

# On some LDPC codes

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# Introduction

## Definition

A  $[n, k]$  **linear code**  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $k$ -linear subspace of the vector space  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$ .  
When  $q = 2$ , we say that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a **binary linear code**.

## Definition

**The Hamming distance** between two vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ :

$$d(x, y) = |\{i \mid x_i \neq y_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}|.$$

**The minimum distance** of a code  $\mathcal{C}$ :

$$d = \min\{d(x, y) : x, y \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

An  $[n, k]$  linear code with minimum distance  $d$  will be denoted by  $[n, k, d]$  code.

## Definition

Given a linear  $[n, k]$  code  $C$ , a **generator matrix**  $G$  of  $C$  is a  $k \times n$  matrix whose rows form a basis for a linear code.

## Definition

The **dual code** of a linear code  $C \subset \mathbb{F}_q^n$  is the code  $C^\perp \subset \mathbb{F}_q^n$  where

$$C^\perp = \{x \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid x \cdot y = 0, \forall y \in C\}.$$

## Definition

A **parity-check matrix**  $H$  of a linear code  $C$  is a generator matrix of its dual code.

$$x \in C \Leftrightarrow H \cdot x^T = 0$$

# LDPC codes

## Definition

**A binary low-density parity-check (LDPC) code** is a binary linear code defined by a sparse parity-check matrix  $H$ .

An LDPC code is called  $(w_c, w_r)$ -**regular** if  $H$  has constant row sum  $w_r$  and constant column sum  $w_c$ . Otherwise it is called an **irregular LDPC code**.

## Example

(2,3)-regular LDPC code:

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

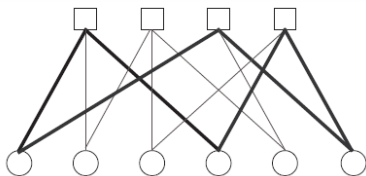
## Tanner graph

**The Tanner graph** is a bipartite graph that consists of two sets of vertices: bit nodes that correspond to codeword bits and check nodes that correspond to parity-check equations.

An edge connects a bit node to a check node if that bit is included in the corresponding parity-check equation.

### Example

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Aim is to construct LDPC codes **without** short cycles, especially cycles of length four!

# LDPC codes constructed from cubic semisymmetric graphs

## Definition

**Cubic graphs** are 3-regular graphs.

A graph is **semisymmetric** if it is edge-transitive, but not vertex-transitive.

**Cubic semisymmetric graphs (CSSG)** are 3-regular semisymmetric graphs.

## Remark

Every semisymmetric graph is necessarily bipartite with two parts of equal size.

M. Conder, A. Malnič, D Marušič, P. Potočnik, A census of semisymmetric cubic graphs on up to 768 vertices, J. Algebraic Combin. 23 (2006), 255–294.



Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected CSSG with  $2n$  vertices. Denote by  $A$  its adjacency matrix.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & H \\ H^T & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**The matrices  $H, H^T \Rightarrow$  parity-check matrices of the codes  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G}), \mathcal{C}_{H^T}(\mathcal{G})$ .**

$\Rightarrow$  for the constructed codes, the cubic semisymmetric graph  $\mathcal{G}$  is its Tanner graph.

Codes  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G}), \mathcal{C}_{H^T}(\mathcal{G})$ :

- $(3, 3)$ -regular LDPC codes of length  $n$  and dimension  $n - \text{rank}_2(H)$
- the minimum distance of the codes is an even number

## Definition

Let  $H$  be  $n \times n$  parity-check matrix of the code  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$ .

- **The bit node graph**  $\Gamma_b$ :  $n$  vertices that correspond to codeword bits, and two vertices are adjacent if and only if the corresponding bits are included in the same parity-check equation.
- **The check node graph**  $\Gamma_c$ :  $n$  vertices that correspond to parity-check equations, and two vertices are adjacent if and only if corresponding parity-check equations have a bit in common.

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph with girth at least six and let  $H$  be the parity-check matrix of the code  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$ . Then the corresponding bit node graph  $\Gamma_b$  and check node graph  $\Gamma_c$  are 6-regular.

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph with  $2n$  vertices and girth at least six. Further, let  $H$  be the parity-check matrix of the code  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$  and let  $\Gamma_b$  and  $\Gamma_c$  be the corresponding bit node graph and check node graph, respectively. Matrices  $T_b$  and  $T_c$  are square  $(0, 1)$ -matrices of order  $n$  satisfying  $T_b = H^T H - 3I$  and  $T_c = H H^T - 3I$  if and only if  $T_b$  and  $T_c$  are the adjacency matrices of the graphs  $\Gamma_b$  and  $\Gamma_c$ , respectively.

### Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph with girth greater than six. Further, let  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$  be the corresponding LDPC code and let  $\Gamma_b$  and  $\Gamma_c$  be its bit node and check node graph, respectively. Then  $\omega(\Gamma_b) = \omega(\Gamma_c) = 3$ .

### Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph with girth greater than six. Let  $d(\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G}))$  and  $d(\mathcal{C}_H^T(\mathcal{G}))$  be the minimum distances of the codes  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$  and  $\mathcal{C}_H^T(\mathcal{G})$ , respectively. Then  $d(\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})) \geq 6$  and  $d(\mathcal{C}_H^T(\mathcal{G})) \geq 6$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph with  $2n$  vertices and girth greater than six. Let  $\lambda_2$  be the second largest eigenvalue of its adjacency matrix  $A$ . Let  $d(\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G}))$  and  $d(\mathcal{C}_H^T(\mathcal{G}))$  be the minimum distances of the codes  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$  and  $\mathcal{C}_H^T(\mathcal{G})$ , respectively. Then the following inequalities hold

$$d \geq \begin{cases} \frac{2}{5}n, & \lambda_2 \leq 2, \\ \frac{2}{9}n, & 2 < \lambda_2 \leq \sqrt{6}, \\ 6, & \sqrt{6} < \lambda_2 < 3, \end{cases}$$

where  $d \in \{d(\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})), d(\mathcal{C}_H^T(\mathcal{G}))\}$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph with  $2n$  vertices. Then the dimension of the codes  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{HT}(\mathcal{G})$  is at most  $n - 2\alpha(\Gamma_b) + 1$ , where  $\alpha(\Gamma_b)$  is the independence number of the bit node graph  $\Gamma_b$ .

# Absorbing sets

## Definition

Let  $G = G(C)$  be the Tanner graph of an LDPC code  $C$  which is determined with a parity check matrix  $H$ .

A  $(\kappa, \tau)$  **trapping set** is a subset  $T$  that consist of  $\kappa$  bit nodes with the property that induced subgraph  $G[T]$  has exactly  $\tau$  check nodes of odd degree.

If every bit node in  $G[T]$  is connected with fewer check nodes of odd degree than check nodes of even degree,  $T$  forms a trapping set which is called **absorbing set**.

## Theorem

Let the Tanner graph of the LDPC code  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph  $\mathcal{G}$  with girth at least six. Then there is no absorbing set of size smaller than three in the graph  $\mathcal{G}$ .

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph with girth greater than six, which is the Tanner graph of the LDPC codes  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{HT}(\mathcal{G})$ . The Tanner graph  $\mathcal{G}$  has no absorbing set of size three.

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a connected cubic semisymmetric graph with girth greater than six, which is the Tanner graph of the LDPC codes  $\mathcal{C}_H(\mathcal{G})$  and  $\mathcal{C}_{HT}(\mathcal{G})$ . The only possible structure for an absorbing set of size four is  $(4, 4)$ -absorbing set.

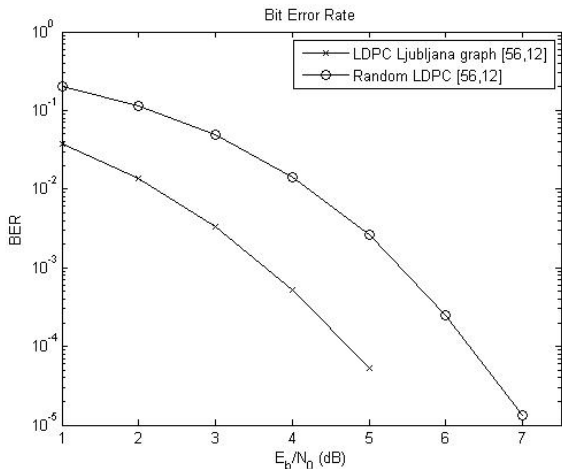


## Results

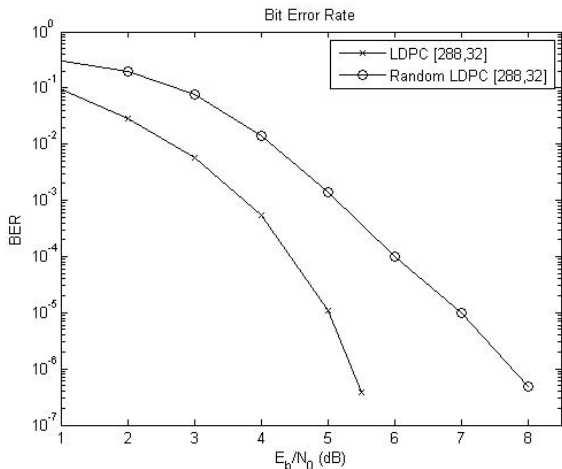
$v$	LDPC <sub>1</sub>	LDPC <sub>2</sub>	$v$	LDPC <sub>1</sub>	LDPC <sub>2</sub>
54	[27, 8, 6]	[27, 8, 8]*	448	[224, 33, 32]	<b>[224, 33, 32]</b>
112	[56, 12, 14]	<b>[56, 12, 16]</b>	486	[243, 2, 162]*	[243, 2, 162]*
120	[60, 14, 8]	<b>[60, 14, 12]</b>	546	[273, 5, 130]	[273, 5, 130]
144	[72, 16, 12]*	[72, 16, 14]*	576	[288, 32, 48]	[288, 32, 56]
216	[108, 16, 24]	[108, 16, 32]	672	[336, 47, 14]	[336, 47, 42]
240	[120, 22, 16]	[120, 22, 24]	702	[351, 8, 78]	[351, 8, 104]*
294	[147, 26, 14]	[147, 26, 26]	720	<b>[360, 10, 120]</b>	<b>[360, 10, 120]</b>
336	[168, 24, 14]	[168, 24, 42]	784	[392, 12, 98]	<b>[392, 12, 112]</b>
378	[189, 11, 42]	[189, 11, 56]	798	[399, 5, 190]	[399, 5, 190]
384	[192, 35, 16]	[192, 35, 18]	864	[432, 32, 96]	[432, 32, 108]
400	<b>[200, 24, 32]</b>	<b>[200, 24, 60]</b>	882	[441, 44, 42]	[441, 44, 78]
432	[216, 24, 48]	[216, 24, 60]	896	[448, 48, 84]	<b>[448, 48, 100]</b>

**Table:** The parameters of LDPC codes constructed from cubic semisymmetric graphs with less than 1000 vertices.

# BER performance of the [56, 12, 16] LDPC code derived from the Ljubljana graph



# BER performance of the [288, 32, 56] LDPC code derived from the cubic semisymmetric graph with 576 vertices



Thank you for your attention!