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Distance graphs on \mathbb{Z}^n with l_1 norm.

Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}^n, D)$ be a graph such that $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ are adjacent if and only if $\|x - y\|_{l_1} \in D$, where $D = \{r \mid 1 \leq r \leq d - 1\}$ for $1 \leq d \leq n$. We show $\chi(G) \geq \frac{2^n}{A(n,d)}$, where $A(n,d)$ denotes the maximum possible size of a binary code of length n and minimum Hamming distance d . These results can be generalized by considering $G = (\mathbb{Z}^n, D)$, where $D = \{d \mid d < d_1 \text{ or } d_2 < d \leq n\}$ for $1 \leq d_1 \leq d_2 \leq n$. We define a $(n, [d_1, d_2])$ -code to be the set $\mathcal{C} \subset \{0, 1\}^n$ such that for all $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$, $d_1 \leq d(x, y) \leq d_2$. We show $\chi(G) \geq \frac{2^n}{A(n, [d_1, d_2])}$, where $A(n, [d_1, d_2])$ denotes the maximum size of a $(n, [d_1, d_2])$ -code. We examine codes in spherical caps, $Z(n, [0, \phi])$, to find an upper bound for $A(n, [d_1, d_2])$. In fact, if $n \geq 2d_2 + 1$, then $A(n, [d_1, d_2]) \leq A_Z(n, \theta, \phi')$, where $A_Z(n, \theta, \phi')$ denotes the maximum size of a θ -code in a spherical cap, $Z(n, [0, \phi'])$, $\cos(\theta) = 1 - \frac{2d_1}{n}$, and $\cos(\phi') = \frac{\cos(\phi)}{\sqrt{1/A(n, [d_1, d_2]) + \cos(\theta)}}$, where $\cos(\phi) = 1 - \frac{2d_2}{n}$. (Received January 11, 2012)