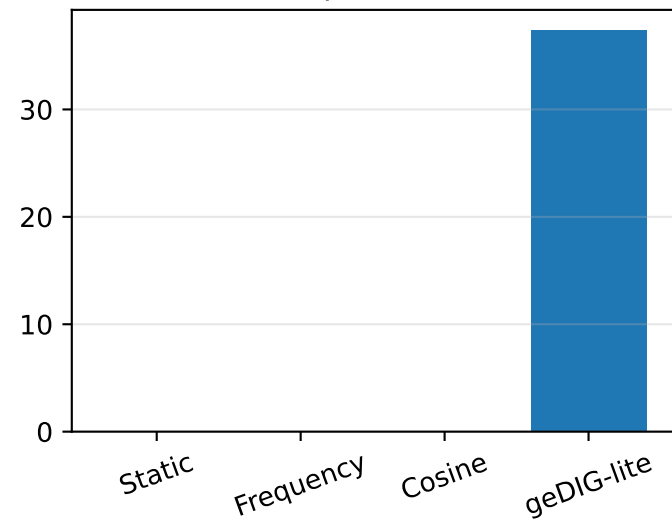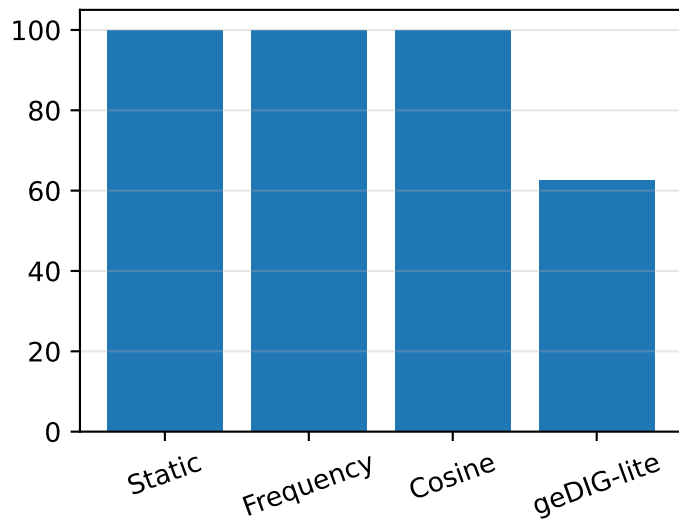Baseline comparison under equal resources (no peeking)