

# USA Computing Olympiad



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## USACO 2025 FEBRUARY CONTEST, GOLD PROBLEM 3. FRIENDSHIP EDITING

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Time Remaining: 3 hrs, 58 min, 43 sec

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Farmer John's  $N$  cows are labeled 1 to  $N$  ( $2 \leq N \leq 16$ ). The friendship relationships between the cows can be modeled as an undirected graph with  $M$  ( $0 \leq M \leq N(N-1)/2$ ) edges. Two cows are friends if and only if there is an edge between them in the graph.

In one operation, you can add or remove a single edge from the graph. Count the minimum number of operations required to ensure that the following property holds: If cows  $a$  and  $b$  are friends, then for every other cow  $c$ , at least one of  $a$  and  $b$  is friends with  $c$ .

### INPUT FORMAT (input arrives from the terminal / stdin):

The first line contains  $N$  and  $M$ .

The next  $M$  lines each contain a pair of friends  $a$  and  $b$  ( $1 \leq a < b \leq N$ ). No pair of friends appears more than once.

### OUTPUT FORMAT (print output to the terminal / stdout):

The number of edges you need to add or remove.

#### SAMPLE INPUT:

```
3 1
1 2
```

#### SAMPLE OUTPUT:

```
1
```

The network violates the property. We can add one of edges  $(2, 3)$  or  $(1, 3)$ , or remove edge  $(1, 2)$  to fix this.

#### SAMPLE INPUT:

```
3 2
1 2
2 3
```

#### SAMPLE OUTPUT:

```
0
```

No changes are necessary.

#### SAMPLE INPUT:

```
4 4
1 2
1 3
1 4
2 3
```

#### SAMPLE OUTPUT:

```
1
```

### SCORING:

- Inputs 4-13: One input for each  $N \in [6, 15]$  in increasing order.
- Inputs 14-18:  $N = 16$

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**Language:**

C

**Source File:**

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