

The intersection problem for maximum packings of K_{6n+5}
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In 1989, Gaetano Quattrocchi gave a complete solution of the intersection problem for maximum packings of K_{6n+5} with triples when the leave (a 4-cycle) is the same in each maximum packing. Quattrocchi showed that $I[2] = 2$ and $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{\binom{n}{2}-4}{3} = x\} \setminus \{x-1, x-2, x-3, x-5\}$ for all $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \geq 11$. 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 $I[n] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{\binom{n}{2}-4}{3}\}$ for all $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$.