

Final Recitation – Information Theory, Application for Quantum Fault Tolerance.

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Classical no-go.

Claim

Let Y be a bit given by moving X through $\text{BSC}(p)$, Then there is $\gamma_p < 1$ such :

$$1 - H(Y) \leq \gamma(1 - H(X))$$

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Denote by δ the parameter for which X distributed as $\sim \text{Bin}(\frac{1+\delta}{2})$.
First notice that:

$$\Pr(Y = 1) = \frac{1+\delta}{2}(1-p) + \frac{1-\delta}{2}p = \frac{1+\delta-2p\delta}{2}$$

So $Y \sim \text{Bin}(\frac{1+\delta-2p\delta}{2})$, Or $\delta \mapsto 1 - 2p\delta$.

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Denote the above by $K(\delta)$

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