CSC 317: Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis

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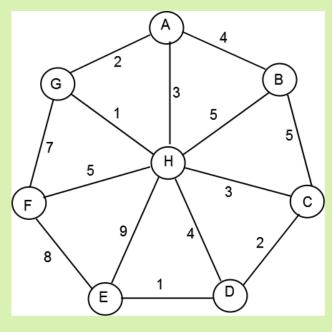
Disjoint-set: data structures, operations, representations, and applications

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Finding the Least-Expensive Optical Network Layout

A Wheel-City



- The wheel-city mayor wants to connect all homes with an optical network.
- He wants to spend the least amount of money for the project.
- The city has been represented as a graph.
- The cost for laying optical cable between two houses are shown on the links
- How to find the least-expensive layout?
- All we need to do is find a least-expensive tree layout.
- Can you give an algorithm?

Disjoint Sets and Operations on Them

Let us consider four sets:

$$S_1 = \{a, b, c, d\}, S_2 = \{e, f, g\}, S_3 = \{h, i\}, S_4 = \{j\}$$

These sets are disjoint, that is, for $1 \le i \ne j \le 4$, $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$

Notation: Instead of using symbol to name a set, we will be using a new notation.

A set is named with one of the elements of the set.

- Thus, the set S_1 can be named as a, or b, or c or d.

 This naming may appear to be strange, but it will help us for representation and operations on the sets.
- Operations on the disjoint sets
 - Make-Set(x): create a new set whose only member is x. Since the sets are disjoint, we require that x not already be in some other set.
 - FIND-SET(x): returns a pointer to the representation of the (unique) set containing x.

Find operation is over the collection of sets.

Suppose the set S_1 is named with its element b. FIND-SET(d) will return b.

• UNION(x, y): unites the dynamic sets that contains x and y;

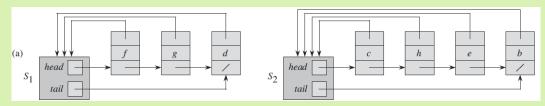
We can then name new set as x or y.

A **good** choice **can** improve performance.

Linked-list Representation of Disjoint Sets I

Linked-list Representation

$$S_1 = \{f, g, d\} \text{ and } S_2 = \{c, h, e, b\}$$



• Make-Set(x): create a new set whose only member is x.

Since the sets are disjoint, we require that x not already be in some other set.

$$Make-Set(x)$$

1
$$x.p = x$$

2
$$x.rank = 0 // Will be used latter$$

• Cost of Make-Set(x) operation: O(1)

Linked-list Representation of Disjoint Sets II

- Operations on the disjoint sets
 - FIND-SET(x): returns a pointer to the representation of the (unique) set containing x.

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FIND-SET(
$$x$$
)

1 if $x \neq x.p$

2 $x.p = \text{FIND-SET}(x.p)$

3 return $x.p$

• Cost of FIND-SET(x) operation: O(1)

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UNION(x, y)

1  z1 = FIND-SET(x)

2  z2 = FIND-SET(y)

3  z1.p = z2

4  z2.p = 0
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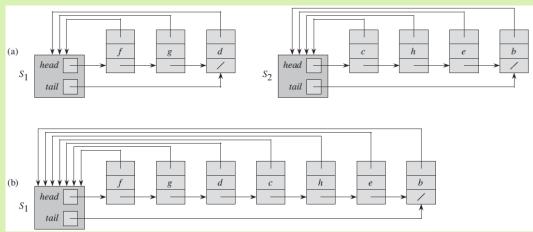
• Cost of FIND-SET(x) operation: O(n)

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Linked-list Representation of Disjoint Sets III

• Cost of UNION(x, y) operation:

O(n); because we need to change pointer for all the elements of one of the two sets.



• Pointers for elements of set S_2 , that is, c, h, e, and b have been changes to the head of set S_1 .

Linked-list Representation of Disjoint Sets IV

Complexity Analysis

Operation	Number of objects updated
$\overline{\text{Make-Set}(x_1)}$	1
Make-Set (x_2)	1
• • •	
Make-Set (x_n)	1
Union (x_2, x_1)	1
Union (x_3, x_2)	2
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Union (x_n, x_{n-1})	n-1
	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} i = O(n^2)$

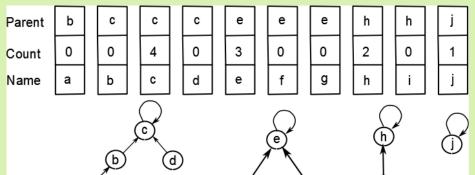
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Rooted-tree Representation of Disjoint Sets I

- Rooted-tree Representation
- ullet The sets are $S_1 = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $S_2 = \{e, f, g\}$, $S_3 = \{h, i\}$, $S_4 = \{j\}$

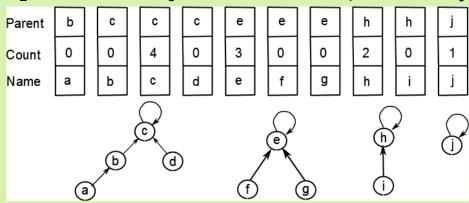
Parent	b	С	С	С	е	е	е	h	h	j
Count	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	2	0	1
Name	а	b	С	d	е	f	g	h	i	j

• **Recall notation**: S_1 is named as c — one of the elements in S_1 . Similarly, S_2 is named as e, S_3 is named as h, and S_4 is named as j



Rooted-tree Representation of Disjoint Sets II

- Rooted-tree Representation
- **Recall notation**: S_1 is named as c one of the elements in S_1 . Similarly, S_2 is named as e, S_3 is named as h, and S_4 is named as j



Note the direction of pointers from children to root

Advantage: tree is not degree-limited.

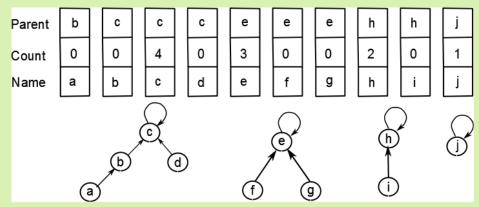
Every node has a counter – value is size of the set for the root, '0' for others

Value in the counter will be used for UNION(x, y) operation.

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Rooted-tree Representation of Disjoint Sets III

Rooted-tree Representation



- Cost of Make-Set(x) operation: O(1)
- Cost of FIND-SET(x) operation:

Distance of the element from the 'root'; for any good implementation, height is $log_2 n$ or less.

Linked-list Representation of Disjoint Sets II

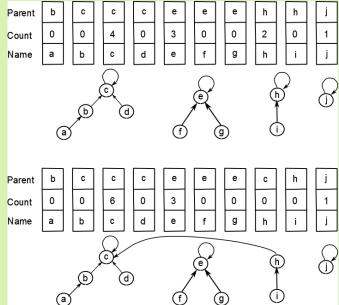
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```
WEIGHTED-UNION(x, y)
    z1 = \text{Find-Set}(x) // z1 is the root of the tree where x is
    z2 = \text{FIND-Set}(y) // z2 is the root of the tree where y is
3
    if z1.count > z2.count // in book rank is similar to count
4
       z1.p = z2
5
       z1.count = z1.count + z2.count
6
       z2.count = 0:
7
    else
8
       z2.p = z1
9
       z1.count = z1.count + z2.count
10
        z1.count = 0;
```

• Cost of UNION(x, y) operation: $O(\log_2 n)$; because cost of find operation is $O(\log_2 n)$

Rooted-tree Representation of Disjoint Sets IV

Rooted-tree Representation



- After UNION(d, h) operation, the new root is c. After UNION(d, h) operation, the **new** count at c is 6.
- If we use the root of the bigger set as the new root, the height is no more than $log_2 n$.

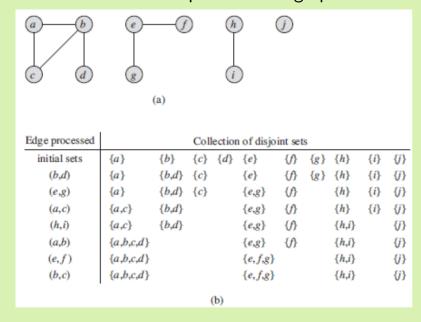
An Application of Disjoint Sets Data Structures I

• Find the number of connected components in a graph.

```
CONNECTED-COMPONENTS (G)
   for each vertex v \in G.V
       MAKE-SET(\nu)
2
   for each edge (u, v) \in G.E
3
       if FIND-SET(u) \neq FIND-SET(v)
4
           UNION(u, v)
5
SAME-COMPONENT (u, v)
   if FIND-SET(u) == FIND-SET(v)
2
       return TRUE
3
   else return FALSE
```

An Application of Disjoint Sets Data Structures II

• Find the number of connected components in a graph. An example.



Disjoint-set forests

