

### Error Correction Coding

THERE ARE  $2^r$  POSSIBLE COMBINATIONS OF THE PARITY CHECKS, OF WHICH ONE COMBINATION MUST COINCIDE WITH NO ERROR.

A SINGLE ERROR CAN OCCUR IN ANY ONE OF THE 'n' POSITIONS OF THE CODEWORD SO;

$$2^r - 1 \geq n, \quad 2^r \geq n+1$$

IF  $2^r = n+1$ , WE HAVE A PERFECT CODE

$${}^n C_i = {}^n C_1 = \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!} ; {}^n C_0 = 1$$

### EXAMPLES

SINGLE-ERROR CORRECTING CODES ( $n, k$ )

$$(7, 4) \quad n=7, k=4, r=3; 2^r = 8$$

PERFECT

$$(15, 11) \quad n=15, k=11, r=4, 2^r = 16$$

PERFECT

$$(31, 26) \quad n=31, k=26, r=5 \quad 2^r = 32$$

PERFECT

$$(6, 3) \quad 2^3 = 8 \neq 6+1 \quad \text{IM-PERFECT}$$

### HIGHER-ORDER ERROR CORRECTION

DOUBLE, TRIPLE etc. ( $n, k, t$ ) No correctable errors

THE NUMBER OF WAYS "i" ERRORS CAN OCCUR IN A WORD OF "n" BITS IS GIVEN BY THE BINOMIAL COEFFICIENT

$${}^n C_i$$

$$\text{eg: } {}^4 C_1 = \frac{4!}{1!(4-1)!} = \frac{4 \times 3!}{3!} = 4$$

#1	X		
#2		X	
#3			X
#4			

$$\text{eg: } {}^4 C_2 = \frac{4!}{2!(4-2)!} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{4!}{2!2!} = \frac{4 \times 3 \times 2!}{2 \times 2!} = 6$$

#1	X	X	
#2		X	X
#3	X		X
#4		X	X
#5	X		X
#6		X	X

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For a codeword to correct up to "t" errors, the number of possible check bit patterns must be at least equal to the number of ways that "t" errors can occur.

$$\text{Hence; } 2^r \geq \sum_{i=0}^t \binom{n}{i}$$

$$\text{or } 2^r \geq \left[ 1 + \sum_{i=1}^t \binom{n}{i} \right]$$

EXAMPLES OF MULTIPLE ERROR CORRECTING CODES

(15, 8) - Double error correction,  $d_{\min} = 5$

(23, 12) - Triple error correction,  $d_{\min} = 7$ .

AT THE RECEIVER, WE CARRY OUT THE 3 PARITY CHECKS TO LOCATE THE ERROR

NOTE  $2^3 = 8$ , 7 ERROR POSITIONS, plus NO-ERROR

$P_1$	$P_2$	$P_3$	ERROR POSITION
0	0	1	$C_1$
0	1	0	$C_2$
0	1	1	$C_3$
1	0	0	$C_4$
1	0	1	$C_5$
1	1	0	$C_6$
1	1	1	$C_7$

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### ③ Single Error Correction Coding

AS AN EXAMPLE WE WILL CONSIDER A (7,4) CODE  
 $n=7, k=4, r= n-k=3$

THE CODEWORD DOESN'T HAVE TO BE SYSTEMATIC  
 SO WE WON'T ASSUME IT IS TO START WITH.

LET THE CODEVECTOR BE

$$C = [c_1 \ c_2 \ c_3 \ c_4 \ c_5 \ c_6 \ c_7]$$

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THUS, IF  $P_1 = 1$ , THEN THE ERROR LIES IN BITS  $c_4, c_5, c_6, c_7$ .

$P_1, P_2, P_3 = 000$  - NO (OR UNDETECTED) ERROR.

HENCE;

$$P_1 = c'_4 \oplus c'_5 \oplus c'_6 \oplus c'_7$$

$$P_2 = c'_1 \oplus c'_3 \oplus c'_6 \oplus c'_7$$

$$P_3 = c'_1 \oplus c'_3 \oplus c'_5 \oplus c'_7$$

WHERE  $C'$  IS THE RECEIVED CODEWORD  
i.e.



THAT IS TO SAY;

$$\underline{C[H]^T = 0} \quad \text{FOR ALL VALID CODEWORDS}$$

IF  $C$  IS THE CODEVECTOR TRANSMITTED OVER A NOISY CHANNEL AND  $R$  IS THE NOISE CORRUPTED VECTOR AT THE RECEIVER;

$$R = C \oplus E,$$

WHERE  $E$  IS THE ERROR VECTOR OF THE FORM

$$E = [e_1 \ e_2 \ e_3 \ e_4 \ e_5 \ e_6 \ e_7]$$

WHICH INDICATES THE ERROR POSITION

IF WE WRITE A "1" FOR EVERY POSITION CHECKED, AND A "0" OTHERWISE, WE OBTAIN THE PARITY CHECK MATRIX  $[H]$ ,

$$[H] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

AGAIN, WE COULD SWAP THE COLUMNS IF WE WISHED

At the receiver, we compute

$$S = R[H]^T = (C \oplus E)[H]^T$$

$$S = C[H]^T + E[H]^T$$

Recall that by defn.  $C[H]^T \equiv 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow S = E[H]^T.$$

The vector  $S$  is called the Error Syndrome

If an error occurs in transmission,  $S$  is non-zero and is related to the error vector  $E$ . The decoder uses  $S$  to detect and correct codewords

Eg. For one (7,4) code, a valid codeword is  $0110011$ . If this is received without error  $S = R[H]^T$  should be zero

$$\begin{aligned} [0110011] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} &= [101, 101 \oplus 01, 101] \\ &= [0\ 0\ 0] \end{aligned}$$

No error

$$R[H]^T = S$$

⑦ Suppose we have an error in the third bit  
that is instead of  $R = [0110011]$

$$WE HAVE$$

$$R = [0110011]$$

$$C = 0110011$$

$$E = 0010000$$

$$R = C \oplus E = [0110011] \oplus [0010000]$$

$$[0100011] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [0\ 1\ 1]$$

Hence  $S = [011]$ , which indicates that there is an error in the third bit.

The syndrome  $S$  for an error in the third bit of  $R$  is the third row of  $[H]^T$ , i.e. the 3rd column of  $[H]$

The syndrome is a binary representation of the location of the error in positions 1-7.

### CODE GENERATION

THE PARITY CHECK EQUATIONS FOR OUR  $(5,4)$  CODE ARE REPEATED HERE AS;

$$0 = C_4 \oplus C_5 \oplus C_6 \oplus C_7$$

$$0 = C_2 \oplus C_3 \oplus C_6 \oplus C_7$$

$$0 = C_1 \oplus C_3 \oplus C_5 \oplus C_7$$

THESE PARITY CHECK BITS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM A LINEAR COMBINATION OF MESSAGE BITS

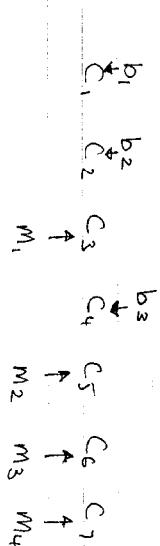
PARITY BITS  $b_1, b_2, b_3$

MESSAGE BITS  $M_1, M_2, M_3, M_4$ .

THE SIMPLEST WAY TO GENERATE THE CODE SINCE  $C_1, C_2$  AND  $C_4$  APPEAR ONLY ONCE IN ONLY ONE OF THE PARITY CHECK EQUATIONS IS TO LET THESE BE THE PARITY CHECK BITS

i.  $[b_1, b_2, M_1, b_3, M_2, M_3, M_4]$

THIS CODE IS NOT SYSTEMATIC.



HENCE, WE ALLOCATE THE MESSAGE BITS AS  $(6)$

$$b_3 = M_2 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4$$

$$b_2 = M_1 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4$$

$$b_1 = M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_4$$

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WE CAN CORRECT THE CODEWORDS DIRECTLY FROM THE SYNDROMES

## SYSTEMATIC LINEAR BLOCK CODES

WE REQUIRE A MORE STRUCTURED WAY OF GENERATING A CODE THAT IS EASIER TO HANDLE MATHEMATICALLY.

For A (7,4) CODE (SYSTEMATIC) WE HAVE;

$$\begin{matrix} C_1 & C_2 & C_3 & C_4 & C_5 & C_6 & C_7 \\ M_1 & M_2 & M_3 & M_4 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \end{matrix}$$

HENCE, THE PARITY CHECK EQUATIONS (bottom p5) BECOME;

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= M_4 \oplus b_1 \oplus b_2 \oplus b_3 & \text{(1)} \\ 0 &= M_2 \oplus M_3 \oplus b_2 \oplus b_3 & \text{(2)} \\ 0 &= M_1 \oplus M_3 \oplus b_1 \oplus b_3 & \text{(3)} \end{aligned}$$

SOLVING FOR  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  (BY SUBSTITUTION AND RE-ARRANGEMENT) FOR EXAMPLE FROM (2) WE HAVE  $M_2 \oplus M_3 = b_2 \oplus b_3$ , SUBSTITUTING THIS INTO (1) WE HAVE  $b_1 = M_2 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4$

WE OBTAIN;

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= M_2 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4 \oplus b_1 \\ 0 &= M_1 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4 \oplus b_2 \\ 0 &= M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_4 \oplus b_3 \\ 0 &= M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_3 \oplus b_4 \end{aligned}$$

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IN MATRIX FORM WE HAVE

$$[H_S] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

AS BEFORE,  $C[H_S]^T = 0$  FOR ALL VALID CODEWORDS.

NOTE, WE COULD HAVE OBTAINED  $[H_S]$  BY SHUFFLING THE COLUMNS OF  $[H]$ .

IF THE OPERATION  $R[H_S]^T S$  IS USED THEN A SINGLE ERROR WILL PRODUCE A SYNDROME WHOSE ROW NUMBER IN THE  $[H_S]^T$  MATRIX IS THE SAME AS THE ERROR POSITION.

E.G. FOR AN INPUT MESSAGE OF 1110, FIND THE CODEWORD AND SHOW THAT THE SYNDROME IDENTIFIES AN ERROR IN POSITION 5 OF THE CODE WORD.

FROM THE  $[H]$ -MATRIX, CONSTRUCT THE PARITY EQUATIONS, i.e.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= M_2 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4 \\ b_2 &= M_1 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4 \\ b_3 &= M_1 \oplus M_2 \oplus M_4 \end{aligned}$$

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SYSTEMATIC CODE GENERATION

THEREFORE, THE CODEWORD FOR  $m_1 \dots m_4$  IS

$$\begin{aligned} b_1 &= 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 0 = 0 \\ b_2 &= 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 0 = 0 \\ b_3 &= 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

HENCE THE COMPLETE CODEWORD INCLUDING PARITY BITS IS

$$\begin{array}{r} m_1 \dots m_4 \\ \hline 1110 \quad 000 \\ b_1 \dots b_3 \end{array}$$

WITH AN ERROR IN THE 5TH BIT THE CODEWORD BECOMES

$$[1110100] = R[H_s]^T.$$

$$[1110100] \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1 \oplus 1]$$

$$k+r=n$$

$$\text{for an } (n, k) \text{ code with codewords } C = [C_1 \ C_2 \ \dots \ C_r \ \dots \ C_n] = [M_1 \ M_2 \ \dots \ M_k \ b_1 \ \dots \ b_r]$$

100, i.e. THE FIFTH ROW OF  $[H_s]^T$

NOTE THERE IS ONLY ONE '1' IN THE SYNDROME  
THEREFORE THE ERROR IS IN THE PARITY BITS, SO THE MESSAGE IS OK

$$\begin{aligned} C_k &= M_k = \phi M_1 \oplus \phi M_2 \oplus \phi M_3 \dots \phi M_r \\ C_{k+1} &= b_1 = h_{11} M_1 \oplus h_{12} M_2 \oplus h_{13} M_3 \dots h_{1k} M_k \\ C_{k+2} &= b_2 = h_{21} M_1 \oplus h_{22} M_2 \oplus h_{23} M_3 \dots h_{2k} M_k \\ &\vdots \\ C_n &= C_{k+r} = b_r = h_{r1} M_1 \oplus h_{r2} M_2 \oplus h_{r3} M_3 \dots h_{rk} M_k \end{aligned}$$

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THE PARITY CHECK MATRIX WILL BE OF THE FORM:

$$[H_s] = \begin{bmatrix} h_{11} & h_{12} & h_{13} & \dots & h_{1k} & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ h_{21} & h_{22} & h_{23} & \dots & h_{2k} & 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ h_{31} & h_{32} & h_{33} & \dots & h_{3k} & 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ h_{r1} & h_{r2} & h_{r3} & \dots & h_{rk} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

PARTITY SECTION IDENTITY MATRIX

In Matrix form this is;

$$[c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n] = [m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & h_1 & h_2 & \dots & h_r \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & h_1 & h_2 & \dots & h_r \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & h_1 & h_2 & \dots & h_r \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & h_1 & h_2 & \dots & h_r \end{bmatrix}$$

THAT IS  $C = M[G]$

$[G]$  IS THE GENERATOR MATRIX OF THE CODE

$$[G] = [\mathbb{I}_k | P]_{k \times n}$$

$[G]$  HAS BEEN DERIVED FROM THE PARITY CHECK MATRIX  $[H]$

$$[H] = [P^T | \mathbb{I}_k]_{r \times n}$$

$$[H]^T = \begin{bmatrix} P \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{I}_k \end{bmatrix}_{n \times r}$$

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For example; for THE  $(7, 4)$  CODE WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING;

$$[H] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = [P^T | \mathbb{I}_3]$$

HENCE  $[G] = [\mathbb{I}_k | P] = [\mathbb{I}_4 | P]$

$$[G] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

NOTE ALL THE REMAINING CODEWORDS CAN BE OBTAINED BY MOD-2 ADDING THESE VECTORS

$$\text{e.g. } M = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ BY DEFN.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ MOD-2 AND THESE ETC.} \end{aligned}$$

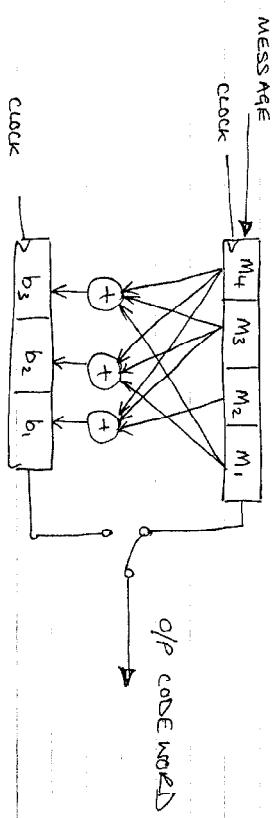
## CODE GENERATION

For THIS EXAMPLE, A CODENARD IS;

$$\begin{array}{lcl} C_1 & \dots & C_7 \\ M_1 & M_2 & M_3 & M_4 & b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ (C_5) & b_1 & = & M_2 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4 \\ (C_6) & b_2 & = & M_1 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4 \\ (C_7) & b_3 & = & M_1 \oplus M_3 \oplus M_4 \end{array}$$

THIS CODE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED USING TWO SHIFT REGISTERS, AND ' $r$ ' MOD-2 ADDERS (EX-OR GATE). SHIFT REGISTERS ARE "L" AND "R" BITS LONG.

THE INFORMATION (MESSAGE) BITS ARE SHIFTED INTO  
"L" - BIT SHIFT REGISTER. THE "R" PARITY CHECK  
BITS ARE COMPUTED AND TEMPORARILY  
STORED IN A SHIFT REGISTER. THE MESSAGE BITS  
ARE THEN CLOCKED OUT FOLLOWED BY THE  
PARITY BITS.



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