Exercise Sheet 7 COMP6741: Parameterized and Exact Computation

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

| Cluster Editing | |
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| 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? |



Recall that G is a cluster graph iff G contains no induced P_3 (path with 3 vertices) and has a kernel with $O(k^2)$ vertices.

(a) Design an algorithm for CLUSTER EDITING with running time $3^k \cdot k^{O(1)} + n^{O(1)}$.