

# Hypergraph Product Codes

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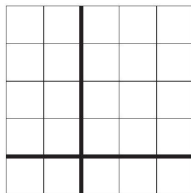


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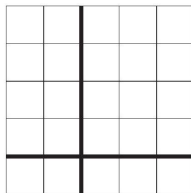


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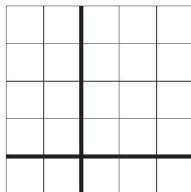


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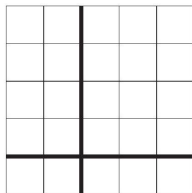


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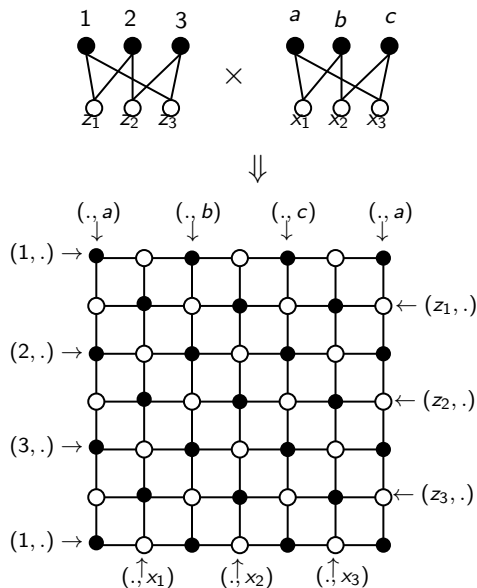
**Advantage:** The syndrome extraction of the constant-weight check operators can be done using a constant-depth circuit.

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**Graph product:** The product  $\mathcal{G}_1 \times \mathcal{G}_2$  of two graphs  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$  has vertex set made up of  $(x, y)$ , where  $x$  and  $y$  are vertices of  $\mathcal{G}_1$  and  $\mathcal{G}_2$  respectively. The edges of the product graph connect two vertices  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$  if either  $x = x'$  and  $\{y, y'\}$  is an edge of  $\mathcal{G}_2$  or  $y = y'$  and  $\{x, x'\}$  is an edge of  $\mathcal{G}_1$ .

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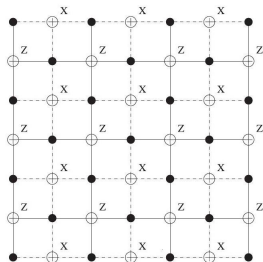


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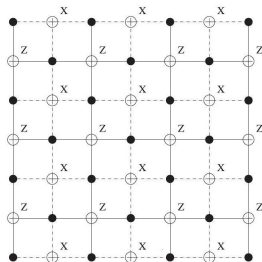


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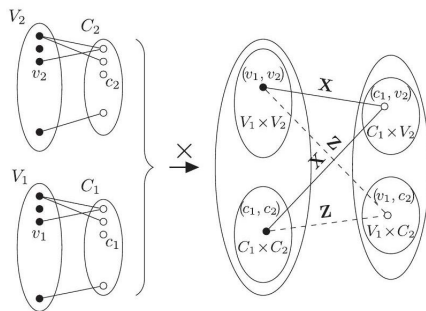


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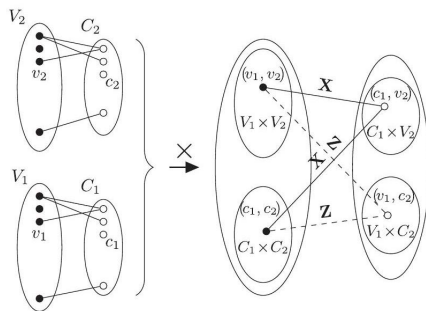


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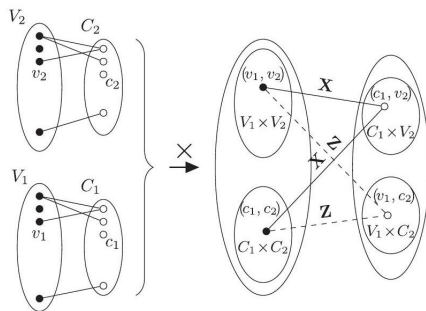


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(Similarly, for  $\mathbf{H}_Z$  as well)

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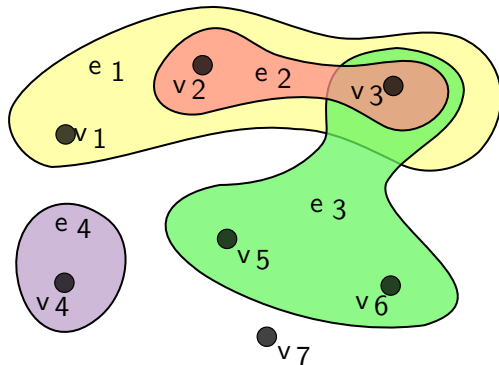
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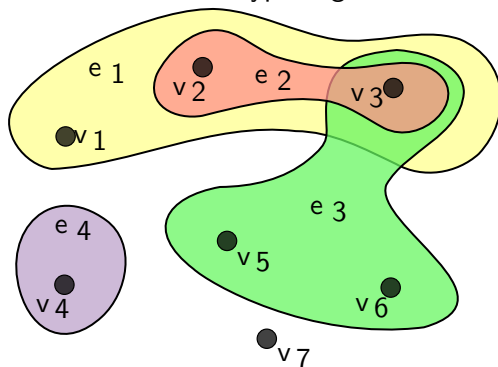
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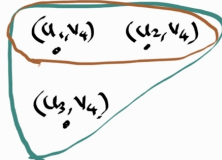
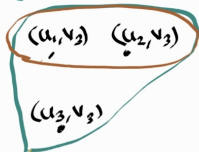
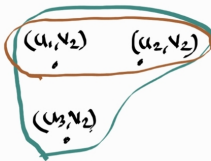
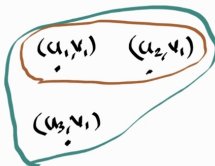


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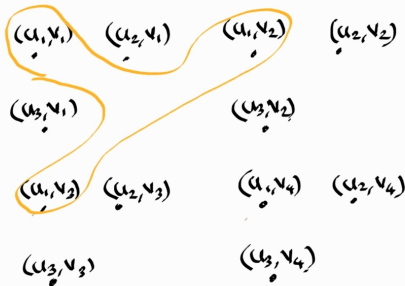


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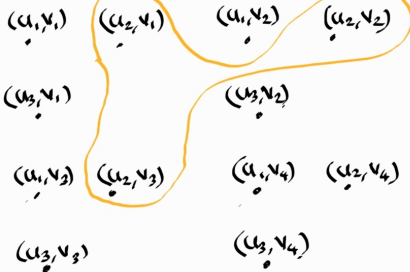


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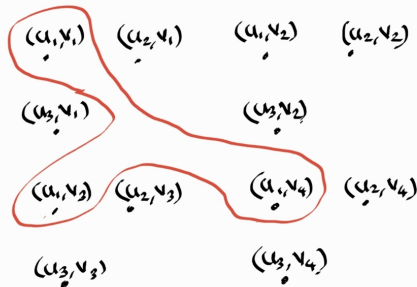


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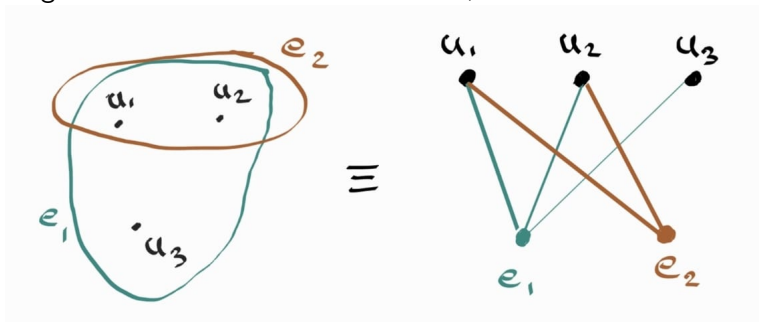
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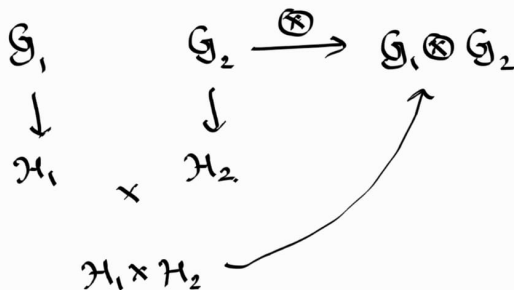


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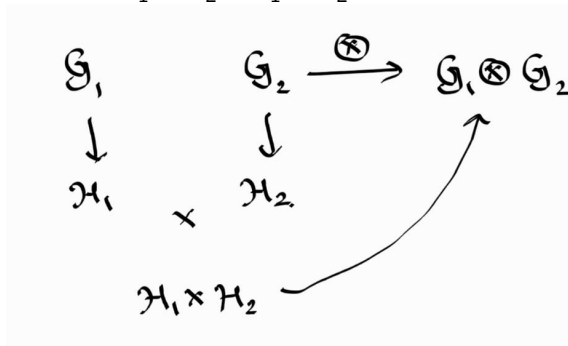
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Proof.

- From the definition of hypergraph product,

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- Similarly, for  $\mathcal{G}_1 \times_Z \mathcal{G}_2$  as well.

# Dimension of the Quantum Code

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where  $k_1^T$  and  $k_2^T$  are the dimensions of the transpose codes  $\mathcal{C}_1^T$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2^T$ .

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- This gives the quantum dimension of the hypergraph product code,

$$\begin{aligned}k_Q &= \dim(\mathcal{C}_X) - (n_1 n_2 + r_1 r_2 - \dim(\mathcal{C}_Z)) \\&= n_1 n_2 + r_1 r_2 - r_1 n_2 - n_1 r_2 + k_1 k_2^T + k_1^T k_2 \\&= (n_1 - r_1) \cdot (n_2 - r_2) + k_1 k_2^T + k_1^T k_2 \\&= (k_1 - k_1^T) \cdot (k_2 - k_2^T) + k_1 k_2^T + k_1^T k_2 \\&= k_1 k_2 + k_1^T k_2^T\end{aligned}$$



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(The minimum distance of a trivial code is defined to be  $\infty$ .)

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$$d_Q \geq \min \left( d_1, d_2, d_1^T, d_2^T \right).$$

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- ▶ If the starting codes  $\mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  have dimensions linear on blocklength, the resulting quantum code also have **dimension linear on blocklength**.
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# Overview of Currently Known QLDPC Codes

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2	$\sqrt{n\sqrt{\log n}}$	Freedman-Meyer-Luo
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$n^{3/5}/\text{polylog}(n)$	$n^{3/5}/\text{polylog}(n)$	fiber-bundle
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$\Theta(n)$	$\Theta(n)$	quantum Tanner
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Figure: <https://errorcorrectionzoo.org/c/qldpc>

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