
Erasure Correction and Locality of Hypergraph Codes

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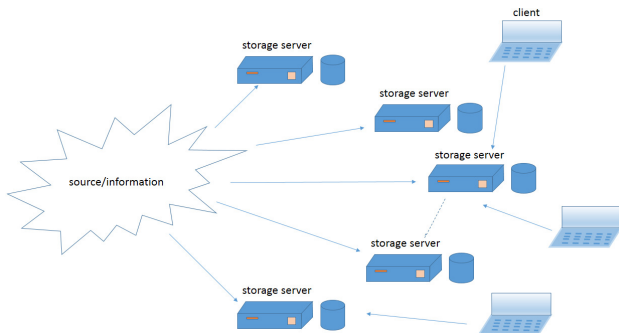
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- Cooperative Locality and Availability in Distributed Storage Systems
- Low Density Parity-Check Codes
- Hypergraph Codes
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- Conclusions and Future Work

Coding for Distributed Storage Systems (DSS)



Goal: Store large amounts of data across many servers so that multiple users can access the data reliably and efficiently.

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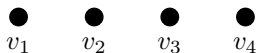
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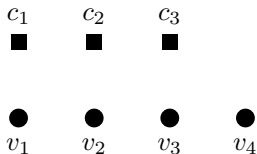
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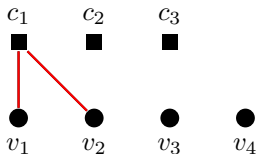
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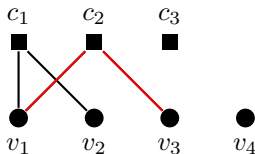
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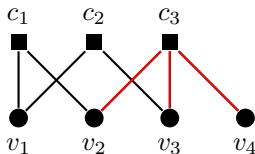
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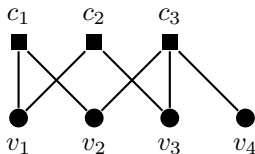
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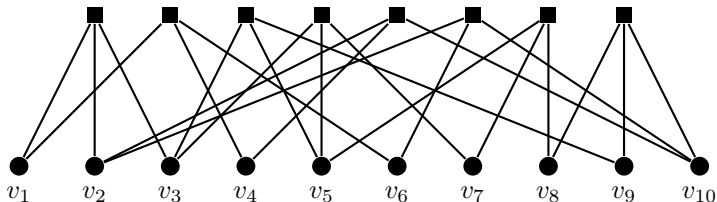
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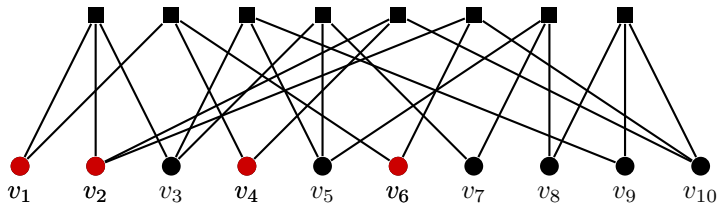


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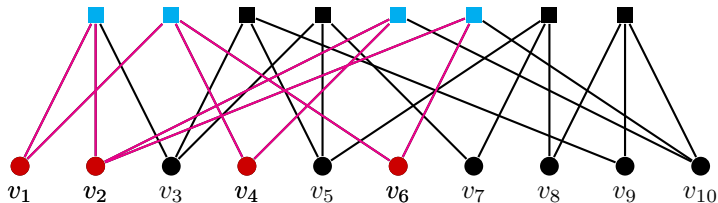


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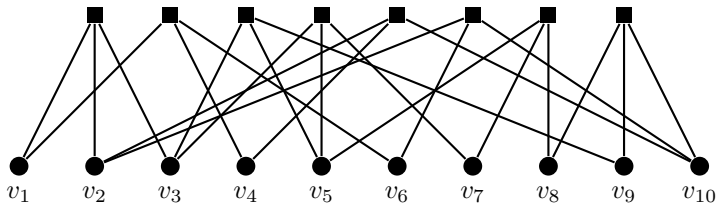


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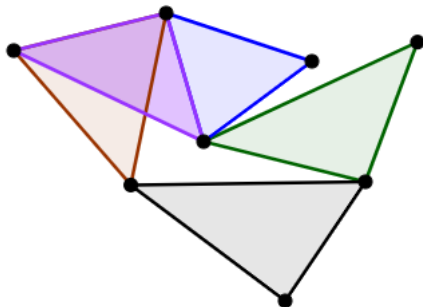
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$$\frac{|E(A_1, A_2, \dots, A_t)|}{n\Delta} \leq \prod_{i=1}^t \alpha_i + \epsilon \sqrt{\alpha_{\sigma(1)} \alpha_{\sigma(2)}},$$

where σ is a permutation on $[t]$ such that $\alpha_{\sigma(i)} \leq \alpha_{\sigma(i+1)}$ for each $i \in [t-1]$ and $E(A_1, \dots, A_t)$ is the set of edges intersecting all the A_i 's.

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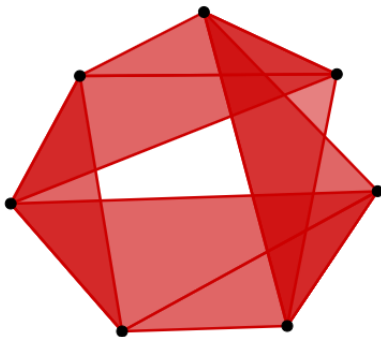
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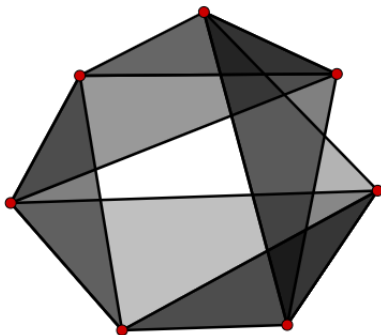


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Hypergraph Code Rate and Minimum Distance

A code \mathcal{Z} from an ϵ -homogeneous t -uniform t -partite Δ -regular hypergraph with n vertices in each part and a $[\Delta, \Delta R, \Delta\delta]$ subcode C at each constraint node has:

$$\text{rate}(\mathcal{Z}) \geq tR - (t - 1)$$

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The size of a minimum stopping set for a code from hypergraph \mathcal{H} with subcode C is denoted $s_{\min}(\mathcal{H})$.

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where n_1 is the number of vertices in each odd part and α_i is the fraction of vertices of V_i in A_i .

Biregular Hypergraph Code Rate and Distance

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$$\text{rate}(\mathcal{Z}) \geq R_1 \lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil + R_2 \lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor - (t - 1) \quad (1)$$

$$d_{\min}(\mathcal{Z}) \geq n_1 \Delta_1 \left((\delta_1^{\lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil} \delta_2^{\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor})^{\frac{1}{t-1}} - c(\epsilon, \delta_1, \delta_2, t) \right) \quad (2)$$

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$$s_{\min}(\mathcal{H}) \geq \left(d_{\min}(C_1)^{\lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil} d_{\min}(C_2)^{\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor} \right)^{1/(t-1)}.$$

Corollary

If the subcodes C_1 (resp., C_2) of the biregular hypergraph code \mathcal{Z} have r_1 (resp., r_2) locality then \mathcal{Z} has (r, ℓ) -cooperative locality where

$$r = r_1 \lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil \frac{s_{\min}(\mathcal{H})}{d_{\min}(C_1)} + r_2 \lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor \frac{s_{\min}(\mathcal{H})}{d_{\min}(C_2)}$$
$$s_{\min}(\mathcal{H}) - 1 \geq \ell \geq \left(d_{\min}(C_1)^{\lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil} d_{\min}(C_2)^{\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor} \right)^{1/(t-1)} - 1.$$

Bound on ϵ -homogeneous Biregular Hypergraphs

Theorem

Let $\mathcal{H} = (V_1, \dots, V_t; E)$ be a t -uniform t -partite (Δ_1, Δ_2) -regular ϵ -homogeneous hypergraph where there are n_1 (resp., n_2) vertices in each of the odd (resp., even) index parts. Let C_1 and C_2 be the subcodes of the odd and even index parts, respectively. Then

$$s_{\min}(\mathcal{H}) \geq \left(\frac{(n_1 d_{\min}(C_1))^{\lceil \frac{t}{2} \rceil} (n_2 d_{\min}(C_2))^{\lfloor \frac{t}{2} \rfloor}}{n_1 \Delta_1} \left(1 - \frac{\epsilon n_1 \Delta_1}{\min_{i=1,2} \{n_i d_{\min}(C_i)\}} \right) \right)^{\frac{1}{t-1}}.$$

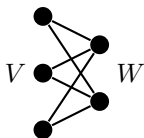
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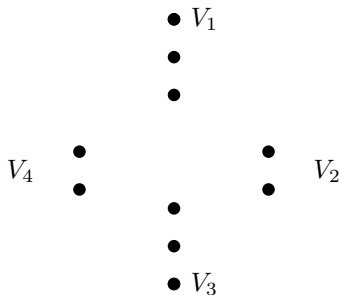
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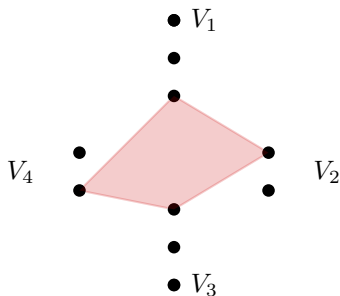
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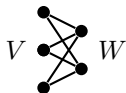
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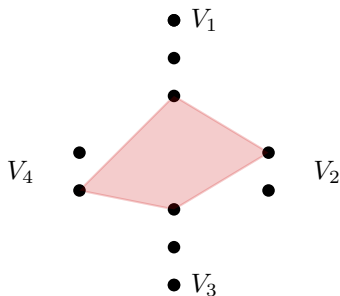
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Idea: If G is a (c, d) -regular expander, then \mathcal{H} should have ϵ -homogeneity.

Conclusions and Future Work

We showed:

- Bounds on minimum stopping set size, cooperative locality of regular hypergraph codes.
- Bounds on minimum stopping set size, cooperative locality of biregular hypergraph codes.
- Improved bounds for ϵ -homogeneous hypergraph codes.

We are interested in:

- Constructing explicit families of hypergraph codes that optimize locality properties.
- Showing the existence of a family of ϵ -homogeneous biregular hypergraphs.

Thank you!

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