

# Problem 2497: Maximum Star Sum of a Graph

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 41.62%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Greedy, Graph, Sorting, Heap (Priority Queue)

## Problem Description

There is an undirected graph consisting of  $n$  nodes numbered from  $0$  to  $n - 1$ . You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `vals` of length  $n$  where `vals[i]` denotes the value of the  $i$ th node.

You are also given a 2D integer array `edges` where `edges[i] = [ai, bi]` denotes that there exists an **undirected** edge connecting nodes  $ai$  and  $bi$ .

A **star graph** is a subgraph of the given graph having a center node containing  $0$  or more neighbors. In other words, it is a subset of edges of the given graph such that there exists a common node for all edges.

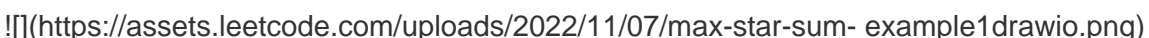
The image below shows star graphs with  $3$  and  $4$  neighbors respectively, centered at the blue node.



The **star sum** is the sum of the values of all the nodes present in the star graph.

Given an integer  $k$ , return **the maximum star sum** of a star graph containing **at most**  $k$  edges.

**Example 1:**



**Input:** vals = [1,2,3,4,10,-10,-20], edges = [[0,1],[1,2],[1,3],[3,4],[3,5],[3,6]], k = 2  
**Output:** 16 **Explanation:** The above diagram represents the input graph. The star graph with the maximum star sum is denoted by blue. It is centered at 3 and includes its neighbors 1 and 4. It can be shown it is not possible to get a star graph with a sum greater than 16.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** vals = [-5], edges = [], k = 0 **Output:** -5 **Explanation:** There is only one possible star graph, which is node 0 itself. Hence, we return -5.

**Constraints:**

$n == \text{vals.length}$   $1 \leq n \leq 105$   $-104 \leq \text{vals}[i] \leq 104$   $0 \leq \text{edges.length} \leq \min(n * (n - 1) / 2, 105)$   $\text{edges}[i].\text{length} == 2$   $0 \leq a_i, b_i \leq n - 1$   $a_i \neq b_i$   $0 \leq k \leq n - 1$

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    int maxStarSum(vector<int>& vals, vector<vector<int>>& edges, int k) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public int maxStarSum(int[] vals, int[][] edges, int k) {

    }
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:
    def maxStarSum(self, vals: List[int], edges: List[List[int]], k: int) -> int:
```