

Algorithmic game theory — Homework 3¹

Mechanism design

assigned 5.12.2019, deadline 19.12.2019

Homework 1. *Consider a single-item auction with at least three bidders. Prove that selling the item to the highest bidder at a price equal to the third-highest bid, yields an auction that is not dominant-strategy incentive compatible (DSIC).* [2]

Homework 2. *Assume there are k identical items and $n > k$ bidders. Also assume that each bidder can receive at most one item. What is the analog of the second-price auction? Prove that your auction is DSIC.* [3]

Homework 3. *Use Myerson's Lemma to prove that the Vickrey auction is the unique single-item auction that is DSIC, always awards the good to the highest bidder, and charges the other bidders 0.* [2]

¹Information about the course can be found at <http://kam.mff.cuni.cz/~balko/>