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Extremal clique coverings of complementary graphs. (In English)

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The clique covering number, cc(G), is the least number of complete subgraphs needed to cover the edges of G; the clique partition number, cp(G), is the least number of complete subgraphs needed to partition the edge set of G. Let \bar{G} be the complement of G. The paper investigates bounds on $\max\{cc(G) + cc(\bar{G})\}$, $\max\{cc(G)cc(\bar{G})\}$, $\max\{cp(G) + cp(\bar{G})\}$ and $\max\{cp(G)cp(\bar{G})\}$, taken over graphs G with n vertices.

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