

# Problem 2242: Maximum Score of a Node Sequence

## Problem Information

Difficulty: **Hard**

Acceptance Rate: 39.52%

Paid Only: No

Tags: Array, Graph, Sorting, Enumeration

## Problem Description

There is an **undirected** graph with  $n$  nodes, numbered from  $0$  to  $n - 1$ .

You are given a **0-indexed** integer array `scores` of length  $n$  where `scores[i]` denotes the score of node  $i$ . 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 node sequence is **valid** if it meets the following conditions:

- \* There is an edge connecting every pair of **adjacent** nodes in the sequence.
- \* No node appears more than once in the sequence.

The score of a node sequence is defined as the **sum** of the scores of the nodes in the sequence.

Return **the maximum score** of a valid node sequence with a length of  $\geq 4$ . If no such sequence exists, return  $-1$ .

**Example 1.**



**Input:** `scores = [5,2,9,8,4]`, `edges = [[0,1],[1,2],[2,3],[0,2],[1,3],[2,4]]` **Output:** 24

**Explanation:** The figure above shows the graph and the chosen node sequence `[0,1,2,3]`. The score of the node sequence is  $5 + 2 + 9 + 8 = 24$ . It can be shown that no other node sequence has a score of more than 24. Note that the sequences `[3,1,2,0]` and `[1,0,2,3]` are

also valid and have a score of 24. The sequence [0,3,2,4] is not valid since no edge connects nodes 0 and 3.

**Example 2:**

 (https://assets.leetcode.com/uploads/2022/03/17/ex2.png)

**Input:** scores = [9,20,6,4,11,12], edges = [[0,3],[5,3],[2,4],[1,3]] **Output:** -1

**Explanation:** The figure above shows the graph. There are no valid node sequences of length 4, so we return -1.

**Constraints:**

\* `n == scores.length` \* `4 <= n <= 5 \* 10^4` \* `1 <= scores[i] <= 108` \* `0 <= edges.length <= 5 \* 10^4` \* `edges[i].length == 2` \* `0 <= ai, bi <= n - 1` \* `ai != bi` \* There are no duplicate edges.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    int maximumScore(vector<int>& scores, vector<vector<int>>& edges) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public int maximumScore(int[] scores, int[][] edges) {

    }
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:
    def maximumScore(self, scores: List[int], edges: List[List[int]]) -> int:
```