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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2010, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

(Original) A method of encoding a signal, comprising:
 receiving a block of data in the signal to be encoded, the block of data including information bits;

performing a first encoding operation on at least some of the information bits, the first encoding operation being a linear transform operation that generates L transformed bits; and

performing a second encoding operation using the L transformed bits as an input, the second encoding operation including an accumulation operation in which the L transformed bits generated by the first encoding operation are accumulated, said second encoding operation producing at least a portion of a codeword, wherein L is two or more.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising: outputting the codeword, wherein the codeword comprises parity bits.
- 3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein outputting the codeword comprises: outputting the parity bits; and outputting at least some of the information bits.
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein outputting the codeword comprises: outputting the parity bits following the information bits.



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5. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein performing the first encoding operation comprises transforming the at least some of the information bits via a low density generator matrix transformation.

- 6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein generating each of the L transformed bits comprises mod-2 or exclusive-OR summing of bits in a subset of the information bits.
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein each of the subsets of the information bits includes a same number of the information bits.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein at least two of the information bits appear in three subsets of the information bits.
- 9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein a number of subsets in which the information bits appear in a variable number of subsets is irregular.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein performing the second encoding operation comprises using a first of the parity bits in the accumulation operation to produce a second of the parity bits.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein outputting the codeword comprises outputting the second of the parity bits immediately following the first of the parity bits.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein performing the second encoding operation comprises performing one of a mod-2 addition and an exclusive-OR operation.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A method of encoding a signal, comprising: receiving a block of data in the signal to be encoded, the block of data including information bits; and



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performing an encoding operation using the information bits as an input, the encoding operation including an accumulation of mod-2 or exclusive-OR sums of bits in subsets of the information bits, the encoding operation generating at least a portion of a codeword,

wherein the information bits appear in a variable number of subsets.

- 14. (Original) The method of claim 13, further comprising: outputting the codeword, wherein the codeword comprises parity bits.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein outputting the codeword comprises: outputting the parity bits; and outputting at least some of the information bits.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the parity bits follow the information bits in the codeword.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein each of the subsets of the information bits includes a constant number of the information bits.
- 18. (Currently Amended) A method of encoding a signal, comprising:

 receiving a block of data in the signal to be encoded, the block of data including information bits; and

 performing an encoding operation using the information bits as an input, the encoding operation including an accumulation of mod-2 or exclusive-OR sums of bits in subsets of the information bits, the encoding operation generating at least a portion of a codeword The method of claim 13, wherein at least two of the information bits appear in three subsets of the information bits.
- 19. (Currently Amended) <u>A method of encoding a signal, comprising:</u>
 receiving a block of data in the signal to be encoded, the block of data including



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information bits; and

performing an encoding operation using the information bits as an input, the encoding operation including an accumulation of mod-2 or exclusive-OR sums of bits in subsets of the information bits, the encoding operation generating at least a portion of a codeword-The method of claim 13, wherein performing the encoding operation comprises:

mod-2 or exclusive-OR adding a first subset of information bits in the collection to yield a first sum;

mod-2 or exclusive-OR adding a second subset of information bits in the collection and the first sum to yield a second sum.

20. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein performing the encoding operation further comprises:

performing one of the mod-2 addition and the exclusive-OR summing of the bits in the subsets.

- 21. (Canceled).
- 22. (Original) A method comprising:

receiving a collection of information bits;

mod-2 or exclusive-OR adding a first subset of information bits in the collection to yield a first parity bit;

mod-2 or exclusive-OR adding a second subset of information bits in the collection and the first parity bit to yield a second parity bit; and outputting a codeword that includes the first parity bit and the second parity bit.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein:

the method further comprises mod-2 or exclusive-OR adding additional subsets of information bits in the collection and parity bits to yield additional parity bits; and



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