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2. Show that INDEPENDENT SET cannot be $(7/8 + \varepsilon)$ approximated.

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The proof defines for every NP language a reduction f such that

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