

Exercise Sheet 4

COMP6741: Parameterized and Exact Computation

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1. Recall that a k -coloring of a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a function $f : V \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ assigning colors to V such that no two adjacent vertices receive the same color.

COLORING

Input: Graph G , integer k

Question: Does G have a k -coloring?

- Suppose A is an algorithm solving COLORING in $O(f(n))$ time, $n = |V|$, where f is non-decreasing. Design a $O^*(f(n))$ time algorithm B , which, for an input graph G , finds a coloring of G with a smallest number of colors.
2. A graph $G = (V, E)$ is *bipartite* if G has a 2-coloring. A *matching* in a graph $G = (V, E)$ is a set of edges $M \subseteq E$ such that no two edges of M have an end-point in common. The matching M in G is *perfect* if every vertex of G is contained in an edge of M .

#BIPARTITE PERFECT MATCHINGS

Input: Bipartite graph $G = (V, E)$

Output: The number of perfect matchings in G

- (a) Design an algorithm for #BIPARTITE PERFECT MATCHINGS with running time $O^*\left(\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)!\right)$, where $n = |V|$.
- (b) Design a polynomial-space $O^*(2^{n/2})$ -time inclusion-exclusion algorithm for #BIPARTITE PERFECT MATCHINGS.