

## The rate of disjointly superimposed codes

This is the proposed research problem to explore:

A set of binary 0 – 1 sequences  $\mathcal{C}$  of length  $n$  is an  $r$ -superimposed code, if for arbitrary sub-collections  $\mathcal{A} \neq \mathcal{B}$  of  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $|\mathcal{A}| \leq r$  and  $|\mathcal{B}| \leq r$ ,  $\bigvee_{a \in \mathcal{A}} a \neq \bigvee_{b \in \mathcal{B}} b$ .

( $\bigvee$  stands for the bit-wise *OR* function.)

To determine the maximum size  $f(n, r)$  of an  $r$ -superimposed code seems to be hard, the problem is still widely open (in spite of attempts of, e.g., Erdős, Frankl and Füredi). A related, and I think easier problem is to determine the maximum size  $f'(n, r)$  of a disjointly  $r$ -superimposed code, where the above requirement is relaxed only for disjoint sub-collections  $\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \emptyset$ .