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Abstract:

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Thm. If  $S$  has  $r$  generators,  
then  $T(S)$  has dimension  $2^{n-r}$ , i.e.  
 $k = n - r$  logical qubits.

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Detecting errors:

$$N(S) = \{N \in \mathcal{P}_n \mid [N, M] = 0 \quad \forall M \in S\}$$

Can detect  $E \notin N(S)$



Sufficient if  $E, F$  have different error syndromes  
( $\forall E, F \in \mathcal{C}$ )

$\Leftrightarrow E$  &  $F$  have different sets of  $M \in S$  with  
which they commute.

$\Leftrightarrow \{E^\dagger F, M\} = 0$  for at least one  $M \in S$ .

$\Leftrightarrow E^\dagger F \notin N(S)$ .



Suppose  $E^\dagger F \in S$ .

$$E^\dagger F|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \quad \forall |\psi\rangle \in T$$
$$\Leftrightarrow F|\psi\rangle = E|\psi\rangle$$

Can't distinguish but don't  
need to.

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ES.  
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Notation:  $[[n, k, d]]$  for code with  $n$  physical qubits,  
 $k$  logical qubits, & distance  $d$ .

To correct  $t$ -qubit errors, need  $d \geq 2t+1$ .



Let  $T(S) = \{ |\psi\rangle \mid M|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \forall M \in S \}$   
 Stabilizer codes.

Then  $T(S)$  has dimension  $2^k$ , and  
 $k = n - r$  logical qubits.

Five-qubit code:

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | Z | Z | X | I |
| I | X | Z | Z | X |
| X | I | X | Z | Z |
| Z | X | I | X | Z |

$[[5, 1, 3]]$

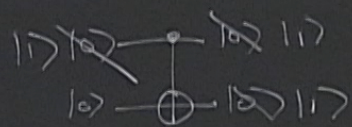
Seven-qubit code:

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| X | X | X | X | I | I | I |
| X | X | I | I | X | X | I |
| X | I | X | I | X | I | X |
| Z | Z | Z | Z | I | I | I |
| Z | Z | I | I | Z | Z | I |
| Z | I | Z | I | Z | I | Z |

$[[7, 1, 3]]$



Fault Tolerance:



Threshold theorem:

$\exists$  threshold error rate  $p_T$  st. if error  $p$  per gate or time step is below  $p_T$ , then  $\exists$  fault-tolerant protocols for arbitrarily long quantum computations. The overhead is  $\text{polylog}(T)$ , where  $T$  is the length of the logical computation.