

# Kruskal (MST): Really Special Subtree

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Given an undirected weighted connected graph, find the Really Special SubTree in it. The Really Special SubTree is defined as a subgraph consisting of all the nodes in the graph and:

- There is only one exclusive path from a node to every other node.
- The subgraph is of minimum overall weight (sum of all edges) among all such subgraphs.
- No cycles are formed

To create the Really Special SubTree, always pick the edge with smallest weight. Determine if including it will create a cycle. If so, ignore the edge. If there are edges of equal weight available:

- Choose the edge that minimizes the sum  $u + v + wt$  where  $u$  and  $v$  are vertices and  $wt$  is the edge weight.
- If there is still a collision, choose any of them.

Print the overall weight of the tree formed using the rules.

For example, given the following edges:

u	v	wt
1	2	2
2	3	3
3	1	5

First choose  $1 \rightarrow 2$  at weight  $2$ . Next choose  $2 \rightarrow 3$  at weight  $3$ . All nodes are connected without cycles for a total weight of  $3 + 2 = 5$ .

## Function Description

Complete the *kruskals* function in the editor below. It should return an integer that represents the total weight of the subtree formed.

kruskals has the following parameters:

- g\_nodes: an integer that represents the number of nodes in the tree
- g\_from: an array of integers that represent beginning edge node numbers
- g\_to: an array of integers that represent ending edge node numbers
- g\_weight: an array of integers that represent the weights of each edge

## Input Format

The first line has two space-separated integers *g\_nodes* and *g\_edges*, the number of nodes and edges in the graph.

The next *g\_edges* lines each consist of three space-separated integers *g\_from*, *g\_to* and *g\_weight*, where *g\_from* and *g\_to* denote the two nodes between which the **undirected** edge exists and *g\_weight* denotes the weight of that edge.

## Constraints

- $2 \leq g\_nodes \leq 3000$
- $1 \leq g\_edges \leq \frac{N*(N-1)}{2}$
- $1 \leq g\_from, g\_to \leq N$
- $0 \leq g\_weight \leq 10^5$

**\*\*Note: \*\*** If there are edges between the same pair of nodes with different weights, they are to be considered as is, like multiple edges.

## Output Format

Print a single integer denoting the total weight of the Really Special SubTree.

## Sample Input 1

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Difficulty

Medium

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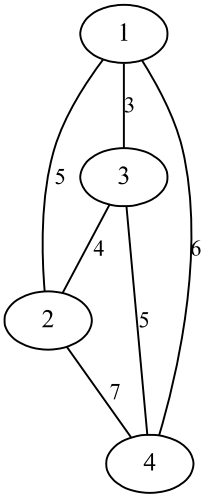
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Undirected Weighed Graph: g

4 6  
1 2 5  
1 3 3  
4 1 6  
2 4 7  
3 2 4  
3 4 5

Sample Output 1

12

Explanation 1

The graph given in the test case is shown above.

Applying [Kruskal's algorithm](#), all of the edges are sorted in ascending order of weight.

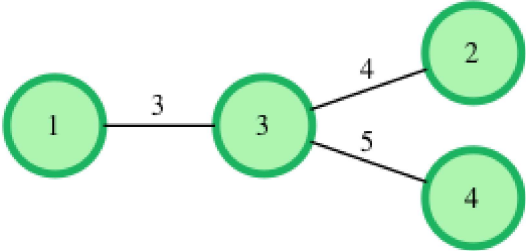
After sorting, the edge choices are available as :

**1 → 3**(*w* = 3), **2 → 3**(*w* = 4), **1 → 2**(*w* = 4), **3 → 4**(*w* = 5), **1 → 4**(*w* = 6) and **2 → 4**(*w* = 7)

Select **1 → 3**(*w* = 3)*because it has the lowest weight without creating a cycle* **Select**  $2 \rightarrow 3$  (*w*=4)\$  
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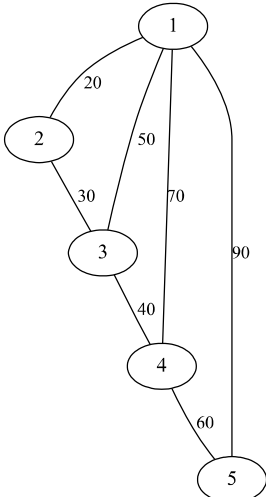
The edge **1 → 2**(*w* = 4) would form a cycle, so it is ignored

Select **3 → 4**(*w* = 5) to finish the MST yielding a total weight of **3 + 4 + 5 = 12**



Sample Input 2

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Undirected Weighed Graph: g

5 7  
1 2 20  
1 3 50  
1 4 70  
1 5 90  
2 3 30  
3 4 40  
4 5 60

Sample Output 2

150

Explanation 2

Given the graph above, select edges  $1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3, 3 \rightarrow 4, 4 \rightarrow 5$  with weights  $20 + 30 + 40 + 60 = 150$ .

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