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In wireless communications systems of the not-too-distant future, transmitters and receivers (like a cellphone) may send and receive information from multiple antennas. So unlike traditional single antenna communication channels, where codewords are vectors, multiple-antenna or space-time codewords are now naturally matrices, and the notion of distance between them depends on how the channel is modeled.

We present a variety of ways number theory plays a role in the theory and design of space-time codes. (Received March 06, 2006)