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$$\xi_{ij}(t) = P(x_t = i, x_{t+1} = j | y, v, w; \theta) = \frac{\alpha_i(t) a_{ij}^{w_t} \beta_j(t+1) b_j^{v_{t+1}}(y_{t+1})}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \alpha_i(t) a_{ij}^{w_t} \beta_j(t+1) b_j^{v_{t+1}}(y_{t+1})}$$
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# 3 Algorithm: K-Top Probabilistic Flip Method (K-Top PFM)

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Algorithm 1: sort-top-K(T)

Data: A vector T \in \mathbb{Z}_2^N
Result: A set S of the top K indices in T

1 S \leftarrow indices of a descending radix sort of T's rows;

2 return A set of the top K indices in S;
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Algorithm 2: probabilistic-set-flip(E)

Data: A syndrome \sigma_0 \in \mathbb{F}_2^M

Result: Deduced error \widehat{E} if the algorithm converges and \bot otherwise

1 \widehat{E} \leftarrow 0^N;

2 \sigma \leftarrow \sigma_0;

3 while \exists F \in \mathscr{F} : |\sigma| - |\sigma \oplus \sigma_X(k)| > 0 do

4 |T \leftarrow H_Z H_X^T \sigma;

5 generators \leftarrow sort-top-K(T);

6 |\text{to-check} \leftarrow \bigcup_{i \in \text{generators}} \mathscr{P}(\mathcal{C}_{Zi});

7 |k \leftarrow \arg\max_{k \in \text{to-check}} \frac{|\sigma| - |\sigma \oplus \sigma_X(k)|}{|k|};

8 |\widehat{E} \leftarrow \widehat{E} \oplus k;

9 |\sigma \leftarrow \sigma \oplus \sigma_X(k);

10 end

11 return \widehat{E} if |\sigma| = 0, \bot otherwise.
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#### 3.1 A Moral Reason/Intuition

The algorithm is essentially the same as Small Set Bit Flip [TODO: CITE] with a minor difference, only a constant number of generators are checked. The idea here is that given a syndrome  $\sigma$  and a parity check matrix,  $H_X$ , the *i*th row of  $H_X^T \sigma$  equals the number of error-ed checks that a qubit touches. Then, the *k*th row of  $H_Z H_X^T \sigma$  is roughly correlated

to the number of error-ed checks that the qubits in the kth generator touch. This rough correlation comes from the fact that we are working with expander codes. So then, if you get the generators touching the most error-ed stabilizers, it would stand to reason that flipping some subset of qubits from a "highly error-ed generator" would result in decreasing the syndrome.

### 4 PFM Analysis

The following section assumes that we are working with syndrome  $\sigma_X$ , a generator matrix  $H_Z$ , and parity check matrix  $H_X$ . The analysis is the same for a syndrome,  $\sigma_Z$ , generator matrix  $H_X$ , and parity check matrix  $H_Z$ .

#### **Notation**

Given a vector v, define  $v_i$  to be the value of the *i*th row of v.

#### **Definitions**

Let  $\Delta_{\text{stablizer}}$  equal to the degree of a stabilizer vertex. Note that due to the hypergraph's construction, all stabilizers have the same constant degree. Let  $\Delta_{\text{bit}}$  equal to the degree of a qubit vertex. As with the stabilizers, all qubits have the same constant degree. Also, for generator k, let  $\aleph$  be the set of stabilizers neighboring the generator. Note that  $|\aleph| \leq \Delta_{\text{stablizer}} \Delta_{\text{bit}}$ .

Given a syndrome,  $\sigma_X$ , define a "bit-score vector",  $\boldsymbol{b} = H_X^T \sigma_X$  where  $\boldsymbol{b} \in \mathbb{Z}^N$ . Then, define a "generator-score vector" as  $\boldsymbol{g} = H_z \boldsymbol{b}$  where  $\boldsymbol{g} \in \mathbb{Z}^M$ . Moreover, assume that for error  $e \in \mathbb{F}_2^N$ ,  $\Pr[e_i = 1] = p$  for all  $i \in [N]$  (i.e. the error is modeled as independent). Let q = 1 - p. Let  $s_1, s_2, ..., s_M$  denote the set of stabilizer vertices. Let  $N_i = \sum_{j \in \Gamma(s_i)} e_j$  where  $N_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $N_i$  can be thought of as the number of qubits with an error in the neighborhood of stabilizer i.

Also, let random variable  $S_i \in F_2$  correspond to  $\sigma_{X_i}$ . Then we know that

$$\mathbf{Pr}[S_i=1] = \mathbf{Pr}[N_i \text{ is odd}] = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(1-2p)^{\Delta_{\text{stablizer}}}.$$

Next, define indicator random variable,  $L_j$  to be 1 if  $\sigma_{X_i} = 0$  and  $N_i > 0$ . Basically,  $L_j$  indicates whether a stabilizer check succeeds, but an error is in its neighborhood. I.e. stabilizer j is "lying."

So then,

$$egin{aligned} \mathbf{Pr}[L_j = 1] &= \mathbf{Pr}[oldsymbol{\sigma_{X}}_i = 0 \mid S_i > 0] \ &= \mathbf{Pr}[S_i \text{ is even}] - \mathbf{Pr}[S_i = 0] \ &= rac{1}{2} + rac{1}{2}(1 - 2p)^{\Delta_{ ext{Stablizer}}} - (1 - p)^{\Delta_{ ext{Stablizer}}}. \end{aligned}$$

Then define random variable,  $E_k$  to be

$$E_k = \sum_{\texttt{Stabilizer } j \; \in \; \aleph_k} \; L_j.$$

 $E_k$  is basically the number of time a generator k, lies for all stabilizers neighboring the generator.

We can then say that

$$E_k \sim \mathrm{Binom}(\aleph_k, \tfrac{1}{2} + \tfrac{1}{2}(1-2p)^{\Delta_{\mathrm{Stablizer}}} - (1-p)^{\Delta_{\mathrm{Stablizer}}}).$$

Then, let random variable  $B_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  correspond to  $b_i$  and random variable  $G_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  correspond to  $g_i$ . So,

$$S_i \sim \mathtt{Bernoulli}\Big(rac{1}{2} - rac{1}{2}(1-2p)^{\Delta_{\mathtt{Stablizer}}}\Big).$$

Then,

$$B_i = \sum_{\texttt{Stabilizer } j \, \in \, \Gamma(\texttt{Bit } i)} S_j$$

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So,

$$B_i \sim \text{Binom}(\Delta_{\text{bit}}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(1 - 2p)^{\Delta_{\text{stablizer}}}).$$

And then,

$$G_k = \sum_{\mathtt{Bit} \ i \in \Gamma(\mathtt{generator} \ k)} \sum_{\mathtt{Stabilizer} \ j \in \Gamma(\mathtt{Bit} \ i)} S_j$$

So then,

$$G_k \sim \text{Binom}(\Delta_{\text{bit}}\Delta_{\text{stablizer}}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}(1-2p)^{\Delta_{\text{stablizer}}}).$$

The pfm algorithm (Algorithm 2) on line 5 gets the K generators, indexed by  $g_1, g_2, ..., g_K$ , with the top values of  $g_i$  for  $i \in [M]$ . WLOG, assume  $g_{g_1} \geq g_{g_2} \geq ... \geq g_{g_K}$ . Then, we can think of  $\mathbf{E}[G_{g_i}]$  as the expected value of the ith top sample from M samples of the distribution defining  $G_i$ .

Let random variable  $G'_k$  then equal

$$G_k' = \sum_{ ext{Stabilizer } j \ \in \ \aleph_k} S_j.$$

Note that  $|\aleph| \geq (1 - \delta)\Delta_{\text{stablizer}}\Delta_{\text{bit}}$  because we are working with expander codes. So then,

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}[G_k'] &= \sum_{\mathtt{Stabilizer}} \mathbf{E}[S_j] \\ &\geq (1-\delta) \Delta_{\mathtt{Stabilizer}} \Delta_{\mathtt{bit}} \underbrace{\mathbf{E}}_{j \in [M]}[S_j] \\ &\geq (1-\delta) \, \mathbf{E}[G_k]. \end{split}$$

**Lemma 4.1.** For a generator, given  $E_k$  and G', we can find some correction vector  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{F}_2^N$  such that  $|\sigma| - |\sigma \oplus \sigma_X(\mathbf{k})| \ge G'_k - E_k$  and  $|k| \le \frac{1-\delta}{\Delta_{bll}}(G'_k + E_k)$  for  $G' > E_k$ .

*Proof.* TODO: part 1 is that there are 3 types of stabilizers in neighbourhood. Those from G', those from E, and those in neither. If those in neither, there is no neighbourhood in their error, so you can leave those bits alone. Then, by flipping bits connected to G' you decrease syndrome by G', but you add in at most E'

part 2: each flipping bit effects at least (1-delta) 
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So then for any e where  $|e| < \min(\gamma_A n_A, \gamma_B n_B)$  by TODO: cite hypergraph prod paper, we know that we can always successfully correct errors if we can find a k such that k is a subset of a generator and

$$\frac{|\sigma| - |\sigma \oplus \sigma_X(\mathbf{k})|}{|\mathbf{k}|} \ge \frac{1}{3}.$$

**Lemma 4.2.** We claim the following holds for an  $i \in [K]$  and for  $p_S = \Pr[S_i = 1]$  for any stabilizer j

$$\begin{split} &\mathbf{Pr}\Bigg[\frac{\Delta_{bit}\big(G'_{g_i}-E_{g_i}\big)}{(1-\delta)(G'_{g_i}+E_{g_k})} < \frac{1}{3}\Bigg] \\ &\leq \sum_{e=0}^{\Delta_{bit}-1} \mathrm{orderprob}\bigg(\Delta_{bit}\Delta_{stablizer} - \Delta_{stablizer}e, p_S, i, \frac{(3\Delta_{bit}+1-\delta)e}{3\Delta_{bit}-1+\delta}\bigg) \cdot \mathbf{Pr}[E_{g_i}=e] + \sum_{e=\Delta_{bit}}^{\Delta_{bit}\Delta_{stablizer}} \mathbf{Pr}[E_{g_i}=e] \end{split}$$

where

$$\operatorname{orderprob}(n, p, i, v) = \mathbf{Pr}[W_i \leq v]$$

and  $W_i$  is the ith largest order statistic from M samples of Binomial(n, p).

See appendix TODO: cite for details

So then,

$$\mathbf{Pr}[\text{loop cannot find a correcting error}] \leq \prod_{i \in [K]} \mathbf{Pr} \left[ \frac{\Delta_{\text{bit}} \left( G'_{g_i} - E_{g_i} \right)}{(1 - \delta) (G'_{g_i} + E_{g_k})} < \frac{1}{3} \right]$$

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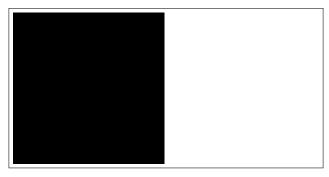


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## 10 Conclusion

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# A Proof of Lemma 4.1