

Repetition code

010110 010110 010110
1st rep. 2nd 3rd

010010 010110 010110
↑
error

What's wrong with this code?

Parity checks

10110100
message ↑ parity bit

message
pt. 1 pt. 2 pt. 3
101000111100
↑↑↑
parity bits

Parity checks

which of these have errors? (and why?)

011000101

1000101110

01100001111

010101101100

Luhn algorithm



1) double every other digit

1234 5678 9012 3456
4 8 12 16 0 4 8 12

2) add the digits of these numbers together

1234 5678 9012 3456
4 8 12 16 0 4 8 12
4 8 3 7 0 4 8 3

3) add every 1st, 3rd, 5th, etc. digit of the card number to these

$$1 + 4 + 3 + 8 + 5 + 3 + \dots = 71$$

4) if the result is divisible by 10, the card number might be valid.

This method detects whether there are single-digit errors, or digits next to each other are swapped.

(However, it can't correct any of these errors automatically or locate them in the card number.)



^ Hans Peter Luhn