

# Labyrinth

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Let the required two paths have the form:

- $s = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_x, t$ ;
- $s = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_y, t$ .

Let us show that there is always a pair of required paths such that the vertices  $u_x$  and  $v_y$  (that is, the penultimate vertices of the paths) lie in different subtrees of any depth-first search tree rooted at  $s$ . This only applies when both vertices are different from  $s$ .

There is a separate corner case in this problem when  $u_x = s$  or  $v_y = s$ . Just remember about it, it is easy to handle it in code.

Indeed, let's take  $t$  such that the distance from  $s$  to  $t$  is minimal.

Suppose this is not the case and there is a depth-first search tree such that vertices  $u_x$  and  $v_y$  are in the same DFS subtree rooted at  $s$ . But since  $t$  is the answer, there are two distinct vertex-disjoint (except vertices  $s$  and  $t$ ) paths:  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_x, t$  and  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_y, t$ .

Since  $u_1 \neq v_1$ , then at least one of these paths starts not in the subtree where  $u_x$  and  $v_y$  are located. Without loss of generality, let this path be  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_x, t$ . Find the first vertex in it (minimum index  $j$ ) such that  $u_j$  belongs to the path in the DFS tree from  $s$  to  $u_x$ . Thus, we have built a pair of non-intersecting paths (from  $s$  to  $u_j$ ) that end at the same vertex, and this vertex is closer to  $s$  than  $t$ . We get a contradiction with the fact that the distance from  $s$  to  $t$  is minimal.

Thus, it is enough to run a depth-first search and choose such a vertex as  $t$ , such that:

- let the DFS parent of vertex  $t$  be vertex  $u_x$ ,
- $t$  has an edge from some vertex  $v_y$ , which in this DFS tree is in a different DFS subtree than  $t$  relative to the root  $s$  (or  $v_y = s$  and  $u_x \neq s$ ).

These paths in DFS tree (from  $s$  to  $u_x$  and from  $s$  to  $v_y$ ) will induce the required paths.