

LEM: Suppose the label of a root is $k \Rightarrow$ There are at least 2^k nodes in that component/subtree

Pf. At step j of ALG, Every tree has $\geq 2^{\text{label-root}}$ nodes.

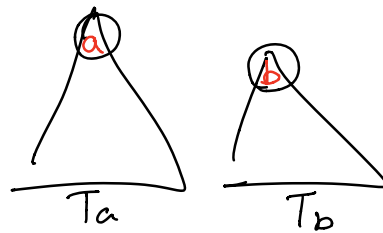
Base At step 0, all nodes are single comp \Rightarrow 1 nodes.

IH. Supp at step j . For every tree we have at least $2^{\text{label-root}}$ nodes in subtree.

IS. Show it at step $j+1$.

Merge T_a, T_b .

By IH T_a has $\geq 2^a$ nodes
 T_b has $\geq 2^b$ nodes



Case 1: $a > b$ b points to a ,
 no update on labels. New tree has
 $\geq 2^a + 2^b \geq 2^a$ nodes.



Case 2: $a = b$.

Increase b by 1.

New tree has $\geq 2^a + 2^b = 2 \cdot 2^b = 2^{b+1}$ nodes.

