

Hand in your solutions electronically using CMS and submit a paper copy in class. Write your name and NetID on the first page.

Remember that when a problem asks you to design an algorithm, you must also prove the algorithm's correctness and analyze its running time. The running time must be bounded by a polynomial function of the input size, unless specified otherwise.

1. (a) [5 points] Prove or disprove: for each  $n > 2$  there exists an instance of the stable matching problem such that, when one runs the Gale-Shapley algorithm on this instance to produce a stable matching, no man is matched to his highest-ranked woman.

(b) [10 points] In an instance of the stable matching problem, suppose that each woman assigns a *score* to each man, by numbering the men from 1 to  $n$  in order from best to worst according to her ordering. Let  $score(w, m)$  denote the score that  $w$  assigns to  $m$ . Similarly, each man  $m$  assigns a score to each woman  $w$ , denoted by  $score(m, w)$ , by numbering the women from 1 to  $n$  (best to worst) according to his ordering. Prove that if  $S$  is any stable perfect matching, then

$$\sum_{(m,w) \in S} score(m, w) + score(w, m) \leq n^2 + n.$$

2. [5 points] Exercise 4.5 from the text.

3. [5 points] In this problem, you are in charge of maintaining a chemistry lab (this is a much safer job than doing the problem set, after all). Next month, you are expecting a delivery of new chemicals that need to be stored at specified low temperatures, and in preparation for that, you are going to order a few refrigerators. These refrigerators come with a highly accurate thermostats, but this makes them extremely expensive. Given the safe storage temperature ranges  $[s_i, f_i]$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) of these  $n$  chemicals, design an efficient algorithm to find the smallest number of refrigerators needed to store all these  $n$  chemicals. When a refrigerator is set to maintain the temperature of  $t$ , any number of chemicals can be simultaneously stored in it, as long as  $s_i \leq t \leq f_i$  for each chemical  $i$  to be stored in this refrigerator.

4. [10 points] Exercise 4.21 from the text.