

# CODES ON GRAPH

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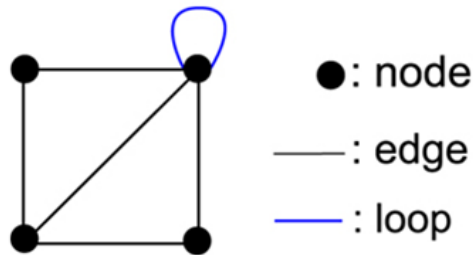
# Outline

- Introduction on graph theory
- Cycle code and graph code of a graph

# INTRODUCTION ON GRAPH THEORY

# Graph

- A **graph**  $\Gamma$  is a pair  $(V, E)$  where  $V$  is a nonempty set and  $E$  is a set disjoint from  $V$ . The element of  $V$  are called vertices/nodes, and members of  $E$  are called edges.
- Edges are **incident** to one or two vertices which are called the ends of the edge.
- If an edge is incident with exactly one vertex, then its is called **loop**,



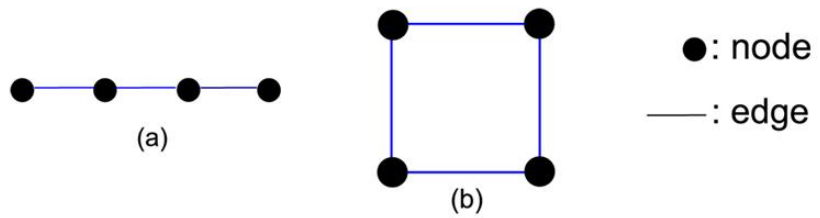
$$|V| = 4 \text{ and } |E| = 6$$

# Adjacent Vertices

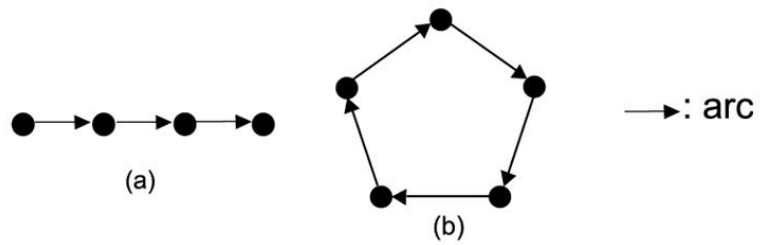
- If  $u$  and  $v$  are vertices that are incident with an edge, then they are called **neighbors** or  $\subseteq$ .
- Two edges are called **parallel** if they are incident with the same vertices.
- The graph is called **simple** if it has no loops and no parallel edges

# Graph: Path and Cycle

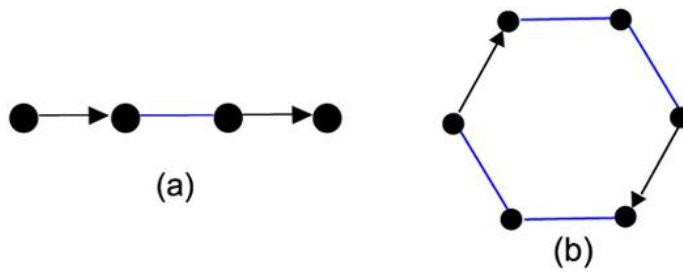
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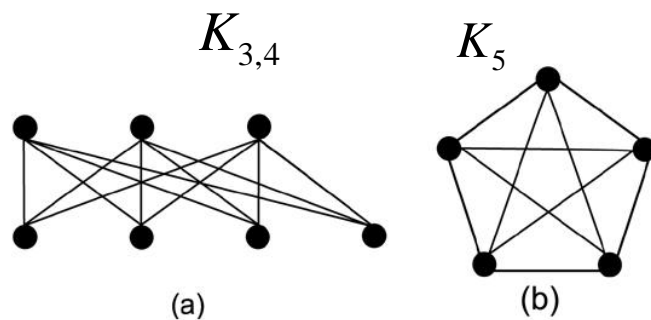


- Mixed:



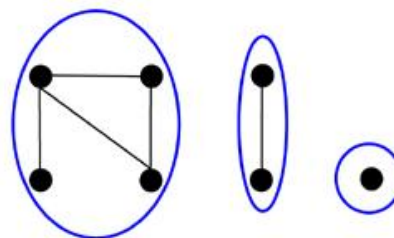
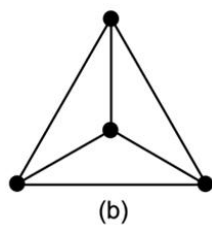
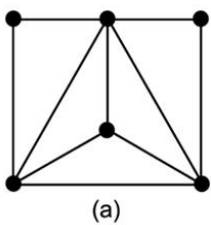
# Graph : Complete Graph

- (a) Complete bipartite graph
- (b) Complete graph



Clique graph :

Connected Components:



# Subgraph

Let  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  be a graph. Suppose that  $V' \subseteq V$  and  $E' \subseteq E$  and all the endpoints of  $e'$  in  $E'$  are in  $V'$ . Then  $\Gamma' = (V', E')$  is a graph and it is called a **subgraph** of  $\Gamma$ .



# Two vertices are connected

- Two vertices  $u$  and  $v$  are **connected** by a path from  $u$  to  $v$  if there is a  $t$ -tuple of mutually distinct vertices  $(v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t)$  with  $u = v_1$  and  $v = v_t$ , and  $(t - 1)$ -tuple of mutually distinct edges  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{t-1})$  such that  $e_i$  is incident with  $v_i$  and  $v_{i+1}$  for all  $1 \leq i < t$ .
- If moreover  $e_t$  is an edge that is incident with  $u$  and  $v$  and distinct from  $e_i$  for all  $i < t$ , then  $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{t-1}, e_t)$  is called a cycle. The length of the smallest cycles is called the **girth** of the graph and is denoted by  $\gamma(\Gamma)$

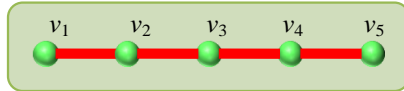
# Connected Graph

- The graph is called **connected** if every two vertices are connected by a path.
- A maximal connected subgraph of  $\Gamma$  is called a connected component of  $\Gamma$ .
- If  $\Gamma$  is not connected, then the vertex set  $V$  of  $\Gamma$  is a disjoint union of subset  $V_i$  and the set of edge is disjoint union of subset  $E_i$  such that  $\Gamma_i = (V_i, E_i)$  is a connected component of  $\Gamma$ . The number of connected component of  $\Gamma$  is denoted by  $c(\Gamma)$

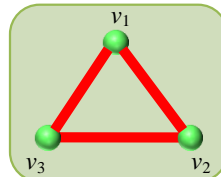
# Adjacency Matrix

The Adjacency Matrix of a graph  $\Gamma$ , denoted  $A(\Gamma)$ , is an  $n \times n$  matrix that for each  $(u, v)$  contains the number of edges in  $G$  between vertex  $u$  and vertex  $v$ .

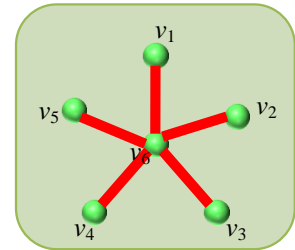
# Adjacency matrix : Examples



	$v_1$	$v_2$	$v_3$	$v_4$	$v_5$
$v_1$	0	1	0	0	0
$v_2$	1	0	1	0	0
$v_3$	0	1	0	1	0
$v_4$	0	0	1	0	1
$v_5$	0	0	0	1	0



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$v_2$	0	0	0	0	0	1
$v_3$	0	0	0	0	0	1
$v_4$	0	0	0	0	0	1
$v_5$	0	0	0	0	0	1
$v_6$	1	1	1	1	1	0

# Incidence Matrix

- Let  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  be a finite graph. Suppose that  $V$  consists of  $m$  elements enumerated by  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m$ . Suppose that  $E$  consists of  $n$  elements enumerated by  $e_1, \dots, e_n$ . The **incidence matrix**  $I(\Gamma)$  is an  $m \times n$  matrix with entries  $a_{ij}$  defined by

- $$a_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } e_j \text{ is incident with } v_i \text{ and } v_k \text{ for some } i < k \\ -1, & \text{if } e_j \text{ is incident with } v_i \text{ and } v_k \text{ for some } i > k \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# CYCLE CODE AND GRAPH CODE OF A GRAPH

# Graph Code

- The **graph code**  $C_\Gamma$  of  $\Gamma$  over  $F_q$  is the  $F_q$  linear code that is generated by the rows of the incidence matrix  $I(\Gamma)$ .
- The **cycle code** of  $\Gamma$  is the dual of the graph code of  $\Gamma$ .

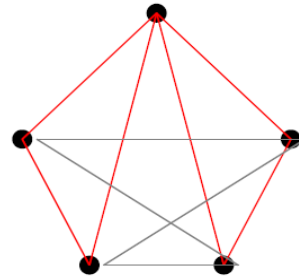
# Notes

- Cycle code is also referred to as a graphic code, and its dual as a cographic code



# Cycle codes of graphs

- $\Gamma = (V, E)$  undirected connected graph with no loops, no multiple edges.
- $E = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$
- Subgraph  $H \subset \Gamma \leftrightarrow$  Characteristic vectors in  $\{0, 1\}^m$ :  $h_i = 1_H(e_i)$ .
- Cycle  $c \in \{0, 1\}^m$  : Subgraph with all vertices incident with an even number of edges.
- Cycle space of  $\Gamma$  : the vector space over  $F_2$  of all cycles. It has
- dimension  $m - n + 1$  (cyclomatic number)



$$c = (1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0)$$

# Cycle Code of Graphs

**Cycle code** of  $\Gamma$  : the linear binary code  $[n, k, d]$  defined by the cycle space of  $\Gamma$  with

- (i) length  $m$  (number of edges)
- (ii) dimension  $k = m - n + 1$  (cyclotomic number)
- (iii) minimum distance  $d = \text{girth of } \Gamma$  (length of smallest cycle).
- (iv) incidence matrix of  $\Gamma \leftrightarrow$  parity-check matrix of the code  
(low-density parity-check code)

- **Binary Code** of length  $N = ab \rightarrow$  Array  $a \times b$

$$(100010001) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

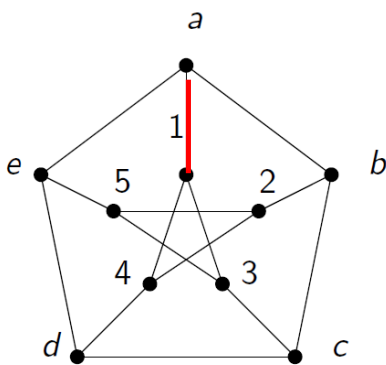
- Code on  $GF(2^b)$  of length  $N' = a \rightarrow$  Code on  $GF(2)$

$$(1, x, x^2) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- **Distance between codewords** → Distance between columns: correction of column errors or column erasures
- Array codes are used to address bursts of errors (as opposite to random errors).
- They are implemented in the standards of CD technology (by using Reed–Solomon codes).

# Array Cycle Code

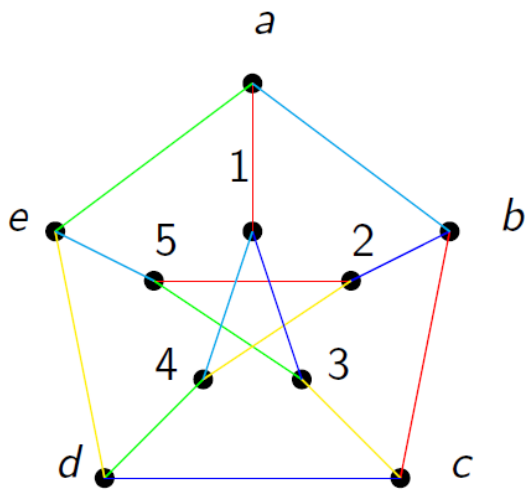
- Graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $m = ab$  edges
- Partition the edges in columns



$$\begin{pmatrix} a1 & b2 & c3 & d4 & e5 \\ bc & cd & de & ea & ab \\ 52 & 13 & 24 & 35 & 41 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Partition the edges in columns  $\longrightarrow$  edge-coloring of the graph.

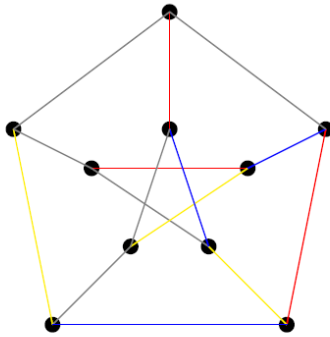
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- Array Cycle code: The graph cycle code turned into an array code.

# Minimum Distance

- The minimum distance of the array cycle code is the minimum number of colors in a cycle.
- In the example, the code has  $|C| = 215 - 10 + 1$  and  $D = 4 = 5 - \log_8 |C| + 1$ .
- It is an MDS (Maximum Distance Separating) code.
- This means that every three colors span a spanning tree.



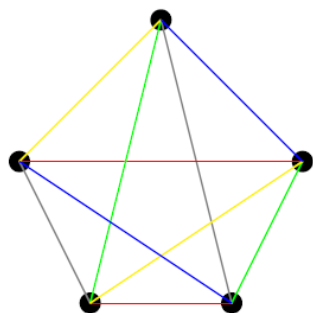


# Proposition

- Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite graph. Then the cycle code of  $\Gamma$  is a code with parameters  $[n, k, d]$ , where  $n = |E|$ ,  $k = |E| - |V| + c(\Gamma)$ , and  $d = \gamma(\Gamma)$ . These parameters are independent of the choice of the field  $F_q$

## *B*-codes

- MDS Array cycle codes with  $D = 3$ .  
Edge colored graph such that every two colors make a spanning tree
- Largest length  $\longleftrightarrow$  maximum number of edges.  
Complete graphs
- Every two colors make an acyclic graph  $\longleftrightarrow$  every color is a matching ( $K_n$  has triangles).
- They provide MDS array cycle codes with  $a = (n - 1)/2$ ,  $b = n$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -dimension  $n - 2a$  and  $D = 3$ .  
Known in the literature as *B*-codes.



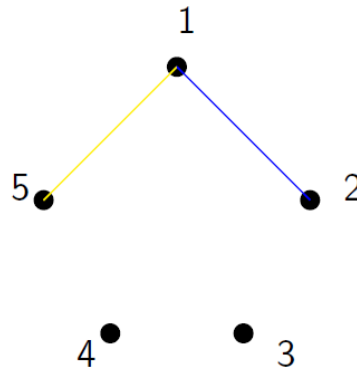
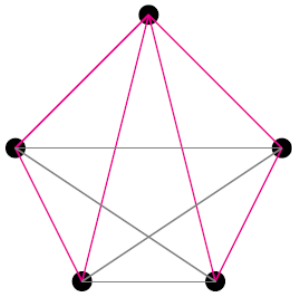
## Correction algorithms: Column erasure correction

The sent codeword is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- Two columns have been erased.

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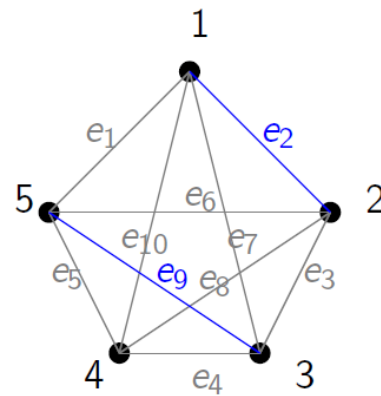
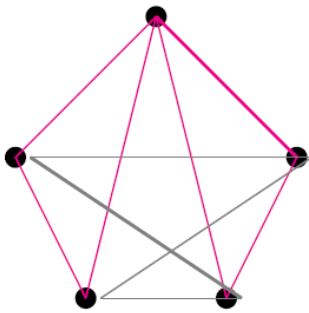
- Parity check of endvertex 3: edge  $e_9$  is not in the word.
- Parity check of endvertex 4: edge  $e_8$  is not in the word.
- Parity check of endvertex 2: edge  $e_2$  is in the word.
- Parity check of endvertex 5: edge  $e_1$  is in the word.
- The algorithm is linear in  $n$ .



## Correction algorithms: Errors in one column

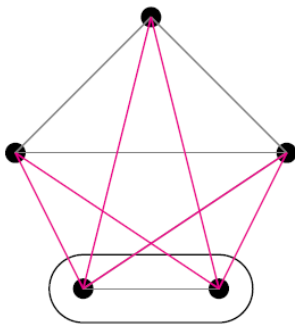
The received codeword is  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

- All errors are located in a single column.
- Find the vertices with unsatisfied parity check vertices.
- Test the color which covers the selected vertices.
- Exchange the bit of the edges covering these selected vertices.
- The algorithm is linear in  $n$ .



## The dual $B$ -codes

- The dual of a MDS code is again MDS.
- The dual of a  $B$ -code is the **array cocycle code** of  $K_n$ . Codewords are sets of edges joining a set with its complement.
- The minimum distance is  $D = n - 1$  (the number of matchings).



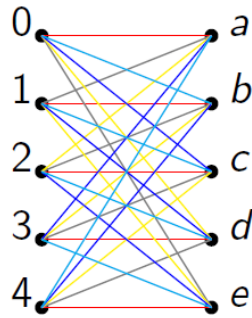
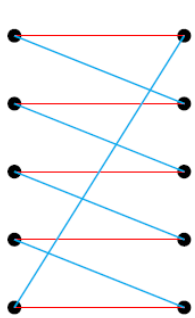
## More examples of MDS array cycle codes

For a graph  $G$  the above correction algorithms work if  $G$  admits an edge-coloring such that every  $D - 1$  colors make a spanning tree.

- The Petersen graph provides an MDS array cycle code with  $D = 4$ .  
Unfortunately  $D = 4$  implies  $n \leq 10$ .
- For  $D = 3$  the complete bipartite graphs  $K_{n-1,n}$  are conjectured to admit such an edge-coloring.

Equivalently  $K_{n,n}$  admits a coloring such that two colors span a Hamiltonian cycle.

Known to be the case for  $n = p$ ,  $n = 2p - 1$ ,  $n = p^2$ , and small values of  $n$ .



$$\begin{bmatrix} 0a & 2d & 4b & 1e & 3c \\ 3d & 0b & 2e & 4c & 1a \\ 1b & 3e & 0c & 2a & 4d \\ 4e & 1c & 3a & 0d & 2b \\ 2c & 4a & 1d & 3b & 0e \end{bmatrix}$$

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