

Theorem 1 For $\alpha < 1$ and $\alpha > 2$, $PoS=1$. Else, PoS is at most $4/3$.

Proof First part follows from previous lemmas: NE = optimal solution.

Let $1 < \alpha < 2$. Consider ratio of costs. We get

$$\frac{NE}{OPT} = \frac{star}{K_n} \tag{1}$$

$$= \frac{2n(n-1) + (\alpha-2)(n-1)}{2n(n-1) + (\alpha-2)n(n-1)/2} \tag{2}$$

$$= \frac{2n(n-1) - 2(n-1) + \alpha(n-1)}{2n(n-1) - n(n-1) + \alpha n(n-1)/2} \tag{3}$$

$$= \frac{(2n-2)(n-1) + \alpha(n-1)}{n(n-1) + \alpha n(n-1)/2} \tag{4}$$

$$= \frac{2n-2+\alpha}{n+\alpha n/2} \tag{5}$$

is maximized for $\alpha \rightarrow 1$

$$< \frac{2n-1}{3n/2} = \frac{4n-2}{3n} < \frac{4}{3}. \tag{6}$$

The first inequality follows because $\alpha > 1$. □