Report for The Lab

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Project Name: Error-Correction Memory Path

- Introduction:

- Usually, the data transferred from one place to another may get distorted, so designing an algorithm which detects and correct that distortion (error) was high priority. Here where Hamming Code comes in play.

- Hamming Code: How does it work?:

1. Encoding:

- Hamming Code depends mainly on the idea of the Parity-Bit (i.e., XORing some bit in the bit-stream)
- Assume that we have n-bit to be sent (a sequence of 0s and 1s), which we denote as d_i . Hamming Code states that, we should add a k-bit to the sequence, which we denote as p_i . The sequence now has n + k bits. The p_i -bits are added in the **position** corresponding to the power of 2:

Position	1(1)	2(10)	3(11)	 n + k
Seq.	p_1	p_2	d_1	 d_n

Those bits are calculated as follow:

The first bit is XORing all the other bits which their position, in binary representation, has a 1 in LSB.

$$p_1 = XOR(3, 5, 7, ...)$$

The second bit is XORing all the other bits which comes after it, which their position, in binary representation, has a 1 in LSB:

$$p_2 = XOR(3, 6, 7, ...)$$

All the other *k* parity bits are calculated in the same manner.

- The relationship between *n* and *k* is:

$$2^k - 1 \ge n + k$$

k	n
3	[2, 4]
4	[5, 11]
5	[12, 26]

- A bit in the zeroth position can be added and calculated by XORing the **whole** sequence.

2. Decoding:

- When receiving a binary sequence, Check-Bits are calculated as follow:

$$C_1 = XOR(1, 3, 5, 7, ...)$$

 $C_2 = XOR(2, 3, 6, 7, ...)$

Those bits are calculated in the same manner as the parity bits.

- Check-Bits are now tested:

$$if C_i = 0 \Rightarrow no \ error$$

 $if C_i \neq 0 \Rightarrow error \ at C_i$

Where C_i is the **position** which the data got distorted. We fix this error bit by complementing it.

- Note that Hamming Code detects and corrects only **one error**. The algorithm doesn't guarantee to fix more. The ratio between the parity bits and the data bits is as follow:

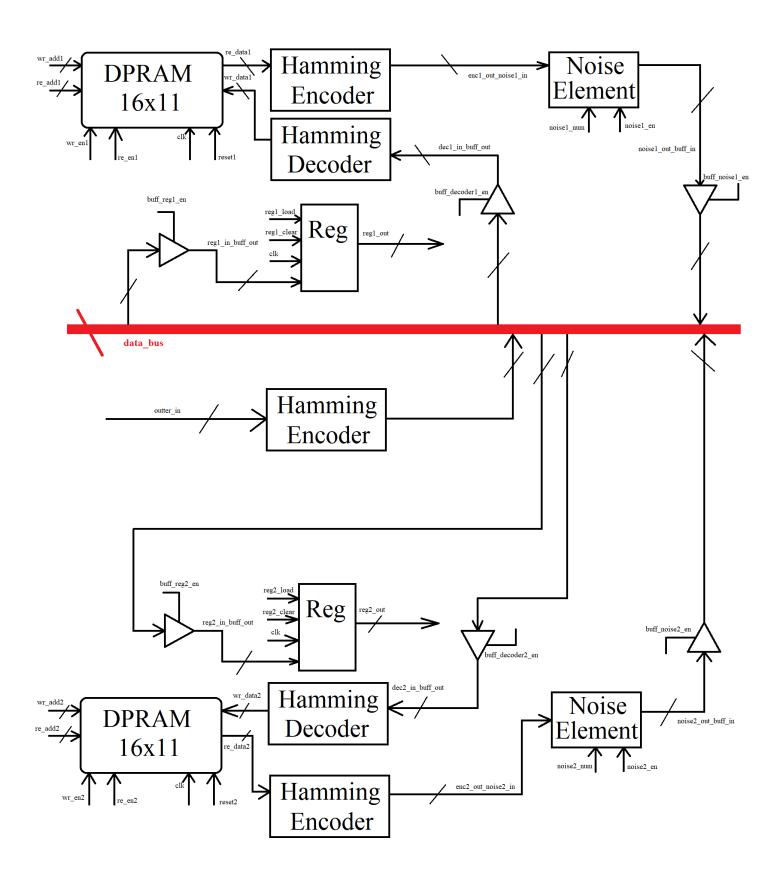
$$k = 4, n = 11 \Rightarrow x = 36\%$$

 $k = 5, n = 22 \Rightarrow x = 22\%$
 $k = 21, n \approx 10000000 \Rightarrow x = 0.0021\%$

- More algorithms were devolved after the Hamming Code, one of which is Cross-Interleaved Reed-Solomon Codem which use only 25% of the block for parity check. It's used in CDs to detects and corrects errors

- Project Diagram:

- The idea behind this project is to make (simulate) a RAM, which dedicates the Hamming Code before and after the data be written or read.
- In the diagram, we have 2 Dual Port RAM connected to a Data Path, with 2 Hamming Encoders and Decoders. In addition to Noise Element, which complements only one bit at a given position. Plus 2 Registers to hold any value needed at any desired time. The *outter_in* represents any sender like a storage device.
- The simulation consists of sending a sequence of bits from the sender to one of the DPRAM, and then send it again to the other one through Noise Element.



- GitHub:

- The whole *code*, along with the diagram, were uploaded to GitHub:

https://github.com/AlAssi69/ErrorCorrectionMemoryPathFinal