Reliability Supported Using Codes

Similarly, codes are used

° to store data across multiple drives,

° increasing bandwidth and

° protecting against failure of any drive.

In this case, the 5-out-of-7 variant

° of the Hamming code would work perfectly:*

° if you store across 7 disks,

• so long as no more than 2 fail,

° you can recover all of the data!

*That particular code is not common in practice for disk systems, but the idea is the same.