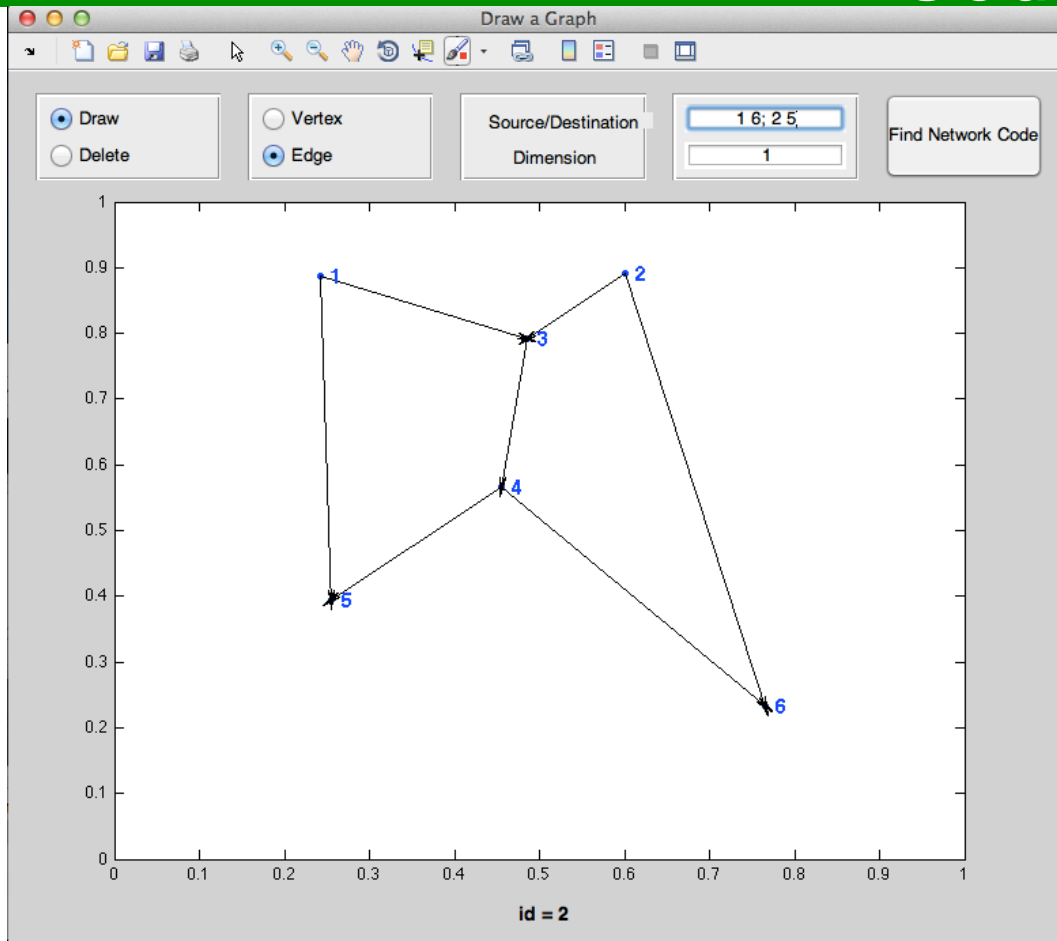


# Index Coding Algorithms for Constructing Network Codes

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# Matlab Code with GUI for Constructing Linear Network Codes



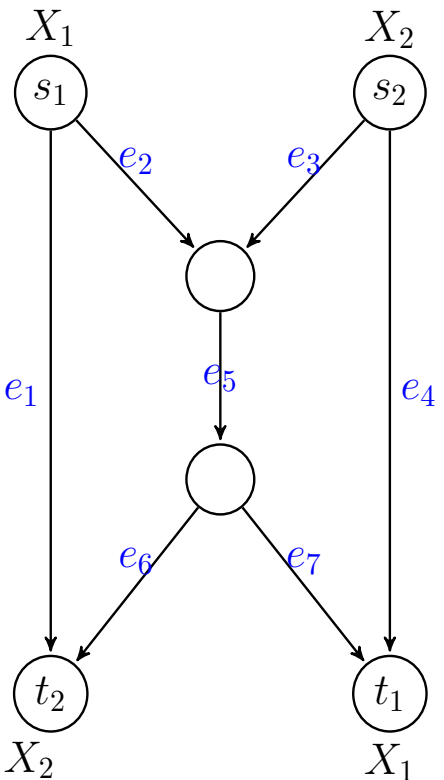
GUI

Matlab outputs network code

```
Field is GF(2);
M[i,j] is the message on edge[i,j];
D[k] is the decoding message on node k;
M[1,3] = X1 ;
M[1,5] = X1 ;
M[2,3] = X2 ;
M[2,6] = X2 ;
M[3,4] = M[1,3] + M[2,3] ;
M[4,5] = M[3,4] ;
M[4,6] = M[3,4] ;
D[5] = M[1,5] + M[4,5] ;
D[6] = M[2,6] + M[4,6] ;
fx >>
```

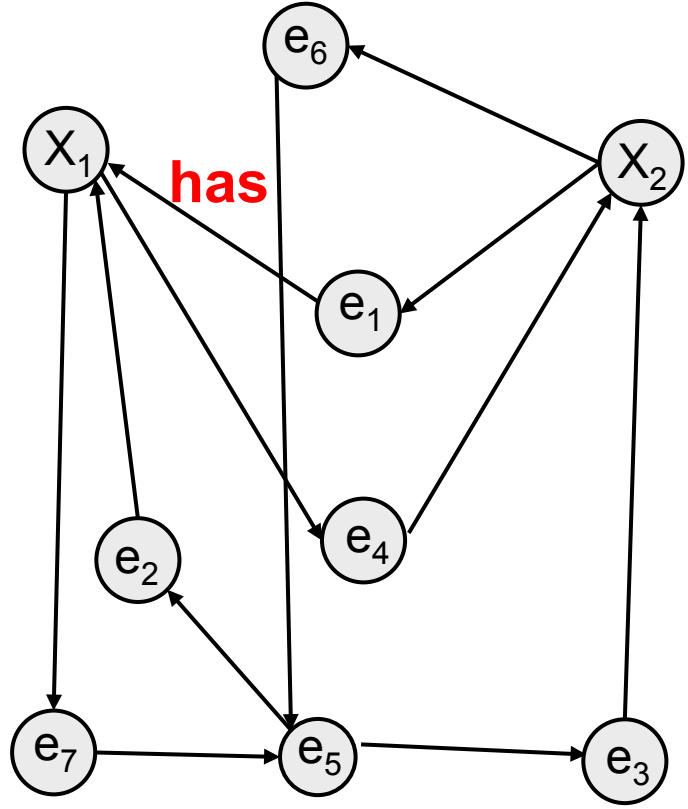
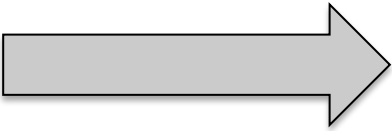
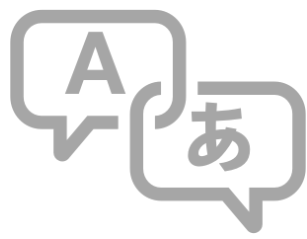
Download Matlab code here:

[www.tinyurl.com/IndexCodingRocks](http://www.tinyurl.com/IndexCodingRocks)

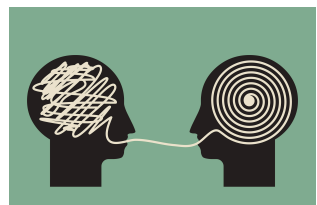
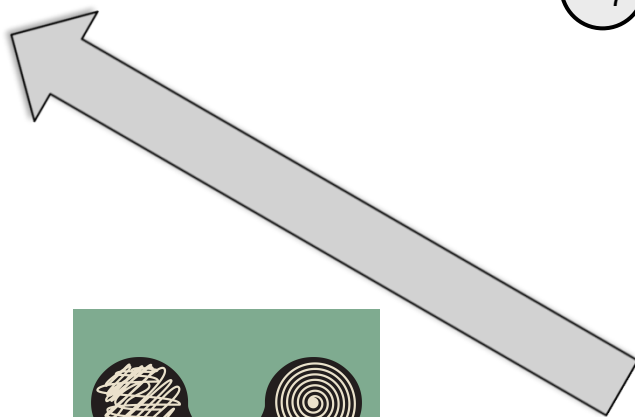


Wants:  $X_2$

Network Coding Problem

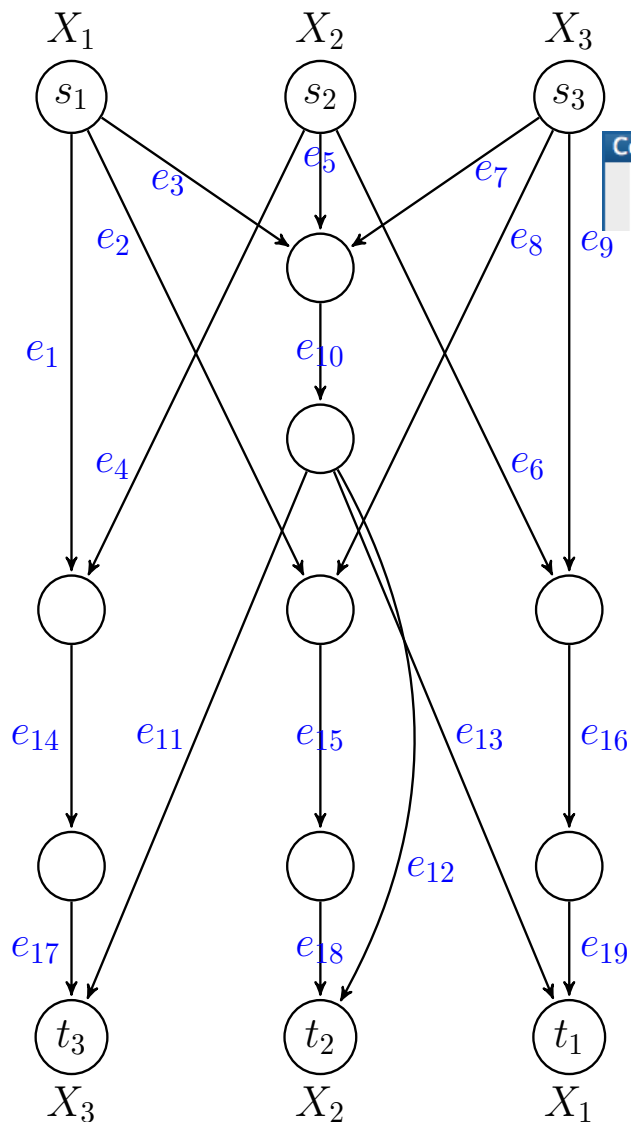


Index Coding Problem



Index Code

# Example 2



## Command Window

```
>> Example2_Network=[1 6;1 7;1 4;2 6;2 4;2 8;3 4;3 7;3 8;4 5;5 12;5 13;5 14;6 9;7 10;8 11;9 12;10 13;11 14];
>> Demand=[zeros(1,11) 3 2 1];
>> FindNetworkCode(Example2_Network,Demand)
```

```
>> FindNetworkCode(Example2_Network,Demand)
```

$M[i,j]$  is the message on edge  $[i,j]$ ;

$D[k]$  is the decoding message on node  $k$ ;

```
M[1,4] = (0.586472)*X1 ;
```

```
M[1,6] = (2.266747)*X1 ;
```

```
M[1,7] = (-0.063189)*X1 ;
```

```
M[2,4] = (0.589654)*X2 ;
```

```
M[2,6] = (2.666987)*X2 ;
```

```
M[2,8] = (0.911907)*X2 ;
```

```
M[3,4] = (1.119271)*X3 ;
```

```
M[3,7] = (0.655653)*X3 ;
```

```
M[3,8] = (1.513620)*X3 ;
```

```
M[4,5] = (0.565311)*M[1,4] + (1.295912)*M[2,4] + (1.223358)*M[3,4] ;
```

```
M[5,12] = (0.846141)*M[4,5] ;
```

```
M[5,13] = (0.978085)*M[4,5] ;
```

```
M[5,14] = (1.593188)*M[4,5] ;
```

```
M[6,9] = (0.959276)*M[1,6] + (1.882469)*M[2,6] ;
```

```
M[7,10] = (1.269984)*M[1,7] + (-0.506044)*M[3,7] ;
```

```
M[8,11] = (1.808865)*M[2,8] + (1.948409)*M[3,8] ;
```

```
M[9,12] = (-0.367560)*M[6,9] ;
```

```
M[10,13] = (2.090403)*M[7,10] ;
```

```
M[11,14] = (2.417460)*M[8,11] ;
```

```
D[12] = (0.863644)*M[5,12] + (0.303506)*M[9,12] ;
```

```
D[13] = (1.292302)*M[5,13] + (2.521777)*M[10,13] ;
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```
D[14] = (1.896364)*M[5,14] + (-0.579582)*M[11,14] ;
```

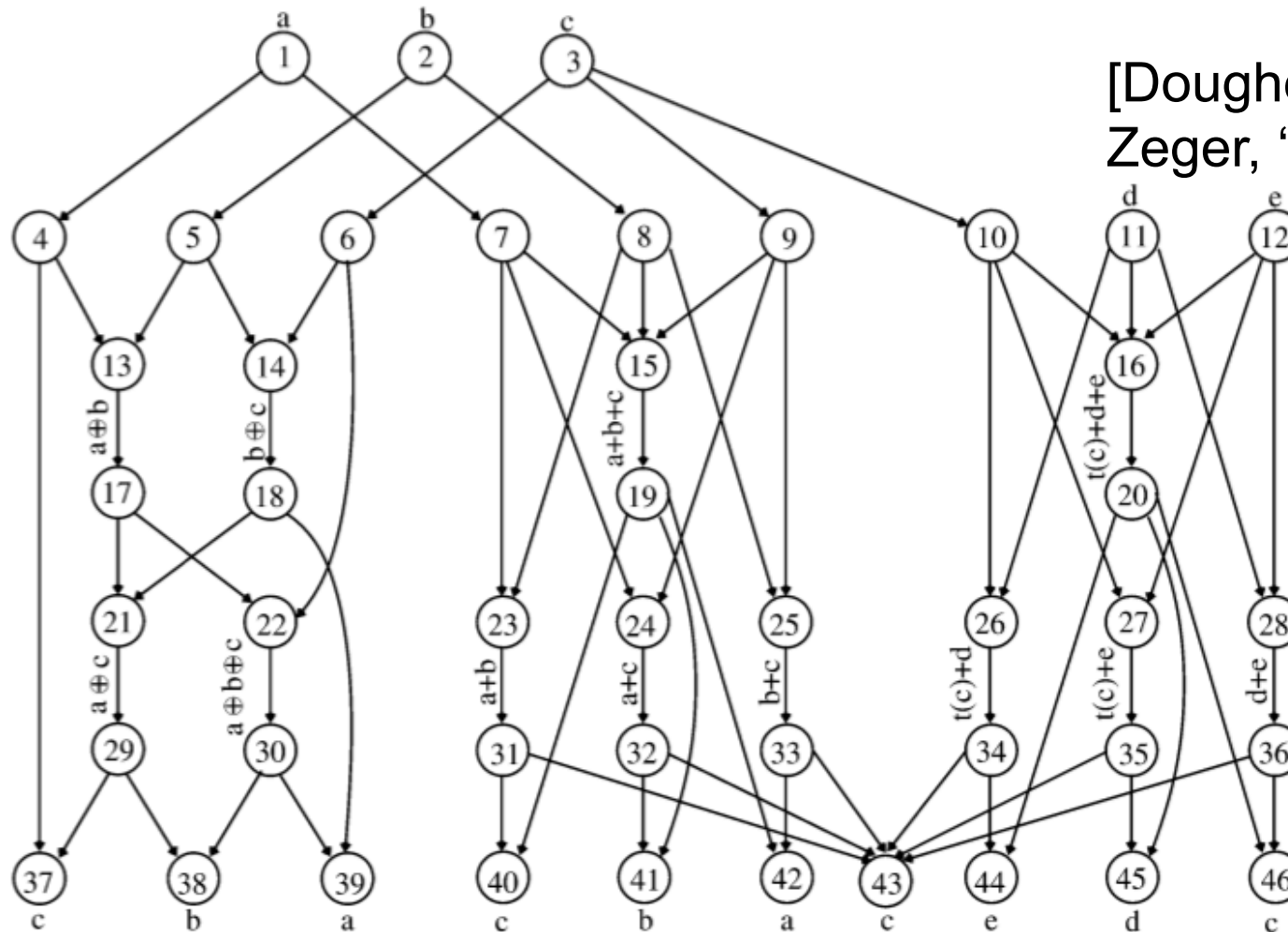
Wants:

$X_3$

$X_2$

$X_1$

# Non-linear code



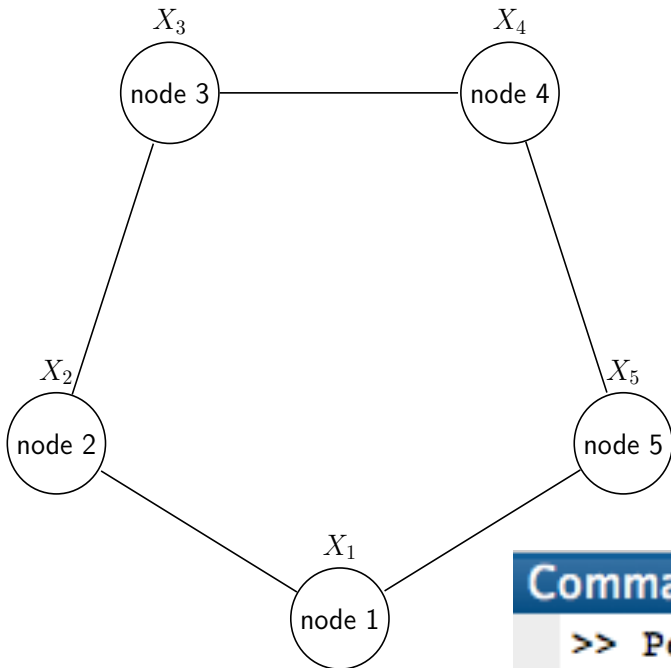
## Command Window

```
>> Network2=[1 4;2 4;2 5;3 5;4 6;5 7;6 8;6 9;7 8;7 14;3 9;8 10;9 11;10 12;10 13;11 13;11 14;1 12];  
>> Demand=[0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 1];  
>> NC=FindNetworkCode(Network2,Demand)  
Cannot find scalar linear network code.
```

NC =

[]

# Locally Repairable Code

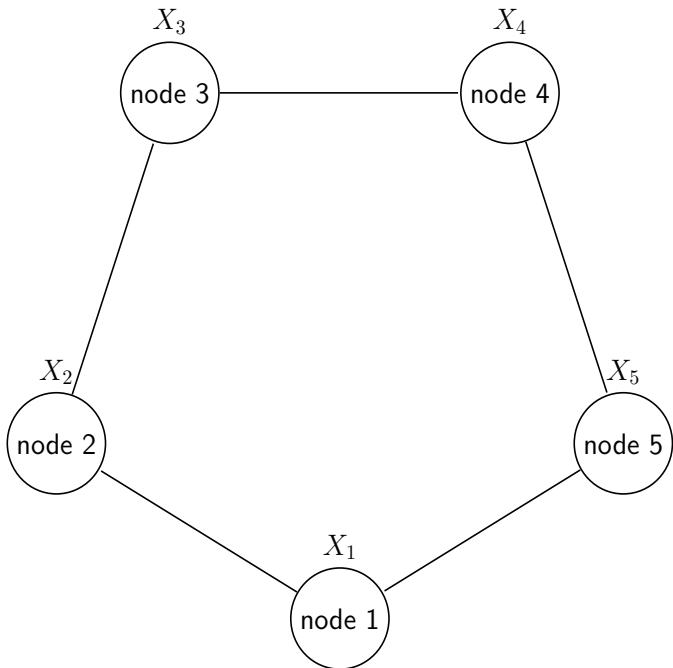


- Constructing Linear Repairable Codes\* is equivalent to constructing linear index codes
- [Mazumdar '14],[Shanmugam, Dimakis'14]

## Command Window

```
>> Pentagon=[1 2;2 3;3 4;4 5;1 5];  
>> [StorageCode,FileSize]=FindLRC(Pentagon)  
  
StorageCode =  
  
      0      0.4708      0      0      0.4806  
0.5859      0      0.4915      0      0  
      0      0.8669      0      0.7300      0  
      0      0      0.5639      0      0.4618  
1.0807      0      0      0.6124      0  
  
FileSize =  
  
      2
```

# Locally Repairable Code



## Command Window

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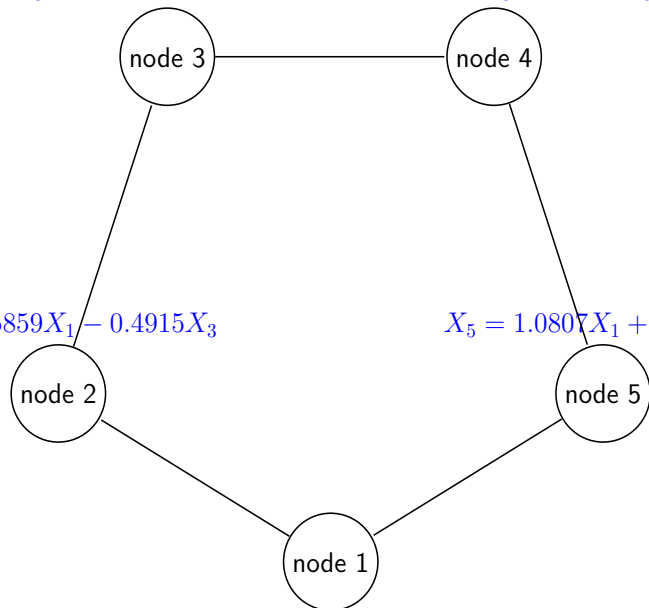
StorageCode =

0	0.4708	0	0	0.4806
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1.0807	0	0	0.6124	0

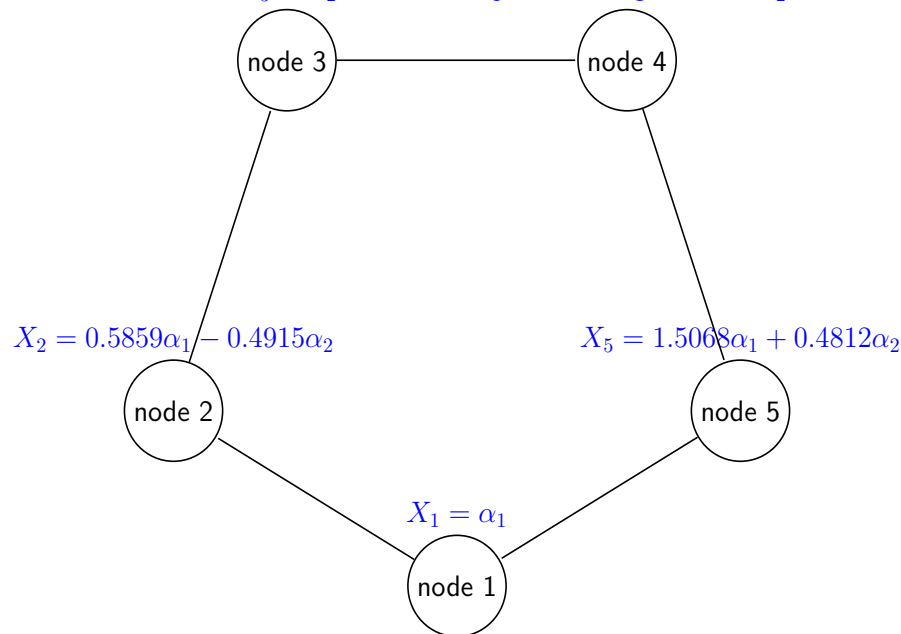
FileSize =

2

$$X_3 = -0.8669X_2 + 0.73X_4 \quad X_4 = 0.5639X_3 + 0.4618X_5$$

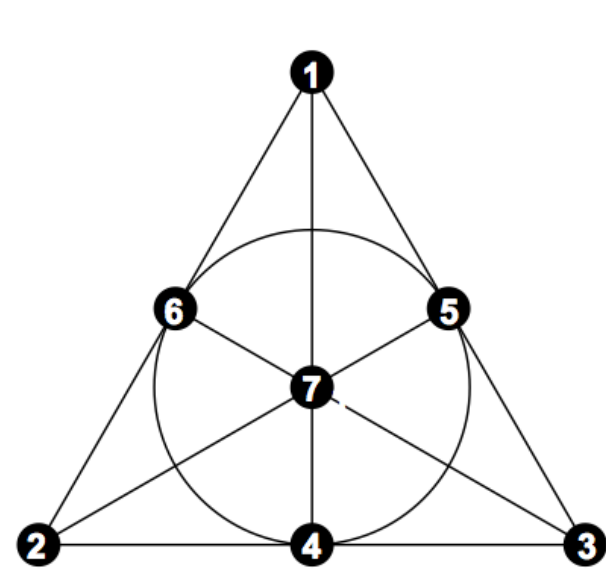


$$X_3 = \alpha_2 \quad X_4 = 0.6958\alpha_1 + 0.7861\alpha_2$$

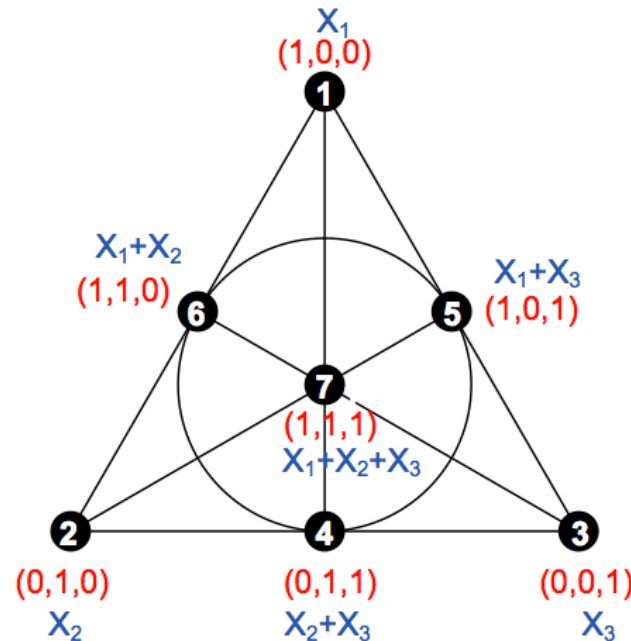


$$X_1 = 0.4708X_2 + 0.4806X_5$$

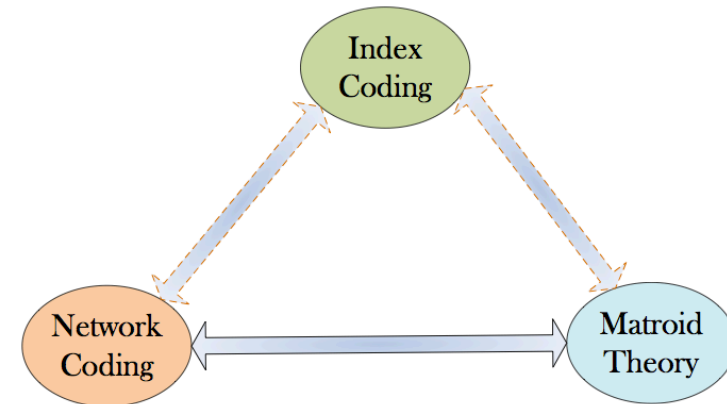
# Matroids and Index Coding



Fano matroid



Linear representation over  $GF(2)$   
(does not exist over  $GF(3)$ )



**Theorem:** [R,Sprintson, Georghiades '09]

For any matroid  $M(E, r(\cdot))$ , one can construct an index coding problem and an integer  $c=|E|+r(E)$  such that there exists a linear index code of length  $c$  over  $F$ , iff the matroid  $M$  has a representation over  $F$ .



# Matlab Code Available Online

[www.tinyurl.com/IndexCodingRocks](http://www.tinyurl.com/IndexCodingRocks)

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing `www.ece.iit.edu/~salim/software.html`. The page title is "Salim El Rouayheb – Software". The left sidebar contains navigation links: Home, Curriculum Vitae, Google Scholar, ResearchGate, Students, Videos (ITA Video, Shannon's Channel), Research (CSI Lab, Publications, Software, Index Coding Sys), and Teaching (ECE 520, ECE 511, Discrete Math). The main content area features a section titled "Index Coding and Network Coding via Rank Minimization" with a sub-heading "Matlab code and tutorial". The text describes the Matlab code and lists a reference: X. Huang and S. El Rouayheb, Index Coding and Network Coding via Rank Minimization. Below this is another section titled "Software Library for Distributed Storage Systems" with a link to `https://github.com/sreechakra/ChiC`. The text describes the repository and lists a reference: S. Goparaju, S. El Rouayheb and R. Calderbank, New Codes and Inner Bounds for Exact Repair in Distributed Storage Systems, IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT), July 2014. The footer indicates the page was generated on 2015-08-24 at 01:10:46 Central Daylight Time by jemdoc.

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### Index Coding and Network Coding via Rank Minimization

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#### Matlab code and tutorial

The Matlab code above implements various rank minimization methods (Alternating Projections, Directional Alternating Projections, etc.) to construct near-optimal index codes as described in the paper below.

- X. Huang and S. El Rouayheb, Index Coding and Network Coding via Rank Minimization.

### Software Library for Distributed Storage Systems

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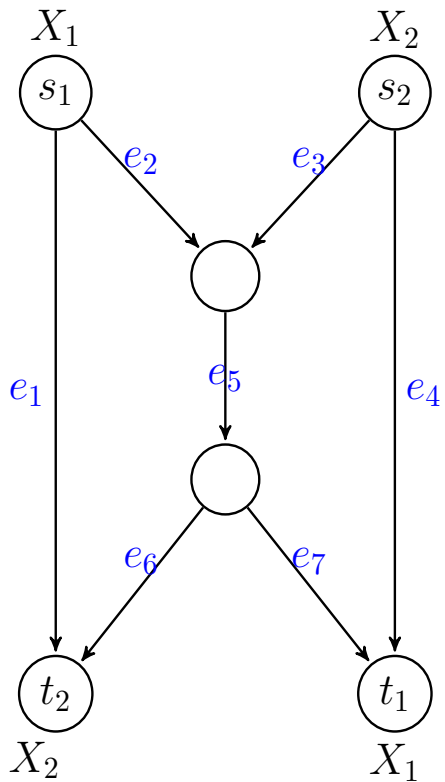
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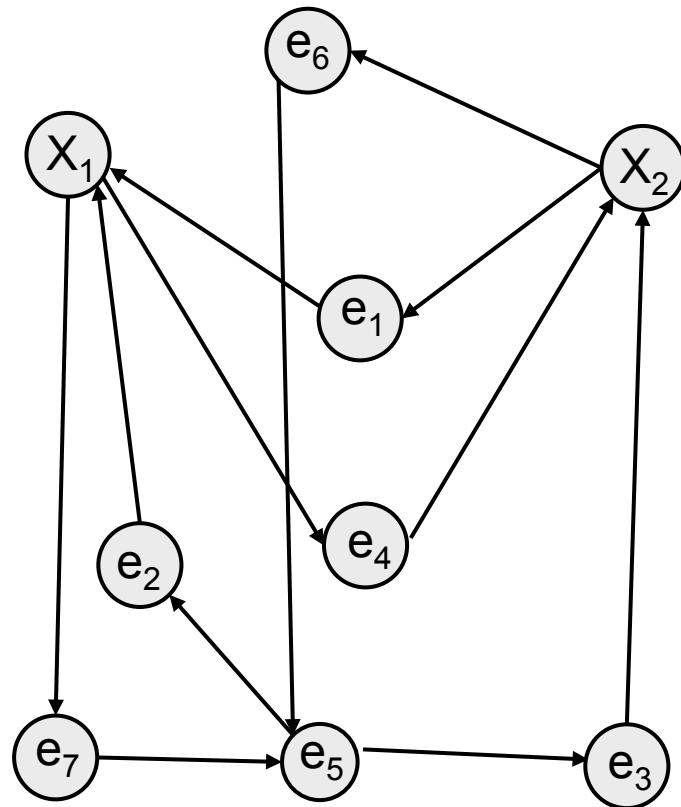
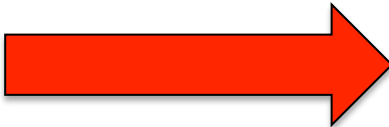
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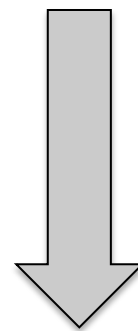


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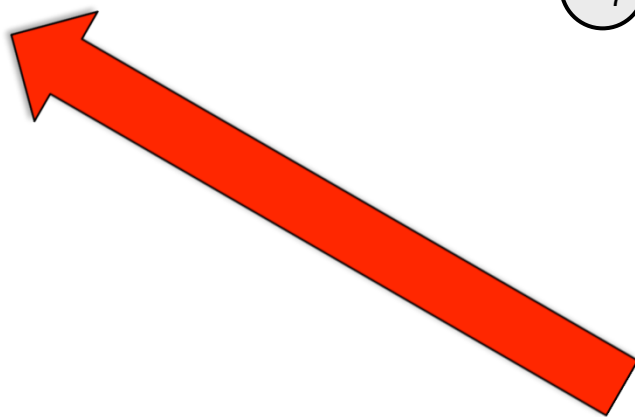
Network Coding Problem



Index Coding Problem



Index Code



# Index Coding

Wants:  $X_1$   
Has:  $X_2 X_3$



Wants:  $X_4$   
Has:  $X_1$



$X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4$



Wants:  $X_2$   
Has:  $X_1 X_3$



Wants:  $X_3$   
Has:  $X_2 X_4$

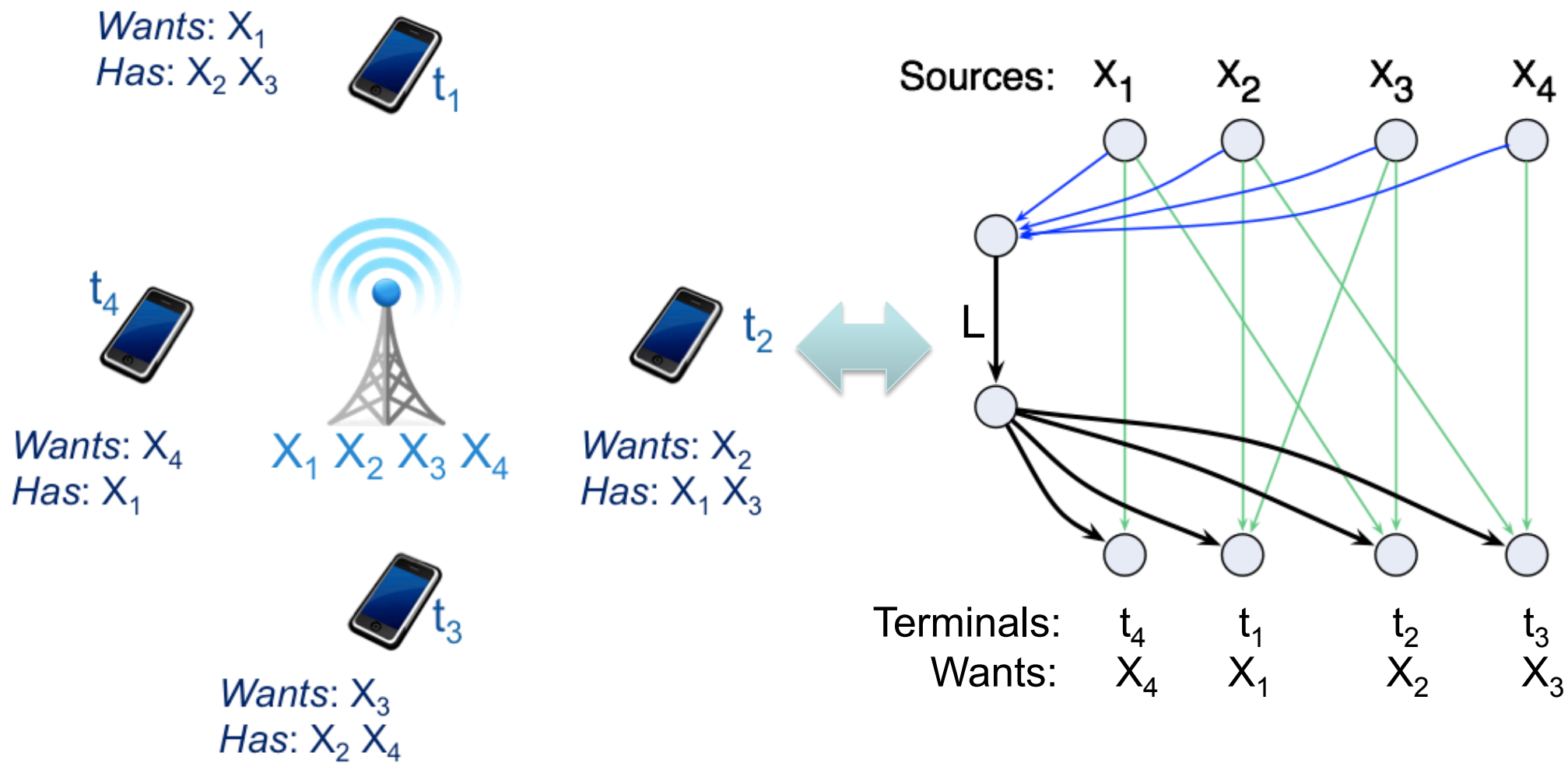
Transmission #	Index code 1	Index code 2
1	$X_1$	$X_1 + X_2$
2	$X_2$	$X_3$
3	$X_3$	$X_4$
4	$X_4$	

$L=4$

$L=3$

Informed-source coding-on-demand [Birk & Kol infocom'98]

# Equivalence to Network Coding



**An index code of length  $L$  that satisfies all the users**

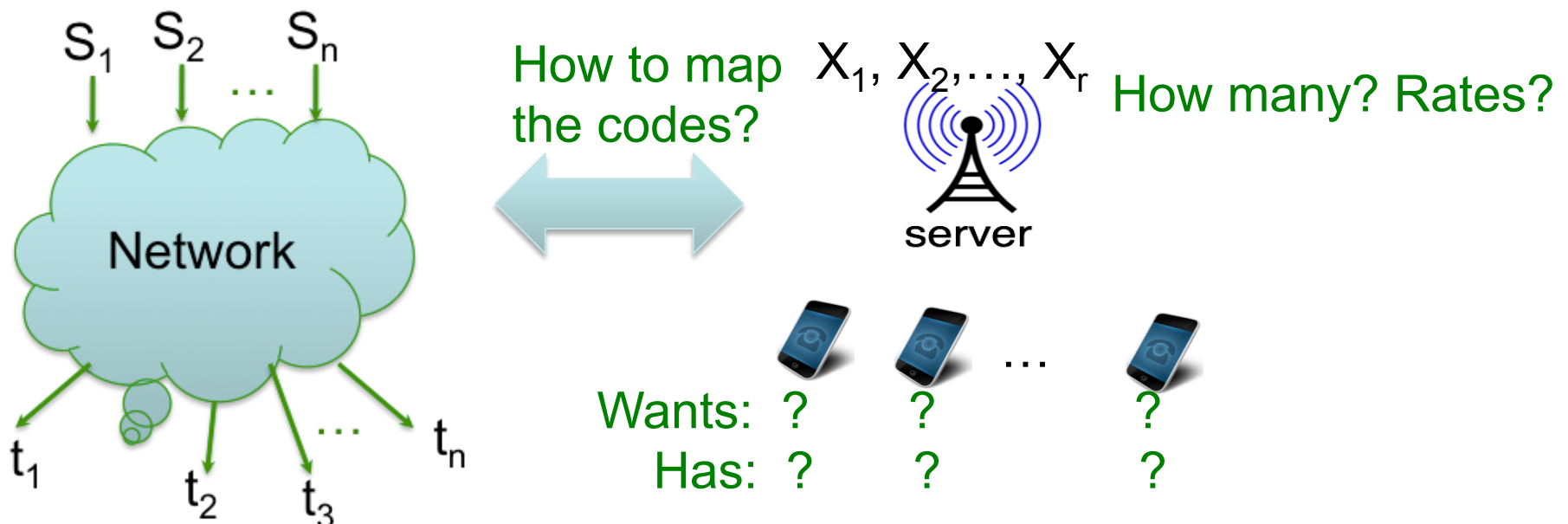


**A network code that satisfies all the terminals**

# Stating the Equivalence

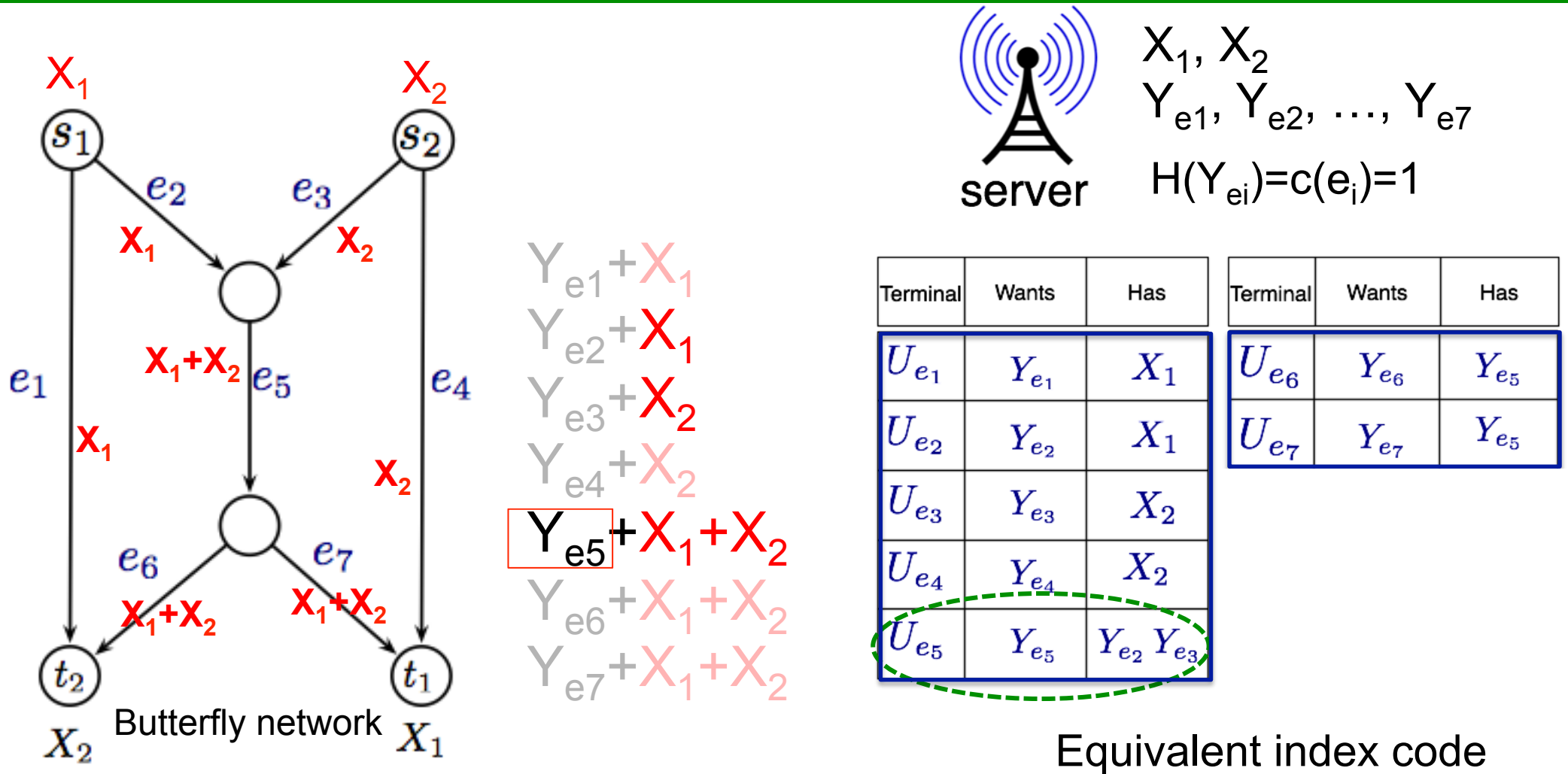
Theorem: [R,Sprintson, Georghiades'08] [Effros,R,Langberg ISIT'13]

For any network coding problem, one can construct an index coding problem and an integer  $L$  such that given any ~~linear~~ network code, one can efficiently construct a ~~linear~~ index code of length  $L$ , and vice versa. (same block length, same error probability).



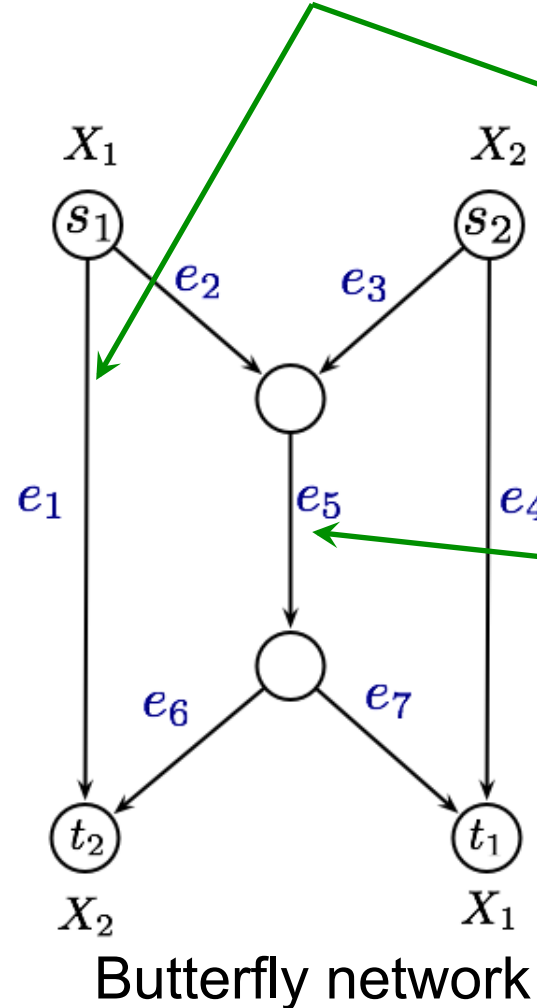
# Network Code $\rightarrow$ Index Code

## The linear case first



- All terminals in the index coding problem can decode
- Any linear network code gives an index code of length  $L=7$

# Index Code $\rightarrow$ Network Code



$$\begin{aligned}
 Y_{e_1} + X_1 \\
 Y_{e_2} + X_1 \\
 Y_{e_3} + X_2 \\
 Y_{e_4} + X_2 \\
 Y_{e_5} + X_1 + X_2 \\
 Y_{e_6} + X_1 + X_2 \\
 Y_{e_7} + X_1 + X_2
 \end{aligned}$$

Terminal	Wants	Has
$U_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{t_1}$	$X_1$	$Y_{e_4} Y_{e_7}$
$U_{t_2}$	$X_2$	$Y_{e_1} Y_{e_6}$
$U^*$	$Y_{e_1} \dots Y_{e_7}$	$X_1 X_2$



Can always diagonalize

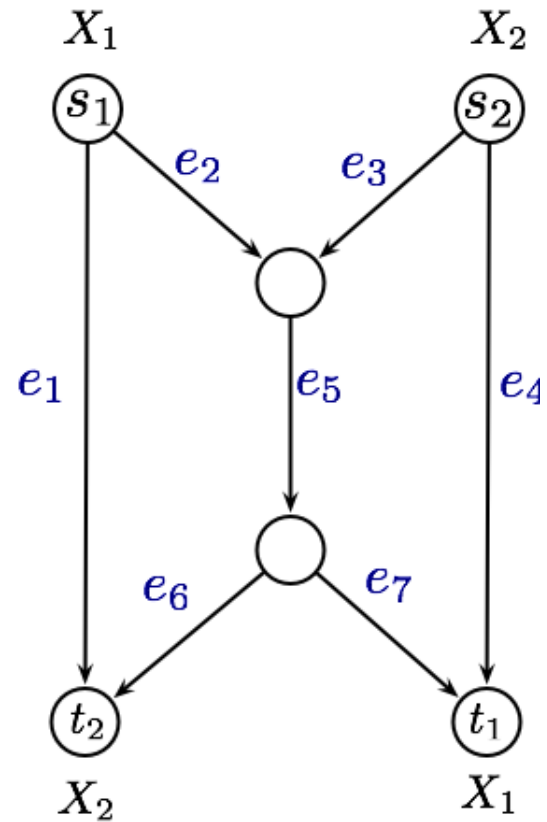
Given a linear index code

$$\begin{aligned}
 &Y_{e_1} + Y_{e_2} \\
 &Y_{e_2} + X_1 \\
 &Y_{e_3} + X_2 \\
 &Y_{e_4} + X_2 \\
 &Y_{e_5} + Y_{e_4} + X_1 \\
 &Y_{e_6} + X_1 + X_2 \\
 &Y_{e_6} + Y_{e_7}
 \end{aligned}$$

- Any linear index code of length  $L=7$  can be mapped to a linear network code
- Works for scalar linear and vector linear

# Non-Linear Network Code $\rightarrow$ Index Code

## EASY



Butterfly network

$$Y_{e_1} + f_{e_1}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_2} + f_{e_2}(X_1, X_2)$$

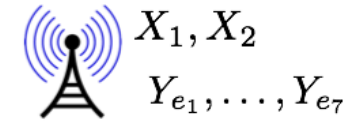
$$Y_{e_3} + f_{e_3}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_4} + f_{e_4}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_5} + f_{e_5}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_6} + f_{e_6}(X_1, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_7} + f_{e_7}(X_1, X_2)$$



Terminal	Wants	Has	Terminal	Wants	Has
$U_{e_1}$	$Y_{e_1}$	$X_1$	$U_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{e_2}$	$Y_{e_2}$	$X_1$	$U_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{e_3}$	$Y_{e_3}$	$X_2$	$U_{t_1}$	$X_1$	$Y_{e_4} Y_{e_7}$
$U_{e_4}$	$Y_{e_4}$	$X_2$	$U_{t_2}$	$X_2$	$Y_{e_1} Y_{e_6}$
$U_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_2} Y_{e_3}$	$U^*$	$Y_{e_1} \dots Y_{e_7}$	$X_1 X_2$

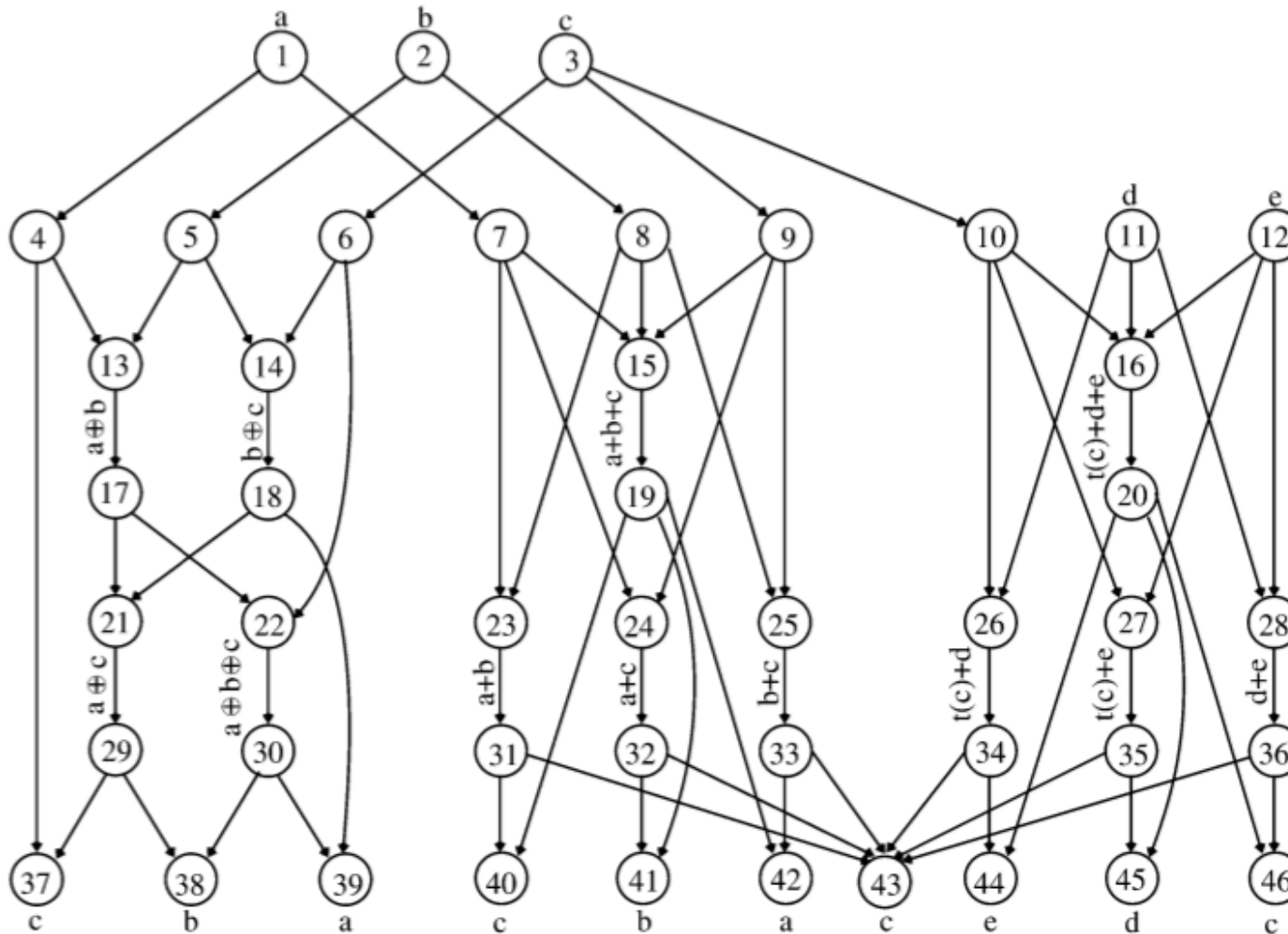
Equivalent index code

$f_{e_i}(X_1, X_2)$  : message on edge  $e_i$



# Implications: Scalar vs. Vector Linear

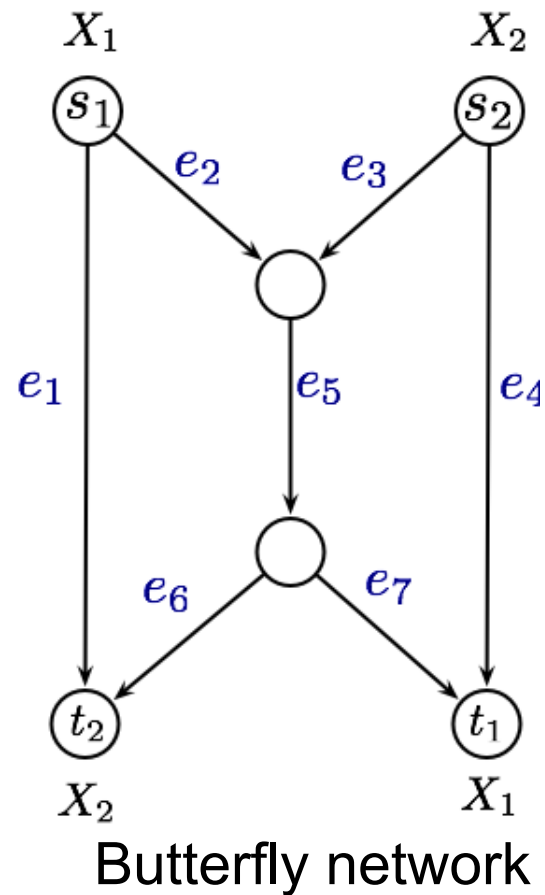
Scalar linear index codes are not optimal



[Dougherty, Freiling,  
Zeger, '05]

# Non-linear Index Codes -> Network Codes

## HARD!!!



$$B'_1 = g'_1(Y_{e_1}, \bar{X})$$

$$B'_2 = g'_2(Y_{e_2}, \bar{X})$$

$$B'_3 = g'_3(Y_{e_3}, \bar{X})$$

$$B'_4 = g'_4(Y_{e_4}, \bar{X})$$

$$B'_5 = g'_5(Y_{e_5}, \bar{X})$$

$$B'_6 = g'_6(Y_{e_6}, \bar{X})$$

$$B'_7 = g'_7(Y_{e_7}, \bar{X})$$

Terminal	Wants	Has
$U_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{t_1}$	$X_1$	$Y_{e_4} Y_{e_7}$
$U_{t_2}$	$X_2$	$Y_{e_1} Y_{e_6}$
$U^*$	$Y_{e_1} \dots Y_{e_7}$	$X_1 X_2$

←  
 Cannot always  
 Diagonalize

Given a non-linear index code

$$B_1 = g_1(\bar{Y}_e, \bar{X})$$

$$B_2 = g_2(\bar{Y}_e, \bar{X})$$

$$B_3 = g_3(\bar{Y}_e, \bar{X})$$

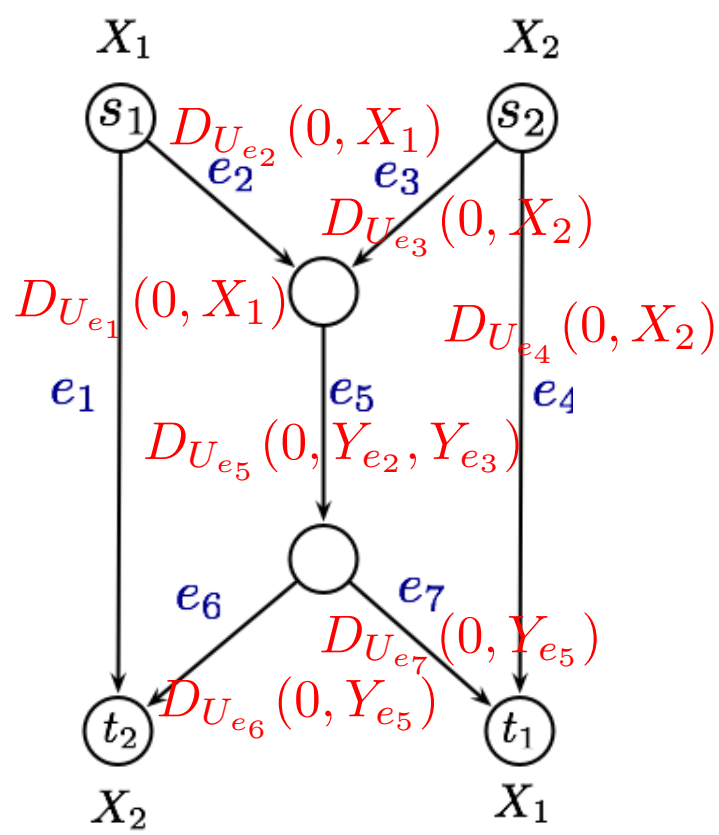
$$B_4 = g_4(\bar{Y}_e, \bar{X})$$

$$B_5 = g_5(\bar{Y}_e, \bar{X})$$

$$B_6 = g_6(\bar{Y}_e, \bar{X})$$

$$B_7 = g_7(\bar{Y}_e, \bar{X})$$

# Non-linear Index Code $\rightarrow$ Network Code



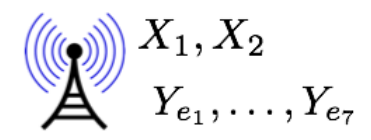
Broadcast message  $\rightarrow$  Decoding function

$$X_1 = D_{U_{t_1}}(B, Y_{e_4}, Y_{e_7})$$

$$Y_{e_4} = D_{U_{e_4}}(B, X_2)$$

$$Y_{e_7} = D_{U_{e_7}}(B, Y_{e_5})$$

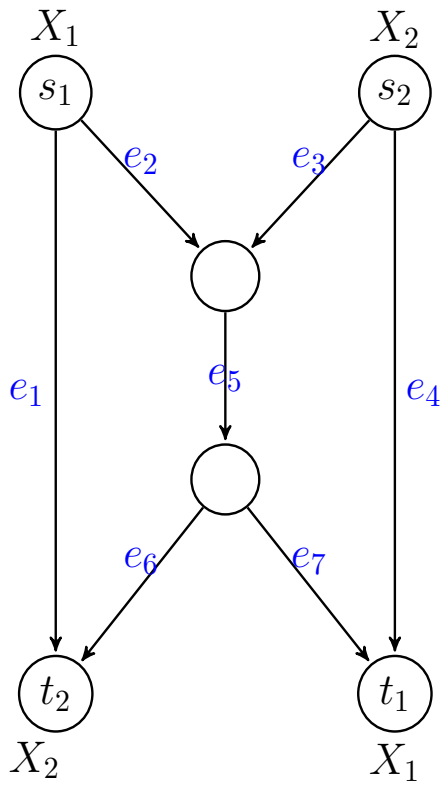
Fix a value for B, say B=0



Terminal	Wants	Has
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$U_{e_3}$	$Y_{e_3}$	$X_2$
$U_{e_4}$	$Y_{e_4}$	$X_2$
$U_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_5}$	$Y_{e_2} Y_{e_3}$
$U_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_6}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_7}$	$Y_{e_5}$
$U_{t_1}$	$X_1$	$Y_{e_4} Y_{e_7}$
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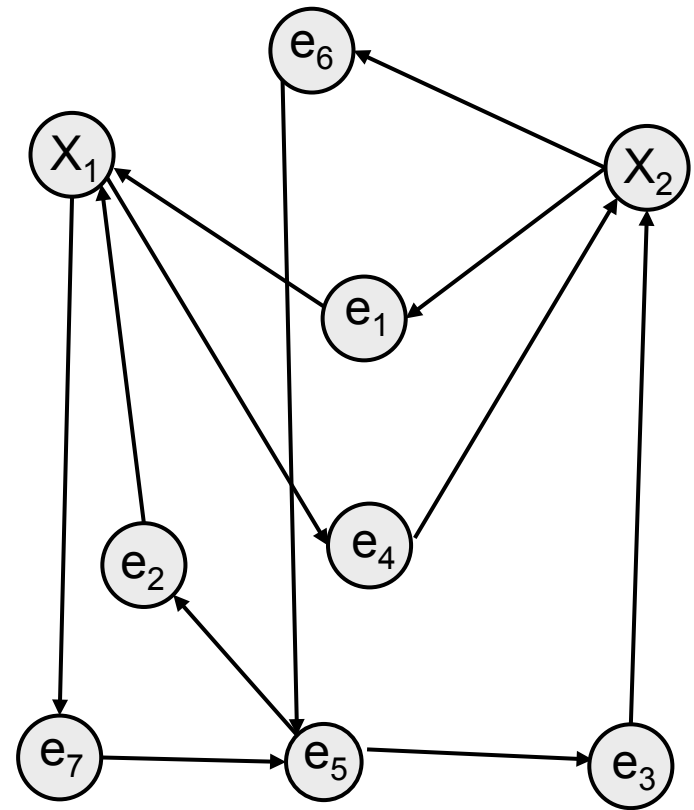
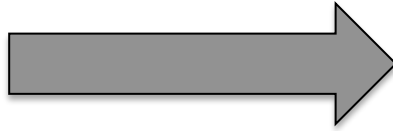
- Destinations can decode with no errors:
- Recall that  $B=f(X_1, X_2, Y_{e_1}, \dots, Y_{e_7})$
- For a fixed B and given values of  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , there is a unique possible vector  $(Y_{e_1}, \dots, Y_{e_7})$
- Otherwise,  $U^*$  cannot decode correctly

# Part III

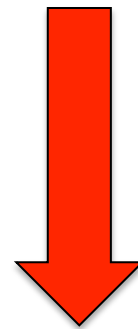


Wants:  $X_2$

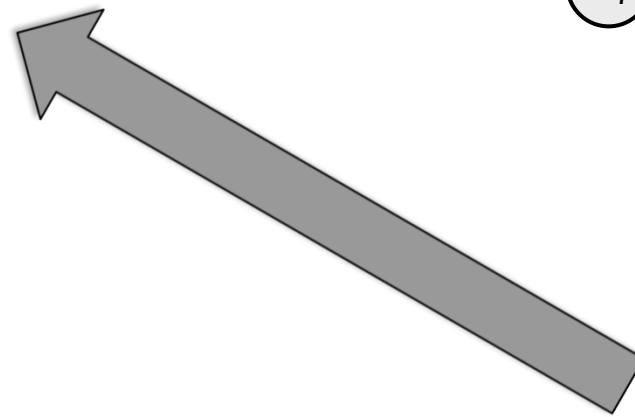
Network Coding Problem



Index Coding Problem



Index Code



# Index Coding

Wants:  $X_1$   
Has:  $X_2 X_3$



Wants:  $X_4$   
Has:  $X_1$



$X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4$



Wants:  $X_2$   
Has:  $X_1 X_3$



Wants:  $X_3$   
Has:  $X_2 X_4$

Transmission #	Index code 1	Index code 2
1	$X_1$	$X_1 + X_2$
2	$X_2$	$X_3$
3	$X_3$	$X_4$
4	$X_4$	

$L=4$

$L=3$

Informed-source coding-on-demand [Birk & Kol infocom'98]

# Index Coding & Graph Coloring

Wants:  $X_1$   
Has:  $X_2 X_3$



Wants:  $X_4$   
Has:  $X_1$



$X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4$

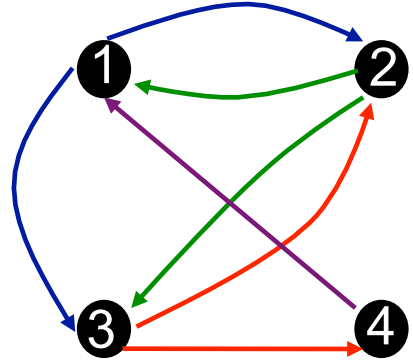


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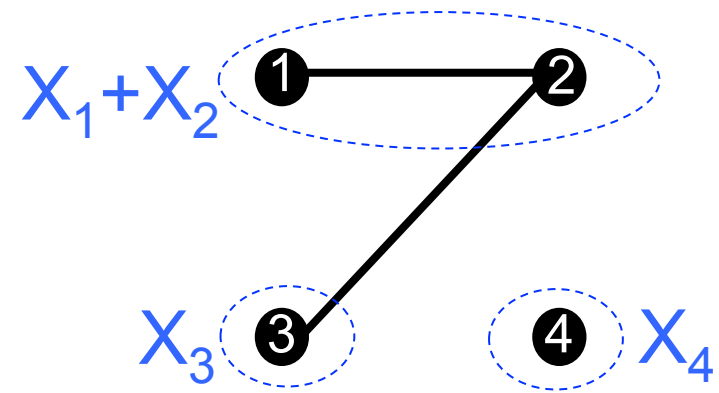


Wants:  $X_3$   
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user 1 has packet 2

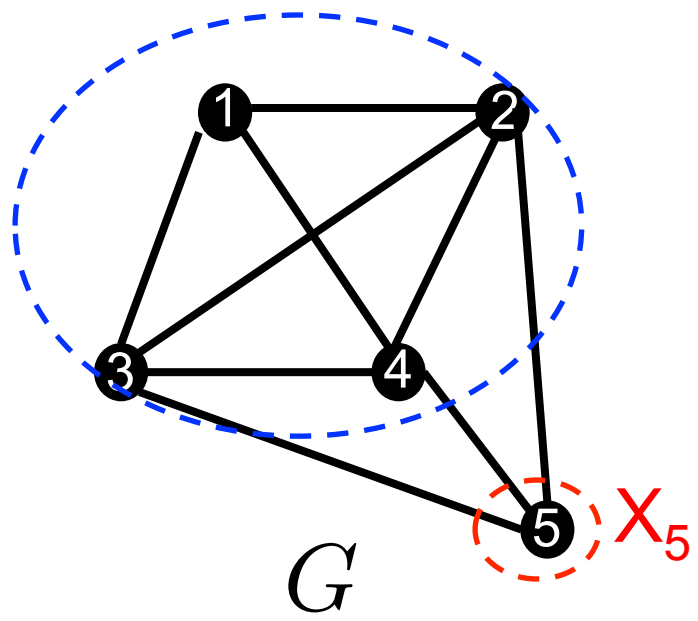


Side info graph  $G_d$

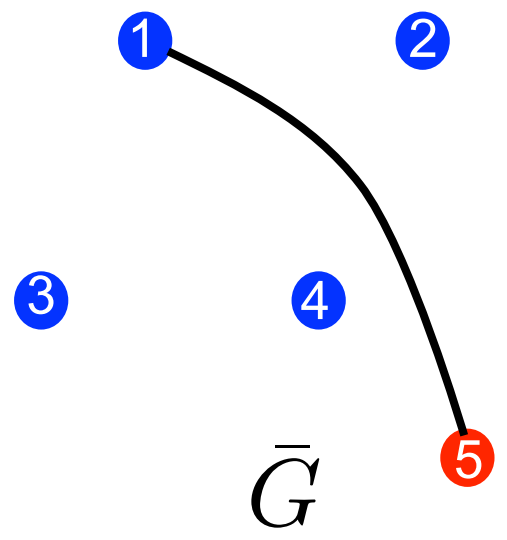


Clique cover of  $G$   
= Chromatic nbr of  $\bar{G}$

$X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + X_4$

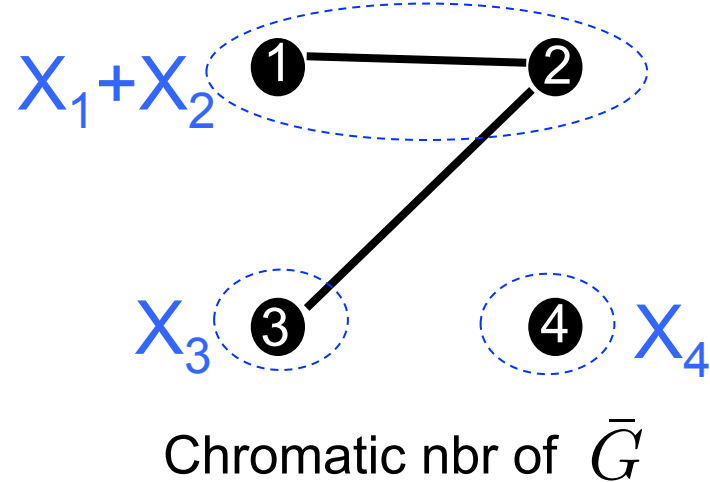
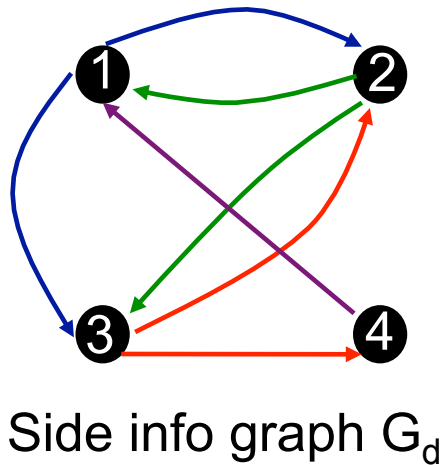


$G$



$\bar{G}$

# Index Coding & Graph Coloring



Independence nbr

$$\alpha(G_d) \leq c(G_d) \leq L_{min}^* \leq \chi_f(\bar{G}) \leq \chi(\bar{G})$$

Shannon capacity  
[Haemers '79]

Fractional Chromatic nbr  
[Blasiak et al. '11]

$\leq \chi_{fl}(G)$  Fractional local chrom. nbr  
[Shanmugan et al. '13]

[Alon et al., '08]

[Maleki, Cadambe, Jafar '12]

[Arbabjolfaei et al., '13]

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# Index Coding on Erdős-Rényi Graphs

Independence nbr

Chromatic nbr

$$\alpha(G) \leq L_{min}^* \leq \chi(\bar{G})$$

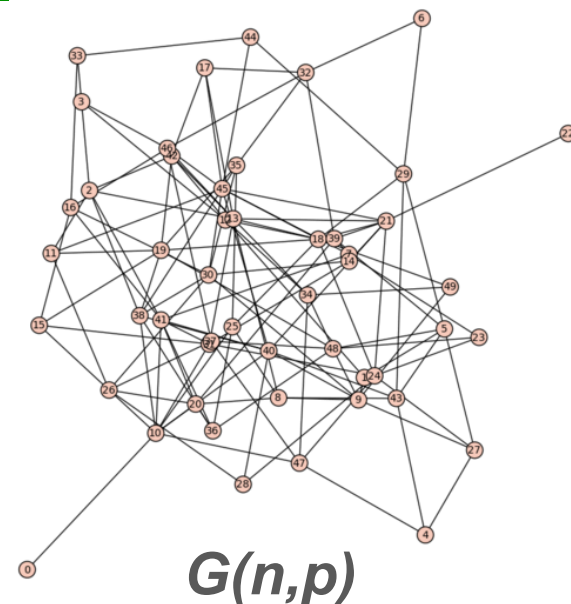
- When  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we have with prob 1

$$\log n \leq L_{min}^* \leq \frac{n}{\log n}$$

- Can improve the lower bound [Haviv & Langberg '11 ]

$$c\sqrt{n} \leq L_{min}^* \leq \frac{n}{\log n}$$

- Coloring is the best upper bound we know on random graphs. Is it tight? **OPEN**





# Index Coding & Rank Minimization

Wants:  $X_1$   
Has:  $X_2 X_3$



Wants:  $X_4$   
Has:  $X_1$

Wants:  $X_2$   
Has:  $X_1 X_3$

Wants:  $X_3$   
Has:  $X_2 X_4$

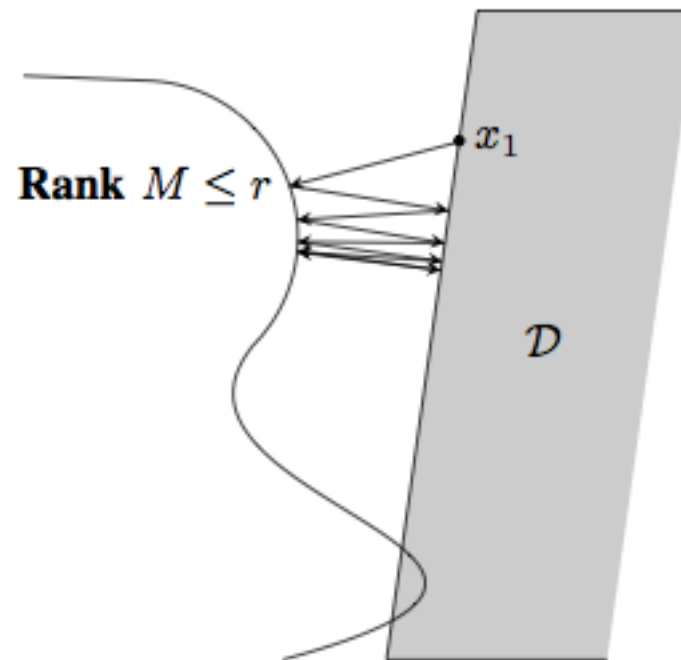
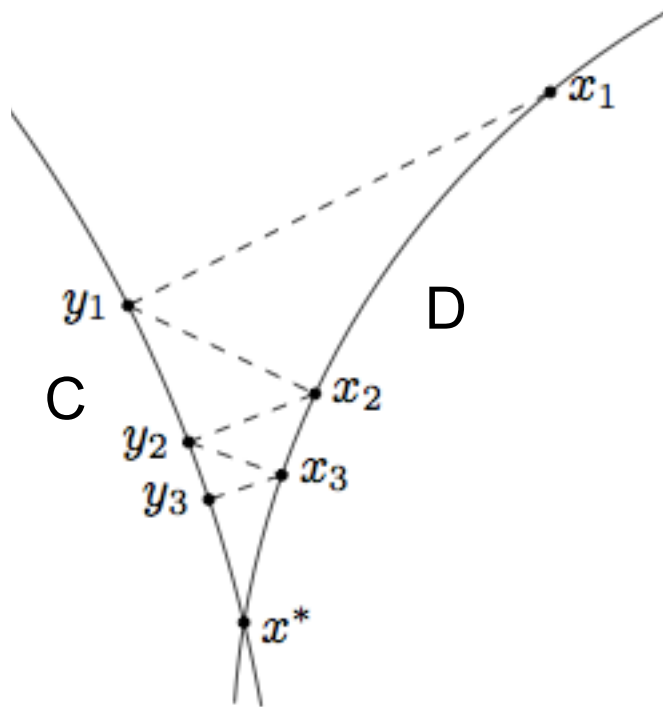
	$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$	$X_4$
$t_1$	1	*	*	0
$t_2$	*	1	*	0
$t_3$	0	*	1	*
$t_4$	*	0	0	1

Matrix M

- Linear case:  $L_{min}^* = \min rk(M)$  [Bar-Yossef et al. '06]
- Min rank introduced by Haemers in 79 to bound the Shannon graph capacity.
- Computing  $L_{min}^*$  is NP hard. [R. et al. '07] [Peeters '96]
- Recent work on matrix completion for index coding [Hassibi et al. '14]

# Use Matrix Completion Methods to Construct Index Codes

- Min nuclear norm [Recht & Candes '09] does not work here
- Try alternative rank minimization methods [Fazel et al. 2001 ]



Index coding via AP

- Two problems:
- 1) Regions not convex
  - 2) Optimization over the reals

Network codes over the reals [Shwartz & Medard '14], Jaggi et al. '08]

## Theorem: [Alternating Projections (AP)]

If C and D are convex, then an alternating projection sequence between these 2 regions converges to a point in their intersection.

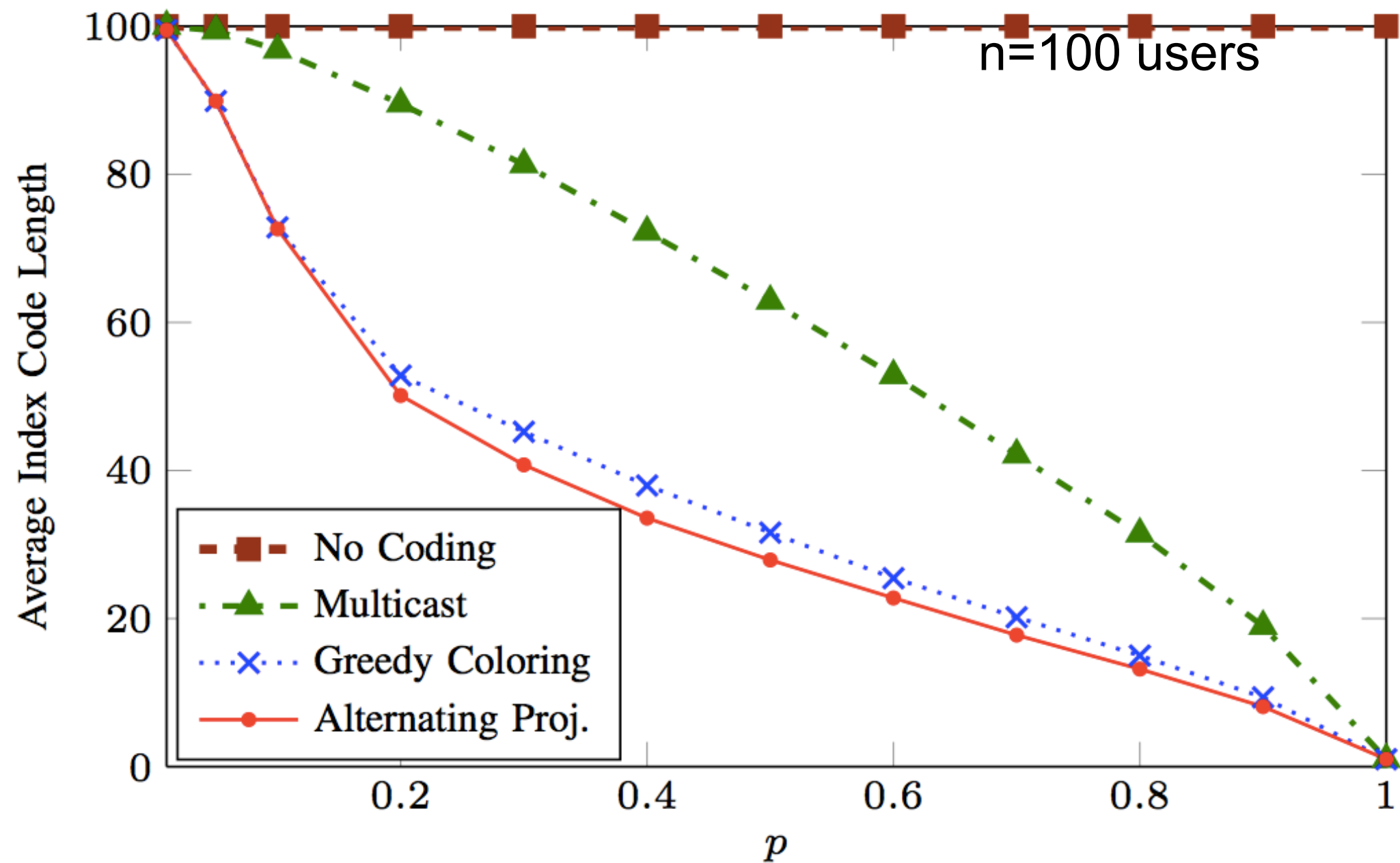
**Algorithm APIndexCoding:** Alternating projections method for index coding.

**Input:** Graph  $G$  (or  $G_d$ )

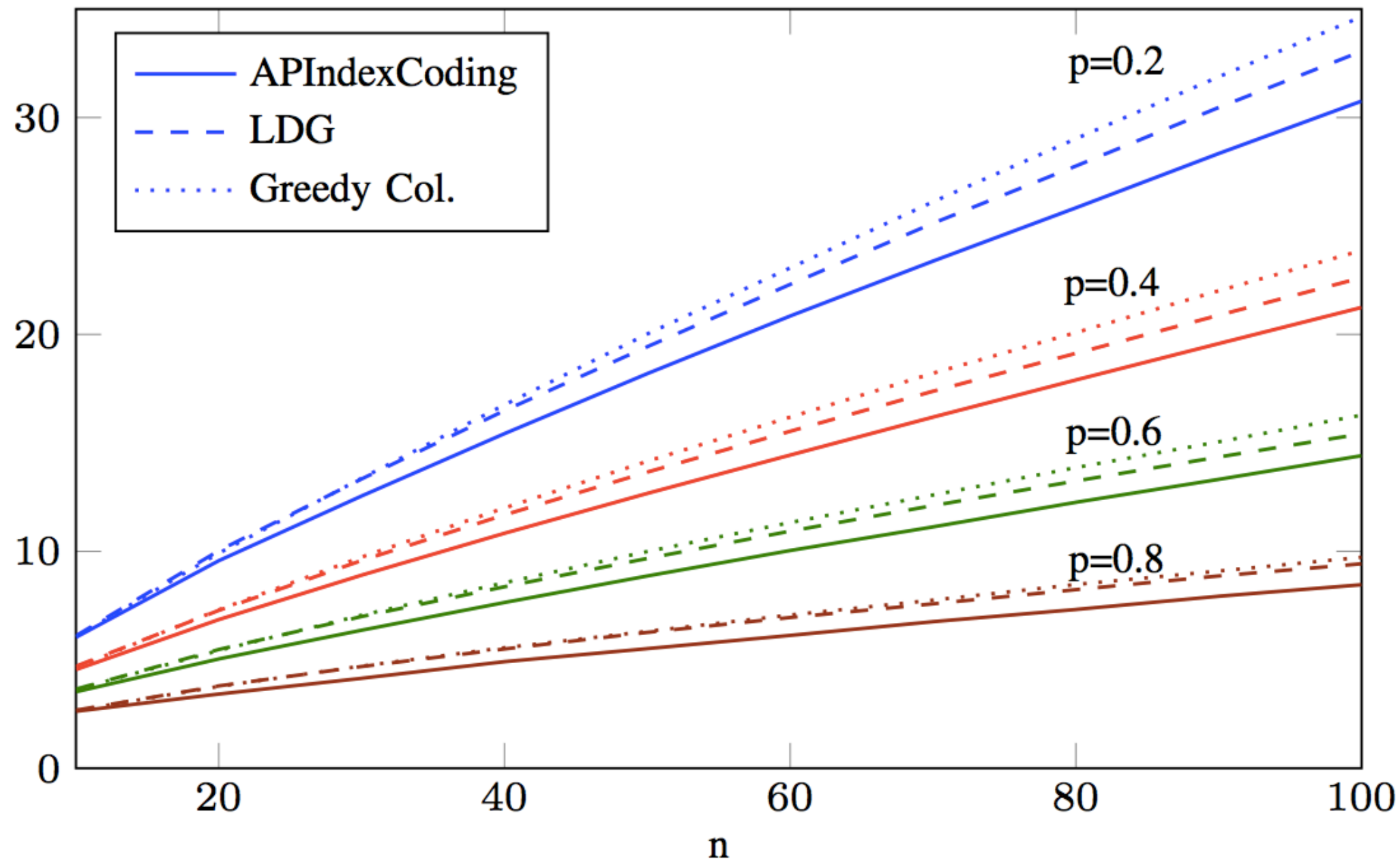
**Output:** Completed matrix  $M^*$  with low rank  $r^*$

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1 Set  $r_k =$  greedy coloring number of  $\bar{G}$ ;  
2 while  $\exists M \in \mathcal{C}'$  such that  $\text{rank}M \leq r_k$  do  
3   Randomly pick  $M_0 \in \mathcal{C}'$ . Set  $i = 0$  and  $r_k = r_k - 1$ ;  
4   repeat  
5      $i = i + 1$ ;  
6     /* Projection on  $\mathcal{C}'$  (resp.  $\mathcal{C}$ ) via  
7       eigenvalue decomposition (resp.  
8       SVD) */  
9     Find the eigenvalue decomposition  
10     $M_{i-1} = U\Sigma V^T$ , with  
11     $\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_n)$ ,  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n$ ;  
12    Set  $\sigma_l = 0$  if  $\sigma_l < 0$ ,  $l = 1, \dots, n$ ;  
13    Compute  $M_i = \sum_{j=1}^{r_k} \sigma_j u_j v_j^T$ ;  
14    /* Projection on  $\mathcal{D}$  */  
15     $M_{i+1} = M_i$  Set the diagonal entries of  $M_{i+1}$  to  
16    1's;  
17    Change the  $(a, b)^{th}$  position in  $M_{i+1}$  to 0 if edge  
18     $(a, b)$  does not exist in  $G$ ;  
19  until  $\|M_{i+1} - M_i\| \leq \epsilon$ ;  
20 end  
21 return  $M^* = M_i$  and  $r^* = r_k$ .
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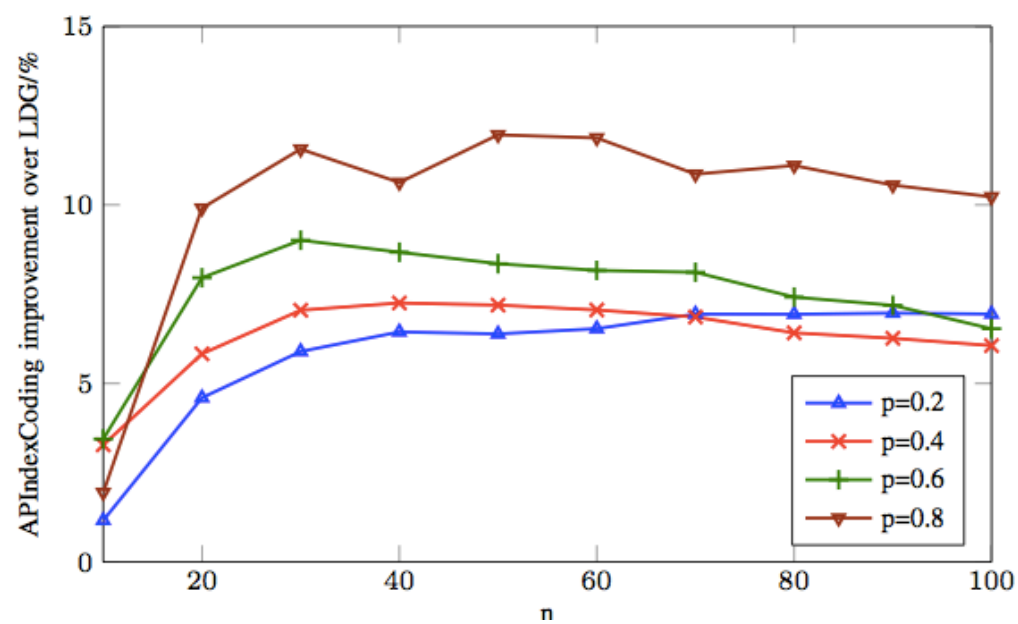
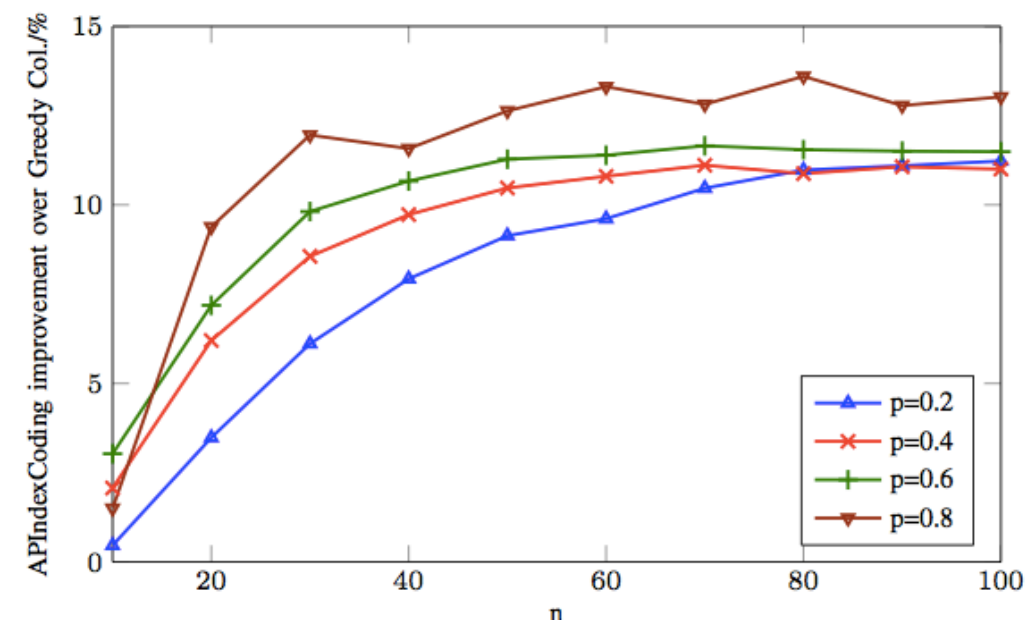
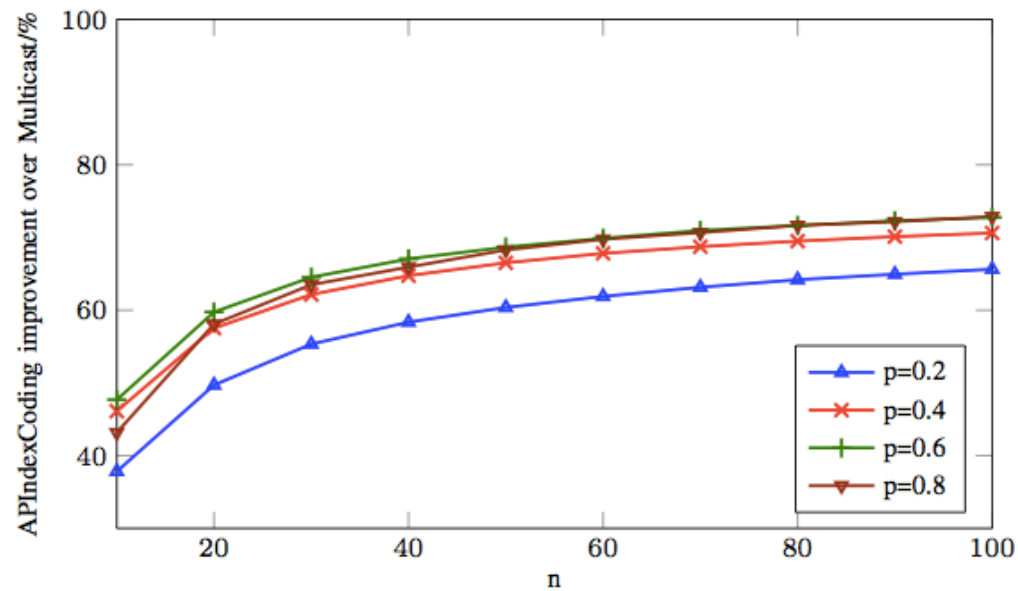
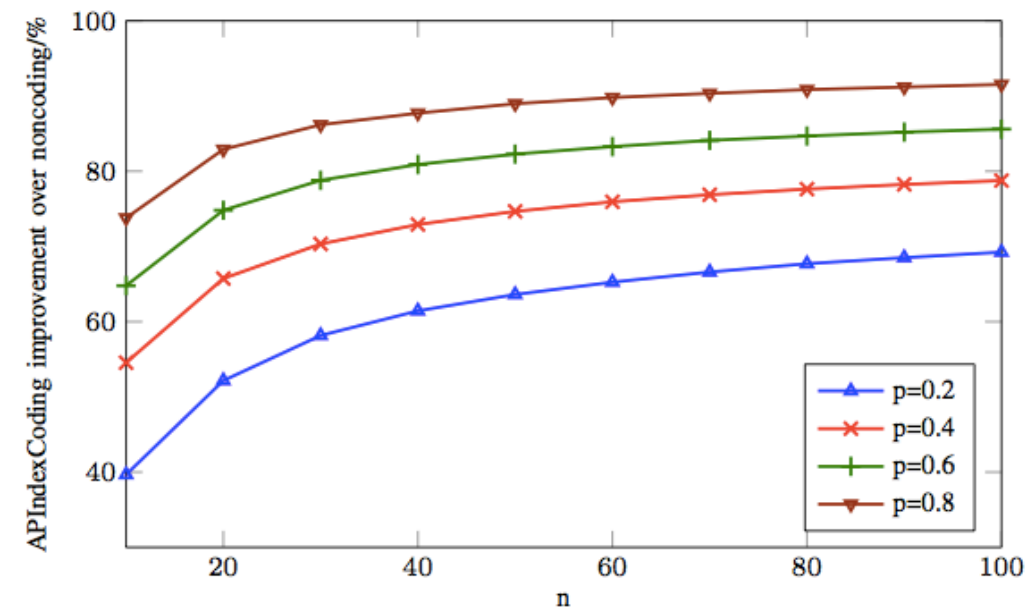
# Index Coding via Alternating Proj on Random Undirected Graphs



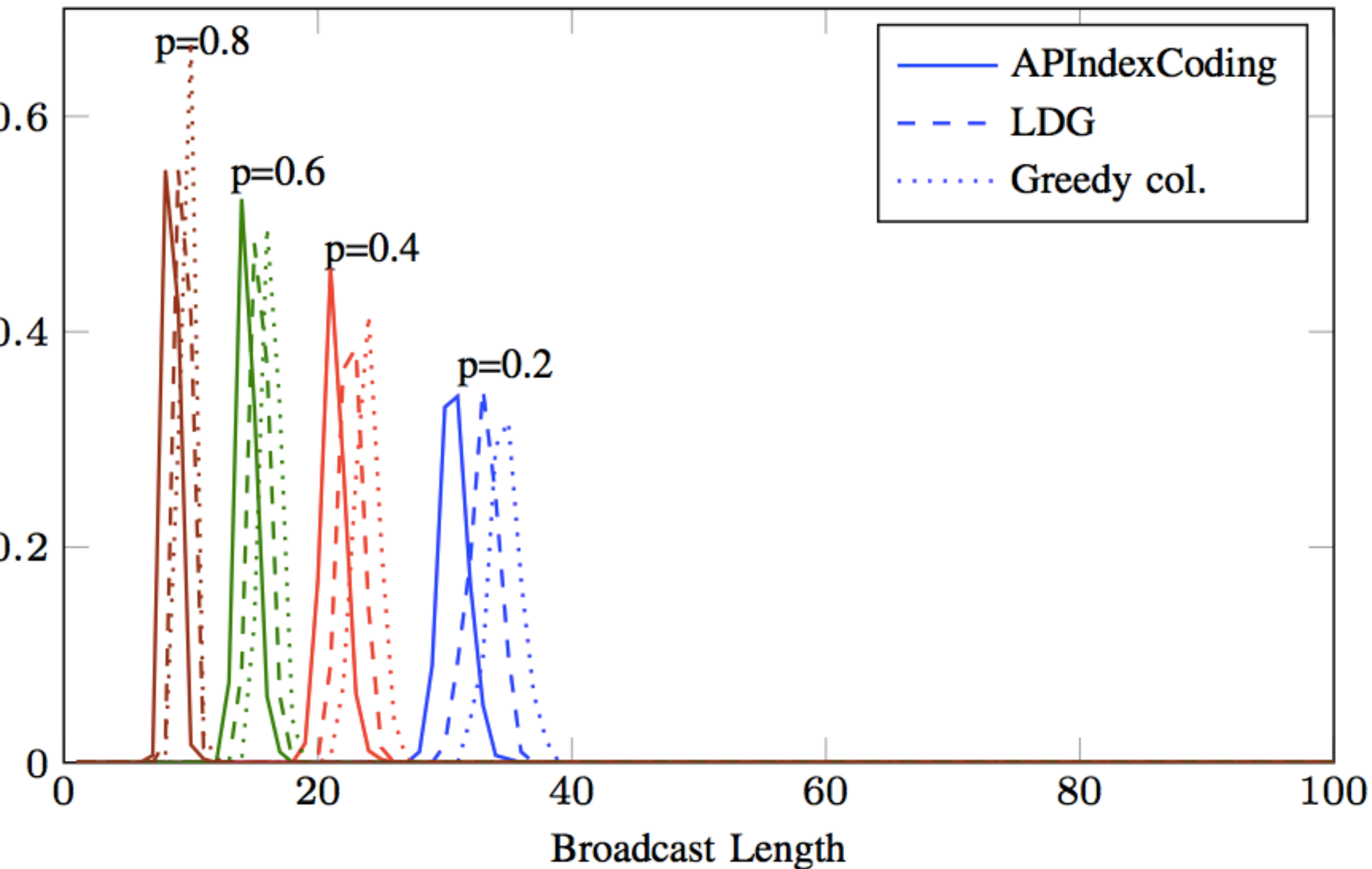
# Performance with Increasing Number of Users



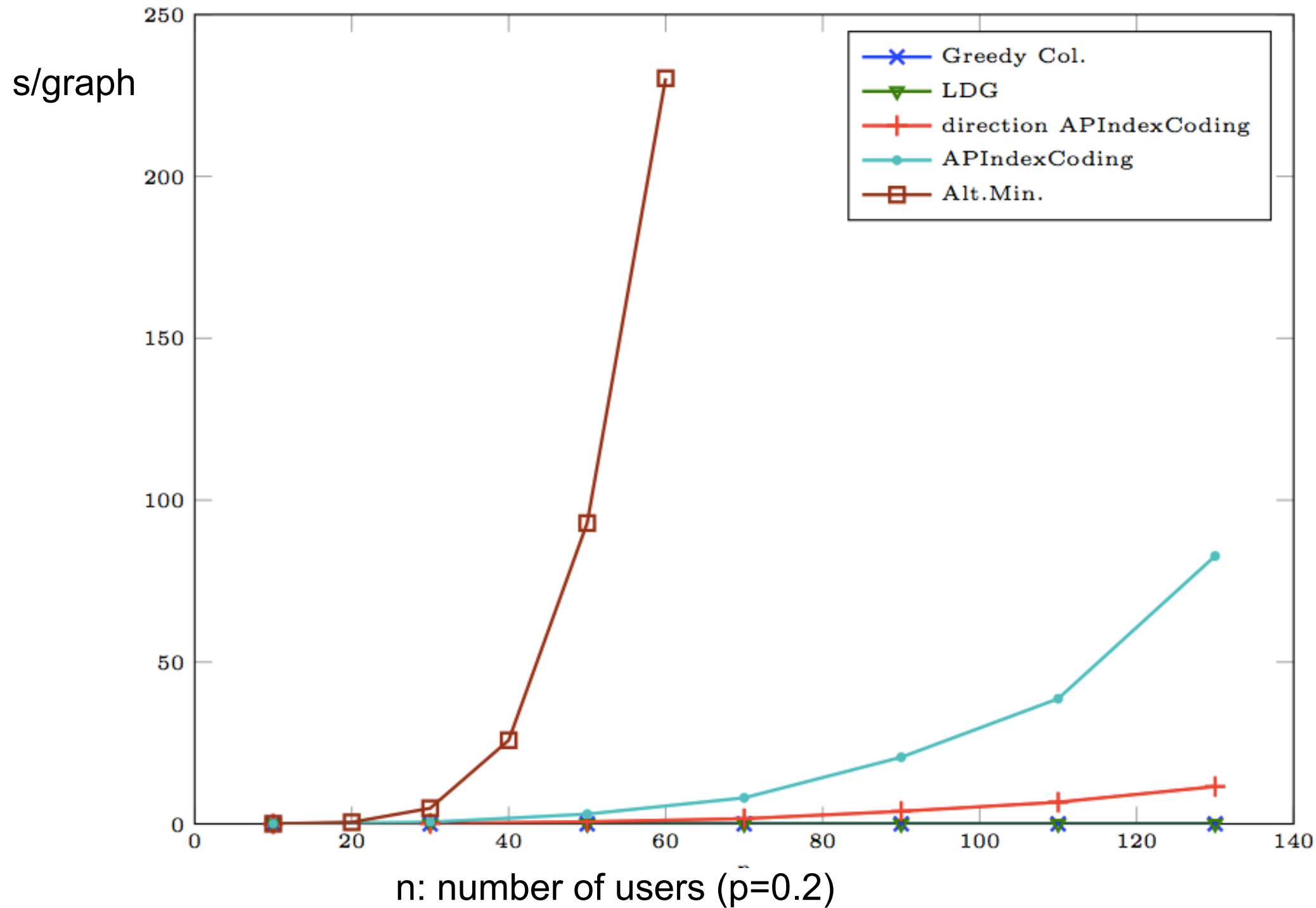
# Improvement in Percentage



# Concentration around the Average

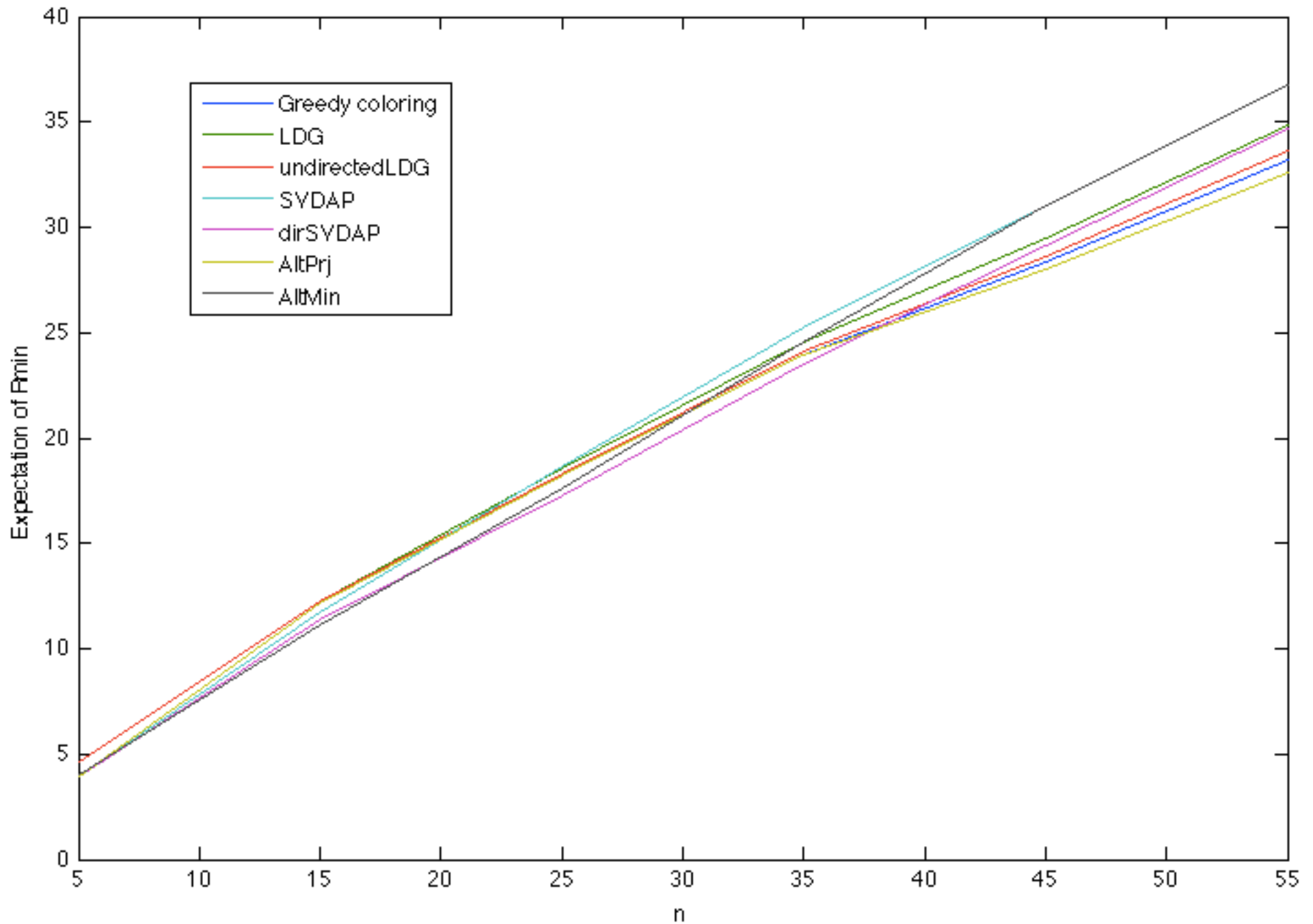


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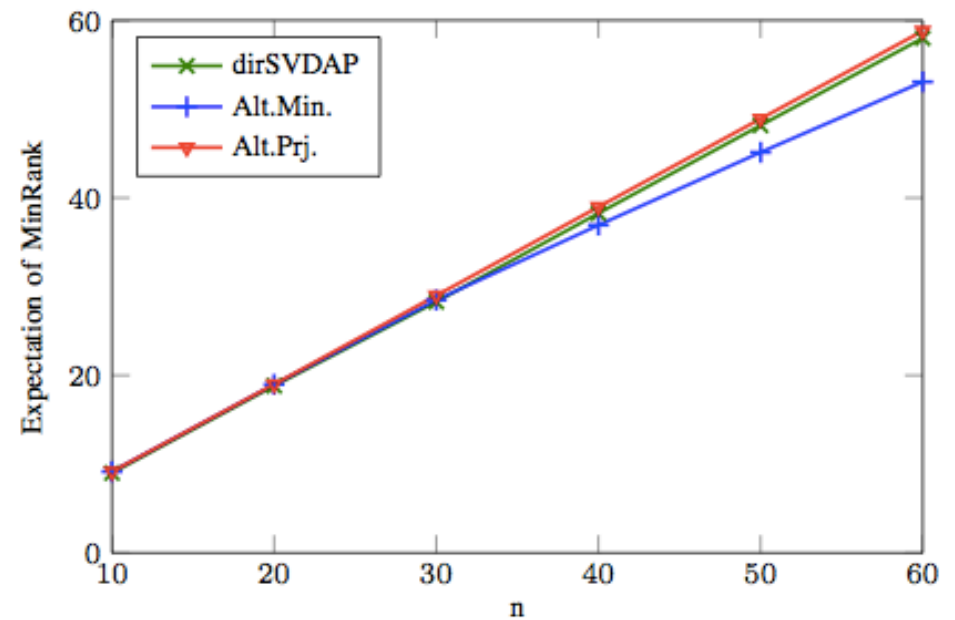
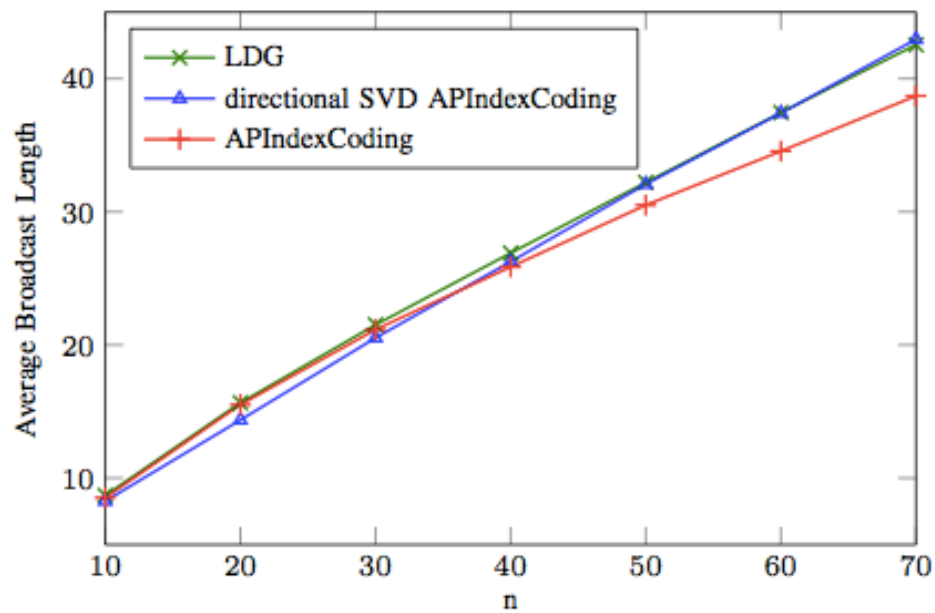




# Random Directed Graphs



# Which Method to use for Directed Graphs?



# How close are these heuristics to the actual minimum

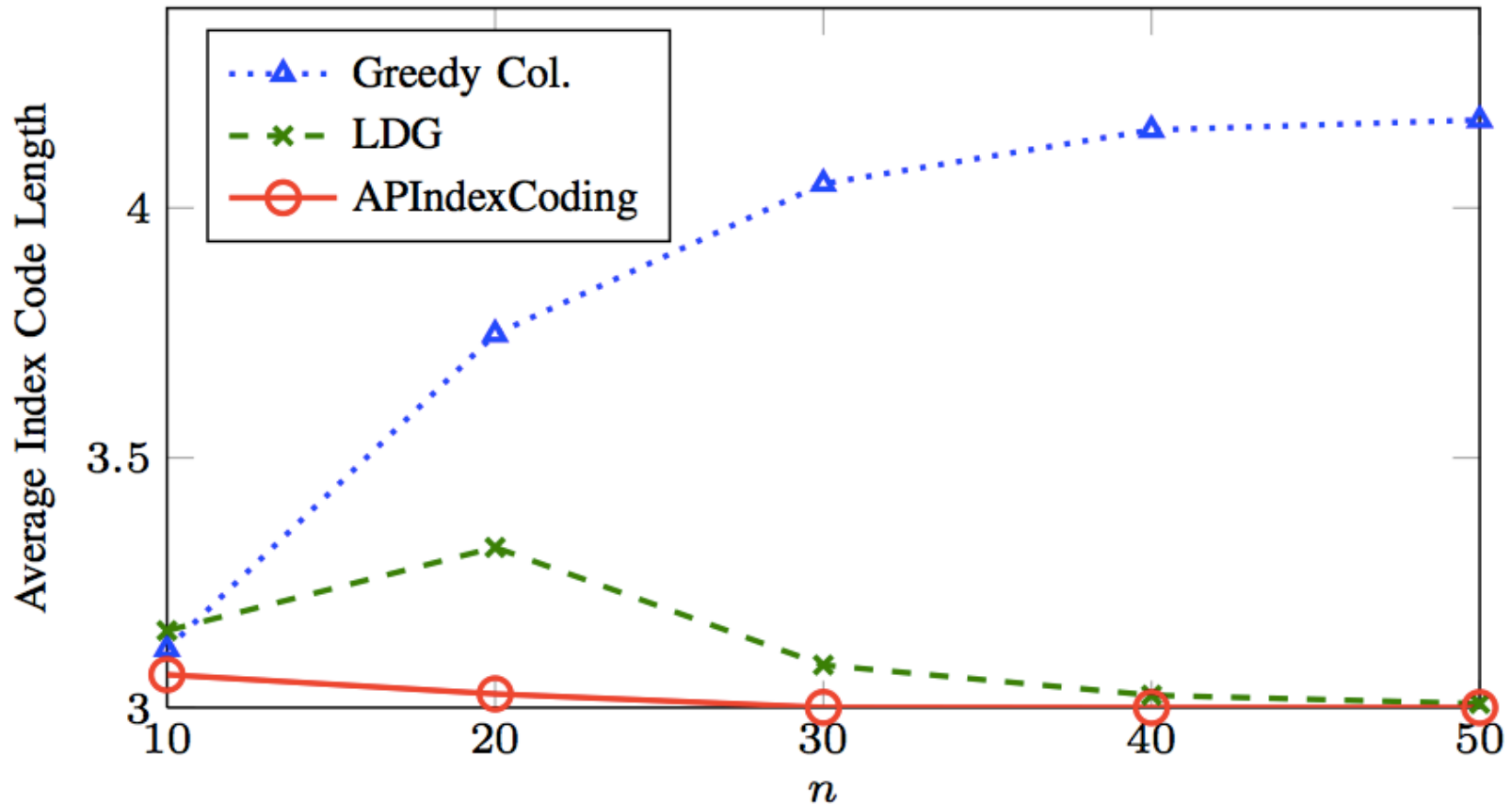


Fig. 9: Average index code length obtained by using Greedy Coloring, LDG and APIndexCoding for random 3-colorable graphs when  $p = 0.5$ .

- For  $n \leq 5$ , linear index coding achieve capacity [Ong,'14]. Online list of optimal index coding rates [kim]
- APindex coding was able to achieve all these rates whenever they are integers

# Concluding Remarks

- Index coding is NP hard. But, this is not the end of the story.
- Proposed the use of different rank minimizations methods for constructing index codes
- Index coding is connected to many other interesting topic in the literature
- Many theoretical open questions: From reals to finite fields? theoretical guarantees? Index coding on random graphs? Need a stronger equivalence for equivalence of capacity regions....
- To do list for the matlab library
  - Vector linear network codes
  - Now only multiple unicast
  - Include more methods (heuristics) for index coding: Now only LDG and minrank
  - Network design...

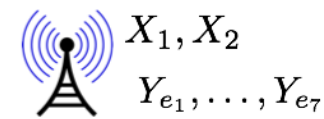


**QUESTIONS?**

[www.tinyurl.com/IndexCodingRocks](http://www.tinyurl.com/IndexCodingRocks)

# Dealing with Errors

- Consider an index code where decoding errors only happen when the broadcast message  $B=0$
- $\varepsilon$ : Prob of error in the index code  $=1/2^c=1/2^7=0.0078$
- Prob of error in the network code  $=1$  (bad).



Terminal	Wants	Has
$U_{e1}$	$Y_{e1}$	$X_1$
$U_{e2}$	$Y_{e2}$	$X_1$
$U_{e3}$	$Y_{e3}$	$X_2$
$U_{e4}$	$Y_{e4}$	$X_2$
$U_{e5}$	$Y_{e5}$	$Y_{e2} Y_{e3}$
$U_{e6}$	$Y_{e6}$	$Y_{e5}$
$U_{e7}$	$Y_{e7}$	$Y_{e5}$
$U_{t1}$	$X_1$	$Y_{e4} Y_{e7}$
$U_{t2}$	$X_2$	$Y_{e1} Y_{e6}$
$U^*$	$Y_{e1} \dots Y_{e7}$	$X_1 X_2$

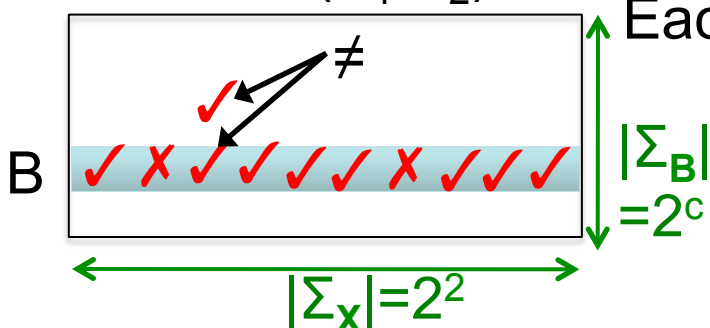
**Claim:** There exists  $\sigma$ , such that for  $B=\sigma$ , in the previous construction, the network code will have a prob of error at most  $\varepsilon$  ( $\varepsilon$ =error prob of the index code).

Intuition: if for every value of  $B$ , the resulting network code will have a prob of error  $>\varepsilon$ , this implies that the prob of error in the index code  $>\varepsilon$ . A contradiction.

$$\mathbf{X}=(X_1, X_2)$$

$\mathbf{X}$ : decoding error

Each  $\checkmark$  corresponds to a different "good" value of  $(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}_e)$



$$\text{Total \# of } \checkmark < (1-\varepsilon)|\Sigma_B| \cdot |\Sigma_X|$$

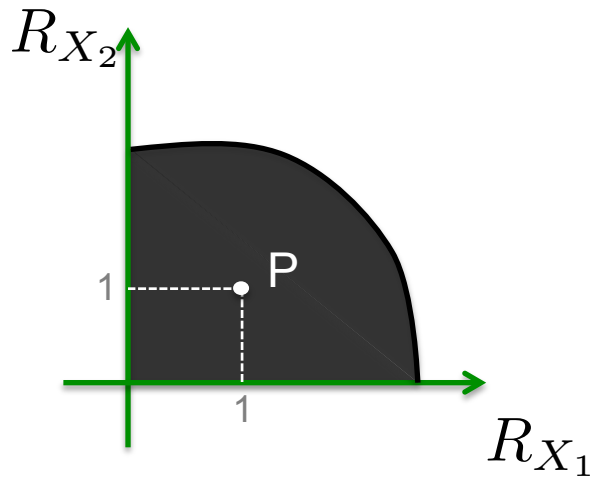
$$\text{But } |\Sigma_B| = |\Sigma_{Y_e}|$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Total \# of "good" values} < (1-\varepsilon)|\Sigma_{Y_e}| \cdot |\Sigma_X|$$

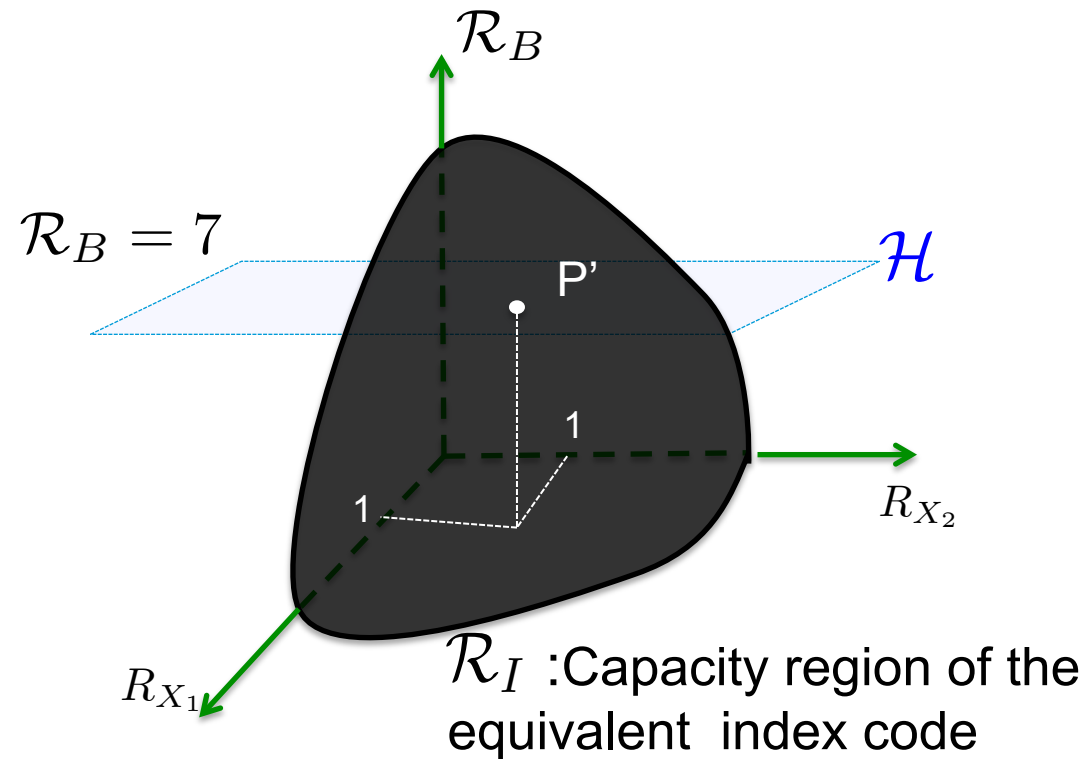
$$\mathbf{Y}_e = D_{U^*}(B, X_1, X_2)$$

contradiction

# Capacity Regions



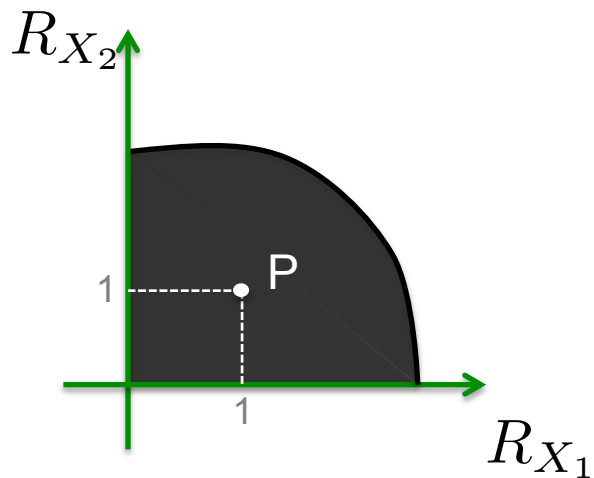
$\mathcal{R}_N$ : Capacity region of a network



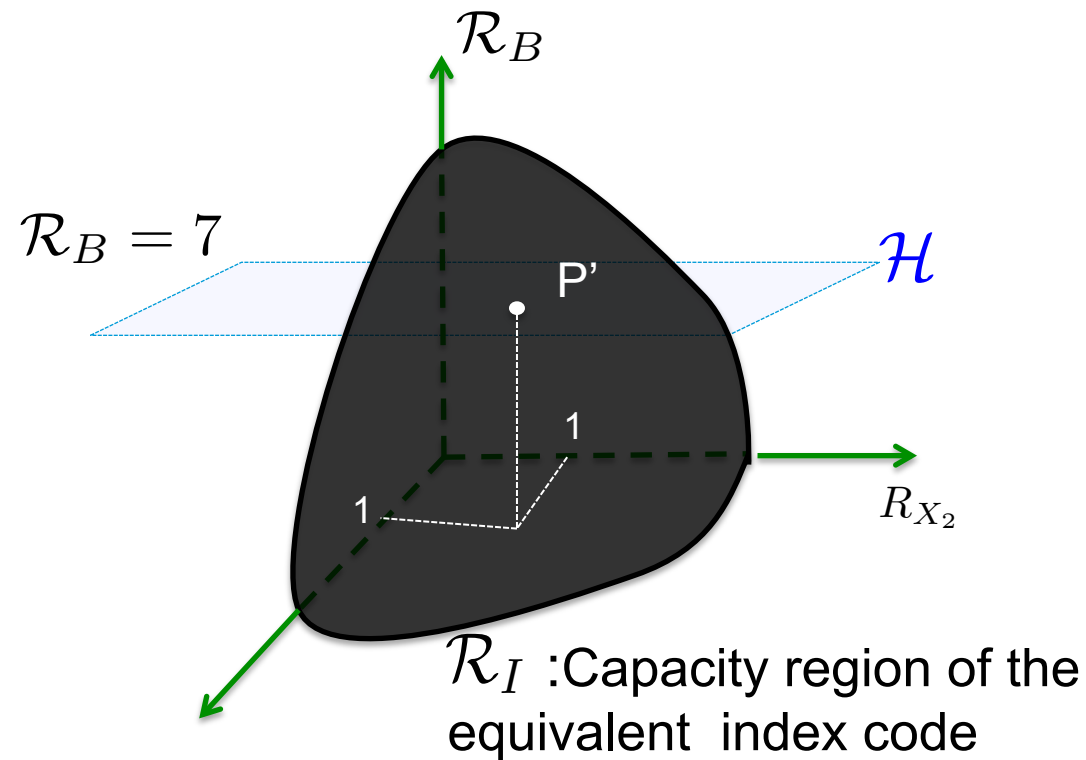
$\mathcal{R}_I$ : Capacity region of the equivalent index code

- If there is a code that achieves  $P$  “exactly”, then  $P'$  is in  $\mathcal{R}_I \cap \mathcal{H}$ , and vice versa.
- What if a sequence of points (not necessarily in  $\mathcal{H}$ ) converges to  $P$ . Does this mean that  $P$  is in  $\mathcal{R}_N$ ?
- If true this will solve a long-standing open problem: Is zero-error capacity =  $\varepsilon$ -error capacity of networks?
- True for index coding problems [Langberg, Effros '11]

# The Case of Co-located Sources



$\mathcal{R}_N$ : Capacity region of a network



$\mathcal{R}_I$ : Capacity region of the equivalent index code

**Theorem:** For any network  $\mathcal{N}$  with co-located sources one can efficiently construct an index coding problem  $\mathcal{I}$  and an integer  $L$  such that  $\mathbf{R}$  is in the capacity region of  $\mathcal{N}$  iff  $\mathbf{R}'$  is in the capacity region of  $\mathcal{I}$  with broadcast length  $L$ .



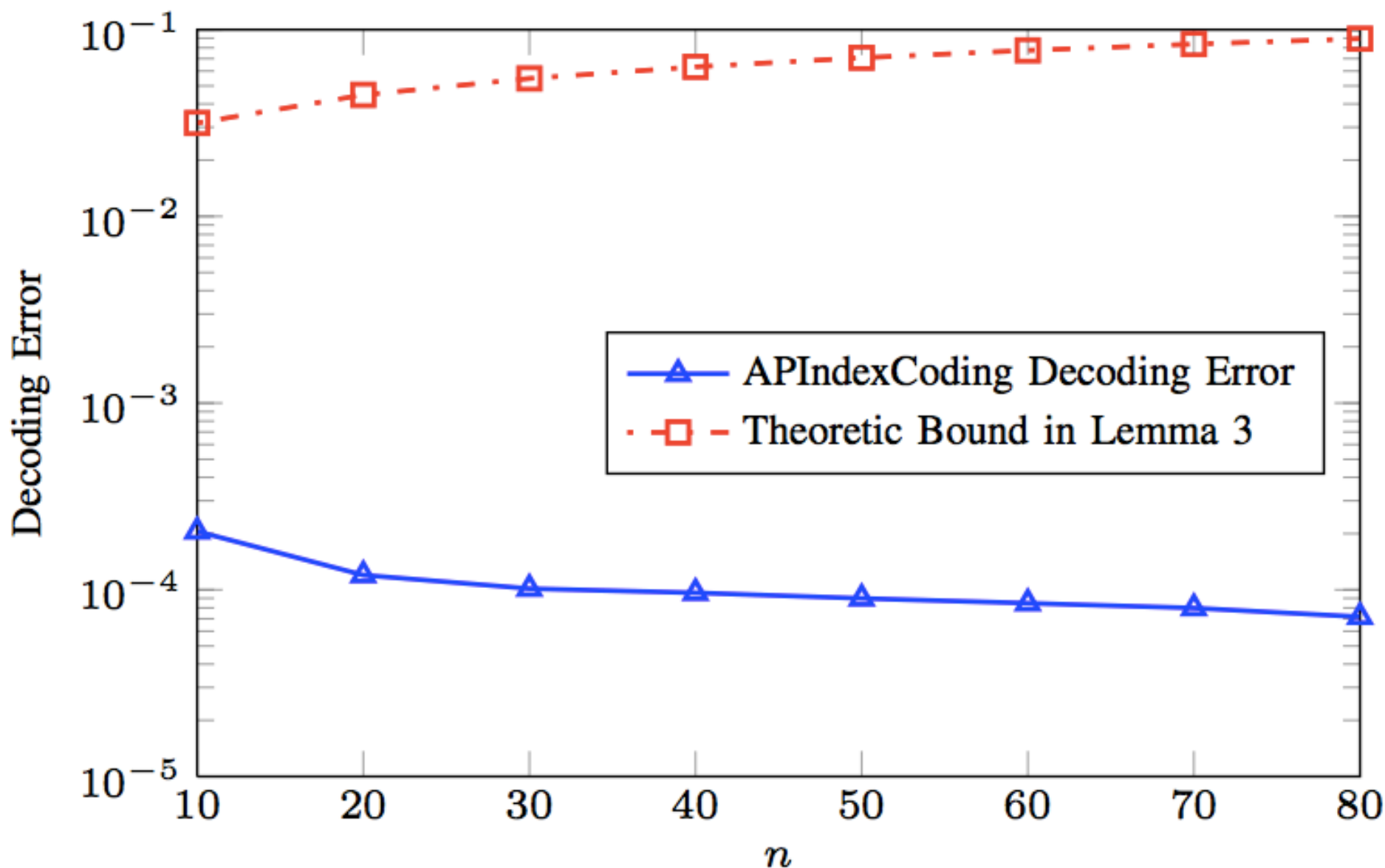
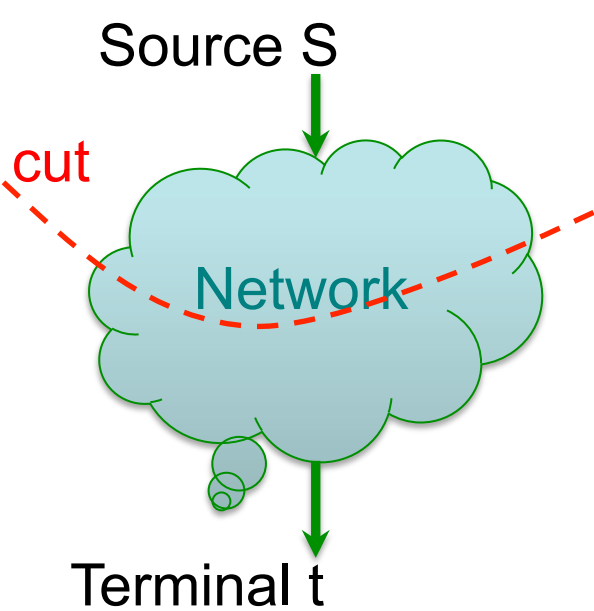


Fig. 12: Average decoding error  $\|\mathbf{X} - \hat{\mathbf{X}}\|$  in APIndexcoding on random undirected graphs when  $p = 0.2$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.001$  and  $X_i \in [-10, 10]$  ( $X_{\max} = 10$ ).

# Information Flows in Wireline Networks: What do we know in one slide

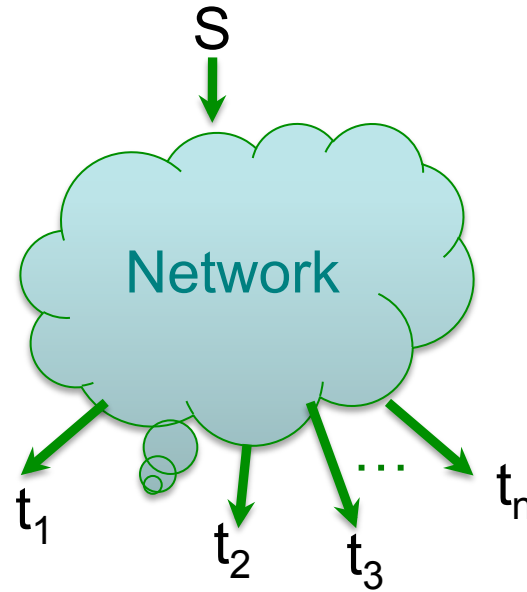


*Unicast networks*

Max Flow Min Cut theorem

[Ford & Fulkerson, '56]

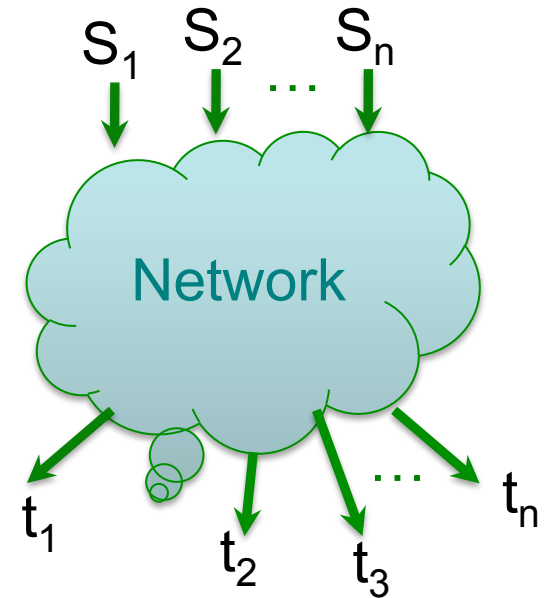
[Elias, Feinstein, Shannon  
'56]



*Multicast networks*

Network coding can  
achieve min mincut

[Ahlsweede et al. '00]



*General Demands*

Open!

Non-linear codes, Non-  
Shannon inequalities  
[Zeger et al. '06]

Two-unicast is as hard.  
[Kamath, Tse, Wang '14]

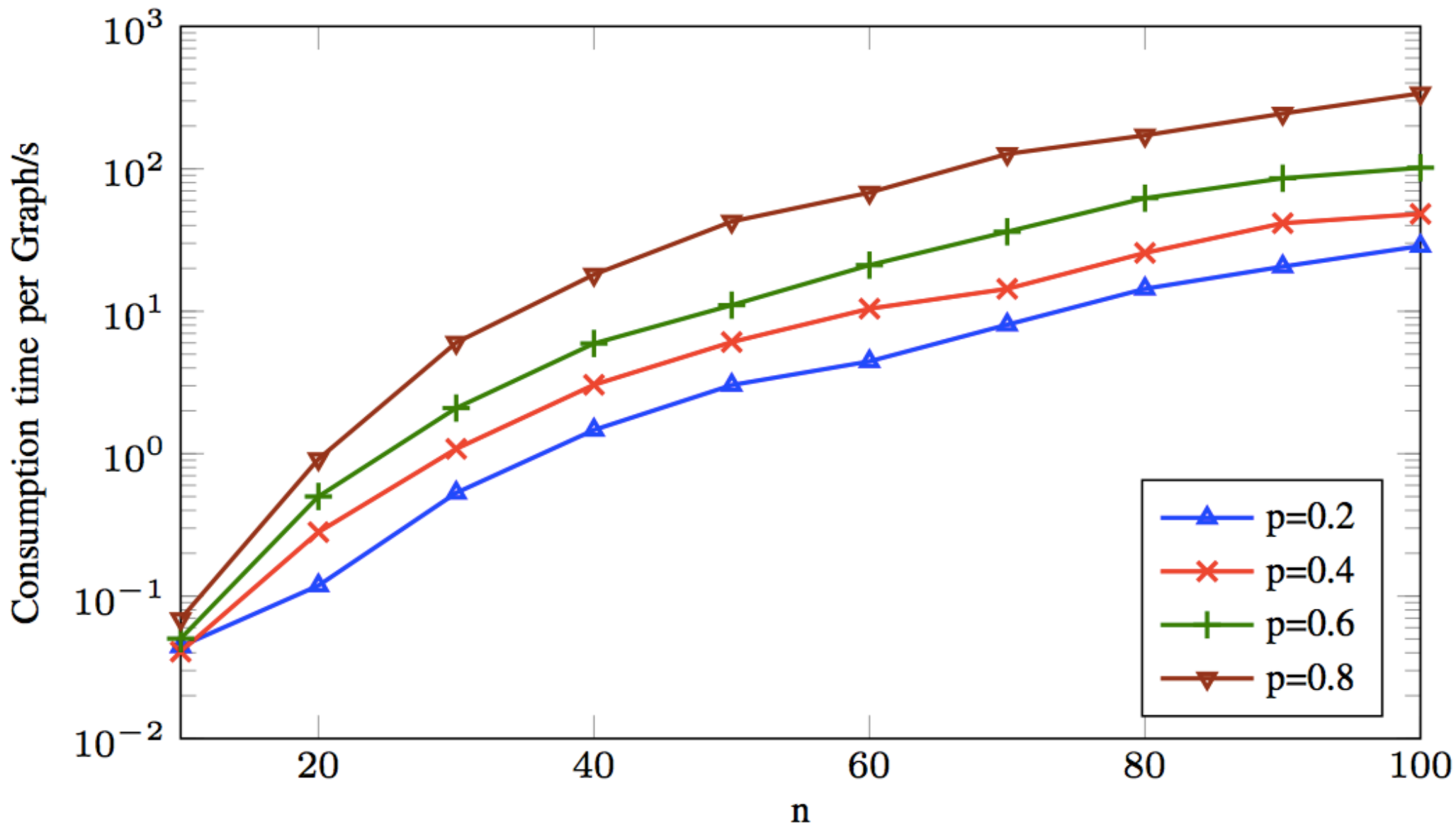


Fig. 9: Time consumption of APIndexCoding on random undirected graphs