

Exercise sheet 2a

COMP6741: Parameterized and Exact Computation

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Exercise 1. A *dominating set* of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a set of vertices $S \subseteq V$ such that $N_G[S] = V$.

DEGREE-5 DOMINATING SET

Input: A graph $G = (V, E)$ with maximum degree at most 5 and an integer k
 Parameter: k
 Question: Does G have a dominating set of size at most k ?

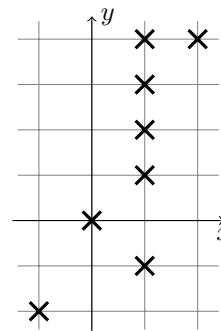
Design a linear kernel for DEGREE-5 DOMINATING SET.

Exercise 2. Consider the following problem.

POINT LINE COVER

Input: A set of points P in \mathbb{Z}^2 , and an integer k
 Parameter: k
 Question: Is there a set L of at most k lines in \mathbb{R}^2 such that each point in P lies on at least one line in L ?

Example: $(P = \{(-1, -2), (0, 0), (1, -1), (1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 4)\}, k = 2)$ is a Yes-instance since the lines $x = 1$ and $y = 2x$ cover all the points.



Show that POINT LINE COVER has a polynomial kernel.

Exercise 3. A *cluster graph* is a graph where every connected component is a complete graph.

CLUSTER EDITING

Input: Graph $G = (V, E)$, integer k
 Parameter: k
 Question: Is it possible to edit (add or delete) at most k edges of G so that it becomes a cluster graph?



1. Show that G is a cluster graph iff G contains no induced P_3 (path with 3 vertices).
2. Design a kernel for CLUSTER EDITING with $O(k^2)$ vertices.