

# Contest 4

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Assuming optimal LCA, complexity is  $O(Q/K \times (N + K^2))$ , with optimum  $K \sim \sqrt{N}$  yielding complexity  $O(Q\sqrt{N})$ . Simpler LCA is  $O(\log N)$  slower, but should still get OK.

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Empirically 30 summands are enough for the most unstable case  $s = 1.0001$ .

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Observe that this is equal to

$$\sum_{i=l}^{\lfloor (l+r)/2 \rfloor} \min(p_i, i - l + 1) + \sum_{i=\lfloor (l+r)/2 \rfloor + 1}^r \min(p_i, r - i + 1).$$

We process the two halves of each query offline independently.



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Each linear function will be updated at most twice (initialized with  $q_i = i - l + 1$ , changed to  $q_i = p_i$ ).

The total complexity is now  $O((q + n) \log n)$ .

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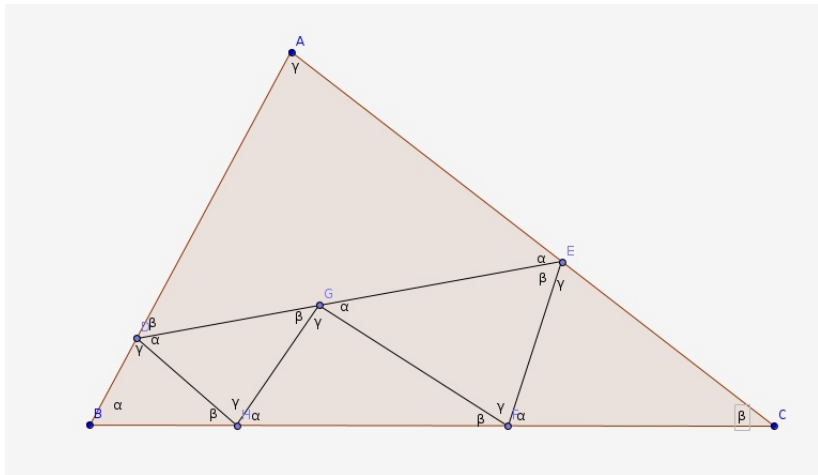
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Chose two non-equal sides and split into 6 similar triangles at most cases:





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There are at most  $2 \times 4! \times 2^7 = 6144$  options to consider. For each of them, check if it is consistent and gives rise to a correct scheme according to all the rules.

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You are given  $W \times H$  field with one cell removed. Tile the remaining cells with L-shaped piece.



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Small tip: save at least two cells in every direction around removed cell.

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- Remove an edge
- Count number of bridges in the graph

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Complexity between  $O(n \log^2 n)$  and  $O(n \log n)$  depending on LCA structure.

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You are given a tree. Each edge is controlled by an official with rank  $r_i$  and greediness  $c_i$ .

You are going from the root to every vertex. On your way you pay each official either  $c_i$  or *median* of pays to officials-*ancestors* with *smaller* rank (if there are any).

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There are several rabbit holes in an  $n \times m$  grid, each hole containing four rabbits. Initially all grid vertices and edges are uncolored. Holes are activated in random order.

- If the vertex containing the activated hole is colored, nothing happens.
- Otherwise, four rabbits start to run in cardinal directions. A rabbit arriving on the boundary turns right and finishes in a grid angle.
- If a rabbit encounters a colored vertex followed a differently colored edge, he turns right.

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By linearity of expectation,  $ER_{\dots}$  is enough to compute the extra distance.  $ER_{t,c}$  can be computed as following by considering 16 values  $ER_{\dots}$  for subproblems individually.

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The complexity of this solution is  $O(n^3m^3)$  with a very small constant factor.

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