

# CS & IT ENGINEERING

COMPUTER NETWORKS

Error Control

Lecture No-2



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TOPICS TO  
BE  
COVERED

**Hamming distance**



# Hamming Distance

$\oplus \rightarrow \text{EX-OR} \rightarrow \text{Mod 2 sum or Mod 2 Addition}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ \oplus \\ 1 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0 \\ \oplus \\ 0 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \oplus \\ 0 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

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## Hamming Distance :

Hamming distance between two Binary string of same size is the number of differences between corresponding bits.

Hamming distance between two Binary string is denoted by  $d(x, y)$

①  $d(\overset{\text{Sent}}{000}, \overset{\text{Rcvd}}{011}) = 2$  (Hamming distance)

②  $d(100, 011) = 3$  (Hamming distance)

③  $d(10101, 11110) = 3$  (Hamming distance)

Shortcut

③  $10101$

EX-OR

$11110$

$01011 \rightarrow \text{No. of 1's} = 3$

Hamming distance

Hamming distance can easily be found if we apply XOR operation ( $\oplus$ ) on the two words and count the number of 1's in the result.



minimum

## ^ Hamming Distance :

In a set of codewords, the minimum Hamming distance is the smallest Hamming distance between all possible pairs of code words.

Valid code word

(a)	0	1	0
(b)	1	0	1
(c)	1	1	0
(d)	0	0	1

$$d(a,b) = 3$$

$$d(a,c) = 1$$

$$d(a,d) = 2$$

$$d(b,c) = 2$$

$$d(b,d) = 1$$

$$d(c,d) = 3$$

minimum Hamming distance = 1



# Minimum Hamming distance for Error detection :

- ① Sent  
0 1 0      1 bit error      Rcvd  
1 1 0      Valid code word  
 Receiver can't detect one bit error
- ② 0 1 0      1 bit error      0 1 1      Invalid code word  
 Receiver can detect one bit error

Note: All one bit errors can not be detected

min  
H.D = 1

Valid code  
word

1 bit error

Valid code  
word

Receiver can't detect  
all one bit error



## Ex2 :

Valid code word

(a) 0 0 0

(b) 0 1 1

(c) 1 0 1

(d) 1 1 0

$$d(a,b) = 2$$

$$d(a,c) = 2$$

$$d(a,d) = 2$$

$$d(b,c) = 2$$

$$d(b,d) = 2$$

$$d(c,d) = 2$$

minimum Hamming distance = 2

① 

sent
000

1 bit error

Rcvd
100

Invalid code word  
Receiver can detect one bit error

(a) 000  $\xrightarrow{1 \text{ bit error}}$ 

100
010
001

 } Invalid code word

(b) 011  $\xrightarrow{1 \text{ bit error}}$ 

111
001
010

 } Invalid code word

Note: All one bit error detected



(c)  $101 \xrightarrow{1 \text{ bit error}}$

001	} Invalid code word
111	
100	

(d)  $110 \xrightarrow{1 \text{ bit error}}$

010	} Invalid code word
100	
111	

2.

Valid code word

Receiver can not detect 2 bit error

Note: All 2 bit error can't be detected



Min  
H.D = 2

Valid code  
word

1 bit error

Invalid  
code word

1 bit error

Valid code  
word

Receiver can  
detect all  
one bit errors  
but

Receiver can't  
detect 2 bit  
errors

### Ex3 :

Valid code word

(a) 0 0 0 0 0

(b) 0 1 0 1 1

(c) 1 0 1 0 1

(d) 1 1 1 1 0

$$d(a,b) = 3$$

$$d(a,c) = 3$$

$$d(a,d) = 4$$

$$d(b,c) = 4$$

$$d(b,d) = 3$$

$$d(c,d) = 3$$

minimum Hamming  
distance = 3

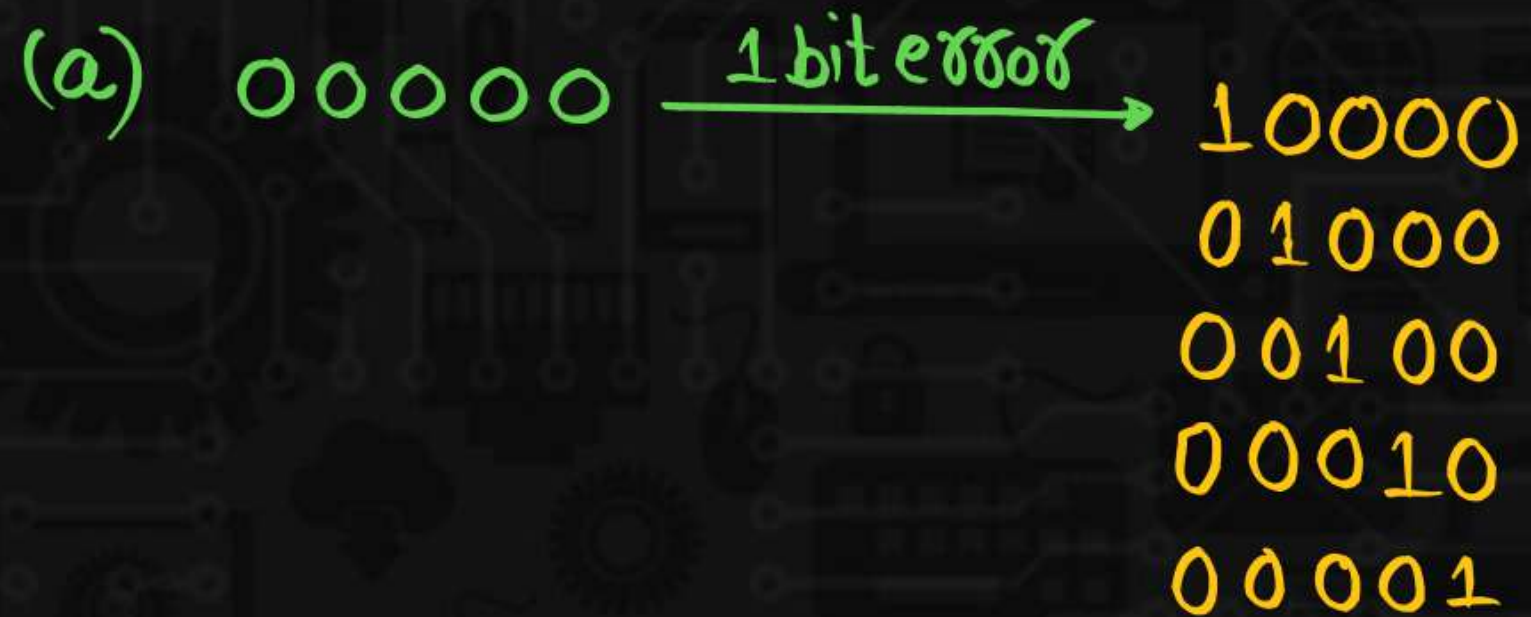


①



Invalid code word

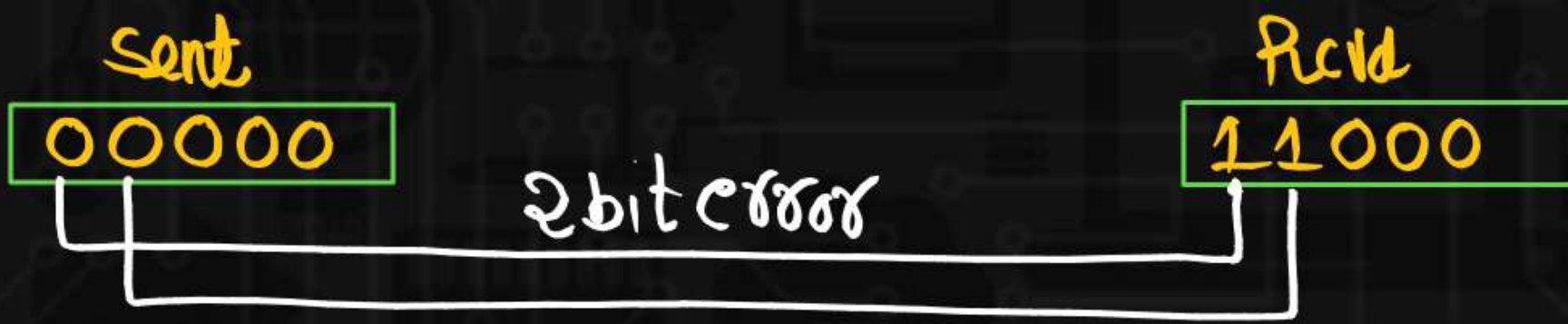
Receiver can detect one bit error



Invalid code word

Note: All one bit error detected

②



Invalid code word

Receiver can detect 2 bit error



Invalid code word

Note: All 2 bit error detected



3.

000000

3 bit error

111000

Invalid code word

Receiver can detect 3 bit error

4.

000000

3 bit error

010111

Valid code word

Receiver can't detect 3 bit error

Note: All 3 bit error can not be detected.

## Note

GF minimum Hamming distance = 3

- All one bit errors detected
- All two bit errors detected
- All three bit errors can not be detected





Note: ① GF minimum Hamming distance = 'd'  
So we can detect upto  $(d-1)$  bit errors

② minimum Hamming distance required to detect 'd' bit errors =  $d+1$

## Linear Block codes :

- A Linear block code is a code in which the XOR ( $\oplus$ ) of two valid code words create another valid code word.
- Today all most all error detecting codes are linear block codes: Non Liner block codes are difficult to implement.
- It is simple to find the minimum Hamming distance for linear block code the minimum Hamming distance is the number of 1's in a Non zero valid code word with the smallest Number of 1's



## Ex1 :

### Valid code word

(a) 0 0 0

(b) 0 1 1

(c) 1 0 1

(d) 1 1 0

XOR (a, b) = 011 (valid code word)

XOR (a, c) = 101 (valid code word)

XOR (a, d) = 110 (valid code word)

XOR (b, c) = 110 (valid code word)

XOR (b, d) = 101 (valid code word)

XOR (c, d) = 011 (valid code word)

So above code word is Linear block code.

Min Hamming distance = 2 (min. no. of 1's in the non zero code word)

Assume this is Linear Block Code

Non zero  
code

x	000	
{	001	{
	011	
	100	
	111	

min No. of 1's = 1  $\rightarrow$  Hamming distance = 1



