

## ERROR-CORRECTING CODES FROM *k*-RESOLVING SETS

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### Abstract

We demonstrate a construction of error-correcting codes from graphs by means of *k*-resolving sets, and present a decoding algorithm which makes use of covering designs. Along the way, we determine the *k*-metric dimension of grid graphs (i.e., Cartesian products of paths).

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