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The least number of complete subgraphs of a graph G with n vertices needed to partition (cover) the edge set of G is denoted by cp(G) (cc(G), respectively). Main result:  $n^2/4 - n^{3/2}/2 + n/4 \le cp(G) - cc(G) \le n^2/4 - 2$ .

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