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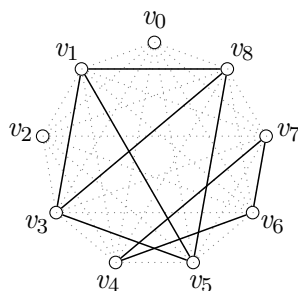
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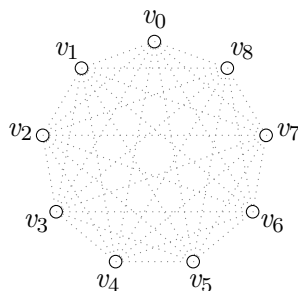
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2. medicine: clustering of organoids in light microscopy images
3. probably also operations research

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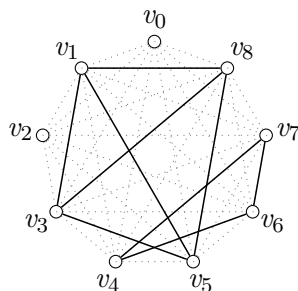
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1. characterize clique partitionings by binary vectors
2. 1 means it is in the clique partitioning and 0 means it is not in it
3. exactly opposite to **multicut** (equivalent problem)

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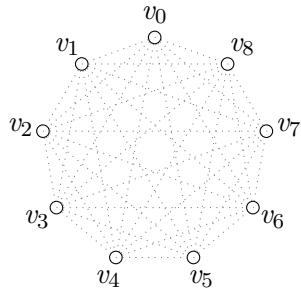
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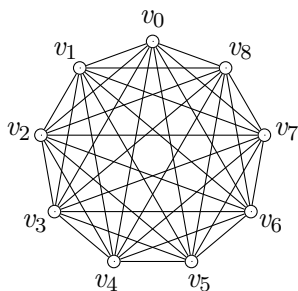
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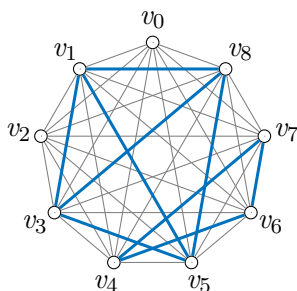
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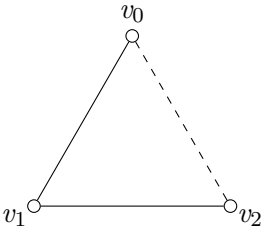
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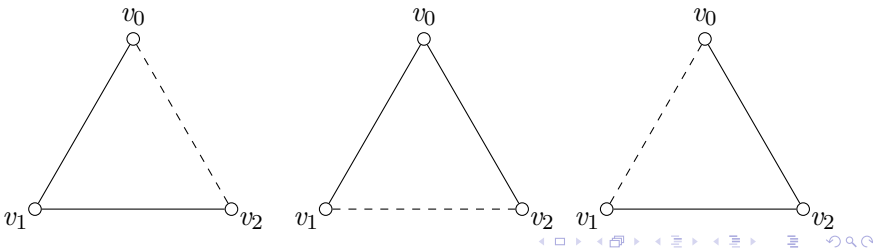
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3. `maxcut` is for limiting lp size
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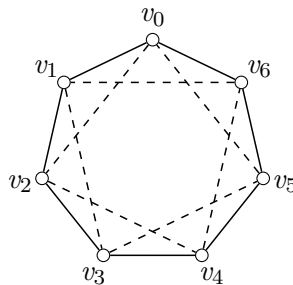
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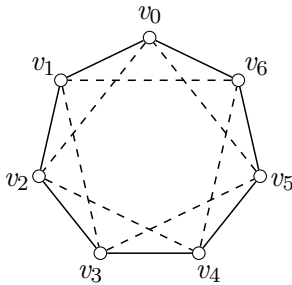
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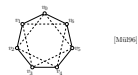
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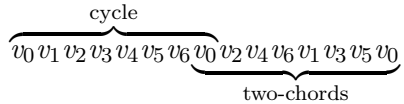
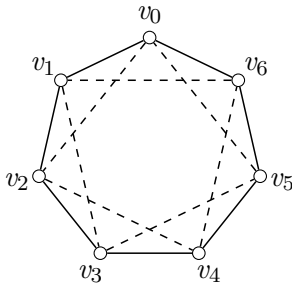
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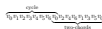


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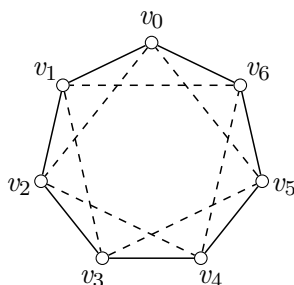
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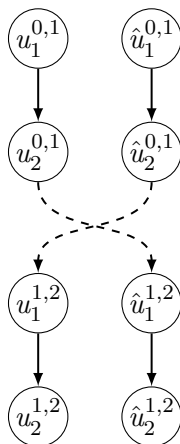
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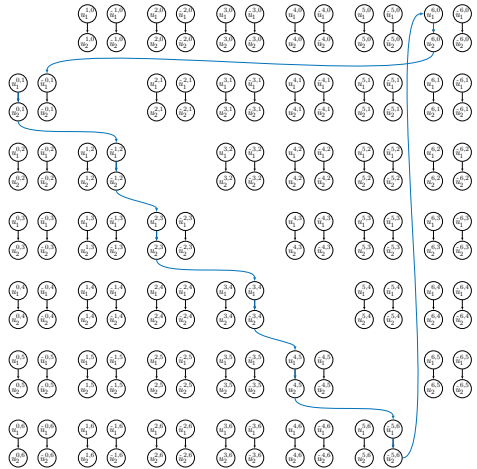
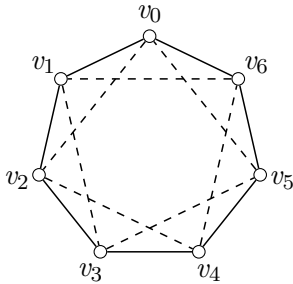
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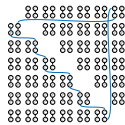
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(müller)



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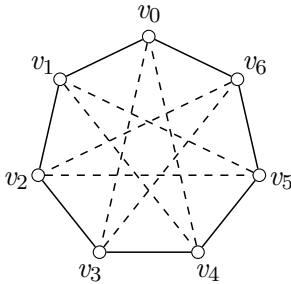
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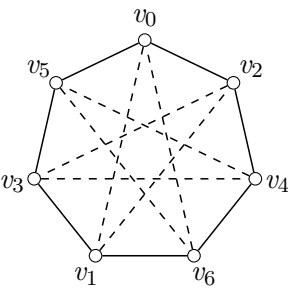
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
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2	st ¹	st ²	st ¹	half	two	half	st ¹
3	—	—	st ²	—	—	two	st ²
4	—	—	—	—	—	—	half
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	two

1. all use Δ first, because they implicitly rely on it
2. ordered them by (expected) run time

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1. case $z = 0$ can be ignored
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[illegible]

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2 # it.	3,712	6	10,000	20	4,060	4,152	3,929	4,000	4,186	4,030	4,037	3,990	3,917	3,712	3,712	3,712	4,081	3,928	3,922
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4 cuts																			
5 # total	1,482,623	131,841	1,729,612	15,901	1,621,281	1,657,361	1,508,785	1,592,542	1,608,574	1,008,612	1,609,391	1,591,066	1,562,088	1,482,621	1,482,621	1,482,621	1,626,670	1,568,107	1,563,353
6 # max	400	65,771	237	1,450	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400	400
7 # min	16	4	53	21	6	6	6	1	3	6	2	5	3	16	16	16	2	6	5
8 # δ -cuts	0	0	0	0	6	6	6	24	6	6	30	5	9	0	0	0	17	6	15
9 # removed objective	1,476,839	55,589	1,724,930	10,233	1,615,450	1,652,117	1,563,129	1,586,880	1,663,428	1,692,578	1,602,759	1,584,994	1,556,817	1,476,839	1,476,839	1,476,839	1,619,226	1,561,818	1,558,062
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15 normalized	1.00	0.49	2.09	0.05	1.07	1.08	1.05	1.06	1.09	1.06	1.07	1.06	1.05	2.95	4.16	6.11	1.07	1.05	1.05
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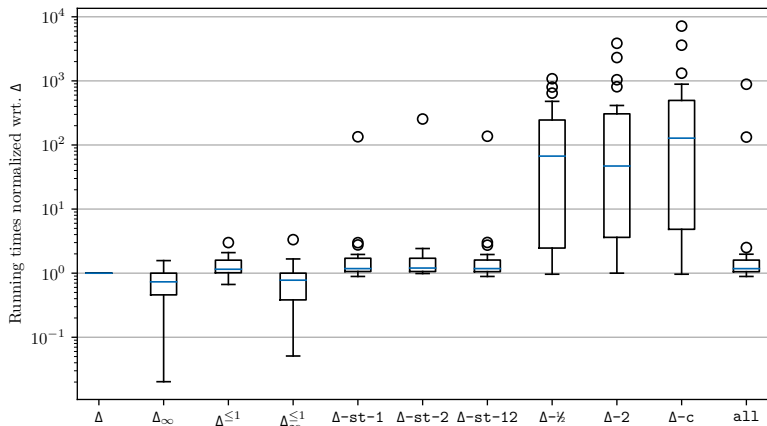
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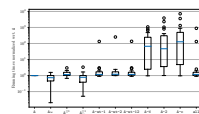


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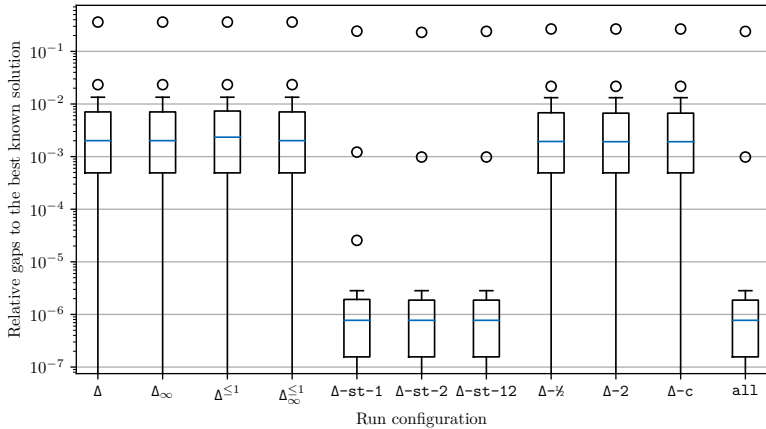
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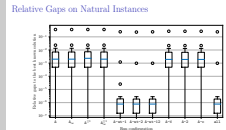
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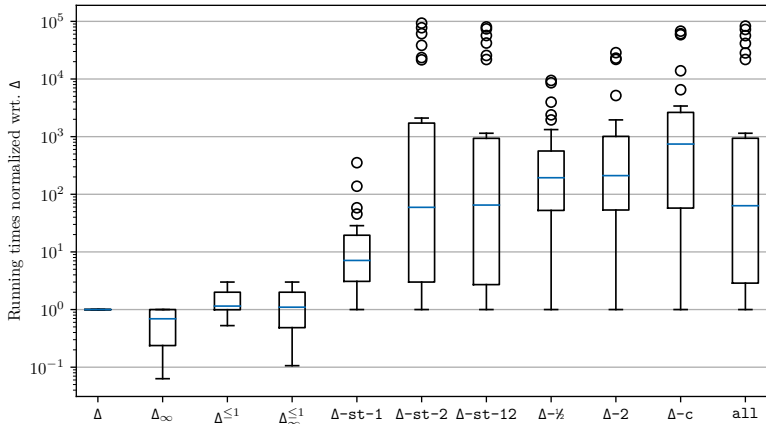
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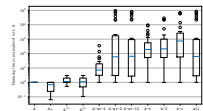
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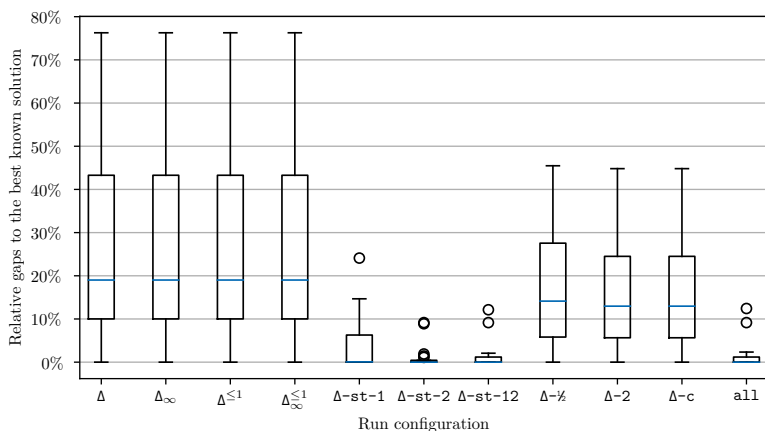
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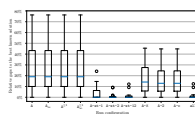


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2. Personal: great fun, learned much
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