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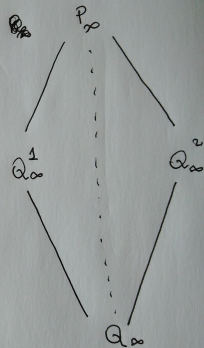
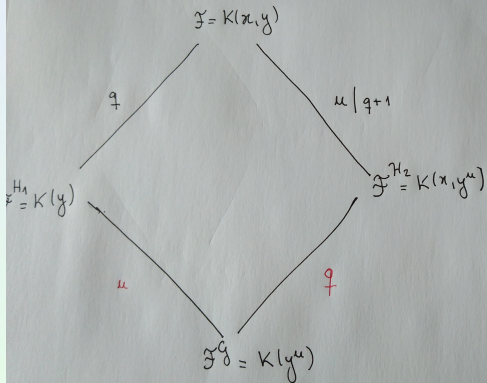
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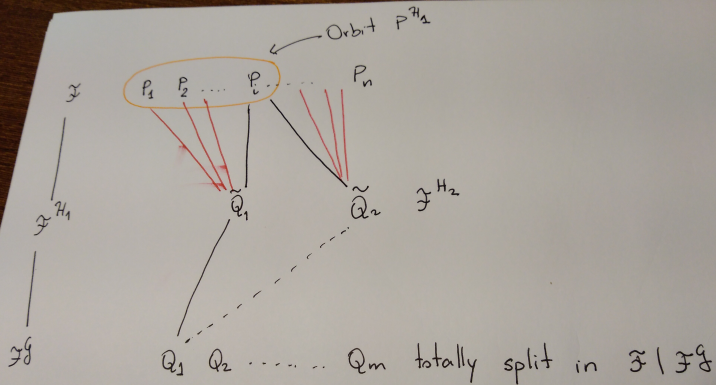
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(ii)  $\# \left( \mathcal{H}_i \setminus \left( \bigcup_{j < i} \mathcal{H}_j \right) \right) = r_i$ .

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then there exists an

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With the same notation as in Theorem 5, changing the hypothesis (ii) by

(ii') there exists  $m \geq 1$  such that  $1 \leq \# \left( \mathcal{H}_i \cap \left( \bigcup_{j \neq i} \mathcal{H}_j \right) \right) \leq m$ ,  
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Table: Examples of the locally recoverable codes over  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{12}}$ .

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$[62400, 12, \geq 62226; 3, 4, 12]$	0.00259
$[4193280, 1395372, \geq 2738; 1364, 1023]$	0.66630