

## **EENG 410 Homework #8**

1. Assume that a BCH(15,7) two-error correcting decoder receives the message word  $r = [000010000011101]$ . Calculate the four syndromes over  $GF(16)$ :

$$S_i = r(\alpha^i) \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, 3, 4$$

2. Use the Peterson-Gorenstein-Zierler BCH algorithm results for two errors to find the coefficients of the error-locator polynomial  $\Lambda(X)$  over  $GF(16)$ :

$$\Lambda_0 = 1$$

$$\Lambda_1 = S_1$$

$$\Lambda_2 = \frac{S_3 + S_1^3}{S_1}$$

3. Perform a Chien search to find the two roots of  $\Lambda(X)$  over  $GF(16)$ .

4. Determine the error polynomial  $e(X)$ .

5. Form the most likely codeword  $\hat{c} = r + e$ .

$$\text{Answer: } \hat{c} = [000010001011100]$$

6. Verify that  $\hat{c}$  is a valid codeword by calculating the four syndromes over  $GF(16)$ :

$$S_i = \hat{c}(\alpha^i) \quad \text{for } i=1, 2, 3, 4$$

Remember with  $n=15$  the various polynomials above have the form:

$$f(X) = f_0 + f_1 X + f_2 X^2 + \dots + f_{14} X^{14}$$