

## Christmas tree

First of all, I'll write some notations for convenience.

$deg_v$  - degree of vertex  $v$

$pw_v$  - length of edge from  $v$  to its parent.

We will calculate  $dpdown_{v,w}$  - maximal length of christmas tree that has vertex  $v$  with branches of length  $w$  in its carcass and the "top" of christmas tree (vertex without branches) located somewhere in subtree of  $v$  (potentially it can be  $v$ ). Notice that we do not consider edge to the parent of  $v$  as potential branch.

$dpup_{v,w}$  is the same as  $dpdown_{v,w}$  but in the opposite direction, i.e., the "highest" vertex of christmas tree is vertex  $v$ .

Notice that we are not interested in  $w$  if  $v$  has no edges that have length  $w$ . That means that we only need to iterate at most over  $deg_v$  values of  $w$ . Thus, iterating over  $w$  for every  $v$  will take only  $m$  operations.

Let's comeback to  $dpdown_{v,w}$ . Suppose that we calculated  $dpdown$  for every vertex in subtree of  $v$ .

Let's try to iterate over  $w$  and try to calculate  $dpdown_{v,w}$ . First of all  $dpdown_{v,0}$  equals to 0. Then, If we have three or more edges with length  $w$  then we can take every son as the next vertex in carcass. If we have exactly two edges with length  $w$  then we can take every son as the next vertex in carcass except those two.

For this let's maintain three pairs  $(mx_1, ver_1)$ ,  $(mx_2, ver_2)$ ,  $(mx_3, ver_3)$ .

$mx_1$  is maximum value of  $dpdown_{ver_1,x} + pw_{ver_1}$  over all sons of  $v$  such that  $x < w$ .

$mx_2$  is maximum value of  $dpdown_{ver_2,x} + pw_{ver_2}$  over all sons of  $v$  such that  $x < w$  and  $ver_2 \neq ver_1$ .

$mx_3$  is maximum value of  $dpdown_{ver_3,x} + pw_{ver_3}$  over all sons of  $v$  such that  $x < w$ ,  $ver_3 \neq ver_2$  and  $ver_3 \neq ver_1$ .

Then, for the first case when we have three or more edges of length  $w$ ,  $dpdown_{v,w}$  equals to  $mx_1$ . In other case, we can exclude two unwanted vertices from  $mx_1, mx_2, mx_3$  and take the remaining maximum.

We can sort all  $dpdown_{to,x}$  beforehand and process them while iterating over  $w$  in ascending order.

$dpup_{v,w}$  can be calculated in almost the same way, we only need to iterate over  $w$  in descending order and  $x > w$ .

This will work in  $O(n \log(n))$  because every  $dpdown_{v,w}$  will be looked over at most two times - one while calculating  $dpdown_{v,w}$  and other when calculating  $dpdown$  for parent of  $v$ .

After calculating both  $dpup$  and  $dpdown$  we now need to "merge" them together to cover cases where lca of the carcass is neither the "top" of the tree nor the "bottom" of the tree.

Let's iterate over  $v$  - lca of the carcass - and over  $w$  - length of branches of  $v$ . Let's say that we have  $k$  edges with length  $w$  (including edge to the parent). Then, if  $k \geq 4$  we can take two edges with length  $w$  as branches no matter which vertices we chose as next and previous in carcass. Otherwise, if  $k = 3$  we can take any two vertices as next and previous in carcass only if at most one of them has the edge to the  $v$  with length  $w$ . If  $k = 2$  we can take only vertices that has edge to the  $v$  with length  $\neq w$ .

This time we will maintain four pairs  $(mxdown_i, verdown_i)$  and four other pairs  $(mxup_i, verup_i)$ . Find the right  $(mxdown_i, verdown_i)$  and  $(mxup_i, verup_i)$  for  $w$  the same way we did it when calculating  $dpdown$  and  $dpup$  although this time we need four pairs each.

We will iterate over  $verup_i$  as the previous vertex in carcass and  $verdown_j$  as the next vertex in carcass. If  $k - (pw_{verup_i} == w) - (pw_{verdown_j} == w) \geq 2$  update the answer with  $mxdown_j + mxup_i$ .

We only need four pairs of both because we only care about the case where  $k < 4$ , thus both  $verup$  and  $verdown$  will have at least one vertex that doesn't have an edge to  $v$  with length  $w$ .