

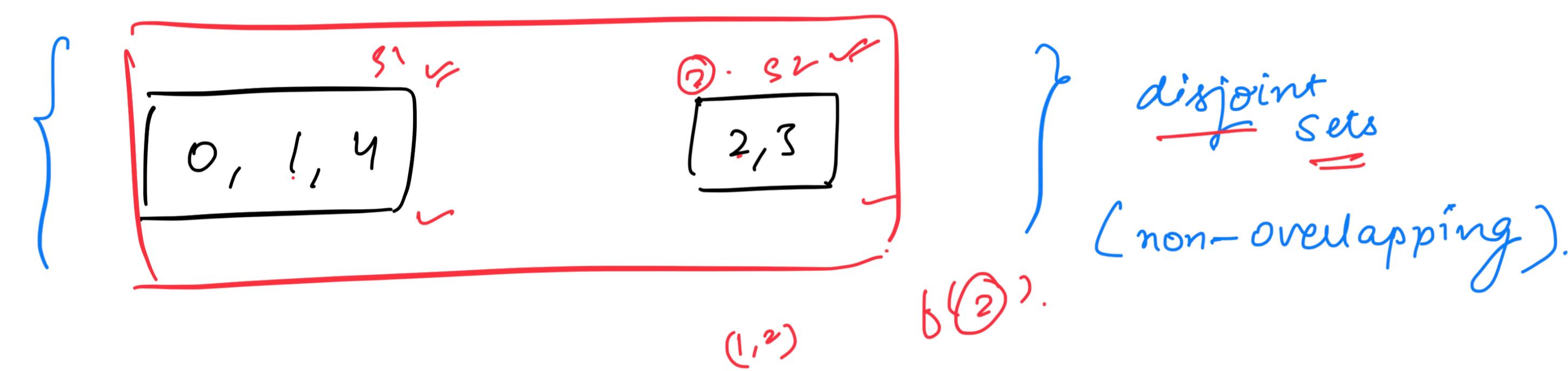
Graph Theory

Disjoint Set Union (DSU) ✓

or.
Union Find. ✓

data structures, to keep track of partition of set into disjoint sets.

0 1 2 3 4 ← Sort



b(2)

disjoint sets
(non-overlapping).

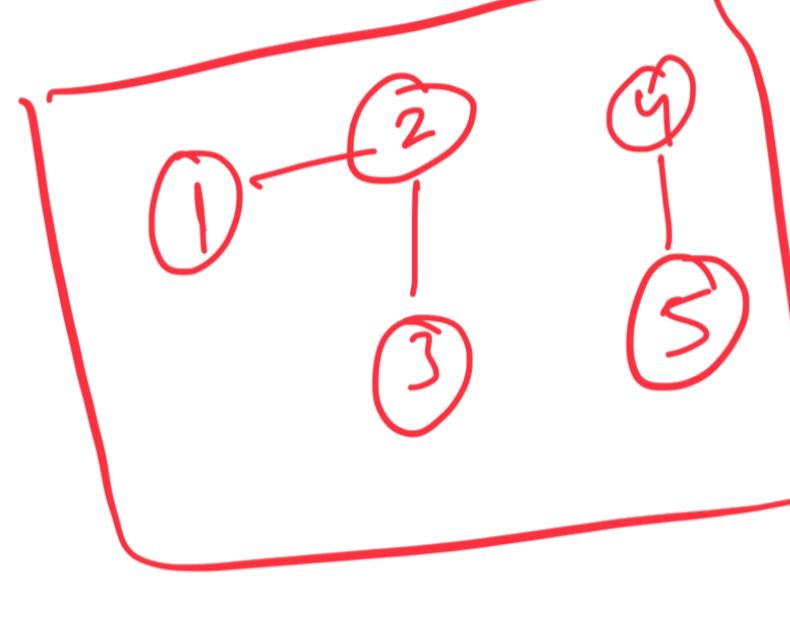
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two main operations -

- ① Find (which set a particular element belongs to, done by finding root)
- ② Union. (Merges two sets into one)

Applications -

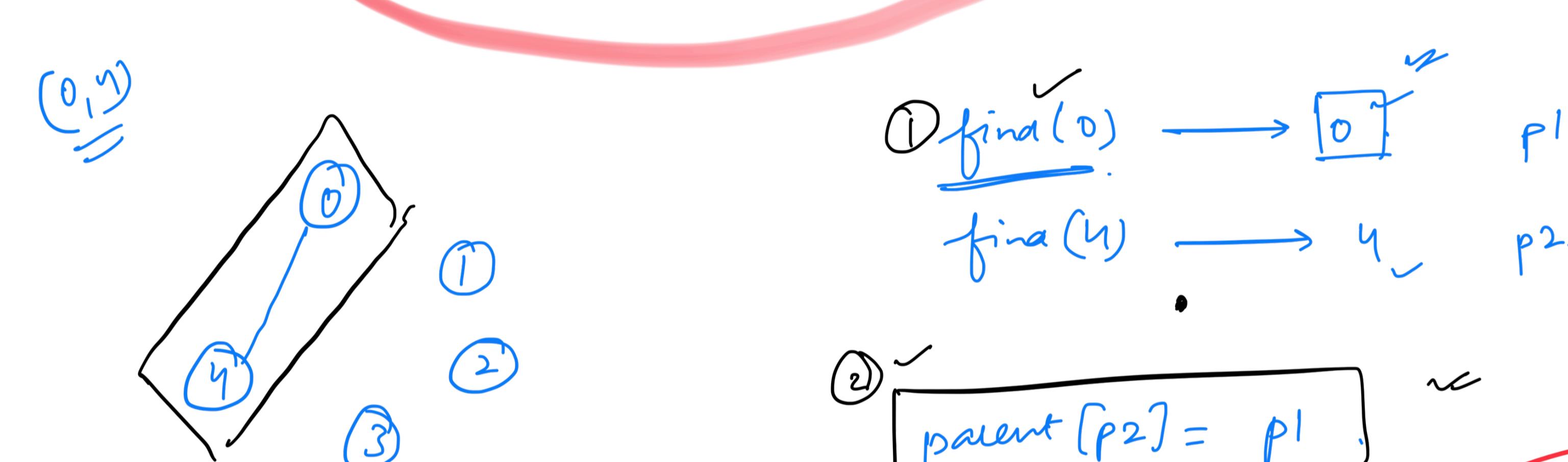
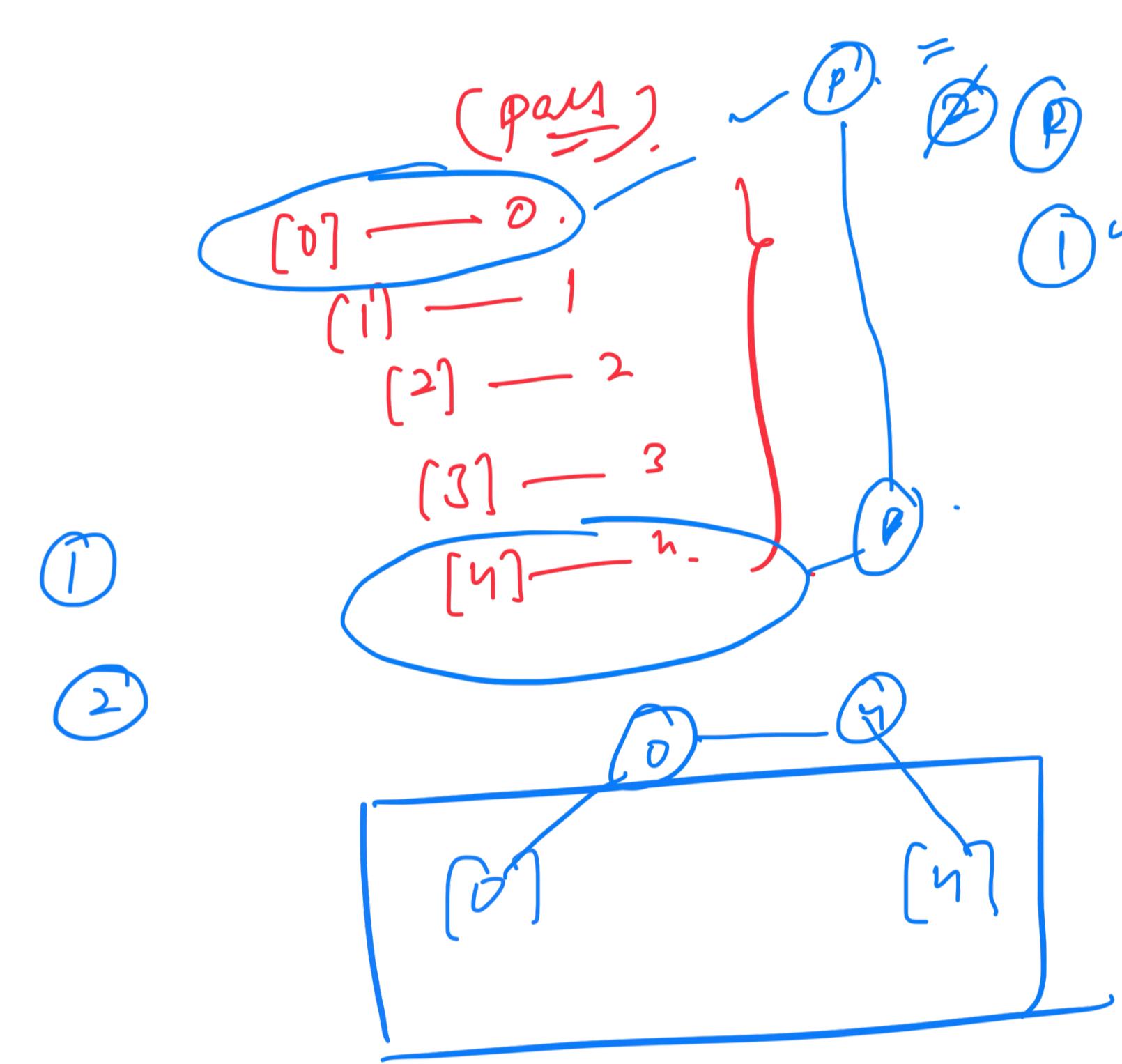
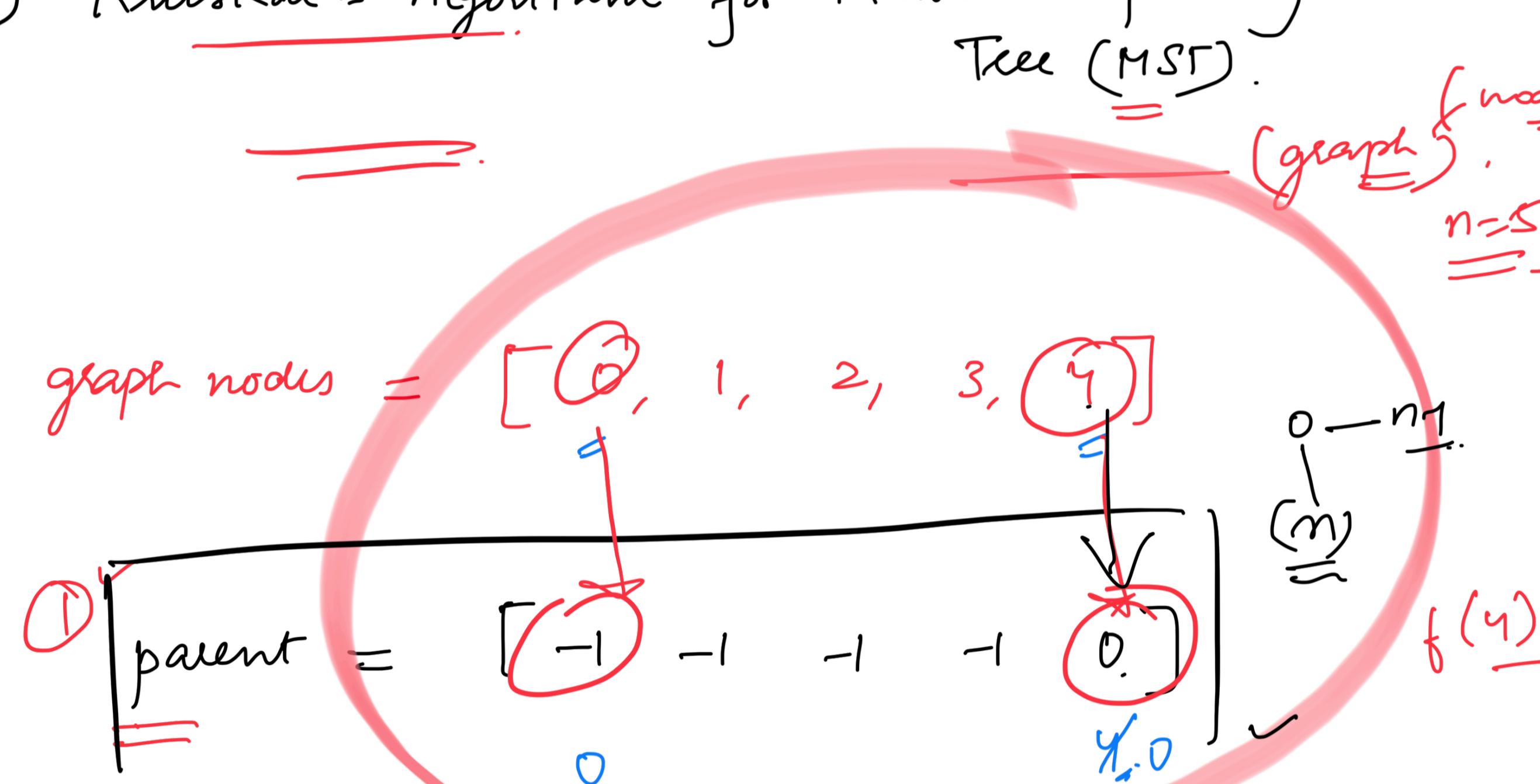
① Detect cycle in graph. undirected graph



② Find connected components. undirected graph.

③ Kruskal's Algorithm for Minimum Spanning Tree (MST).

given,



① find(0) → 0 p1

find(4) → 0 p2

② parent[p2] = p1

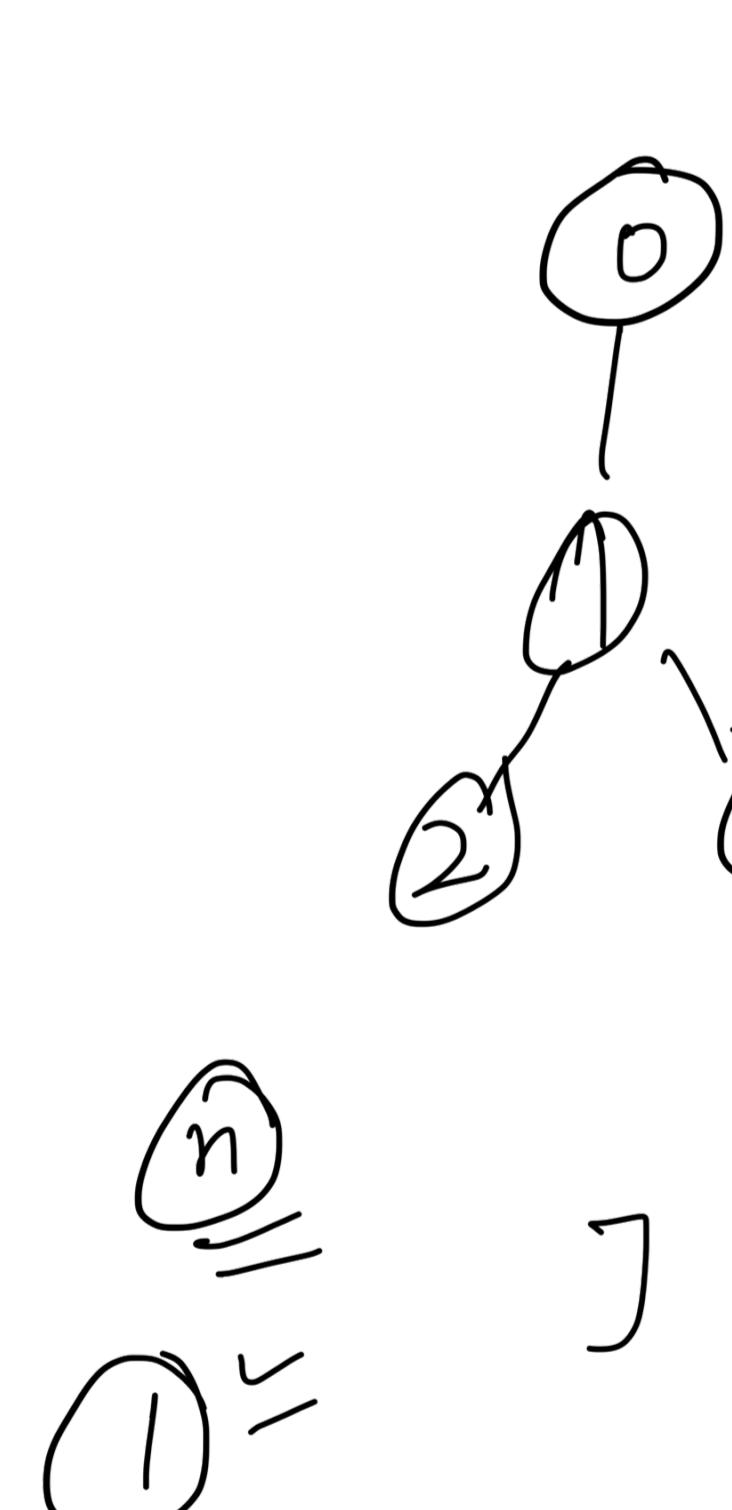
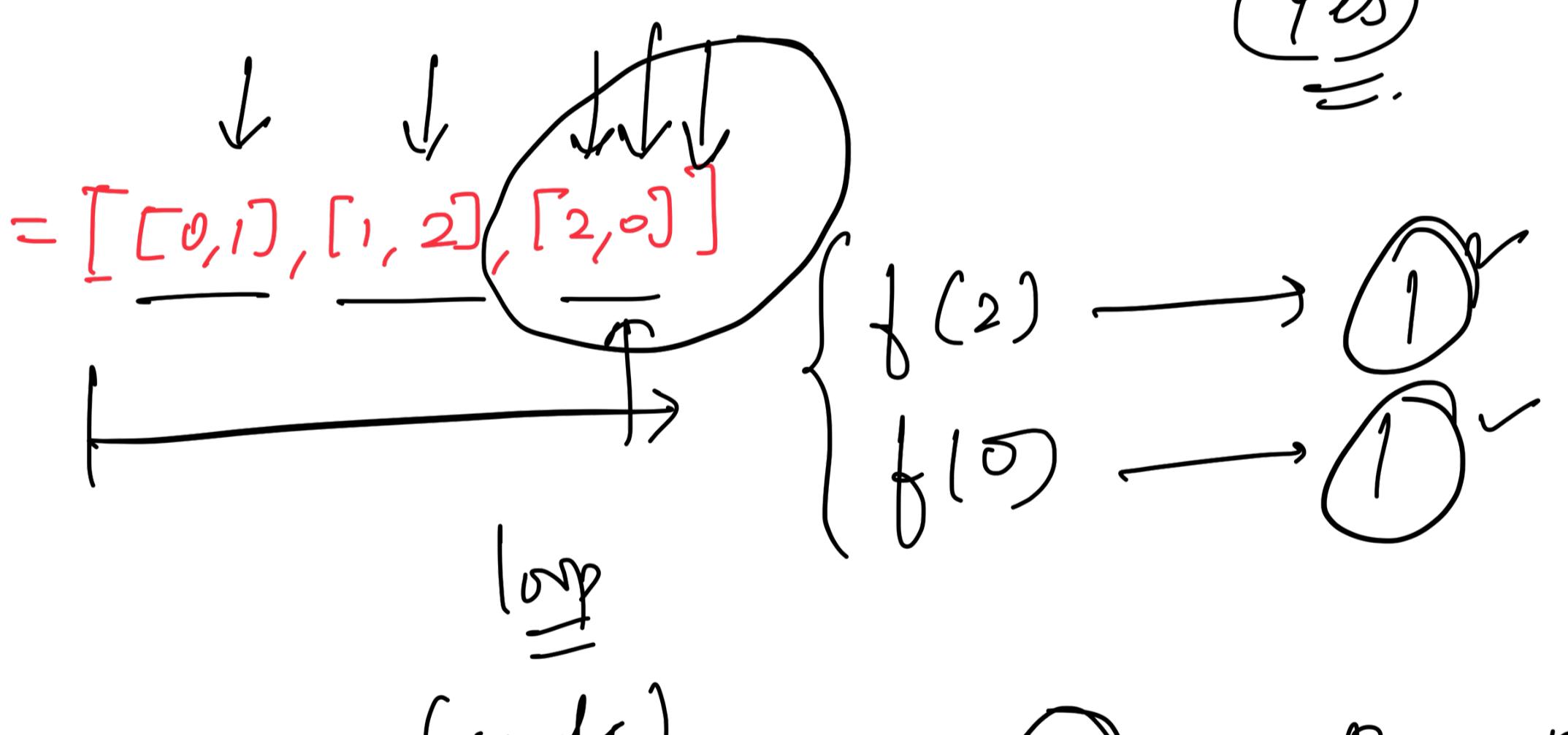
parent = [-1, -1, -1]

Path compression

```
int find (x)
{
    if (parent[x] == -1)
        return x;
    return find(parent[x]);
}
parent[x] = find(parent[x]);
```

```
void union (int a, int b)
{
    a = find(a);
    b = find(b);
    if (a != b)
        parent[a] = b;
}
```

given, n=3
0 1 2
parent = [-1, -1, -1]



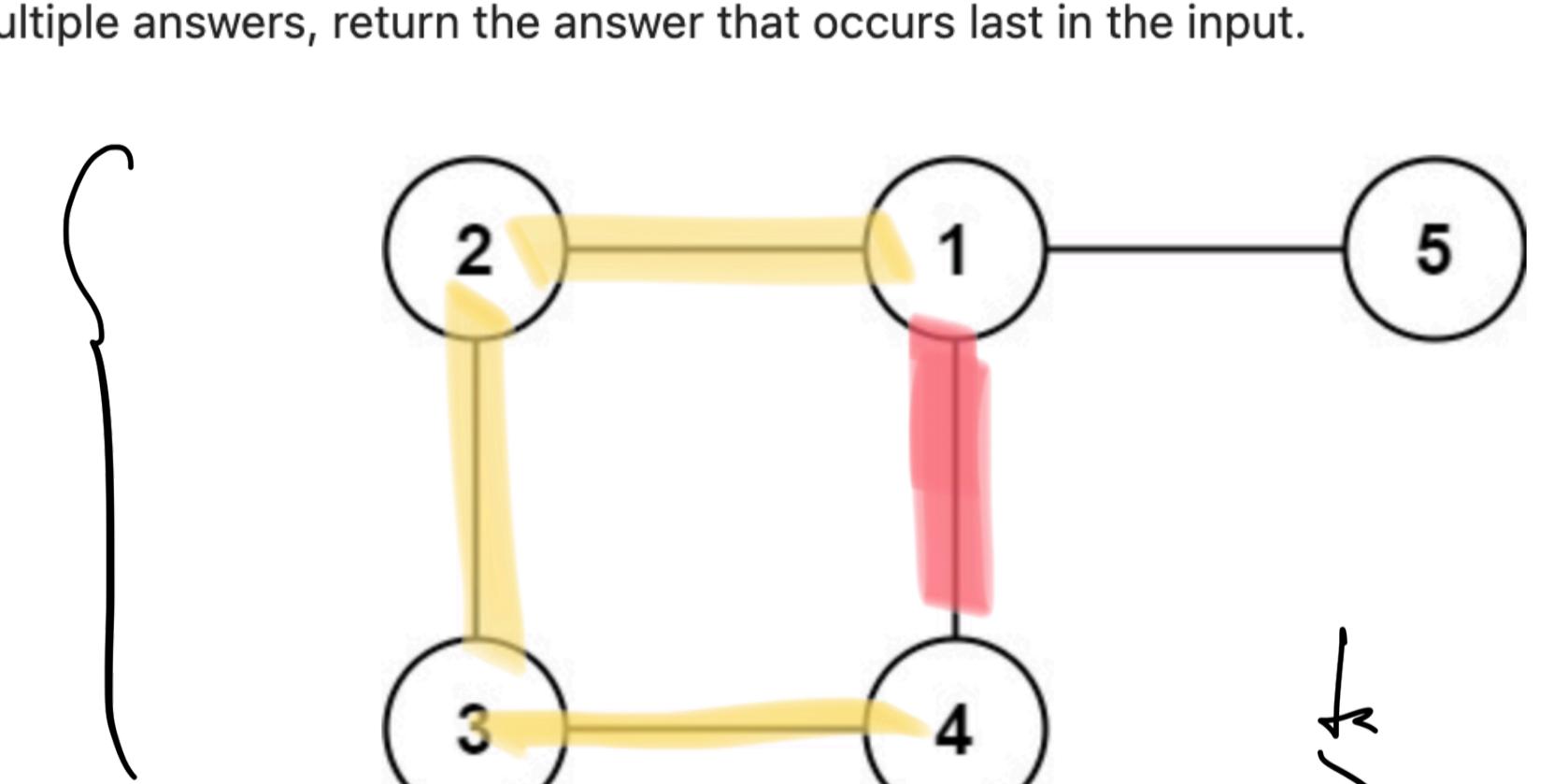
684. Redundant Connection

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In this problem, a tree is an undirected graph that is connected and has no cycles.

You are given a graph that started as a tree with n nodes labeled from 1 to n , with one additional edge added. The added edge has two different vertices chosen from 1 to n , and was not an edge that already existed. The graph is represented as an array edges of length n where edges[i] = [a_i, b_i] indicates that there is an edge between nodes a_i and b_i in the graph.

Return an edge that can be removed so that the resulting graph is a tree of n nodes. If there are multiple answers, return the answer that occurs last in the input.



$T = O(N)$
 $S = O(N)$

```
class UnionFind {
    static class UnionFind {
        int[] parent;

        public UnionFind(int n) {
            parent = new int[n];
            Arrays.fill(parent, -1); // no edges
        }

        public int find(int x) {
            if (parent[x] == -1) {
                return x;
            }
            return parent[x] = find(parent[x]);
        }

        public boolean union(int a, int b) {
            a = find(a);
            b = find(b);
            if (a != b) {
                parent[a] = b;
                return true;
            }
            return false; // already connected
        }
    }
}
```

① Path compression

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