

1. Determine the treewidth of the cube and the octahedron graphs.
2. Prove that the treewidth of the  $n \times n$  grid is at most  $n$ .
3. Prove that every graph  $G$  has a tree decomposition  $(T, \beta)$  of width  $\text{tw}(G)$  such that  $|V(T)| \leq |V(G)|$ .
4. A set  $W$  of  $2k + 1$  vertices of  $G$  is *k-breakable* if there exists  $X \subseteq V(G)$  of size at most  $k$  such that each component of  $G - X$  contains at most  $k$  vertices of  $W$ . Prove that if every set  $W \subseteq V(G)$  of size  $2k + 1$  is *k-breakable*, then  $\text{tw}(G) \leq 3k$  (hint: prove by induction on the number of vertices of  $H$  that for every  $H \subseteq G$  and for every  $W \subseteq V(H)$  of size at most  $2k + 1$ , there exists a tree decomposition  $(T_H, \beta_H)$  of  $H$  of width at most  $3k$  such that  $W \subseteq \beta_H(v)$  for some  $v \in V(T_H)$ ).
5. Let  $W$  be a set of  $2k + 1$  vertices in a graph  $G$ . Let  $\mathcal{B} = \{X \subseteq V(G) : G[X] \text{ is connected and } |X \cap W| \geq k + 1\}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{B}$  is a bramble in  $G$ . Furthermore, show that if  $W$  is not *k-breakable*, then  $\mathcal{B}$  has order at least  $k + 1$ .
6. Prove that if  $\text{tw}(G) > 3k$ , then  $G$  contains a bramble of order at least  $k + 1$ .