An Experimental Guided Approach to the Metric Dimension on Different Graph Families

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Hint: Want to win \$1M? Solve one of these problems in polynomial time!

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Metric Dimensions appears on Garey and Johnson's Book Computers and Intractability: A Guide to the Theory of NP-Completeness!

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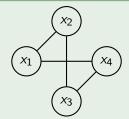
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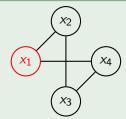
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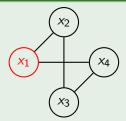
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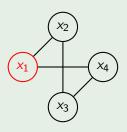
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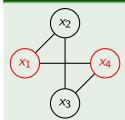
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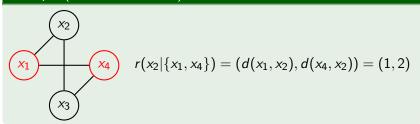


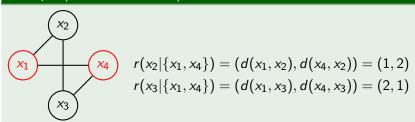
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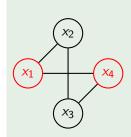
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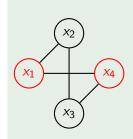
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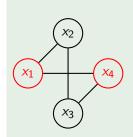
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Opting for experiments is the safest option! We can perform theoretical work based on experimental results and have substantial findings to present.

Experiments could help us in

- Improving bounds
- Conjecture Testing
- Study New Graphs Families
- Stimulate future research

How?

How? Use Integer Linear Programming solvers!

Integer Linear Programming

Maximize or Minimize:
$$c_1x_1 + c_2x_2 + \ldots + c_nx_n$$

Subject to: $a_{11}x_1 + a_{12}x_2 + \ldots + a_{1n}x_n \leq b_1$
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: $a_{m1}x_1 + a_{m2}x_2 + \ldots + a_{mn}x_n \leq b_m$
 $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, n$

Integer Linear Programming is NP-Complete, but highly optimized software is available for solving ILP instances.

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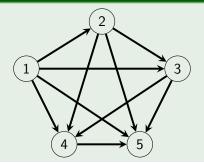
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Source: Tournament samples taken from https://users.cecs.anu.edu.au/~bdm/data/ by Professor McKay.

Metric Dimension values by myself.

n	$\beta(G)=1$	$\beta(G)=2$	$\beta(G)=3$	$\beta(G) = 4$	$\beta(G) = 5$	$\beta(G) = 6$	$\beta(G) = 7$	$\beta(G) = 8$
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4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	2	49	5	0	0	0	0	0
7	2	348	106	0	0	0	0	0
8	2	2581	4286	11	0	0	0	0
9	2	16809	174188	537	0	0	0	0

Table: Metric Dimension values for tournaments of different sizes (self-elaborated)

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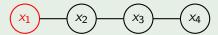
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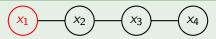
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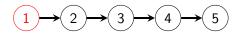
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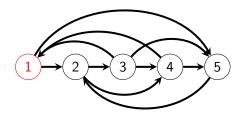
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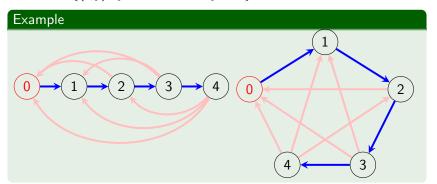
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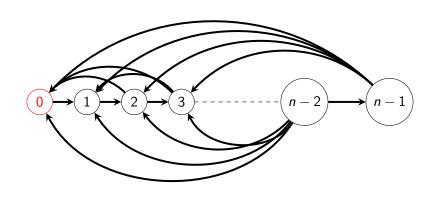
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Corollary

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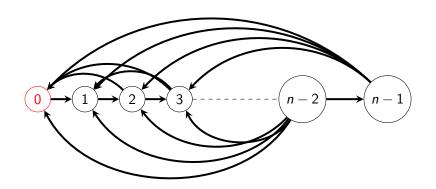
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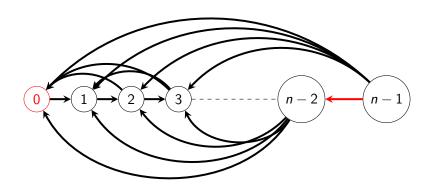


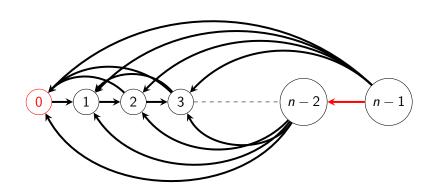
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$$V = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$$

$$E_2 = (\{(i,j) : j-i = 1 \lor i-j \ge 2\} - \{(n-2, n-1)\}) \cup \{(n-1, n-2)\}$$

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Consult Section 12.1.2 for more details!

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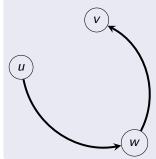
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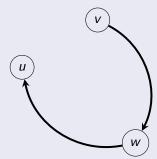
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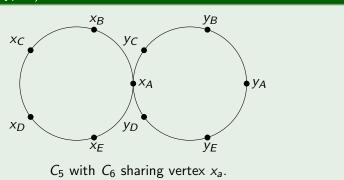
Actual Studies on the Metric Dimension

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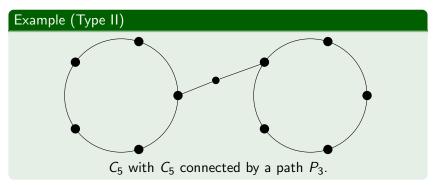
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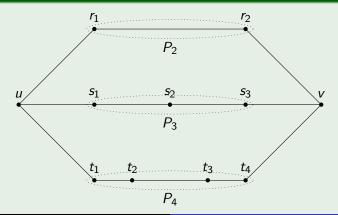
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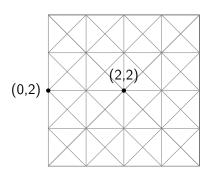
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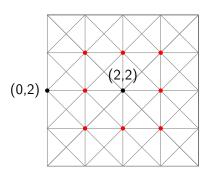
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Proposition

If
$$x_1x_2 \in E$$
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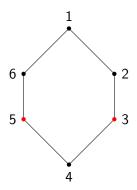
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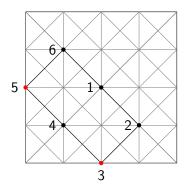
Graph Embedding Example



	Xi	$d(5,x_i)$	$d(3,x_i)$	$r(x_i W)$
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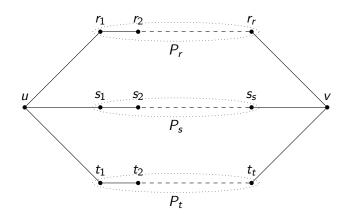
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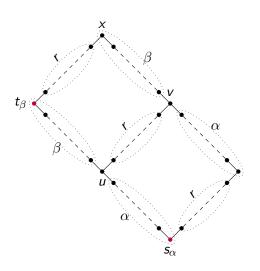
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$1 \le r < s \le t$ same parity



$$\begin{cases} s = r + 2\alpha, \alpha \ge 1 \\ t = r + 2\beta, \beta \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

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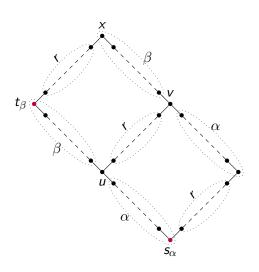
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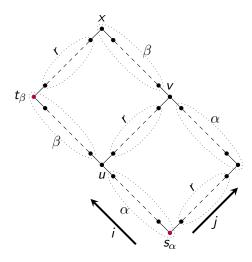
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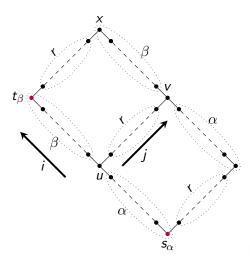
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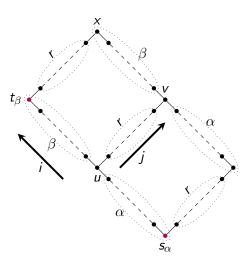


Paths split at s_{α}



Paths split at u

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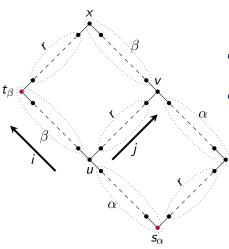
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ILP formulation

Objective Function:

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$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i$$

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 for every $1 \le i < j \le n$

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Where:

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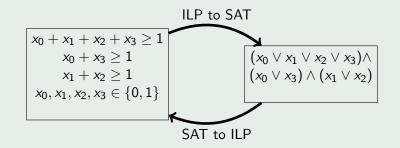
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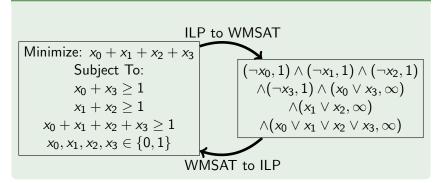
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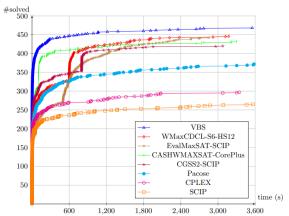




Solvers from Max-SAT competition are free!

How well do ILP solvers perform by themselves?

Weighted



▶ ILP solvers by themselves are not competitive with MaxSAT solvers

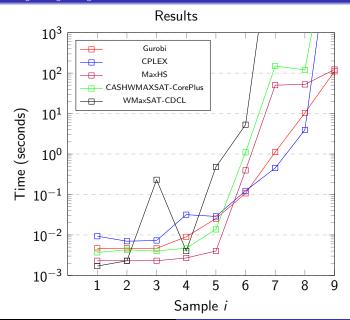
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Goal: See which solver performs better on the Metric Dimension problem. Participants for my comparison:

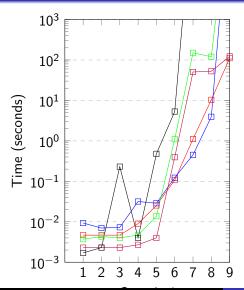
- CPLEX (ILP)
- Gurobi (ILP) → Personal recommendation from Enric!
- MaxHS (WMax-SAT) → Solves Hitting Sets (thanks to Jordi Coll, creator of this solver)
- WMaxCDCL (WMax-SAT)
- CASHWMAXSAT-CorePlus (WMax-SAT)

Samples: Metric Dimension of Hypercubes.

Q_d	#Variables	#Constraint 1
Q_1	2	1
Q_2	4	6
Q_3	8	28
Q_4	16	120
Q_5	32	496
Q_6	64	2016
Q_7	128	8128
Q_8	256	32640
Q_9	512	130816



Results



Q_d	Winner			
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Q_3	MaxHS			
Q_4	MaxHS			
Q_5	MaxHS			
Q_6	Gurobi/CPLEX			
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In fact $\frac{\text{Gurobi}}{\text{MaxHS}}$ were the unique solvers to solve Q_9 without a *Timeout*.

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A more in-depth study would contribute to this section. ILP vs Hitting Sets would be an interesting experiment. But WMaxSAT not always performs better than an ILP solver.

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$$\beta(Q_d) = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } d = 1, 2, 3, 4 \\ d - 1 & \text{if } d = 5, 6, 7 \\ d - 2 & \text{if } d = 8, 9 \\ d - 3 & \text{if } d = 10, 11 \\ d - 4 & \text{if } d = 12, 13 \\ d - 5 & \text{if } d = 14, 15, 16 \\ d - 6 & \text{if } d = 17 \end{cases}$$

Actual known values² (since 2013!)

²A.F. Beardon. "Resolving the hypercube". In: Discrete Applied Mathematics 161.13 (2013), pp. 1882–1887. ISSN: 0166-218X. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dam.2013.02.012. URL: https: //www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0166218X13000644.

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Not possible: Even with the support of Daniel Jiménez (AC Department), I rejected the idea. But something interesting appeared...

Q_d	#Variables	#Constraint	#Different Constraints	Ratio different constraints
Q_1	2	1	1	100%
Q_2	4	6	3	50%
Q_3	8	28	7	25%
Q_4	16	120	21	17.5%
Q_5	32	496	61	12.30%
Q_6	64	2016	183	9.05%
Q_7	128	8128	547	6.73%
Q_8	256	32640	1641	5.03%
Q_9	512	130816	4921	3.76%

Q_d	Expected #Constraints using interpolation
Q_{10}	14251
Q_{11}	38655
Q_{12}	97021
Q_{13}	225525
Q_{14}	488671
Q_{15}	994971
Q_{16}	1918417
Q_{17}	3527025
Q_{18}	6219859
Q_{19}	10574071
Q_{20}	17403621

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Characterization of tournaments with $\beta(G) = 1$.

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For a **tournament** T, the optimal bound is given by $\beta(T) \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$.

Summary on Type III

- $1 \le r < s \le t$ all with same parity $(\beta(G) = 2)$
- $1 \le r < s \le t$ s, t different parity $(\beta(G) = 2)$
- $r = 0, s, t \ge 1 \ (\beta(G) = 2) \checkmark$
- $s = r, t = r + k, k \ge 1$ and $k \ne 2$. $(\beta(G) = 2)$
- $1 \le r < s \le t$ s, t same parity and r different one. $(\beta(G) = 2)$
- $r = s = t \ (\beta(G) = 3)$
- $r = s, t = r + 2 (\beta(G) = 3)$

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Although we couldn't prove them all we only left 3/7 subcases.

Conjecture

Let G be a Type III bicyclic graph, then $\beta(G) = 2$ or $\beta(G) = 3$.

Summary on ILP vs WMaxSAT

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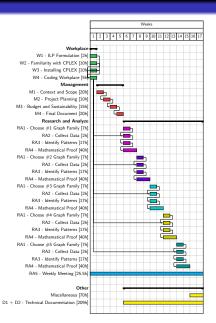
A more in-depth study would contribute to this section. ILP vs Hitting Sets would be an interesting experiment. But WMaxSAT not always performs better than a ILP solver.

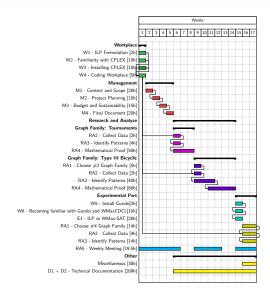
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Expected Time: 726.5h vs Real Time: 586.5h This caused reductions in the Budget!

Summary

Source	Expected Cost	Real Cost	Cost Deviation
Hardware	76.66€	61.89€	14.77€
Software	0€	0€	0€
Human Resources	19699.82€	15780.45€	3919.37€
Indirect Costs	52.64€	37.54€	15.10€
Contingency	2974.37€	2386.47€	587.70€
Unexpected Costs	1699.58€	0€	1699.58€
Total	24503.07€	18266.35€	6236.72€

Also a review on the Sustainability of the project had appeared! More sustainable than expected :-)

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