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Cheeger's isoperimetric inequality.

## Example Problem: clustering.

- Points: documents, dna, preferences.
- Graphs: applications to VLSI, parallel processing, image segmentation.

Image example.

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