

Complexity Theory

Exercise 11: Randomized Computation

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Exercise 11.1. Show that **MAJSAT** is in PP.

$$\mathbf{MAJSAT} = \{ \varphi \mid \varphi \text{ is some propositional logic formula that} \\ \text{is satisfied by more than half of its assignments} \}$$

Exercise 11.2. Show $\text{BPP} = \text{coBPP}$.

* **Exercise 11.3.** Show $\text{BPP}^{\text{BPP}} = \text{BPP}$.

Exercise 11.4. Find the error in the following proof that $\text{PP} = \text{BPP}$: *Let $L \in \text{PP}$. Then there exists a poly-time bounded PTM accepting L with error probability smaller than $\frac{1}{2}$. Using error amplification, we can make this error arbitrarily small, and in particular smaller than $\frac{1}{3}$. Thus, $L \in \text{BPP}$.*

Exercise 11.5. Let \mathcal{M} be a polynomial-time probabilistic Turing machine. We say that \mathcal{M} has error probability smaller than $\frac{1}{3}$ if and only if

$$\Pr[\mathcal{M} \text{ accepts } w] < \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad \Pr[\mathcal{M} \text{ accepts } w] \geq \frac{2}{3}$$

for all inputs w . Show that deciding whether a polynomial-time probabilistic TM has error probability smaller than $\frac{1}{3}$ is undecidable.