

Slide #3. Idea for the proof of the lemma.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $\ell = 4$ rows of H add up to zero, say,

$$\vec{h}_1 + \vec{h}_3 + \vec{h}_4 + \vec{h}_6 = \vec{0}.$$

The latter statement is equivalent to

$$\underbrace{(1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)}_{=v} \cdot \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} - & - & \vec{h}_1 & - & - \\ - & - & \vec{h}_2 & - & - \\ - & - & \vec{h}_3 & - & - \\ - & - & \vec{h}_4 & - & - \\ - & - & \vec{h}_5 & - & - \\ - & - & \vec{h}_6 & - & - \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}}_{=H} = \vec{0}.$$

The above means that $v = (1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0)$ is a codeword and $\text{wt}(v) = 4$.

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(\Rightarrow) If v is a codeword of weight $\ell = 5$ with ones in positions, say, 1, 3, 4, 7 and 9, then from $v \cdot H = \vec{0}$, it follows that

$$\vec{h}_1 + \vec{h}_3 + \vec{h}_4 + \vec{h}_7 + \vec{h}_9 = \vec{0}.$$

That is, the five rows, namely, 1, 3, 4, 7, and 9 of H add up to zero.