

---

**Optimal blue-red tree****P24951\_en**

---

You are given an undirected connected graph with no cycles. You must paint every node either blue or red. Painting in blue costs 1 per node, while painting in red costs 2 per node. Your goal is to minimize the total cost of painting the tree. There is just one restriction: Each node can have, at most, one adjacent node with the same color than itself.

**Input**

Input consists of several trees, each one with the number of nodes  $n$ , followed by  $n - 1$  pairs  $x\ y$  for the edges. Nodes are numbered from 0. Assume  $1 \leq n \leq 10^5$ .

**Output**

Print the minimum cost to color each tree.

**Sample input 1**

```
1
3  0  1  1  2
5  0  1  1  2  2  3  3  4
8  3  7  7  4  0  6  6  1  7  6  2  6  5  7
```

**Sample output 1**

```
1
4
6
10
```

**Problem information**

Author: Salvador Roura

Generation: 2026-01-25T10:23:37.034Z

© Jutge.org, 2006–2026.  
<https://jutge.org>