

# Discrete Optimization: Homework #11, Ex. #4

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We assume that  $e_1 \neq e_2 \forall e_1, e_2 \in E$ . If the graph isn't connected, we use the algorithm for every connected components.

## **Algorithm :**

Input :  $G = (V, E)$ , a graph

Output :  $M$  a maximum cardinality matching

While  $oracle(G) = false$  : We delete the vertex  $v$  with minimum degree such that the graph without  $v$  remains connected and update  $G = (V \setminus \{v\}, E')$  where  $E' := \{(a, b) \in E : a \neq v \text{ and } b \neq v\}$ .

Then we take a vertex  $v$  from the updated graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Let  $F = \{(u, v) : (u, v) \in E\}$ , we call  $oracle((V, (E \setminus F) \cup \{f\}))$  for every  $f \in F$  until there is a positive response of the oracle for a particular  $f = (u, v) \in F$  (there exists a such  $f$  because  $G$  has a perfect matching). We put  $f$  in  $M$  and update  $G = (V \setminus \{u, v\}, E \setminus (F \cup G))$  where  $G = \{(u, w) \in E\}$ . We repeat this until  $G$  is an empty graph.

At the end,  $M$  is a maximum cardinality matching of the graph  $G$  obtained with at most  $|V| + |E|$  calls to the oracle.