

# CMSC 641, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Spring 2010

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## Problem 1 Solution

### Part (a)

In the worst case, one needs to search all the sorted arrays  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{k-1}$ ,

where  $k = \lceil \lg(n+1) \rceil = \theta(\lg n)$ , with  $n = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \text{size}(A_i) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} 2^i = 2^k - 1$ .

The worst case time to perform binary search on the  $i^{\text{th}}$  sorted array  
 $= T(\text{size}(A_i)) = \lceil \lg(\text{size}(A_i)) \rceil = \lceil \lg(2^i) \rceil = i$

Hence, the worst case total SEARCH time

$$\begin{aligned} &= T(n) = T\left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \text{size}(A_i)\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} T(\text{size}(A_i)) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} T(2^i) \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} i = \frac{k(k-1)}{2} = \theta(k^2) = \theta(\lg^2 n). \end{aligned}$$

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**Algorithm 1** Search element  $e$  from sorted  $k$ -array-set  $A = \{A_0, \dots, A_{k-1}\}$

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SEARCH( $A, e$ )

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1:  $i \leftarrow \text{not\_found}$ . {array index}
2: for  $r \leftarrow 0$  to  $k-1$  do
3:    $j \leftarrow \text{BINSEARCH}(A_r, e)$  {element index}
4:   if  $j \neq \text{not\_found}$  then {found!}
5:      $i \leftarrow r$  {array index}
6:   break
7: end if
8: end for
9: return  $\{i, j\}$ . { $j^{\text{th}}$  element in  $i^{\text{th}}$  array}
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## Part (b)

### INSERT Algorithm

Let's first establish a 1-1 correspondence between the INSERT in the set of arrays and INCREMENT in the binary counter problem. We must have

$$size(A_i) = \begin{cases} 2^i & \text{if } n_i = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

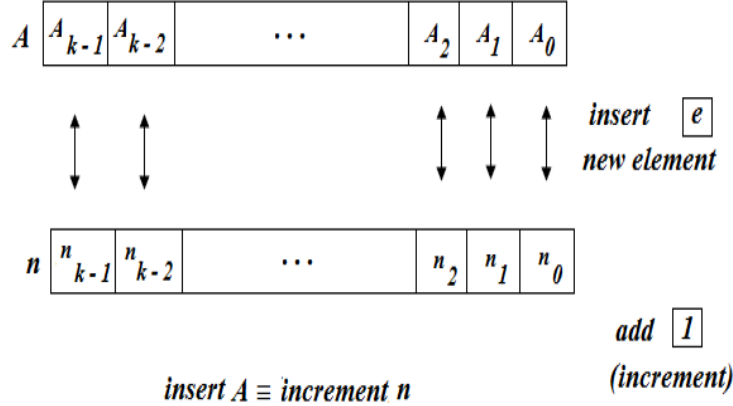


Figure 1: Equivalence of INSERT and INCREMENT for binary counter

The INSERT algorithm is described (with comparison to binary counter INCREMENT) in the following figure. It will insert element  $e$  in an array if  $n < 2^k - 1$ , i.e., all the  $k$  arrays are not already full. It starts by copying the element to an auxiliary array  $B$  and then replaces the array  $A_i$  by  $B$  if empty, otherwise merges sorted arrays  $A_i$  and  $B$  into  $B$  and goes to the next array  $A_{i+1}$  and repeats the same thing until it finds an empty array, starting from  $A_0$ .

### Worstcase running time

Line 1 – 2 of the INSERT algorithm is  $\theta(1)$ .

Merging two sorted arrays on line 5 of the algorithm takes  $\theta(2^i + 2^i) = \theta(2^{i+1})$  time. Line 6 takes  $\theta(1)$  time if we maintain an extra bit *empty* for each array  $A_i$ , which will be true if the array is empty, false otherwise. Line 7 is again  $\theta(1)$ . Hence, running time lines 5 – 7 is  $\theta(2^{i+1})$  for each  $i = 0, 1, \dots, k-2$ .

In the worst case (when  $n = 2^{k-1} - 1$ ), all the arrays  $A_0, A_1, \dots, A_{k-2}$  will be full, hence  $k-1$  merges will be needed (while loop 3–7 will execute  $k-1$  times),

with the worstcase total merging time =  $\sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \theta(2^{i+1}) = \theta\left(\sum_{i=0}^{k-2} 2^{i+1}\right) = \theta(2^k - 2)$ .

Finally, line 9 involves copying / replacing the empty array  $A_i$ , in the worst

	INCREMENT( $n, k$ )	INSERT( $A, e, k$ )
1		$B \leftarrow \{e\} \triangleright$ auxiliary array $B$
2	$i \leftarrow 0$	$i \leftarrow 0$
3	<b>while</b> $i < k$ and $n_i = 1$	<b>while</b> $i < k$ and $A_i$ is full $\triangleright$ if $\text{size}(A_i) = 2^i$
4	<b>do</b>	<b>do</b>
5		$B \leftarrow \text{Merge}(A_i, B) \triangleright \text{size}(B) \leftarrow 2^{i+1}$
6	$n_i \leftarrow 0$	empty $A_i \triangleright \text{size}(A_i) \leftarrow 0$
7	$i \leftarrow i + 1$	$i \leftarrow i + 1$
8	<b>if</b> $i < k$	<b>if</b> $i < k$
9	<b>then</b> $n_i \leftarrow 1$	<b>then</b> $A_i \leftarrow B \triangleright$ replace $A_i, \text{size}(A_i) \leftarrow 2^i$

Figure 2: Binary Counter INCREMENT vs Array INSERT algorithm

case the array  $A_{k-1}$  needs to be replaced, with running time  $= \theta(2^{k-1})$ . Hence, the worstcase total running time  $= \theta(2^k - 2 + 2^{k-1}) = \theta(3 \cdot 2^{k-1} - 2) = \theta(3 \cdot n - 2) = \theta(n)$ , with  $n = 2^{k-1} - 1$ .

Also, we notice how the worstcase scenario for SEARCH differs from the same for INSERT.

	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	
$A$	$A_{k-1}$	$A_{k-2}$	$\dots$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_0$	$n = 2^k - 1$ <i>SEARCH now</i>
<i>Worst case for SEARCH</i>							
	<i>empty</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	<i>full</i>	
$A$	$A_{k-1}$	$A_{k-2}$	$\dots$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_0$	$n = 2^{k-1} - 1$ <i>INSERT now</i>
<i>Worst case for INSERT</i>							
<i>Worst case for SEARCH vs Worst case for INSERT</i>							

Figure 3: The Worst Case Scenarios

#### Amortized running time

##### Aggregate method

Let's consider a sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations, starting from all the  $k$  arrays empty, with  $k = \lceil \lg(n+1) \rceil$ .

First consider the merges inside the while loop. As we can see from the algorithm, the temporary array  $B$  has to be merged with the array  $A_i \Leftrightarrow n_i$  flips from  $1 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\forall i = 0, 1, \dots, k-2$ . But  $n_i$  flips from  $1 \rightarrow 0$  only for  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2^{i+1}} \rfloor$  times,  $\forall i = 0, 1, \dots, k-1$ .

Since, merging of  $B$  and  $A_i$  takes  $\theta(2^{i+1})$  time, the total merging ( $B \leftarrow \text{Merge}(A_i, B)$ ) time for the sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^{i+1}} \right\rfloor \cdot \theta(2^{i+1}) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} n \cdot \theta(1) = \theta(n \cdot (k-1)) \\ &= \theta(n \cdot (\lceil \lg(n+1) \rceil - 1)) = \theta(n \lg n). \end{aligned}$$

Also, consider the copying of the temporary array  $B$  into  $A_i$ . This has to happen only when  $n_i$  flips from  $0 \rightarrow 1$ , which happens at most  $\lceil \frac{n}{2^{i+1}} \rceil$  times and each copying operation takes  $\theta(2^i)$  time.

Hence, the total copying ( $A_i \leftarrow B$ ) time for the sequence of  $n$  INSERT operations

$$= \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left\lceil \frac{n}{2^{i+1}} \right\rceil \cdot \theta(2^i) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{n}{2} \cdot \theta(1) = \theta\left(\frac{n \cdot k}{2}\right) = \theta(n \cdot (\lceil \lg(n+1) \rceil)) = \theta(n \lg n).$$

Hence, the total amortized cost for sequence of all INSERT operations  $= \theta(n \lg n)$ . The amortized cost per INSERT operation  $= \theta(n \lg n)/n = \theta(\lg n)$ .

### Accounting method

We notice that during the sequence of operations an element can move on to array with higher index while merging and can never come back. Since there are  $k$  arrays, this transition from array with lower index to array with higher index for a given element can happen only for  $k-1$  times. Hence the accounting analysis is as follows:

- Charge  $k = \lceil \lg(n+1) \rceil$  \$ to INSERT an element.
- Pay 1\$ for insertion immediately.
- Store rest of the  $k-1$  charges to the element itself, so that it can always pay for future merges and transition from array  $A_i$  to  $A_{i+1}$ . But since such transition can happen at most for  $k-1$  times, it always can pay for it.
- Hence amortized cost for each INSERT  $= k = \theta(\lg n)$ .

## Part (c)

**DELETE Algorithm:** Delete element  $e$  from  $k$ -array-set  $A_0, \dots, A_{k-1}$

- Call  $SEARCH(A, e)$ . Suppose it returns  $A_i$ , i.e.,  $e \in A_i$ .
- $n \leftarrow size(A)$ . Find the first non-zero bit  $j$  from right in  $n$ , i.e., find  $j | n_j = 1, n_r = 0, \forall r < j$ . It gives the first full array index. Let  $e' \leftarrow$  the last element of  $A_j$ .
- $A_i \leftarrow A_i - \{e\} \cup \{e'\}$ , i.e., remove  $e$  from  $A_i$  and put  $e'$  into  $A_i$ . Then move  $e'$  to its correct place in  $A_i$ .
- $A_j$  is supposed to be with empty (since in  $n_j = 1, n_r = 0, \forall r < j$ , in  $n - 1$ ,  $j^{th}$  bit from the right will be 0 and all the following bits on the right will be 1, by binary counter DECREMENT) and all  $A_r$  with  $r \leq j$  will be full. Hence, divide  $A_j$  (with  $2^j - 1$  elements left): the 1st element goes into array  $A_0$ , the next 2 elements go into array  $A_1$ , the next 4 elements go into array  $A_2$ , and so forth. Mark array  $A_j$  as empty. The new arrays are created already sorted.

## Runtime of DELETE

The worstcase running time of DELETE

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \theta(lg^2 n) \{SEARCH\ A_i\} \\
 &+ \theta(lg\ n) \{\text{Find 1st NonZero Bit } j\} \\
 &+ \theta(n) \{\text{INSERT in sorted } A_i \text{ in proper position, linear time in } size(A_i) = 2^i, \\
 &\text{worst case } 2^{k-1} = \theta(n)\} \\
 &+ \theta(n) \{\text{Copy } A_j \text{ to lower index arrays, total number of elements to copy} = 2^j, \\
 &\text{worst case } 2^{k-1} = \theta(n)\} \\
 &= \theta(n).
 \end{aligned}$$

## Problem 2 Solution

### Part (a)

- Perform an IN-ORDER-WALK (call  $IN-ORDER-WALK(A, x, 0)$ ) starting from node  $x$ , the output will be sorted (since output for all node  $n$  in IN-ORDER-WALK is by definition in the order  $n_L \rightarrow n \rightarrow n_R$  and for a binary search tree  $n_L.val < n.val < n_R.val$  by definition, here  $n_L$  and  $n_R$  denotes left-child and right child of node  $n$  respectively).
- Store the sorted output in the auxiliary storage (e.g., array  $A$  with size  $\theta(size(x))$ ).
- Recursively find the MEDIAN of each interval and assign it to be the root of the current subtree using the construct\_balanced\_tree (divide and conquer) algorithm. Call  $construct\_balanced\_tree(A, x, 0, size(x) - 1)$ .

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**Algorithm 2** IN-ORDER-WALK on a binary (search) tree rooted at *node*

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IN-ORDER-WALK(*A*, *node*, *i*)

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1: if node  $\neq$  NULL then
2:   IN-ORDER-WALK(A, node.left, i)
3:   A[i]  $\leftarrow$  node.val
4:   i  $\leftarrow$  i + 1
5:   IN-ORDER-WALK(A, node.right, i)
6: end if

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**Algorithm 3** Constructs the  $\frac{1}{2}$  balanced tree rooted at *node*

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construct\_balanced\_tree(*A*, *node*, *i*, *j*)

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1: if i  $\leq$  j then
2:   m  $\leftarrow$   $\frac{i+j}{2}$ .
3:   if node = NULL then
4:     node  $\leftarrow$  allocate_node
5:   end if
6:   node.val  $\leftarrow$  A[m]
7:   node.left  $\leftarrow$  construct_balanced_tree(A, node.left, i, m - 1)
8:   node.right  $\leftarrow$  construct_balanced_tree(A, node.right, m + 1, j)
9: end if
10: return node

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### Runtime of construct\_balanced\_tree

Let  $n = \text{size}(A) = \text{size}(x)$ . Then

$T(n) = 2T(n/2) + \theta(1) \Rightarrow T(n) = \theta(n^{\lg 2}) = \theta(n)$ , by Master theorem.

Hence, running time of construct\_balanced\_tree =  $\theta(\text{size}(x))$ . Similarly, running time of IN-ORDER-WALK is also =  $\theta(\text{size}(x))$ . Hence the runtime of the algorithm =  $\theta(\text{size}(x))$ .

### Part (b)

For the worst case search time analysis in  $\alpha$ -balanced binary search tree, we have the following:

$$n_L + n_R + 1 = n \wedge n_L \leq \alpha \cdot n \wedge n_R \leq \alpha \cdot n \Rightarrow \max(n_L, n_R) \leq \alpha \cdot n$$

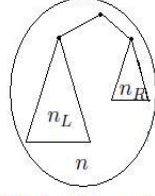
$$T(n) \leq T(\max(n_L, n_R)) + \theta(1) \leq T(\alpha \cdot n) + \theta(1)$$

Hence, in the worst case, we have,

$$T(n) = T(\alpha \cdot n) + \theta(1) = T(\alpha \cdot \alpha \cdot n) + \theta(1) + \theta(1)$$

$$= \dots = T(\alpha^k \cdot n) + k \cdot \theta(1), \text{ if } \alpha^k \cdot n = 1 \Rightarrow n = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right)^k \Rightarrow k = \lg_{\frac{1}{\alpha}} n.$$

$$T(1) = 1 \Rightarrow T(n) = 1 + \text{theta}(k) = \theta\left(\lg_{\frac{1}{\alpha}} n\right) = \theta\left(\frac{\lg n}{\lg \frac{1}{\alpha}}\right) = \theta(\lg n).$$



$$\begin{aligned}
T(n) &\leq T(\max(n_L, n_R)) + \theta(1) \\
\max(n_L, n_R) &\leq \alpha \cdot n \\
T(n) &\leq T(\alpha \cdot n) + \theta(1)
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 4: Runtime for SEARCH in  $\alpha$ -balanced binary search tree

### Part (c)

Define  $\Delta(x) = |\text{size}(\text{left}(x)) - \text{size}(\text{right}(x))|$  and the potential  $\phi(T) = c \cdot \sum_{x \in T: \Delta(x) \geq 2} \Delta(x)$ ,  $c$  sufficiently large.

By definition of potential since  $c$  is sufficiently large,  $c > 0$ , we have  $\Delta(x) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \phi(T) \geq 0$  (mod function non-negative by definition).

For  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{size}(\text{left}(x)) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{size}(x), \forall x \in T \\
\text{size}(\text{right}(x)) &\leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot \text{size}(x), \forall x \in T \\
\text{size}(\text{left}(x)) + \text{size}(\text{right}(x)) + 1 &= \text{size}(x), \forall x \in T \\
\Rightarrow \text{size}(\text{left}(x)) = \text{size}(x) - \text{size}(\text{right}(x)) - 1 &\geq \text{size}(\text{right}(x)) - 1 \\
\Rightarrow \text{size}(\text{right}(x)) - \text{size}(\text{left}(x)) &\leq 1 \\
\text{Similarly } \text{size}(\text{left}(x)) - \text{size}(\text{right}(x)) &\leq 1 \\
\Rightarrow |\text{size}(\text{left}(x)) - \text{size}(\text{right}(x))| &\leq 1 \\
\Rightarrow \Delta(x) &\leq 1, \forall x \in T \\
\Rightarrow |x \in T : \Delta(x) \geq 2| &= 0 \\
\Rightarrow \phi(T) &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

### Part (d)

Let's figure out the minimum possible potential in the tree that would cause us to rebuild a subtree of size- $m$  rooted at  $x$ .

Now,  $x$  must not be  $\alpha$ -balanced, otherwise we wouldn't need to rebuild the subtree. Let's say the left subtree is larger. Then, to violate the  $\alpha$ -balanced criteria, we must have:

$size(left(x)) > \alpha m$ .

Also,  $size(left(x)) + size(right(x)) = m - 1$   
 $\Rightarrow size(right(x)) = m - 1 - size(left(x)) < m - 1 - \alpha m = (1 - \alpha)m - 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \Delta(x) = |size(left(x)) - size(right(x))| > \alpha m - ((1 - \alpha)m - 1) = (2\alpha - 1)m + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \phi(T) = c \cdot \sum_{x \in T: \Delta(x) \geq 2} \Delta(x) > c \cdot ((2\alpha - 1)m + 1)$   
 (assuming  $m \geq \frac{1}{2\alpha - 1}$ , we have,  $\Delta(x) \geq 2$ ).

This potential must be at least equal to  $m$  units to pay for rebuilding the  $m$  node subtree (since we must have amortized cost providing an upper bound over the actual cost, i.e.,  $c_{rebuild} \geq c_{rebuild} + \phi_i - \phi_{i-1}$ , with actual cost  $m$  and amortized cost  $O(1)$ , we have,  $O(1) \geq m + \phi_i - \phi_{i-1}$ , with  $\phi_{i-1} \geq m$ , since the end potential  $\phi_i$  is always greater than zero). Hence, we have  
 $\phi(T) > c \cdot ((2\alpha - 1)m + 1) \geq m \Rightarrow c \geq \frac{m}{(2\alpha - 1)m + 1} = \frac{1}{(2\alpha - 1) + \frac{1}{m}} > \frac{1}{2\alpha}$ .

Hence if  $c > \frac{1}{2\alpha}$ , we can rebuild the subtree of size  $m$  in amortized cost  $O(1)$ .

### Part (e)

- The amortized cost of the insert or delete operation in an  $n$ -node  $\alpha$ -balanced tree is the actual cost plus the difference in potential between the two states.
- Search takes  $O(\lg n)$  time (as shown in part (b)) in an  $\alpha$ -balanced tree, so the actual time to insert or delete will be  $O(\lg n)$ .
- When we insert or delete a node  $x$ , we can only change the  $\Delta(i)$  for nodes  $i$  that are on the path from the node  $x$  to the root. All other  $\Delta(i)$  will remain the same since we don't change their subtree sizes. At worst, we will increase each of the  $\Delta(i)$  for  $i$  in the path by 1 since we may add the node  $x$  to the larger subtree in every case. Again, as shown in part (b), there are  $O(\lg n)$  such nodes.
- The potential  $\phi(T)$  can therefore increase by at most  $c \cdot \sum_{i \in path} 1 = O(c \lg n) = O(\lg n)$ .
- So, the amortized cost for insertion and deletion is  $O(\lg n) + O(\lg n) = O(\lg n)$ .

## Problem 3 Solution

Out of total  $m = 2n - 1$  operations, # of MAKE-SET operations =  $n$  (since # of objects =  $n$  to start with). Rest  $n - 1$  operations can be arbitrary combinations of UNION and FIND-SET. Let's assume # of UNION operations =



$k$ . ( $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$ , since there are  $n$  objects to start with and each UNION decreases # of objects by exactly 1, hence there can be at most  $n - 1$  UNION operations).  $\Rightarrow$  # of FIND-SET operations =  $n - 1 - k = m - n - k$ . Also, # of sets after sequence of  $k$  UNION operations are applied on  $n$  objects =  $n - k$ , with the largest possible set size =  $k$ .

Now, MAKE-SET and FIND-SET are  $O(1)$  operations (since FIND-SET only needs to follow the representative pointer) and since each object can at most update its representative pointer for at most  $O(\lg k)$  times for sequence of  $k$  UNION operations with weighted union heuristics, total time for the entire sequence of operations

$$\begin{aligned}
&= n.O(1) + (m - n - k).O(1) + k.O(\lg k) = O(n + m - n - k + k \lg k) \\
&= O(m - k + k \lg k) = O(m + k \lg k) \\
&\Rightarrow \exists \text{ constant } c > 0 : \text{total time for the sequence} \leq c(m + k \lg k).
\end{aligned}$$

Operations	#	Time/Operation	TotalTime
MAKE-SET	$n$	$O(1)$	$n * O(1)$
UNION	$k$	$O(\lg k)$	$k * O(\lg k)$
FIND-SET	$m - n - k$	$O(1)$	$(m - n - k) * O(1)$
Total	$m$		$O(m + k \lg k)$

Table 1: Set Operations

Now, let's assign the following charges and calculate the total amortized time for the entire sequence of  $m$  operations:

- MAKE-SET:  $C\$$
- UNION:  $C(\log n + 1)\$$
- FIND-SET:  $C\$$

where  $C$  is a +ve constant and choose  $C > c$ .

Note that if we can show that the total amortized cost (time) provides an upper

bound to the total actual time  $\left( \sum_i \hat{c}_i \geq \sum_i c_i \right)$ , we are done.

operations	#	charge per operation	total amortized cost
MAKE-SET	$n$	$C\$$	$n\$$
UNION	$k$	$C(\lg n + 1)\$$	$k(\lg n + 1)\$$
FIND-SET	$m - n - k$	$C\$$	$(m - n - k)\$$
Total	$m$		$C(m + k \lg n)\$$

Table 2: Set Operations Amortized Costs

Now  $n - 1 \geq k \Rightarrow n > k \wedge C > c$

$\Rightarrow$  total amortized cost =  $C(m + k \lg n) > c(m + k \lg k) \geq$  total actual cost,

which indeed provides an upper bound over the actual cost.

Hence, the amortized costs for different operations are as claimed:

- MAKE-SET:  $C\$ = O(1)$
- FIND-SET:  $C\$ = O(1)$
- UNION:  $C(\log n + 1)\$ = O(\lg n)$