

Survivable composite-link IP network design with OSPF routing

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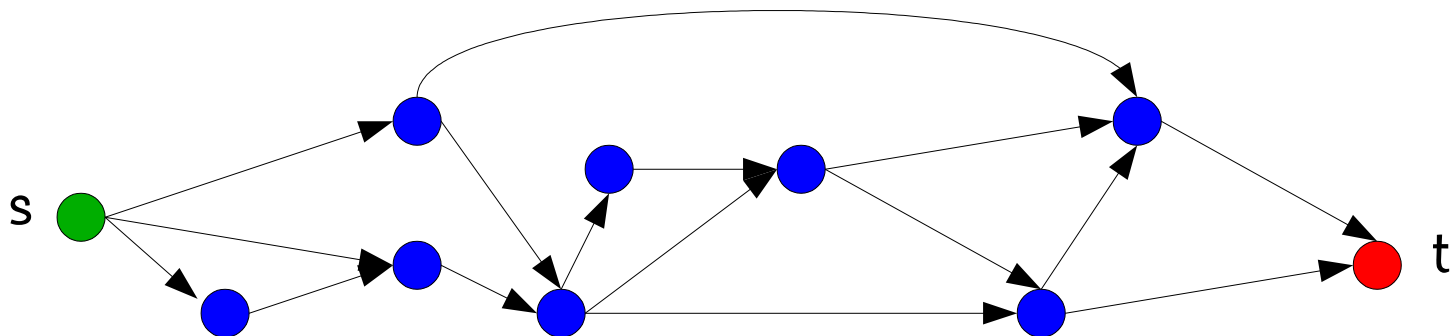
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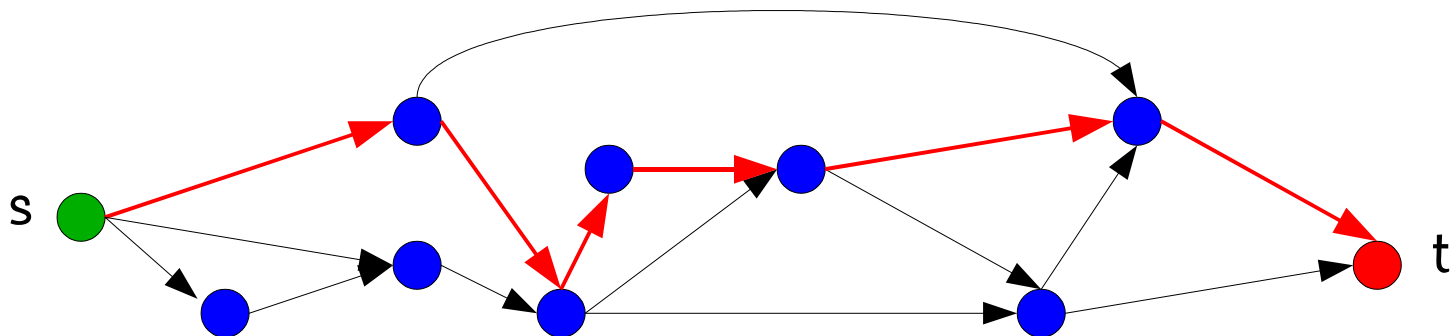
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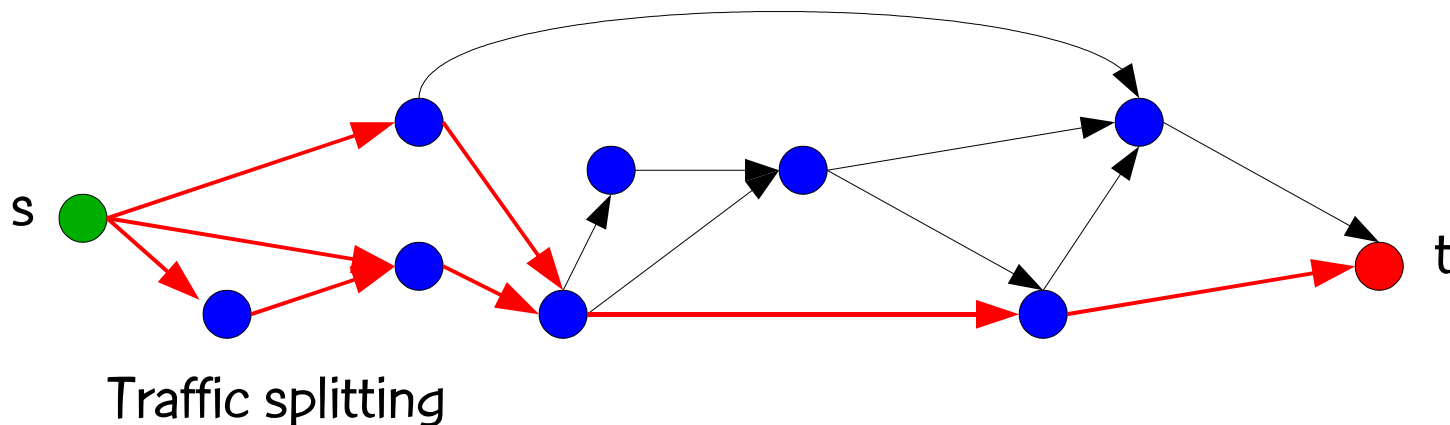
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 - directed graph $G = (N, A)$, where N is the set of routers, A is the set of potential arcs where capacity can be installed,
 - a demand matrix D that for each pair $(s, t) \in N \times N$, specifies the demand $D(s, t)$ between s and t ,
 - a cost $K(a)$ to lay fiber on arc a
 - a capacity increment C for the fiber.



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- Determine
 - OSPF weight $w(a)$ to assign to each arc $a \in \bar{A}$,
 - which arcs should be used to deploy fiber and how many units (multiplicities) $M(a)$ of capacity C should be installed on each arc $a \in \bar{A}$,
- such that all the demand can be routed on the network even when any single arc fails.
- Minimize total design cost = $\sum_{a \in \bar{A}} M(a) \times K(a)$.

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- Use genetic algorithm (GA) to determine weights.
- GA needs to compute “fitness” of each solution it produces.



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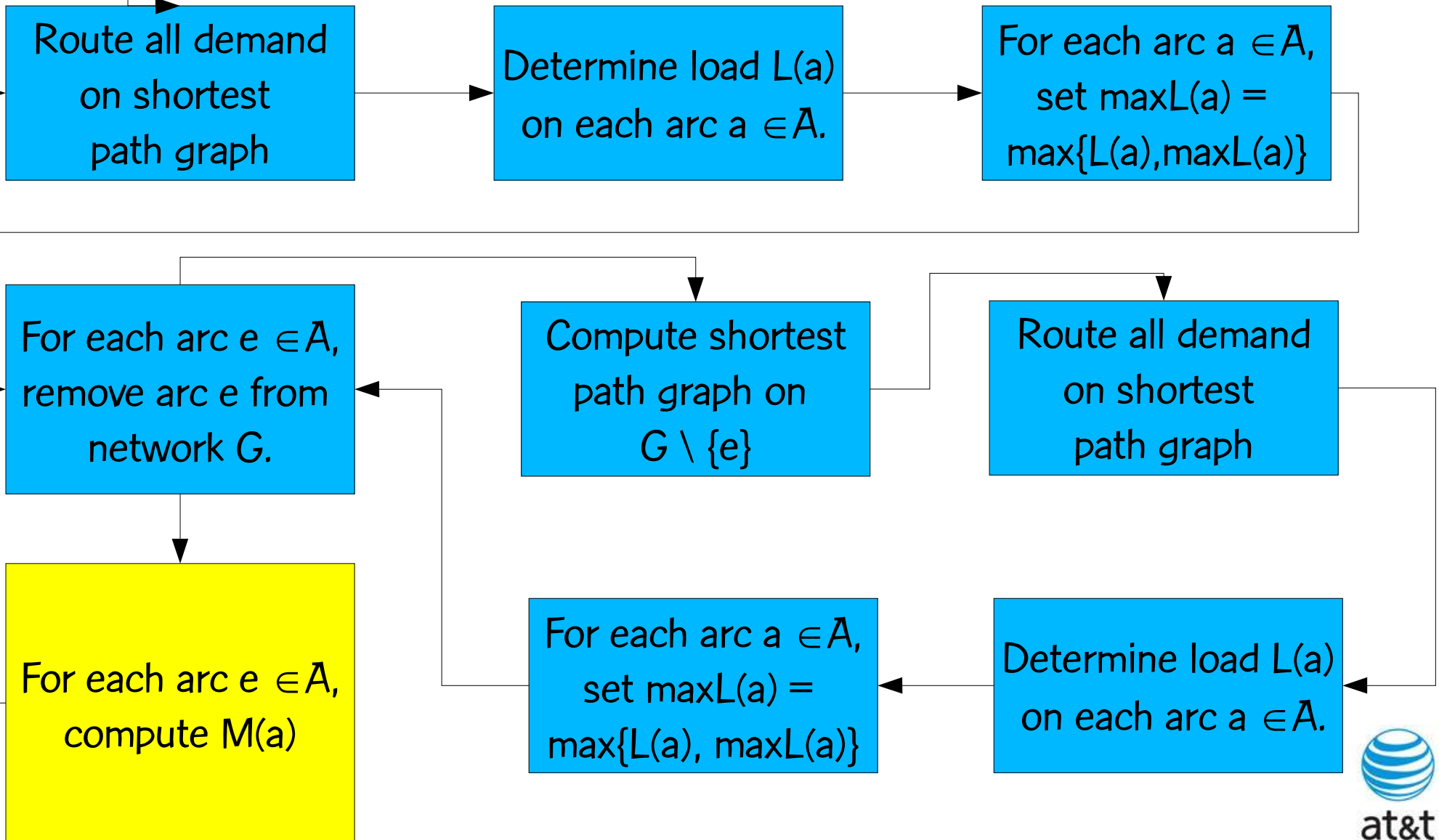


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OC3	OC12	OC48	OC192	
155 Mb/s	622 Mb/s	2.5 Gb/s	10 Gb/s	$\alpha = 4$

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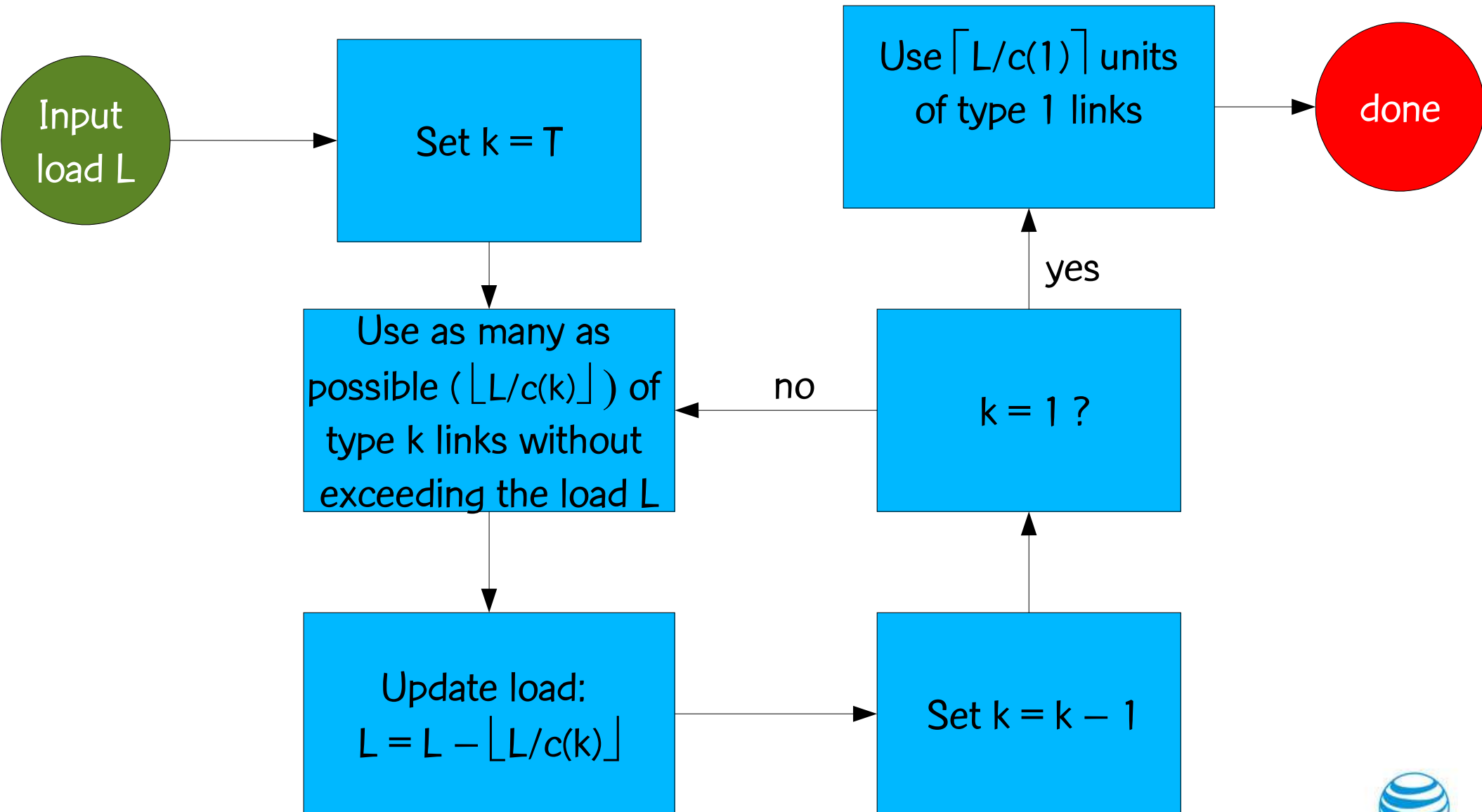
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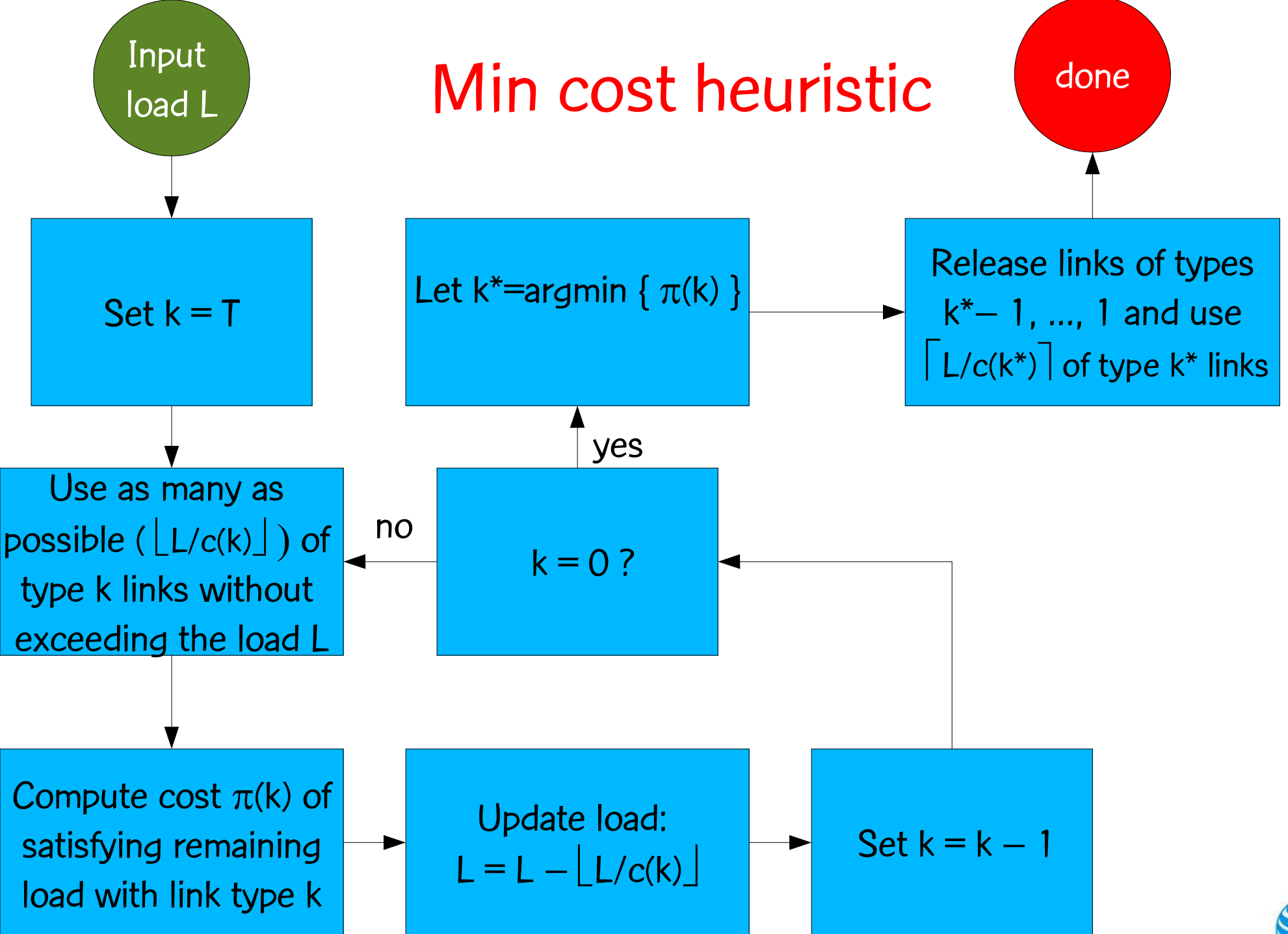
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$\pi(k)$ is total cost of using links of types $T, T-1, \dots, k$.

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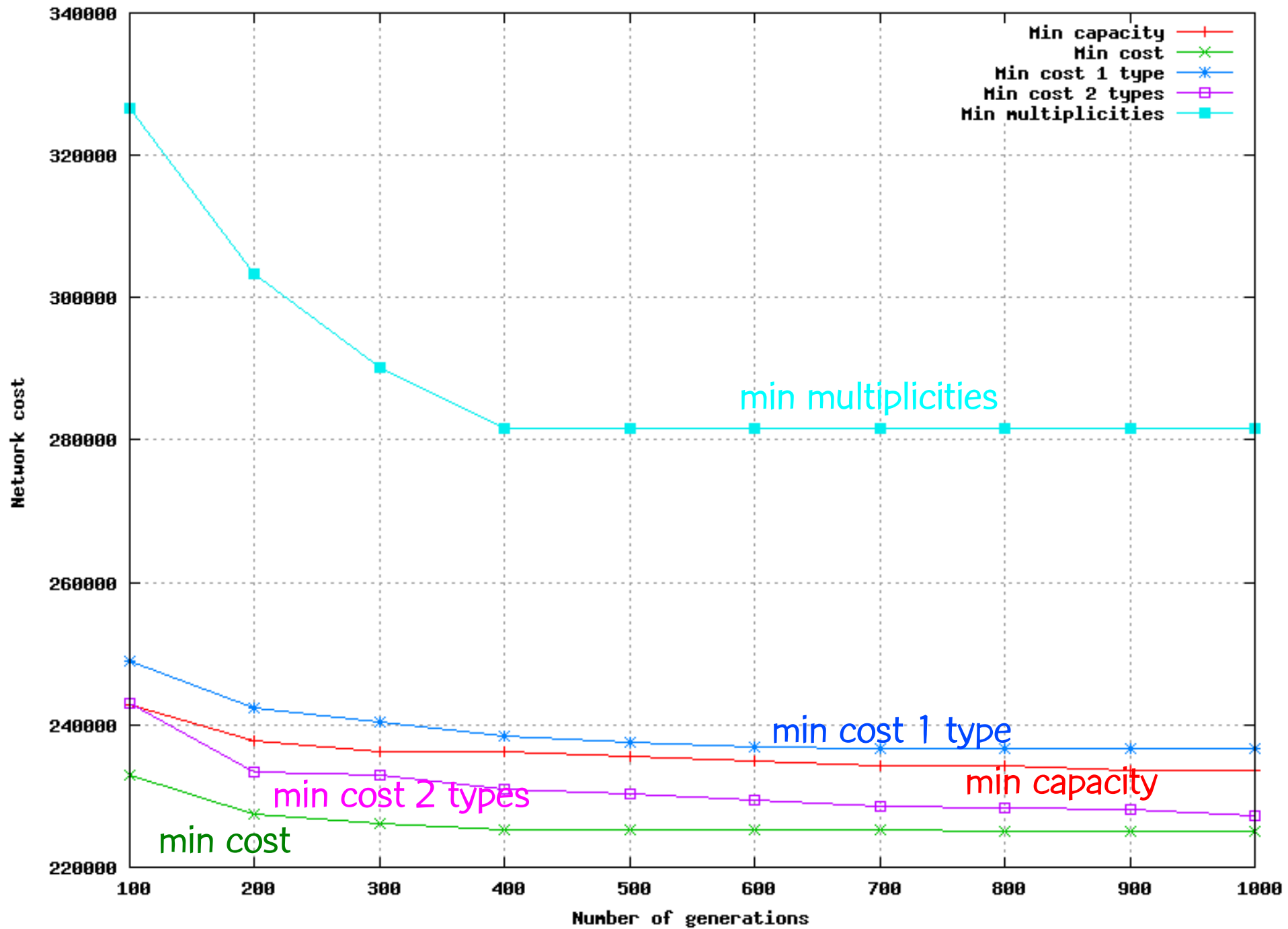
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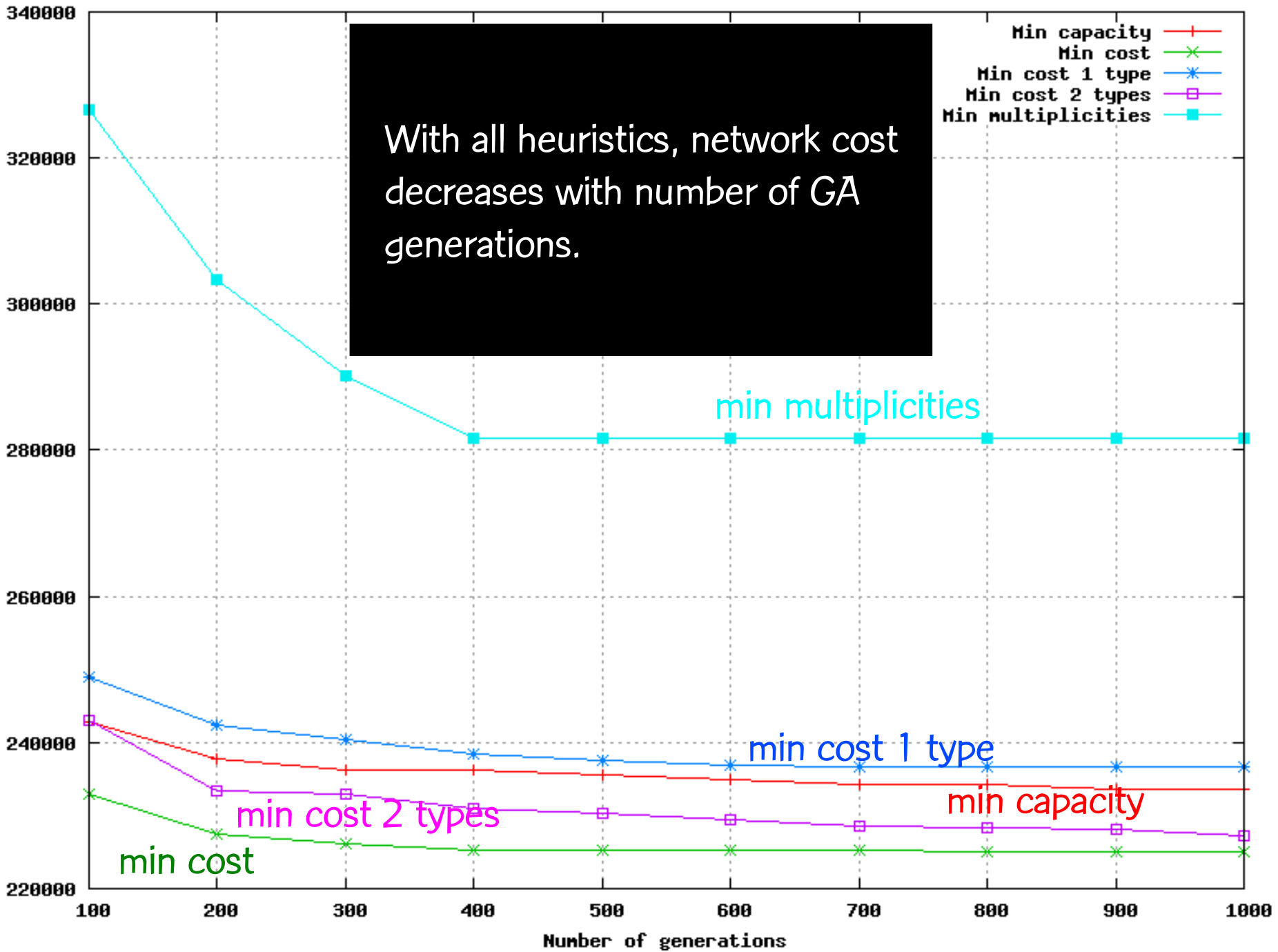
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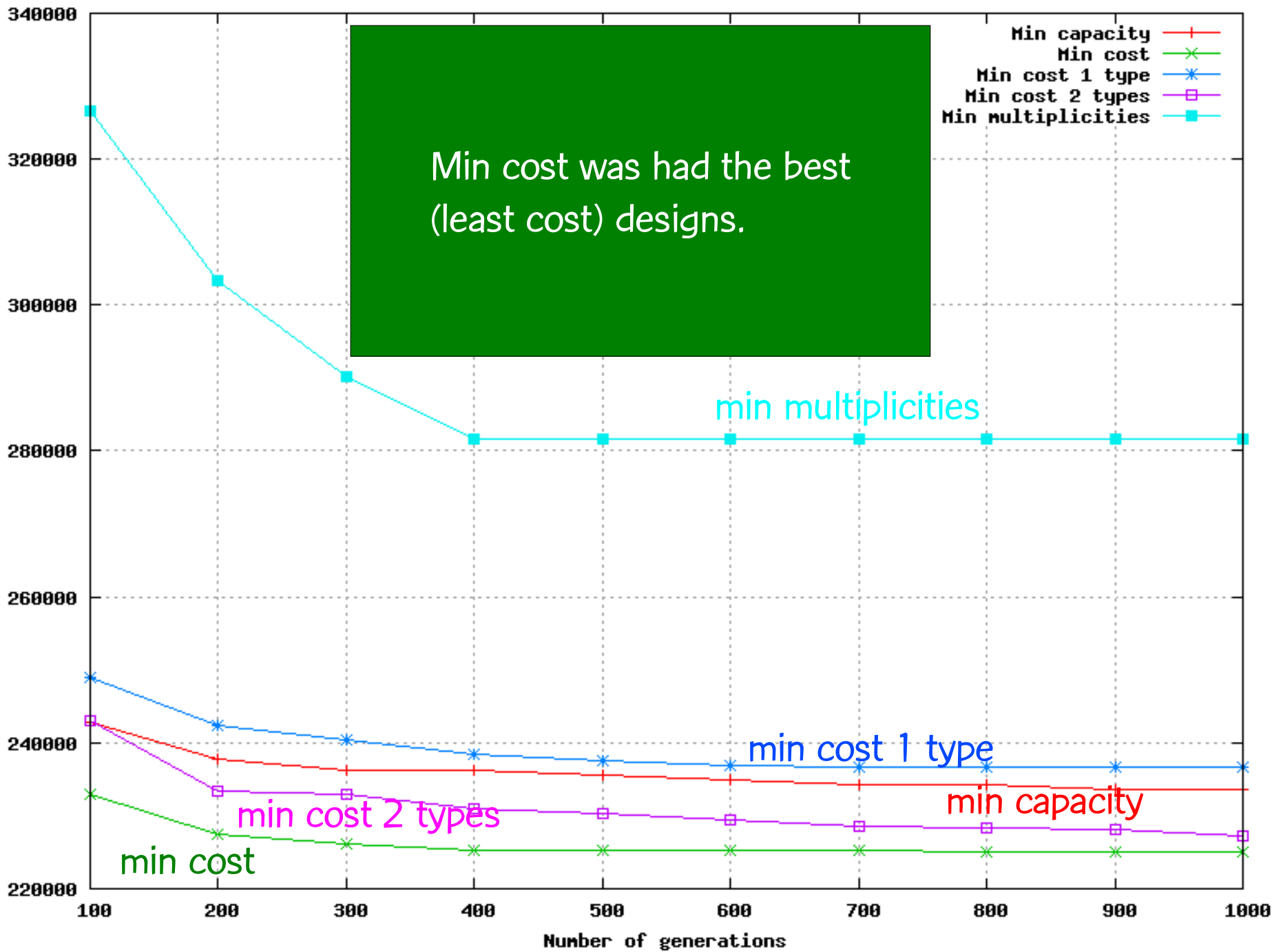
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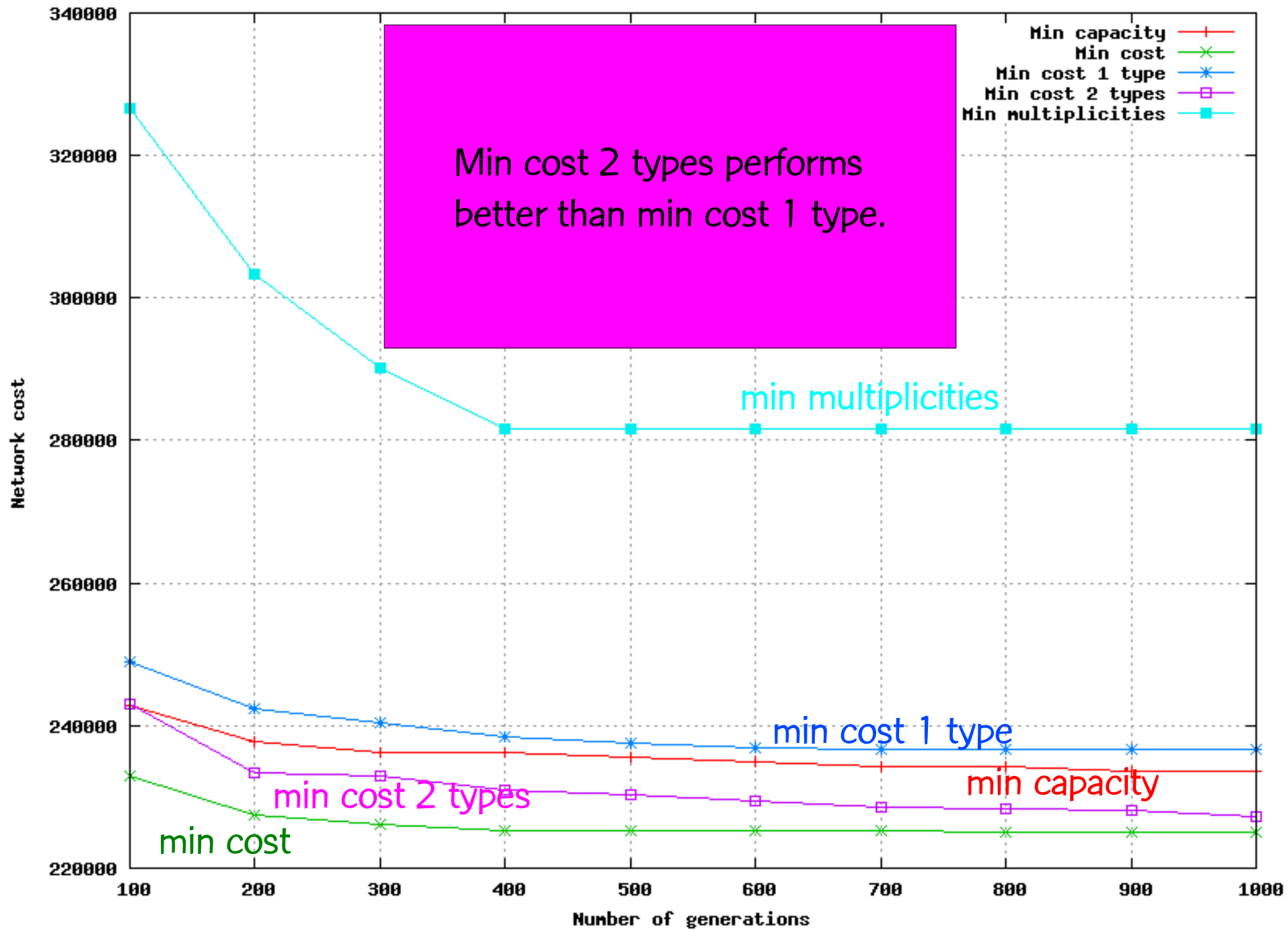
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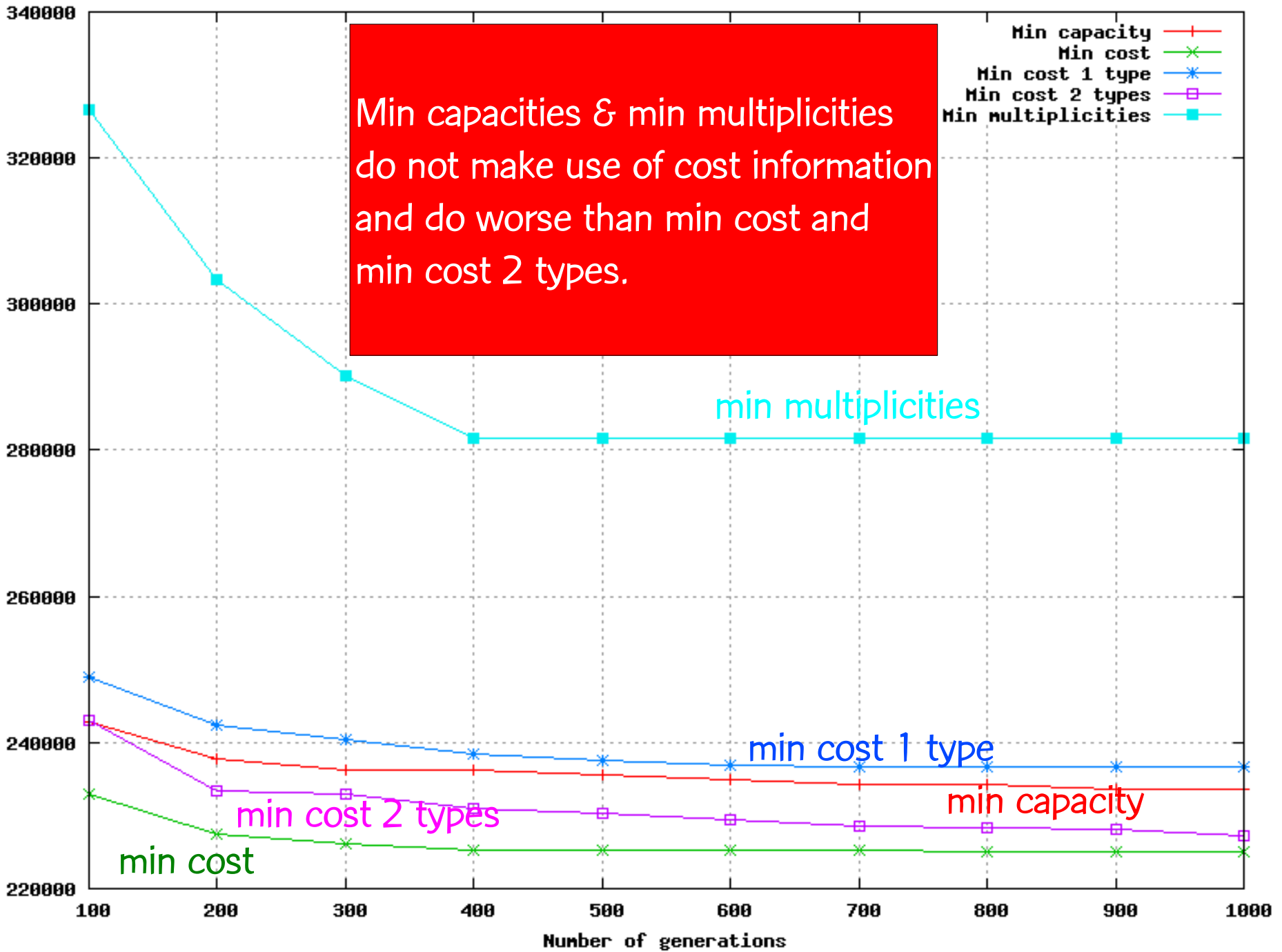






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