## 1. Parity

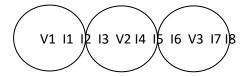
- a. Errors with a Hamming distance of 1 can be detected, but not located, with parity
- b. Even parity count the number of 1s in the data
  - i. Set or clear an additional bit so that the number of 1s is even (including the parity bit)
- c. Odd parity set or clear an additional bit so that the number of 1s is odd
  - i. We'll be using even parity for the rest of these examples
- d. One type of XOR gate produces a 1 whenever the number of 1s input is odd, perfect for this use
- e. Example for even parity
  - i. C denotes the position of the check bit
  - ii. C1001 -> 01001
  - iii. C1101 -> 11101
- f. Even parity creates valid code words that have a Hamming distance of 2 between them
  - i. Need valid and invalid code words so we know when something goes wrong
  - ii. Invalid code words in this case are the odd parity numbers



Circles have a radius of one Hamming distance.

## g. Two bit errors

i. To allow detection, need valid code words with at least a Hamming distance of 3 away



Circles have a radius of two Hamming distance.

- ii. All one Hamming distance errors are associated with exactly one valid code word
- iii. Errors with two bits will still be detected, but may be associated with another valid code word
  - 1. I2 above could either be associated with V1 or V2
- iv. What happens with three-bit errors?

## 2. Further bit checking

- a. Increase Hamming distance between valid code words with more parity bits
- b. Will look at Hamming(7,4) error correction
  - i. Hamming(7,4) is SECDED but cannot differentiate single and double bit errors
  - ii. Error correction on double bit errors will fail and give wrong result
- c. Example: 4-bit word

111	110	101	100	011	010	001	Bit position (binary)
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	Bit position (decimal)
D3	D2	D1	C2	D0	C1	CO	Bit type (D = data, C = check / parity)

- i. C0 is the parity bit over bits 3, 5, 7
- ii. C1 is the parity bit over bits 3, 6, 7
- iii. C2 is the parity bit over bits 5, 6, 7



- 3. Hamming(7,4) examples
  - a. Original data: 0110
    - i. Let's calculate the code word associated with it
      - 1. Fill in table, then calculate check bits

111	110	101	100	011	010	001
7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	1	1	C2	0	C1	CO

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- 2. For C0, bits 3, 5, 7 are 0, 1, 0. XOR(010) = 1, so C0 = 1
- 3. For C1, bits 3, 6, 7 are 0, 1, 0. XOR(010) = 1, so C1 = 1
- 4. For C2, bits 5, 6, 7 are 1, 1, 0. XOR(110) = 0, so C2 = 0
- ii. Putting these together, we get 0110011
- b. Let's flip one of the bits now
  - i. Is 0010011 valid?
    - 1. Fill in the table, then verify check bits

111	110	101	100	011	010	001
7	6	5	4	3	2	1
D3	D2	D1	C2	D0	C1	C0
0	0	1	0	0	1	1

- 2. For CO, bits 3, 5, 7 are 0, 1, 0. XOR(010) = 1, so CO = 1
- 3. For C1, bits 3, 6, 7 are 0, 0, 0. XOR(000) = 0, so C1 = 0
- 4. For C2, bits 5, 6, 7 are 1, 0, 0. XOR(100) = 1, so C2 = 1
- ii. Was codeword valid?
  - 1. We have a mismatch with C1 and C2, thus the codeword was invalid
    - a. We calculated C1 = 0, but the bit received was 1
    - b. Same applies for C2 = 1, but bit received was 0
- c. Error correction portion
  - i. We know there was an error, how do we fix it?
    - 1. XOR the generated check bits with the check bits from the received word
    - 2. Result tells us exactly where the error occurred
      - a. This is possible because of the way we've laid out the check bits
      - b. This is also why we started with 1 instead of 0 when numbering the bits
  - ii. XORing each bit together:

Received: 011 Calculated: 101 XOR: 110

- iii. So we know bit position 6 was the error, we correct that one
  - 1. We get 0110011, which was our original code word before we flipped anything
  - 2. Extracting the data, we get 0110, which was our original data

