

Error Detection and Correction Basics Quiz

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1. What is it called when only one bit of data gets flipped during transmission?
 - a) A burst error
 - b) A single-bit error**
 - c) A checksum error
 - d) A block code

2. To find and fix errors, what extra information must be sent with the data?
 - a) An extra copy of the data
 - b) A separate email
 - c) Redundant bits**
 - d) A special password

3. In block coding, what is a "codeword"?
 - a) The original data before any changes are made.
 - b) The secret message that is sent.
 - c) The dataword with extra error-checking bits added to it.**
 - d) The part of the data that is a mistake.

4. How can a receiver tell that an error has happened when using a simple block code?
 - a) It checks if the received message is in the list of valid codewords.**
 - b) It asks the sender to send the message again.
 - c) It corrects the error automatically.
 - d) It measures the distance of the message from the antenna.

5. What is the Hamming distance between two messages?
 - a) The time it takes to send them.
 - b) The number of bits that are the same.
 - c) The number of bits that are different between them.**
 - d) The number of extra bits added to them.

6. A simple parity check adds one extra bit to the data to make the total number of '1's either even or odd. What can it detect?
 - a) Only single-bit errors.
 - b) Any number of errors, both odd and even.
 - c) Only an even number of errors.
 - d) Any odd number of errors.**

7. Which of these methods is best known for being able to correct a single-bit error?

- a) Simple parity check
- b) Checksum
- c) Block coding
- d) Hamming code**

8. The Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) is a method primarily used for:

- a) Detecting errors**
- b) Correcting errors
- c) Making data invisible to hackers
- d) Measuring the distance between two computers

9. In a Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC), what does a remainder of zero at the receiver mean?

- a) An error has occurred.
- b) The data is corrupt.
- c) No errors were detected.**
- d) The receiver's calculation is wrong.

10. What is the main advantage of a checksum?

- a) It can correct a large number of errors.
- b) It is very complex to implement.
- c) It is a very strong form of error detection.
- d) It is simple and easy to implement in software.**