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**Quiz 3**  
CPSC 411 Spring 2009

**Problem 1** (2 points)

Peter claims that Prim's algorithm to compute a minimum spanning tree of a connected graph  $G$  is based on the greedy algorithm for matroids. Is Peter right?

**Problem 2** (1 point)

A matroid consists of a pair  $(S, F)$ , where  $S$  is a set and  $F$  is a nonempty family of subsets that is subject to some constraints. Paul claims that one such constraint is that any subset of a set  $B$  in  $F$  is contained in  $F$ . Is Paul right?

**Problem 3** (2 points)

Mary says that greedy algorithms have the following two key properties: The *optimal substructure* and the \_\_\_\_\_ property.

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