Project about Reed-Solomon Code

You are expected to produce a computer program capable of decoding the (63, 42) Reed-Solomon code over $GF(2^6)$, which was used in Cinema Digital Sound. This code consists of all vectors (C_0, \ldots, C_{62}) , with each $C_i \in GF(2^6)$, such that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{62} C_i \alpha^{ij} = 0, \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, 21$$

where α is a primitive element in GF(2⁶) satisfying $\alpha^6 + \alpha + 1 = 0$. Assume that the first 21 characters C_0, \ldots, C_{20} are the parity-check characters, and the last 42 characters C_{21}, \ldots, C_{62} are the information characters.

The deliverable will consist of three parts:

• Part I, Demonstration. At the time of demonstration, we will test your program by giving it several garbled codewords of the form (R_0, \ldots, R_{62}) , differing from a codeword by t_0 erasures and t_1 errors. If $t_0 + 2t_1 \le 21$, your program should find the codeword; but if $t_0 + 2t_1 > 21$, your program should output an appropriate failure message.

The elements of $GF(2^6)$ will be encoded as integers in the range 0 to 63, with integer 0 corresponding to [000000], 1 corresponding to [000001], 2 corresponding to [000010], ..., and 63 corresponding to [111111]. (Here $[a_5a_4a_3a_2a_1a_0]$ corresponds to the element $a_5\alpha^5 + a_4\alpha^4 + a_3\alpha^3 + a_2\alpha^2 + a_1\alpha + a_0$ in $GF(2^6)$.) An erasure will be represented by a * sign. The input to the program will be a file consisting of several garbled codewords in the following format:

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45 63 * 0 2 \cdots 15 (the first garbled codeword) \cdots 13 0 5 * * \cdots 0 (the last garbled codeword)
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- Part II, Report. When the project is due (and after the demonstration is passed), you need to hand in a *report* (in a hard copy), which should include, among other things, description of your project, discussions, etc. Your computer program *with comments* should be attached at the end of the report.
- Part III, Program file. You also need to submit, before the deadline, your program file. Please put all of your programs into a single file with your registration number as the file name, say, 105064851.c or 105064851.cpp. (If, after all kinds of attempts, you are still unable to put all of your programs in a single file, please compress your files into a single rar or zip file and use your registration number as the file name, say, 105064851.rar or 105064851.zip.) Upload your file to the iLMS system.

The coefficients of the generator polynomial for the (63, 42) RS code:

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a[11]=43
q[0]=58
q[1]=62
           q[12]=44
g[2]=59
           q[13]=27
           q[14] = 7
g[3] = 7
g[4]=35
           g[15]=53
q[5]=58
           a[16]=39
g[6]=63
           q[17]=62
g[7]=47
           g[18]=52
q[8]=51
           q[19]=41
g[9] = 6
           g[20]=44
g[10]=33
           g[21] = 1
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The values of the polynomial:

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g(alpha^0) = 34
                                     alpha^32 = 9
                                                      q(alpha^32) = 22
alpha^0 = 1
                                                      g(alpha^33) = 20
                 q(alpha^1) =
                                     alpha^33 = 18
alpha^1 =
           2
                                     alpha^34 = 36
alpha^2 = 4
                                                      q(alpha^34) = 28
                 q(alpha^2) =
                                0
                                                      g(alpha^35) = 17
                                     alpha^35 = 11
                 g(alpha^3) =
                                0
alpha^3 = 8
alpha^4 = 16
                 g(alpha^4) =
                                     alpha^36 = 22
                                                      q(alpha^36) = 13
                                0
                                     alpha^37 = 44
                                                      q(alpha^37) = 19
alpha^5 = 32
                 g(alpha^5) =
                                0
                                     alpha^38 = 27
                                                      g(alpha^38) = 14
alpha^6 = 3
                 q(alpha^6) =
                                0
                 g(alpha^7) =
                                0
                                     alpha^39 = 54
                                                      g(alpha^39) = 56
alpha^7 = 6
                                     alpha^40 = 47
                                                      g(alpha^40) = 25
alpha^8 = 12
                 q(alpha^8) =
                                0
                 g(alpha^9) =
                                     alpha^41 = 29
                                                      q(alpha^41) = 45
alpha^9 = 24
                                0
                                                       g(alpha^42) = 10
                                      alpha^42 = 58
                                0
alpha^{10} = 48
                 q(alpha^10) =
                                     alpha^43 = 55
                                                       q(alpha^43) = 46
alpha^11 = 35
                 g(alpha^11) =
                                0
                 g(alpha^12) =
                                      alpha^44 = 45
                                                       q(alpha^44) = 45
                                0
alpha^12 = 5
                                      alpha^45 = 25
                                                       q(alpha^45) = 8
alpha^13 = 10
                 g(alpha^13) =
                                0
                                      alpha^46 = 50
                                                       q(alpha^46) = 12
alpha^14 = 20
                 q(alpha^14) =
                                0
                                                       g(alpha^47) = 14
                 g(alpha^15) =
                                      alpha^47 = 39
alpha^15 = 40
                                0
                                                       g(alpha^48) = 44
                                      alpha^48 = 13
                 a(a|pha^16) =
                                0
alpha^16 = 19
                                                       g(alpha^49) = 14
                 g(alpha^17) =
                                      alpha^49 = 26
alpha^17 = 38
                                0
                                      alpha^50 = 52
                                                       q(alpha^50) = 17
alpha^18 = 15
                 q(alpha^18) =
                                0
                                                       q(alpha^51) = 26
alpha^19 = 30
                                      alpha^51 = 43
                 q(alpha^19) =
                                0
                                                       g(alpha^52) = 31
                                      alpha^52 = 21
                 q(alpha^20) =
                                0
alpha^20 = 60
                                      alpha^53 = 42
                                                       q(alpha^53) = 22
alpha^21 = 59
                 g(alpha^21) =
                               0
                                     alpha^54 = 23
                                                       q(alpha^54) = 59
alpha^22 = 53
                 g(alpha^22) = 16
                                      alpha^55 = 46
                                                       q(alpha^55) = 29
alpha^23 = 41
                 q(alpha^23) = 13
                                                       g(alpha^56) = 52
                                      alpha^56 = 31
                 g(alpha^24) = 43
alpha^24 = 17
                                      alpha^57 = 62
                                                       q(alpha^57) = 31
alpha^25 = 34
                 q(alpha^25) = 41
                                      alpha^58 = 63
                                                       g(alpha^58) = 57
                 q(alpha^26) = 48
alpha^26 = 7
                                      alpha^59 = 61
                                                       g(alpha^59) = 48
alpha^27 = 14
                 g(alpha^27) = 15
                                      alpha^60 = 57
                                                       q(alpha^60) = 45
alpha^28 = 28
                 q(alpha^28) = 11
                                                       q(alpha^61) = 51
alpha^29 = 56
                                      alpha^61 = 49
                 q(alpha^29) = 52
                                      alpha^62 = 33
alpha^30 = 51
                 g(alpha^30) = 33
                                                       q(alpha^62) = 13
                 q(alpha^31) = 1
alpha^31 = 37
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