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Aim	To analyze and implement a(8,4) Hamming code, which can detect and correct single-bit errors.
Implementation	<pre>import numpy as np # Helper function for modulo-2 arithmetic def mod2(x): return np.mod(x, 2) # STEP 1 : Generator and Parity-Check Matrices # Generator matrix G G = np.array([[1,0,0,0,0,1,1,1], [0,1,0,0,1,0,1,1], [0,0,1,0,1,1,0,1], [0,0,0,1,1,1,1,0]], dtype=int) # Parity-check matrix H H = np.array([[0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0], [1,0,1,1,0,1,0,0], [1,1,0,1,0,0,1,0], [0,0,0,1,1,1,1,0]], dtype=int)</pre>

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        [1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1]
], dtype=int)

print("STEP 1: Generator and Parity-Check Matrices")
print("Generator Matrix G =\n", G)
print("\nParity Check Matrix H =\n", H)

# (b) Verify  $G * H^T = 0$ 
check = mod2(G.dot(H.T))
print("\nVerification ( $G * H^T$ ) mod 2 =\n", check)
print("Verification Successful:", np.array_equal(check, np.zeros((4,4),
dtype=int)))

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# STEP 2 : Construct Error Table

def syndrome(e):
    """Compute syndrome vector s = e * H^T mod 2"""
    return mod2(np.dot(e, H.T))

print("\nSTEP 2: Constructing Error Table (syndrome for single-bit
errors):")

error_table = {}
for i in range(8):
    e = np.zeros(8, dtype=int)
    e[i] = 1 # error at position i
    s = syndrome(e)
    s_str = ''.join(str(x) for x in s)
    error_table[s_str] = i + 1
    print(f"Bit position {i+1} → Syndrome = {s_str}")

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# STEP 3 : Encoding (User Input)

m = input("\nEnter 4-bit message (e.g., 1011): ")
m = [int(x) for x in m]
m = np.array(m, dtype=int).reshape(1,4)
codeword = mod2(m.dot(G)).flatten()
print("\nSTEP 3: Encoding")
print("Message:", m.flatten().tolist())

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print("Encoded 8-bit Codeword:", codeword.tolist())

# STEP 4 : Transmission with Errors

# Introduce single-bit error
error_pos = int(input("\nEnter error position to introduce (1-8): "))
r = codeword.copy()
r[error_pos-1] ^= 1 # flip bit
print("\nSTEP 4: Transmission with Error")
print("Error introduced at position:", error_pos)
print("Received vector r =", r.tolist())

# (a) Compute syndrome
s = syndrome(r)
s_str = ''.join(str(x) for x in s)
print("Syndrome vector s =", s.tolist(), "→", s_str)

# (b) Identify error location
if s_str in error_table:
    detected_pos = error_table[s_str]
    print("Error detected at position:", detected_pos)
    # (c) Correct the error
    r[detected_pos-1] ^= 1
    print("Corrected codeword:", r.tolist())
else:
    print("No single-bit error detected (syndrome = 0000)")

# STEP 5 : Decoding

decoded_message = r[:4]
print("\nSTEP 5: Decoding")
print("Decoded Message:", decoded_message.tolist())

# STEP 6 : Change Error Position

new_error_pos = int(input("\nSTEP 6: Enter a different error position (1-8): "))
r2 = codeword.copy()
r2[new_error_pos-1] ^= 1
s2 = syndrome(r2)

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s2_str = ''.join(str(x) for x in s2)
print(f"Error at position {new_error_pos} → Syndrome = {s2.tolist()} →
{s2_str}")

# STEP 7 : Different Data, Same Error Position

new_message = input("\nSTEP 7: Enter a different 4-bit message: ")
new_message = np.array([int(x) for x in new_message],
dtype=int).reshape(1, 4)
new_codeword = mod2(new_message.dot(G)).flatten()
r3 = new_codeword.copy()
r3[error_pos-1] ^= 1
s3 = syndrome(r3)
s3_str = ''.join(str(x) for x in s3)

print("\nNew message:", new_message.flatten().tolist())
print("Error introduced at same position", error_pos)
print("New Syndrome =", s3.tolist(), "→", s3_str)

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Outputs

Generator and Parity Check Matrix

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Generator Matrix G =
[[1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1]
[0 1 0 0 1 0 1 1]
[0 0 1 0 1 1 0 1]
[0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0]]

Parity Check Matrix H =
[[0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0]
[1 0 1 1 0 1 0 0]
[1 1 0 1 0 0 1 0]
[1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1]]

Verification (G * H^T) mod 2 =
[[0 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0]
[0 0 0 0]]
Verification Successful: True

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Constructing Error Table (syndrome for single-bit errors):

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Bit position 1 → Syndrome = 0111
Bit position 2 → Syndrome = 1011
Bit position 3 → Syndrome = 1101
Bit position 4 → Syndrome = 1110
Bit position 5 → Syndrome = 1000
Bit position 6 → Syndrome = 0100
Bit position 7 → Syndrome = 0010
Bit position 8 → Syndrome = 0001

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STEP 3: Encoding

Message: [1, 1, 0, 1]

Encoded 8-bit Codeword: [1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0]

STEP 4: Transmission with Error

Error introduced at position: 2

Received vector $r = [1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0]$

Syndrome vector $s = [1, 0, 1, 1] \rightarrow 1011$

Error detected at position: 2

Corrected codeword: $[1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0]$

STEP 5: Decoding

Decoded Message: $[1, 1, 0, 1]$

Change Error Position

Error at position 1 \rightarrow Syndrome = $[0, 1, 1, 1] \rightarrow 0111$

Different Data, Same Error Position

New message: $[1, 0, 1, 1]$

Error introduced at same position 2

New Syndrome = $[1, 0, 1, 1] \rightarrow 1011$

Conclusion

built a system using the (8,4) Hamming code that can automatically find and fix a single error in a piece of data. I created an "encoding" tool (Generator matrix) and a "checking" tool (Parity Check matrix) and proved they worked together correctly. I then made a "lookup table" (syndrome list) that shows the unique error message for every possible bit flip. Finally, I tested it by sending a message, flipping one bit, and watching the system use the error message to find and correct the mistake, proving it's a reliable way to protect data.