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Representation of Disjoint Sets

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Disjoint Sets

- Assume a set S of n elements indexed by the numbers in $\{0, 1, 2, \ldots, n-1\}$ is divided into k subsets $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_k$ and $S_i \cap S_j = \phi$ for any $i, j \in \{1, \ldots, k\}$ and $i \neq j$

- Operations:
  - Disjoint set union: $Union(S_i, S_j)$
    - Let $S_i = S_i \cup S_j$ or $S_j = S_i \cup S_j$
  - Find the set containing element x: **Find(x)**

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Disjoint Sets: Example

- Set
  - $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- Disjoint subsets
  - $S_1 = \{0, 2, 3\}$
  - $S_2 = \{1\}$
  - $S_3 = \{4, 5\}$
- Union$(S_1, S_2) = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$
- Find(5) = 3

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DS: Array Representation

- $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ with subsets
  - $S_1 = \{0, 2, 3\}$, $S_2 = \{1\}$ and $S_3 = \{4, 5\}$
- Using a **sequential mapping array** where index represents set members and array value indicates **set name**

Set name $\longrightarrow$

1	2	1	1	3	3

Set member $\longrightarrow$ S[0] S[1] S[2] S[3] S[4] S[5]

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DS Operation: Find(x)

Set name $\longrightarrow$

1	2	1	1	3	3

Set member $\longrightarrow$ S[0] S[1] S[2] S[3] S[4] S[5]

- Find the set which contains element x is easy
  - Find(5) = S[5] = set 3
    Find(3) = S[3] = set 1
  - Complexity = O(1)

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DS Operation: Union(S_i, S_j)

Set name $\longrightarrow$

1	2	1	1	3	3

Set member $\longrightarrow$ S[0] S[1] S[2] S[3] S[4] S[5]

- Assume we always merge the 2nd set to 1st set, i.e. $S_i = S_i \cup S_j$
- Scan the array and set $S[k]$ to i if $S[k] == j$
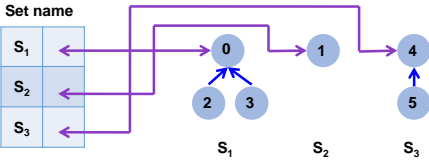 - $S_2 =$ Union(S_2, S_3)

Set name $\longrightarrow$

1	2	1	1	2	2

Set member $\longrightarrow$ S[0] S[1] S[2] S[3] S[4] S[5]

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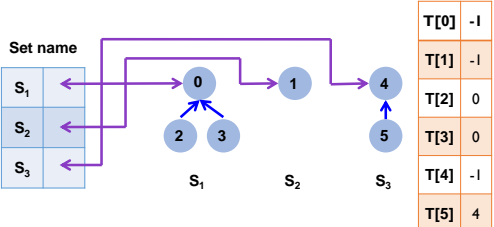## DS: Tree Representation

- Link elements of a subset to form a tree
  - Link children to root
  - Link root to set name
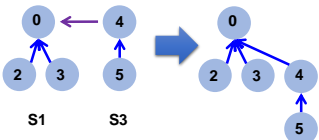

DS: Tree Representation

- Use an array to store the tree
- Identify the set by the root of the tree

DS Operation: Union(S_i, S_j)

- Set the parent field of one of the root to the other root
  - S_1=Union(S_1, S_3)
  - Time complexity : O(1)

DS Operation: Find(x)

- Follow the index starting at x and trace the tree structure until reaching a node with parent value = -1
- Use the root to identify the set name

Find(3)=S_1

T[0]	-1
T[1]	-1
T[2]	0
T[3]	0
T[4]	-1
T[5]	4

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Time Complexity for n Finds

- $S = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, n-1\}$
  - $S_i = \{i\}, \ 0 \leq i < n$
- Perform a sequence Union   O(1)
  - Union(S_0, S_1), Union(S_1, S_2), ..., Union(S_{n-2}, S_{n-1})
- Followed by a sequence of Find
  - Find(0), Find(1), ..., Find(n-1)   O(i)
  - Time Complexity = $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} i = O(n^2)$

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Improved Union (S_i, S_j)

- Do not always merge two sets into the first set
- Adopt a **Weighting rule** to union operation
  - $S_i = S_i \cup S_j$, if $|S_i| >= |S_j|$
  - $S_j = S_i \cup S_j$, if $|S_i| < |S_j|$
- $S = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots, n\}$
  - $S_i = \{i\}, \ 0 \leq i < n$
  - Union(S_0, S_1) → Union(S_0, S_2) → Union(S_0, S_3)

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Maximum Tree Height

- Lemma 5.5
  - Let **T** be a tree with **m** nodes created by a sequence of weighting unions. The height of $T \leq \lfloor \log_2 m \rfloor + 1$
- Proof
  - The longest length is the path that is increased by **1** in every union operation
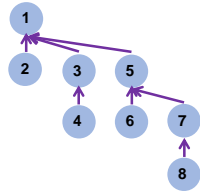 - Please check the proof in the textbook by yourself!

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Time Complexity

- The following sequence of unions produces the height of $\log n$

  ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧

  - Union(1, 2)
  - Union(3, 4)
  - Union(5, 6)
  - Union(7, 8)
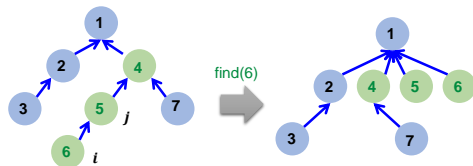 - Union(1, 3)
  - Union(5, 7)
  - Union(1, 5)

For $(n-1)$ unions and n find $\Rightarrow O(n \log n)$

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Improved Find(x)

- Adopt a **Collapsing rule** for find(x)
  - If **j** is a node on the path from **i** to the root, **set parent[j] to root(i)**

  find(6)

- **For $(n-1)$ unions and n find $\Rightarrow O(n \cdot a(n))$**
- **In average $a(n) \leq \log n$**

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Self-Study Topics

- 5.4 Additional Binary Tree Operations
- 5.5 Threaded Binary Trees
- 5.8 Selection Trees
- 5.11 Counting Binary Trees

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