This is the bottleneck edge problem (or path minimum queries on the MST), which can be preprocessed in O(n+m) time and then answer online queries in O(1) time (for integer weights in word-RAM) [2, 1]. idea: first find the MST in O(n+m) time [3]. Partition the MST into subtrees with size  $O(\log n)$ . For each of the  $O(\frac{n}{\log n})$  roots of the subtrees, precompute the minimum value on the path from it to its  $2^i$ -th ancestor, for all  $O(\log n)$  possible i's, in  $O(\frac{n}{\log n} \cdot \log n) = O(n)$  time. Use ladder decomposition and static RMQ on each ladder to support the path minimum query from the  $2^i$ -th ancestor (for such largest i) to the LCA, in O(n) preprocessing time and O(1) query time. For queries within a subtree, use Pătrașcu's result [4] to sort the edge weights within the subtree in linear time during preprocessing, then use word tricks to answer in O(1) time.

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