

Data: M a $n \times n$ parentage matrix

Result: the root of the tree

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1 nextRoot  $\leftarrow$  row with min sum of elements;
2 treeRoot  $\leftarrow$  null;
3 forall the rows row of  $M$  do
4   root  $\leftarrow$  nextRoot;
5   mark root as done;
6   if treeRoot == null then
7     | treeRoot  $\leftarrow$  root
8   end
9   for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$  do
10    | row[ $i$ ]  $\leftarrow 0$ ;
11    | if sum of elements of row == 0 then
12      | add  $i$  as child of root;
13    | end
14    | if row has the smallest sum of elements and is not marked as
      | done then
15      | nextRoot  $\leftarrow i$ ;
16    | end
17  end
18 end
19 return treeRoot
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Algorithm 1: Build tree from parentage matrix