

Parameterized Algorithms Tutorial

Tutorial Exercise T1

Design a fixed parameter algorithm for finding an $k \times k$ -grid subgraph in a graph that is taken from a graph class with maximal degree d . The parameter is k . Analyse the running time.

Tutorial Exercise T2

Give a parameterized algorithm that decides if a graph G contains k many vertex disjoint claws. A claw is a $K_{1,3}$.

Tutorial Exercise T3

Design a fixed parameter algorithm for finding a cycle of length *at least* k in an arbitrary graph G .

Homework H1

The TRIANGLE PACKING problem is defined as follows: given a graph $G = (V, E)$ and an integer k , decide whether G has k vertex-disjoint 3-cycles. Use the idea of randomly coloring the vertices of G with k colors to enable easy detection of vertex-disjoint triangles. What is the expected running time of your algorithm?