

1 Quantum Stabilizer Codes

In this poster, we investigate the **optimal** $[[n, k]]$ **quantum stabilizer codes** over the Pauli Independent X-Z Channel. By *optimal code* we mean

1. Such code achieves **the smallest exact average error probability** among all possible $[[n, k]]$ quantum stabilizer codes
2. The average error probability is derived using **the quantum maximal-likelihood (DQML) decoding**

An $[[n, k]]$ **stabilizer code, denoted by** $\mathcal{C}^{[[n, k]]}$, encodes k qubits into a codeword of n qubits. Analogous to classical linear codes, it can be seen as a subspace of dimension k in an n -dimensional Hilbert space.

An $[[n, k]]$ **stabilizer code** can be represented by an $(n-k) \times 2n$ **matrix** $(Z|X)$ in which its rows $\{\alpha_i \triangleq (z_i|x_i)\}_{i=1}^{n-k}$ satisfy $\alpha_i \odot \alpha_j = 0, \forall i, j$, where $\alpha_i \odot \alpha_j \triangleq z_i x_j^T \oplus x_i z_j^T$ [2].

Define the following notation:

1. $\mathcal{S} \triangleq \text{span}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-k})$.
2. $\mathcal{L} \triangleq \text{span}(\alpha_{n-k+1}, \dots, \alpha_n, \beta_{n-k+1}, \beta_n)$ and $\mathcal{T} \triangleq \text{span}(\beta_1, \dots, \beta_{n-k})$, where $\{\alpha_i\}_{i=n-k+1}^n$ and $\{\beta_i\}_{i=1}^{n-k}$ can be constructed from \mathcal{S} such that [3, Appendix A]

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_i \odot \beta_j &= 0, \quad \forall i, j; \\ \alpha_i \odot \beta_j &= 0, \quad \forall i \neq j, \\ \alpha_i \odot \beta_i &= 1, \quad \forall i. \end{aligned}$$

3. $\gamma \triangleq \gamma_1 \oplus \gamma_2 \oplus \gamma_3$, where $\gamma_1 \in \mathcal{S}$, $\gamma_2 \in \mathcal{L}$, and $\gamma_3 \triangleq \gamma_3(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{n-k} s_i \beta_i \in \mathcal{T}$ for $s_i \in \{0, 1\}$.

The DQML decoder g_{DQML} is defined as follows:

$$g_{\text{DQML}}(s) = \underset{\gamma_2 \in \mathcal{L}}{\text{argmax}} \left\{ \sum_{\gamma_1 \in \mathcal{S}} \text{Pr}(\gamma_1 \oplus \gamma_2 \oplus \gamma_3) \right\}$$

2 Main Results

An Expression of the Average Error Probability

Given an arbitrary $(Z|X) = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-k}\}$. Then the exact average success probability based

on DQML decoding can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} P_{e, \text{DQML}}(Z|X) \\ = 1 - \sum_{\substack{s \in (\mathbb{Z}_2)^{n-k} \\ g_{\text{DQML}}(s) = \gamma_2^*}} \left(\sum_{\gamma_1 \in \mathcal{S}} \text{Pr}(\gamma_1 \oplus \gamma_2^* \oplus \gamma_3) \right) \end{aligned}$$

1. Let p be the cross-over probability of the Pauli Independent X-Z Channel
2. For $[[n, k]] = [[5, 1]]$, the code achieves **the largest minimum distance is the $[[5, 1, 3]]$ perfect code** [4], where $[[n, k, d]]$ denotes a quantum stabilizer code with minimum distance d .
3. We found that **$[[5, 1, 1]]$ code indeed performs better than the famous $[[5, 1, 3]]$ perfect code for certain values of p**

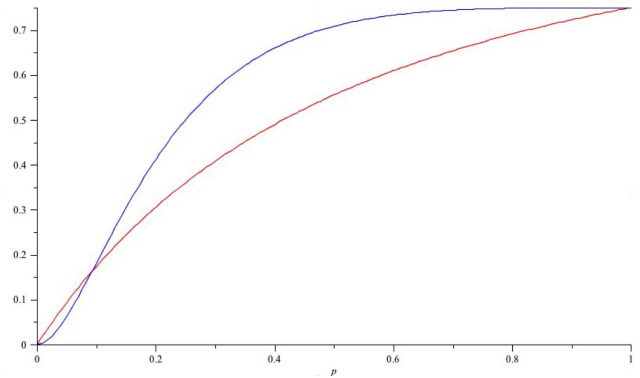


Figure 1: $P_{e, \text{DQML}}(\mathcal{C}^{[[5, 1, 1]])}$ (red curve) and $P_{e, \text{DQML}}(\mathcal{C}^{[[5, 1, 3]])}$ (blue curve)

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