Optimal Index Codes with Near-Extreme Rates

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Questions: How can *S* satisfy all the demands in a minimum number of transmissions?





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Motivation

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Index Coding and Network Coding

- Index coding proposed by Birk and Kol (1998)
- ICSI is a special case of non-multicast network coding
- ICSI and NC are equivalent (El Rouayheb, Sprintson, Georghiades, 2008; Effros, El Rouayheb, Langberg, 2012)

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- Bar-Yossef *et al.* (2006); Berliner and Langberg (2011): polynomial time computation of minranks for some families of graphs

Other works

- Alon et al.(2008)
- Lubetzky, Stav (2009)
- Dau, Skachek, Chee (2011)
- Haviv, Langberg (2012)
- Ong, Lim, Ho (2012)
- Brahma, Fragouli (2012)
- Tehrani, Dimakis (2012)
- Neely, Tehrani, Zhang (2012)
- Shum, Dai, Sung (2012)
- Maleki, Cadambe, Jafar (2012)
- Arbabjolfaei, Bandemer, Kim, Sasoglu (2013)
- Shanmugam, Dimakis, Caire (2013)

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Digraphs of minranks two

 $minrk_2(\mathcal{D}) = 2$ iff \mathcal{D} is not complete and $\overline{\mathcal{D}}$ is fairly 3-colorable





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Deciding whether $minrk_2(D) = 2$ is an NP-complete problem





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Suppose G is a connected graph of order $n \ge 6$. Then $\operatorname{minrk}_q(G) = n - 2$ iff G has a maximum matching of size two and does not contain a subgraph isomorphic to the graph depicted below



The forbidden subgraph F

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Let \mathcal{G} be a connected graph of order $n \geq 2$. Then $minrk_q(\mathcal{G}) = n - 1$ if and only if \mathcal{G} is a star graph.



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Determine the hardness of the problem of deciding whether $minrk_q(D) = 2$ for q > 2?

Characterize families of graphs of order *n* with minrank n - k, for a constant k > 2