

Problem 3

Write pseudocode for MAKE-SET, FIND-SET, and UNION, using the linked-list representation of disjoint sets. UNION must always append the shorter list to the longer one.

We use four fields for each element x of a linked list:

$next[x]$: pointer to the next element of the list; NIL if x is the last element
 $rep[x]$: pointer to the set representative, that is, to the first element of the list
 $last[x]$: if x is the first element of a list, then this field points to the last element
 $size[x]$: if x is the first element, then this field contains the size of the list

If x is not the first element of a list, then the algorithms do *not* use its *last* and *size* fields, and the information in these fields may be incorrect.

MAKE-SET(x)

$next[x] \leftarrow \text{NIL}$

$rep[x] \leftarrow x$

$last[x] \leftarrow x$

$size[x] \leftarrow 1$

FIND-SET(x)

return $rep[x]$

UNION(x)

if $size[rep[x]] > size[rep[y]]$

then APPEND($rep[x], rep[y]$)

else APPEND($rep[y], rep[x]$)

APPEND(x, y)

$next[last[x]] \leftarrow y$

$size[x] \leftarrow size[x] + size[y]$

$z \leftarrow y$

while $z \neq \text{NIL}$ ▷ change the *rep* pointers in the second list

do $rep[z] \leftarrow x$

$z \leftarrow next[z]$

Problem 4

Suppose that you are using a programming language that allows only integer numbers and supports three operations on them: addition, subtraction, and multiplication. Write an *efficient* algorithm DIVIDE(n, m) that computes $\lfloor n/m \rfloor$, where n and m are positive integers.

Simple algorithm

The following brute-force computation takes $\Theta(\lfloor n/m \rfloor + 1)$ time and $\Theta(1)$ space.

SIMPLE-DIVIDE(n, m)

$ratio \leftarrow 0$

while $ratio \cdot m \leq n$

do $ratio \leftarrow ratio + 1$

return $ratio - 1$

Fast algorithm

The following recursive algorithm runs in $\Theta(\lg \lceil n/m \rceil + 1)$ time. The space complexity is *not* constant: the algorithm requires $\Theta(\lg \lceil n/m \rceil + 1)$ memory for the stack of recursive calls.

FAST-DIVIDE(n, m)

if $n < m$

then return 0

$ratio \leftarrow 2 \cdot \text{FAST-DIVIDE}(n, 2 \cdot m)$

if $n - ratio < m$

then return $ratio$

else return $ratio + 1$