# **Cow Relays**

Time Limit: 1000MS Memory Limit: 65536K

**Total Submissions:** 6491 Accepted: 2532

# **Description**

For their physical fitness program, N ( $2 \le N \le 1,000,000$ ) cows have decided to run a relay race using the T ( $2 \le T \le 100$ ) cow trails throughout the pasture.

Each trail connects two different intersections ( $1 \le I_{1i} \le 1,000$ ;  $1 \le I_{2i} \le 1,000$ ), each of which is the termination for at least two trails. The cows know the  $length_i$  of each trail ( $1 \le length_i \le 1,000$ ), the two intersections the trail connects, and they know that no two intersections are directly connected by two different trails. The trails form a structure known mathematically as a graph.

To run the relay, the *N* cows position themselves at various intersections (some intersections might have more than one cow). They must position themselves properly so that they can hand off the baton cow-by-cow and end up at the proper finishing place.

Write a program to help position the cows. Find the shortest path that connects the starting intersection (S) and the ending intersection (E) and traverses exactly N cow trails.

#### Input

- \* Line 1: Four space-separated integers: N, T, S, and E
- \* Lines 2..T+1: Line i+1 describes trail i with three space-separated integers:  $length_i$ ,  $I_{1i}$ , and  $I_{2i}$

#### **Output**

\* Line 1: A single integer that is the shortest distance from intersection S to intersection E that traverses exactly N cow trails.

# Sample Input

- 2 6 6 4
- 11 4 6
- 4 4 8
- 8 4 9
- 6 6 8
- 2 6 9
- 3 8 9

### Sample Output

10

### **Source**

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