

# A CHARACTERIZATION OF MDS CODES THAT HAVE AN ERROR CORRECTING PAIR

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# NOTATION AND PREREQUISITES

- $\mathbb{F}_q$ : Finite field with  $q$  elements.
- An  $[n, k]_q$  **linear code**  $\mathcal{C}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a  $k$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$
- The **Hamming weight** of  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$  is  $w_H(\mathbf{x})$ .

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## EXAMPLES

- 1 The **zero code** of length  $n$  (i.e. the  $[n, 0, n+1]$  linear code) and **its dual** (i.e.  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$  which has parameters  $[n, n, 1]$ ).
- 2 The  $[n, 1, n]$  **repetition code** over  $\mathbb{F}_q$
- 3 The **(Extended/Generalized) Reed-Solomon codes**

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## STAR PRODUCT OF CODES

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -codes of length  $n$ .

The **star product code** denoted by  $A * B$  is:

$$A * B = \langle \{\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} \mid \mathbf{a} \in A \text{ and } \mathbf{b} \in B\} \rangle$$

When  $B = A$ , then  $A * A$  is called the **square** of  $A$  and is denoted by  $A^2$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 G &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ a_1^2 & a_2^2 & \dots & a_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1^{k-1} & a_2^{k-1} & \dots & a_n^{k-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & & & 0 \\ & b_2 & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ 0 & & & b_n \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_n \\ b_1 a_1 & b_2 a_2 & \dots & b_n a_n \\ b_1 a_1^2 & b_2 a_2^2 & \dots & b_n a_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_1 a_1^{k-1} & b_2 a_2^{k-1} & \dots & b_n a_n^{k-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{b} * \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{b} * \mathbf{a} \\ \mathbf{b} * \mathbf{a}^2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{b} * \mathbf{a}^{k-1} \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{k \times n}
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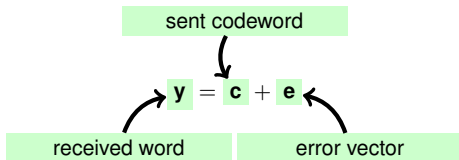
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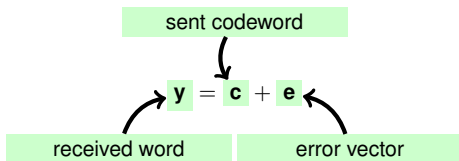
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$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{d}^\perp * f(\mathbf{c}) = \text{ev}_{\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}^\perp}(f) \in \mathcal{A} = \text{GRS}_{t+1}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{d}^\perp)$$

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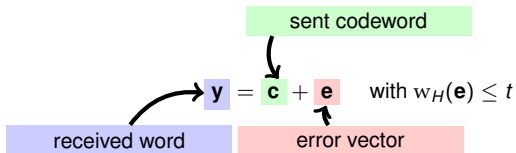
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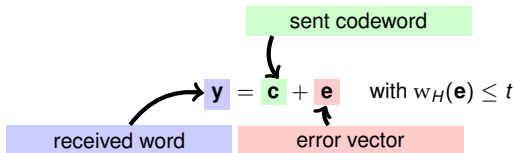
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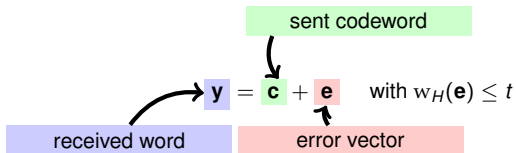
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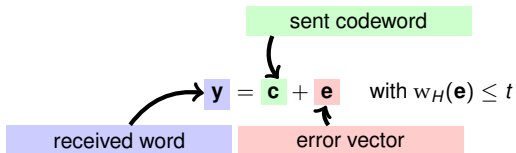
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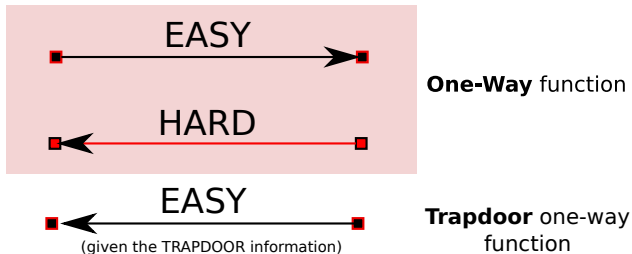
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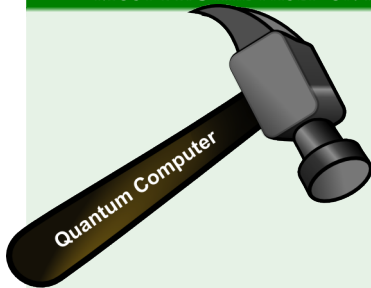
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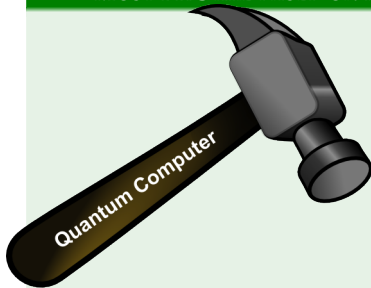
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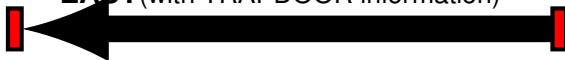
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Efficient decoder for certain families of codes

**EASY**(with TRAPDOOR information)



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→ McEliece introduced the first PKC based on **Error-Correcting Codes** in **1978**.

## Advantages:

- Fast encryption (matrix-vector multiplication) and decryption functions.
- Interesting candidate for post-quantum cryptography.

## Drawback:

- Large key size.



R. J. McEliece.

*A public-key cryptosystem based on algebraic coding theory.*  
DSN Progress Report, 42-44:114-116, 1978.

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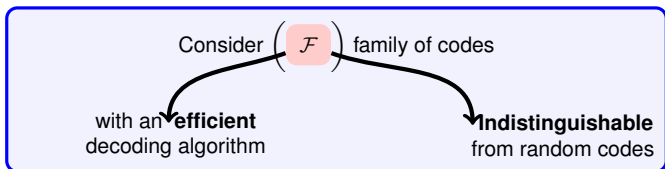
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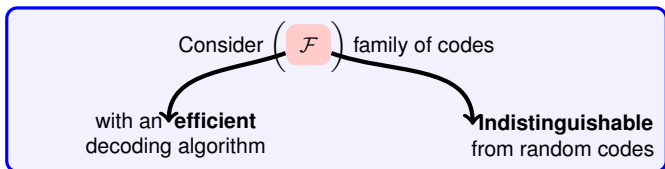
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## Key Generation Algorithm:

- $G \in \mathbb{F}_q^{k \times n}$  a **generator matrix** for  $C \in \mathcal{F}$
- $\mathcal{A}_C$  an **"Efficient" decoding algorithm** for  $C$  which corrects up to  $t$  **errors**.

**Public Key:**  $\mathcal{K}_{\text{pub}} = (G, t)$

**Private Key:**  $\mathcal{K}_{\text{secret}} = (\mathcal{A}_C)$

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Using  $\mathcal{K}_{secret}$ , the receiver obtain  $\mathbf{m}$ .

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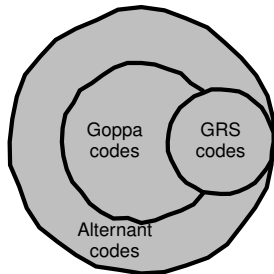
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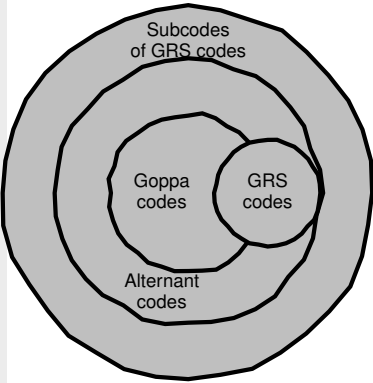
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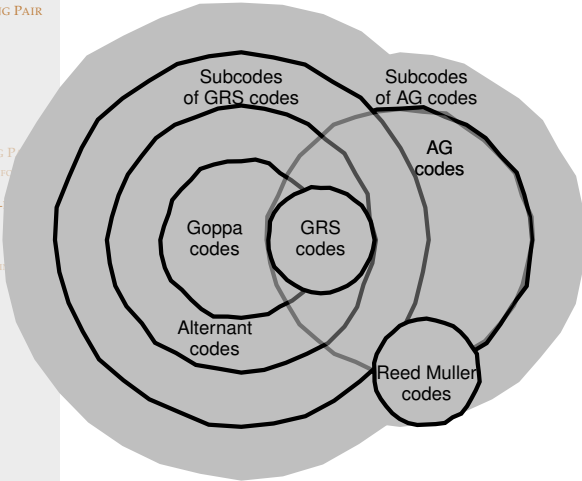
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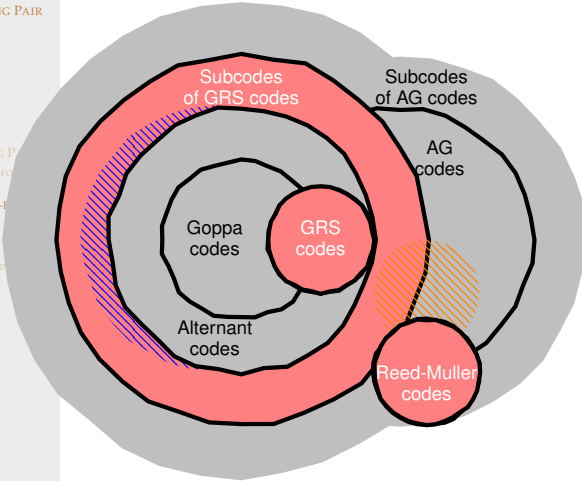
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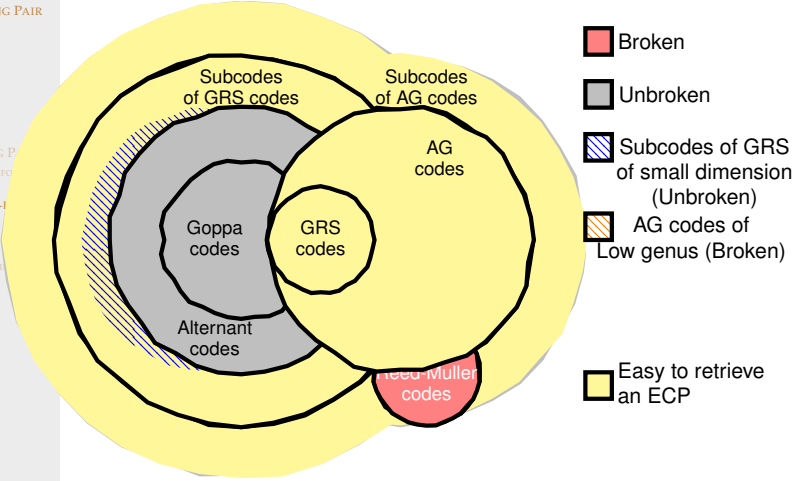
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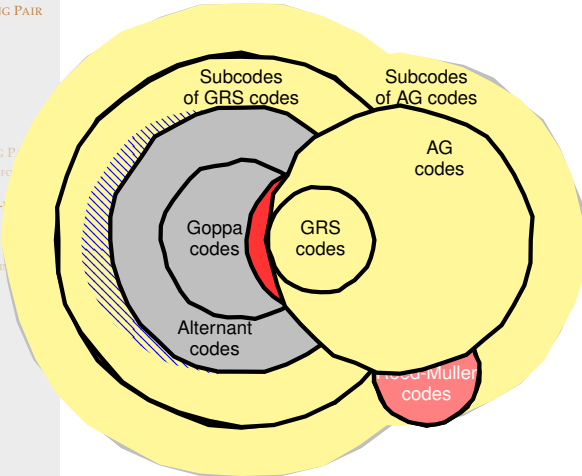
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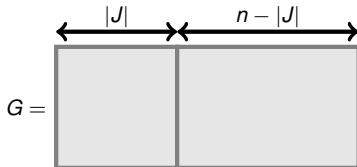
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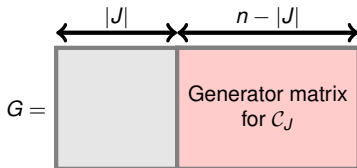
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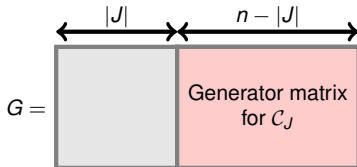
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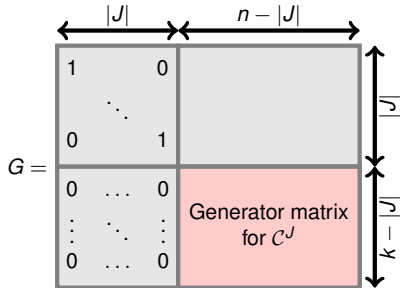
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If  $C_I$  and  $C_J$  are GRS codes. Then,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a GRS code.



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W.l.o.g. we can assume that:

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■ By **Gluing Property**:  $\mathcal{C}$  is a GRS code.



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Let  $(A, B)$  be a pair of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -linear codes of length  $n$ . Then:

$$d(A * B) \leq \max \{1, n - (\dim(A) + \dim(B)) + 2\}$$

$(A, B)$  is a **Product MDS (PMDS)** if the **equality holds**.

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Let  $(A, B)$  be a PMDS pair of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -linear code of length  $n$ . And assume that:

$$n > \dim(A) + \dim(B) \quad \text{and} \quad \dim(A), \dim(B) \geq 2$$

Then:

$A$ ,  $B$  and  $A * B$  are **GRS codes**



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The class of MDS codes of minimum distance  $2t + 1$  that have a  $t$ -ECP **coincides** with the class of GRS codes.

Future Question: What about AG codes of genus larger than **Zero**?

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**Thank you for your attention!**

