

- 1- (a) The matrix \mathbf{H}_1 is an $(n - k + 1) \times (n + 1)$ matrix. First we note that the $n - k$ rows of \mathbf{H} are linearly independent. It is clear that the first $(n - k)$ rows of \mathbf{H}_1 are also linearly independent. The last row of \mathbf{H}_1 has a "1" at its first position but other rows of \mathbf{H}_1 have a "0" at their first position. Any linear combination including the last row of \mathbf{H}_1 will never yield a zero vector. Thus all the rows of \mathbf{H}_1 are linearly independent. Hence the row space of \mathbf{H}_1 has dimension $n - k + 1$. The dimension of its null space, C_1 , is then equal to

$$\dim(C_1) = (n + 1) - (n - k + 1) = k$$

Hence C_1 is an $(n + 1, k)$ linear code.

- (b) Note that the last row of \mathbf{H}_1 is an all-one vector. The inner product of a vector with odd weight and the all-one vector is "1". Hence, for any odd weight vector \mathbf{v} ,

$$\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{H}_1^T \neq 0$$

and \mathbf{v} cannot be a code word in C_1 . Therefore, C_1 consists of only even-weight code words.

- (c) Let \mathbf{v} be a code word in C . Then $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{H}^T = 0$. Extend \mathbf{v} by adding a digit v_∞ to its left.

This results in a vector of $n + 1$ digits,

$$\mathbf{v}_1 = (v_\infty, \mathbf{v}) = (v_\infty, v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1}).$$

For \mathbf{v}_1 to be a vector in C_1 , we must require that

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \mathbf{H}_1^T = \mathbf{0}.$$

First we note that the inner product of \mathbf{v}_1 with any of the first $n - k$ rows of \mathbf{H}_1 is 0. The inner product of \mathbf{v}_1 with the last row of \mathbf{H}_1 is

$$v_\infty + v_0 + v_1 + \dots + v_{n-1}.$$

For this sum to be zero, we must require that $v_\infty = 1$ if the vector \mathbf{v} has odd weight and $v_\infty = 0$ if the vector \mathbf{v} has even weight. Therefore, any vector \mathbf{v}_1 formed as above is a code word in C_1 , there are 2^k such code words. The dimension of C_1 is k , these 2^k code words are all the code words of C_1 .

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- 2- Let C_e be the set of code words in C with even weight and let C_o be the set of code words in C with odd weight. Let \mathbf{x} be any odd-weight code vector from C_o . Adding \mathbf{x} to each vector in C_o , we obtain a set of C'_e of even weight vector. The number of vectors in C'_e is equal to the number of vectors in C_o , i.e. $|C'_e| = |C_o|$. Also $C'_e \subseteq C_e$. Thus,

$$|C_o| \leq |C_e| \tag{1}$$

Now adding \mathbf{x} to each vector in C_e , we obtain a set C'_o of odd weight code words. The number of vectors in C'_o is equal to the number of vectors in C_e and

$$C'_o \subseteq C_o$$

Hence

$$|C_e| \leq |C_o| \tag{2}$$

From (1) and (2), we conclude that $|C_o| = |C_e|$.

(a) From the given condition on G , we see that, for any digit position, there is a row in G with a nonzero component at that position. This row is a code word in C . Hence in the code array, each column contains at least one nonzero entry. Therefore no column in the code array contains only zeros.

(b) Consider the ℓ -th column of the code array. From part (a) we see that this column contains at least one "1". Let S_0 be the code words with a "0" at the ℓ -th position and S_1 be the codewords with a "1" at the ℓ -th position. Let x be a code word from S_1 . Adding x to each vector in S_0 , we obtain a set S'_1 of code words with a "1" at the ℓ -th position. Clearly,

$$|S'_1| = |S_0| \quad (1)$$

and

$$S'_1 \subseteq S_1. \quad (2)$$

Adding x to each vector in S_1 , we obtain a set of S'_0 of code words with a "0" at the ℓ -th location. We see that

$$|S'_0| = |S_1| \quad (3)$$

and

$$S'_0 \subseteq S_0. \quad (4)$$

From (1) and (2), we obtain

$$|S_0| \leq |S_1|. \quad (5)$$

From (3) and (4), we obtain

$$|S_1| \leq |S_0|. \quad (6)$$

From (5) and (6) we have $|S_0| = |S_1|$. This implies that the ℓ -th column of the code array consists 2^{k-1} zeros and 2^{k-1} ones.

(c) Let S_0 be the set of code words with a "0" at the ℓ -th position. From part (b), we see that S_0 consists of 2^{k-1} code words. Let x and y be any two code words in S_0 . The sum $x + y$ also has a zero at the ℓ -th location and hence is code word in S_0 . Therefore S_0 is a subspace of the vector space of all n -tuples over $\text{GF}(2)$. Since S_0 is a subset of C , it is a subspace of C . The dimension of S_0 is $k - 1$.

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From the given condition, we see that $\lambda < \lfloor \frac{d_{min}-1}{2} \rfloor$. It follows from the theorem 3.5 that all the error patterns of λ or fewer errors can be used as coset leaders in a standard array. Hence, they are correctable. In order to show that any error pattern of ℓ or fewer errors is detectable, we need to show that no error pattern \mathbf{x} of ℓ or fewer errors can be in the same coset as an error pattern \mathbf{y} of λ or fewer errors. Suppose that \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are in the same coset. Then $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}$ is a nonzero code word. The weight of this code word is

$$w(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) \leq w(\mathbf{x}) + w(\mathbf{y}) \leq \ell + \lambda < d_{min}.$$

This is impossible since the minimum weight of the code is d_{min} . Hence \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} are in different cosets. As a result, when \mathbf{x} occurs, it will not be mistaken as \mathbf{y} . Therefore \mathbf{x} is detectable.

5– The generator matrix of the code is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{G} &= [\mathbf{P}_1 \quad \mathbf{I}_k \quad \mathbf{P}_2 \quad \mathbf{I}_k] \\ &= [\mathbf{G}_1 \quad \mathbf{G}_2] \end{aligned}$$

Hence a nonzero codeword in C is simply a cascade of a nonzero codeword \mathbf{v}_1 in C_1 and a nonzero codeword \mathbf{v}_2 in C_2 , i.e.,

$$(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2).$$

Since $w(\mathbf{v}_1) \geq d_1$ and $w(\mathbf{v}_2) \geq d_2$, hence $w[(\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2)] \geq d_1 + d_2$.

It follows from Theorem 3.5 that all the vectors of weight t or less can be used as coset leaders.

There are

$$\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \cdots + \binom{n}{t}$$

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such vectors. Since there are 2^{n-k} cosets, we must have

$$2^{n-k} \geq \binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{1} + \cdots + \binom{n}{t}.$$

Taking logarithm on both sides of the above inequality, we obtain the Hamming bound on t ,

$$n - k \geq \log_2 \left\{ 1 + \binom{n}{1} + \cdots + \binom{n}{t} \right\}.$$