

# CS & IT ENGINEERING

COMPUTER NETWORKS

Error Control

**Lecture No-3**



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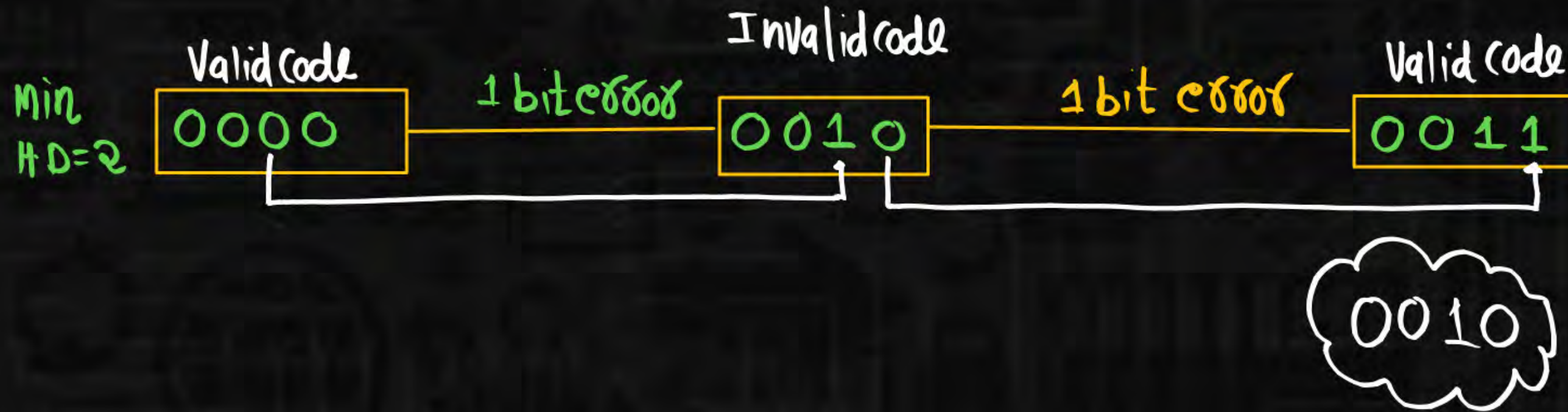
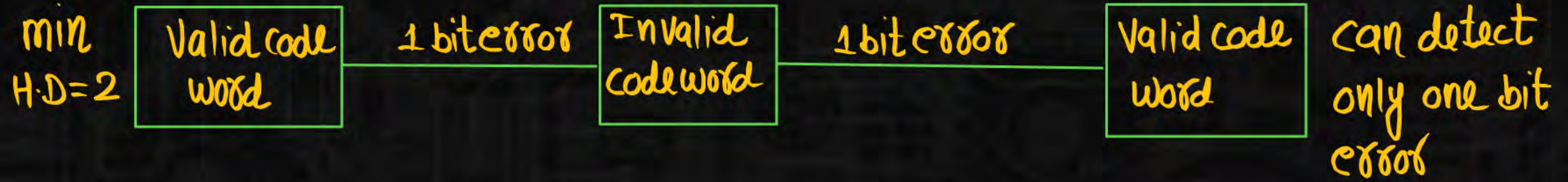




## TOPICS TO BE COVERED

minimum Hamming distance  
For error correction

# Min. Hamming Distance for Error Correction :

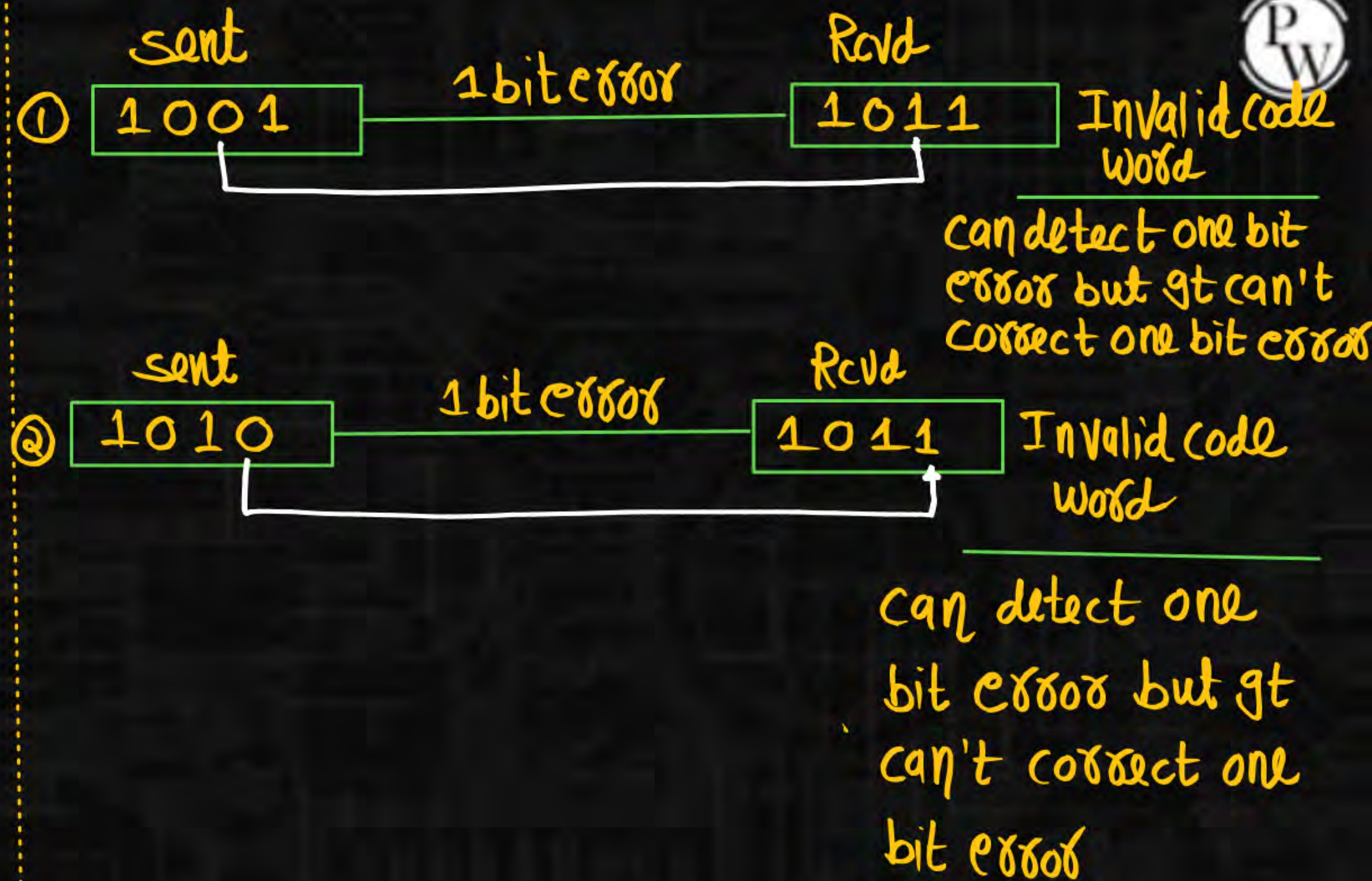




Ex1:

Valid code word

1001 } minimum Hamming  
1010 } distance = 2

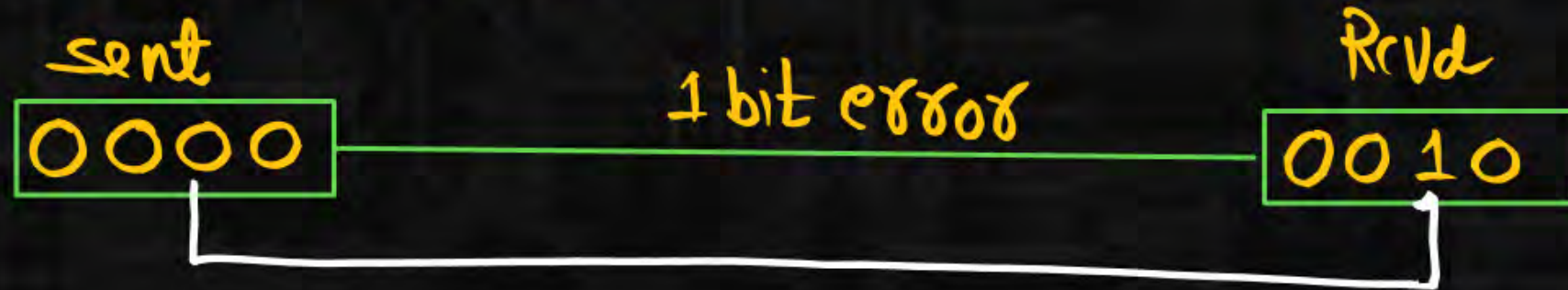




## Ex2 :

Valid code word

0000 } minimum Hamming  
0011 } distance = 2



Invalid code word

can detect one bit error but  
it can't correct one bit error



Invalid code word

can detect one bit error  
but it can't correct one bit error



Ex3 :

Valid code word

000 } minimum  
111 } Hamming  
distance = 3

000  $\xrightarrow{1 \text{ bit error}}$  100 } Invalid  
010 } code  
001 } word

111  $\xrightarrow{1 \text{ bit error}}$  011 } Invalid  
101 } code word  
110 }

① sent 000  $\xrightarrow{1 \text{ bit error}}$  Recd 100 Invalid code word

It can detect and correct one bit error

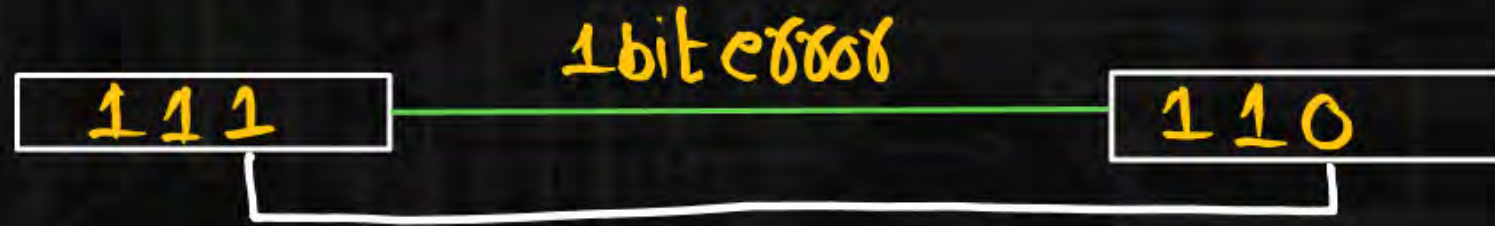
100  
\* 000  
1 bit



100  
111  
2 bit

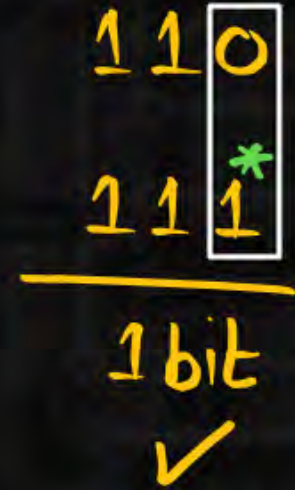
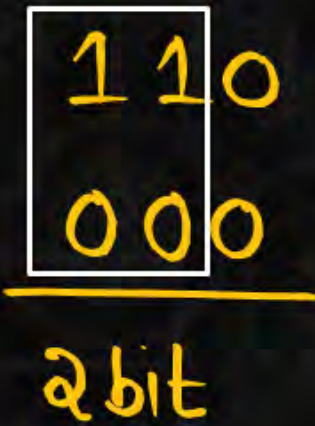


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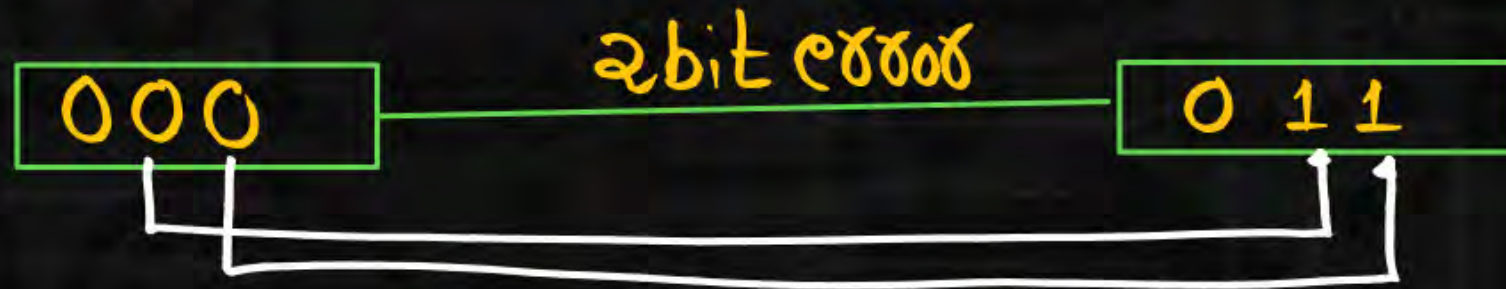


Invalid code word

Receiver can detect and correct one bit error

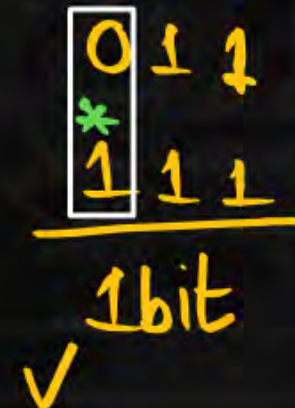
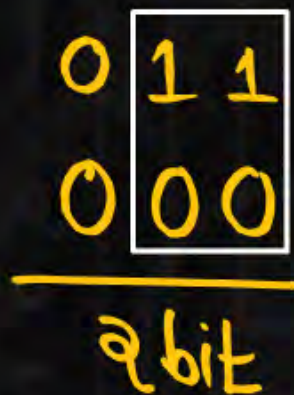


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Invalid code word

It can detect 2 bit error but it can't correct 2 bit error

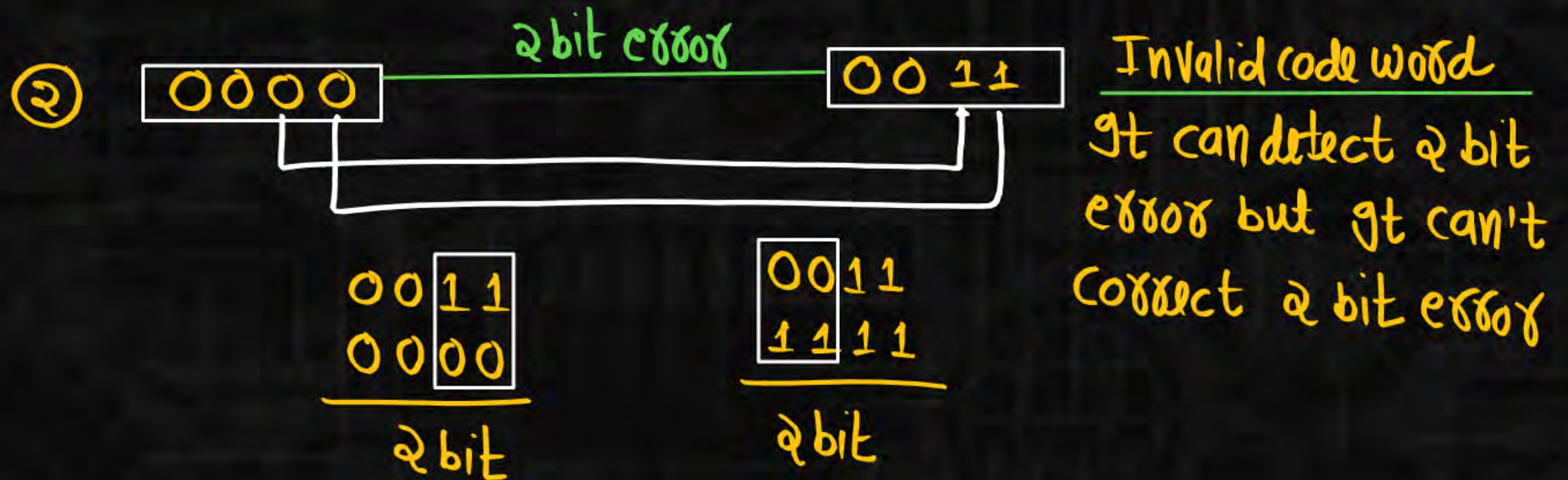
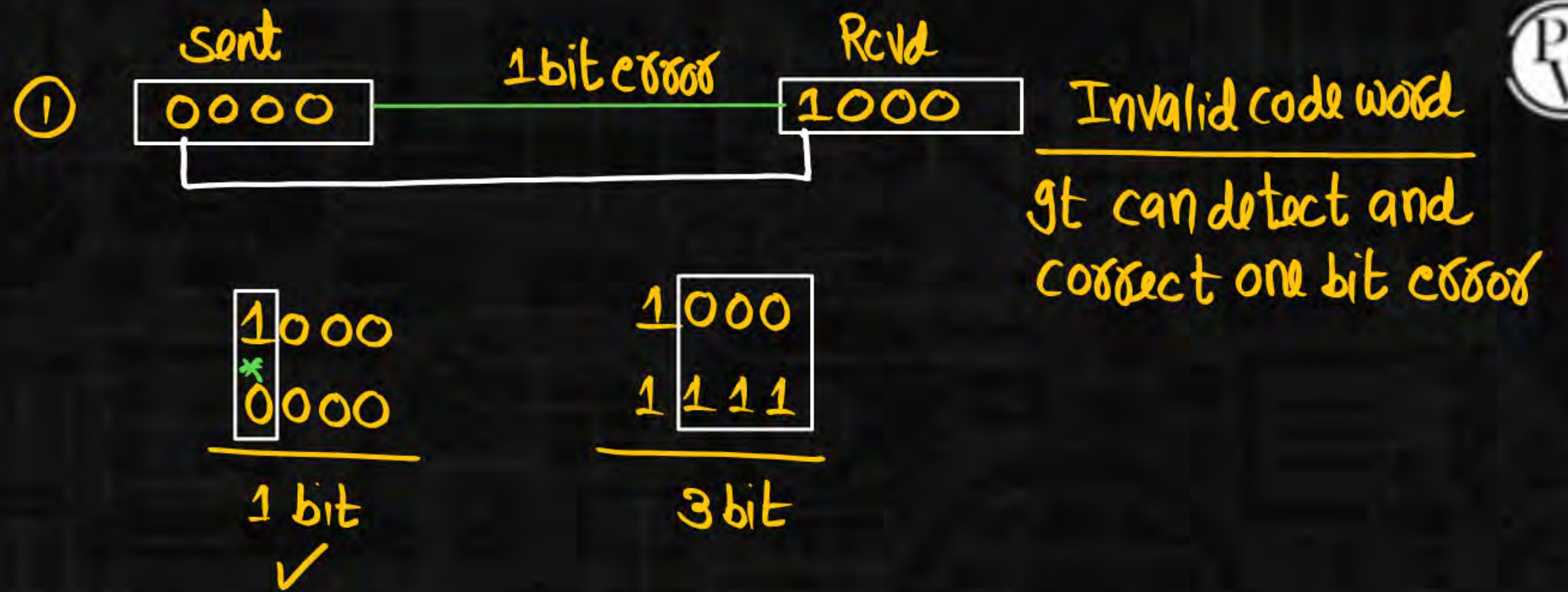




Ex4 :

Valid code word

0000  
1111 } minimum  
Hamming  
distance = 4





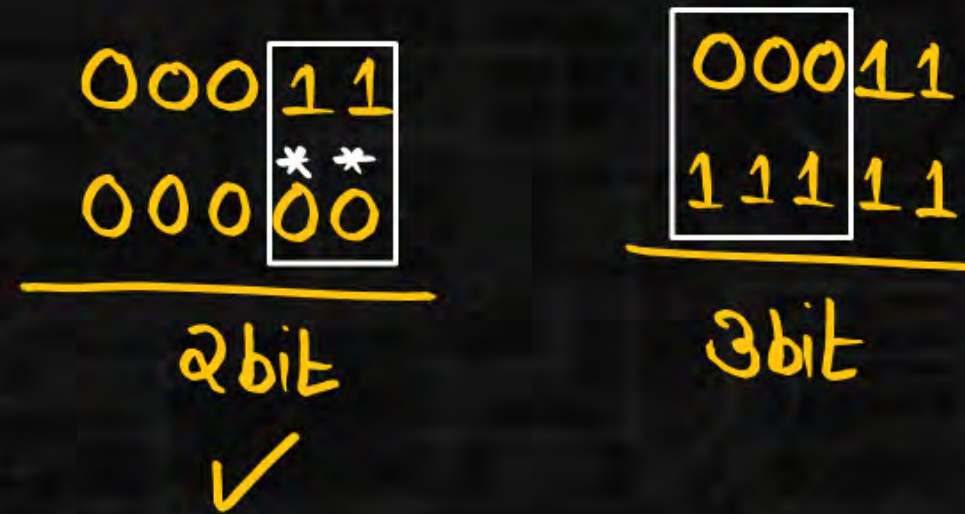
Ex5 :

Valid code word

00000 } minimum  
11111 } Hamming  
distance = 5



Invalid code word  
gt detect and correct  
2 bit error





## Note



- ① To correct one bit error min. Hamming distance required =  $3 = 2 \times 1 + 1$
- ② To correct two bit error min. Hamming distance required =  $5 = 2 \times 2 + 1$
- ③ To correct 'd' bit error min. Hamming distance required =  $2 \times d + 1 = 2d + 1$



# **Problem Solving on Hamming Distance**



**Q.1**

Consider a binary code that consists of only four valid code words as given below:

00000, 01011, 10101, 11110

*a*

*b*

*c*

*d*

Let the minimum Hamming distance of the code be  $p$  and the maximum number of erroneous bits that can be corrected by the code be  $q$ . Then the values of  $p$  and  $q$  are

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☒ A.

$p = 3$  and  $q = 1$

☐ B.

$p = 3$  and  $q = 2$

☐ C.

$p = 4$  and  $q = 1$

☐ D.

$p = 4$  and  $q = 2$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Min. Hamming  
distance = 3 ( $p$ )



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

$$2d+1=3$$

$$2d=3-1$$

$$2d=2$$

$$d=1 \text{ (2)}$$



Q.2

What is the distance of the following code

<sup>a</sup>000000, <sup>b</sup>010101, <sup>c</sup>000111, <sup>d</sup>011001, <sup>e</sup>111111?

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A. 2

B. 3

C. 4

D. 1

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

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

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

$$d(a, e) = 6$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$d(d, e) = 3$$

Min. Hamming  
distance = 2

$$(b) \quad 010101$$

EX-OR

$$(c) \quad 000111$$

$$\underline{010010} \rightarrow 2$$

(2m)

$$(b) \quad 010101$$

EX-OR

$$(d) \quad 011001$$

$$\underline{001100} \rightarrow 2$$



# Q.3

An error correcting code has the following code words:

00000000, 00001111, 01010101, 10101010, 11110000.

What is the maximum number of bit errors that can be corrected ?

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- ☐ A. 0
- ☒ B. 1
- ☐ C. 2
- ☐ D. 3

(b) 00001111

(c) 
$$\begin{array}{r} 01010101 \\ \underline{01011010} \end{array}$$

$\rightarrow$  No. of 1's = 4 (Hamming distance)

minimum Hamming distance = 4

min. Hamming distance required to correct 'd' bit errors =  $d + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 2d + 1 &= 4 \\ 2d &= 3 \\ d &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$d = \lfloor 1.5 \rfloor = 1$$



'd' bit error correction

$d=2$

$$\text{min HD} = 2d + 1$$

$$2 \times 2 + 1 = 5 (\text{min Hamming distance})$$



**Q.4**

The minimum Hamming distance to correct upto 5 bit error successfully is \_\_\_\_\_

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min. Hamming distance required to correct 'd' bit error =  $2d + 1 = 2 \times 5 + 1 = \underline{11}$



**Q.5**

The minimum Hamming distance to detect upto 10 bit error successfully is \_\_\_\_\_

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minimum Hamming distance required to detect 'd' bit errors =  $d + 1 = 10 + 1 = 11$



