

This is the bottleneck edge problem (or path minimum queries on the MST), which can be solved in  $O(n+m)$  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 Pătraşcu'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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