Check operator, applied to all vertices in lattice, gives $2 L-1$ redundancies

| X | Y |  | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | X | Z | Y |
| Y | Z | X |  |
| Z |  | Y | X |

Response is even along rows and columns


Upon separation, response is locally odd on two rows (if separation is horizontal - columns otherwise)

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|  |  |  |  |  | X |  | X | X |  | X | X | X | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |
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- Straight cycles of $X X X X$ s and $Z Z Z Z s$ and $Y Y Y Y$ s are the only obvious non-trivial 1D cycles that commute with check operator.
- Encoded Z operations produced from standard form are, with one simple exception, ZZZZ-style cycles (horizontal and vertical).
- Encoded X operations are area-filling, not chain-like at all.
- If there are actually no other forms for these operations (not proven), encoded states should be easy to protect with 1 D error correction.

