

# CSE525 Lec15

## Disjoint-set



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Ex: Implement BFS  
w/o Q, using  $O(n)$   
space.

$\{3, -2, 10\}$   $\{43, Q\}$   $\{12\}$

# Disjoint-Set data structure

Maintain a collection of disjoint-sets. Every set has a “leader” element in the set that is used to identify it.

$\{3, \text{Table}, \underline{10}, -2\}$   $\{12, 5, \text{AB}, \underline{7}\}$   $\{43, 12, \underline{51}, Q\}$

- **MakeSet(x)**: Create a new set {x}. Leader is x.
- **Find(x)**: Return the leader of the set containing x.
- **Union(x,y)**: Replaces two Find(x) and Find(y) by their union. Return leader of the new set.
- No duplicates. (Assumption for now. How to implement?)

MakeSet(-2)  
Find(-2) → -2  
MakeSet(43)  
MakeSet(Q)  
Union(43,Q)  
MakeSet(10)  
Union(10,-2)  
Find(Q)  
MakeSet(12)  
Find(-2)  
MakeSet(3)  
Union(-2,3)  
Find(3)  
...

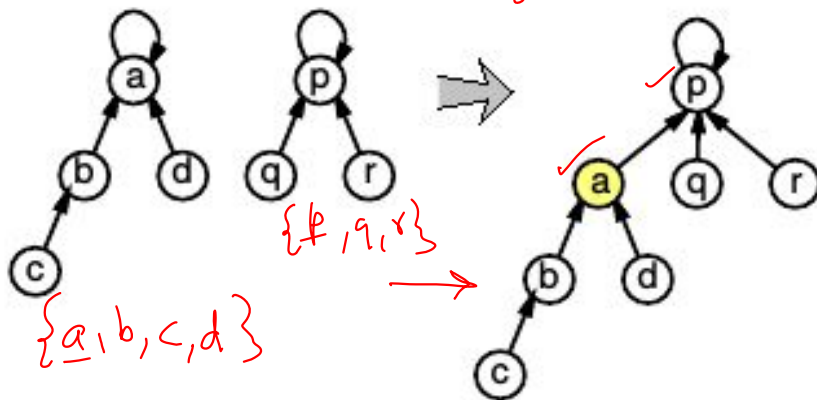
Exercise: Implement DS using different types of linked Lists.

# Disjoint-Set using reversed trees

MAKESET(x):  
 $parent(x) \leftarrow x$

FIND(x):  
 while  $x \neq parent(x)$   
 $x \leftarrow parent(x)$   
 return  $x$

UNION(x, y):  
 $\bar{x} \leftarrow FIND(x)$   
 $\bar{y} \leftarrow FIND(y)$   
 $parent(\bar{y}) \leftarrow \bar{x}$   
 return  $\bar{x}$



Tight complexity of ...

- Makeset  $O(1)$
- Find  $\Theta(n)$
- Union " $O(\text{find}) \approx O(n)$ "  
 $\therefore \Theta(n)$

Give a technique to **generate** a sequence of ops. on  $n$  elements so that Find(x) takes  $\Theta(n)$  time.

def Generate TightExample (n) :

MakeSet (1)  $\odot$

⋮

MakeSet (n)  $\odot$

Union (2, 1)  $\rightarrow$   $\odot$   $\odot$

Union (3, 1)  $\rightarrow$   $\odot$   $\odot$   $\odot$

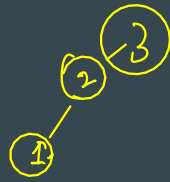
Union (4, 1)

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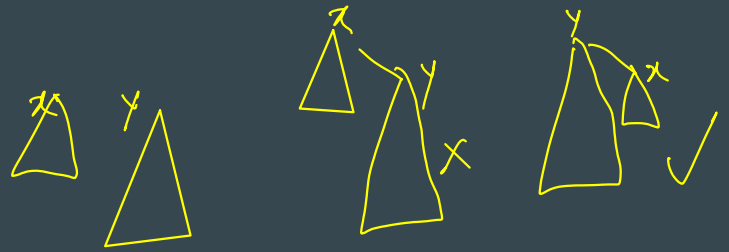
Union (n, 1)

Find (1)  $\leftarrow$

will require  $\Theta(n)$  steps.



# Reversed-Trees + Union-by-depth



During union, join the shorter tree to the root of the deeper tree (not the other way).

Q: How to know “shorter” and “deeper”? *with element x store height(x).  
When x is a leader, ht(x) stores the height of the tree.*

**Lemma:** For any set A,  $|A| \geq 2^{\text{depth}(A)}$ . [  $\Rightarrow \text{depth}(A) \leq \log(\# \text{elements of } A)$  ]

$|A| = 1024$   
 $\text{depth}(A) \leq 10$

**Proof:** Let x = leader of A. Induction on the depth of the set with x as leader.

$\{x\} \rightarrow \{x, \dots\} \rightarrow \{x, \dots, \dots\} \dots$

$\rightarrow x$  becomes non leader  
size(x's set) = 1:  $|A|=1, \text{depth}=0, 1 \geq 2^0 \checkmark$

Q: How are the complexities affected?

- Assume that  $|x\text{'s set}| \geq 2^{\text{depth}(x\text{'s set})}$  for  $\text{depth}(x\text{'s set}) \leq d$

- ... of MakeSet
- ... of Find
- ... of Union

*Ex. generate a tight sample for which find takes  $O(\log n)$*   
 $O(1)$   
 $\Theta(\log n)$   
 $\Theta(\log n)$   
 Update depth?

- Consider the case that  $\text{depth}(x\text{'s set}) = d+1$ . Prove that  $|x\text{'s set}| \geq 2^{d+1}$ . Analyse the operation which changed the depth of x's set to  $d+1$ .

Consider a set with depth  $d+1$ . Let x be its leader.

$\therefore \text{depth of any tree} \leq \log(n)$

Union(x, y):

$l_x = \text{Find}(x)$

$l_y = \text{Find}(y)$

if  $ht(l_x) > ht(l_y)$ :

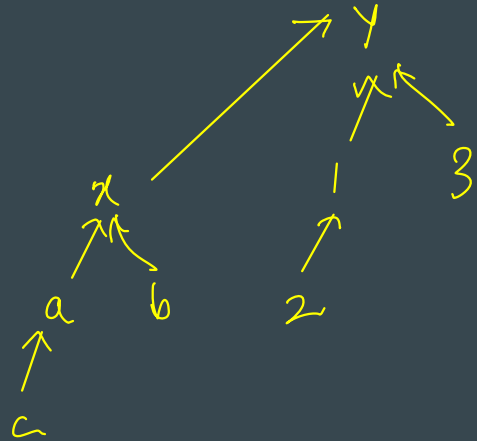
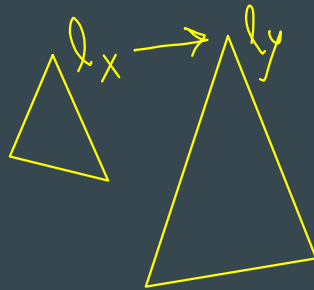
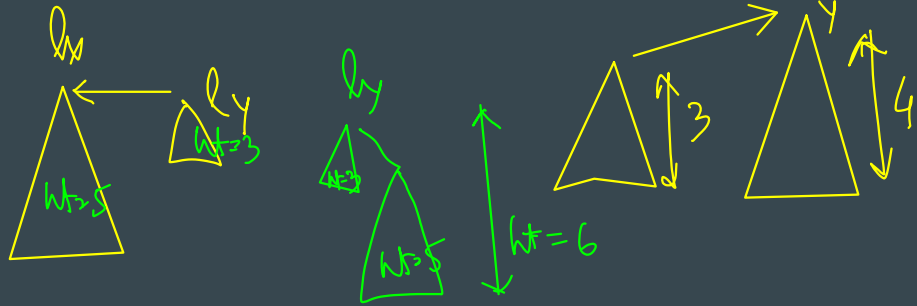
parent( $l_y$ ) =  $l_x$   
return  $l_x$

else if  $ht(l_x) \leq ht(l_y)$ :

if  $ht(l_x) > ht(l_y)$ :  
 $ht(l_y) = ht(l_y) + 1$

parent( $l_x$ ) =  $l_y$   
return  $l_y$

Constant overhead



Set with  $x$  has depth  $d$ , by IH,  $|S_x| \geq 2^d$   
 Set with  $y$  has depth  $d$ , by IH,  $|S_y| \geq 2^d$   
 $A = S_x \cup S_y$   $|A| = |S_x| + |S_y| \geq 2^{d+1}$

