From now until forever we denote  $[a, b] = \{c \in \mathbb{Z} \mid a \leq c \leq b\}$ , and [a] = [1, a].

1. In the *d*-HITTING SET problem, we are given a ground set U = [n], *m* subsets  $S = \{S_i\}_{i=1}^m$  where  $S_i \subseteq U$  and  $|S_i| = d$ , and an integer *k*. The goal is to find  $X \subseteq U$  of size at most *k* such that  $X \cap S_i \neq \emptyset$  for every  $i \in [m]$ .

Obtain an algorithm for 3-HITTING SET running in time  $\mathcal{O}^*(3^k)$  using iterative compression.

- 2. Obtain an algorithm for *d*-HITTING SET running in time  $\mathcal{O}^*(d^k)$  using iterative compression.
- 3. An undirected graph G is called *perfect* if for every induced subgraph H of G, the size of the largest clique in H is the same as the chromatic number of H. We consider the ODD CYCLE TRANSVERSAL PROBLEM, restricted to perfect graphs. Show an algorithm with running time  $\mathcal{O}^*(2^k)$  based on iterative compression.
- 4. A graph G is a *split graph* if V(G) can be partitioned into sets C and I such that C is a clique and I is an independent set. In SPLIT VERTEX DELETION problem, given a graph G and an integer k, the task is to check if one can delete at most k vertices from G to obtain a split graph.

Provide a  $\mathcal{O}^*(2^k)$  algorithm for the problem using iterative compression.

5<sup>\*</sup>. In the CLUSTER VERTEX DELETION problem, we are given a graph G and an integer k, and the task is to find a set X of at most k vertices of G such that G - X is a cluster graph (a disjoint union of cliques). Using iterative compression, obtain an algorithm for CLUSTER VERTEX DELETION running in time  $\mathcal{O}^*(2^k)$ .