

Finding dense subgraphs in relational graphs

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Coherent sub-networks in genome-scale metabolic models

patient mutations metabolic model

<http://www.metabolicatlas.org/>

- 917 patients
- $|V| \sim 4000$
- $|E| \sim 15000$

Aim Find **dense common subgraphs** in patients with specific markers
e.g. $mutbrca = 1$ and $mutp53 = 1$

Existing methods do not scale [Jiang and Pei 2009; Li et al. 2011]

Dense Common Subgraph (DCS) problem

DCS Given relational graph set $G^{(1)} = (V, E^{(1)})$, $G^{(2)} = (V, E^{(2)})$, ...,

$$\delta_{DCS} = \max_{S \subseteq V} \min_{G^{(m)}} \frac{\#\{\text{edges induced by } S \text{ in } G^{(m)}\}}{|S|}$$

Example

S	$\delta^{(1)}$	$\delta^{(2)}$	δ_{\min}
123456	1.33	1.17	1.17
12345	1.4	1.0	1.0
12346	1.0	1.4	1.0
1234	1.25	1.25	1.25
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots

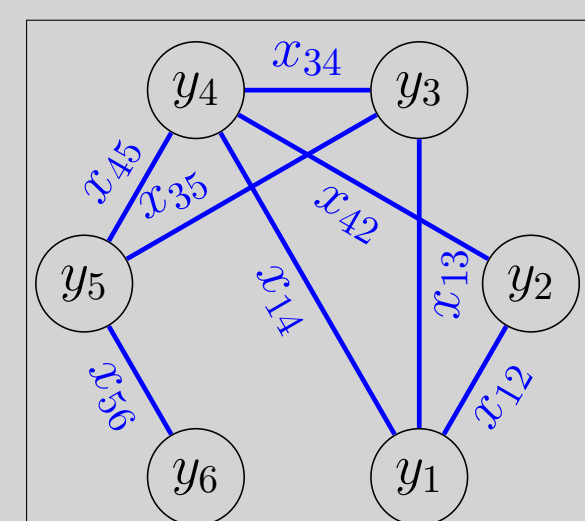
$\delta_{DCS} = 1.25$

Background: Charikar's algorithm for Dense Subgraph

If single graph, **DCS** is equivalent to Dense Subgraph problem,

$$\delta = \max_{S \subseteq V} \frac{|E(S)|}{|S|}$$

- Exact solution [Goldberg 1984; Charikar 2000]

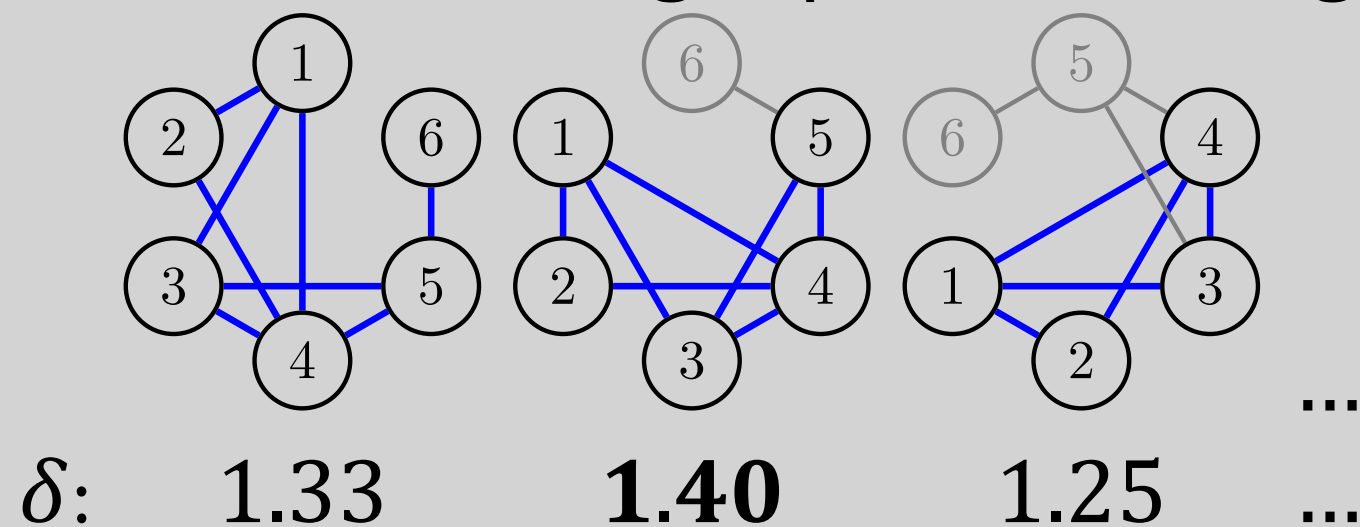


$$\delta = \max_{x,y} \sum_{ij \in E} x_{ij} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \sum_i y_i \leq 1$$

$$x_{ij} \leq \min(y_i, y_j) \quad \forall ij \in E$$

$$x_{ij} \geq 0, y_i \geq 0$$

- Greedy 2-approximation: remove least degree node and return subgraph with highest average degree



$$\delta_{opt} \leq 2\delta_{greedy}$$

DCS_LP Linear Program for Dense Common Subgraph

$G^{(1)}$ $G^{(2)}$ DCS_LP

$$\max_{x,y,t} t$$

$$\sum_{ij \in E^{(m)}} x_{ij}^{(m)} \geq t \quad \forall G^{(m)}$$

$$x_{ij}^{(m)} \leq \min(y_i, y_j) \quad \forall ij \in E^{(m)}$$

$$\sum_i y_i \leq 1$$

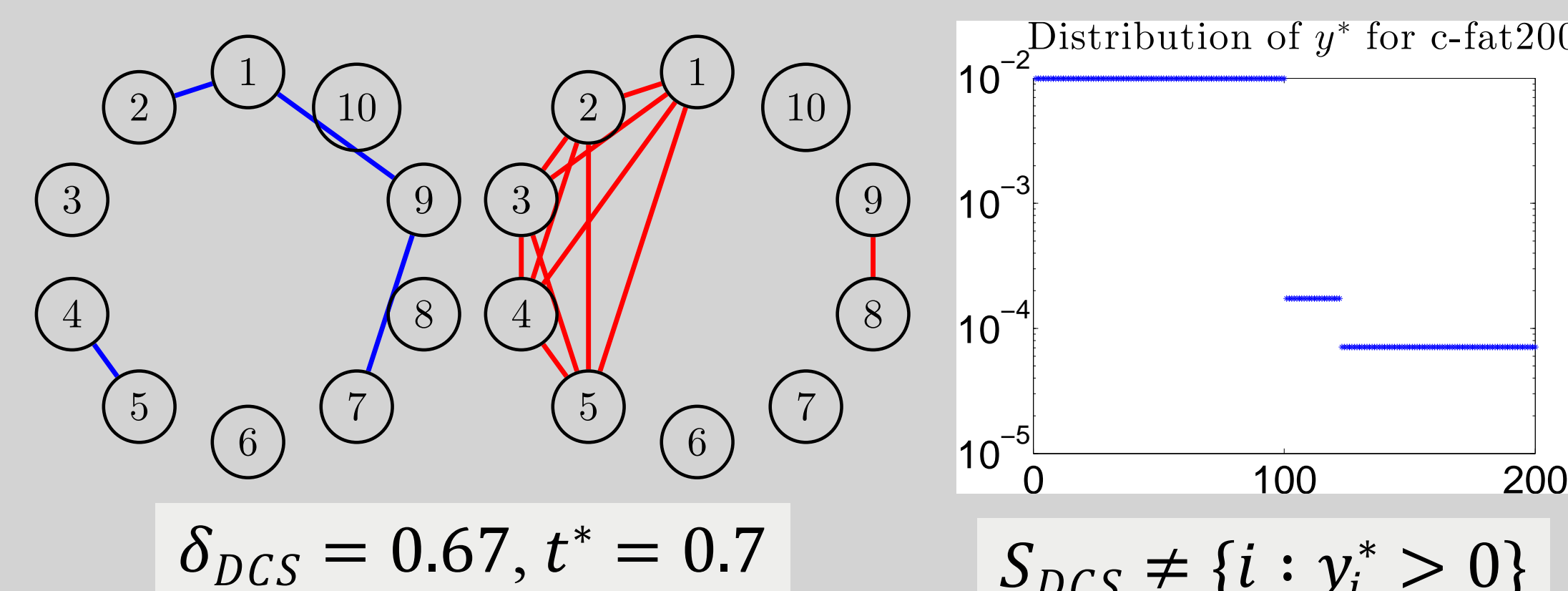
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How good is DCS_LP -- Is $t^* = \delta_{DCS}$? Can one recover optimal S_{DCS} from LP solution?

If $y^* = [\underbrace{\frac{1}{n}, \dots, \frac{1}{n}}_n, 0, \dots, 0]$, then $t^* = \delta_{DCS}$ and $S_{DCS} = \{i : y_i^* > 0\}$

No in general!

- Integrality gap $\delta_{DCS} < t^*$
- Cannot always recover S_{DCS} from LP solution



Greedy algorithm for DCS

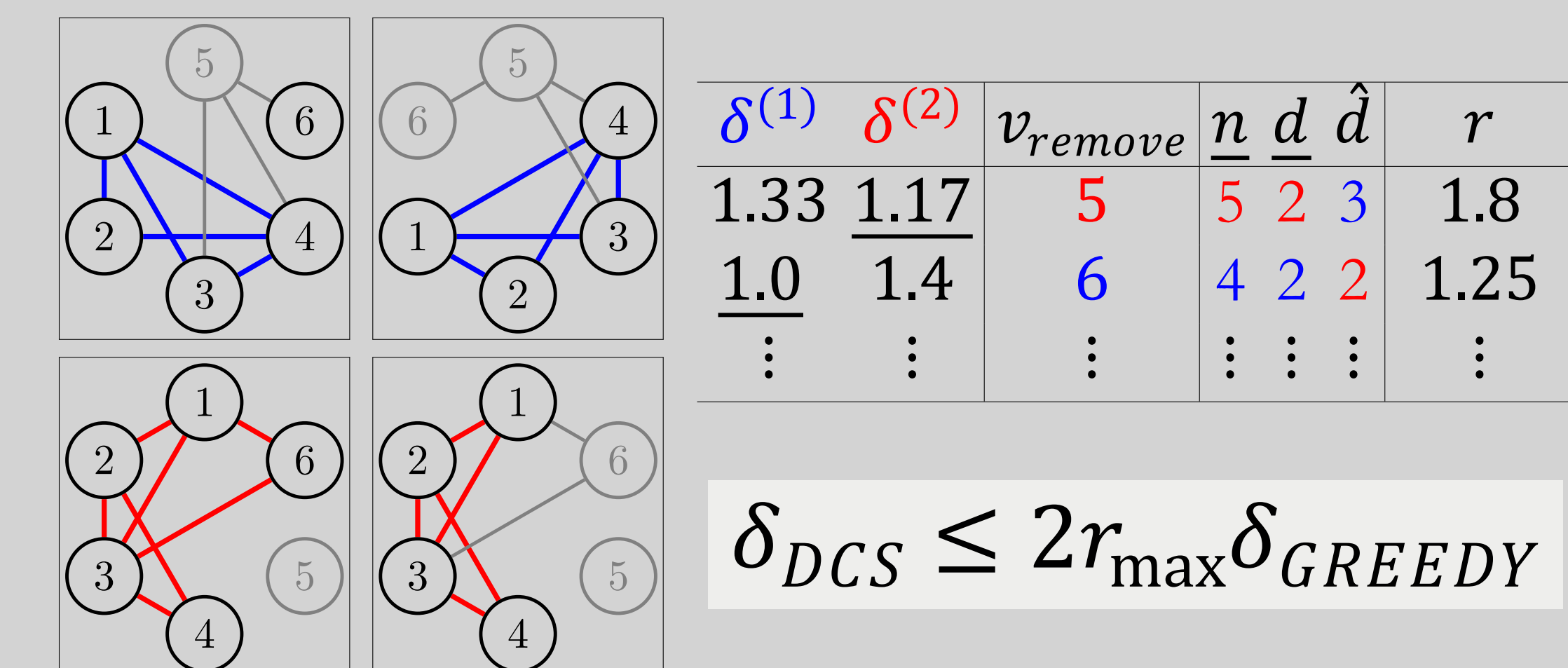
- Choose least dense graph in relational graph set
- Find minimum degree node in the least dense graph
- Remove node from graph set and repeat 1 – 3.

$\delta^{(1)}$ $\delta^{(2)}$ v_{remove}

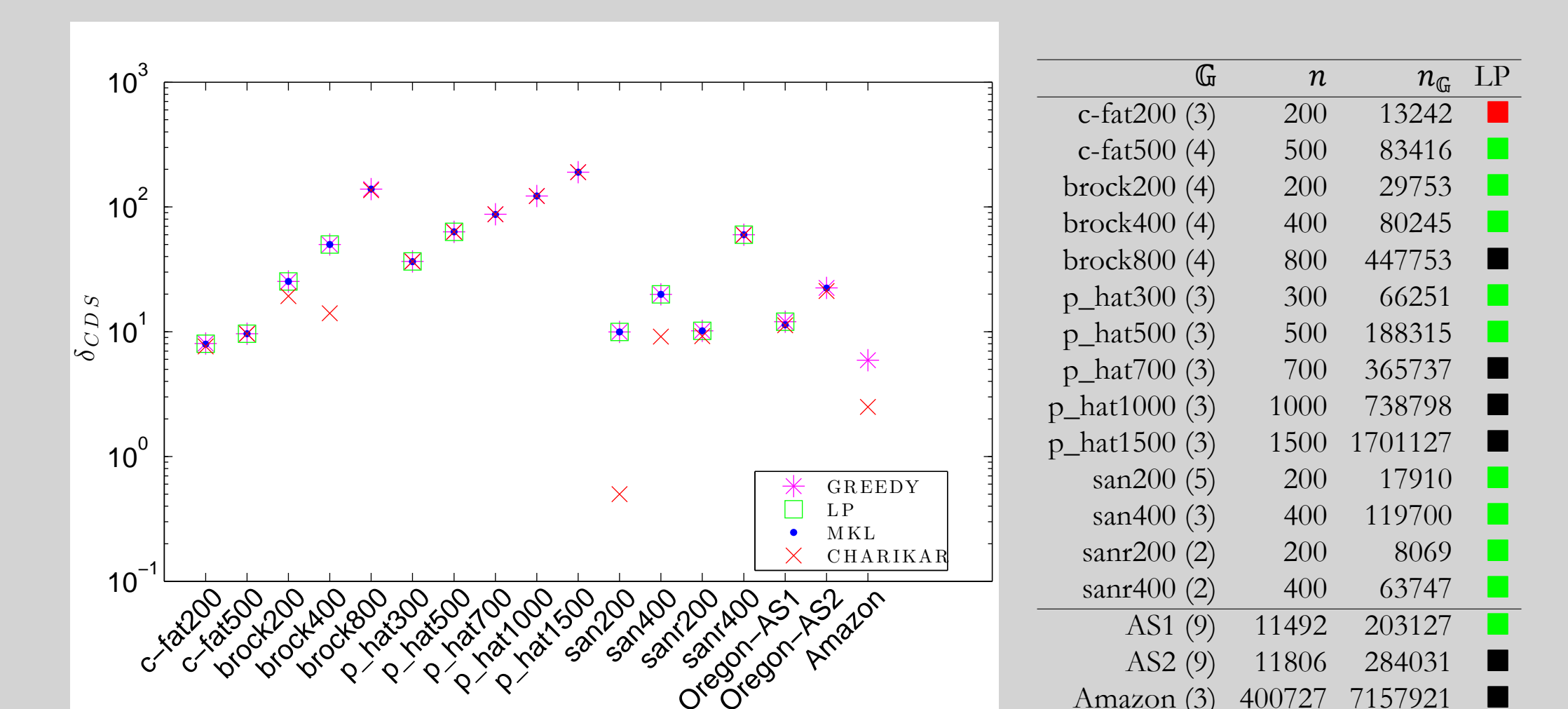
1.33	1.17	5
1.0	1.4	6
1.25	1.25	2
1.0	0.67	4
0.5	0.5	3

$\delta_{dcs_greedy} = 1.25$

How good is DCS_GREEDY?



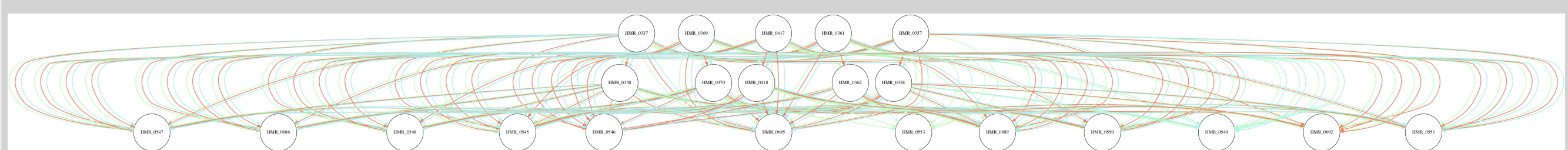
Results on DIMACS and SNAP graph sets



- LP solution: ■=optimal, ■=sub-optimal, ■=out of time

Subnetworks in genome-scale metabolic models

- Dense common subnetworks for specific markers
- Method captures altered metabolic pathways



Summary

- Extension of Charikar's algorithm to DCS
- LP solution optimal if $y^* = \frac{1}{n} [1, \dots, 1, 0, \dots, 0]$
- DCS_GREEDY gives graph-dependent bounds

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