

Exercise 1. Show that the following language is in P :

$$\text{RELATIVELY-PRIME} = \{\langle x, y \rangle \mid x \text{ and } y \text{ are integers, } \gcd(x, y) = 1\}$$

Exercise 2. A Caesar cipher is a simplified encryption protocol in which all letters are shifted $0 < k < 26$ positions *mod* 26, e.g. when $k = 3$:

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| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z |
| D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z | A | B | C |

To use this encryption method, look up the substitution for each letter, like this:

SMITH COLLEGE \rightarrow VPLWK FROOHJH

Show that this encryption scheme can be broken in $O(n)$ where n is the length of the message.

Exercise 3. Consider the language:

$$\text{VERTEX} - \text{COVER} = \{\langle G, k \rangle \mid G \text{ is a graph that has a} \\ \text{vertex cover of size } k\}$$

where a **vertex cover** is a set of k vertices such that every edge in the graph touches at least one of the vertices.

- (a) Draw a diagram of a graph on 10 vertices with an **vertex cover** of size 5.
- (b) Prove that $\text{VERTEX} - \text{COVER}$ is NP -complete.

Exercise 4. Consider the language:

$$\text{SET} - \text{COVER} = \{\langle U, S, k \rangle \mid U \text{ is a set of elements } \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \text{ (the "universe")}, \\ S \text{ is a set of } m \text{ subsets where } \bigcup S = U, \\ \text{and } S \text{ contains a set cover of size } k\}$$

where a **set cover** is a set of k subsets $\in S$ such that every element in U is contained in at least one of the selected subsets.

- (a) Draw a diagram of a universe with 10 elements, partitioned into 5 subsets with a **set cover** of size 3.
- (b) Prove that $\text{SET} - \text{COVER}$ is NP -complete.

References