

# Packing and covering the complete graph with cubes\*

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## Abstract

A decomposition of  $K_n \setminus L$ , the complete graph of order  $n$  with a subgraph  $L$  (called the leave) removed, into edge disjoint copies of a graph  $G$  is called a maximum packing of  $K_n$  with  $G$  if  $L$  contains as few edges as possible. A decomposition of  $K_n \cup P$ , the complete graph union a graph  $P$  (called the padding), into edge disjoint copies of a graph  $G$  is called a minimum covering of  $K_n$  with  $G$  if  $P$  contains as few edges as possible. We construct maximum packings and minimum coverings of  $K_n$  with the 3-cube for all  $n$ .

## 1 Introduction

A subgraph will be called a  $G$ -subgraph if it is isomorphic to a given graph  $G$ . A (partial)  $G$ -design of a graph  $X$  is a collection of edge disjoint  $G$ -subgraphs of  $X$  such that each edge of  $X$  is in (at most) exactly one  $G$ -subgraph. The spectrum for  $G$ -designs is the set of integers  $n$  such that there is a  $G$ -design of  $K_n$ . When  $n$  is not in the spectrum of  $G$ -designs two natural questions arise:

- (1) For a given graph  $G$ , what is the maximum possible number of  $G$ -subgraphs of  $K_n$  such that no edge of  $K_n$  occurs in more than one  $G$ -subgraph?
- (2) For a given graph  $G$ , what is the minimum possible number of  $G$ -subgraphs of  $K_n$  such that every edge of  $K_n$  occurs in at least one  $G$ -subgraph?

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These questions are respectively called the maximum packing and minimum covering problem for  $G$ -designs. A partial  $G$ -design of  $K_n$  is called a *maximum packing* with *leave*  $L$  if there is no partial  $G$ -design of  $K_n$  having a leave with fewer edges (equivalently, containing more  $G$ -subgraphs). A  $G$ -covering of  $K_n$  with *padding*  $P$  is a collection of  $G$ -subgraphs of  $K_n$  such that every edge of  $K_n \cup P$  is in exactly one  $G$ -subgraph. A  $G$ -covering of  $K_n$  is a *minimum covering* if there is no  $G$ -covering of  $K_n$  having a padding with fewer edges (equivalently, no  $G$ -covering of  $K_n$  containing fewer ...  $G$ -subgraphs). The minimum covering problem usually involves considering the case where the padding is required to be a simple graph and the case where multiple edges are permitted in the padding.

Maximum packings and minimum coverings of graphs have been and continue to be popular topics of research. In particular, maximum packings and minimum coverings of  $K_n$  have attracted the most attention. For  $K_3$ -designs, the maximum packing problem was solved by Schönheim [25] (see also Spencer [27]) and the minimum covering problem was solved by Fort and Hedlund [10]. For  $K_4$ -designs, Brouwer [4] solved the maximum packing problem and Mills [21, 22] solved the minimum covering problem. Various results on maximum packings of  $K_n$  with cycles can be found in [9], [11], [12] and [14]. Maximum packings of  $K_n$  with various other specific graphs have also been considered (see [2], [13], [23] and [24] for examples). Maximum packings with triples of graphs other than  $K_n$  have also been considered (see [3] and [6]). Similarly, minimum coverings of  $K_n$  with various graphs have been investigated (see [15], [17], [18], [19], [23], [24] and [26] for examples). It is also worth mentioning the recent asymptotic results [7, 8] which settle the maximum packing and minimum covering problems for very large values of  $n$ .

The  $d$ -cube is the graph  $Q_d$  whose vertex set is the set of all binary  $d$ -tuples, and whose edge set consists of all pairs of vertices which differ in exactly one coordinate. Note that the 1-cube is simply  $K_2$ , the 2-cube is isomorphic to the 4-cycle and the 3-cube is the graph of the well known regular solid that we all know as the cube.

We note that the packings and coverings of  $K_n$  with 1-cubes are trivial. Maximum packings and minimum coverings of  $K_n$  with 2-cubes (i.e. 4-cycles) are constructed for all values of  $n$  in [26]. Kotzig [16] was the first to investigate the spectrum problem for cubes in general. In [20], Maheo showed that the spectrum for 3-cubes is precisely the set of all  $n \equiv 1$  or  $16 \pmod{24}$ . Necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of  $Q_3$ -designs of  $K_{m,n}$  and  $K_n \setminus K_m$  are found in [5] and in [1], respectively. We note further that the spectrum for  $Q_d$ -designs is still not completely settled when  $d \geq 5$  is odd (see [5]).

In this paper we construct for every positive integer  $n$ , a maximum packing (see Section 2) and a minimum covering (see Section 3) of  $K_n$  with 3-cubes. Since in many cases the number of possible leaves and paddings increases without bound as  $n$  approaches infinity, we present only one possible leave for each maximum packing and one possible padding for each minimum covering. We construct minimum coverings having paddings with multiple edges in all cases where such paddings contain fewer edges than any possible simple padding.

We will use the following notation. The graph consisting of  $t$  vertex disjoint copies of a graph  $G$  will be denoted by  $tG$ . For  $H$  a subgraph of a graph  $G$ , define  $G \setminus H$  to

be the graph with vertex set  $V(G \setminus H) = V(G)$  and edge set  $E(G \setminus H) = E(G) \setminus E(H)$ .

For two graphs  $G$  and  $H$ ,  $G \cup H$  will denote the graph with vertex set  $V(G) \cup V(H)$  and edge set  $E(G) \cup E(H)$ . Let the 8-tuple  $(a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h)$  denote the graph of the 3-cube (henceforth denoted by  $C$ ) as shown in Figure 1.

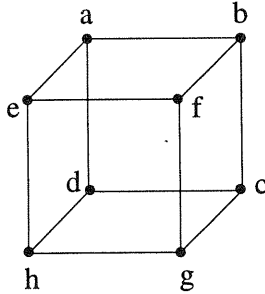


Figure 1: The 3-cube which we denote by  $C$

## 2 The packing problem

**Lemma 2.1** *Let  $|E(K_n)| \equiv r \pmod{12}$ , let  $n-1 \equiv d \pmod{3}$  and let  $L$  be a spanning subgraph (possibly containing isolated vertices) of  $K_n$  with  $\deg(v) \equiv d \pmod{3}$  for each  $v \in L$ . If  $|E(L)| = \min\{\lambda \geq \lceil dn/2 \rceil \mid \lambda \equiv r \pmod{12}\}$ , then a partial  $C$ -design of  $K_n$  with leave  $L$  is a maximum packing.*

**Proof:** Suppose there is a partial  $C$ -design  $D'$  of  $K_n$  with leave  $L'$  which contains more cubes than a partial  $C$ -design of  $K_n$  which satisfies the conditions of the lemma. Then  $|E(L')| \leq |E(L)| - 12 \leq \lceil dn/2 \rceil - 1$ . Since  $\deg(v) \equiv d \pmod{3}$  for each  $v \in L'$ , we have a contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 2.2** *Suppose there exists a partial  $C$ -design of  $K_n$  with leave  $L$ . Then there exists a partial  $C$ -design of  $K_{n+24}$  with leave  $L^*$  where  $L^* = L$  if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $L^* = L + 12K_2$  if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $L^* = L + 6C_4$  if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .*

**Proof:** Note that the  $C$ -designs referred to below can be found in [5] or in the Appendix.

If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  then we construct a partial  $C$ -design of  $K_{n+24}$  by taking the union of the partial  $C$ -design of  $K_n$ , a  $C$ -design of  $K_{n,24}$  and a maximum packing of  $K_{24}$  with leave  $6C_4$ .

If  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  then we construct a partial  $C$ -design of  $K_{n+24}$  by taking the union of the partial  $C$ -design of  $K_n$ , a  $C$ -design of  $K_{n-2,24}$  and a maximum packing of  $K_{26}$  with leave  $13K_2$ . Note that  $V(K_{26})$  has two vertices in common with  $K_n$  and that these are joined by an edge which is in both  $L$  and  $13K_2$ .

If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  then we construct a partial  $C$ -design of  $K_{n+24}$  by taking the union of the partial  $C$ -design of  $K_n$ , a  $C$ -design of  $K_{n-1,24}$  and a  $C$ -design of  $K_{25}$ . Note that  $V(K_{25})$  has exactly one vertex in common with  $K_n$ .  $\square$

We are now ready to construct maximum packings of  $K_n$  for all positive integers  $n$ . For  $n \leq 7$ , a maximum packing of  $K_n$  contains zero copies of  $C$  and has leave  $K_n$ . For  $8 \leq n \leq 31$  and  $n = 34$ , a maximum packing of  $K_n$  is given in the Appendix and the corresponding leave  $L_n$  is shown in Table 1. Note that the case  $n = 10$  is special. It can be shown by exhaustive computer search that there do not exist three edge disjoint copies of  $C$  in  $K_{10}$  and so the leave in a maximum packing of  $K_{10}$  must contain at least 21 edges. However, there exists a maximum packing of  $K_{34}$  having just nine edges in its leave, so we start the recursive construction for the case  $n \equiv 10 \pmod{24}$  at  $n = 34$ . For  $n = 32, 33$  and for  $n \geq 35$ , we construct a maximum packing of  $K_n$  by repeated application of Lemma 2.2 to the maximum packings given for  $K_n$  with  $n \in \{8, 9, 11, 12, 13, \dots, 31, 34\}$ . It is straight forward to verify, using Lemma 2.1 that the partial  $C$ -designs obtained in this manner are maximum packings. We now describe the leaves of the constructed maximum packings. Let  $t \in \{8, 9, 11, 12, 13, \dots, 31, 34\}$ , let  $L_t$  denote the leave of a maximum packing of  $K_t$  as shown in Table 1, and let  $x \geq 0$ . If  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then the leave of the constructed maximum packing of  $K_{24x+t}$  is the vertex disjoint union of  $L_t$  with  $6xC_4$ . If  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then the leave of the constructed maximum packing of  $K_{24x+t}$  is  $L_t$ . If  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then the leave of the constructed maximum packing of  $K_{24x+t}$  is the vertex disjoint union of  $L_t$  with a 1-factor on the remaining  $24x$  vertices of  $K_{24x+t}$ .

Combining the above results, we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 2.3** *A maximum packing of  $K_n$  has leave of size:*

21	for $n = 7$ and 10	$n$	for $n \equiv 0, 3 \pmod{24}$
0	for $n \equiv 1, 16 \pmod{24}$	$n + 3$	for $n \equiv 9, 18 \pmod{24}$
6	for $n \equiv 4, 13 \pmod{24}$	$n + 6$	for $n \equiv 12, 15 \pmod{24}$
9	for $n \equiv 7, 10 \pmod{24}$ , $n \geq 31$	$n + 9$	for $n \equiv 6, 21 \pmod{24}$
15	for $n \equiv 19, 22 \pmod{24}$	$\frac{n}{2}$	for $n \equiv 2, 8, 14, 20 \pmod{24}$
$\frac{n+3}{2}$	for $n \equiv 11, 23 \pmod{24}$	$\frac{n+15}{2}$	for $n \equiv 5, 17 \pmod{24}$

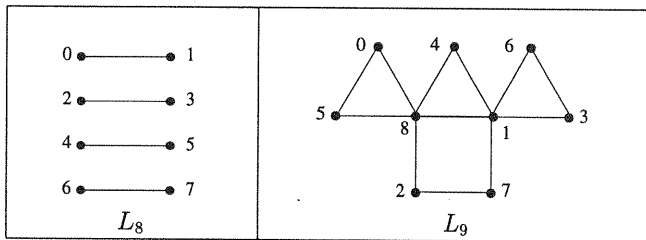
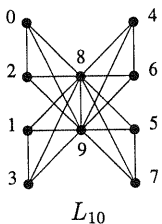
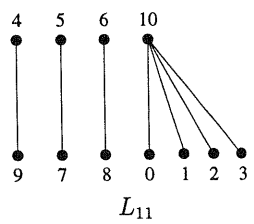


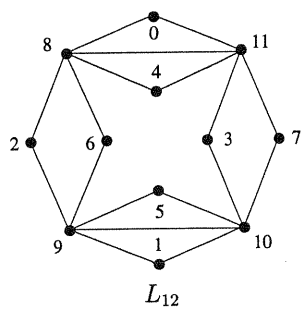
Table 1: The leave  $L_n$  for a maximum packing of  $K_n$  with 3-cubes in the cases  $8 \leq n \leq 31$  and  $n = 34$  (continued on subsequent pages).



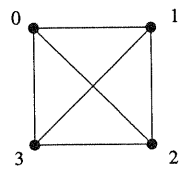
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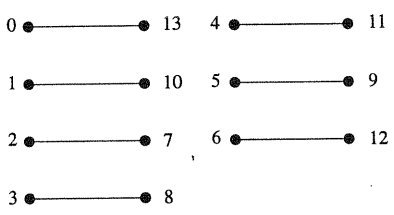
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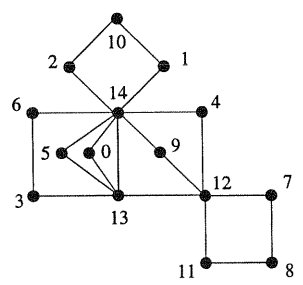
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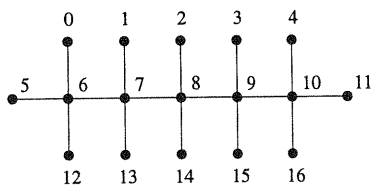
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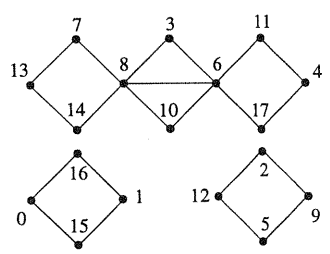
$L_{14}$



$L_{15}$



$L_{17}$



$L_{18}$

Table 1. (continued)

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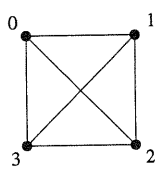
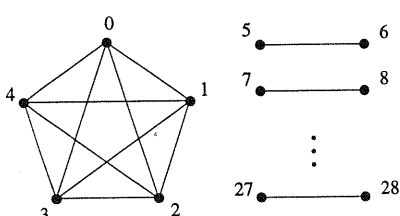
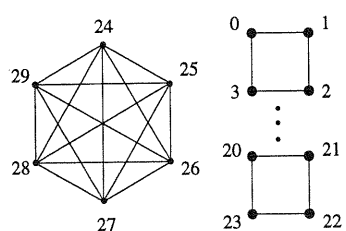
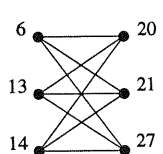
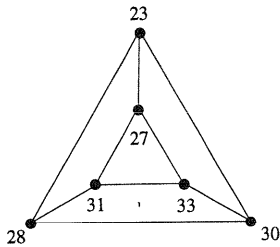
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Table 1. (continued)

### 3 The covering problem

**Lemma 3.1** *A  $C$ -covering of  $K_n$  which contains  $\lceil n[(n-1)/3]/8 \rceil$  copies of  $C$  is a minimum covering.*

**Proof:** Each vertex of  $K_n$  must occur in at least  $\lceil (n-1)/3 \rceil$  copies of  $C$  and so there must be at least  $\lceil n[(n-1)/3]/8 \rceil$  copies of  $C$ . □

**Lemma 3.2** *Suppose there exists a  $C$ -covering of  $K_n$  with padding  $P$ . Then there exists a  $C$ -covering of  $K_{n+24}$  with padding  $P^*$  where  $P^* = P$  if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $P^* = P + 6C_4$  if  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $P^* = P + 12K_2$  if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ .*

**Proof:** Note that the required  $C$ -designs can be found in [5] or in the Appendix. If  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , we construct a  $C$ -covering of  $K_{n+24}$  by taking the union of the  $C$ -covering of  $K_n$ , a  $C$ -design of  $K_{n-1,24}$  and a  $C$ -design of  $K_{25}$ . Note that  $V(K_{25})$  has exactly one vertex in common with  $K_n$ . If  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , we construct a  $C$ -covering of  $K_{n+24}$  by taking the union of the  $C$ -covering of  $K_n$ , a  $C$ -design of  $K_{n-2,24}$ , a maximum packing of  $K_{26}$  with leave  $13K_2$  (one of the edges in this leave has the two vertices which are not in the  $C$ -design of  $K_{n-2,24}$  as its endpoints) and a  $C$ -covering of  $12K_2$ . If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , we construct a  $C$ -covering of  $K_{n+24}$  by taking the union of the  $C$ -covering of  $K_n$ , a  $C$ -design of  $K_{n,24}$  and a minimum  $C$ -covering of  $K_{24}$ .  $\square$

We are now ready to construct minimum coverings of  $K_n$  for all positive integers  $n$ . For  $2 \leq n \leq 7$ , no covering of  $K_n$  exists. For  $8 \leq n \leq 31$  and  $n = 34$ , minimum coverings of  $K_n$  are given in the Appendix and the corresponding paddings are shown in Table 2. Note that the cases  $n \equiv 7$  and  $10 \pmod{24}$  are special: the number of edges in  $K_n$  is  $9 \pmod{12}$  and hence it is possible that a minimum covering of  $K_n$  will have a padding that consists of just three edges. However, such a padding must have all vertices of degree  $0 \pmod{3}$  and so the only such padding is the multigraph consisting of a triple edge on two vertices. If we require that the padding be a simple graph, then it must contain at least 15 edges. It can be shown by exhaustive computer search that it is not possible to cover the edges of  $K_{10}$  with four or fewer copies of  $C$  (even if non-simple paddings are permitted) and so the minimum covering of  $K_{10}$  has a padding consisting of at least 15 edges. A covering of  $K_{10}$  and a covering of  $K_{31}$  each with simple 15 edge paddings is given in the Appendix. Minimum coverings of  $K_{31}$  and  $K_{34}$  with paddings consisting of a triple edge are also given in the Appendix. Hence, by repeated application of Lemma 3.2 to our minimum coverings of  $K_{10}$ ,  $K_{31}$  and  $K_{34}$ , we have minimum coverings of  $K_{24x+7}$  and  $K_{24x+10}$  (for all  $x \geq 0$ ) in both the case when simple paddings are required and also in the case where they are not. If non-simple paddings are permitted, then the padding for these minimum coverings is always a triple edge. If simple paddings are required, then for the case  $n \equiv 10 \pmod{24}$ , the padding is isomorphic to the 15 edge padding of  $K_{10}$  shown in Table 2 and for the case  $n \equiv 7 \pmod{24}$ , the padding is isomorphic to the 15 edge padding of  $K_{31}$  shown in Table 2. The cases  $n \equiv 7, 10 \pmod{24}$  are the only ones for which it is possible to obtain a smaller minimum covering if non-simple paddings are permitted.

For the remaining congruence classes of  $n$ , with  $n \geq 32$ , we construct a minimum covering of  $K_n$  by repeated application of Lemma 3.2 to the minimum coverings given for  $K_n$  with  $n \in \{8, 9, 11, 12, \dots, 30\}$ . It is straight forward to verify, using Lemma 3.1 that the  $C$ -coverings obtained in this manner are minimum coverings. We now describe the paddings of the constructed minimum coverings. Let  $t \in \{8, 9, 11, 12, \dots, 31\}$ , let  $P_t$  denote the padding of a minimum covering of  $K_t$  as shown in Table 2, and let  $x \geq 0$ . If  $t \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , then the padding of the constructed minimum covering of  $K_{24x+t}$  is the vertex disjoint union of  $P_t$  with a 1-factor on the remaining  $24x$  vertices of  $K_{24x+t}$ . If  $t \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then the padding of the constructed minimum covering of  $K_{24x+t}$  is  $P_t$ . If  $t \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then the padding of the constructed minimum covering of  $K_{24x+t}$  is the vertex disjoint union of  $P_t$  with  $6xC_4$ .



Combining the above results, we have the following theorem:

**Theorem 3.3** For  $2 \leq n \leq 7$ , no covering of  $K_n$  exists. For the remaining values of  $n$ , a minimum covering of  $K_n$  has padding of size:

15	for $n = 10$	0	for $n \equiv 1, 16 \pmod{24}$
3	for $n \equiv 7, 10 \pmod{24}$ , $n \geq 31$ (non-simple paddings allowed)	15	for $n \equiv 7, 10 \pmod{24}$ , $n \geq 31$ (if simple paddings required)
6	for $n \equiv 4, 13 \pmod{24}$	9	for $n \equiv 19, 22 \pmod{24}$
$n$	for $n \equiv 8, 23 \pmod{24}$	$n + 3$	for $n \equiv 14, 17 \pmod{24}$
$n + 6$	for $n \equiv 11, 20 \pmod{24}$	$n + 9$	for $n \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{24}$
$\frac{n + 12}{2}$	for $n \equiv 6, 18 \pmod{24}$	$\frac{n}{2}$	for $n \equiv 0, 12 \pmod{24}$
$\frac{n + 15}{2}$	for $n \equiv 3, 9, 15, 21 \pmod{24}$		

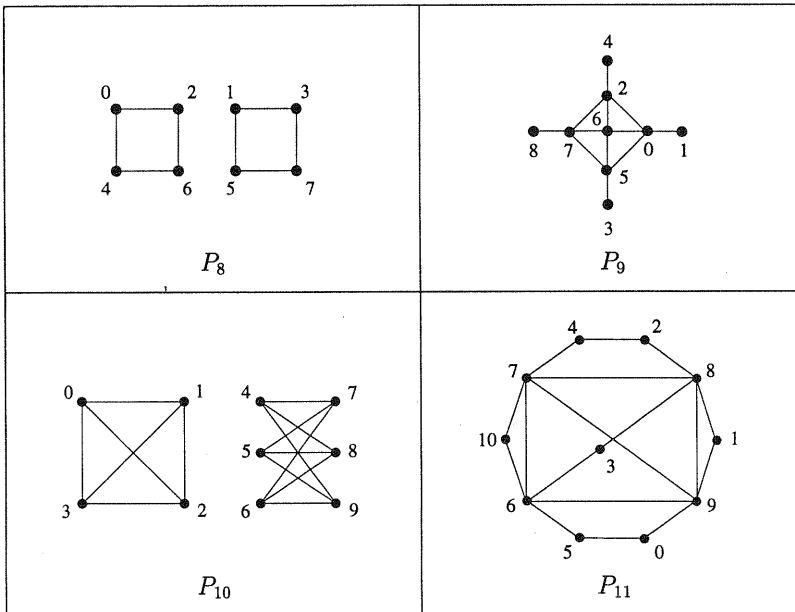


Table 2: The padding  $P_n$  for a minimum covering of  $K_n$  with 3-cubes in the cases  $8 \leq n \leq 31$  and  $n = 34$ . Note that for  $n = 31$  and  $n = 24$ , the minimum covering is smaller if multiple edges are permitted in the padding. In these cases, the multigraph paddings are denoted by  $P_{31}^*$  and  $P_{34}^*$  respectively (continued on subsequent pages).

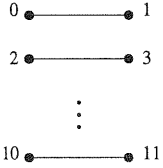
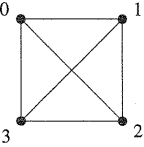
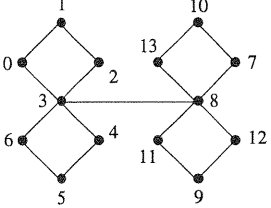
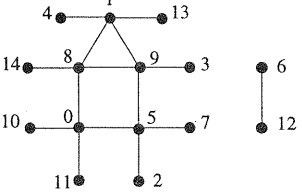
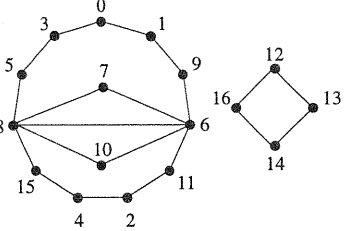
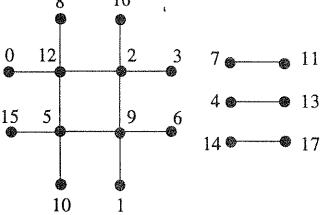
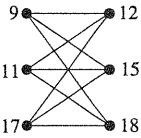
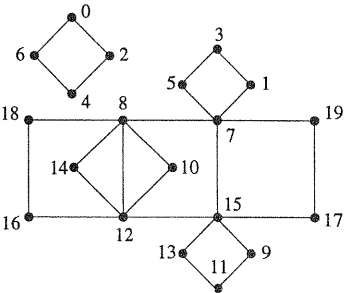
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Table 2. (continued)

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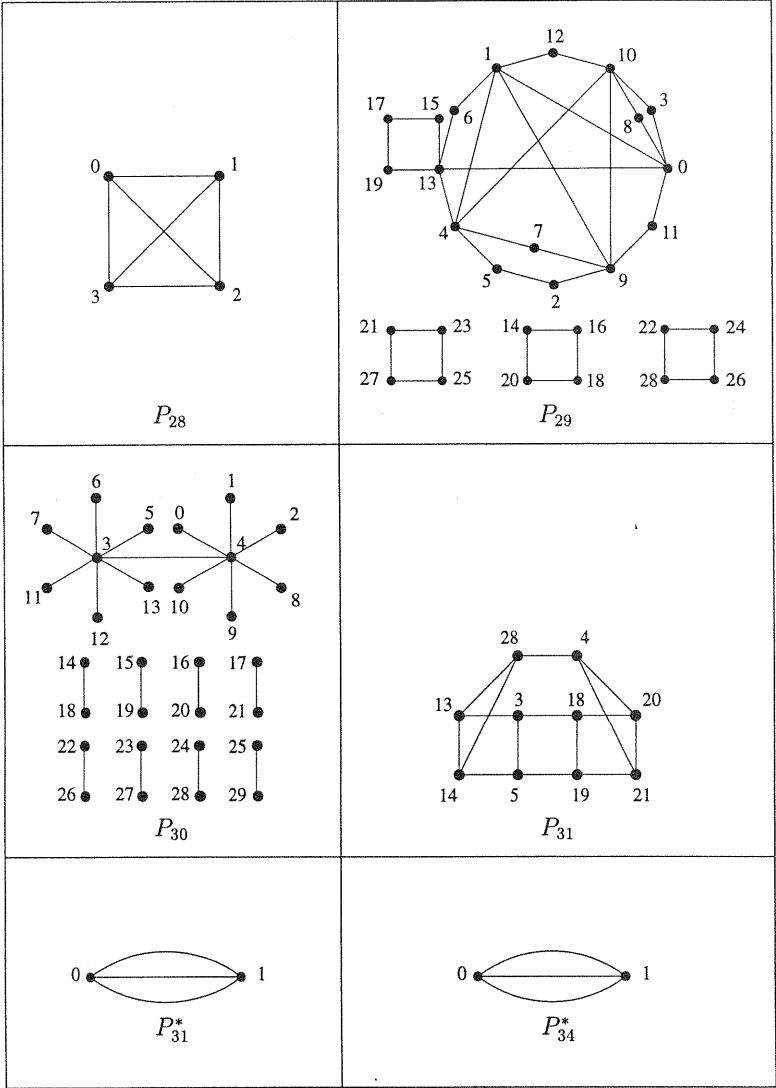


Table 2. (continued)

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## 4 Appendix

Within this Appendix, the graph  $C$  of the 3-cube with vertices and edges as shown in Figure 1 will be denoted by  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_8)$ .

$K_8$

Let the vertex set of  $K_8$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 7\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_8$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), (0, 6, 3, 5, 7, 1, 4, 2).$

A covering of  $K_8$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cube:

$$(0, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 5, 7).$$

$K_9$

Let the vertex set of  $K_9$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 8\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_9$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), \quad (0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 8).$$

A covering of  $K_9$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(0, 2, 8, 5, 6, 7, 1, 3), \quad (0, 8, 4, 1, 5, 7, 2, 6).$$

$K_{10}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{10}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{10}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$(0, 5, 3, 6, 7, 2, 4, 1), \quad (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7).$$

A covering of  $K_{10}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is given by:

$$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), \quad (0, 1, 3, 2, 5, 7, 8, 9), \quad (0, 2, 1, 3, 6, 8, 4, 9), \\ (0, 7, 5, 8, 9, 4, 3, 6), \quad (1, 6, 4, 8, 9, 7, 2, 5).$$

$K_{11}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{11}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 10\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{11}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), \quad (0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 1, 3), \quad (0, 5, 8, 7, 9, 3, 4, 10), \quad (1, 6, 9, 7, 8, 10, 5, 2).$$

A covering of  $K_{11}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(0, 10, 1, 9, 8, 6, 5, 7), \quad (9, 6, 7, 4, 8, 3, 10, 2).$$

$K_{12}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{12}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 11\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{12}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), \quad (0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 1), \quad (0, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1, 4), \quad (2, 7, 8, 10, 11, 9, 3, 6).$$

A covering of  $K_{12}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(0, 8, 4, 11, 1, 9, 5, 10), \quad (8, 2, 9, 6, 11, 3, 10, 7).$$

$K_{13}$

A maximum packing of  $K_{13}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 can be found in [1]. A covering of  $K_{13}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is given by:

$$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), \quad (0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9), \quad (0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 1, 10), \quad (0, 2, 5, 10, 11, 7, 12, 4), \\ (0, 8, 6, 9, 12, 3, 1, 11), \quad (1, 3, 5, 8, 12, 6, 11, 10), \quad (2, 10, 3, 11, 12, 9, 4, 8).$$

$K_{14}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{14}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 13\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{14}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$(0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 1), \quad (1, 9, 2, 12, 13, 3, 10, 5), \quad (0, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1, 4), \quad (0, 8, 2, 11, 12, 4, 13, 7), \\ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), \quad (3, 6, 8, 11, 12, 13, 10, 9), \quad (6, 9, 7, 10, 11, 13, 8, 12).$$

A covering of  $K_{14}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(0, 1, 2, 3, 13, 10, 7, 8), \quad (3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 9, 12).$$

$K_{15}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{15}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 14\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{15}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), \quad (1, 9, 5, 12, 13, 7, 10, 8), \quad (0, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1, 4), \quad (0, 8, 2, 11, 12, 3, 9, 6), \\ (0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 1), \quad (2, 7, 14, 12, 13, 11, 3, 10), \quad (4, 8, 14, 11, 13, 6, 10, 9).$$

A covering of  $K_{15}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(0, 13, 5, 14, 11, 12, 7, 8), \quad (3, 6, 14, 13, 9, 12, 4, 1), \quad (0, 5, 9, 8, 10, 2, 14, 1).$$

$K_{16}$

It is well-known that there exists a decomposition of  $K_{16}$  into 3-cubes (see [5]).

$K_{17}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{17}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 16\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{17}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11), \quad (0, 2, 4, 7, 8, 5, 3, 10), \quad (0, 5, 9, 11, 12, 10, 1, 8), \\ (0, 9, 2, 10, 13, 4, 6, 14), \quad (0, 14, 1, 15, 16, 2, 11, 13), \quad (1, 3, 8, 6, 12, 7, 16, 11), \\ (1, 4, 8, 13, 16, 14, 15, 12), \quad (2, 12, 3, 13, 15, 4, 16, 6), \quad (3, 6, 9, 14, 15, 10, 13, 5), \\ (5, 11, 14, 12, 16, 15, 7, 9).$$



A covering of  $K_{17}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(11, 10, 4, 2, 6, 9, 15, 8), \quad (5, 6, 0, 3, 8, 7, 1, 9), \quad (6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16).$$

$K_{18}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{18}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 17\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{18}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$\begin{array}{lll} (10, 15, 13, 16, 17, 14, 12, 11), & (8, 11, 10, 12, 17, 9, 14, 16), & (6, 12, 17, 13, 16, 7, 15, 8), \\ (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), & (0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 1), & (0, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 1, 4), \\ (0, 8, 2, 11, 12, 4, 16, 3), & (0, 13, 3, 14, 17, 2, 10, 7), & (1, 9, 6, 14, 17, 3, 15, 5), \\ (1, 10, 5, 11, 12, 9, 16, 15), & (2, 7, 11, 14, 15, 9, 13, 4). \end{array}$$

A covering of  $K_{18}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(8, 7, 13, 14, 6, 11, 4, 17), \quad (3, 6, 10, 8, 2, 9, 5, 12), \quad (16, 1, 15, 0, 2, 9, 5, 12).$$

$K_{19}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{19}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 18\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{19}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$\begin{array}{lll} (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7), & (0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 1), & (0, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1, 4), \\ (0, 8, 2, 11, 12, 3, 9, 6), & (0, 13, 1, 14, 15, 2, 10, 3), & (0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 12, 4), \\ (1, 9, 5, 15, 18, 7, 10, 6), & (2, 7, 8, 14, 17, 11, 4, 13), & (3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 10, 9), \\ (3, 16, 5, 17, 18, 8, 12, 9), & (4, 14, 11, 15, 16, 7, 13, 12), & (5, 13, 6, 14, 18, 15, 17, 10), \\ (7, 12, 10, 15, 17, 18, 13, 8). \end{array}$$

A covering of  $K_{19}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(12, 17, 15, 14, 11, 16, 9, 18), \quad (14, 9, 15, 16, 17, 12, 11, 18).$$

$K_{20}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{20}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 19\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{20}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

$$\begin{array}{lll} (0, 2, 1, 3, 4, 6, 5, 7), & (0, 5, 2, 7, 8, 3, 4, 1), & (0, 6, 1, 9, 10, 3, 11, 2), \\ (0, 11, 4, 12, 13, 5, 8, 2), & (0, 14, 1, 15, 16, 2, 17, 3), & (0, 17, 4, 18, 19, 5, 9, 3), \\ (1, 10, 4, 13, 16, 5, 14, 6), & (1, 12, 5, 18, 19, 6, 15, 2), & (3, 12, 7, 13, 14, 8, 10, 9), \\ (4, 15, 7, 16, 19, 8, 11, 9), & (6, 8, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 12), & (6, 11, 12, 17, 18, 13, 15, 9), \\ (7, 17, 8, 18, 19, 10, 16, 12), & (10, 14, 11, 15, 18, 16, 19, 17), & (11, 16, 13, 17, 18, 15, 19, 14). \end{array}$$

A covering of  $K_{20}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

$$(0, 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 5, 7), \quad (8, 10, 12, 14, 9, 11, 13, 15), \quad (16, 18, 8, 12, 17, 19, 7, 15).$$

$K_{21}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{21}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 20\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{21}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 1),	(0, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1, 4),
(0, 8, 2, 11, 12, 3, 9, 6),	(0, 13, 1, 14, 15, 2, 10, 3),	(0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 12, 4),
(1, 9, 5, 15, 18, 7, 10, 6),	(2, 7, 8, 14, 17, 11, 4, 13),	(3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 10, 9),
(3, 16, 4, 19, 20, 5, 14, 6),	(5, 12, 7, 13, 17, 8, 15, 10),	(7, 14, 9, 16, 17, 15, 12, 20),
(8, 13, 12, 16, 20, 15, 18, 19),	(9, 15, 19, 17, 18, 16, 11, 14),	(10, 12, 19, 14, 18, 11, 13, 20).

A covering of  $K_{21}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

(5, 15, 8, 19, 4, 20, 11, 15),	(9, 19, 10, 20, 17, 16, 14, 12),	(2, 19, 7, 20, 13, 6, 17, 18),
(0, 19, 1, 20, 17, 3, 18, 13).		

 $K_{22}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{22}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 21\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{22}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 1),	(0, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1, 4),
(0, 8, 2, 11, 12, 3, 9, 6),	(0, 13, 1, 14, 15, 2, 10, 3),	(0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 12, 4),
(0, 19, 1, 20, 21, 3, 18, 5),	(1, 9, 5, 15, 21, 7, 10, 6),	(2, 7, 8, 14, 17, 11, 4, 13),
(2, 19, 4, 20, 21, 8, 15, 10),	(3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 10, 9),	(3, 16, 5, 17, 20, 7, 12, 8),
(4, 14, 19, 16, 21, 11, 13, 12),	(5, 13, 6, 14, 19, 18, 17, 10),	(6, 18, 12, 19, 20, 21, 15, 11),
(7, 13, 8, 18, 19, 21, 16, 20),	(7, 14, 20, 15, 17, 21, 9, 19),	(9, 12, 20, 17, 18, 10, 13, 15).

A covering of  $K_{22}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

(12, 17, 15, 14, 11, 16, 9, 18),	(14, 9, 15, 16, 17, 12, 11, 18).
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 $K_{23}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{23}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 22\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{23}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 3, 1),	(0, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1, 4),
(0, 8, 2, 11, 12, 3, 9, 6),	(0, 13, 1, 14, 15, 2, 10, 3),	(0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 12, 4),
(0, 19, 1, 20, 21, 2, 22, 3),	(1, 9, 5, 15, 18, 7, 10, 6),	(2, 7, 8, 14, 17, 11, 4, 13),
(3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 16, 10, 9),	(3, 16, 5, 17, 18, 8, 12, 9),	(4, 14, 5, 19, 20, 6, 13, 7),
(4, 15, 7, 16, 21, 8, 17, 12),	(5, 18, 10, 20, 21, 11, 12, 13),	(6, 17, 10, 19, 21, 14, 15, 9),
(7, 12, 15, 21, 22, 14, 18, 17),	(8, 13, 18, 20, 22, 15, 19, 12),	(9, 14, 19, 16, 22, 20, 21, 18),
(10, 13, 11, 14, 22, 19, 20, 16).		

A covering of  $K_{23}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 may be obtained by rotating the 3-cube  $(0, 10, 1, 12, 5, 3, 7, 4)$  modulo 23.

$K_{24}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{24}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 23\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{24}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 3),	(0, 4, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14),	(0, 9, 1, 10, 11, 2, 6, 13),
(0, 12, 1, 13, 14, 2, 7, 9),	(0, 15, 1, 16, 17, 2, 8, 3),	(0, 18, 1, 19, 20, 2, 21, 3),
(0, 21, 4, 22, 23, 5, 8, 6),	(1, 11, 3, 14, 17, 4, 9, 6),	(1, 20, 5, 22, 23, 4, 12, 7),
(2, 10, 3, 13, 16, 5, 15, 4),	(2, 19, 8, 22, 23, 9, 12, 11),	(3, 18, 9, 22, 23, 8, 15, 10),
(4, 14, 7, 18, 19, 10, 16, 6),	(5, 9, 11, 17, 18, 16, 14, 20),	(5, 11, 7, 13, 19, 15, 17, 22),
(6, 10, 21, 11, 15, 7, 8, 20),	(6, 12, 16, 20, 21, 18, 11, 19),	(7, 19, 12, 20, 21, 14, 17, 9),
(8, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23, 21),	(10, 17, 23, 18, 20, 13, 16, 22),	(12, 21, 15, 22, 23, 13, 18, 14).

A covering of  $K_{24}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15),	(16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23).
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 $K_{25}$ 

It is well-known that there exists a decomposition of  $K_{25}$  into 3-cubes (see [5]).

 $K_{26}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{26}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 25\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{26}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 may be obtained by rotating the 3-cube  $(0, 10, 1, 12, 5, 3, 7, 4)$  modulo 26.

A covering of  $K_{26}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 13, 14, 15, 16),	(4, 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 20),	(8, 9, 10, 11, 21, 22, 23, 24),
(11, 12, 7, 3, 24, 25, 20, 16).		

 $K_{27}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{27}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 26\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{27}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 5, 1, 3),	(0, 4, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14),	(0, 9, 1, 10, 11, 2, 6, 13),
(0, 12, 1, 13, 14, 2, 7, 9),	(0, 15, 1, 16, 17, 2, 8, 3),	(0, 18, 1, 19, 20, 2, 21, 3),
(0, 21, 4, 22, 23, 5, 8, 6),	(0, 24, 1, 25, 26, 2, 22, 3),	(1, 11, 3, 14, 17, 4, 9, 6),
(1, 20, 4, 23, 26, 5, 12, 7),	(2, 10, 3, 13, 16, 5, 15, 4),	(2, 19, 8, 23, 25, 4, 18, 9),
(3, 18, 10, 23, 24, 5, 17, 11),	(4, 14, 7, 24, 26, 10, 15, 6),	(5, 9, 11, 19, 22, 12, 6, 10),
(5, 11, 7, 13, 25, 12, 8, 15),	(6, 16, 7, 18, 19, 9, 17, 12),	(6, 20, 7, 21, 25, 8, 22, 11),
(7, 10, 20, 19, 25, 16, 11, 14),	(8, 13, 16, 21, 24, 17, 14, 18),	(8, 16, 15, 17, 26, 12, 20, 22),
(9, 15, 26, 20, 22, 18, 16, 24),	(9, 21, 10, 24, 26, 17, 25, 23),	(11, 15, 23, 18, 26, 19, 21, 13),
(12, 21, 14, 23, 24, 15, 22, 19),	(13, 19, 25, 22, 23, 17, 20, 16),	(13, 20, 14, 24, 25, 18, 26, 21).

A covering of  $K_{27}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15),	(16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23),
(16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 0),	(20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 1, 2).	

$K_{28}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{28}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 27\}$ . A 3-cube decomposition of  $K_{28} \setminus K_4$  is given in [1]. This gives a maximum packing of  $K_{28}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1.

A covering of  $K_{28}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 2 is given by:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9),	(0, 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 1, 10),
(0, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 3, 4),	(0, 10, 4, 11, 12, 5, 13, 1),	(0, 13, 2, 14, 15, 3, 11, 5),
(0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 15, 4),	(0, 19, 1, 20, 21, 2, 22, 3),	(0, 22, 4, 23, 24, 5, 16, 3),
(0, 25, 1, 26, 27, 2, 23, 5),	(1, 3, 6, 8, 14, 12, 9, 11),	(1, 3, 8, 18, 21, 14, 10, 11),
(1, 6, 11, 24, 27, 12, 7, 13),	(2, 7, 14, 17, 20, 15, 6, 13),	(2, 12, 4, 24, 26, 8, 14, 9),
(3, 17, 5, 18, 19, 6, 20, 7),	(3, 25, 4, 26, 27, 6, 21, 7),	(4, 19, 8, 20, 27, 9, 13, 10),
(5, 19, 10, 21, 25, 11, 12, 13),	(6, 16, 7, 22, 23, 8, 17, 9),	(6, 18, 10, 24, 26, 12, 15, 14),
(7, 23, 12, 24, 25, 10, 16, 15),	(8, 15, 9, 21, 22, 11, 16, 17),	(8, 24, 16, 25, 27, 17, 18, 14),
(9, 18, 19, 20, 25, 21, 12, 17),	(10, 17, 15, 22, 26, 11, 13, 16),	(11, 20, 14, 23, 27, 16, 19, 24),
(12, 20, 23, 22, 25, 18, 26, 24),	(13, 14, 22, 18, 23, 16, 21, 15),	(13, 19, 25, 22, 26, 17, 23, 27),
(15, 19, 22, 26, 27, 21, 20, 25),	(18, 23, 21, 24, 27, 19, 26, 20).	

 $K_{29}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{29}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 28\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{29}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 5, 1, 6, 7, 2, 8, 3),	(0, 8, 4, 9, 10, 5, 7, 1),	(0, 11, 1, 12, 13, 2, 14, 3),
(0, 14, 4, 15, 16, 5, 11, 3),	(0, 17, 1, 18, 19, 2, 15, 5),	(0, 20, 1, 21, 22, 2, 16, 4),
(0, 23, 1, 24, 25, 2, 26, 3),	(0, 26, 4, 27, 28, 5, 12, 2),	(1, 13, 4, 19, 22, 5, 17, 3),
(1, 25, 5, 27, 28, 4, 20, 3),	(2, 6, 4, 10, 18, 7, 23, 3),	(2, 9, 6, 21, 24, 7, 10, 8),
(3, 5, 23, 9, 21, 24, 6, 11),	(4, 5, 21, 18, 24, 9, 12, 10),	(6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 11, 15, 7),
(6, 12, 7, 16, 17, 8, 19, 9),	(6, 15, 8, 18, 19, 10, 13, 11),	(6, 20, 7, 22, 25, 8, 26, 9),
(6, 26, 10, 27, 28, 11, 16, 8),	(7, 11, 10, 17, 21, 20, 14, 15),	(7, 25, 11, 27, 28, 10, 22, 12),
(8, 14, 16, 22, 23, 12, 13, 15),	(9, 14, 17, 20, 21, 19, 12, 16),	(9, 18, 13, 27, 28, 14, 21, 17),
(10, 20, 25, 21, 23, 13, 17, 26),	(11, 17, 16, 23, 24, 19, 18, 20),	(12, 15, 18, 24, 25, 19, 26, 27),
(12, 18, 22, 20, 26, 28, 24, 15),	(13, 19, 27, 22, 25, 28, 23, 14),	(13, 24, 14, 26, 28, 16, 27, 20),
(15, 25, 18, 27, 28, 22, 23, 21),	(16, 19, 23, 25, 26, 22, 17, 24).	

A covering of  $K_{29}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 13),	(0, 4, 1, 3, 8, 7, 9, 10),	(0, 2, 4, 1, 11, 9, 10, 12),
(13, 15, 17, 19, 14, 16, 18, 20),	(21, 23, 25, 27, 22, 24, 26, 28).	

 $K_{30}$ 

Let the vertex set of  $K_{30}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 29\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{30}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 1, 3),	(0, 4, 3, 10, 11, 6, 12, 5),	(0, 12, 1, 13, 14, 2, 8, 5),
(0, 15, 1, 16, 17, 2, 9, 4),	(0, 18, 1, 19, 20, 2, 11, 3),	(0, 21, 1, 22, 23, 2, 24, 3),
(0, 24, 4, 25, 26, 5, 15, 3),	(0, 27, 1, 28, 29, 2, 25, 5),	(1, 14, 3, 17, 20, 4, 13, 6),
(1, 23, 4, 26, 29, 6, 10, 7),	(2, 13, 7, 16, 19, 8, 9, 5),	(2, 22, 6, 26, 28, 4, 18, 8),
(3, 5, 7, 18, 21, 17, 8, 10),	(3, 6, 8, 16, 27, 9, 14, 10),	(3, 7, 11, 28, 29, 12, 4, 19),
(4, 21, 5, 27, 29, 8, 20, 11),	(5, 18, 9, 22, 23, 11, 12, 13),	(6, 14, 7, 15, 16, 11, 17, 9),
(6, 19, 7, 21, 24, 9, 20, 12),	(6, 25, 7, 27, 28, 9, 23, 12),	(7, 22, 8, 24, 28, 10, 15, 13),
(8, 23, 10, 25, 27, 14, 19, 13),	(9, 21, 11, 26, 29, 14, 13, 16),	(10, 11, 15, 17, 20, 22, 12, 18),
(10, 24, 14, 26, 29, 15, 18, 13),	(11, 19, 16, 24, 25, 12, 14, 20),	(12, 16, 20, 17, 26, 18, 23, 19),
(13, 17, 26, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27),	(14, 22, 16, 25, 28, 26, 23, 17),	(15, 19, 21, 26, 27, 22, 28, 25),
(15, 20, 28, 23, 25, 29, 24, 21),	(15, 21, 29, 22, 28, 16, 27, 18),	(17, 24, 19, 27, 29, 18, 25, 23).

A covering of  $K_{30}$  with 3-cubes and padding as shown in Table 2 is obtained by using the additional 3-cubes:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 7, 6, 5, 4),	(1, 4, 2, 7, 5, 0, 6, 3),	(4, 8, 11, 9, 10, 12, 3, 13),
(14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21),	(22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29).	

$K_{31}$

Let the vertex set of  $K_{31}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 30\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{31}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 3),	(0, 2, 7, 9, 10, 8, 4, 5),	(0, 8, 3, 11, 12, 5, 13, 1),
(0, 13, 2, 14, 15, 4, 10, 1),	(0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 19, 3),	(0, 19, 4, 20, 21, 5, 3, 10),
(0, 22, 1, 23, 24, 2, 20, 3),	(0, 25, 1, 26, 27, 2, 21, 3),	(0, 28, 1, 29, 30, 4, 6, 5),
(1, 7, 5, 18, 24, 6, 11, 4),	(1, 9, 4, 27, 30, 6, 12, 7),	(2, 11, 7, 15, 17, 8, 13, 6),
(2, 12, 3, 28, 29, 8, 14, 6),	(2, 23, 4, 26, 30, 8, 16, 9),	(3, 15, 5, 16, 22, 8, 20, 6),
(3, 25, 4, 29, 30, 10, 14, 11),	(4, 17, 7, 21, 22, 5, 14, 9),	(5, 23, 6, 25, 26, 7, 10, 11),
(5, 24, 8, 27, 28, 7, 18, 9),	(6, 8, 19, 18, 21, 25, 7, 16),	(6, 19, 10, 26, 27, 11, 9, 12),
(7, 20, 11, 22, 29, 9, 13, 10),	(8, 21, 13, 26, 28, 11, 12, 14),	(9, 15, 10, 17, 19, 12, 16, 13),
(9, 23, 10, 24, 25, 12, 18, 13),	(10, 12, 17, 27, 28, 20, 14, 13),	(11, 15, 13, 23, 24, 14, 22, 16),
(11, 16, 15, 17, 18, 14, 19, 20),	(12, 21, 14, 29, 30, 15, 23, 17),	(12, 22, 15, 24, 28, 17, 18, 21),
(13, 20, 15, 29, 30, 16, 25, 18),	(14, 25, 19, 27, 30, 20, 21, 22),	(15, 26, 16, 27, 28, 19, 17, 24),
(16, 19, 22, 28, 29, 23, 20, 26),	(17, 21, 30, 25, 26, 23, 24, 22),	(18, 22, 29, 24, 28, 23, 27, 25),
(18, 23, 25, 26, 27, 30, 29, 21),	(19, 24, 20, 29, 30, 26, 27, 28).	

A covering of  $K_{31}$  with 3-cubes and non-simple padding as shown in Table 2 is given by:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(0, 1, 3, 5, 6, 4, 8, 9),	(0, 1, 6, 8, 9, 7, 10, 2),
(0, 1, 8, 7, 10, 9, 11, 5),	(0, 2, 4, 11, 12, 5, 13, 1),	(0, 13, 2, 14, 15, 3, 11, 6),
(0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 15, 4),	(0, 19, 1, 20, 21, 2, 22, 3),	(0, 22, 4, 23, 24, 5, 14, 1),
(0, 25, 1, 26, 27, 2, 28, 3),	(0, 28, 4, 29, 30, 5, 16, 3),	(1, 10, 3, 18, 21, 4, 9, 12),
(1, 27, 5, 29, 30, 4, 19, 6),	(2, 7, 11, 12, 17, 13, 10, 8),	(2, 20, 4, 24, 26, 5, 25, 6),
(2, 23, 7, 29, 30, 8, 14, 9),	(3, 4, 12, 6, 14, 26, 7, 16),	(3, 12, 10, 17, 19, 13, 14, 11),
(3, 23, 9, 24, 25, 10, 15, 7),	(5, 8, 13, 15, 17, 16, 9, 18),	(5, 18, 6, 21, 23, 11, 13, 16),
(6, 17, 7, 20, 22, 9, 19, 8),	(6, 23, 12, 27, 28, 13, 20, 9),	(7, 18, 8, 21, 22, 10, 24, 11),
(7, 27, 8, 28, 30, 10, 26, 11),	(8, 15, 11, 25, 29, 12, 16, 18),	(9, 21, 13, 25, 26, 15, 22, 12),
(10, 16, 15, 19, 20, 22, 14, 17),	(10, 21, 14, 28, 29, 17, 12, 19),	(11, 20, 14, 27, 29, 15, 23, 21),
(12, 24, 15, 28, 30, 13, 27, 16),	(13, 18, 19, 26, 29, 14, 24, 16),	(14, 19, 16, 25, 30, 21, 20, 23),
(15, 17, 22, 25, 30, 24, 18, 20),	(17, 23, 18, 26, 27, 22, 21, 25),	(17, 25, 29, 28, 30, 19, 27, 18),
(19, 20, 28, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29),	(20, 26, 23, 27, 29, 30, 28, 24),	(21, 24, 22, 26, 28, 25, 30, 27).

Let the vertex set of  $K_{34}$  be  $\{0, 1, \dots, 33\}$ . A maximum packing of  $K_{34}$  with 3-cubes and leave as shown in Table 1 is given by:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(0, 1, 3, 5, 6, 4, 8, 9),	(0, 1, 6, 8, 9, 7, 10, 2),
(0, 1, 8, 7, 10, 9, 11, 5),	(0, 2, 4, 11, 12, 5, 13, 1),	(0, 13, 2, 14, 15, 3, 11, 6),
(0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 15, 4),	(0, 19, 1, 20, 21, 2, 22, 3),	(0, 22, 4, 23, 24, 5, 14, 1),
(0, 25, 1, 26, 27, 2, 28, 3),	(0, 28, 4, 29, 30, 5, 16, 3),	(0, 31, 1, 32, 33, 2, 29, 5),
(1, 10, 3, 18, 21, 4, 9, 12),	(1, 27, 4, 30, 33, 6, 3, 12),	(2, 7, 11, 12, 17, 13, 10, 8),
(2, 20, 4, 24, 26, 5, 19, 6),	(2, 23, 6, 30, 32, 3, 17, 7),	(3, 14, 7, 19, 24, 8, 15, 9),
(3, 25, 4, 31, 33, 7, 12, 10),	(4, 26, 8, 32, 33, 9, 13, 11),	(5, 8, 16, 15, 17, 18, 6, 12),
(5, 18, 7, 21, 23, 9, 16, 10),	(5, 25, 8, 27, 31, 6, 20, 7),	(6, 13, 12, 22, 28, 14, 16, 11),
(6, 21, 8, 29, 32, 9, 22, 10),	(7, 22, 13, 23, 24, 14, 15, 11),	(7, 26, 10, 28, 29, 11, 14, 9),
(8, 19, 10, 30, 31, 11, 17, 9),	(8, 23, 12, 28, 33, 14, 19, 13),	(9, 20, 10, 25, 27, 11, 18, 13),
(10, 15, 17, 24, 27, 18, 14, 12),	(11, 21, 14, 25, 30, 13, 20, 15),	(12, 20, 16, 25, 26, 17, 19, 18),
(12, 29, 13, 31, 32, 14, 26, 15),	(13, 16, 18, 24, 32, 17, 21, 19),	(14, 27, 16, 30, 31, 17, 22, 18),
(15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 18, 28),	(15, 23, 16, 24, 27, 20, 26, 21),	(15, 28, 16, 29, 33, 19, 31, 20),
(16, 21, 22, 32, 33, 23, 24, 25),	(17, 23, 25, 28, 29, 26, 19, 27),	(17, 25, 20, 30, 33, 21, 32, 24),
(18, 29, 30, 32, 33, 31, 27, 26),	(19, 22, 25, 29, 30, 26, 31, 21),	(20, 22, 27, 24, 28, 30, 25, 26),
(22, 29, 28, 31, 33, 32, 23, 30),	(23, 27, 33, 29, 31, 32, 28, 24).	

A covering of  $K_{34}$  with 3-cubes and non-simple padding as shown in Table 2 is given by:

(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),	(0, 1, 3, 5, 6, 4, 8, 9),	(0, 1, 6, 8, 9, 7, 10, 2),
(0, 1, 8, 7, 10, 9, 11, 5),	(0, 2, 4, 11, 12, 5, 13, 1),	(0, 13, 2, 14, 15, 3, 11, 6),
(0, 16, 1, 17, 18, 2, 15, 4),	(0, 19, 1, 20, 21, 2, 22, 3),	(0, 22, 4, 23, 24, 5, 14, 1),
(0, 25, 1, 26, 27, 2, 28, 3),	(0, 28, 4, 29, 30, 5, 16, 3),	(0, 31, 1, 32, 33, 2, 29, 5),
(1, 10, 3, 18, 21, 4, 9, 12),	(1, 27, 4, 30, 33, 6, 3, 12),	(2, 7, 11, 12, 17, 13, 10, 8),
(2, 20, 4, 24, 26, 5, 19, 6),	(2, 23, 6, 30, 32, 3, 17, 7),	(3, 14, 7, 19, 24, 8, 15, 9),
(3, 25, 4, 31, 33, 7, 12, 10),	(4, 26, 8, 32, 33, 9, 13, 11),	(5, 8, 16, 15, 17, 18, 6, 12),
(5, 18, 7, 21, 23, 9, 16, 10),	(5, 25, 8, 27, 31, 6, 20, 7),	(6, 13, 12, 22, 28, 14, 16, 11),
(6, 21, 8, 29, 32, 9, 22, 10),	(7, 22, 13, 23, 24, 14, 15, 11),	(7, 26, 10, 28, 29, 11, 14, 9),
(8, 19, 10, 30, 31, 11, 17, 9),	(8, 23, 12, 28, 33, 14, 19, 13),	(9, 20, 10, 25, 27, 11, 18, 13),
(10, 15, 17, 24, 27, 18, 14, 12),	(11, 21, 14, 25, 30, 13, 20, 15),	(12, 20, 16, 25, 26, 17, 19, 18),
(12, 29, 13, 31, 32, 14, 26, 15),	(13, 16, 18, 24, 32, 17, 21, 19),	(14, 27, 16, 30, 31, 17, 22, 18),
(15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 18, 28),	(15, 23, 16, 24, 27, 20, 26, 21),	(15, 28, 16, 29, 33, 19, 31, 20),
(16, 21, 22, 32, 33, 23, 24, 25),	(17, 23, 25, 28, 29, 26, 19, 27),	(17, 25, 20, 30, 33, 21, 32, 24),
(18, 29, 30, 32, 33, 31, 27, 26),	(19, 22, 25, 29, 30, 26, 31, 21),	(20, 22, 27, 24, 28, 30, 25, 26),
(22, 29, 28, 31, 33, 32, 23, 30),	(23, 27, 33, 29, 31, 32, 28, 24).	

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