

## 26 Feb LP Bound for Codes

Code:

$$C \subseteq \{0,1\}^n \quad ([9]^n)$$

$$d(C) = \min_{c \neq c' \in C} d(c, c') \quad d(x, y) = \#\{i \mid x_i \neq y_i\}$$

Qn: Given  $n \geq d$ , what is the <sup>size of</sup> largest set  $C \subseteq \{0,1\}^n$  s.t.  $d(C) \geq d$ ?

$$A_2(n, d) := \max\{|C| \mid C \subseteq \{0,1\}^n \text{ w/ distance } d\}$$

GV Bound:  $A_2(n, d) \geq \frac{2^n}{V_2(n, d-1)} = \frac{2^n}{\sum_{j=0}^{d-1} \binom{n}{j}}$

Asymptotic form:  $R \geq 1 - h_2(\delta) - o(1)$

$$R = k/n, \quad \delta = d/n.$$

Other directions:

Singleton Bd:  $A_2(n, d) \leq 2^{n-d+1}$  ( $R \leq 1 - \delta + o(1)$ )

Plotkin Bd:  $R \leq 1 - 2\delta + o(1)$   
(binary code)

Johnson & Elias-Bassalygo Bound:

$$R \leq 1 - h\left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 2\delta}}{2}\right) + o(1)$$

Delbarte LP Bound.

MRRW.  $R \leq h\left(\frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{\delta(1-\delta)}\right) + o(1)$  (best for  $\delta > 0.273$ )

MRRW second bound.

## Delbarte LP Bound

Key Observation: Independent Set Problem

$$G_d^{(n)} (V = \{0, 1\}^n, E \subseteq d)$$

$$E(G) = \{(x, y) \mid \Delta(x, y) < d\}$$

$$A(n, d) = \alpha(G_d^{(n)})$$

### Hoffman Bound

$$\alpha(G) \leq \theta_H(G) = \frac{-\lambda_{\min}}{1 - \lambda_{\min}} |V|$$

$$\textcircled{1} M(x, y) = 0 \text{ if } (x, y) \notin E$$

$$\textcircled{2} M \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{1}$$

(G-regular)

### Lovász Bound

$$\alpha(G) \leq \theta(G) = \min \lambda$$

$$\begin{cases} M(x, y) = 1 & (x, y) \notin E \\ M \leq \lambda \mathbf{I} \end{cases}$$

Schrijver Bound:

$$M(x, y) \geq 1 \text{ in above}$$

History: Delbarte (LP formulation for Codes) '73

Hoffman '76

Lovász '79

Schrijver (Hamming Schemes) '79  
 $\theta_S = \theta_{LP}$

Delbarte: Hamming Association Scheme  
SDP  $\mapsto$  LP Bound.

MRRW '77  
(McEliece, Rodemich, Rumsey, Welch)  
(dual witness for LP)

Today: Alternate proof of Delbarte's LP  
via MacWilliams identities

Next lecture: Naron + Samrodnitsky's proof  
of MRRW tight bound.  
(Friedman + Tillich)

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$$\mathcal{F} = \{f: \{0,1\}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}.$$

$2^n$ -dim vector space

$$\text{inner product } \langle f, g \rangle = \mathbb{E}[fg]$$

$$\chi_\alpha(x) := (-1)^{\sum x_i \alpha_i} = (-1)^{\langle x, \alpha \rangle}$$

$\mathbb{C}$ -linear code.  $\mathbb{C}^\perp$  - dual

$$\mathbb{C}^\perp = \{y \in \{0,1\}^n \mid \sum x_i y_i = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

$$\dim(\mathbb{C}) + \dim(\mathbb{C}^\perp) = n$$

Prop: For any binary <sup>linear</sup> code  $\mathbb{C}$

$$\sum_{c \in \mathbb{C}} \chi_\alpha(c) = \begin{cases} |\mathbb{C}| & \text{if } \alpha \in \mathbb{C}^\perp \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$\chi_\alpha$  - orthonormal basis under above inner product

$$\langle \chi_\alpha, \chi_\beta \rangle = \delta_{\alpha=\beta}$$

$$f = \sum \hat{f}(\alpha) \chi_\alpha$$

$$\hat{f}(\alpha) = \langle f, \chi_\alpha \rangle$$

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \sum \hat{f}(\alpha) \hat{g}(\alpha)$$

$$\hat{f}(0) = \mathbb{E}[f(x)]$$

5.  $\mathbb{1}_S(x)$  - characteristic fn

Claim: For any linear  $C \subseteq \{0,1\}^n$

$$\hat{\mathbb{1}}_C = \frac{|C|}{2^n} \mathbb{1}_{C^\perp}$$

Pf.  $\hat{\mathbb{1}}_C(x) = \mathbb{E}_x[\mathbb{1}_C(x) \chi_\alpha(x)] = \mathbb{E}_x[\mathbb{1}_C(x) \chi_\alpha(x)]$

$$= \frac{1}{2^n} \sum_{c \in C} \chi_\alpha(c) = \begin{cases} |C|/2^n & \text{if } \alpha \in C^\perp \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{|C|}{2^n} \mathbb{1}_{C^\perp}$$

$$S \subseteq \{0,1\}^n$$

$(W_0^S, W_1^S, \dots, W_n^S) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1}$  wt. dist

$$W_i^S = \{x \in S \mid \text{wt}(x) = i\}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n W_i^S = |S|$$

$$W_e^{C^\perp} = \sum_{\alpha: \text{wt}(\alpha) = e} \mathbb{1}_{C^\perp}(\alpha) = \frac{2^n}{|C|} \sum_{\alpha: \text{wt}(\alpha) = e} \hat{\mathbb{1}}_C(\alpha)$$

$$= \frac{2^n}{|C|} \sum_{\alpha: \text{wt}(\alpha) = e} \mathbb{E}_x \left[ \mathbb{1}_C(x) (-1)^{\langle \alpha, x \rangle} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2^n}{|C|} \mathbb{E}_x \left[ \mathbb{1}_C(x) \cdot \underbrace{\left( \sum_{\alpha: \text{wt}(\alpha) = e} (-1)^{\langle \alpha, x \rangle} \right)}_{(*)} \right]$$

$$(\star)_x = \sum_{d: \text{wt}(d)=l} (-1)^{\langle d, x \rangle} \quad (\text{depends only on } \text{wt}(x))$$

$$= \sum_{j=0}^l (-1)^j \binom{i}{j} \binom{n-i}{l-j} \quad \text{Say } \text{wt}(x)=i$$

$K_l^{(n)}(i)$  - Kravtchouk polynomial

$$K_l^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^l (-1)^j \binom{x}{j} \binom{n-x}{l-j} \quad ; \text{ deg} = l.$$

$$K_0^{(n)}(x) = 1; \quad K_1^{(n)}(x) = n - 2x \dots,$$

$$W_e^{c^t} = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_x \frac{1}{x} K_e(\text{wt}(x))$$

$$= \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{c \in C} K_e(\text{wt}(c)) = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{i=0}^n K_e(i) \cdot W_i^c$$

$$W_e^{c^t} = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{i=0}^n K_e^{(c)}(i) \cdot W_i^c$$

MacWilliams' Identities:

$$W_e^{c^t} = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{c \in C} [K_e(\text{wt}(c))] W_i^c$$

or in functional form

$$\sum_{e=0}^n W_e^{c^t} z^e = \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{i=0}^n W_i^c (1-z)^i (1+z)^{n-i}$$

LP Bounding  $A(n, d)$ :

$$\theta_{\text{Del}} = \text{Max. } \sum A_i \quad \text{subject to } \begin{cases} A_0 = 1 \\ A_i \geq 0; \quad i=1, \dots, n \\ A_i = 0; \quad i=1, \dots, d-1 \\ \sum_{l=1, \dots, n} K_l^{(c)} A_i \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$\ell=0$

Clearly  $O_{DEL} \geq |C|$  for any linear code  
 $C \subseteq \{0,1\}^n$  w/ distance  $\geq d$   
 (since  $(w_0^e, w_1^e, \dots, w_n^e)$  is  
 a primal feasible.

Non-linear codes:

$$A_i^C = \frac{\#\{(x,y) \in C^2 / \Delta(x,y)=i\}}{|C|}$$

Clearly  $A_0^C = 1$   
 $A_i^C \geq 0; \quad i=1, \dots, n$   
 $A_i^C = 0, \quad i=1, \dots, d-1$

What about  $\sum_{i=0}^n K_i(i) A_i^C \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n A_i^C \cdot K_i(i) &= \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{i=0}^n \sum_{(x,y) \in C^2} \sum_{\Delta(x,y)=i} K_i(i) \\ &= \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{i=0}^n \left( \sum_{(x,y) \in C^2: \Delta(x,y)=i} \left( \sum_{z: \text{wt}(z)=i} (-1)^{(x-y) \cdot z} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{(x,y) \in C^2} \sum_{z: \text{wt}(z)=i} (-1)^{(x-y) \cdot z} \\ &= \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{z: \text{wt}(z)=i} \left( \sum_{(x,y) \in C^2} (-1)^{\langle x,z \rangle} (-1)^{\langle y,z \rangle} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{|C|} \sum_{z: \text{wt}(z)=i} \left( \sum_{\alpha} (-1)^{\langle \alpha, z \rangle} \right)^2 \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $A(n,d) \leq O_{DEL}$

To bound  $Q_{DEL}$  - look at dual formulation

$$\beta(x) = 1 + \sum_{\ell=0}^n \beta_{\ell} K_{\ell}^{(n)}(x)$$

$$Q_{DEL} = \min \beta(0) \quad \begin{cases} \beta_{\ell} \geq 0 & \ell = 1, \dots, n \\ \beta(j) \leq 0 & j = d_1, \dots, n \end{cases}$$