

**Due: Thursday, October 27th**

1. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given. If  $f$  is a function in  $N$  arguments such that changing the  $i$ th coordinate will change the value of  $f$  by at most  $c_i$  and if  $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_N)$  are independent random variables, then show that

$$P[|f(Y) - E[f(Y)]| \geq \epsilon] \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{2\epsilon^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N c_i^2}\right).$$

*You may consult books/literature and try to present as complete a proof as possible.*

2. If  $G$  is a graph with  $n$  vertices, then show that  $s(F, G)$  changes by at most  $\frac{k(k-1)}{n(n-1)}$  if one edge is changed.
3. Let  $\epsilon > 0$  be given and  $X_n$  be a sequence of random variables such that

$$P(|X_n - A| > \epsilon) \leq \exp(-\epsilon^2 n^2).$$

Show that  $X_n \rightarrow A$  with probability 1.

4. Let  $k \geq 1$ . Denote by  $C_k$  the set of all functions from  $[0, 1]^k$  to  $[0, 1]$ . Let

$$P_k = \{h \in C_k : \exists h_1, \dots, h_k \in C_1 \text{ such that } h(x) = \prod_{i=1}^k h_i(x_i)\}$$

Fix  $\epsilon > 0$  and let  $h \in C_k$ . Show there exist  $s_1, s_2 \in \text{Span}(P_k)$  such that

(a)  $|h - s_1| \leq s_2$  -almost everywhere,

(b)  $\int s_2 \prod_{i=1}^k dx_i \leq \epsilon$ .

Is the above approximation true if  $h$  was just integrable ?