

1. Show that the problem $\text{Gap} - 3\text{SAT}[\frac{11}{16} + \varepsilon, 3/4]$ is $NP - \text{Hard}$. Note that we consider here the non-exact version, that is the input formula might contain clauses of size smaller than 3.
2. Consider the following variation of CSG_E , called *projection game*. For every edge uv and $\alpha \in \Sigma$, if u is assigned to α there is exactly one assignment to v such that the edge uv is satisfied and if v is assigned to α there is exactly one assignment to u such that the edge uv is satisfied. Denote by $\text{Gap} - k\text{PG}[a, b]$ the problem of deciding whether given an instance of a projection game, is it possible to satisfy at least b -fraction of the edges or every assignment satisfies at most a -fraction of the edges.

Prove or disprove, assuming $P \neq NP$: For every $\varepsilon > 0$, $\text{Gap} - 7\text{PG}[\varepsilon, 1 - \varepsilon]$ is $NP - \text{Hard}$.

3. Suppose that you are given a randomized algorithm A that decides L in the following way:
 - If $x \in L$ then A accepts x with probability at least 0.2
 - If $x \notin L$ then A accepts x with probability at most 0.1

where the probability is over the random coins of A . Provide an algorithm B that given x , if x is in L then B accepts with probability at least 0.9 and otherwise rejects with probability at least 0.9.

4. In this problem we deal with the *conditional expectations* method, which is used to transform randomized algorithms to deterministic ones. Let G be a simple graph on n vertices x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n and m edges.
 - (a) Reprove that G contains a cut of size $m/2$. In other words, one can color the vertices in two colors, red and blue, such that at least half of the edges are between red and blue vertices.
 - (b) For a fixed coloring for the vertices x_1, \dots, x_k let S_k be the expected number of edges that connect a red vertex and a blue vertex, where each vertex from $\{x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n\}$ is red with probability $1/2$ and blue with probability $1/2$ independently. Show that $S_0 \geq m/2$ and that there is a choice of a color for x_{k+1} such that $S_{k+1} \geq S_k$.
 - (c) Show that for a given coloring for the vertices x_1, \dots, x_k , S_k can be calculated in polynomial running time.
 - (d) Use the previous items to show a 2-approximation deterministic polynomial time algorithm for the max cut problem.
 - (e) Use a similar method to provide a deterministic $16/15$ -approximation algorithm for the Max-E4SAT problem.