## Covering codes

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$(r, a, b)$-covering code with

- $r$ : reach of the emitting stations
- a: number of emitting stations within reach of an emitting station
- $b$ : number of emitting stations that reach of a phone


## Translation in terms of graphs

A set $S \subseteq V$ is an $(r, a, b)$-covering code of $G=(V, E)$ if for any $u \in V$

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Also known as isotropic coloring, perfect coloring. If $a=1=b$, they are called $r$-perfect code. [Biggs 1973]


Finding an r-prefect code is NP-complete. [Kratochvíl 1988]


- Vertices: $\mathbf{x}=\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}$
- Edge between $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)$ and $\left(y_{1}, y_{2}\right)$ if $\left|x_{1}-y_{1}\right|+\left|x_{2}-y_{2}\right|=1$

Manhattan distance $d$ :

$$
d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})=\left|x_{1}-y_{1}\right|+\left|x_{2}-y_{2}\right|
$$

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## Unique up to isomorphism



## Exactly two up to isomorphism


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## Radius 1 in higher dimension

Theorem (Dorbec, Gravier, Honkala, Mollard 2009)
Construction of periodic codes by extension of a $1 D$-pattern.

## $\ln \mathbb{Z}^{6}$

| $A$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\bullet$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ | $\circ$ |
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Type $B \Longrightarrow$ which values of $a$ and $b$ ?

## Theorem (Axenovich 2003)

If $c$ is an $(r, a, b)$-covering code of $\mathbb{Z}^{2}$ and $|a-b|>4$, then $c$ is a $\mathbf{p}$-periodic diagonal colouring for some $\mathbf{p}=(p, 0)$.


## Consequence

We can assume that
$\varphi$ is an $(r, a, b)$-code with $r \geq 2$ and $|a-b|>4$
$\Longrightarrow \exists p \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

- $\varphi(\mathbf{x})=\varphi(\mathbf{x}+(1,1)) \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^{2}$,
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## Projection and Folding

Hypotheses:

- $\varphi: \mathbb{Z}^{2} \rightarrow\{\bullet, \circ\}$
- $t, p \in \mathbb{N}$
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## Goal :

Identify vertices of a given ball playing the "same role".

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$\exists$ a $(3,11,7)$-covering code of $\mathbb{Z}^{2}$

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We only have to study particular colorings in 4 types of cycles!


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NB: $\beta$ is not defined.
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$A=\operatorname{Aut}(G), v=v_{3}$


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \alpha=6 \\
& \beta=4
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \bar{\alpha}=\sum_{u \in V} w(u)-\beta=16 \\
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For $r \geq 2$ and $|a-b|>4, \exists$ an $(r, a, b)$-code of $\mathbb{Z}^{2}$ iff $\exists$ a constant 2-labelling of some cycle $\mathcal{C}_{p}$ with adequate constants.

## Characterization

Theorem (Gravier, V.)
Let $r, a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that $|a-b|>4$ and $r \geq 2$. For all $(r, a, b)$-codes of $\mathbb{Z}^{2}$, the values of $a$ and $b$ can be given explicitly.

If $\varphi$ is an $(r, a, b)$-code with $|a-b|>4$,

- $\varphi$ is one of the periodic diagonal colorings given by Axenovich's theorem.
- We can apply the projection and folding method.
- Using constant 2-labellings, we have the possible values of a and $b$.


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Same question for the King Lattice


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