

Noise can modify messages

Solution: encoding with some redundancy for correct some errors.

We can see a message as a sequence of symbols from a finite set \mathbb{F} . If there are errors some symbols will be changed.

To detect errors we receive only code words, if there are errors in transmission we can see the message is not a code word

Suppose \mathbb{F} a finite set of symbols. A n -code over \mathbb{F} is a subset of \mathbb{F}^n .

If $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$ we call the code binary. If $|\mathbb{F}| = q$ it's q -ary

eg. $C := \{00000, 11110, 01011, 10101\}$ is a binary 5-code

An error occurs when the i th entry of a codeword changes

eg. $\downarrow 11110 \rightarrow \downarrow 01110$

The Hamming distance $d(x, y)$ between two sequences x, y is the number of places where they differ eg. $d(1101, 0011) = 3$

properties

- $\forall x, y \in C: d(x, y) = d(y, x)$
- $\forall x, y \in C: d(x, y) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = y$
- $\forall x, y, z \in C: d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$

when i errors occur the Hamming distance = i .

To correct the message we use the smallest distance.

example: $C := \{00000, 11110, 01011, 10101\}$

if we receive 11010 the distances are:

$$d(11010, 00000) = 3$$

$$d(11010, 11110) = 1 \leftarrow \text{we decode it as } 11110$$

$$d(11010, 01011) = 2 \quad \text{it's most likely only one error occurred.}$$

$$d(11010, 10101) = 4$$

The distance of a code is the minimum of the distances between all code words

$$d(C) = \min\{d(x, s) \mid x, s \in C, x \neq s\}$$

the parameters of a code are:

- $n \rightarrow$ number of symbols used for a code word
- $|C| \rightarrow$ size of the code
- $d \rightarrow$ minimal distance

So we speak of a $(n, |C|, d)$ -code

Lemma ①

A code C detects (up to) s errors if and only if $d(C) > s$.

proof: \Rightarrow

Suppose $d(C) > s$. $c \in C$, x word obtained from c with up to s errors. now $d(x, c) \leq s$, so $s < d(c)$.

So C detects up to s errors

\Leftarrow

if $s \geq d(C)$ then exist $c_1, c_2 \in C$ with $d(c_1, c_2) = d(C) \leq s$.

So c_1 can be converted into c_2 with no more than s errors, and this will not be detected.

Lemma ②

A code C corrects (up to) t errors if and only if $d(C) \geq 2t+1$

proof: \Rightarrow

suppose $d(C) \geq 2t+1$, $c \in C$ x obtained from c with at most t errors we have to show that x is closer to c than any other word $r \in C$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2t+1 &\leq d(C) \\ &\leq d(c, x) + d(x, r) \quad \text{since } d(c) < \text{all other distances} \\ &\leq t + d(x, r) \Rightarrow t+1 \leq d(x, r) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Leftarrow \text{if } 2t+1 > d(C) \text{ then } \exists c_1, c_2 \in C \mid d(c_1, c_2) = 2t+1 > d(C) > d(c, x)$$

Examples

Repetition codes

$\{000, 111\}$ is a $[3, 1]$ repetition code (length to make sense)

length of unit being repeated (k)
length of each code word (n)

the number of times each unit is repeated is $r = n/k$

Another example is $[4, 2]$. Original message units of length $\in \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$
the codeword are created by repeating them, so $\{0000, 0101, 1010, 1111\}$

$[n, k] \rightarrow \underbrace{d_1 d_2 \dots d_k d_2 d_2 \dots d_k \dots d_1 d_2 \dots d_k}_r$, where r_i are digits $\in \mathbb{F}$

$$q=1^{\pm} \quad n \text{ of codewords} = q^k$$

• the minimal distance of the code is $(n/k) \cdot (q, q^k, \frac{n}{k})$

Belgium bank accounts

12 digits. Grouped in 3-7-2 eg. 103-0202707-45

$$\text{digits } [0 \dots 10] \pmod{97} = [11 \dots 12]$$

EAN-13 $(13, 10^{12}, 2)$

13 characters \nwarrow 12 digits (there are 10 digits)

- first 2/3 country code of manufacturer
- 9/10 digits
- 1 digit checksum

the checksum is calculated as follows

- a) sum values of digits in even position
- b) multiply this by 3
- c) sum values of digits in odd positions
- d) sum the results of b and c
- e) the check character is the smallest number which when added to the result of d gives a multiple of 10

example: data = 001234567890

a) $0+2+4+6+8+0 = 20$

b) $20 \cdot 3 = 60$

c) $0+1+3+5+7+9 = 25$

d) $60+25=85$

e) $x=5$

code word $\rightarrow 0012345678905$

Code 39 ($3, \binom{9}{3}, 2$)
 Alphabet of two letters {w, n}
 45 code words corresponding to:
 - A-Z
 - 0-9
 - space, (-), (+), (.), (\$), (/), (%). special start/stop character

* tutte le combinazioni di 3 spazi in 9 caratteri
 * se sposto uno spazio i punti in cui difinisce son due

 distance = 2
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Each codeword is 9 elements and has exactly 3 wide.

Usually the word is printed with black strips

Parity code ($n, 2^{n-1}, 2$)

Represent alphabet with 5 bits

Character	Code	Character	Code
A	00000	N	01101
B	00001	O	01110
C	00010	P	01111
D	00011	Q	10000
E	00100	R	10001
F	00101	S	10010
G	00110	T	10011
H	00111	U	10100
I	01000	V	10101
J	01001	W	10110
K	01010	X	10111
L	01011	Y	11000
M	01100	Z	11001

add another bit to make the number of 1's even

the sum of their digits is even

If a bit changes the parity does.

Ans single error will be detected, but even number of errors will not no error correction

Hamming square code ($3, 2^3, 7$)

allows single errors to be corrected.

message units = 4 bits write in rows and sum mod 2

$$\begin{array}{l} M \\ \text{code word} \\ \hline 1101 \rightarrow \begin{array}{c|cc} & 1 & 1 \\ & 0 & 1 \\ \hline & 1 & 0 \end{array} \rightarrow 110011101 \end{array}$$

we detect errors by checking parity in the rows

if one error occurs we can identify it because it will cause an error in one row and one column so we actually can correct it.

If more happen (up to 3) we can only detect them

Equivalence of codes

$$C_1 = \{001100, 011011, 110011\}$$

$$C_2 = \{000110, 101101, 111001\}$$
 positional permutation
→ shift

$$C_3 = \{100001, 110110, 011110\}$$
 Hamming distance is the same

Lemma: Performing positional permutation preserves the minimum distance of the code

$$C_1 = \{011011, 010101, 000111\}$$
 change 3rd digit

$$C_2 = \{010011, 011101, 001111\}$$
 symbolic permutation

$$C_3 = \{011100, 010010, 000000\}$$
 change last 3 digits

Lemma: performing symbolic permutation at some or all positions preserves the minimum distance

two codes are equivalent if one can be obtained from the other via symbolic and positional permutations

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consider distance of pair of codewords of the codes X and Y

$$\begin{aligned}X &= \{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4\} \\&= \{0000000, 0011001, 0101011, 0110111\} \\Y &= \{y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4\} \\&= \{1011001, 1110111, 1101011, 0111000\}\end{aligned}$$

← → same numbers different order

if we rearrange the order of words of Y then we get the same table.

We say X and Y are distance isomorphic

Two p-ary codes C₁ and C₂ of the same length and size are distance isomorphic if their words can be ordered in such way that $\forall x_i, x_j \in C_1 \wedge \forall y_i, y_j \in C_2 \quad d(x_i, x_j) = d(y_i, y_j)$

exercise bank account

12 digits, grouped in $3-7-2$ eg $103-0202707-45$

the first 10 digits must equal the last 2 modulo 97

$$1030202707 = 10620646 \cdot 97 + 45$$

it's \leftarrow error detecting but not \leftarrow error correcting (because $d < 3$)

$$n=12 \quad |C|=10^{10}$$

\hookrightarrow since $d < 2t+1 \quad \forall t \in \{1, 2, \dots, 3\}$

$$d=2$$

prove that we can detect the swap of 2 digits

$7337041885 - 38$ it's going to differ after calculation, and since
 $1337041885 - 38$ it's only 2 digits $d' = 2 \leq d \quad \checkmark$

Hamming Square $(9, 2^4, 4)$

Parity Code $(n, 2^{n-1}, 2)$

EAN 13 $\stackrel{?}{=} (13, 10^{12}, 2)$

39 code (Barcode) $(9, (\frac{9}{3}), 2)$
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