

We are given two lists of integers $P = \{p_1, \dots, p_\ell\}$ and $Q = \{q_1, \dots, q_\ell\}$ of the same length, both are subsets of $\{1, \dots, n\}$. We want to find a partition $\Pi = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_p\}$ of the integers $\{1, \dots, n\}$ into disjoint nonempty subsets, such that p_i and q_i belong to the same class of the partition, for all $i = 1, \dots, \ell$:

More precisely, we perform the following sequence of steps:

Start with the partition into singleton sets:

$\Pi = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n\}$, where $S_j = \{j\}$.

for $j = 1, \dots, \ell$:

 determine i_j such that $p_j \in S_{i_j}$.

 determine k_j such that $q_j \in S_{k_j}$.

 Replace Π by $\Pi \setminus \{S_{i_j}\} \setminus \{S_{k_j}\} \cup \{S_{i_j} \cup S_{k_j}\}$