

# Tree Algorithms

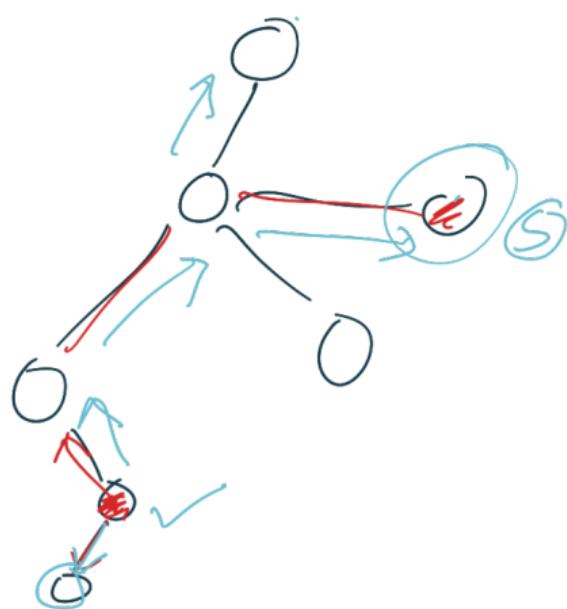
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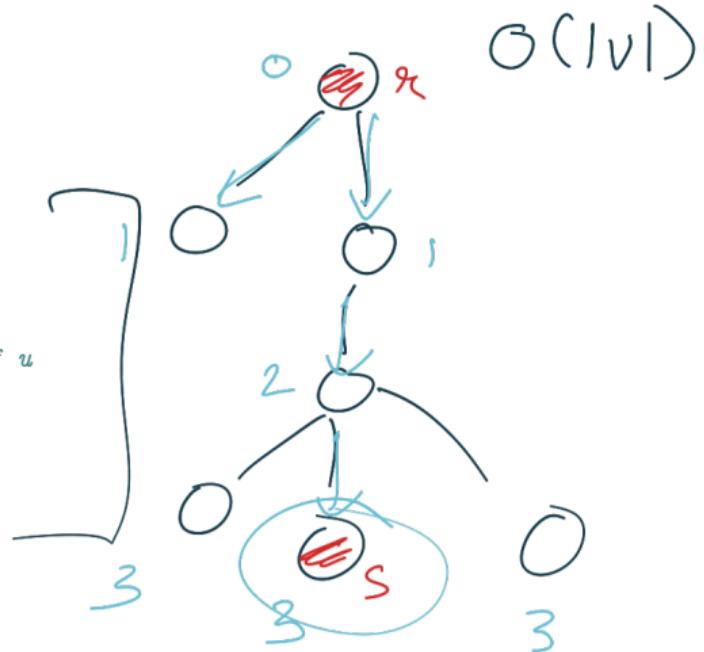
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int ans; 3
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    if (u == s) { 1
        ans = depth;
    } 2
    for (int v : g[u]) { // g[u] stores the neighbours of u
        if (v == p)
            continue;
        dfs(v, depth + 1, u);
    }
} 3
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    for (int v : g[u]) {
        if (v == p)
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    }
}
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for (int i = 0; i < q; ++i) {
    int s; cin >> s;
    cout << d[s] << '\n';
}
```

fined  $r$   
and varying  $s$

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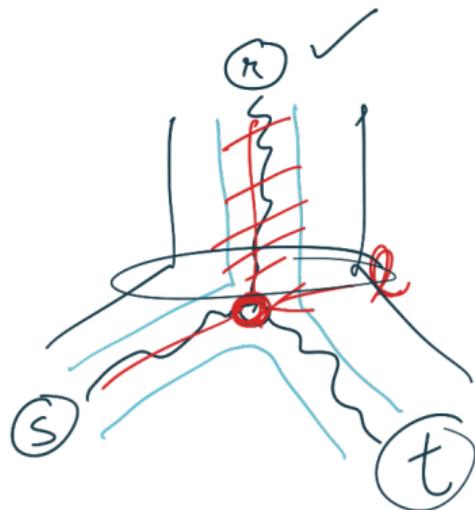
$\mathcal{O}(Q|V|)$

$\mathcal{O}(|V|^2 + Q)$

$\mathcal{O}((|V| + Q) \log |V|)$  ✓

$\mathcal{O}(|V| \log |V| + Q)$

r



$d[s]$

$$l = \frac{LCA(s, t)}{I}$$

lowest common  
ancestor

$$\begin{aligned} \text{dist}(s, t) &= d(s, l) + d(l, t) \\ &= d(s, r) - d(l, r) + d(t, r) - d(r, l) \\ &= d(r, s) + d(r, t) - 2d(r, l) \end{aligned}$$

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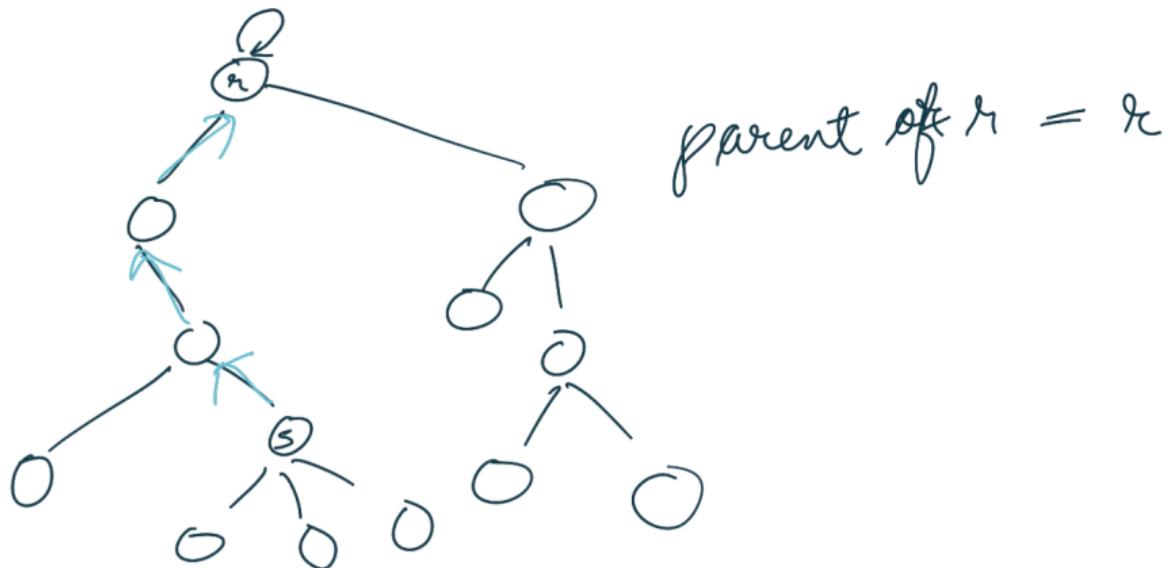
$O(|V| \log |V| + Q \log |V|)$

```
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    int s, t; cin >> s >> t;
    cout << d[s] + d[t] - 2 * d[lca(s, t)] << '\n';
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```

$\log N$

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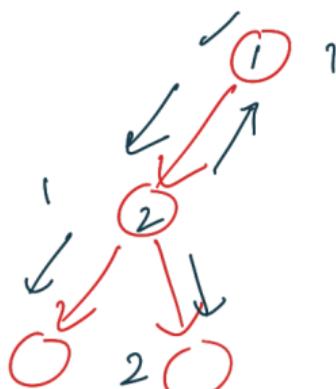
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        if (v == p[u])
            continue;
        p[v] = u;
        dfs(v);
    }
}
p[r] = r;
dfs(r); ✓

for (int i = 0; i < k; ++i) {
    s = p[s];
}
cout << s;
```



$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline k < |V| \\ \hline |V|-1 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$s \rightarrow p(s)$

$O(|V| + k)$

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( $r$ )

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$\mathcal{O}(Q|V|2^m)$

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$$p : V \rightarrow V$$

$$p^{2^m}$$

$$p^{2^m}(v) \text{ for all } v$$

$$\underbrace{p \circ p \circ p \circ \cdots \circ p}_{2^m} \circ p$$

$f, g, h$

$$(f \circ g) \circ h = f \circ (g \circ h)$$

$$\begin{aligned} ((f \circ g) \circ h)(x) &= (f \circ g)(h(x)) \\ &= f(g(h(x))) \\ &= f((g \circ h)(x)) \\ &= (f \circ g \circ h)(x) \end{aligned}$$

$a^m$     in  $\log m$

$A^m$  for a matrix  $A$

$f^m$

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int f[M][N]; // f[m] is the desired answer
p[r] = r; dfs(r);
for (int u = 0; u < n; ++u) {
    f[0][u] = p[u];
}
for (int j = 0; j < M - 1; ++j) {
    for (int u = 0; u < n; ++u) {
        f[j + 1][u] = f[j][f[j][u]];
    }
}
```

$$p^{2^{j+1}}(u) = f[j+1][u] = f[j][f[j][u]] = p^{2^j}(p^{2^j}(u))$$

$O(|V|)$

$O(|V|m) \quad f[m]$

$O(m|V| + Q|V|)$

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$$p^k(s)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(m \log n)$$

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$$k = 5 = (101)_2$$

$$p^k(s) = p^{\sum b_i 2^i}(p(s)) = f[2][f[0][s]]$$

$$2^m \approx k < |V| \Rightarrow m < \log_2 |V|$$
$$O(m|V| + Qm) = O((|V|+Q) \log |V|)$$

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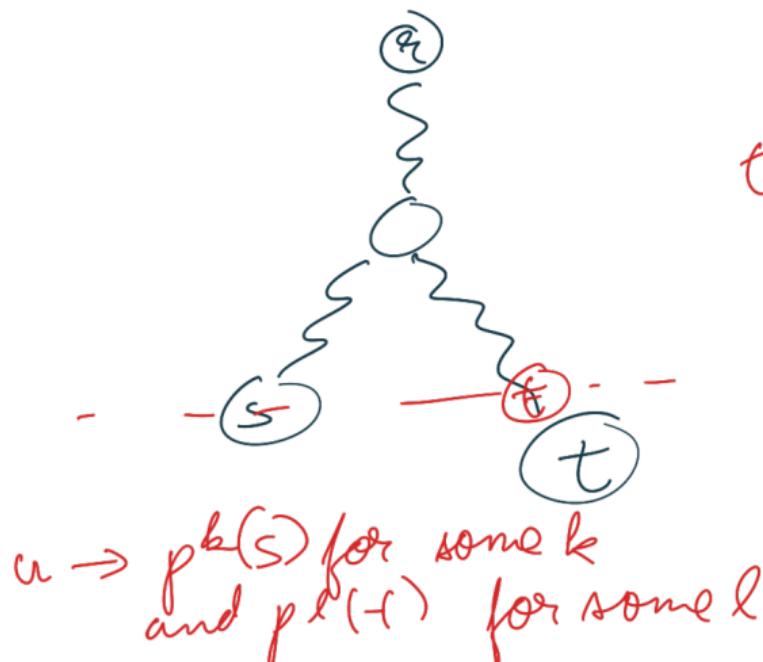
```
int f[M][N]; // compute it as in the previous case  $\boxed{3}$ 
for (int j = 0; j < M; ++j) {
    if (k >> j & 1)  $\leftarrow$ 
        s = f[j][s];
}
```

$$s \rightarrow p^{2^j}(s) = f[j][s]$$

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### Problem (LCA)

Given a tree rooted at  $r$ , answer  $Q$  queries. In each query, vertices  $s$  and  $t$  are given, find their lowest common ancestor.



$t$  is below  $s$

$$t \rightarrow p^{d(t)-d(s)}(t)$$

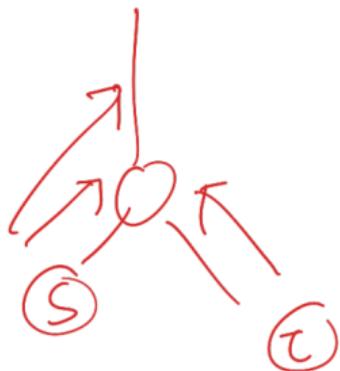
now  $s$  and  $t$  are  
at the same depth

$$\boxed{k = l}$$

For vertices at the same depth

$\text{LCA}(s, t) = p^k(s)$  where  $k$  is  
the min value at  
which  $p^k(s) = p^k(t)$

$$Q(k) \quad p^k(s) = p^k(t)$$
$$p^{k+1}(s) = p^{k+1}(t)$$



$$Q(k) \Rightarrow Q(k+1)$$

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$O(\log N)$

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```

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int lca(int s, int t) {
```

```
    if (d[s] > d[t]) s = ancestor(s, d[s] - d[t]);  
    else t = ancestor(t, d[t] - d[s]);
```



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```
    int l = -1, r = n;
```

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    while (r - l > 1) {
```

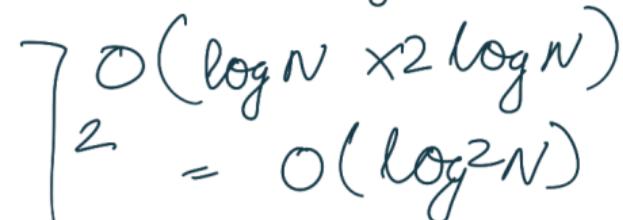
```
        int m = (l + r) / 2;
```

```
        if (ancestor(s, m) == ancestor(t, m)) r = m;  
        else l = m;
```

```
}
```

```
    return ancestor(s, r);
```

  $\leftarrow O(\log N)$

  $\leftarrow O(\log N \times 2 \log N)$   
 $= O(\log^2 N)$

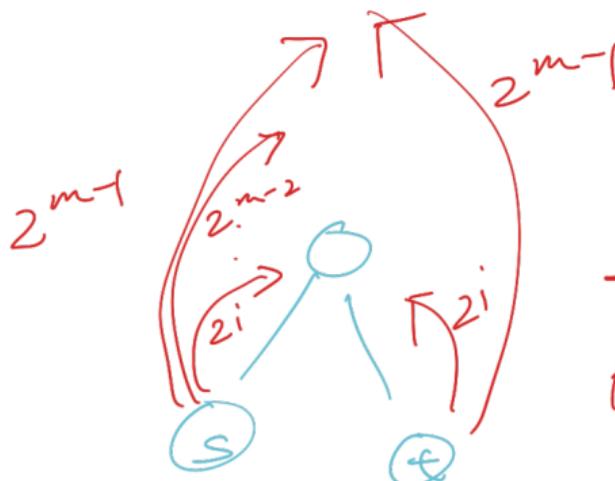
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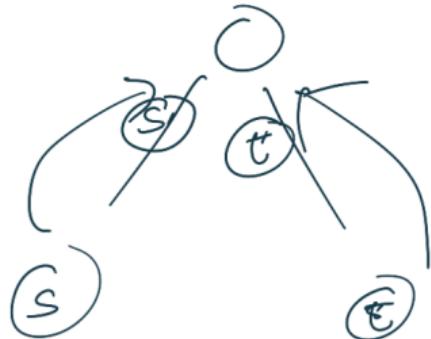


$\circled{S}$



$\frac{p^k(s) \neq p^k(t)}{p^{k+1}(s) = p^{k+1}(t)}$

$p^{2^i}(s) \neq p^{2^i}(t)$  and  $i$  is the  
is the ~~smallest~~ ~~largest~~ value  
such that



$$s \rightarrow p^{2^i}(s)$$

$$t \rightarrow p^{2^i}(t)$$

$i$  will decrease  
strictly

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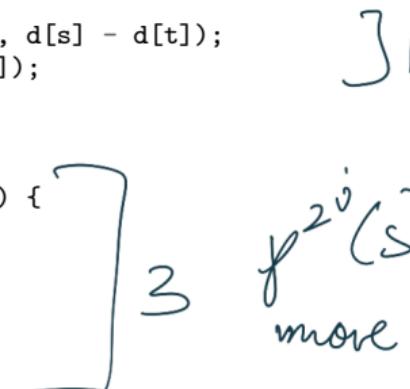
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    if (s == t) return s; // 32
    for (int j = M - 1; j >= 0; --j) {
        if (f[j][s] != f[j][t]) {
            s = f[j][s];
            t = f[j][t];
        }
    }
    return f[0][s]; // 34
}
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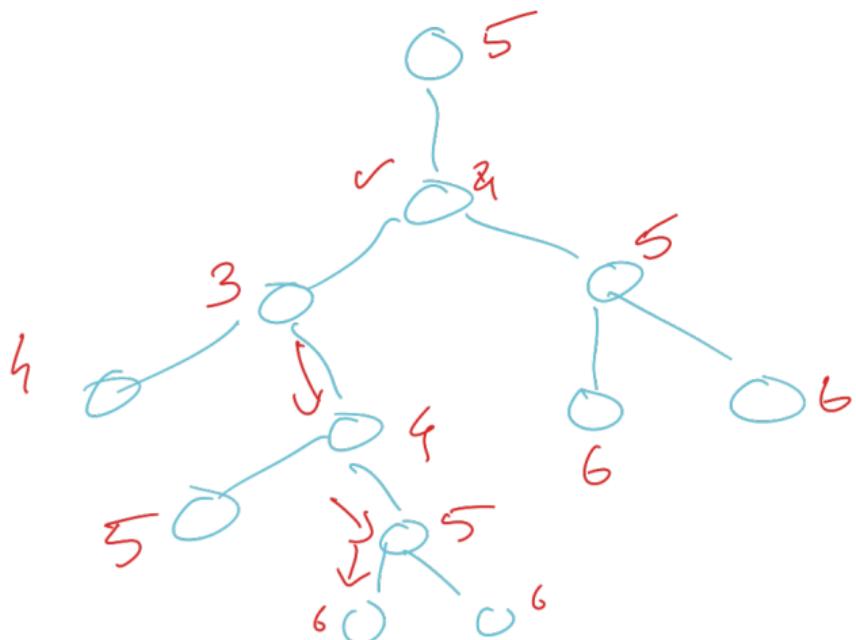


$p^{2^j}(s) \neq p^{2^j}(t)$   
move up  $s$  and  $t$  by  $2^j$

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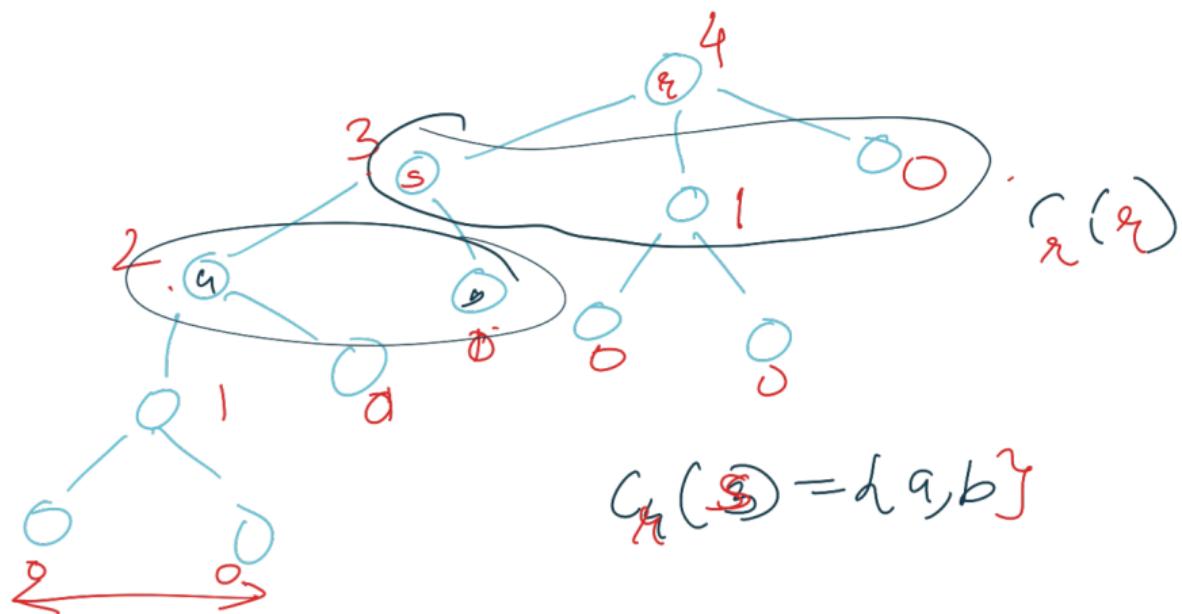
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We get the relation,

$$f_r(u) = \max_{v \in C_r(u)} (1 + f_r(v)),$$

with  $f_r(v) = 0$  for a leaf  $v$ .

```
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void dfs(int u, int p) {  
    f[u] = 0;  
    for (int v : g[u]) {  
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            continue;  
        dfs(v, u);  
        f[u] = max(f[u], 1 + f[v]);  
    }  
}  
dfs(r, r);
```



[+]

After  $\text{dfs}(u, p)$  ends

$$f[w] = f_r(u)$$

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Given a tree  $T$  and a vertex  $u$ , find the longest path starting at  $u$ .

Let  $h(u) = \text{longest path starting at } u$ , we see that

$$h(u) = f_u(u).$$

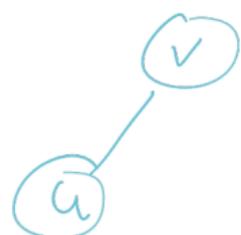


$$\delta(v)$$

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$$O(|V|^2) \Rightarrow O(|V|)$$



$f_v$  &  $f_u$  are  
very similar

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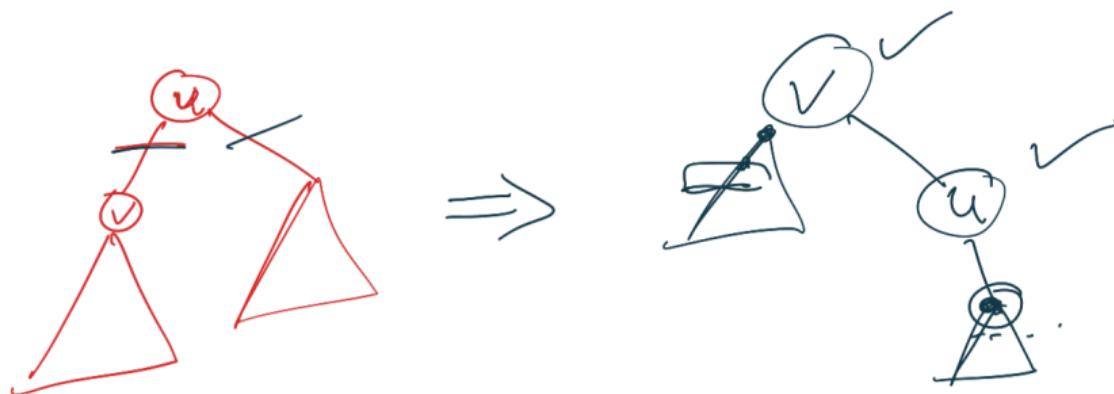
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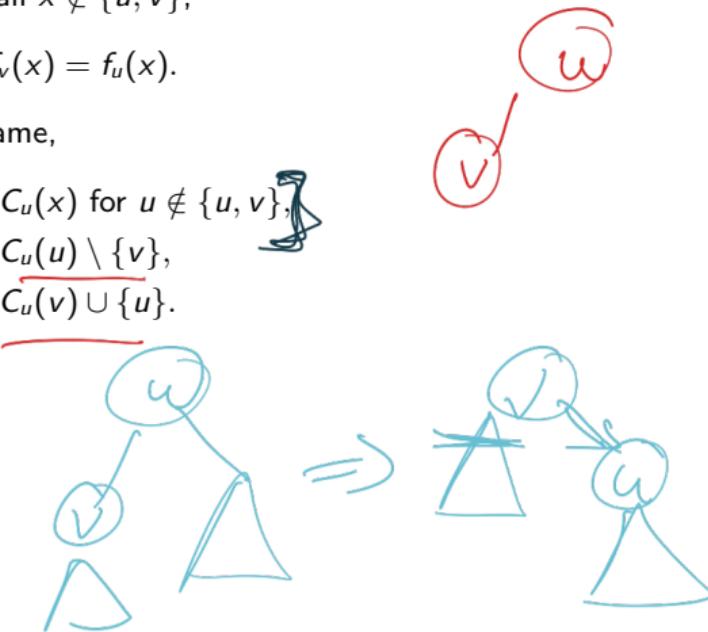
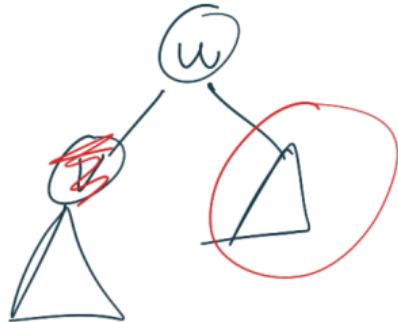
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This happens because  $C_v$  and  $C_u$  are almost the same,

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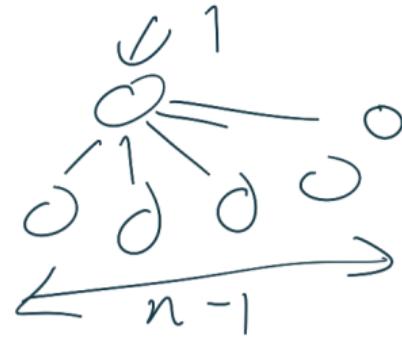
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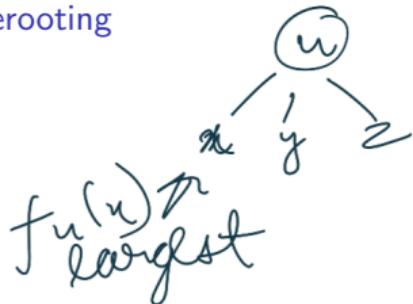


For each  $v$  recompute  
 $f_v(u)$   $O(\deg u \times \deg u)$

$$\Rightarrow O(\deg^2 u) \rightarrow O((n-1)^2) = O(n^2)$$

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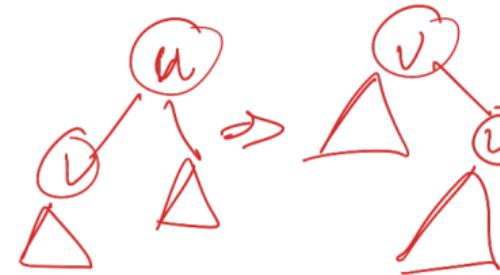
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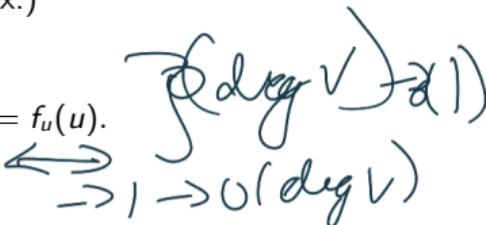


We consider two cases, if  $v = \operatorname{argmax}_{x \in C_u(u)} f_u(x)$  or not, that is if  $f_u(x)$  is maximized at  $v$  or not. (If there are multiple values at which it is maximized, we arbitrarily pick one to be the argmax.)

1. If it is not the argmax,

$$f_v(u) = \max_{x \in C_u(u) \setminus \{v\}} (1 + f_u(x)) = \max_{x \in C_u(u)} (1 + f_u(x)) = f_u(u).$$

2. If it is the argmax, this happens only once, so we can just recompute  $f_v(u)$ .



# Tree DP

## Reroooting

$$f_v(x) = f_u(x) \text{ for } x \notin \{u, v\},$$

$$C_v(u) = C_u(u) \setminus \{v\},$$

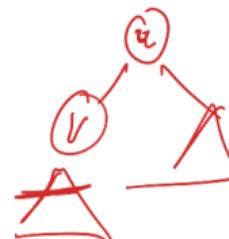
$$C_v(v) = C_u(v) \cup \{u\}.$$

$f_{u(v)}$

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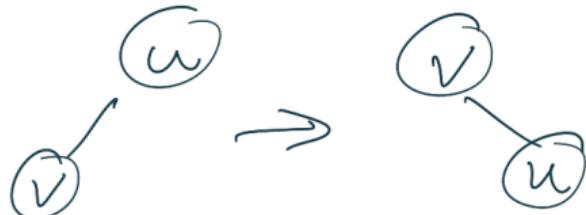


$$\max(1 + f_v(u), f_u(v))$$

# Tree DP

## Reroooting

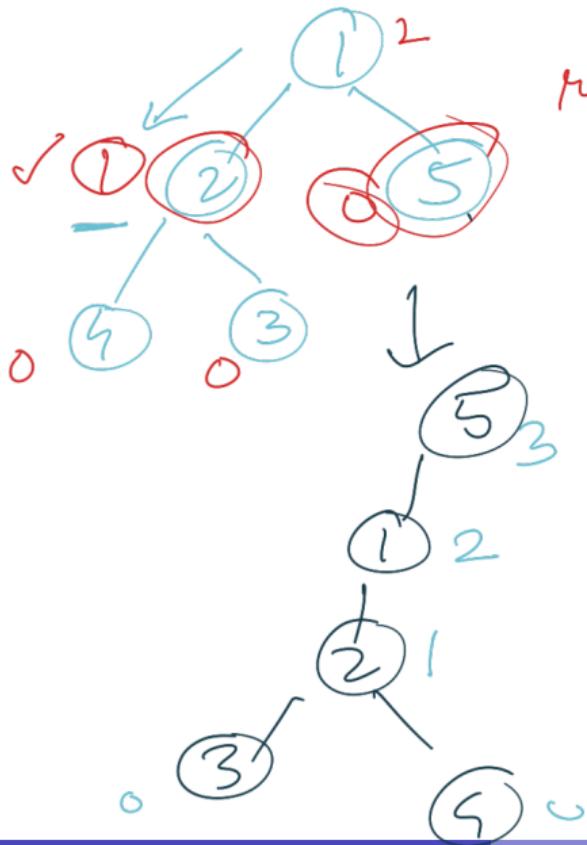
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int f[N], h[N];
void reroot(int u, int p) {
    h[u] = f[u]; // at this step, f[x] stores  $f_u(x)$ 
    int argmax = -1;
    for (auto v : g[u])
        if (f[u] == 1 + f[v])
            argmax = v;
    for (auto v : g[u]) {
        if (v == p) continue;
        int init_fv = f[v], init_fu = f[u];
        if (argmax == v) {
            f[u] = 0;
            for (auto x : g[u])
                if (x != v)
                    f[u] = max(f[u], 1 + f[x]);
        }
        f[v] = max(1 + f[u], f[v]); // now f stores  $f_v$ 
        reroot(v, u);
        f[v] = init_fv; f[u] = init_fu;
    }
    dfs(r, r); // this computes  $f_r$  and stores it in f
    reroot(r, r);
}
```



$f$  now stores  $f_v$

$$h(u) = f_u(u)$$

$f[u] = f_1$   
rooted at 1



$f[u] = f_1$   
 $\max(1, 2)$

