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Evolutionary Algorithm-Based Construction and Decoding for Enhanced Error-Correcting Codes

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Abstract

This paper presents a genetic algorithm (GA) approach for constructing and decoding error-correcting codes (ECCs). Classical ECCs rely on time-consuming matrix operations, creating inefficiencies when correcting multiple errors. Recent work has demonstrated GAs effectiveness in coding theory, including computing automorphism groups of LDPC codes [1] and discovering involutory MDS matrices [2]. Building on these foundations and prior GA-based decoding using permutations [4,5], our method optimizes generator vectors to maximize minimum distance between codewords, enhancing error correction while reducing encoding complexity from $O(kn)$ to $O(k(n-k))$.

We demonstrate this framework [3] with a code of length 31, dimension 12, and minimum distance 7. For decoding, the GA efficiently corrects errors in received sequences through adaptive search. At 7.7 dB signal-to-noise ratio, the system achieves a 10^{-5} bit error rate after only nine GA generations, demonstrating rapid convergence and robust performance.

This work shows that evolutionary algorithms can simplify encoding while maintaining strong error correction, offering practical benefits for communication systems.

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