CSE 373: Disjoint sets continued

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Consider the following disjoint set.

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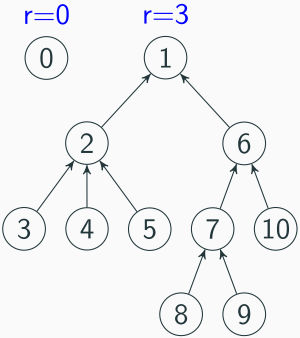
Note: the `union(...)` method internally calls `findSet(...)`.



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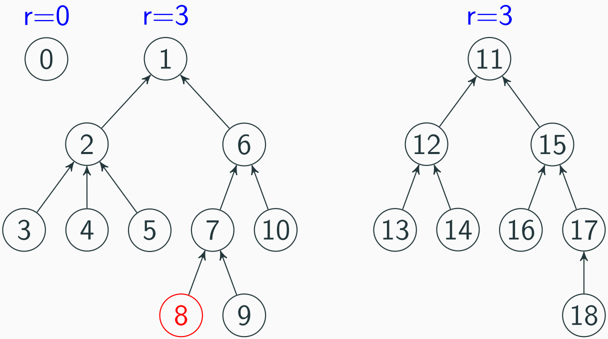

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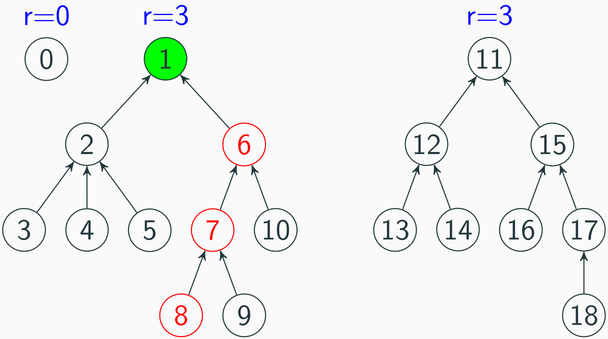

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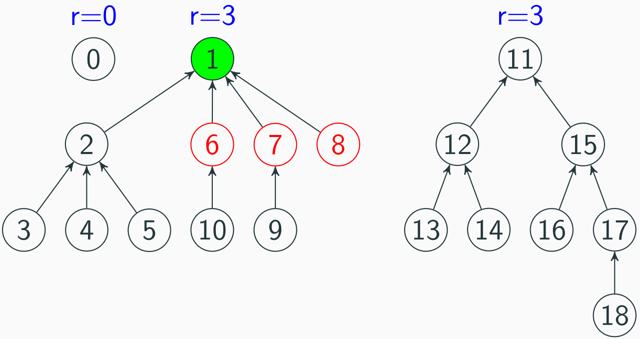

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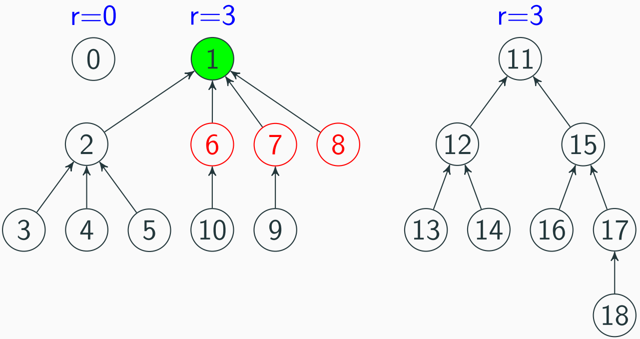

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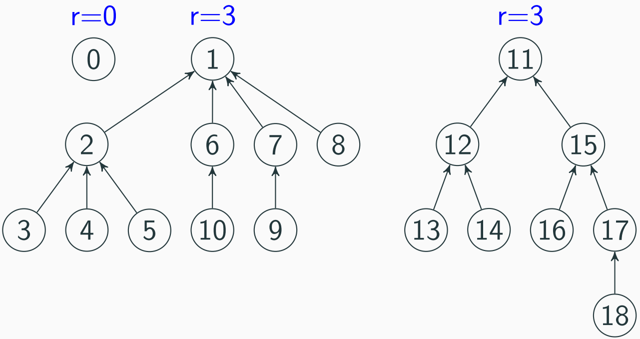

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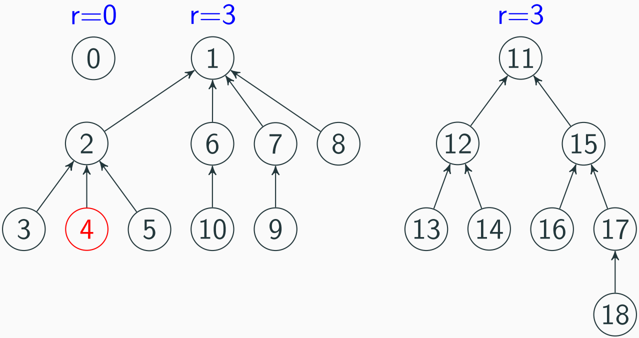

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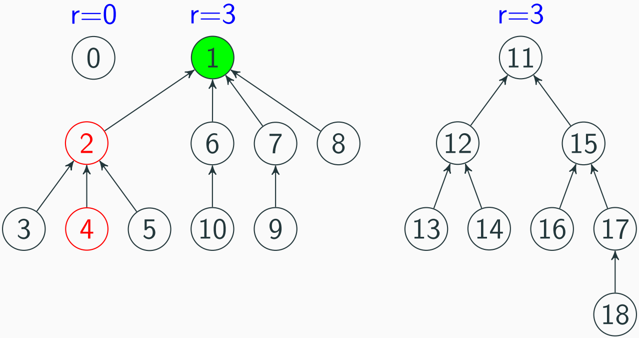

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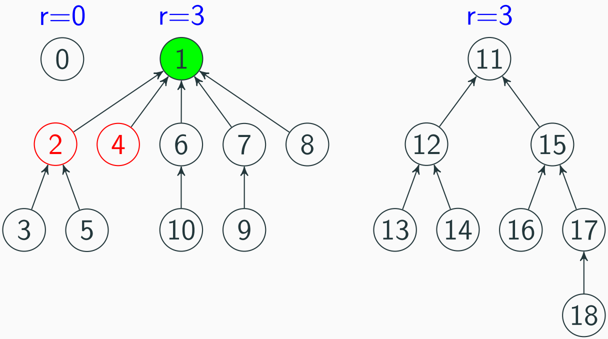

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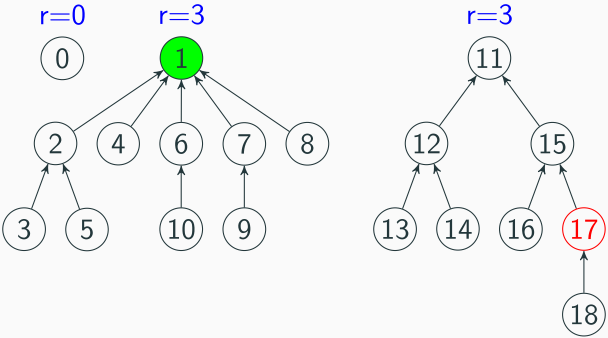

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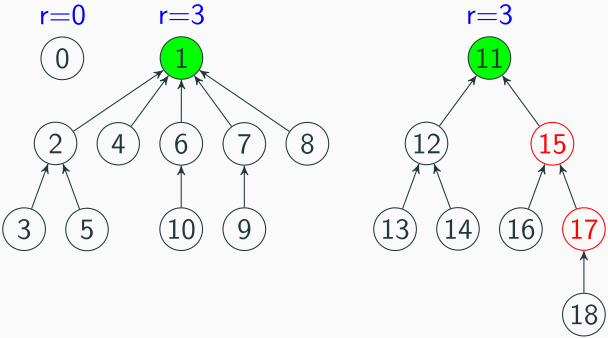

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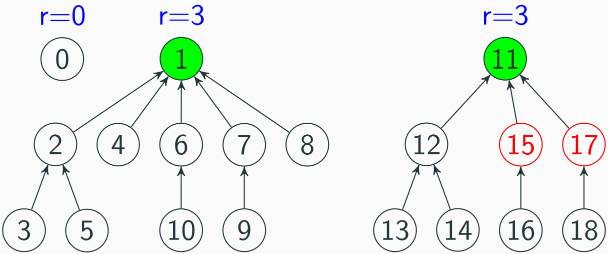

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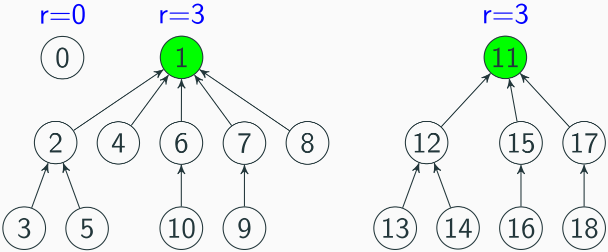

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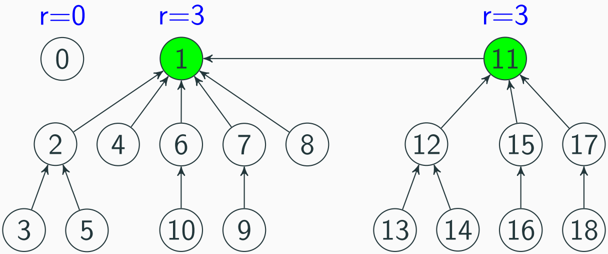

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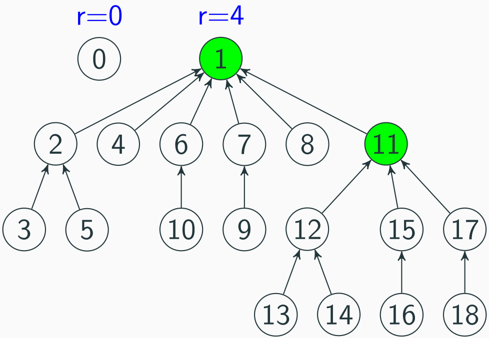

We then update the rank of set 1 and "forget" the rank of set 11.

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  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ – still the same
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- **union(x, y)**:
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Back to Kruskal's

Why are we doing this? To help us implement Kruskal's algorithm:

```
def kruskal():
    for (v : vertices):
        makeMST(v)

    sort edges in ascending order by their weight

    mst = new SomeSet<Edge>()
    for (edge : edges):
        if findMST(edge.src) != findMST(edge.dst):
            union(edge.src, edge.dst)
            mst.add(edge)

    return mst
```

- `makeMST(v)` takes $\mathcal{O}(t_m)$ time
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So the worst-case overall runtime of Kruskal's is:

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...and we're left with something that's basically the same as Prim.

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Interesting result:

It turns out `union` and `find` are *amortized* $\log^*(n)$.

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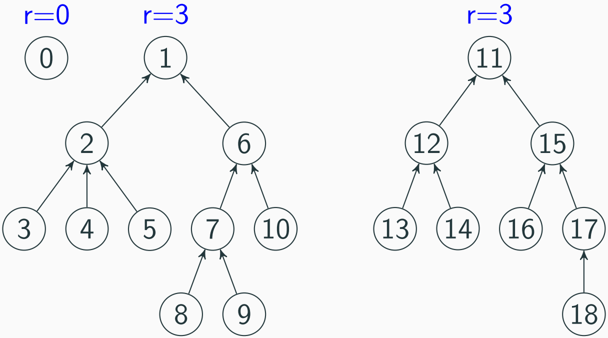

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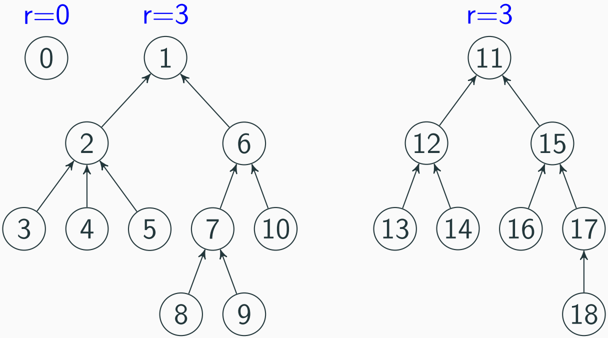

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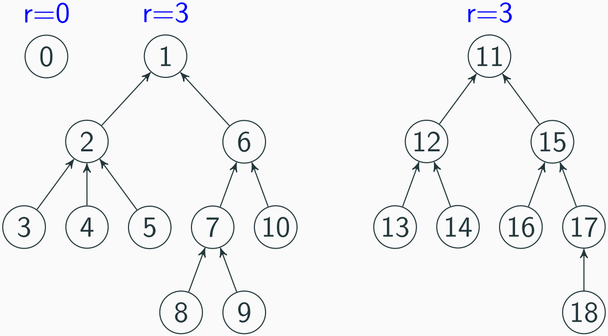

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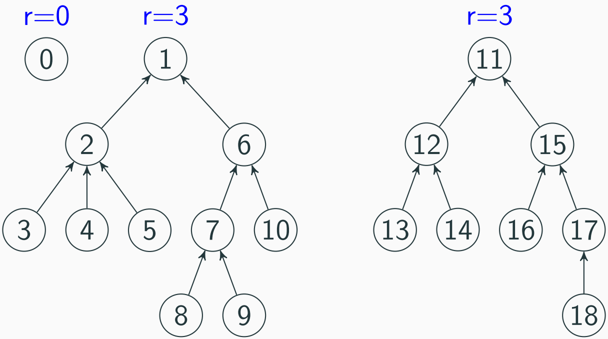

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A trick: Rather then storing just the rank, let's store the negative of the rank!

So, if a number is positive, it's an index. If the number is negative, it's a rank (and that node is a root).

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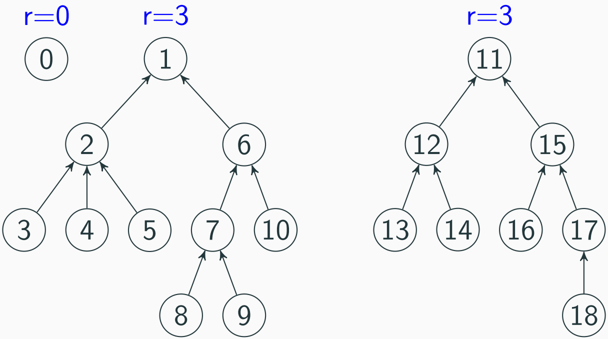

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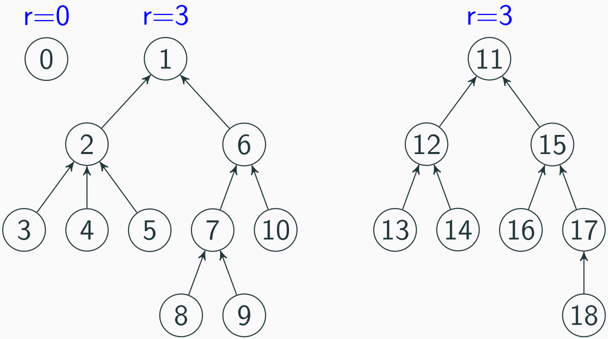

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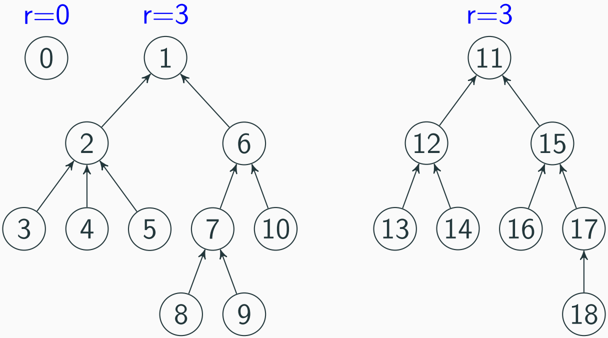

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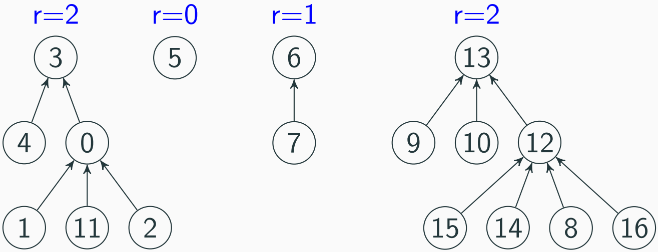

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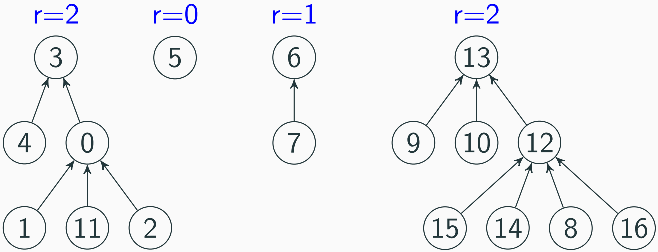

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