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Approximation Algorithms for Contact Representations of Rectangles

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**Theorem.** GAP admits an approximation algorithm with ratio  $\alpha = e/(e-1) \approx 1.58$ . [Fleischer et al., MOR'11]





















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planar	$5\alpha$ $\checkmark$	$5 + \varepsilon \checkmark$	
bipartite		$16\alpha/3$ $\checkmark$ 8.4	
		APX-hard	
general		rand.: $32\alpha/3 \neq 16.9$ det.: $40\alpha/3 \neq 21.1$	$5+16lpha/3\pprox$ 13.4

\*) [Barth, Fabrikant, Kobourov, Lubiw, Nöllenburg, Okamoto, Pupyrev, Squarcella, Ueckerdt & Wolff, LATIN'14]
 <sup>o</sup>) [Bekos, van Dijk, Fink, Kindermann, Kobourov, Pupyrev, Spoerhase, Wolff – submitted]

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What other problems have been solved combinatorially, but are interesting to optimize when we add more constraints?