

1. A *feedback vertex set*  $Z$  of graph  $G$  is a subset of vertices such that  $G - Z$  is a forest.

Show that if a graph on  $n$  vertices has minimum degree at least 3, then it contains a cycle of length at most  $2\lceil \log n \rceil$ . Use this to design a  $(\log n)^{\mathcal{O}(k)} n^{\mathcal{O}(1)}$ -time algorithm for FEEDBACK VERTEX SET on undirected graphs. Is this an FPT algorithm for FEEDBACK VERTEX SET?

2. In the MIN-ONES- $r$ -SAT problem, we are given an  $r$ -CNF formula  $\varphi$  and an integer  $k$ . The objective is to decide whether there exists a satisfying assignment for  $\varphi$  with at most  $k$  variables set to true. Show that MIN-ONES- $r$ -SAT admits an algorithm with running time  $f(r, k)n^{\mathcal{O}(1)}$  for some computable function  $f$ .
3. Describe an algorithm running in time  $\mathcal{O}(1.5^n)$  which finds the number of independent sets (or, equivalently, vertex covers) in a given  $n$ -vertex graph.

You may need to prove that counting the number of independent sets in graphs of degree at most 2 is polynomial time solvable.

4. Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a set of graphs. We say that a graph  $G$  is  $\mathcal{F}$ -free if  $G$  does not contain any induced subgraph isomorphic to a graph in  $\mathcal{F}$ ; in this context the elements of  $\mathcal{F}$  are sometimes called forbidden induced subgraphs. For a fixed set  $\mathcal{F}$ , consider a problem where, given a graph  $G$  and an integer  $k$ , we ask to turn  $G$  into a  $\mathcal{F}$ -free graph by:

(vertex deletion) deleting at most  $k$  vertices;

(edge deletion) deleting at most  $k$  edges;

(completion) adding at most  $k$  edges;

(edition) performing at most  $k$  editions, where every edition is adding or deleting one edge.

Considering  $\mathcal{F}$  to be a fixed set means that  $|\mathcal{F}| \in \mathcal{O}(1)$  and every graph in  $\mathcal{F}$  has size  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ .

Prove that, if  $\mathcal{F}$  is finite, then there exists a  $2^{\mathcal{O}(k)} n^{\mathcal{O}(1)}$ -time FPT algorithm for each of the four aforementioned problems. (Note that the constants hidden in the  $\mathcal{O}()$ -notation may depend on the set  $\mathcal{F}$ .)