

Aim: Implementation of Hamming code for Error detection and correction

Theory -

Hamming code is a set of error-correction codes that can be used to detect and correct the errors that occur when data is moved from sender to receiver. It was developed by R.W. Hamming for error correction. Redundant bits (Extra binary bits) are generated and added to the information-carrying bits of data transfer to ensure that no bits were lost.

The formula to find number of redundant bits is - $2^r \geq m + r + 1$

where m : data bit

r : redundant bit

The value of these parity/redundant bits is such that an even or odd parity is maintained. In case of even parity, if the count of number of 1's is odd, parity bit is 1 else 0. For odd parity, if the count of 1's is odd, parity bit is 0 else 1.

The redundant bits are placed at positions that are numbered corresponding to the power of 2. i.e. 1, 2, 4, 8 and so the data bits take up positions 3, 5, 6, 7

To assign the bit value for a redundant bit we do the following.

- Parity bit P_1 checks data bits in which have 1 in the LSB i.e. (001, 011, 101, 111... etc)
Thus P_1 checks bits 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 etc.
- Parity bit P_2 checks bits which have 1 in the second least significant position (010, 011, 110, 111 etc)
Thus P_2 checks bits 2, 3, 6, 7 etc.
- Parity bit P_4 checks bits with 1 in the 4th binary at third least significant place i.e. (100, 101, 110, 111) i.e. bit location 4, 5, 6, 7 etc.

When the data is sent, these parity bits are rechecked and if they violate their parity their value is set to 1 else set to 0. These parity bits are then checked in reverse order to find the error bit which is inverted to get the correct code.

Some of its features are

- It can detect and correct single bit errors but only detect double bit errors.
- It is a relatively simple and efficient technique which makes it ideal for low-power and low-bandwidth communication networks.
- Has wide variety of applications including telecommunications, computer networks & data storage systems.

Example - Consider the data "1011" to be shared

As there are 4 data bits, we need 3 redundant bits since

$$2^3 \geq 3 + 4 + 1 \quad (\text{as } 8 \geq 8)$$

Thus parity bits are P_1, P_2 and P_4 .

The values of these parity bits are -

P_1 - Check positions 1, 3, 5, 7 i.e. 1 at 3 positions.

For Even parity P_1 is set to 1

P_2 - Check positions 2, 3, 6, 7 i.e. 1 at 2 positions and to maintain parity P_2 is set to 0

P_4 - Check positions 4, 5, 6, 7 i.e. 1 at 2 positions and P_4 is 0

Thus, hamming Code (has $m+r$ i.e. $4+3=7$ bits):

D7	D6	D5	P4	D3	P2	P1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1

Suppose, due to some error, the data bit D7 was change and the data ~~sent that was~~ received was "0010101".

At the receiver end, the parity bits are checked again.

For P_1 , ~~there are~~ we check bits 1, 3, 5, 7,
as there are 3 1's, the bit value is
set to 1.

For P_2 , we check bits 2, 3, 6, 7 and there ~~are~~ is
one 1, thus bit value is set to 1.

For P_4 , we check 4, 5, 6, 7 there is only one
1 and bit value is 1.

Thus there is error in bit 111 i.e. bit 7.
Therefore corrected code is 1010101.

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01	10	01	01	01	01
1	0	1	0	1	1

1010101

Program: Hamming Code For Error Detection And Correction

Code:

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#include <stdio.h>

#include <math.h>

int total_bits,hamming[20],received_data[20];

int pow_of_two(int x)
{
    for(int i=0;i<10;i++)
    {
        if(pow(2,i)==x)
            return 1;
    }
    return 0;
}

int parity_bit(int a)
{
    int i=a,count_no=a;

    int b=0;

    int bit[20];

    int arr_len = total_bits-a+1,count_one=0; //9-2+1=8

    for(b=0;b<arr_len ;b++,i++)
        bit[b]=i;

    b=0;

    while(b<arr_len)
    {
        if(count_no!=0)
        {
            if(hamming[bit[b]]==1)
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        {
            count_one++;
        }
        count_no--;
        b++;
    }
    else
    {
        count_no=a;
        b+=a;
    }
}
if(count_one%2==0)
    return 0;
else
    return 1;
}

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int bit_checker(int a)
{
    int i=a,count_no=a;
    int b=0;
    int bit[20];
    int arr_len = total_bits-a+1,count_one=0; //9-2+1=8
    for(b=0;b<arr_len ;b++,i++)
        bit[b]=i;
    b=0;
    while(b<arr_len)
    {
        if(count_no!=0)
        {

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        if(received_data[bit[b]]==1)
        {
            count_one++;
        }
        count_no--;
        b++;
    }
    else
    {
        count_no=a;
        b+=a;
    }
}
if(count_one%2==0)
    return 0;
else
    return 1;
}

int main()
{
    int p,i,input_data[15],n,k,j,x,error[5],error_bit;
    for(i=0;i<5;i++)
        error[i]=0;
    printf("Niyati's program for Hamming Code \n");
    printf("Enter the number of data bits: ");
    scanf("%d",&n);

    printf("Enter data bits- \n");
    for(i=1;i<=n;i++)
        scanf("%d",&input_data[i]);

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/*No of Parity Bits */
for(i=1;i<10;i++)
{
    if(pow(2,i)>=(n+i+1))
    {
        p=i;
        break;
    }
}
printf("\nNo. of parity bits = %d \n",p);

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// Finding Hamming Code
k=1;
total_bits = n+p;
for(i=1;i<=total_bits;i++)
{
    hamming[i]=111;
}
printf("Hamming Code is --\n");
for(i=total_bits;i>=1;i--)
{
    //Find Parity bits
    if (pow_of_two(i))
    {
        printf(" P%d",i);
        hamming[i]=parity_bit(i);
    }
    else
    {

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        hamming[i]=input_data[k];
        printf(" D%d",i);
        k++;
    }
}
printf("\n");
for(i=total_bits;i>=1;i--)
    printf(" %d",hamming[i]);

printf("\nEnter received code:");
for(i=total_bits;i>=1;i--)
    scanf("%d",&received_data[i]);

printf("\nError bit in binary is: ");
k=5;
for(i=total_bits;i>=1;i--)
{
    if (pow_of_two(i))
    {
        error[k]=bit_checker(i);
        k--;
    }
}
for(i=5;i>k;i--)
    printf("%d",error[i]);
//k=2

error_bit=0;
for(i=k+1,j=0;i<=5;i++,j++)
{

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        error_bit += error[i]*pow(2,j);
    }
    printf(" i.e in binary bit D%d ",error_bit);

    if (received_data[error_bit]==0)
        received_data[error_bit]=1;
    else
        received_data[error_bit]=0;
    printf("\nThus the corrected code is : ");
    for(i=total_bits;i>=1;i--)
        printf("%d",received_data[i]);

    return 0;
}

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Output:

Niyati's program for Hamming Code

Enter the number of data bits: 4

Enter data bits-

1 0 1 1

No. of parity bits = 3

Hamming Code is --

D7 D6 D5 P4 D3 P2 P1

1 0 1 0 1 0 1

Enter received code:0 0 1 0 1 0 1

Error bit in binary is: 111 i.e in binary bit D7

Thus the corrected code is : 1010101