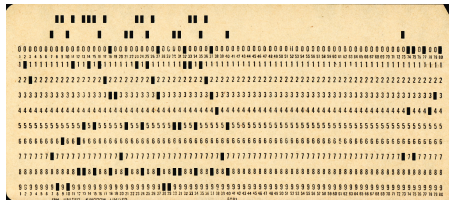


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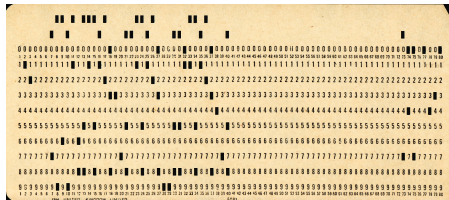
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Decrypts  $\mathbf{1}21141\mathbf{0}28$ , only two digits are the same!



## Outline

Will concentrate on Error Detection and Correction.

- Detection: Check Digit
- Correction: Majority Rules and Generalization

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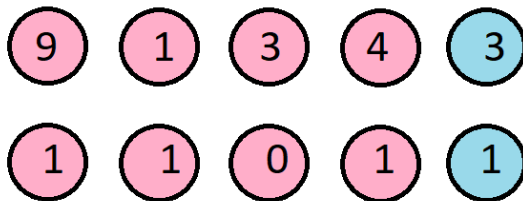
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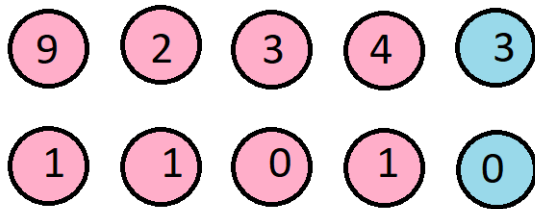


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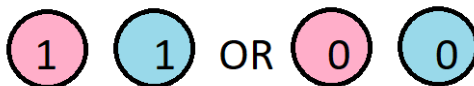
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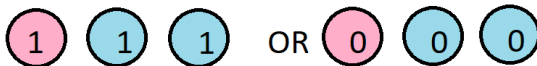




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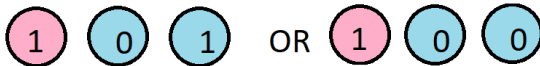
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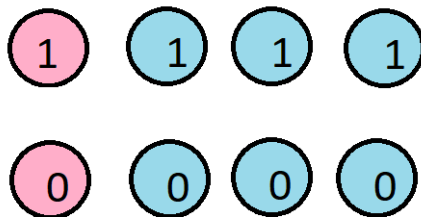
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What is the problem with this method? **Only one-third is information.**

How can we do better?

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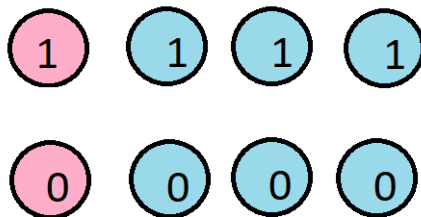


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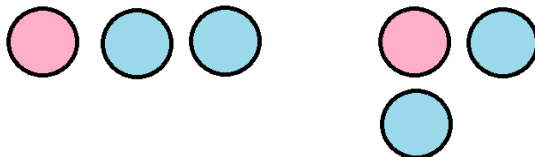
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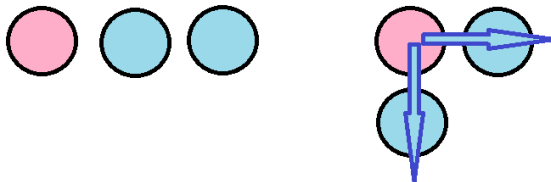


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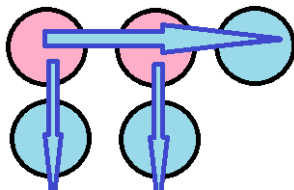


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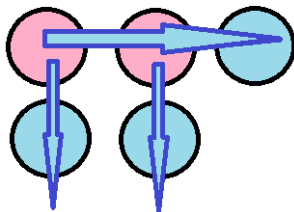


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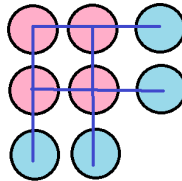
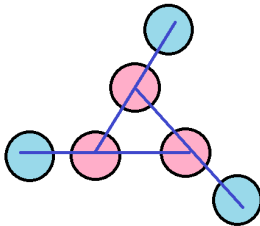
This is better: 2 of 5 or 40% of message is data!



Unfortunately still below 50%.

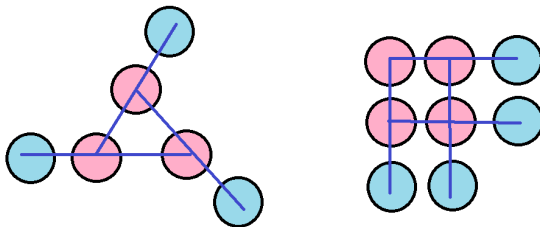
How many data points should we try next: 3, 4, 5, ...?

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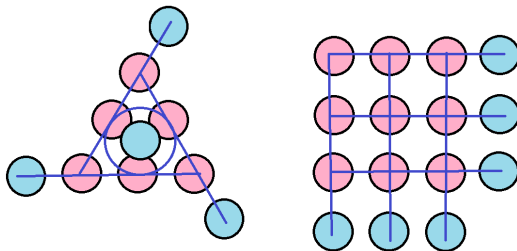


**Which is better?** Both 50% but fewer needed with triangle.

**What should we do next:** 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ...?

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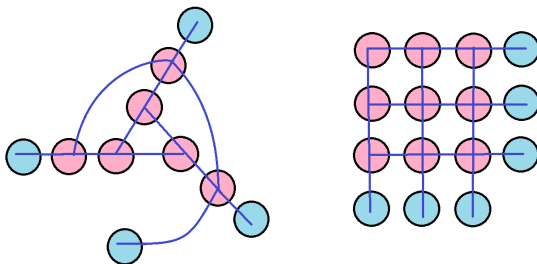


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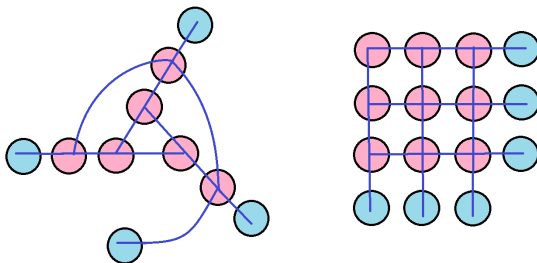
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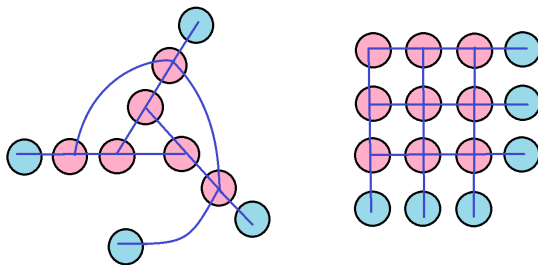
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Triangle:  $T_n = n(n+1)/2$  data,  $n+1$  check, so  $(n+2)(n+1)/2$  bits total and  $n/(n+2)$  information.

Square:  $S_n = n^2$  data,  $2n$  check, so  $n^2 + 2n$  bits total and  $n/(n+2)$  information.

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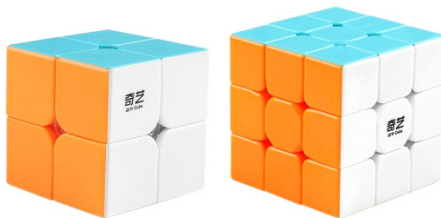
Can get as high a percentage information as desire, at a cost of longer string (and thus more likely to have two errors).



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$2 \times 2 \times 2$ : 8 data points, 6 check bits (for planes): info is  $8/14 \approx 57\%$ .

$3 \times 3 \times 3$ : 27 data points, 9 check bits (for planes): info is  $27/36 = 75\%$ .

For  $6 \times 6$  data square info is  $36/48 = 75\%$ , for  $T_7$  is  $28/36 \approx 77.78\%$ .

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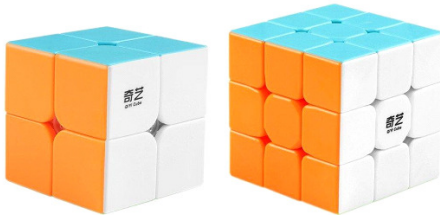


$4 \times 4 \times 4$ : 64 data points, 12 check bits: info is  $64/76 \approx 84.21\%$ .

For  $9 \times 9$  data square info is  $81/99 \approx 81.82\%$ .

For  $T_{11}$  triangle: 66 data points, info is  $66/79 \approx 83.54\%$ .

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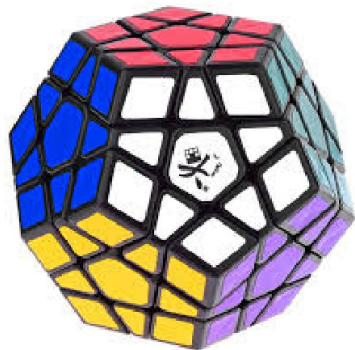


$n \times n \times n$ :  $n^3$  data points,  $3n$  check bits: info is  $n^2/(n^2 + 3)$ .

Better percentage is information for large  $n$ ; how should we generalize?

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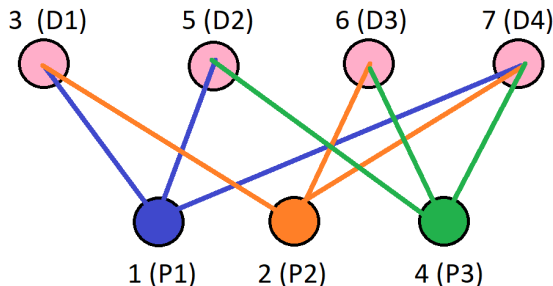
**Hamming Codes:** Can send a message with 7 bits, 4 are data, and can correct one error:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamming\\_code](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamming_code).

**Extended binary Golay code:** Can send a message with 24 bits, 12 are data, can correct any 3-bit errors and can detect some other errors: [https:](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary_Golay_code)

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# Manhamming



- If no errors, all correct.
- If only one color error, is P1, P2 or P3.
- If just blue and orange is D1.
- If just blue and green is D2.
- If just orange and green is D3
- If all wrong is D4.

## Comparison

Say want to transmit around  $2^{12} = 4096$  bits of data.

Can do a square and cube; the Hamming code will do  $2^{12} - 1 - 12$ .

- Square: 4096 out of 4224 data: 96.9697%.
- Cube: 4096 out of 4144 data: 98.8417%.
- Hamming: 4083 out of 4095 data: 99.707%.

All converge to 100%, difference narrows as size increases.



## Interleaving

Say transmit

011110100101010101010101010101010101010101011110...

but a localized burst of noise, receive

0111101110101010101010101010101010101010101011110...

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Transmit every fourth:

- 01000000001  $\mapsto$  0000000001
- 10111111111  $\mapsto$  1111111111
- 11000000001  $\mapsto$  11000000001
- 10111111110  $\mapsto$  11111111110

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## Transmitting Images

### How to transmit an image?

- Have an  $L \times W$  grid with  $LW$  pixels.
- Each pixel a triple, maybe (Red, Green, Blue).
- Often each value in  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$ .
- $n = 8$  gives 256 choices for each, or 16,777,216 possibilities.

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Take one of the colors, say **red**, a number from 0 to 255.

Write in binary:  $r_7 2^7 + r_6 2^6 + \dots + r_1 2 + r_0$ .

If change just the last or last two digits, very minor change to image.

Can hide an image in another.

If just do last, can hide a black and white image easily....

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