

## Assignment 4

**Issue date:** 15 May 2014 **Due date:** 22 May 2014, 11:00

It is explicitly recommended to solve exercises in groups of two.

### Exercise 1: Neighborhood Inclusion

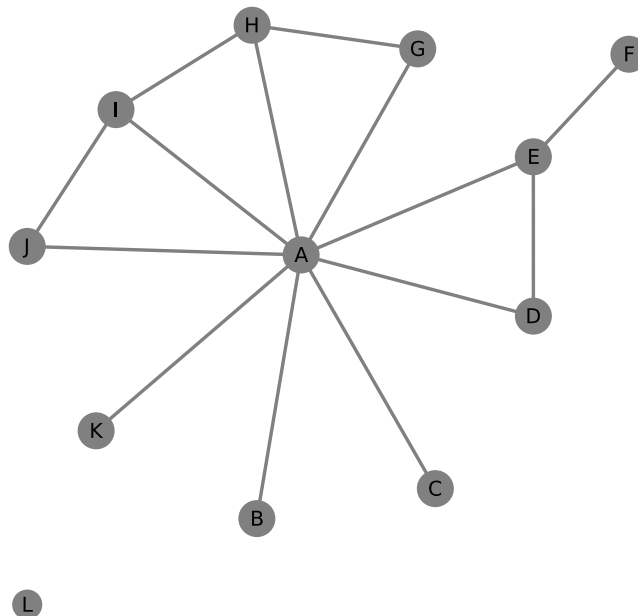
**2+1 Points**

- (a) Let  $G = (V, E)$  be an arbitrary graph. Assume, there are vertices  $v$  and  $w$  such that:  $N(v) \setminus \{w\} \supseteq N(w) \setminus \{v\}$ . Show that the following inequality holds:

$$\sum_{u \in V} \text{dist}(v, u) \leq \sum_{u \in V} \text{dist}(w, u),$$

where  $\text{dist}(v, u)$  is the length of the shortest path between  $v$  and  $u$ .

- (b) List all pairs of vertices in Wolfes monkey network that are comparable by neighborhood inclusion



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**Exercise 2: Threshold Graphs**

**3+3+3+2 Points**

- (a) An **alternating 4-cycle** of a Graph  $G=(V,E)$  is a configuration consisting of distinct vertices  $a, b, c, d$  such that  $\{a,b\}, \{c,d\} \in E$  and  $\{a,c\}, \{b,d\} \notin E$ . Depending on the presence or absence of the edges  $\{a,d\}$  and  $\{b,c\}$ , the vertices of an alternating 4-cycle induce a  $P_4$ ,  $C_4$  or  $2K_2$ .

Prove the following statement:

$G$  is a threshold graph  $\iff G$  does not contain an alternating 4-cycle.

- (b) A **threshold sequence** is a degree sequence of a threshold graph. Let  $k = \max\{i : d_i \geq i - 1\}$ . Prove, that every threshold sequence satisfies the first  $k$  Erdős-Gallai inequalities with equality.

- (c) Let  $b$  be an arbitrary binary sequence of length  $n$  with  $b_1 = 0$  and  $b_n = 1$ , such that it can be interpreted as a construction sequence of a connected threshold graph  $G$ . Give an analytic formula, to calculate the degree sequence of  $G$ .

**HINT:** If  $b_i = b_{i+1}$  then  $deg(i) = deg(i + 1)$

- (d) Decide if the following graph is a threshold graph. If so, give the ordering of the vertices, the binary sequence that produces the graph and assign vertex weights as well as the threshold.

