

Lecture #3  
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Today: CSS codes

Discussion —  $\Phi$  is an operator on a state in a  $d$ -dimensional space.

Then,  $\Phi \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d |e_i\rangle \langle e_i| \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d \langle e_i| \langle e_i| \right) \right]$  completely specifies the operator  $\Phi$ .

7-qubit code

$$|0_L\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \left[ |10000000\rangle + |1110100\rangle + |10111010\rangle + \text{cyclic shifts} \right]$$

$$|1_L\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \left[ |1111111\rangle + |10001011\rangle + |1000101\rangle + \text{cyclic shifts} \right]$$

Claim: Corrects any 1-qubit error.

- Measure 1st qubit in "0-1" basis.
- Get '0'.

$$\alpha |0_L\rangle + \beta |1_L\rangle \longrightarrow \frac{\alpha}{2} \left[ |10000000\rangle + |10111010\rangle + |10611101\rangle + |10100111\rangle \right] + \beta \left[ \dots \right]$$

• Project onto spaces

$$\Pi_C = |0_L\rangle \langle 0_L| + |1_L\rangle \langle 1_L|$$

$$\sigma_x^{(1)} \left( |0_L\rangle \langle 0_L| + |1_L\rangle \langle 1_L| \right) \sigma_x^{(1)}$$

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X operated on 1st qubit.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\alpha|0_L\rangle + \beta|1_L\rangle) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sigma_Z^{(1)}(\alpha|0_L\rangle + \beta|1_L\rangle)$$

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(i) with prob  $\frac{1}{2}$ , gets projected into  $|0_L\rangle\langle 0_L| + |1_L\rangle\langle 1_L|$

"no error"

(ii) with prob  $\frac{1}{2}$ , gets projected into  $\sigma_Z^{(1)}[|0_L\rangle\langle 0_L| + |1_L\rangle\langle 1_L|]\sigma_Z^{(1)}$

"Z-error on 1st qubit"  $\rightarrow$  correct it.

$$\gamma|0\rangle + \delta|1\rangle$$

$$\rightarrow \text{project it onto } (\gamma|0\rangle + \delta|1\rangle)(\gamma^*\langle 0| + \delta^*\langle 1|) = \begin{pmatrix} |\gamma|^2 & \gamma^*\delta \\ \delta^*\gamma & |\delta|^2 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{id}{2} + \left(\frac{|\gamma|^2 - |\delta|^2}{2}\right)\sigma_Z^{(1)} + \text{Re}(\gamma\delta^*)\sigma_X^{(1)} + \text{Im}(\gamma\delta^*)\sigma_Y^{(1)}$$

Let  $\Pi_C$  be projection onto code subspace.

$$\text{Tr}(\Pi_C \sigma_X^{(i)} \Pi_C \sigma_X^{(i)}) = 0 \quad (\text{claim}) \rightarrow \text{will prove later.}$$

$$\Pi_C \left( \frac{id}{2} + a_x \sigma_x + a_y \sigma_y + a_z \sigma_z \right) \Pi_C \left( \frac{id}{2} + a_x \sigma_x + a_y \sigma_y + a_z \sigma_z \right) \Pi_C$$

Will project into one of 4 possibilities, and corr. recovery may then be applied.

$$|0_L\rangle = \sum |0000000\rangle + \text{c.s. } |1110100\rangle$$

$$|1_L\rangle = \sum |1111111\rangle + \text{c.s. } |0001011\rangle$$

Classical binary linear block codes.

Hamming code  $[7, 4, 3]$  code.  
 $\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ n & k & d. \end{matrix}$

16 codewords:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0000000 \\ 1111111 \\ 1110100 \\ 0111010 \\ \vdots \\ 0001011 \\ 1000101 \\ \text{c.s.} \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

Linear span of:-

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1110100 \\ 0111010 \\ 0011101 \\ 1111111 \end{pmatrix}$$

Any codeword of the  $[7, 4, 3]$  code is a linear combination (mod 2) of rows of  $G$ . Any 2 codewords differ in at least 3 positions ( $d=3$ ).

$$\{wt_H(v-w) = wt_H(z) \geq 3\}$$

~~For  $\sigma_x$~~

$\sigma_x^{(i)} \prod_c \sigma_x^{(i)}$  orthogonal to  $\sigma_x^{(j)} \prod_c \sigma_x^{(j)}$

So, we can correct any arbitrary bit-errors on the 7 qubits.

How do we correct phase errors.

$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  turns  $\sigma_x \Leftrightarrow \sigma_z$  :  $H \sigma_x H = \sigma_z$ .

$\text{Tr} \sigma_z^{(i)} \prod_c \sigma_z^{(i)} \sigma_z^{(j)} \prod_c \sigma_z^{(j)}$

$= \text{Tr} \left[ \overset{\otimes 7}{H} \sigma_x^{(i)} \overset{\otimes 7}{H} \prod_c \overset{\otimes 7}{H} \sigma_x^{(i)} \sigma_x^{(j)} \overset{\otimes 7}{H} \prod_c \overset{\otimes 7}{H} \sigma_x^{(j)} \overset{\otimes 7}{H} \right]$   
 (on non- $(i)$  qubits  $HH = I$ , so doesn't matter)

this cancels with the 1st  $\overset{\otimes 7}{H}$  due to cyclic prop. of  $\text{Tr}$

$$H^{\otimes 7} \Pi_C H^{\otimes 7} = \Pi_C$$

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A general CSS-code.

$$0 \subseteq C_1 \subseteq C_2 \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_2^n \quad \dots \quad (*)$$

$C_1, C_2$  are linear subspaces over  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$

$$\# \text{ of codewords} = \frac{|C_2|}{|C_1|},$$

and the codewords corresponding to cosets  $C_2/C_1$ .

$$\{v + C_1 \mid v \in C_2\}$$

quantum codewords

$$|v + C_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_2|/|C_1|}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_1|}} \sum_{c \in C_1} |v + c\rangle$$

$$C_1 = \left\{ \begin{array}{cccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right\}; \quad C_2 = C_1 \cup \{11111111 + C_1\}$$

$C_2$  good error-correcting code  
 $\Rightarrow$  quantum code is good against bit errors.

How does it correct phase errors?

$$H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{s,t \in \{0,1\}} |s\rangle \langle t| (-1)^{st}$$

$$H^{\otimes n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}^n} \left( \sum_{s,t \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n} |s\rangle \langle t| (-1)^{s \cdot t} \right)$$

$$H^{\otimes 2} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 00 & 01 & 10 & 11 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H^{\otimes n} |v + G\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{\substack{s, t \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n \\ G \in \mathcal{C}_1}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} |s\rangle \langle t| |v + G\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{|G|}} \sum_{\substack{s \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n \\ G \in \mathcal{C}_1}} |s\rangle \langle s| (-1)^{s \cdot (v + G)}$$

$$= \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n} (-1)^{s \cdot v} \left[ \sum_{G \in \mathcal{C}_1} (-1)^{G \cdot s} |s\rangle \right] \left( \frac{1}{2^{n/2} \sqrt{|\mathcal{C}_1|}} \right) \left\{ \text{normalization} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_1^\perp = \left\{ v \mid v \cdot c_1 \text{ is even} = 0 \pmod{2} \forall c_1 \in \mathcal{C}_1 \right\}$$

Self orthogonality:  $|1110100\rangle$  is  $\perp$  to itself

$\mathcal{C}_1$  (for Hamming code)

- 1110100
- 0111010
- 0011101

Weakly self-dual code. (code whose dual contains the code itself)

If  $C$  is subspace of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^n$

- $v \cdot c = 0, \forall c \in C$
- $v \cdot c = 0$  half of  $c \in C$ .

Proof:

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Suppose it is NOT true.

Either  $v \cdot c = 0 \forall c \in C$ ,  
or  $\exists x \in C, v \cdot x = 1$

In the case (second),

$c, c+x$  have inner product of 1 and 0 (in pairs).  
( $v \cdot c = 0 \Leftrightarrow v \cdot (c+x) = 1$ )

So, going back,

$$\frac{1}{2^{n/2} \sqrt{|C_1|}} \sum_{s \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n} (-1)^{s \cdot v} \sum_{c_1 \in C_1} (-1)^{c_1 \cdot s} |s\rangle$$

$$= \frac{|C_1|^{1/2}}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{s \in C_1^\perp} (-1)^{s \cdot v} |s\rangle$$

$$\left\{ \mathbb{Z}_2^n \supseteq C_1^\perp \supseteq C_2^\perp \supseteq \{0^n\} \dots \text{(from } \otimes \text{ on page 4)} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{|C_1|^{1/2}}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{s \in C_1^\perp / C_2^\perp} \sum_{t \in C_2^\perp} (-1)^{(s+t) \cdot v} |s+t\rangle$$

$$\left( v \in C_2, \text{ so } t \cdot v = 0 \text{ (as } t \in C_2^\perp) \right)$$

$$= \frac{|C_1|^{1/2}}{2^{n/2}} \sum_{s \in C_1^\perp / C_2^\perp} (-1)^{s \cdot v} \sum_{t \in C_2^\perp} |s+t\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{|C_1^\perp / C_2^\perp|}} \sum_{s \in C_1^\perp / C_2^\perp} (-1)^{s \cdot v} |s + C_2^\perp\rangle$$

Codeword in CSS code  
corresponding to  
 $\{0\} \subseteq C_2^\perp \subseteq C_1^\perp \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_2^n$   
corrects bit errors if  $C_1^\perp$   
is a good error-corr. code.

# How does the CSS code correct qubit-errors?

- Generator matrix of the  $[7,4,3]$  H.C.:

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

parity check matrix  $GH^T = 0$ .

$v \in C$ . Claim:  $vH^T$  tells you where the most likely error is.

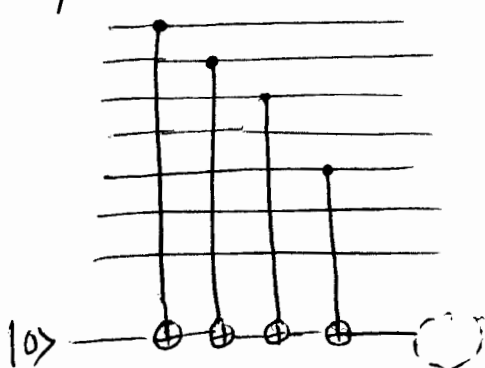
Codeword:  $v$   
 ↓ error  
 $v + e$

$$(v+e)H^T = vH^T + eH^T \neq eH^T$$

$eH^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  ... suppose  $\Rightarrow$  this 3-bit syndrome uniquely tells the most likely error (As no two columns of  $H$  are identical).

Finding error from syndrome: No general good algorithm known.

- 7-qubit CSS code:



} correction of bit-error.

"bit one of syndrome"

exercise: - correction of phase-errors.

# Gilbert-Varshamov Bound

$$\exists \text{ QEC } [[n, k, d]] \text{ (CSS code)}, \quad \frac{k}{n} = R \quad \sim 1 - 2H\left(\frac{d}{n}\right)$$

$$\left( H = -x \log_2 x - (1-x) \log_2 (1-x) \right)$$

Classical GV Bound:

$$R \geq 1 - H\left(\frac{d}{n}\right)$$

Look at all codes of dim  $k$ . # of codes codeword appears in, is the same for all codewords.

Compute # of codes,

# of codes that contain short codewords

$$W \sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \binom{n}{j} \leq W \left( \frac{2^n - 1}{2^k - 1} \right)$$

Taking  $\log_2$ , we get:

$$H\left(\frac{d}{n}\right) \leq 1 - \frac{k}{n}$$

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Quantum GV bound:

just look at weakly self-dual codes ...

