



# Snakes and Ladders: The Quickest Way Up

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Markov takes out his [Snakes and Ladders](#) game, stares at the board and wonders: "If I can always roll the die to whatever number I want, what would be the least number of rolls to reach the destination?"

**Rules** The game is played with a cubic die of **6** faces numbered **1** to **6**.

1. Starting from square **1**, land on square **100** with the exact roll of the die. If moving the number rolled would place the player beyond square **100**, no move is made.
2. If a player lands at the base of a ladder, the player must climb the ladder. Ladders go up only.
3. If a player lands at the mouth of a snake, the player must go down the snake and come out through the tail. Snakes go down only.

## Input Format

The first line contains the number of tests,  $t$ .

For each testcase:

- The first line contains  $n$ , the number of ladders.
- Each of the next  $n$  lines contains two space-separated integers, the start and end of a ladder.
- The next line contains the integer  $m$ , the number of snakes.
- Each of the next  $m$  lines contains two space-separated integers, the start and end of a snake.

## Constraints

$$1 \leq t \leq 10$$

$$1 \leq n, m \leq 15$$

The board is always  $10 \times 10$  with squares numbered **1** to **100**.

Neither square **1** nor square **100** will be the starting point of a ladder or snake.

A square will have at most one endpoint from either a snake or a ladder.

## Output Format

For each of the  $t$  test cases, print the least number of rolls to move from start to finish on a separate line. If there is no solution, print  $-1$ .

## Sample Input

```
2
3
32 62
42 68
12 98
```

```
7
95 13
97 25
93 37
79 27
75 19
49 47
67 17
4
8 52
6 80
26 42
2 72
9
51 19
39 11
37 29
81 3
59 5
79 23
53 7
43 33
77 21
```

### Sample Output

```
3
5
```

### Explanation

*For the first test:*

The player can roll a **5** and a **6** to land at square **12**. There is a ladder to square **98**. A roll of **2** ends the traverse in **3** rolls.

*For the second test:*

The player first rolls **5** and climbs the ladder to square **80**. Three rolls of **6** get to square **98**. A final roll of **2** lands on the target square in **5** total rolls.

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Difficulty: Medium

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Python 3



```
1  #!/bin/python3
2
3  import math
4  import os
5  import random
6  import re
7  import sys
8
9  # Complete the quickestWayUp function below.
10 def quickestWayUp(ladders, snakes):
11
```

```
12 if __name__ == '__main__':
13     fptr = open(os.environ['OUTPUT_PATH'], 'w')
14
15     t = int(input())
16
17     for t_itr in range(t):
18         n = int(input())
19
20         ladders = []
21
22         for _ in range(n):
23             ladders.append(list(map(int, input().rstrip().split())))
24
25         m = int(input())
26
27         snakes = []
28
29         for _ in range(m):
30             snakes.append(list(map(int, input().rstrip().split())))
31
32         result = quickestWayUp(ladders, snakes)
33
34         fptr.write(str(result) + '\n')
35
36     fptr.close()
37
```

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