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Lower Bounds on Approx Clique Via PCP and Gaps

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Notation for Size of Max Clique

If G is a graph then

 $\omega(G)$ = the size of the max clique in G.

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