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Hamming Codes

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concept

minimum hamming distance	error detection	error correction
3	2 bit	1 bit

formulas

error detection, $s = d_{min} - 1$

max error correction, t :

$$d_{min} = 2t + 1$$

here t would be a floor value

Steps to correct a corrupted codeword (c/w)

step1 get the d_{min} for given codeword table.

step2 get value of t using the formula

step3 for each codeword in table do $c/w \oplus \text{recieved } c/w$

step4 for each c/w , total number of 1 in the result from step 3 is the difference

step5 if difference matches t ,then replace received c/w with that c/w from table.

practice :

Table 10.2 *A code for error correction (Example 10.3)*

<i>Dataword</i>	<i>Codeword</i>
00	00000
01	01011
10	10101
11	11110

17. Using the code in Table 10.2, what is the dataword if one of the following codewords is received?
- 01011
 - 11111
 - 00000
 - 11011
18. Prove that the code represented by Table 10.8 is not a linear code. You need to find only one case that violates the linearity.

Table 10.8 *Table for Exercise 18*

<i>Dataword</i>	<i>Codeword</i>
00	00000
01	01011
10	10111
11	11111

minimum hamming distance can indicate how many bits can be corrected. using the max error correction formula above.