

**Assignment 5**

Given: 9/27/18

Due: Wednesday 10/3/18

**Exercises**

Exercises are for your own practice. Don't hand them in.

1. (Maximum Spacing) You are given a graph  $G$  with 8 vertices  $v_1, \dots, v_8$  and a number  $k=3$ . Between  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , there is an edge with weight  $i \cdot j$ . Find a clustering with  $k$  clusters of maximum spacing.
2. Solve Exercise 29, Chapter 4 on page 203 of the Textbook.  
(Degree sequences for graphs)

**Problems**

Problem solutions have to be handed in. A subset of them will be graded.

1. [5+10=15 points] (Huffman code)
  - (a) You have an alphabet  $\{a, b, \dots, h\}$  with frequencies  $1, 2, \dots, 8$ . Draw a tree defining a Huffman code.
  - (b) Assume you have an alphabet  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  where each character has a different weight. Find a small example where Huffman's algorithm could nevertheless create two (or more) essentially different Huffman codes.  
  
Here, we consider two Huffman codes to be essentially different, if there is a length  $\ell$  such that the number of characters encoded by binary strings of length  $\ell$  is different for the two codes.
2. [20 points] Solve Problem 7, Chapter 4 on page 191 of the Textbook.  
(A greedy algorithm for El Goog)
3. [20 points] Solve Problem 21, Chapter 4 on page 200 of the Textbook.  
(MST for near-tree)