

## 1 Stable Marriage

Consider the set of men  $M = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and the set of women  $W = \{A, B, C\}$  with the following preferences.

Men	Women
1	A > B > C
2	B > A > C
3	A > B > C

Women	Men
A	2 > 1 > 3
B	1 > 3 > 2
C	1 > 2 > 3

Run the traditional propose-and-reject algorithm on this example. How many days does it take and what is the resulting pairing? (Show your work.)

## 2 Propose-and-Reject Proofs

Prove the following statements about the traditional propose-and-reject algorithm.

- (a) In any execution of the algorithm, if a woman receives a proposal on day  $i$ , then she receives some proposal on every day thereafter until termination.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (b) In any execution of the algorithm, if a woman receives no proposal on day  $i$ , then she receives no proposal on any previous day  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j < i$ .

- (c) In any execution of the algorithm, there is at least one woman who only receives a single proposal. (Hint: use the parts above!)

### 3 Be a Judge

For each of the following statements about the traditional stable marriage algorithm with men proposing, indicate whether the statement is True or False and justify your answer with a short 2-3 line explanation:

- (a) There is a set of preferences for  $n$  men and  $n$  women for  $n > 1$ , such that in a stable marriage algorithm execution every man ends up with his least preferred woman.
- (b) In a stable marriage instance, if man  $M$  and woman  $W$  each put each other at the top of their respective preference lists, then  $M$  must be paired with  $W$  in every stable pairing.
- (c) In a stable marriage instance with at least two men and two women, if man  $M$  and woman  $W$  each put each other at the bottom of their respective preference lists, then  $M$  cannot be paired with  $W$  in any stable pairing.
- (d) For every  $n > 1$ , there is a stable marriage instance with  $n$  men and  $n$  women which has an unstable pairing in which every unmatched man-woman pair is a rogue couple.