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The PCP Theorem and Some Additions to it

We state but do not proof (hard!) PCP theorem and some variants.

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I WONDER The PCP theorem can be interpreted as-

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