

# CS612 Assignment 5

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Notice:

1. Due Dec. 17, 2009.
2. Please send your answer to wangchao1987@ict.ac.cn, shaomingfu@gmail.com, yuanxiongying@ict.ac.cn
3. You can arbitrarily choose two problems from Problems 1-5.

## 1 Greedy Algorithm(5 marks)

Let us say that a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is a *near-tree* if it is connected and has at most  $n + 8$  edges, where  $n = |V|$ . Give an algorithm with running time  $O(n)$  that takes a near-tree  $G$  with costs on its edges, and returns a minimum spanning tree of  $G$ . You may assume that all the edge costs are distinct.

## 2 Greedy Algorithm(10 marks)

Given a list of  $n$  natural numbers  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ , show how to decide in polynomial time whether there exists an undirected graph  $G = (V, E)$  whose node degrees are precisely the numbers  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$ .  $G$  should not contain multiple edges between the same pair of nodes, or “loop” edges with both endpoints equal to the same node.

## 3 Greedy Algorithm(10 marks)

Suppose you are given a directed graph  $G = (V, E)$  in which each edge has a cost of either 0 or 1. Also suppose that  $G$  has a node  $r$  such that there is a path from  $r$  to every other node in  $G$ . You are also given an integer  $k$ . Give a polynomial-time algorithm that either constructs an arborescence rooted at  $r$  of cost **exactly**  $k$ , or reports that no such arborescence exists.

## 4 Greedy Algorithm(10 marks)

The input consists of  $n$  skiers with heights  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ , and  $n$  skies with height  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$ . The problem is to assign each skier a ski to minimize the **AVERAGE DIFFERENCE** between the height of a skier and his/her assigned ski. That is, if the skier  $i$  is given the ski  $a_i$ , then you want to minimize:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (|p_i - s_{a_i}|) / n$$

## 5 Greedy Algorithm(10 marks)

The input to this problem consists of an ordered list of  $n$  words. The length of the  $i$ th word is  $w_i$ , that is the  $i$ th word takes up  $w_i$  spaces. The goal is to break this ordered list of words into lines, this is called a layout. Note that you can not reorder the words. The length of a line is the sum of lengths of the words on that line. The ideal line length is  $L$ . No line may be longer than  $L$ , although it may be shorter. The penalty of having a line of length  $K$  is  $L - K$ . The total penalty is the **sum** of the line penalties. The problem is to find the layout that minimizes the total penalty.