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On the circuit diameter of some polytopes in combinatorial optimization

The diameter of a polyhedron P is the maximum value of a shortest path between a pair of vertices of P, where one is allowed to walk on the edges (1-dimensional faces) of P. The circuit diameter of P is instead defined as the maximum value of a shortest circuit-path between a pair of vertices of P, where one is allowed to walk using the direction of potential edges of P, i.e. edges that can arise by translating the facets of P. In this talk, we will give new bounds on the diameter and on the circuit diameter of some polytopes that describe the set of feasible solutions of classical combinatorial optimization problems.