

Geometry of the fundamental polytope

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ML Decoding vs. LP Decoding

- Maximum-likelihood (ML) decoding:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{x} \in \text{conv}(\cap_{j=1}^m \mathcal{C}_j)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i x_i.$$

- Linear programming (LP) decoding:

$$\hat{\omega} = \arg \min_{\omega \in \cap_{j=1}^m \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_j)} \sum_{i=1}^n \gamma_i \omega_i.$$

$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{H}) \triangleq \cap_{j=1}^m \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_j)$ is called the fundamental polytope.

$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{H}) \triangleq \cap_{j=1}^m \text{conic}(\mathcal{C}_j) = \text{conic}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{H}))$ is called the fund. cone.



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Overview

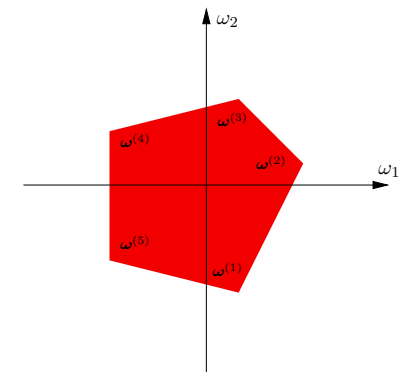
- ML Decoding vs. LP Decoding
- Linear programs and relaxed linear programs
- Fundamental polytope and cone definition
- Fundamental polytope and cone for simple codes
- Canonical completion



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Linear Programs (Part 1)

$$\arg \max_{\omega \in \mathcal{A}} \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \omega_i$$

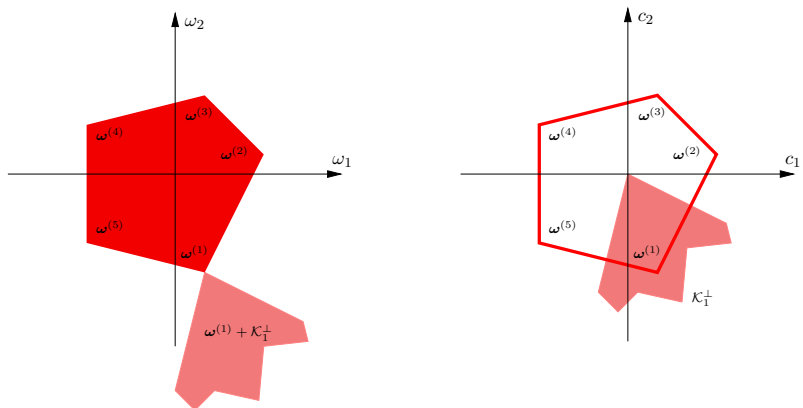


Because the cost function is linear and because \mathcal{A} is a polytope, one of the vertices of \mathcal{A} is always in the solution set.



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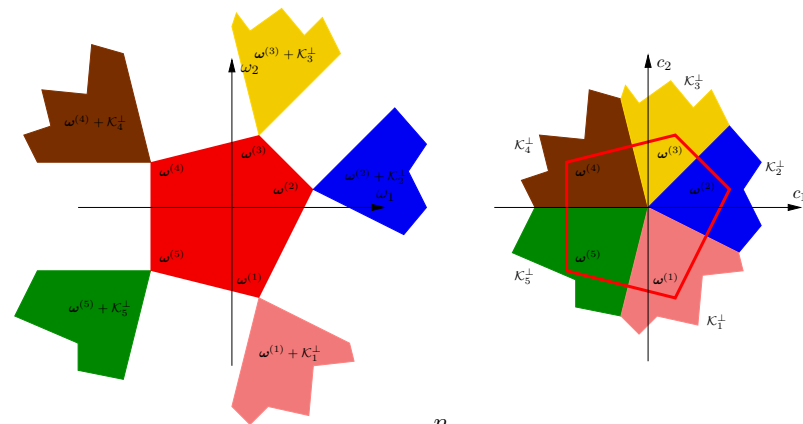
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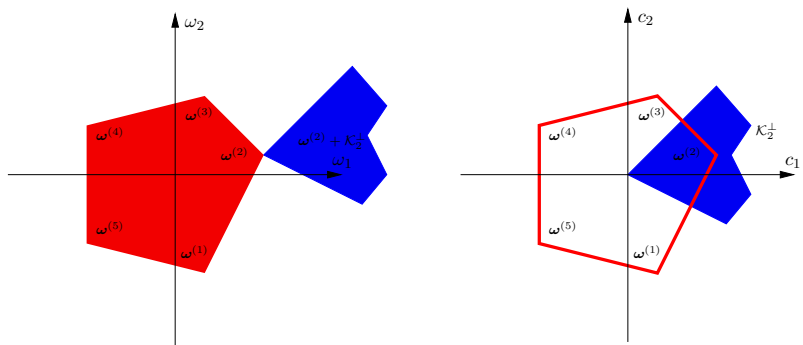
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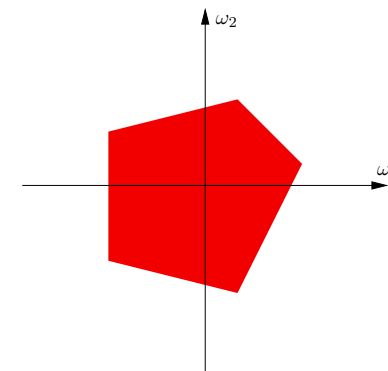


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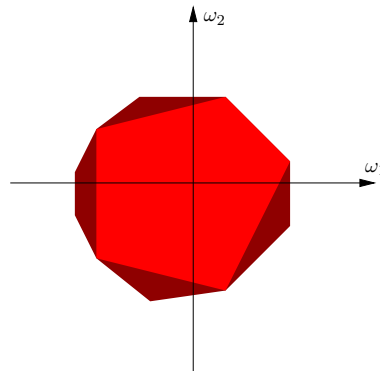


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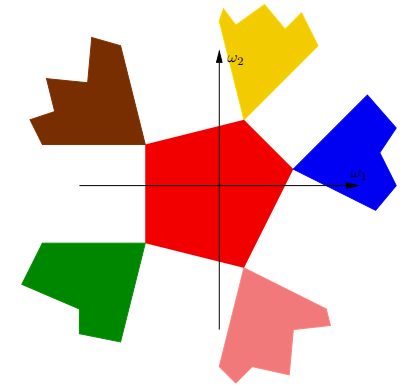
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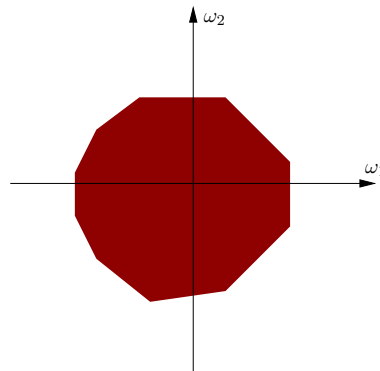


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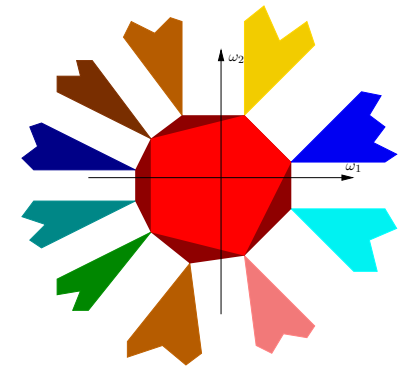


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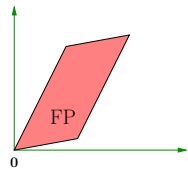
Fundamental Polytope

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{C}_1 \Rightarrow \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}_2 \Rightarrow \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}_3 \Rightarrow \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{C} = \bigcap_{j=1}^m \mathcal{C}_j \Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{H}) = \underbrace{\bigcap_{j=1}^m \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_j)}_{\text{Fundamental polytope}}$$



Convex Hull of Simple Codes (Part 1)

Let \mathcal{C} be defined by the parity-check matrix

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{C} = \{(0, 0), (1, 1)\}$$

and

$$\text{conv}(\mathcal{C}) = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in [0, 1]^2 \left| \begin{array}{l} -\omega_1 + \omega_2 \geq 0 \\ +\omega_1 - \omega_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right. \right\},$$

where $[0, 1] = \{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid 0 \leq r \leq 1\}$.



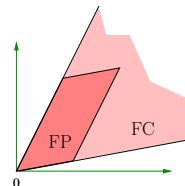
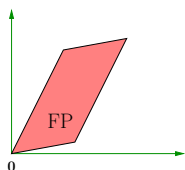
Fundamental Polytope / Cone (Part 1)

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_1) \Rightarrow \text{conic}(\mathcal{C}_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_2) \Rightarrow \text{conic}(\mathcal{C}_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_3) \Rightarrow \text{conic}(\mathcal{C}_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{H}) = \underbrace{\bigcap_{j=1}^m \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_j)}_{\text{Fundamental polytope}} \Rightarrow \mathcal{K}(\mathbf{H}) = \underbrace{\bigcap_{j=1}^m \text{conic}(\mathcal{C}_j)}_{\text{Fundamental Cone}}$$



Convex Hull of Simple Codes (Part 2)

Let \mathcal{C} be defined by the parity-check matrix

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Then

$$\mathcal{C} = \{(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$$

and

$$\text{conv}(\mathcal{C}) = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in [0, 1]^3 \left| \begin{array}{l} -\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3 \geq 0 \\ +\omega_1 - \omega_2 + \omega_3 \geq 0 \\ +\omega_1 + \omega_2 - \omega_3 \geq 0 \\ -\omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3 \geq -2 \end{array} \right. \right\}.$$



Conic Hull of Simple Codes (Part 1)

Let \mathcal{C} be defined by the parity-check matrix

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

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and

$$\text{conic}(\mathcal{C}) = \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}_+^2 \mid \begin{array}{l} -\omega_1 + \omega_2 \geq 0 \\ +\omega_1 - \omega_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\},$$

where $\mathbb{R}_+ = \{r \in \mathbb{R} \mid r \geq 0\}$.



Simple Code (Part 1)

As before, let us consider the length-3 code \mathcal{C} defined by the parity-check matrix

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

The code \mathcal{C} can be written as $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2 \cap \mathcal{C}_3$ with

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \{(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_2 = \{(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_3 = \{(0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}$$



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Simple Code (Part 2)

The fundamental polytope is $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{H}) = \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_1) \cap \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_2) \cap \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_3)$ with

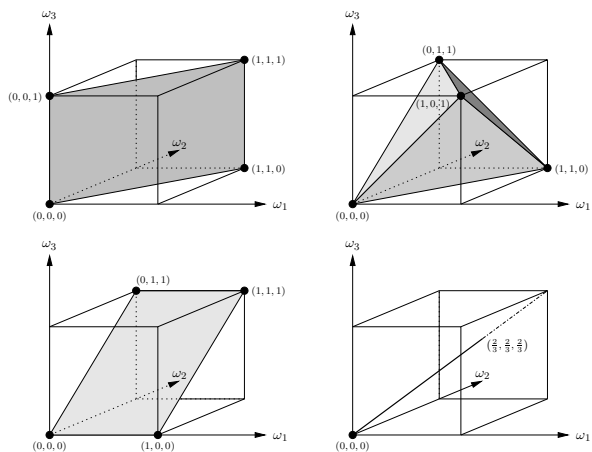
$$\begin{aligned} \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_1) &= \text{conv}(\{(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1)\}) \\ &= \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in [0, 1]^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} -\omega_1 + \omega_2 \geq 0 \\ +\omega_1 - \omega_2 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_2) &= \text{conv}(\{(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}) \\ &= \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in [0, 1]^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} -\omega_1 + \omega_2 + \omega_3 \geq 0 \\ +\omega_1 - \omega_2 + \omega_3 \geq 0 \\ +\omega_1 + \omega_2 - \omega_3 \geq 0 \\ -\omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_3 \geq -2 \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_3) &= \text{conv}(\{(0, 0, 0), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}) \\ &= \left\{ \boldsymbol{\omega} \in [0, 1]^3 \mid \begin{array}{l} -\omega_2 + \omega_3 \geq 0 \\ +\omega_2 - \omega_3 \geq 0 \end{array} \right\} \end{aligned}$$



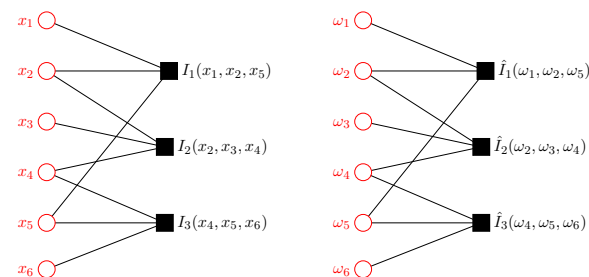
Simple Code (Part 3)



$\text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_1)$	$\text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_2)$
$\text{conv}(\mathcal{C}_3)$	$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{H})$



Pseudo-Codewords / Fundamental Polytope



Codeword indicator function:

$$I_1(x_1, x_2, x_5) \cdot I_2(x_2, x_3, x_4) \cdot I_3(x_4, x_5, x_6) = [(x_1, x_2, x_5) \in \mathcal{C}_1] \cdot [(x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathcal{C}_2] \cdot [(x_4, x_5, x_6) \in \mathcal{C}_3]$$

Note: $x_i \in \{0, 1\}$

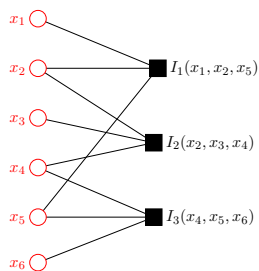
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Note: $0 \leq \omega_i \leq 1$



Tanner / Factor graphs



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

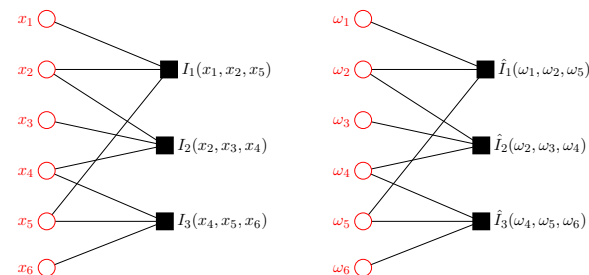
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Pseudo-Codewords / Fundamental Cone

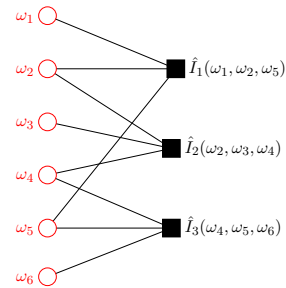
E.g.

$$[(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_5) \in \text{conic}(\mathcal{C}_1)] = 1$$

if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &\leq \omega_2 + \omega_5 \\ \omega_2 &\leq \omega_1 + \omega_5 \\ \omega_5 &\leq \omega_1 + \omega_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_1 &\geq 0 \\ \omega_2 &\geq 0 \\ \omega_5 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$



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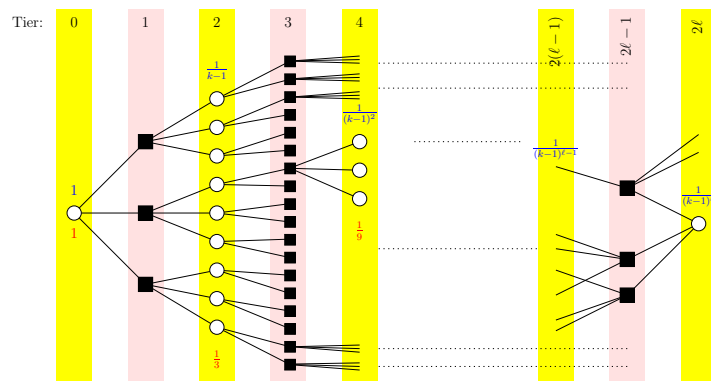
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The Canonical Completion



The canonical completion for a $(j = 3, k = 4)$ -regular LDPC code. On check-regular graphs the (scaled) canonical completion **always** gives a (valid) pseudo-codeword.

