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Simplified Statement

Given a graph G with n vertices and m edges. Zal has selected a spanning tree of the graph but you don't know which edges appear in his spanning tree. In every query, you can give him a spanning tree of the graph and he'll tell you how many edges your spanning tree has in common with his. Your wish to find his spanning tree with a small number of queries.

Subtask 1

Iterate over all spanning trees and try all of them.

Subtask 2

start with an arbitrary spanning tree t and keep improving your solution as follows:

- randomly choose an edge e
- add the edge to your solution
- remove a random edge from the cycle of $t \cup e$ to make it a tree t
- if t has more edges in common with Zal's tree then set $t \leftarrow t$
- stop if t is Zal's tree

Subtask 3

Exactly one query per edge. Decompose your graph into a number of disjoint (or almost disjoint) cycles. For each cycle C , find a tree t that connects C to all vertices of the graph ($C \cup t$ is a spanning tree with an extra edge). For each $e \in C$, determine the number of edges that $C \cup t \setminus e$ has in common with Zal's tree. If all these numbers are equal, then none of the edges of C appear in Zal's tree. Otherwise, the edges whose removal decrease the number of common edges are in Zal's tree.

Subtask 4

One can determine with 3 queries whether an edge e appears in Zal's tree; It only suffices to find 2 other edges that make a triangle together with e and do as mentioned earlier. Fix an arbitrary tree t and find out which of its edges appear in Zal's tree. Once we find that, for every forest F of G we can determine how many edge F shares with Zal's tree with a single query; add some of the edges of t to F to make it a spanning tree, query that tree, and determine how many edges of F are in common with Zal's tree. Determine the degree of each vertex in Zal's tree with n queries. Then every time we find the incident edge of a leaf with $\log(n)$ queries and remove that edge from the solution. We continue on with the new edges.

Subtask 5

The same as previous subtask. The only difference is that finding a tree and determining which of its edges appear in Zal's tree is a bit harder. Roughly speaking, we need to remove the cut edges (which we know are included in Zal's tree). Then every component is a 2-edge-connected graph and we can find an ear-decomposition for them. Note that for every cycle C we can figure out with $|C|$ queries which edges of C are in Zal's tree. The only extension that we need to that is that if we already know the status of k edges of C , we can do this with $|C| + k - 1$ queries. Therefore, we can solve the problem for each component separately with at most $2n$ queries