

*Partial permutation decoding of the binary code  
of the projective plane  $PG(2, q)$ ,  $q$  even*

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# TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION

In coding theory,

- **messages** encoded into codewords.
- **Linear  $[n, k, d]$ -code  $C$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$**  is:
  - $k$ -dimensional subspace of  $V(n, q)$ ,
  - *minimum (Hamming) distance  $d$*  = minimal number of positions in which two distinct codewords differ.
- If  $d = 2t + 1$  or  $d = 2t + 2$ , then  $C$  is  **$t$ -error correcting**.

# TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION

- **Generator matrix of  $[n, k, d]$ -code  $C$ :**

$$G = (g_1 \cdots g_n)$$

- $G = (k \times n)$  matrix of rank  $k$ ,
- rows of  $G$  form basis of  $C$ ,
- codeword of  $C =$  linear combination of rows of  $G$ .
- **Message**  $(u_1, \dots, u_k)$  becomes **codeword**

$$(u_1, \dots, u_k) \cdot G = (c_1, \dots, c_n).$$

## GENERATOR MATRIX IN STANDARD FORM

- Generator matrix of  $[n, k, d]$ -code  $C$  is in **standard form** when

$$G = (I_k \ A),$$

with  $A$  a  $k \times (n - k)$  matrix.

- Message  $(u_1, \dots, u_k)$  becomes codeword

$$(u_1, \dots, u_k) \cdot G = ((u_1, \dots, u_k), (u_1, \dots, u_k) \cdot A).$$

- First  $k$  positions are the **information positions** and last  $n - k$  positions are the **check positions**.

# PERMUTATION DECODING OF LINEAR CODES



(F.J. MacWilliams)

# PERMUTATION DECODING OF LINEAR CODES

- Let  $G$  be the group of the permutations on the positions which leave  $C$  invariant.
- An  **$s$ -PD-set** of permutations is set of elements of  $G$  such that for every error vector of weight  $s$ , there exists a permutation  $\sigma$  in  $G$  which moves the  $s$  errors out of the information positions.

## Questions:

- Does a linear code have an  $s$ -PD set?
- If yes, construct a smallest possible  $s$ -PD set.
- How do we know that the  $s$  errors are out of the information positions?



## PERMUTATION DECODING OF LINEAR CODES

## THEOREM

Let  $C$  be a  $t$ -error correcting linear  $[n, k, d]$ -code, with generator matrix  $G$  in standard form  $G = (I_k \ A)$  and parity check matrix  $H = (-A^t \ I_{n-k})$ .

Let  $c$  be a transmitted codeword of  $C$  and assume that the vector  $y = c + e$  is received, where  $e$  is an error vector of weight at most  $t$ .

Then the errors are outside of the information positions if and only if  $\text{wt}(y \cdot H^t) < t$ .

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## CODES FROM PROJECTIVE PLANES

- PG(2, q), q = p<sup>h</sup>, p prime, h ≥ 1.
- Points P<sub>j</sub>, j = 1, ..., q<sup>2</sup> + q + 1, and lines ℓ<sub>i</sub>, i = 1, ..., q<sup>2</sup> + q + 1.
- **Incidence matrix**

$$G = \left( \begin{array}{c} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{array} \right) \leftarrow \text{lines } \ell_i$$

↑  
points P<sub>j</sub>

with

$$G_{ij} = 1 \text{ iff } P_j \in \ell_i,$$

$$G_{ij} = 0 \text{ iff } P_j \notin \ell_i.$$

## CODE DEFINED BY THE INCIDENCE MATRIX

- $G =$  generator matrix of  $[n, k, d]$ -code  $C = C(2, q)$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , with
  - $n = q^2 + q + 1,$
  - $k = \binom{q+1}{2} + 1,$
  - $d = q + 1.$
- Similar code arises from  $\text{AG}(2, q)$ ,  $q = p^h$ ,  $p$  prime,  $h \geq 1$ .

## MOORHOUSE BASIS FOR $C(AG(2, p))$ , $p$ PRIME

- Take one line  $M$  in  $PG(2, q)$ .
- Let  $M = \{r_0, r_1, \dots, r_p\}$ .
- Take the  $p$  lines through  $r_0$ , different from  $M$ ,
- Take  $p - 1$  lines through  $r_1$ , different from  $M$ ,
- $\dots$ ,
- Take  $p - i$  lines through  $r_i$ , different from  $M$ ,
- $\dots$ ,
- Take one line through  $r_{p-1}$ , different from  $M$ .

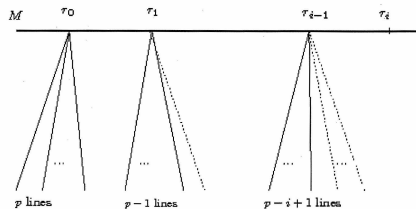


Fig. 1 The basis of Moorhouse

## MOORHOUSE BASIS FOR $C(\text{AG}(2, p))$ , $p$ PRIME

- Line at infinity:  $l_1 = [0, 0, 1]$ .
- $p$  lines  $[1, 0, a]$ ,  $0 \leq a \leq p - 1$ , through point  $(0, 1, 0)$ ,
- $p - 1$  lines  $[1, 1, a]$ ,  $1 \leq a \leq p - 1$ , through point  $(1, -1, 0)$ ,
- $p - 2$  lines  $[1, 2, a]$ ,  $2 \leq a \leq p - 1$ , through point  $(1, -2^{-1}, 0)$ ,
- $p - i$  lines  $[1, i, a]$ ,  $i \leq a \leq p - 1$ , through point  $(1, -i^{-1}, 0)$
- ... ,
- the line  $[1, p - 1, p - 1]$  through the point  $(1, 1, 0)$ .

## MOORHOUSE BASIS FOR $C(AG(2, p))$ , $p$ PRIME

Equivalent formulation: points as information set

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} (0, 0) & (0, 1) & (0, 2) & \cdots & (0, p-1) & \\ & (1, 1) & (1, 2) & \cdots & (1, p-1) & \\ & & (2, 2) & \cdots & (2, p-1) & \\ & & & \ddots & & \\ & & & & & (p-1, p-1) \end{array}$$

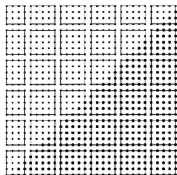
The information set  $I$  and check set  $H$  are equal to:

$$I = \{(i, j) : 0 \leq i \leq j \leq p-1\}$$

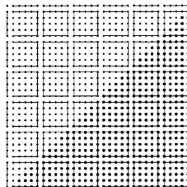
and

$$H = \{(i, j) : p-1 \geq i > j \geq 0\}.$$





A:  $p = 29$ .



B:  $p = 31$ .

Consider the translations  $\tau_{a,b} : (x, y) \mapsto (x, y) + (a, b)$ .

### THEOREM (KEY, MACDONOUGH, MAVRON)

*Let  $C_A$  be the  $p$ -ary code from the affine plane  $AG(2, p)$ ,  $p \geq 5$  prime. Let  $n = \lfloor \frac{p+1}{6} \rfloor$  and let  $Y = \{\tau_{un, -vn} : 0 \leq u, v \leq 5\}$ . For the predefined information set  $I$ ,  $Y$  is a 2-PD-set of size 36 for the code of  $AG(2, p)$  when  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{6}$  and  $Y \cup \{\tau_{1,1}\}$  is a 2-PD-set of size 37 for the code of  $AG(2, p)$  when  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .*

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## NOTATIONS

- Let  $q = 2^h$  and let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element of  $\mathbb{F}_{2^h}$ .
- Let

$$\beta = a_{h-1}\alpha^{h-1} + a_{h-2}\alpha^{h-2} + \cdots + a_1\alpha + a_0, \beta \neq 0,$$

where all  $a_i \in \mathbb{F}_2$ .

- $|\beta| = |\{i : a_i \neq 0\}|$ .
- **Leading position** of  $\beta$ :  $lp(\beta) = \max\{i : a_i \neq 0\} + 1$ .
- **Leading position** of point  $b = (0, 1, \beta)$  is  $lp(\beta)$ .
- **Leading position** of  $(0, 1, 0)$  is 0 and **leading position** of  $(0, 0, 1)$  is  $+\infty$ .

## BASIS OF P. VANDENDRIESSCHE

### THEOREM

*The line  $X_0 = 0$  and the set of lines*

$$\{\langle (0, 1, \beta), (1, 0, \gamma) \rangle : |\gamma| + lp(\beta) \leq h\}$$

*together form a basis for code of  $PG(2, 2^h)$ , with  $5 \leq h \leq 9$ .*

The line  $X_0 = 0$  has homogeneous coordinates  $[1, 0, 0]$ . The set of lines from the previous theorem consists of lines with homogeneous coordinates  $[\gamma, \beta, 1]$ , where  $|\gamma| + lp(\beta) \leq h$ .

**Question: Is this also basis for  $h > 9$ ?**

## 2-PD-SET FOR CODE OF $\text{PG}(2, 2^h)$ , $5 \leq h \leq 9$ .



$$\hat{\tau}_{u,v}([\gamma, \beta, 1]) = [\gamma + u, \beta + v, 1],$$

$$\hat{\tau}_{u,v}([1, 0, 0]) = [1, 0, 0], \quad \hat{\tau}_{u,v}([\gamma, 1, 0]) = [\gamma, 1, 0].$$

- $\sigma_1 : [u, v, w] \mapsto [v, u, w]$ ,
- $\sigma_2 : [u, v, w] \mapsto [w, v, u]$ .

## 2-PD-SET FOR CODE OF $\text{PG}(2, 2^h)$ , $5 \leq h \leq 9$ .

### THEOREM (CRNKOVIĆ, MOSTARAC, RODRIGUES, STORME)

Let  $\Pi = \text{PG}(2, 2^h)$ ,  $5 \leq h \leq 9$ , and let

$C : [2^{2h} + 2^h + 1, 3^h + 1, 2^h + 1]_2$  be its binary code.

Let

$$a = (1, 0, \dots, 0), a' = (0, 1, 0, \dots, 0),$$

$$b = (1, \dots, 1, 0), c = (1, \dots, 1).$$

Then following set  $S$  is 2-PD-set of size 16 for  $C$ , for the information set  $I$ :

$$S = \{ \hat{\tau}_{0,0}, \hat{\tau}_{a,a}, \hat{\tau}_{a,b}, \hat{\tau}_{a,c}, \hat{\tau}_{a',b}, \hat{\tau}_{b,a}, \hat{\tau}_{b,b}, \hat{\tau}_{b,c}, \hat{\tau}_{c,a}, \hat{\tau}_{c,b}, \hat{\tau}_{c,c}, \sigma_1, \\ \hat{\tau}_{a,b}\sigma_1, \hat{\tau}_{a,c}\sigma_1, \hat{\tau}_{b,c}\sigma_1, \hat{\tau}_{a,c}\sigma_2 \}.$$

## SEARCH FOR THESE PERMUTATIONS

### Example:

- Assume two errors in the positions  $[\gamma_1, \beta_1, 1]$ , with  $|\gamma_1| + lp(\beta_1) \leq h$ , and  $[\gamma_2, \beta_2, 1]$ , with  $|\gamma_2| + lp(\beta_2) \leq h$ .
- Find translations  $\tau_{u,v}$  such that

$$(\gamma_i, \beta_i) + (u, v) = (\gamma_i + u, \beta_i + v),$$

with

$$|\gamma_i + u| + lp(\beta_i + v) > h, i = 1, 2.$$



## 3-PD-SET FOR CODE OF $\text{PG}(2, 2^9)$

### THEOREM (CRNKOVIĆ, MOSTARAC, RODRIGUES, STORME)

*Let  $\Pi = \text{PG}(2, q)$ ,  $q = 2^h$ , and let  $G$  be its automorphism group. Furthermore, let  $C_{\text{gen}} = [q^2 + q + 1, 3^h + 1, q + 1]_2$  be the binary code of  $\Pi$ . If  $h = 9$ , a 3-PD-set for  $C_{\text{gen}}$  consisting of 75 elements can be found in  $G$ , for the information set  $I$ .*

Thank you very much for your attention!