



CYCLIC CODES



What are cyclic codes?

In coding theory, a cyclic code is a block code, where the circular shifts of each codeword gives another word that belongs to the code. They are error-correcting codes that have algebraic properties that are convenient for efficient error detection and correction.

Definition:

A code C is cyclic if

- (i) C is a linear code;
- (ii) Any cyclic shift of a codeword is also a codeword, i.e. whenever $a_0, \dots, a_{n-1} \in C$, then also $a_{n-1}, a_0, \dots, a_{n-2} \in C$.

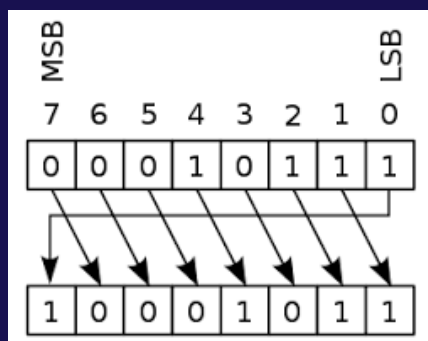


Figure 1: Cyclic code

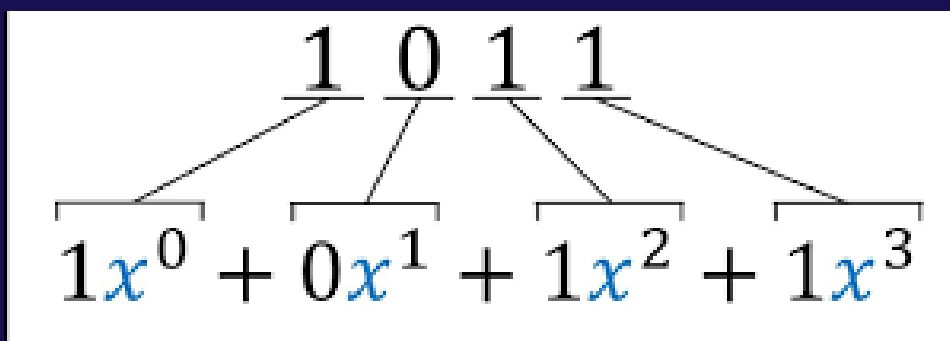


Figure 2: Cyclic codes Polynomial properties

Example:



The code with the generator matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ has codewords

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= 1011100 & c_2 &= 0101110 & c_3 &= 0010111 \\ c_1 + c_2 &= 1110010 & c_1 + c_3 &= 1001011 & c_2 + c_3 &= 0111001 \\ c_1 + c_2 + c_3 &= 1100101 \end{aligned}$$

and it is cyclic because the right shifts have the following impacts

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &\rightarrow c_2, & c_2 &\rightarrow c_3, & c_3 &\rightarrow c_1 + c_3 \\ c_1 + c_2 &\rightarrow c_2 + c_3, & c_1 + c_3 &\rightarrow c_1 + c_2 + c_3, & c_2 + c_3 &\rightarrow c_1 \\ c_1 + c_2 + c_3 &\rightarrow c_1 + c_2 \end{aligned}$$

Advantages:

- Efficient Encoding and Decoding
- Cyclic Structure and Shift Properties
- Robust Error Correction
- Burst-Error Correction
- Low Redundancy Overhead
- Compatibility with Existing Standards



Applications:

- Digital Communications
- Storage Systems
- QR Codes and Barcodes
- Memory Systems
- Cryptographic Applications
- Consumer Electronics
- Satellite Communication
- Network Protocols
- Wireless Sensor Networks
- Automotive Systems

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