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## Stopping sets of codes from complete bipartite graph

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**Abstract.** Let  $C$  be a code with parity-check matrix  $H$ . A stopping set  $S$  of size  $l \leq n$  for  $H$  is an  $l$ -columns submatrix of  $H_s$  of  $H$  which does not contain a row with weight one. In this paper, we consider the code which parity-check is incidence matrix of complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$ . These codes are LDPC codes and we obtain the stopping sets for these codes.

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### 1 Introduction

Through this paper, we consider  $\mathbb{F}_2$  as a field of order 2. A linear code of length  $n$  and rank  $k$ , is a linear subspace  $C$  with dimension  $k$  of the vector space  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ . The weight of a codeword is the number of its components that are nonzero and the distance between two codewords is the Hamming distance between them, that is, the number of components in which they are different. The Hamming distance  $d$  of the linear code is the minimum weight of its nonzero codewords, or equivalently, the minimum distance between distinct codewords. A linear binary code of length  $n$ , dimension  $k$ , and distance  $d$  is called an  $[n, k, d]$ -code. A generator matrix for a  $[n, k, d]$ -code  $C$  is any  $k \times n$  matrix  $G$  with entries in  $\mathbb{F}_2$  such that the rows of  $G$  form a basis for  $C$ . If  $G$  is a generator matrix for  $C$ , then  $C = \{xG \mid x \in \mathbb{F}_2^k\}$ . A parity-check matrix for  $C$  is an

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$(n - k) \times n$  matrix  $H$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  such that  $C = \{c \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : Hc^T = \mathbf{0}\}$ .

The dual code of  $C$  is  $C^\perp := \{y \in \mathbb{F}_2^n : x \cdot y = 0, \forall x \in C\}$ , where if  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are in  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ , then  $x \cdot y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \in \mathbb{F}_2$ . If  $C$  is a linear code with generator matrix  $G$  and parity-check matrix  $H$ , then  $C^\perp$  is an  $[n, n - k, d^\perp]$ -code with generator matrix  $H$  and parity-check matrix  $G$ .

Sphere of radius  $r$  around a vector  $u$ , denoted by  $S_r(u)$  as  $S_r(u) = \{v \in V | d(u, v) \leq r\}$ . In the expression above  $S_r(u)$  is the set of all vectors in the space whose distance from  $u$  is less than or equal to  $r$ , the usual definition of a sphere. The covering radius  $Cr(C)$  of a linear code  $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_2^n$  is the minimum positive integer  $r$  such that the union of the spheres of radius  $r$  about the codewords in  $C$  covers the whole space  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ .

Low-density parity check (LDPC) codes are a class of linear block codes that allow communication close to channel capacity and are decoded iteratively. LDPC codes are among the most powerful codes currently available. The sparse structure of their parity-check matrix potentially leads to excellent distance properties and enables suby optimum iterative decoding with a complexity that grows only linearly with the block length. LDPC codes, along with an iterative decoding algorithm, were introduced by Robert Gallager already in the early 1960s [4]. The method was then more or less ignored during more than 30 years. This changed only in the mid-1990s, after the advent of turbo codes, when researchers rediscovered the advantages of codes with sparse (low-density) check matrices and became interested in codes on graphs and iterative decoding. An LDPC code is, essentially, a linear block code for which there is a very sparse parity-check matrix  $H$ . Here, very sparse means more specifically that the weight of each row and of each column is much smaller than the matrix dimensions. The sparse check matrix  $H$  is called a low-density parity check matrix. The density of  $H$  is defined as the number of nonzero elements  $H$  divided by the total number of elements.

Let  $G = (V, E)$  be a simple graph. A subgraph of  $G$  is a graph  $(V', E')$ , where  $V' \subset V$  and  $E' \subset E$ . A subgraph  $H$  of  $G$  is a proper subgraph of  $G$  if  $H \neq G$ . Two vertices are called adjacent if there is an edge between them. The degree of a vertex  $v$ , is the number of edges with endpoint  $v$ . Suppose that  $V'$  is a nonempty subset of  $V$ . The subgraph of  $G$  whose vertex set is  $V'$  and whose edge set is the set of those edges of  $G$  that have both ends in  $V'$  is called the subgraph of  $G$  induced by  $V'$  and is denoted by  $G[V']$ , we say that  $G[V']$  is an induced subgraph of  $G$ .

Let  $V(G) = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  and  $E(G) = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_m\}$ . Then (vertex-edge) incidence matrix of  $G$  is the  $n \times m$  matrix defined as follows. The rows and the columns are indexed by  $V(G)$  and  $E(G)$ , respectively. The  $(i, j)$ -entry of incidence matrix is 0 if vertex  $v_i$  and edge  $e_j$  are not incident, and otherwise it is 1. A complete graph on  $m$  vertices, denoted by  $K_m$ , is the simple graph that contains exactly one edge between each pair of distinct vertices. A bipartite graph  $G$  is a graph whose vertex set  $V(G)$  can be partitioned into  $V = A \cup B$  such that every edge of  $G$  is of the form  $(a, b)$ , where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ . The girth of a graph is defined as the length of the smallest cycle in the graph.

A convenient way to describe an LDPC code is in terms of its factor graph. This graph is also known as Tanner graph(TG). There are many different Tanner graphs for a code, each one

corresponding in a one-to-one fashion to a check matrix  $H$  for code. This is a natural bipartite graph defined as follows. On the left side of the graph there are  $n$  vertices, called *variable nodes*, one for each codeword position. On the right side of the graph there are  $n - k$  vertices, called *check nodes*, one for each parity check (row of the parity check matrix). Each codeword bit corresponds to a variable node, labeled  $x_i$ , and each parity bit corresponds to a check node, labeled  $c_j$ . Each entry  $h_{ij}$  of 1 in the parity check matrix  $H$  corresponds directly to an edge (or connection) between variable node  $i$  and check node  $j$  in its graphical representation [7].

Let  $C$  be a  $[n, k, d]$ -code and  $H$  be a parity-check matrix of  $C$ . A *stopping set*  $S$  of size  $l \leq n$  for  $H$  is an  $l$ -columns submatrix of  $H$  dose not contain a weight one row.

In other word iterative edge-removal (ER) decoders for signalling over the Binary Erasure Channel (BEC) fail on stopping sets. Stopping sets are collections of variable and check nodes in the Tanner graph of an LDPC code which greatly reduce its error correcting ability. These sets cause decoding to fail when certain variable nodes are affected by errors after transmission. Stopping sets were first described in 2002 by Di et al [2], researching the average erasure probabilities of bits and blocks over the BEC. Also in [9], Velasquez et al. studied the complexity of finding the minimum stopping sets.

The size of the smallest nonempty stopping sets from a parity-check matrix of  $H$ , denoted  $s(H)$ , is called the *stopping distance* of  $H$ , i.e.,

$$s(H) = \min\{l \geq 1 : S_l > 0\}.$$

Although the minimum distance  $d(C)$  is a fixed paramater, the stopping distance depends on the chosen parity-check matrix  $H$  for  $C$ . It is easy to verify that  $s(H) \leq d(C)$ .

The polynomials  $S(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n S_i x^i$ , where  $S_i$  is the number of stopping sets of size  $i$ , is called the *stopping set enumerator* of a parity-check matrix  $H$ . For any parity-check matrix  $H$  of a binary linear  $[n, k, d]$ -block code  $C$ , it holds that the stopping set enumerator satisfies:

$$S_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for } i = 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq s - 1 \\ \binom{n}{i} & \text{for } n - d^\perp + 2 \leq i \leq n \end{cases} . \tag{1}$$

The second property follows from the definition of  $s(H)$ , and the third property follows from the fact that:

$$wt(j) \leq n - i + 1 \leq n - (n - d^\perp + 2) + 1 = d^\perp - 1.$$

**Example 1.1.** Suppose that  $C$  be a  $[4,3,3]$ -binary code and

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

then the columns  $S = \{2,4,5,6\}$  are a stopping set of  $H$  as the parity-check of  $C$ . Here the parity-check equation are

$$v_1 + v_4 + v_5 = 0,$$

$$v_1 + v_2 + v_6 = 0,$$

$$v_2 + v_3 + v_5 = 0,$$

$$v_3 + v_4 + v_6 = 0.$$

The Tanner graph for  $C$  with the stopping set high lighted is shown in Figure 1.

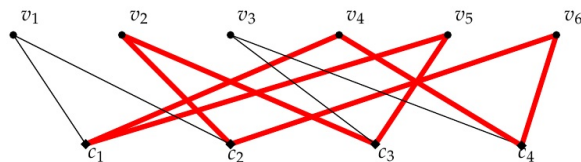


Figure 1.

Let  $G$  be a graph with  $H$  as a incidence matrix of  $G$ . Consider the code  $C = C(G)$ , where  $H$  is a parity-check matrix of  $C$ . These codes introduced and investigate by Dankelman et al. in [1]. They prove that the code  $C(G)$  is a  $[m, m - n + 1, girth(G)]$  binary linear code. These codes are LDPC code. When  $G = K_m$ , Esmaeili and Zaghian, found some properties of this code [3]. Also Nazari and Maimani [5] found the stopping set of this family of codes. Here we consider  $K_{m,n}$ , and find stopping sets of codes arising from  $G$ .

## 2 The binary code $C_{m,n}$ and $C_{m,n}^\perp$

Suppose that  $m \leq n$ . Let  $G = K_{m,n}$  and  $H_{m,n}$  be the incidence matrix of graph  $G$ . Suppose that  $C_{m,n}$  be a code with  $H_{m,n}$  as the parity-check matrix.  $C_{m,n}$  is a  $[mn, mn - (m + n) + 1, 4]$  binary code and  $C_{m,n}^\perp$  is a  $[mn, m + n - 1, m]$  binary code [1]. These codes are LDPC code. In this section we study some parameters of this codes.

**Example 2.1.** For  $m = 2$  and 3, we have the following matrices  $H_{2,2}$  and  $H_{3,3}$ , respectively:

$$H_{2,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$H_{3,3} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We denote by  $C_{m,m}$  the binary code generated by parity-check matrix  $H_{m,m}$ . The dual-code of  $C_{m,m}^\perp$  is denoted by  $C_{m,m}$ , that is the matrix  $H_{m,m}$  is a parity-check matrix for  $C_{m,m}$  and a generator matrix for  $C_{m,m}^\perp$ .

It is easily followed from definition that the parity-check matrices  $H_{m,m}$  are related by the recursive relation:

$$H_{m,m} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0_{(m-1) \times m} & H_{m-1} & \acute{I}_{m-1} \\ I_m & 0 & 0_{(m-1) \times (m-1)} \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

in which  $\acute{I}_{m-1}$  is the  $(m - 1) \times (m - 1)$  binary matrix whose non-zero entries are precisely the entries located on the right-to-left diagonal.

As the first row in  $H_{m,m}$  is equal to the module-2 addition of the other rows, let  $H'_{m,m}$  be a matrix obtained from  $H$  by deleting the first row. Hence the first row is linear combination of other rows and the code with parity-check  $H'_{m,m}$  is also equal to  $C_{m,m}$ . Thus the submatrix denoted by  $H'_{m,m}$  is also a parity-check matrix for  $C_{m,m}$ . The recursive structure of  $H'_{m,m}$  is given below:

$$H'_{m,m} = \begin{bmatrix} 0_{(m-1) \times m} & H_{m-1} & \acute{I}_{m-1} \\ I_m & 0 & 0_{(m-1) \times (m-1)} \\ & & & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Definition 2.2.** The *rate* of a code is defined as the ratio of the number of information digits to the length.

Thus the code  $C_{m,m}$  has rate:

$$R = \frac{m^2 - 2m + 1}{m^2} = 1 + \frac{-2m + 1}{m^2}$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} R(C_{m,m}) = 1.$$

**Example 2.3.** Corresponding to  $m = 2$  and  $n = 2, 3$ . We have the following matrices  $H_{2,2}$  and  $H_{2,3}$ , respectively:

$$H_{2,2} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad H_{2,3} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now for  $G = K_{m,n}$ , we obtain a parity-check matrix for code  $C_{m,n}$  the form:

$$H'_{m,n} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{m,n-1} & I_{m \times m} \\ 0 & 0_{(n-1) \times m} \\ & 1_{1 \times m} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $H_{m,n-1}$  is a parity-check matrix for code  $C_{m,n-1}$ .

In this paper, we find the girth of Tanner graph of  $C_{m,n}$  and we find the stopping set of parity-check matrix of  $H_{m,n}$ .

### 3 Propertise of $C_{m,n}$

First we find the girth of Tanner graph of  $C_{m,n}$ .

**Proposition 3.1.** *The girth of  $TG(H_{m,n})$  is 8.*

*Proof.*  $TG(H_{m,n})$  is bipartite graph. Hence its girth is even. On the left side of the graph there are  $m.n$  variable nodes (columns of the parity-check matrix) and on the right side of the graph there are  $m + n$  check nodes (rows of the parity-check matrix). If  $x_1 - e_1 - x_2 - e_2 - x_1$  is a cycle in  $TG(H_{m,n})$  of length 4, then  $e_1 = e_2 = x_1x_2$  are edges of  $K_{m,n}$  which is a contradiction. Therefore  $TG(H_{m,n})$  has not cycle of length 4. If  $x_1 - e_1 - x_2 - e_2 - x_3 - e_3 - x_1$  is a cycle of length 6 in  $TG(H_{m,n})$ , then  $x_1x_2x_3x_1$  is a cycle of length 3 in  $K_{m,n}$ , which is a contradiction. But every cycle of length 4 in  $K_{m,n}$ , is equivalent of cycle of length 8 in  $TG(H_{m,n})$ . Hence the girth of  $TG(H_{m,n})$  is 8. □

Let  $G$  be a group and  $X$  a set. A (left-) action of  $G$  on  $X$  is a map  $\varphi : G \times X \rightarrow X$  given by  $(g, x) \mapsto g \circ x$  (or  $gx$ ) satisfying:

- i)  $1x = x$ ,
- ii)  $(gh)x = g(hx)$ ,

for all  $g, h \in G, x \in X$  and with 1 the identity element of  $G$ .

**Definition 3.2.** Let  $G$  be a group of permutations of a set  $X$ . For each  $x \in X$ , let  $orbit(x) = \{\varphi(x) | \varphi \in G\}$ . The set  $orbit(x)$  is a subset of  $X$  called the orbit of  $x$  under  $G$ .

**Definition 3.3.** For any group  $G$  of permutations on a set  $X$  and any  $\varphi \in G$ , we let  $fix(\varphi) = \{x \in X | \varphi(x) = x\}$ . This set is called the elements fixed by  $\varphi$ .

**Definition 3.4.** Let  $G$  be a group of permutations of a set  $X$ . For each  $x \in X$ , let  $G_x = \{\varphi \in G | \varphi(x) = x\}$ . We call  $G_x$  the stabilizer of  $x$  in  $G$ . The set  $G_x$  is a subset of  $G$  and is also a subgroup of  $G$ . We know it is non-empty because the identity element will certainly fix  $x \in X$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** [3]. Let  $G$  be a finite group of permutations of a set  $X$ . Then for any  $x$  from  $X$ ,

$$|G| = |orbit(x)| |G_x|.$$

**Theorem 3.6.** [8]. If  $G$  is a finite group of permutations on a set  $X$ , then the number of orbits of  $G$  on  $X$  is

$$\frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{\varphi \in G} |fix(\varphi)|.$$

Let  $G$  be a finite group that acts on a set  $X$ . For each  $g \in G$ , let  $X^g$  denote the set of elements in  $X$  that are fixed by  $g$ , i.e.  $X^g = \{x \in X | g.x = x\}$ . Burnside’s lemma asserts the following formula for the number of orbits, denoted  $|X/G|$ :

$$|X/G| = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X^g|.$$

Thus the number of orbits (a natural number or  $+\infty$ ) is equal to the average number of points fixed by an element of  $G$  (which is also a natural number or infinity). If  $G$  is infinite, the division by  $|G|$  may not be well-defined; in this case the following statement in cardinal arithmetic holds:

$$|G| |X/G| = \sum_{g \in G} |X^g|.$$

Burnside’s Lemma can be described as finding the number of distinct orbits by taking the average size of the fixed sets.

**Lemma 3.7.** Let  $G$  be a connected spanning subgraph of  $K_{m,n}$ . If  $f \in Aut(G)$ , then  $f \in Aut(K_{m,n})$ .

*Proof.* Assume that  $K_{m,n}$  is a bipartite graph, with vertex bipartition  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ , where  $|V_1| = m$  and  $|V_2| = n$ . Then spanning subgraph  $G$  of  $K_{m,n}$  is a bipartite graph with vertex bipartition  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . Now if  $f \in Aut(G)$ , then:

- i)  $f(V_2) = V_2, f(V_1) = V_1$  } or.
- ii)  $f(V_2) = V_1, f(V_1) = V_2$  }

In (i),  $f$  induces a permutation from  $V_1$ . In the same way  $f$  induces a permutation from  $V_2$ . Then  $f \in S_m \times S_n$ . Hence  $f \in Aut(K_{m,n})$ .

In (ii), let  $|V_1| = |V_2|$ . Then

$$f|_{V_1} : V_1 \longrightarrow V_2,$$

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and so  $f \in S_m \times S_n \setminus S_2$ , then  $f \in \text{Aut}(K_{m,n})$ .

□

**Corollary 3.8.** Number of  $K_{m',n'}$  in  $K_{m,n}$  is equal to

$$\begin{cases} \binom{m}{m'} \binom{n}{n'} + \binom{m}{n'} \binom{n}{m'}, & \text{if } m' \neq n', \\ \binom{m}{m'} \binom{n}{n'}, & \text{if } m' = n'. \end{cases}$$

**Example 3.9.** Number of  $K_{1,2}$  in  $K_{3,3}$  is  $\binom{3}{1} \binom{3}{2} + \binom{3}{2} \binom{3}{1} = 18$ .

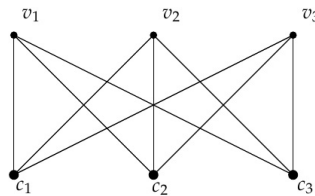


Figure 2. The graph  $K_{3,3}$ .

All subgraphs  $K_{1,2}$  in  $K_{3,3}$  are depicted in Figure 3.

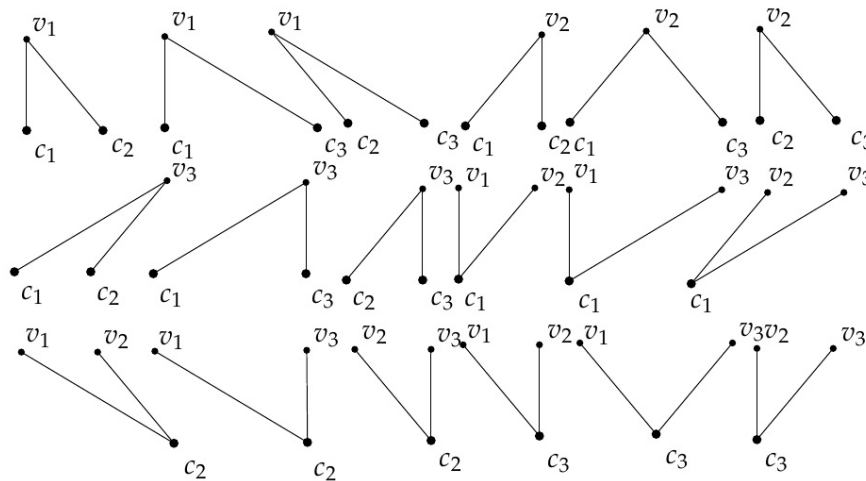


Figure 3.

**Note 3.10.** Let  $K$  be a spanning subgraph of complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  and  $X = \{H|H \leq K_{m,n}\}$ . Then  $(\text{Aut}(K_{m,n})|X)$  and if  $G = \text{Aut}(K_{m,n})$ , then  $G_K = \text{Aut}(K)$ . Hence  $\text{orbit}(K) = \{H|H \leq G, H \sim K\}$ . So we have:

$$|\text{orbit}(K)| = \frac{|\text{Aut}(K_{m,n})|}{|\text{Aut}(K)|}.$$

Now let  $K$  be a subgraph of  $K_{m,n}$ . Then  $m' \leq m$  and  $n' \leq n$ , there exist that  $K$  is a subgraph of  $K_{m,n}$ . So if  $T = \{H | H \leq K_{m,n}, H \sim K\}$ , then:

$$|T| = \frac{|Aut(K_{m',n'})|}{|Aut(K)|} \times (\text{number of } K_{m',n'} \text{ in } K_{m,n}).$$

**Example 3.11.** Know  $C_6$  is a spanning subgraph of  $K_{3,3}$ . Then  $Aut(C_6) = D_6$  (dihedral group of order 12) and  $|Aut(C_6)| = 12$ . Now if  $m' = 3, n' = 3$ , then

$$|T| = \frac{|Aut(K_{3,3})|}{|Aut(C_6)|} \times (\text{number of } K_{3,3} \text{ in } K_{3,3}) = \frac{3!3!2}{12} = 6.$$

**Example 3.12.**  $C_4$  is a subgraph of  $K_{2,2}$ . Since number  $K_{2,2}$  in  $K_{3,3}$  equal to  $\binom{3}{2} \binom{2}{3} = 9$ , then number  $C_4$  in  $K_{3,3}$  equal to

$$\frac{|Aut(K_{2,2})|}{|Aut(C_4)|} \times (\text{number of } K_{2,2} \text{ in } K_{3,3}) = \frac{2.2.2}{2.2.2} \times 9 = 9.$$

**Definition 3.13.** A stopping set in a graph is a set of message nodes such that the graph induced by these message nodes has the property that no check node has degree one. The number of message nodes in the stopping set is called its size.

**Theorem 3.14.** Let  $X \subseteq [l]$  and  $H_X$  be a column of  $H$  which index by  $X$ . Then  $H_X$  is a stopping set of  $H$  if and only if  $H_X$  is incidence matrix of spanning subgraph induced by  $X$ , where each vertex of  $X$  has degree not equal to 1.

*Proof.* Let  $X \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ , and  $\langle X \rangle$  is denoted the spanning subgraph of  $G$  with edge set  $X$ . Then the incidence matrix of  $\langle X \rangle$  is  $H_X$ . If  $H_X$  is a stopping set, then each row of  $H_X$  has weight not equal to 1. Hence this is a subgraph of  $G$  with the degree of each vertex not equal to 1. □

**Theorem 3.15.** A set of stopping set is equal to the spanning subgraph  $K$  of  $K_{m,n}$ . The number of  $K$  in the  $K_{m,n}$  is equal to  $|\text{orbit}(K)|$ ,  $K$  is a stopping set of rank  $l$  and we have

$$S_l = \sum |T| = \sum \frac{|Aut(K_{m',n'})|}{|Aut(K)|} \times (\text{number of } K_{m',n'} \text{ in } K_{m,n}).$$

*Proof.* By applying Note 3.10. □

**Corollary 3.16.** If  $C = C_{m,n}$ , then  $S_3 = S_5 = 0$ .

*Proof.* Every stopping set of  $H_{m,n}$  of size 3, is equal to the spanning subgraph  $K$  of  $K_{m,n}$  that has 3 edges. So  $K$  is equivalent to cycle 3 in  $K_{m,n}$ . But the length of the smallest cycle in  $K_{m,n}$  is necessarily even, and so the smallest possible cycle is 4. Hence  $S_3 = 0$ . □

**Corollary 3.17.** Let  $C = C_{m,n}$ . Then  $S_4 = \frac{m!n!}{(m-2)!(n-2)!4}$ .



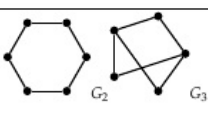
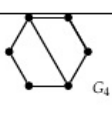
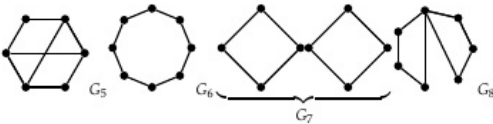
*Proof.* Every stopping set of  $H_{m,n}$  of size 4 is equivalent to a cycle of size 4 in  $K_{m,n}$ . □

**Remark 3.18.** In Table 1, we compute the stopping set of size  $l$ , for  $4 \leq l \leq 8$ .

**Example 3.19.** If  $m = 3$  and  $n = 4$ , then the only induced subgraph of  $K_{m,n}$  of size 4, such that every vertex has degree  $\geq 2$ , is  $G_1 = C_4$  and  $|Aut(C_4)| = 8$  and we have  $S_4 = \frac{3!4!}{1!2!4} = 18$ , the only subgraph of size 4, which are indicate. A stopping set of size 6 is  $C_6$  and  $Aut(C_6) = D_6$  (dihedral group of order 12). In addition, the subgraph of size 6 is  $G_3$  (See Table 1) and  $|Aut(G_3)| = 12$  and we have  $S_6 = 36$ . The subgraph of size 7 is  $G_4$  and  $|Aut(G_4)| = 4$ . Hence  $S_7 = 72$ . A stopping set of size 8, are  $G_5, G_6, G_7, G_8$  and we have  $S_8 = \frac{3!4!}{2} + \frac{3!4!}{2} = 144$ . Therefore

$$S(x) = S_4x^4 + S_6x^6 + S_7x^7 + S_8x^8 = 18x^4 + 36x^6 + 72x^7 + 144x^8.$$

Table 1. Stopping sets.

$S_l$	graphs
$S_4 = \binom{m}{2} \binom{n}{2} \frac{ Aut(K_{2,2}) }{ Aut(G_1) } = \frac{m!n!}{(m-2)!(n-2)!4}$	
$S_5 = 0$	
$S_6 = \binom{m}{3} \binom{n}{3} \frac{ Aut(K_{3,3}) }{ Aut(G_2) } + \binom{m}{2} \binom{n}{3} \frac{ Aut(K_{2,3}) }{ Aut(G_3) }$ $= \frac{m!n!}{(m-3)!(n-3)!6} + \frac{m!n!}{(m-2)!(n-3)!12}$	
$S_7 = \binom{m}{3} \binom{n}{3} \frac{ Aut(K_{3,3}) }{ Aut(G_4) } = \frac{m!n!}{(m-3)!(n-3)!2}$	
$S_8 = \binom{m}{3} \binom{n}{3} \frac{ Aut(K_{3,3}) }{ Aut(G_5) } + \binom{m}{4} \binom{n}{4} \frac{ Aut(K_{4,4}) }{ Aut(G_6) }$ $+ \binom{m}{4} \binom{n}{4} \frac{ Aut(K_{4,4}) }{ Aut(G_7) } + \binom{m}{3} \binom{n}{4} \frac{ Aut(K_{3,4}) }{ Aut(G_8) }$ $= \frac{m!n!}{(m-3)!(n-3)!2} + \frac{m!n!}{(m-4)!(n-4)!8}$ $+ \frac{m!n!}{(m-4)!(n-4)!256} + \frac{m!n!}{(m-3)!(n-4)!2}$	

### 4 Conclusion

In this paper we considered the codes arrived the incidence matrix of complete bipartite graph and obtained all stopping sets of parity check matrix of these family of LDPC codes.

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