

Advancements in Graph Bandwidth Reduction

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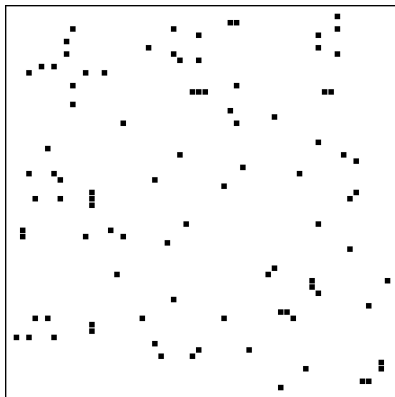


Figure 1: A 60×60 sparse matrix with original bandwidth 51.

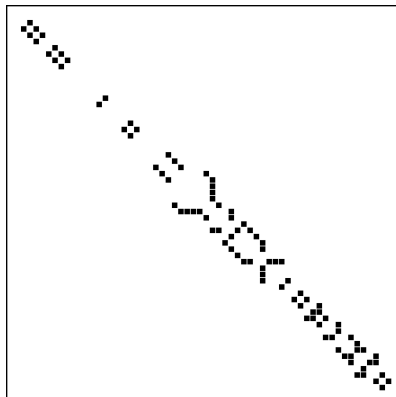


Figure 2: Bandwidth reduced to 5 by the **Gibbs–Poole–Stockmeyer** heuristic algorithm.

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Figure 4: Rebekka's dogs, **Jonsi** (right) and **Timmy** (left), being cute <3

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Figure 5: Art by **Rebekka Jonasson** <3