

EFFICIENTLY DECODING REED MULLER CODES FROM RANDOM ERRORS

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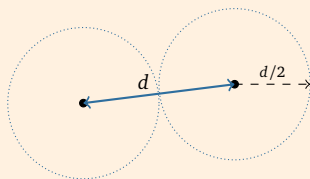
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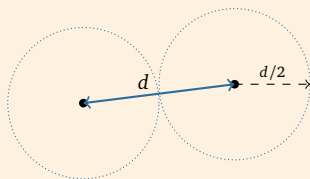
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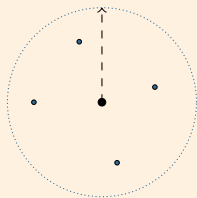
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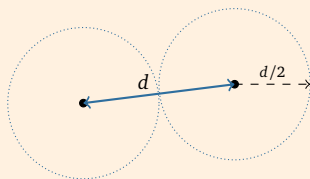
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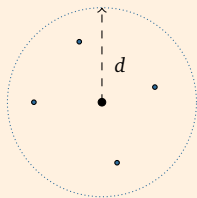
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[Gopalan-Klivans-Zuckerman08](#),
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Shannon48: max rate that enables decoding (w.h.p.) is $1 - p$ (for BEC) and $1 - H(p)$ (for BSC). Codes achieving bound called **capacity achieving**.

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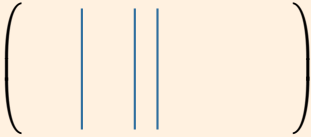
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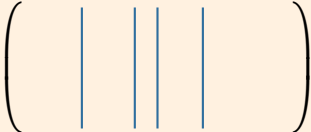
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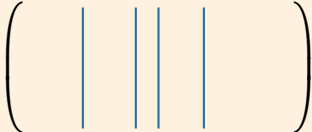
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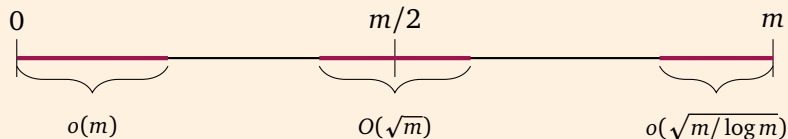
Kumar-Pfister15, Kudekar-Mondelli-Şaşıoğlu-Urbanke15:
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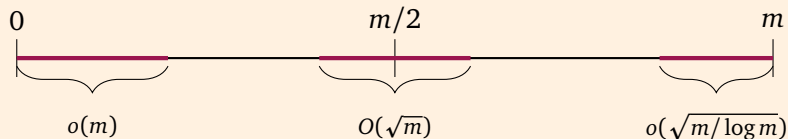


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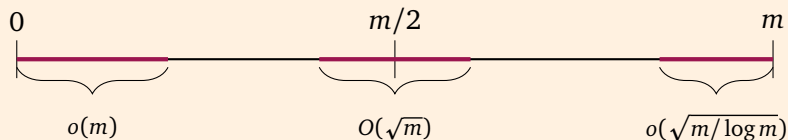
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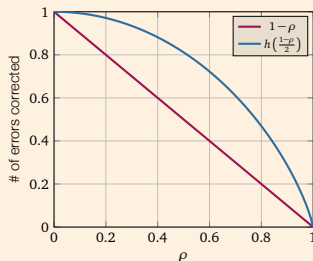
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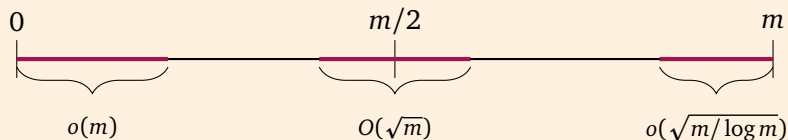
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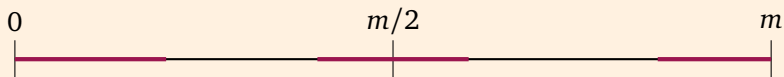
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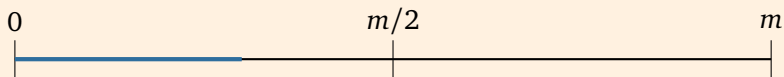


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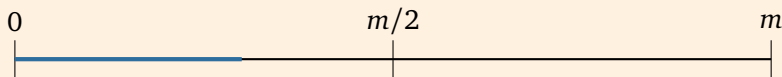


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