PhD Doctoral Course - Network Design - 10th November 2009

9th Assignment _____

- **1.** Show that the following pairs of problems are polynomial time equivalent: (1) maximum matching problem (2) maximum integer multi-commodity flow on trees of height 1 and unit capacity edges.
- **2.** Give a polynomial time algorithm for computing a maximum integer multi-commodity flow on unit capacity trees of arbitrary height (Hint: use dynamic programming and a subroutine for the maximum matching problem).
- **3.** Show that if the pruning step (reverse deletion of edges in D) of the primal-dual algorithm is removed, the approximation factor is not constant.
- **4.** Show that if the pruning step (reverse deletion of edges in D) of the primal-dual algorithm is changed to a forward delete, the approximation factor is not constant.