

1. Prove that the following problem is NP-hard.
SETCOVER: Given a collection of sets $\{S_1, \dots, S_m\}$, find the smallest sub-collection of S_i 's that contains all the elements of $\bigcup_i S_i$.

2. Given an undirected graph G and a subset of vertices S , a *Steiner tree* of S in G is a subtree of G that contains every vertex in S . If S contains every vertex of G , a Steiner tree is just a spanning tree; if S contains exactly two vertices, any path between them is a Steiner tree.
Given a graph G , a vertex subset S , and an integer k , the *Steiner tree problem* requires us to decide whether there is a Steiner tree of S in G with at most k edges. Prove that the Steiner tree problem is NP-hard. [Hint: Reduce from VERTEXCOVER, or SETCOVER, or 3SAT.]

3. Let G be a directed graph whose edges are colored red and white. A *Canadian Hamiltonian path* is a Hamiltonian path whose edges are alternately red and white. The CANADIANHAMILTONIANPATH problem asks us to find a Canadian Hamiltonian path in a graph G . (Two weeks ago we looked for Hamiltonian paths that cycled through colors on the *vertices* instead of edges.)
 - (a) Prove that CANADIANHAMILTONIANPATH is NP-Complete.
 - (b) Reduce CANADIANHAMILTONIANPATH to HAMILTONIANPATH.