

# Finite Projective Planes

*X*: finite set of points,

L: finite set of lines.

- Any two lines intersect in one point;
- Any two points on one line;
- Non-degenerate.

PG(2, p) (Desarguesian finite projective plane):

- Points: 1-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_p^3$ .
- Lines: 2-dimensional subspaces.
- Each line contains p + 1 points, each point on p + 1 lines.





Two parallel lines will intersect at infinity.

### **Incidence Matrix**

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$$A_p = (a_{ij})$$

$$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the point } i \text{ is on the line } j \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

### *p*-rank (the rank over $\mathbb{F}_p$ ) of the incidence matrix:

In PG(2, p), p prime:

*p*-rank of the 
$$A_p$$
 is  $\binom{p+1}{2} + 1 = \frac{p(p+1)}{2} + 1$ .

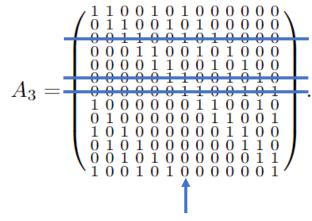


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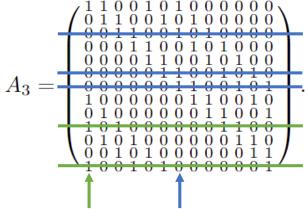


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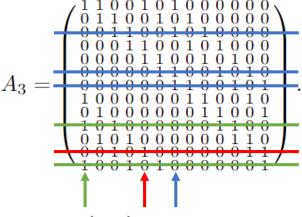


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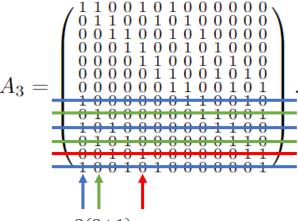
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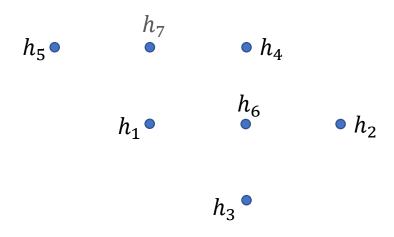
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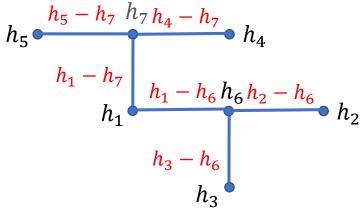
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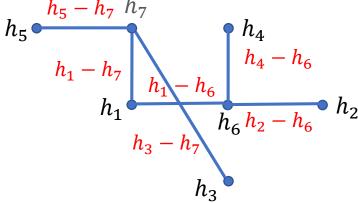
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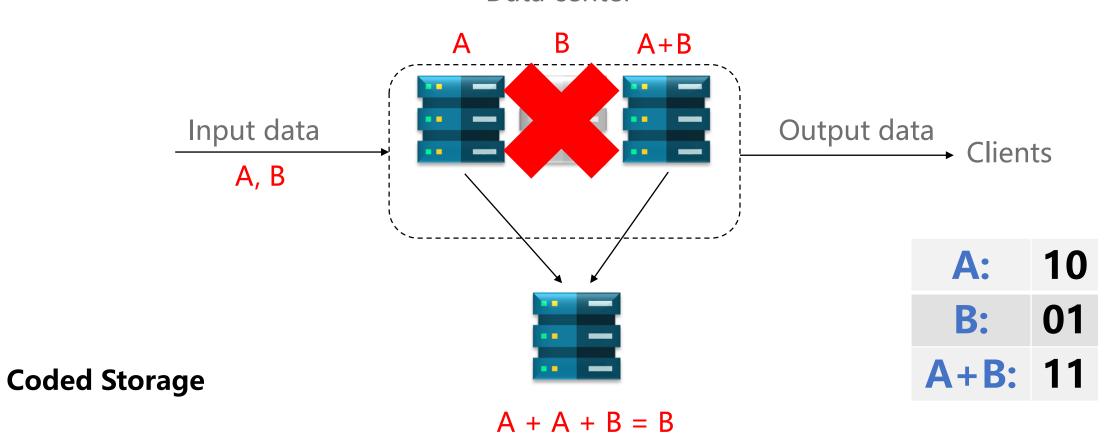
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## Repair in coded storage

#### Data center



## Repair locality

**Repair group** for a position: set of other positions that can reconstruct its information.

**Repair locality** of a position: size of its smallest repair group.

For a code from PG(2, p):

Codeword length is  $p^2 + p + 1$ .

p + 1 points on a line means repair locality of every symbol is p.



Example: An incidence matrix  $A_3$  of PG(2, 3) is

$$(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5, b_6, b_7, b_8, b_9, b_{10}, b_{11}, b_{12}, b_{13})$$

From the first row,

For coded symbol  $b_5$ , a repair group is  $\{b_1, b_2, b_7\}$ ; For coded symbol  $b_1$ , a repair group is  $\{b_2, b_5, b_7\}$ ; For coded symbol  $b_7$ , a repair group is  $\{b_1, b_2, b_5\}$ ;

. . .

# Repair availability

**Repair availability**: maximum number of disjoint repair groups.

The p + 1 lines through a point form p + 1 disjoint repair groups for the corresponding position.



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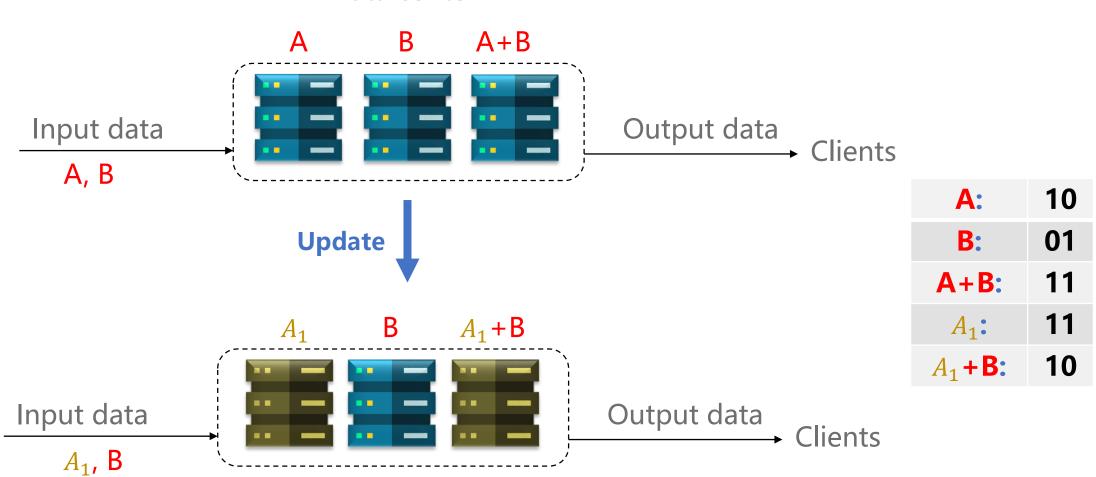
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For coded symbol  $b_2$ , The repair groups are:  $\{b_1, b_5, b_7\}$  by looking at row 1;  $\{b_3, b_6, b_8\}$  by looking at row 2;  $\{b_9, b_{10}, b_{13}\}$  by looking at row 9;  $\{b_4, b_{11}, b_{12}\}$  by looking at row 11.



## | Update in coded storage







**Update efficiency**: the number of coded symbols that need to be updated when updating a data symbol.

The update efficiency of the code: the maximum update efficiency for each data symbol.

For a code from PG(2, p):

Codeword length is  $p^2 + p + 1$ .

The update efficiency is 2p.



$$G_3^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Delta update:

Data symbols:  $(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6)$ Coded symbols: Data symbols  $\times G_3^{(1)} =$ 

$$(b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5, b_6, b_7, b_8, b_9, b_{10}, b_{11}, b_{12}, b_{13})$$

Updated data symbols:

$$(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6) + (\Delta_1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

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Update frequency of data symbols during a time unit	1) (2,2,2,2,2,2)
	2) (1,4,1,4,1,1)
	3) (4,1,1,4,1,1)

For example, (1,4,1,4,1,1) means

 $a_1$  updates once,

 $a_2$  updates four times,

 $a_3$  updates once,

 $a_4$  updates four times,

 $a_5$  updates once,

 $a_6$  updates once,

during a time unit.

Update frequencies (coded symbols) for (1,4,1,4,1,1):

 $G_3^{(1)}$ : (5, 6, 5, 5, 7, 6, 3, 6, 5, 7, 5, 6, 6),

 $G_3^{(2)}$ : (5, 6, 5, 5, 7, 3, 3, **11**, 5, 2, 8, 3, 9).



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The maximum update frequencies of coded symbols

- 3) 8 (preferable)

## Circulant structure

#### **Circulant structure:**

Rows of the matrix are the cyclic shifts of one row.

The incidence matrix of PG(2, p) always has the circulant structure (from the Singer cycle).

#### **Example** with p = 2:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Short description (sparse 0 - 1 vector):

$$(1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)$$

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#### **Example:**

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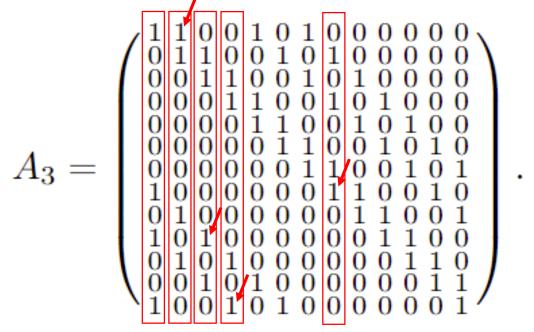
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**b**<sub>1</sub> cannot be repaired, (each repair group contains an erased coded symbol, see the red arrows.)

Similarly,  $b_4$  cannot be repaired.

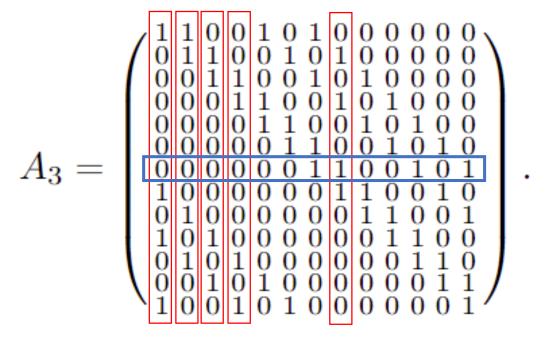
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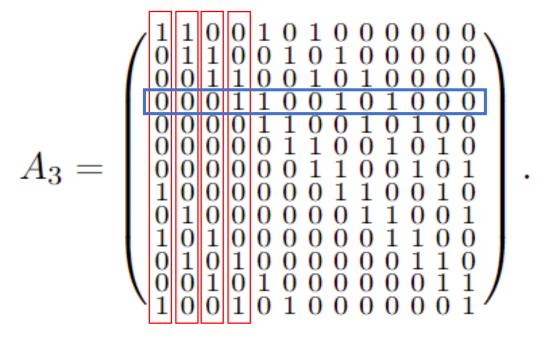
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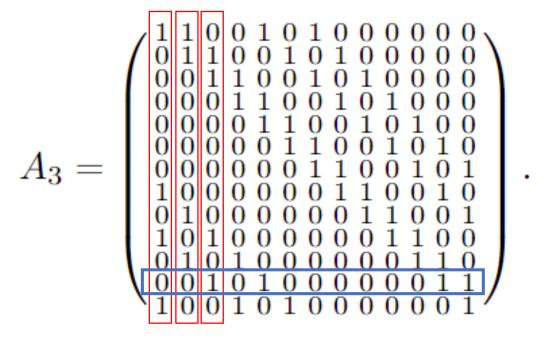
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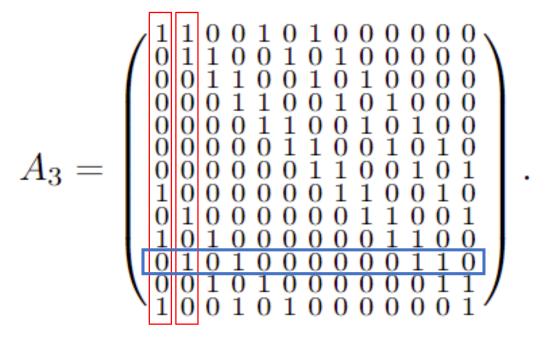
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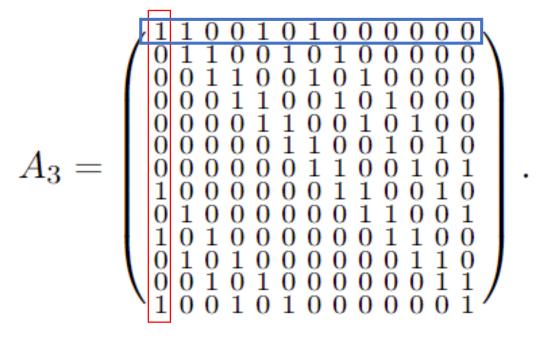
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The **stopping sets** (**sets without tangents**) are the sets of projective points intersecting no line in exactly one point.

#### **Example:**

Erased coded symbols:  $\{b_2, b_3, b_5, b_6, b_7, b_8\}$ .

It is the union of two lines through  $b_1$ , without  $b_1$ .

**Algorithm A** never manages to repair any of those servers.



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The smallest size  $s_p$  of a set without tangents or stopping set:

$$p + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{2p} + 2 \le s_p \le 2p - 2$$

For small odd p:

$$s_3 = 6$$
,

$$s_5 = 10$$
,

$$s_7 = 12$$
,

$$s_9 = 15$$
,

$$s_{11} = 18.$$

While  $s_{11} = 18$ , the smallest stopping sets our experiments encountered for p = 11 had size 27.

This means smaller stopping sets are very rare.



## Conclusion

Explicit codes with efficient updates, good repair locality and good repair availability.

Allows different choices for G, i.e. support for unequal update frequencies.

- 1. We recalled the  $\mathbb{F}_p$ -linear code with parity-checks given by the rows of the incidence matrix of PG(2, p). A parity-check matrix is obtained e.g. via a Moorhouse basis.
- 2. We propose a method to obtain the generator matrix via tree construction.
- 3. The repair locality is p, and the repair availability is p+1, while the number of coded symbols is  $p^2+p+1$ .
- 4. We can use different generator matrices depending on update frequencies of symbols, to reduce the maximum update frequency of a coded symbol.
- 5. The incidence matrix is circulant.
- 6. We designed the repair algorithm from the incidence matrix and discussed stopping sets.

#### **Open problem:**

The recovery of any individual data symbols from a small number of coded symbols.