

# Problem 1489: Find Critical and Pseudo-Critical Edges in Minimum Spanning Tree

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 66.20%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Union Find, Graph, Sorting, Minimum Spanning Tree, Strongly Connected Component

## Problem Description


Given a weighted undirected connected graph with  $n$  vertices numbered from  $0$  to  $n - 1$ , and an array `edges` where `edges[i] = [ai, bi, weighti]` represents a bidirectional and weighted edge between nodes `ai` and `bi`. A minimum spanning tree (MST) is a subset of the graph's edges that connects all vertices without cycles and with the minimum possible total edge weight.

Find all the critical and pseudo-critical edges in the given graph's minimum spanning tree (MST). An MST edge whose deletion from the graph would cause the MST weight to increase is called a critical edge. On the other hand, a pseudo-critical edge is that which can appear in some MSTs but not all.

Note that you can return the indices of the edges in any order.

**Example 1:**



**Input:** `n = 5, edges = [[0,1,1],[1,2,1],[2,3,2],[0,3,2],[0,4,3],[3,4,3],[1,4,6]]` **Output:** `[[0,1],[2,3,4,5]]` **Explanation:** The figure above describes the graph. The following figure shows all the possible MSTs:  Notice that the two edges 0 and 1 appear in all MSTs, therefore they are critical edges, so we return them in the first list of the output. The edges 2, 3, 4, and 5 are only part of some MSTs, therefore they are considered pseudo-critical edges. We add them to the second list of the output.

**Example 2:**



**Input:**  $n = 4$ ,  $\text{edges} = [[0,1,1],[1,2,1],[2,3,1],[0,3,1]]$  **Output:**  $[[0,1,2,3]]$  **Explanation:**  
We can observe that since all 4 edges have equal weight, choosing any 3 edges from the given 4 will yield an MST. Therefore all 4 edges are pseudo-critical.

**Constraints:**

$2 \leq n \leq 100$   $1 \leq \text{edges.length} \leq \min(200, n * (n - 1) / 2)$   $\text{edges}[i].\text{length} == 3$   $0 \leq a_i < b_i < n$   $1 \leq \text{weight}_i \leq 1000$  All pairs  $(a_i, b_i)$  are **distinct**.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    vector<vector<int>> findCriticalAndPseudoCriticalEdges(int n,
    vector<vector<int>>& edges) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public List<List<Integer>> findCriticalAndPseudoCriticalEdges(int n, int[][]
    edges) {

    }
}
```

**Python3:**

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