

# Current progress in the Delsarte theory

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# The Delsarte Theory (1973)

- Philippe Delsarte,  
An algebraic approach to the association schemes of coding theory,  
Philips Res. Rep. Suppl. No. 10 (1973).

## Warning

- a very quick survey!!
- not at all comprehensive!!

## Story in a nutshell

- LP  $\longrightarrow$  SDP
- adjacency algebra  $\longrightarrow$  Terwilliger algebra
- single code/design  $\longrightarrow$  two (or more) codes/designs

- $\mathfrak{X} = (X, \{R_i\}_{i=0}^d)$  : a symmetric association scheme
- $A_0, \dots, A_d$  : the adjacency matrices
- $\mathfrak{A} = \langle A_0, \dots, A_d \rangle$  : the adjacency algebra (over  $\mathbb{C}$ )
- $E_0, \dots, E_d$  : the primitive idempotents of  $\mathfrak{A}$
- $P, Q$  : the first and second eigenmatrices, i.e.,

$$A_i = \sum_{j=0}^d P_{j,i} E_j, \quad E_i = \frac{1}{|X|} \sum_{j=0}^d Q_{j,i} A_j$$

- $k_i$  : the valency (or degree) of  $(X, R_i)$  ( $0 \leq i \leq d$ )
- $m_i = \text{rank } E_i = \text{trace } E_i$  ( $0 \leq i \leq d$ )

- $\mathcal{D} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$
- $C \subset X$  : a  $\mathcal{D}$ -code
  - $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} C$  : an independent set of the graph  $(X, \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{D}} R_i)$
  - $\iff (C \times C) \cap R_i = \emptyset \quad (i \in \mathcal{D})$

## Example

- $\mathfrak{X} = H(d, q)$  : the Hamming scheme
- $X = \mathbb{F}_q^d$
- $C$  :  $e$ -error correcting  $\iff C$  : a  $\{1, \dots, 2e\}$ -code

- $\chi = \chi_C \in \mathbb{R}^X$  : the (column) characteristic vector of  $C$ , i.e.,

$$\chi_x = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \in C \\ 0 & \text{if } x \notin C \end{cases} \quad (x \in X)$$

- $\chi^\top A_i \chi = |(C \times C) \cap R_i|$

- $C$  : a  $\mathcal{D}$ -code  $\iff \chi^\top A_i \chi = 0 \quad (i \in \mathcal{D})$

- $\mathcal{D} \subset \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$
- $C \subset X$  : a  $\mathcal{D}$ -design  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \chi^\top E_i \chi = 0 \quad (i \in \mathcal{D})$

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- $\mathfrak{X} = J(v, d)$  : the Johnson scheme
- $C$  : a  $t$ - $(v, d, \lambda)$  design (for some  $\lambda$ )  $\iff C$  : a  $\{1, \dots, t\}$ -design

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- $\mathfrak{X} = H(d, q)$  : the Hamming scheme
- $C$  : an orthogonal array of strength  $t$   $\iff C$  : a  $\{1, \dots, t\}$ -design

# The LP bound for $\mathcal{D}$ -codes

- $C \subset X$  : a  $\mathcal{D}$ -code
- $e_i := \frac{\chi^\top A_i \chi}{|C|}$  ( $0 \leq i \leq d$ )
- $e = (e_0, \dots, e_d)$  : the **inner distribution** of  $C$

- $e_i = 0$  ( $i \in \mathcal{D}$ )

- $e_0 = 1$


$\because A_0 = I$

# The LP bound for $\mathcal{D}$ -codes

- View the  $e_i$  as real variables !!

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- Consider the following LP problem:

$$\text{maximize } \vartheta' = \sum_{i=0}^d e_i$$


$$\text{subject to } \bullet e_0 = 1$$

$$\bullet e_i = 0 \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{D}$$

$$\bullet e_i \geq 0 \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\} \setminus \mathcal{D}$$

$$\bullet (eQ)_i \geq 0 \text{ for } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$$

$$x^T E_i x \geq 0$$


- If  $C$  is a  $\mathcal{D}$ -code, then  $|C| \leq \vartheta'$ .



# Codes in $P$ -polynomial schemes

- $\mathfrak{X} : P$ -polynomial

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \exists v_0(\xi), \dots, v_d(\xi) \in \mathbb{R}[\xi], \exists \theta_0, \dots, \theta_d \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t.}$

- $\deg v_i(\xi) = i \quad (0 \leq i \leq d)$

- $P_{j,i} = v_i(\theta_j) \quad (0 \leq i, j \leq d)$

- Suppose  $\mathfrak{X}$  is  $P$ -polynomial.

- $\delta := \min\{i \neq 0 : \chi^T A_i \chi \neq 0\}$  : the **minimum distance** of  $C$

- $s^* := |\{i \neq 0 : \chi^T E_i \chi \neq 0\}|$  : the **dual degree** of  $C$

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- $\delta \leq 2s^* + 1$

- If  $\delta \geq 2s^* - 1$ , then  $C$  is **completely regular**.

# Codes in $P$ -polynomial schemes

- Recall  $\delta \leq 2s^* + 1$ .
- $|C| \leq \frac{|X|}{k_0 + \cdots + k_{\lfloor \frac{\delta-1}{2} \rfloor}}$  : the **sphere-packing bound**  
the volume of a ball of radius  $\lfloor \frac{\delta-1}{2} \rfloor$
- $C$  : **perfect**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$  “=” holds above
- $L_j(\xi) := v_0(\xi) + \cdots + v_j(\xi)$  : the **Lloyd polynomial** of degree  $j$

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- $\delta = 2s^* + 1 \iff C : \text{perfect} \implies L_{s^*}(\xi)$  has  $s^*$  simple roots in  $\{\theta_0, \dots, \theta_d\}$ .

# Designs in $Q$ -polynomial schemes

- $\mathfrak{X} : Q$ -polynomial

$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \exists v_0^*(\xi), \dots, v_d^*(\xi) \in \mathbb{R}[\xi], \exists \theta_0^*, \dots, \theta_d^* \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t.}$

- $\deg v_i^*(\xi) = i \quad (0 \leq i \leq d)$
- $Q_{j,i} = v_i^*(\theta_j^*) \quad (0 \leq i, j \leq d)$

- Suppose  $\mathfrak{X}$  is  $Q$ -polynomial.

- $\delta^* := \min\{i \neq 0 : \chi^\top E_i \chi \neq 0\}$  : the **dual distance** of  $C$

- $s := |\{i \neq 0 : \chi^\top A_i \chi \neq 0\}|$  : the **degree** of  $C$

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- $\delta^* \leq 2s + 1$
- *If  $\delta^* \geq 2s - 1$ , then  $C$  induces a  $Q$ -polynomial scheme.*

# Designs in $Q$ -polynomial schemes

- Recall  $\delta^* \leq 2s + 1$ .
- $|C| \geq m_0 + \cdots + m_{\lfloor \frac{\delta^* - 1}{2} \rfloor}$  : the **Fisher type inequality**
- $C$  : **tight**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$  “=” holds above
- $W_j(\xi) := v_0^*(\xi) + \cdots + v_j^*(\xi)$  : the **Wilson polynomial** of degree  $j$

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- $\delta^* = 2s + 1 \iff C : \text{tight} \implies W_s(\xi)$  has  $s$  simple roots in  $\{\theta_0^*, \dots, \theta_d^*\}$ .

# Width and dual width (2003)

- Suppose  $\mathfrak{X}$  is  $P$ -polynomial.

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- $\delta \leq 2s^* + 1$
- If  $\delta \geq 2s^* - 1$ , then  $C$  is completely regular.

- $w := \max\{i : \chi^\top A_i \chi \neq 0\}$  : the **width** of  $C$

## Theorem (Brouwer–Godsil–Koolen–Martin, 2003)

- $w \geq d - s^*$
- If  $w = d - s^*$ , then  $C$  is completely regular.

$$e = (1, 0, \dots, 0, \overset{\delta}{*}, 0, \dots, 0, \overset{w}{*}, \dots, *, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$\# = s$

# Width and dual width (2003)

- Suppose  $\chi$  is  $Q$ -polynomial.

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1973)

- $\delta^* \leq 2s + 1$
- If  $\delta^* \geq 2s - 1$ , then  $C$  induces a  $Q$ -polynomial scheme.

- $w^* := \max\{i : \chi^\top E_i \chi \neq 0\}$  : the **dual width** of  $C$

## Theorem (Brouwer–Godsil–Koolen–Martin, 2003)

- $w^* \geq d - s$
- If  $w^* = d - s$ , then  $C$  induces a  $Q$ -polynomial scheme.

$$eQ = (|C|, 0, \dots, 0, \underset{\delta^*}{*}, 0, \dots, 0, \dots, \underset{w^*}{*}, 0, \dots, 0)$$

$\# = s^*$

# Width and dual width (2003)

- Suppose  $\mathfrak{X}$  is both  $P$ -polynomial &  $Q$ -polynomial.
- $w \geq d - s^*$ ,  $w^* \geq s^* \implies w + w^* \geq d$
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## Corollary (Brouwer–Godsil–Koolen–Martin, 2003)

- $w + w^* \geq d$
- *If  $w + w^* = d$ , then  $C$  is completely regular and induces a  $Q$ -polynomial scheme.*
- $C$  : a **descendent**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} w + w^* = d$

# The Erdős–Ko–Rado Theorem (1961)

## Theorem (Erdős–Ko–Rado, 1961; Wilson, 1984)

- $v, d, t \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $v > (t + 1)(d - t + 1)$
- $[v] := \{1, 2, \dots, v\}$
- $C \subset \binom{[v]}{d} : t\text{-intersecting, i.e., } |x \cap y| \geq t \ (x, y \in C)$
- Then  $|C| \leq \binom{v-t}{d-t}$ .  $\leftarrow$  true when  $v \geq (t + 1)(d - t + 1)$
- “=”  $\iff \exists z \in \binom{[v]}{t}$  s.t.  $C = \left\{ x \in \binom{[v]}{d} : z \subset x \right\} \cong J(v-t, d-t)$

“the” descendents in  $J(v, d)$  

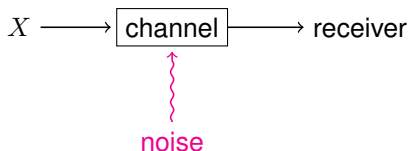
## Remark

- Delsarte’s LP + BGKM led to the EKR theorems for:
  - Grassmann schemes (T., 2006);
  - bilinear forms schemes (T., 2006);
  - twisted Grassmann schemes (T., 2012).



# Shannon's zero error capacity (1956)

- $X$  : a finite set = a set of **letters**



- Define the graph  $G = (X, R)$  as follows:

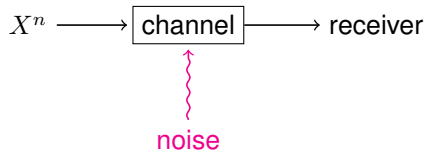
$$x \sim y \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} x, y \text{ can be "confused"} \quad (x, y \in X)$$

- Find the independence number  $\alpha(G)$  of  $G$  !!

a good upper bound on

# Shannon's zero error capacity (1956)

- Send **words** of length  $n$ :



- $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n), \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  can be sent without confusion  
 $\iff$   $x_i \not\sim y_i$  for **some**  $i$

non-adjacency in the strong product  $G \boxtimes \dots \boxtimes G = G^{\boxtimes n}$

- $c(G) := \sup_n \sqrt[n]{\alpha(G^{\boxtimes n})}$  : the **Shannon capacity** of  $G$

# Lovász's $\vartheta$ -function bound for $c(G)$ (1979)

- Recall  $c(G) = \sup_n \sqrt[n]{\alpha(G^{\boxtimes n})}$ .

## Theorem (Lovász, 1979)

- Consider the following SDP problem:

maximize  $\vartheta = \text{trace } MJ$   *all-ones matrix*

subject to

- $\text{trace } M = 1$
- $M_{x,y} = 0$  if  $x \sim y$
- $M$ : positive semidefinite

- Then  $c(G) \leq \vartheta$ .

## Remark

- $\vartheta = \vartheta(G)$  satisfies  $\alpha(G) \leq \vartheta(G)$  and  $\vartheta(G^{\boxtimes n}) = \vartheta(G)^n$ .

# Lovász's $\vartheta$ -function bound for $c(G)$ (1979)

## Lemma (Schrijver, 1979)

- Consider the following SDP problem:

maximize  $\vartheta' = \text{trace } MJ$

subject to

- $\text{trace } M = 1$
- $M_{x,y} = 0$  if  $x \sim y$
- $M$  : positive semidefinite  
& non-negative

- Then  $\alpha(G) \leq \vartheta' (\leq \vartheta)$ .

## Theorem (Schrijver, 1979)

- If  $G = (X, \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{D}} R_i)$ , then  $\vartheta'$  coincides with Delsarte's LP bound for  $\mathcal{D}$ -codes.

idea: project  $M$  to  $\mathfrak{A}$  !!

# The Terwilliger algebra (1992)

- We will consider the hypercube  $H(d, 2)$  as an illustrative example!!
- $X = \mathbb{F}_2^d =$  the power set of  $[d] := \{1, 2, \dots, d\}$
- $E_0^*, \dots, E_d^*$  : the **dual idempotents** of  $H(d, 2)$ , i.e.,

$$(E_i^*)_{x,y} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x = y \in \binom{[d]}{i} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (x, y \in X)$$

- $\mathfrak{T} = \langle E_i^* A_j E_h^* : 0 \leq i, j, h \leq d \rangle$  : the **Terwilliger algebra**

## Remark

- $E_i^* \mathfrak{T} E_i^* =$  the adjacency algebra of  $J(d, i)$  ( $0 \leq i \leq d$ )

- Recall Schrijver's problem for  $G = (X, \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{D}} R_i)$ :

maximize  $\vartheta' = \text{trace } MJ$

- subject to
- $M \in \mathfrak{A}$
  - $\text{trace } M = 1$
  - $M_{x,y} = 0$  if  $x \sim y$
  - $M$ : positive semidefinite  
& non-negative

# Schrijver's SDP bound for $\mathcal{D}$ -codes (2005)

- Schrijver (2005) strengthened the problem as follows:

maximize  $\vartheta'_+ = \text{trace } MJ$

- subject to
- $M = M_1 + M_2, M_1, M_2 \in \mathfrak{T}$
  - $\text{trace } M = 1$
  - $M_{x,y} = 0$  if  $x \sim y$
  - $M_1, M_2$ : positive semidefinite  
& non-negative  
& extra conditions

## Theorem (Schrijver, 2005)

- If  $C$  is a  $\mathcal{D}$ -code, then  $|C| \leq \vartheta'_+(\leq \vartheta')$ .

## Remark

- The bound  $\vartheta'_+$  was formulated for some other cases:
  - $J(v, d)$  (Schrijver, 2005);
  - $H(d, q)$  (Gijswijt–Schrijver–T., 2006);
  - $\overline{H(d, 2)}$  (Hou–Hou–Gao–Yu, 2018+).



# The primary $\mathfrak{T}$ -module

- $\chi_i = \chi_{\binom{[d]}{i}}$  : the characteristic vector of  $\binom{[d]}{i}$  ( $0 \leq i \leq d$ )
- $\langle \chi_0, \dots, \chi_d \rangle$  : the **primary**  $\mathfrak{T}$ -module

# Relative $t$ -designs (1977)

- $C$  : a  **$t$ -design**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} C$  : a  $\{1, \dots, t\}$ -design  
 $\iff \chi^\top E_i \chi = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq t)$   
 $\iff E_i \chi = 0 \quad (1 \leq i \leq t)$
- $C$  : a **relative  $t$ -design**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} E_i \chi \in \langle E_i \chi_0 \rangle \quad (1 \leq i \leq t)$   
 $\hookrightarrow \langle \chi_0, \dots, \chi_d \rangle$

## Theorem (Delsarte, 1977)

- $C$  : a **relative  $t$ -design**  $\iff C$  : a **regular  $t$ -wise balanced design**

## Remark

- Relative  $t$ -designs have been actively studied:  
B.-B., 2012; B.-B.-B., 2014; Li-B.-B., 2014; B.-B.-Suda-T., 2015;  
B.-B.-Zhu, 2015; Yue-Hou-Gao, 2015; Zhu-B.-B., 2016; B.-B.-Zhu, 2017;

# Relative $t$ -designs (1977)

- Suppose  $C$  is a relative  $2\varepsilon$ -design.
- $S := \left\{ i : C \cap \binom{[d]}{i} \neq \emptyset \right\}$

heavily uses  $\mathfrak{I}$



**Theorem (Xiang, 2012; Bannai–Bannai–Suda–T., 2015)**

- If  $S \subset \{\varepsilon, \dots, d - \varepsilon\}$ , then  $|C| \geq m_\varepsilon + m_{\varepsilon-1} + \dots + m_{\varepsilon-|S|+1}$ .
- $C$  : **tight**  $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$  “=” holds above

# Relative $t$ -designs (1977)

- Recall  $S = \{i : C \cap \binom{[d]}{i} \neq \emptyset\}$ .

## Theorem (Bannai–Bannai–T.–Zhu, 2018+)

- Suppose  $S = \{i, j\}$ , where  $\varepsilon \leq i < j \leq d - \varepsilon$ .
- If  $C$  is tight, i.e.,  $|C| = m_\varepsilon + m_{\varepsilon-1}$ , then  $C$  induces a **coherent configuration** with two fibers, and the **Hahn polynomial**

$$Q_\varepsilon(\xi) = {}_3F_2\left(\begin{matrix} -\xi, -\varepsilon, \varepsilon - d - 1 \\ j - d, -i \end{matrix} \middle| 1\right) \in \mathbb{R}[\xi]$$

has  $\varepsilon$  simple roots in  $\{0, 1, \dots, \min\{i, d - j\}\}$ .

# The cross-intersecting EKR theorem (1986)

## Theorem (Pyber, 1986; Matsumoto–Tokushige, 1989)

- $d > 2i, 2j$
- $C \subset \binom{[d]}{i}, D \subset \binom{[d]}{j}$  : **cross-intersecting**, i.e.,  $x \cap y \neq \emptyset$  ( $x \in C, y \in D$ )
- **Then**  $|C||D| \leq \binom{d-1}{i-1} \binom{d-1}{j-1}$ .  $\leftarrow$  true when  $d \geq 2i, 2j$
- “=”  $\iff \exists \ell \in [n]$  s.t.  $C = \{x \in \binom{[d]}{i} : \ell \in x\}, D = \{y \in \binom{[d]}{j} : \ell \in y\}$

# The cross-intersecting EKR theorem (1986)

## Remark

- $\exists$ SDP-based proof  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1}$  [Suda–T., 2014]:

maximize  $\vartheta' = \text{trace } M_{i,j} J$   $\leftarrow \binom{d}{j} \times \binom{d}{i}$  all-ones matrix

subject to •  $M = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} M_{i,i} & M_{i,j} \\ \hline M_{j,i} & M_{j,j} \end{array} \right] \in (E_i^* + E_j^*) \mathfrak{T} (E_i^* + E_j^*)$

- $\text{trace } M_{i,i} = \text{trace } M_{j,j} = 1$
- $(M_{i,j})_{x,y} = 0$  if  $x \cap y = \emptyset$
- $M$ : positive semidefinite & non-negative

- This method was explored further (Suda–T.–Tokushige, 2017).

# Shannon capacity for two channels

- $G = (X, R)$  : a finite simple graph
- $X = X_+ \sqcup X_-$
- $\ddot{\alpha}(G) := \max \left\{ \sqrt{|C_+||C_-|} : C_{\pm} \subset X_{\pm}, C_+ \cup C_- \text{ is independent} \right\}$

## Lemma (Iwabuchi–T., 2018+)

- Consider the following SDP problem:

maximize  $\ddot{\vartheta} = \text{trace } M_{+-} J$   $|X_-| \times |X_+|$  all-ones matrix

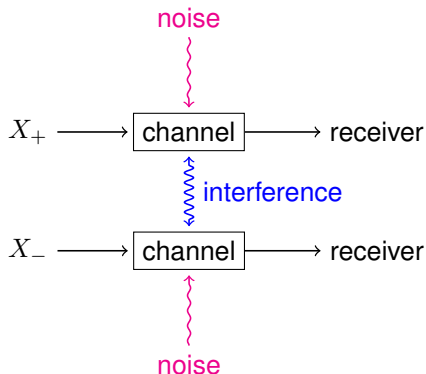
subject to •  $M = \begin{bmatrix} M_{+-} & | & M_{+-} \\ \hline M_{-+} & | & M_{--} \end{bmatrix}$

- $\text{trace } M_{++} = \text{trace } M_{--} = 1$
- $M_{x,y} = 0$  if  $x \sim y$
- $M$  : positive semidefinite

- Then  $\ddot{\alpha}(G) \leq \ddot{\vartheta}$ .

# Shannon capacity for two channels

- $X_+, X_-$  : two sets of letters

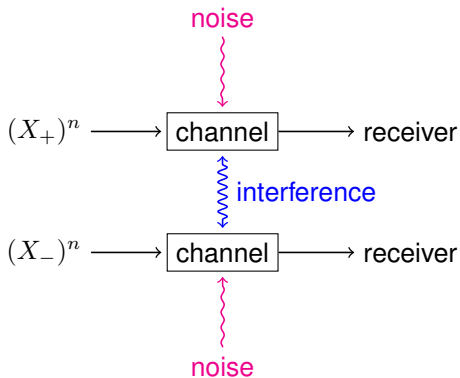


- $\ddot{\alpha}(G) \longleftrightarrow$  the average rate of the two channels



# Shannon capacity for two channels

- Send two sets of words of length  $n$ :



# Shannon capacity for two channels

- Define the graph  $G^{\boxtimes n}$  with vertex set  $(X_+)^n \sqcup (X_-)^n$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \not\sim \mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} \begin{cases} x_i \not\sim y_i \text{ for some } i & \text{if } \text{sgn } \mathbf{x} = \text{sgn } \mathbf{y} \\ x_i \not\sim y_i \text{ for all } i & \text{if } \text{sgn } \mathbf{x} \neq \text{sgn } \mathbf{y} \end{cases}$$

sgn = +      sgn = -

## Lemma (Iwabuchi–T., 2018+)

- $\vartheta = \vartheta(G)$  satisfies  $\vartheta(G^{\boxtimes n}) = \vartheta(G)^n$ .

- $\check{c}(G) := \sup_n \sqrt[n]{\check{\alpha}(G^{\boxtimes n})}$

## Theorem (Iwabuchi–T., 2018+)

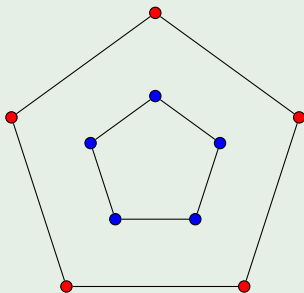
- $\check{c}(G) \leq \vartheta(G)$

# Shannon capacity for two channels

## Theorem (Lovász, 1979)

- $c(C_5) = \vartheta(C_5) = \sqrt{5}$

## Example



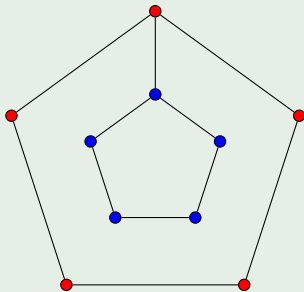
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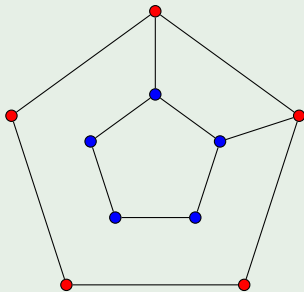
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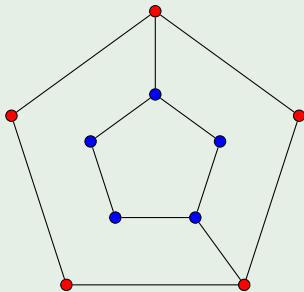
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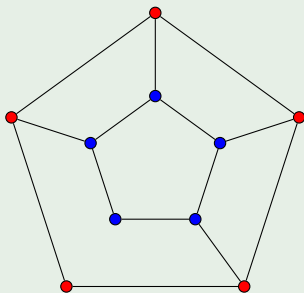
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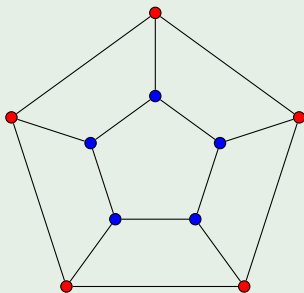
$$2 \leq \ddot{c}(G) \leq \ddot{\vartheta}(G) = \sqrt{5}$$

# Shannon capacity for two channels

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- $c(C_5) = \vartheta(C_5) = \sqrt{5}$

## Example



$$2 \leq \ddot{c}(G) \leq \ddot{\vartheta}(G) = \sqrt{5}$$

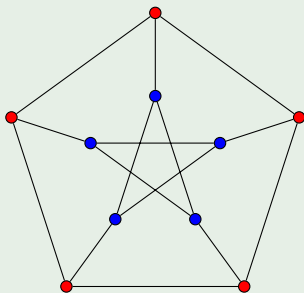


# Shannon capacity for two channels

## Theorem (Lovász, 1979)

- $c(C_5) = \vartheta(C_5) = \sqrt{5}$

## Example



$$\ddot{c}(G) = \ddot{\vartheta}(G) = 2$$