

6103. Minimum Score After Removals on a Tree

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There is an undirected connected tree with  $n$  nodes labeled from  $0$  to  $n - 1$  and  $n - 1$  edges.

You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `nums` of length  $n$  where `nums[i]` represents the value of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  node. You are also given a 2D integer array `edges` of length  $n - 1$  where `edges[i] = [ai, bi]` indicates that there is an edge between nodes  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  in the tree.

Remove two **distinct** edges of the tree to form three connected components. For a pair of removed edges, the following steps are defined:

1. Get the XOR of all the values of the nodes for **each** of the three components respectively.
2. The **difference** between the **largest** XOR value and the **smallest** XOR value is the **score** of the pair.

- For example, say the three components have the node values: `[4,5,7]`, `[1,9]`, and `[3,3,3]`. The three XOR values are  $4 \wedge 5 \wedge 7 = \underline{6}$ ,  $1 \wedge 9 = \underline{8}$ , and  $3 \wedge 3 \wedge 3 = \underline{3}$ . The largest XOR value is `8` and the smallest XOR value is `3`. The score is then  $8 - 3 = 5$ .

Return the **minimum** score of any possible pair of edge removals on the given tree.

User Accepted:

0

User Tried:

0

Total Accepted:

0

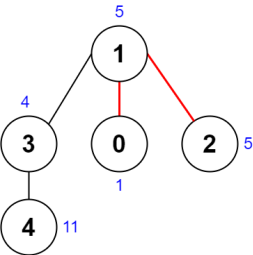
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Difficulty:

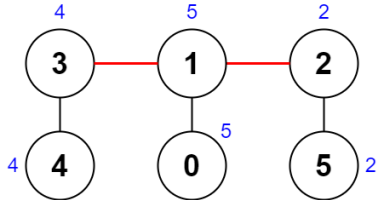
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Example 1:



**Input:** `nums = [1,5,5,4,11]`, `edges = [[0,1],[1,2],[1,3],[3,4]]`  
**Output:** 9  
**Explanation:** The diagram above shows a way to make a pair of removals.  
- The 1<sup>st</sup> component has nodes `[1,3,4]` with values `[5,4,11]`. Its XOR value is  $5 \wedge 4 \wedge 11 = 10$ .  
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> component has node `[0]` with value `[1]`. Its XOR value is  $1 = 1$ .  
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> component has node `[2]` with value `[5]`. Its XOR value is  $5 = 5$ .  
The score is the difference between the largest and smallest XOR value which is  $10 - 1 = 9$ .  
It can be shown that no other pair of removals will obtain a smaller score than 9.

Example 2:



**Input:** `nums = [5,5,2,4,4,2]`, `edges = [[0,1],[1,2],[5,2],[4,3],[1,3]]`  
**Output:** 0  
**Explanation:** The diagram above shows a way to make a pair of removals.  
- The 1<sup>st</sup> component has nodes `[3,4]` with values `[4,4]`. Its XOR value is  $4 \wedge 4 = 0$ .  
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> component has nodes `[1,0]` with values `[5,5]`. Its XOR value is  $5 \wedge 5 = 0$ .  
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> component has nodes `[2,5]` with values `[2,2]`. Its XOR value is  $2 \wedge 2 = 0$ .  
The score is the difference between the largest and smallest XOR value which is  $0 - 0 = 0$ .  
We cannot obtain a smaller score than 0.

- Constraints:**
- $n == \text{nums.length}$
  - $3 \leq n \leq 1000$
  - $1 \leq \text{nums}[i] \leq 10^8$

- `edges.length == n - 1`
- `edges[i].length == 2`
- $0 \leq a_i, b_i < n$
- $a_i \neq b_i$
- `edges` represents a valid tree.

JavaScript



```
1 /**
2  * @param {number[]} nums
3  * @param {number[][]} edges
4  * @return {number}
5  */
6 var minimumScore = function(nums, edges) {
7
8 };
```

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