

CT216 Introduction to Communication Systems

Lecture 3: Channel Coding

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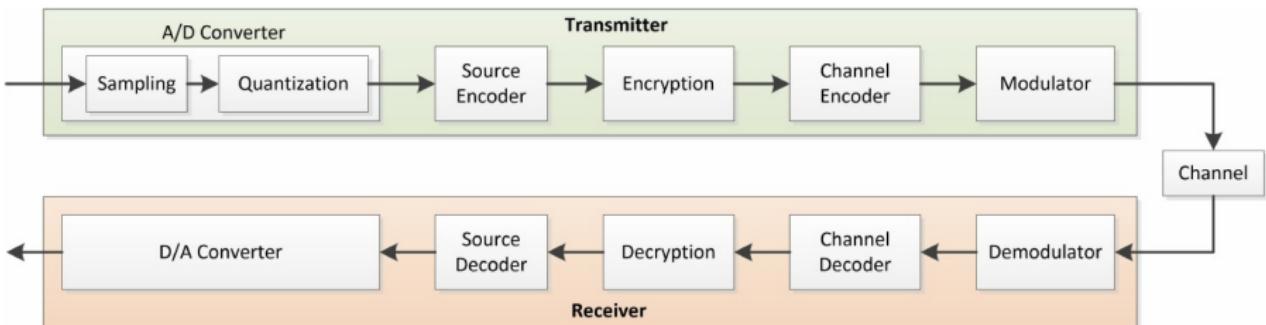
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- A conceptual block diagram model of a digital communication transceiver

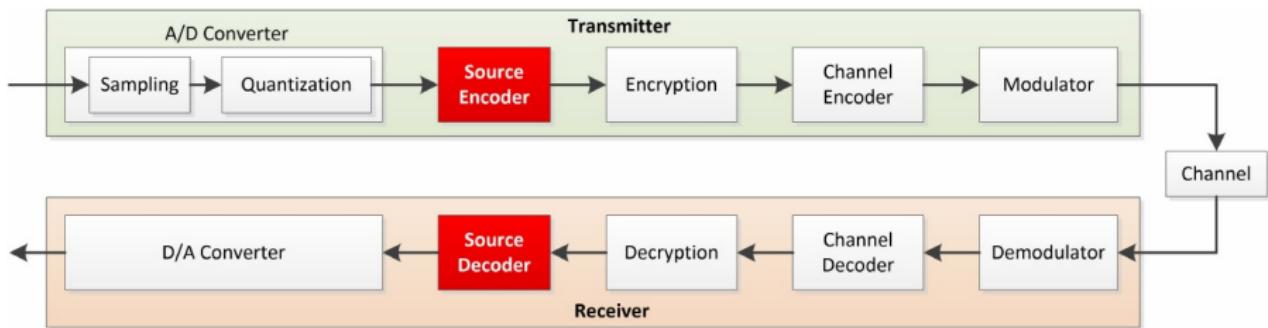




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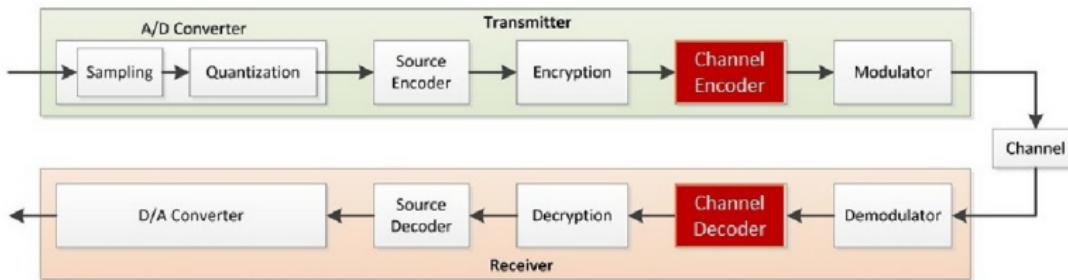
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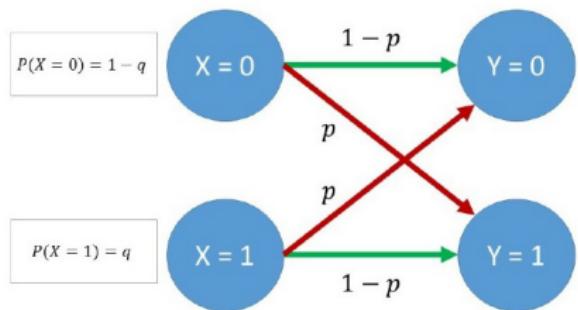
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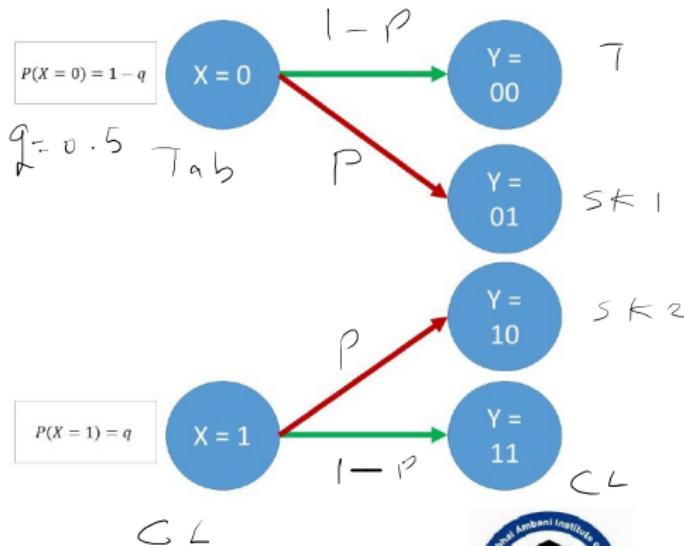
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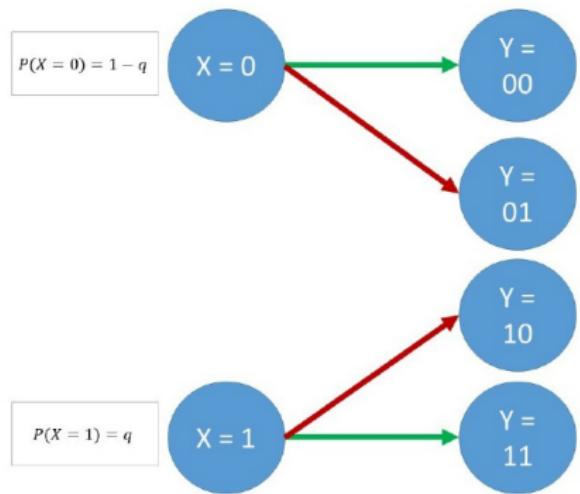
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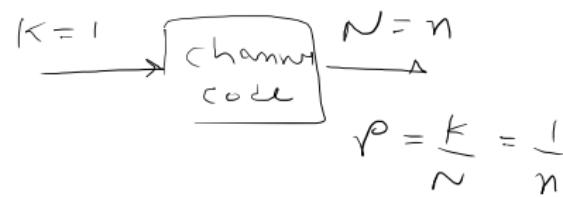
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- Encoding scheme:

- ① Take one bit at a time as the input.
- ② Repeat this bit $n - 1$ times
- ③ Transmit the resultant n bit long codeword

- Rate of this code is $r = \frac{1}{n}$.

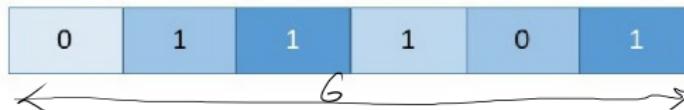
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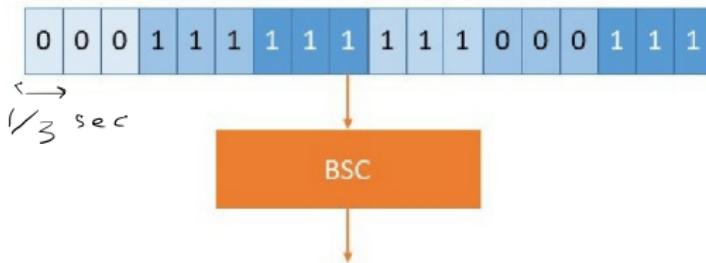
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BSC

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Error is detected if atleast 2 bits are decoded
incorrectly

$$\therefore P(\text{error}) = {}^3C_2 p^2(1-p) + {}^3C_3 p^3(1-p)^0$$

$$= \sum_{i=\frac{N}{2}}^{N} {}^N C_i p^{(i)} (1-p)^{N-i}$$

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Decoding of Repetition Code

- The decoding algorithm is called the majority-vote decoding
 - ▷ Take $n = 3$ bit block at a time, and decode it as that bit (either 0 or 1) that occurs the majority of times
 - ▷ To avoid the confusion in decoding, it maybe preferred to make n an odd number



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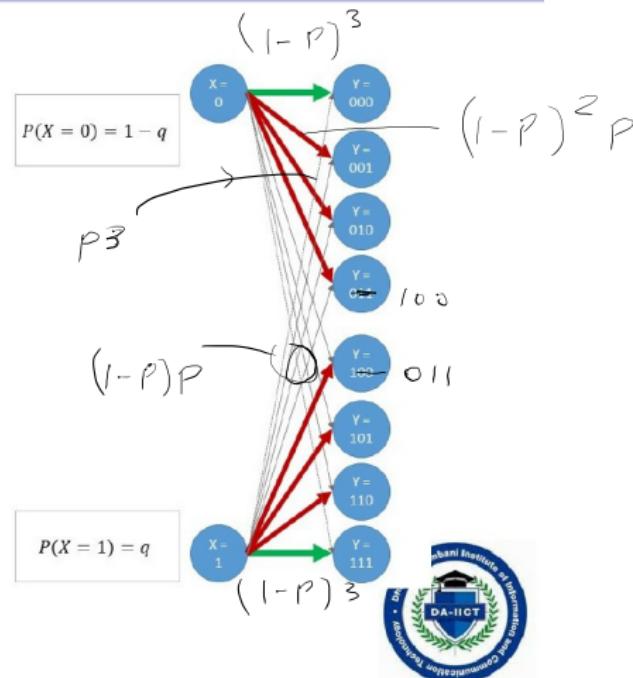
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 - ▷ Shown here for $n = 3$
 - ▷ Although the two sets of size 4 are created at the receiver, the channel does not become completely noiseless since there is a possibility that the receiver sees a message belonging to the set for $X = 1$ when $X = 0$ is transmitted



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- The two sets can be made increasingly nonoverlapping by increasing n . This reduces the probability of decoding error $p_{\text{error}} = p(e = 1)$ at the receiver but the price paid is that the rate $r \rightarrow 0$



Repetition Coding

Probability of Decoding Error

- Decoding error will occur in rate $r = 1/3$ repetition code if 2 or 3 bits are in error
- What is the probability of that occurring? The answer is given by the Binomial PMF

$$p_{\text{error}} = \binom{3}{2} p^2 (1-p) + \binom{3}{1} p^3 = \underline{3p^2 + p^3}$$

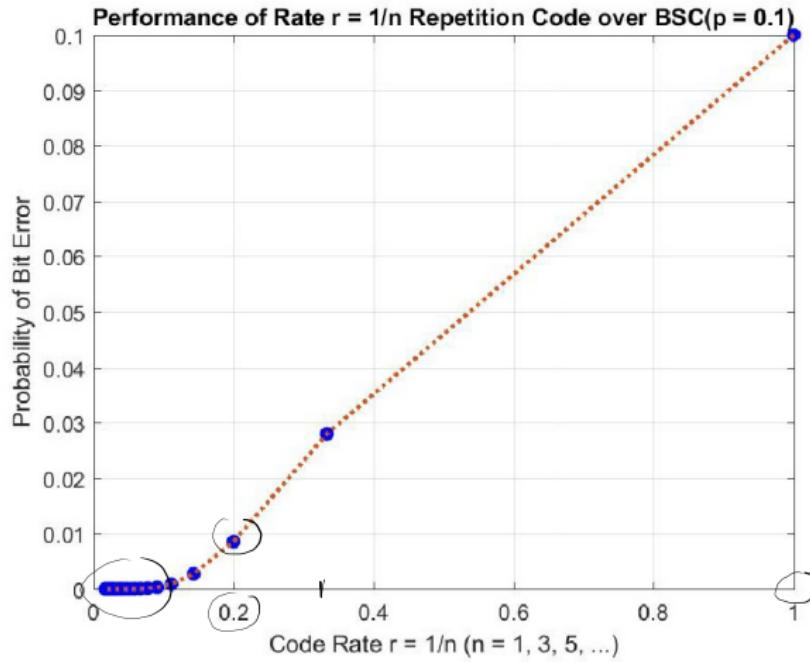
→ If $p = 0.1$, $p_{\text{error}} = 3 \times 0.1^2 \times 0.9 + 0.1^3 \approx \underline{0.03}$

- Generalization to rate $1/n$ repetition code:

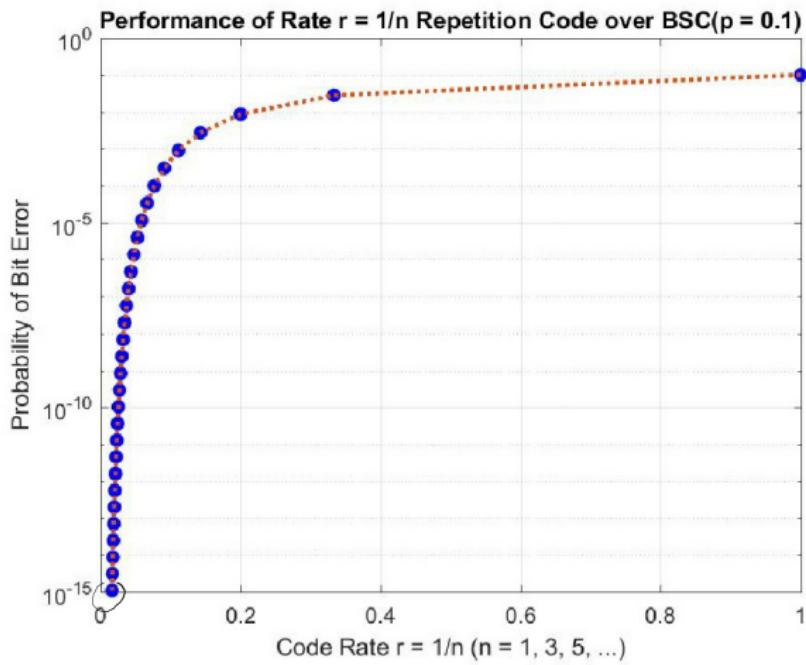
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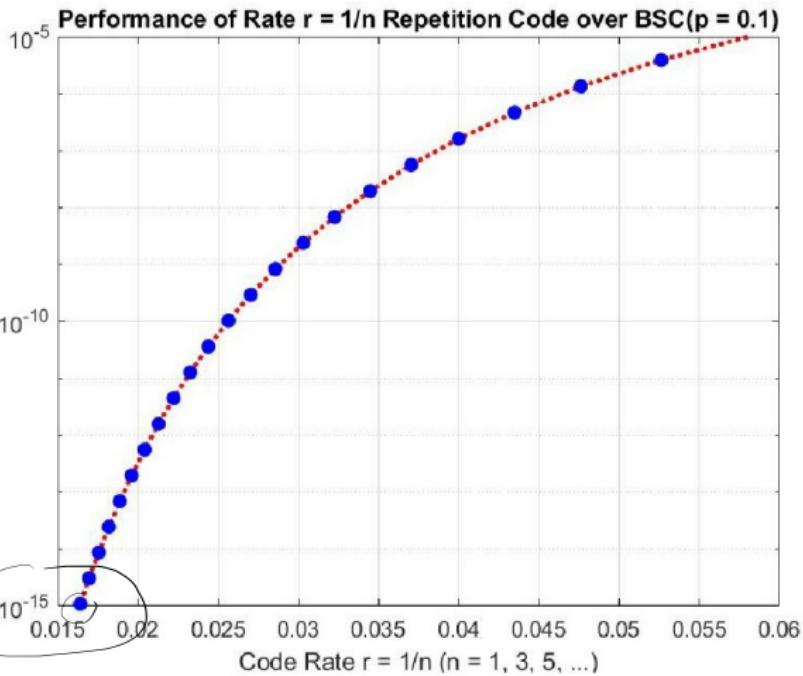
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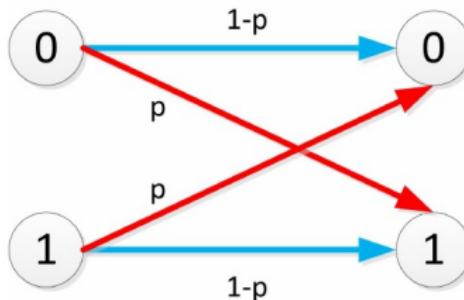
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- If $p = 0.1$, and we would like to design a repetition code that reduces this to $p_{error} = 10^{-15}$, we need $r = 0.016$, i.e., $n = 63$
 - Repeat each bit sixty-three times!
- Error probability p_{error} can be arbitrarily reduced, but the price paid is huge. The rate r of information transfer is reduced significantly.



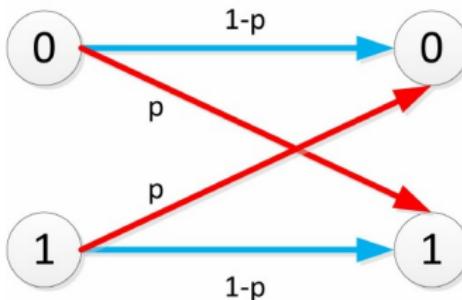
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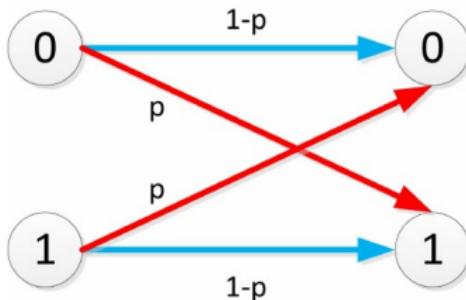


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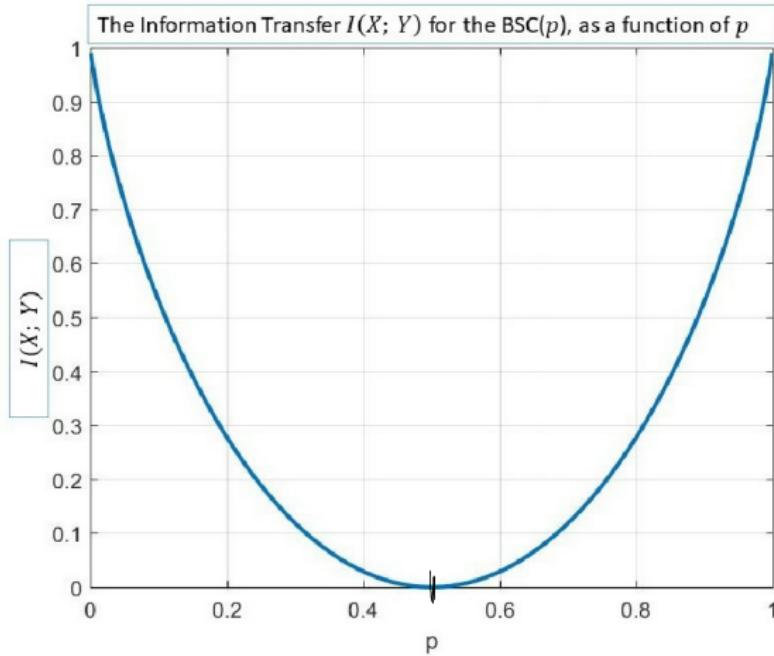
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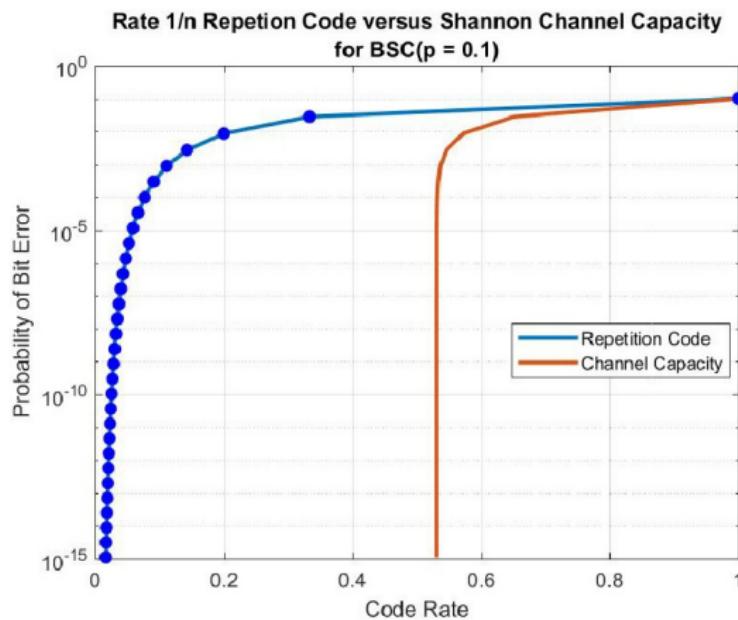
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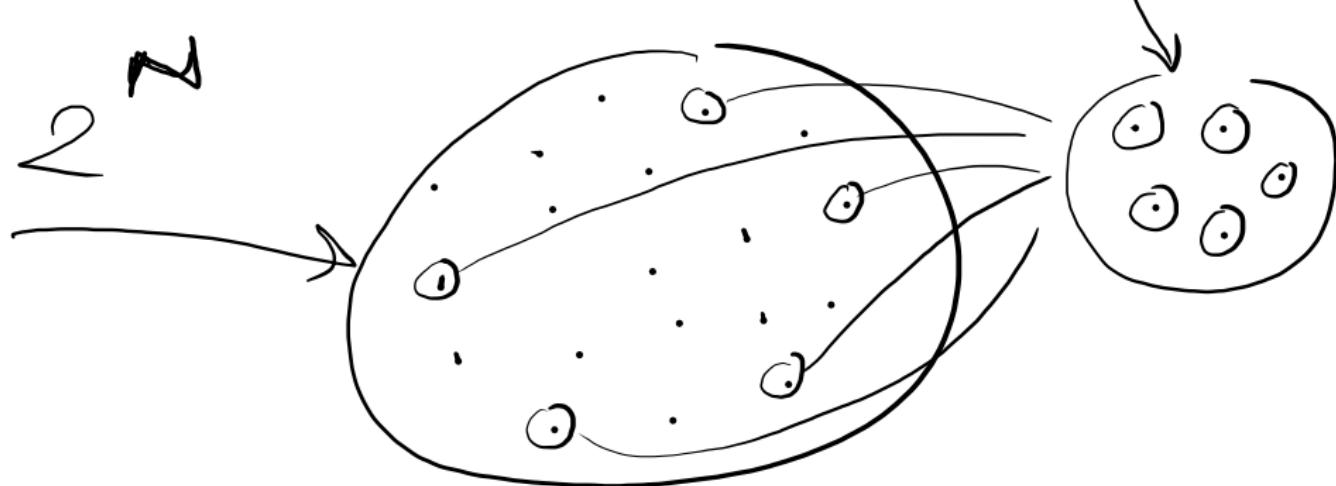
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$BSC(P) :$

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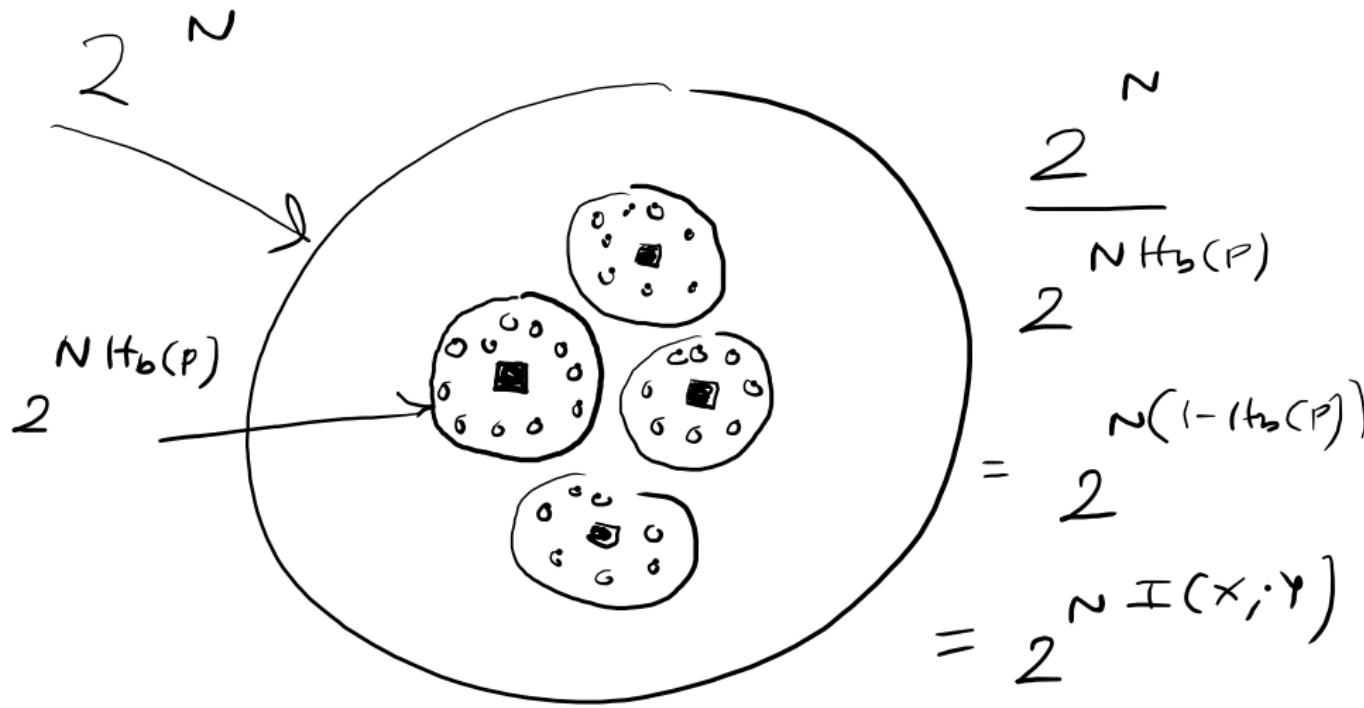
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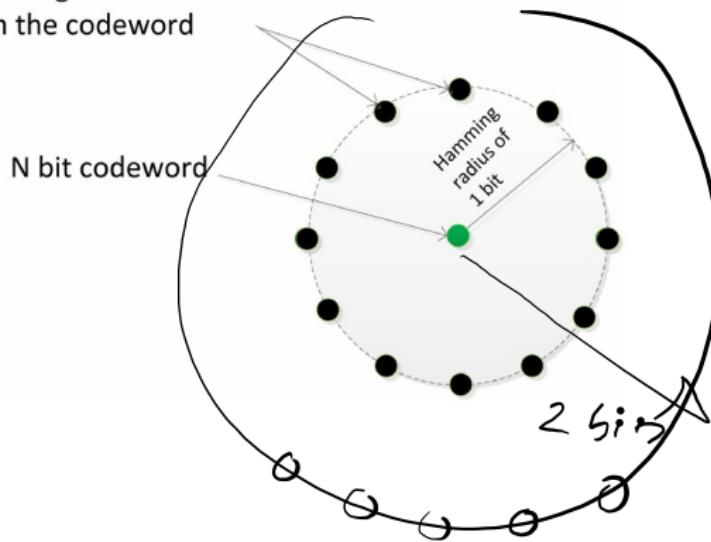
- d_H^{\min} is defined for a channel code with rate $r = \frac{K}{N}$
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- d_H^{\min} relates to the error detection and error correction capabilities of the channel code. This can be visualized by drawing Hamming Circles as shown next



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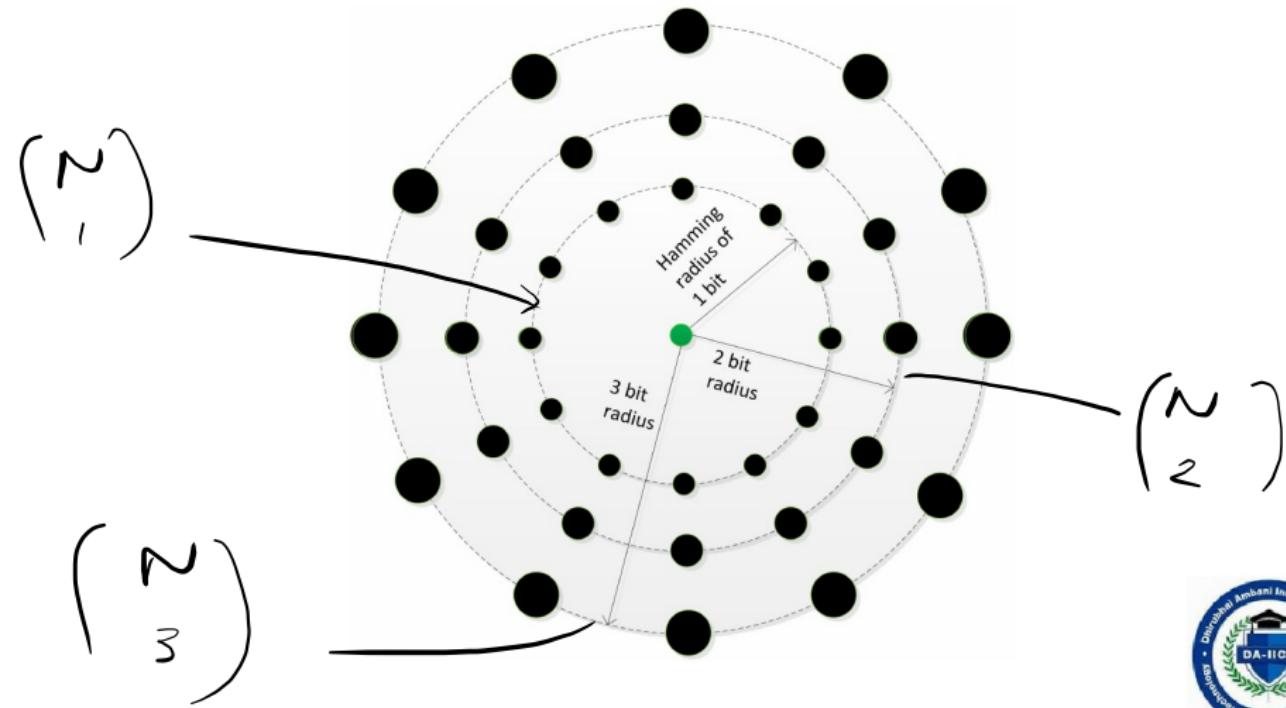
Hamming Circle of Radius 1 around a codeword

A total of N vectors at a Hamming Distance of 1 from the codeword



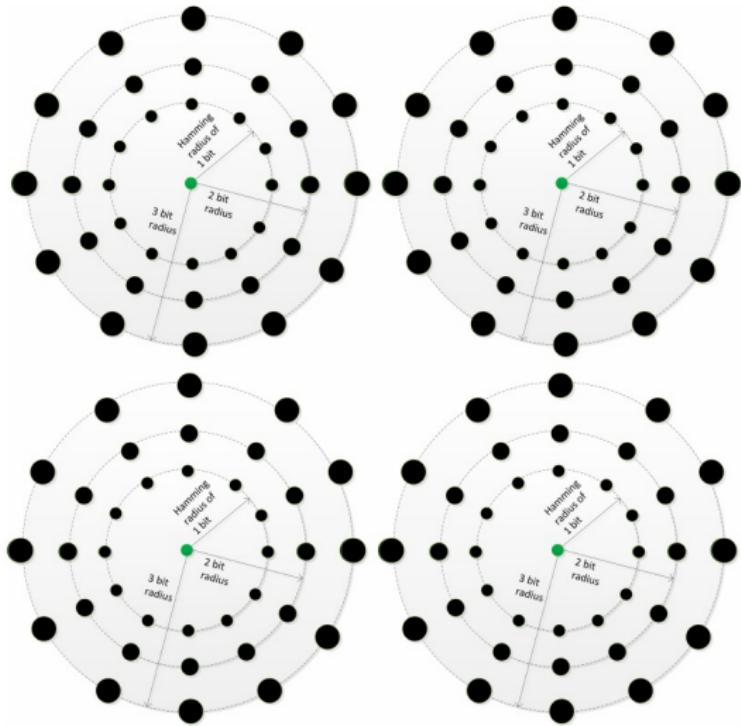
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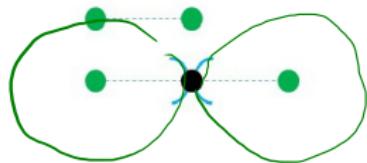
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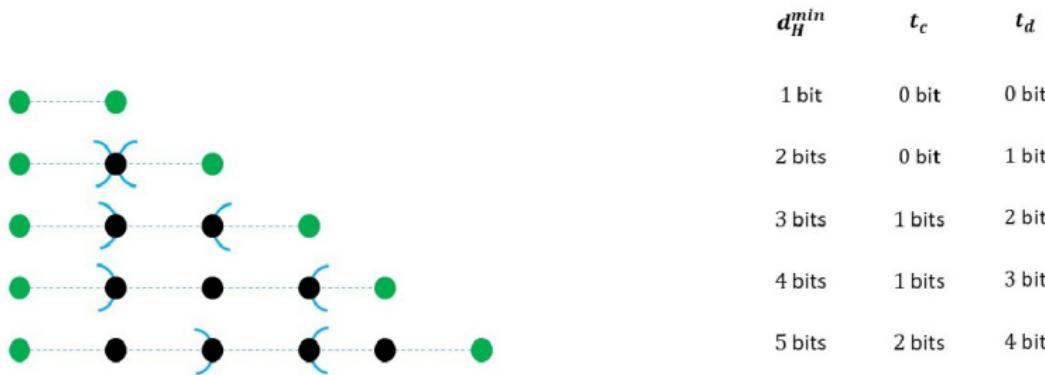
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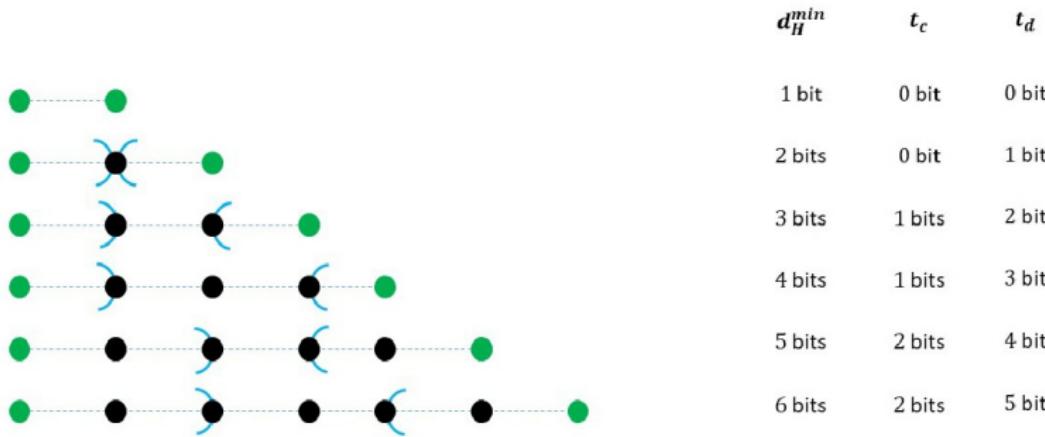
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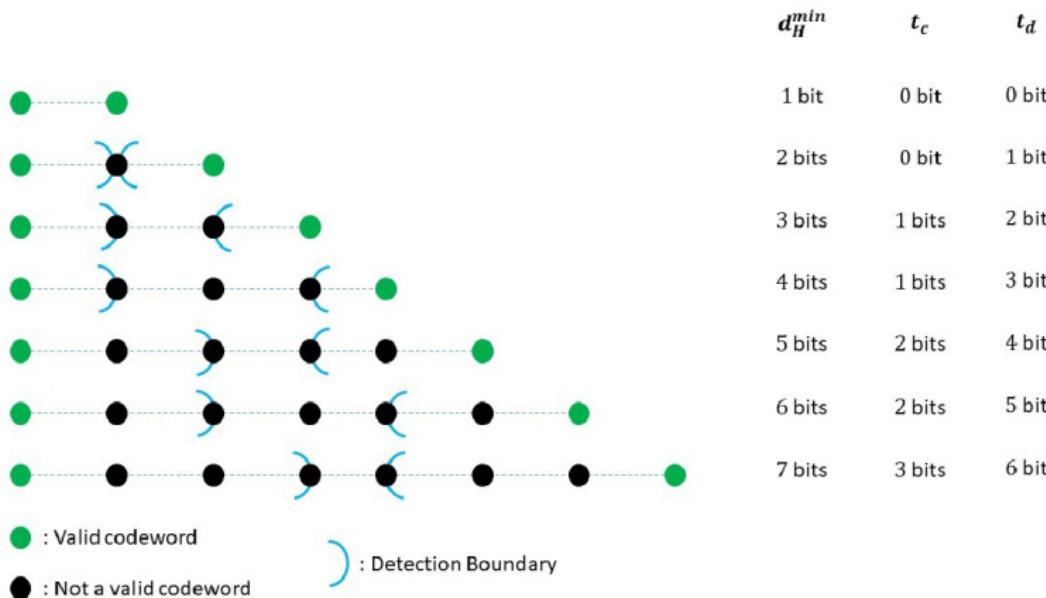
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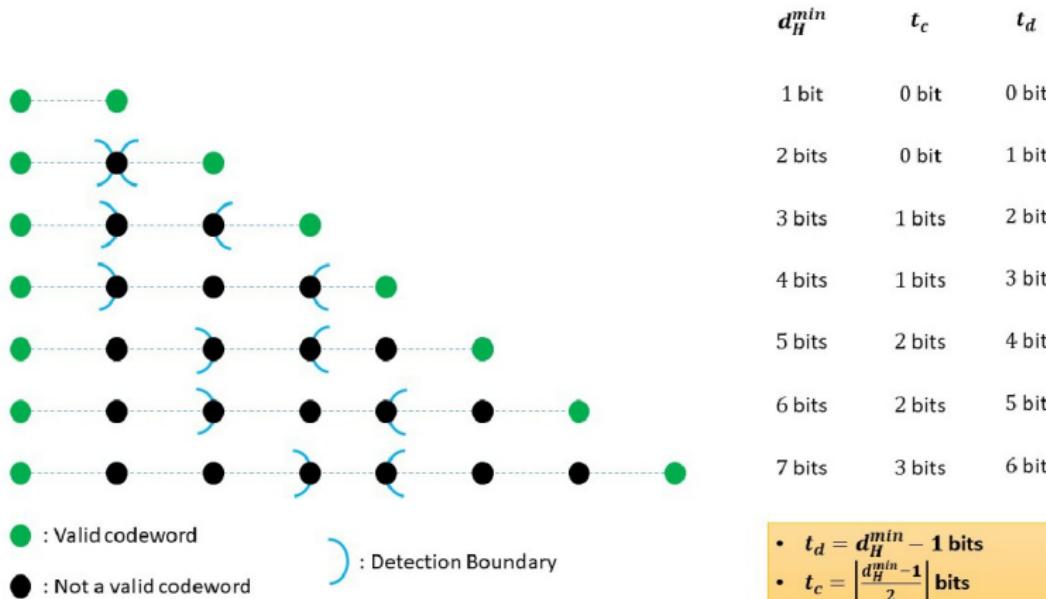
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A remark: in the advanced channel coding techniques, the above are not limited to be binary-valued. However, in this class, we will not consider non-binary channel codes



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- The parity check matrix \mathbf{H} is a matrix of size $u \times n$, such that

$$\underline{(\mathbf{H})_{u \times n}} (\mathbf{c})_{n \times 1} = (\emptyset)_{u \times 1} \quad (1)$$

Decoder

- Again the modulo-two operation is implicit
- Here $u = n - k$ is the number of parity bits (i.e., the redundancy bits) introduced by the encoding process (i.e., the matrix \mathbf{G})
- \emptyset is an all-zero vector of size $u \times 1$



Generator and Parity Check Matrices

for the Rate $r = 1/5$ Repetition Code

- What are **G** and **H** matrices for the Rate $r = 1/5$ Repetition Code?



Rate $\frac{1}{5}$ repetition code:

$$K = 1, \quad n = 5, \quad u = n - K = 4$$

$$G_{5 \times 1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}_{5 \times 1}$$

$$H_{u \times n} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 5}$$

$$C_{n \times 1} = G_{n \times K} \cdot m_{K \times 1}$$

$$H \cdot C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}_{4 \times 1}$$

Generator and Parity Check Matrices

for the Rate $r = 1/n$ Repetition Code

- For the rate $1/n$ repetition code ($k = 1, u = n - 1$):
 - ▷ The parity check matrix is as follows:
 - $\mathbf{H} = [1_{u \times 1}, \mathbf{I}_{u \times u}]$, i.e., it is a matrix of size $u \times u + 1 = (n - 1) \times n$
 - The first column of \mathbf{H} of the repetition code is a (tall or vertical) vector of u ones
 - The Identity matrix $\mathbf{I}_{u \times u}$ populates last $u = n - 1$ columns and all u rows of \mathbf{H}
 - The first bit (the message bit) of \mathbf{c} is copied $n - 1$ times in the repetition code. Each of $n - 1$ rows of \mathbf{H} checks that the sum of the message bit and each repeated bit is 0
 - ▷ The generator matrix is as follows:
 - $\mathbf{G} = [1, 1, \dots, 1]^T$ is a tall vector of size $n \times (k = 1)$
 - This ensures that in the product \mathbf{Gm} , the single message bit m is repeated n times



Practical Channel Coding Techniques

Coding Scheme 2: Single Parity Check (SPC) Code

- Encoding scheme:

- ① Take a block of $n - 1 \geq 1$ bits as input.
 - ② Add an extra n^{th} bit, called the parity check bit, which is 0 if the input block of n bits has even number of 1's, and it is 1 otherwise
 - ③ Transmit the resultant n bit long codeword
- Let $\{m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{n-1}\}$ be the input block. The parity bit added is given as $p_n = \left(\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} m_k \right) \bmod 2$
 - Rate of this code is $r = \frac{n-1}{n}$.
 - Rate r is the ratio of the number of information bits to total number of encoded bits

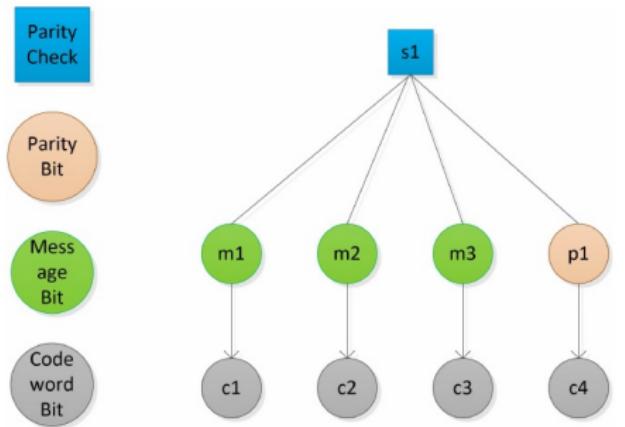


Practical Channel Coding Techniques

Single Parity Check (SPC) Code

- Notations:

- $\{m_k\}$: info bits,
- $\{p_k\}$: parity bits,
- $\{s_k\}$: check bits,
- $\{c_k\}$: codeword bits
- If $\mathbf{c} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} [c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n]^T$ is an SPC codeword, $s_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i$ has to be zero, where this sum is modulo two.



Practical Channel Coding Techniques

Single Parity Check (SPC) Code

- Decoding scheme:
 - ① Take a block of n bits as input.
 - ② Compute the modulo- 2 sum of these bits
 - ③ If this sum is zero, determine that zero or an even number of bit errors have occurred. If nonzero, determine that one or an odd number of bit errors have occurred
- Rate $(n - 1)/n$ SPC code can detect one bit of error, but it cannot correct it



Generator and Parity Check Matrices

for the Rate $r = 4/5$ SPC Code

- What are \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} matrices for the Rate $r = 4/5$ SPC Code?

$$\mathcal{C} = G \times m$$

$$m = \begin{bmatrix} m_0 \\ m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$G^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ Ymp}$$

such that all bit are
these but last bit is
Parity ie sum



$$C = G \times m$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} G \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} m \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$5 \times 4 \quad 4 \times 1$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} m_0 \\ m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \\ m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

H Should be Simply Summation (xor) here

$$n \times c = \phi$$

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$$n = [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1]$$

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$$c = \left[\begin{array}{c} \{ \\ \} \end{array} \right] \quad n \times c = [11 \ 111] \left[\begin{array}{c} m_0 \\ m_1 \\ m_2 \\ m_3 \\ \text{parity} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= m_0 + m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + \text{parity}$$

Generator and Parity Check Matrices

for the Rate $r = (n - 1)/n$ SPC Code

- For the rate $(n - 1)/n$ SPC code ($k = n - 1, u = 1$):

▷ The parity check matrix is as follows:

- $\mathbf{H} = [1, 1, \dots, 1]$, i.e., it is just a matrix (a horizontal vector) of size $1 \times n$ consisting of all ones
- $\mathbf{H} \mathbf{c}$ in Eq. 1 denotes the single parity check (whose output is a 1×1 zero-valued bit)
- The coded bits \mathbf{c} , by definition of the SPC code, satisfy this check, hence $\mathbf{H} \mathbf{c} = 0$. In simple terms, this shows that all bits of \mathbf{c} add up to 0 (modulo-two)

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- The Identity matrix $\mathbf{I}_{k \times k}$ populates first $k = n - 1$ rows and all k columns of \mathbf{G} ; the last row is a (horizontal) vector of size $1 \times k$ of all ones. The overall size of \mathbf{G} is, thus, $(k + 1) \times k = n \times (n - 1)$, as required
- This ensures that in the product $\mathbf{G} \mathbf{m}$, the first $k = n - 1$ bits are directly the message bits, and the last bit (i.e., the parity bit) is the modulo-two sum of all $n - 1$ message bits

- Remarks:

- Practice the operation of \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} for the SPC and the repetition codes, for some example values of n, k and u
- Observe a duality between \mathbf{G} and \mathbf{H} matrices of the SPC and the repetition codes (\mathbf{G} of one looks like \mathbf{H} of the other, and vice versa)



Practical Channel Coding Techniques

Coding Scheme 3: Product Codes

- k (number of information bits that get encoded) is a perfect square number ($4, 9, 16, 25, \dots$)
- $n = (\sqrt{k} + 1)^2 = k + 1 + 2\sqrt{k}$ is the number of encoded bits
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An Example ($n = 9, k = 4, u = 5, r = 4/9$) Product Code

- $p_1 = m_1 + m_2; p_2 = m_3 + m_4$
- $p_3 = m_1 + m_3; p_4 = m_2 + m_4$
- $p_5 = p_1 + p_2 = p_3 + p_4 = m_1 + m_2 + m_3 + m_4$

m1	m2	p1
m3	m4	p2
p3	p4	p5

- A homework assignment: determine the generator matrix \mathbf{G} of size 9×4 and the parity check matrix of size 5×9 for this product code



An Iterative Decoding Scheme

for the Product Code received over a BEC channel

- For understanding how the product codes can be decoded, we will take the following example of (9, 4) product code

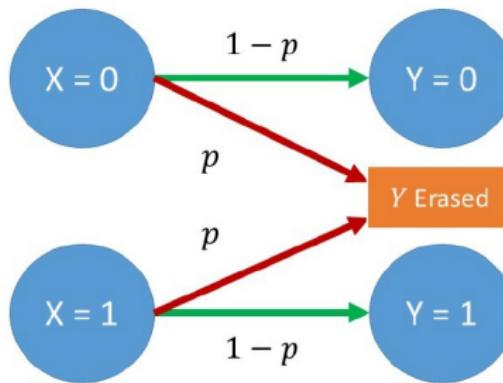
$m_1 =$	$m_2 =$	$p_1 =$
1	0	1
$m_3 =$	$m_4 =$	$p_2 =$
1	1	0
$p_3 =$	$p_4 =$	$p_5 =$
0	1	1



An Iterative Decoding Scheme

for the Product Code received over a BEC channel

- The model of the BEC channel is as follows:



Iterative Methods

An Example Decoding for the Product Code

- We consider that the transmitted codeword is received over the BEC channel. In this example, as shown below, we take that as many as five bits are erased

Transmitted Codeword

c		
	1	0
1	1	0
1	1	0
0	1	1

Received Word with Erasures

BEC



r		
	?	?
?	1	0
1	?	0
0	?	?



Iterative Methods

An Example Decoding for the Product Code

- We now consider a simple iterative method that performs the SPC decoding on each row, followed by each column. This counts as one iteration. The method iterates over multiple iterations until either the transmitted codeword is recovered or the iterations do not make any changes
 - ▷ Since we are considering the BEC channel, and there are three bits in each row or column, the SPC is able to correct a row or column if it has no more than one bit erased
 - ▷ Work the example on the next slide on your own to improve the understanding



Iterative Methods

An Example Decoding for the Product Code

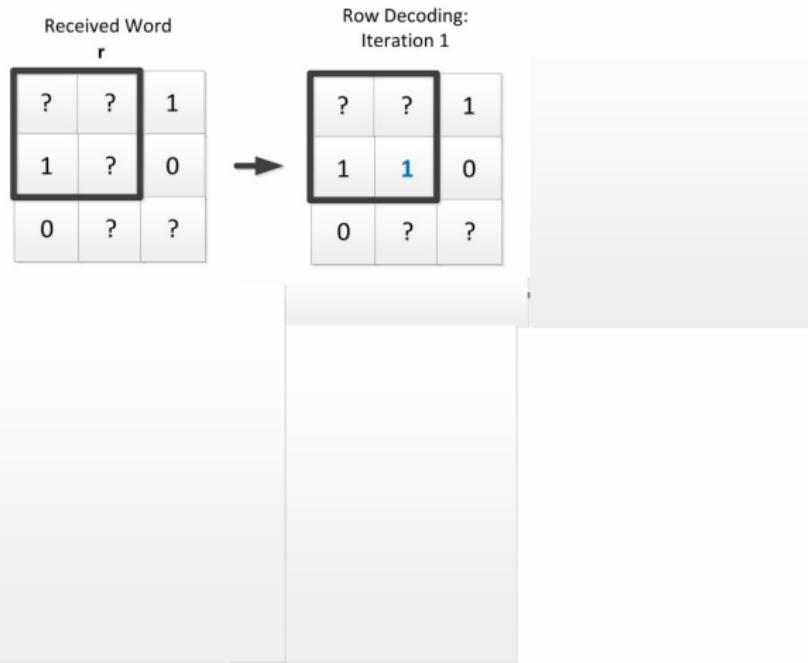
Received Word

r	?	?	1
1	?	0	
0	?	?	



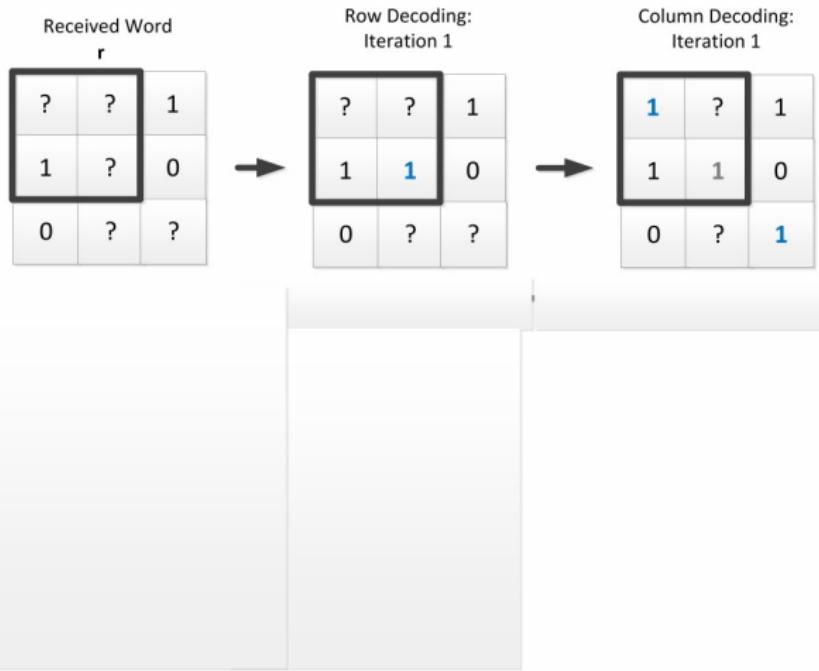
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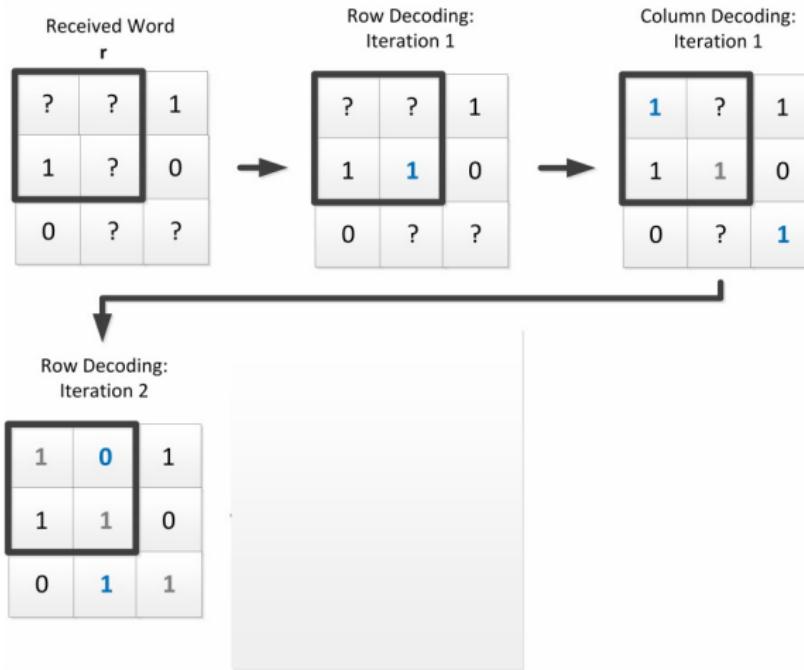
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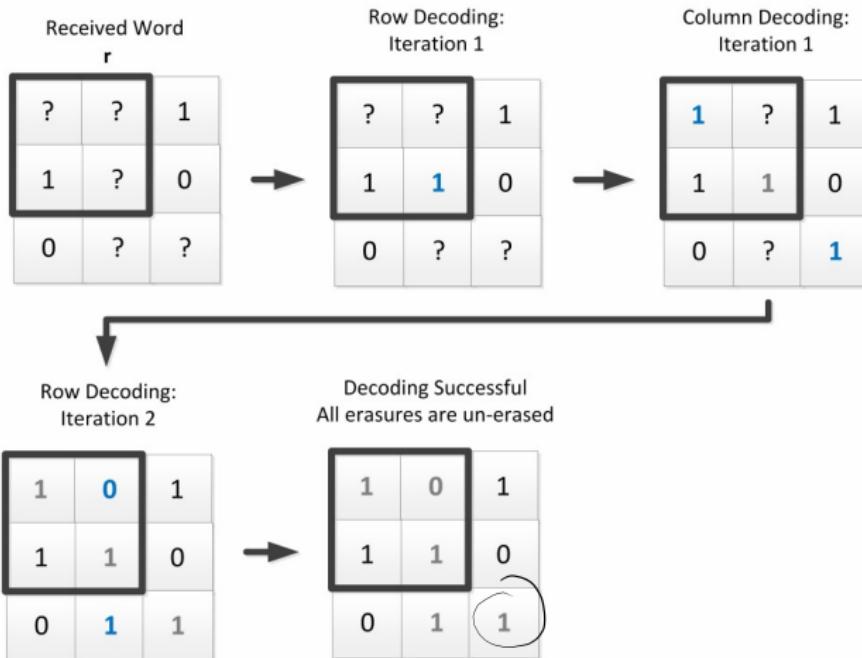
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Several FEC Schemes

Iterative Methods

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Practical Channel Coding Techniques

Coding Scheme 4: Rectangular Parity Codes

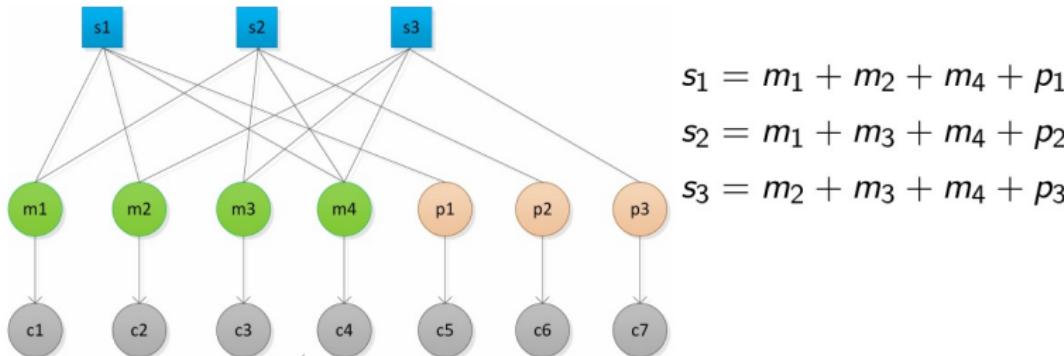
- Product Codes mentioned above are one of a family of codes known as Rectangular Parity Codes (RPC)
 - The code defined on the prior two slides can be considered a Square Parity Code
- See Fig. 6-3 of MIT Lecture 6 (posted on Google Classroom) for an example Rectangular Parity Code with three rows and five columns ($n = 14, k = 8, u = 6, r = 4/7$)



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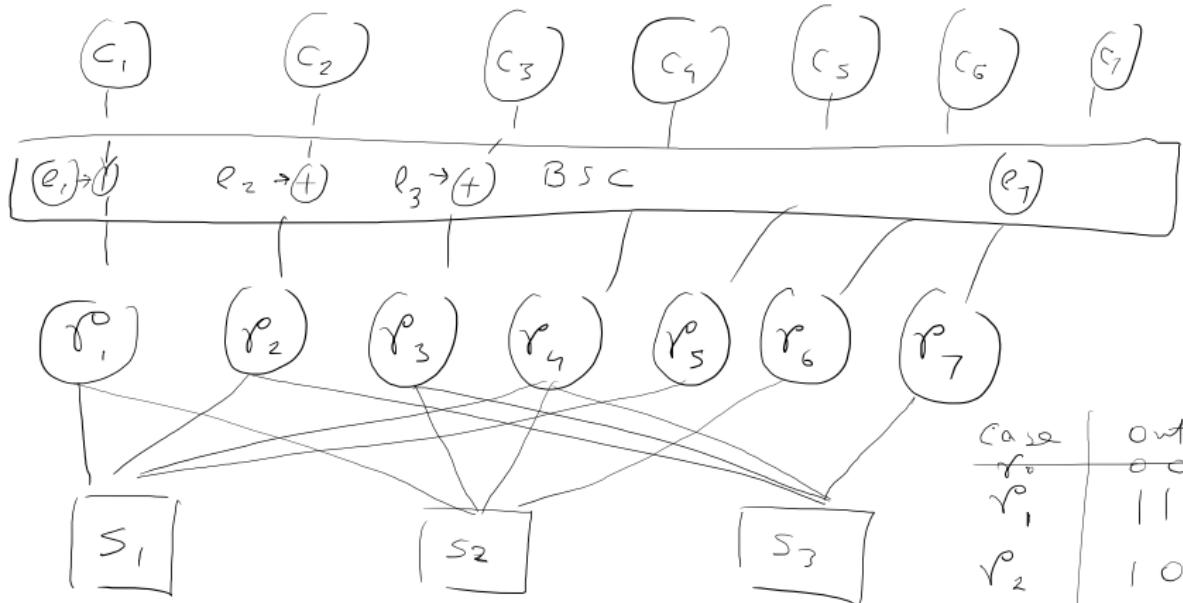
Coding Scheme 5: Hamming Code

- Hamming ($n = 7, k = 4, u = 3, r = 4/7$) code is essentially three SPC codes:



- A homework/assignment: determine the generator matrix \mathbf{G} of size 7×4 and the parity check matrix of size 3×7 for the Hamming code. Also answer the following questions:
 - The columns of \mathbf{H} together make an interesting pattern. What is that?
 - Given \mathbf{H} , the matrix \mathbf{G} can be determined (and vice versa). How?





Case	Output
r_0^p	0 0 0
r_1^p	1 1 0
r_2^p	1 0 1
r_3^p	0 1 1 ←
r_4^p	1 1 1
r_5^p	1 0 0
r_6^p	0 1 0
r_7^p	0 0 1

$$\underset{3 \times 7}{H} \underset{7 \times 1}{C} = \underset{3 \times 1}{\begin{bmatrix} \bar{0} \end{bmatrix}}$$

$$\bar{\gamma} = \bar{c} + \bar{e}$$

$$\underset{3 \times 7}{H} \cdot \underset{7 \times 1}{\bar{\gamma}} = H (\bar{c} + \bar{e})$$

$$= H \bar{e} = 0 \mid \mid$$

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Hamming Code versus Rectangular Parity Code (RPC)

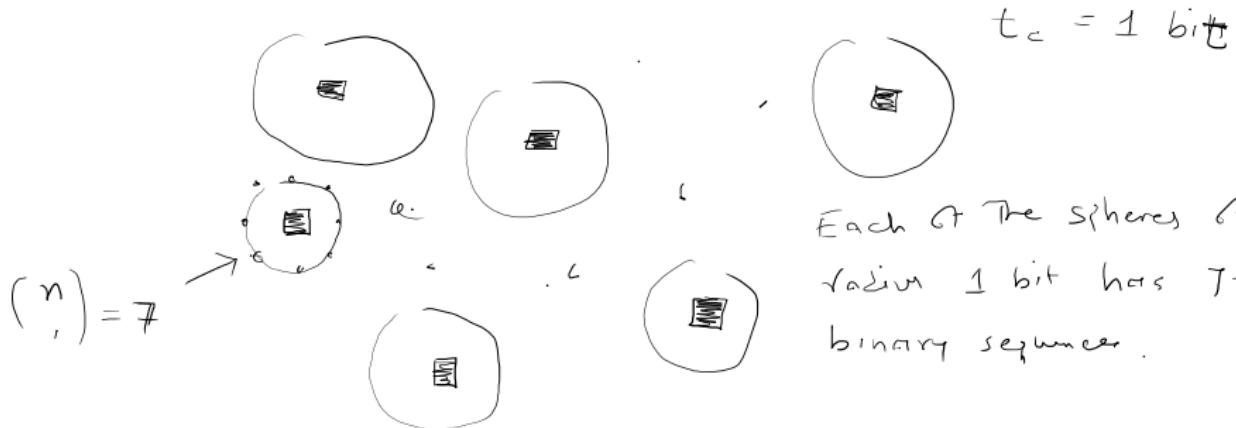
- The parameters n , k , u and r of the Hamming Code matches with that of the RPC code
- Furthermore, d_H^{\min} for both these codes is 3 bits, i.e., $t_c = 1$ bit
- However, Hamming codes are more efficient. Each of the three parity bits does the same amount of “work” (in protecting three message bits). In the RPC codes, some parity bits do more “work” and the others less



Perfect Channel Codes :

Consider a rate $r = \frac{4}{7}$ channel code

where $K = 4$, $n = 7$. Assume that $d_H^{\min} = 3$ bits.



Each of the spheres of
radius 1 bit has $7+1=8$
binary sequences.

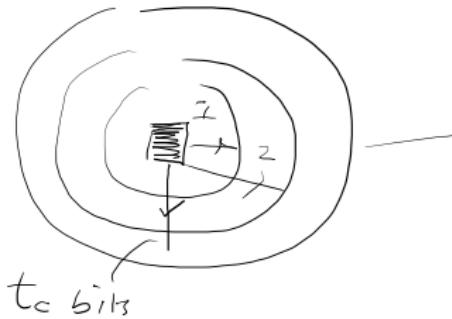
To determine whether a rate

$r^0 = \frac{k}{n}$ channel code with k information bits, n encoded bits and error correction

If t_c bits is a perfect code:

check if the following equality holds

$$2^k \cdot V(n, t_c) = 2^n$$



$$V(n, t_c)$$

$$V(n, 1) = n + 1 = \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{0}$$

$$V(n, 2) = \binom{n}{2} + \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{0}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$V(n, t_c) = \sum_{i=0}^{t_c} \binom{n}{i}$$

Since There are 16 Hamming spheres,

Which all have to be non-overlapping,

There is a need of having 16×8 unique
binary sequences ; i.e., 128 sequences.

Since $n = 7$, we will have $2^n = 128$ sequences.

IS $r^o = \frac{4}{7}$ RPC code with

$K = 8$ and $n = 14$ and $t_c = 1$ bit

a perfect code ?

$\Rightarrow 2^8 \times 15$ is a power of two,

cannot be 2^{14}