## Lecture 11: Graph codes

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- After Turbo codes were invented 1993, LDPC codes found new attention

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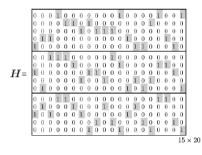
Robert G. Gallager

### LDPC codes

- LDPC codes are defined with use of sparse parity-check matrix, i.e. the percentage of 1s in the parity check matrix for a LDPC code is low.
- A regular LDPC code has the property that:
  - every code digit is contained in the same number of equations,
  - each equation contains the same number of code symbols.
- An irregular LDPC code relaxes these conditions.

# Definition by parity-check matrix

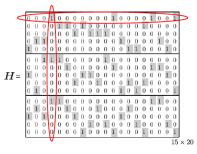
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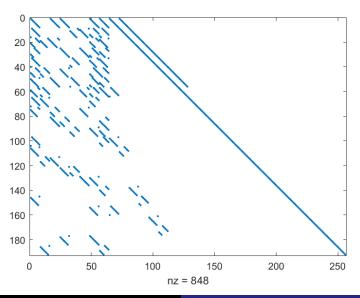
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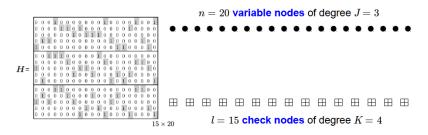
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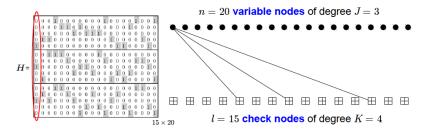
$$R \ge 1 - \frac{J}{K}$$

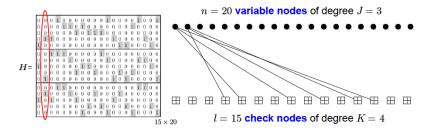
If the row and column weights J and K are not constant, then the LDPC code is irregular (more later)

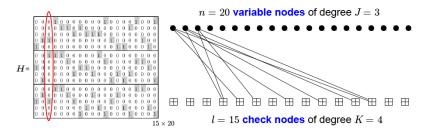
# Irregular LDPC example, PCM with R = 1/4

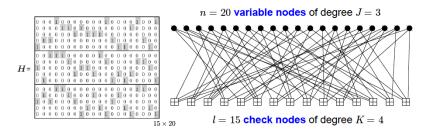


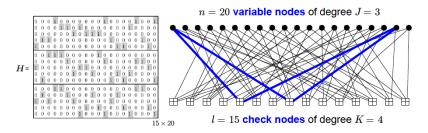












- Tanner graphs typically contain cycles (length 4 cycle highlighted above)
- The girth of a Tanner graph is the length of the shortest cycle (4 in this example)

# Gallager's ensemble of LDPC codes

Ensemble  $\mathcal{E}(N, K, J)$ 

$$\mathbf{H} = \left(egin{array}{c} \pi_1(\mathbf{H}_b) \ \pi_2(\mathbf{H}_b) \ dots \ \pi_J(\mathbf{H}_b) \end{array}
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where

$$\mathbf{H}_b = \left(egin{array}{cccc} 11\dots1 & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & 11\dots1 & \cdots & \mathbf{0} \\ dots & dots & \ddots & dots \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \cdots & 11\dots1 \end{array}
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## Lower bound on the minimum distance

### Theorem (Gallager'62)

For any J > 2 there exists  $\delta^*(K, J) > 0$  such that:

• there are codes in the ensemble  $\mathcal{E}(N,K,J)$  for which the following inequality holds

$$d(\mathcal{C}) \ge (\delta^* - \varepsilon) N \tag{1}$$

• the number of such codes (G(N, K, J)) satisfy the following relation

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\frac{G(N,K,J)}{|\mathcal{E}(N,K,J)|}=1.$$

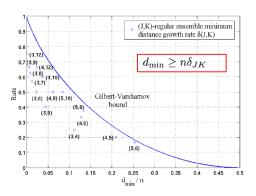
The value  $\delta^*$  is the smallest positive root of equation

$$(J-1)h(\delta) + J\max_{s>0}\left(\delta\log\delta - \frac{1}{K}g_0(s,K)\right) = 0.$$

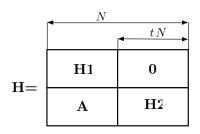


## Lower bound on the minimum distance

•  $\delta_{JK}$  is called the typical minimum distance ratio, or minimum distance growth rate, of a code ensemble



## Upper bound on the minimum distance



#### Lemma

Let the parity-check matrix  ${\bf H}$  of the code  ${\cal C}$  has a special form shown above, then

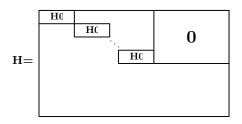
$$R(\mathcal{C}) \leq R(\mathcal{C}_1)(1-\tau) + R(\mathcal{C}_2)\tau,$$

where the codes  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  correspond to parity-check matrices  $\mathbf{H}_1$  and  $\mathbf{H}_2$ .

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## Upper bound on the minimum distance



#### $\mathsf{Theorem}$

Let  $\mathcal C$  be a generalized LDPC code of length N, rate R, minimum distance  $\delta N$ , with constituent  $[n_0,R_0,d_0]$  code  $\mathcal C_0$ . Then for sufficiently large N the following inequality holds

$$R(\mathcal{C}) \leq \min_{rac{q}{q-1}\delta \leq au \leq 1} \Bigl\{ R_0(1- au) + R^*\Bigl(rac{\delta}{ au}\Bigr) au \Bigr\} + o(1),$$

where  $R^*(\delta)$  is any upper bound on the code rate.

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# Bit-flipping decoding algorithm

- If there exists a variable node, such that the number of unsatisfied check nodes is bigger then the number of satisfied check nodes ⇒ flip the bit.
- Continue until such variable nodes exist.

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## Expander graph

Let G = (V, E) be a graph with n vertixes. Let us denote by

$$\Gamma(v) = \{u : (u, v) \in E\}$$

the neighbors of the vertex v and by

$$\Gamma(S) = \bigcup_{v \in S} \Gamma(v)$$

the neighbors of the vertex set S.

# Expander graph

### Definition

A graph G is called an  $(\omega, \alpha)$ -expander, if

$$\forall S \subset V, |S| \leq \omega n \Rightarrow \Gamma(S) > \alpha |S|.$$

## Expander graph

In what follows we consider the following graph types:

- G bipartite  $(V = V_L \sqcup V_R)$  (J, K)–regular,  $\deg(v) = J, v \in V_L$   $\deg(v) = K, v \in V_R$ .
- $G \Delta$ -regular,  $\deg(v) = \Delta$ ;

# Expansion of random graph

#### Lemma

Let G be a graph chosen uniformly from the ensemble of (J,K)-regular bipartite graphs and let  $n\to\infty$ . For a given  $\gamma\in \left[\frac{1}{K},1-\frac{1}{J}\right)$  let  $\delta$  be the positive solution of the equation

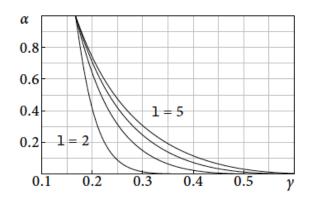
$$\frac{J-1}{J}h(\delta) - \frac{1}{K}h(\delta\gamma K) - \delta\gamma Kh(\frac{1}{\gamma K}) = 0.$$

Then for 
$$0 < \delta' < \delta$$
 and  $\beta = J(1 - \gamma) - 1$ 

$$\Pr(\{G \text{ is an}(J, K, \delta', J\gamma) \text{ expander}\}) \ge 1 - O(n^{-\beta}).$$



# Expansion of random graph



# Bit-flipping

### Theorem

Let G be (J,K) regular bipatrite graph, which is also  $(\omega,\alpha=3J/4)$ -expander. The algorithm is able to correct up to  $\omega/2N$  errors.

# Sipser-Spielman construction

Consider a regular graph. Associate check codes with vertexes and codeword bits with edges.

# Expander mixing lemma

### Lemma

Let G = (V, E) be a  $\Delta$ -regular graph with n vertexes and the second largest eigenvalue  $\lambda$ . Let  $S \subset V$ , then

$$e(S) \leq \frac{|S|}{2} \Delta \frac{|S|}{n} + \lambda \left(1 - \frac{|S|}{n}\right).$$

### **Proof**

### Consider **f**:

$$\mathbf{f}(i) = -\frac{1}{|S|}, \quad i \in S$$

$$\mathbf{f}(i) = \frac{1}{n - |S|},$$

$$|(Af, f)| \le \lambda(f, f).$$

$$(Af, f) = 2 \sum_{(i,j) \in E} f(i)f(j) = n_0 \sum_{i=1}^{n} f^2(i) - \sum_{(i,j) \in E} (f(i) - f(j))^2.$$
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} f^2(i) = 1/|S| + 1/(n - |S|).$$

## Proof

$$\sum_{(i,j)\in E} (f(i) - f(j))^2 = e(S,\bar{S})(1/|S| + 1/(n - |S|))^2.$$
$$2e(S) + e(S,\bar{S}) = n_0|S|.$$

## Distance bound

### Theorem

$$\delta(\mathcal{C}) \geq \left( rac{\delta_0 + rac{\lambda}{\Delta}}{1 - rac{\lambda}{\Delta}} 
ight) \delta_0.$$

## Zemor's construction

Choose underlying regular graph to be bipartite.

Thank you for your attention!