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*Clique coverings of the edges of a random graph.* (In English)

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Bounds on the clique number of the random graph (with the edge probability of  $1/2$ ) are derived. It is proved that almost every graph with  $n$  vertices has a collection of  $O(n^2 \ln \ln n / (\ln n)^2)$  cliques that cover all its edges. It is also proved that for almost every graph with  $n$  vertices, in order to cover all its edges it is necessary to use at least  $(1 - \varepsilon)n^2 / (2 \ln n)^2$  cliques.

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