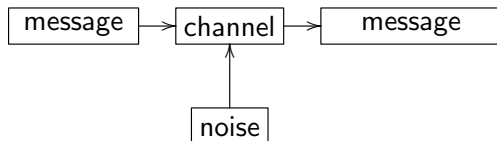


Application of hyperplane arrangements to weight enumeration

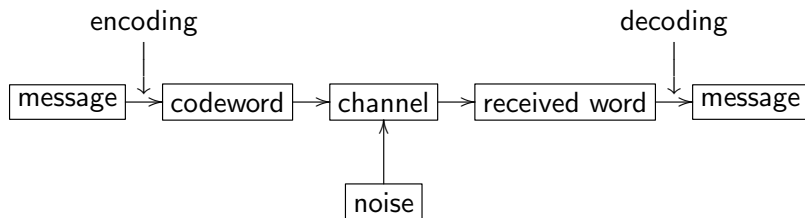
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Coding theory



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Linear code Linear subspace $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^n$ of dimension k .

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We restrict to projective codes: they have a generator matrix where

- no column is zero;
- no column is a multiple of another column.

So, all columns coordinatize a different projective point.

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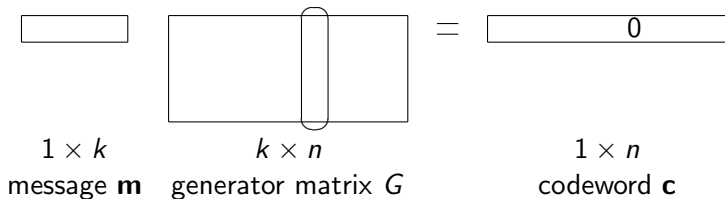
Extended weight enumerator

$$W_C(X, Y, T) = \sum_{w=0}^n A_w(T) X^{n-w} Y^w,$$

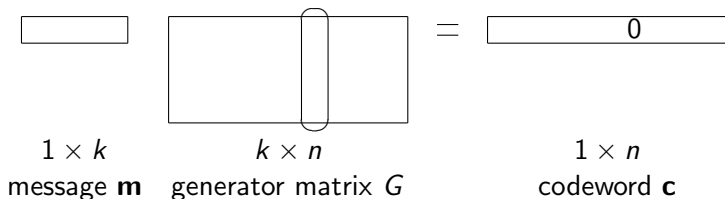
where $A_w(q^m) =$ number of words of weight w in $C \otimes \mathbb{F}_{q^m}$.

Fact: the $A_w(T)$ are polynomials of degree at most k .

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Theorem

$c_j = 0 \iff \mathbf{m}$ in hyperplane orthogonal to j -th column of G

Weight enumeration = counting points in (intersections of) hyperplanes.

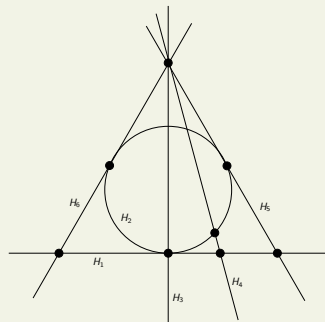
Columns of a generator matrix G of a linear $[n, k]$ code form a linear hyperplane arrangement in \mathbb{F}_q^k . Notation: (H_1, \dots, H_n) .

- One-to-one correspondence between equivalence classes.
- Independent of choice of G , so notation: \mathcal{A}_C .
- Also valid over an extension field \mathbb{F}_q^m .

Theorem

$A_w(T) =$ number of points from vectorspace over field of T elements that are on $n - w$ hyperplanes.

Example



Let $q > 2$ and C generated by

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

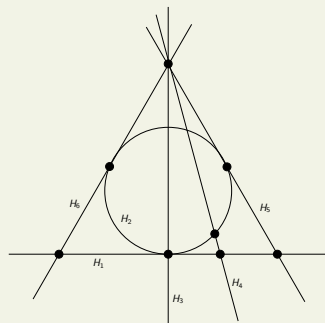
where $a \neq 0, 1$.

The extended weights are given by

$$A_0(T) = 1$$

The zero word is on all hyperplanes.

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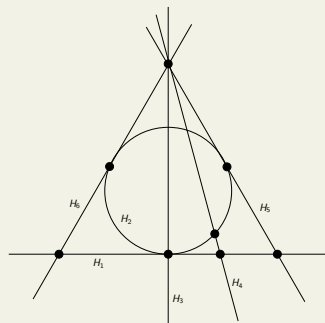
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The extended weights are given by

$$A_1(T) = 0$$

No points are on 5 hyperplanes.

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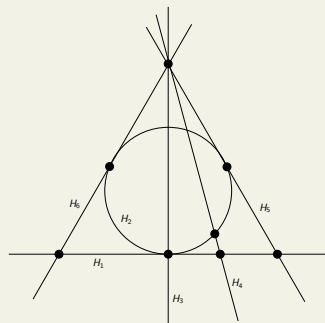
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The extended weights are given by

$$A_2(T) = T - 1$$

One projective point is on 4 hyperplanes.

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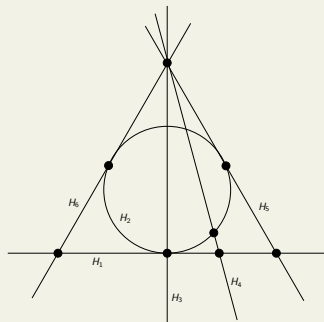
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The extended weights are given by

$$A_3(T) = T - 1$$

One projective point is on 3 hyperplanes.

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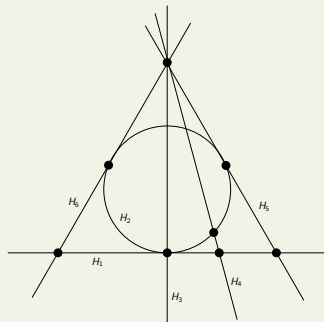
where $a \neq 0, 1$.

The extended weights are given by

$$A_4(T) = 6(T - 1)$$

Six projective points are on 2 hyperplanes.

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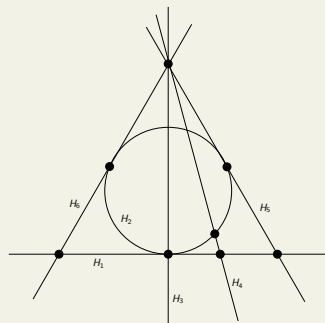
where $a \neq 0, 1$.

The extended weights are given by

$$A_5(T) = (6(T+1) - 1 \cdot 4 - 1 \cdot 3 - 6 \cdot 2)(T-1) = (6T - 13)(T - 1)$$

Six lines with $T + 1$ points; minus the points counted before.

Example



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where $a \neq 0, 1$.

The extended weights are given by

$$A_6(T) = (T - 1)(T - 2)(T - 3)$$

The total number of projective points is $T^2 + T + 1$.

To formalize this counting, we use the *geometric lattice* associated to the arrangement. Notation: L .

Möbius function

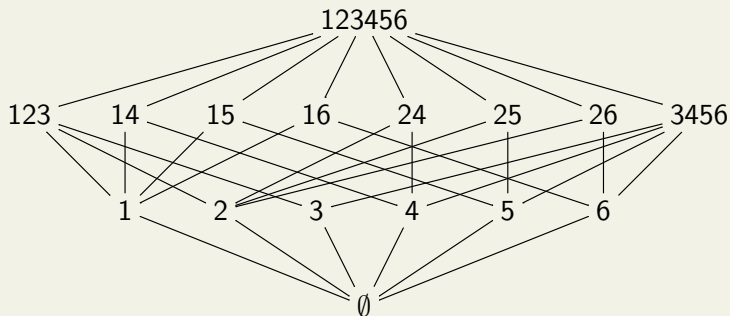
For all $x \leq y$, we have $\mu_L(x, x) = 0$ and

$$\sum_{x \leq z \leq y} \mu_L(x, z) = \sum_{x \leq z \leq y} \mu_L(z, y) = 0.$$

Characteristic polynomial

$$\chi_L(T) = \sum_{x \in L} \mu_L(\hat{0}, x) T^{r(L)-r(x)}$$

Example



Coboundary polynomial

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The coboundary of a geometric lattice is defined by

$$\chi_L(S, T) = \sum_{x \in L} \sum_{x \leq y \in L} \mu_L(x, y) S^{a(x)} T^{r(L) - r(y)}$$

where $a(x)$ is the number of atoms smaller than x .

We write:

$$\chi_L(S, T) = \sum_{i=0}^n S^i \chi_i(T), \quad \text{with} \quad \chi_i(T) = \sum_{\substack{x \in L \\ a(x)=i}} \chi_{[x, \hat{1}]}(T).$$

Theorem

$$\chi_i(T) = A_{n-i}(T)$$

Proof:

For every point in $\mathbb{F}_{q^m}^k$ there is a unique biggest element of L that contains the point.

$$\begin{aligned} A_{n-i}(q^m) &= \text{number of points in } \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^k \text{ on exactly } i \text{ hyperplanes} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{x \in L \\ a(x)=i}} \text{number of points in } \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^k \text{ in } x \text{ but not in any } y > x \end{aligned}$$

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Well-known fact:

$$\begin{aligned}\chi_L(q^m) &= \text{number of points in } \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^k \text{ not in the arrangement} \\ &= \text{number of points in } \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^k \text{ in } \hat{0} \text{ but not in any } y > \hat{0}\end{aligned}$$

This means that:

$$\begin{aligned}A_{n-i}(q^m) &= \sum_{\substack{x \in L \\ a(x)=i}} \text{number of points in } \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^k \text{ in } x \text{ but not in any } y > x \\ &= \sum_{\substack{x \in L \\ a(x)=i}} \chi_{[x, \hat{1}]}(q^m) \\ &= \chi_i(q^m)\end{aligned}$$

So by interpolation, $\chi_i(T) = A_{n-i}(T)$. □

- Codes are linear subspaces of \mathbb{F}_q^n .
- Extending the underlying field gives extension codes $C \otimes \mathbb{F}_{q^m}$, and we define the extended weight enumerator $W_C(X, Y, T)$.
- By viewing the columns of G as hyperplanes, we associate an arrangement to a code.
- Finding the extended weight enumerator means counting points in intersections of hyperplanes.
- This counting can be done using the geometric lattice associated with the arrangement.
- The coboundary polynomial is equivalent to the extended weight enumerator.

Thank you for your attention.