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## Approximation Algorithms

## for Contact Representations of Rectangles

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Theorem. GAP admits an approximation algorithm with ratio $\alpha=e /(e-1) \approx 1.58$.

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