

# From classical to good quantum LDPC codes.

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[Din+22], [PK21], [LZ22]

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# Introduction.

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The work assumes only a basic knowledge of linear algebra and combinatorics. So we believe that every computer science graduate will be able to enjoy reading it, understand the subject very well, and use it as a gateway for starting research in the field.

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- In the asymptotic regime, when the size of the original message grows.

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Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\rho, \delta \in (0, 1)$ . We say that  $C$  is a **binary linear code** with parameters  $[n, \rho n, \delta n]$ . If  $C$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ , and the dimension of  $C$  is at least  $\rho n$ . In addition, we call the vectors belong to  $C$  *codewords* and define the distance of  $C$  to be the minimal number of different bits between any codewords pair of  $C$ .

## Definition

A **family of codes** is an infinite series of codes. Additionally, suppose the rates and relative distances converge into constant values  $\rho, \delta$ . In that case, we abuse the notation and call that family of codes a code with  $[n, \rho n, \delta n]$  for fixed  $\rho, \delta \in [0, 1)$ , and infinite integers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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We will say that a family of codes is a **good code** if its parameters converge into positive values.

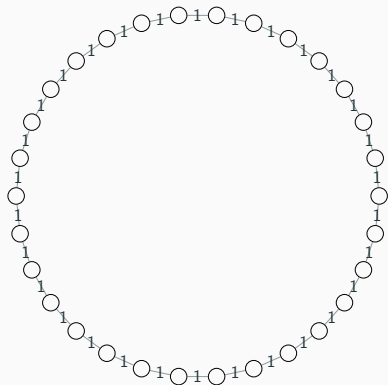


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Let  $\Gamma$  be a graph and  $C_0$  be a “small” linear code with finite parameters  $[\Delta, \rho\Delta, \delta\Delta]$ . Let  $C = \mathcal{T}(\Gamma, C_0)$  be all the codewords which, for any vertex  $v \in \Gamma$ , the local view of  $v$  is a codeword of  $C_0$ . We say that  $C$  is a **Tanner code** of  $\Gamma, C_0$ . Notice that if  $C_0$  is a binary linear code, So  $C$  is.

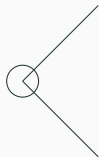
## Coding.

Another example, the repetition code can be thought as the tanner graph defined by the parity code on the cycle graph.



parity check matrix of  $C_0$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

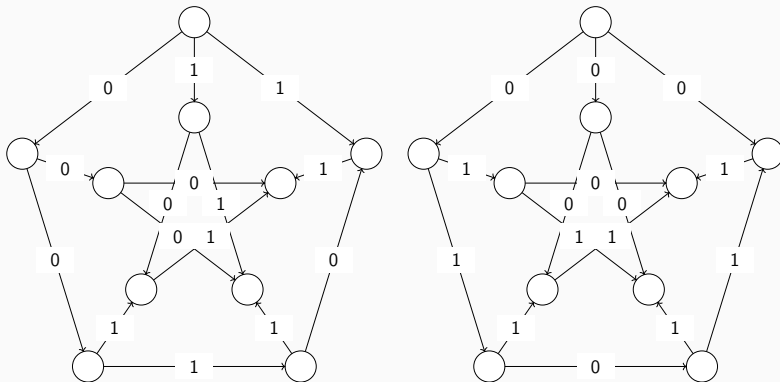


Parity check matrix of  $\mathcal{T}(\Gamma, C_0)$   
Each row associated with vertex check.

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

# Tanner Codes.

Example, the parity code on the Peterson graph.



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## Proof.

The dimension of the subspace is bounded by the dimension of the container minus the number of restrictions. So assuming non-degeneration of the small code restrictions, we have that any vertex count exactly  $(1 - \rho) \Delta$  restrictions. Hence,

$$\dim C \geq \frac{1}{2}n\Delta - (1 - \rho) \Delta n = \frac{1}{2}n\Delta (2\rho - 1)$$

Clearly, any small code with rate  $> \frac{1}{2}$  will yield a code with an asymptotically positive rate □

## Definition

Denote by  $\lambda$  the second eigenvalue of the adjacency matrix of the  $\Delta$ -regular graph. For our uses, it will be satisfied to define expander as a graph  $G = (V, E)$  such that for any two subsets of vertices  $T, S \subset V$ , the number of edges between  $S$  and  $T$  is at most:

$$|E(S, T) - \frac{\Delta}{n}|S||T|| \leq \lambda \sqrt{|S||T|}$$

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## Proof.

We have already shown that the graph has a positive rate due to the Tanner construction. So it's left to show also the code has a linear distance. Fix a codeword  $x \in C$  and denote by  $S$  the support of  $x$  over the edges. Namely, a vertex  $v \in V$  belongs to  $S$  if it connects to nonzero edges regarding the assignment by  $x$ . Assume towards contradiction that  $|x| = o(n)$ . And notice that  $|S|$  is at most  $2|x|$ . Then by The Expander Mixing Lemma we have that:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{E(S, S)}{|S|} &\leq \frac{\Delta}{n}|S| + \lambda \\ &\leq_{n \rightarrow \infty} o(1) + \lambda \end{aligned}$$



# Quantum Error Correction Codes.

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Back to the quantum noise.





# Quantum Noise.

$$\begin{aligned} &|010101\rangle + |\textcolor{red}{1}10100\rangle - |\textcolor{red}{1}\textcolor{blue}{1}1110\rangle \\ &|110101\rangle + |010100\rangle + |011110\rangle \end{aligned}$$



## Definition (CSS Code)

Let  $C_X, C_Z$  classical linear codes such that  $C_Z^\perp \subset C_X$  define the  $Q(C_X, C_Z)$  to be all the codewords with following structure:

$$|x\rangle := |x + C_Z^\perp\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_Z^\perp|}} \sum_{z \in C_Z^\perp} |x + z\rangle$$

# Quantum Error Correction Codes.



## Definition ( $w$ -Robustness)

Let  $C_A$  and  $C_B$  be codes of length  $\Delta$  with minimum distance  $\delta_0\Delta$ .

$C = (C_A^\perp \otimes C_B^\perp)^\perp$  will be said to be  $w$ -robust if for any codeword  $c \in C$  of weight less than  $w$ , it follows that  $c$  can be decomposed into a sum of  $c = t + s$  such that  $t \in C_A \otimes \mathbb{F}^B$  and  $s \in \mathbb{F}^A \otimes C_B$ , where  $s$  and  $t$  are each supported on at most  $\frac{w}{\delta_0\Delta}$  rows and columns. For convenience, we will denote by  $B'$  ( $A'$ ) the rows (columns) supporting  $t$  ( $s$ ) and use the notation  $t \in C_A \otimes \mathbb{F}^{B'}$ .

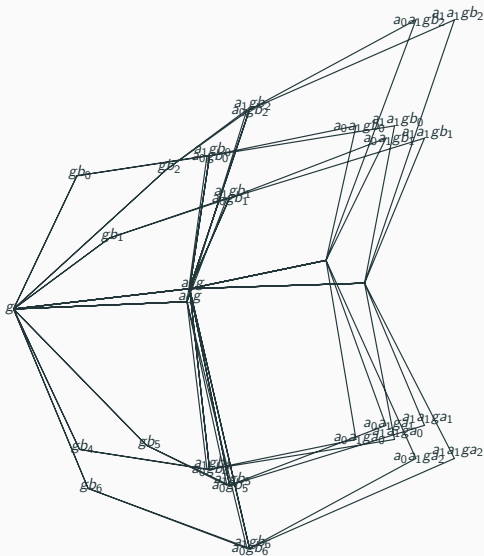
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$$c \in \underbrace{(C_A^\perp \otimes C_B^\perp)} = \underbrace{t \in C_A \otimes \mathbb{F}^B} + \underbrace{s \in \mathbb{F}^A \otimes C_B}$$





## Quantum Error Correction Codes.



### Definition ( $p$ -Resistance to Puncturing.)

Let  $p, w$  be integers. We will say that the dual tensor code  $C_A \otimes \mathbb{F} + \mathbb{F} \otimes C_B$  is  $w$ -robust with  $p$ -resistance to puncturing, if the code obtained by removing (puncturing) a subset of at most  $p$  rows and columns is  $w$ -robust.

## Definition (Quantum Tanner Code.)

Let  $\Gamma$  be a group of size  $n$ . And let  $A, B$  be a two generator set of  $\Gamma$  such that if  $a \in A$  ( $B$ ) then also  $a^{-1} \in A$  ( $B^{-1}$ ) and that for any  $g \in \Gamma, a \in A, b \in B$  it holds that  $g \neq agb$ . Define the left-right Cayley complex to be the graph  $G = (\Gamma, E)$  obtained by taking the union of the two Cayley graphs generated by  $A$  and  $B$ . So the vertices pair  $u, v$  are set on a square diagonal only if there are  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  such that  $u = avb$ . We can assume that  $G$  is a bipartite graph (otherwise just take  $\Gamma' = \Gamma \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  and define the product to be  $a(u, \pm) = (au, \mp)$ ).

# Quantum Error Correction Codes.

## Definition (Quantum Tanner Code.)

Now divide the graph into positive and negative vertices according to their coloring  $V_-$  and  $V_+$ . And define the positive graph to be  $G^+ = (V_+, E)$  and by  $G^- = (V_-, E)$  the negative graph, where  $E$  denotes the squares, put differently there is an edge between  $v$  and  $u$  in  $G^+$  if both vertices are positive and they are laid on the ends of a square's diagonal.

The quantum Tanner code is a CSS code, such that  $C_X$  is defined to be the classical Tanner code  $\mathcal{T}\left(G^+, (C_A^\perp \otimes C_B^\perp)^\perp\right)$  and  $C_Z$  is defined as  $\mathcal{T}\left(G^-, (C_A \otimes C_B)^\perp\right)$ . Note that in contrast to the classical Tanner code, in the quantum case it will be more convenient to think of codewords as assignments set on the squares and not on the edges.

# Quantum Error Correction Codes.