



## Module -2

### **Error Detection and Correction (Hamming Code, CRC, Checksum)**

Network designers have developed two basics strategies for dealing with errors. One way is to include enough redundant information along with each block of data sent, to enable the receiver to deduce what the transmitted data must have been .The other way is to include only enough redundancy to allow the receiver to deduce that an error occurred, but not which error, and have it request a retransmission. The former strategy uses **Error – correcting codes** and the latter uses **Error- detecting codes**.

The **Error – correcting** and **Error- detecting** methods are

1. PARITY METHOD
2. LRC METHOD (Longitudinal redundancy check)
3. CRC METHOD (Cyclic redundancy check)
4. HAMMING CODE METHOD

#### **PARITY METHOD**

- appends a parity bit to the end of each word in the frame
- Even parity is used for asynchronous Transmission
- Odd parity is used for synchronous Transmission

Ex 1.	Character code	even parity	odd parity
	1100100	1100100 <u>1</u>	1100100 <u>0</u>
2.	0011000	0011000 <u>0</u>	0011000 <u>1</u>

If one bit or any odd no bits is erroneously inverted during Transmission, the Receiver will detect an error. How ever if two or even no of bits are inverted an undetected error occurs.



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Ex 3. The Transmitted data is 10011010. The received data is 11011010.

Let both the transmitter and receiver are agreed on EVEN parity.

Now an error will be detected, since the no of ones received are ODD

4. The Transmitted data is 10011010. The received data is 01011010

The received data is wrong even though the no of ones are EVEN.

Since two bits are inverted error can't be detected.

### Longitudinal Redundancy Check(LRC)

The frame is viewed as a block of characters arranged in 2-dimensions. To each character is appended a parity bit. In addition a parity bit is generated for each bit position across all characters i.e., an additional character is generated in which the  $i^{\text{th}}$  bit of the character is parity bit for the  $i^{\text{th}}$  bit of all other characters in the block. This can be expressed mathematically using exclusive OR(+) operation. The parity bit at the end of each character of row parity

$$R_j = b_{1j} + b_{2j} + \dots + b_{nj}$$

Where  $R_j$  = Parity bit of  $j$ th character

$b_{ij}$  =  $i$ th bit in  $j$ th character

This equation generates even parity.

$$C_i = b_{i1} + b_{i2} + \dots + b_{in}$$

Where  $C_i$  =  $i$ th bit of parity check character

$m$  = number of characters in a frame

In this format the parity bits at the end of each character are referred to as



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The Vertical Redundancy Check (VRC) and the Parity check character is referred to as the Longitudinal Redundancy Check (LRC).

	bit 1	bit 2		bit n	Parity bit
Character 1	$b_{11}$	$b_{21}$		$b_{n1}$	$R_1$
Character 2	$b_{12}$	$b_{22}$		$b_{n2}$	$R_2$
0 0 0 1 0 1 1					
Character m					$R_m$
Parity check character	$b_{1m}$	$b_{2m}$		$b_{nm}$	$c_{n+1}$
	$c_1$	$c_2$		$b_{nm}$	

VRC

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1 0 1 1 0 1 1 1

1 1 0 1 0 1 1 1

0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0

1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0

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LRC

0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 ←

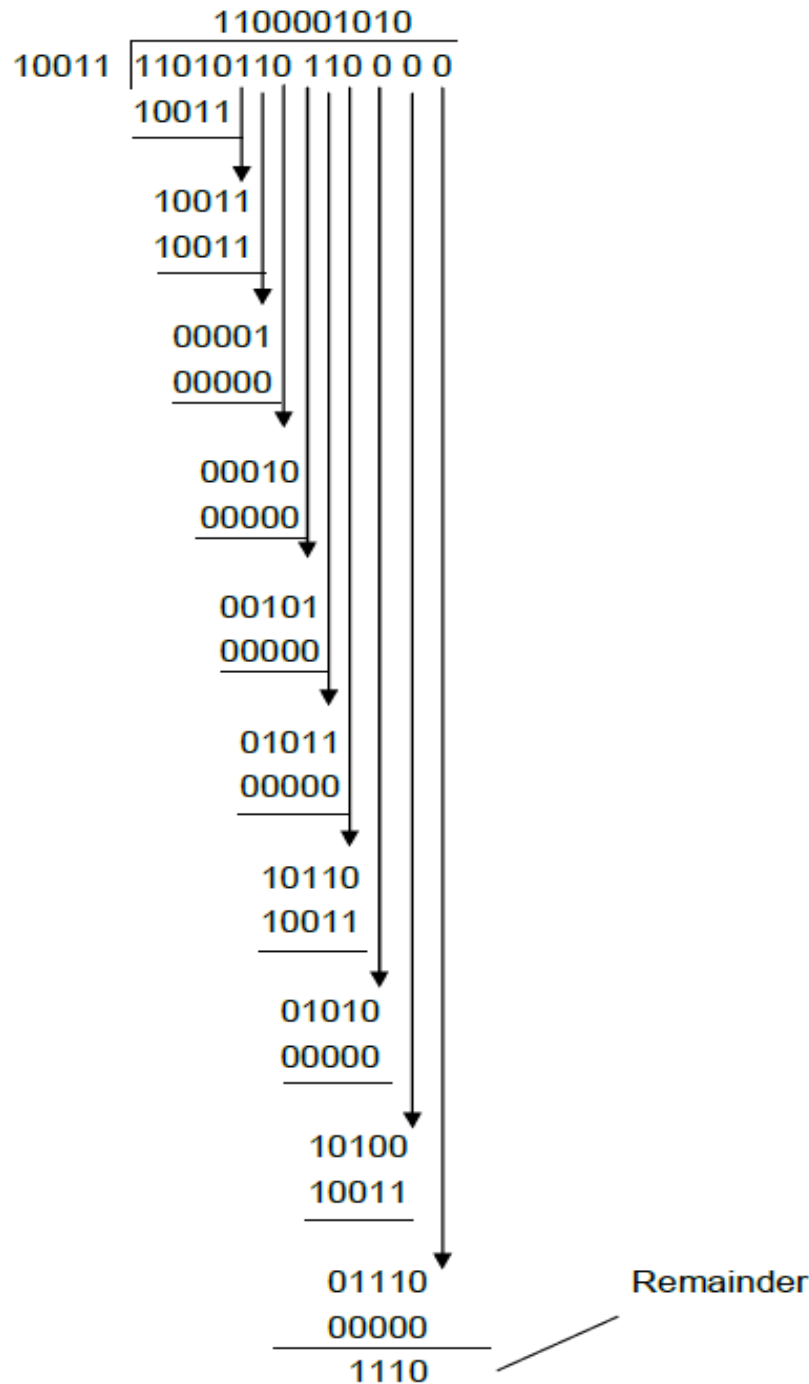
## CRC Method

1. The frame is expressed in the form of a Polynomial  $F(x)$ . 0 1 1 1 1 1 0
2. Both the sender and receiver will agree upon a generator polynomial  $G(x)$  in advance.
3. Let 'r' be the degree of  $G(x)$ . Append 'r' zero bits to the lower – order end of frame now it contains m+r bits.
4. Divide the bit string by  $G(x)$  using Mod 2 operation.
5. Transmitted frame  $[T(x)] = \text{frame} + \text{remainder}$
6. Divide  $T(x)$  by  $G(x)$  at the receiver end. If the result is a zero, then the frame is transmitted correctly. Ex. Frame: 1101011011

Generator: 10011

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Message after appending 4 zero bits: 11010110000



Transmitted frame: 1101011011110

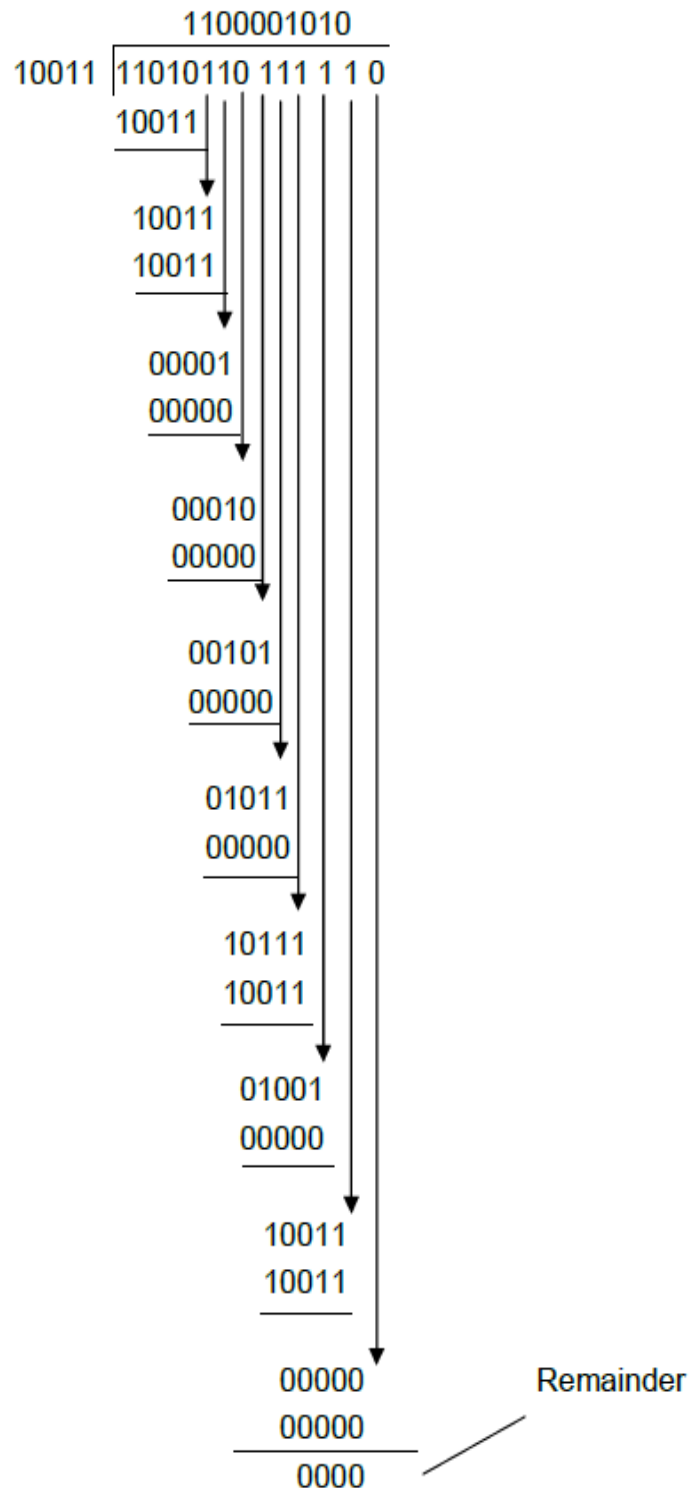




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Since the remainder is zero there is no error in the transmitted frame.

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## HAMMING CODES

Hamming codes provide another method for error correction. Error bits, called Hamming bits, are inserted into message bits at random locations. It is believed that the randomness of their locations reduces the odds that these Hamming bits themselves would be in error. This is based on a mathematical assumption that because there are so many more message bits compared with Hamming bits, there is a greater chance for a message bit to be in error than for a Hamming bit to be wrong. Determining the placement and binary value of the Hamming bits can be implemented using hardware, but it is often more practical to implement them using software. The number of bits in a message (M) are counted and used to solve the following equation to determine the number of Hamming bits (H) to be used:

$$2^H \geq M + H + 1$$

Once the number of Hamming bits is determined, the actual placement of the bits into the message is performed. It is important to note that despite the random nature of the Hamming bit placements, the exact sample placements must be known and used by both the transmitter and receiver. Once the Hamming bits are inserted into their positions, the numerical values of the bit positions of the logic 1 bits in the original message are listed. The equivalent binary numbers of these values are added in the same manner as used in previous error methods by discarding all carry results. The sum produced is used as the states of the Hamming bits in the message. The numerical difference between the Hamming values transmitted and that produced at the receiver indicates the bit position that contains a bad bit, which is then inverted to correct it.

Ex. The given data

10010001100101(14- bits)

The number of hamming codes

$$2^H \geq M + H + 1$$

H = ? M = 14 to satisfy this equation H should be 5 i.e. 5 hamming code bits should be incorporated in the data bits.

1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1 0 H 0 H 1 H 0 H 1 H

Now count the positions where binary 1's are present. Add using mod 2 operation (Ex-OR). The result will give the Hamming code at the transmitter end.



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<u>1's position</u>	<u>Binary equivalent</u>
2	- 0 0 0 1 0
6	- 0 0 1 1 0
11	- 0 1 0 1 1
12	- 0 1 1 0 0
16	- 1 0 0 0 0
19	- 1 0 0 1 1
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Hamming code =	0 0 0 0 0

This Hamming code will be incorporated at the places of 'H' in the data bits and the data will be transmitted.

### How to find out there is an error in the data?

Let the receiver received the 12<sup>th</sup> bit as zero. The receiver also finds out the Hamming code in the same way as transmitter.

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Hamming code at the receiver	0 1 1 0 0

Hamming code at the Tx      0 0 0 0 0

Hamming code at the Rx      0 1 1 0 0

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0 1 1 0 0

The decimal equivalent for the binary is **12** so error is occurred at 12<sup>th</sup> place.



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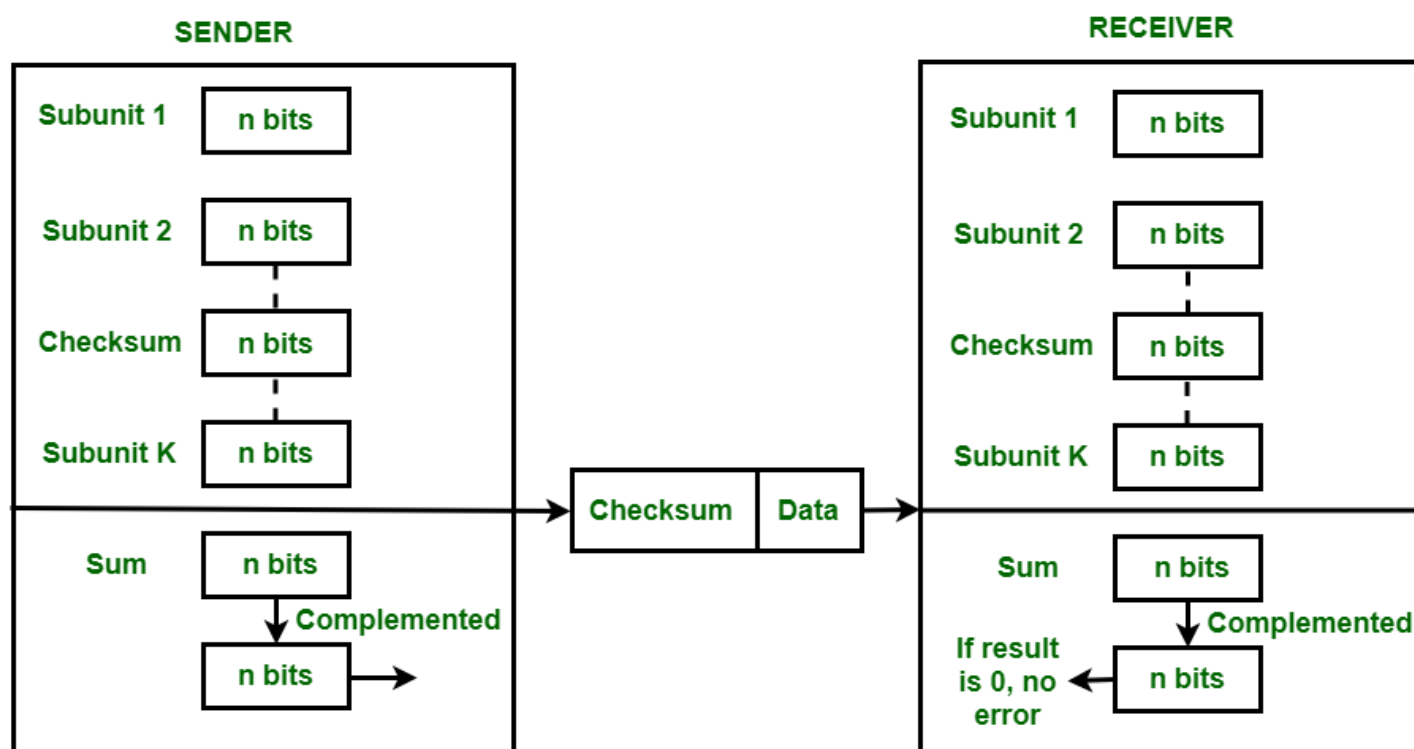
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## CHECKSUM

**Checksum** is the error detection method used by upper layer protocols and is considered to be more reliable than LRC, VRC and CRC. This method makes the use of **Checksum Generator** on Sender side and **Checksum Checker** on Receiver side.

At the Sender side, the data is divided into equal subunits of  $n$  bit length by the checksum generator. This bit is generally of 16-bit length. These subunits are then added together using one's complement method. This sum is of  $n$  bits. The resultant bit is then complemented. This complemented sum which is called checksum is appended to the end of original data unit and is then transmitted to Receiver.



The Receiver after receiving data + checksum passes it to checksum checker. Checksum checker divides this data unit into various subunits of equal length and adds all these subunits. These subunits also contain checksum as one of the subunits. The resultant bit is then complemented. If the complemented result is zero, it means the data is error-free. If the result is non-zero it means the data contains an error and Receiver rejects it.

### Example –

If the data unit to be transmitted is 10101001 00111001, the following procedure is used at Sender site and Receiver site.





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Sender Site :

10101001	subunit 1
00111001	subunit 2
11100010	sum (using 1s complement)
00011101	checksum (complement of sum)

Data transmitted to Receiver is –

<b>1010001</b>	<b>00111001</b>	<b>00011101</b>
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**Data**

**Checksum**

Receiver Site :

10101001	subunit 1
00111001	subunit 2
00011101	checksum
11111111	sum
00000000	sum's complement

Result is zero, it means no error.

**Advantage :**

The checksum detects all the errors involving an odd number of bits as well as the error involving an even number of bits.

**Disadvantage :**

The main problem is that the error goes undetected if one or more bits of a subunit is damaged and the corresponding bit or bits of a subunit are damaged and the corresponding bit or bits of opposite value in second subunit are also damaged. This is because the sum of those columns remains unchanged.

**Example –**

If the data transmitted along with checksum is 10101001 00111001 00011101. But the data received at destination is 00101001 10111001 00011101.

Receiver Site :



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00101001	1 <sup>st</sup> bit of subunit 1 is damaged
10111001	1 <sup>st</sup> bit of subunit 2 is damaged
00011101	checksum
11111111	sum
00000000	Ok 1's complement

Although data is corrupted, the error is undetected.