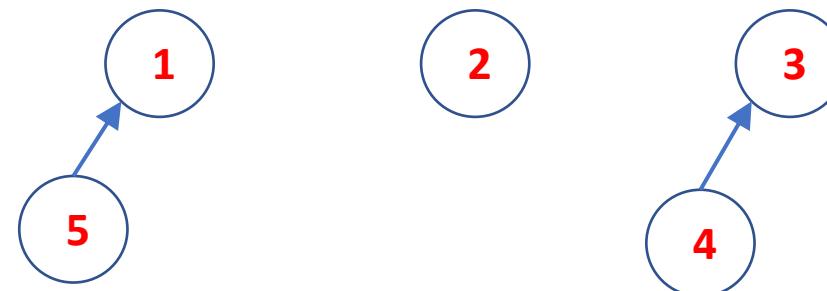
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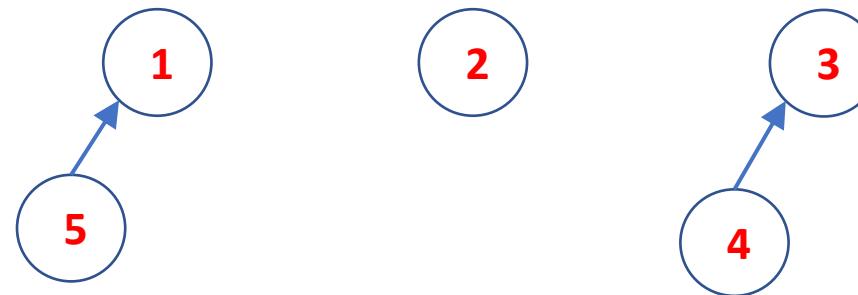
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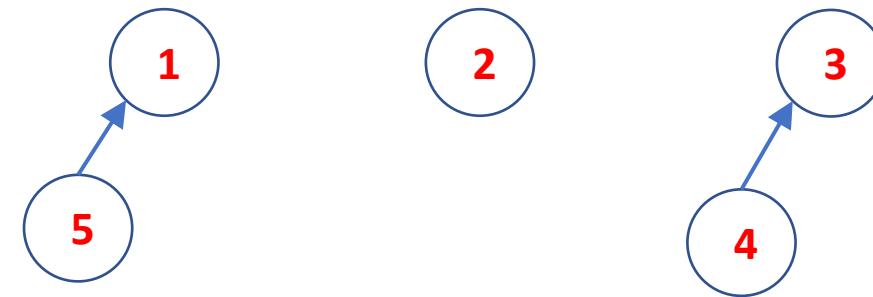


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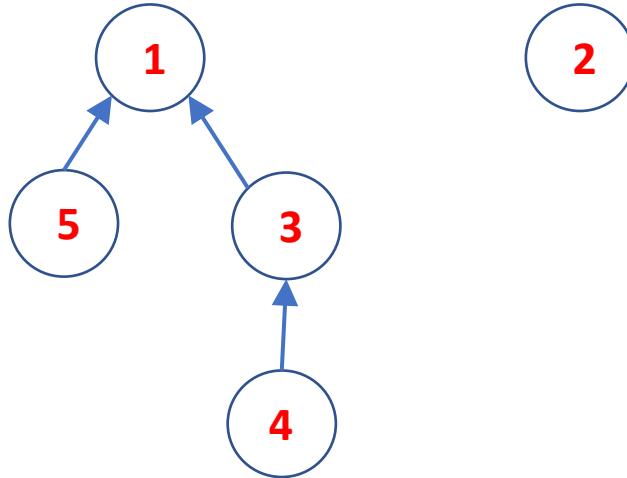


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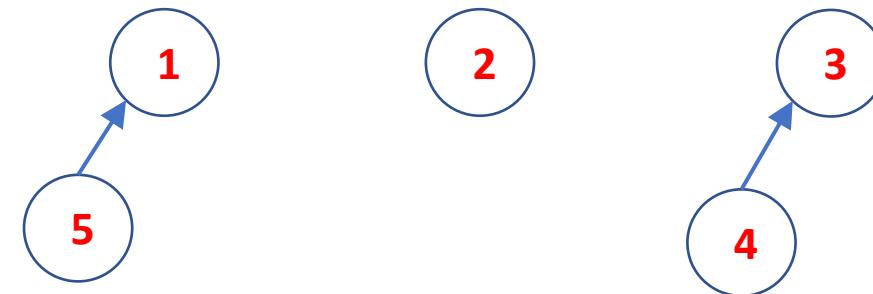


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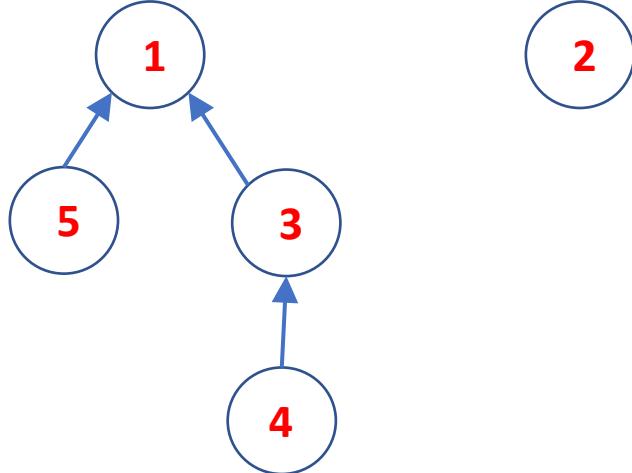


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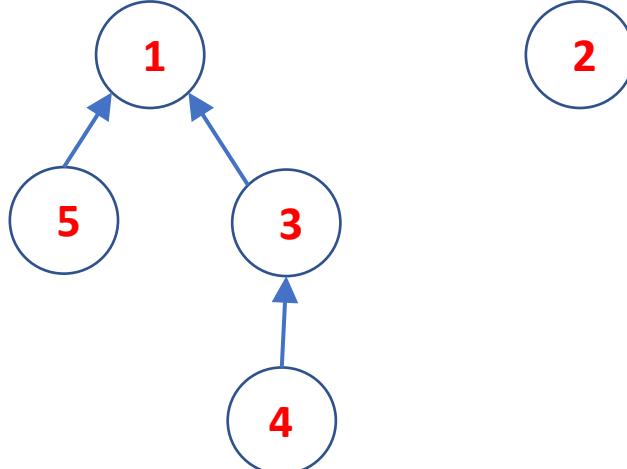


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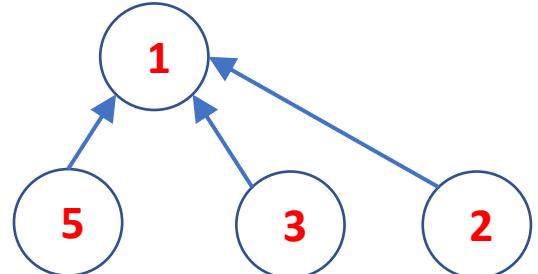
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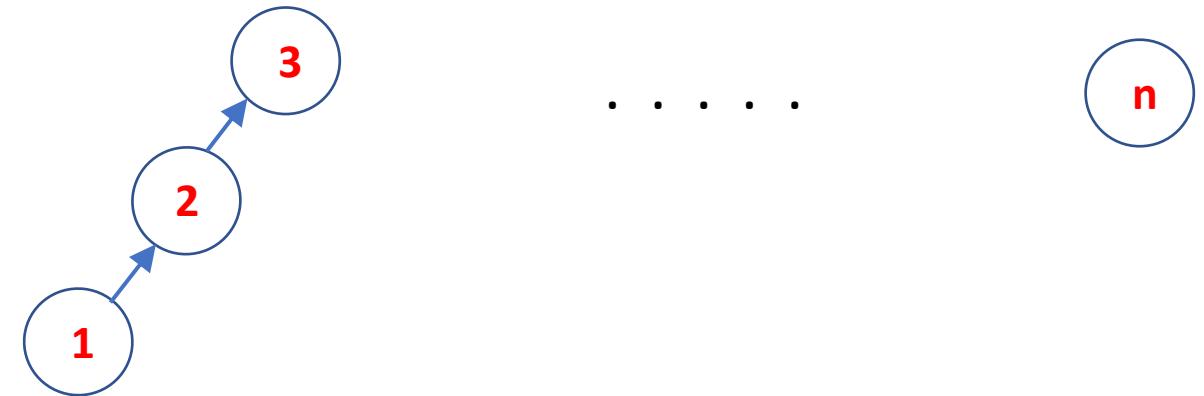
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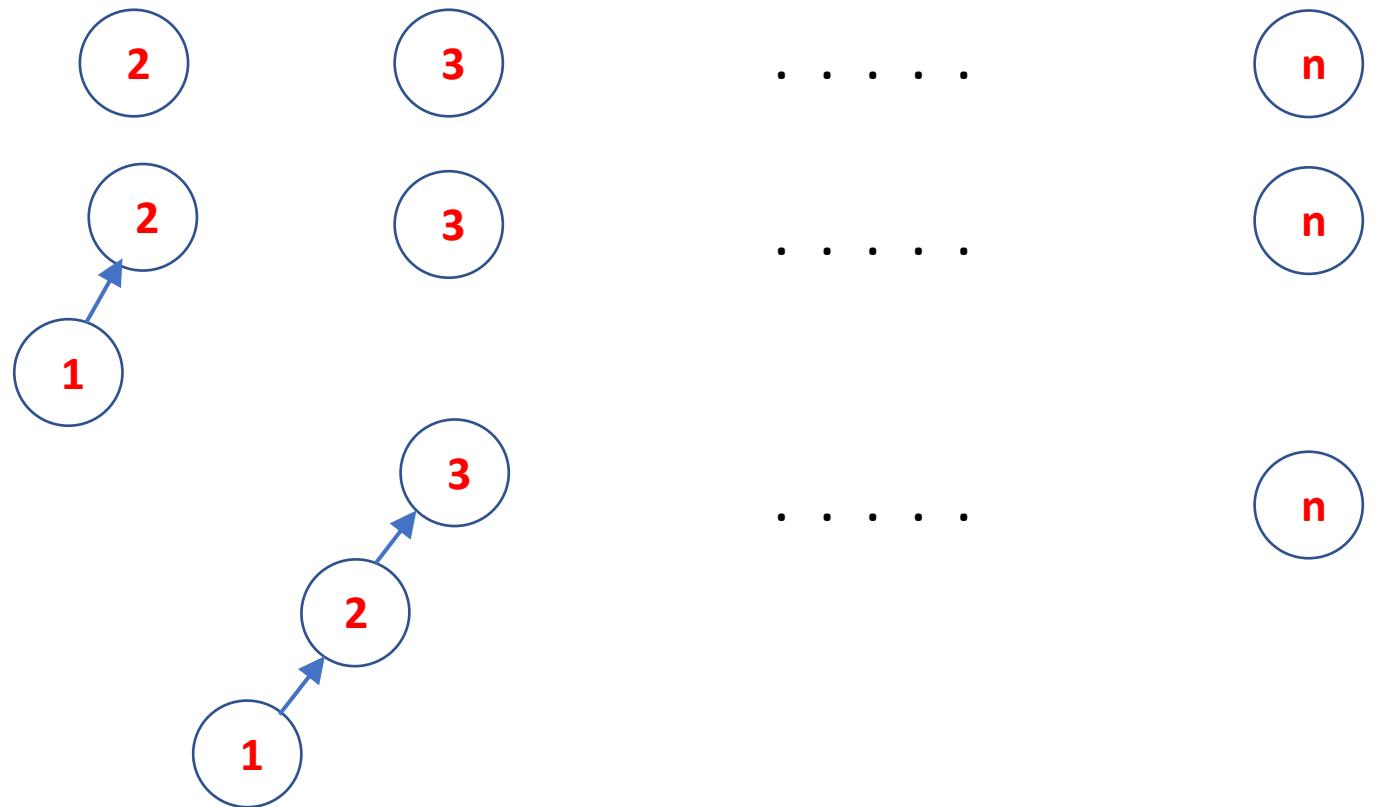
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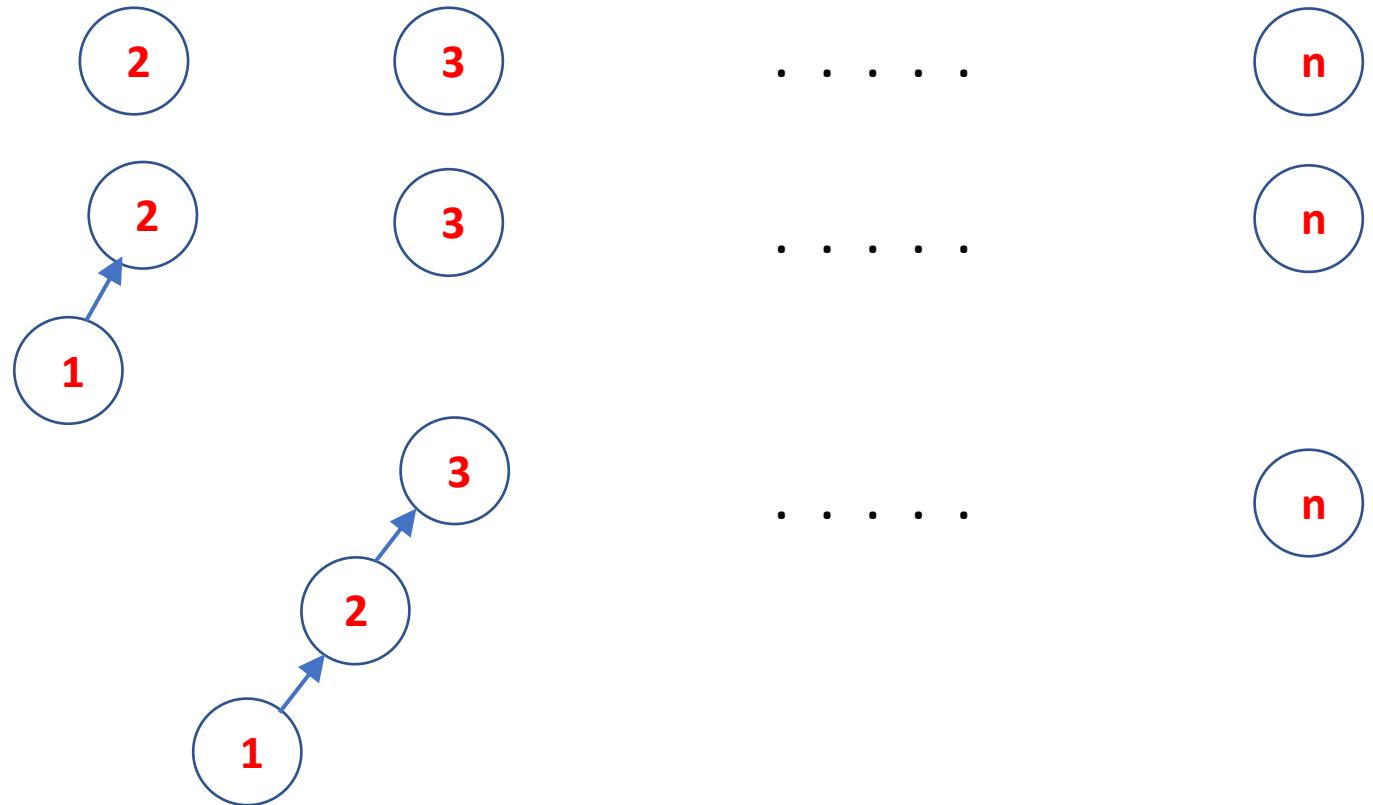
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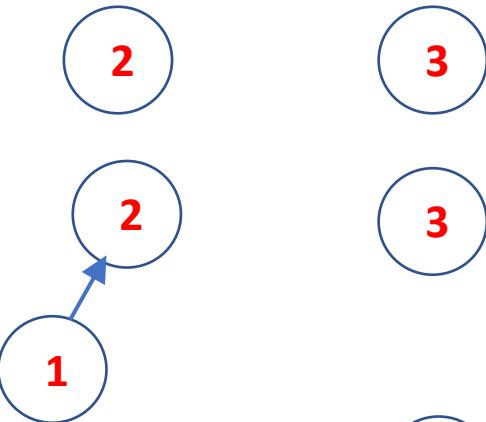


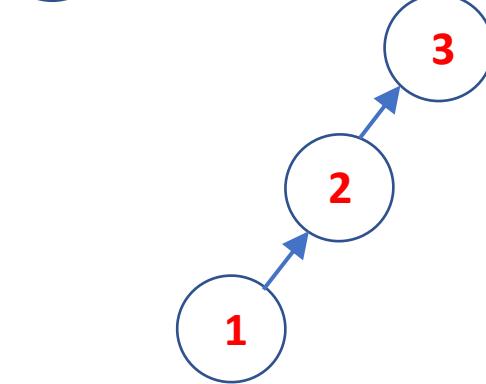
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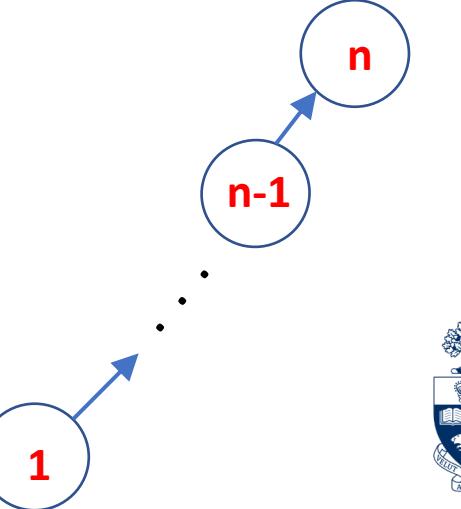
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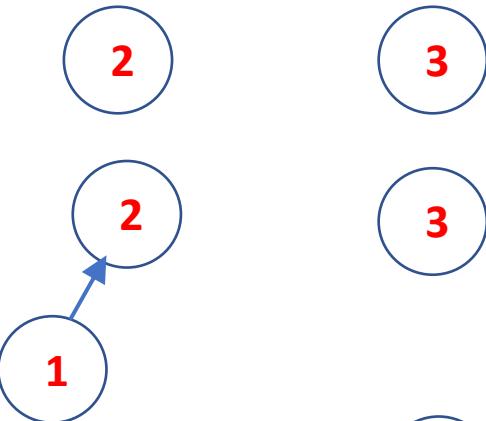
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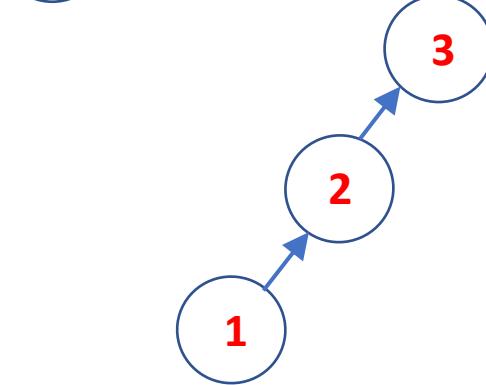
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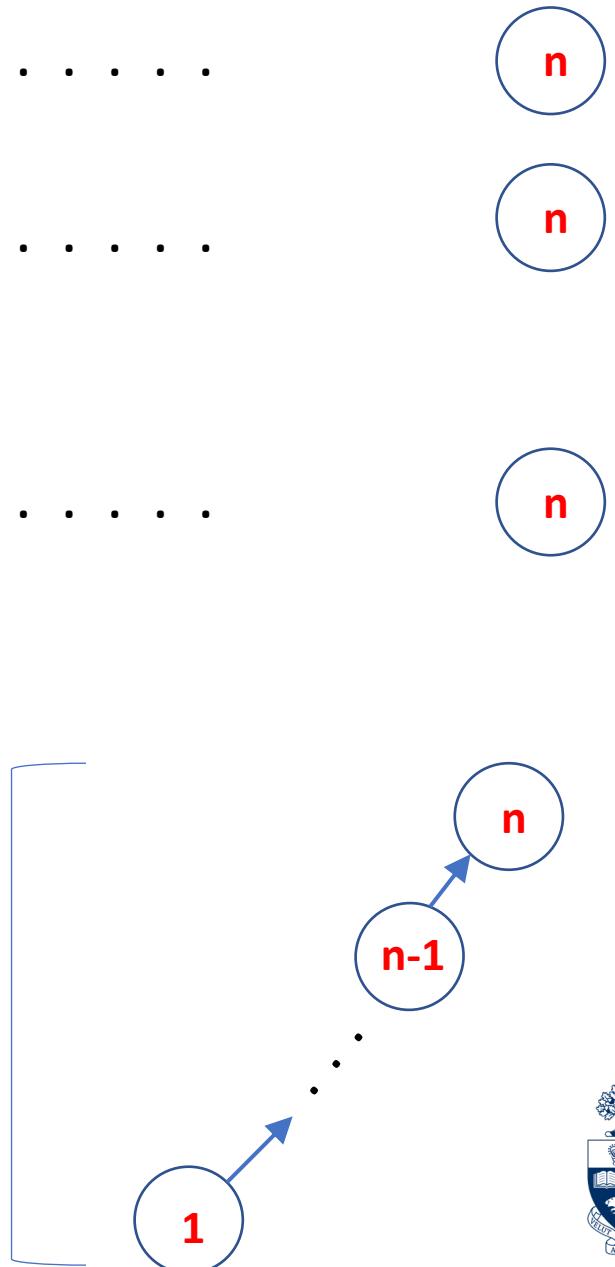
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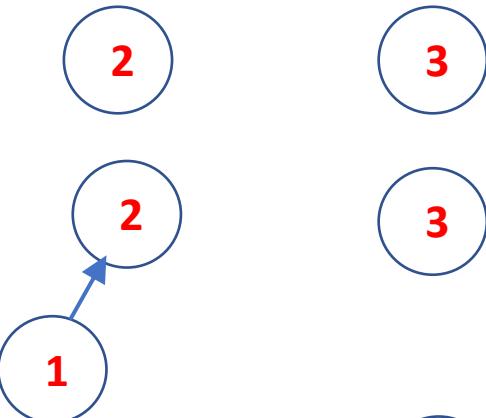
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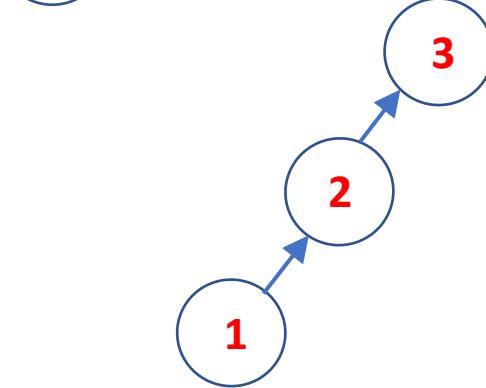
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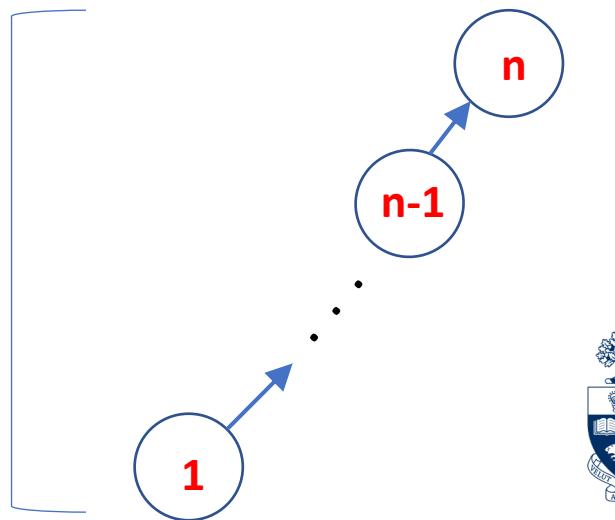
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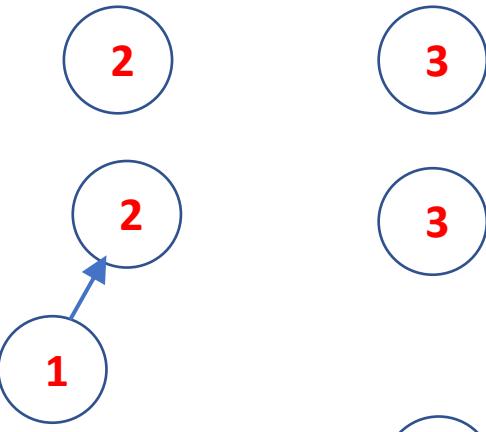
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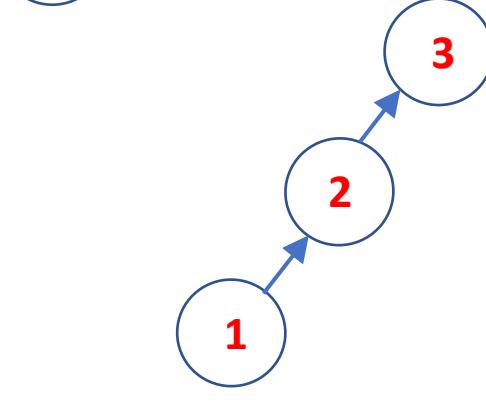
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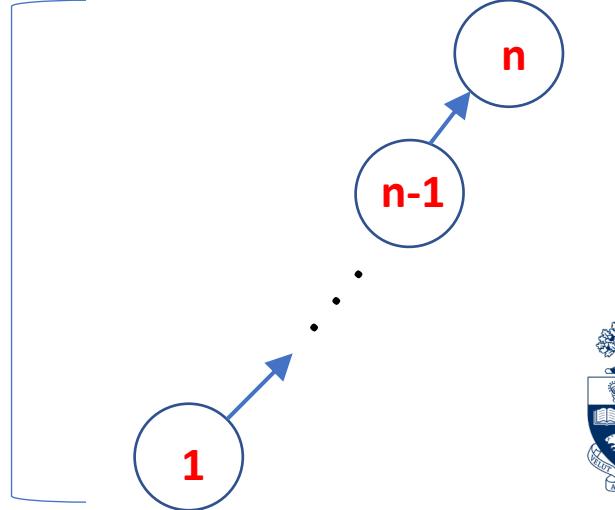
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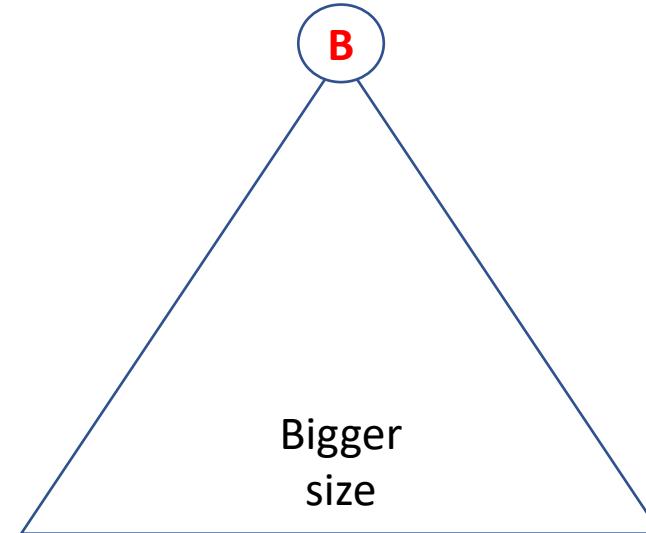
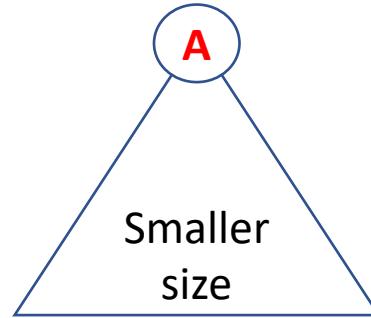
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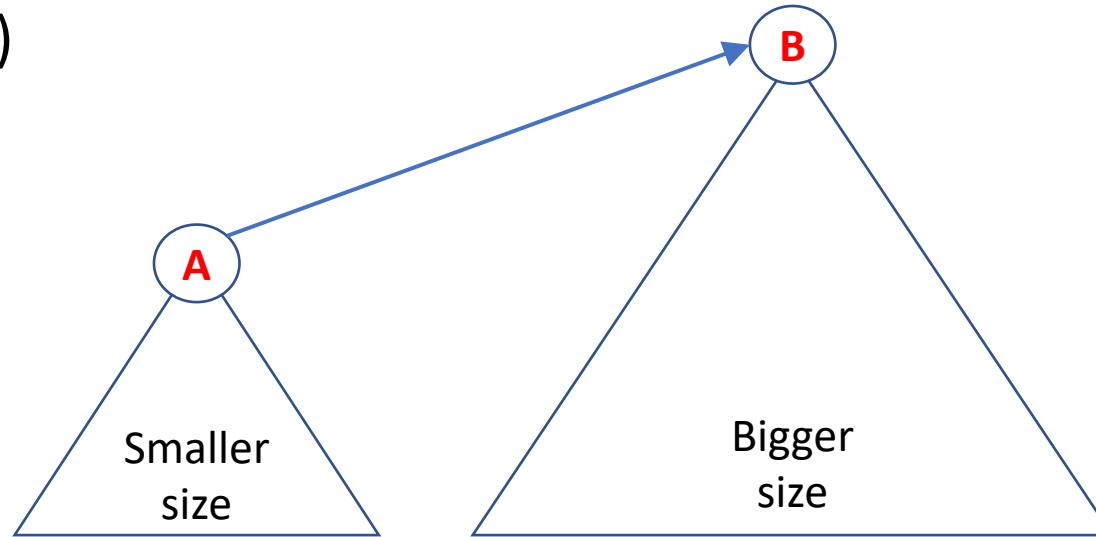


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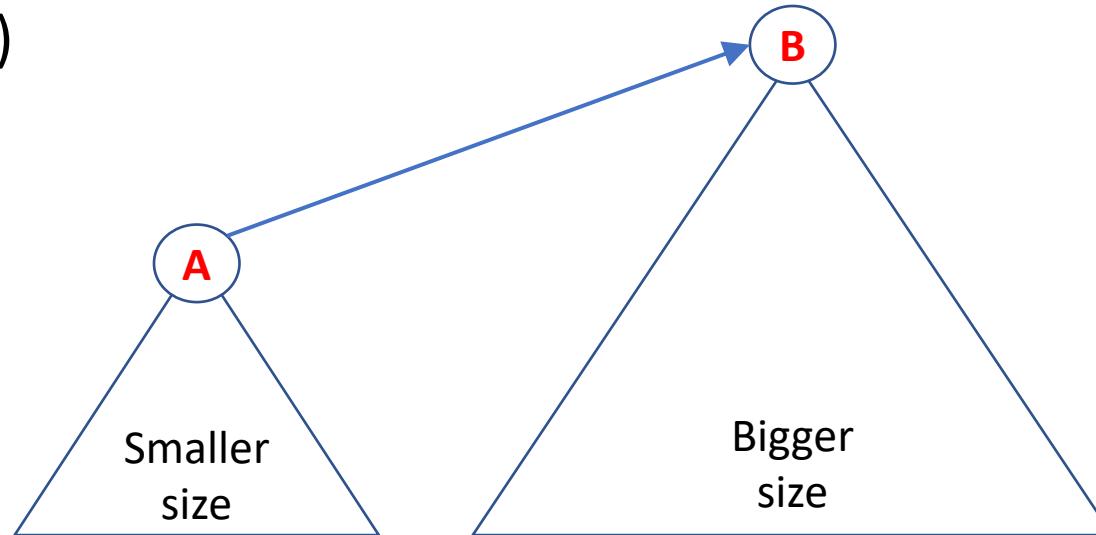
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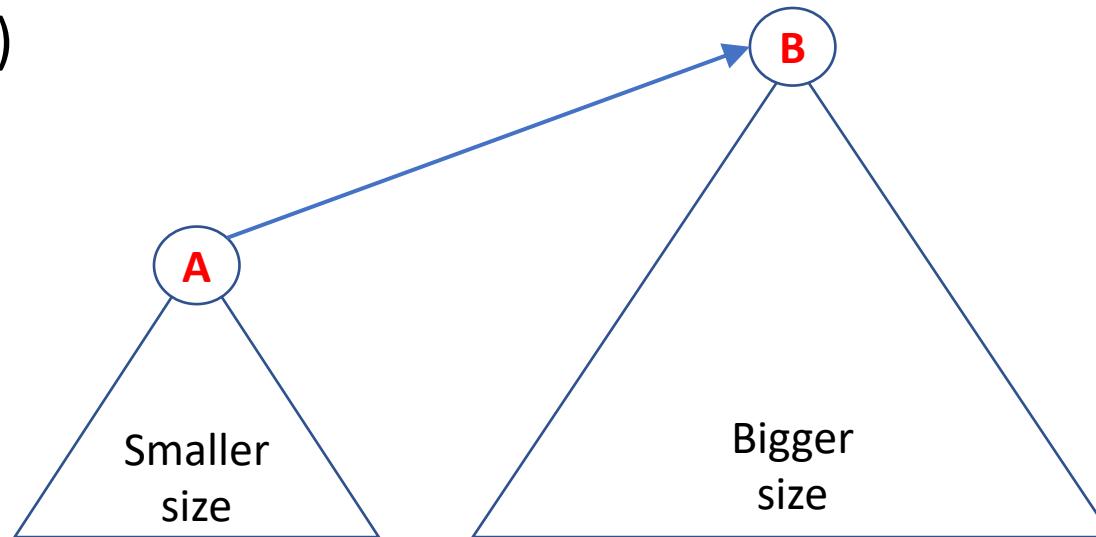
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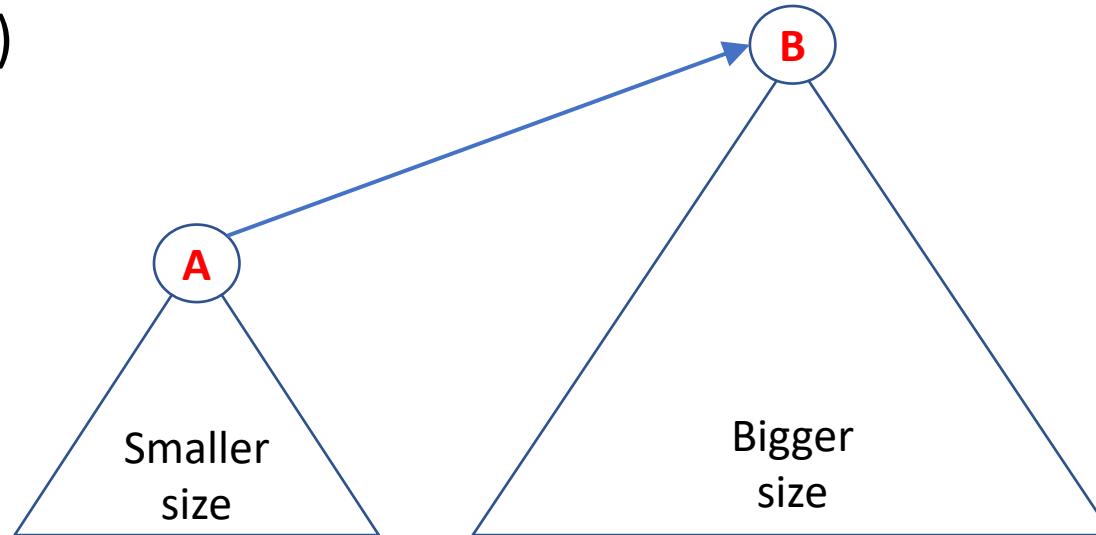
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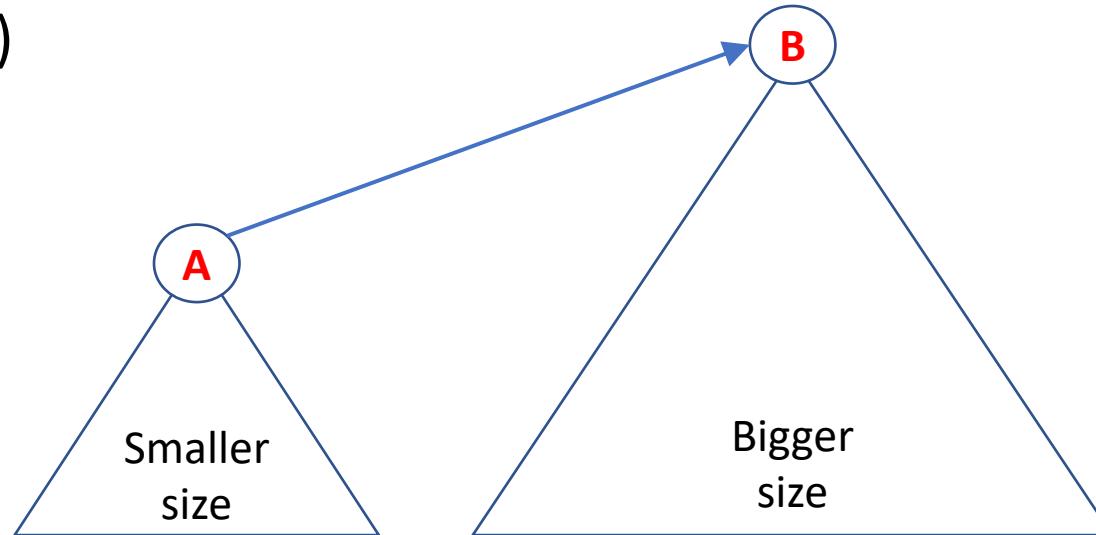
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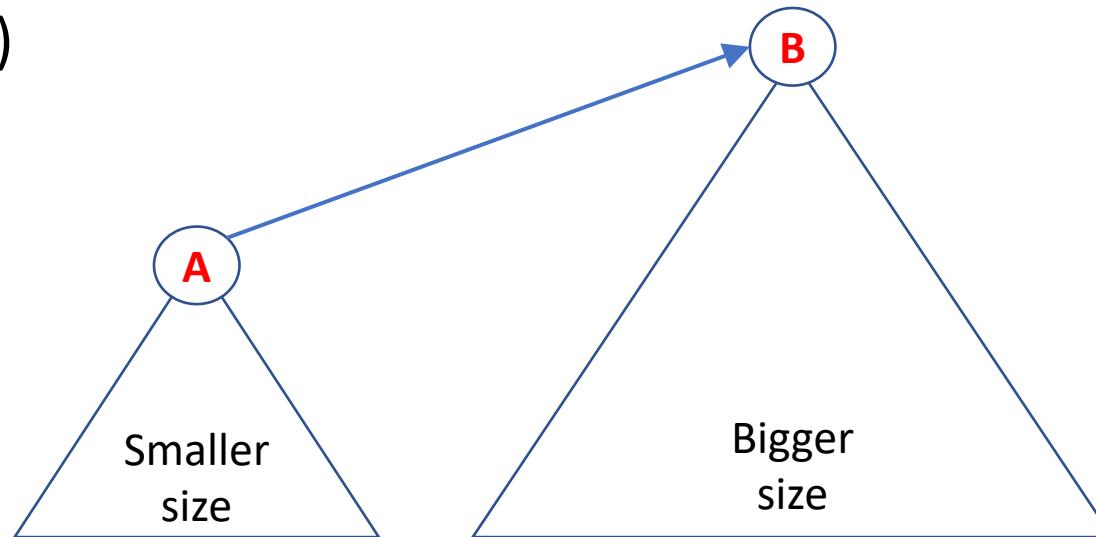
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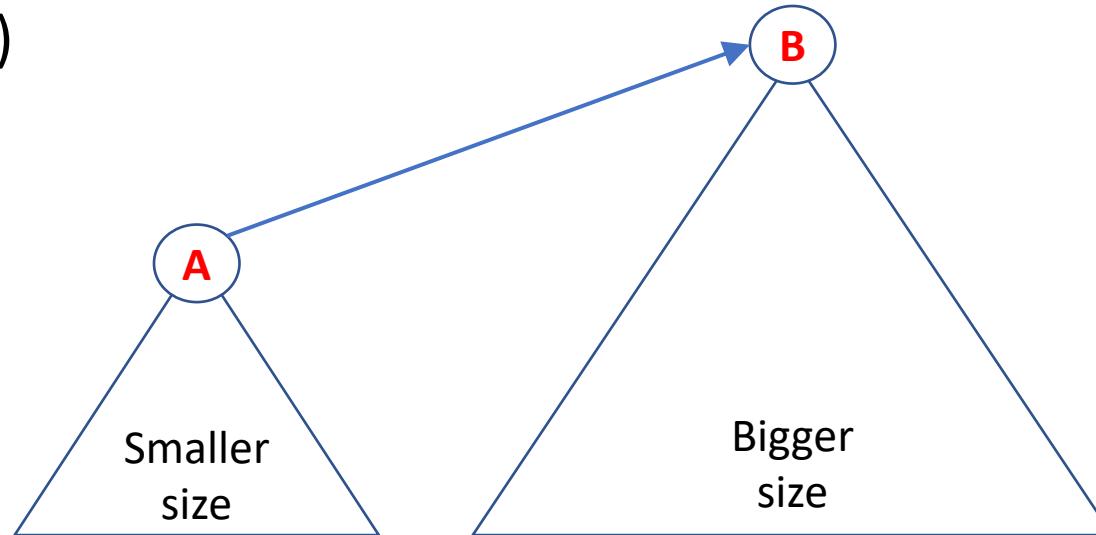
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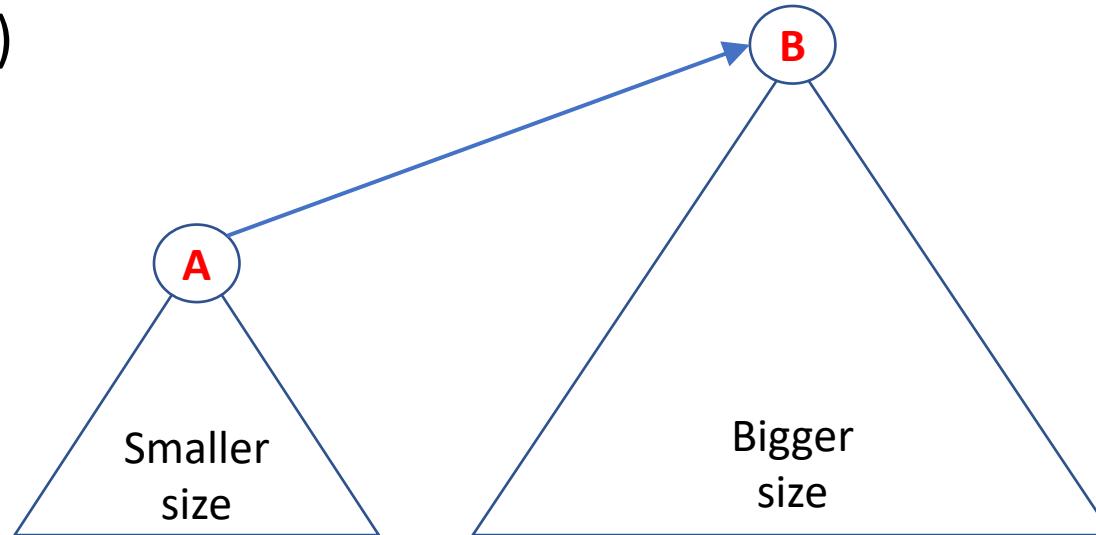
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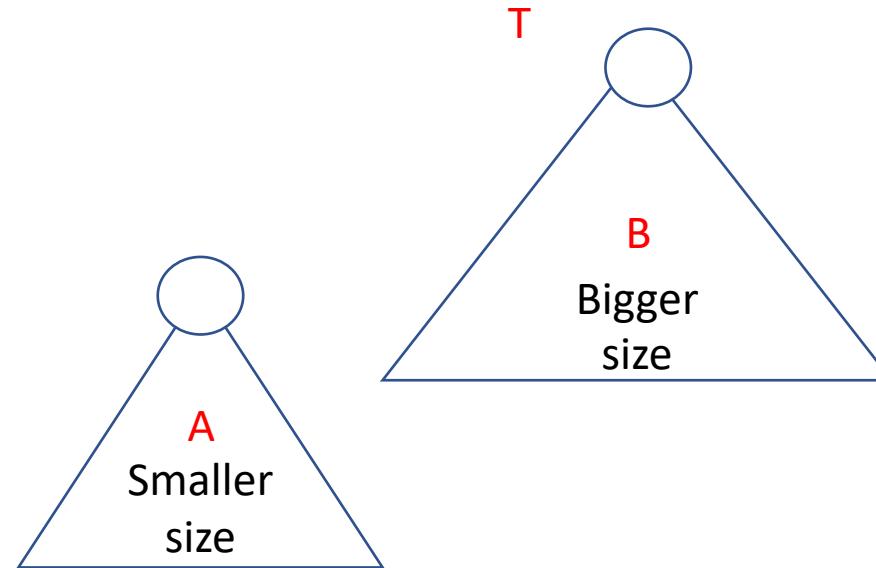
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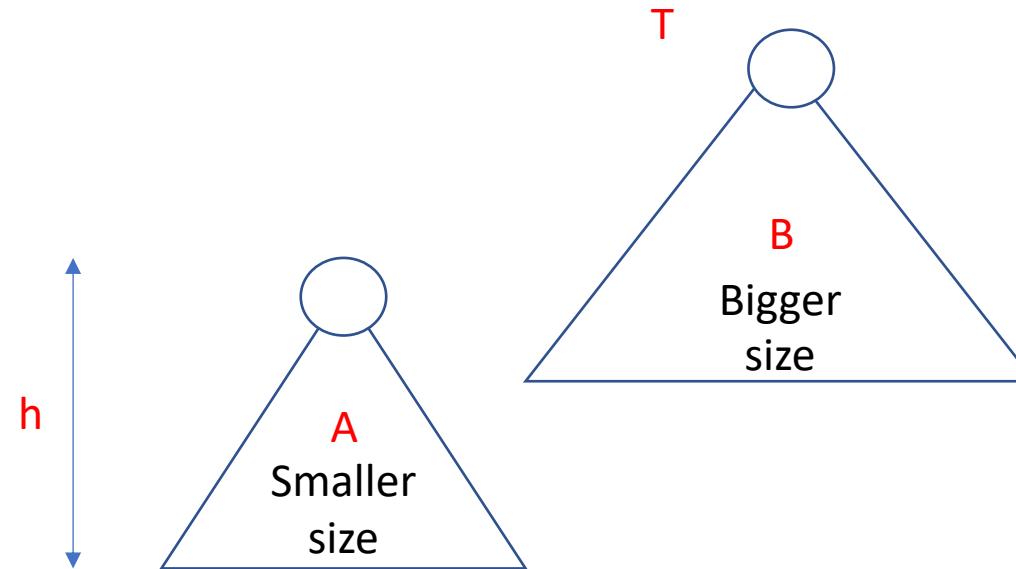
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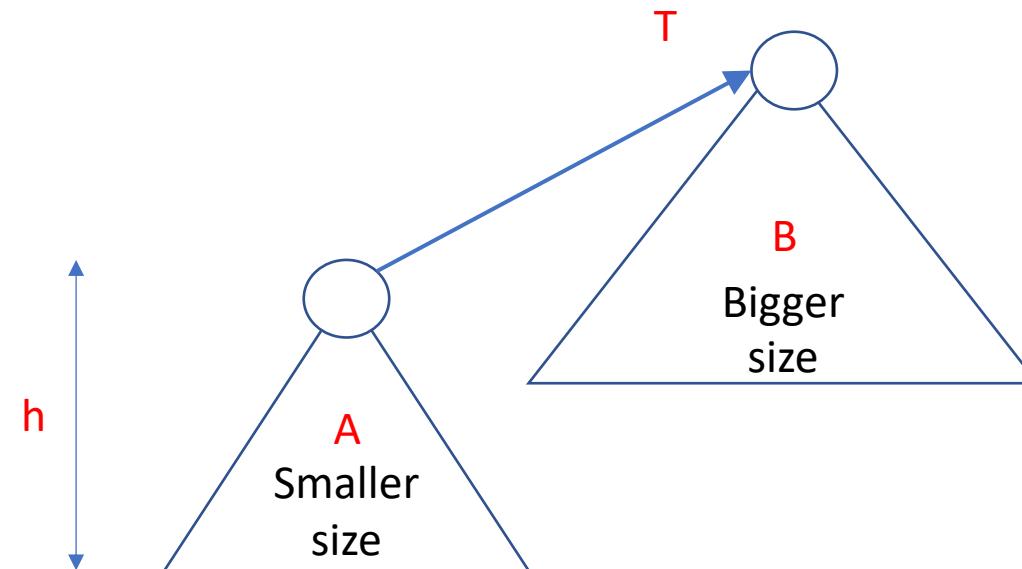
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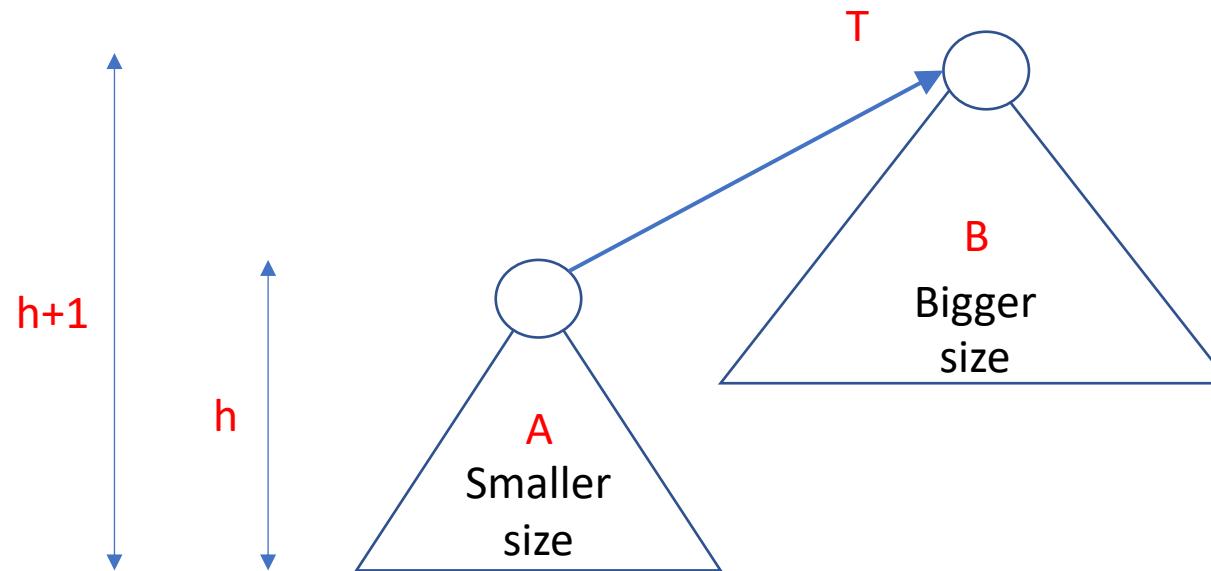
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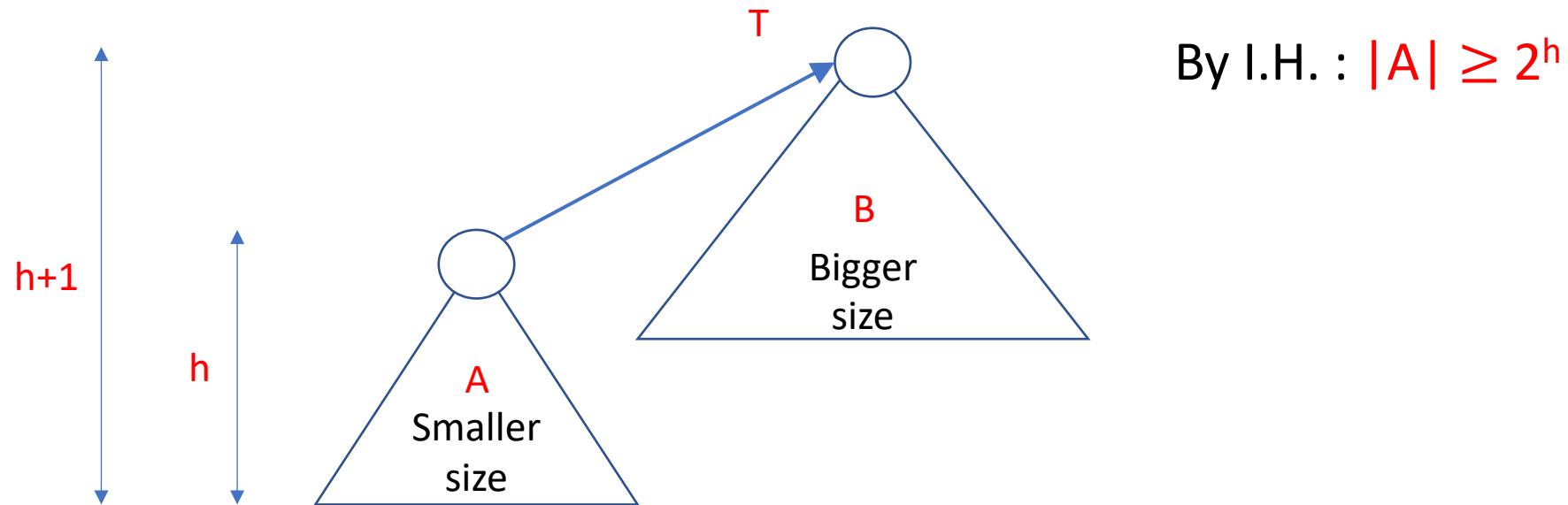
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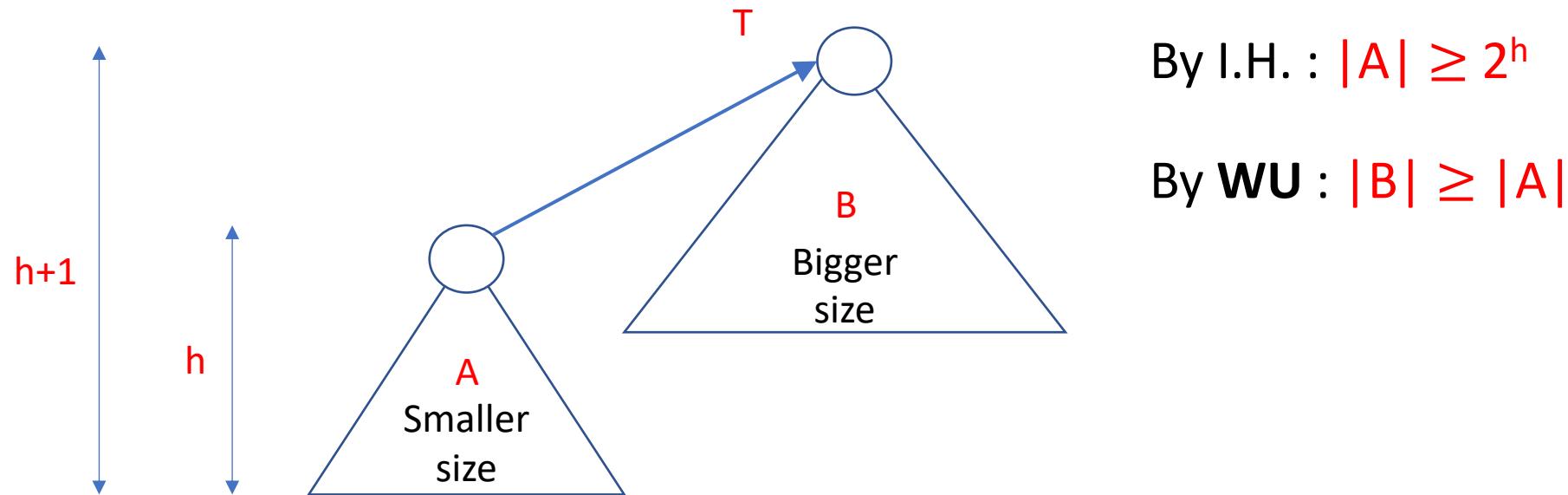
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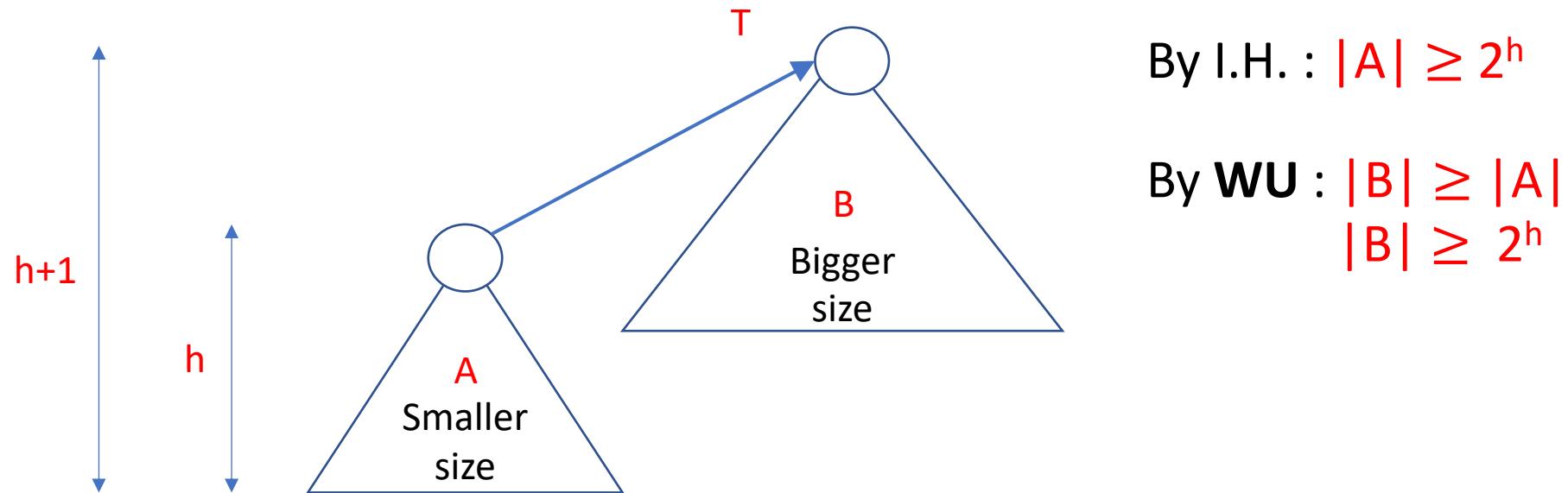
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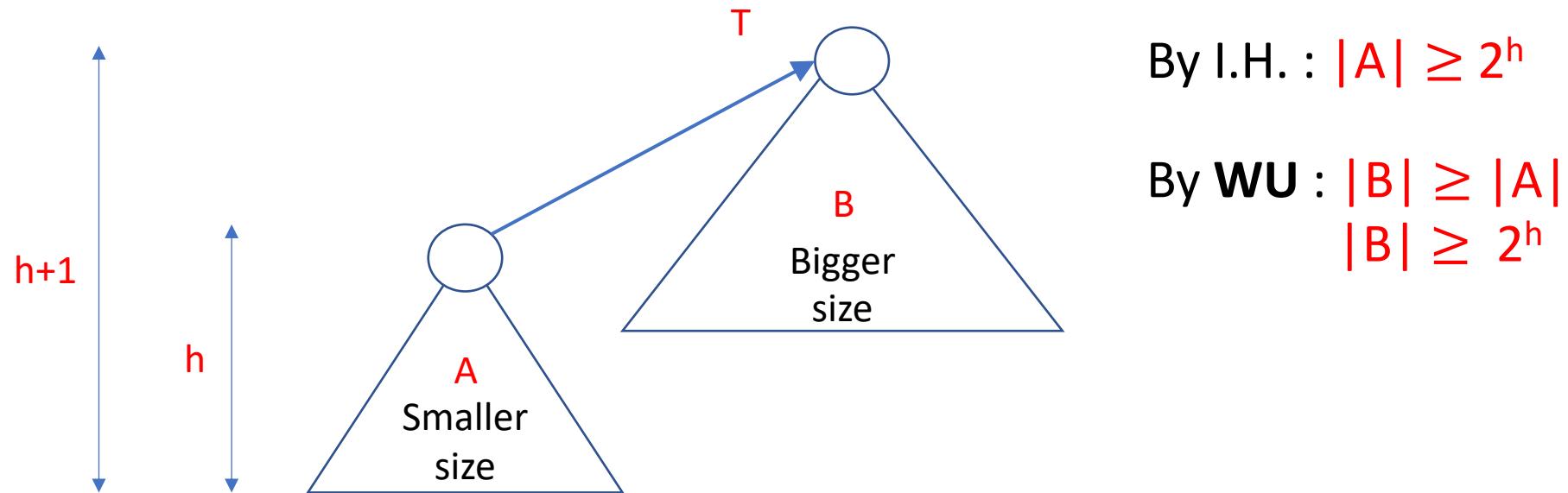
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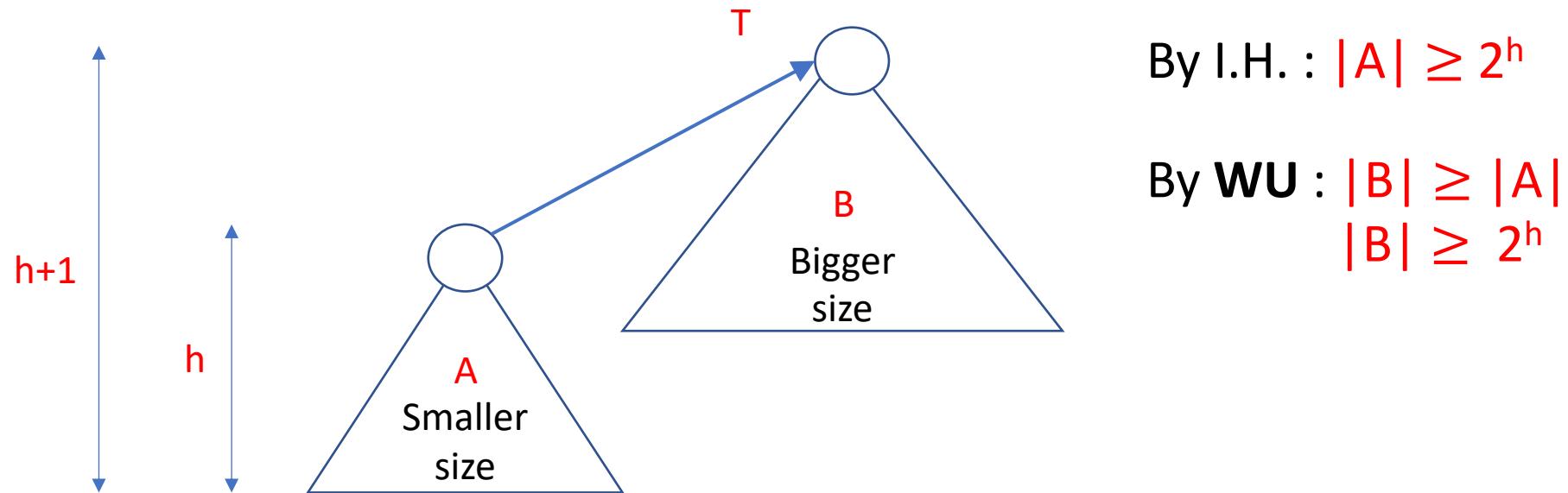
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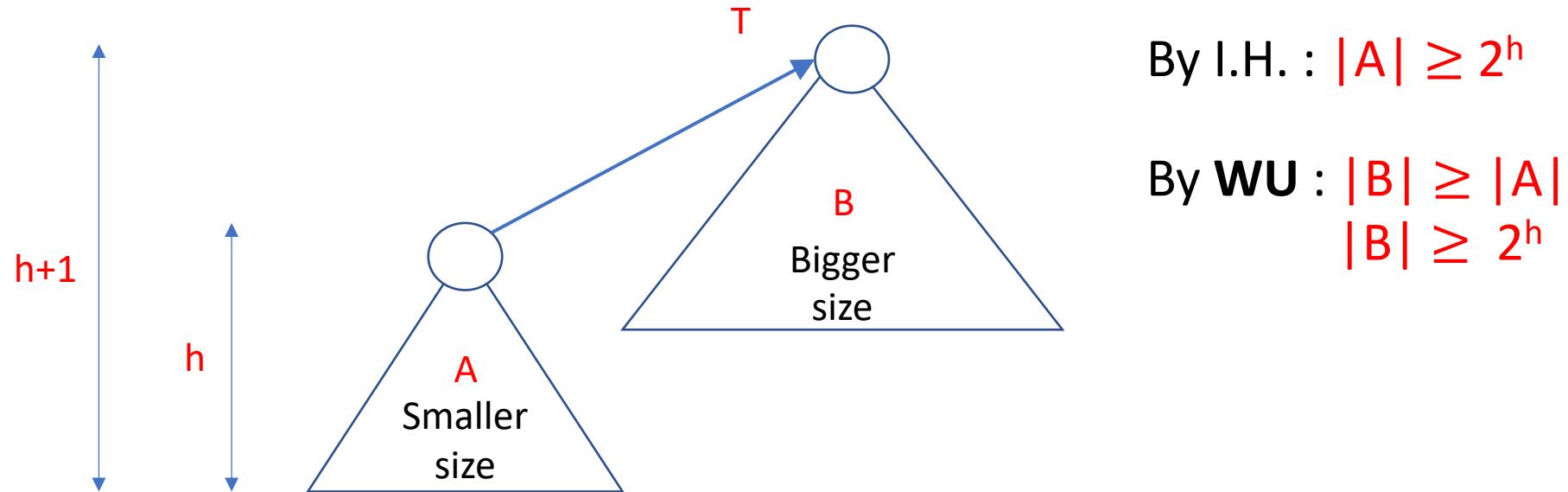
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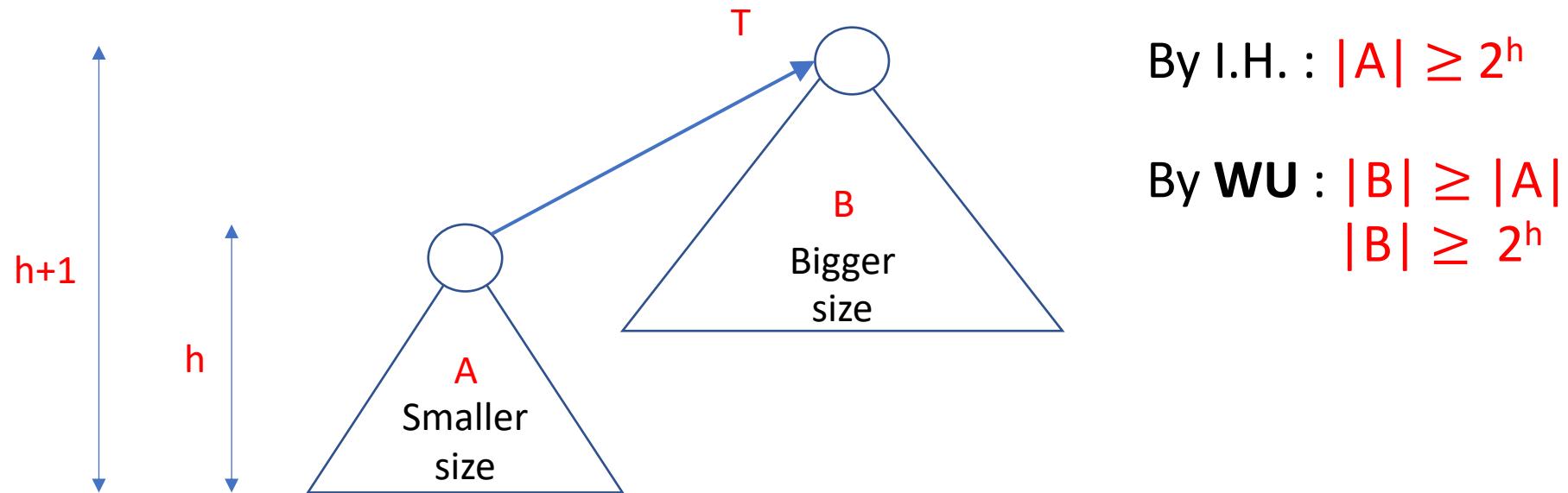
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