

# Separation for the Max-Cut Problem using Graph Contraction

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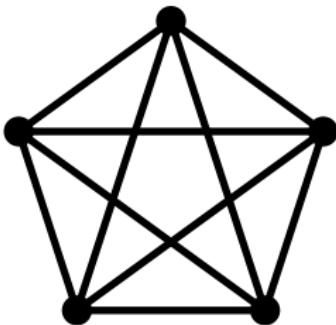
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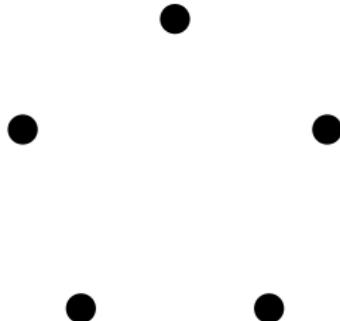
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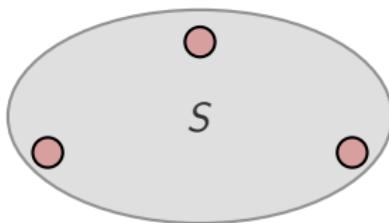
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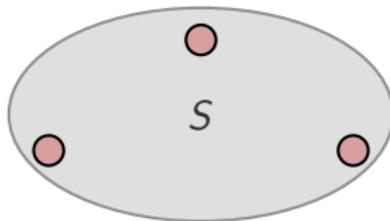
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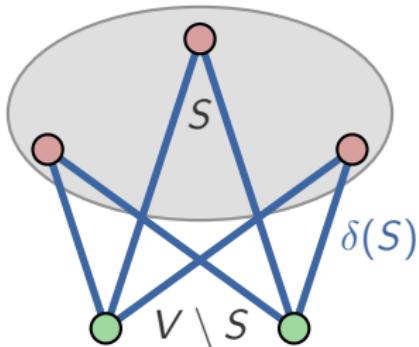
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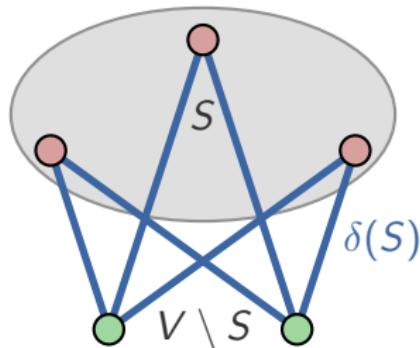
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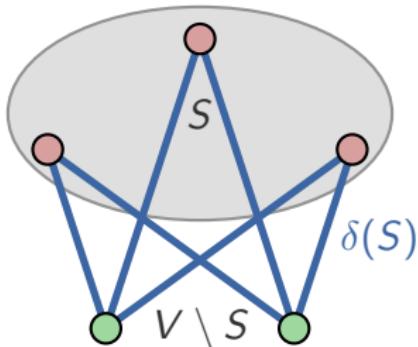
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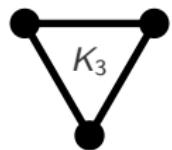


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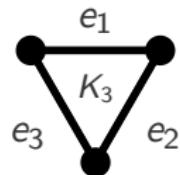
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Appl.: • Statistical Physics  
• VLSI Chip Design

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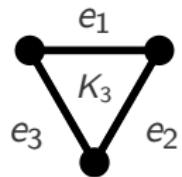


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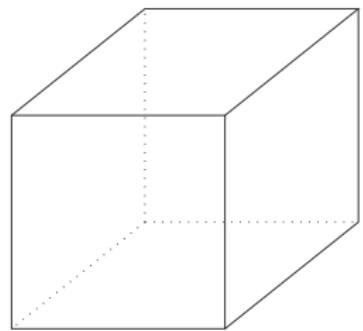


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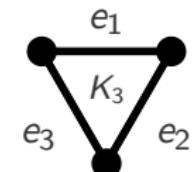
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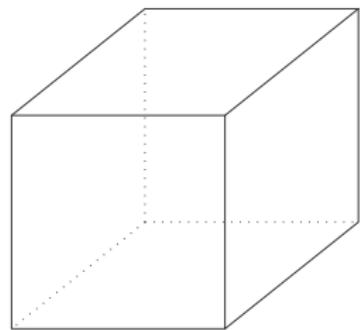
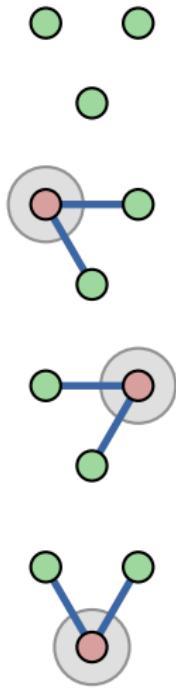
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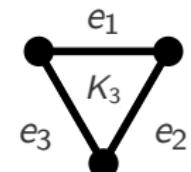
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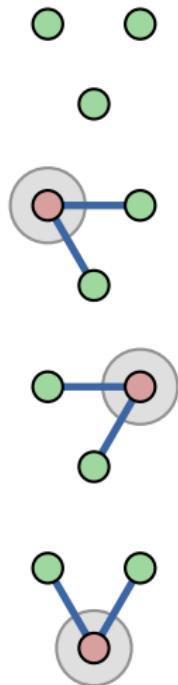
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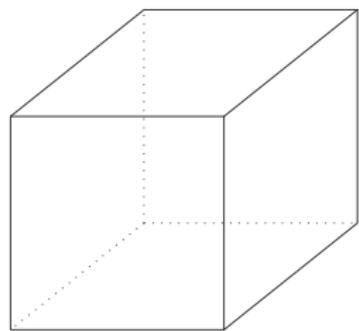


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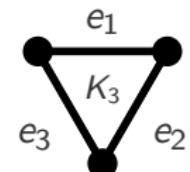
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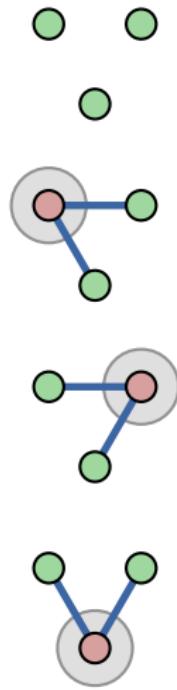
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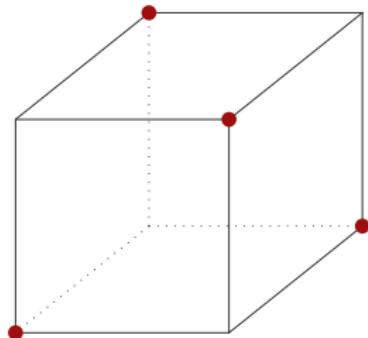


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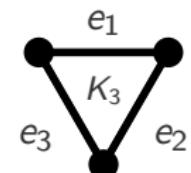
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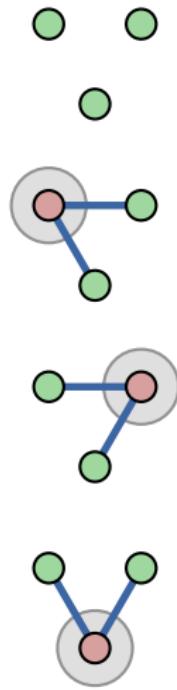
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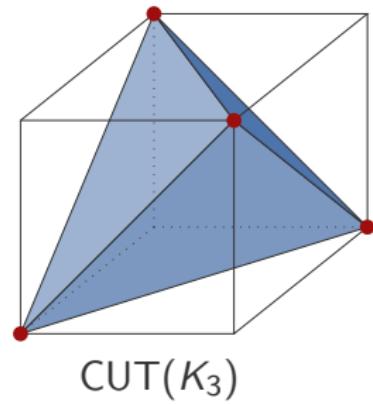
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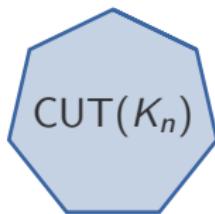
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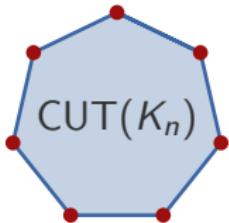


CUT( $K_3$ )

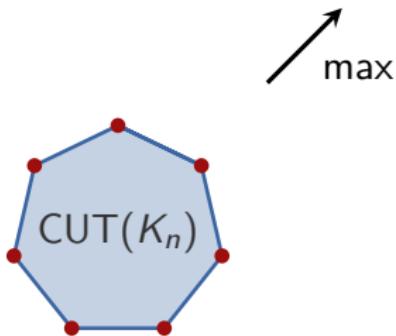
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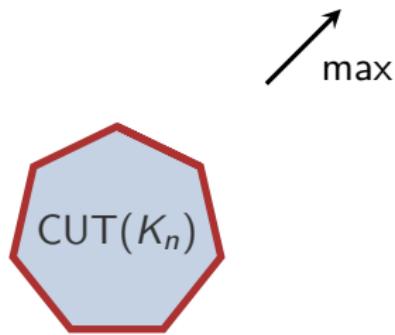
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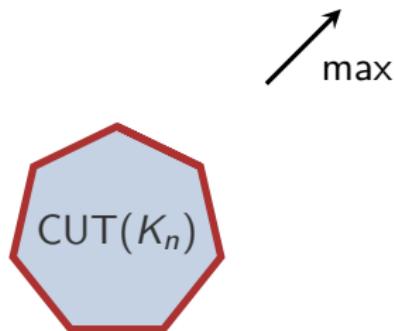
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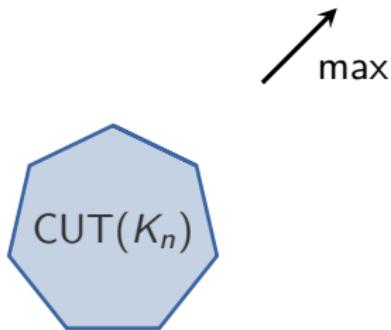


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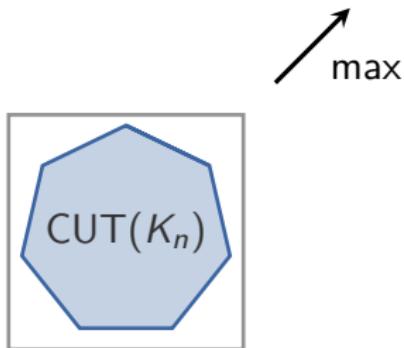


E.g.  $\text{CUT}(K_9)$  has 256 vertices  
but over  $1.2 \cdot 10^{13}$  facets!

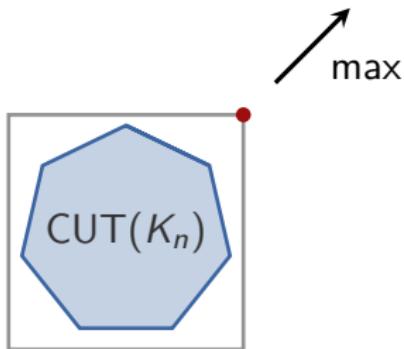
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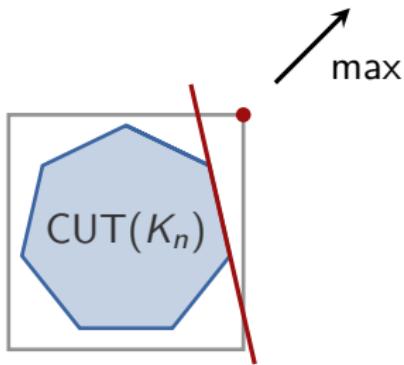
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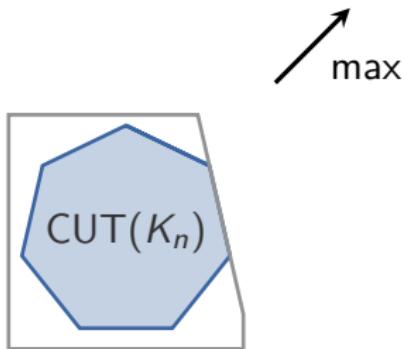
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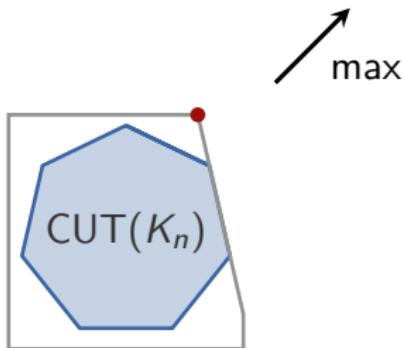
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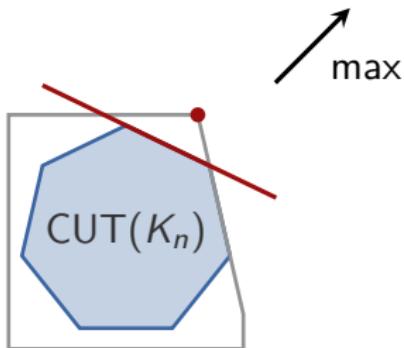
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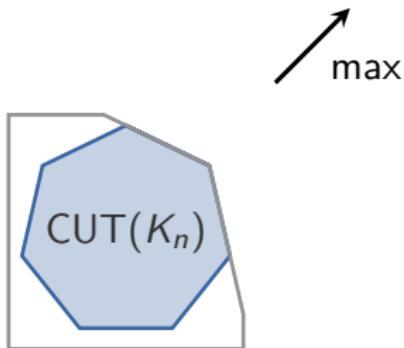
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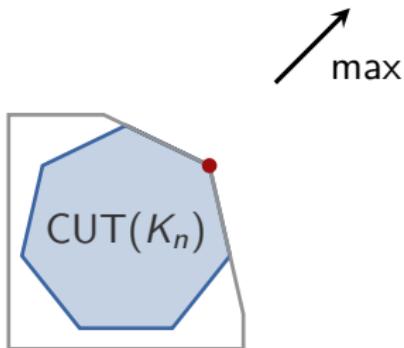
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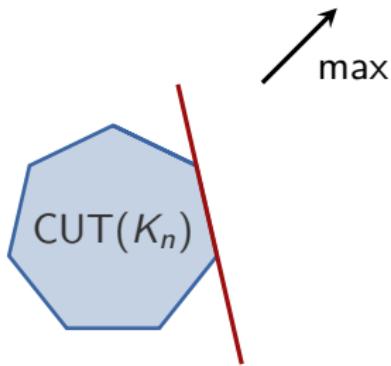
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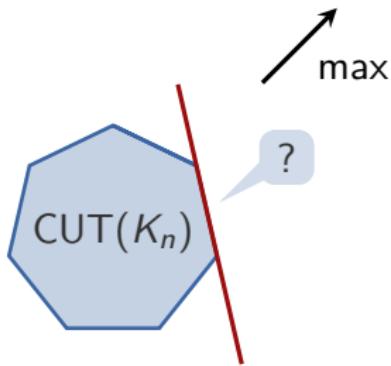
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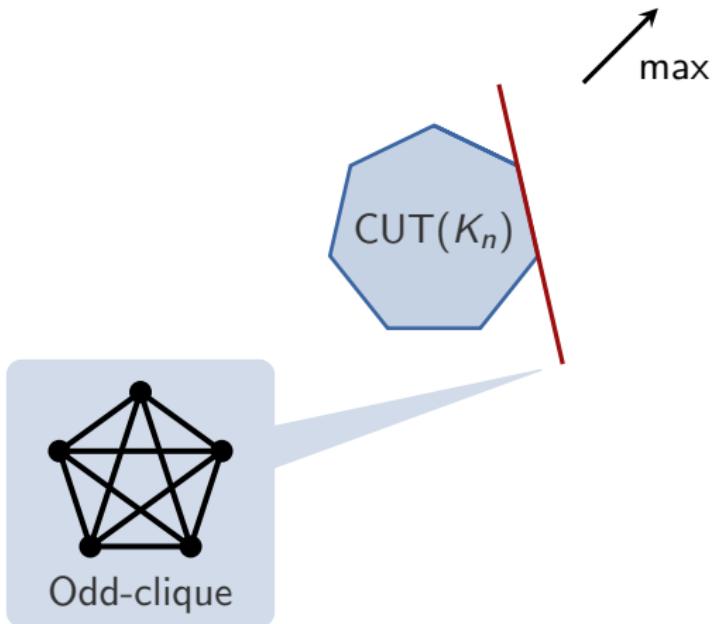
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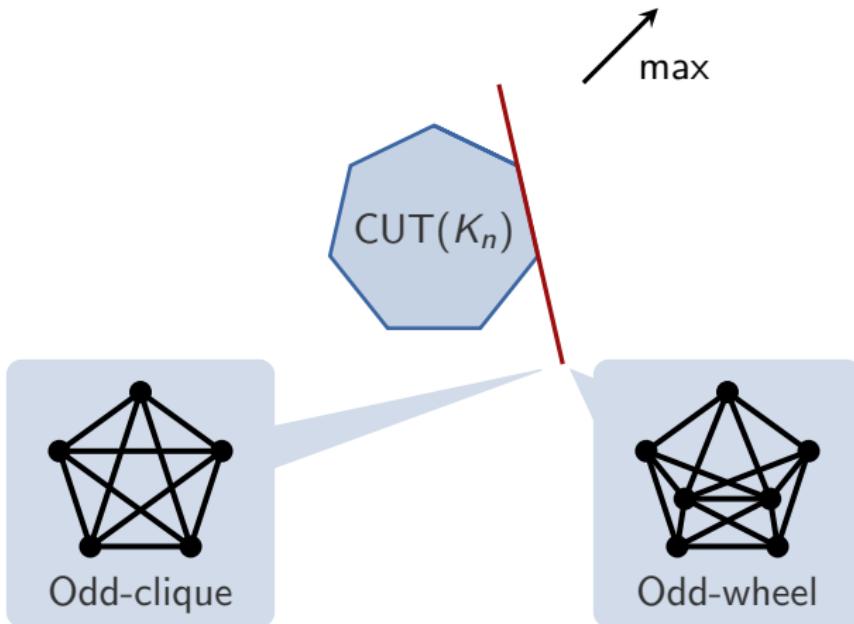
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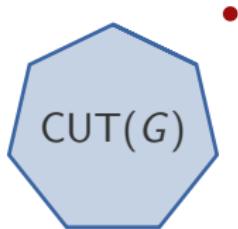
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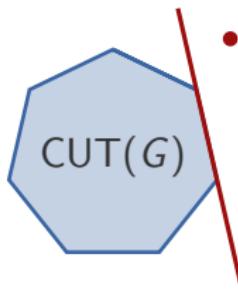
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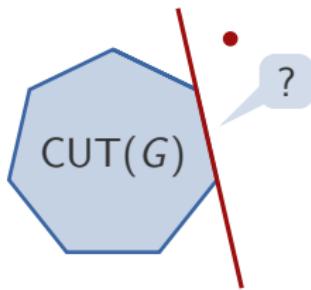
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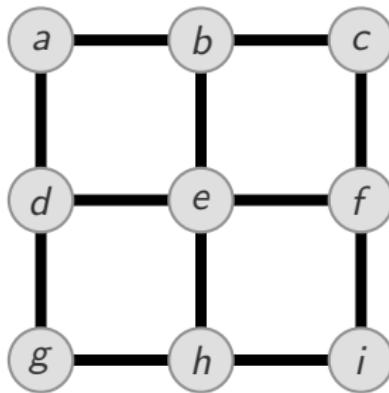
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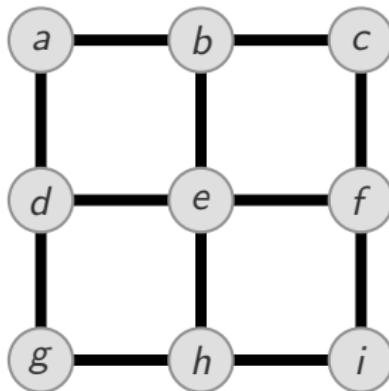
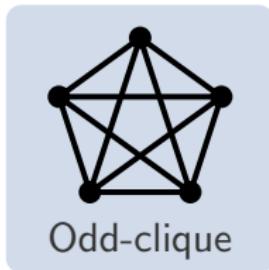
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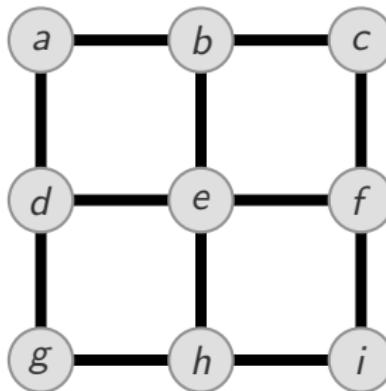
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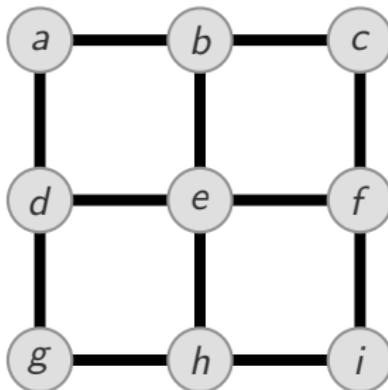
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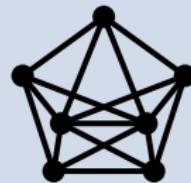
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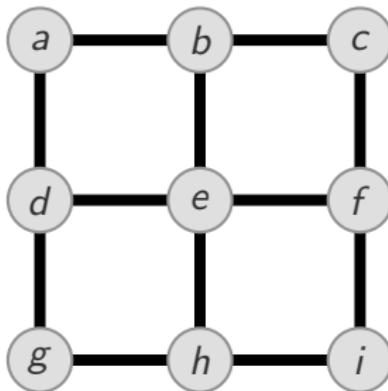


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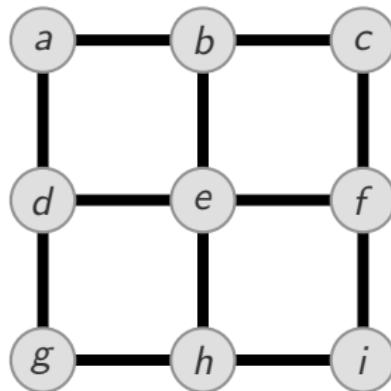


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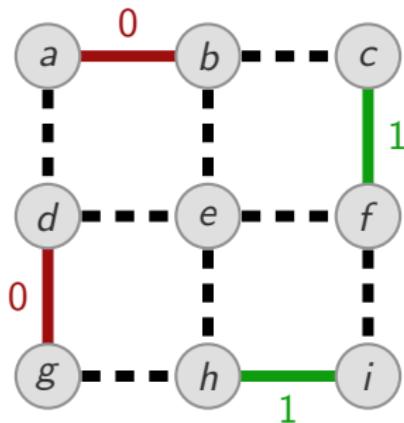


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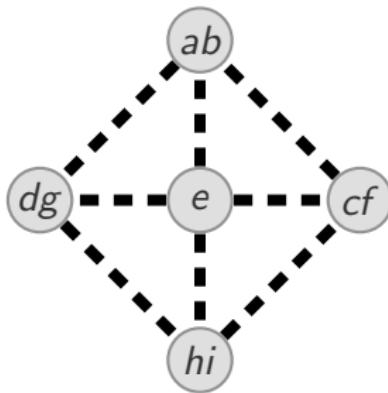
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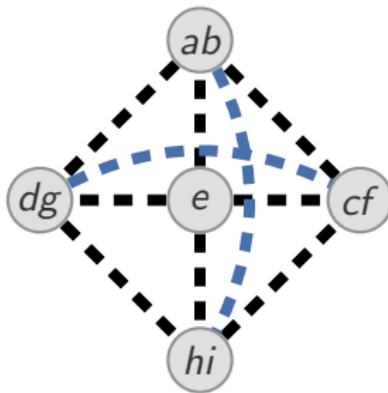
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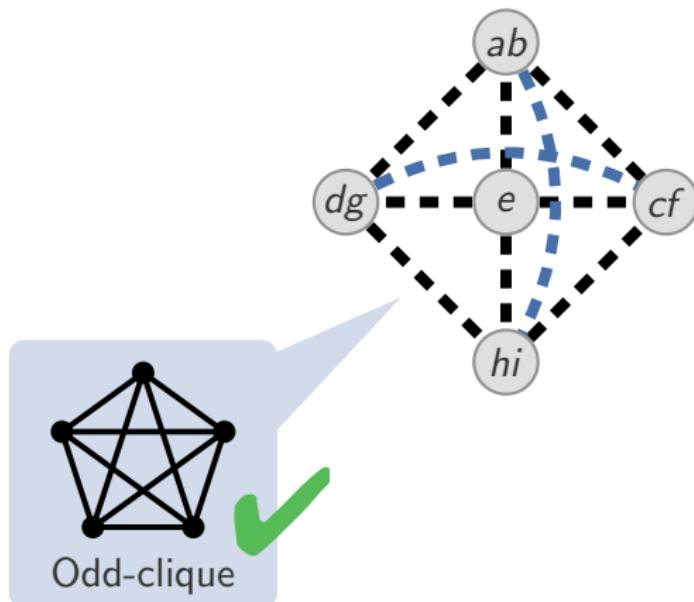
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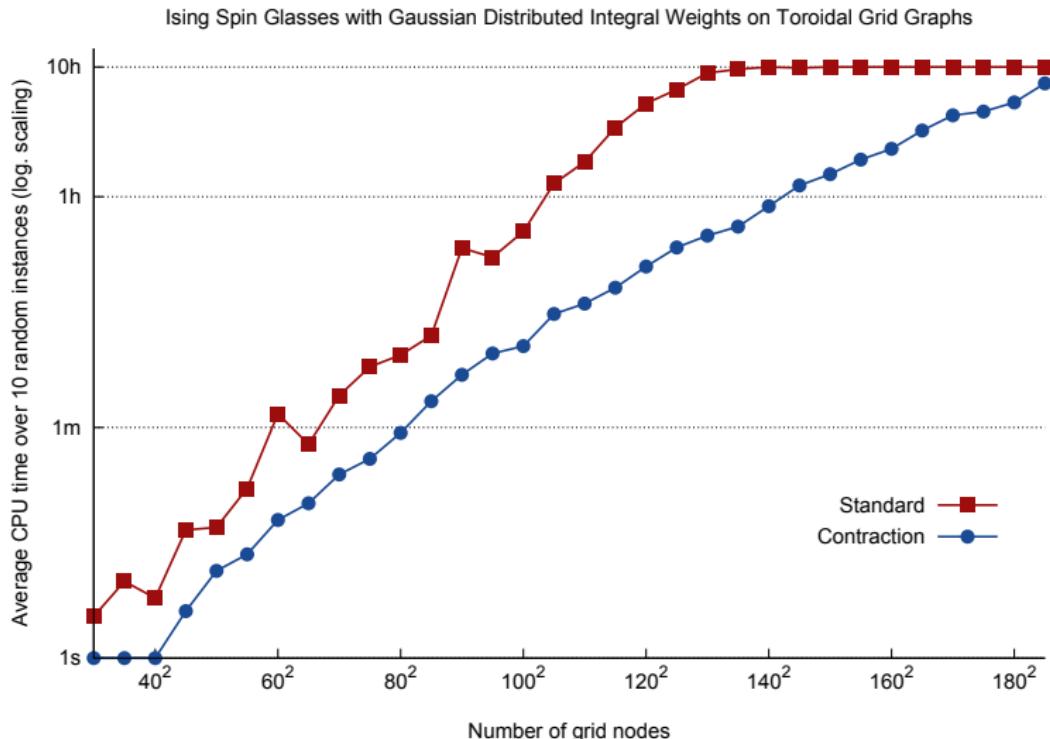
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# Computational Results for Spin Glasses



[Intel Xeon 2.8 GHz, 8GB shared RAM. CPU time per instance limited to 10h.]