## **Experiment results**

The codes of written in C++ and compiled by g++ with optimization option '-O3'. All the experiments are conducted on a computer with a CentOS operating system an Intel 3106 CPU (1.7GHz, 8 cores) with 8G memory.

We appreciate the authors of LP (Berlowitz, Cohen, and Kimelfeld 2015), GP (Wang et al. 2017) and D2K (Conte et al. 2018) for publishing their codes. As far as we know, the three solvers are among the most recent and competitive algorithms for enumerating maximal k-plexes. We also revised the codes of GP since it misses maximal k-plexes in certain cases. These algorithms are compiled with their makefiles and executed in single-thread mode. Since GP and LP are algorithms of enumerating maximal k-plexes, we compare FaPlexen with LP and GP. D2K is dedicated to find constrained maximal k-plexes in large graphs, therefore, we compare CommuPlex with D2K in massive real-life graphs. We set the cut off time for each algorithm as 1 day (86400 seconds) for each tested instance.

Table 1: The running time of enumerating maximal k-plexes in real graph instances.

Graph	k	#k-plexes	The running time (s)			
( V ,  E )	Γ.	#ĸ-piexes	FaPlexen	GP	LP	
CA-GrQc (5242, 28980)	2	13718439	2788.55	inf	inf	
celegans (453, 2025)	2	104518	2.09	726.03	5310.93	
	3	16053622	254.94	inf	inf	
	4	1739543624	26447.71	inf	inf	
ia-infect-hyper (113, 2196)	2	175887	1.47	1754.12	inf	
	3	6523529	61.68	inf	inf	
	4	180223747	1881.7	inf	inf	
	5	3847631225	45522.32	inf	inf	
web-edu (3031, 6474)	2	4585512	408.94	inf	inf	

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Table 2: The running time of enumerating maximal k-plexes in  $2^{nd}$  DIMACS instances.

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Graph	k	#k-plexes	The running time (s)			
( V ,  E )	n	me piexes	FaPlexen	GP	LP	
hamming6-2 (64, 1824)	2	151254354	6701.14	inf	inf	
	2	22416	0.07	0.60	212.05	
hamming6-4	3	359688	1.53	15.38	30783.96	
(64, 704)	4	5466184	28.79	349.06	inf	
	5	67305320	409.89	3897.66	inf	
	2	2625	0.01	0.09	9.11	
johnson8-2-4	3	11707	0.11	1.40	153.61	
(28, 210)	4	83307	0.66	12.65	20937.54	
	5	179823	2.47	44.19	inf	
johnson8-4-4	2	17173650	220.70	5977.07	inf	
(70, 1855)	3	2019843787	41136.81	inf	inf	
johnson16-2-4 (120, 5460)	2	57652737	68300.14	inf	inf	
keller4 (171, 9435)	2	1792571838	29221.26	inf	inf	
	2	2160546	26.16	48843.19	inf	
MANN-a9	3	16619686	1116.06	inf	inf	
(45, 918)	4	1953125	14.78	inf	inf	
	5	1	0.00	0.00	0.55	
	2	18403	0.24	2.03	213.47	
c-fat200-1	3	2091061	13.26	111.95	inf	
(200, 1534)	4	81308253	580.40	8352.83	inf	
	5	2947702534	20526.93	inf	inf	
	2	16683	0.31	2.74	201.50	
c-fat200-2	3	4982600	27.24	142.28	inf	
(200, 3235)	4	373797816	1627.41	19342.93	inf	
	5	2123968138	61593.89	inf	inf	
c-fat200-5	2	11434	0.86	22.91	1115.51	
(200, 8473)	3	18413326	262.43	3989.55	inf	
	4	719230049	76496.75	inf	inf	
c-fat500-10	2	78131	33.73	811.07	57134.82	
(500, 46627)	3	623174657	32323.44	inf	inf	
c-fat500-1 (500, 4459)	2	120371	3.15	30.22	5077.25	
	3	28052957	470.70	3008.02	inf	
	4	2779977396	49963.88	inf	inf	
c-fat500-2	2	115651	4.65	32.46	4430.50	
(500, 9139)	3	54556993	750.16	3569.31	inf	
o fot500 5	4	1857459292	82616.59	inf	inf	
c-fat500-5 (500, 23191)	2 3	101575 221812054	10.07 3542.11	91.37 14476.98	6642.36 inf	
brock200-2	3	221012034	3344.11	144/0.98	1111	
(200, 9876)	2	39629635	415.08	3214.35	inf	
brock200-3 (200, 12048)	2	860820566	14085.18	inf	inf	
p_hat1000-1 (1000, 122253)	2	2324553030	44213.04	inf	inf	
p_hat300-1	2	3064826	23.14	143.67	inf	
(300, 10933)	3	277328042	2053.86	18445.37	inf	
p_hat500-1 (500, 31569)	2	54465877	584.69	3767.44	inf	
p_hat700-1 (700, 60999)	2	344713916	4838.13	inf	inf	
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Table 3: The running time for community detection.

Graph	١,			The running	The running time (s)		
( V ,  E )	k	q	#k-plexes	CommuPlex	D2K		
		12	376	3.43	1.43		
	2	20	0	0.31	1.27		
		30	0	0.34	1.32		
A		12	6347	17.06	1.60		
Amazon0505	3	20	0	0.30	1.36		
(410236, 3356824)		30	0	0.35	1.30		
	4	12	105649	44.38	8.40		
		20	0	0.56	1.22		
		30	0	0.32	1.41		
	2	12	412779	9.12	24.87		
		20	0	2.08	1.25		
	_	30	0	1.05	0.28		
Email-EuAll		12	32639016	858.41	1981.38		
(265214, 420045)	3	20	2637	10.05	98.62		
(203211, 120013)		30	0	1.12	0.263		
		20	1707177	833.36	6008.21		
	4	30	0	1.26	0.224		
oit Potonto	2	12	682947338	9246.57 366.19	10701.26		
cit-Patents	2	20	0		7788.29		
(3774768, 16518948)	_	30	0	37.13	3021.57		
	3	30	0	13097.24	inf		
		12	12544	27.20	0.897		
	2	20	5049	2.05	0.82		
		30	889	0.89	0.73		
com-dblp		12	3003588	83.12	28.72		
(317080, 1049866)	3	20	2141932	42.00	24.49		
(517000, 1019000)		30	60677	2.74	1.88		
		12	610150817	9026.70	5816.95		
	4	20	492253045	9456.36	5889.76		
		30	12088200	223.93	513.92		
	2	12	7679906	5949.84	437.61		
		20	94184	1629.28	46.50		
		30	3	543.99	9.92		
soc-pokec	3	12	520888893	17759.73	33085.17		
-relationships		20	5911456	1909.81	1360.47		
(1632803, 30622564)		30	5	851.52	14.50		
( , ,		20	318035938	37716.04	inf		
	4	30	4515	1125.52	225.57		
	† ·	12	2467621	594.46	32.30		
	3	20	81504	28.77	5.36		
		30	5921	1.50	3.18		
web-Google		12	165936084	6540.10	7175.82		
		20	1901073	58.30	82.92		
(875713, 5105039)	,	30	102634	3.49	4.137		
			45289539				
	4	20 30	45289539 899440	1293.39	2430.00		
				25.30	36.23		
	_	12	582312	16.08	19.35		
	2	20	7370	3.97	1.01		
Cit-HepPh (34546, 421578)	<u> </u>	30	0	0.63	0.18		
		12	25913121	497.01	1111.63		
	3	20	362977	13.04	32.70		
		30	0	0.85	0.154		
		12	991102897	26656.34	63641.29		
	4	20	8506496	331.94	1524.02		
		30	9	1.14	0.29		
		12	49823056	1412.64	2018.64		
	2	20	3322167	165.00	476.02		
soc-Epinions1		30	0	11.38	28.131		
(75879, 508837)		20	548634119	28538.47	75171.24		
(73879, 308837)			1	Í.	I		
(75879, 508837)	3	30	16066	222.50	5071.63		

Table 4: The running time for community detection.

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Graph	k	q	#k-plexes	The running time (s)		
( V ,  E )				CommuPlex	D2K	
		12	166	0.01	0.01	
	2	20	118	0.01	0.01	
CA-GrQc (5241, 14484)		30	9	0.00	0.01	
		12	9654	0.07	0.06	
	3	20	1568	0.02	0.02	
(- , - ,		30	7	0.00	0.01	
	4	12	128932	1.00	1.13	
		20	9167	0.09	0.07	
		30	6724	0.06	0.05	
		12	2919931	121.09	262.06	
	2	20	52	4.60	24.71	
		30	0	1.52	0.07	
W:1-: W-4-		12	458153397	17187.20	44178.64	
Wiki-Vote	3	20	156727	331.76	4365.72	
(8298, 100761)		30	0	1.45	inf	
		20	46729532	84180.32	inf	
	4	30	0	5.97	0.20	
		12	5336	0.18	0.49	
	2	20	0	0.02	0.04	
		30	0	0.00	0.03	
		12	281251	7.45	29.54	
caida	3	20	0	0.02	0.04	
(26475, 53381)		30	0	0.01	0.03	
	4	12	15939891	448.64	1788.25	
		20	331	0.09	0.85	
		30	0	0.00	0.06	
	2	12	0	0.00	0.00	
		20	0	0.00	0.00	
		30	0			
		12		0.00	0.00	
celegans	2		0	0.00	0.00	
(354, 1501)	3	20	0	0.00	0.00	
. , ,	4	30	0	0.00	0.00	
		12	78	0.01	0.01	
		20	0	0.00	0.00	
		30	0	0.00	0.00	
jazz (198, 2742)	2	12	2990	0.05	0.07	
		20	2	0.00	0.00	
		30	1	0.00	0.00	
	3	12	93969	1.23	1.88	
		20	2	0.00	0.00	
		30	1	0.00	0.00	
	4	12	2745953	49.63	77.33	
		20	479	0.02	0.03	
		30	1	0.00	0.00	
Slashdot090221 (82144, 500480)	2	12	27208777	683.57	743.43	
		20	11411028	351.91	459.81	
		30	453	14.06	41.65	
		12	2807943240	79641.40	76759.21	
	3	20	1303148522	46292.76	42227.49	
		30	1679468	429.96	5117.93	
	4	30	502699966	77217.32	inf	
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