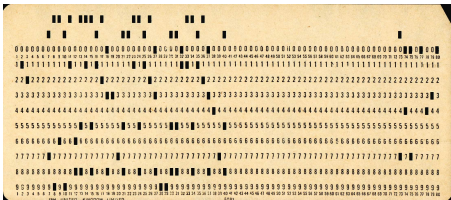


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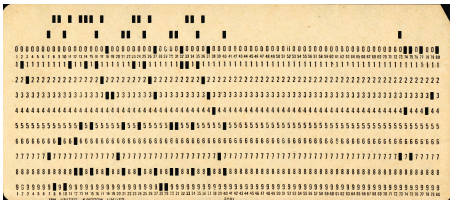
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Will concentrate on Error Detection and Correction.

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

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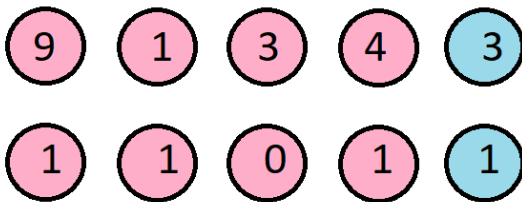
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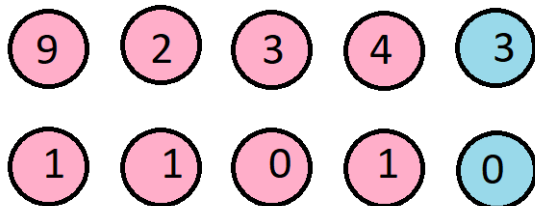


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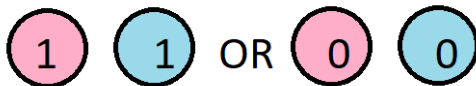
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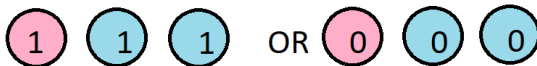
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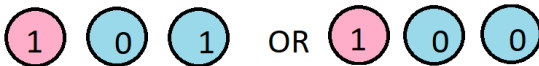
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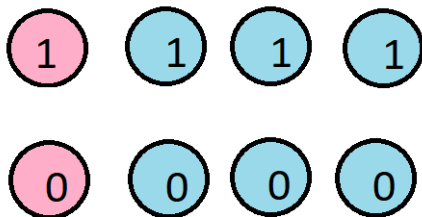
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How can we do better?

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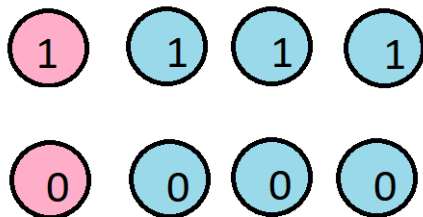


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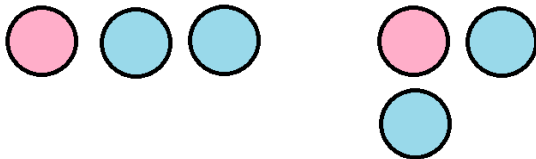
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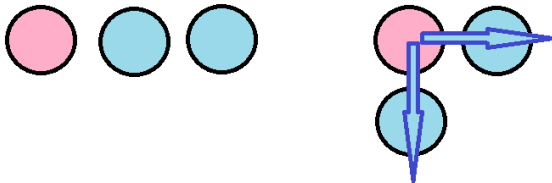
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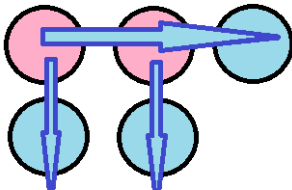
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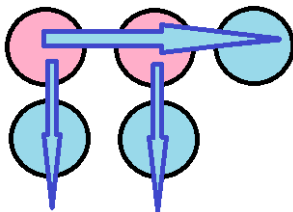


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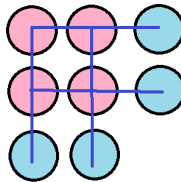
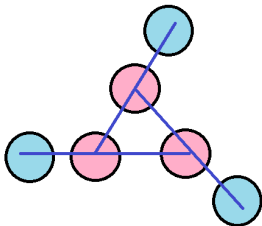
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Unfortunately still below 50%.

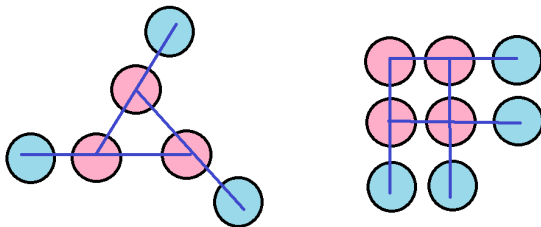
How many data points should we try next: 3, 4, 5, ...?

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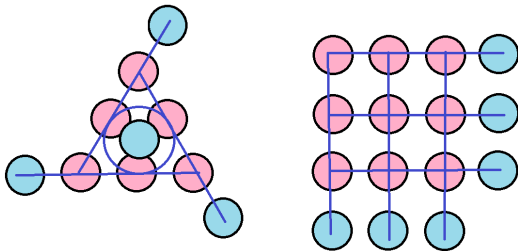


Which is better? Both 50% but fewer needed with triangle.

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

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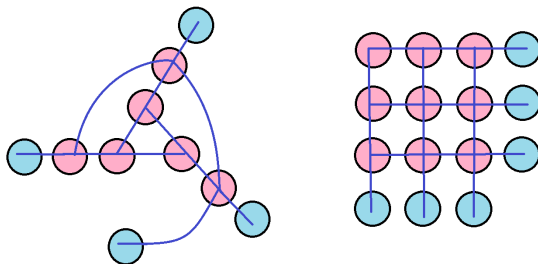


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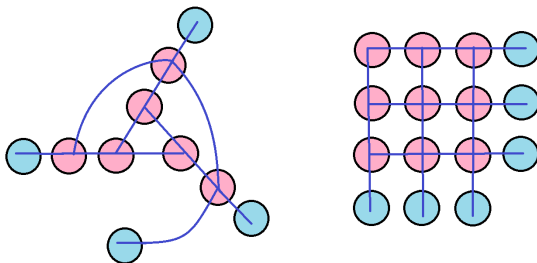
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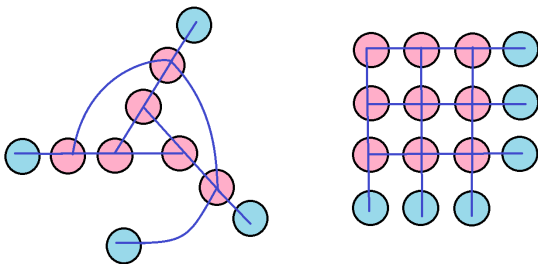
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Triangle: $T_n = n(n + 1)/2$ data, $n + 1$ check, so $(n + 2)(n + 1)/2$ bits total and $n/(n + 2)$ information.

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).

Generalizations

What is a better geometry to use?

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

Generalizations



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

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

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

Generalizations



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

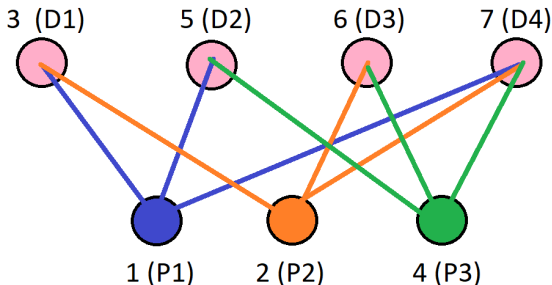
Better percentage is information for large n ; how should we generalize?

Other Approaches

Hamming Codes: Can send a message with 7 bits, 4 are data, and can correct one error: 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://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Binary_Golay_code.

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

0111**0111**010101010101010101010101010101010101011110...

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Transmit every fourth:

- 01000000001 ↪ 00000000001
- 10111111111 ↪ 11111111111
- 11000000001 ↪ 11000000001
- 101111111110 ↪ 111111111110

Steganography

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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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