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Prim's (MST) : Special Subtree

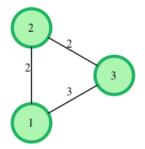
Given a graph which consists of several edges connecting its nodes, find a subgraph of the given graph with the following properties:

- The subgraph contains all the nodes present in the original graph.
- The subgraph is of minimum overall weight (sum of all edges) among all such subgraphs.
- It is also required that there is **exactly one, exclusive** path between any two nodes of the subgraph.

One specific node S is fixed as the starting point of finding the subgraph using Prim's Algorithm. Find the total weight or the sum of all edges in the subgraph.

Example

 $egin{aligned} n &= 3 \ edges &= [[1,2,2],[2,3,2],[1,3,3]] \ start &= 1 \end{aligned}$



Starting from node 1, select the lower weight edge, i.e. $1\leftrightarrow 2$, weight 2.

Choose between the remaining edges, $1\leftrightarrow 3$, weight 3, and $2\leftrightarrow 3$, weight 2.

The lower weight edge is $2\leftrightarrow 3$ weight 2.

All nodes are connected at a cost of 2+2=4. The edge $1\leftrightarrow 3$ is not included in the subgraph.

Function Description

Complete the *prims* function in the editor below.

prims has the following parameter(s):

- *int n:* the number of nodes in the graph
- *int edges[m][3]:* each element contains three integers, two nodes numbers that are connected and the weight of that edge
- *int start*: the number of the starting node

Returns

• *int:* the minimum weight to connect all nodes in the graph

Input Format

The first line has two space-separated integers n and m, the number of nodes and edges in the graph.

Each of the next m lines contains three space-separated integers u, v and w, the end nodes of edges[i], and the edge's weight.

The last line has an integer start, the starting node.

Constraints

 $egin{aligned} &2\leq n\leq 3000\ &1\leq m\leq (n*(n-1))/2\ &1\leq u,v, start\leq n\ &0\leq w\leq 10^5\ \end{aligned}$ There may be multiple edges between two nodes.

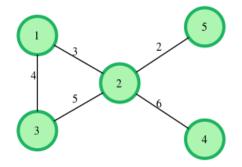
Sample Input 0

Sample Output 0

15

Explanation 0

The graph given in the test case is shown as :



• The starting node is ${f 1}$ (in the given test case)

Applying the Prim's algorithm, edge choices available at first are :

1
ightarrow 2 (**WT. 3**) and 1
ightarrow 3 (**WT. 4**) , out of which 1
ightarrow 2 is chosen (smaller weight of edge).

Now the available choices are :

 $1\to 3~(\text{WT. 4})$, $2\to 3~(\text{WT. 5})$, $2\to 5~(\text{WT. 2})$ and $2\to 4~(\text{WT. 6})$, out of which $2\to 5$ is chosen by the algorithm.

Following the same method of the algorithm, the next chosen edges , sequentially are :

1
ightarrow 3 and 2
ightarrow 4.

Hence the overall sequence of edges picked up by Prim's are:

 $1 \rightarrow 2: 2 \rightarrow 5: 1 \rightarrow 3: 2 \rightarrow 4$

and the total weight of the MST (minimum spanning tree) is : 3+2+4+6=15