

## In Class Problem

Suppose you have an algorithm  $\mathcal{A}$  that solves the decision problem for MATCHING:

- ▶ Input: Graph  $G = (V, E)$  and positive integer  $k$
- ▶ Question:  $\exists E_0 \subseteq E$  such that  $|E_0| = k$  and  $E_0$  is a matching?

Can we make a polynomial number of calls to  $\mathcal{A}$  (and a polynomial amount of other operations) to

- ▶ find the size of the maximum matching in  $G$ ?
- ▶ find the largest matching in  $G$ ?