

Perfect 2-colourings of Cayley graphs

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Let $\Gamma = (V, E)$ be a graph. A partition $\pi = \{V_1, \dots, V_m\}$ of V is called an equitable partition or a perfect m -colouring of Γ if there exists an $m \times m$ matrix (b_{ij}) , called the quotient matrix of π , such that every vertex in V_i has exactly b_{ij} neighbours in V_j . In particular, if $\{C, V \setminus C\}$ is a perfect 2-colouring of a d -regular graph Γ with quotient matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & d \\ 1 & d-1 \end{pmatrix}$, then C is called a perfect 1-code in Γ . In general, for an integer $t \geq 1$, a perfect t -code in Γ is a subset C of V such that every vertex of Γ is at distance no more than t to exactly one vertex in C . Perfect t -codes in Hamming graph $H(n, q)$ and in the Cartesian product of n copies of cycle C_q are precisely q -ary perfect t -codes of length n under the Hamming and Lee metrics, respectively. Thus perfect codes in Cayley graphs are a generalization of perfect codes in classical coding theory.

I will talk about some recent and not-so-recent results on perfect 2-colourings of Cayley graphs with an emphasis on perfect 1-codes in Cayley graphs.