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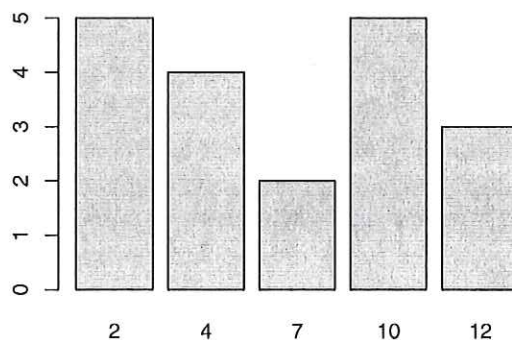
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### DM811 - Heuristics for Combinatorial Optimization Action plan after students' evaluations

At the beginning of the course the number of students registered in the BlackBoard system was 30. The course had three obligatory assignments plus the final project. There were 26 students who properly submitted a program for the first obligatory assignment, 26 for the second and 24 for the third. In the protocol for the final exam there were 24 students, of these 3 handed in a white page, 2 did not hand in anything and 19 passed the course. The distribution of grades for the 19 students who passed the course is shown below.



Before the grading of the final project 16 students filled the evaluation scheme and 14 did not.

From the evaluations it arises that the course was generally well received and the obligatory assignments with direct comparison of results worked well.

However the numbers above emphasize an unsatisfactory number of stu-

dents that drop out at different stages of the course. Moreover the number of students receiving a grade of 2 is also too high.

In the next edition, I plan to keep the overall content and methods of this year. In addition, I will pursue the two following actions:

- define clearer standards about the work and knowledge that is expected in the assignments and in the final project, correcting recurring mistakes.
- adjust the amount of work (this may require rethinking the format of the final project).



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