

# A clique graph based merging strategy for decomposable SDPs

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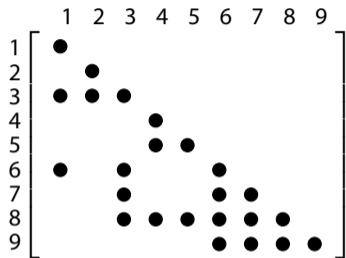
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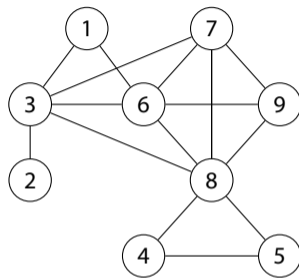
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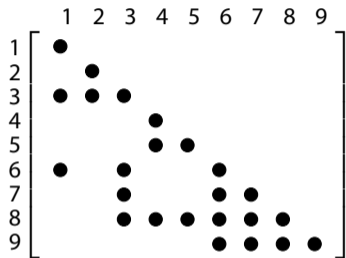


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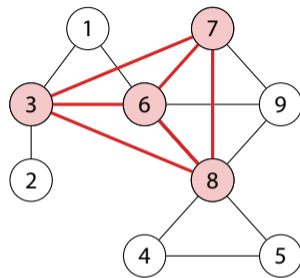


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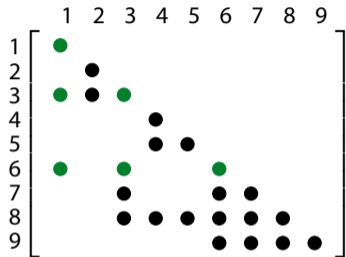
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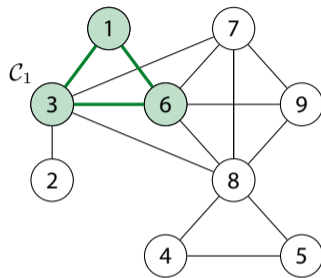
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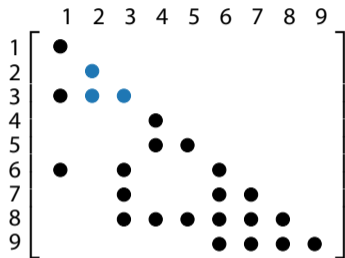
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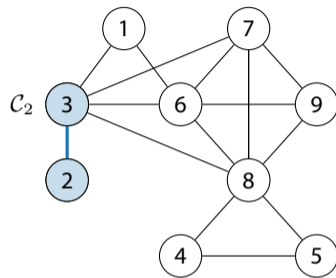
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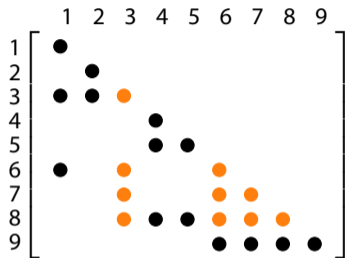


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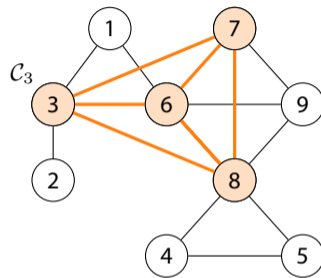




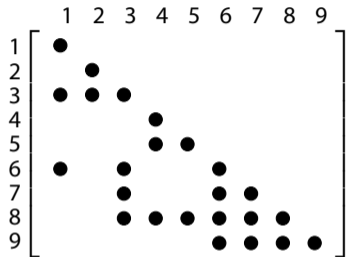
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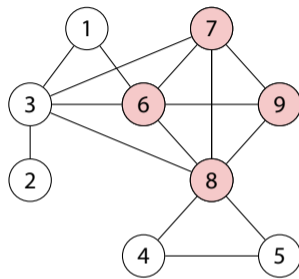
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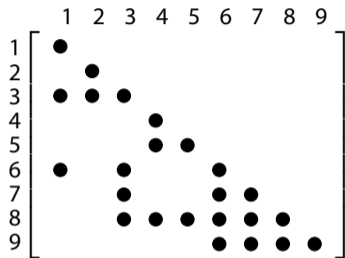
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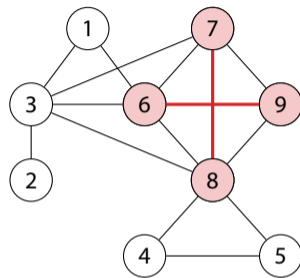
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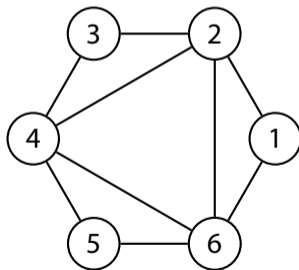
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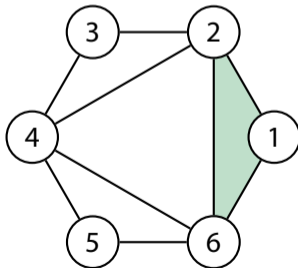




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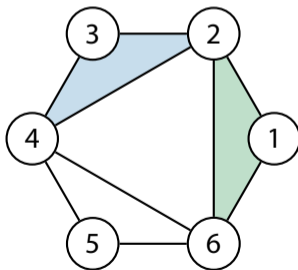
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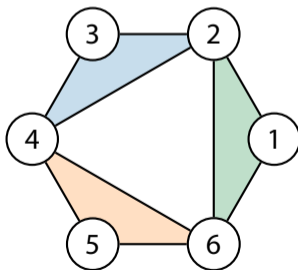
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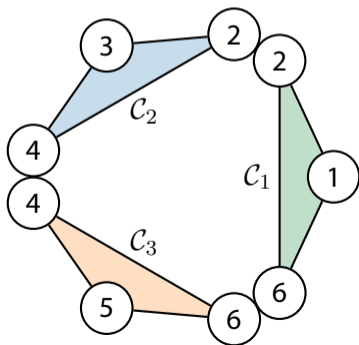
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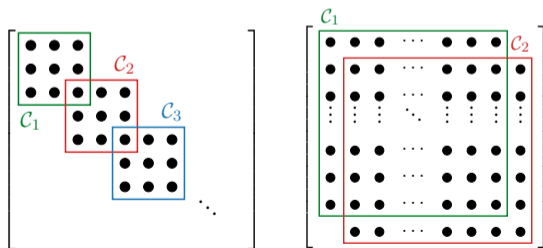
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# Clique merging

- Combine cliques by introducing new edges in the graph
- One merge operation:
  - replaces two PSD constraints by one larger PSD constraint
  - removes equality constraints
- trade-off depends on the employed solver algorithm
- Obvious cases:



## Algorithm: First-order solver

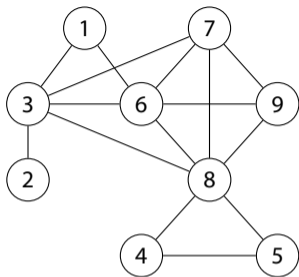
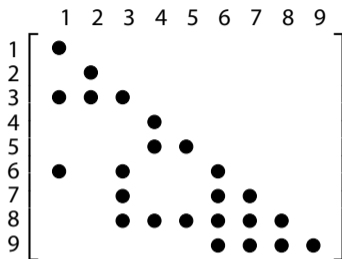
Factor constraint matrix;

**while** not converged:

[...]

Eigenvalue decomposition  
of PSD decision variables;

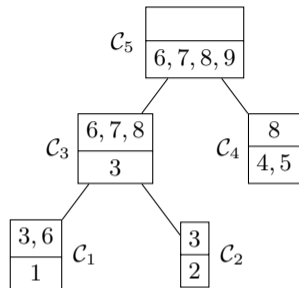
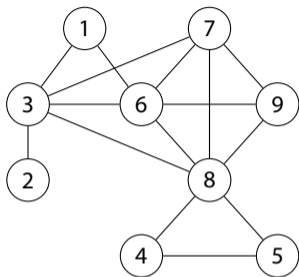
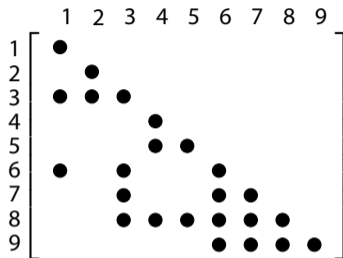
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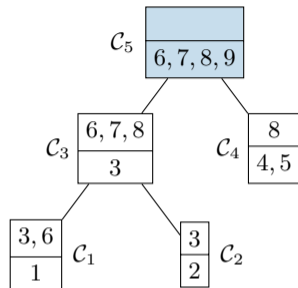
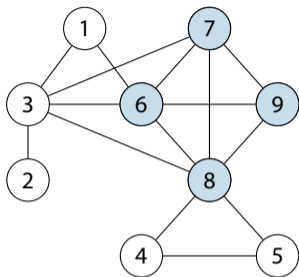
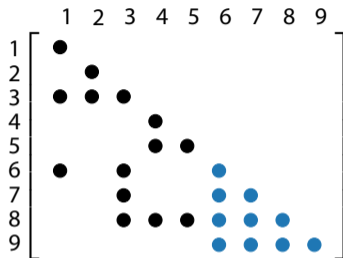


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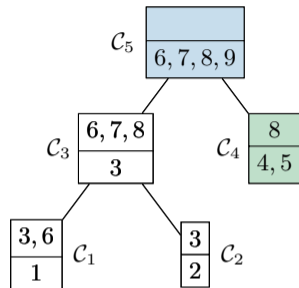
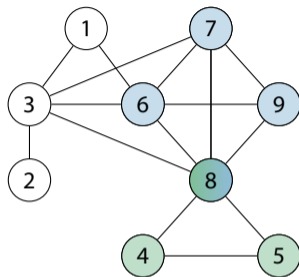
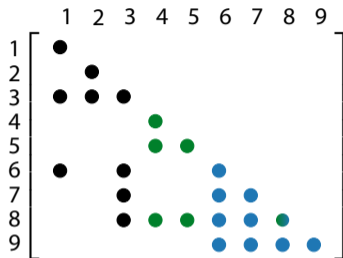
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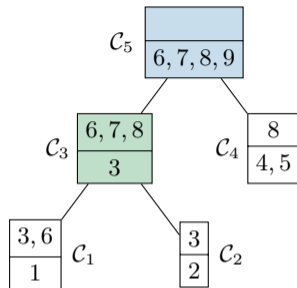
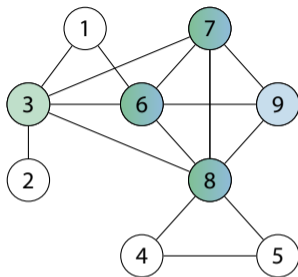
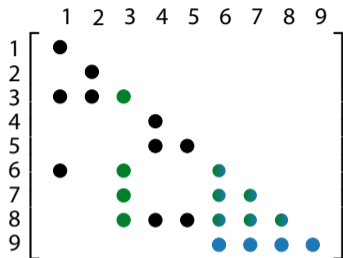
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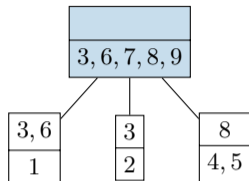
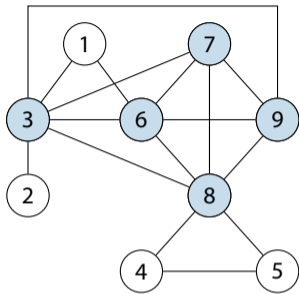
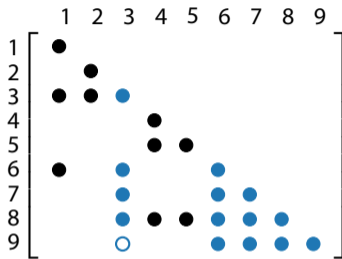
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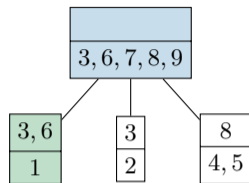
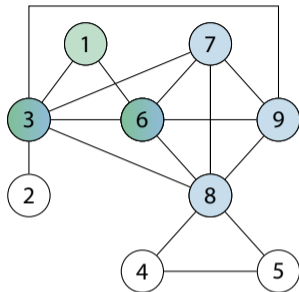
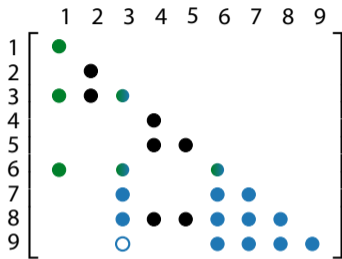
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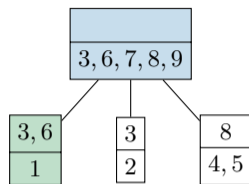
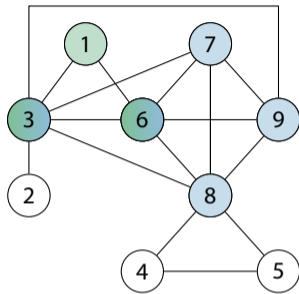
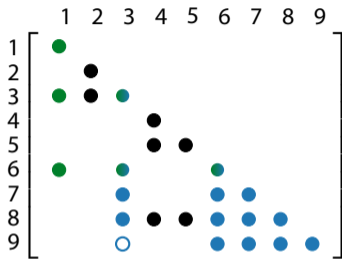
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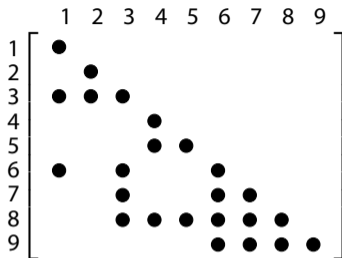
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- + Clique tree cheap to compute and evaluate
- Disregards distant merge candidates
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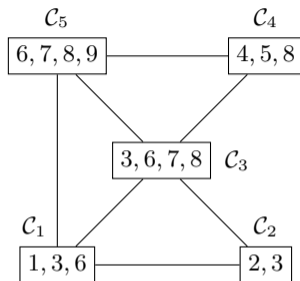
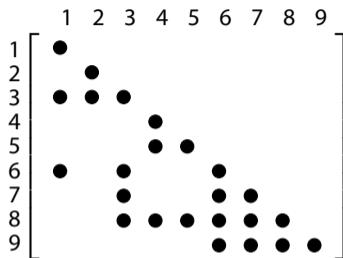
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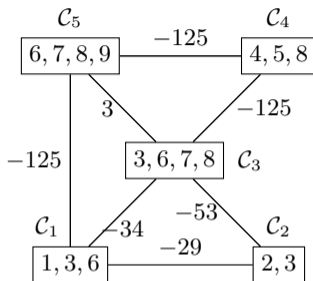
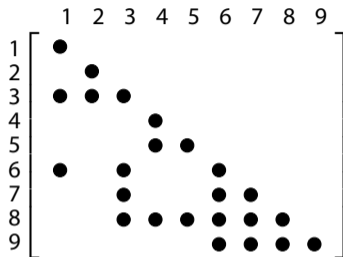
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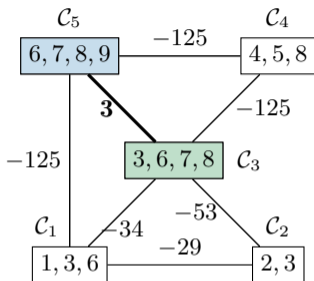
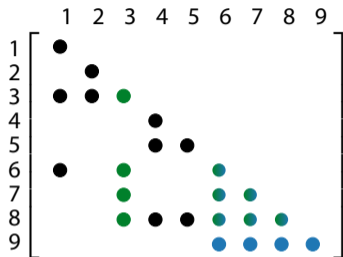
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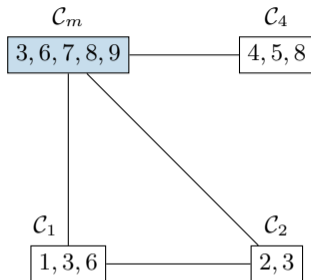
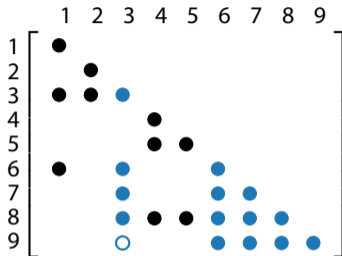
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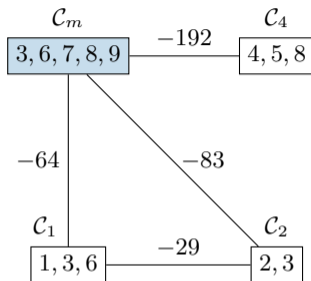
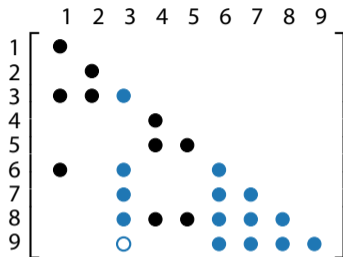
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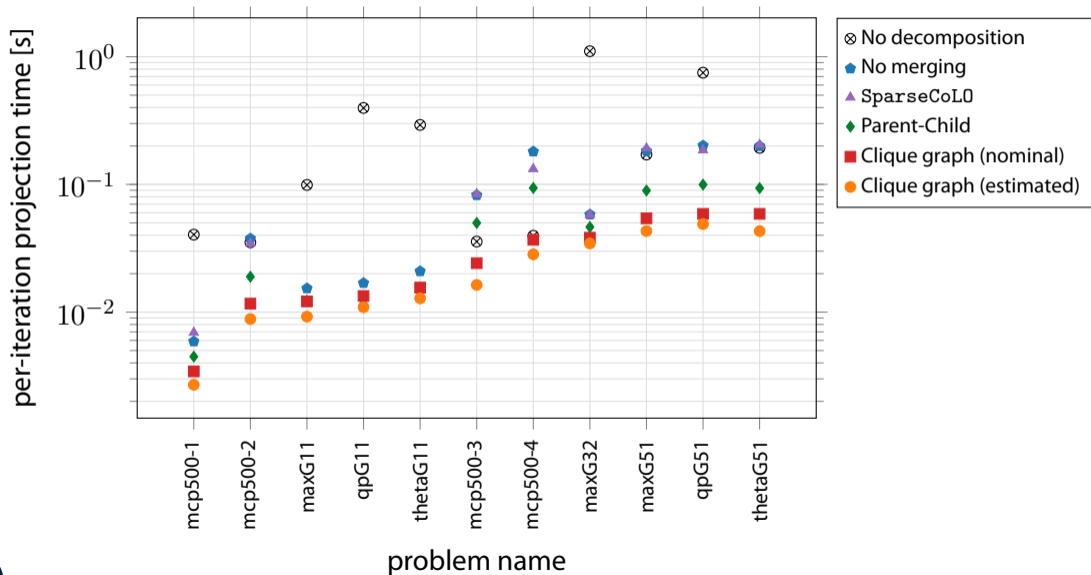
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maxG32	320.98	21.12	27.08	13.09	<b>12.47</b>	15.79
maxG51	29.12	28.04	19.86	9.59	<b>5.67</b>	8.25
mcp500-1	10.28	1.04	1.19	0.78	0.47	<b>0.37</b>
mcp500-2	8.9	10.25	7.61	5.97	2.08	<b>1.95</b>
mcp500-3	7.66	22.69	30.45	15.76	5.41	<b>4.35</b>
mcp500-4	11.63	51.37	60.52	21.92	<b>5.32</b>	8.74
qpG11	173.81	6.05	6.48	7.65	4.14	<b>3.87</b>
qpG51	607.61	138.38	155.04	150.14	113.87	<b>85.19</b>
thetaG11	225.89	8.28	37.16	10.24	9.01	<b>5.95</b>
thetaG51	505.33	82.48	587.79	103.47	<b>28.28</b>	78.08

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