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Coding theory for the working theoretical mathematician

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Abstract

Coding theory is a practical subject that studies ways of encoding redundancy into data such that an original message can be recovered even if the data sent has been corrupted a bit. In this talk I briefly explain the basics of coding theory, then will spend a lot of time talking about my favorite error-correcting code, the Golay code, and will explain why it is better than other codes. I will also present some connections between coding theory and other areas of mathematics.

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