

# Data Link Layer

# Responsibilities of DLL

- Provide following services to upper layer protocols:
- Logical Link Control Sublayer
  - Framing
  - Error Control
  - Flow Control
  - Reliable Transmission
- In multipoint network, MAC sublayer will be present after LLC at DLL.
  - Medium Access Control

# Network Performance Matrix

- Network performance can be measured in two different ways:
  - Latency
  - Bandwidth (Throughput)
- **Defn:** Network throughput (or effective throughput) is the measured number of bits that can be transmitted over a particular medium in a given amount of time. Usually, described in *bits/sec* (or *bps*).
- The throughput is the maximum number of bits/sec an application can expect to receive.

**Bandwidth  $\geq$  Throughput**

- For applications, we can describe throughput as the “bandwidth requirements of an application.”

# Network Performance Matrix

- **Defn: Latency** (or **end-to-end delay**) is the amount of time it takes for a single bit to propagate from one end of a network to another. It depends upon the following factors:
  1. Propagation delay (
  2. Transmission time
  3. Queueing delay
  4. Processing delays

# Network Performance Matrix

## 1. Propagation delay

- We calculate this using the speed-of-light propagation delay:
  - in a vacuum,  $3.0 * 10^8$  meters/sec
  - in a cable,  $2.3 * 10^8$  meters/sec
  - in fiber,  $2.0 * 10^8$  meters/sec
- This value is a function of the distances and the speed-of-light delay.

## 2. Transmission Delay

- This is the amount of time it takes to transmit the data onto the transmission media. This value is a function of the bandwidth and the packet size.

## 3. Queueing Delay

This is the time the data spends in being waiting for its turn (queueing) to be transmitted.

## 4. Processing Delay

- This is the time the data spends in being processed to be transmitted.

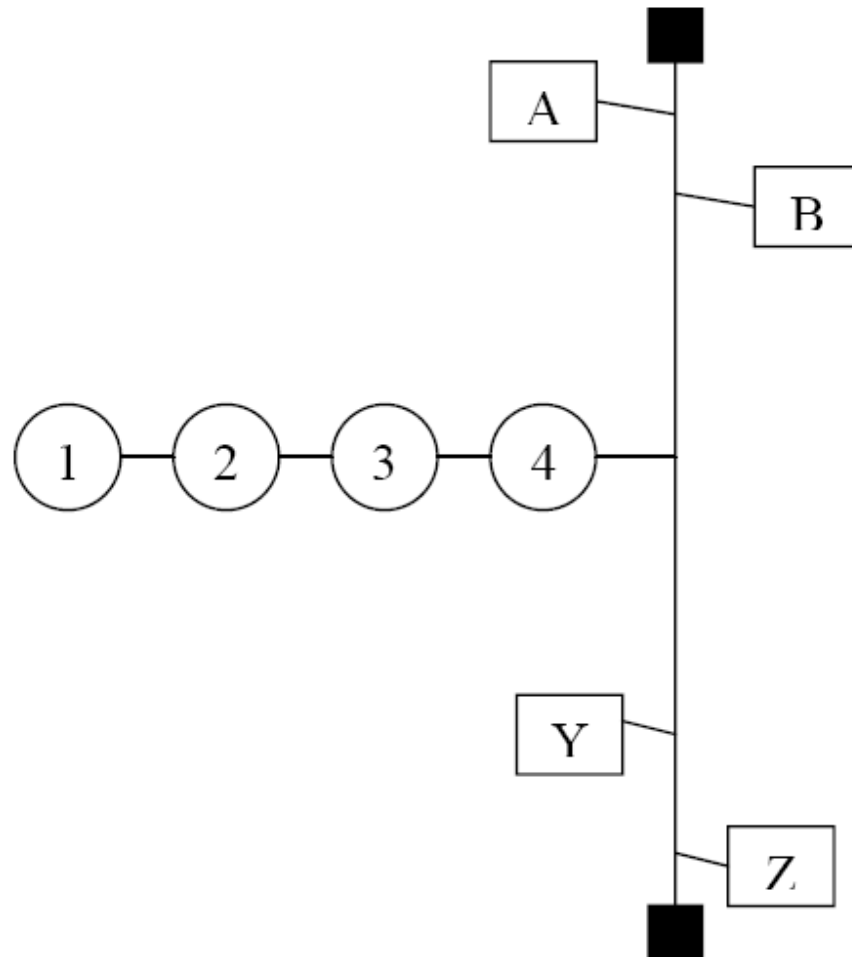
# Latency

$$\textit{Latency} (L) = T_{prop} + T_{trans} + T_{queue} + T_{proc}$$

# Example

- Given the internet pictured below with a propagation speed of 200 m/microsec on the packet-switched WAN and the LAN and:
  - nodes 1-4 equidistantly spaced 2 km apart on a WAN with 50 Mbps links between nodes.
  - Assume processing time for these nodes is **0**.
  - nodes A, B, Y, Z and 4 are on a 10BASE5 coaxial LAN with nodes A and Z at the absolute edge of the LAN segment and node 4 connected at the middle of the LAN.
  - Assume a packet = frame = 1000 bytes on this internet, and no processing delay at any nodes.
- **How long will it take to send a packet from node 1 to node Z in the situation that when the packet arrives at node 4 there are two packets in front of it waiting to go out on the LAN to Node A.**

# Example





# Solution

delay 1 to z = delay 1 to 4 + delay 4 to z

delay 1 to 4 = 3 \* (ttrans + tprop + tproc + tqueue)      assume tproc = tqueue = 0

$$= 3 * \left( \frac{1000 * 8 \text{ bits}}{50 * 10^{**} 6 \text{ bits/sec}} + \frac{2000 \text{ m}}{200 \text{ m /microsec}} \right)$$

$$= 3 * \left( \frac{8 * 10^{**} 3 \text{ bits}}{50 * 10^{**} 6 \text{ bits/sec}} + 10 \text{ microseconds} \right)$$

$$= 3 * (.16 * 10^{**} -3 \text{ seconds} + 10 \text{ microseconds})$$

$$= 3 * (160 \text{ microseconds} + 10 \text{ microseconds}) = 510 \text{ microseconds}$$

# Solution

$$\text{delay 4 to z} = \text{queuing at 4} + t_{\text{transLAN}} + t_{\text{propLAN}}$$

$$\text{queuing at 4} = 2 * t_{\text{transLAN}}$$

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$$= 3 * \left( \frac{8 * 10^{**} 3 \text{ bits}}{10 * 10^{**} 6 \text{ bits/sec}} \right) + \frac{250 \text{ m}}{200 \text{ m /microsec}}$$

$$= 3 * (.8 * 10^{**} -3 \text{ seconds}) + 1.25 \text{ microseconds}$$

$$= 3 * 800 \text{ microseconds} + 1.25 \text{ microseconds} = 2401.25 \text{ microseconds}$$

$$\text{delay 1 to z} = 510 \text{ microseconds} + 2401.25 \text{ microseconds} = 2.91125 \text{ milliseconds}$$

# Framing Protocols

- In computer networks, we are operating in a packet switching network which means block of data (not individual bits) are exchanged between the nodes.
- Network adapter enables the nodes to exchange frames (block of data).
- The problem at the DLL is that how to mark the start of the frame and end of the frame in the bit stream received from the physical layer.

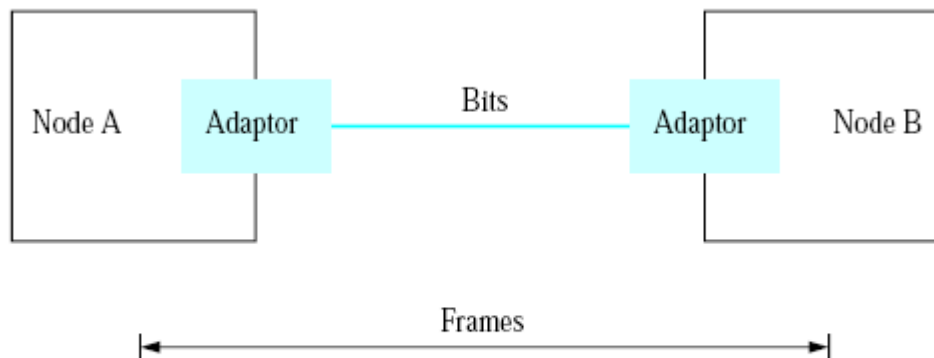
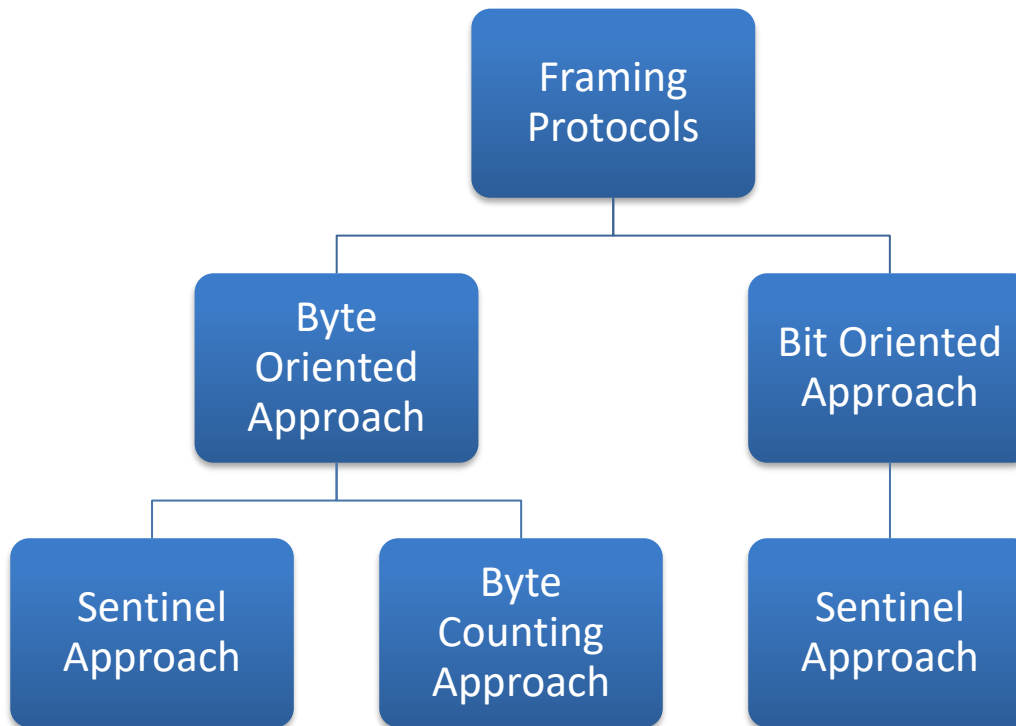


Figure 5: Frames between hosts

# Framing Protocols

- Several approaches are used to handle this problem:



# Framing Protocols (Contd.)

- Byte-oriented Protocols
  - To view each frame as a collection of bytes (characters) rather than bits.
  - Sentinel Approach
    - BISYNC (Binary Synchronous Communication) Protocol
    - Developed by IBM (late 1960)
  - Byte Counting Approach
    - DDCMP (Digital Data Communication Protocol)
    - Used in DECNet

# Framing Protocols (Contd.)

- BISYNC – Sentinel Approach (Byte Oriented)
  - Frames transmitted beginning with leftmost field
  - Beginning of a frame is denoted by sending a special SYN (synchronize) character
  - Data portion of the frame is contained between special sentinel character STX (start of text) and ETX (end of text)
  - SOH : Start of Header
  - DLE : Data Link Escape
  - CRC: Cyclic Redundancy Check



BISYNC Frame Format

# Framing Protocols (Contd.)

- DDCMP: Byte-counting approach (Byte Oriented)
  - *count* : how many bytes are contained in the frame body
  - If *count* is corrupted
    - Framing error



DDCMP Frame Format

# Framing Protocols (Contd.)

- Point to Point Protocol (PPP): Sentinel Approach (Byte Oriented)
- which is commonly run over Internet links uses sentinel approach
  - Special start of text character denoted as Flag
    - 0 1 1 1 1 1 0
  - Address, control: default numbers
  - Protocol for demux: IP / IPX
  - Payload : negotiated (1500 bytes)
  - Checksum: for error detection



PPP Frame Format



# PPP header fields details

Flag 01111110	Address 11111111	Control 00000011	Protocol	Information	CRC	flag 01111110
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All stations are to accept the frame

Unnumbered frame

Specifies what kind of packet is contained in the payload, e.g., LCP, NCP, IP, OSI CLNP, IPX

# Framing Protocols (Contd.)

- HDLC: High Level Data Link Control: Sentinel Approach (Bit Oriented)

- Beginning and Ending Sequences

– 0 1 1 1 1 1 0



HDLC Frame Format

# Framing Protocols (Contd.)

- Problem with the framing protocols: If the special character appears in between the frame in Byte Oriented Approach.
  - Solution: Byte Stuffing.
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  - Solution: Bit Stuffing.

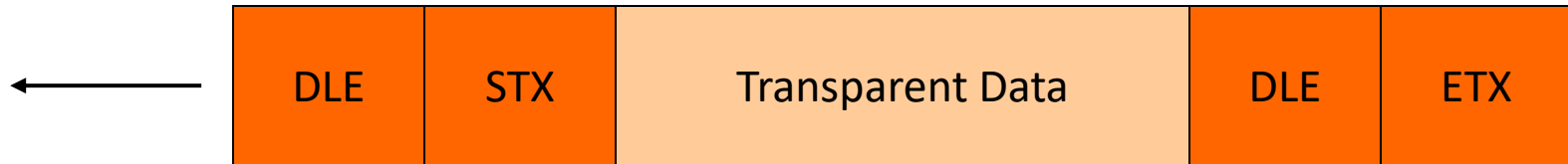
# Byte Stuffing

- Also referred to as character stuffing.
- ASCII characters are used as framing delimiters (e.g. DLE STX and DLE ETX)
- The problem occurs when these character patterns occur within the “transparent” data.

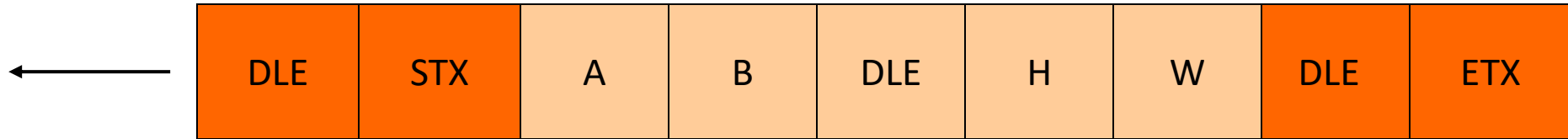
Solution: sender stuffs an **extra DLE** into the data stream just before each occurrence of an “accidental” DLE in the data stream.

The data link layer on the receiving end unstuffs the **DLE** before giving the data to the network layer.

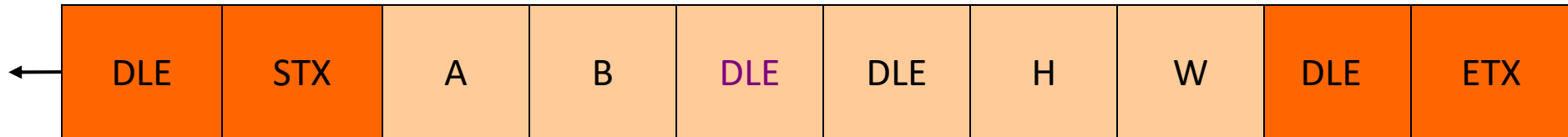
# Byte Stuffing (Example)



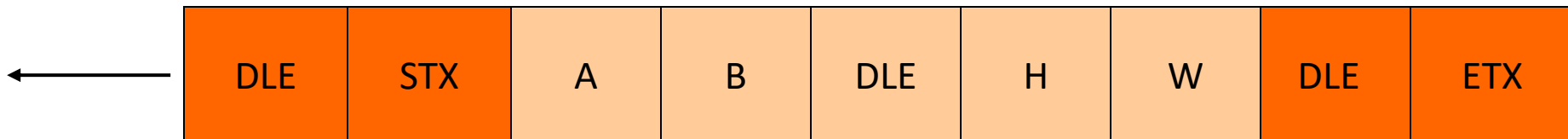
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Stuffed



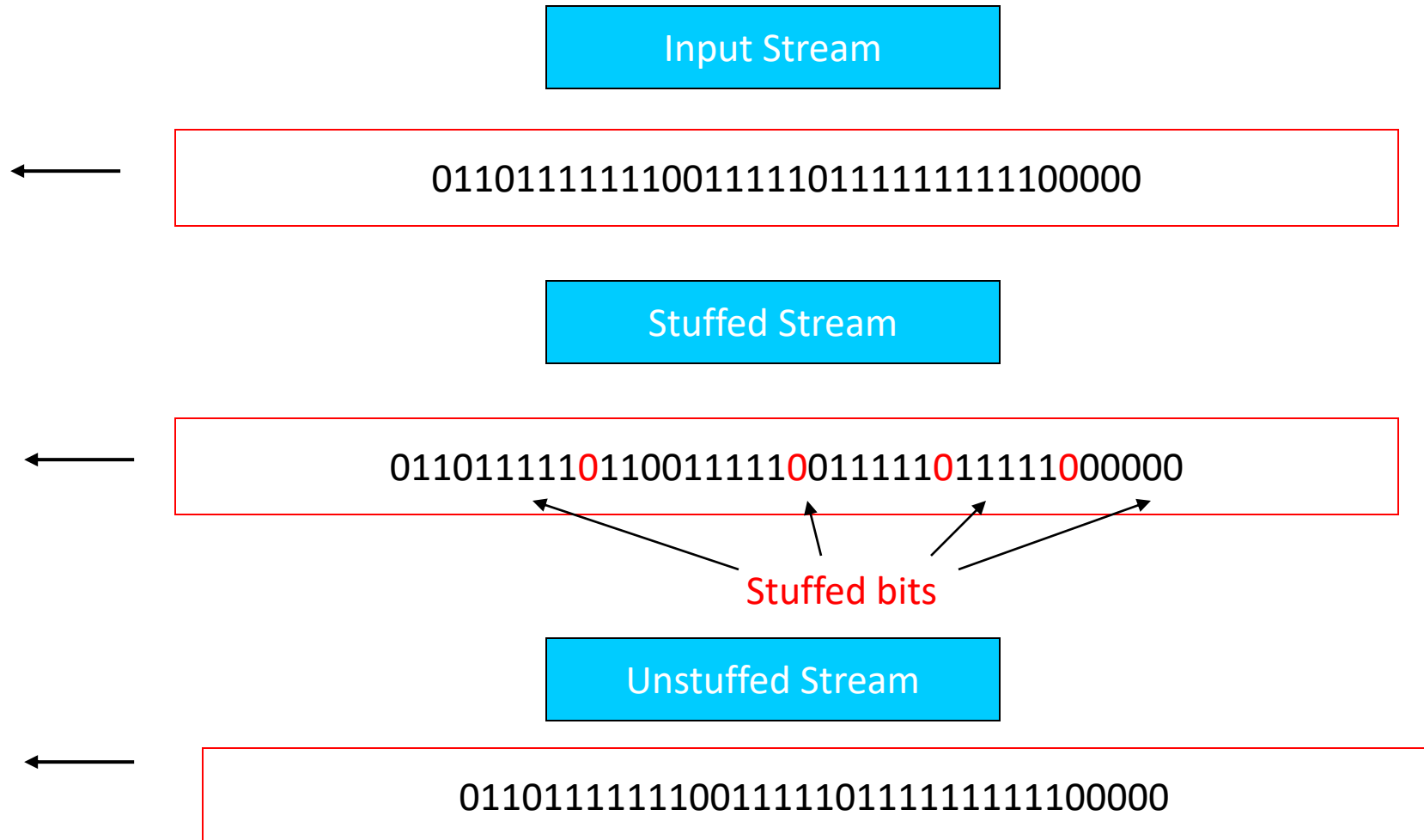
Unstuffed



# Bit Stuffing

- Each frame begins and ends with a special bit pattern called a **flag byte [01111110]**. {Note this is **7E in hex**}
- Whenever sender data link layer encounters *five consecutive ones* in the data stream, it automatically stuffs a 0 bit into the outgoing stream.
- When the receiver sees *five consecutive incoming ones followed by a 0 bit*, it automatically destuffs the 0 bit before sending the data to the network layer.

# Bit Stuffing (Example)



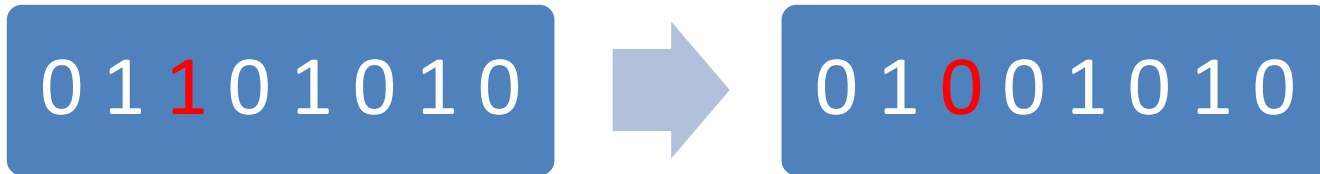
# Error Control

- It is possible that data may get corrupted during the transmission because of noise, interference etc. This is known as error in the communication.
- It is the responsibility of DLL and other higher layer to ensure error free communication.



# Error Control (Contd.)

- Error in the communication can be classified as:
  - Single Bit Error

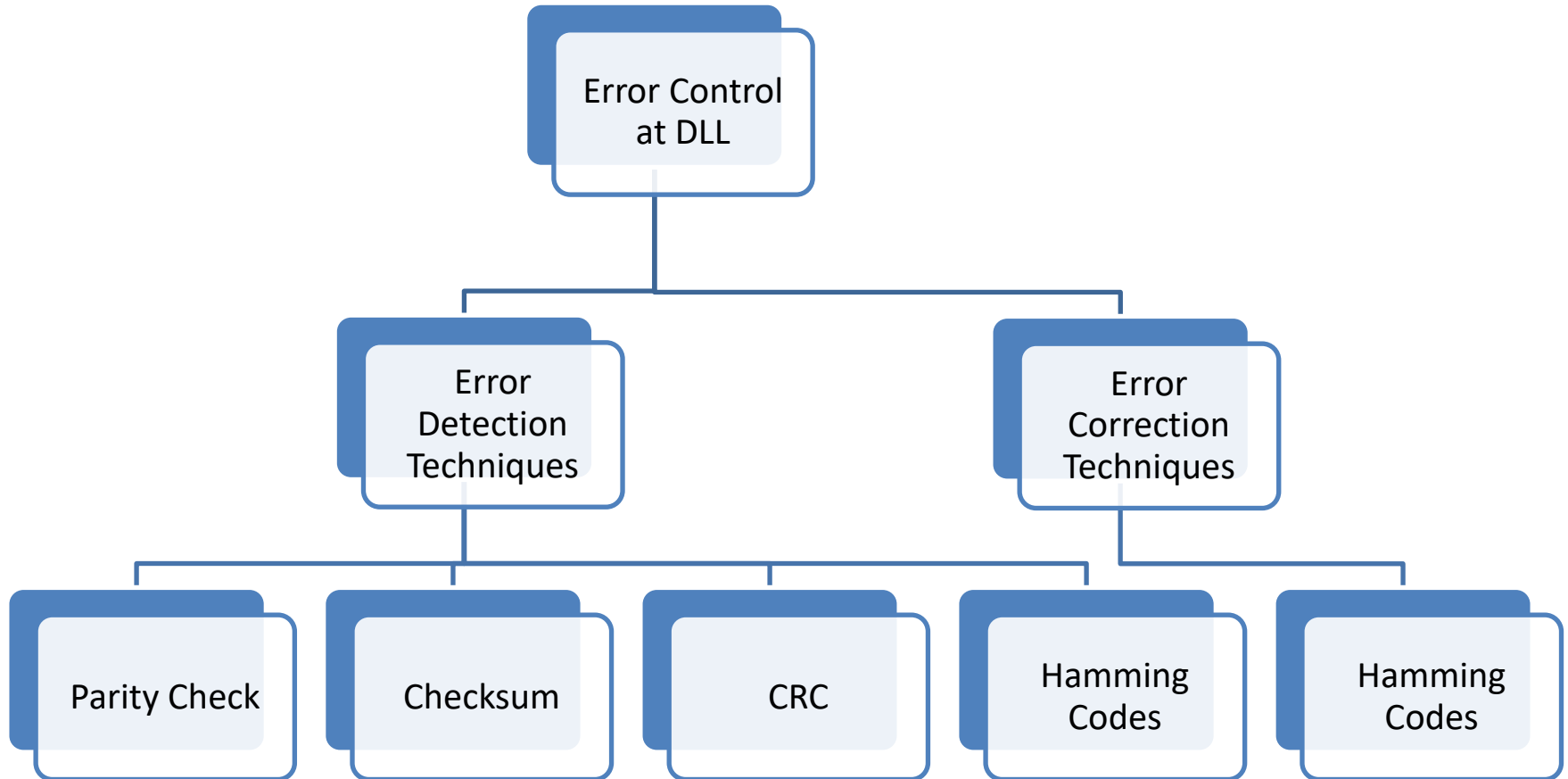


- Burst Error



Burst Error of 6 bits.

# Error Control (Contd.)



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- Basic Idea of Error Detection
  - To add redundant information to a frame that can be used to determine if errors have been introduced.
  - In general, we can provide strong error detection technique
    - $k$  redundant bits,  $n$  bits message,  $k \ll n$
    - In Ethernet, a frame carrying up to 12,000 bits of data requires only 32-bit CRC.
- Parameter of evaluation
  - Total number of redundant bits required.
  - Power of error detection / correction.

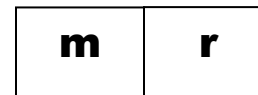
# Error Control (Contd.)

- Extra bits are redundant
  - They add no new information to the message
  - Derived from the original message using some algorithm
  - Both the sender and receiver know the algorithm

Sender



Receiver



Receiver computes  $r$  using  $m$  bits. If they match, no error else data received has error.

# Parity Check (One dimensional parity)

- Algo:
  - Divide the message into words (7 bit word, 15 bit word, 31 bit word etc.)
  - Append a single parity bit at the end to the sequence of message bits.
    - Odd Parity: The parity bit is chosen to make the total number of 1's in the message odd.
    - Even Parity: The parity bit is chosen to make the total number of 1's in the message even.
    - Example of even parity: Green bit is the parity bit

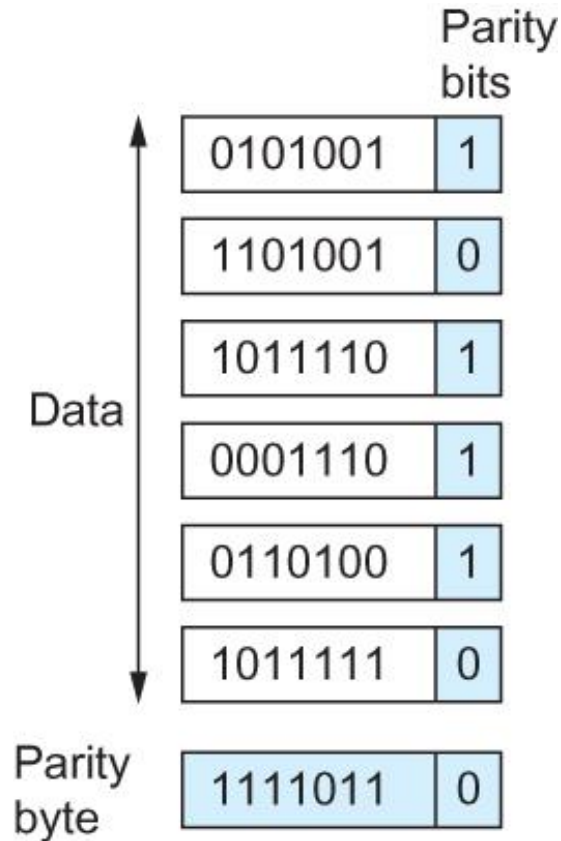


- Number of redundant bit required is very high.
- Power of error detection: Can detect if odd number of bits are involved in the error.

# Two-dimensional parity check

- Two-dimensional parity is exactly what the name suggests
  - Two-dimensional parity does a similar calculation for each bit position across each of the bytes contained in the frame
  - This results in an extra parity byte for the entire frame, in addition to a parity bit for each byte.

# Two-dimensional parity check



Two Dimensional Parity

Number of redundant bits required is very high.

Two-dimensional parity catches all 1-, 2-, and 3-bit errors and most 4-bit errors.

# Checksum

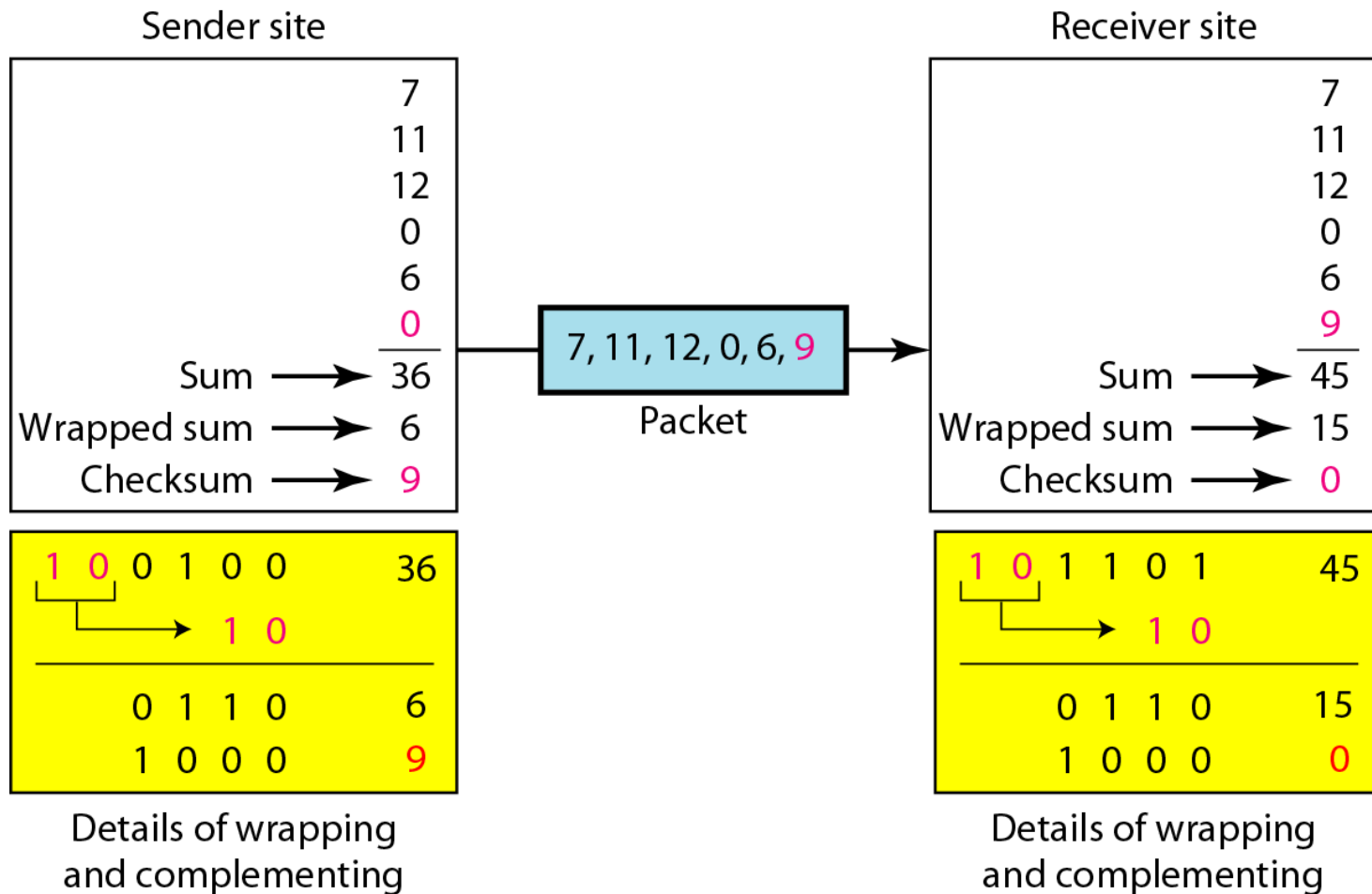
- Transmitter's Algo:
  - 1's complement arithmetic is used for implementation.
  - Divide the message into words. (8 / 16 / 32 bit words).
  - Calculate the sum of all the units using 1's complement arithmetic.
  - Take ones complement of the result. This is called the checksum.
  - Transmit the checksum along with the message.
- Receiver's Algo:
  - Divide the message into words including the checksum. (8 / 16 / 32 bit words).
  - Calculate the sum of all the units using 1's complement arithmetic.
  - Take ones complement of the result.
  - If the result is all zero then accept else discard.



# 1's Complement Arithmetic

- In ones complement arithmetic, a negative integer  $-x$  is represented as the complement of  $x$ ;
  - Each bit of  $x$  is inverted.
- When adding numbers in ones complement arithmetic, a carryout from the most significant bit needs to be added to the result.

# Example of decimal representation



# Checksum Example

- Consider, for example, the addition of  $-5$  and  $-3$  in ones complement arithmetic on 4-bit integers
  - $+5$  is  $0101$ , so  $-5$  is  $1010$ ;  $+3$  is  $0011$ , so  $-3$  is  $1100$
- If we add  $1010$  and  $1100$  ignoring the carry, we get  $0110$ .
- In ones complement arithmetic, the fact that this operation caused a carry from the most significant bit causes us to increment the result, giving  $0111$ , which is the ones complement representation of  $-8$  (obtained by inverting the bits in  $1000$ ), as we would expect.
- At receiver's end If we add  $1010$ ,  $1100$  and  $1000$  we get  $1111$  as sum.
- Complement of  $1111$  is  $0000$ . Which means there is no error in the transmission.

# Checksum Example

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  0001
  f203
  f4f5
  f6f7
+ (0000)
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 2ddf0

  ddf0
+      2
-----
  ddf2

 220d
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- Sender's Side

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  0001
  f203
  f4f5
  f6f7
+ 220d
-----
 2fffd
  ↓
  fffd
+      2
-----
  ffff
  ↓
 0000
```

Receiver's Side

# Checksum Properties

- Number of redundant bits are constant and will depends on the word size chosen.
- It can detect all the errors where odd number of bits are involved in the error, most of the 2-bits and most of the 4-bits errors.

# Cycle Redundancy Check (CRC)

- Reduce the number of extra bits and maximize protection.
- CRC uses a special class of polynomial arithmetic known as “Polynomial Arithmetic Modulo 2”.
- For the purpose of implementation following properties of Polynomial Arithmetic Modulo 2 are important:
  - Any polynomial  $B(x)$  can be divided by a divisor polynomial  $C(x)$  if  $B(x)$  is of higher degree than  $C(x)$ .
  - Any polynomial  $B(x)$  can be divided once by a divisor polynomial  $C(x)$  if  $B(x)$  is of the same degree as  $C(x)$ .
  - The remainder obtained when  $B(x)$  is divided by  $C(x)$  is obtained by subtracting  $C(x)$  from  $B(x)$ .
  - To subtract  $C(x)$  from  $B(x)$ , we simply perform the exclusive-OR (XOR) operation on each pair of matching coefficients.

# Cycle Redundancy Check (CRC)

- *Given a bit string 110001 we can associate a polynomial on a single variable  $x$  for it.*

$$1.x^5 + 1.x^4 + 0.x^3 + 0.x^2 + 0.x^1 + 1.x^0 = x^5 + x^4 + 1 \text{ and the degree is 5.}$$

*A  $k$  – bit frame has a maximum degree of  $k - 1$ .*

- *Let  $M(x)$  be a message polynomial and  $C(x)$  be a generator polynomial.*

# Cycle Redundancy Check (CRC)

- Sender's Algorithm:
- Let  $r$  be the degree of code polynomial can call it  $c(x)$  (Both sender and receiver know it)
- Append  $r$  zero bits at the end of message bits and call it  $S(x)$ .
- Divide  $S(x)$  by  $C(x)$  using modulo 2 division to get the remainder  $R(x)$ .
- Subtract  $R(x)$  from  $S(x)$  and call it  $T(x)$ .
- Transmit  $T(x)$ .



# Cycle Redundancy Check (CRC)

- Receiver's Algorithm:
- Let receiver receive a message and call it  $M(x)$ .
- Divide  $M(x)$  by  $C(x)$  to get remainder  $R(x)$ .
- If  $R(x) = 0$  then accept else discard.

# Example (Sender Side)

- At Sender:
- Let  $M = 1100 \rightarrow M(x) = x^3 + x^2 \rightarrow S(x) = x^6 + x^5 \Rightarrow 1100000$
- Let  $C(x) = x^3 + x + 1 \rightarrow C = 1011$ ; Degree of  $C(x) = 3$

$\frac{S(x)}{C(x)}$

Division:

$x^3 + x + 1$   
 divisor

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$x^6 + x^5$   
 dividend

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$x^3 + x^2 + x$   
 $= q(x)$  quotient

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$x^6 +$

$x^4 + x^3$

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$x^5 + x^4 + x^3$

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$x^5 +$

$x^3 + x^2$

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$x^4 +$

$x^2$

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$x^4 +$

$x^2 + x$

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$x$   
 $= r(x)$  remainder = 010

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ 35 \overline{) 122} \\ \underline{105} \\ 17 \end{array}$$

$$T(x) = S(x) - R(x) \Rightarrow 1100010$$

# Example (Receiver Side)

At receiver suppose  $M(x) = 1\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 0$

$C(x) = 1\ 0\ 1\ 1$

$R(x) = 100$

=> error in the data received therefore, discard the frame.

# CRC Properties

- Properties of Generator Polynomial
  - Let  $P(x)$  represent what the sender sent and  $P(x) + E(x)$  is the received string. A 1 in  $E(x)$  represents that in the corresponding position in  $P(x)$  the message bit is flipped.
  - We know that  $P(x)/C(x)$  leaves a remainder of 0, but if  $E(x)/C(x)$  leaves a remainder of 0, then either  $E(x) = 0$  or  $C(x)$  is a factor of  $E(x)$ .
  - When  $C(x)$  is a factor of  $E(x)$  we have a problem; errors go unnoticed.
  - If there is a single bit error then  $E(x) = x^i$ , where  $i$  determines the bit in error. If  $C(x)$  contains two or more terms it will never divide  $E(x)$ , so all single bit errors will be detected.
  - Therefore it is important to use a code polynomial which satisfies the above properties and maximizes the error detection power.

# Standard Polynomials used for CRC

- Six generator polynomials that have become international standards are:
  - $\text{CRC-8} = x^8 + x^2 + x + 1$
  - $\text{CRC-10} = x^{10} + x^9 + x^5 + x^4 + x + 1$
  - $\text{CRC-12} = x^{12} + x^{11} + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$
  - $\text{CRC-16} = x^{16} + x^{15} + x^2 + 1$
  - $\text{CRC-CCITT} = x^{16} + x^{12} + x^5 + 1$
  - $\text{CRC-32} = x^{32} + x^{26} + x^{23} + x^{22} + x^{16} + x^{12} + x^{11} + x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$

# CRC Properties

- In general, it is possible to prove that the following types of errors can be detected by a  $C(x)$  with the stated properties:
  - All single-bit errors, as long as the  $x^k$  and  $x^0$  terms have nonzero coefficients.
  - All double-bit errors, as long as  $C(x)$  has a factor with at least three terms.
  - Any odd number of errors, as long as  $C(x)$  contains the factor  $(x+1)$ .
  - Any “burst” error (i.e., sequence of consecutive error bits) for which the length of the burst is less than  $k$  bits. (Most burst errors of larger than  $k$  bits can also be detected.)

# Error Correction Technique

- Also known as forward error correction (FEC).
- FEC is used in transmission of radio signals, such as those used in transmission of digital television (Reed-Solomon and Trellis encoding) and 4D-PAM5 (Viterbi and Trellis encoding).
- Some FEC is based on Hamming Codes

# Hamming Codes (for 1 bit error correction)

- Suppose the message consists of  $m$  bits and number of redundant bits  $r$ , required to implement the Hamming Code algorithm.
- How large does  $r$  need to be can be calculated by satisfying the following equality for the minimum value of  $r$ .

$$m + r + 1 \leq 2^r$$



# Sender's Algorithm

- Bits are numbered from left to right from 1 to  $m+r$ .
- Power of 2 bit positions are reserved for redundant bits.
- Remaining bit positions are filled with message bits.
- Each redundant bit will force a parity (even or odd) on the subset of message bits.

# Sender's Algorithm

- Each data bit is included in a unique set of parity bits, as determined its bit position in binary form.
  - a.** Parity bit 1 covers all the bits positions whose binary representation includes a 1 in the least significant position (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, etc).
  - b.** Parity bit 2 covers all the bits positions whose binary representation includes a 1 in the second position from the least significant bit (2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, etc).
  - c.** Parity bit 4 covers all the bits positions whose binary representation includes a 1 in the third position from the least significant bit (4–7, 12–15, 20–23, etc).

# Sender's Algorithm

- d.** Parity bit 8 covers all the bits positions whose binary representation includes a 1 in the fourth position from the least significant bit bits (8–15, 24–31, 40–47, etc).
- e.** In general, each parity bit covers all bits where the bitwise AND of the parity position and the bit position is non-zero.
  - Since we check for even parity set a parity bit to 1 if the total number of ones in the positions it checks is odd.
  - Set a parity bit to 0 if the total number of ones in the positions it checks is even.

# Determination of Subset

Position	R8	R4	R2	R1
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	1
2	0	0	1	0
3	0	0	1	1
4	0	1	0	0
5	0	1	0	1
6	0	1	1	0
7	0	1	1	1
8	1	0	0	0
9	1	0	0	1
10	1	0	1	0
11	1	0	1	1

R1 -> 1,3,5,7,9,11  
R2 -> 2,3,6,7,10,11  
R3 -> 4,5,6,7  
R4 -> 8,9,10,11

# Example

- $m=1011$
- $r=3$
- $m+r = 7$

		1		0	1	1
r1	r2	d1	r3	d2	d3	d4
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Subset of r1= 1, 3, 5, 7

Subset of r2 = 2, 3, 6, 7

Subset of r3 = 4, 5, 6, 7

Decimal Value	r3	r2	r1
	$2^2$	$2^0$	$2^0$
1	0	0	1
2	0	1	0
3	0	1	1
4	1	0	0
5	1	0	1
6	1	1	0
7	1	1	1

# Example

- For implementing odd parity
- $r_1 = 1$
- $r_2 = 0$
- $r_3 = 1$
- $T(x) = 1\ 0\ 1\ 1\ 0\ 1\ 1$

# Receiver's Algorithm

- If the parity is satisfied on the subsets then fill 1 in the table otherwise 0. The decimal equivalent of that binary value will give the position of error.
- For example suppose the received message = 1 0 1 1 0 0 1

Evaluation of parity of corresponding subset of redundant bits	r3	r2	r1
	$2^2$	$2^0$	$2^0$
	0	1	0

- 0 1 0  $\Rightarrow$  2 is the position of error.