

Stabilizer description  
of Absolutely Maximally Entangled states  
and associated quantum error correction codes

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# Absolutely entangled state

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A state  $|\psi\rangle$  on  $\mathcal{H}_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{H}_n$  with  $\mathcal{H}_i \cong \mathbb{C}^d$  is absolutely maximally entangled (AME) if it satisfies the following equivalent conditions for arbitrary disjoint bipartition into subsystems  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $|B| = m \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ :

1.  $\text{Tr}_A |\psi\rangle \langle \psi| = \mathbb{I}_B$

2.  $S(\text{Tr}_A |\psi\rangle \langle \psi|) = S(B) = |B| \log d$

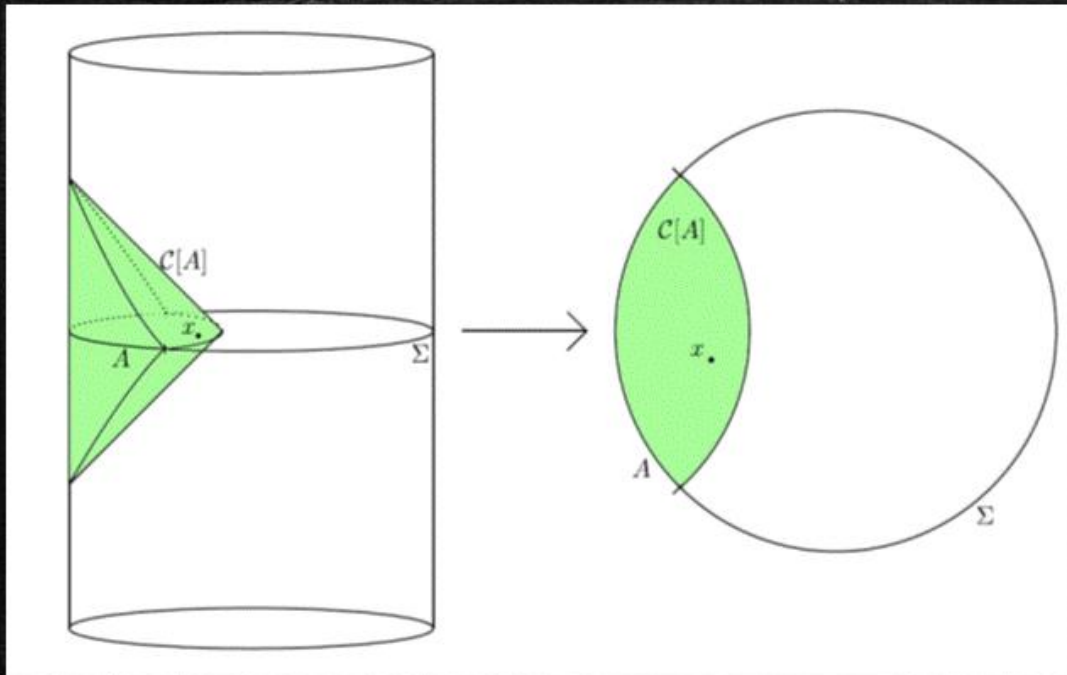
3.  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d^m}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_d^m} |k_1\rangle_{B_1} \cdots |k_m\rangle_{B_m} |\phi(k)\rangle_A$

with  $\langle \phi(k) | \phi(k') \rangle = \delta_{kk'}$ .

Generalization of  $k$ -uniformity: tracing out  $k$  subsystems of  $n$  party system,  $n - k$  party state is maximally mixed

# AdS/CFT isomorphism

Holographic mapping between local operators in the bulk and non-local operators on the edge:



Operator reconstruction:

For every point  $Y$  on the edge, an image of  $O(x)$  commutes with  $O(Y)$ .

Unique mapping  $\rightarrow$  image of  $O(x)$  is Identity

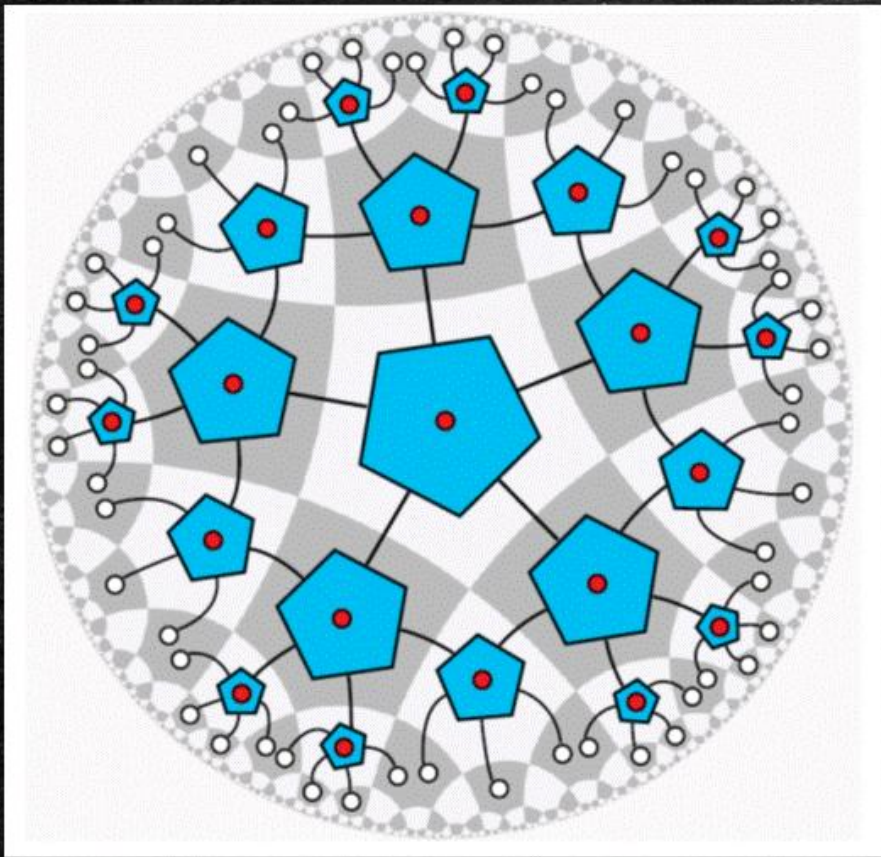
Non-unique mapping  $\rightarrow$  logical subspace, protected against erasure errors

A. Almheiri, X. Dong, D. Harlow, JHEP 1504:163, (2015)

F. Pastawski, B. Yoshida, D. Harlow, J. Preskill, JHEP 06, 149 (2015)



## Toy models: AME networks defining ECC codes



- Non-contracted legs on the edge represent qubits
- Red dots represent logical qubits

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G}$$

- obstruction: monogamy of entanglement
- Classification of AME states for qubits:

a)  $n=2, d=2$

$$|\Upsilon\rangle \sim |00\rangle + |11\rangle$$

b)  $n=3, d=2$

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c)  $n=4, d=2$  – no AME state [1]

$$|\Upsilon\rangle = \sum_{ijkl} t^{ijkl} |i\rangle|j\rangle|k\rangle|l\rangle$$

[1] A. Higuchi, A. Sudbery, Phys. Lett. A 272, 213 (2000)



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E.g.

$$\text{tr}_{3,4} [ |0000\rangle + |1111\rangle ]$$

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$$|00 \times 00\rangle + |11 \times 11\rangle$$

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d)  $n=5,6$  and  $d=2$  – there are AME states found numerically [1]

$$\pi_{ME} = \sum_{|B| = \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \text{Tr}(\rho_B^2)$$

e) No AME for  $d=2$  and  $n=7$  [2] and  $n \geq 8$  [3]

f) for arbitrary  $n$ , there is AME if  $d$  high enough!

[1] P. Facchi, G. Florio, G. Parisi, S. Pascazio, Phys. Rev. A 77, 060304 (2008)

[2] F. Huber, O. Guhne, J. Siewert, arxiv 1608.06228

[3] A. J. Scott, Phys. Rev. A 69, 052330 (2004)

## Quantum secret sharing schemes [1]

A secret

$$|S\rangle = \sum_i a_i |i\rangle \in \mathcal{H} \cong \mathbb{C}^d$$

is encoded as a state

$$|\Upsilon\rangle = \sum_i a_i |\Upsilon_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}^{\otimes 2m-1}$$

shared between the parties. If number of cooperating parties is at least  $m$ , then the secret can be perfectly deduced from their reduced state. If not, no information is provided.

But for AME

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d^m}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_d^{m-1}, i} |i\rangle_{B_1} |k_2\rangle_{B_2} \dots |k_m\rangle_{B_m} |\phi(k, i)\rangle_A$$

one can take

$$|\Upsilon_i\rangle = \langle i | \Upsilon \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d^m}} \sum_k |k_2\rangle_{B_2} \dots |k_m\rangle_{B_m} |\phi(k, i)\rangle_A$$

[1] W. Helwig, W. Cui, J. I. Latorre, A. Riera, H. K. Lo Phys. Rev. A 86, 052335 (2012)



$$|B| = m, \quad |A| = m$$

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one can take  $|\tau_i\rangle = \langle i|\tau\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d^m}} \sum_k |k_2\rangle_{B_2} \dots |k_m\rangle_{B_m} |\phi(k, i)\rangle_A$

A can apply joint unitary:

$$U |\phi(k, i)\rangle_A = |i\rangle_{A_1} |k_2\rangle_{A_2} \dots |k_m\rangle_{A_m}$$

That leads to

$$\sum_i a_i |\tau_i\rangle_{A, B|B_i} \rightarrow \sum_i a_i |i\rangle_{A_1} \otimes \sum_{k_2} |k_2\rangle_{A_2} |k_2\rangle_{B_2} \otimes \dots \otimes \sum_{k_m} |k_m\rangle_{A_m} |k_m\rangle_{B_m}$$

## Equivalence with perfect tensors

linear map  $T: \mathcal{H}_B \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_A$  preserving the inner product (isometry)  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_a T_{b'a}^\dagger T_{ab} = \delta_{b'b}$

$$T: |b\rangle \rightarrow \sum_a |a\rangle T_{ab}$$

$$\text{But } |\Upsilon\rangle = \sum_{a,b} T_{ab} |a\rangle |b\rangle$$

$$\text{Demand } \text{tr}_A |\Upsilon \times \Upsilon| = \sum_{\substack{b,b' \\ a}} T_{ab} \overline{T_{ab'}} |b \times b'| = \sum_b |b \times b|$$
$$\Updownarrow$$
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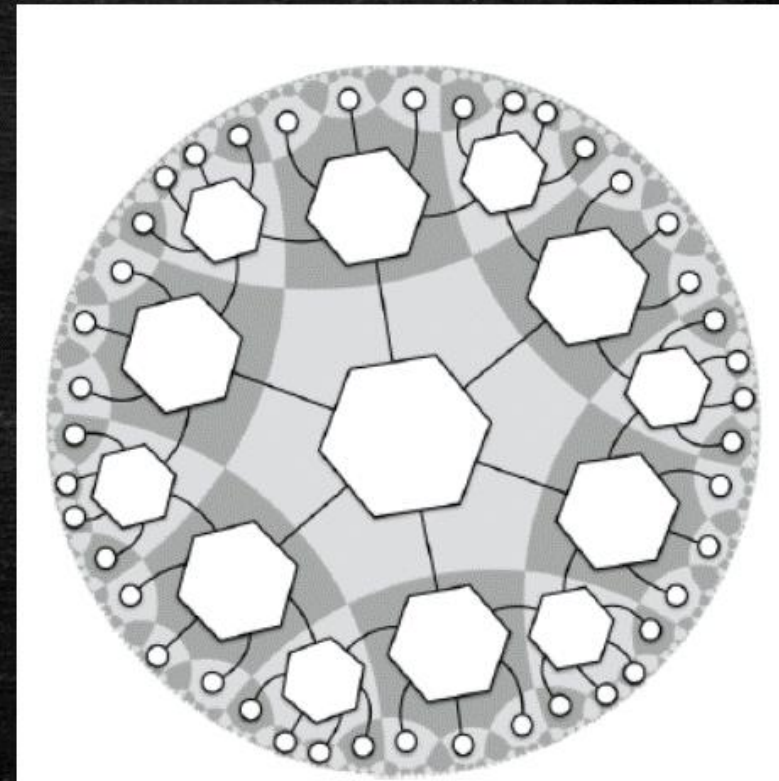


## Ryu-Takayanagi formula

For a CFT whose gravitational dual is well-approximated by Einstein gravity at low energies, in any static state with a geometric bulk description the entropy  $S_A$  of a boundary subregion  $A$  at fixed time obeys

$$S_A = \frac{\text{Area}(\gamma_A)}{4G}$$

$\gamma_A$  - minimal-area codimension-two bulk surface with boundary matching  $\partial A$ .





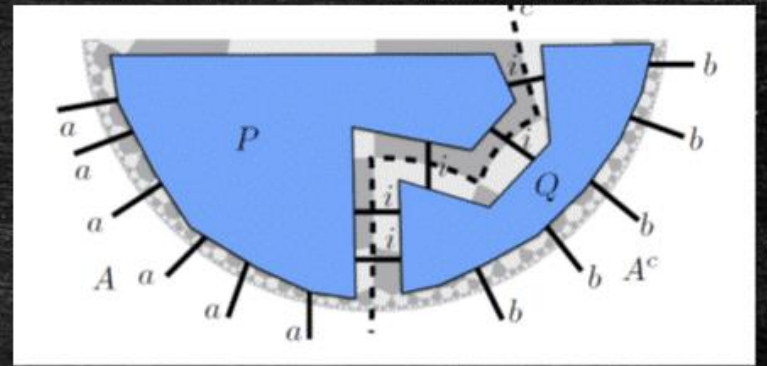
$$P: |i\rangle \rightarrow \sum_a |a\rangle P_{ai}$$

$$Q: |i\rangle \rightarrow \sum_b |b\rangle Q_{bi}$$

State on the boundary:

$$|\Upsilon\rangle = \sum_{a,b,i} |ab\rangle P_{ai} Q_{bi} = \sum_i |P_i\rangle_A \otimes |Q_i\rangle_{A^c}$$

$$\rho_A = \sum_{i,i'} \langle Q_i | Q_{i'} \rangle |P_i\rangle \langle P_{i'}| \quad S(\rho_A) \leq \gamma \log d$$





Isometries:

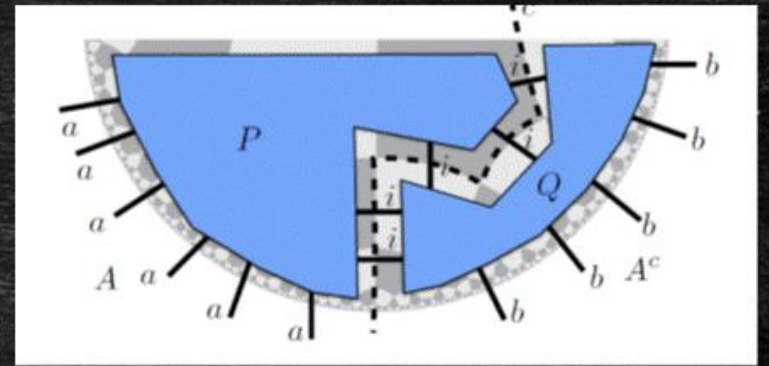
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## Quantum error correction properties

AME state defines a map

$$|\tau_i\rangle = \langle i|\tau\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d^m}} \sum_k |k_2\rangle_{B_2} \dots |k_m\rangle_{B_m} |\phi(k, i)\rangle_A$$

Encoding 1 qubit into  $2m-1$  qubits s.t. the logical information is protected against erasure of  $m-1$  qubits. That's the highest possible value due to no-cloning principle.

What's the relations between AME states and their respective codes? How one can produce these codes?



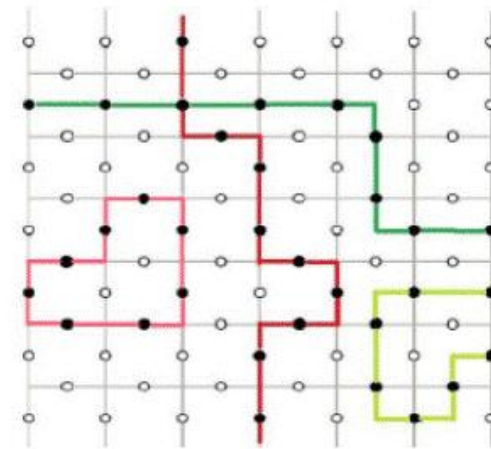
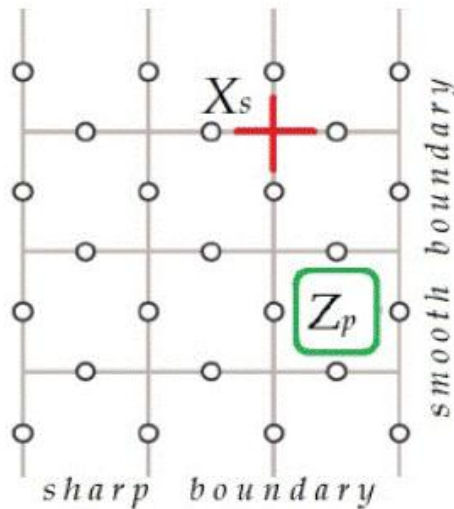
# Stabilizer formalism

- $n$ -qubit Clifford group  $C_n$  is a finite subgroup of  $\mathbb{U}(2^n)$  generated by Hadamard gate, C-NOT gate and a phase gate
- Pauli group  $\mathcal{P}_n \subset C_n$  is generated by Pauli operators acting on  $n$  qubits
- An abelian subgroup  $S$  of  $\mathcal{P}_n$  is called a stabilizer group if  $-\mathbb{I} \notin S$ .  
 $S$  defines a subspace: Code =  $\{|\psi\rangle: s|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \forall s \in S\}$

## Error correction:

- If an operator  $U(2^n)$  anticommutes with some element of  $S$   $\rightarrow$  error detection
- If an operator  $U(2^n)$  commutes with  $S$ , then it belongs to  $S$  or is a logical operator.

Paths of logical operators on the topological space are uncontractible to the point. The stabilizer group generated by star and plaquette parity operators responsible for detection of bit- and phase-errors.



Stabilizer group generators of Kitaev's topological code on a plane:

$$Z_p = \bigotimes_{i=1}^4 Z_i^p, X_p = \bigotimes_{i=1}^4 X_i^p$$

$X \otimes X \otimes \dots \otimes X$  - logical bit flip operator

$X \otimes X \otimes \dots \otimes X$  - trivial bit flip operator

$Z \otimes Z \otimes \dots \otimes Z$  - logical phase flip operator

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$L^2 + (L - 1)^2$  links,  $2L(L - 1)$  stabilizer generators  $\rightarrow$  1 logical qubit encoded



Stabilizer lists for qubits: updating rules

Unitary operation  $U$  on a state:  $|\psi\rangle = s|\psi\rangle \rightarrow U|\psi\rangle = UsU^\dagger U|\psi\rangle$

Measurement of  $O$  on a state:

- If  $O$  can be expressed as a product of generators, no changes made

$$S = \langle Z_1, -Z_2 \rangle, O = Z_1 Z_2 \rightarrow S' = \langle Z_1, Z_2 \rangle, -Z_1 Z_2 \in S$$

- If  $O$  cannot be expressed as a product of generators, and commutes with all of them, then append it to a generator list with an appropriate sign

$$S = \langle Z_1 Z_2, Z_2 Z_3 \rangle \rightarrow S' = \langle Z_1 Z_2, Z_2 Z_3, \pm Z_2 \rangle$$
$$O = Z_2$$

- If  $O$  cannot be expressed as a product of generators, and does not commute with some of them, then replace an anticommuting generator by  $O$  (with appropriate sign), and multiply all the other anticommuting generators by the generator removed

$$S = \langle z_1 z_2, \\ z_2 z_3, \\ z_3 z_4 \rangle$$



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$$O = X_3$$

$$z_2 z_3 z_3 z_4 = z_2 z_4$$



Codes based on (6,2) AME state

$$S_1 = X_1 Z_2 Z_3 X_4 1_5 1_6$$

$$S_2 = 1 X Z Z X 1$$

$$S_3 = X 1 X Z Z 1$$

$$S_4 = Z X 1 X Z 1$$

$$S_5 = X X X X X X$$

$$S_6 = Z Z Z Z Z Z$$

$$|T\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}} \left\{ \left[ \begin{aligned} &|00000\rangle - |00011\rangle + |00101\rangle - |00110\rangle + \\ &+ |01001\rangle + |01010\rangle - |01100\rangle - |01111\rangle + \\ &- |10001\rangle + |10010\rangle + |10100\rangle - |10111\rangle + \\ &- |11000\rangle - |11011\rangle - |11101\rangle - |11110\rangle \end{aligned} \right] |0\rangle + \left[ \begin{aligned} &- |00001\rangle - |00010\rangle - |00100\rangle - |00111\rangle + \\ &- |01000\rangle + |01011\rangle + |01101\rangle - |01110\rangle + \\ &- |10000\rangle - |10001\rangle + |10101\rangle + |10110\rangle + \\ &- |11001\rangle + |11010\rangle - |11100\rangle + |11111\rangle \end{aligned} \right] |1\rangle \right\}$$

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stabilizers of 1→5 code

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$$S_6 = 1 1 1 1 1 X_6 X_7$$

logical operators of 1→5 codes

removed:

$$\begin{matrix} Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 Z_5 Z_6 & 1 \\ X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 X_6 & 1 \end{matrix}$$



$$|\Upsilon\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}} \left\{ \begin{aligned} &100000 - 000111 + 001011 - 001110 + \\ &+ 010001 + 010110 - 011000 - 011111 + \\ &- 100001 + 100110 + 101000 - 101111 + \\ &- 110000 - 110111 - 111011 - 111100 \end{aligned} \right\} |0\rangle$$

$|\bar{0}\rangle$

$$+ \left\{ \begin{aligned} &-000011 - 000110 - 001000 - 001111 + \\ &- 010000 + 010111 + 011011 - 011110 + \\ &- 100000 - 100011 + 101011 + 101110 + \\ &- 110011 + 110110 - 111000 + 111111 \end{aligned} \right\} |1\rangle$$

$|\bar{1}\rangle$

$X_1$	$Z_2$	$Z_3$	$X_4$	$1$
$1$	$X$	$Z$	$Z$	$X$
$X$	$1$	$X$	$Z$	$Z$
$Z$	$X$	$1$	$X$	$Z$

$= |5\rangle$

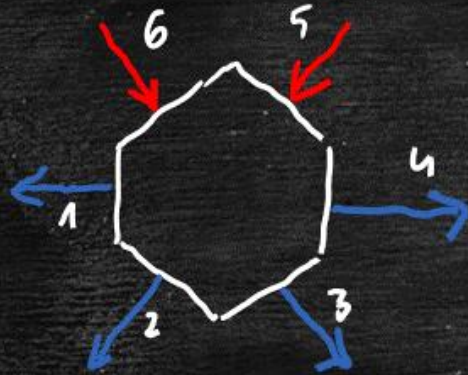
$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X} |\bar{0}\rangle &= |\bar{1}\rangle \\ \bar{X} |\bar{1}\rangle &= |0\rangle \\ \bar{Z} |\bar{0}\rangle &= |\bar{0}\rangle \\ \bar{Z} |\bar{1}\rangle &= -|\bar{1}\rangle \end{aligned}$$

logical operators:  $X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 X_5 = \bar{X}$   
 $Z_1 Z_2 Z_3 Z_4 Z_5 = \bar{Z}$

$$|\Upsilon\rangle_{enc} = \alpha |\bar{0}\rangle + \beta |\bar{1}\rangle$$



In this way one obtains 2- $\rightarrow$ 4 and 3- $\rightarrow$ 3 codes:



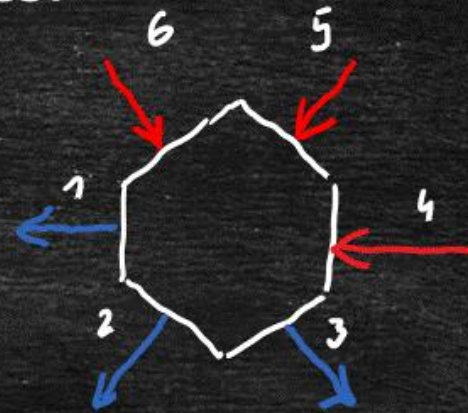
$$S = \langle X_{\underset{1}{2}Z\underset{2}{3}Z\underset{4}{1}X}, Y_{\underset{1}{2}X\underset{3}{4}Y} \rangle$$

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$$\bar{Z}_5 = Y Z Y 1$$

$$\bar{X}_6 = 1 X Z Z$$

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$$S = \emptyset$$

$$\bar{X}_4 = Z_1 X_2 Z_3$$

$$\bar{Z}_4 = Y Z Y$$

$$\bar{X}_5 = X Z Z$$

$$\bar{Z}_5 = Z Y Y$$

$$\bar{X}_6 = Z Z X$$

$$\bar{Z}_6 = Y Y Z$$



Is this method universal for stabilizer AME states?

Every stabilizer state can be transformed into a graph state by local Clifford operators [1]:

$$\mathbb{C}^{\otimes n} \ni |\psi\rangle \longrightarrow \prod_{i \rightarrow j} (Z_{ij}^{A_{ij}}) |\psi\rangle^{\otimes n}$$

$A_{ij}$  - adjacency matrix

$$g_i = X_i \prod_j Z_{ij}^{A_{ij}}$$

Theorem 7 [2]

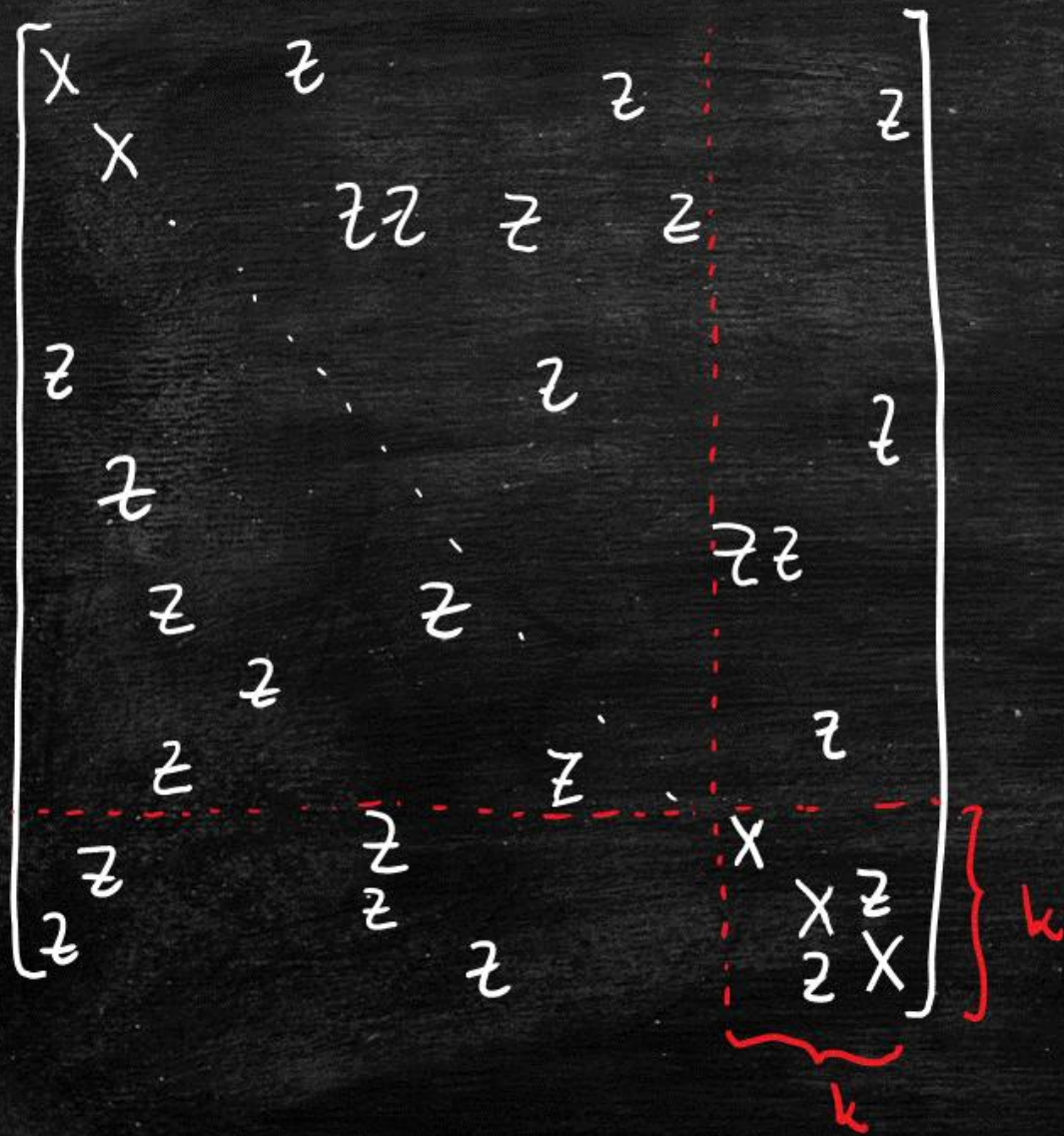
A graph state with adjacency matrix  $A$  is AME  $\Leftrightarrow$  after removing up to  $\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor$  rows/columns in  $A$ , the truncated columns/rows remain linearly independent

[1] D. Schlingemann, Quant. Inf. & Comp. 2, 307 (2002)

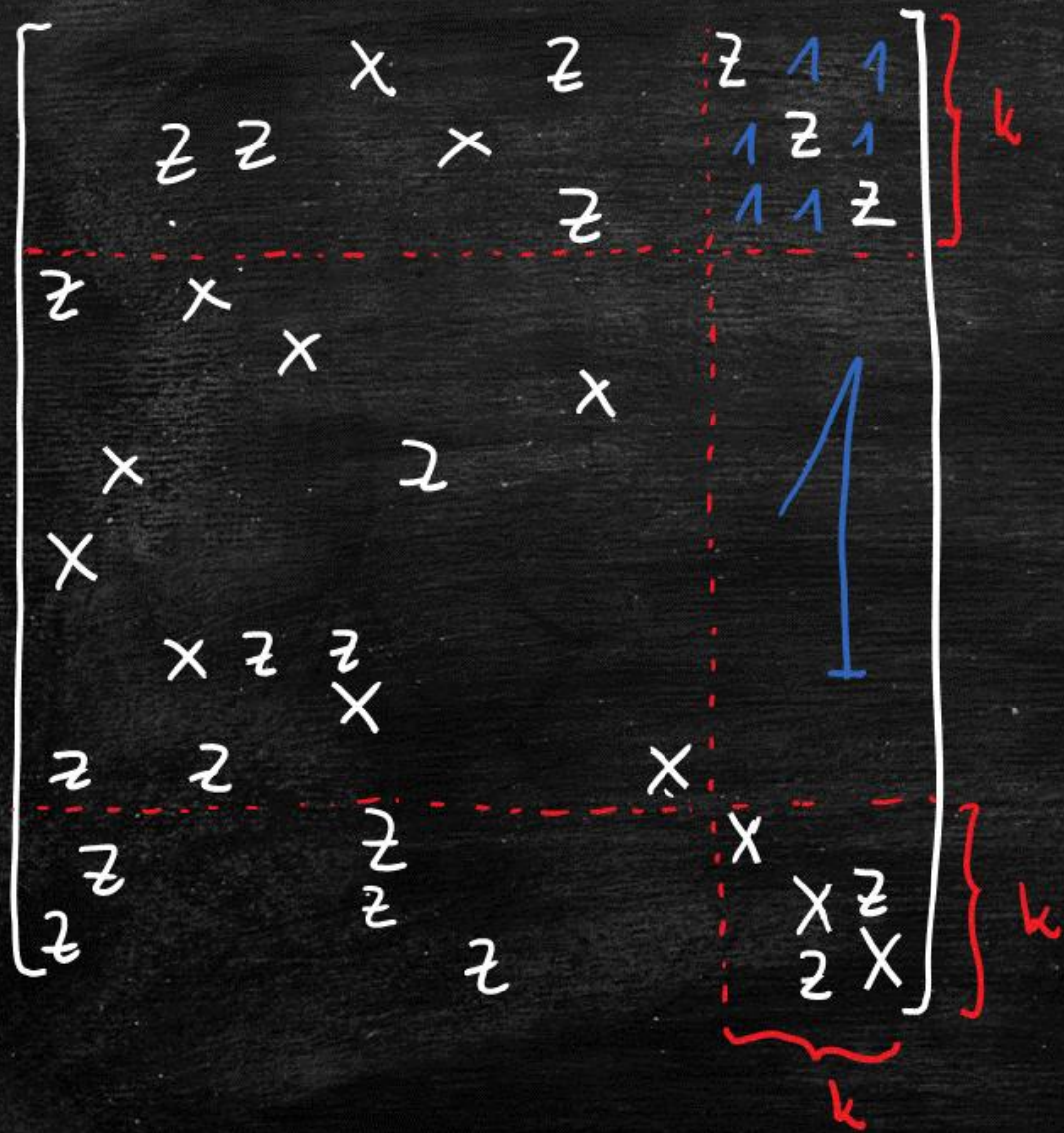
[2] W. Helwig, arXiv:1306.2879

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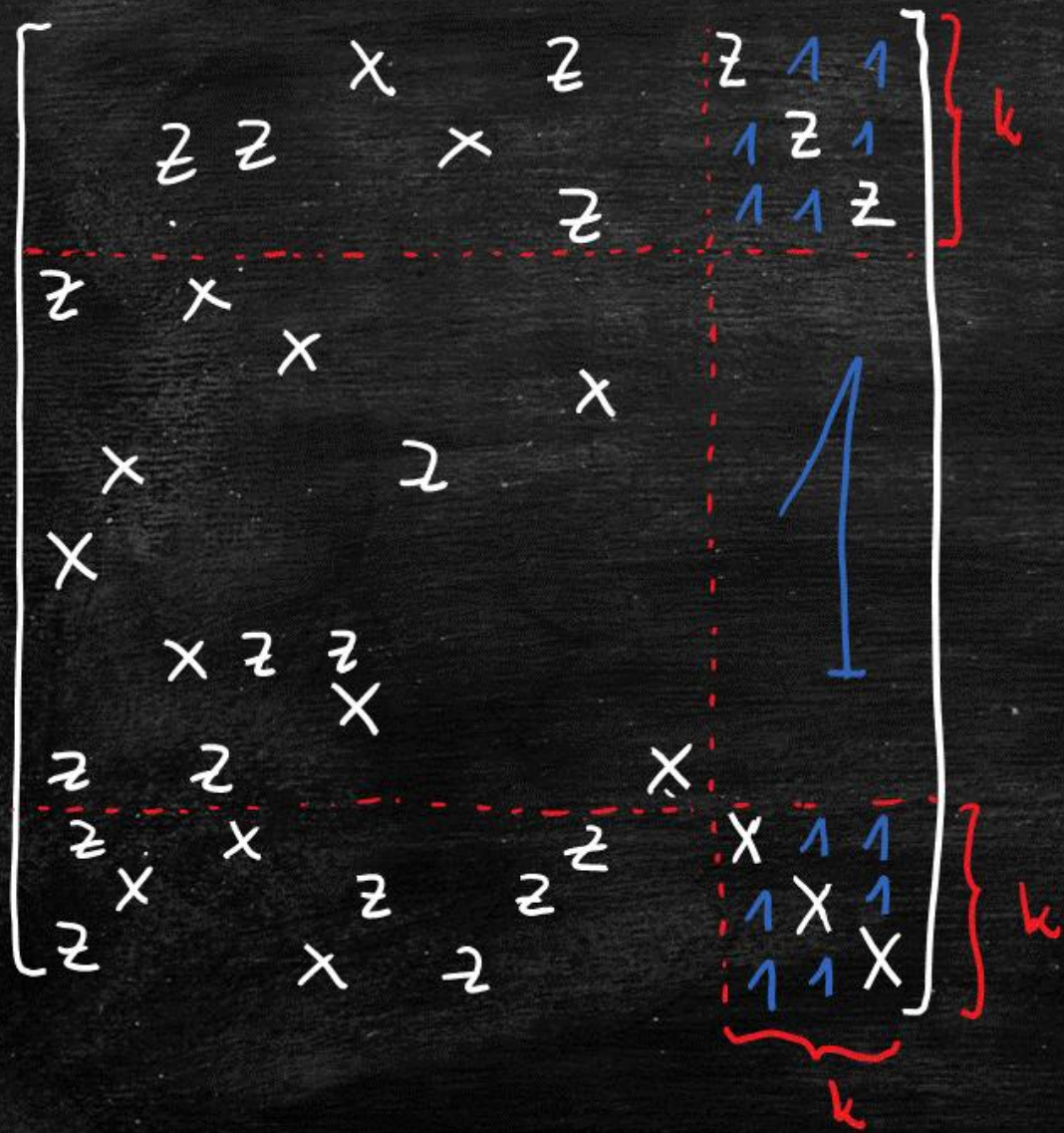




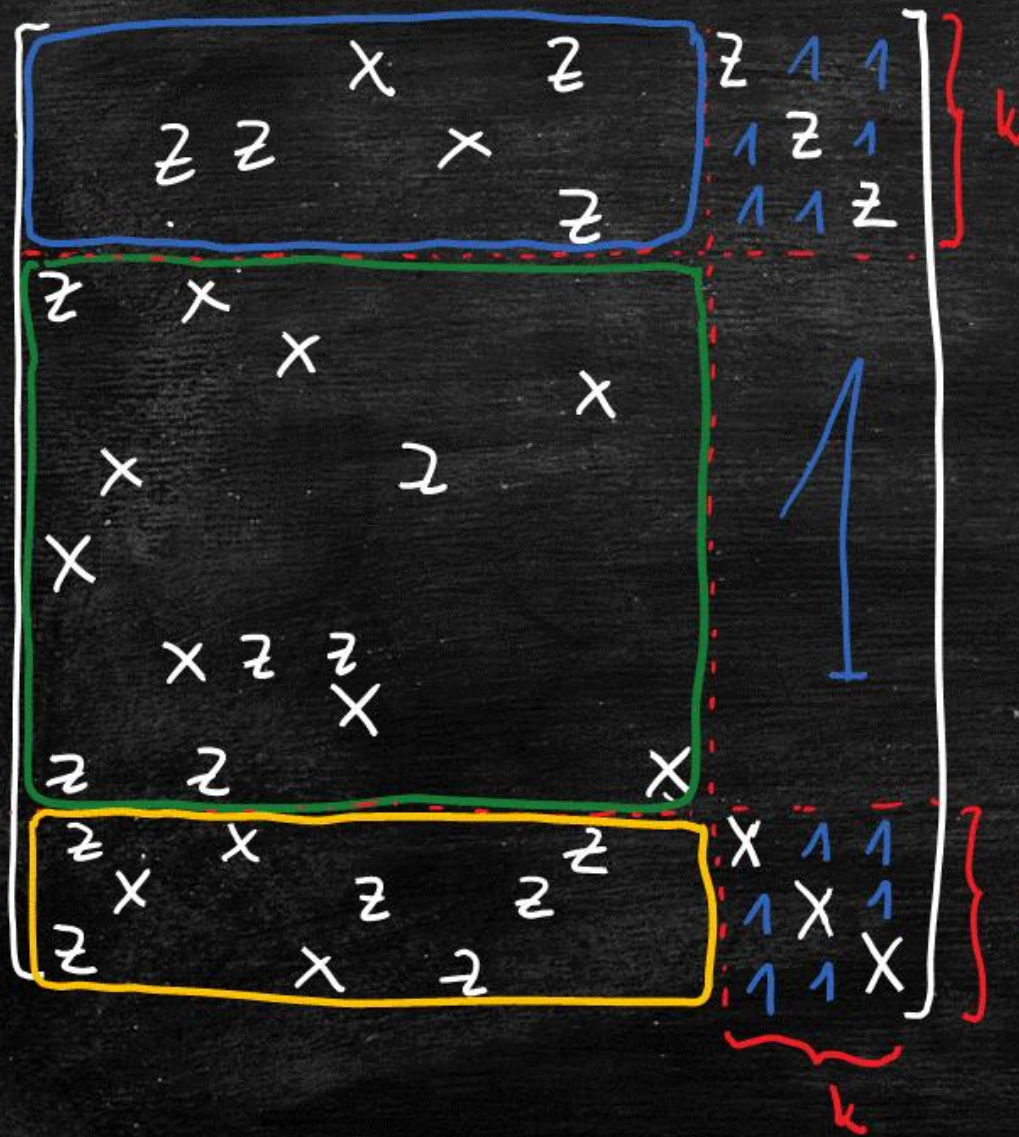
take  $k \in \{0, \dots, \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor\}$











← results from multiplying stabilizers

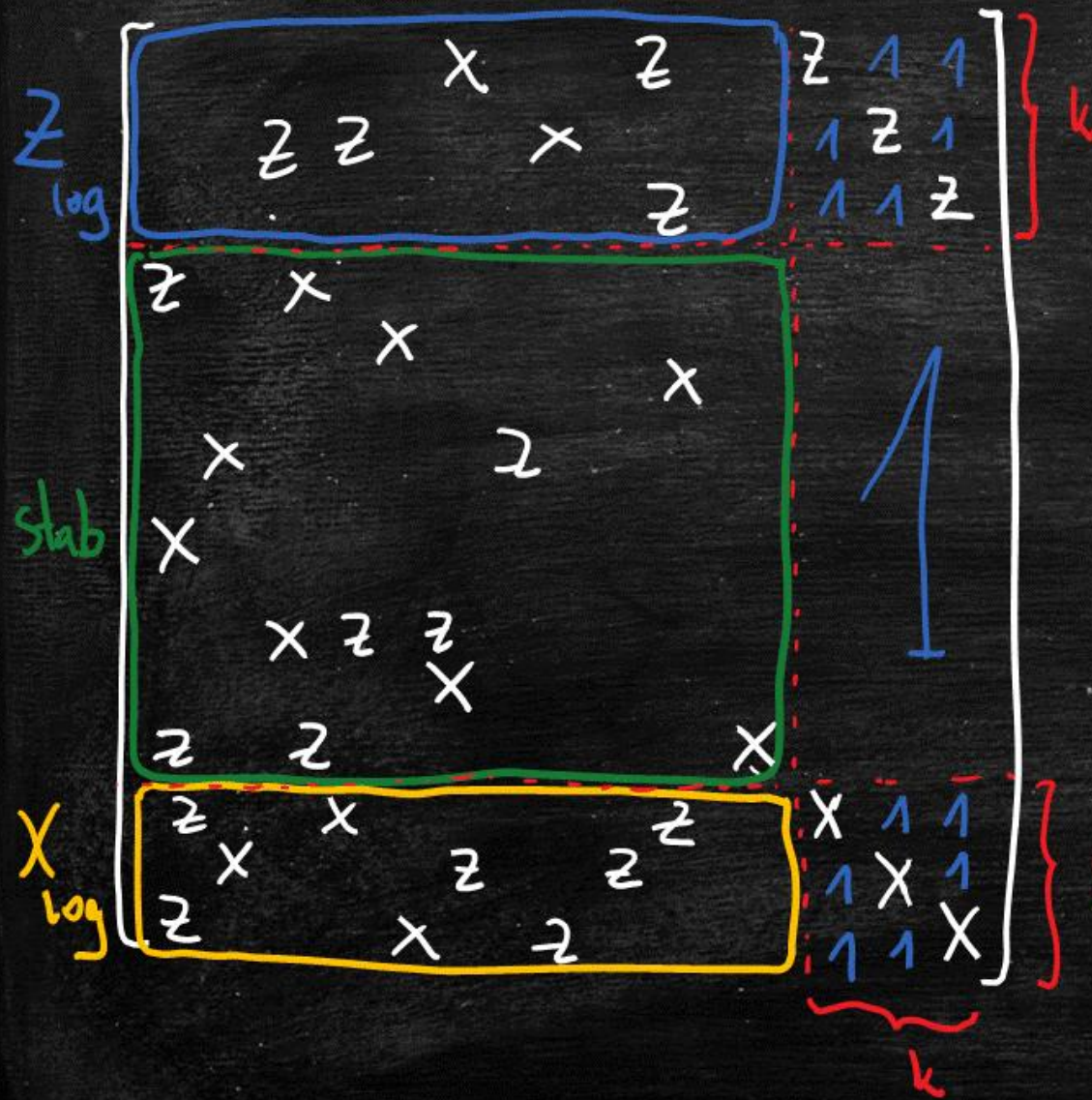
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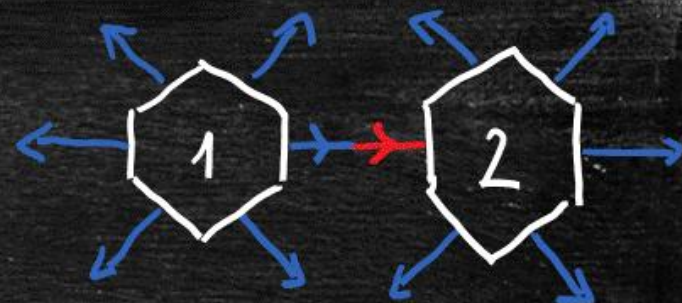
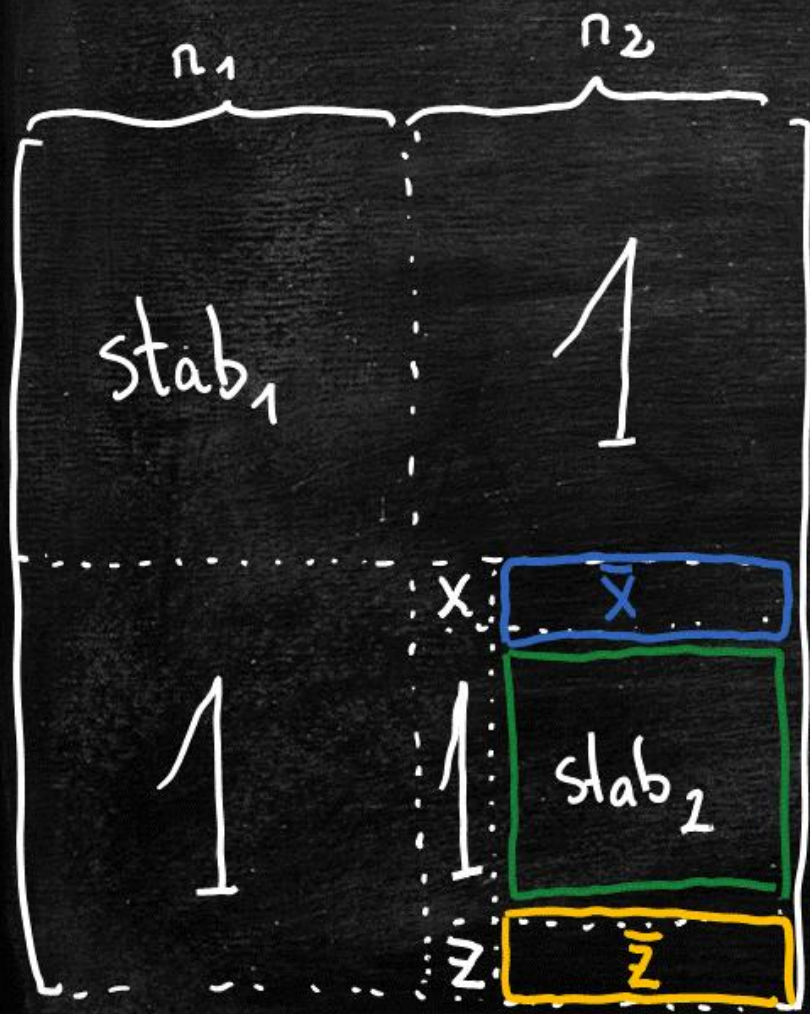
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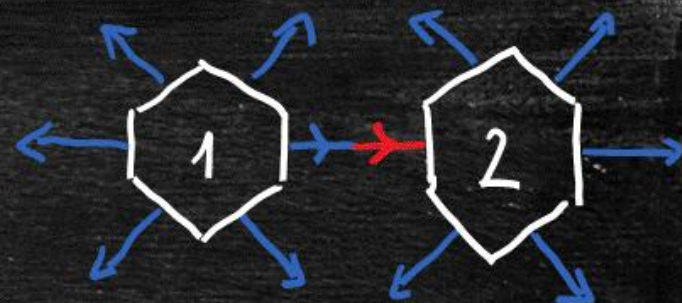
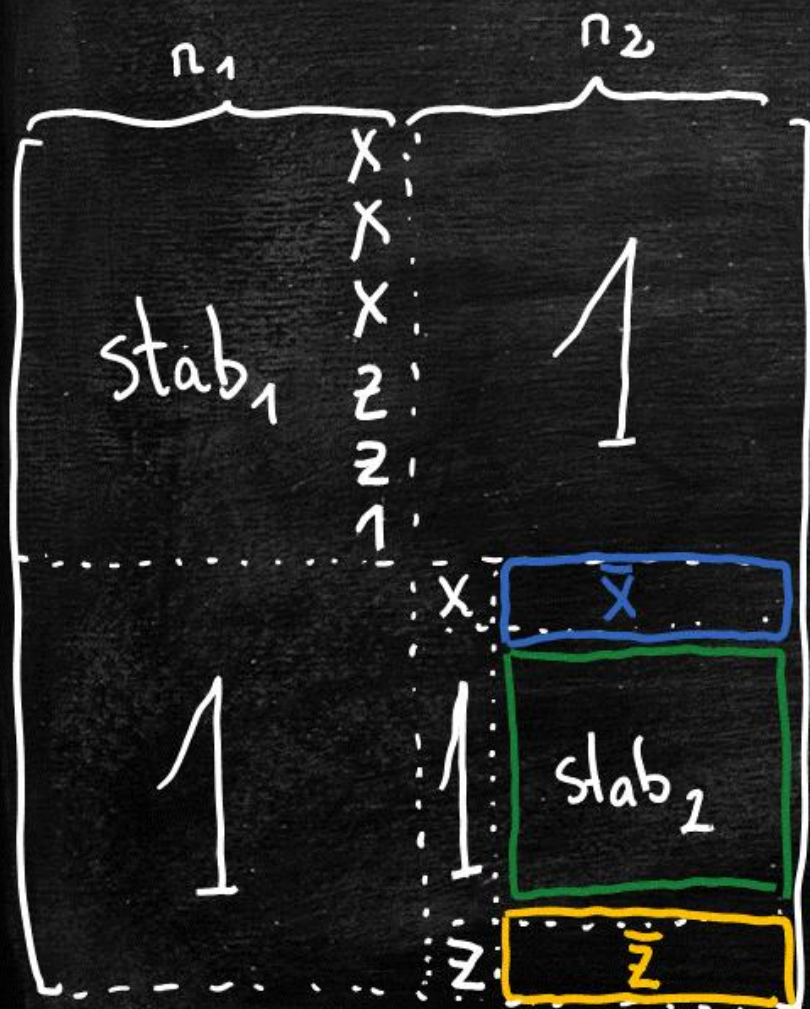


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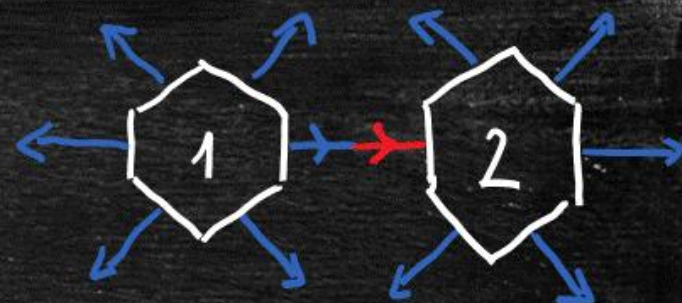
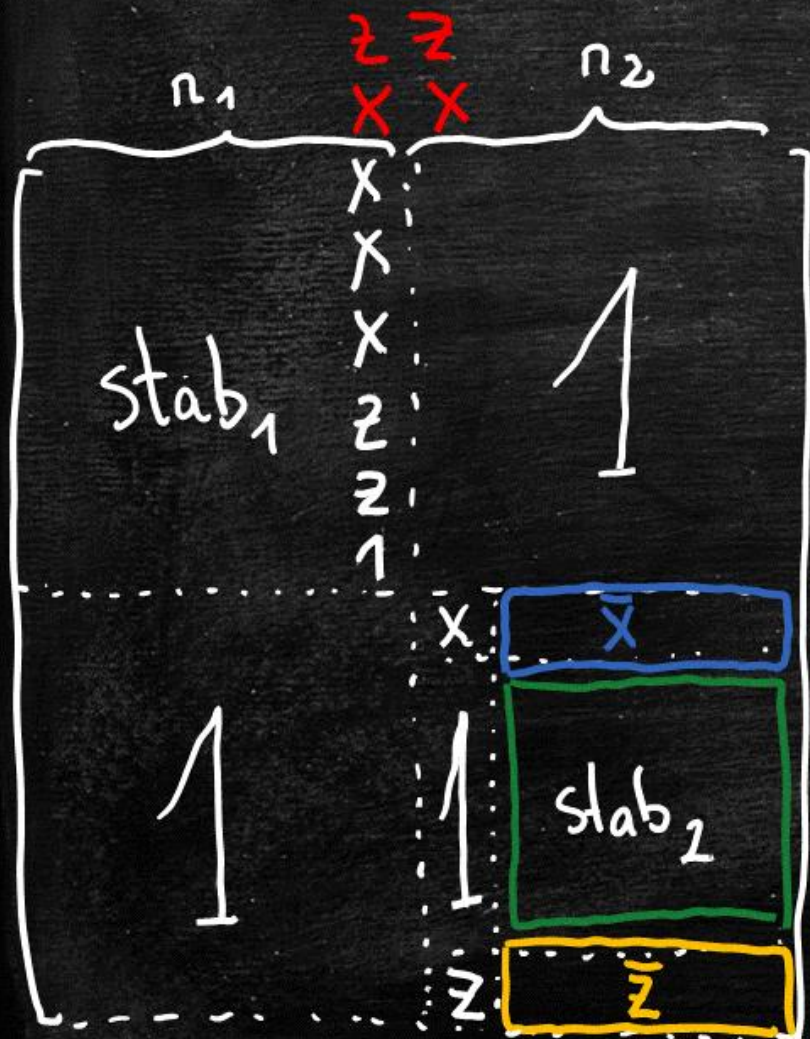


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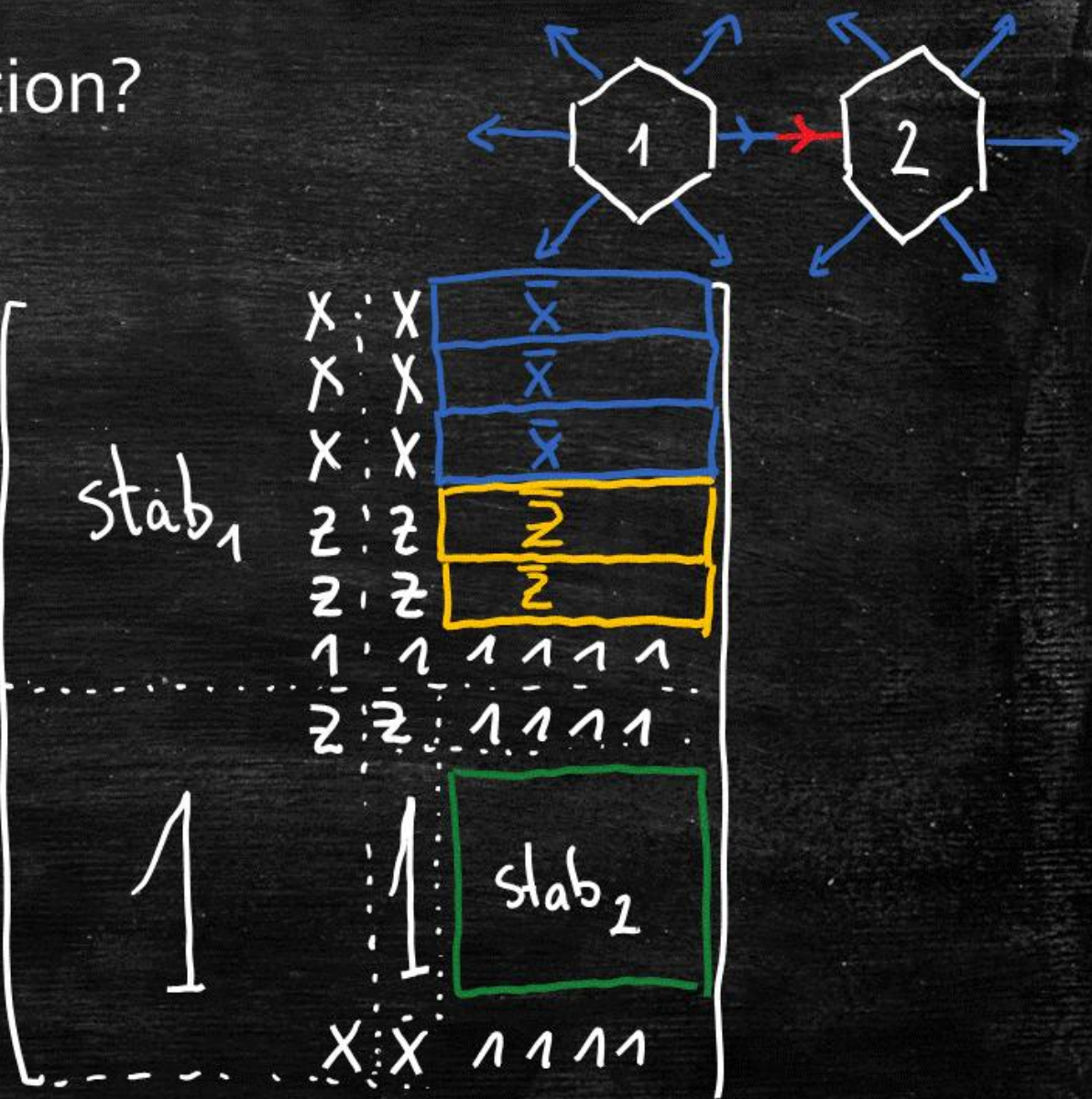
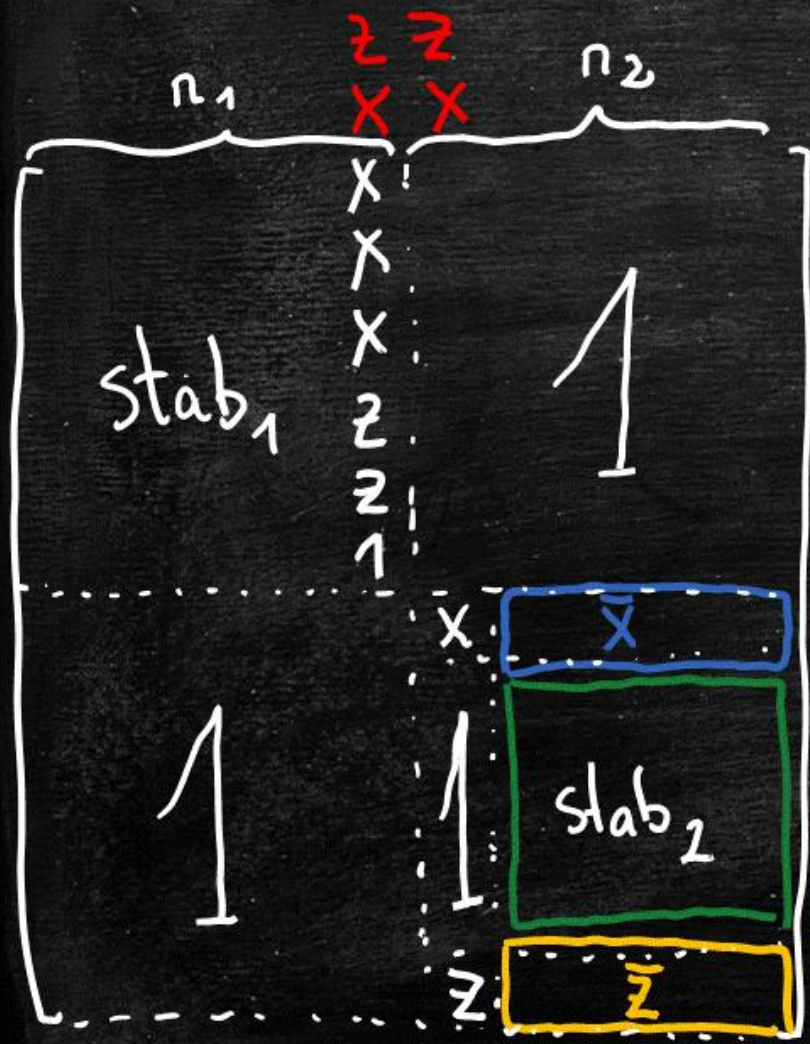


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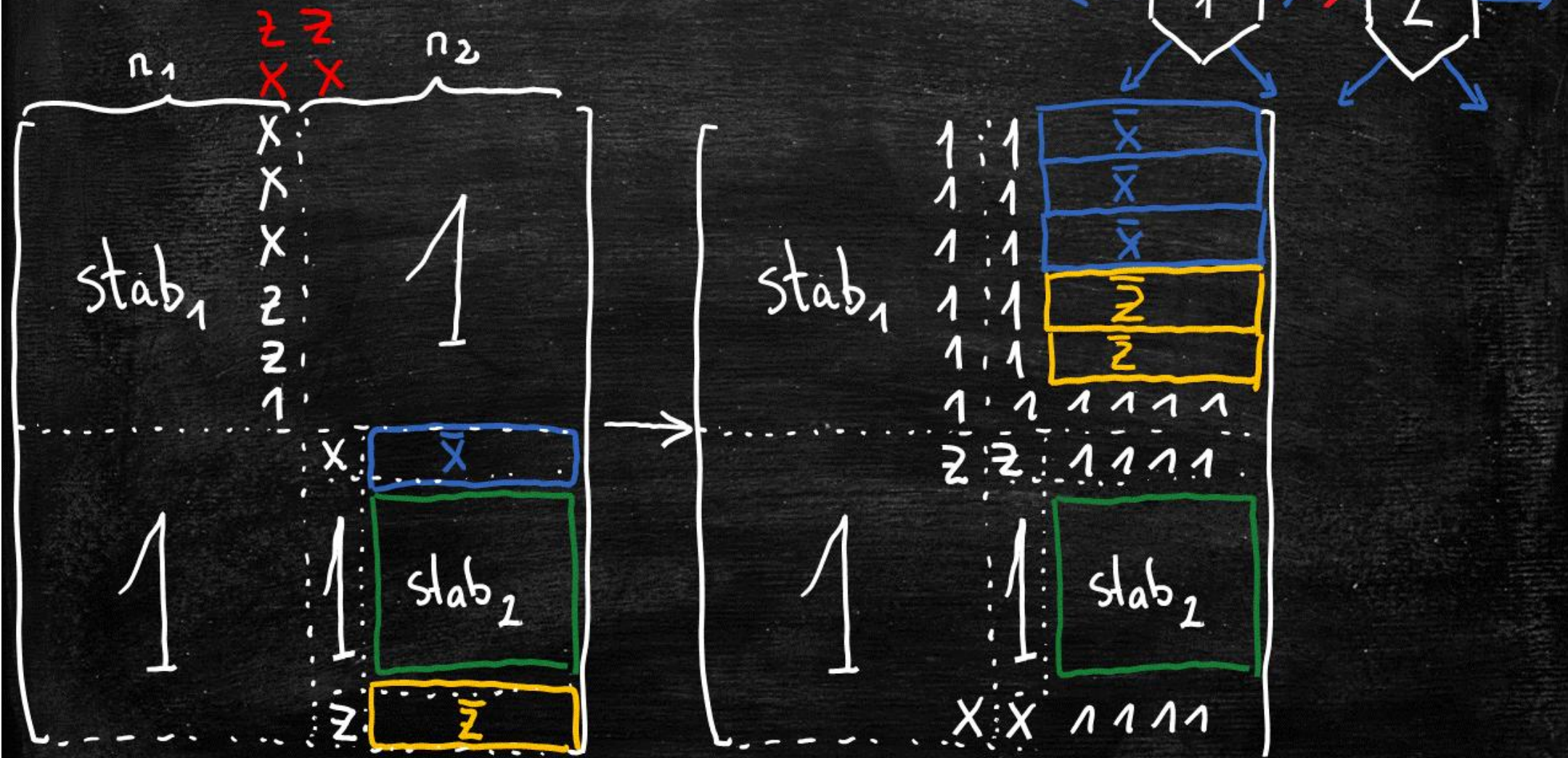


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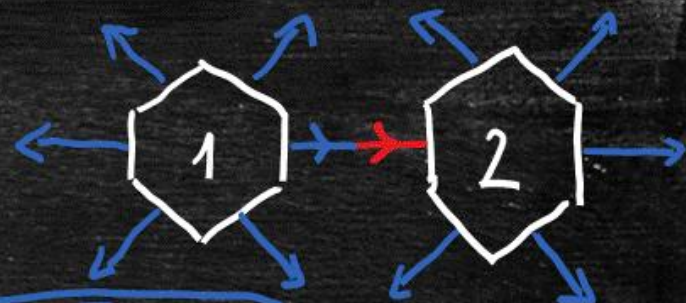
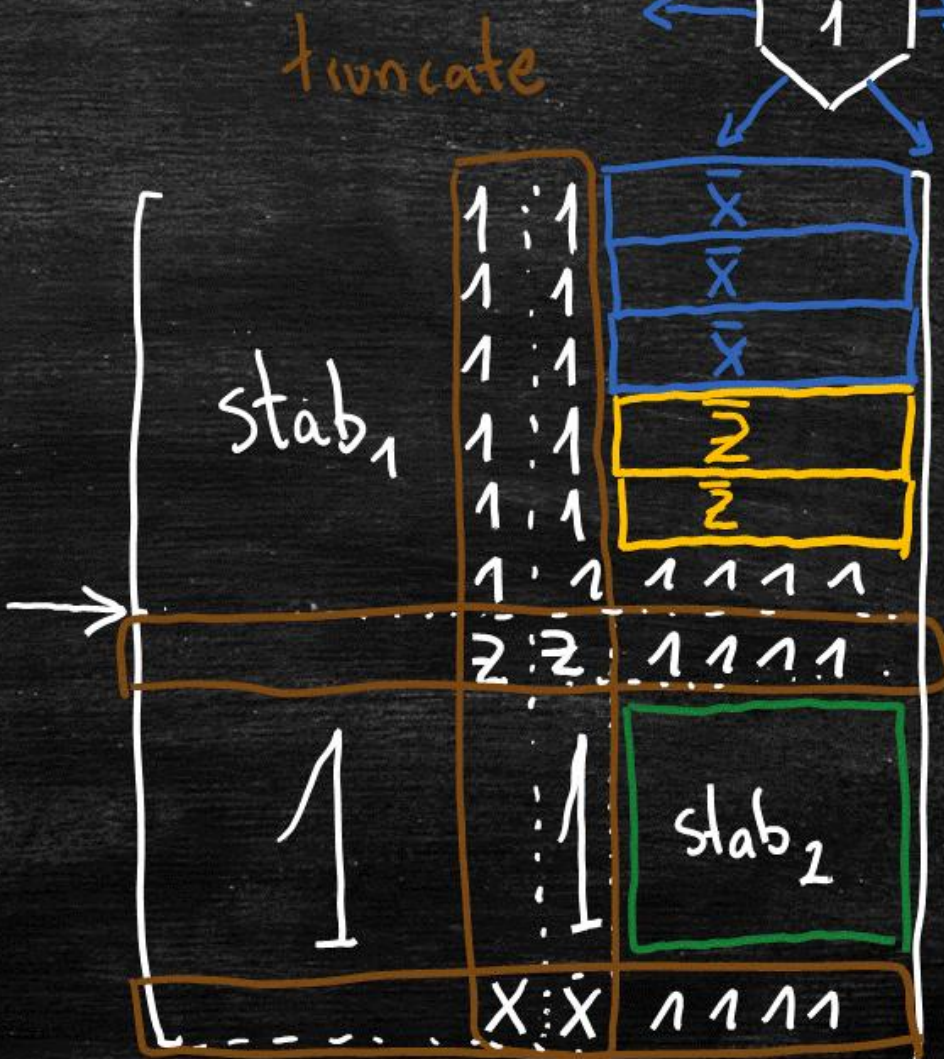
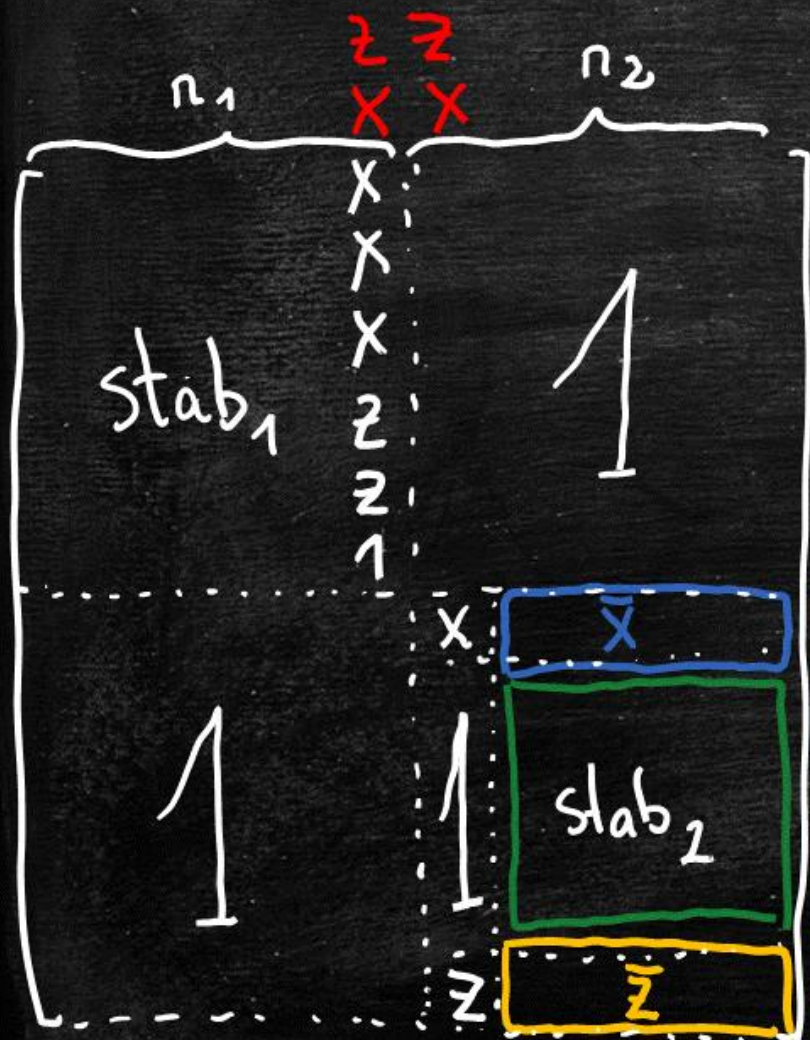


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# Spread of information in the network

