

## Homework 5

Due: May 17, 2023

**Note:** You may discuss these problems in groups. However, you must write up your own solutions and mention the names of the people in your group. Also, please do mention any books, papers or other sources you refer to. It is recommended that you typeset your solutions in  $\text{\LaTeX}$ . Homeworks are due by the start of class on the due date.

1. **Randomization and Non-Uniformity.**

Prove that  $\text{BPP} \subseteq \text{P/poly}$ . Hint: Use Chernoff-Hoeffding bounds.

2. **Gaussian Random Variables.**

Prove the following useful facts about Gaussian random variables:

- (a) Let  $\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be two vectors. Let  $\mathbf{g} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  be a random vector such that each coordinate  $g_i$  of  $\mathbf{g}$  is distributed as a Gaussian random variable with mean 0 and variance 1, and any two coordinates  $g_i, g_j$  (for  $i \neq j$ ) are independent. Then show that

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{g}} [\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{g} \rangle \cdot \langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{g} \rangle] = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \rangle .$$

- (b) Let  $g$  be a Gaussian random variable with mean 0 and variance 1. Show that for any  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E} [e^{tg}] = e^{t^2/2} .$$

3. **Supremum of Gaussians.**

- (a) Let  $g \sim N(0,1)$  be a Gaussian random variable with mean 0 and variance 1. Show that for  $t > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P} [g \geq t] \leq e^{-t^2/2} .$$

Hint: Use 2(b).

- (b) Let  $g_1, \dots, g_n \sim N(0,1)$  be independent Gaussian random variables. Show that for some constants  $c_1, c_2$  we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \max_{i \in [n]} |g_i| \right] \leq c_1 \sqrt{\ln n} + c_2 .$$

You may use the fact that for a non-negative random variable  $Z$ , the expectation can be computed as  $\mathbb{E} [Z] = \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P} [Z \geq t] dt$ .