

# DAA Problem Set 6

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## 1 Dynamic Programming on Graphs

1. Suppose you are given a  $2 \times n$  grid graph  $G$  with vertex weights  $w(v) \geq 0$ . The goal is to choose an independent set  $S$  of nodes of the grid, so that the sum of the weights of the nodes in  $S$  is as large as possible. Provide a dynamic programming based algorithm to find this set  $S$ .

2. In the same setting as Q1, provide a dynamic programming algorithm to find the minimum weighted dominating set.

3. Consider the following variant for the minimum dominating set problem in trees - in the set  $S$ , for every node, either the node itself or one or more of its neighbors are present in  $S$  (in the previous setting, both a node and its neighbor could be present in the dominating set). Hence this dominating set is also an independent set.

Given a weighted tree, provide an algorithm to either find such an independent dominating set of minimum weight.

4. Consider the following variant for the minimum dominating set problem in trees - in the set  $S$ , for every node, either the node itself or *exactly one* of its neighbors is present in  $S$  (if the node is present, then none of its neighbors should be present, it may be possible that there does not exist any such set  $S$  in the graph).

Given a weighted tree, provide an algorithm to either find the dominating set of minimum weight which satisfies the above condition, or output that such a set does not exist.

5. A vertex cover of a graph is a set of vertices that includes at least one endpoint of every edge of the graph. Mathematically, for a graph  $G(V, E)$  a set  $S \subseteq V$  is a vertex cover of  $G$  if  $\forall (u, v) \in E$ , either  $u \in S$  or  $v \in S$ , or both.

Given a tree with undirected edges, with each node  $v$  having a weight  $w(v) \geq 0$ , find the vertex cover of minimum weight.