





A Quasi-Cyclic LDPC Code for NavIC L1 Band Signal

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Low-density parity-check (LDPC) codes [1] are a class of modern channel coding. Because of the advantages of approaching the Shannon capacity and the iterative decoding algorithms with lower complexity, LDPC codes have been attracting great interests even in the field of satellite navigation systems. In GPS modernization, LDPC code is used in L1C signal to enhance the receivers' performance in weak signal environments. India is also planning to transmit civilian signal in L1 Band. There are various design approaches of LDPC codes being considered. Quasi-Cyclic LDPC code is found to be an ideal candidate for smaller frame length satellite navigation systems [2]. Recently Quasi-cyclic (QC) LDPC codes is also adapted in 5G communications, it is chosen as the standard codes for 5G enhanced mobile broadband (eMBB) data channel [3].

In this presentation we have proposes a constructing algorithm for Quasi-Cyclic LDPC code which is suitable for proposed NavIC L1 Band signal, it avoids the existence of short cycle with the length of 4 in the Tanner graph from the beginning, by limiting the cross-correlation values of sparse sequences. Since the parity-check matrix of a QC-LDPC code consists of circulant permutation matrices or the zero matrix, the required memory for storing it can be significantly reduced, as compared with randomly constructed LDPC codes [4]. Using dual-diagonal structure, the parity-check matrix can be directly used to encode thus there is no need to calculate generator matrix.







- Different rate-½ irregular LDPC codes are used for the two sub frames.
- The two block lengths of 600 bits and 274 bits respectively. Subframe 2, which is longer, benefits more from the LDPC code, providing the same Subframe error rate at approximately 0.5 lower Eb/N0 than Subframe 3.

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B-CNAV1 frame structure

- Non Binary LDPC codes are used for the two sub frames.
- The two block lengths of 64-ary LDPC(200,100) and 64-ary LDPC(88, 44) respectively. Each
- Codeword symbol is composed of 6 bits and defined in GF(26) domain with the primitive polynomial of p(x)=1+x+x^6





There are various approaches studied and considered for simulation. In all the approaches GPS L1 C signal structure is taken into consideration. A MATLAB based approach is taken all cases. The detailed are listed as below.

1. Regular Binary Quasi cyclic LDPC code Construction using vandermonde like block matrix.

2. Construction of Non-Binary Quasi-Cyclic LDPC Codes Based on Two Arbitrary Subsets of a Finite Field.

- 3. Quasi-Cyclic LDPC Code.
- 4. Construction of Irregular PCM based on V-matrix.

The performance and complexity of Quasi-Cyclic based LDPC Codec is better with respect to other approaches and it is selected for future NavIC L1C signal.



Quasi-Cyclic LDPC Code





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Model Parameters



GPS SUBFRAME 2 CODING GAIN SIMULATION



QUASI CYCLIC SUBFRAME 2 CODING GAIN SIMULATION



GPS SUBFRAME 3 CODING GAIN SIMULATION



QUASI CYCLIC SUBFRAME 3 CODING GAIN SIMULATION

Comparative Simulink simulation of LDPC codec with respect to GPS L1C

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Third Party validation result





Fig. 1: BER performance of proposed QC-LDPC codes for Subframe length 324,550 and 600 Bits

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