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The performance of iterative decoding techniques for codes on graphs can be understood in the framework of pseudocodewords on the underlying graphs. We give a brief overview of the involved concepts before we focus on the case of cycle codes. It turns out that for these codes the notion of pseudocodewords is tightly connected to graph theoretic concepts involving a type of zeta function pioneered by Hashimoto and Bass. (Received August 31, 2004)