

Chapter 5: Link Layer and LAN

Error Detection and Correction

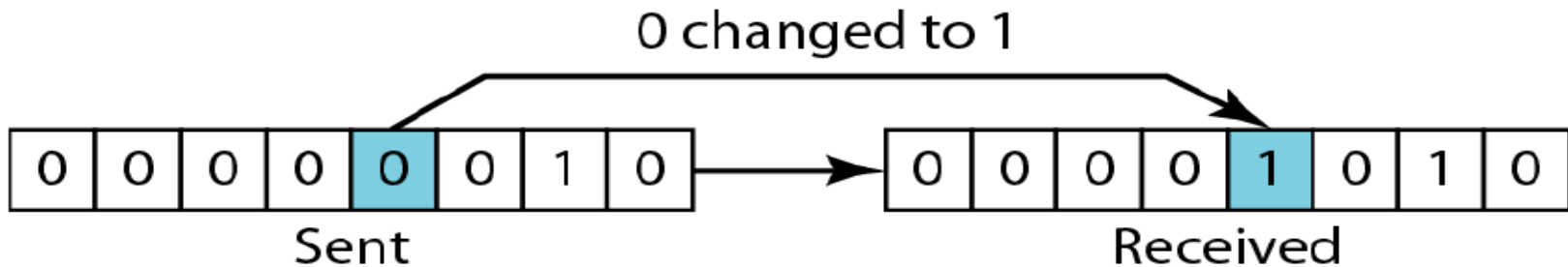
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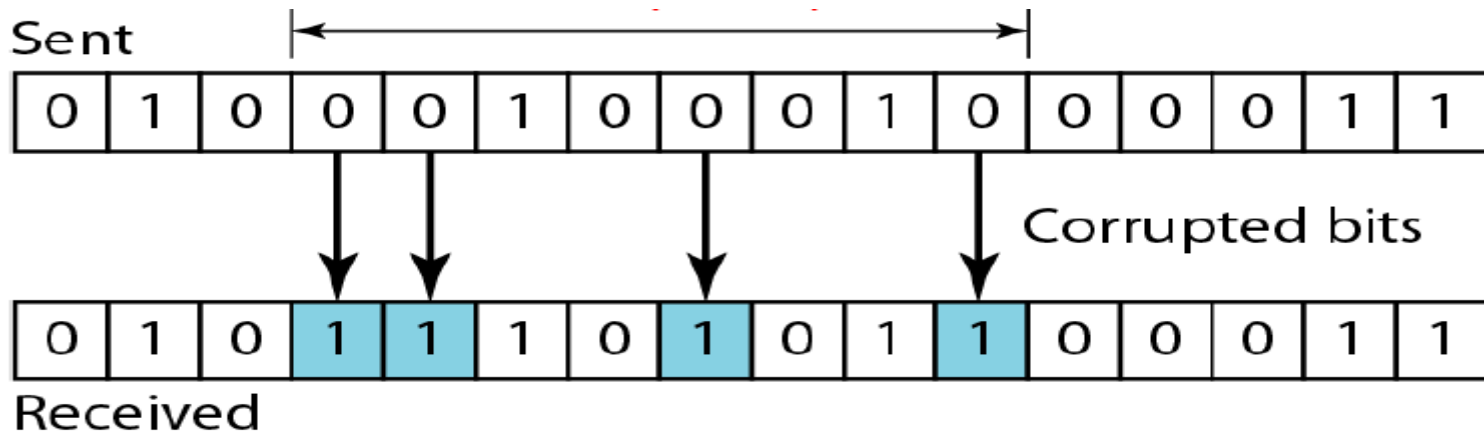
Error Detection and Error Correction Technologies

Transmission Error

- ❑ Single-bit error: only one bit in the data unit has been changed.



- ❑ Multiple bit error (a burst error): two or more bits in the data unit have been changed.



Error Detection

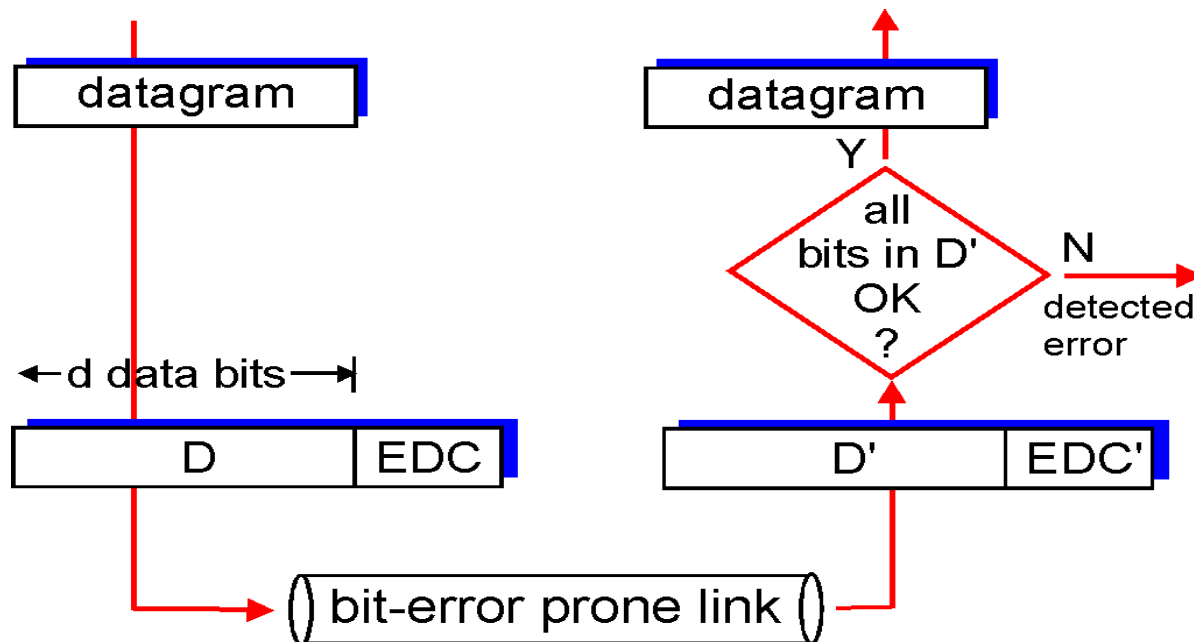
To detect or correct errors, we need to send extra (redundant) bits with the original data.

EDC= Error Detection and Correction bits (redundancy)

D = Data protected by error checking, may include header fields

Error detection not 100% reliable!

- protocol may miss some errors
- larger EDC field yields better detection and correction



Error Detection and Correction Technique

- ❑ Two **error detection** techniques
 - Parity checking
 - Checksum
 - CRC (Cyclic Redundancy Check)
- ❑ Forward **error correction** (FEC)
 - FEC denotes the ability of the receiver to both detect and correct error.
 - FEC technique allows for immediate correction of errors at the receiver, which avoids the delay needed for the sender to receive a NAK and the following retransmission.

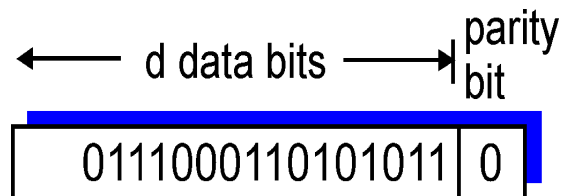
Parity Check

Single Bit Parity:

Detect single bit errors

Two Schemes:

- ❑ Even parity check : by adding extra bit called as parity bit to make the total number of "1" in the formed data (original data + parity bit) to be an even number.
- ❑ Odd parity check: by adding extra bit called as parity bit to make the total number of "1" in the formed data (original data + parity bit) to be an odd number.



Parity Check

Example:

❑ The original data unit is 1 0 0 1 0 0 1. Even parity check is used, the parity bit should be

A. 1

B. 0

❑ Answer: A; and the transmitted data unit is: 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1

Parity Check

Example:

□ What would the parity bit be for each of the following data unit. We assume that odd parity check is used

(1). 1 0 1 1 0 0 0

(2). 1 1 1 0 1 0 1

(3). 1 0 1 0 0 1 1

(4). 1 0 1 1 0 0 0

Limitation of Parity Check

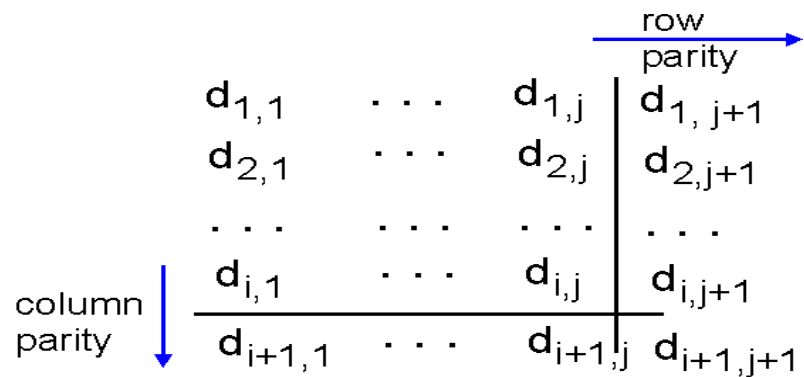
- ❑ This technique cannot detect an even number of bit errors (two, four, etc.).
- ❑ This technique cannot determine the location of the error bit.

- ❑ Example:
 - Consider the data unit to be transmitted is 10010001 and even parity is used.
 - Then, code word transmitted to the receiver = 100100011
 - Consider during transmission, code word is modified as 101100111. (2 bits flip)
 - On receiving the modified data, the receiver finds the number of 1 is even and even parity checking is used.
 - So, the receiver assumes that no error occurred in the data during transmission although the data is corrupted.

Parity Check

Two Dimensional Bit Parity:

Detect and correct single bit errors



1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	0

no errors

1	0	1	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1	0	1
0	0	1	0	1	0

parity
error

*correctable
single bit error*

Parity Check

Example:

□ Calculate the two-dimensional parity check for the data as follows. We assume even parity checking is used.

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1 0 1 1 0 0 0
1 1 1 0 1 0 1
1 0 1 0 0 1 1
1 0 1 1 0 0 0
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Parity Check

Example:

□ Calculate the two-dimensional parity check for the following data. (Assume the two-dimensional parity check unit is 8 bits long. You will need to calculate the simple parity check bits as well as the parity check unit)

101101011100000000111

1 0 1 1 0 1 0

1 1 1 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 1 1 1

Parity Check

Exercise

- Suppose the information content of a packet is the bit pattern 1110 1011 1001 1101 and two-dimensional even parity check is being used. What would the value of the field containing the parity bits?

- Answer:

1	1	1	0	1
1	0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	1
0	0	0	1	1

Parity Check

Exercise

- Suppose we begin with the initial two-dimensional parity matrix:

0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0

- When a single bit error

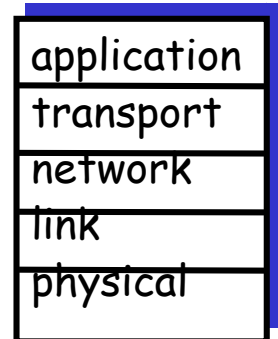
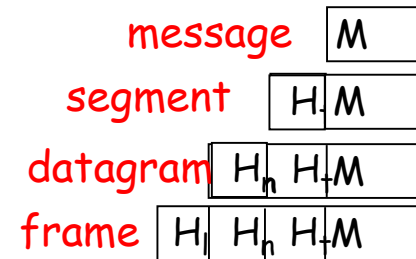
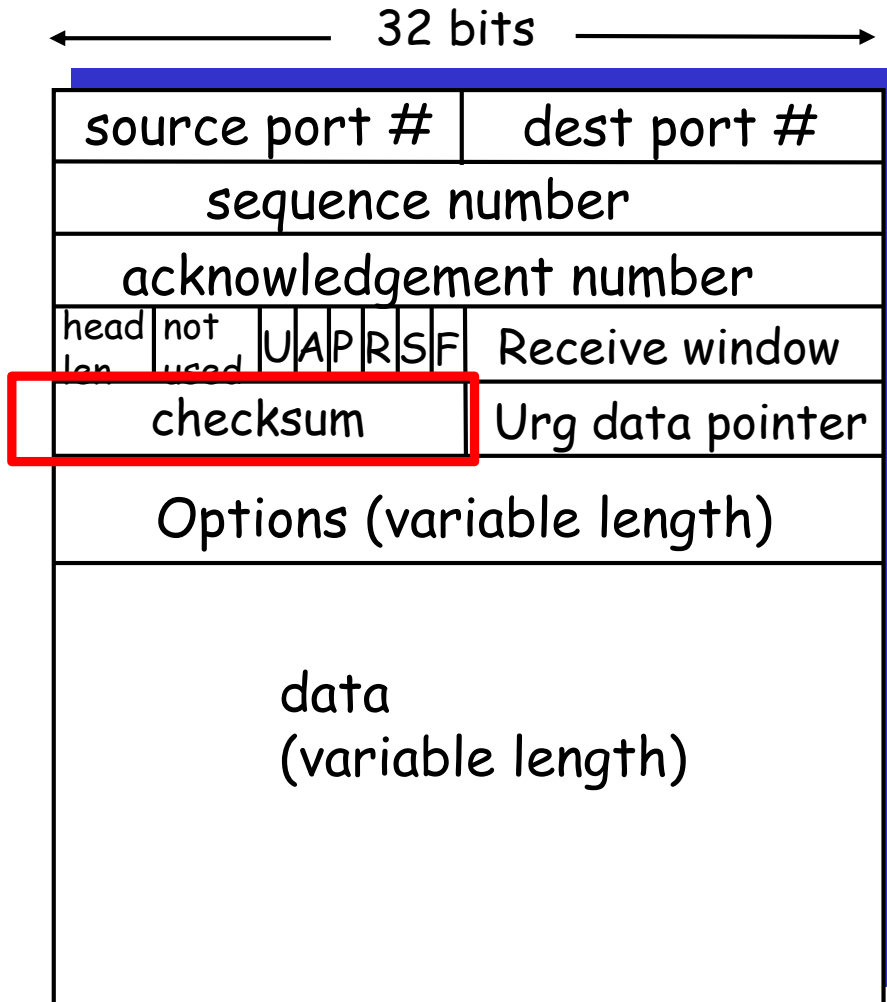
0	0	0	0
1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0

- When a double-bit error

0	0	0	0
1	0	0	1
0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0

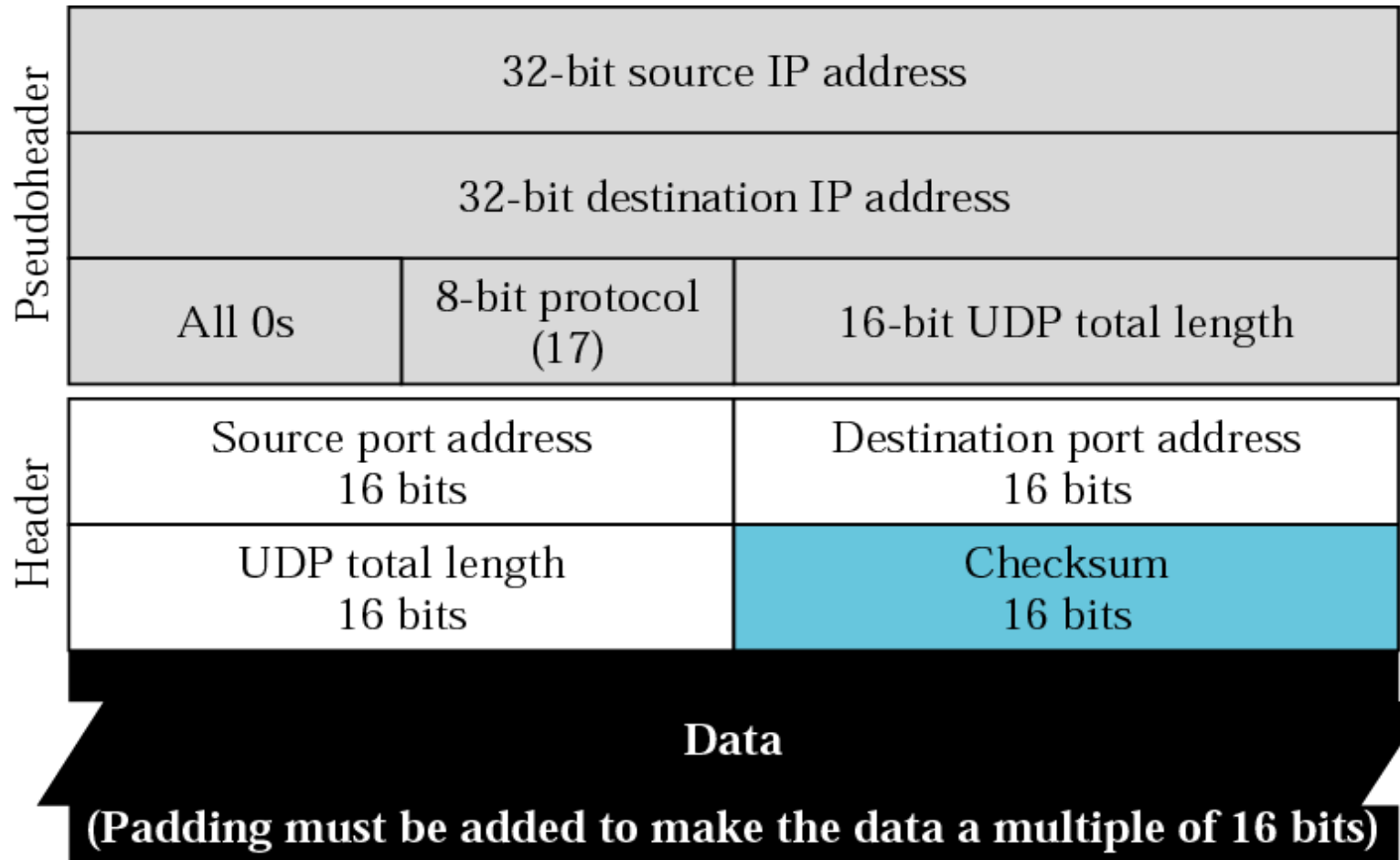
Checksum

Checksum in TCP segment structure



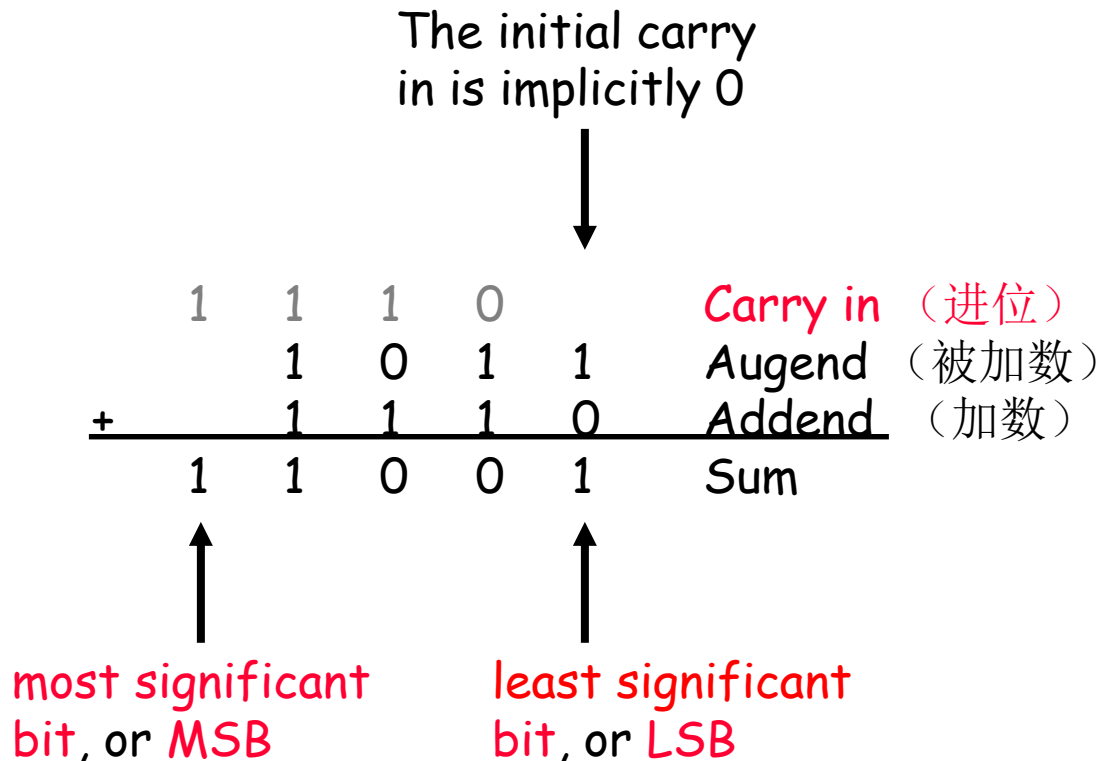
Checksum in UDP Datagram Structure

- The checksum calculation includes three sections: a **pseudoheader, the UDP header, and the data coming from the application layer.**



Binary Addition

- ❑ You can add two binary numbers one column at a time starting from the right, just as you add two decimal numbers
- ❑ But remember that it's binary. For example, $1 + 1 = 10$ and you have to carry!
- ❑ what we really need to do is add *three* bits: the augend and addend, and the *carry in* from the right.




2's Complement Sum and 1's Complement Sum

- **2's complement sum** is done by summing the numbers and discarding the carry.
- **1's complement sum** is done by summing the numbers and adding the carry to the result.

1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

wraparound **1** 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1



2's complement sum 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1

1's complement sum 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0

Checksum

Goal---Error detection: detect "errors" (e.g., flipped bits) in transmitted data

How to implement: treat data to be protected as a sequence of k-bit integers and use the resulting sum as the error-detection bits

Sender:

- ❑ treat data to be protected as sequence of k-bit words
- ❑ checksum: make 1's complement sum over all of the k-bit words, and then for the sum, convert all 0s to 1s, and all 1s to 0s. The result is the checksum
- ❑ sender puts checksum value into the checksum field

Receiver:

- ❑ treat data as sequence of k-bit words
- ❑ Make 1's complement sum over all the k-bit words and the checksum.
- ❑ check if computed result is all 1s:
 - YES - no error detected
 - NO - error detected

Checksum

How to implement: treat data to be protected as a sequence of segments of k-bit and use the resulting sum as the error-detection bits

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Checksum

- ❑ **Note:** When doing 1's complement sum, a carryout from the most significant bit needs to be added to the result
- ❑ Example: add two 16-bit integers
- ❑ Weak error protection. Easy to implement in software.

1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

wraparound

1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1
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1's complement sum

1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
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Checksum

0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
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Example

- ❑ Checksum value of 1001001110010011 and 1001100001001101 of 16 bit segment is
 - A. 1010101000011111
 - B. 1011111000100101
 - C. 1101010000011110
 - D. 1101010000111111

- ❑ Answer: C

Example

- ❑ Consider 8 bit checksum is used at the sender side, the data unit to be transmitted is :

100110011110001000100100100000100

- ❑ Please calculate the checksum.

- ❑ Answer: 11011010

- All the segments are added and the result is

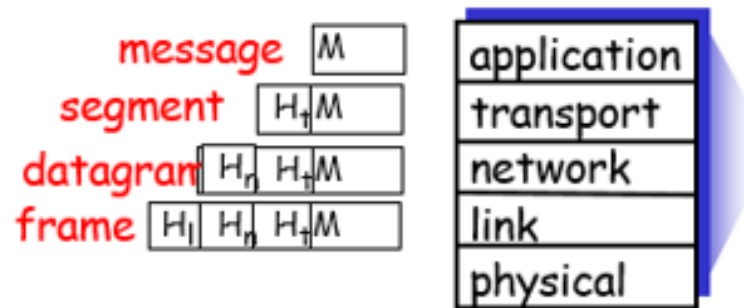
$$10011001 + 11100010 + 00100100 + 10000100 = 1000100011$$

- 1's complement sum: since the result consists of 10 as carry in bits, so these extra 2 bits are wrapped around. The result of 1's complement sum is 00100101.

- Checksum is obtained as 11011010

Ethernet Frame Structure

- **Frame and MAC Address:** 6 byte MAC address



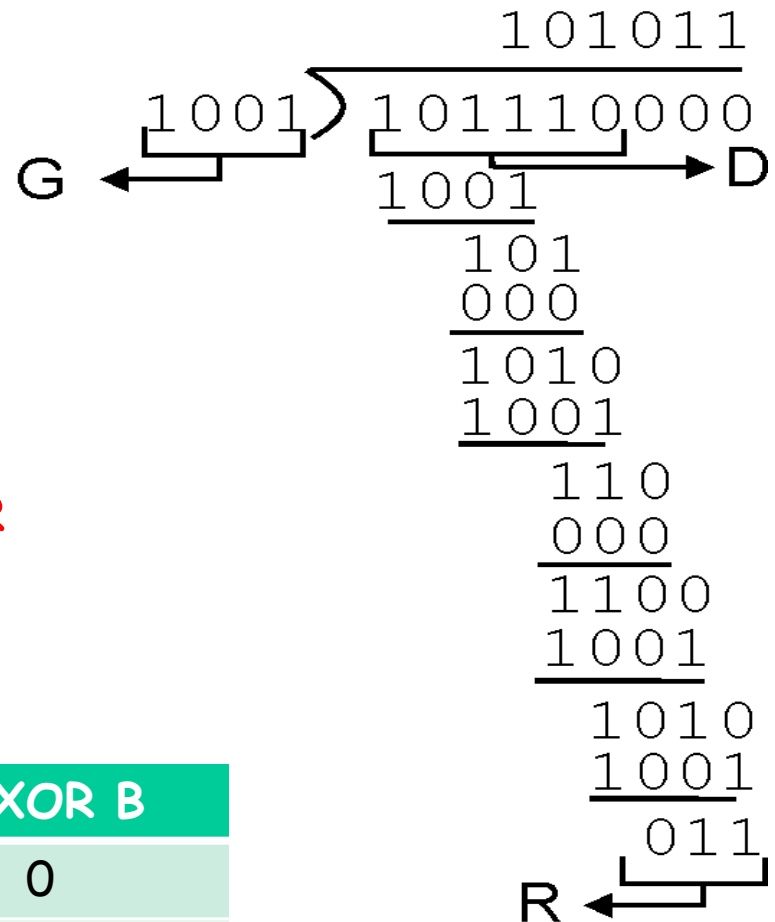
Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- ❑ CRC is an error detection technique widely used in computer networks.
- ❑ In CRC method, a certain number of check bits (called as CRC bits) are appended to the message being transmitted.
- ❑ **CRC codes** are also known as **polynomial codes**
 - Treat bit strings as representations of polynomials with coefficients 1's and 0's
 - A (n+1)-bit message can be represented as a polynomial of degree n, where the exponents are the order of the bits that are sent. For example
 - $X = 10011010$ is represented by a polynomial
 - $M(X) = x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + x^1$
 - So, a sender and receiver can be considered to exchange polyns.
- ❑ A message is sent with a calculated CRC code such that it may be verified by receiver

Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

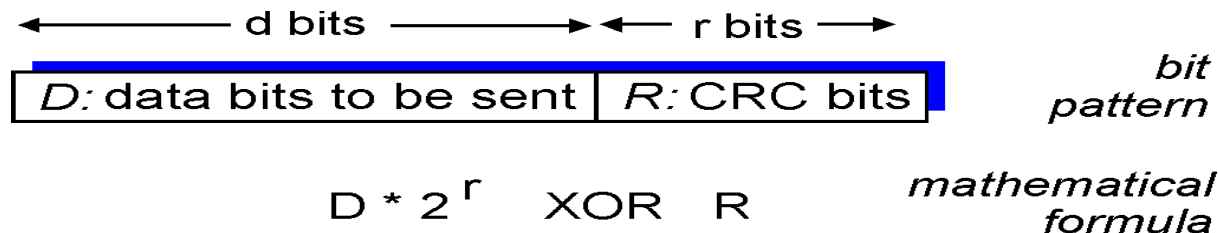
- ❑ CRC calculation is realized by a division operation applied to binary numbers.
- ❑ There is a difference in the division: subtraction operations are replaced by eXclusive OR logical operations (XOR)
- ❑ "XOR Divide" means use bitwise XOR instead of subtraction.
- ❑ Remembering XOR operation

A	B	A XOR B
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0



Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- ❑ A transmitter wishes to send a message D with d data bits (called as **dataword**)
- ❑ A CRC code R with r bits of length must be generated and appended to **dataword** before it is sent. The transmitted data is called as **codeword**.



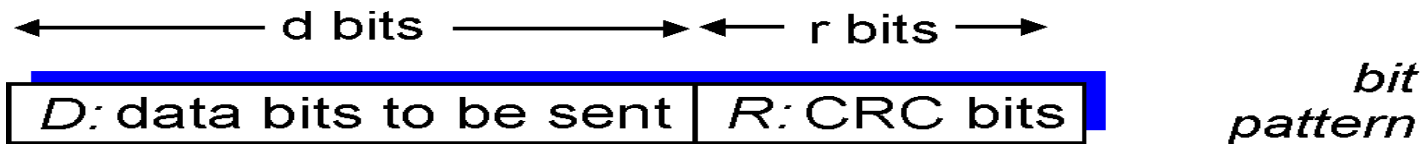
- ❑ **CRC "Generator" G** has $(r+1)$ bits of length. The first and last bits are 1's, the others are mixed 0's and 1's.
- ❑ **G is known by both transmitter and receiver. It is a basis of CRC calculation.**

Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- ❑ **CRC code calculation** is based on **dataword D** of d-bit length and generator **G** of (r+1)-bit length. The basis for CRC code calculation is the formula:

$$R = \text{remainder of } D * 2^r / G$$

- ❑ **$D * 2^r$** is the appending of r bits 0 to data bits. For example $D = (100101)_2$, and $r = 3$, therefore, $D * 2^r = (100101000)_2$
- ❑ The remainder R is the r-bit CRC code.
- ❑ Sender side: send the **codeword** which is composed of d-bit dataword D with r-bit CRC code appended, i.e., **$D * 2^r \text{ XOR } R$**
- ❑ Receiver side: calculating a division for the total received data (including CRC code) by the generator G. If zero remainder, no error ! if non-zero remainder: error detected!



$$D * 2^r \text{ XOR } R$$

mathematical formula

Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC): Example

- ❑ Transmitter wants to send dataword $D=101110$.
- ❑ Generator G are the $(r+1)$ bits $G=1001$
- ❑ Transmitter side:
 - Calculate CRC code R (r -bits) using the formula
the remainder of $D \cdot 2^r / G$
 - Send the codeword which is composed of data bits with CRC code appended
- ❑ Receiver side:
 - Verify the correct transmission by calculating a division for the total received data (including CRC code) by the generator.
 - zero remainder: No error!
 - non-zero remainder: error detected!

CRC Example (r-bit CRC)

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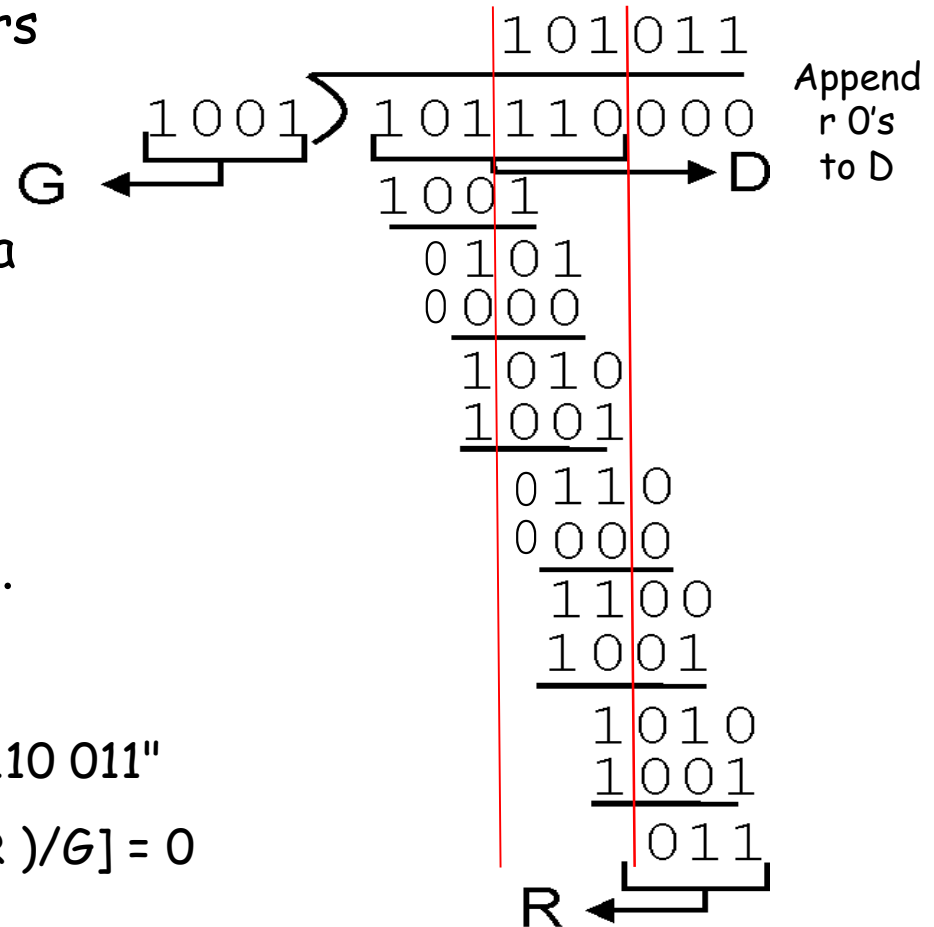
"XOR Divide" the data $D \cdot 2^r$ (r 0's added to right) by G until there is a 3-bit remainder R .

"XOR Divide" means use bitwise XORing instead of subtraction.

The "CRC" = R , may have leading 0's. Keep them.

Transmit: $D \cdot 2^r \text{ XOR } R$ e.g., "101110 011"

At receiver: $\text{remainder}[(D \cdot 2^r \text{ XOR } R) / G] = 0$



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$$\begin{array}{r} \overline{) } \\ 101110011 \\ \underline{1001} \\ 0101 \\ \underline{0000} \\ 1010 \\ \underline{1001} \\ 0110 \\ \underline{0000} \\ 1101 \\ \underline{1001} \\ 1001 \\ \underline{1001} \\ 0000 \end{array}$$

Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

Exercise

- Consider the 4-bit generator, $G=1001$, and suppose that dataword D has the value 10101010.

(a) What is the value of R ?

(b) What is the transmitting codeword at the sending side

□ Answer:

- We divide 1001 into 10101010 000, we get, with 10111101, and the remainder of $R=101$.
- The transmitting data at the sending side is 10101010101

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 $D=111100101$.
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 - Calculate CRC code R (r -bits) using the formula
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Ethernet Frame Structure

- ❑ **Addresses:** 6 byte MAC address
 - if an adapter receives a frame with matching destination address, or with broadcast address (eg ARP packet), it passes data in frame to network-layer protocol
 - otherwise, the adapter discards the frame

