CS2040S Data Structures and Algorithms

Union-Find

Today

Disjoint Set Data Structure

- Problem: Dynamic Connectivity
- Algorithm: Union-Find
- Applications

Midterm

Monday March 6: 4:00pm

Location: MPSH 2A and MPSH 2B



Bring to quiz:

- One double-sided sheet of paper with any notes you like.
- Pens/pencils.
- You may not use anything else. (No calculators, no phones, etc.)

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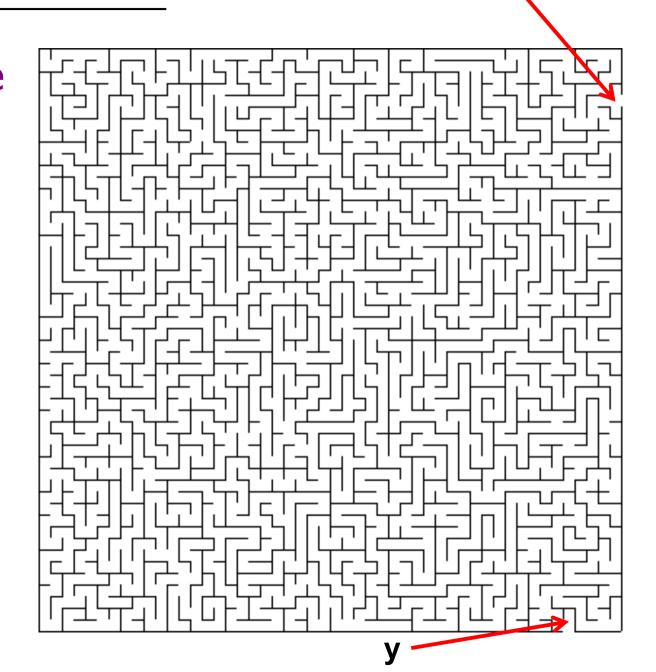
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Is there any route from y to z?



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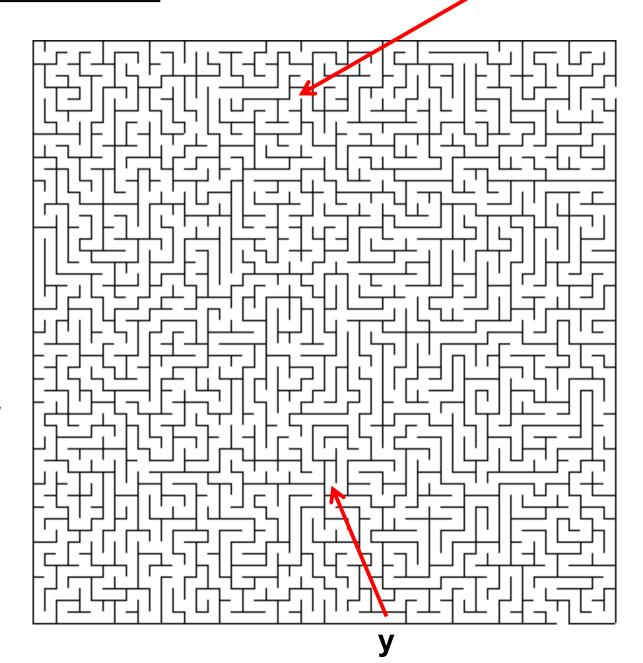
Two steps:

- 1. Pre-process maze
- 2. Answer queries

isConnected(y,z) :

Returns true if there is a path from A to B, and false otherwise.



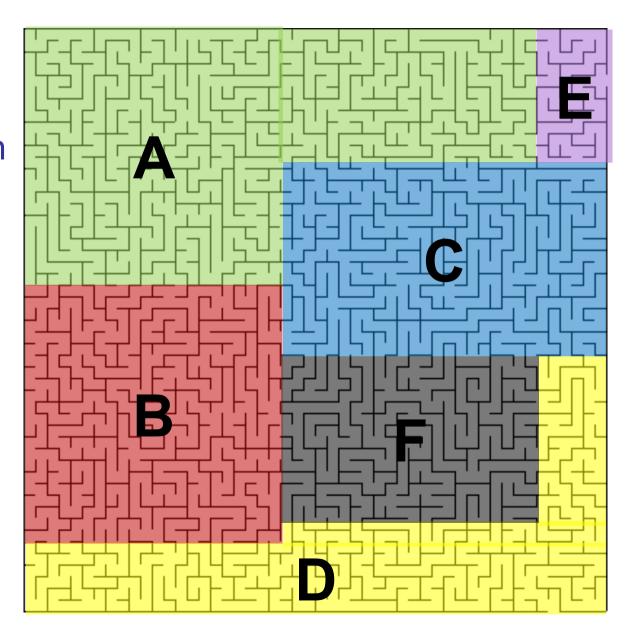


Preprocess:

Identify connected locations. Label each location with its location id.

isConnected(y,z) :

Returns true if A and B have the same label.



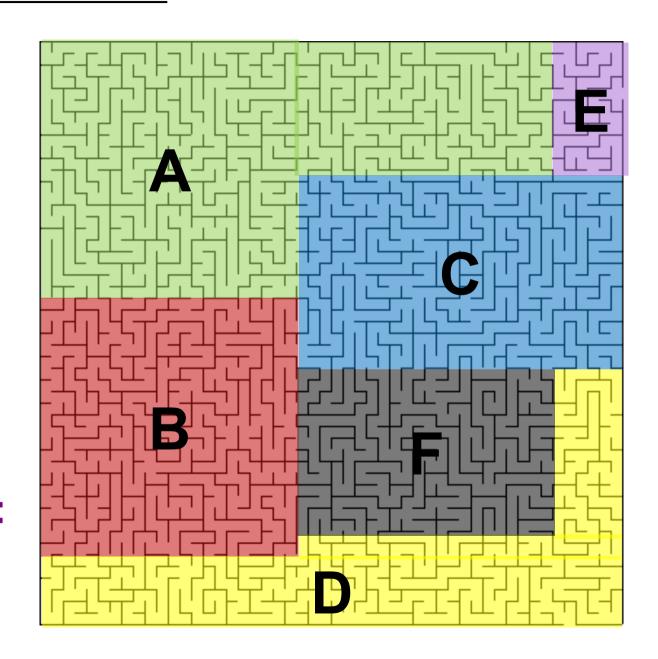
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Prepare to answer queries.

destroyWall(x):

Remove walls from the maze using your superpowers.

isConnected(y, z):
Answer connectivity
queries.



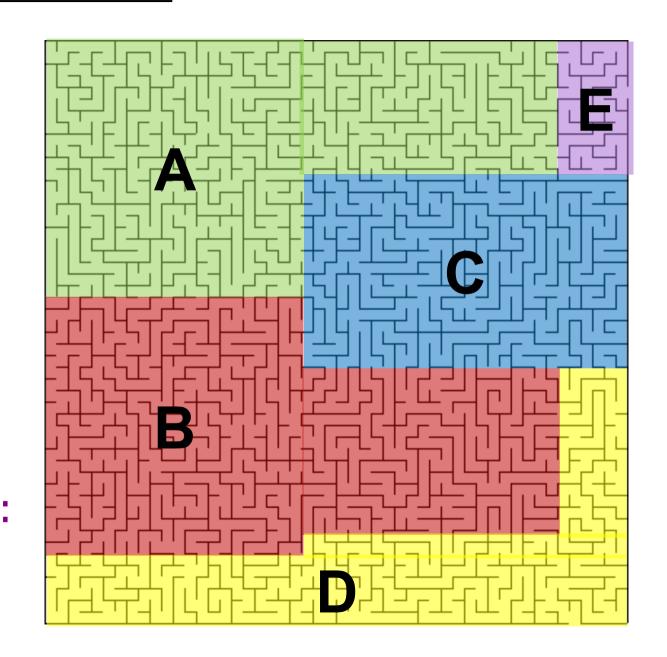
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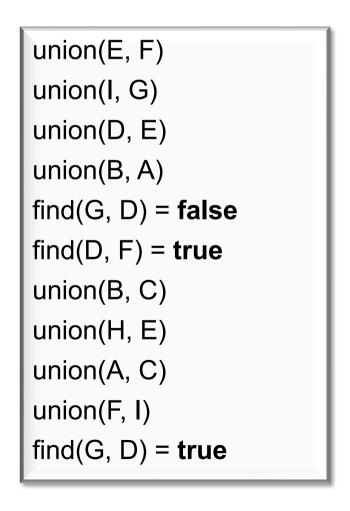
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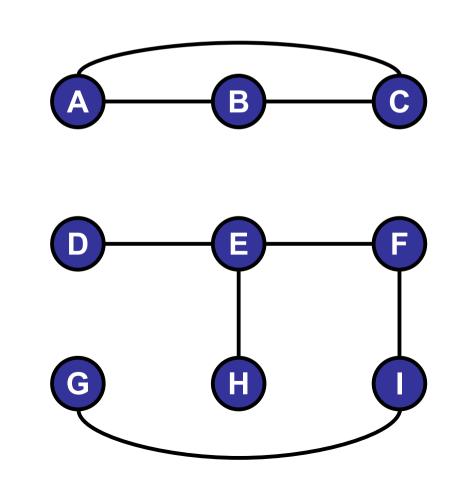
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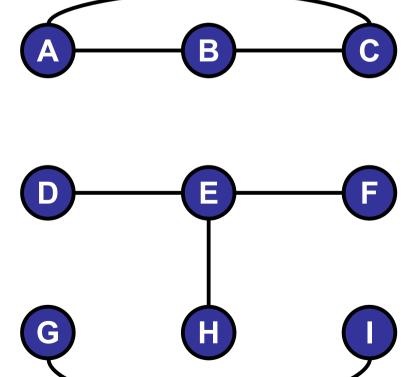
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Transitivity

If p is connected to q and if q is connected to r, then p is connected to r.

Connected components:

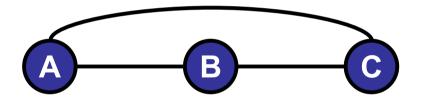
Maximal set of mutually connected objects.

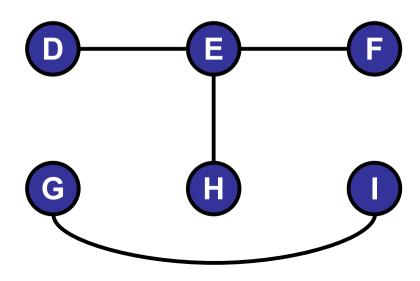


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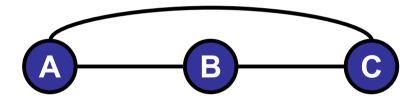


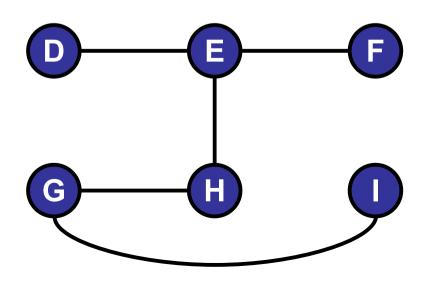


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Abstract Data Type

Disjoint Set (Union-Find)

Roadmap

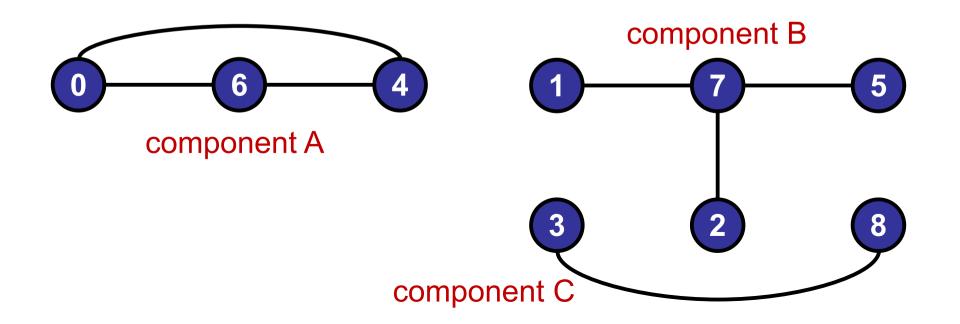
Disjoint Set Data Structure

- Problem: Dynamic Connectivity
- Algorithm: Quick-Find
- Algorithm: Quick-Union
- Optimizations
- Applications

Data structure:

- Array: componentId
- Two objects are connected if they have the same component identifier.

| object | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| component identifier | A | В | В | С | A | В | A | В | С |

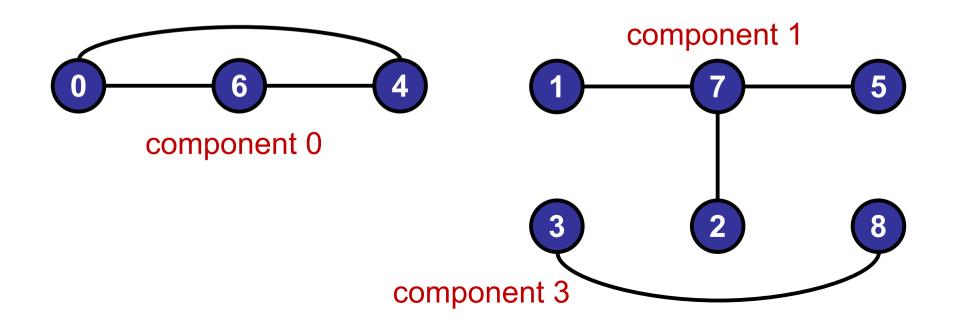


Data structure:

Assume objects are integers

- Integer array: int[] componentId
- Two objects are connected if they have the same component identifier.

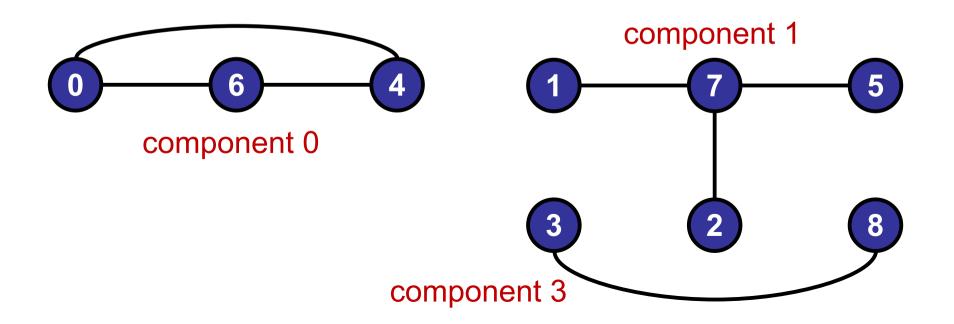
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| component identifier | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |



Data structure:

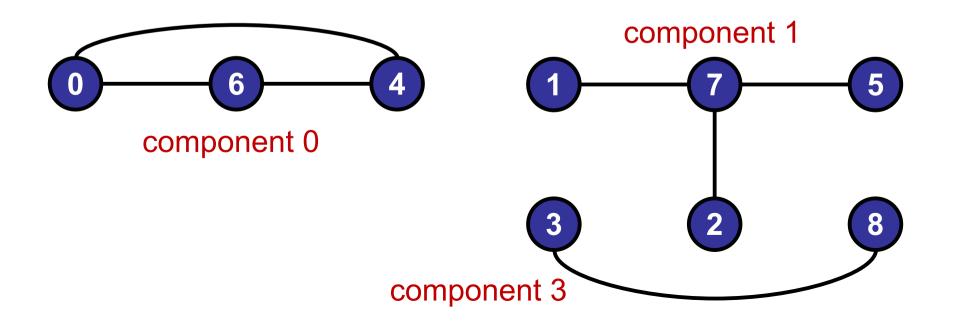
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| component identifier | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |



```
find(int p, int q)
return(componentId[p] == componentId[q]);
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Initial state of data structure:

| object | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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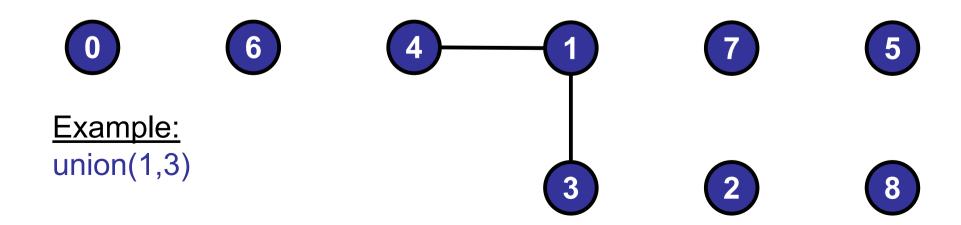
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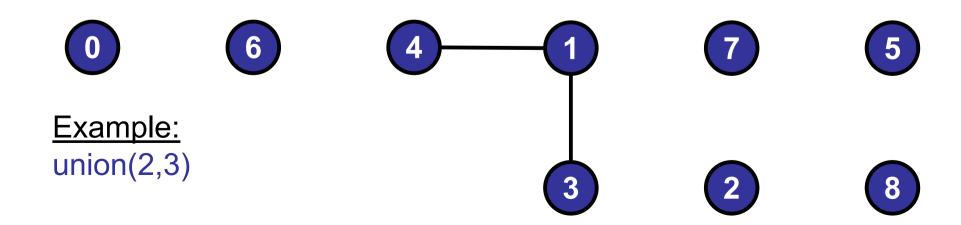
Example:

union(1,4)

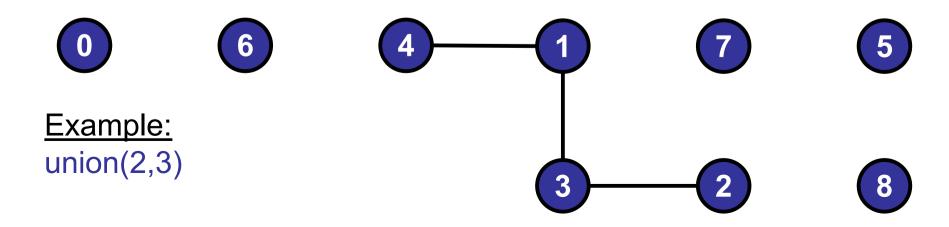
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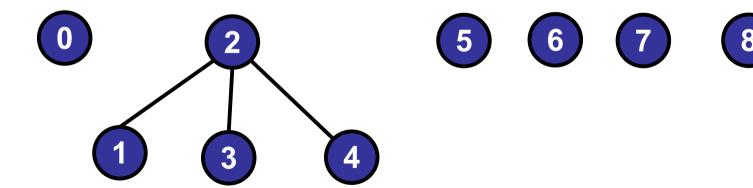






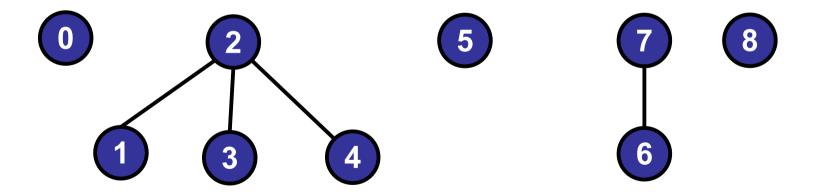
Flat trees:

| object | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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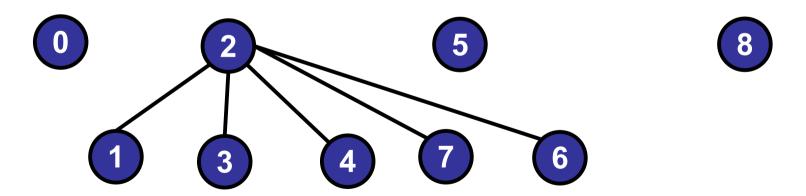
Flat trees:

| object | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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Flat trees:

| object | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| component identifier | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 8 |



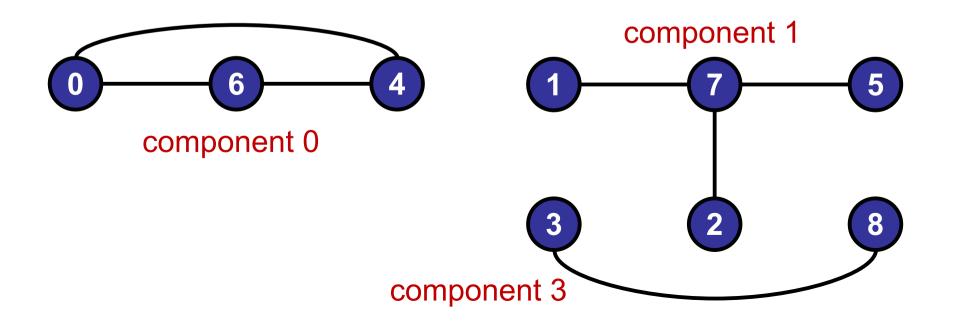
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 - 4. O(n), O(n)
 - 5. O(log n), O(log n)
 - 6. None of the above.

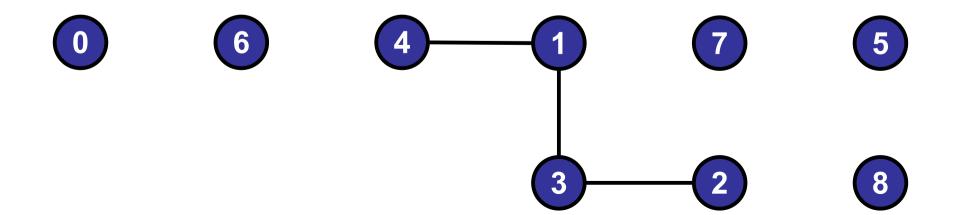


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find(int p, int q)
return(componentId[p] == componentId[q]);
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| object | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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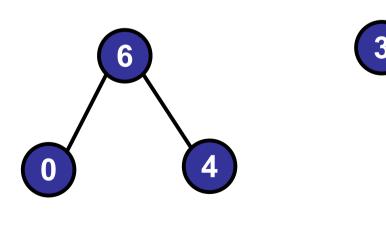
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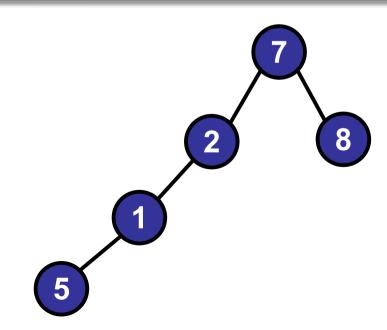
Data structure:

- Integer array: int[] parent
- Two objects are connected if they are part of the same tree.

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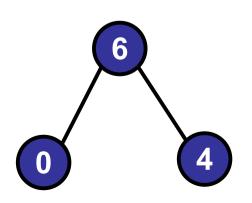


Quick Union

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find(int p, int q)
while (parent[p] != p) p = parent[p];
while (parent[q] != q) q = parent[q];
return (p == q);
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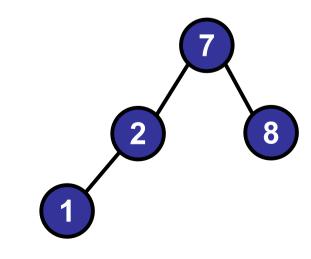
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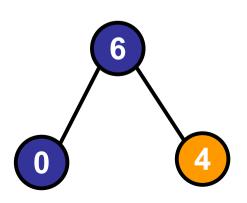


Quick Union

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Example: find(4, 1)
4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 6;
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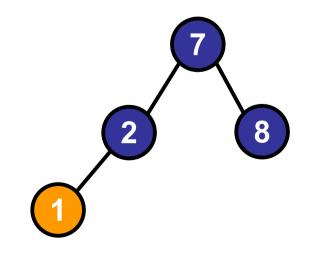
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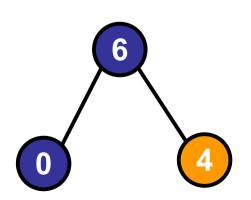
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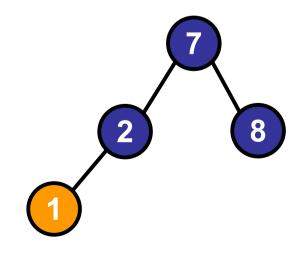
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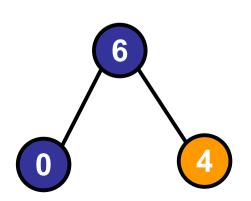
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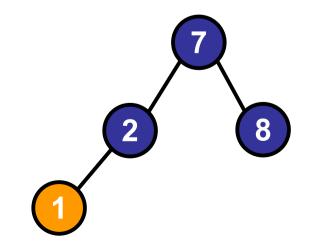
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Example: find(4, 1)
4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 6
1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 7
return (6 == 7) \rightarrow false
```

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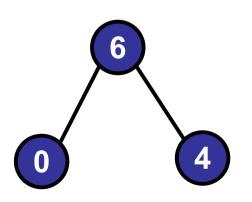
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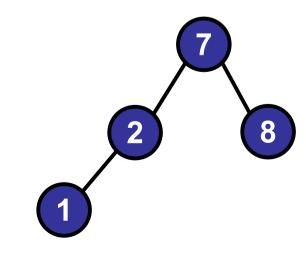
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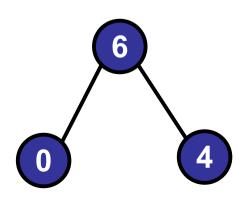




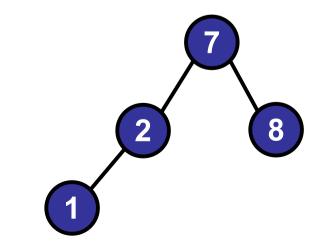
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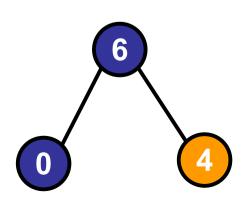


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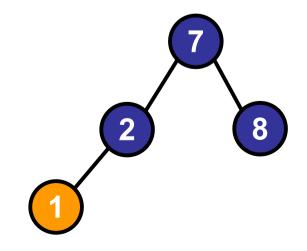


Example: union(1, 4)





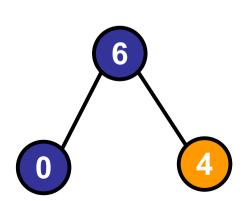
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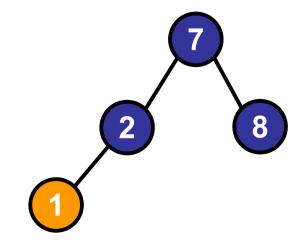
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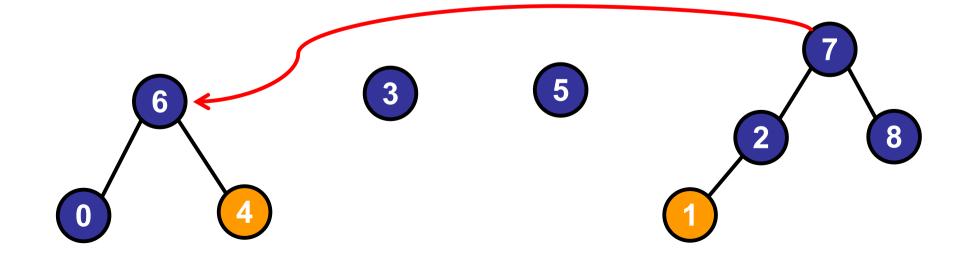
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parent[7] = 6;
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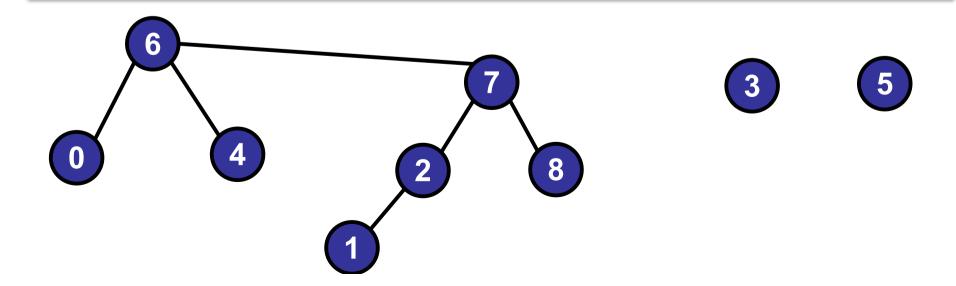
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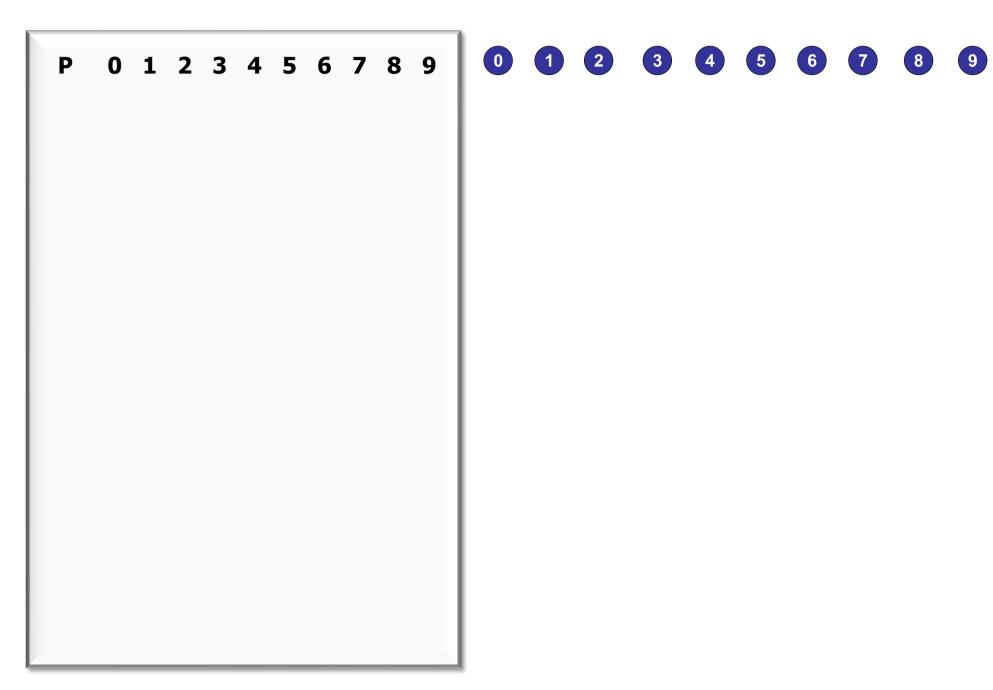


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parent[7] = 6;
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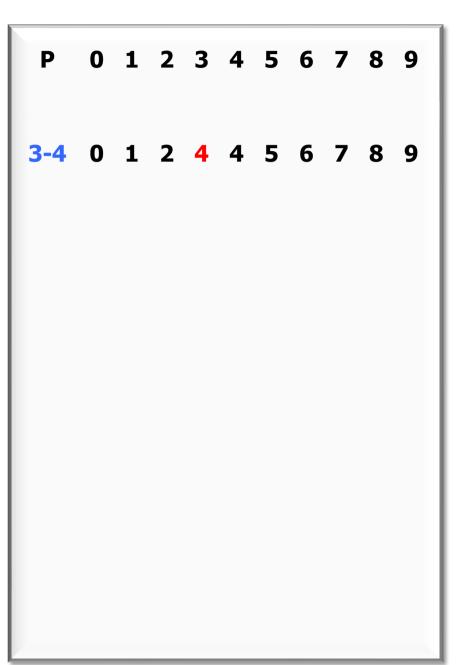
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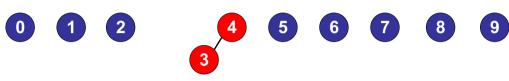


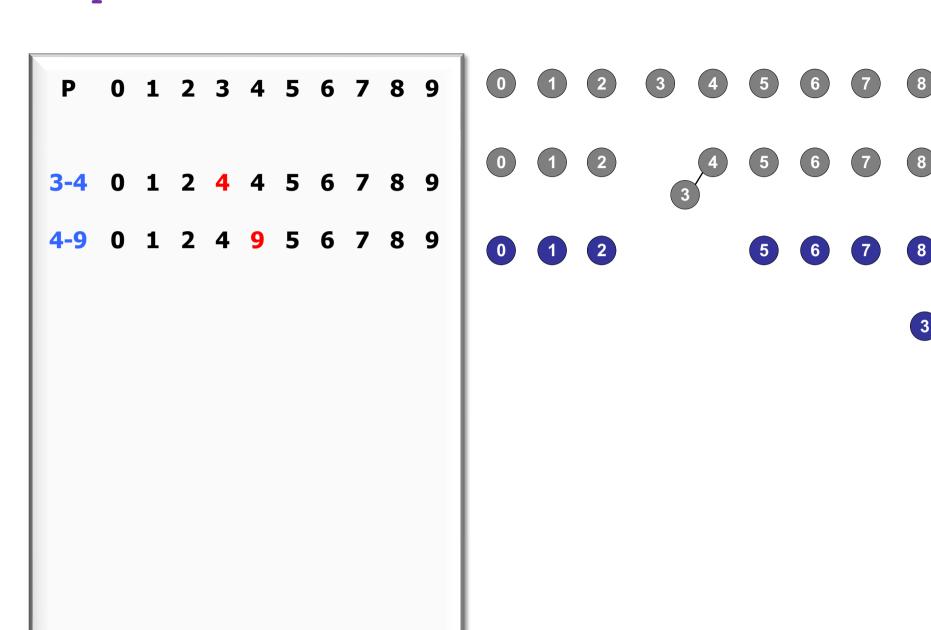


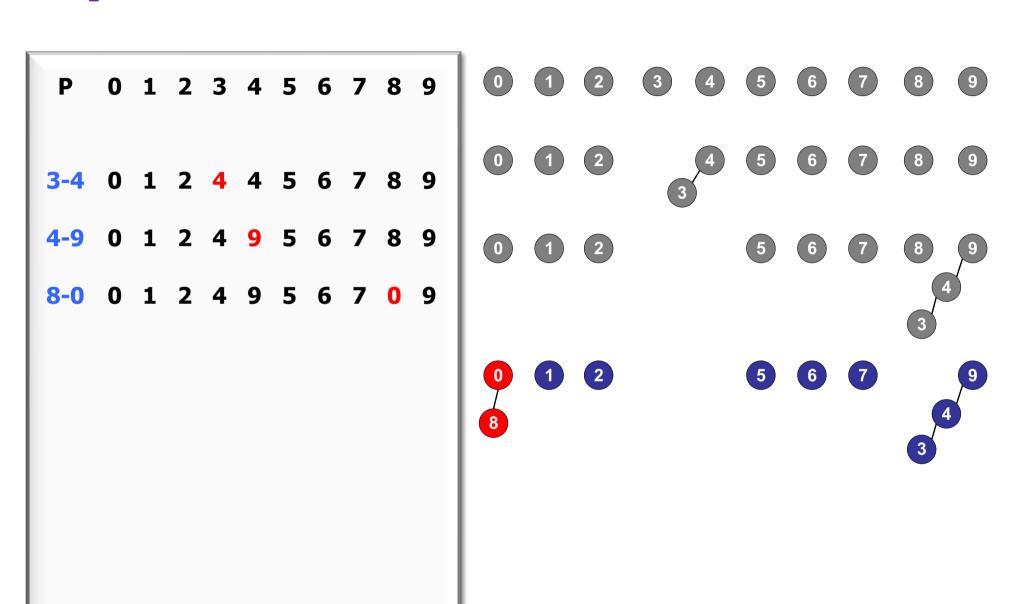


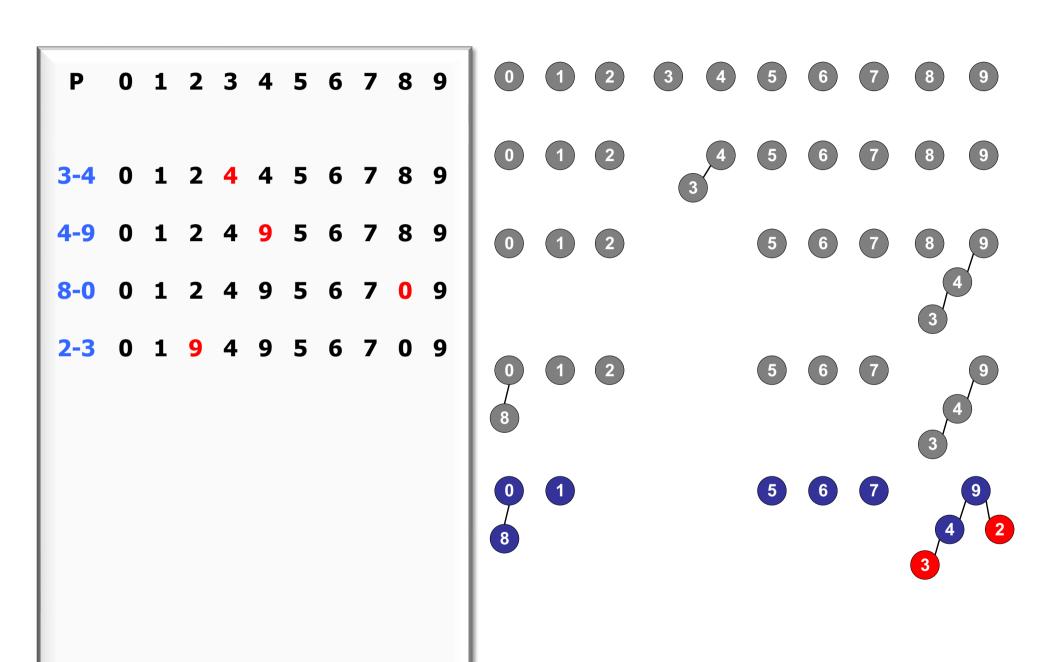


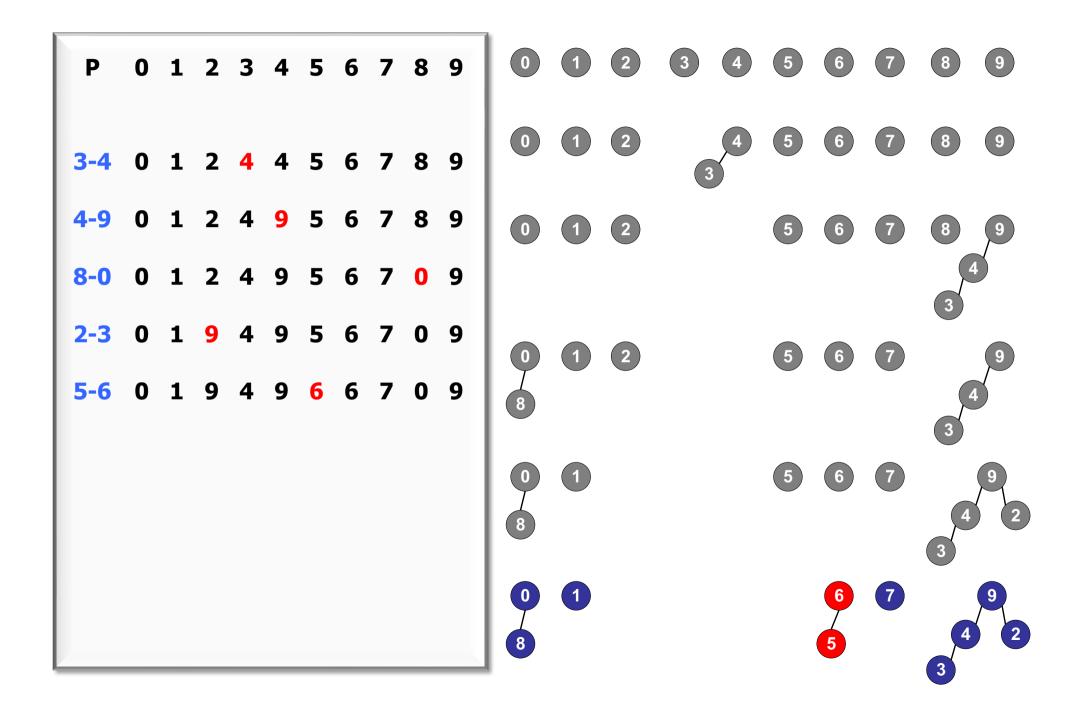






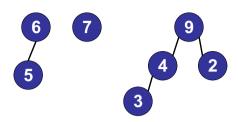




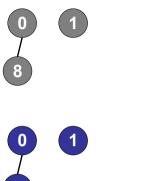


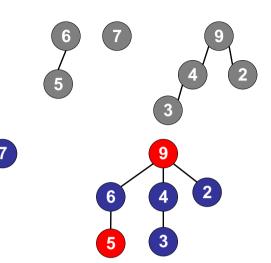




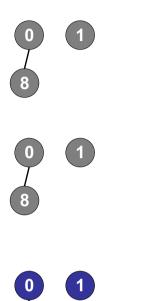


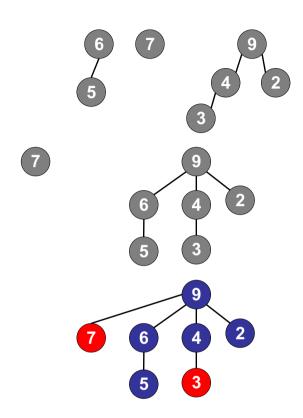


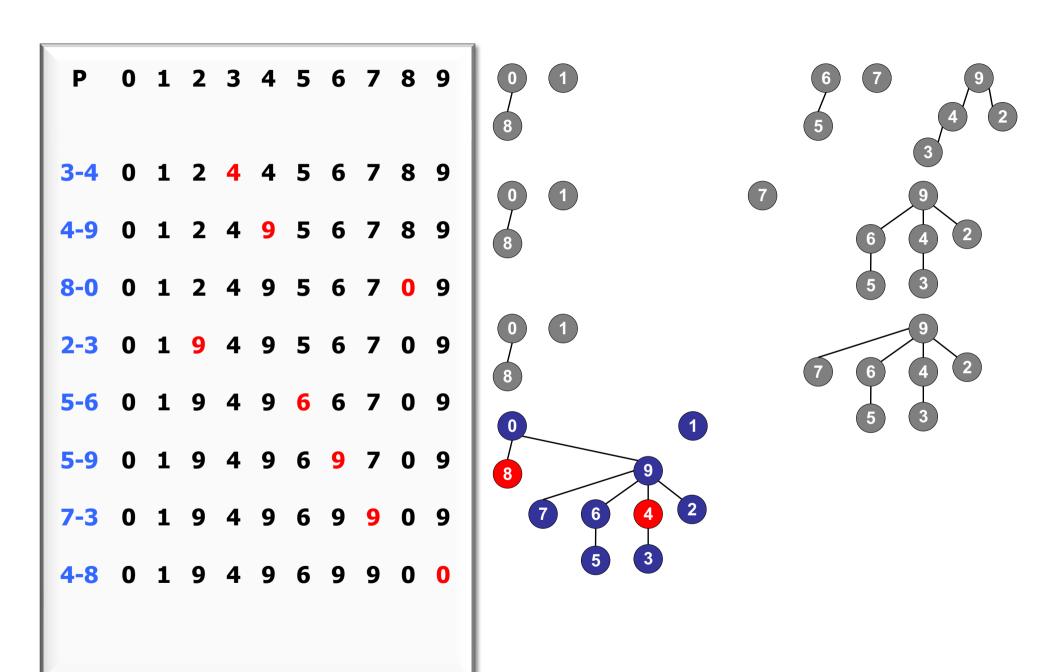


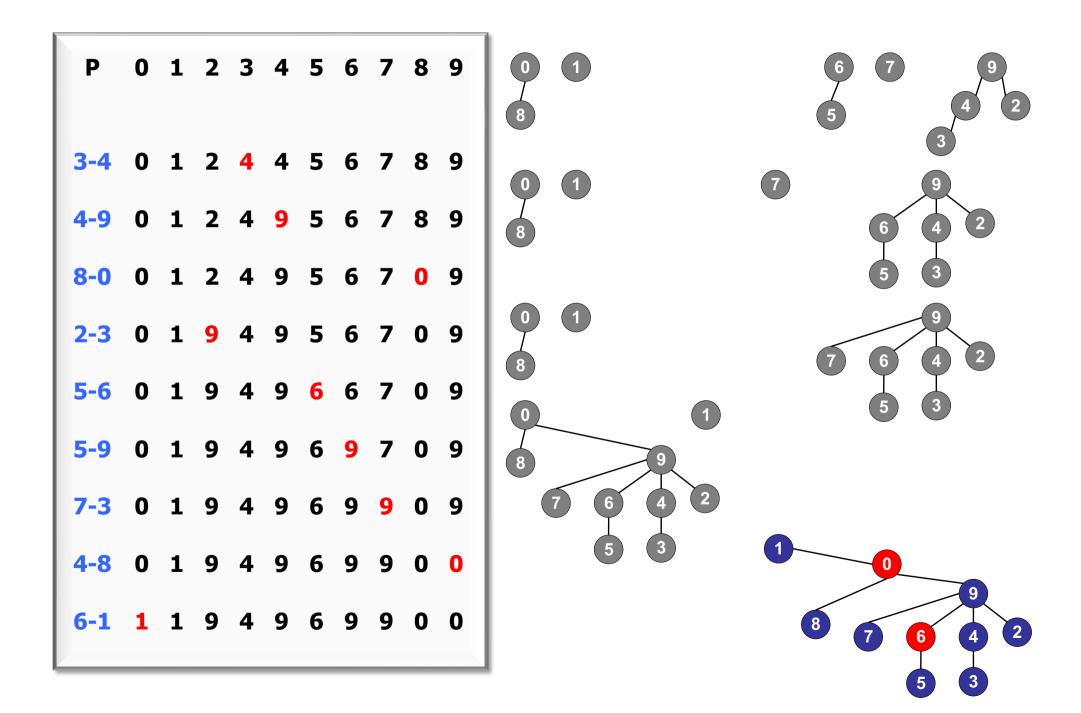






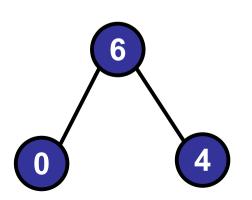




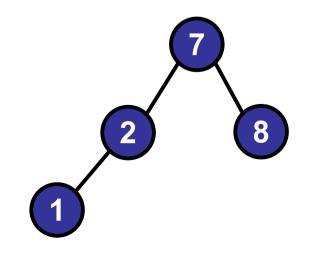


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parent[p] = q;
```

| object | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
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| parent | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 7 |



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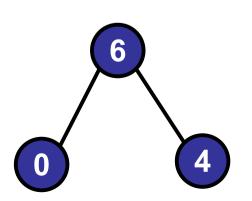
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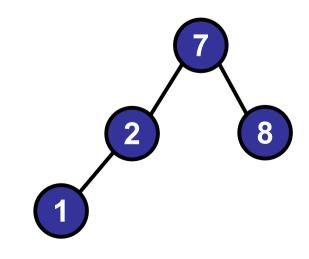
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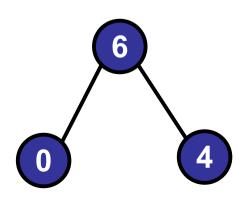




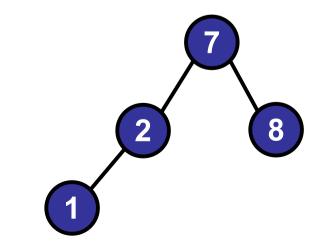
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 object
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 2
 3
 4
 5
 6
 7
 8

 parent
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 2
 7
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 6
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 7



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Union-Find Summary

Quick-find is slow:

- Union is expensive
- Tree is flat

Quick-union is slow:

- Trees too tall (i.e., unbalanced)
- Union and find are expensive.

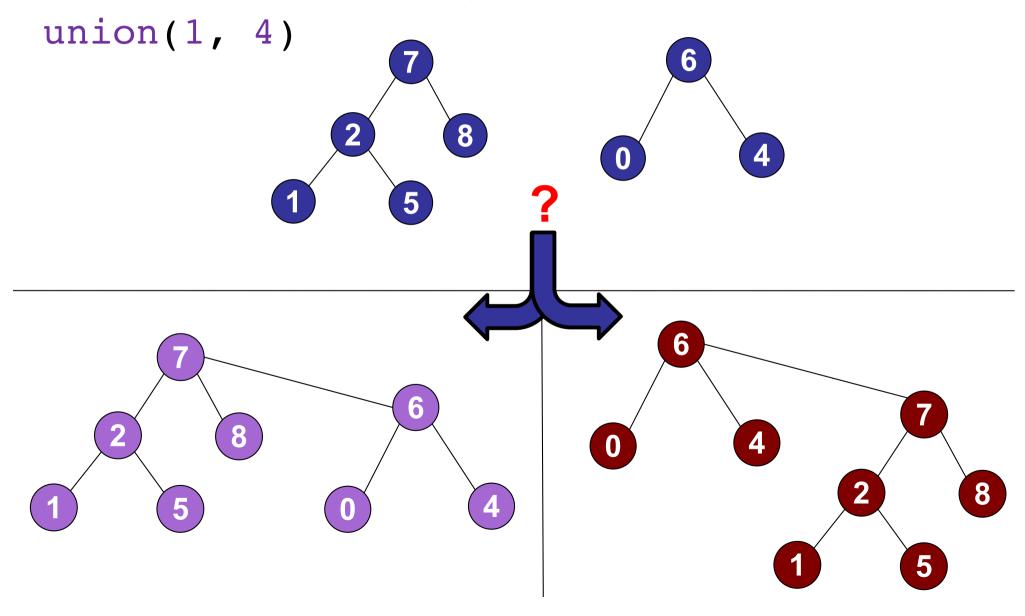
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Roadmap

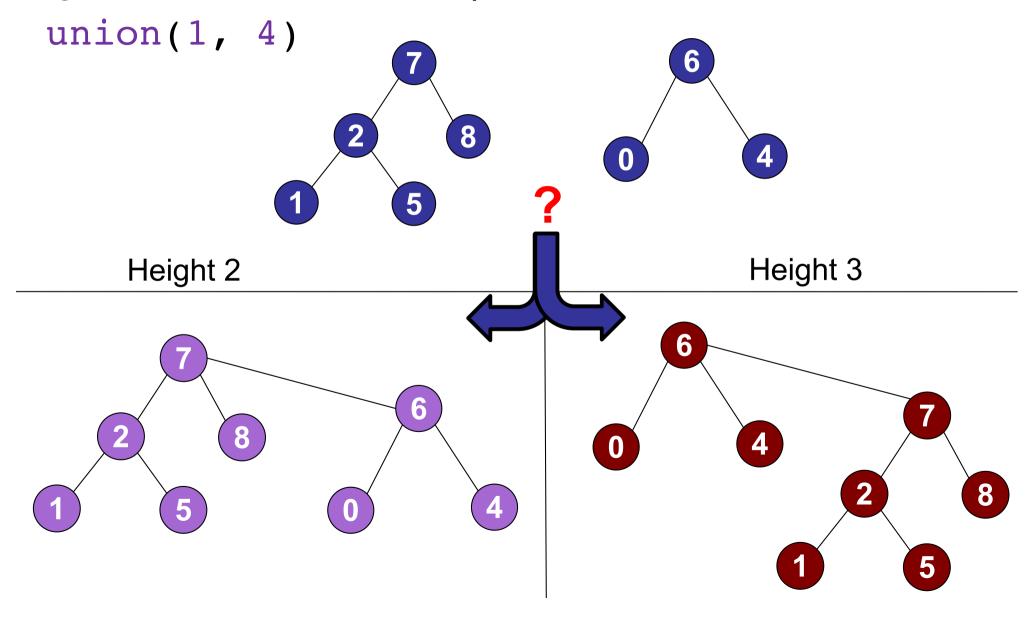
Disjoint Set Data Structure

- Problem: Dynamic Connectivity
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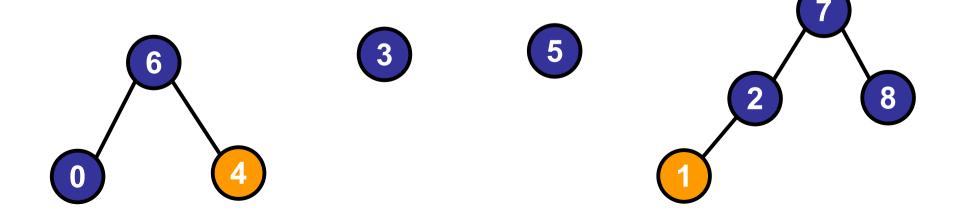
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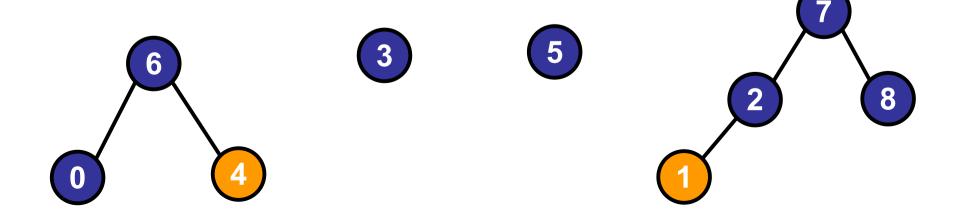
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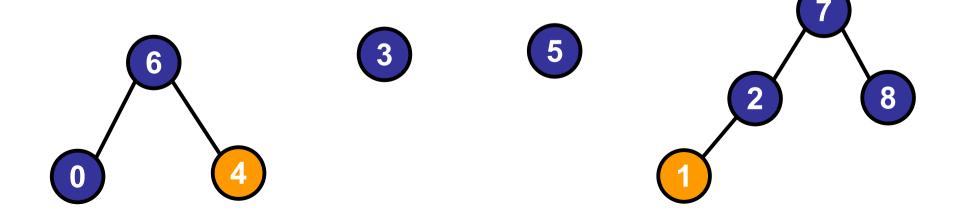
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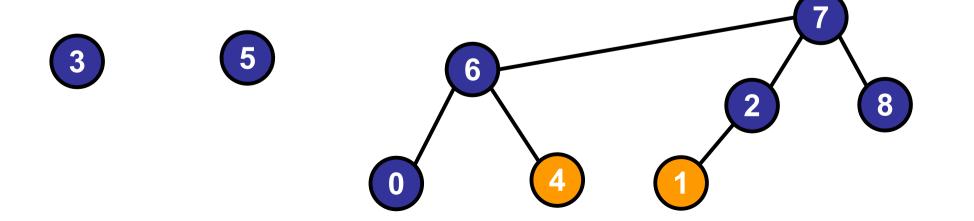
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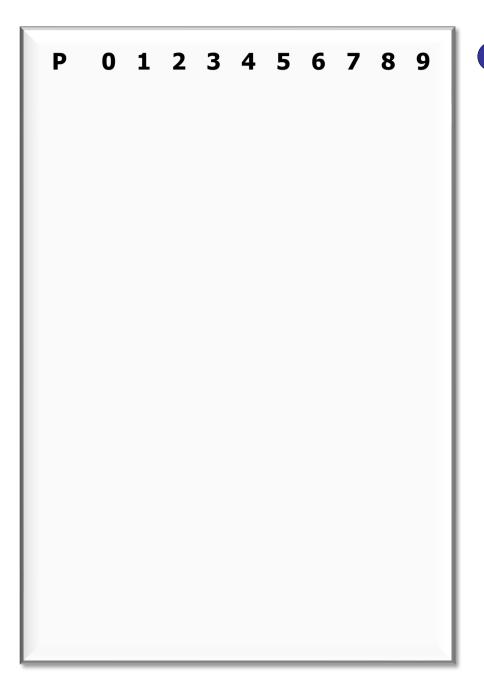
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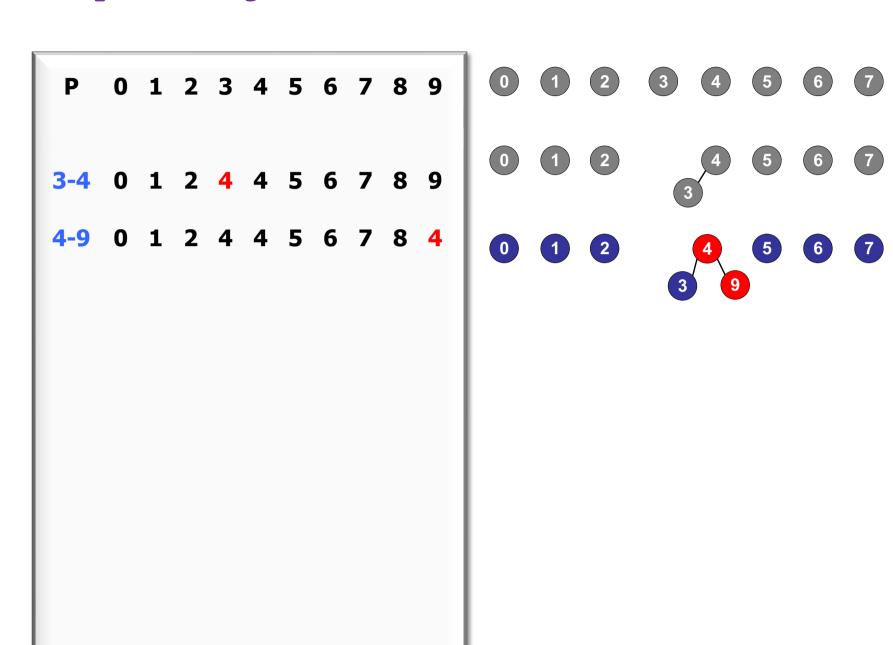


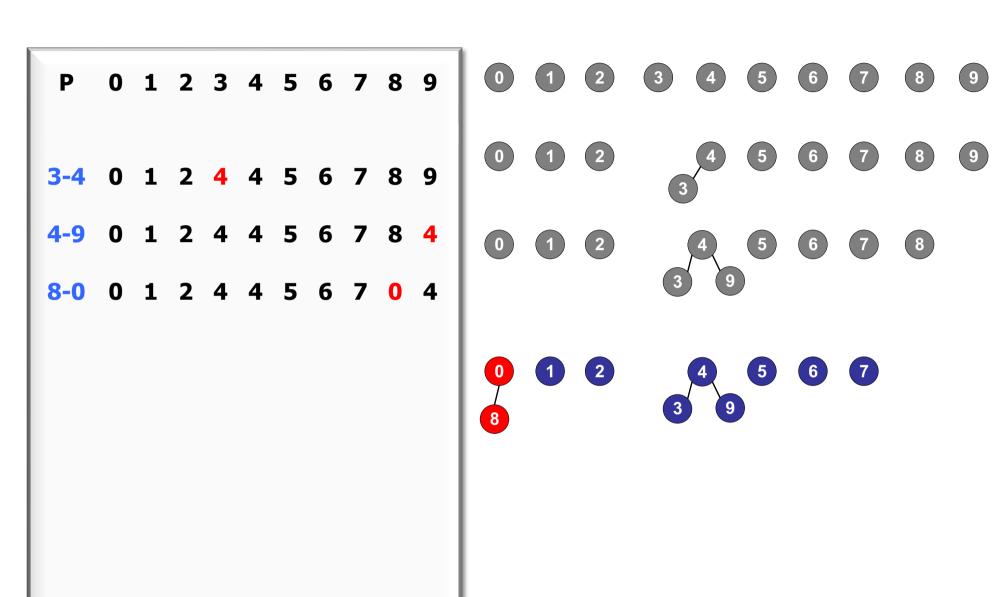


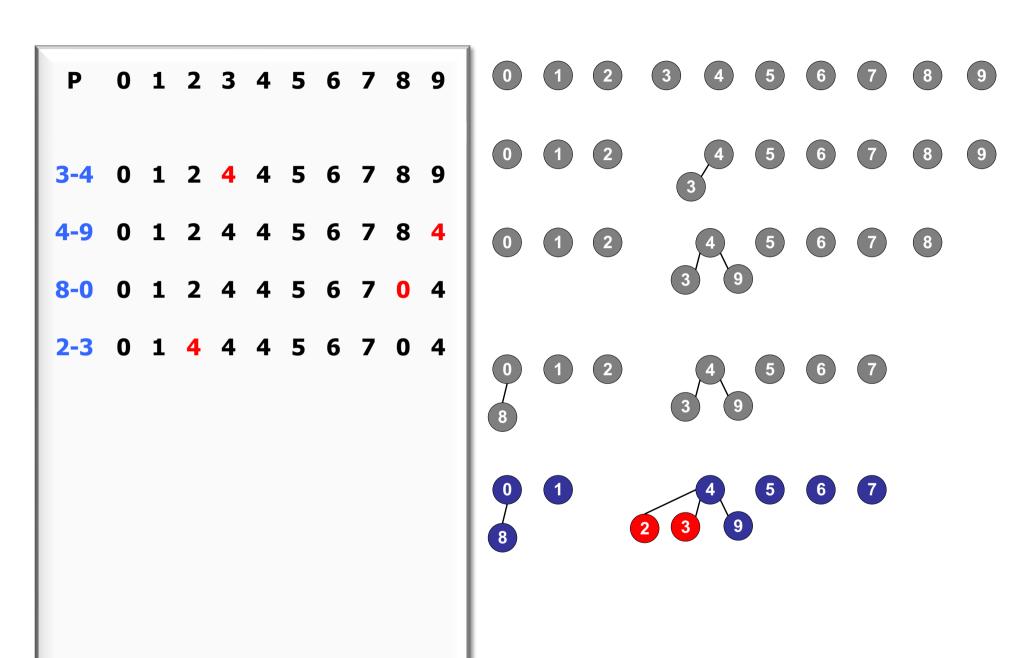


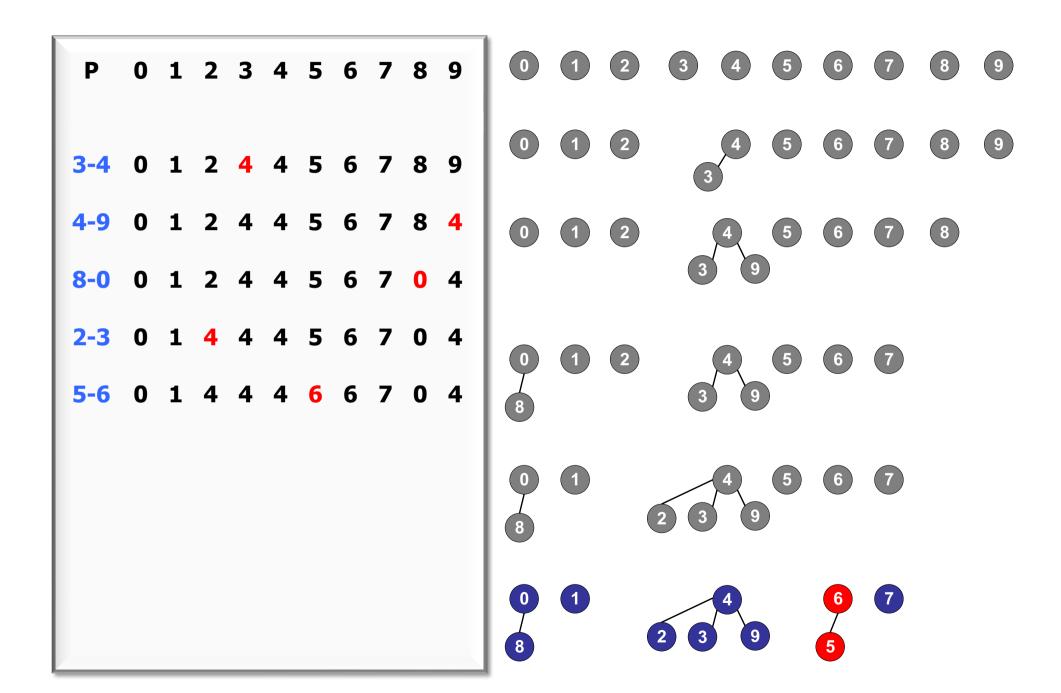




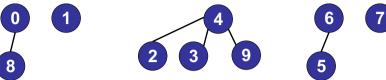




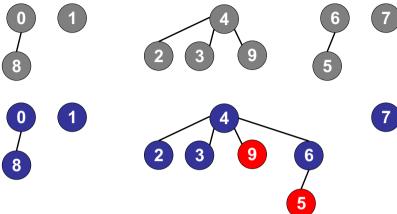


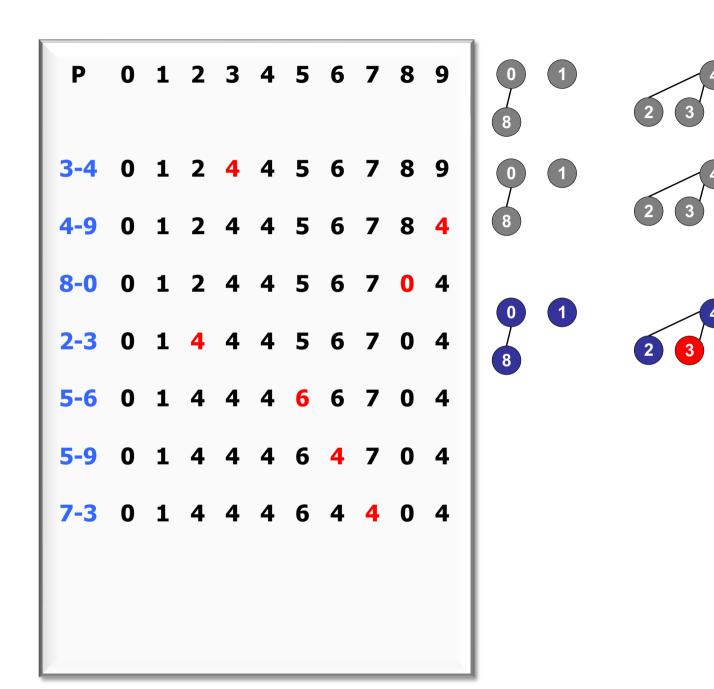


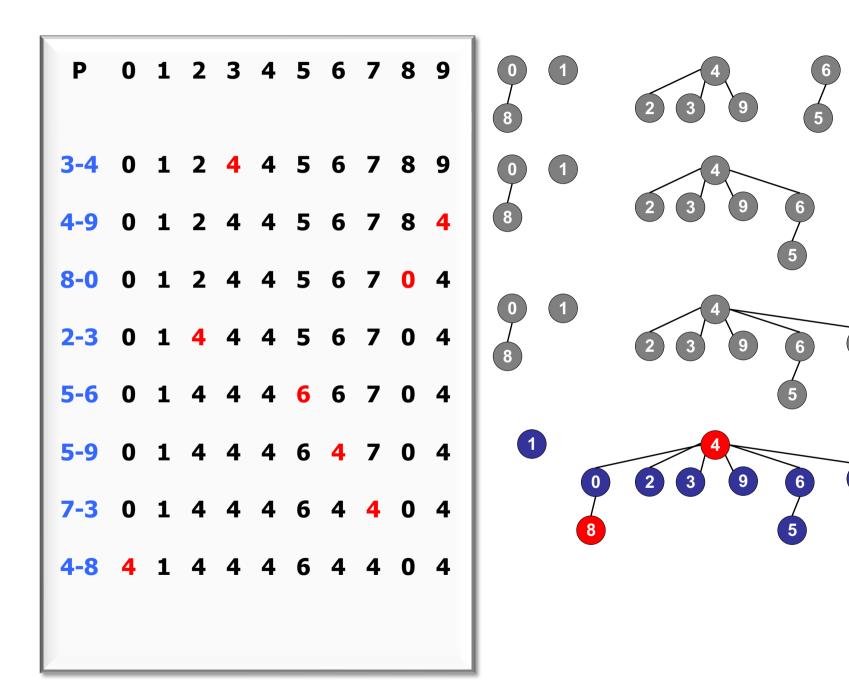


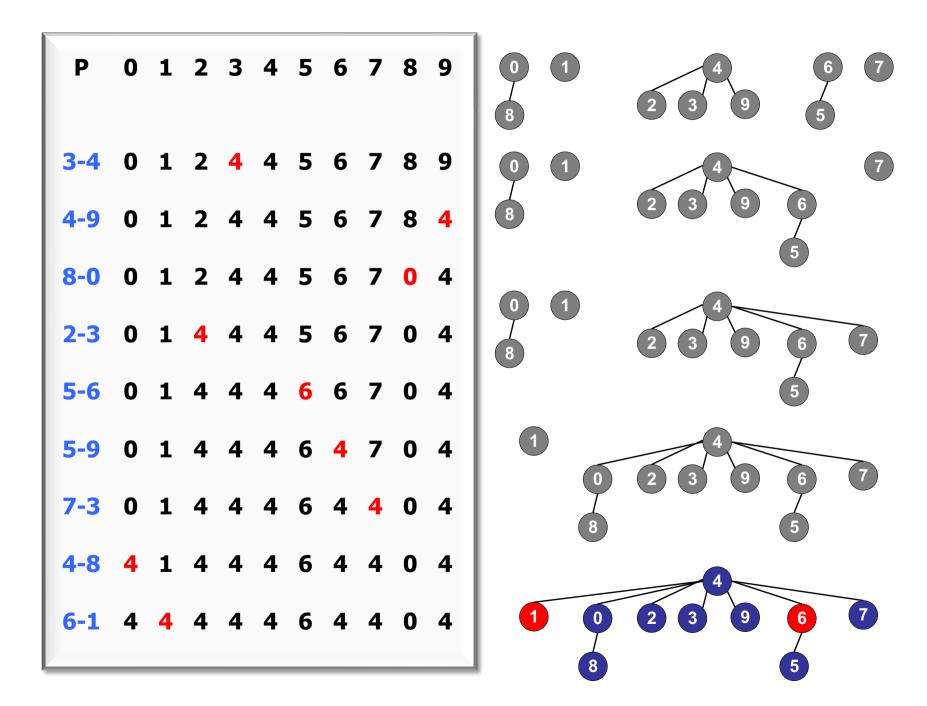




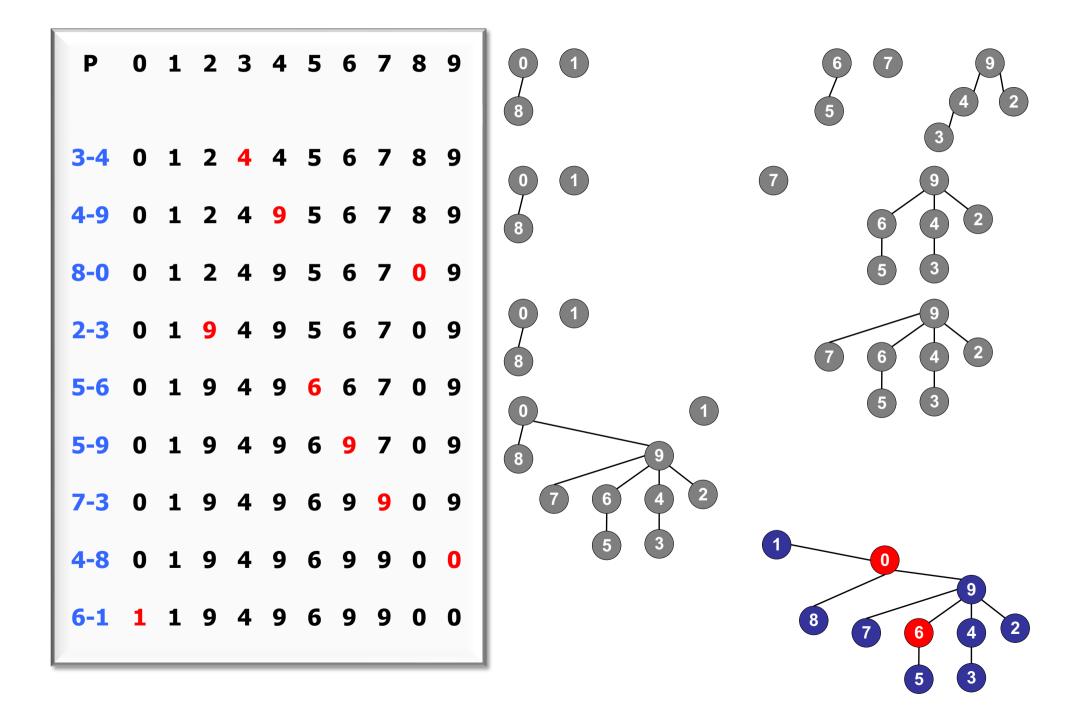


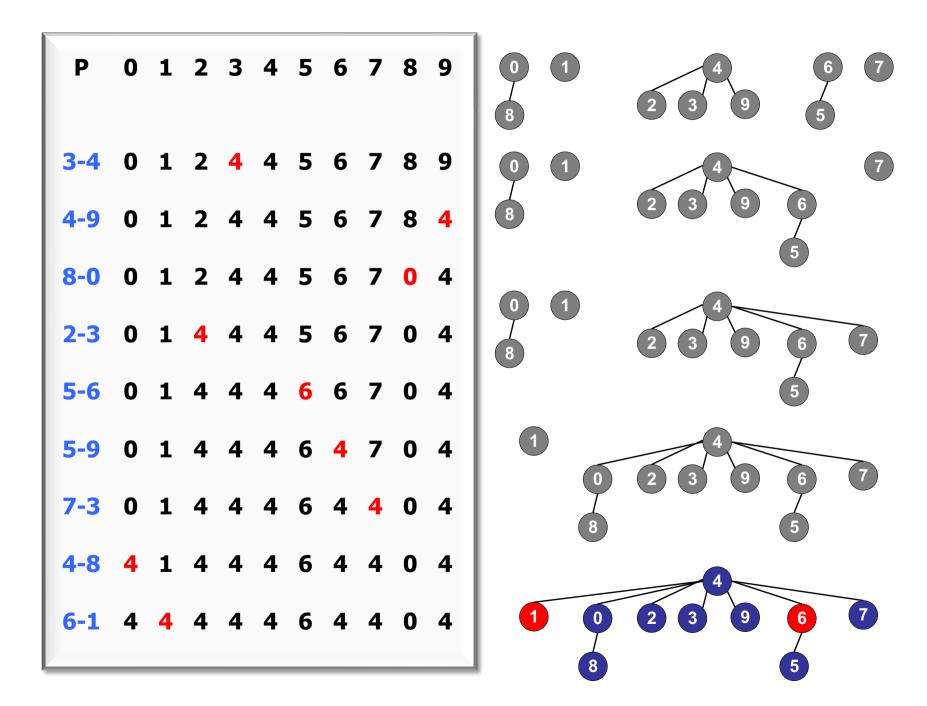






Example: (Unweighted) Quick Union





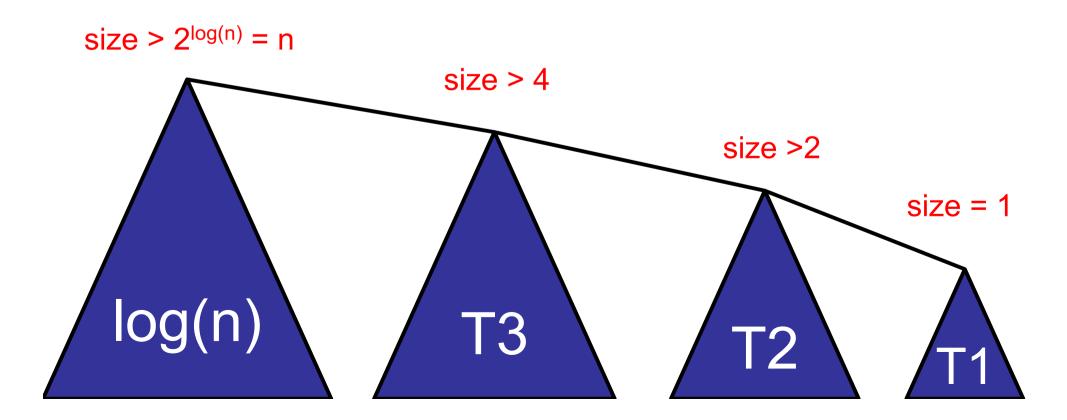
Maximum depth of tree?

- 1. O(1)
- **✓**2. O(log n)
 - 3. O(n)
 - 4. O(n log n)
 - 5. $O(n^2)$
 - 6. None of the above.



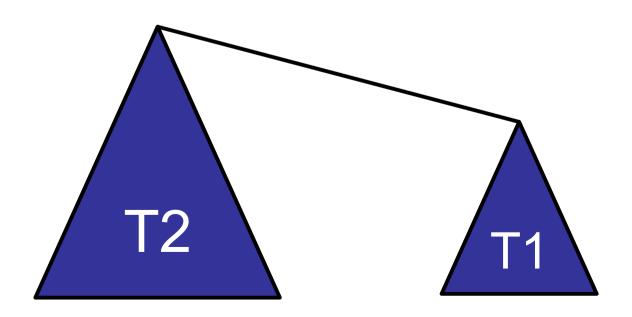
Key idea:

height only increases when total size doubles



Analysis:

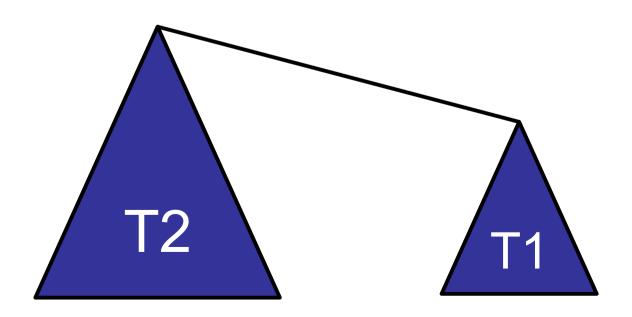
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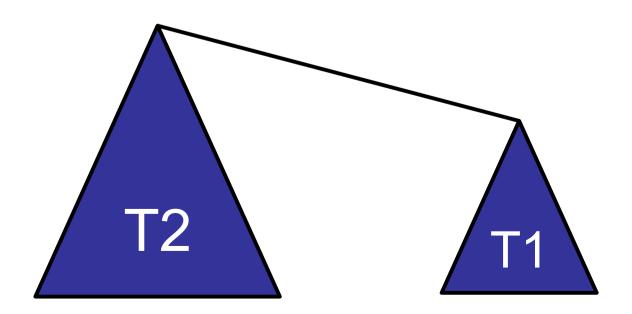
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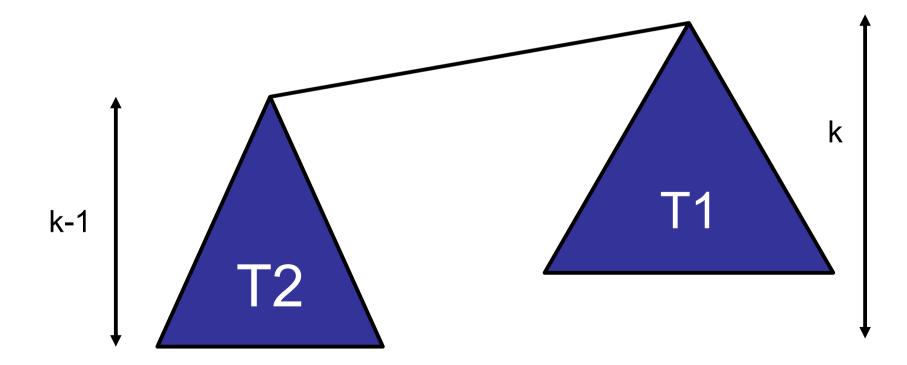
Induction:

- Assume: A tree of height k-1 has size at least 2^{k-1}.
- Show: A tree of height k has size at least 2^k.



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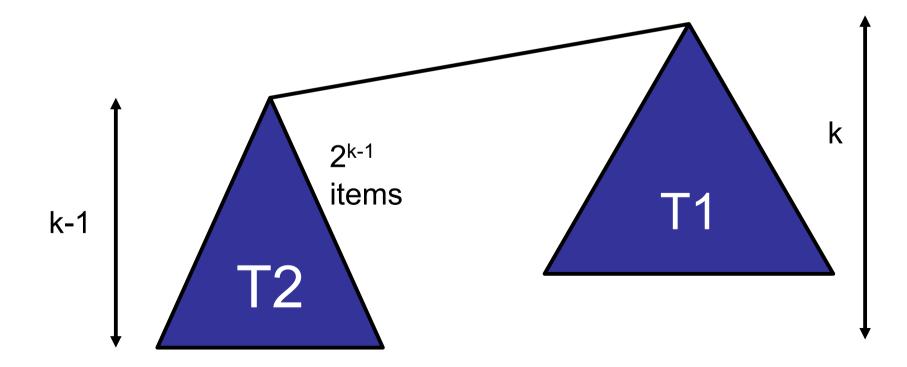
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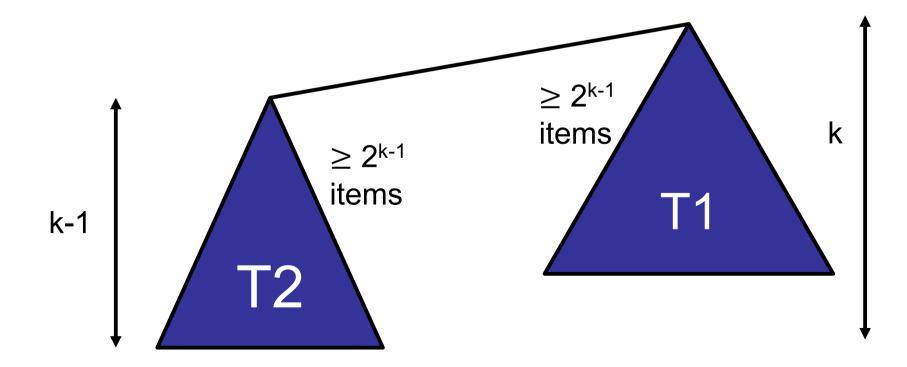
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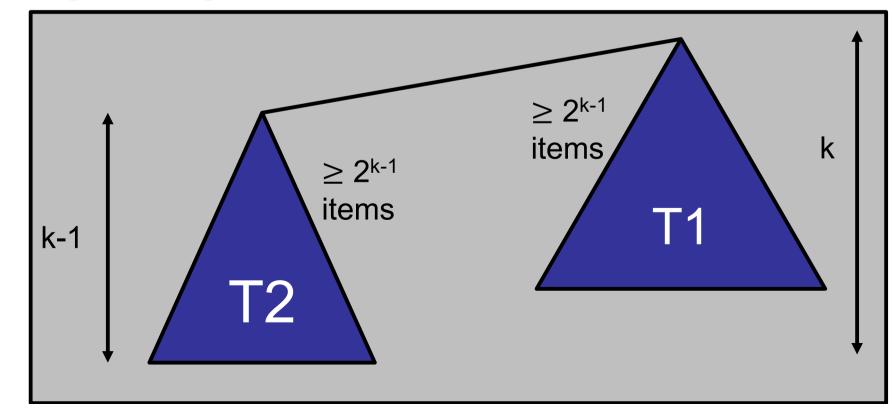
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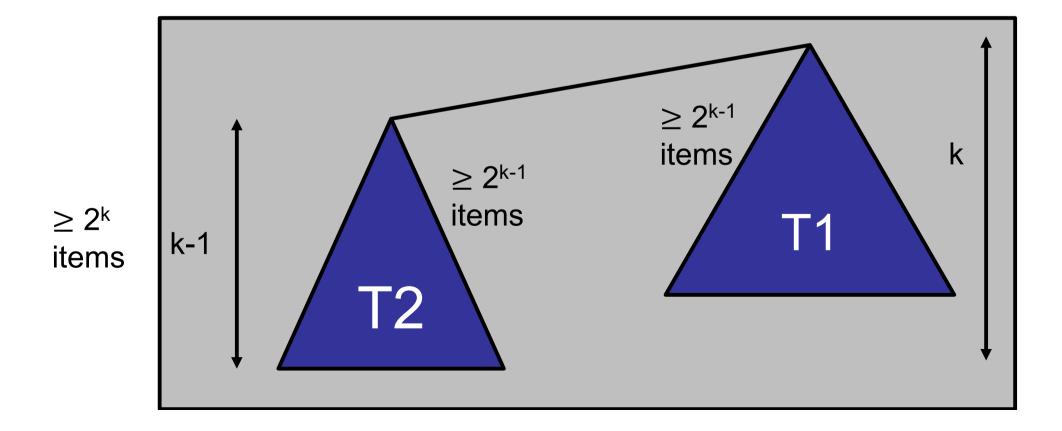


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Running time of (Find, Union):

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- 3. O(n), O(1)
- 4. O(n), O(n)
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Union-Find Summary

Quick-find and Quick-union are slow:

- Union and/or find is expensive
- Quick-union: tree is too deep

Weighted-union is faster:

- Trees too balanced: O(log n)
- Union and find are O(log n)

| | find | union |
|----------------|----------|----------|
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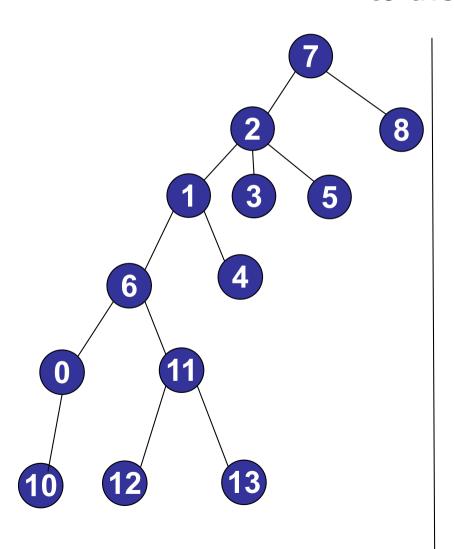
Notes:

- Some prefer union-by-rank (where rank = log(size))
- Some prefer union-by-height (same idea)

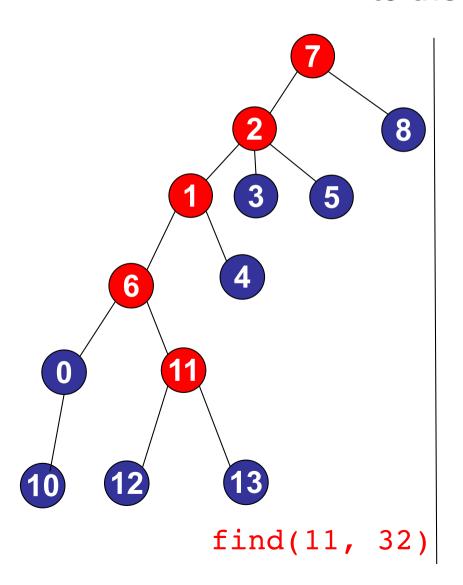
Important property:

- weight/rank/size/height of subtree does not change except at root (so only update root on union).
- weight/rank/size/height only increases when tree size doubles.

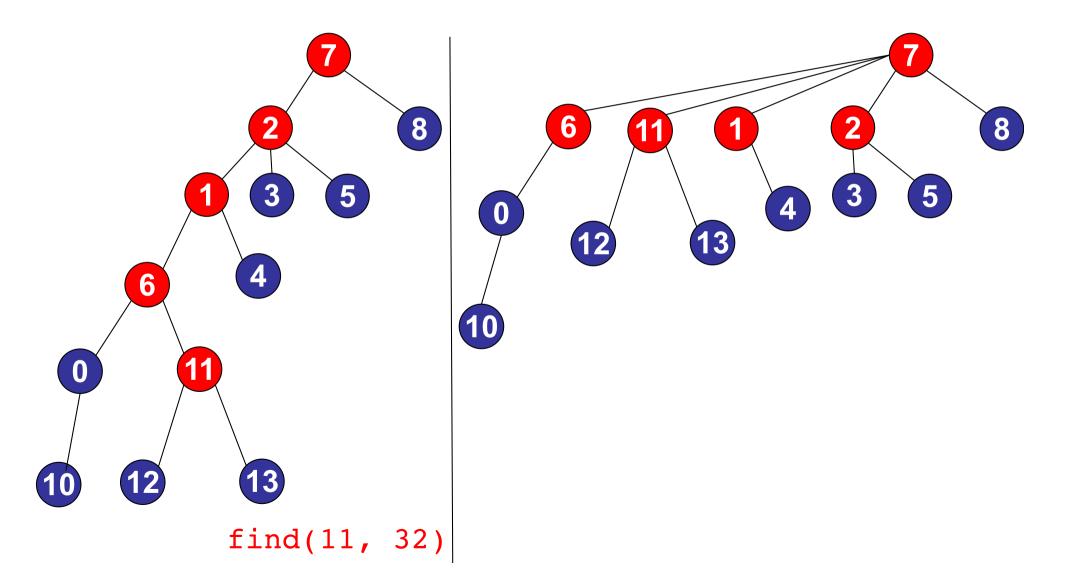
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  return root;
}
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 while (parent[p] != p) {
          temp = parent[p];
          parent[p] = root;
          p = temp;
  return root;
```

Alternative Path Compression

```
findRoot(int p) {
  root = p;
 while (parent[root] != root) {
          parent[root] = parent[parent[root]];
          root = parent[root];
  return root;
```

Make every other node in the path point to its grandparent!

- Simple
- Works as well!

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Inverse Ackermann function: always ≤ 5 in this universe.

| n | a(n, n) |
|----------------|---------|
| 4 | 0 |
| 8 | 1 |
| 32 | 2 |
| 8,192 | 3 |
| 2 65533 | 4 |

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Can we do better? No!

Proof: impossible to achieve linear time.

Union-Find Summary

Weighted-union is faster:

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- Union and find are O(log n)

Weighted Union + Path Compression is very fast:

- Trees very flat.
- On average, almost linear performance per operation.

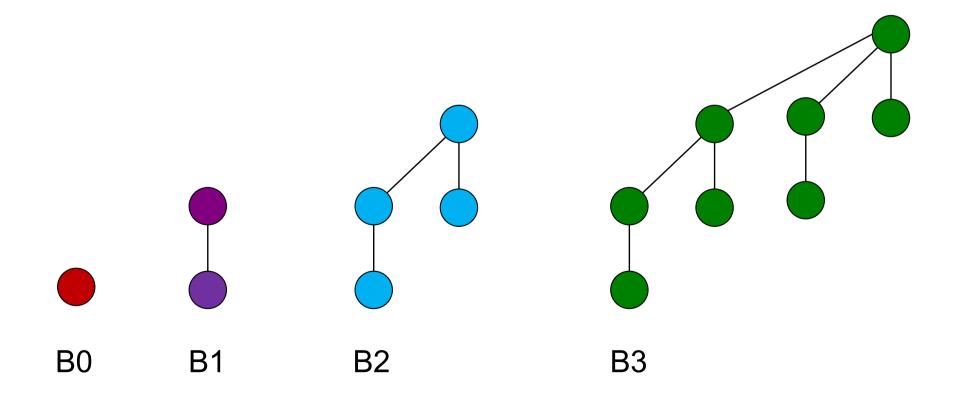
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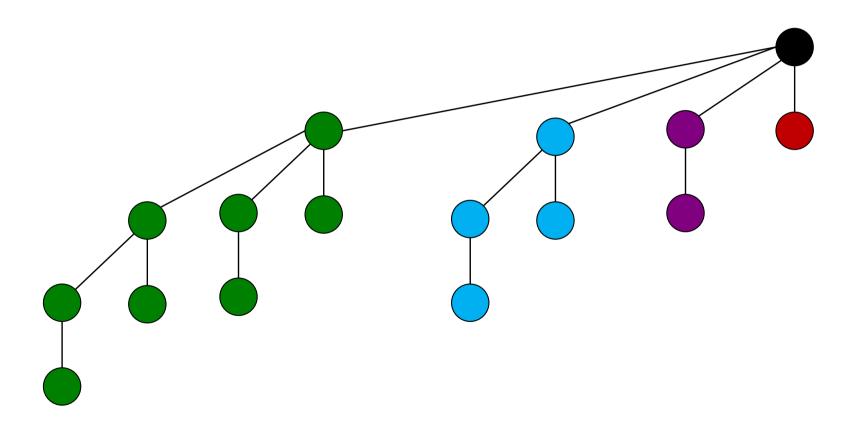
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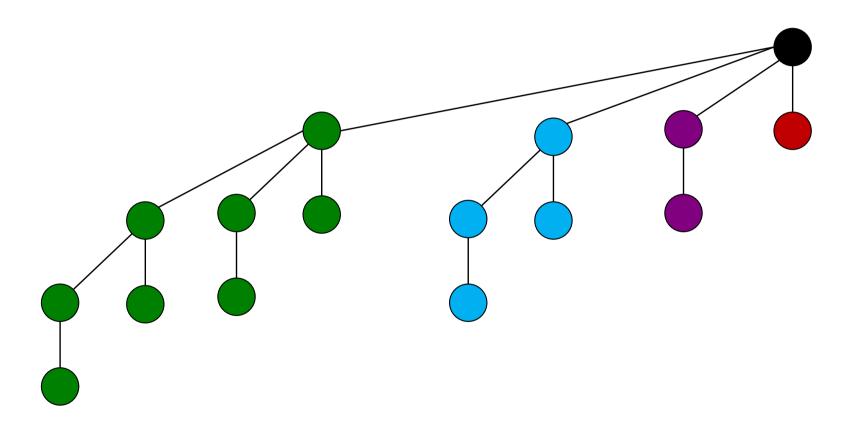


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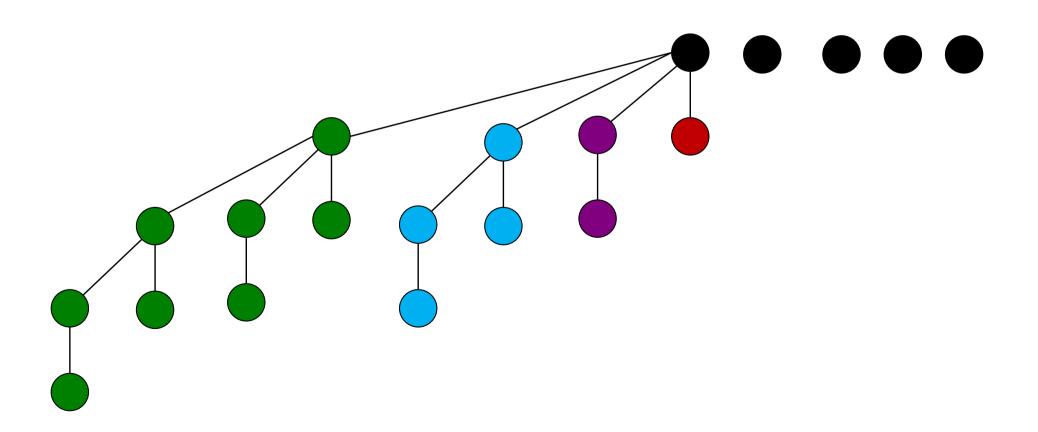


 $size(Bk) = \Theta(2^k)$

height(Bk) = k-1

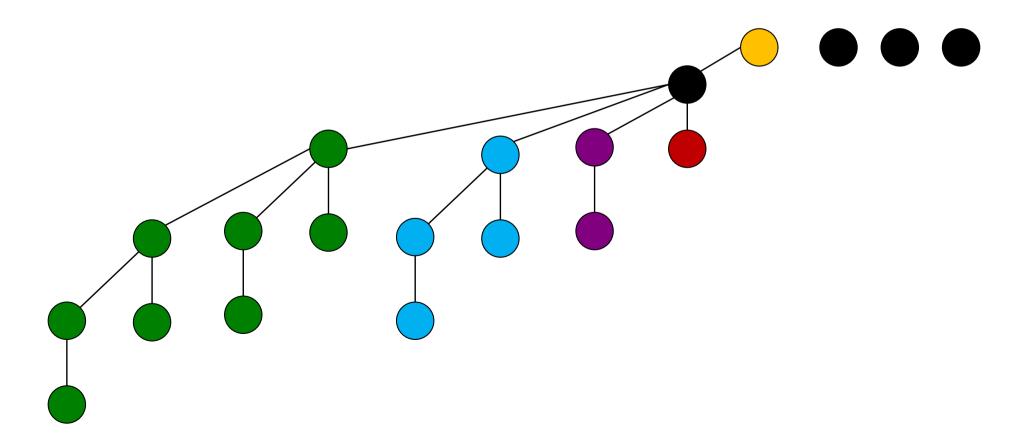
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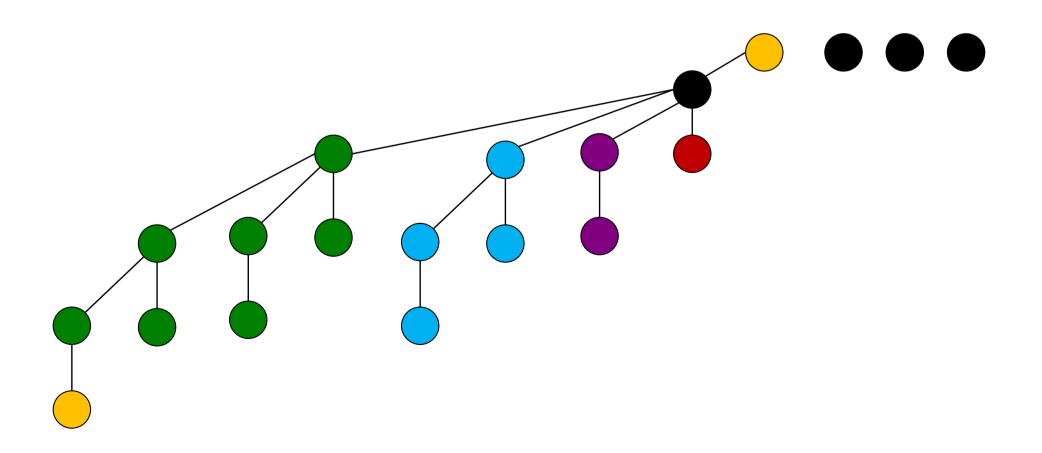
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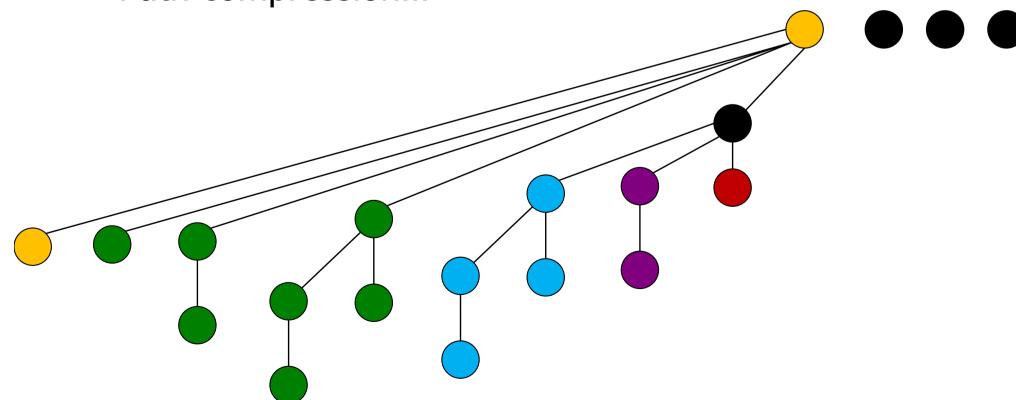


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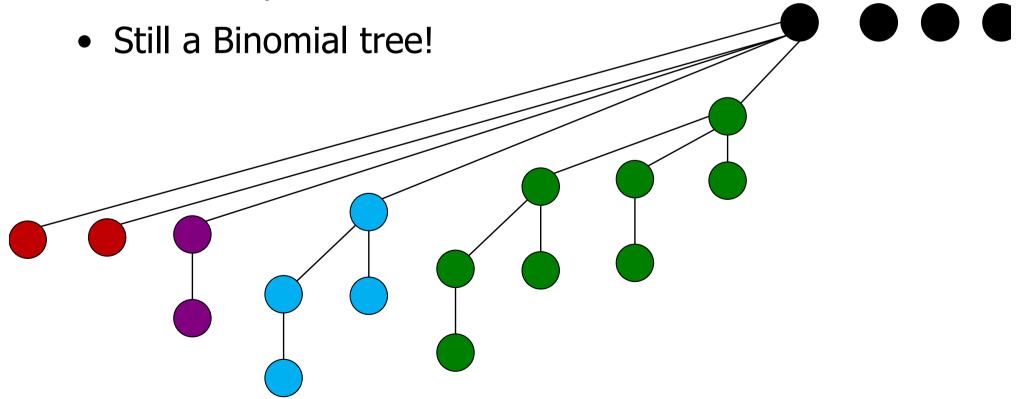


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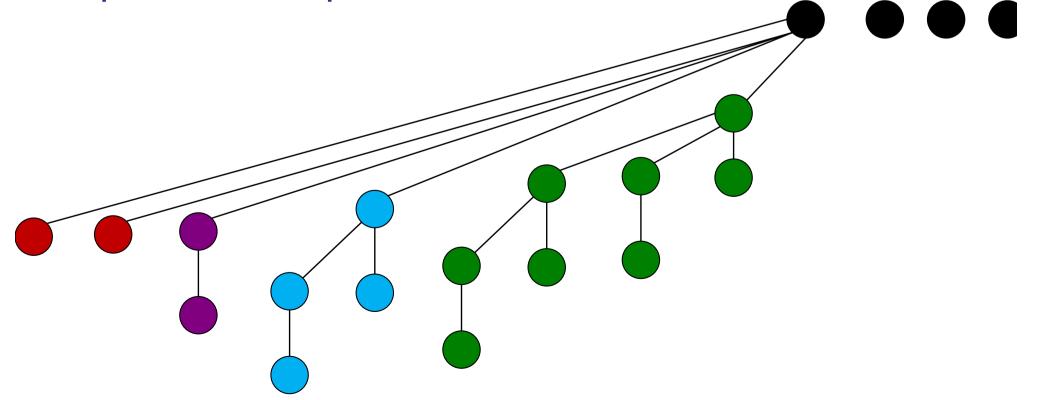


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Union-Find Summary

What about Union-Split-Find?

Insert and delete edges.

Dynamic graph connectivity in polylogarithmic worst case time

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Abstract

The dynamic graph connectivity problem is the following: given a graph on a fixed set of n nodes which is undergoing a sequence of edge insertions and deletions, answer queries of the form q(a,b): "Is there a path between nodes a and b?" While data structures for this problem with polylogarithmic amortized time per operation have been known since the mid-1990's, these data structures have $\Theta(n)$ worst case time. In fact, no previously known solution has worst case time per operation which is $o(\sqrt{n})$.

We present a solution with worst case times $O(\log^4 n)$ per edge insertion, $O(\log^5 n)$ per edge deletion, and $O(\log n/\log\log n)$ per query. The answer to each query is correct if the answer is "yes" and is correct with high probability if the answer is "no". The data structure is based on a simple novel idea which can be used to quickly identify an edge in a cutset.

Our technique can be used to simplify and significantly

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Applications

Many applications:

- Mazes
 - Are two locations connected?

- Games:
 - Can you get from one state to another?

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Many applications:

- Networks
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- Least-common-ancestor:
 - Which node in a tree network is the closest ancestor?

Applications

Many applications:

- Programming languages
 - Hinley-Milner polymorphic type inference
 - Equivalence of finite state automata
 - Image processing in Matlab

– Physics:

- Hoshen-Kopelman algorithm
- Percolation
- Conductance / insulation

Roadmap

Disjoint Set Data Structure

- Problem: Dynamic Connectivity
- Algorithm: Quick-Find
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Post mid-term...

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Coming topics:

- Hashing and Hash Tables
- Graphs
- Graph exploration
- Shortest paths in graphs
- Minimum spanning trees

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