

# Decoding Reed-Muller codes with the Guruswami-Sudan's algorithm

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## Outline

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- The Guruswami-Sudan list decoding algorithm of Reed-Solomon codes;
- Multivariate evaluation codes: Reed-Solomon product codes and Reed-Muller codes
- The algorithm for Reed-Muller codes;
- The analysis of Pellikaan and Wu (2004);
- Our analysis;
- The algorithm for Reed-Solomon product codes;
- Reed-Muller codes as “univariate” codes; application (Pellikaan-Wu 2004).

## Reed-Solomon codes as Evaluation codes

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Let  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset \mathbb{F}_q$  be a set of  $n$  distinct points in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Let  $\text{ev}$  be the following *evaluation map*:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ev} : \mathbb{F}_q[X] &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^n \\ f &\mapsto \text{ev}(f) = (f(x_1), \dots, f(x_n)) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$L = \{f \in \mathbb{F}_q[X] \mid \deg f \leq k\}.$$

Then the *Reed-Solomon* code and dimension  $k + 1$  is

$$C_1 = \text{ev}(L).$$

## Hamming distance

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Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ , then the *Hamming distance* is

$$d(x, y) = |\{i \in \{1, n\} \mid x_i \neq y_i\}|$$

Then the Reed-Solomon code  $C_1$  is a  $q$ -ary code of *length*  $n$ , *dimension*  $k + 1$  and *minimum distance*  $n - k$ .

By commodity, we also denote, for  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[X]$ , and  $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ :

$$d(f, y) = |\{i \in \{1, n\} \mid f(x_i) \neq y_i\}|$$

## The decoding problem

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Let  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , and  $C_1$  be given, and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$  be the received word. We have the following problems:

**Unique Decoding**  $t = \lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$  is given, and one has to find the *at most unique*  $f$  such that  $d(f, y) < t$ . Berlekamp-Welch86.

**List Decoding**  $t$ , *larger than*  $\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$ , is given, one has to find *all* the codewords at distance less than  $t$  of  $y$ .

In the case of Reed-Solomon codes, this amounts to find all the  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[X]$ ,  $\deg f \leq k$ , such that

$$\mu = |\{i \mid f(x_i) = y_i\}|$$

is greater than or equal to  $n - t$ . Or equivalently  $d(f, y) \leq t$ .

## The Guruswami-Sudan algorithm

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**input**  $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subset \mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $k, \mu = n - t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$   
the received word.

**auxiliary parameters** a degree  $d$  et  $s$  an order of multiplicity.

**interpolation** find a polynomial  $Q(X, Z) \in \mathbb{F}_q[X, Z]$  such that

1.  $Q(X, Z) \neq 0$ ,
2.  $\text{wdeg}_{1, k-1} Q(X, Z) \leq d$ ,
3.  $\text{mult}(Q; (x_i, y_i)) = s, i \in \{1, n\}$ .

**factorization** Compute  $List = \{f = f(X) \mid Q(X, f) = 0\}$ .

**verification** return all  $f \in List$  such that  $\deg f \leq k$ , et  $d(f, y) < t$ .

## multiplicity and weighted degree

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Let  $Q = Q(X_1, \dots, X_m) = Q_0 + Q_1 + \dots + Q_d$  be given, where  $Q_i$  is homogeneous of degree  $i$ .

- The *multiplicity* of  $Q$  at the point  $(0, \dots, 0)$  is the smallest  $i$  such that  $Q_i \neq 0$ .
- The *multiplicity* of  $Q$  at the point  $(x_1, \dots, x_m)$  is the multiplicity at  $(0, \dots, 0)$  of the polynomial  $Q(X_1 + x_1, \dots, X_m + x_m)$ .
- let  $u_1, \dots, u_m$  be given, the *weighted degree*,  $\text{wdeg}_{u_1, \dots, u_m}$ , of the monomial  $X_1^{i_1} \dots X_m^{i_m}$  is  $u_1 i_1 + \dots + u_m i_m$ .
- The *weighted degree* of  $Q$  is the largest weighted degree of its monomials.

## The Guruswami-Sudan algorithm

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**verification** return all  $f \in List$  such that  $\deg f \leq k$ , et  $d(f, y) < t$ .



## Guruswami-Sudan algorithm, polynomiality

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**input**  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ ,  $k, \mu \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  the received word.

**auxiliary parameters** a degree  $d$  et  $s$  an order of multiplicity.

**interpolation** find a polynomial  $Q(X, Z) \in \mathbb{F}_q[X, Z]$  such that...  
 $\implies$  Linear algebra problem, polynomial time (in  $n$  and  $s$ ).

**factorization** Compute  $List = \{f = f(X) \mid Q(X, f) = 0\}$ .  
 $\implies$  polynomial time (Lenstra85, Kaltofen85, Grigoriev86)

**verification** return all  $f \in List$  such that  $\deg f \leq k$ , et  $d(f, y) < t$ .

We will say that the algorithm runs in polynomial time.

## Multiplicity transport

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We present a general Lemma, which will be useful for generalizations.

**LEMMA** – let  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, Z)$  be such that

$$\text{mult}(Q; (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}, y_{i_1, \dots, i_m})) \geq s$$

Let  $f$  be such that  $f(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}) = y_{i_1, \dots, i_m}$ , then, if  $Q_f$  denotes  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, f)$ :

$$\text{mult}(Q_f, (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})) \geq s.$$

## Analysis (I)

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1. Consider the polynomial  $Q(X, f)$ , then, for each  $i$  such that

$$f(x_i) = y_i,$$

we have  $\text{mult}(Q(X, f), x_i) \geq s$ . Thus if

$$|\{i, f(x_i) = y_i\}| = \mu, \quad (*)$$

the sum of multiplicities of  $Q(X, f)$  is at least  $\mu s$ .

2. The condition  $\text{wdeg}_{1,k} Q(X, Z) \leq d$  implies  $\deg Q \leq d$ .
3. Thus if  $d < \mu s$ , all polynomials  $f$  such that  $(*)$  holds satisfy

$$Q(X, f) = 0.$$

(more zeros, counted with multiplicities, than its degree)

## Analysis (II)

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The second logical step is to ensure that the polynomial  $Q$  always exists. The conditions on the polynomial  $Q$  are

1.  $Q(X, Z) \neq 0$ ,
2.  $\text{wdeg}_{1, k-1} Q(X, Z) \leq d$ , (\*)
3.  $\text{mult}(Q; (x_i, y_i)) = s, i \in \{1, n\}$ . (\*\*)

Since (\*\*) is a linear system of equations, a sufficient condition is to have more unknowns than equations. The number of unknowns is induced by (\*). This gives

$$\frac{d(d+2)}{2(k-1)} > n \binom{s+1}{2}.$$

## Analysis (III)

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Working out the two conditions

$$\frac{d(d+2)}{2(k-1)} > n \binom{s+1}{2}.$$

and

$$d \leq \mu s,$$

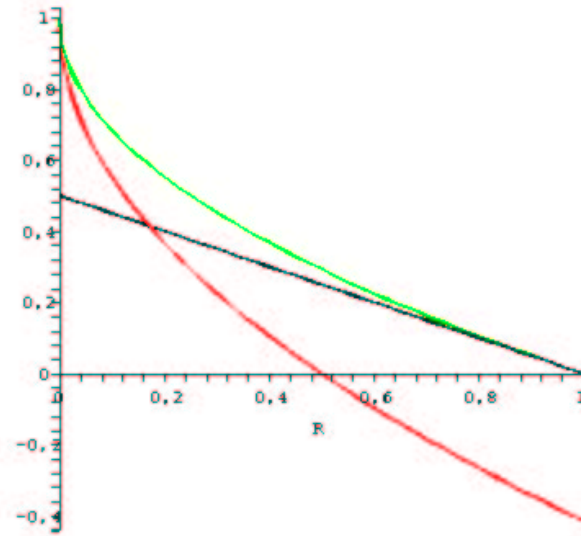
with  $\mu = n - t$ , gives

$$t \leq n \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{k}{n} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{s} \right)} \right) \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow +\infty} \tau \leq 1 - \sqrt{R},$$

with  $\tau = t/n$  and  $R = k/n$ . (Kötter and Vardy derivation)

## Plot

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— :  $(1 - R)/2,$

— :  $1 - \sqrt{2R},$

— :  $1 - \sqrt{R},$

## Multivariate generalizations of evaluation codes

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Let  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \subseteq F_q$  be given, we construct  $S^m \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^m$ .

We define

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ev}^m : F_q[X_1, \dots, X_m] &\rightarrow (F_q)^{n^m} \\ f(X_1, \dots, X_m) &\mapsto (f(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}))_{(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}) \in S^m} \end{aligned}$$

Then we need to define a space  $L$  of polynomials.

## Two generalizations

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1.  $L = \{f(X_1, \dots, X_m), \deg f(X_1, \dots, X_m) \leq r\}$ , which corresponds to the Reed-Muller code of order  $r$  with  $m$  variables:

$$C = \text{RM}_q(r, m),$$

which has dimension  $\binom{m+r}{r}$ , minimum distance  $(n-r)n^{m-1}$ .

2.  $L = \{f(X_1, \dots, X_m), \deg_{X_i} f(X_1, \dots, X_m) \leq k, i \in \{1, m\}\}$ , which corresponds to the  $m$  times product code of the Reed-Solomon code  $C_1$ :

$$C_m = C_1 \otimes \dots \otimes C_1$$

which has dimension  $(k+1)^m$ , minimum distance  $(n-k)^m$ .

Both codes have length  $n^m$ .



## The decoding problem

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Let  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , and  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ , be given and  $y = (y_{i_1, \dots, i_m}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n^m}$  be the received word.

We want to correct  $t$  errors, i.e. to find  $f = f(X_1, \dots, X_m)$  such that:

$$|\{(i_1, \dots, i_m) \mid f(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}) = y_{i_1, \dots, i_m}\}| \geq n^m - t = \mu$$

such that (Reed-Muller case)

$$\deg f \leq r$$

or (product of Reed-Solomon case)

$$\deg_{X_i} f \leq k, \quad i \in \{1, m\}.$$

## Case of the Reed-Muller codes

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**input**  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ ,  $k, \mu \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y = (y_{i_1, \dots, i_n})$  the received word.

**auxiliary parameters** a degree  $d$  et  $s$  an order of multiplicity.

**interpolation** find a polynomial  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, Z)$  such that

1.  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, Z) \neq 0$ ,
2.  $\text{wdeg}_{1, \dots, 1, r} Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, Z) \leq d$ ,
3.  $\text{mult}(Q; (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}, y_{i_1, \dots, i_m})) = s$ ,  $(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in \{1, n\}^m$ .

**factorization** Compute

$$List = \{f = f(X_1, \dots, X_m) \mid Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, f) = 0\}.$$

**verification** return all  $f \in L$  such that  $\deg f \leq r$ , et  $d(f, y) < t$ .

## Properties of $Q_f$

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Let  $Q_f = Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, f)$ , then

1.  $\deg Q_f \leq d$ .
2. for each point such that

$$f(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}) = y_{i_1, \dots, i_m}$$

then

$$\text{mult}(Q_f; (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})) \geq s$$

3. Thus, if  $d(f, y) < t = n^m - \mu$  then the sum of multiplicities of  $Q_f$  over  $S^m$  is more than or equal to  $s\mu$ .

## More zeros than its degree ?

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This will translate into a statement “more points in the  $\Delta$ -set than allowed”. First we count the number of zeros, with multiplicities.

Let  $I(q, m) = \langle X_i^q - X_i; i \in \{1, m\} \rangle$ , it is the ideal of all polynomials which vanishes over  $\mathbb{F}_q^m$ .

Let  $I(q, s, m) = I(q, m)^s$ , it the ideal of all polynomials which vanishes over  $\mathbb{F}_q^m$ , with multiplicity  $\geq s$ .

LEMMA – Let  $Q_f \in \mathbb{F}_q[X_1, \dots, X_m]$ , and let  $\mu$  be the number of points (in  $\mathbb{F}_q^m$ ) where  $Q_f$  has multiplicity  $s$  then

$$|\Delta(I(q, s, m) + \langle Q_f \rangle)| \geq \binom{m + s - 1}{s - 1} \mu$$

## Proof (sketch)

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Let  $\mathcal{M}_{i_1, \dots, i_m} = \langle X - x_{i_1}, \dots, X_m - x_{i_m} \rangle$ . One uses that:

$$R / \langle I(q, s, m) + \langle Q_f \rangle \rangle \approx \bigoplus_{i_1, \dots, i_m} R / \langle \mathcal{M}_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^s + \langle Q_f \rangle \rangle.$$

If  $\text{mult}(Q_f; (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})) \geq s$  then  $Q_f \in \mathcal{M}_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^s$ . In that case

$$\dim R / \langle \mathcal{M}_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^s + \langle Q_f \rangle \rangle = \dim R / \langle \mathcal{M}_{i_1, \dots, i_m}^s \rangle = \binom{m + s - 1}{s - 1}$$

Thus a total of

$$\mu \binom{m + s - 1}{s - 1}$$

(one for each point such that  $\text{mult}(Q_f; (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m})) \geq s$ )

## Upper bound on the $\Delta$ -set ( $n = q$ )

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**LEMMA** – let  $f \in R$ , such that  $\deg f \leq d$ . Let  $w = \lfloor d/q \rfloor$ , then

$$\Delta(I(q, s, m) + \langle f \rangle) \leq \binom{m+s-1}{m} q^m + (d-qw) \binom{m+s-w-2}{m-1} q^{m-1} - \binom{m+s-w-1}{m} q^m$$

**PROOF** – 3 pages...

It can be rewritten as

$$\Delta(I(q, s, m) + \langle f \rangle) \leq q^m \left( \binom{m+s-1}{m} - \binom{m+s-w-2}{m} \right).$$

## More zeros than allowed

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Choose  $s$  and  $d$  such that (more zeros than allowed)

$$q^m \left( \binom{m+s-1}{m} - \binom{m+s-w-2}{m} \right) < \binom{m+s-1}{m} \mu$$

with  $w = \lfloor d/q \rfloor$ .

Rewrite:

$$\mu > q^m \left( 1 - \frac{\binom{m+s-w-2}{m}}{\binom{m+s-1}{m}} \right).$$

After computations...

$$\mu > q^m \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{w}{s} \right)^m \right)$$

## More unknowns than equations

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The number of equations is (number of monomials in  $m + 1$  variables of degree less than  $s - 1$ )

$$N_{eq} = \binom{m + s}{s - 1} n^m$$

$N_Q$ , the number of terms of  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, X)$  follows from

$$\text{wdeg}_{1, \dots, 1, r} Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, Z) \leq d,$$

which implies that  $Q = \sum_j Q_j(X_1, \dots, X_m) Z^j$ , with  $\deg Q_j \leq d - jr$ :

$$N_Q = \sum_j \binom{d - jr + m}{m}$$



## Number of terms

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$$\begin{aligned} N_Q &= \sum_{j=0}^{d/r} \binom{d - rj + m}{m} \geq \sum_{j=0}^{d/r} \frac{(d - rj)^m}{m!} \\ &\geq \int_0^{d/r} \frac{(d - rx)^m}{m!} dx = \frac{d^{m+1}}{r(m+1)!} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $N_Q > N_{eq}$  gives

$$d > q \cdot {}^{m+1}\sqrt{\frac{r}{q} s(s+1) \cdots (s+m)}.$$

## Two conditions

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If

$$d > q \cdot \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{r}{q} s(s+1) \cdots (s+m)}$$

the polynomial  $Q$  *always exists*, and if

$$\mu > q^m \left( 1 - \left( 1 - \frac{w}{s} \right)^m \right)$$

with  $w = \lfloor d/q \rfloor$ . then, all  $f = f(X_1, \dots, X_m)$  such that

$$\deg f \leq r$$

and

$$d(f, y) < t = n^m - \mu$$

will satisfy  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, f) = 0$ .

## Result

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And we get ( $q = n$ ):

$$t < q^m \left( 1 - \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{r}{q} \left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{m}{s}\right)} \right)^m \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow +\infty} n^m \left( 1 - \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{r}{q}} \right)^m$$

Note that  $m = 1$  gives the decoding radius of the Guruswami-Sudan decoding algorithm.

## A stronger lemma

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**LEMMA** – Let  $Q_f = Q_f(X_1, \dots, X_m)$  of total degree  $d$ , and  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , then the sum of multiplicities of  $Q_f$  over  $S^m$  is less than or equal to

$$dn^{m-1}$$

**PROOF:** by induction.

Generalization of Schwartz-Zippel Lemma (1980), with multiplicities.

## Analysis (III)

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Thus if

$$s\mu > dn^{m-1}, \quad (*)$$

then  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, f) = 0$ .

The second condition, to ensure  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, Z)$  always exists is

$$N_Q > N_{eq}.$$

The analysis for the existence of the polynomial  $Q$  is the same as previously (same number of equations, same number of unknowns):

$$d > q \cdot \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{r}{q} s(s+1) \cdots (s+m)}$$

## Analysis

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Thus

$$s\mu > dn^{m-1},$$

give

$$t \leq n^m \left(1 - \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{r}{n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{m}{s}\right)}\right) \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow +\infty} n^m \left(1 - \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{r}{n}}\right),$$

to be compared with

$$n^m \left(1 - \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{r}{n}}\right)^m.$$

## Case of products of Reed-Solomon codes

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**input**  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ ,  $k, \mu \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $y = (y_{i_1, \dots, i_n})$  the received word.

**auxiliary parameters** a degree  $k'$  et  $s$  an order of multiplicity.

**interpolation** find a polynomial  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, Z)$  such that

1.  $Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, Z) \neq 0$ ,
2.  $Q$  has no term  $q_{i_1, \dots, i_m, j}$  such that **at least one index**  $i_l$  satisfies  $i_l + kj > k'$ ;
3.  $\text{mult}(Q; (x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_m}, y_{i_1, \dots, i_m})) = s$ ,  $(i_1, \dots, i_m) \in \{1, n\}^m$ .

**factorization** Compute  $List = \{f \mid Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, f) = 0\}$ .

**verification** return all  $f \in List$  such that  $\deg_{X_i} f \leq k$ ,  $i \in \{1, m\}$ , and  $d(f, y) < t$ .

## Analysis

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One can check that the condition

2.  $Q$  has no term  $q_{i_1, \dots, i_m, j}$  if at least one index  $i_l$  satisfies  $i_l + kj > k'$

gives:  $Q_f = Q(X_1, \dots, X_m, f)$  satisfies  $\deg_{X_i} Q_f \leq k', \quad i \in \{1, m\}$ .

And the sum of multiplicities of  $Q_f$  over  $S^m$  is at least

$$s\mu$$

if  $t = n^m - \mu$ .



## Analysis (II)

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Since  $Q_f$  has degree  $\leq k'$  in each variable, and  $Q_f$  has at least  $s\mu$  zeros (counted with multiplicities) then ???

**LEMMA** – Let  $u = u(X_1, \dots, X_m)$  of degree less than or equal to  $k'$  in each variable, and  $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , then the sum of multiplicities of  $u$  over  $S^m$  is less than or equal to

$$mk'n^{m-1}.$$

(Kind of Schwartz-Zippel Lemma).

Thus the first condition to ensure  $Q_f = 0$  is

$$s\mu > mk'n^{m-1}.$$

## Analysis (II)

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Second condition, for existence of the  $Q$  polynomial is  $N_Q > N_{eq}$ , with

$$\begin{aligned} N_Q &= \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor k'/k \rfloor} (k' - ik)^m \\ &\geq \int_0^{k'/k} (k' - xk)^m dx \\ &= \frac{k'^{m+1}}{(m+1)k} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$N_{eq} = \frac{\binom{m+s}{s-1}^m}{n}.$$

## Result

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Working out

$$\frac{k'^{m+1}}{(m+1)k} > \frac{s \dots (s+m)}{(m+1)!} n^m$$

and

$$s\mu > mk' n^{m-1},$$

with  $t = n^m - \mu$ , gives

$$t = n^m - \mu \leq n^m \left( 1 - \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{m^{m+1}}{m!} \cdot \frac{k}{n} \cdot \left(1 + \frac{1}{s}\right) \cdots \left(1 + \frac{m}{s}\right)}\right)$$

$$\xrightarrow{s \rightarrow +\infty} n^m \left( 1 - \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{m^{m+1}}{m!} \cdot \frac{k}{n}}\right)$$

## Univariate approach

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...or the discrete charm of finite fields (following Pellikaan-Wu2004).

## Reed-Muller codes as cyclic codes

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Let  $S = \mathbb{F}_q$ , consider  $\text{RM}_q(r, m)$ , rearranging the order of the elements, and deleting the position corresponding to  $(0, \dots, 0)$ .

We get a code of length  $N^* = q^n - 1$ , and minimum distance  $d - 1$ , where  $d$  can be computed explicitly from the parameters  $q, m, r$ .

**PROPOSITION** – The  $q$ -ary code  $\text{RM}_q^*(r, m)$  is the *subfield subcode* of the BCH code, over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^m}$ , whose generator polynomial is

$$\text{lcm}(Z - \alpha, \dots, Z - \alpha^i, \dots, Z - \alpha^{d-2}),$$

where  $\alpha$  is a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity. That is to say:

$$\text{RM}_q(r, m) = \text{BCH}_{q^m}(d - 1) \cap \mathbb{F}_q^{N^*}$$

[Kasami-Lin-Peterson68]

## The BCH code as an evaluation Reed-Solomon code

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Let  $X = \{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{N^*-1}\}$ , in that order, with the corresponding evaluation map.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ev} : \mathbb{F}_q[X] &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^{N^*} \\ f &\mapsto \text{ev}(f) = (f(1), f(\alpha), \dots, f(\alpha^{N^*-1})). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $p = \text{ev}(f) = (p_0, \dots, p_{N^*-1})$ , to be considered as a polynomial:

$$p(X) = p_0 + p_1X + \dots + p_{N^*-1}X^{N^*-1}.$$

Then, if  $\deg f \leq N^* - d + 1$ , then (property of the Fourier transform)

$$p(\alpha^i) = 0, \quad i \in \{1, d-2\},$$

i.e  $p \in \text{BCH}_{q^m}$  of designed distance  $d - 1$ .

## Inclusion of codes

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So:

$$\text{RM}_q(r, m)^* = \text{BCH}_{q^m}(d-1) \cap \mathbb{F}_q^{N^*} = \text{RS}_{N^*-d+2}(X) \cap \mathbb{F}_q^{N^*}$$

with  $X = \{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{N^*-1}\}$ , Thus, extending the codes:

$$\text{RM}_q(r, m) = \text{RS}_{N^*-d+2}(X \cup \{0\}) \cap \mathbb{F}_q^N.$$

i.e. the Reed-Muller code can be seen as “univariate” evaluation code.

## The result

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Thus the algorithm is:

**decode** with respect the Generalized Reed-Solomon, of parameters

$[N, N - d + 1, d]_{q^m}$ , with the Guruswami-Sudan algorithm,

**check** if the corresponding words are in the subfield subcode.

One gets (for  $r < q$ :

$$t < N \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{r}{q}} \right),$$

compare with  $N \left( 1 - \sqrt[m+1]{\frac{r}{q}} \right)$ .



## Conclusion

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- Various “multivariate” interpolation based decoding algorithm have been shown
- It is essential to have a statement “more zeros than allowed” .
- Depending on the strength of the corresponding lemma, one get different results.
- From coding theory, one can interpret multivariate evaluation codes as univariate codes (over finite fields).
- One can use the Guruswami-Sudan algorithm to get a much better performance.
- Disappointing to get a bad performance with ad hoc theorems.