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NAQ Problem D: Colorful Trees

Given tree with colored vertices, report for each edge the # pairs of vertices with same color that have that edge on path between them

Input:

- n (2 \leq n \leq 10⁵): # of nodes in tree
- next n lines contain integer color c (1 ≤c ≤n).
- next n−1 lines contain integers a and b (1 ≤a < b ≤n), denoting an undirected edge from node a to node b.

Output

 n-1 lines, each with # number of pairs with same color that have that edge on the path between them

Basic Idea

- Assume only one color
- For every edge e in the tree
 - You only need to know how many vertices are on either side of the edge (say, l_e and r_e)
 - The number of paths using edge e is then $l_e \times r_e$
- If you have multiple colors, simply keep track of how many vertices are on either side of the edge for each color c.

• # of paths =
$$\sum_{c} l_{e,c} \times r_{e,c}$$

Image from Lecture



Unresolved issue

- If # of colors = c
- Then, running time = O(nc)
 - This may be too large