

**Algorithms for Big Data**

Fall Semester 2019

**Exercise Set 10**

Below we assume that  $k \ll m \ll n$  to avoid annoying border-cases.

**Exercise 1:**

Show equivalence between  $k$ -disjoint set families and  $k$ -separable set families.

**Exercise 2:**

Show that any  $k$ -separable set family also separates  $I_1, I_2$  such that  $I_1 \neq I_2$  and  $I_2$  can be arbitrarily large, while  $|I_1| \leq k$ .

**Exercise 3:**

Describe a decoding procedure for  $k$ -separable set family: given  $\bigcup_{i \in I} F_i$ , output  $I$  if  $|I| \leq k$ , and otherwise outputs that its not the case.

**Exercise 4:**

Let  $A$  be a  $k$ -separable matrix. Show a decoding procedure, that given  $Ax$  outputs  $x$  if  $x$  is  $k$ -sparse, and otherwise outputs that its not the case. Assume  $x \geq 0$ .

**Exercise 5:**

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Assume  $k$ -separable family which has slow decoding. Show that it can be transformed into (suboptimal)  $k$ -separable family with  $m' = \mathcal{O}(m \log n)$ , and decoding time  $\text{poly}(m, k, \log n)$ .