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Theory and Design of  
Turbo and Related Codes


Lecture 2

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Kplus  
Kompetenzzentren-Programm

What we have learned last time... 

Linear codes

A code is a  $K$ -dimensional subspace of  $GF(2)^N$

$(x_1 \ x_2 \dots \ x_{16}) = (u_1 \dots \ u_6)$

0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0

Codeword                      Source Sequence                      Encoder Matrix

→ Information Theory for the Binary Erasure Channel

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What we will do today...



Systematic Codes

Parity-Check Matrices

Low-Density Parity-Check (LDPC) Codes  
Definitions, constructions, decoding and  
performance for the Binary Erasure Channel

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Systematic Encoding



Our encoding matrix from the first lecture:

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

Any linear row operations leave the code unchanged  
but give us another encoder

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## Systematic Encoding (continued)



$$G' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} g_1 \\ g_2 \\ g_6 \\ g_3 \\ g_4 \\ g_5 \end{matrix}$$

Systematic encoding matrix:

$$G'' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} g_1+g_2+g_3+g_4+g_5+g_6 \\ g_2+g_3+g_4+g_5+g_6 \\ g_3+g_4+g_5+g_6 \\ g_4+g_5+g_6 \\ g_5+g_6 \\ 0 \end{matrix}$$

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## Systematic Encoding (continued)



Systematic Encoder:

$$(x_1 \dots x_{16}) = (u_1 \dots u_6) G'' = \underbrace{(u_1 \dots u_6)}_{\text{Systematic part}} \underbrace{(x_7 \dots x_{16})}_{\text{Parity-check part}}$$

For example:  $u = (111111)$ ,  $x = (111111 \ 1010011011)$

The encoder matrix must be of the form:  $G = [I \ P]$

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## Parity-Check Matrix



Systematic Parity-Check Matrix:  $H = [P^T_{M \times K} \ I_{M \times M}]$

$$\begin{aligned} G H^T &= [I_{K \times K} \ P_{K \times M}] [P^T_{M \times K} \ I_{M \times M}]^T \\ &= I_{K \times K} P_{K \times M} + P_{K \times M} I_{M \times M} \\ &= P_{K \times M} + P_{K \times M} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For any codeword  $v \in V$ , we can write  $v = u G$ ,  
therefore

$$v H^T = u G H^T = 0$$

Furthermore, any sequence  $x$  such that  $x H^T = 0$  is  
a codeword.

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## Parity-Check Matrix (continued)



Systematic encoder  
matrix:

$$G_{\text{sys}} = \left( \begin{array}{cccccc|cccccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

Systematic  
parity-check  
matrix:

$$H_{\text{sys}} = \left( \begin{array}{cccccc|cccccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

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## Parity-Check Matrix (continued)



$$\begin{array}{c}
 [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1] \\
 (u_1 \dots u_6)
 \end{array}
 \begin{array}{c}
 \left( \begin{array}{cccccc|cccccccc}
 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0
 \end{array} \right) \\
 G
 \end{array}
 = [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1] \\
 (x_1 \dots x_{16})$$
  

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1] \\
 (x_1 \dots x_{16})
 \end{array}
 = \begin{array}{c}
 \left( \begin{array}{cccccccc|cccccccc}
 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\
 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\
 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\
 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1
 \end{array} \right) \\
 H^T
 \end{array}
 =$$

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## Parity-Check Matrix (continued)



The parity-check matrix is an encoder matrix of the **dual** code.

→  $H$  is an  $(N-K) \times N$  matrix  
 $G$  is a  $K \times N$  matrix

Again, any linear row operations leave the (dual) code unchanged and yield another valid parity-check matrix for the same code.

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# Decoding with Parity-Check Matrices



Received: (1 x x x x 1 0 0 0 1 x 1 x x x 1)

$$H_{\text{sys}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Permutation:    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F  
                   1 2 3 4 A C D E 0 5 6 7 8 9 B F

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# Decoding with Parity-Check Matrices



Received: (x x x x x x x x 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1)

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

Triangulate...

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# Decoding with Parity-Check Matrices



Received: (x x x x x x x x 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1)

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



Solve erasures...

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# Decoding with Parity-Check Matrices



(1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1)

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



Invert permutation...



Cut out systematic part...

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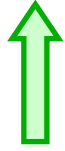
## Decoding with Parity-Check Matrices



Permutation:

(1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1)
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	
1	2	3	4	A	C	D	E	0	5	6	7	8	9	B	F	

(1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 1 1 1)



Decoded: [1 1 0 1 1 1]

Trick question: did we obtain the same solution as in the first lecture?

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## Another Parity-Check Matrix...



Received: (1 x x x x 1 0 0 0 1 x 1 x x x 1)

Parity-Check Matrix:

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

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# Step 1

(1 x x 0 x 1 0 0 0 1 x 1 x x x 1)

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

# Step 2

(1 x x 0 x 1 0 0 0 1 x 1 x 1 x 1)

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

## Iterative Decoding



### Step 3

(1 x x 0 x 1 0 0 0 1 **1** 1 x 1 x 1)

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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## Iterative Decoding



### Step 4

(1 x x 0 x 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 x 1 **0** 1)

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

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# Step 5

(1 x 1 0 x 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 x 1 0 1)

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

# Step 6

(1 1 1 0 x 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 x 1 0 1)

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

# Step 7

(1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 x 1 0 1)

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

Decoded: (1 1 1 0 x 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1)

# Step 8

0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

## Iterative Decoding



We were **lucky**. This will not always work...

What property must a parity-check matrix have for iterative decoding to succeed with a high probability?

In effect, iterative decoding is possible in this setting whenever the matrix can be triangulated by simple **row & column swaps**

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## Low-Density Parity-Check Matrix



0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	4
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4

Row weights

3 2 2 3 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 2 2 3 2 2

Column weights



The parity-check matrix must have a **low density**.

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# Low-Density Parity-Check Coding (Slide from 1<sup>st</sup> lecture)



Invented by Robert G. Gallager  
in his PhD thesis, MIT, 1963



From the Website of the Edward Rian Stifling

Bob Gallager

(re-discovered by MacKay  
from Cambridge, England  
in 1999)

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## Regular Codes



0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

Row weights  
 $d_c = 6$

Column weights  
 $d_v = 3$

Columns and rows in the parity-check matrix of a regular LDPC code have fixed weights  $d_v$  and  $d_c$  (as opposed to irregular LDPC codes)

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## Regular Codes



How many '1's are there in the parity-check matrix?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Answer: } n_1 &= d_v N = 3 \times 20 = 60 \\ &= d_c (N-K)\end{aligned}$$

The **design rate** of the code is:  $R = K/N = 1 - d_v/d_c$

If the rows of the parity-check matrix are linearly independent, the **design rate** is the **true code rate**

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## Code construction



We can specify the class of LDPC codes by  $(d_v, d_c)$  and the block length  $N$ .

*Example:* the matrix 2 pages ago was a  $(3,6)$  regular low-density parity-check matrix for a code of length  $N = 20$

Warning: the matrix or the code are not uniquely determined by these specifications...



Random & deterministic code construction...

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## Example Deterministic Construction

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\alpha$  is a  $q \times q$  unit matrix  
 $q$  must be prime  
 $q \geq d_c$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha^0 & \alpha^0 & \alpha^0 & \alpha^0 & \alpha^0 & \alpha^0 \\ \alpha^0 & \alpha^1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^4 & \alpha^5 \\ \alpha^0 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 & \alpha^6 & \alpha^1 & \alpha^3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\alpha^0 = I$  (identity matrix)  
 $\alpha^j = \alpha^{j \bmod q}$

Proposed by Evangelos Eleftheriou & Al. from IBM Research in Rueschlikon, Switzerland...

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## Intuitive Effect of $d_v$ and $d_c$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Row weights

$d_c = 6$

Column weights  
 $d_v = 3$

A large  $d_v$  is better for the variables concerned!

A large  $d_c$  is worse for the p.c. equation concerned!

Density Evolution for the Erasure Channel:

$$p_{k+1} = p_0 (1 - (1 - p_k)^{d_c - 1})^{d_v - 1}$$

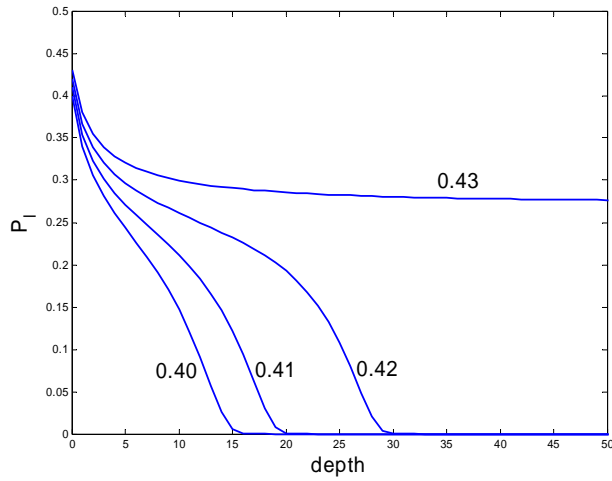
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## Applying the recursion



$$p_{k+1} = p_0(1 - (1 - p_k)^{d_c - 1})^{d_v - 1}$$

$d_v=3$   $d_c=6$



Threshold:  
0.42944

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