

# Sparse matrix ordering method with a quantum annealing approach and its parameter tuning

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## ➤ Parameter tuning for Quantum Annealing

- Quantum computer has the potential to solve NP-problems at high speed
- **Quantum Annealing (QA)** : a kind of realization method of Quantum computers
- **Tuning of parameters is essential to solve problems with QA**
  - there is **no standard** on how to set parameters

**We discuss need for parameter tuning in QA**



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# I. Quantum Annealing

## ➤ Quantum Annealing (QA)

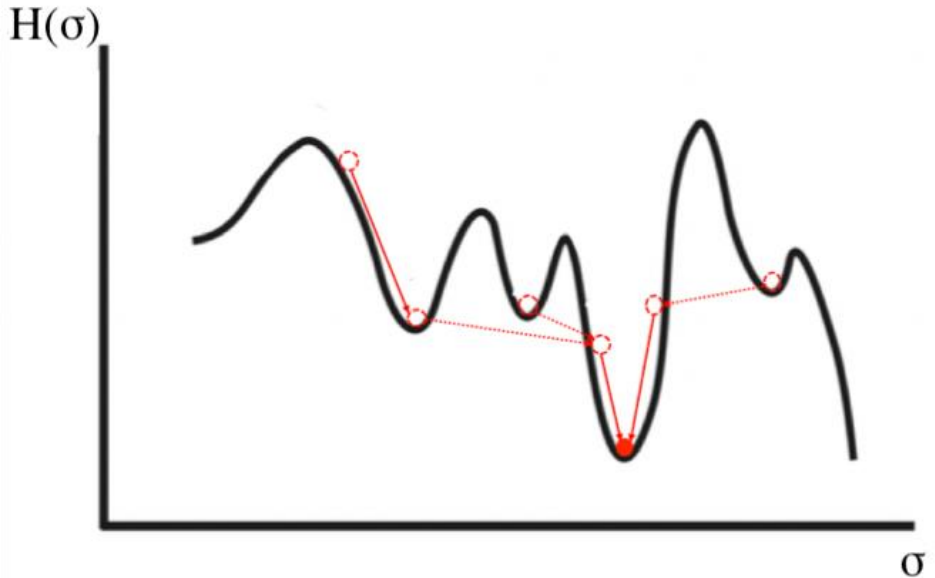
- A kind of realization method for quantum computers
- Search for the location with the minimum energy
- combinatorial optimization problems(COPs) solver

$$H(\sigma) = - \sum_{i < j} J_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j - \sum_{i=1}^N h_i \sigma_i$$

$\sigma = \{-1, +1\}$   
 $J_{ij}$  : interaction b/w  $\sigma_i - \sigma_j$   
 $h$  : local field of  $\sigma_i$

$$H(x) = \sum_i \sum_j Q_{ij} x_i x_j$$

$x = \{0, 1\}$ ,  
 $Q_{ij}$  : interaction b/w  $x_i - x_j$



$$x_i = \frac{\sigma_i + 1}{2}$$

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# I. Quantum Annealing

## ➤ Ising machine

- reproduces the behavior of QA
- Solves COPs using meta-heuristics

Table 1. Ising machines

	D-Wave 2000Q	HITACHI CMOS Annealing	Fujitsu Digital Annealer	Fixstars Amplify AE
Computation method	Quantum annealing	Digital circuit	Digital circuit	GPU
Maximum number of qubits	2,048 (16×16×8)	61,952 (352×176)	1,024/8,192	100,000 or more
Coupling graph	Chimera graph	King graph	All couplings	All couplings
Number of qubits converted to full coupling	64	176	1,024/8,192	65,536

Fixstars, <https://quantum.fixstars.com/techresouces/annealing-method/programming/index.html>



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## II. Fill-in reduction ordering for a sparse direct solver

### ➤ Sparse matrix

- A matrix whose elements are mostly zeros
- It can reduce memory consumption by storing only the nonzero elements of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} x = b$$

- When calculating with a direct solver, elements that were zero become non-zero (**fill-in**)
  - increases computation and memory usage
- **Ordering** (swaps the rows and columns of the matrix) makes less fill-ins
  - Finding an ordering that minimizes the fill-in is an **NP problem**, & difficult to compute in reasonable time





## II. Fill-in reduction ordering for a sparse direct solver

### ➤ Elimination graph

- The nonzero pattern of a symmetric matrix can be transformed into a graph
- the row/column numbers as nodes & the nonzero elements as edges

- The order of node deletion = **ordering**  
added edge = **fill-in**

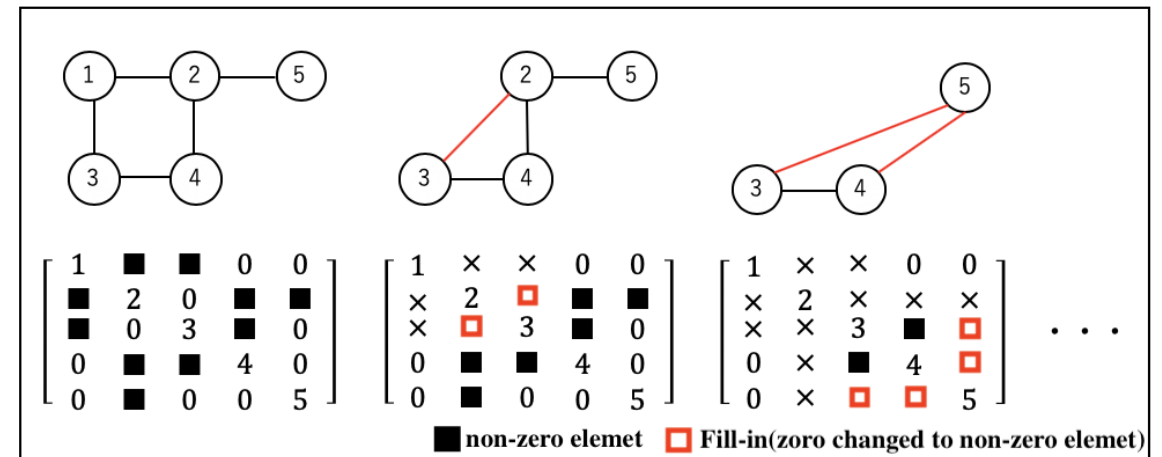


Fig1. Elimination graph

Find the order of vertex deletion that minimizes the edge additions



## II.a. Minimum Degree ordering (MD)

- One of the traditional method of graph theoretic ordering for symmetric matrices
- At each step, **delete the node with the minimum degree** & add the necessary edges
- This strategy has been **very successful for problems that aren't huge** & for graphs with no cycles

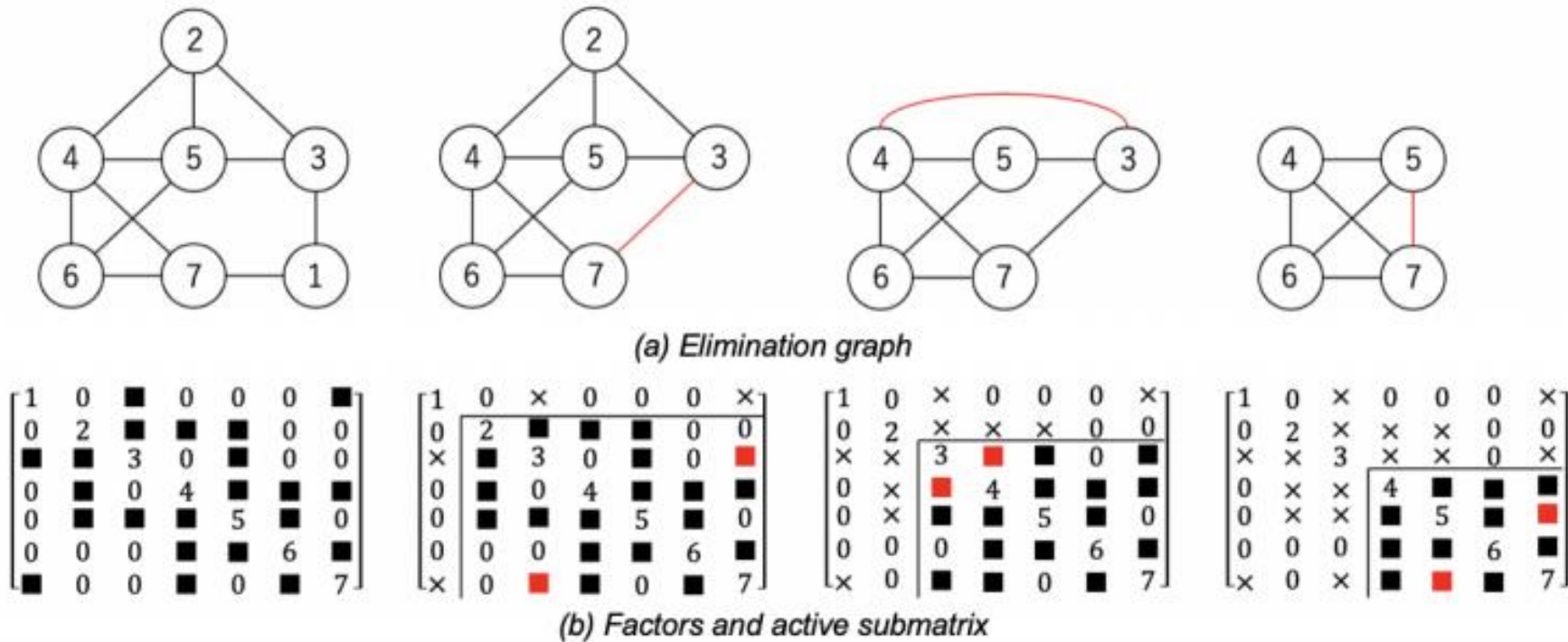


Fig2. Minimum Degree Ordering



## II.b. Quantum Minimum Fill-in ordering (QMF)

- Find the deletion order of each node with minimum edge addition using QA
- Qubits are set for the deletion order of each node and for non-existent edges

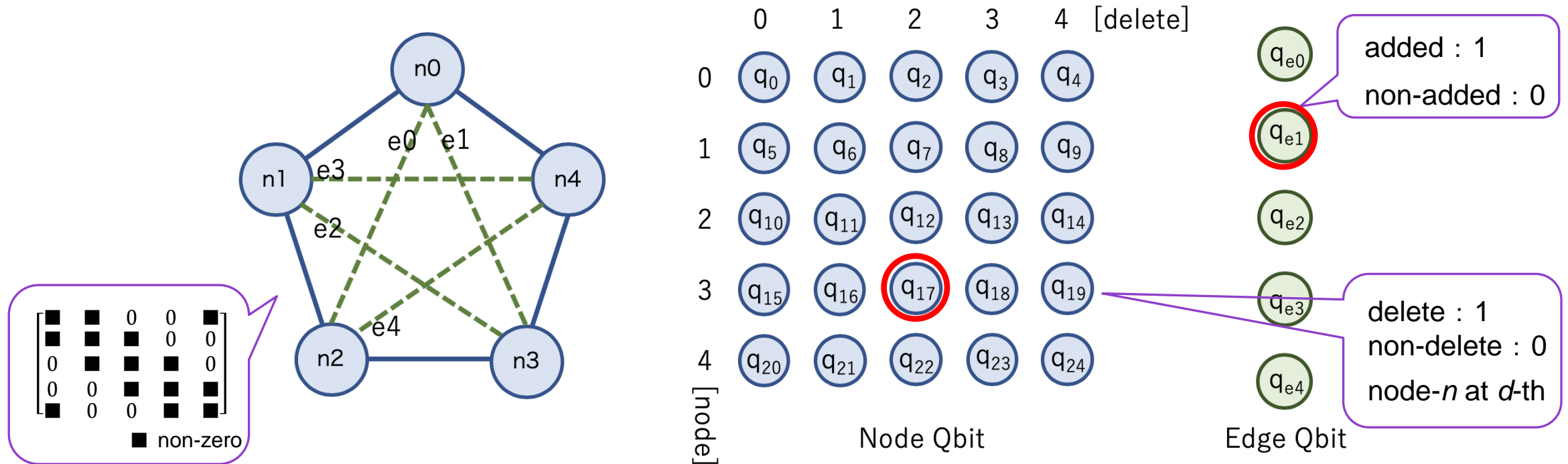


Fig3. Quantum Minimum Fill-in Ordering



## II.b. Quantum Minimum Fill-in ordering (QMF)

### ► Hamiltonian of QMF

- Cost function: Minimize the total number of edges added by node deletion

$$H_{cost} = \sum_{edge \in E} x_{edge}$$

- Constraint function 1: Delete all node & don't deleted some nodes at the same time

$$H_{sub1} = \sum_{node=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{delete=0}^{N-1} x_{node,delete} - 1 \right)^2 + \sum_{delete=0}^{N-1} \left( \sum_{node=0}^{N-1} x_{node,delete} - 1 \right)^2$$

- Constraint function 2: Add the edge caused by node deletion

$$H_{sub2} = \sum_{edge \in E} \sum_{node \notin i, ii} \sum_{delete=0}^{N-1} \left\{ (1 - x_{edge}) x_{node,delete} \left( 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{delete} x_{i,j} \right) \left( 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{delete} x_{ii,j} \right) x_i x_j \right\}^2$$

$$H = A * H_{cost} + B * H_{sub1} + C * H_{sub2}$$



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#### b. Hardware parameters of the Ising machine

- we give the weights of the cost and constraint functions when we formulate the Hamiltonian
- The ease of finding the optimal solution depends on the weights given to the cost & constraint function
- In general...
  - ✓ Give the cost function a weight that is small enough to satisfy the constraints
  - ✓ If the weight of the constraint function is too large, it's difficult to obtain a low-cost solution
  - ✓ If there are multiple constraints, set the weights according to the priority



### III. Tuning for solving problems using quantum annealing

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- a. Weights of the cost and constraint functions in the Hamiltonian
- b. Hardware parameters of the Ising machine
  - In the Hamiltonian of the QMF...
    - ✓ the conflicts related to  $H_{sub2}$  exist
    - ✓ it is necessary to set appropriate weights that balance these three functions





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## IV. Experimental result

### ➤ Experiment setup

- Evaluate :

$$\text{optimal solution rate} = \frac{\text{optimal solution}}{\text{calculations}}$$

- Ising machine : Amplify AE
- Problem size & Parameters :

Problem size		<i>matrix size</i>	<i>Required qubits</i>
		$5 \times 5$	3904
weight		$6 \times 6$	11993
		$7 \times 7$	32268
		$A$	0.05 – 1.00
	$B$	1.00	
	$C$	0.50 – 1.00	

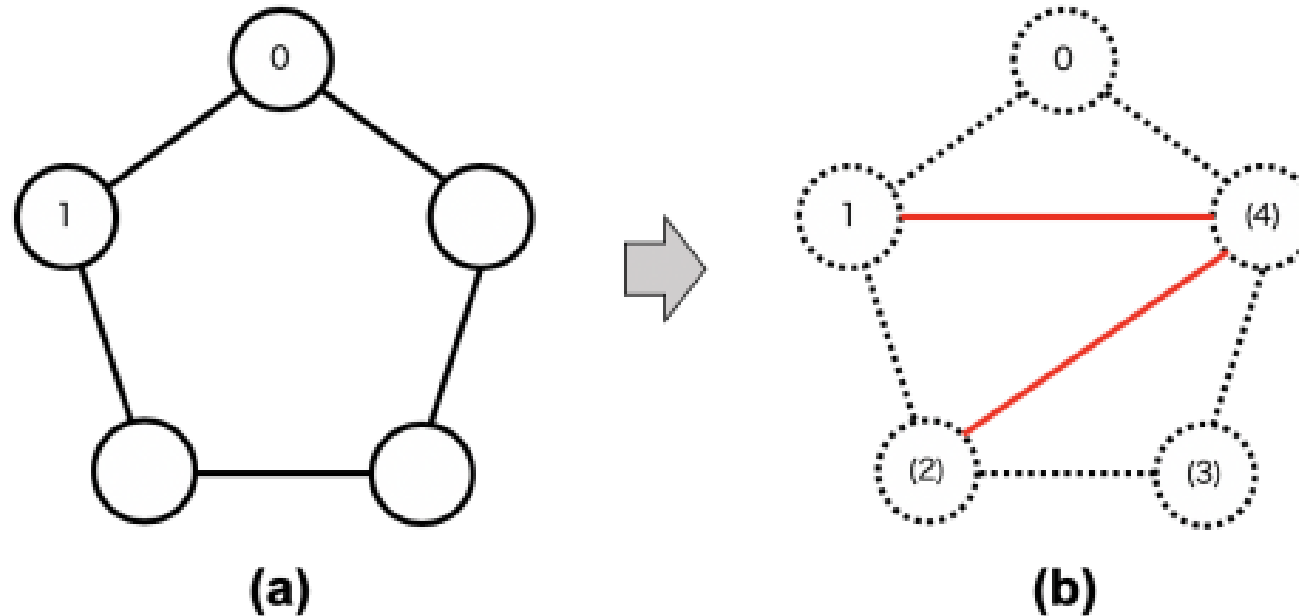
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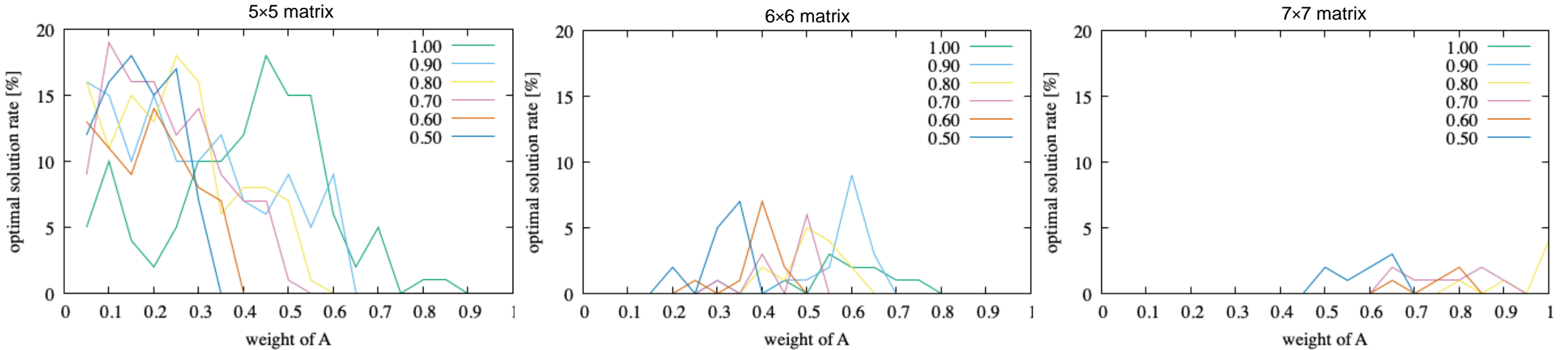
- used the matrices, which can be transformed into a cycle graph as fig.5
- Optimal solution : gives proper vertex deletion & adds specified edges



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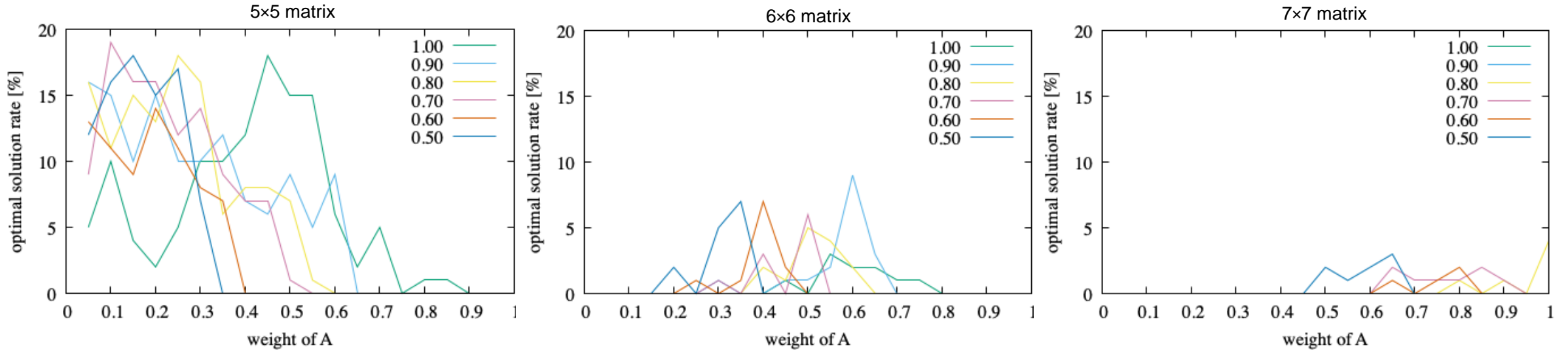


- The optimal solution rate decreases as the matrix size increases
- The optimal solution rate's peak also shifts toward larger values of A with matrix size or the value of C increases
  - the same parameters cannot be used for problems with different matrix sizes
  - **parameter tuning is required to obtain the optimal solution**



## IV. Experimental result

### ➤ Fixed deletion order matrices



- These results also show that the parameters when the optimal solution is obtained are  $A < C$  for the 5x5 and 6x6 matrices, but  $A \geq C$  for the 7x7 matrix.  
→ it is not enough to weight each function in the order of its priority



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### ➤ Random matrices

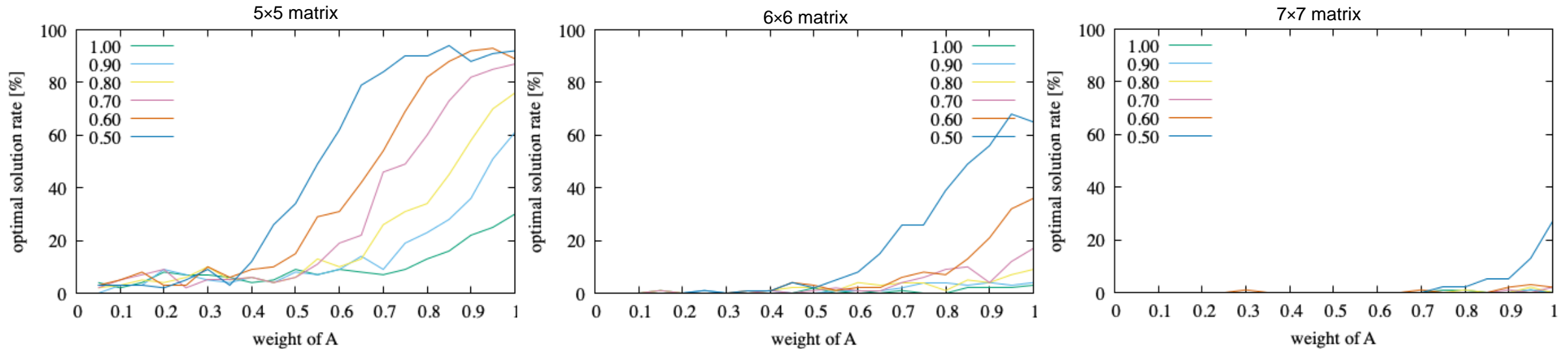
- Used randomly generated matrices in which each element is nonzero with a probability of 1/3
- Evaluate: count the number of fill-ins of QMF, without ordering(Non) & MD
  - **Optimal solution: “QMF  $\leq$  MD” fill-ins**
  - Local optimal solution: “MD < QMF  $\leq$  Non” fill-ins



## IV. Experimental result

### ➤ Random matrices

#### The optimal solution rate



- The solution rate changes with parameter tuning: 94% (5×5 matrices), 68% (6×6 matrices), 27% (7×7 matrices)
  - The solution rate decreases as the matrix size increases
  - The solution rate increases as the value of A is increased and decreases as the value of C is increased
- giving high weights to the constraints we want to satisfy will not give an optimal solution



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- The necessity and effectiveness of parameter tuning from the results of QMF ordering
  - Tuning weight parameters of QMF Hamiltonian is essential for the Ising machine to easily find the optimal solution
  - **Parameter tuning can improve the rate at which Amplify AE finds an optimal solution** by a maximum of 94% for  $5 \times 5$  matrices, 68% for  $6 \times 6$  matrices, 27% for  $7 \times 7$  matrices
  - Giving high weights to the constraints we want to satisfy will not always give an optimal solution
  
- Parameter tuning for QA
  - **There hasn't yet been enough discussion & it is being performed empirically**
  - Exhaustive search takes long time
  - Auto-tuning is expected to decrease tuning time