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Outline

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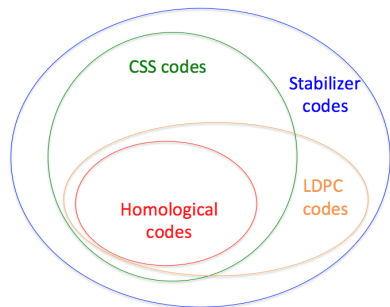
Quantum codes from real projective spaces

Quantum error correcting codes

- ▶ qubit: $\alpha |0\rangle + \beta |1\rangle$ where $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ and $|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2 = 1$.
- ▶ two types of errors: $X = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.
- ▶ $[[n, k, d]]$ error correcting code: **k logical qubits** but **n physical qubits** ($n > k$)
- ▶ **minimal distance d** of the code proportional to the maximal number of **errors** which can be **corrected**.

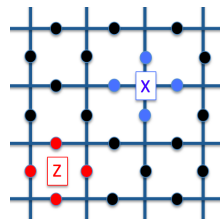
Families of codes

- ▶ stabilizer codes: the codespace is the 1-eigenspace of a set of commuting operators.
- ▶ CSS codes: can be specified by two orthogonal linear classical codes \mathcal{C}_X and \mathcal{C}_Z .
- ▶ LDPC codes: lines and columns of parity check matrices have bounded weights.
- ▶ homological codes: The two orthogonal classical codes are defined from a cellulation of a manifold.



Example of homological code: Toric code [Kitaev 2002]

- ▶ cellulation of the torus by squares.
- ▶ To each edge corresponds a physical bit.
- ▶ To each face corresponds a line of H_Z .
- ▶ To each vertex corresponds a line of H_X .

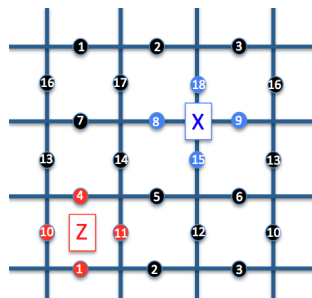


A torus is obtained by identifying left and right sides and identifying up and down sides of the square.

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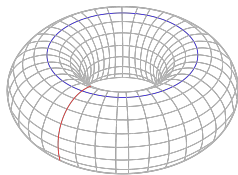
- ▶ The line of H_Z corresponding to the red face checks the parity of the bits 1, 10, 4 and 11.
- ▶ The line of H_X corresponding to the blue vertex checks the parity of the bits 8, 18, 9 and 15.



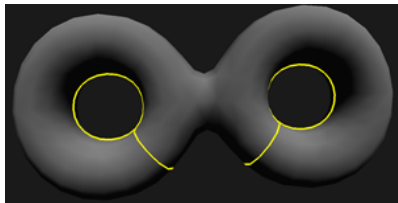
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Geometric interpretation of k

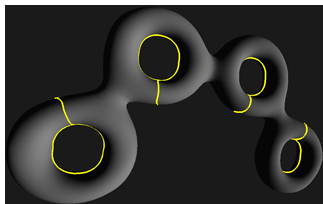
- ▶ The code dimension is the rank of the first homology group H_1 of the manifold.
- ▶ Informally, it is the number of different loops of the manifold.



$$k = 2 = \text{rank}(H_1)$$



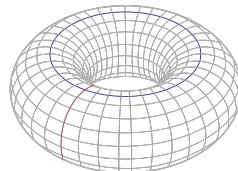
$$k = 4 = \text{rank}(H_1)$$



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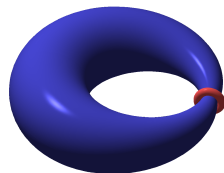
Geometric interpretation of n and d

- ▶ the code length n is proportional to the area of the manifold.
- ▶ the minimal distance d is proportional to the systole of the manifold.
- ▶ the systole is the length of the shortest non contractible loop of the manifold.



$$d = \text{systole} \approx 20$$

$$n = 2 \times \text{area} \approx 800$$



$$d = \text{systole} = \text{length of red circle}$$

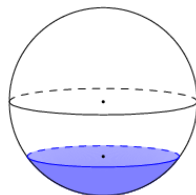
positive curvature and the sphere S^2

goal: family of codes satisfying $n = o(d^2)$

$$\text{area}(\text{disk}_{\text{euclidean}}(r)) = \pi r^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{area}(\text{disk}_{\text{spherical}}(r)) &= 2\pi(1 - \cos(r)) \\ &= \pi r^2 - \frac{\pi}{12}r^4 + O(r^6)\end{aligned}$$

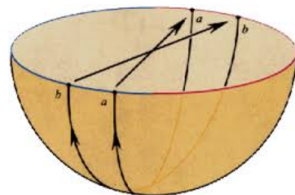
$\text{area}(\text{disk}_{\text{spherical}}) < \text{area}(\text{disk}_{\text{euclidean}})$



But every loop on the sphere is contractible to a point.
Hence the dimension k of a code defined on the sphere is zero.

The real projective plane

Identify every pair of antipodal points.
Some loops cannot be contracted to a point.

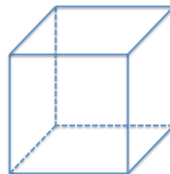


- ▶ $\text{systole}_{\text{projective plane}} = \pi$
- ▶ $\text{area}_{\text{projective plane}} = 2\pi$
- ▶ $(\text{systole}_{\text{projective plane}})^2 > \text{area}_{\text{projective plane}}$

But the area of a real projective plane of constant curvature $+1$ is bounded above by 2π .
A solution is to increase dimension.

A discrete model of the real projective plane

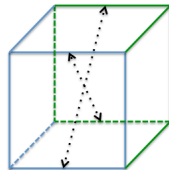
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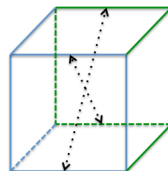
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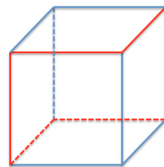
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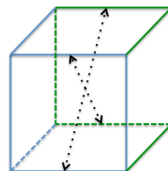
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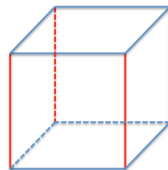
$$H_Z = \text{mat}_{\text{adjacency}}(\text{faces}, \text{edges})$$

Identify pair of antipodal points of the cube.

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- ▶ $d_X = 3$
- ▶ $d_Z = 2$
- ▶ $d = \min(d_X, d_Z) = 2$



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