

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 $\mathcal{S} = \{S_i\}_{i=1}^m$ 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 $i \in [m]$.

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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*. 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 $\mathcal{O}^*(2^k)$.