

Array BP-XOR Codes for Reliable Cloud Storage Systems

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Slogan for Cloud Computing

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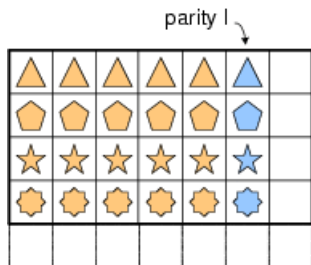
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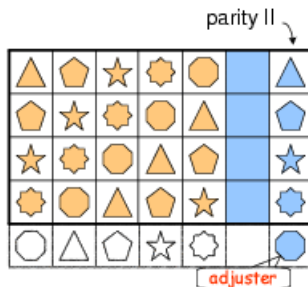
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Sample EVENODD code



(a) horizontal redundancy



(b) diagonal redundancy

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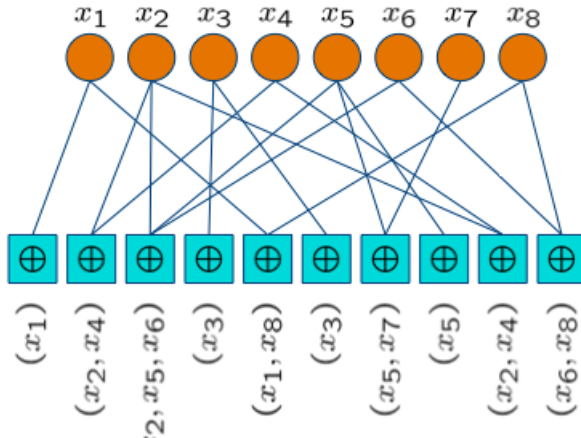
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A t -erasure tolerating $[n, k]$ array code $\mathbf{C} = [\alpha_{i,j}]_{1 \leq i \leq b, 1 \leq j \leq n}$ is called an $[n, k]$ array BP-XOR code if all information symbols v_1, \dots, v_{bk} can be recovered from any $n - t$ columns of encoding symbols using the BP-decoding process on the BEC.

Degree 2 Array BP-XOR Code

Theorem

If each encoding symbol in $\mathbf{C} = [\alpha_{i,j}]_{1 \leq i \leq b, 1 \leq j \leq n}$ has degree at most 2, then the restricted array BP-XOR codes are equivalent to edge-colored graphs introduced by Wang and Desmedt for tolerating network homogeneous faults.

Edge-colored Graph Definition

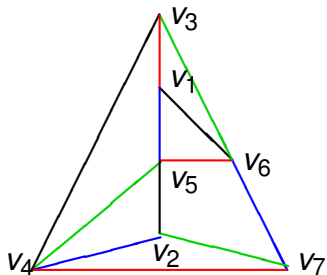
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(Wang and Desmedt) An edge-colored graph is a tuple $G = (V, E, C, f)$, with V the node set, E the edge set, C the color set, and f a map from E onto C . The structure

$$\mathcal{L}_{C,t} = \{Z : Z \subseteq E \text{ and } |f(Z)| \leq t\}.$$

is called a t -color adversary structure. Let $A, B \in V$ be distinct nodes of G . A and B are called $(t+1)$ -color connected for $t \geq 1$ if for any color set $C_t \subseteq C$ of size t , there is a path p from A to B in G such that the edges on p do not contain any color in C_t . An edge-colored graph G is $(t+1)$ -color connected if and only if for any two nodes A and B in G , they are $(t+1)$ -color connected.

Edge-colored Graph Example



3-color connected graph $G_{4,2}$ with 7 nodes, 12 edges, and 4 colors. Removal of any two colors in the graph will not disconnect the graph.

black	green	red	blue
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Let $K_n = (V, E)$ be the complete graph with n nodes. For an even n , a one-factor of K_n is a spanning 1-regular subgraph (or a perfect matching) of K_n . A one-factorization of K_n (n is even) is a set of one-factors that partition the set of edges E . A one-factorization is called perfect (or P1F) if the union of every two distinct one-factors is a Hamiltonian circuit.

P1F

Perfect one-factorizations for K_{p+1} , K_{2p} , and certain K_{2n} do exist, where p is a prime number. It is conjectured that P1F exist for all K_{2n} .

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P1F for K_{p+1} : Let $\langle a \rangle_p = b$ where $t b \equiv a \pmod p$. Let $V = \{v_0, v_1, \dots, v_p\}$ and for $i = 0, \dots, p-1$

$$F_i = \{ \langle v_i, v_p \rangle \} \cup \{ \langle v_{\langle j_1+i \rangle_p}, v_{\langle j_2+i \rangle_p} \rangle : \langle j_1 + j_2 \rangle_p = 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq j_1 \neq j_2 < p \}$$

Then F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{p-1} is a perfect one factorization of K_{p+1} .

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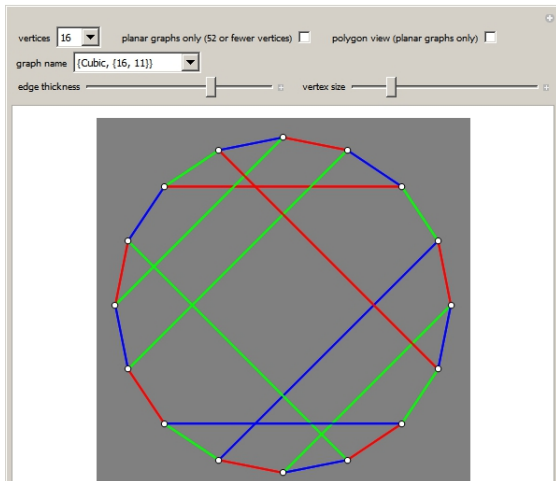
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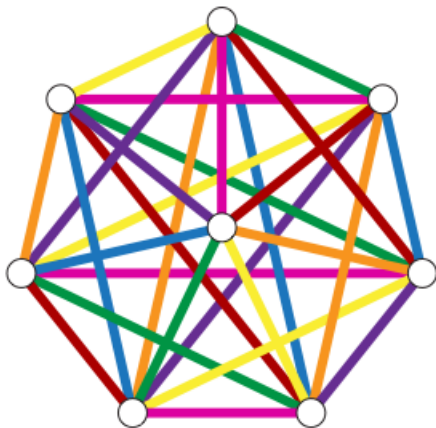
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P1F Example)



P1F of K_8



Edge-colored graphs from P1F

Theorem

Let n be an odd number such that there is a perfect one-factorization F_1, \dots, F_n for K_{n+1} . For each $t \leq n-2$, there exists a $(t+1)$ -color connected edge-colored graph G with n nodes, $(t+2)(n-1)/2$ edges, and $t+2$ colors.

Edge-colored graphs from P1F: Proof

Proof. Let v_1, \dots, v_{n+1} be a list of nodes for K_{n+1} and $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. Let $F'_i = F_i \setminus \{\langle v_{n+1}, v_j \rangle : j = 1, \dots, n\}$, $E = F'_1 \cup \dots \cup F'_{t+2}$, and color all edges in F'_i with the color c_i for $i \leq t+2$. Then it is straightforward to check that the edge-colored graph (V, E) is $(t+1)$ -color connected, $|V| = n$, and $|E| = (t+2)(n-1)/2$. \square

Edge-colored graphs and array BP-XOR code

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Edge-colored graphs from array BP-XOR code

$G = (V, E, C, f)$ be a $(t + 1)$ -color connected edge-colored graph with $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_{bk}, v_{bk+1}\}$ and $C = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$ and $b = \max_{c \in C} \{|Z| : Z \subseteq E, f(Z) = c\}$.

- 1 For $1 \leq i \leq n$, let β_i be defined as

$$\beta_i = \{v_{j_1} \oplus v_{j_2} : \langle v_{j_1}, v_{j_2} \rangle \in E, f(\langle v_{j_1}, v_{j_2} \rangle) = c_i, \\ \text{and } j_1, j_2 \neq bk + 1\} \cup \\ \{v_j : \langle v_j, v_{bk+1} \rangle \in E, f(\langle v_j, v_{bk+1} \rangle) = c_i\}$$

- 2 If $|\beta_i|$ is smaller than b , duplicate elements in β_i to make it a b -element set.
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First find the smallest p (or $2p$) such that $n \leq p$ (or $n \leq 2p - 1$), where p is an odd prime. Using P1F of K_{p+1} to construct the edge-colored graphs and then design the following array BP-XOR code

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\cdots	\cdots	\cdots	\cdots
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Flat BP-XOR codes

A $b \times n$ array BP-XOR code is called a flat BP-XOR code if $b = 1$. Furthermore, a $1 \times n$ BP-XOR code with k information symbols and distance d is called an $[n, k, d]$ BP-XOR code.

Fact

Let $n \geq k + 2$, $k \geq 2$, and $d = n - k + 1$. Then there is no flat $[n, k, d]$ BP-XOR code.

Tolerating one erasure fault

Let $\alpha \in \{1\}^k$. Then the generator matrix $[I_k | \alpha^T]$ corresponds to an MDS flat $[k+1, k, 2]$ BP-XOR code that could tolerate one erasure fault.

Tolerating two erasure faults

The previous fact shows that two parity check symbols are not sufficient for tolerating two erasure faults for flat BP-XOR codes. In order to tolerate two erasure, we have to consider codes with $n \geq k + 3$.

Theorem

For $n \geq k + 3$ and $k \geq 3$, there exists a flat $[n, k, 3]$ BP-XOR code if and only if $k \leq 2^{n-k} - (n - k) - 1$.

Proof. The truncated version (or non-truncated version if $k = 2^{n-k} - (n - k) - 1$) of the Hamming code could be used to prove the theorem. □

Tolerating three erasure faults

Theorem

For $n \geq k + 4$, there exists a systematic flat XOR $[n, k, 4]$ code if and only if

$$k \leq \begin{cases} 2^{n-k-1} - n + k & \text{if } n - k \text{ is even} \\ 2^{n-k-1} - n + k - 1 & \text{if } n - k \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

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Proof. Let

$$X = \{\beta : \beta \in \{0, 1\}^{n-k}, \text{wt}(\beta) = 3, 5, 7, \dots\}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |X| &= \sum_{i \geq 3, i \text{ is odd}} \binom{n-k}{i} \\ &= \sum_{i \geq 3, i \text{ is odd}} \left(\binom{n-k-1}{i-1} + \binom{n-k-1}{i} \right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 2^{n-k-1} - n + k & \text{if } n-k \text{ is even} \\ 2^{n-k-1} - n + k - 1 & \text{if } n-k \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Define an $(n-k) \times k$ matrix $A = (\beta_1^T, \dots, \beta_k^T)$ where β_i are distinct elements from X .

Tolerating four or more erasure faults

Theorem

For $n \geq k + 5$, there exists a systematic flat XOR $[n, k, 5]$ code if k is less than

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n-k-2}{2} \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-k}{2} \right\rfloor - 2 \right) / 2 \right\rfloor + 2 \left\lfloor \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n-k}{4} \right\rfloor - 2 \right) / 2 \right\rfloor.$$

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