

# MATRIX RIGIDITY

## OVERVIEW OF PART I

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# TOOLS USED IN PART I

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$\Pr_{\text{Random obj}} [\text{obj is GOOD}] \Rightarrow \exists \text{ exists a GOOD obj.}$

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*Alg is often as good as randomness,*

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  - Polynomial Method
1.  $N$  objects  $\Rightarrow$   
 $N$  polys.
  2. These polys are  
lin. ind.
  3. Dim of span  
of these polys is  
small  $\Rightarrow$   
 $N$  is small

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To upper bound  $K$   
edges it often  
suffices to say graph  
doesn't contain  
small cliques

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- Hölder's Inequality

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{From } L_p \text{ to } L_q \\ \sum x_i^p \leq \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sum x_i^q \leq \dots \end{array}$$

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$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$$

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$$\text{signrk}(A) = \min_B \text{rk}(B)$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{rk}(A) = n - 1$$

$$\text{signrk}(A) = 2$$

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## Theorem (Paturi, Simon)

*Unbounded-error communication complexity of a problem is  $\log(\text{signrk}(A))$  of its communication matrix  $A$ .*

$CC(f)$  Alice & Bob *private randomness*  
compute  $f(x, y)$  w.p.  $> \frac{1}{2}$  (say,  $\frac{1}{2} + 2^{-n}$ )

# ZERO-PATTERNS

$n$  polys of  $t$  vars

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$n=2$   $t=1$   
 $p_1 = x - 3$   
 $p_2 = x^2 + 9$

Ex.  $\sigma_1 = (0, 1)$  is a zero-pattern  
 $x=3 \Rightarrow p_1=0$   
 $p_2 \neq 0$   $(0, 1)$  - zero-pattern

Ex.  $\sigma_2 = (1, 0)$  is a z. patt?  $\bullet$   
No, it's not.

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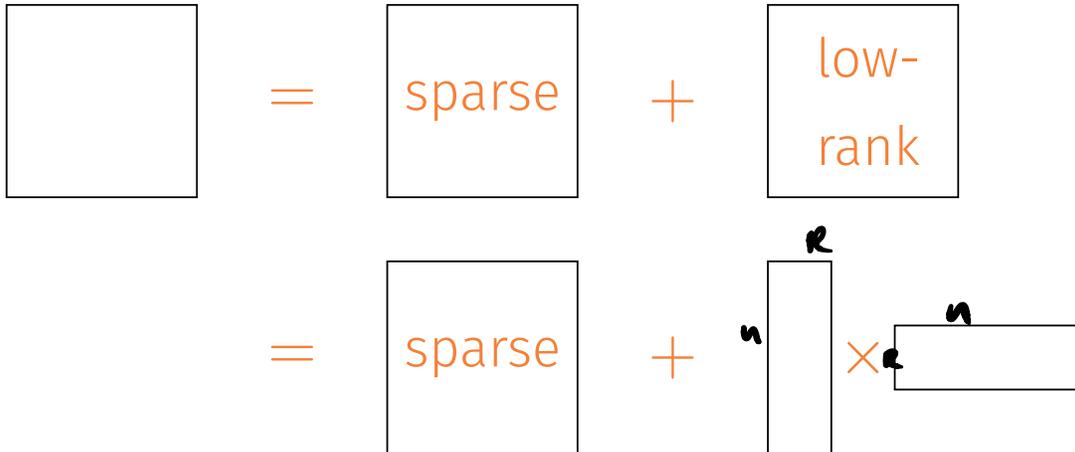
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$$\begin{aligned} \boxed{\text{square with dot}} &= \boxed{\text{sparse}} + \boxed{\text{low-rank}} \\ &= \boxed{\text{sparse with dot}} + \boxed{\text{vertical bar}} \times \boxed{\text{horizontal bar with dot}} \end{aligned}$$

- Each (out of  $n^2$ ) entries on the **left** is a degree-2 polynomial of the entries on the **right**

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- Therefore, a random  $\{0, 1\}$ -matrix is rigid

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$G \in \{+1, -1\}^n$  is sign-pattern if  $\exists x$

$$\begin{aligned} p_i(x) > 0 & \text{ if } G_i = +1 \\ p_i(x) < 0 & \text{ if } G_i = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} G_2 &= (+1, -1) \\ &\text{is not a sign pattern} \\ x^2 - 1 < 0 &\Rightarrow |x| < 1 \\ p_1 = x - 3 < 0 \end{aligned}$$

Ex.

$$\begin{aligned} p_1 &= x - 3 \\ p_2 &= x^2 - 1 \\ G_1 &= (+1, +1) \text{ is a sign p.} \\ x = 10 &\Rightarrow p_1 > 0 \quad p_2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

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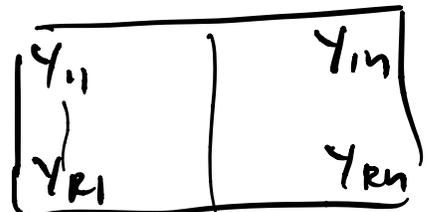
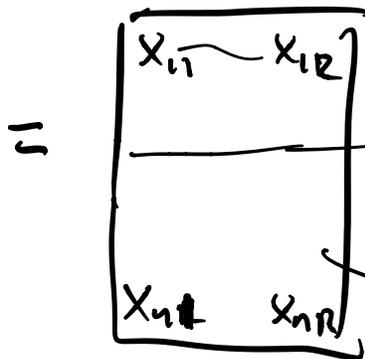
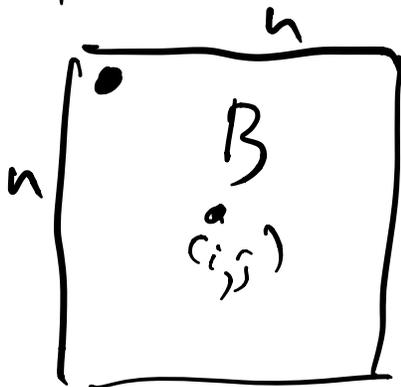
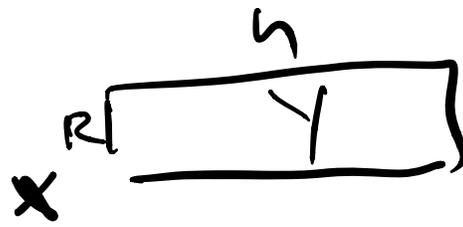
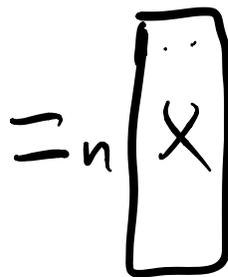
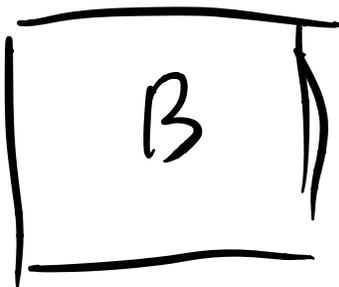
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Pf.  $A \in \{\pm 1\}^{n \times n}$

$\text{sign} \text{rank}(A) \leq R$

$\exists B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \quad \text{sign}(b_{ij}) = a_{ij}$

$\text{rk}(B) \leq R$



These are vars.

$2nR$

$n^2$  polys,  
each poly is of deg 2.

IF  $\text{signrk}(A) \leq R$

$\exists x_1, \dots, x_{nR}, y_1, \dots, y_{nR}$

s.t.  $\text{rk}(B) \leq R$

fixed set of  $n^2$  polys.

$\binom{n^2}{\# \text{vars}}$  diff  $\{\pm 1\}^{n \times n}$  matrices

#  $A$ s of low  $\text{signrk}$   
 $\leq \binom{n^2}{\# \text{vars}} = \binom{n^2}{2nR}$

$$R = \epsilon n$$

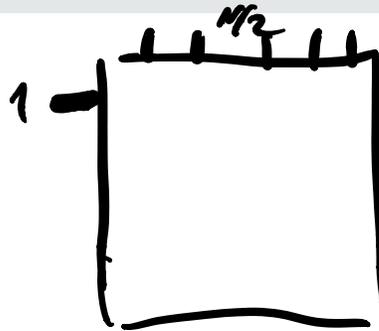
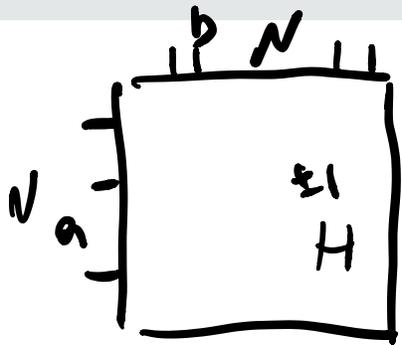
$$= \binom{n^2}{2\epsilon n^2} \leq 2^{n^2 H(2\epsilon)}$$

$$= 2^{n^2 \cdot \delta} \ll 2^{n^2} \quad \# \text{ of matrices}$$

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Expl. because has some prop of random matrix

$$ab \geq 10000N \quad \sqrt{abN} = 10000$$



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- The rank of this matrix is large, which implies rigidity of Hadamard

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$$N = 2^n$$

$$\text{signrk} \geq \sqrt{N} = 2^{n/2}$$

$$CC = \log(\text{signrk}) = n/2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{signrk}(H) &\geq \frac{N}{\|H\|_2} = \\ &= \frac{N}{\lambda_1(H)} = \sqrt{N} \end{aligned}$$

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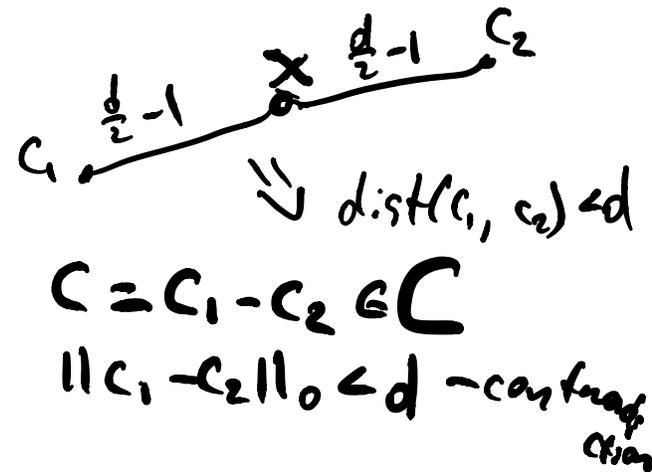
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## Proposition

For any finite field  $\mathbb{F}$ , there exists an explicit family of linear error correcting codes over  $\mathbb{F}$  of dimension  $k = n/4$  and minimum distance  $d = \delta n$  for a constant  $\delta > 0$ .

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(Amazon market size estimation)







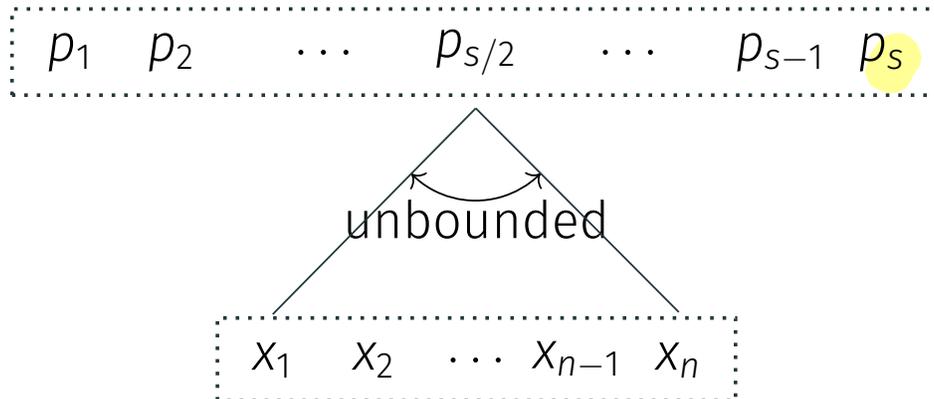




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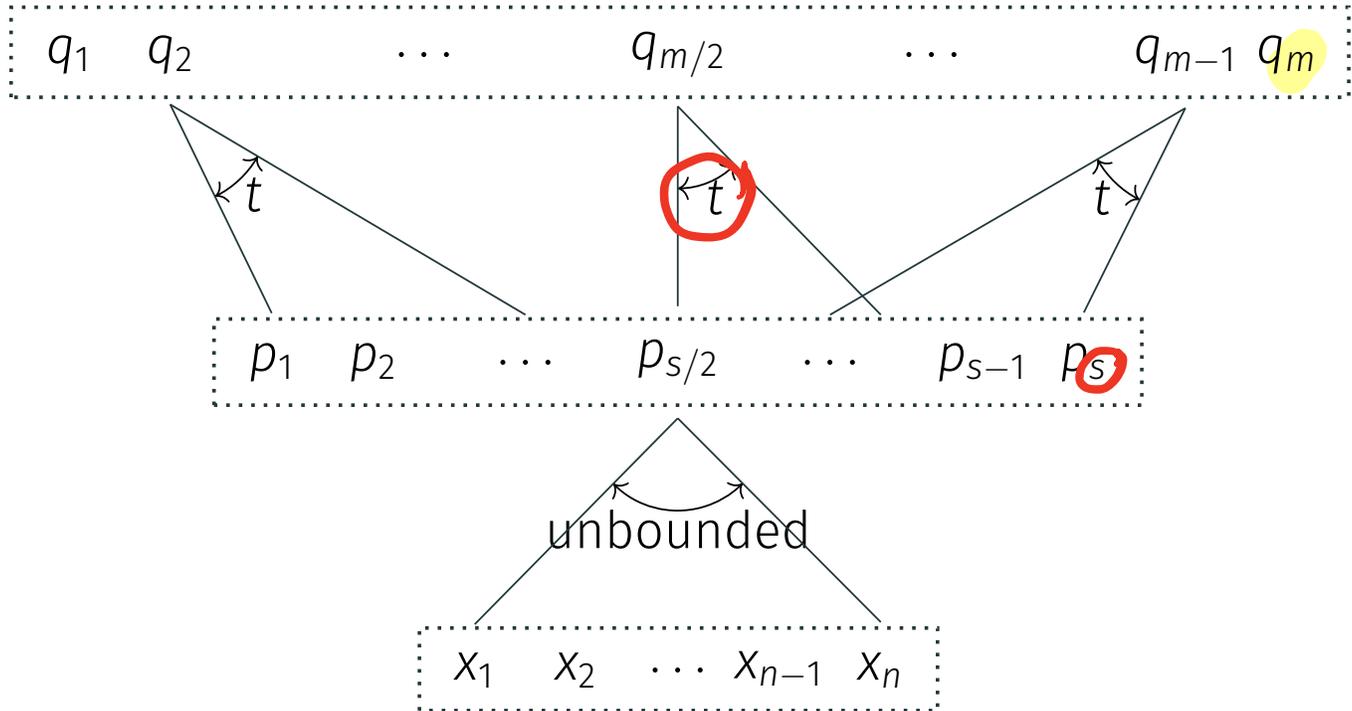
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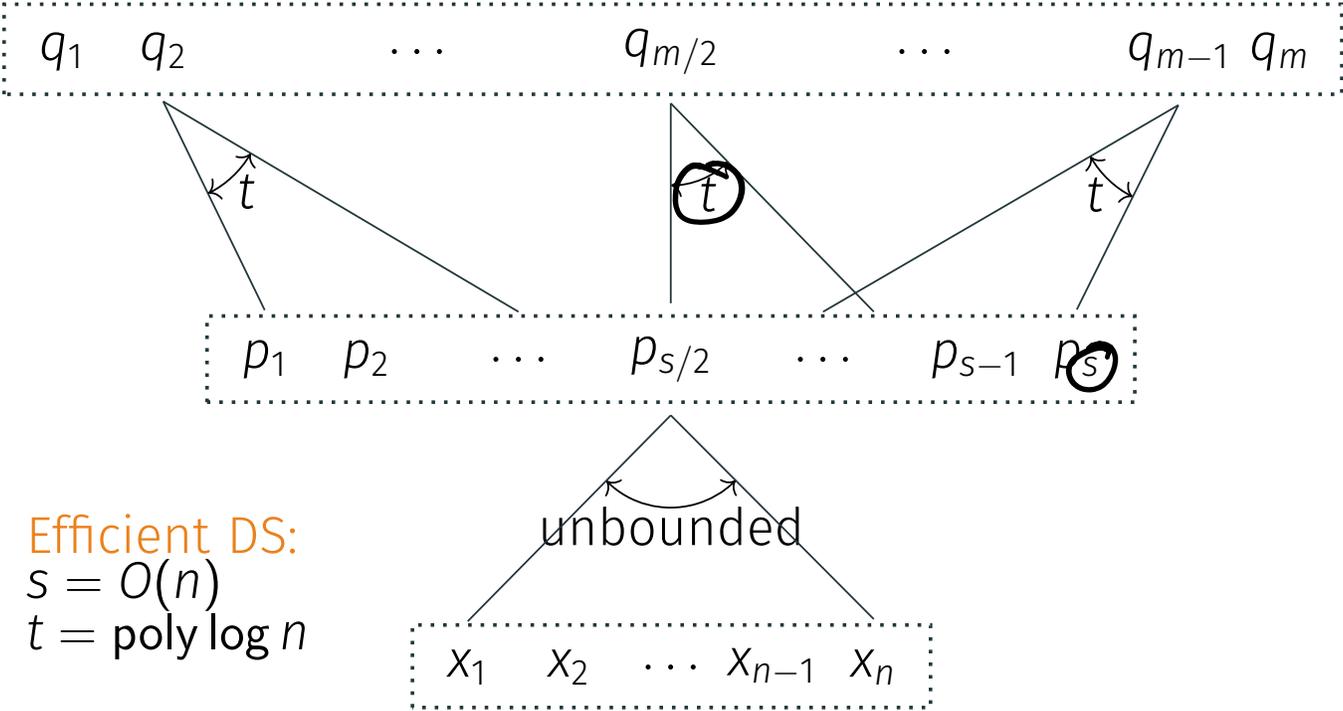


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$$m = \text{poly}(n) = n^{100}$$



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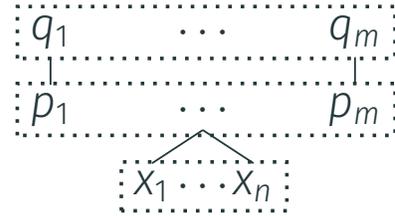


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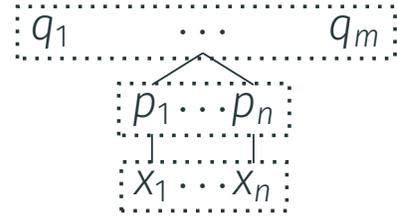
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- $s = n^{1+\varepsilon} \implies t \geq \Omega(1)$

# DS LOWER BOUND. PROOF

## Theorem

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code maps

$$\mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^m$$

$$x = x_1 \dots x_n \in \mathbb{F}$$

DS problem:

$$x \rightarrow C(x)$$



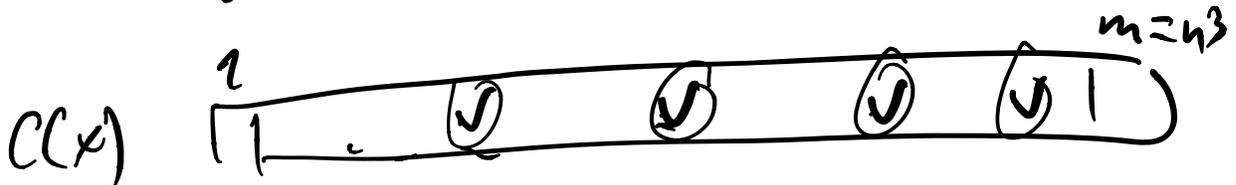
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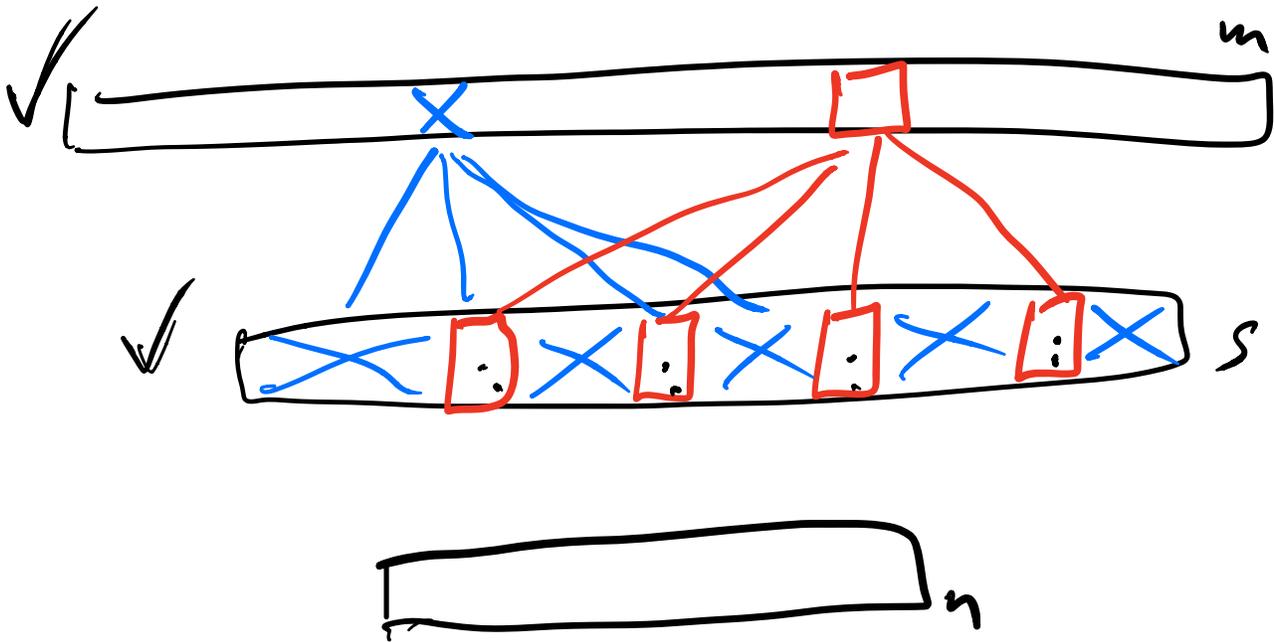
$$m = n^3$$

Good code: given  $10n$  outputs (out of  $m$ ), I can find decode  $x$ .

$$x \in \mathbb{F}^n \Rightarrow C(x) \in \mathbb{F}^m$$



$10n$  values



Compute  $10n$  outputs  $\Rightarrow$  compute input

Cell sampling (w. prob.  $p$ )

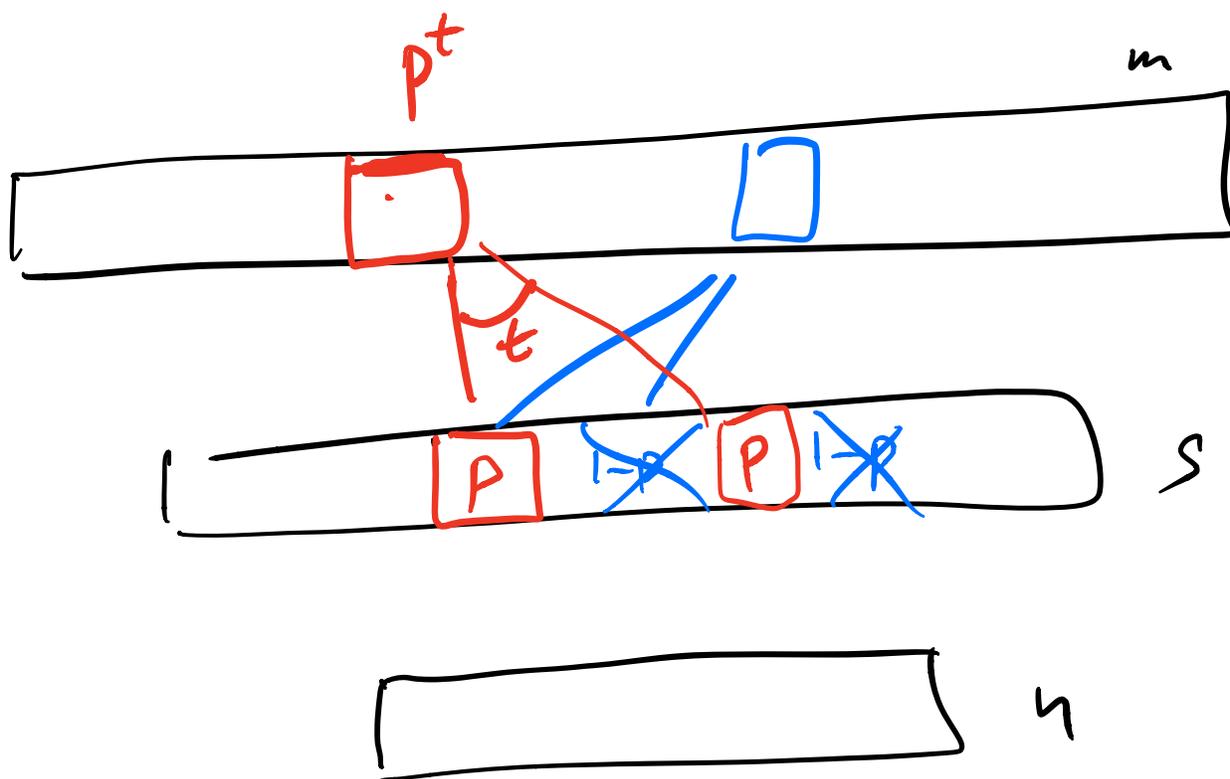
Plan: delete data

# memory cells  $< n$

# outputs  $> 10n$

$10n$  outputs  $\Rightarrow$  compute input

$< n$  memory cells encode input



$$p \cdot s < n \quad p < \frac{n}{s}$$

$m \cdot p^t$  outputs

$$m \cdot \left(\frac{n}{s}\right)^t \geq 10n \text{ outputs}$$

$$\left(\frac{n}{s}\right)^t \geq \frac{10n}{m}$$

$$t \leq \frac{\log\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)}{\log\left(\frac{s}{n}\right)}$$

If  $t < \frac{\log(\frac{m}{n})}{\log(\frac{s}{n})}$ , then

there exist  $n-1$  memory cells

from which I always  
compute  $\geq 10n$  outputs.

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From the code property  $\Rightarrow$

From any  $10n$  outputs I  
can recover all  $n$  cells of  
input

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Contradiction:  $n-1$  cells  
encode  $n$  cells.

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Thus,  $t \geq \frac{\log(\frac{m}{n})}{\log(\frac{s}{n})}$