

# MAZE GENERATION PROBLEM

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**It is possible to swap between these two  
identifiers with simple math operations:**

$(i,j) \rightarrow i * \text{columns} + j$

$k \rightarrow (k \bmod \text{columns}, k / \text{rows})$

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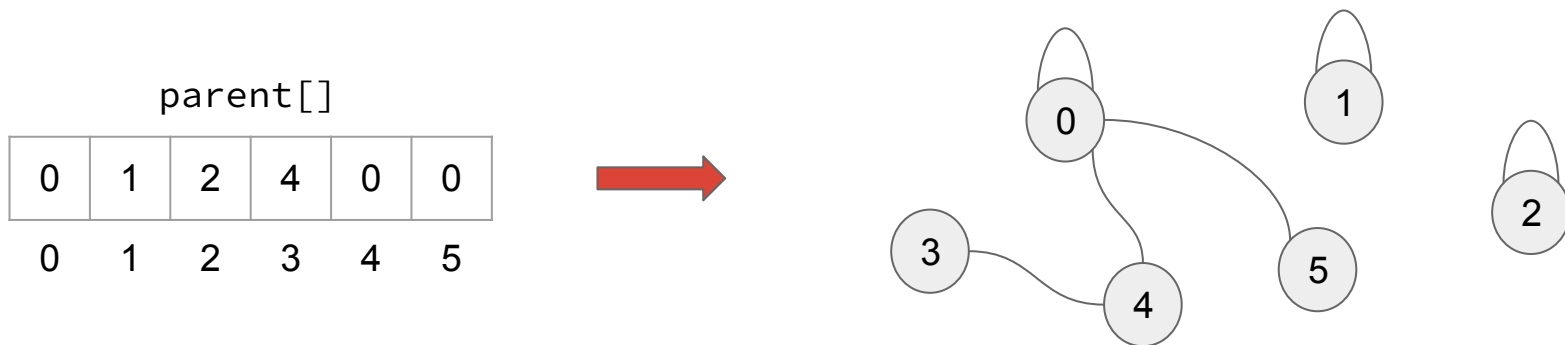
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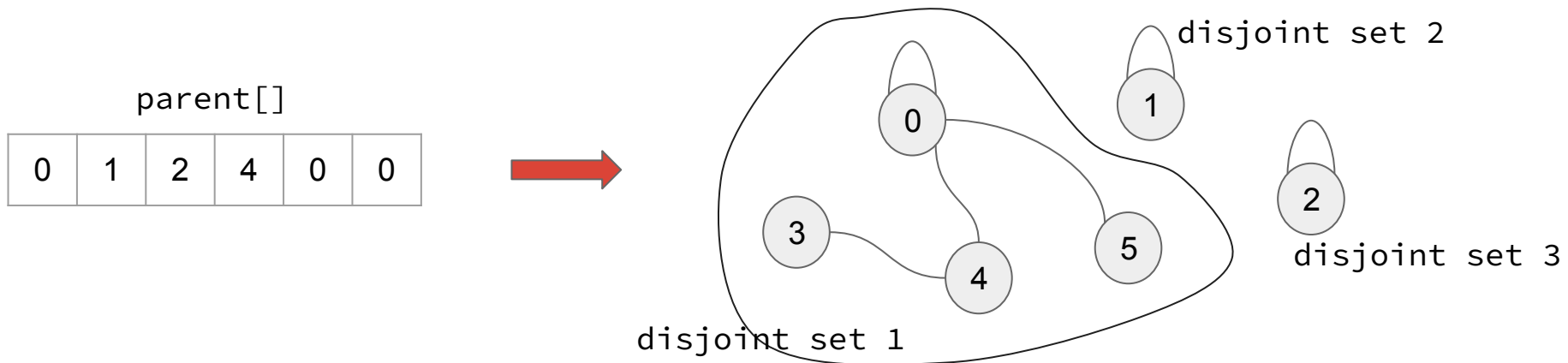


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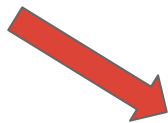
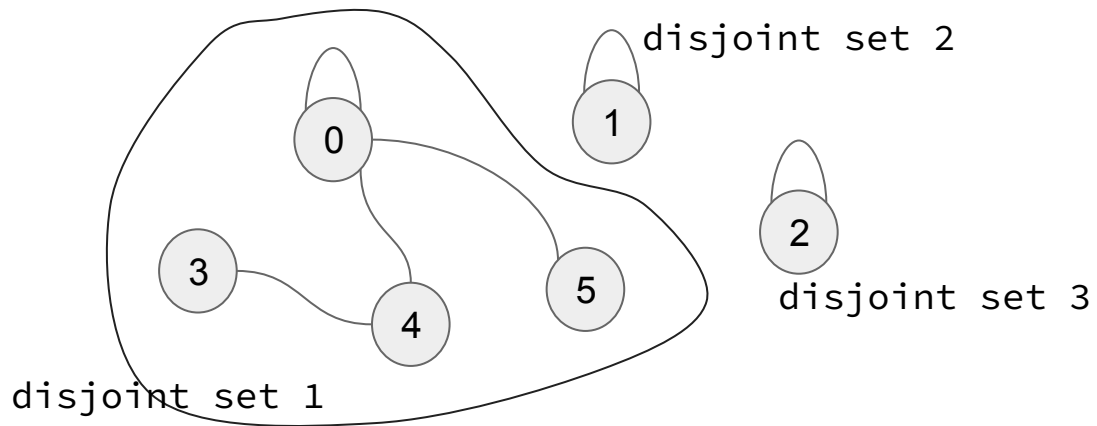
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*// Finds set of item x*

```
int Find(int x){
```

*// Finds the representative of the set that x is an element of*

```
    if (parent[x] != x) {
```

*// if x is not the parent of itself then x is not the representative of his set*

```
        parent[x] = Find(parent[x]);
```

*// so we recursively call Find on its parent and move i's node directly under the representative of this set*

```
    }
```

```
    return parent[x];
```

```
}
```

# DISJOINT SET FUNCTIONS - UNION

*// Do union of two sets represented by x and y.*

```
void Union(int i, int j) {
```

*// Find the representatives (or the root nodes) for the set that includes i*

```
int irep = this->Find(i);
```

*// And do the same for the set that includes j*

```
int jrep = this->Find(j);
```

*// Make the parent of i's representative be j's representative effectively moving all of i's set into j's set)*

```
this->parent[irep] = jrep;
```

```
}
```

# DISJOINT SET FUNCTIONS - SAMESET

*// Return true if two elements are in the same set, false otherwise*

```
bool SameSet(int x, int y){  
    return Find(x) == Find(y);  
}
```