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## HAMMING CODE

This is an error-detection & correction technique given by R.W. Hamming. Whenever a data packet is transmitted over a netw, there are possibilities that the data bit may get lost or damaged during transmission.

There are mainly three types of errors that occur in data transmission

- single bit error (usually occurs in ll comm)
- Multiple bit errors (both serial & ll)
- Burst errors (only in serial comm).

01001 → 01011

010011 → 010110

→ The change of set of bits in a data seq.  
The burst error is calculated in from the first bit change to last bit change.

100101 → 101100

difficult to solve.

Burst Error.

Error detecting codes : In digital comm system errors are transferred from one comm sys to another, along with the data. If these errors are not detected and corrected, data will be lost.

one imp way is to check Parity

Parity checking: Parity bit is an additional bit added to the data at the transmitter before transmitting the data.

Even parity: if the data has even no. of 1's the parity bit is 0 otherwise 1

Odd parity: if the data has odd no. of 1's the parity bit is 0 otherwise 1.

eg:	data	msg $\bar{c}$ even parity
	1010	10100
	1011	msg $\bar{c}$ even parity
		10111

Error ~~correct~~ detection  $\bar{c}$  hamming code

hamming code is a block code that is capable of detecting up to two simultaneous bit errors and correcting single-bit errors.

In this coding method, The source encodes the message by inserting redundant bits within the message. These redundant bits are extra bits that are generated and inserted at specific positions in the message itself to enable error detection and correction.



## → Encoding a message by Hamming Code

Step 1 - calculation of no. of redundant bits

Step 2 - Positioning the redundant bits

Step 3 - Calculate the values of each redundant bit.

Send data + redundant bits to receiver.

Step 1 : Let  $m$  be no. of data bits  
 $r$  be redundant bits

$m + r$  is able to indicate at least  $m + r + 1$  diff. states. Here  $(m + r)$  indicates loc. of an error in

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

each  $(m + r)$  bit position 2  
1 extra state  
is for no error.

Step 2 : Positioning of redundant bits

The  $r$  redundant bits placed at bit positions of powers of 2 i.e. 1, 2, 4, 8, 16 etc.

Suppose we have 3 parity bits

	$P_3$	$P_2$	$P_1$
0	0	0	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

$$P_1 \rightarrow 1, 3, 5, 7$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow 2, 3, 6, 7$$

$$P_3 \rightarrow 4, 5, 6, 7$$

Each redundant bit  $r_i$  is calculated as parity, generally even parity based upon its bit position. It covers all bit positions whose bin rep. includes a 1 in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  pos.

## → Decoding a message in hamming code

Once the receiver gets an incoming message, it performs recalculation to detect errors and correct them. The steps of recalculation are -

Step 1 - Calc. of no. of redundant bits

Step 2 - Position the redundant bits

Step 3 - Parity checking.

Step 4 - Error detection & correction.

Example: Suppose we are having a message signal as  $k = 1101$

and it is to be transmitted after encoding  $\bar{c}$  even parity.

Step 1: Calculate no. of parity bits

$$2^p \geq m + p + 1$$

for  $p = 3$

$$2^3 \geq 4 + 3 + 1 \quad 8 \geq 8 \checkmark$$

$\therefore p = 3$

Step 2: Bit position table (Total bits =  $4 + 3 = 7$ )

7	6	5	4	3	2	1
$D_4$	$D_3$	$D_2$	$P_3$	$D_1$	$P_2$	$P_1$
1	1	0	0	1	1	0

Parity bits will be present at  $2^0, 2^1, 2^2, \dots$  so on.

step 3: Calculate the values of each parity bit

$$P_1 \rightarrow \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ \hline 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 3 & 6 & 7 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$P_3 \rightarrow \begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

Sender will send

1 1 0 0 1 1 0

Decoding at receiver

data received : 1 1 0 1 1 1 0  
msg

step 1: Recalculate parity bits

$$2^p \geq m + p + 1$$

$$7 + 1 = 8 \quad \therefore p = 3$$

step 2 Bit position table

7	6	5	4	3	2	1
D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>
1	1	0	1	1	1	0

Step 3 Parity checking

$$P_1: \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 3 & 5 & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \quad \checkmark \quad P_1 = 0$$

$$P_3: \begin{array}{cccc} 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \quad X$$

$$P_2: \begin{array}{cccc} 2 & 4 & 6 & 7 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \quad \checkmark \quad P_2 = 0$$

$$P_3 = 1$$

1 0 0  
Bit position 4



ex. 2

$$k = 11010$$

encoding

$$2^p \geq k + p + 1$$

$$\text{let } p = 3$$

$$8 \geq 5 + 3 + 1 \quad 9 \times$$

$$p = 4 \checkmark$$

$$\text{Total msg bits } 5 + 4 = 9$$

Bit position Table

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
D <sub>5</sub>	P <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>
1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1

Calculate parity bits

$$P_1 \rightarrow 1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 7 \ 9$$

$$\textcircled{1} \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow 2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 7$$

$$\textcircled{1} \ 0 \ 0 \ 1$$

$$P_3 \rightarrow 4, 5, 6, 7$$

$$\textcircled{0} \ 1 \ 0 \ 1$$

$$P_4 \rightarrow 8 \ 9$$

$$\textcircled{1} \ 1$$

sender sends the coded word

Received seq : 111000011 5th bit.

→ determine parity

$$p = 4.$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} P_4 & P_3 & P_2 & P_1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & & & = (5)_{10}. \end{array}$$

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
D <sub>5</sub>	P <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>4</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>3</sub>	D <sub>1</sub>	P <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>1</sub>
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1

$$P_1 \rightarrow 1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 7 \ 9$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1 \quad P_1 = 1$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow 2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 7 \checkmark$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \quad P_2 = 0$$

$$P_3 \rightarrow 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7$$

$$0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \quad P_3 = 1$$

$$P_4 = 8 \ 9 \checkmark$$

$$1 \ 1 \quad P_4 = 0$$

## Hamming Distance

while comparing two binary strings of equal length, Hamming distance is the no. of bit positions in which two bits are diff.

We perform XOR  $a \oplus b$  and then count the total no. of 1s in the resultant string.

eg:  $x = 11011001$   
 $y = 10011101$

XOR	$\frac{11011001}{10011101}$	
	01000100	& 1's $d(x, y) = 2$ .

Min. hamming distance: In a set of strings of equal length, the min. hamming distance is the smallest hamming distance b/w all possible pairs of strings in that set.

eg:  $010, 011, 101$   ~~$101$~~

$$d(010, 011) = 001 = 1$$

$$d(010, 101) = 111 = 3 \quad d_{\min} = 1.$$

$$d(011, 101) = 110 = 2$$

## Some GATE ques

Q. For a hamming code of parity bit  $m=8$  what is total bits & data bits.

$$2^m \geq d + m + 1$$

$$2^8 \geq d + 9$$

$$2^m \geq d + 5$$

$$16 \geq d + 5$$

$$256 \geq d + 9$$

$$16 - 5 \geq d$$

$$(11)$$

$$(15, 11)$$

Total bits are  $2^m - 1 = 255$

$$\text{data bits} = 255 - 8 = 247$$

$$(255, 247)$$

eg:

send data

101101

$$2^p \geq 6 + p + 1$$

$$p = 4$$

$$6 + 4 = 10$$

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1	0	$P_4$	1	1	0	$P_3$	1	$P_2$	$P_1$

$$P_1 \rightarrow 1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 7 \ 9$$

$$\textcircled{0} \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow 2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 7 \ 10$$

$$\textcircled{0} \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1$$

$$P_3 \rightarrow 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7$$

$$\textcircled{0} \ 0 \ 1 \ 1$$

$$P_4 \rightarrow 8 \ 9 \ 10$$

$$\textcircled{1} \ 0 \ 1$$

1011100100

Suppose received is

111100100

1001

$$= 9_{10}$$

10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	
	$P_4$				$P_3$		$P_2$	$P_1$	

$$P_1 \rightarrow 1 \ 3 \ 5 \ 7 \ 9$$

$$0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1$$

$$P_1 \rightarrow 1$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow 2 \ 3 \ 6 \ 7 \ 10$$

$$0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1$$

$$P_2 \rightarrow 0$$

$$P_3 \rightarrow 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7$$

$$0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1$$

$$P_3 \rightarrow 0$$

$$P_4 \rightarrow 8 \ 9 \ 10$$

$$1 \ 1 \ 1$$

$$P_4 = 1$$