

Revisiting the Intersection Problem for Maximum Packings of K_{6n+4} with Triples

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In 1989, Gaetano Quattrocchi gave a complete solution of the intersection problem for maximum packings of K_{6n+4} with triples when the leave (a tripole) is the same in each maximum packing. Quattrocchi showed that $I(4) = \{1\}$ and for all $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \geq 10$ $I(n) = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{\binom{n}{2} - \binom{n+2}{2}}{3} = x\} \setminus \{x-1, x-2, x-3, x-5\}$. We extend this result by removing the exceptions $\{x-1, x-2, x-3, x-5\}$ when the leaves are not necessarily the same. In particular, we show that $I(n) = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{\binom{n}{2} - \binom{n+2}{2}}{3} = x\}$ for all $n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$.

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