

Tree Algorithms

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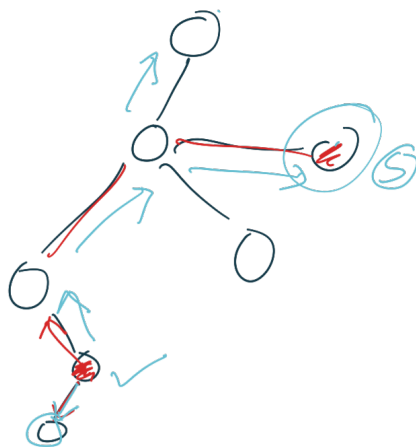
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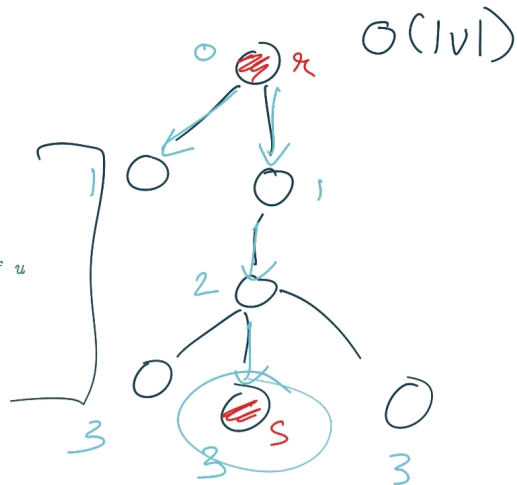
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int ans;
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    if (u == s) {
        ans = depth;
    }
    for (int v : g[u]) { // g[u] stores the neighbours of u
        if (v == p)
            continue;
        dfs(v, depth + 1, u);
    }
}
dfs(r, 0, r);
```

Handwritten annotations: Blue arrows point from 'ans' to the return statement. A blue circle highlights '0' in the initial call. A blue double-headed arrow is below the initial call. A large blue bracket on the right side of the code spans from the function definition to the call.



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int d[N];  
void dfs(int u, int depth, int p) {  
    d[u] = depth;  
    for (int v : g[u]) {  
        if (v == p)  
            continue;  
        dfs(v, depth + 1, u);  
    }  
}  
dfs(r, 0, r);  
  
for (int i = 0; i < q; ++i) {  
    int s; cin >> s;  
    cout << d[s] << '\n';  
}
```

fixed r
and varying s

$$O(|V| + Q)$$

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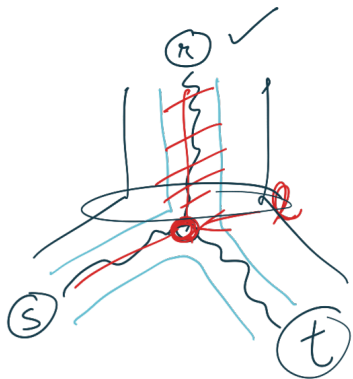
$$O(Q|V|)$$

$$O(|V|^2 + Q)$$

$$O((|V| + Q) \log |V|) \checkmark \bigcirc$$

$$O(|V| \log |V| + Q)$$

r



$d[s]$
↔

$$l = \text{LCA}(s, t)$$



lowest common ancestor

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}(s, t) &= d(s, l) + d(l, t) \\ &= d(s, r) - d(l, r) + d(t, r) - d(r, l) \\ &= d(r, s) + d(r, t) - 2d(r, l) \rightarrow \end{aligned}$$

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$$O((V + Q) \log V)$$

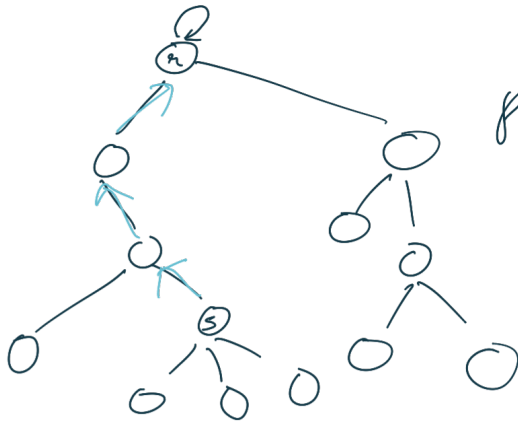
```
dfs(0, 0, 0);  
for (int i = 0; i < q; ++i) {  
    int s, t; cin >> s >> t;  
    cout << d[s] + d[t] - 2 * d[lca(s, t)] << '\n';  
}
```

log N

Ancestor Queries

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parent of $r = r$

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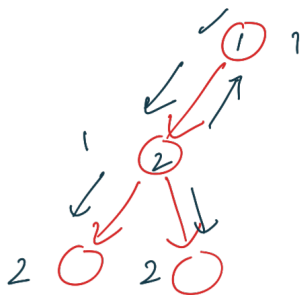
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void dfs(int u) {  
    for (int v : g[u]) {  
        if (v == p[u])  
            continue;  
        p[v] = u;  
        dfs(v);  
    }  
}  
p[r] = r;  
dfs(r);  
  
for (int i = 0; i < k; ++i) {  
    s = p[s];  
}  
cout << s;
```



$$\boxed{k < |v|}$$
$$|v| - 1$$

$$s \rightarrow p(s)$$

$$O(|v| + k)$$

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Given a tree rooted at r , answer Q queries. In each query, number m is given, find the 2^m -th ancestor of all vertices.

r

2^m -th
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$$O(Q|V|)$$

$$O(Q|V|2^m)$$

\Downarrow

$$O(Q|V|m)$$

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The parent relation is a function $p : V \rightarrow V$. The query is to find $\underbrace{p \circ p \circ p \circ \dots \circ p}_{2^m \text{ times}} = p^{2^m}$.

Composition of functions is an associative binary operation.

$$p : V \rightarrow V$$

$$p^{2^m}$$

$$p^{2^m}(v) \text{ for all } v$$

$$\underbrace{p \circ p \circ p \circ \dots \circ p}_{2^m}$$

f, g, h

$$(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$$

$$\begin{aligned} ((f \circ g) \circ h)(x) &= (f \circ g)(h(x)) \\ &= f(g(h(x))) \\ &= f((g \circ h)(x)) \\ &= (f \circ (g \circ h))(x) \end{aligned}$$

a^m

$m \log m$

A^m

for a matrix A

f^m

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$$p^{2^m} = p^{2^{m-1} + 2^{m-1}} = p^{2^{m-1}} \circ p^{2^{m-1}}$$

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int f[M][N]; // f[m] is the desired answer
p[r] = r; dfs(r);
for (int u = 0; u < n; ++u) {
    f[0][u] = p[u];
}
for (int j = 0; j < M - 1; ++j) {
    for (int u = 0; u < n; ++u) {
        f[j + 1][u] = f[j][f[j][u]];
    }
}
```

$f[j] \rightarrow p^{2^j}$
 $f[j][u] = p^{2^j}(u)$
 $f[0][u] = p(u) = p^{2^0}(u)$
 $p^{2^{j+1}}(u) = f[j+1][u] = f[j][f[j][u]] = p^{2^j}(p^{2^j}(u))$

$$O(|V|)$$

$$O(|V|m) \quad f[m]$$

$$O(m|V| + Q|V|)$$

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$p^k(s)$

$O(m|V|)$

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Use binary exponentiation. Let $k = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} b_i 2^i$,

$$p^k(s) = (p^{b_{m-1}2^{m-1}} \circ \dots \circ p^{b_2 2^2} \circ p^{b_1 2^1} \circ p^{b_0 2^0})(s).$$

$$k = 5 = (101)_2$$

$$p^k(s) = p^2(p(s)) = f[2][f[0][s]]$$

$$2^m \approx k < |V| \Rightarrow m < \log_2 |V|$$
$$O(m|V| + Qm) = O((|V| + Q) \log |V|)$$

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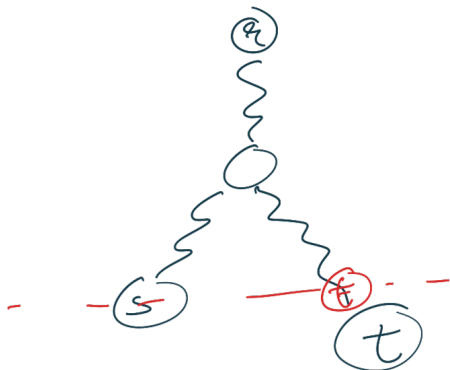
```
int f[M][N]; // compute it as in the previous case
for (int j = 0; j < M; ++j) {
    if (k >> j & 1) ←
        s = f[j][s];
}
```

$$s \rightarrow p^{2^j}(s) = f[j][s]$$

Ancestor Queries

Problem (LCA)

Given a tree rooted at r , answer Q queries. In each query, vertices s and t are given, find their lowest common ancestor.



$u \rightarrow p^k(s)$ for some k
and $p^l(t)$ for some l

t is below s

$$t \rightarrow p^{d(t)-d(s)}(t)$$

now s and t are
at the same depth

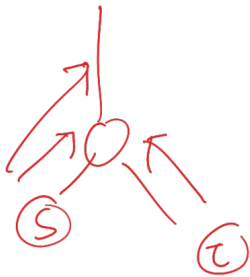
$$\boxed{k=l}$$

For vertices at the same depth

$LCA(s, t) = p^k(s)$ where k is
the min value at
which $p^k(s) = p^k(t)$

$Q(k)$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} p^k(s) = p^k(t) \\ p^{k+1}(s) \neq p^{k+1}(t) \end{array} \right]$$



$$Q(k) \Rightarrow Q(k+1)$$

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```
int f[M][N], d[N]; // compute it as earlier
int ancestor(int s, int k); // returns the k-th ancestor of s
```

```
int lca(int s, int t) {
    if (d[s] > d[t]) s = ancestor(s, d[s] - d[t]);
    else t = ancestor(t, d[t] - d[s]);
```

1 $\leftarrow O(\log N)$

2 $O(\log N \times 2 \log N)$
= $O(\log^2 N)$

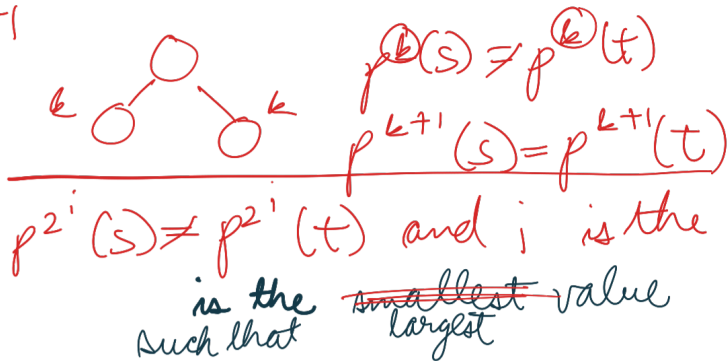
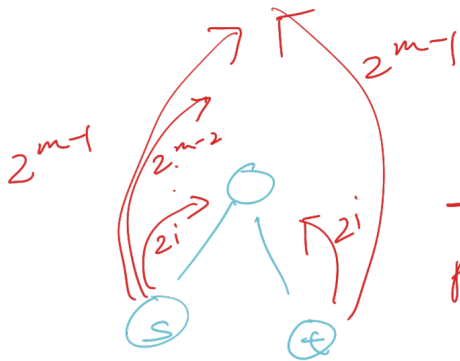
```
int l = -1, r = n;
while (r - l > 1) {
    int m = (l + r) / 2;
    if (ancestor(s, m) == ancestor(t, m)) r = m;
    else l = m;
}
return ancestor(s, r);
```

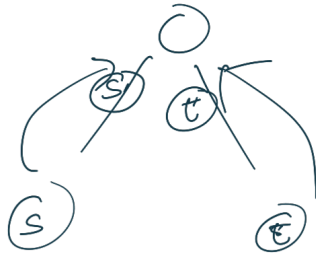
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Binary Lifting

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2. If both are now equal, this is the LCA. $s = t$
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$$s \rightarrow p^{2^i}(s)$$

$$t \rightarrow p^{2^i}(t)$$

) will decrease strictly

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    if (s == t) return s;

    for (int j = M - 1; j >= 0; --j) {
        if (f[j][s] != f[j][t]) {
            s = f[j][s];
            t = f[j][t];
        }
    }
    return f[0][s];
}
```

}1

}2

}3

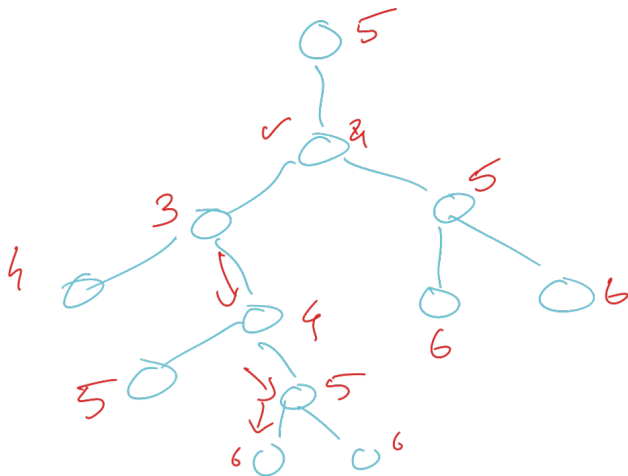
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$p^{2^j}(s) \neq p^{2^j}(t)$
more up s and t by 2^j

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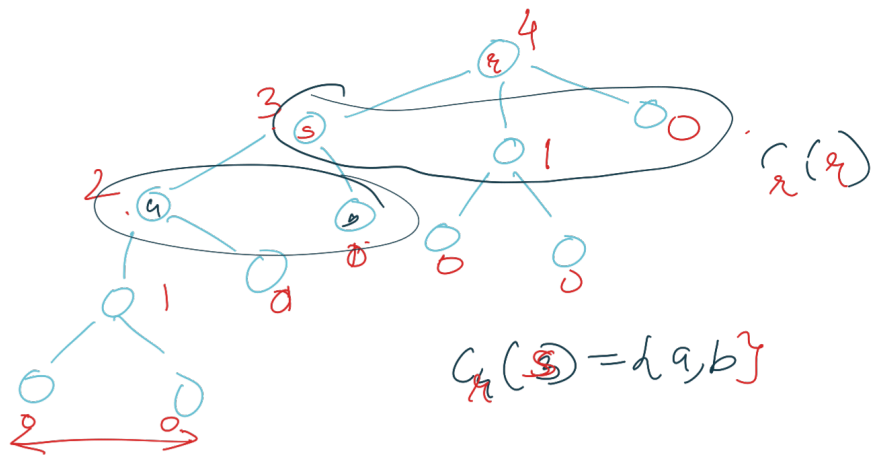
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We get the relation,

$$f_r(u) = \max_{v \in C_r(u)} (1 + f_r(v)),$$

with $f_r(v) = 0$ for a leaf v .

```
int f[N];  
void dfs(int u, int p) {  
    f[u] = 0;  
    for (int v : g[u]) {  
        if (v == p)  
            continue;  
        dfs(v, u);  
        f[u] = max(f[u], 1 + f[v]);  
    }  
}  
dfs(r, r);
```



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After dfs (u, p) ends
 $f[u] = fr(u)$

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Problem

Given a tree T and a vertex u , find the longest path starting at u .

Let $h(u)$ = longest path starting at u , we see that

$$h(u) = f_u(u).$$



$$d(v)$$

Tree DP Rerooting

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$$O(|V|^2) \Rightarrow O(|V|)$$



f_v and f_u are
very similar

Tree DP

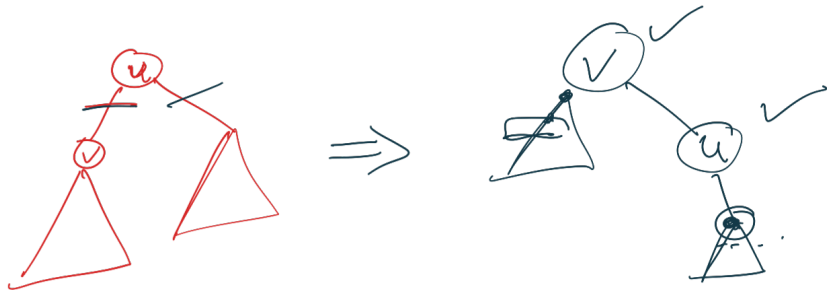
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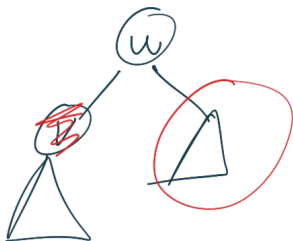
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$$f_v(x) = f_u(x).$$

This happens because C_v and C_u are almost the same,

$$\begin{aligned} C_v(u) &= C_u(x) \text{ for } u \notin \{u, v\}, \\ C_v(u) &= \underline{C_u(u)} \setminus \{v\}, \\ C_v(v) &= \underline{C_u(v)} \cup \{u\}. \end{aligned}$$



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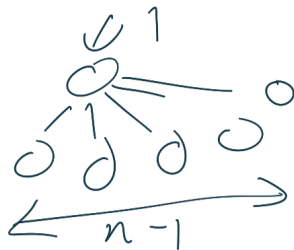
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for each v recompute

$$f_v(u)$$

$$O(\text{deg } u \times \text{deg } u)$$

$$\Rightarrow O(\text{deg}^2 u) \rightarrow O((n-1)^2) = O(n^2)$$



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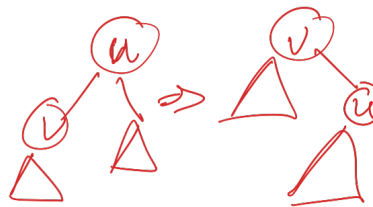
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We consider two cases, if $v = \operatorname{argmax}_{x \in C_u(u)} f_u(x)$ or not, that is if $f_u(x)$ is maximized at v or not. (If there are multiple values at which it is maximized, we arbitrarily pick one to be the argmax.)

1. If it is not the argmax,

$$f_v(u) = \max_{x \in C_u(u) \setminus \{v\}} (1 + f_u(x)) = \max_{x \in C_u(u)} (1 + f_u(x)) = f_u(u).$$

2. If it is the argmax, this happens only once, so we can just recompute $f_v(u)$.

$f(\deg v) \rightarrow 1$

$\rightarrow 0(\deg v)$

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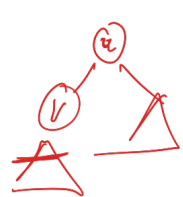
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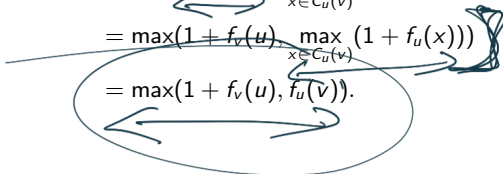
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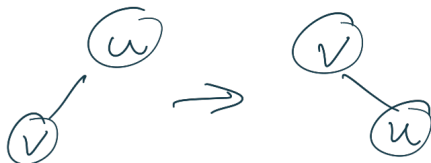


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```
int f[N], h[N];
void reroot(int u, int p) {
    h[u] = f[u]; // at this step, f[x] stores f_u(x)
    int argmax = -1;
    for (auto v : g[u])
        if (f[u] == 1 + f[v])
            argmax = v;

    for (auto v : g[u]) {
        if (v == p) continue;
        int init_fv = f[v], init_fu = f[u];
        if (argmax == v) {
            f[u] = 0;
            for (auto x : g[u])
                if (x != v)
                    f[u] = max(f[u], 1 + f[x]);
        }
        f[v] = max(1 + f[u], f[v]); // now f stores f_v
        reroot(v, u);
        f[v] = init_fv; f[u] = init_fu;
    }
}
dfs(r, r); // this computes f_r and stores it in f
reroot(r, r);
```



f now stores f_v

$$h(u) = f_u(u)$$

$f[u] = f_1$
rooted at 1

