

Coding Theory

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Error pattern: Suppose a word $C = c_1 c_2 \dots c_n \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ is transmitted from a point A through a transmission channel T.

Due to the noise present in the channel transmission it will alter the word pattern. (because of disturbances)

Thus $r = r_1 r_2 \dots r_n \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ be the word received at point B where each c_i & r_i are 0's & 1's

Note:- Here $r_j \neq c_j$ for some j , then we say that error has occurred.

If $r_i = c_i$ $\forall i$ except k values ($k < n$), we say that r differs from c in k places.

\therefore The word ' r ' is denoted by $T(c)$. Some times

it is convenient to write ' r ' as $\boxed{r = c + e}$

where ' e ' is a word in \mathbb{Z}_2^n

\therefore The word ' e ' is referred as the error pattern.

* Probability:-

If 'p' is the probability of an individual signal in a word is received incorrectly.

Thus probability that $r_i \neq c_i$ is \boxed{p}

& probability that $r_i = c_i$ is $\boxed{(1-p)^{n-1}}$

∴ This is the probability that r differs from c exactly one place.

∴ The probability that r differs from k-places is $\boxed{p^k \cdot (1-p)^{n-k}}$

* Problem:-

1) The word $c = 1010110$ is transmitted through a binary ^{systematic} symmetric channel. If $e = 0101101$ is the error pattern. Find the word r - received. If $p = 0.05$ is the probability that a signal is incorrectly received, find the probability with which 'r' is received.

Soln:- Given, $C = 1010110$

$$e = 0101101$$

$$r = ?$$

$$P = 0.05$$

$$n = 7$$

$$k = ?$$

\therefore The received word $r = C + e$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore r = C + e &= (1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0) + (0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1) \\ &= (1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \underline{r = 1111011}$$

We observe that 'r' differs from 'C' in the second, fourth, fifth and seventh place.

\therefore Totally $k = 4$ places.

Thus the probability with which 'r' is received is

$$\begin{aligned}P^k (1-P)^{n-k} &= P^4 (1-P)^{7-4} \\ &= (0.05)^4 (1-0.05)^3 \\ &= (0.05)^4 (0.95)^3 \\ &= \underline{\underline{0.000005}}\end{aligned}$$

2) The word $C = 1010110$ is sent through a binary symmetric channel. If $P = 0.02$ is the probability of incorrect receipt of a signal, find the probability that C is received as $r = 1011111$. Determine the error pattern.

Solⁿ:- Given, $C = 1010110$

$$r = 1011111$$

$$P = 0.02$$

$$e = ?$$

$$n = 7$$

$$k = ?$$

By comparing C & r , it differs in two places

$$\therefore k = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore P^k (1-P)^{n-k} &= P^2 (1-P)^{7-2} \\ &= (0.02)^2 (1-0.02)^5 \\ &= (0.02)^2 (0.98)^5 \\ &= 0.00036\end{aligned}$$

\therefore The error pattern 'e' is given by $r = C + e$

$$\text{i.e., } 1011111 = 1010110 + e_1 e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6 e_7$$

$$\therefore e = r - C$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 1 + e_1 \Rightarrow e_1 = 0$$

$$0 = 0 + e_2 \Rightarrow e_2 = 0$$

$$1 = 1 + e_3 \Rightarrow e_3 = 0$$

$$1 = 0 + e_4 \Rightarrow e_4 = 1$$

$$1 = 0 + e_5 \Rightarrow e_5 = 0$$

$$1 = 1 + e_6 \Rightarrow e_6 = 0$$

$$1 = 0 + e_7 \Rightarrow e_7 = 1$$

$$\therefore e = \underline{\underline{0001001}}$$

Hamming distance ^{R.W. Hamming}

Let $x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$ & $y = y_1 y_2 \dots y_n \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$

Then the no. of i 's such that $x_i \neq y_i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$ is the

Hamming distance b/w x & y .

It is denoted by $d(x, y)$

In other words $d(x, y)$ is the no. of positions in which x & y differ.

[Hamming distance b/w two words of the same size is the number of difference b/w the corresponding bits.]

x & $y \rightarrow$ hamming distance $d(x, y)$
 \rightarrow cross hamming matrix.

Eg:- $x = 01001$

$$y = 11010$$

$\therefore x$ & y differ in 3-places.

$$\text{Hence } d(x, y) = 3.$$

$$\text{Alternatively, } x + y = 10011$$

$$\text{qso that } wt(x+y) = 3$$

$$\therefore d(x, y) = 3.$$

A decoding Scheme:-

A The parity check matrix H provides a decoding scheme that corrects single errors in transmission if the following condition hold.

- i) H does not contain a column of 0's.
- ii) No two columns of H are identical.

When H satisfies these two conditions, the following algorithm is used to decode the received word.

$$T(c) = r = r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$$

Unit-5 Group Codes

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Let $E: \mathbb{Z}_2^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^n$, $n > m$, be an encoding function and $C = E[\mathbb{Z}_2^m] = \{E(w) | w \in \mathbb{Z}_2^m\}$ be the set of codes. Then C is called group code if C is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_2^n .

Eg: Consider the encoding function, $E: \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^6$ of the triple repetition codes.

\Rightarrow For this code, we have

$$E(00) = 000000 \quad E(10) = 101010$$

$$E(01) = 010101 \quad E(11) = 111111$$

$$\therefore C = \{000000, 010101, 101010, 111111\}$$

Hamming Matrices

For a specified positive integer k ,

Let $m = (2^k - 1 - k)$ and $n = (2^k - 1)$

Consider a group code from \mathbb{Z}_2^m to \mathbb{Z}_2^n given by the

generator matrix $G = [I_m | B^T]$, where B is a $k \times m$ matrix.

Then the associated parity-check matrix $H = [B | I_k]$ is called Hamming matrix.

and code being considered is called Hamming code
 $(2^k-1, 2^k-1-k)$.

Theorem - 1

1) In a group code, the minimum distance b/w distinct code words is the minimum of the weights of the non-zero elements of the code.

Proof:- Consider two elements $a, b \in C$ with $a \neq b$

Such that $d(a, b)$ is minimum.

Let 'c' be an element in C with minimum weight.

Since $a, b \in C$ & C is a subgroup
then $a+b \in C$.

Also $d(a, b) = wt(a+b)$,

Since c has minimum weight, we have

$$wt(c) \leq wt(a+b)$$

$$\therefore, wt(c) \leq d(a, b)$$

Next- we note that $c+0=c$ where '0' is the identity in C

$$\therefore d(c, 0) = wt(c)$$

On the other hand $d(c, 0) \geq d(a, b)$
 because $d(a, b)$ is minimum.

$$\therefore wt(c) \geq d(a, b)$$

$$\text{Thus } wt(c) \leq d(a, b) \text{ \& } wt(c) \geq d(a, b)$$

$$\therefore d(a, b) = wt(c)$$

Hence proved.

Theorem-2

Prove that "Let C be a group code in \mathbb{Z}_2^n . If $r \in \mathbb{Z}_2^n$ is received word and c is decoded as the code word c^* , then $d(c^*, r) \leq d(c, r), \forall c \in C$.

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Proof:- Let $x + C$ be a coset containing r , where x is the element of minimum weight in the coset.

-then, $r = x + c^*$ for some $c^* \in C$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow r + c^* &= (x + c^*) + c^* = x + (c^* + c^*) \\ &= x + 0 \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So that, } d(c^*, r) &= wt(c^* + r) \\ &= wt(r + c^*) = wt(x) \end{aligned}$$

For every $c \in C$ we have.

$$\begin{aligned} c+x &= c + (x+c^*) \\ &= x + (c+c^*) \in x + C \quad (\because c+c^* \in C) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently $wt(c+x) > wt(x)$

Because in $x+C$, $wt(x)$ is minimum.

$$\text{i.e., } d(c, x) \geq wt(x)$$

Thus we proved that

$$d(c^*, x) = wt(x) \leq d(c, x)$$

Hence proved.

1) Suppose the encoding function $E: \mathbb{Z}_2^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^{m+1}$ is defined as follows

$$E(w) = E(w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m) = w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m, w_{m+1}$$

$$\text{where } w_{m+1} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } w \text{ contains even no. of 1's} \\ 1 & \text{if } w \text{ contains odd no. of 1's} \end{cases}$$

and corresponding decoding function $D: \mathbb{Z}_2^{m+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^m$ is

$$D(r) = D(r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m, r_{m+1}) = r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$$

a) Find the code words assigned E to the following message in \mathbb{Z}_2 ,

000, 001, 011, 100, 110, 101, 111, 010

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Find the decoded words assigned D to the following received words in \mathbb{Z}_2^4

0000, 0001, 0101, 1111, 1010, 1100, 1101, 1001.

Soln:- a) By using the definition of E , we find that

$$E(000) = 0000 \quad E(001) = 0011$$

$$E(011) = 0110 \quad E(100) = 1001$$

$$E(110) = 1100 \quad E(101) = 1010$$

$$E(111) = 1111 \quad E(010) = 0101$$

b) By using the definition of D we find that-

$$D(0000) = 000 \quad D(0001) = 000$$

$$D(0101) = 010 \quad D(1111) = 111$$

$$D(1010) = 101 \quad D(1100) = 110$$

$$D(1101) = 110 \quad D(1001) = 100$$

2) The parity check matrix for an encoding function

$E: \mathbb{Z}_2^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^6$ is given by

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

a) Determine the associated generator matrix.

b) Does this code correct all single errors in transmission.

Soln \therefore Given $H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

which is of the form $H = [A^T | I_3]$

Accordingly,

$$A^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \therefore A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence the associated generator matrix is

$$G = [I_3 | A] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) We observe that two columns of are identical [namely that 2nd & 5th].

But if any two columns are identical.

It does not provide a decoding scheme that corrects single error in transmission.

3) An encoding $E: \mathbb{Z}_2^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^5$ is given by the generator matrix $G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

- a) Determine all the code words. What can be said about the error-detection capability of this code? What about its error-correction capability?
- b) Find the associated parity check matrix H .
- c) Use H to decode the received words: 11101, 11011.

Soln: WKT, $G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is of the form

$$G = [\underline{I}_2 | A], \text{ where}$$

$$\underline{I}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ \& } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a) We find that

$$\begin{aligned} [E(00)] &= [0 \ 0]G = [0 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [E(01)] &= [0 \ 1]G = [0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= [0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1] \end{aligned}$$

$$[E(10)] = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0]$$

$$[E(11)] = [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1]$$

These matrix equations show that the code words are

$$E(00) = 00000$$

$$E(01) = 01011$$

$$E(10) = 10110$$

$$E(11) = 11101$$

From these, we find that

$$d(E(00), E(01)) = 3$$

$$d(E(00), E(11)) = 4 \quad d(E(00), E(10)) = 3$$

$$d(E(01), E(11)) = 3$$

$$d(E(01), E(10)) = 4$$

$$d(E(10), E(11)) = 3$$

Thus $\min(E) = 3$

\therefore the code can detect all errors of weight ≤ 2
& can correct all single errors.

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2) The parity check matrix, H associated with C_7 is given by

$$H = [A^T | I_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We observe that H does not contain a column of 0's and further not two columns of H are identical $\therefore H$ corrects single errors in transmission.

c) For $r = 11101$, the syndrome of r is

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

Since this is a zero matrix, the decoded message is got by retaining the first two components of r . The decoded message is therefore 11.

\Rightarrow For $r = 11011$, the syndrome of r is

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

We observe that this matrix is identical with the first column of H .

\therefore We change the first component of r (from 1 to 0) to get 01011. This is the code word. The first two components of this code word, namely 01, is the original message.

Decoding with coset leaders

In the following two Examples, we illustrate a procedure for the decoding of received words in group codes.

Example 1 A group code C is defined by the generator matrix

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

Decode the following received words using the cosets of C :

11110, 11011, 10100, 10101.

► We note that the given G is a 2×5 matrix. Therefore, the encoding function E is from \mathbb{Z}_2 to \mathbb{Z}_2^5 and is defined by $[E(w)] = [w]G$ for every $w \in \mathbb{Z}_2^2$. We find that

$$[E(00)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} G = [00000],$$

$$[E(01)] = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} G = [01011],$$

$$[E(10)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} G = [10110],$$

$$[E(11)] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} G = [11101].$$

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Thus, we have

$$E(Z_2^5) = C = \{00000, 01011, 10110, 11101\}.$$

This is a subgroup of Z_2^5 . We now select some $x_1 \in Z_2^5$ such that $x_1 \notin C$ and $wt(x_1)$ is minimum, and construct the coset $x_1 + C$. Let us take $x_1 = 10000$, so that

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + C &= \{x_1 + c \mid c \in C\} \\ &= \{10000, 11011, 00110, 01101\} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we select some $x_2 \in Z_2^5$ such that $x_2 \notin C$, $x_2 \notin x_1 + C$ and $wt(x_2)$ is minimum, and construct the coset $x_2 + C$. Let us take $x_2 = 01000$, so that

$$x_2 + C = \{x_2 + c \mid c \in C\} = \{01000, 00011, 11110, 10101\}.$$

Similarly, we construct the cosets $x_3 + C$, $x_4 + C$ and so on by choosing x_k such that $x_k \notin C$, $x_k \notin x_{k-1} + C$ with $wt(x_k)$ is minimum, $k = 3, 4, \dots$. We stop the process when the union of C and the distinct cosets so constructed is equal to Z_2^5 . Since $o(C) = 4 = 2^2$ and $o(Z_2^5) = 2^5 = 32$, the number of distinct cosets of C in Z_2^5 is, by Lagrange's Theorem,

$$(Z_2^5 : C) = \frac{o(Z_2^5)}{o(C)} = \frac{2^5}{2^2} = 2^3 = 8.$$

The elements of C and those of the cosets of C are shown in the following table, called the *Decoding Table*.

Decoding Table for the Code of Example 1

00000	01011	10110	11101
10000	11011	00110	01100
01000	00011	11110	10101
00100	01111	10010	11001
00010	01001	10100	11111
00001	01010	10111	11100
11000	10011	01110	00101
10100	10111	00010	01001

We observe that the elements in the first column of the above table are $x_0 = 0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_7$, here x_1, x_2, \dots, x_7 are chosen as described above, and the rows containing these are the elements of the corresponding cosets of C . Here, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_7 are called the *coset leaders*.

The decoding table enables us to decode any received word $r \in Z_2^5$ by adopting the following rule: Find the column containing r and identify the code word c in C that belongs to this

column. Decode this c by deleting the last three components of c ; the resulting word w is the message sent.

We observe that $r = 11110$ appears in the third column, and the corresponding $c = 10110$. Therefore, the corresponding message is $w = 10$.

The word $r = 11011$ appears in the second column, and the corresponding $c = 01011$. Therefore, the corresponding message is $w = 01$.

Similarly, we find that the messages corresponding to the received words 10100 , 10101 are 00 , 11 . ■