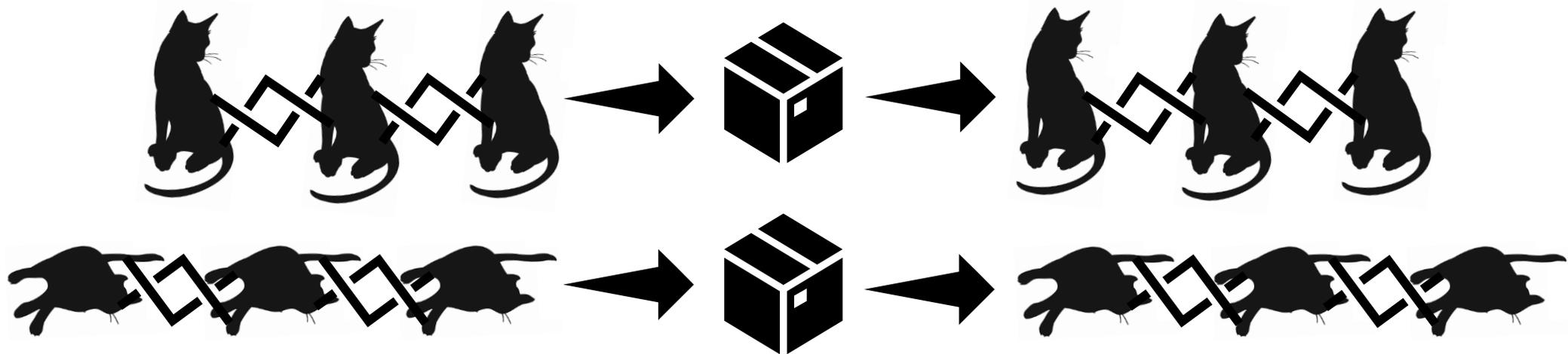




Stabilizer codes

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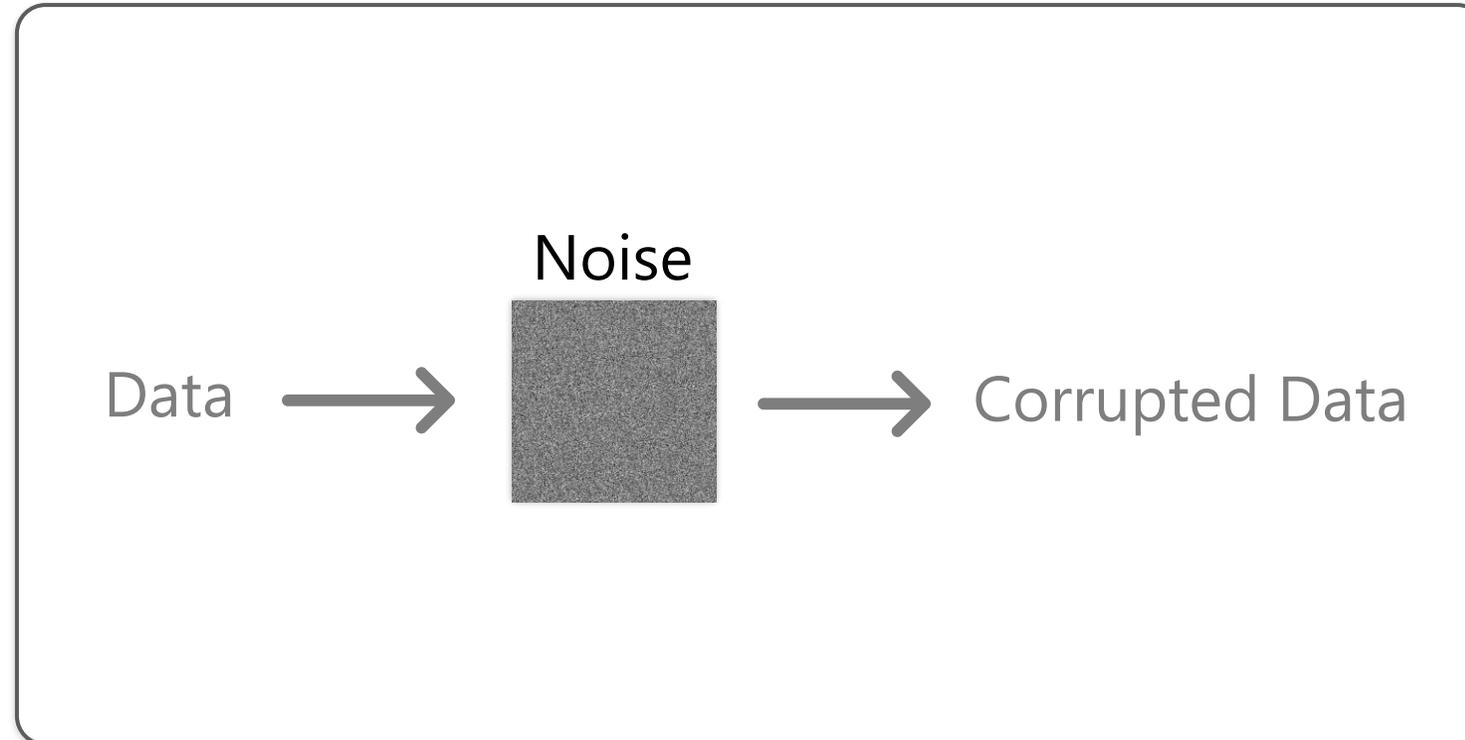


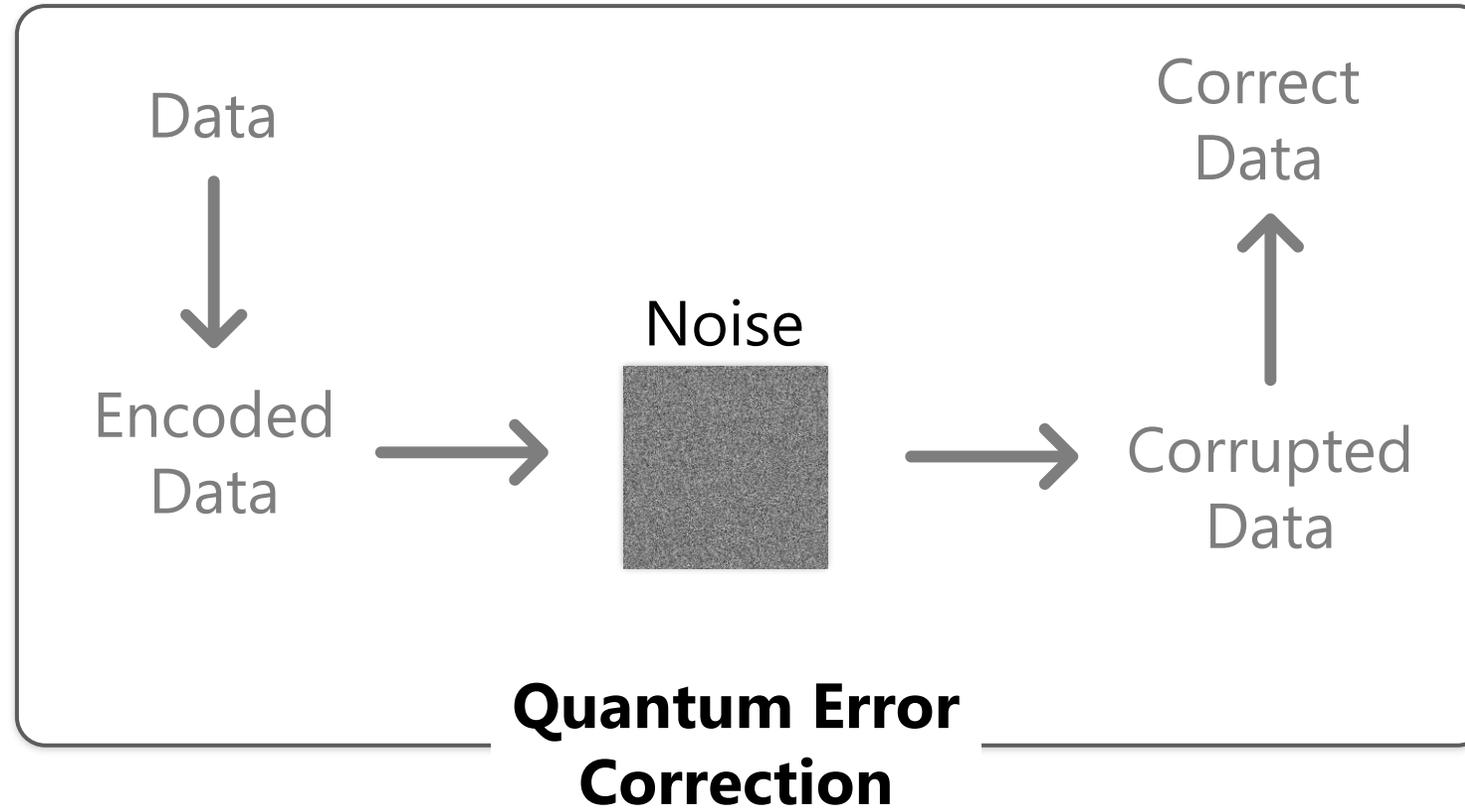
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Some
elementary
notions



Qubit: The elementary unit of information

Classically

Bit

0 1

Quantically

Qubit

$$|\psi\rangle = a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle \quad a, b \in \mathbb{C}$$

$$|\psi\rangle \sim e^{i\theta} |\psi\rangle \quad \theta \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$

Generalization for a system of N qubits:

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{2^N-1} \alpha_i |i\rangle, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{2^N-1} |\alpha_i|^2 = 1$$

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{2^N-1} \alpha_i |i\rangle = \alpha_0 |0\dots 0\rangle + \alpha_1 |0\dots 01\rangle + \alpha_2 |0\dots 010\rangle + \dots + \alpha_{2^N-1} |1\dots 1\rangle$$

$$\langle 0|1\rangle = 0$$
$$\langle 0|0\rangle = \langle 1|1\rangle = 1$$

$$|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|s\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \langle s| = (|s\rangle)^\dagger = [s_1^* \quad s_2^*]$$



Tensor product: From 1 to N

$$|v\rangle \otimes |s\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ \vdots \\ v_m \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \\ \vdots \\ v_m \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ \vdots \\ s_n \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Dimension: $m \times n$

$$|010\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle$$

$$|0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|00\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, |01\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, |10\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, |11\rangle = |1\rangle \otimes |1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$A \otimes B = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11}B & A_{12}B & \dots & A_{1n}B \\ A_{21}B & A_{22}B & \dots & A_{2n}B \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ A_{m1}B & A_{m2}B & \dots & A_{mn}B \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(A \otimes B)(C \otimes D) = (AC \otimes BD)$$

$$(A \otimes B) |\psi\rangle \otimes |\phi\rangle = (A |\psi\rangle \otimes B |\phi\rangle)$$



$$X = \sigma_1 = \sigma_x \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Y = \sigma_2 = \sigma_y \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad Z = \sigma_3 = \sigma_z \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Eigenvectors: $|\psi_{x+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $|\psi_{y+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ i \end{bmatrix}$, $|\psi_{z+}\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ **Eigenvalues:** ± 1

$|\psi_{x-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$, $|\psi_{y-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -i \end{bmatrix}$, $|\psi_{z-}\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(\sigma_i) = -1$$

$$\text{tr}(\sigma_i) = 0$$

$$\sigma_i^2 = I$$

$$\sigma_i^\dagger = \sigma_i$$

$$\{\sigma_i, \sigma_j\} = 2I\delta_{ij}$$

$$-i\sigma_1\sigma_2\sigma_3 = I$$

$$A = a_0I + a_1X + a_2Y + a_3Z$$

$$\sigma_0 \equiv I$$



$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = |+\rangle \langle +| - |-\rangle \langle -|$$

Eigenvectors: $|-\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle - |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ $|+\rangle = \frac{|0\rangle + |1\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ **Eigenvalues:** ± 1

$$|z\rangle \xrightarrow{H^{\otimes n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2^n}} \sum_{s=0}^{2^n-1} (-1)^{z \cdot s} |s\rangle$$

$$|-\rangle = H |1\rangle \quad |+\rangle = H |0\rangle$$
$$H = H^\dagger \quad HH^\dagger = H^2 = I$$

Classical linear codes



$[n, k, d]$ linear code

| | |
|---|--|
| $G \in \text{Mat}_{n \times k}(F_2)$ | $H \in \text{Mat}_{(n-k) \times n}(F_2)$ |
| $G = \begin{bmatrix} & & \\ g_1 & \dots & g_k \\ & & \end{bmatrix}$ | $H = \begin{bmatrix} \text{---} h_1 \text{---} \\ \vdots \\ \text{---} h_{n-k} \text{---} \end{bmatrix}$ |
| $x \in F_2^k \rightarrow Gx \in F_2^n$ | $y \in C \rightarrow Hy = \mathbf{0} \in F_2^{n-k}$ |

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| $HG = \mathbf{0}$ | |
| $\ker(G^T)$ | $\ker(H)$ |
| H | G^T |
| $n - k$ | k |

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| $y = Gx$ | $y' = y + e$ |
| <hr/> | |
| $Hy' = HGx + He = He$ | |
| $He : \text{Error syndrome}$ | |

| | | |
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Dual code

$$C \longleftrightarrow C^\perp$$

$$G \longleftrightarrow H^T$$

$$H \longleftrightarrow G^T$$

$$C^\perp = \{x \in F_2^n \mid x \cdot c = 0 \text{ for all } c \in C\}$$

$$\dim(C) + \dim(C^\perp) = n$$

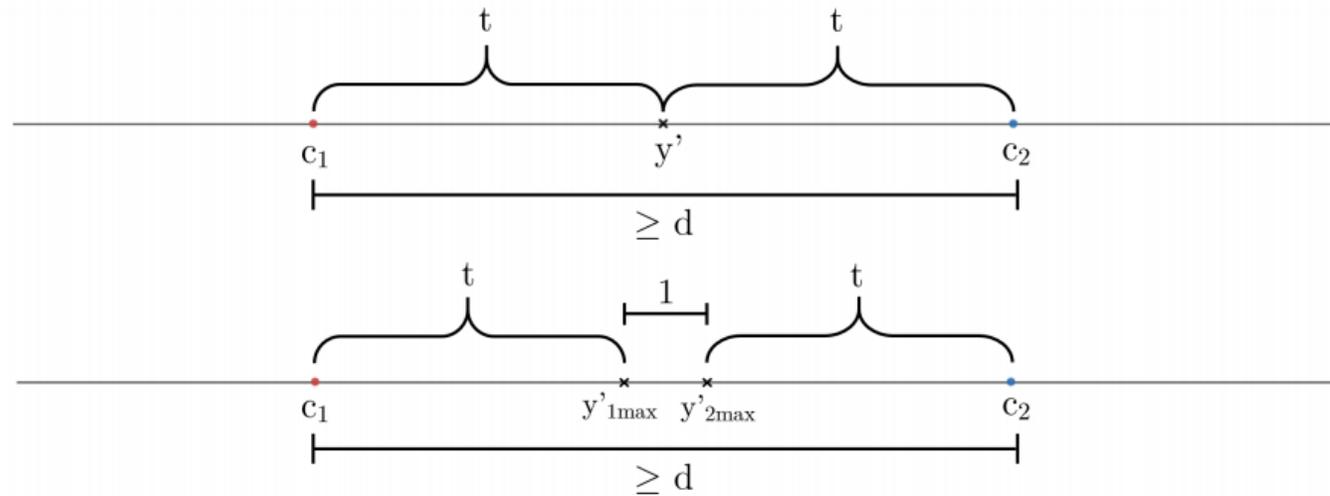
| Weakly self-dual code | Self-dual code |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| $C \subset C^\perp$ | $C = C^\perp$ |



Example

$$d((1\ 0\ 1), (0\ 0\ 1)) = 1$$

A code with distance d corrects errors on t qubits: $d \geq 2t + 1$



$$d(C) \equiv \min_{x, y \in C, x \neq y} d(x, y) \quad wt(x) \equiv d(x, 0)$$

The distance d of a linear code C equals the minimum number of linearly dependent columns of the parity check matrix H .

$$d - 1 \leq n - k$$

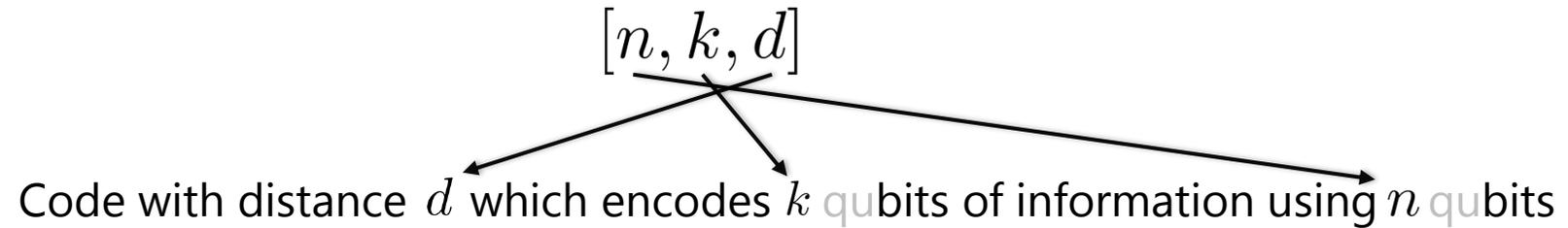
Quantum Error Correction



$$|s_{k-1} \dots s_0\rangle \longrightarrow |(s_{k-1} \dots s_0)_L\rangle$$

k qubit state n qubit state

The code lives in a 2^k dimensional subspace



Example

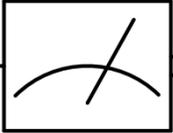
$$|0_L\rangle = |000\rangle$$

$$|1_L\rangle = |111\rangle$$



Quantum Error Correction (2)

$$|\bar{s}\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Noise}} |\tilde{s}\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{Error-correction}} |\bar{s}\rangle$$

| Error detection | Recovery |
|--|---|
| $ \tilde{s}\rangle$  Error syndrome | Error syndrome $\longrightarrow U_{es} \tilde{s}\rangle = \bar{s}\rangle$ |

Error-correction

- May be separated into two steps: the error-detection or syndrome diagnosis and the recovery.



Quantum Error Correction (3)

$$E_i = e_{i0}I + e_{i1}X + e_{i2}Z + e_{i3}XZ$$
$$\{I, X, Z, ZX\}^{\otimes n}$$

An error-correction code can correct some set of errors iff it satisfies the quantum error-correction conditions, and any set of errors whose errors are linear combinations of the errors from the correctable set is also correctable.

$$\langle l | E_i^\dagger E_j | k \rangle = \alpha_{ij} \delta_{lk}$$
$$P E_i^\dagger E_j P = \alpha_{ij} P$$
$$F_j = \sum_i m_{ji} E_i$$

Degenerate Code

$$\alpha_{ij} \neq \delta_{ij}$$

Non-degenerate Code

$$\alpha_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$$

Stabilizer Codes



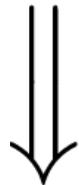
Definition 1.1 Let $S = \{M_1, \dots, M_m\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_n$ be a group (with regular matrix multiplication as group operation) of operators, then the nontrivial subspace which is invariant to the operators $\{M_i\}$, i.e. $M_i P = P$ (P being the projector onto that subspace), is said to be stabilized by the stabilizer S .

$$\mathcal{P}_n = \{\pm i, \pm 1\} \times \{I, X, Z, Y\}^{\otimes n}$$

$$[M_i, M_j] = 0$$

$$-I, \pm iI \notin S$$

$$M = M^\dagger$$



$$\mathcal{P}'_n = \pm 1 \times \{I, X, Z, iXZ\}^{\otimes n} \subset \mathcal{P}_n$$

$$S = \langle \hat{M}_1, \dots, \hat{M}_l \rangle$$

Proposition 1.1

If G is a group (with identity e), and $H \subset G$ is non-empty, then H is a subgroup of G if and only if $hh'^{-1} \in H$, for any $h, h' \in H$.

$$S' = \langle \hat{M}_1, \dots, \hat{M}_{l-1} \rangle$$



$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}'_n &= \pm 1 \times \{I, X, Z, Y\}^{\otimes n} = \pm 1 \times \{I, X, Z, iXZ\}^{\otimes n} \\ &= \pm i^y \times \{I, X, Z, XZ\}^{\otimes n}\end{aligned}$$

$$s = (s_1, s_2) \longleftrightarrow M \in \mathcal{P}'_n$$

$$f : \{0, 1\}^{2n} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}'_n$$

$$f(s_1, s_2) = \pm i^{s_1^T s_2} \bigotimes_{j=1}^n X^{s_1^j} Z^{s_2^j}$$



Commutativity

$$f(s_1, s_2)f(s'_1, s'_2) = (-1)^{s_2^T s'_1 + s_1^T s'_2} f(s'_1, s'_2)f(s_1, s_2)$$

$$\text{Commutativity} \iff s_2^T s'_1 + s_1^T s'_2 \equiv_2 0 \iff s^T \Lambda s' \equiv_2 0$$

Unitarity and Hermiticity

$$M = M^\dagger \implies (MM^\dagger = I \iff M^2 = I)$$

$$f(s_1, s_2)^2 = (-1)^{s_1^T s_2} I$$

$$\text{Unitarity and Hermiticity} \iff y = s_1^T s_2 \equiv_2 0$$

$$s = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \end{bmatrix} \left| \begin{array}{l} s^T \Lambda s' = 0, \Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & I \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \right| s' = \begin{bmatrix} s'_1 \\ s'_2 \end{bmatrix}$$



Independent set of generators

$$G = \{g_i\} \quad \forall g \in G, \nexists k_j \in \mathbb{N} \wedge \nexists g_j \in G \setminus \{g\} : g = \prod_j g_j^{k_j}$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} s_1^T \\ \vdots \\ s_r^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\prod_l f(s_l)^{k_l} = \alpha(s_1, \dots, s_r, k_1, \dots, k_r) f\left(\sum_l k_l s_l\right)$$

$$f(s_g) \neq \alpha(\dots) f\left(\sum_{g' \in G \setminus \{g\}} k_{g'} s_{g'}\right) \iff s_g \neq \sum_{g' \in G \setminus \{g\}} k_{g'} s_{g'}$$

Independency of generators \iff Linear independency of corresponding binary strings



Theorem 1.1 *Let S be the stabilizer for a stabilizer code $C(S)$. Suppose $\{E_j\}$ is a set of operators in \mathcal{P}_n such that $E_j^\dagger E_k \notin Z(S) - S$ for all j and k . Then $\{E_j\}$ is a correctable set of errors for the code $C(S)$.*

$$S = \{M_1, \dots, M_m\} \quad M_i P = P \longrightarrow P = \sum_i |c_i\rangle \langle c_i| \longrightarrow \{|c_i\rangle\}$$

$$S = \langle \hat{M}_1, \dots, \hat{M}_l \rangle$$

Correction of errors

| Commutates with all generators | Anti-commutes with at least one generator |
|--------------------------------|---|
| $E \in S$ ✓ | $\hat{M}E c_i\rangle = -E\hat{M} c_i\rangle = -E c_i\rangle$ |
| $E \in Z(S) - S$ ✗ | $E \notin Z(S)$ ✓ |

$$Z(S) = \{E \in \mathcal{P}_n : EM = ME \text{ for all } M \in S\} \stackrel{*}{=} \{E \in \mathcal{P}_n : ES = SE\} = N(S)$$

* Centralizer of S coincides with the normalizer of S



Degenerate code

$$E_j P E_j = E_{j'} P E_{j'}$$

E_j corrects $E_{j'}$

$E_{j'}$ corrects E_j

$$P E_i^\dagger E_j P = \alpha_{ij} P$$

$$\alpha_{ij} \neq \delta_{ij}$$

Non-degenerate code

$$E_j^\dagger E_k \in \mathcal{P}_n - Z(S), \forall j, k : j \neq k$$

$$E_j^\dagger E_j = I \in S$$

$$P E_i^\dagger E_j P = \alpha_{ij} P$$

$$\alpha_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$$

| | | Distance |
|---------------|--|---|
| Weight | <p>The weight of an operator belonging to \mathcal{P}_n is the number of terms in the tensor product which are not equal to the identity, and in the stabilizer binary string notation introduced</p> $w(s) = \sum_j s_x^j \vee s_z^j \quad s = \begin{bmatrix} s_x \\ s_z \end{bmatrix}$ | <p>The distance of a stabilizer code $C(S)$ is defined to be the minimum weight of an element of $N(S) - S$</p> |

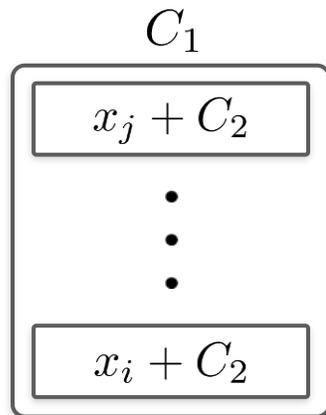
Examples of Stabilizer Codes



Definition 2.1 Let C_1 and C_2 be $[n, k_1]$ and $[n, k_2]$ classical linear codes such that $C_2 \subset C_1$, and C_1 and C_2^\perp both correct t errors. An $[n, k_1 - k_2]$ quantum code, $CSS(C_1, C_2)$, capable of correcting errors on up to t qubits can be created and is said to be a *CSS* code of C_1 over C_2 . Moreover, letting the classical codeword $x_i \in C_1$ be such that $x_i - x_j \notin C_2$ for $i \neq j$ one has

$$|x_i + C_2\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|}} \sum_{y \in C_2} |x_i + y\rangle,$$

with the $\{|x_i + C_2\rangle\}$ spanning the code subspace.



$$x_i - x_j \notin C_2$$



$$aH = bH \Leftrightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$$

Dimension of
the code
subspace

$$|C_1|/|C_2| = 2^{k_1 - k_2}$$

$$HZH = X, HXH = Z$$

$$C_2^\perp \xleftrightarrow{H} C_2$$

$$\sum_{y \in C} (-1)^{x \cdot y}$$

$$x \in C^\perp$$

$$x \notin C^\perp$$

$$\sum_{y \in C} (-1)^{x \cdot y} = |C|$$

$$\sum_{y \in C} (-1)^{x \cdot y} = 0$$

**Error correction**

$$|x_i + C_2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|}} \sum_{y \in C_2} |x_i + y\rangle \xrightarrow{H^{\otimes n}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|2^n}} \sum_z \sum_{y \in C_2} (-1)^{z \cdot (x_i + y)} |z\rangle = \sqrt{\frac{|C_2|}{2^n}} \sum_{z \in C_2^\perp} (-1)^{z \cdot x_i} |z\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|}} \sum_{y \in C_2} (-1)^{e_2 \cdot (x_i + y)} |x_i + y + e_1\rangle |0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|}} \sum_{y \in C_2} (-1)^{e_2 \cdot (x_i + y)} |x_i + y + e_1\rangle |H_1 e_1\rangle$$

Bit flips

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|}} \sum_{y \in C_2} (-1)^{e_2 \cdot (x_i + y)} |x_i + y\rangle &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|2^n}} \sum_z \sum_{y \in C_2} (-1)^{(z + e_2) \cdot (x_i + y)} |z\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|2^n}} \sum_{z'} \sum_{y \in C_2} (-1)^{z' \cdot (x_i + y)} |z' + e_2\rangle \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{|C_2|}{2^n}} \sum_{z' \in C^\perp} (-1)^{z' \cdot x_i} |z' + e_2\rangle, \end{aligned}$$

Phase flips

$$z' \equiv z + e_2$$

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The code $CSS(C_1, C_2)$ is an $[n, k_1 - k_2, d \geq \min(d_1, d_2^\perp)]$ quantum code (with $d = \min(d_1, d_2^\perp)$ if the code is non-degenerate), with d_1 and d_2 relating to $t_1 = \lfloor \frac{d_1-1}{2} \rfloor$ and $t_2 = \lfloor \frac{d_2-1}{2} \rfloor$, and correcting errors occurring in at least up to $\min(t_1, t_2)$ qubits.

Check matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} H(C_2^\perp) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & H(C_1) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Commutativity} \iff H(C_2^\perp)H(C_1)^T = 0$$

$$H(C_2^\perp)H(C_1)^T = [H(C_1)G(C_2)]^T = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ C_2 \subset C_1 \end{array}$$

Bit flip
errors

Phase flip
errors

$$\begin{array}{ccc} X & \xleftrightarrow{H(\cdot)H} & Z \\ C_1 & & C_2^\perp \end{array}$$



$$|0''_L\rangle = |+\rangle |+\rangle |+\rangle \quad |1''_L\rangle = |-\rangle |-\rangle |-\rangle$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline (|a_0\rangle + e^{i\pi n_0} |\bar{a}_0\rangle) & (|a_1\rangle + e^{i\pi n_1} |\bar{a}_1\rangle) & (|a_2\rangle + e^{i\pi n_2} |\bar{a}_2\rangle) \\ \hline \downarrow X_1 X_2 X_3 & \downarrow X_4 X_5 X_6 & \downarrow X_7 X_8 X_9 \\ \hline (|\bar{a}_0\rangle + e^{i\pi n_0} |a_0\rangle) & (|\bar{a}_1\rangle + e^{i\pi n_1} |a_1\rangle) & (|\bar{a}_2\rangle + e^{i\pi n_2} |a_2\rangle) \\ \hline \end{array} \quad n_0, n_1, n_2 \in \{0, 1\}$$
$$\langle X_1 X_2 X_3 \rangle = e^{i\pi n_0} \quad \langle X_4 X_5 X_6 \rangle = e^{i\pi n_1} \quad \langle X_7 X_8 X_9 \rangle = e^{i\pi n_2}$$

$$X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 X_6 \quad X_4 X_5 X_6 X_7 X_8 X_9$$



| Name | Operator | Check matrix | Generator matrices |
|-----------|--------------|--|--|
| g_1 | $ZZIIIIII$ | $\left[\begin{array}{cc} H(C_2^\perp) = & \mathbf{0} \\ 111111000 & \\ 000111111 & \end{array} \right]$ | $G(C_1) = \begin{bmatrix} 111000000 \\ 000111000 \\ 000000111 \end{bmatrix}^T$ |
| g_2 | $IZZIIIIII$ | | |
| g_3 | $III ZZIIII$ | | |
| g_4 | $IIII ZZIII$ | | |
| g_5 | $IIIIII ZZI$ | | |
| g_6 | $IIIIII ZZ$ | $\left[\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{0} & H(C_1) = \\ & 110000000 \\ & 011000000 \\ & 000110000 \\ & 000011000 \\ & 000000110 \\ & 000000011 \end{array} \right]$ | $G(C_2^\perp) = \begin{bmatrix} 110000000 \\ 011000000 \\ 000110000 \\ 000011000 \\ 000000110 \\ 000000011 \\ 100100100 \end{bmatrix}^T$ |
| g_7 | $XXXXXXIII$ | | |
| g_8 | $III XXXXXX$ | | |
| \bar{Z} | $XXXXXXXXXX$ | | |
| \bar{X} | $ZZZZZZZZZ$ | | |

$$H(C_1)G(C_2) = H(C_1)H(C_2^\perp)^T = \mathbf{0}$$

$$C_2 \subseteq C_1$$



The Steane code is an example of a CSS code which uses the classical $[7, 4, 3]$ Hamming code C with $C_1 \equiv C$ and $C_2 \equiv C^\perp$, and associated matrices

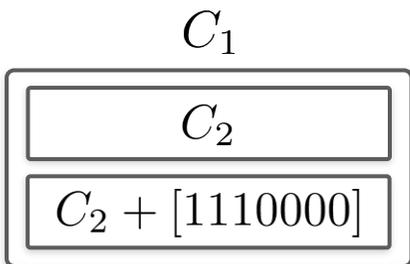
$$H(C_1) = G(C_2)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad H(C_2) = G(C_1)^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$H(C_1)G(C_2) = H(C_1)H(C_1)^T = \mathbf{0} \implies C_2 \subseteq C_1$$

$$C_2^\perp = C = C_1$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} H(C) & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & H(C) \end{bmatrix}$$

| C_2 | C_1 | $CSS(C_1, C_2)$ |
|--|-------------|---|
| $[7, 7 - 4, d = 4 \geq 3] = [7, 3, 4]$ | $[7, 4, 3]$ | $[7, 4 - 3, 3 \geq \min(3, 4)] = [7, 1, 3]$ |



$$|0_L\rangle = \prod_{i=1}^{n-k} \frac{(I + g_i)}{2^{n-k}} \frac{|0000000\rangle}{\sqrt{|C_2|/2^{n-k}}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|} = 8} \sum_{\text{even } s \in C} |s\rangle = |0000000\rangle + |1010101\rangle + |0110011\rangle$$

$$+ |0001111\rangle + |1100110\rangle + |1011010\rangle + |0111100\rangle + |1101001\rangle$$

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The stabilizer codes are a simple class of quantum error correction codes with a remarkable similarity to classical linear codes. However, unlike classical error correction codes, quantum error correction codes may have that codewords are sent to non-orthogonal subspaces for some errors, with the corrupted codeword being correctable (for any of the errors on the correctable set). Such codes are called degenerate codes.