

Reed Solomon Encipher:

Message: _____

Message in numbers: _____ (= $m_1 m_2 m_3 \dots m_n$)

Message Polynomial: $f(x) = m_1 + m_2 x^2 + m_3 x^3 + \dots + m_n x^{n-1}$

Code words: $(c, f(c))$ – Need at least 'n' of them for someone to obtain the message

Example:

Message: great

Message in numbers: 6, 17, 4, 0, 19

Message Polynomial: $f(x) = 6 + 17x + 4x^2 + 0x^3 + 19x^4$

Code words: $f(0) = 6, f(1) = 46, f(2) = 360, f(3) = 1632, f(4) = 5002, f(5) = 12066$

(6, 46, 360, 1632, 5002, 12066)

Reed Solomon Decipher:

Wolfram Alpha:

- Linear fit $\{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}$
- Quadratic fit $\{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}, \{x_3, y_3\}$
- Cubic fit $\{x_1, y_1\}, \{x_2, y_2\}, \{x_4, y_4\}, \{x_5, y_5\}$
- Quartic
- Quintic
- Sextic

Example Continued:

- Quartic fit $\{0, 6\}, \{1, 46\}, \{2, 360\}, \{3, 1632\}, \{4, 5002\}, \{5, 12066\}$
- Result: $6 + 17x + 4x^2 + 0x^3 + 19x^4$
- Message in numbers: 6, 17, 4, 0, 19
- Message: great