### Index Coding Algorithms for Constructing Network Codes

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### Matlab Code with GUI for Constructing Linear Network Codes



GUI

Download Matlab code here:

www.tinyurl.com/IndexCodingRocks



### Example 2



#### Non-linear code



#### **Command Window**

>> Network2=[1 4;2 4;2 5;3 5;4 6;5 7;6 8;6 9;7 8;7 14;3 9;8 10;9 11;10 12;10 13;11 13;11 14;1 12]; >> Demand=[0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 1];

- >> NC=FindNetworkCode(Network2,Demand)

Cannot find scalar linear network code.

NC =

### Locally Repairable Code



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## Matroids and Index Coding



#### Theorem: [R,Sprintson, Georghiades '09]

For any matroid M(E, r(.)), one can construct an index coding problem and an integer c=|E|+r(E) such that there exists a linear index code of length c over F, iff the matroid M has a representation over F.

### Matlab Code Available Online

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Home Curriculum Vitae	Salim El Rouayheb – Software	
Google Scholar ResearchGate	Index Coding and Network Coding via Rank Minimization	
Students	Matlab code and tutorial	
Videos	The Matlab code above implements various rank minimization methods (Alternating Projections, Directional Alternating Projections, etc.) to construct near-optimal index codes as described in the paper below.	
Shannon's Channel	<ul> <li>X. Huang and S. El Rouayheb, Index Coding and Network Coding via Rank Minimization.</li> </ul>	
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### Index Coding

Wants: 2 Has: X <sub>2</sub>	$X_1 \\ X_3 $ $V_1$		Trans- mission #	Index code 1	Index code2
			1	<b>X</b> <sub>1</sub>	$X_1 + X_2$
t <sub>4</sub>		$t_2$	2	$X_2$	X <sub>3</sub>
			3	X <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>4</sub>
Has: $X_1$	$\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{X}_3 \mathbf{X}_4$	Has: $X_1 X_3$	4	<b>X</b> <sub>4</sub>	
	t <sub>3</sub>			L=4	L=3
Wants: $X_3$ Has: $X_2 X_4$		Informed-source coding-on-demand [Birk			

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# Equivalence to Network Coding



An index code of length L that satisfies all the users



A network code that satisfies all the terminals

### Stating the Equivalence

#### Theorem: [R,Sprintson, Georghiades'08] [Effros,R,Langberg ISIT'13]

For any network coding problem, one can construct an index coding problem and an integer L such that given any linear network code, one can efficiently construct a linear index code of length L, and vice versa. (same block length, same error probability).



### Network Code → Index Code The linear case first



- All terminals in the index coding problem can decode
- Any linear network code gives an index code of length L=7

### Index Code → Network Code



- Any linear index code of length L=7 can be mapped to a linear network code
- Works for scalar linear and vector linear

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$$Y_{e_1} + f_{e_1}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_2} + f_{e_2}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_3} + f_{e_3}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_4} + f_{e_4}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_5} + f_{e_5}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_6} + f_{e_6}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_7} + f_{e_7}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} & X_1, X_2 \\ & & \\ & Y_{e_1}, \dots, Y_{e_7} \end{array}$$

Terminal	Wants	Has	Terminal	Wants	Has
$U_{e_1}$	$Y_{e_1}$	$X_1$	$U_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{e_2}$	$Y_{e_2}$	$X_1$	$U_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{e_3}$	$Y_{e_3}$	$X_2$	$U_{t_1}$	$X_1$	$Y_{e_4} Y_{e_7}$
$U_{e_4}$	$Y_{e_4}$	$X_2$	$U_{t_2}$	$X_2$	$Y_{e_1}Y_{e_6}$
$U_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_2} Y_{e_3}$	$U^*$	$Y_{e_1} \dots Y_{e_7}$	$X_1 X_2$

Butterfly network

#### Equivalent index code

$${f_e}_i(X_1,X_2)$$
 : message on edge  ${\mathsf e}_i$ 

### Implications: Scalar vs. Vector Linear

#### Scalar linear index codes are not optimal



[Dougherty, Freiling, Zeger, '05]

### Non-linear Index Codes -> Network Codes HARD!!!



### Non-linear Index Code → Network Code



Broadcast message Decoding function  $X1 = D_{U_{t1}}(B, Y_{e_4}, Y_{e_7})$   $Y_{e_4} = D_{U_{e_4}}(B, X_2)$ 

$$Y_{e_7} = D_{U_{e_7}}(B, Y_{e_5})$$

Fix a value for B, say B=0

- Destinations can decode with no errors:
- Recall that  $B=f(X_1, X_2, Y_{e1}, \dots, Y_{e7})$
- For a fixed B and given values of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , there is a <u>unique</u> possible vector  $(Y_{e1},...,Y_{e7})$
- Otherwise, U\* cannot decode correctly

	$A  I_{e_1}, \ldots, I_{e_7}$				
	Terminal	Wants	Has		
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	$U_{e_2}$	$Y_{e_2}$	$X_1$		
	$U_{e_3}$	$Y_{e_3}$	$X_2$		
/	$U_{e_4}$	$Y_{e_4}$	$X_2$		
	$U_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_2}  Y_{e_3}$		
	$U_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_5}$		
	$U_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_5}$		
1	$U_{t_1}$	$X_1$	$Y_{e_4}  Y_{e_7}$		
	$U_{t_2}$	$X_2$	$Y_{e_1}Y_{e_6}$		
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 $( X_1, X_2 )$ 



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# Index Coding on Erdős-Rényi Graphs

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{Independence nbr} & \text{Chromatic nbr} \\ \alpha(G) \leq L^*_{min} \leq \chi(\bar{G}) \end{array}$ 

• When  $n \to \infty$ , we have with prob 1

$$\log n \le L_{min}^* \le \frac{n}{\log n}$$



• Can improve the lower bound [Haviv & Langberg '11]

$$c\sqrt{n} \le L_{min}^* \le \frac{n}{\log n}$$

Coloring is the best upper bound we know on random graphs. Is it tight? OPEN

# Index Coding & Rank Minimization



- Linear case:  $L^*_{min} = \min rk(M)$ [Bar-Yossef et al. '06]
- Min rank introduced by Haemers in 79 to bound the Shannon graph capacity.
  - Computing  $L^*_{min}$  is NP hard. [R. et al. '07] [Peeters '96]
  - Recent work on matrix completion for index coding [Hassibi et al. '14]

### Use Matrix Completion Methods to Construct Index Codes

- Min nuclear norm [Recht & Candes '09] does not work here
- Try alternative rank minimization methods [Fazel et al. 2001]



Two problems:

- Regions not convex
- 2) Optimization over the reals

Network codes over the reals [Shwartz & Medard '14], Jaggi et al. '08]

#### Theorem: [Alternating Projections (AP)]

If C and D are convex, then an alternating projection sequence between these 2 regions converges to a point in their intersection.



### Index Coding via Alternating Proj on Random Undirected Graphs



### Performance with Increasing Number of Users



### Improvement in Percentage



#### Concentration around the Average



### Running Time



### Random Directed Graphs



#### Which Method to use for Directed Graphs?



### How close are these heuristics to the actual minimum



Fig. 9: Average index code length obtained by using Greedy Coloring, LDG and APIndexCoding for random 3-colorable graphs when p = 0.5.

- For n≤5, linear index coding achieve capacity [Ong,'14]. Online list of optimal index coding rates [kim]
- APindex coding was able to achieve all these rates whenever they are integers

### **Concluding Remarks**

- Index coding is NP hard. But, this is not the end of the story.
- Proposed the use of different rank minimizations methods for constructing index codes
- Index coding is connected to many other interesting topic in the literature
- Many theoretical open questions: From reals to finite fields? theoretical guarantees? Index coding on random graphs? Need a stronger equivalence for equivalence of capacity regions....
- To do list for the matlab library
  - Vector linear network codes
  - Now only multiple unicast
  - Include more methods (heuristics) for index coding: Now only LDG and minrank
  - Network desgin...



# **QUESTIONS?**

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### **Dealing with Errors**

- Consider an index code where decoding errors only happen when the broadcast message B=0
- $\epsilon$ : Prob of error in the index code =1/2<sup>c</sup>=1/2<sup>7</sup>=0.0078
- Prob of error in the network code =1 (bad).

<u>Claim</u>: There exists  $\sigma$ , such that for B= $\sigma$ , in the previous construction, the network code will have a prob of error at most  $\varepsilon$  ( $\varepsilon$ =error prob of the index code).

 Intuition: if for every value of B, the resulting network code will have a prob of error>ε, this implies that the prob of error in the index code >ε. A contradiction.  $X_1, X_2$   $Y_{e_1}, \dots, Y_{e_7}$ 

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$U_{e_4}$	$Y_{e_4}$	$X_2$
$U_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_2} Y_{e_3}$
$U_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{t_1}$	$X_1$	$Y_{e_4} Y_{e_7}$
$\overline{U_{t_2}}$	$X_2$	$Y_{e_1}Y_{e_6}$
$U^*$	$Y_{e_1} \dots Y_{e_7}$	$X_1 X_2$

 $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2)$   $\mathbf{E}_{i}$   $\mathbf{E}_{i}$ 

**X**: decoding error

► Each ✓ corresponds to a different "good" value of (X,Ye)

Total # of  $\checkmark < (1-\epsilon)|\Sigma_{B}|.|\Sigma_{X}|$ But  $|\Sigma_{B}|=|\Sigma_{Ye}|$ 

→ Total # of "good" values<(1-ε)|Σ<sub>Ye</sub>|.|Σ<sub>X</sub>|

contradiction

# Capacity Regions



- If there is a code that achieves P "exactly", then P' is in  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{I}} \cap \mathcal{H}$ , and vice versa.
- What if a sequence of points (not necessarily in  $\mathcal{H}$ ) converges to P. Does this mean that P is in  $\mathcal{R}_N$ ?
- If true this will solve a long-standing open problem: Is zero-error capacity= ε-error capacity of networks?
- True for index coding problems [Langberg, Effros '11]

### The Case of Co-located Sources



<u>Theorem</u>: For any network  $\mathcal{N}$  with co-located sources one can efficiently construct an index coding problem  $\mathcal{I}$  and an integer L such that **R** is in the capacity region of  $\mathcal{N}$  iff **R**' is in the capacity region of  $\mathcal{I}$  with broadcast length L.



Fig. 12: Average decoding error  $||\mathbf{X} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}||$  in APIndexcoding on random undirected graphs when p = 0.2,  $\epsilon = 0.001$  and  $X_i \in [-10, 10]$  ( $X_{\text{max}} = 10$ ).

### Information Flows in Wireline Networks: What do we know in one slide







Unicast networks

Max Flow Min Cut theorem

[Ford & Fulkerson, '56] [Elias, Feinstein, Shannon '56]

#### Multicast networks

Network coding can achieve min mincut [Ahlswede et al. '00]

#### **General Demands**

#### Open!

Non-linear codes, Non-Shannon inequalities [Zeger et al. '06] Two-unicast is as hard. [Kamath, Tse, Wang '14]



Fig. 9: Time consumption of APIndexCoding on random undirected graphs