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## Aufgaben zur Vorlesung »Approximative Algorithmen«

### Blatt 2

#### Hausaufgabe 2.1 (6 Punkte)

The residue field  $\text{GF}[2]$  has the elements  $\{0, 1\}$  and additions are performed modulo 2. This means,  $0 + 0 \equiv 0$ ,  $0 + 1 \equiv 1 \equiv 1 + 0$ , and  $1 + 1 \equiv 0$ . Multiplication works as usual.

We are given  $n$  variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and  $m$  sums over these variables, where each variable appears exactly once in each sum with a coefficient from  $\text{GF}[2]$ . Moreover, there is a right-hand side from  $\text{GF}[2]$ . For example:

$$\begin{aligned}0 \cdot x_1 + 1 \cdot x_2 + 1 \cdot x_3 &\equiv 1 \\1 \cdot x_1 + 1 \cdot x_2 + 1 \cdot x_3 &\equiv 0 \\1 \cdot x_1 + 0 \cdot x_2 + 0 \cdot x_3 &\equiv 1 \\x_1, x_2, x_3 &\in \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}\end{aligned}$$

Develop a randomized algorithm for finding setting the variables such that, at least  $\text{OPT}/2$  equations are satisfied in expectation. Turn this algorithm into a deterministic one using the method of conditional expectations.

#### Hausaufgabe 2.2 (4 Punkte)

In the max-cut problem, a graph  $G = (V, E)$  is given and we look for a partition  $A \cup B = V$  of the vertices, such that many edges go between  $A$  and  $B$ . More formally, we maximize  $|\{(u, v) \in E \mid u \in A, v \in B\}|$ .

How can this problem be solved using the algorithm from 2.1?