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Graph (V)

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Introduction

Sometimes there are tree problems that can be solved efficiently by certain properties.

In today's lecture, we will take a look at Centroid Decomposition and Heavy-light Decomposition, algorithms that will allow us to break down the trees for our own convenience.

Our Powerful Weapons

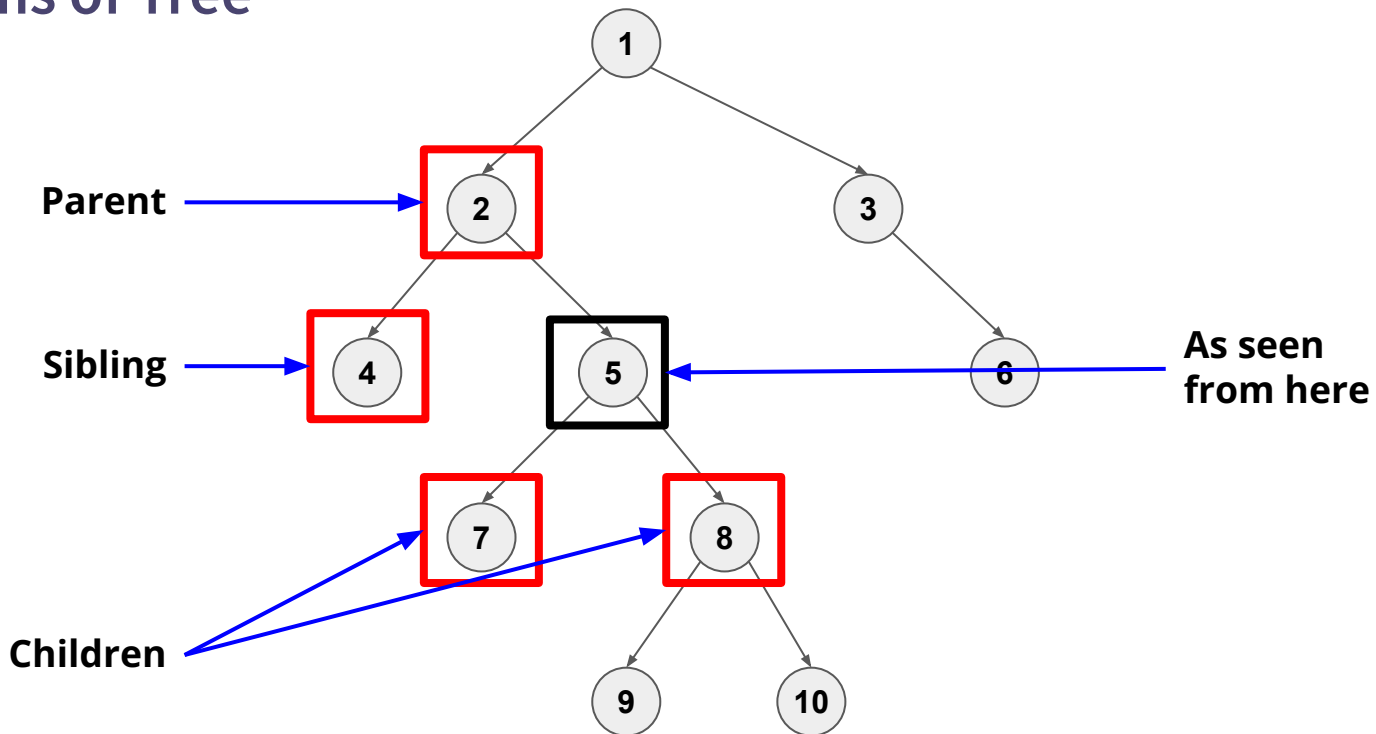
- Still DFS!

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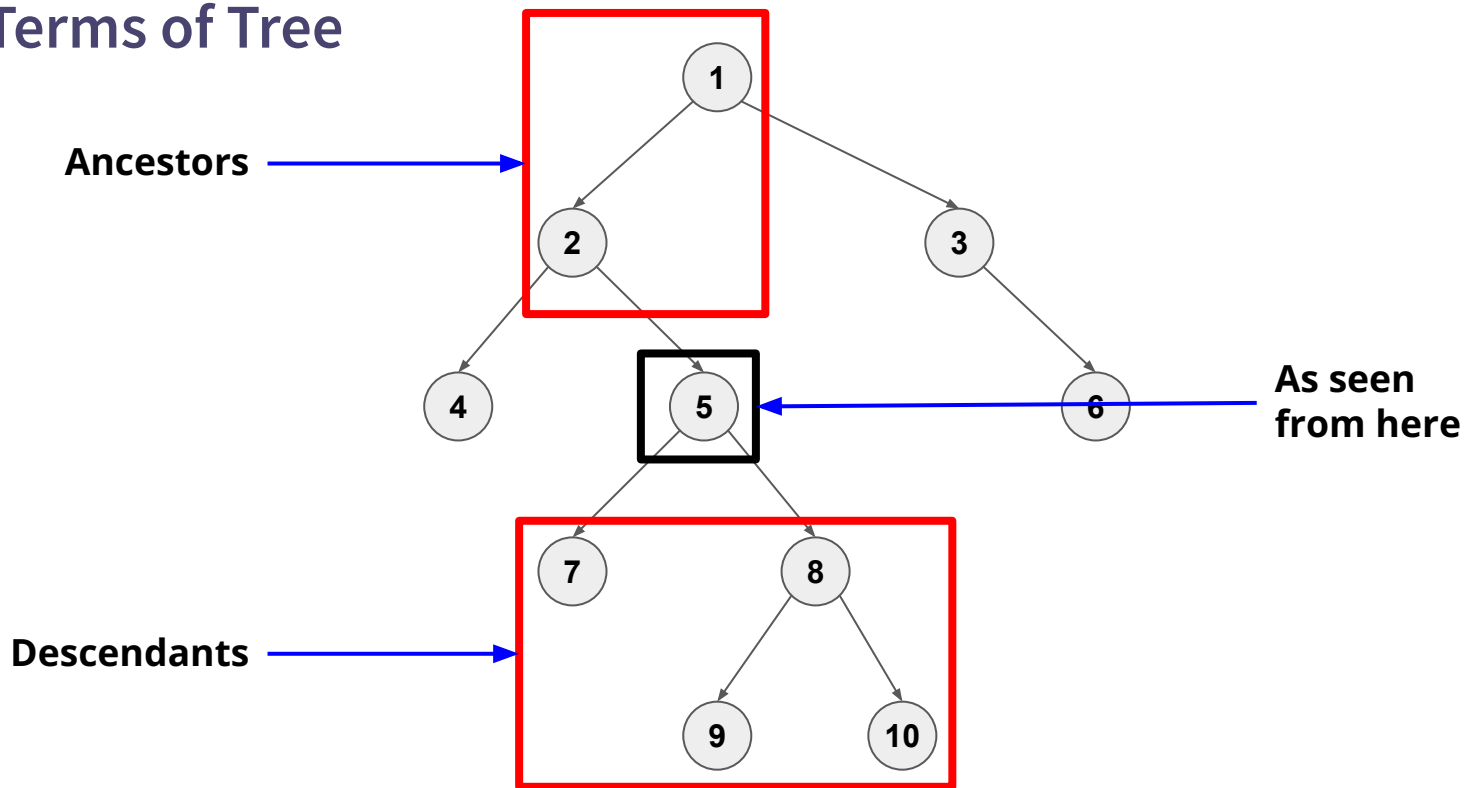
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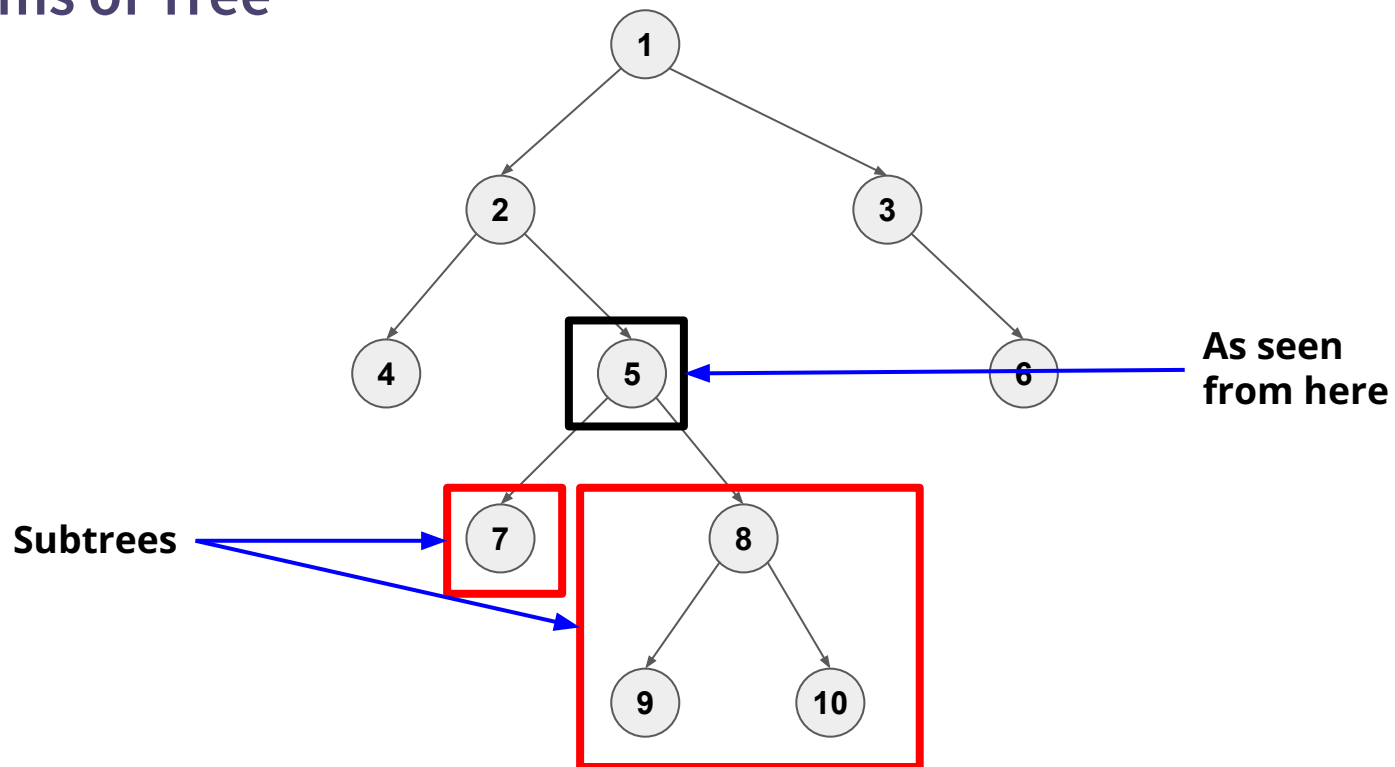
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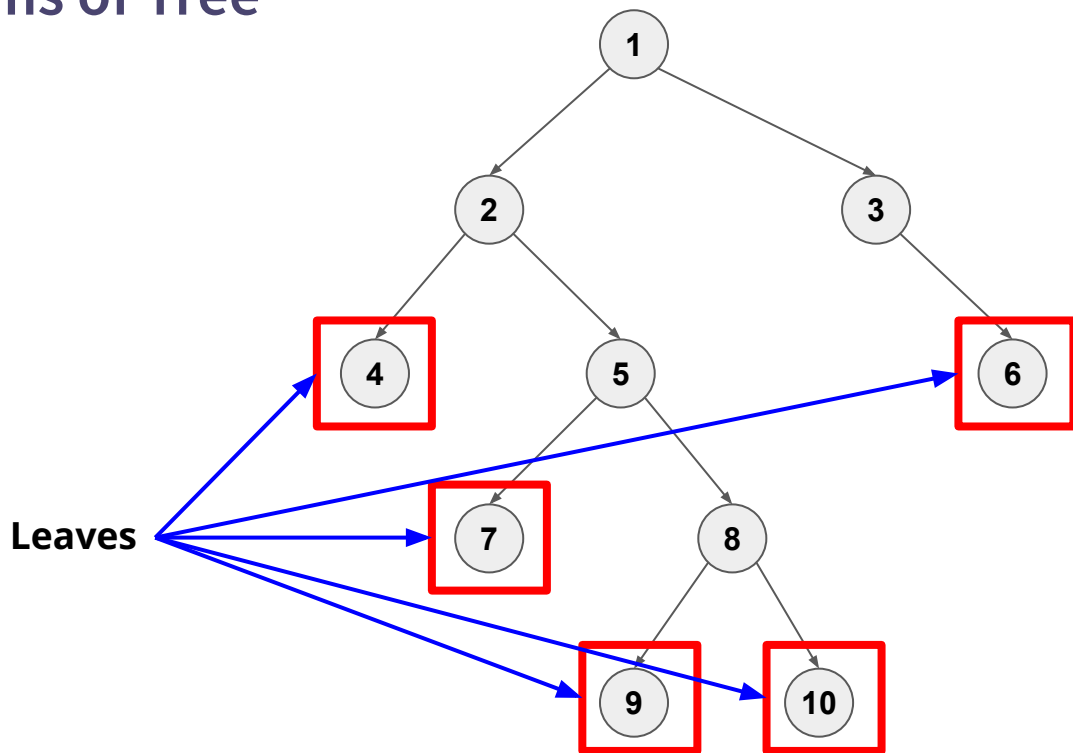
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Revision: DFS

```
vector<vector<int>> G; // Adjacency List
vector<bool> vis;

void dfs(int u) {
    vis[u] = true;
    for (int v : G[u])
        if (!vis[v])
            dfs(v);
}
```

Centroid Decomposition

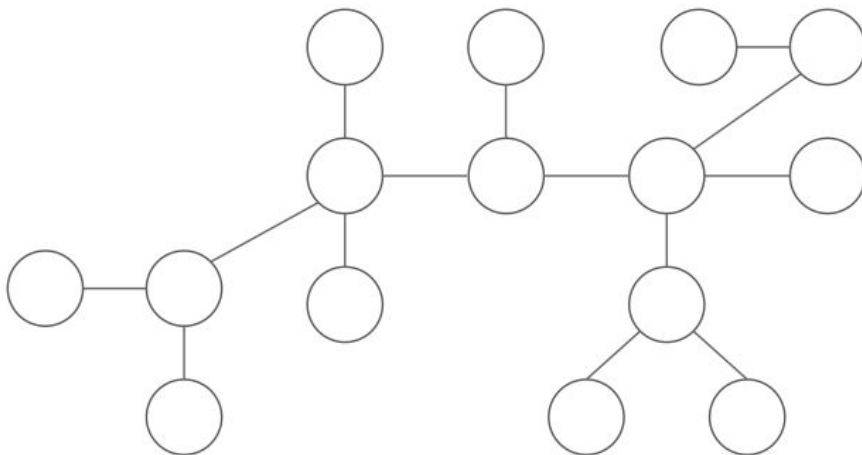
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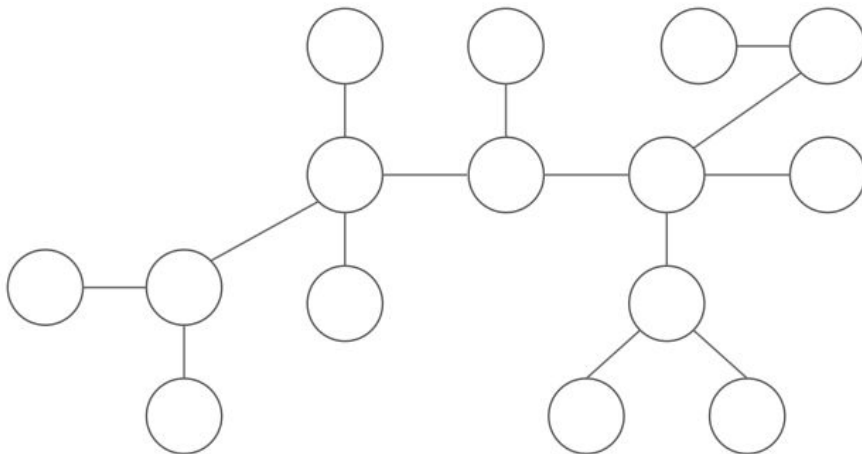
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A visual example: which is centroid?



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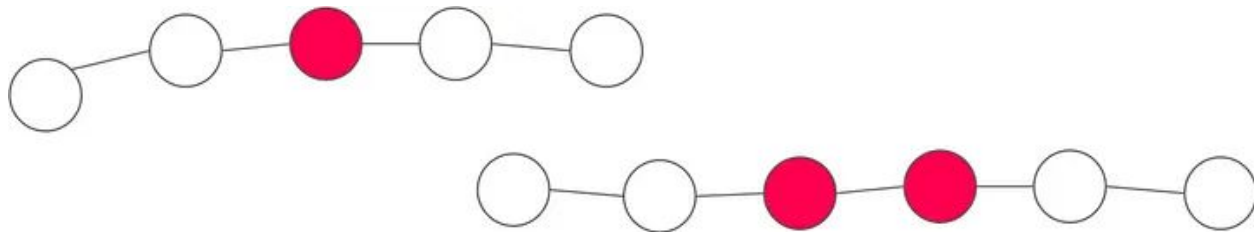
Answer:



Centroid vs Center

Centroid is different from the **center** of a tree:

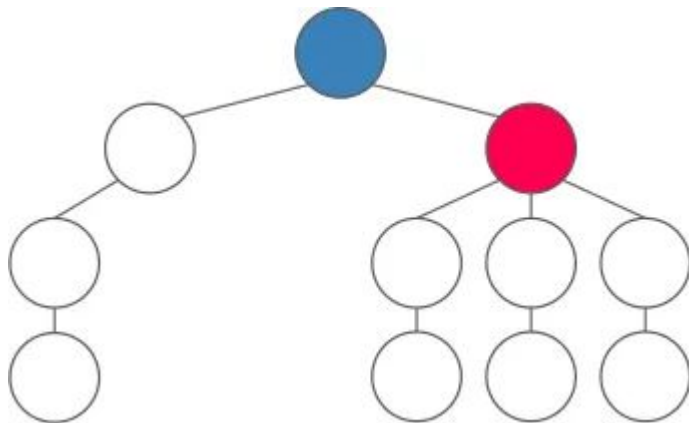
- the middle nodes (either 1 or 2) in every longest path along the tree.



Centroid vs Center

Example:

The red node is the centroid but the blue node is the center.



Why?

It may be unintuitive why we would need centroid decomposition.

Let's take a look at CF342E: <https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/342/E>

E. Xenia and Tree

time limit per test: 5 seconds

memory limit per test: 256 megabytes

input: standard input

output: standard output

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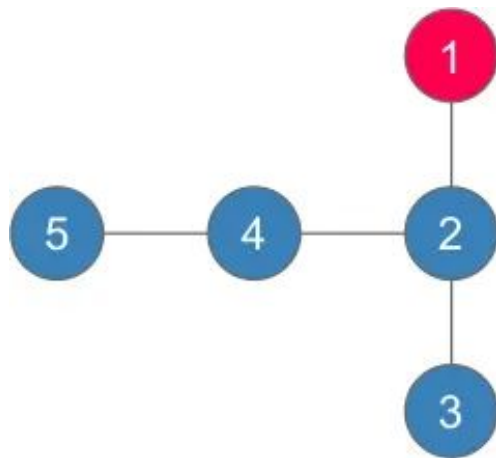
Problem statement:

- Consider a tree with nodes indexed from 1 to n .
- The first node is initially painted red, and the other nodes painted blue.
- Two types of operation:
 - a. Update(u): Paint blue node u red
 - b. Query(u): Find the distance to the closest red node for node u
- $n, \#$ of queries $\leq 10^5$

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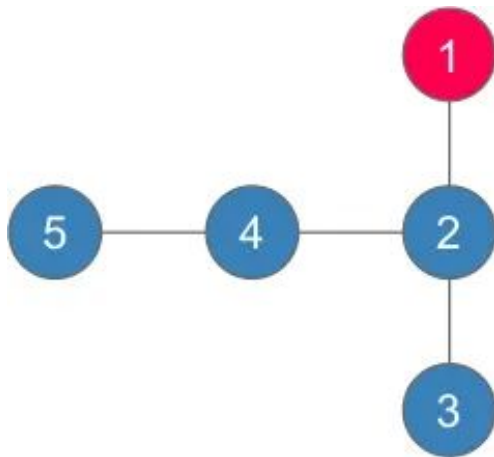


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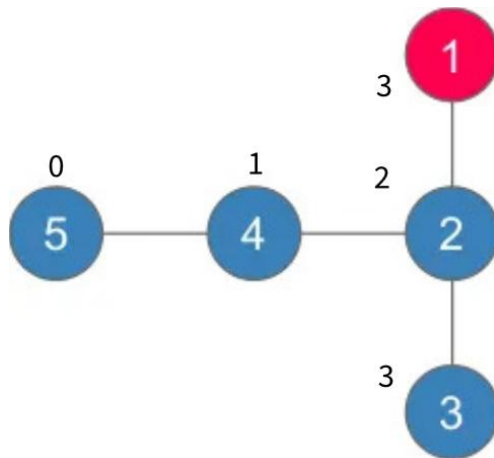


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void update(int a) {
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- Centroid Decomposition

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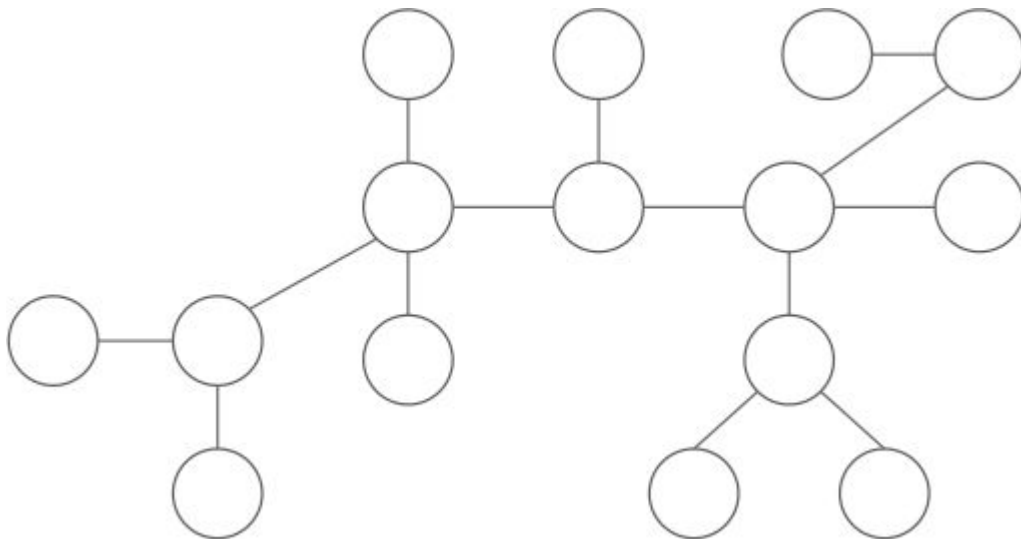
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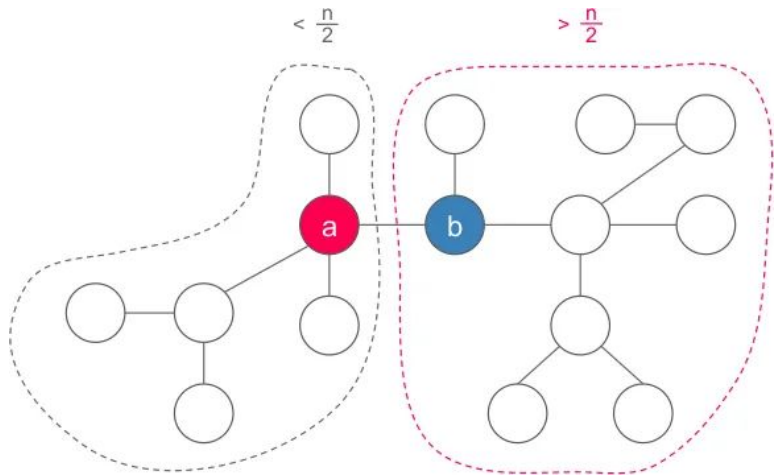
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Some idea on why this work:

- it doesn't visit a visited node (it doesn't go back from b to a).
 - If it does, it will visit a node with subtree size $< N/2$.



Finding centroid

Let's code this out

1. Precompute
 - a. DFS!
2. Search

```
int dfs(int u, int p) {  
    for (auto v : tree[u])  
        if (v != p) sub[u] += dfs(v, u);  
    return sub[u] + 1;  
}  
  
int centroid(int u, int p) {  
    for (auto v : tree[u])  
        if (v != p and sub[v] > n/2) return centroid(v, u);  
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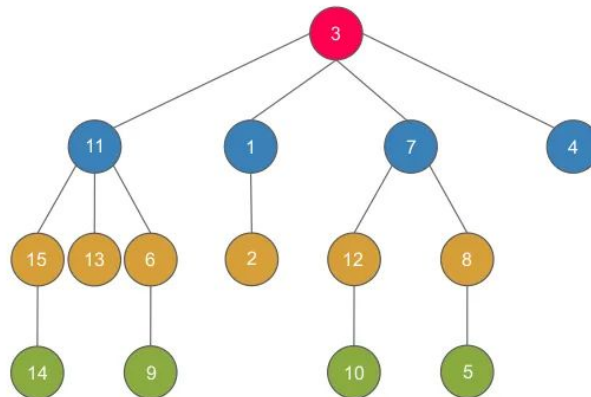
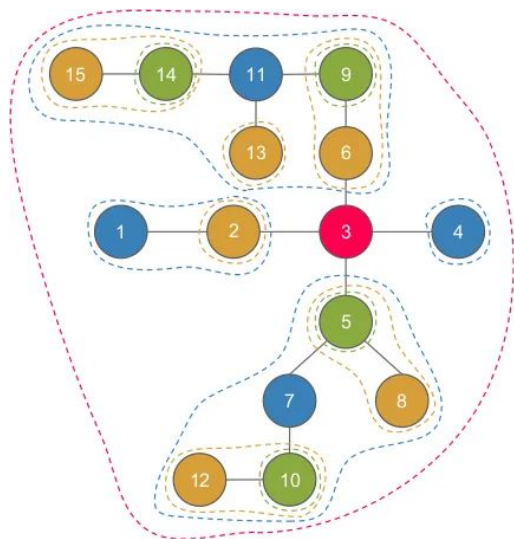
Centroid Decomposition

The centroid decomposition of a tree is another tree defined recursively as:

- Its root is the centroid of the original tree.
- Its children are the centroid of each tree resulting from the removal of the centroid from the original tree.

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To code that: apply the definitions

```
void build(int u, int p) {  
    int n = dfs(u, p); // find the size of each subtree  
    int cent = centroid(u, p); // find the centroid  
    if (p == -1) p = cent; // dad of root is the root itself  
    dad[cent] = p;  
  
    // for each tree resulting from the removal of the centroid  
    for (auto v : tree[cent])  
        tree[cent].erase(v), // remove the edge to disconnect  
        tree[v].erase(cent), // the component from the tree  
        build(v, cent);  
}
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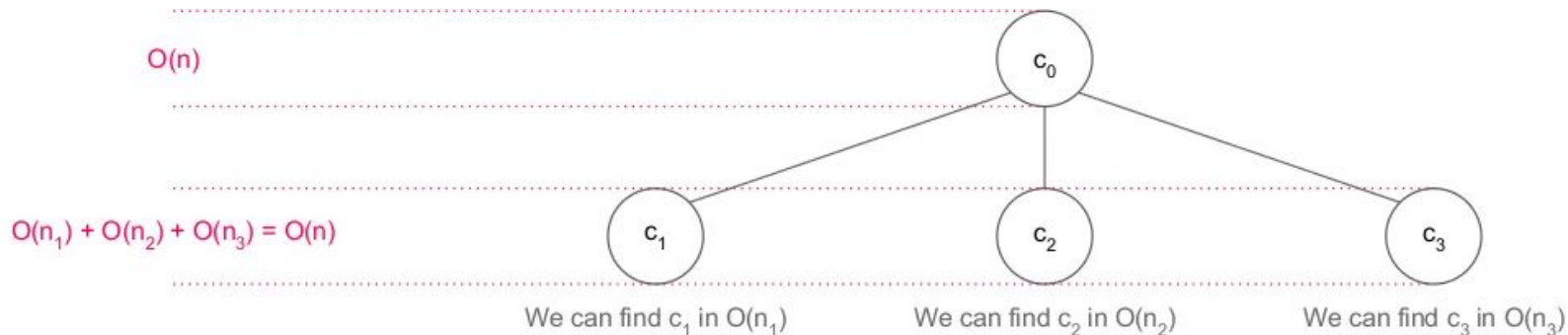
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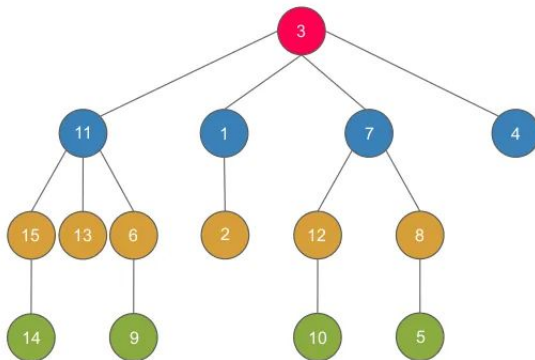
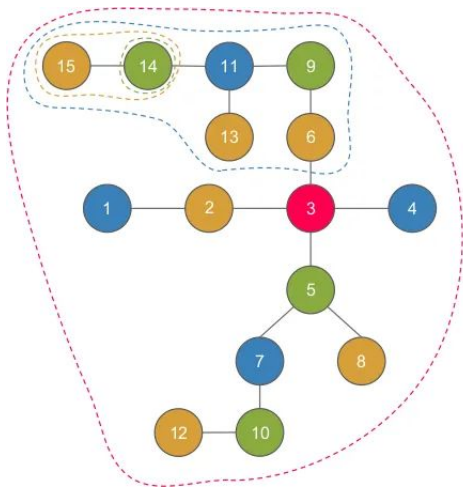
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- The node 14 belongs to the component of 14, 15, 11 and 3.



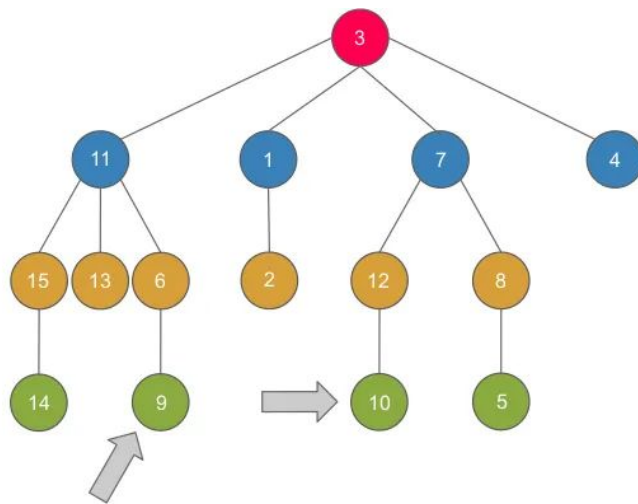
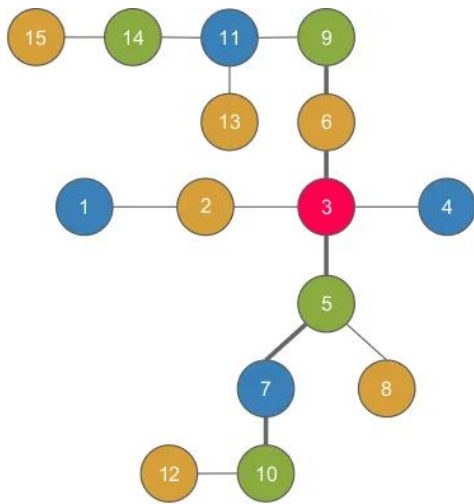
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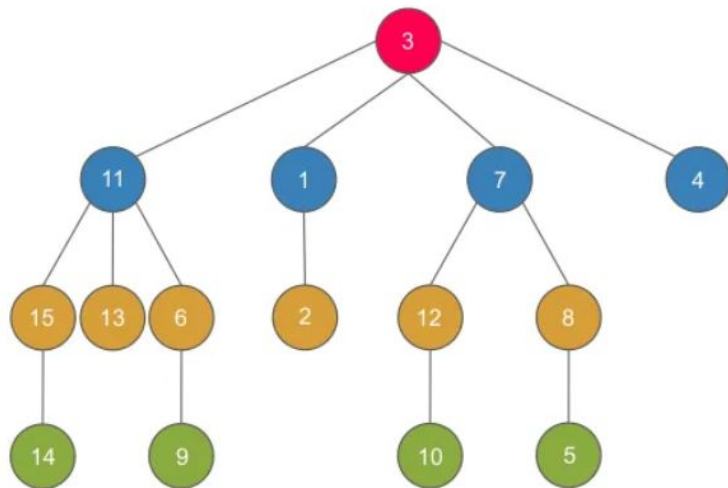
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 - i.e. removal of $\text{lca}(a,b)$ will split them into different components.

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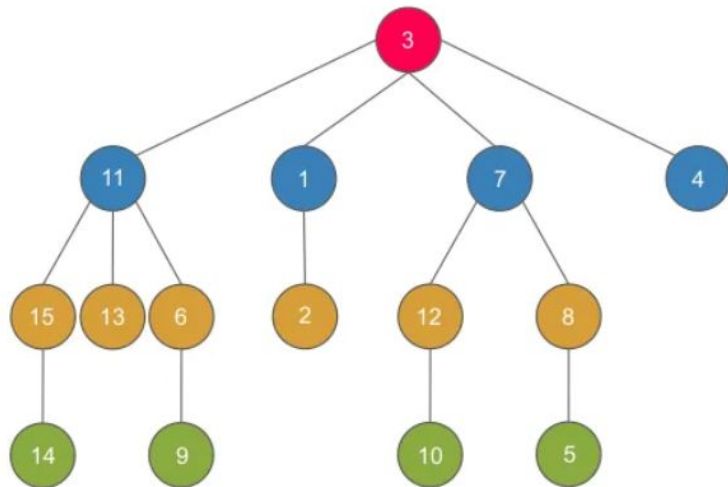
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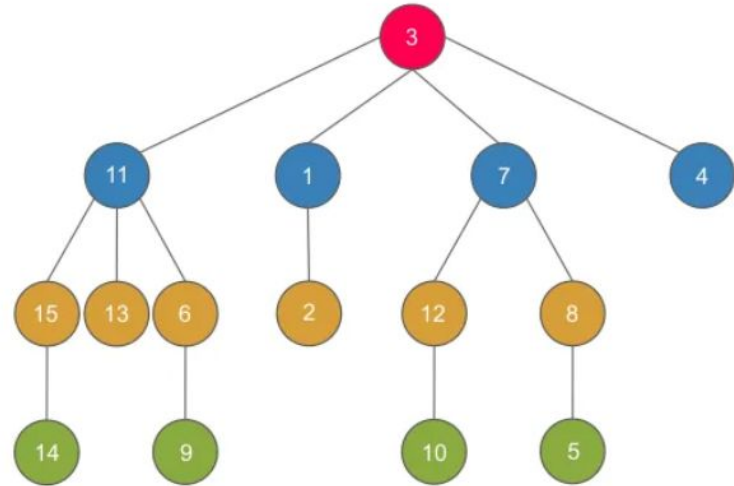
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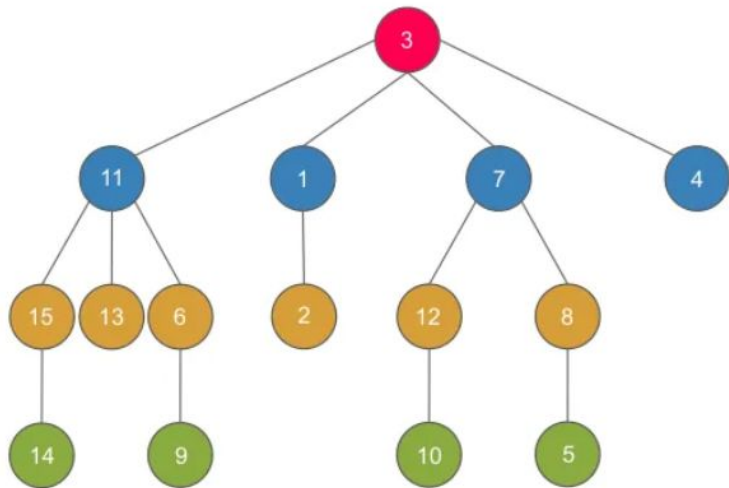
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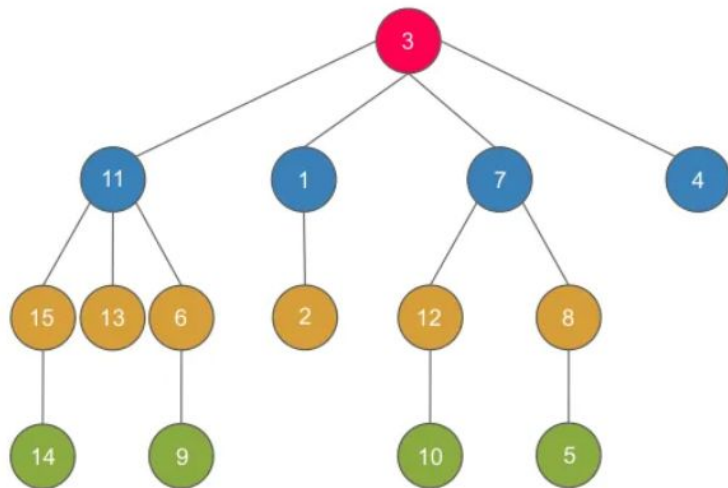
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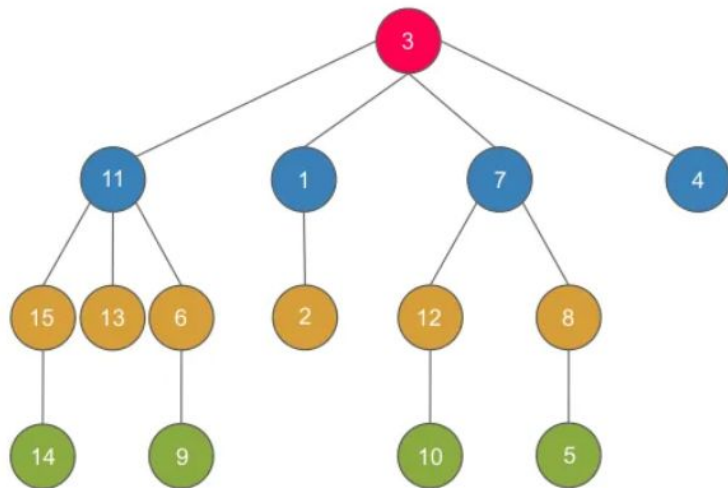


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As we can see, they can all be expressed as two paths, where one of them passes through 14's four ancestors.



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- As each node contains at most $\log(n)$ ancestors, the total number of paths is $n \cdot \log(n)$.

Xenia and Tree

Back to the problem.

How do we optimize the problem with centroid decomposition?

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$\log(n)$ ancestor * $\log(n)$ dist calculation = $O(\log(n)^2)$ as well

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Through centroid decomposition, we can split every possible paths into two paths that are easier to manage.

Related problems

- [IOI'11 - Race](#)
- [321C - Ciel the Commander](#)
- [766E - Mahmoud and a xor trip](#)
- [716E - Digit Tree](#)
- [161D - Distance in Tree](#)
- [776F - Sherlock's bet to Moriarty](#)
- [379F - New Year Tree](#)
- [342E - Xenia and Tree](#)
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- [348E - Pilgrims](#)
- [Codechef - Prime Distance On Tree](#)

Reference

<https://medium.com/carpanese/an-illustrated-introduction-to-centroid-decomposition-8c1989d53308>

Questions?

break;

Heavy-light Decomposition

Heavy Light Decomposition

- A way to split a tree into several paths
- Each node can reach the root node through at most $\log(n)$ paths

Why

It would allows us to effectively solve many problems that require queries on a tree .

NOI'21: Heavy-light edge

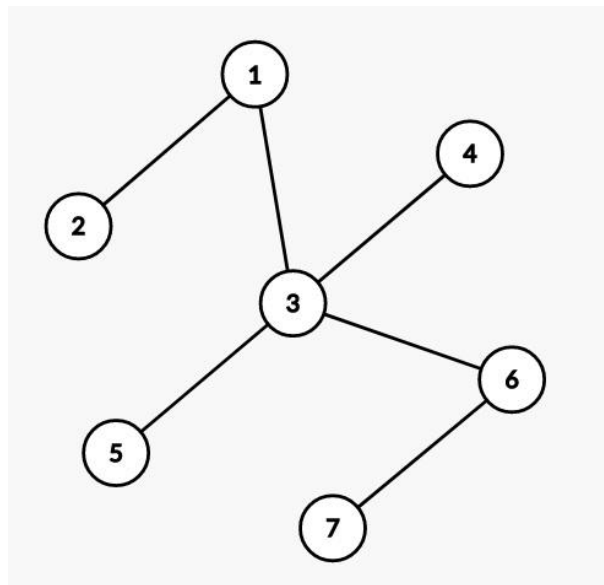
Given a tree with n node. Initially, all edges are “light edge”.

There are two types of operations:

1. $\text{update}(a,b)$: for all node x on the path from a to b , first assign all connected edges of x as “light edge”, then assign the path from node a to node b as “heavy edge”.
2. $\text{query}(a,b)$: count how many edges from node a to node b are “heavy edge”.

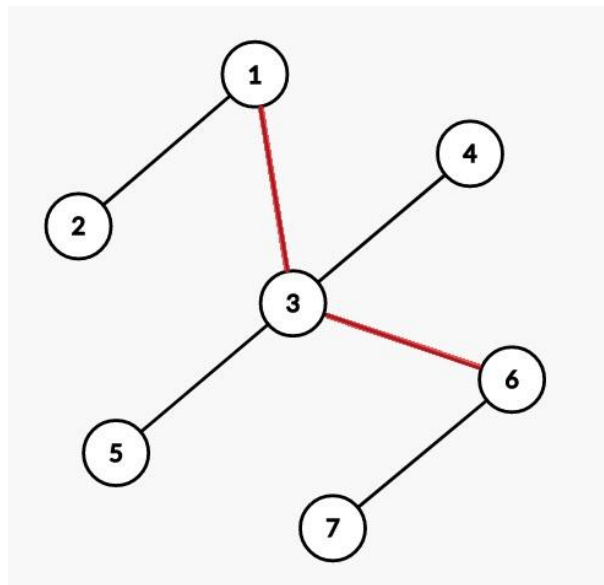
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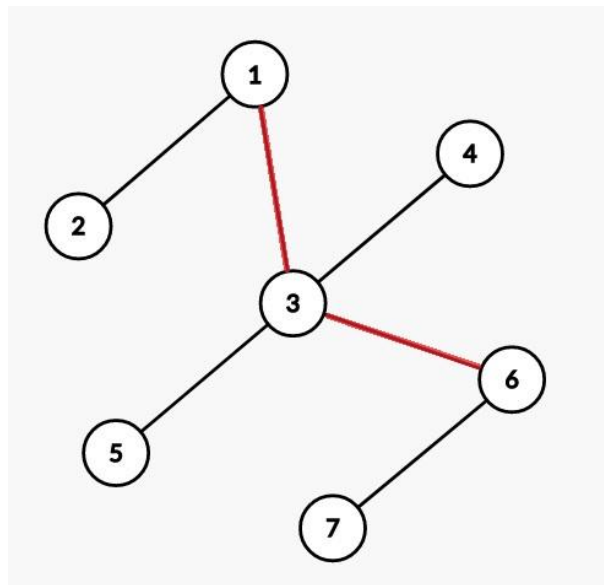


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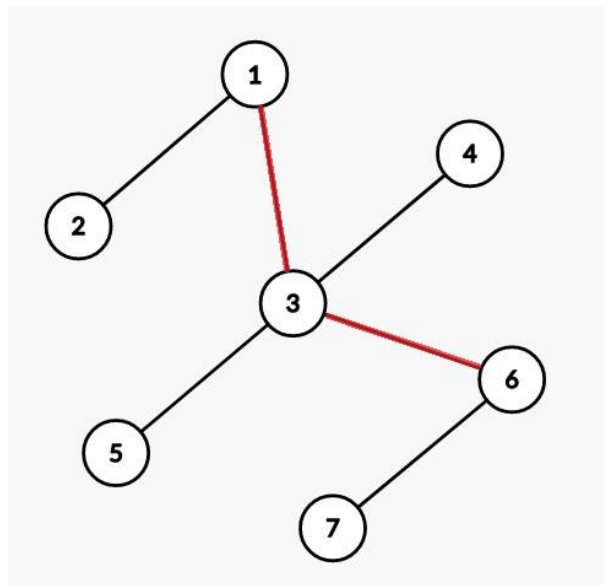


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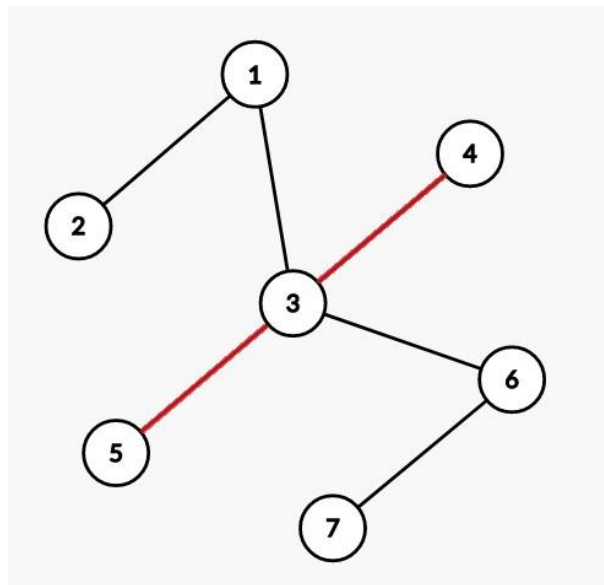
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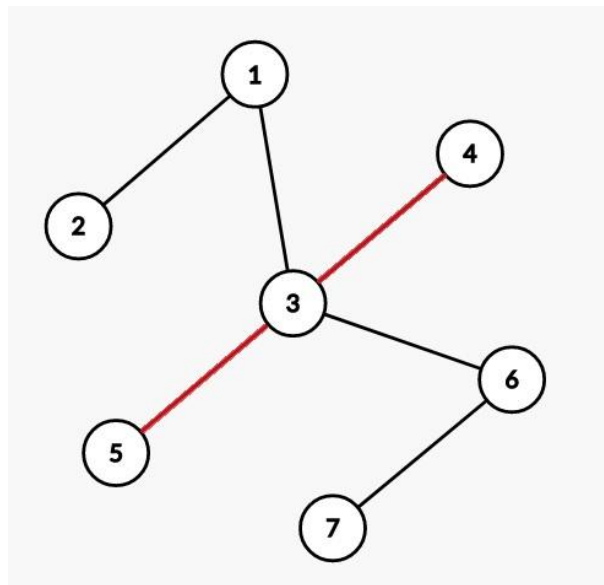
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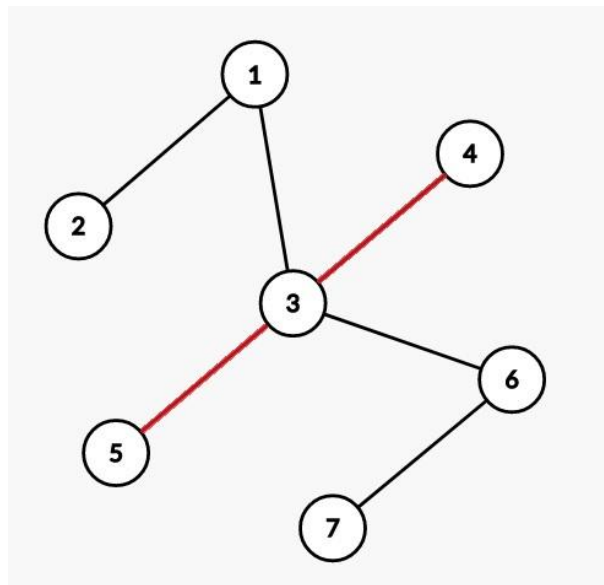
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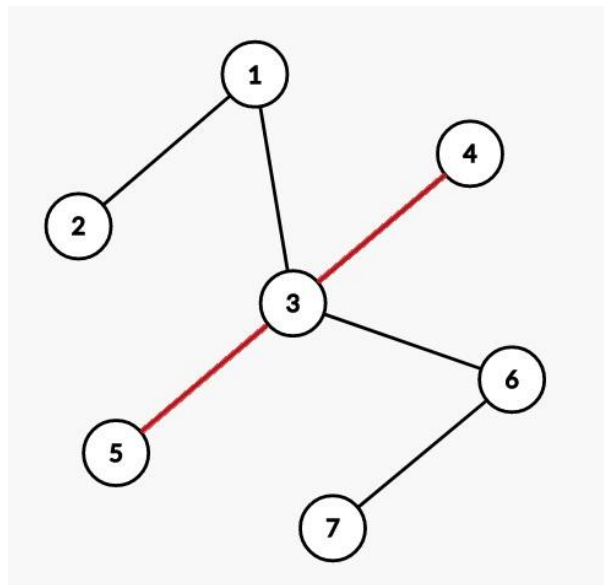


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Naive solution: update the paths accordingly.

Time complexity: $O(n)$

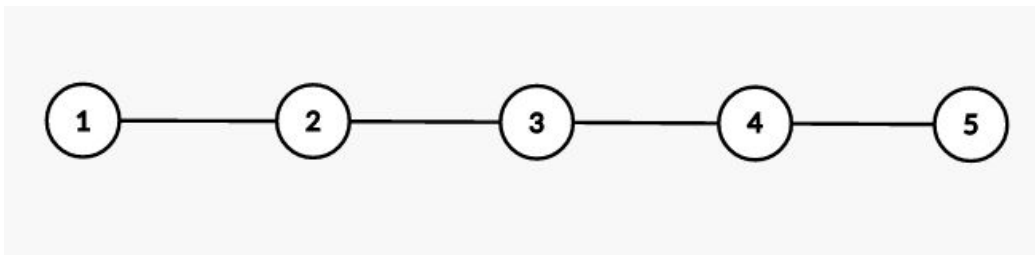
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This looks hard, let's figure out how to solve it on a simpler problem.

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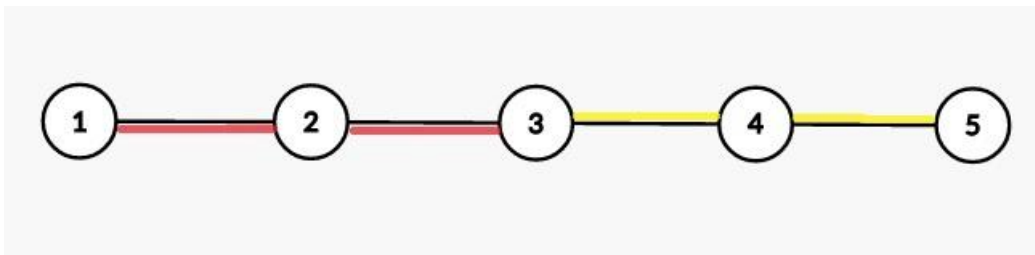


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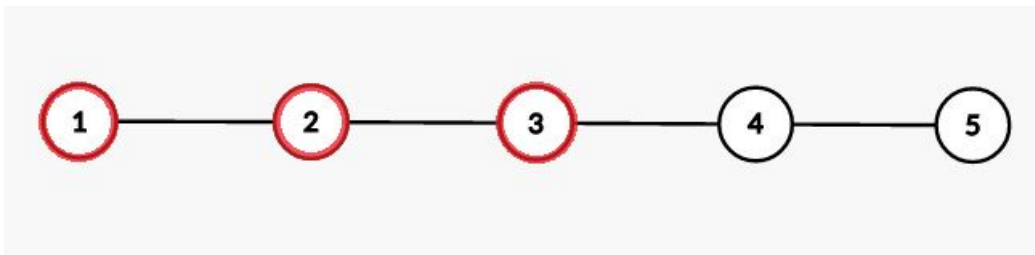
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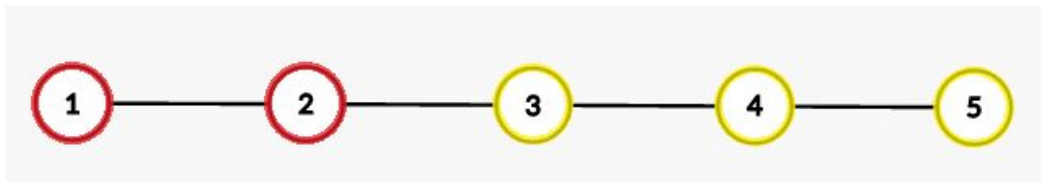


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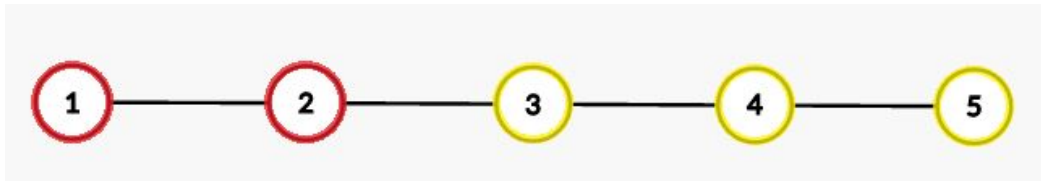
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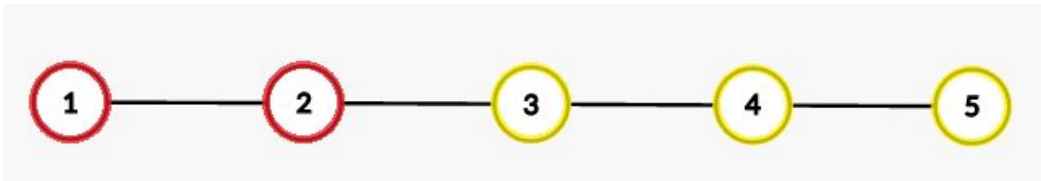
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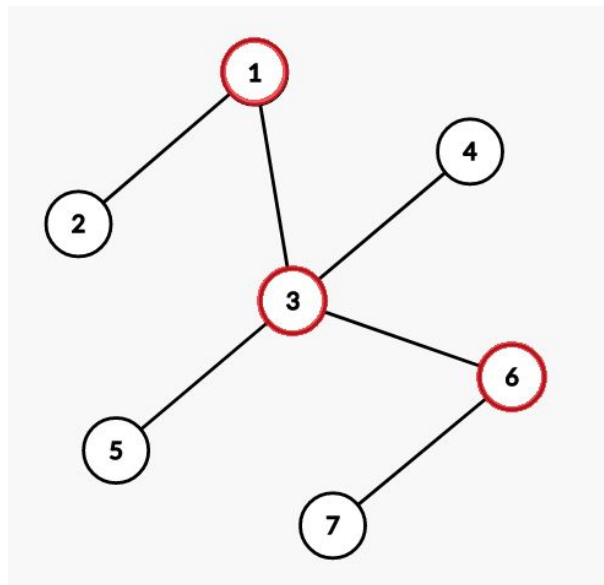
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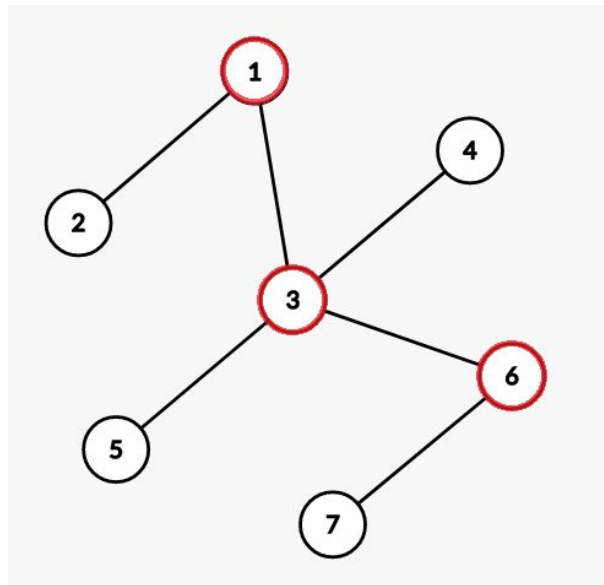


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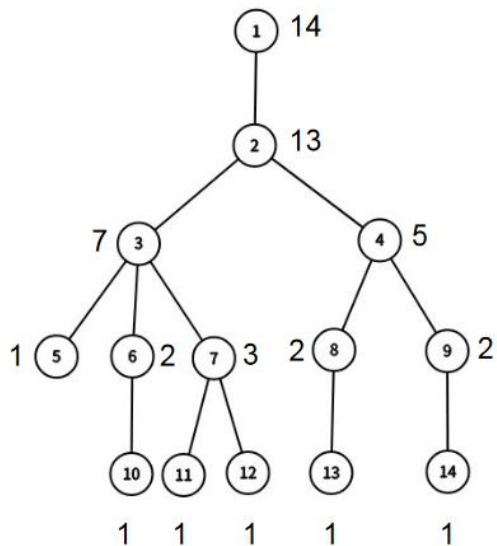
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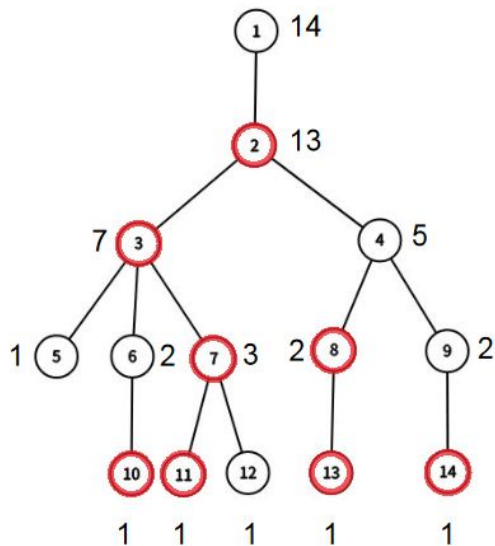


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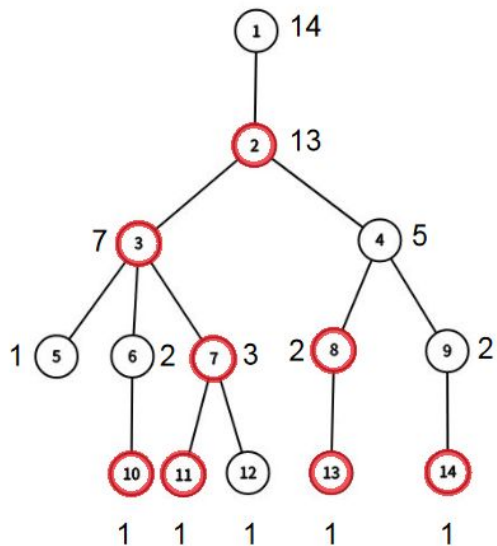


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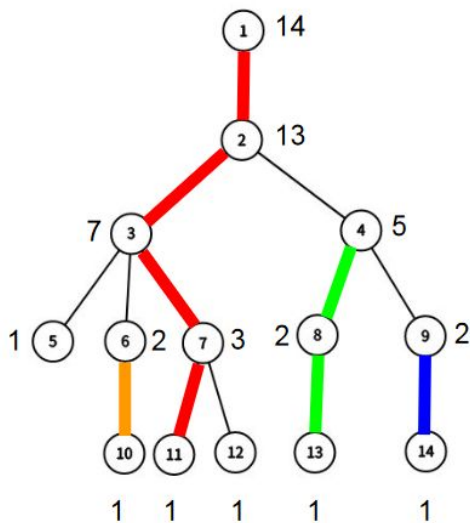
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- Light edge: edges that are not heavy.



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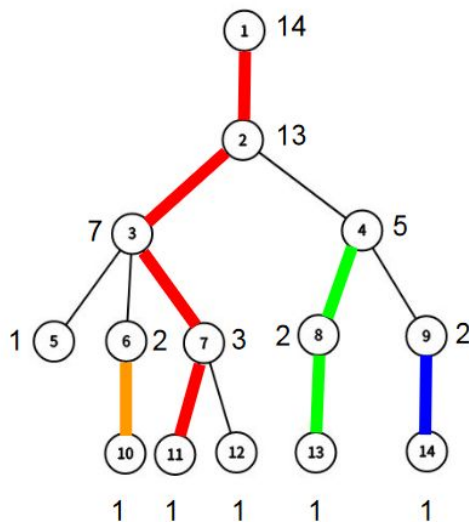
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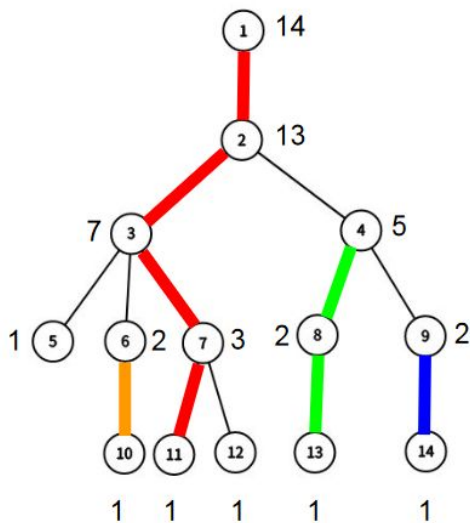
DFS on the tree with heavy edges first: 1 2 3 7 11 12 6 10 5 4 8 13 9 14



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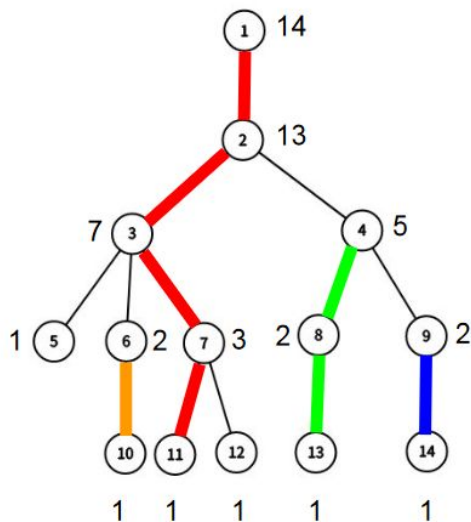
Consider visiting nodes from root:

How many light edge will we go through?



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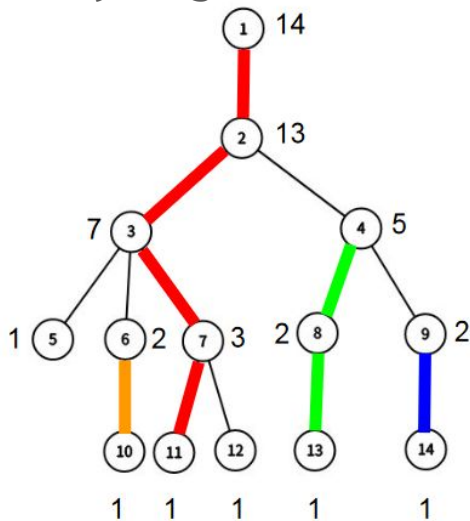
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Therefore every simple path from root at most will go through $\log(n)$ light edges.

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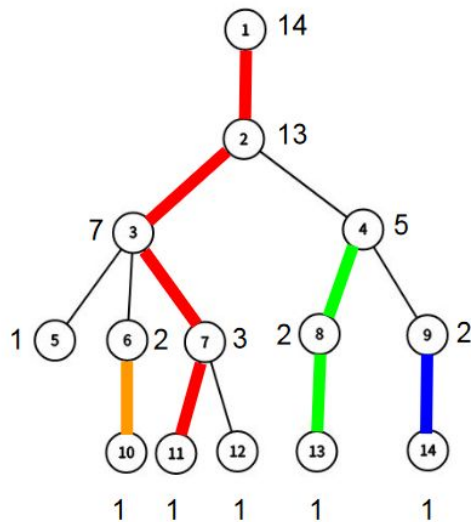
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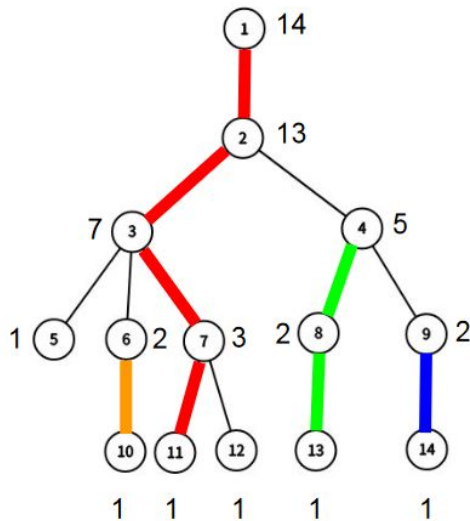
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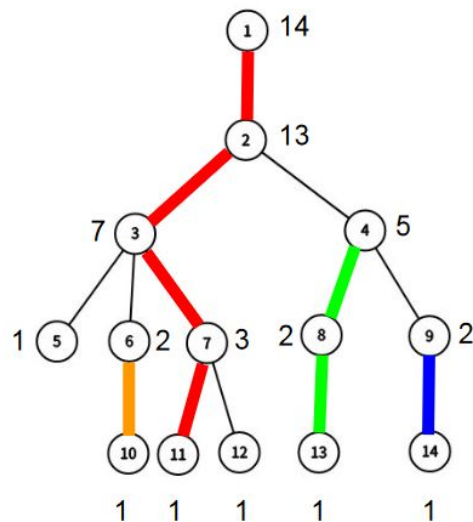
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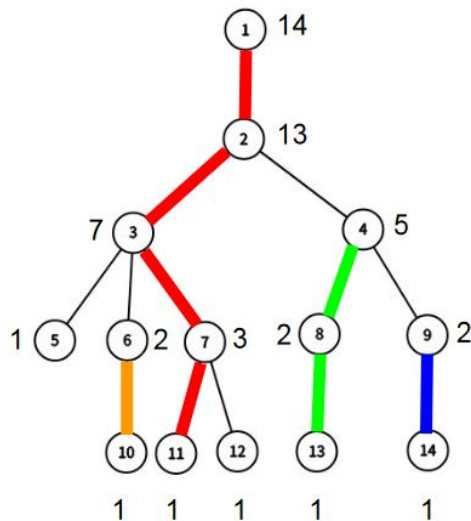
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Time complexity:

- Lca: $O(\log(n))$
- Retrieving path to ancestor: $O(\log(n))$

Overall: $O(\log(n))$

Implementation is somewhat long and will be left as exercise for readers.



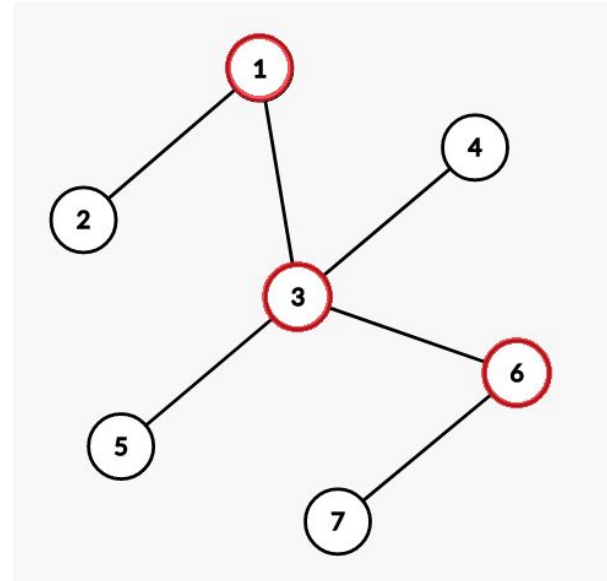
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Back to the problem.

We can now split each update and query into $\log(n)$ continuous segments.

Which can then be handled by segment tree.

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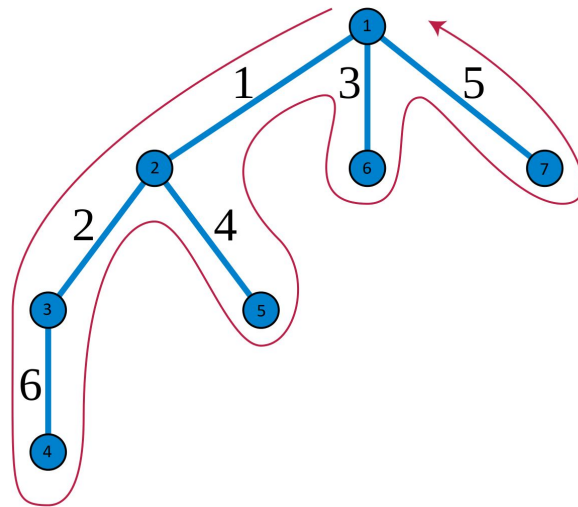
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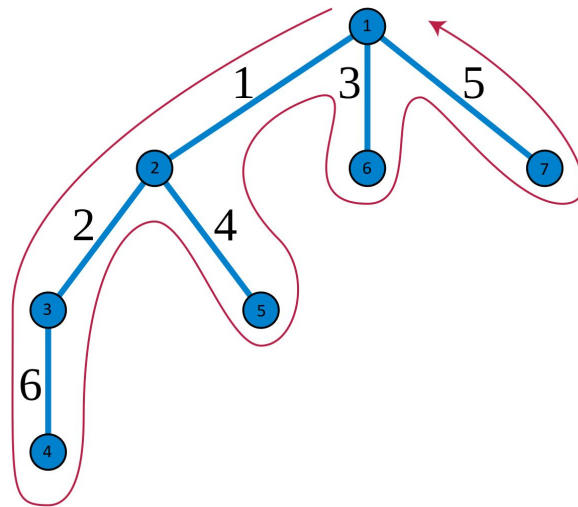


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Related Problems

- [Path Queries](#) (CSES)
- [QTREE](#) (SPOJ): allows you to test modifications for edges
- [GRASSPLA](#) (SPOJ; original source is USACO but the judge doesn't work for that problem)
- [GSS7](#) (SPOJ)
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