Data and Computer Communications

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CHAPTER 6

Error Detection and Correction

"Redundancy is a property of languages, codes and sign systems which arises from a superfluity of rules, and which facilitates communication in spite of all the uncertainty acting against it.

Redundancy may be said to be due to an additional set of rules, whereby it becomes increasingly difficult to make an undetectable mistake."

—On Human Communication, Colin Cherry

Types of Errors

- An error occurs when a bit is altered between transmission and reception
 - Binary 1 is transmitted and binary 0 is received
 - Binary 0 is transmitted and binary 1 is received

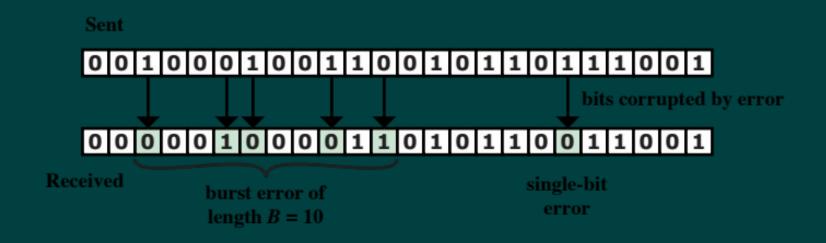
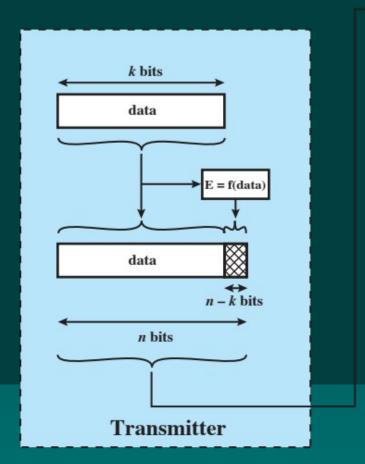


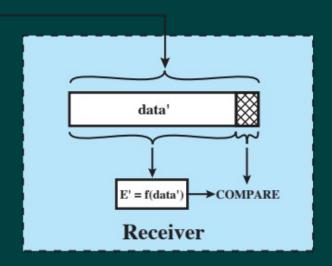
Figure 6.1 Burst and Single-Bit Errors

Error Detection

- Regardless of design you will have errors, resulting in the change of one or more bits in a transmitted frame
- Frames
 - Data transmitted as one or more contiguous sequences of bits

- The probability that a frame arrives with no bit errors decreases when the probability of a single bit error increases
- The probability that a frame arrives with no bit errors decreases with increasing frame length
 - The longer the frame, the more bits it has and the higher the probability that one of these is in error





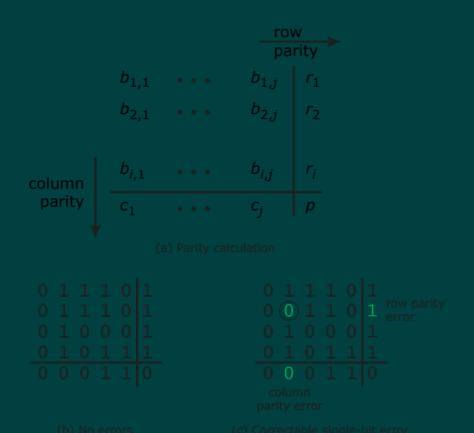
E, E' = error-detecting codes f = error-detecting code function

Figure 6.2 Error Detection Process

Parity Check

The simplest error detecting scheme is to append a parity bit to the end of a block of data

If any even number of bits are inverted due to error, an undetected error occurs



(d) Uncorrectable error pattern

Figure 6.3 A Two-Dimensional Even Parity Scheme

The Internet Checksum

- Error detecting code used in many Internet standard protocols, including IP, TCP, and UDP
- Ones-complement operation
 - Replace 0 digits with 1 digits and 1 digits with 0 digits
- Ones-complement addition
 - The two numbers are treated as unsigned binary integers and added
 - If there is a carry out of the leftmost bit, add 1 to the sum (end-around carry)

0001
F203
F204
F204
F4F5
1E6F9
E6F9
1
E6FA
E6FA
F6F7
1DDF1
DDF1
1
DDF2
220D

Partial sum	0001
	F203
	F204
Partial sum	F204
	F4F5
	1E6F9
Carry	E6F9
	1
	E6FA
Partial sum	E6FA
	F6F7
	1DDF1
Carry	DDF1
	1
	DDF2
Partial sum	DDF2
	220D
	FFFF

(a) Checksum calculation by sender

(b) Checksum verification by receiver

Figure 6.4 Example of Internet Checksum

Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

- One of the most common and powerful error-detecting codes
- Given a k bit block of bits, the transmitter generates an (n − k) bit frame check sequence (FCS) which is exactly divisible by some predetermined number
- Receiver divides the incoming frame by that number
 - If there is no remainder, assume there is no error

CRC Process

- Modulo 2 arithmetic
 - Uses binary addition with no carries
 - An example is shown on page 194 in the textbook
- Polynomials
 - Express all values as polynomials in a dummy variable X, with binary coefficients
 - Coefficients correspond to the bits in the binary number
 - An example is shown on page 197 in the textbook

- Digital logic
 - Dividing circuit consisting of XOR gates and a shift register
 - Shift register is a string of 1-bit storage devices
 - Each device has an output line, which indicates the value currently stored, and an input line
 - At discrete time instants, known as clock times, the value in the storage device is replaced by the value indicated by its input line
 - The entire register is clocked simultaneously, causing a 1-bit shift along the entire register
 - An example is referenced on page 199 in the textbook

$$P(X) \rightarrow X^{5} + X^{4} + X^{2} + 1 / X^{14} \qquad X^{12} \qquad X^{8} + X^{7} + \qquad X^{5} \qquad \leftarrow Q(X)$$

$$X^{14} + X^{13} + \qquad X^{11} + \qquad X^{9}$$

$$X^{13} + X^{12} + X^{10} + \qquad X^{8}$$

$$X^{13} + X^{12} + \qquad X^{10} + \qquad X^{8}$$

$$X^{11} + X^{10} + \qquad X^{8} + \qquad X^{6}$$

$$X^{9} + X^{8} + X^{7} + X^{6} + X^{5}$$

$$X^{9} + X^{8} + X^{7} + X^{6} + X^{4}$$

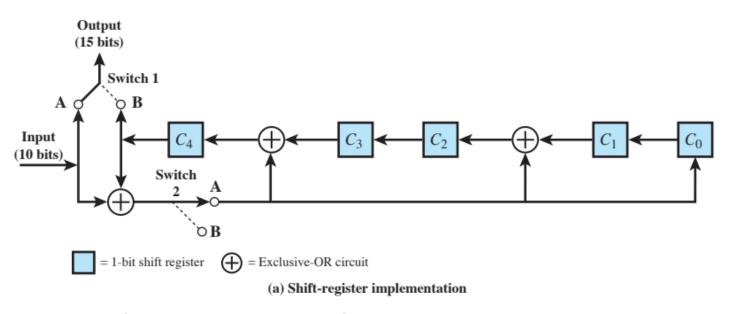
$$X^{7} + \qquad X^{5} + X^{4}$$

$$X^{7} + \qquad X^{5} + X^{4}$$

$$X^{6} + X^{5} + \qquad X^{2}$$

$$X^{6} + X^{5} + \qquad X^{3} + X^{2} + X \qquad \leftarrow R(X)$$

Figure 6.5 Example of Polynomial Division



 $C_4 \approx C_3 \approx I$ $C_4 \approx C_1 \approx I$ C_4 C_3 C_1 C_0 $C_4 \approx I$ I = input0 0 0 Initial Step 1 0 Step 2 1 0 0 0 Step 3 0 Step 8 0 0

(b) Example with input of 1010001101

Figure 6.6 Circuit with Shift Registers for Dividing by the Polynomial $X^5 + X^4 + X^2 + 1$

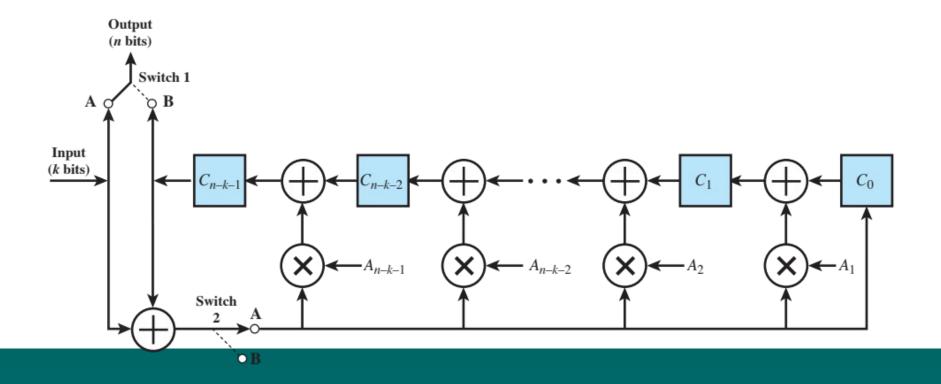


Figure 6.7 General CRC Architecture to Implement Divisor $(1 + A_1X + A_2X^2 + ... + A_{n-k-1}X^{n-k-1} + X^{n-k})$

Forward Error Correction

- Correction of detected errors usually requires data blocks to be retransmitted
- Not appropriate for wireless applications:
 - The bit error rate (BER) on a wireless link can be quite high, which would result in a large number of retransmissions
 - Propagation delay is very long compared to the transmission time of a single frame
- Need to correct errors on basis of bits received

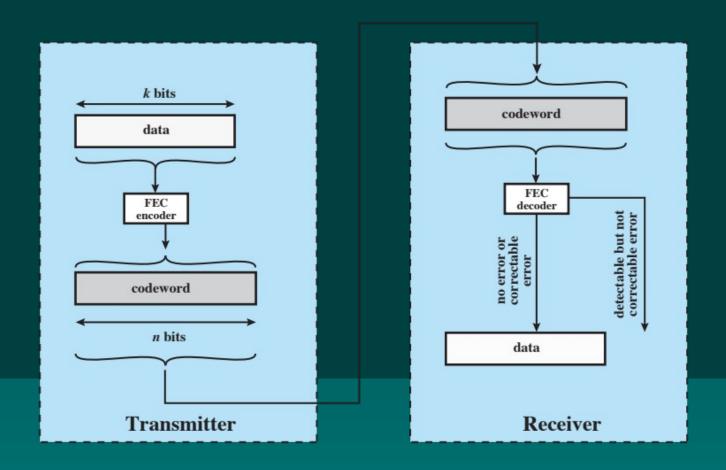


Figure 6.8 Error Correction Process

Block Code Principles

- Hamming distance
 - d(v₁, v₂) between two n –bit binary sequences v₁ and v₂ is the number of bits in which v₁ and v₂ disagree
 - See example on page 203 in the textbook
- Redundancy of the code
 - The ratio of redundant bits to data bits (n-k)/k
- Code rate
 - The ratio of data bits to total bits k/n
 - Is a measure of how much additional bandwidth is required to carry data at the same data rate as without the code
 - See example on page 205 in the textbook

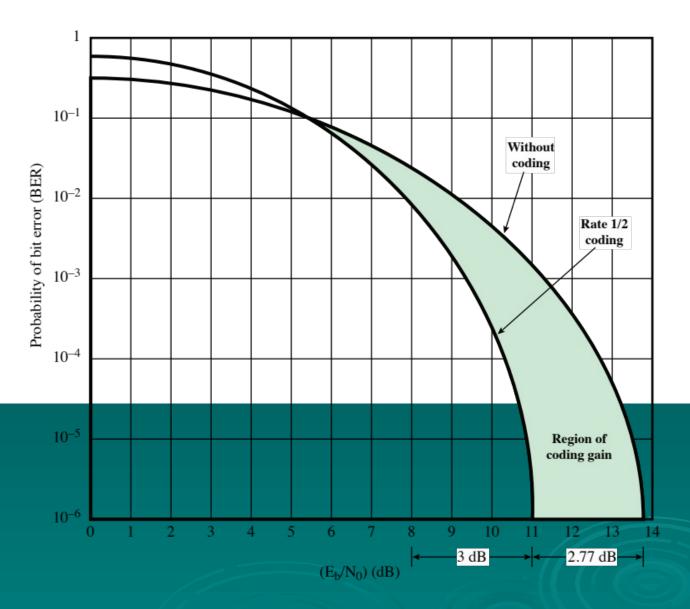


Figure 6.9 How Coding Improves System Performance

Summary

- Types of errors
- Error detection
- Parity check
 - Parity bit
 - Two-dimensional parity check

- Internet checksum
- Cyclic redundancy check
 - Modulo 2 arithmetic
 - Polynomials
 - Digital logic
- Forward error correction
 - Block code principles