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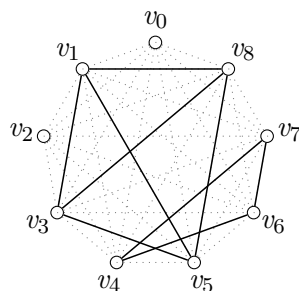
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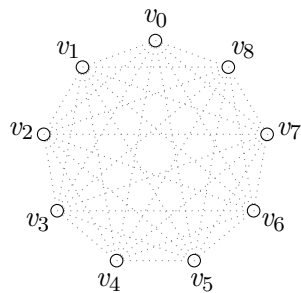
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2. medicine: clustering of organoids in light microscopy images
3. probably also operations research

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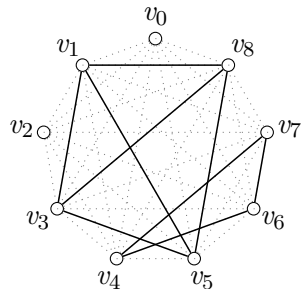
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1. characterize clique partitionings by binary vectors
2. 1 means it is in the clique partitioning and 0 means it is not in it
3. exactly opposite to **multicut** (equivalent problem)

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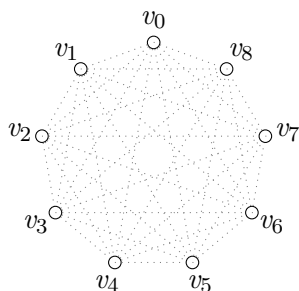
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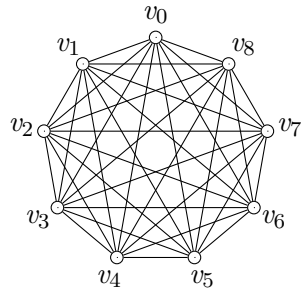
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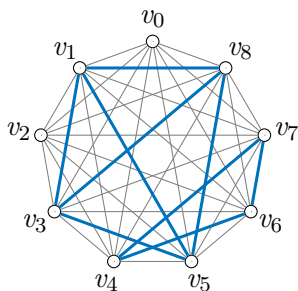


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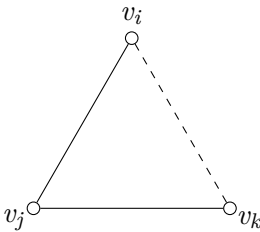
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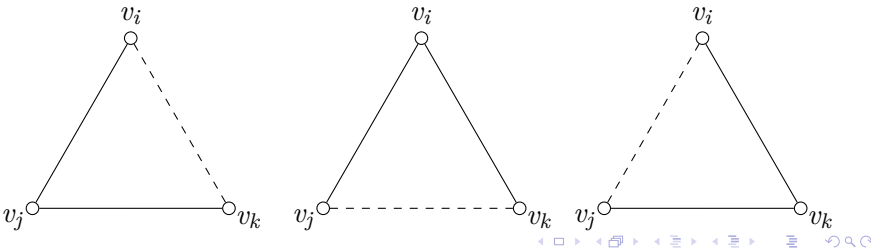
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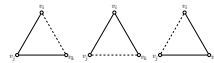
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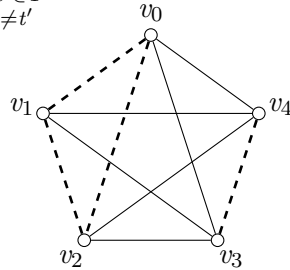
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