Union Find - another implementation

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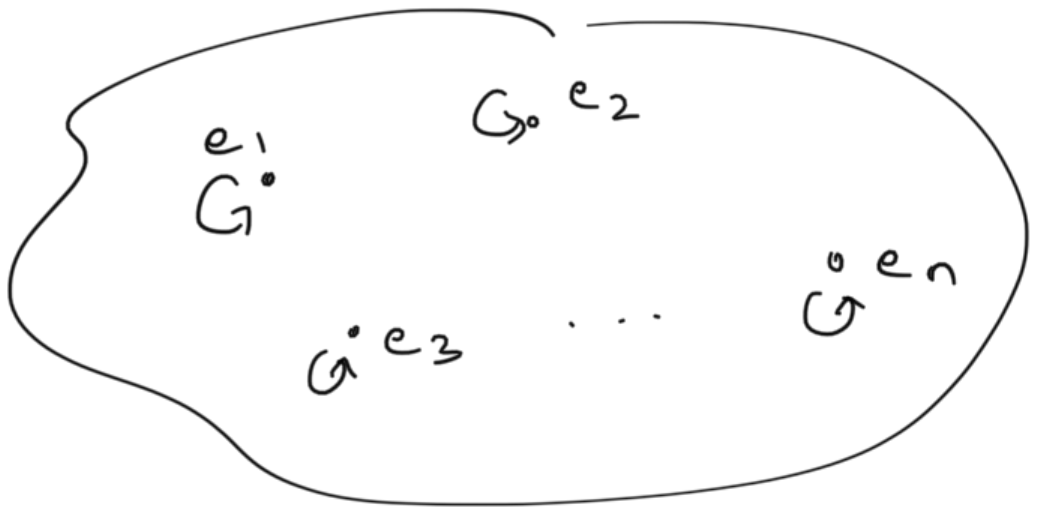

* elements + arrows from elements to itself

* Interpret $\circlearrowright e_i$ as label (conn. comp $\cap$ e_i) = e_i

* Interpret $e_i \longrightarrow e_j$ as

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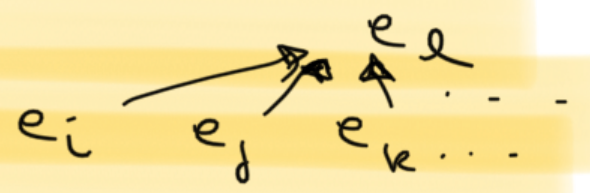
Find (e_i) :

* $e_i \longrightarrow e_j \longrightarrow e_k \cdots \longrightarrow e_l \circlearrowright$ — label to e_l — $O(\log n)$

* Set label (e_i) = e_j

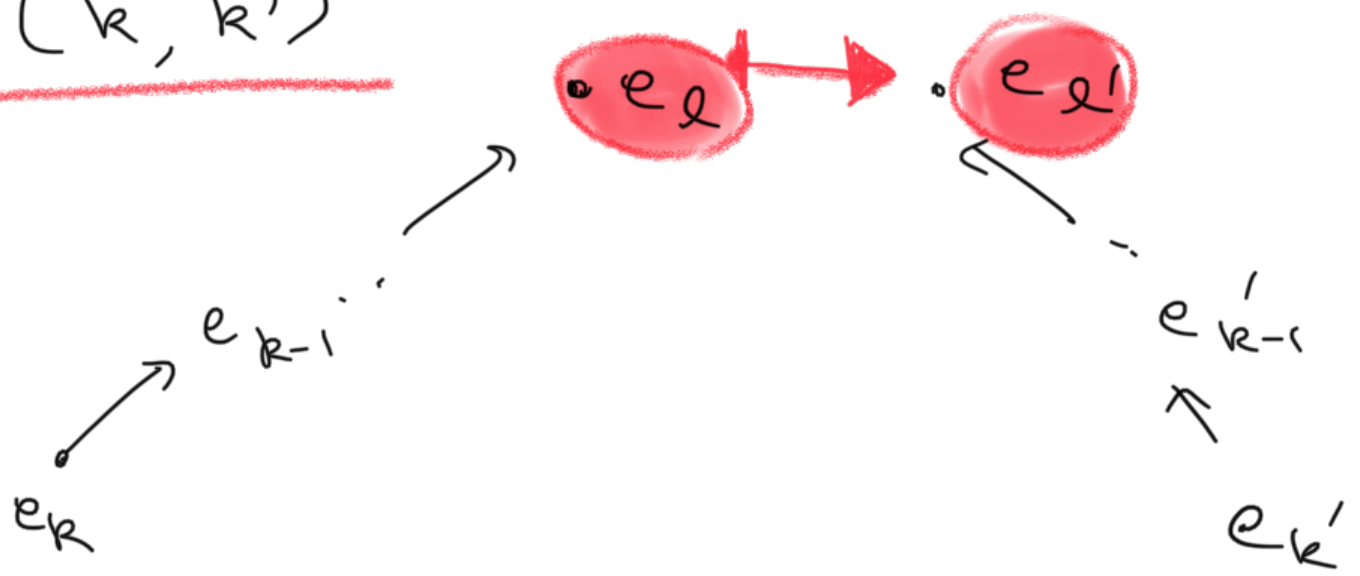
** path compression

* Infact reset



↳ makes it more efficient!

merge (k, k')



$O(1)$

look up → e_k

* Draw arrow from label(e_k) to label($e_{k'}$) if size(e_l) < size($e_{l'}$)

look up → $e_{l'}$

* update size of $e_{l'}$

* So maintain auxillary data: label(element), size(label(element)).

more complicated amortized analysis

with *** ① First find : $O(\log n)$

② Then $O(1)$ for nodes involved in first find...

n finds $\rightsquigarrow$ $O(n\,\underline{\alpha(n)}) \lesssim O(n)$

↑ Ackermann function, inverse grows very slowly...

$\alpha(n) \leq 4$ for practical values of n apparently