

Parameterized Algorithms Exam

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Partial solutions will be credited, so do not give up if you cannot provide the complete solution.

Exercise 1 (10 Points)

Show that the following problem is in FPT.

Input: A graph G with maximal degree four and an integer k .
Parameter: The integer k .
Question: Does G contain an independent set of size k ?

Exercise 2 (10 Points)

Prove that the following problem is in FPT by reducing to a problem kernel.

Input: A set of n points in the plane \mathbf{R}^2 , an integer k .
Parameter: The integer k .
Question: Can the points be covered by at most k straight lines?

Hint: What can you say about a line that covers more than $k + 1$ points?

Exercise 3 (12 Points)

Consider the following Problem.

Input: A planar graph G and a graph connected graph H .
Parameter: The number of vertices of H .
Question: Is there a subgraph of G which is isomorphic to H ?

- Show that the problem is in FPT.
- Show that the problem probably does not admit a polynomial kernel.

Hints: Every planar graph with radius r has treewidth $O(r)$. Hamiltonian cycle is NP-complete on planar graphs.

Exercise 4 (12 Points)

Is the following problem in FPT?

Input: A graph G and an integer k .
Parameter: The integer k .
Question: Does G contain a clique of size k which has at most k neighbors?