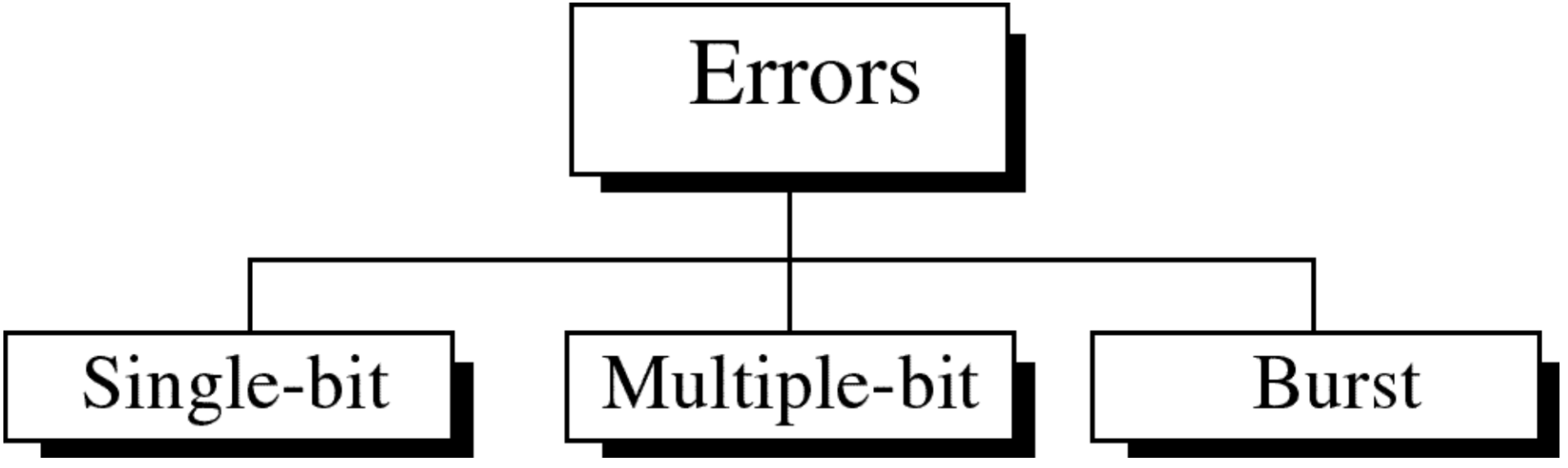
Error Detection and Correction

- **Types of Errors**
- **Detection**
- **Correction**

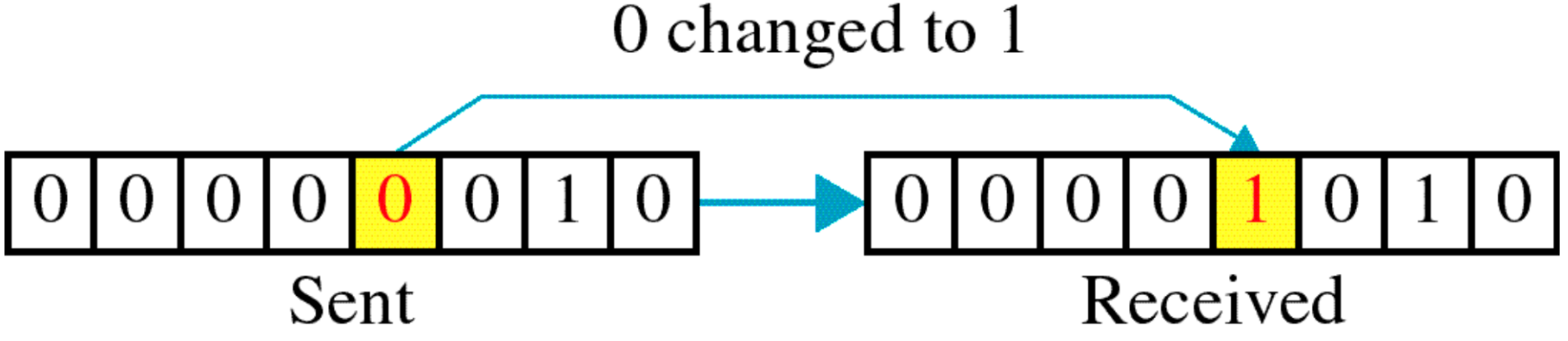
Basic concepts

- ★ Networks must be able to transfer data from one device to another with complete accuracy.
- ★ Data can be corrupted during transmission.
- ★ For reliable communication, errors must be detected and corrected.

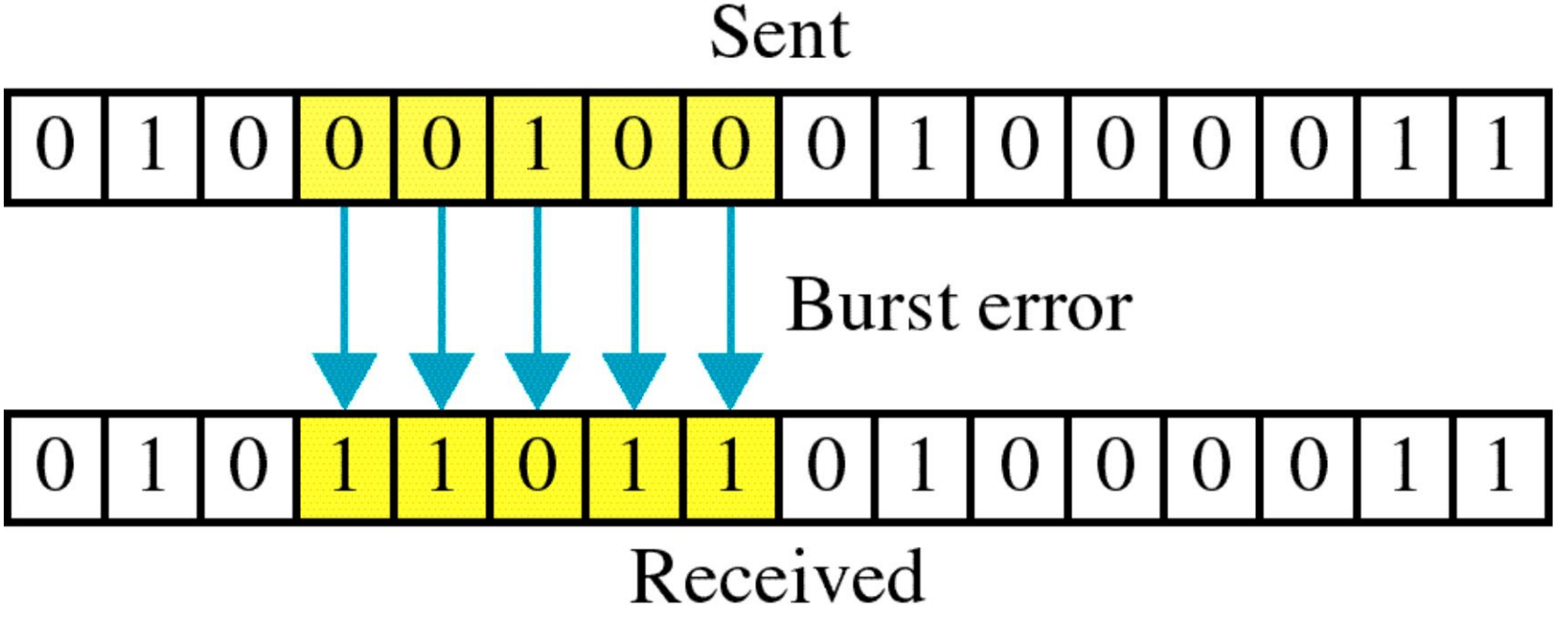
Types of Errors



Single-bit error



Burst error


Sent
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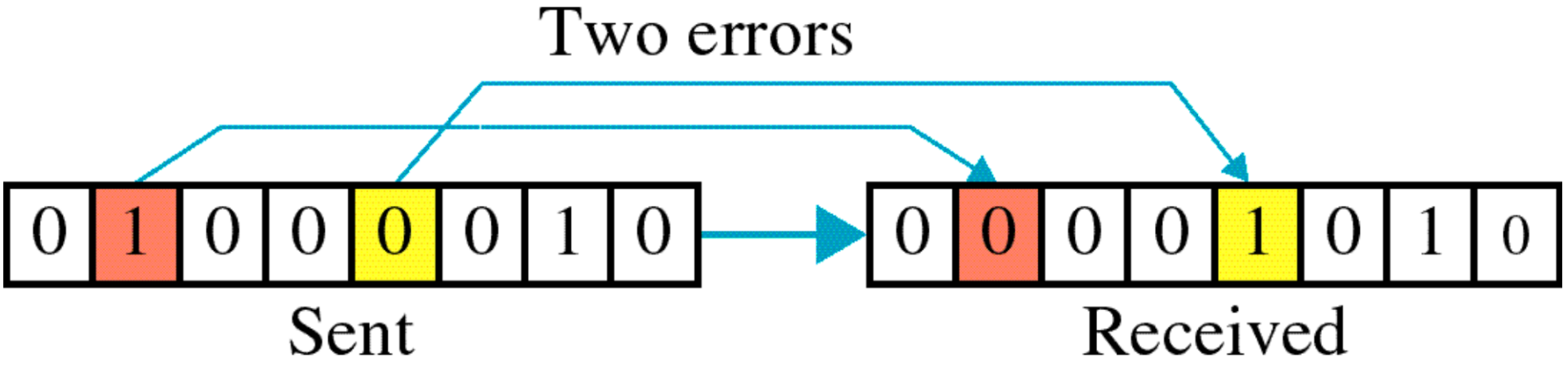
Burst error
0 1 0 1 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 1
Received


Two errors
0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0
Sent
0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0
Received

The term **burst error** means that two or more bits in the data unit have changed from 1 to 0 or from 0 to 1.

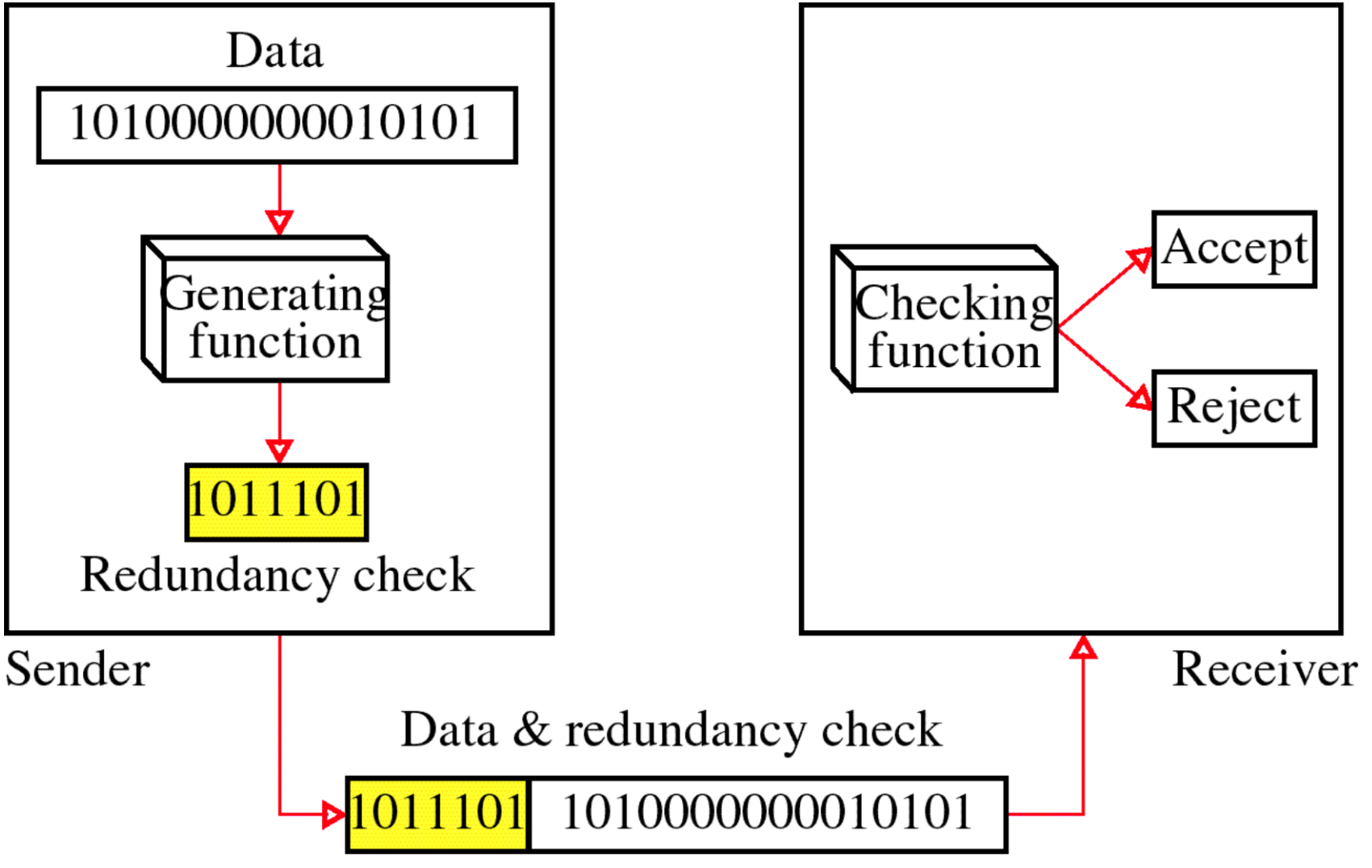
Burst errors does not necessarily **mean that the errors occur in consecutive bits**, the length of the burst is measured from the first corrupted bit to the last corrupted bit. Some bits in between may not have been corrupted.

Error detection

Error detection means to decide whether the received data is correct or not without having a copy of the original message.

Error detection **uses the concept of redundancy**, **which means** adding extra bits for detecting errors at the destination.

Redundancy


Data
1010000000010101
Generating function
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Redundancy check
Sender
Checking function
Accept
Reject
Receiver
Data & redundancy check
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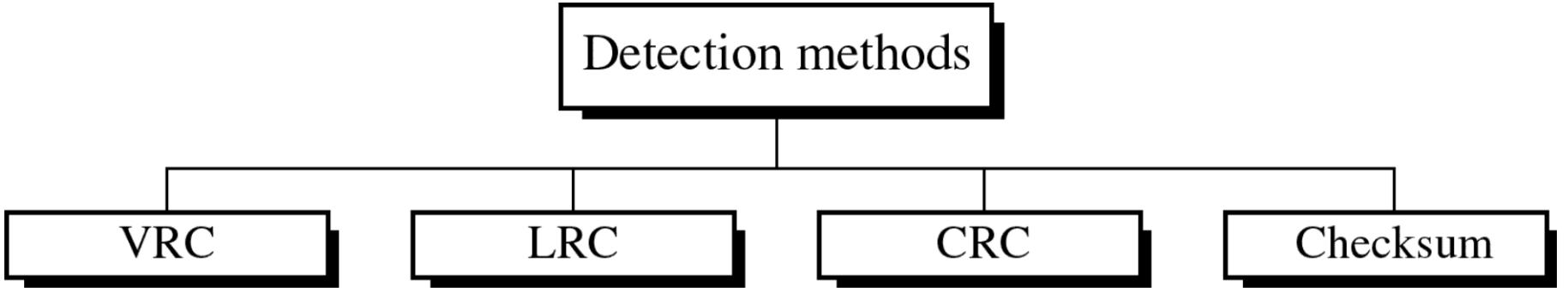
Four types of redundancy checks are used in data communications



Four types of redundancy checks

1. Vertical Redundancy Check(VRC)
2. Longitudinal Redundancy Check(LRC)
3. Cyclic Redundancy Check(CRC)

Error Correction

It can be handled in two ways:

1) receiver can have the sender retransmit the entire data unit.
2) The receiver can use an error-correcting code, which automatically corrects certain errors.

Single-bit error correction

To correct an error, the receiver reverses the value of the altered bit. To do so, it must know which bit is in error.

Number of redundancy bits needed

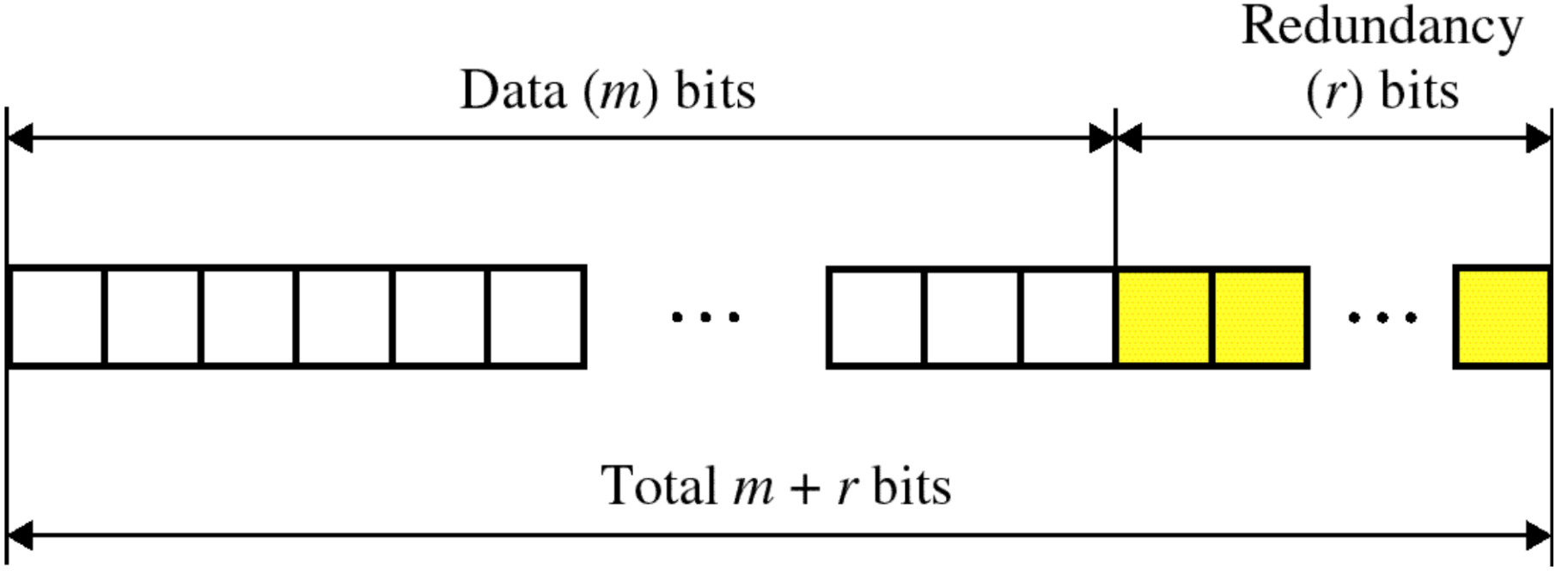
- Let data bits = m
- Redundancy bits = r

$\therefore$ Total message sent = $m+r$

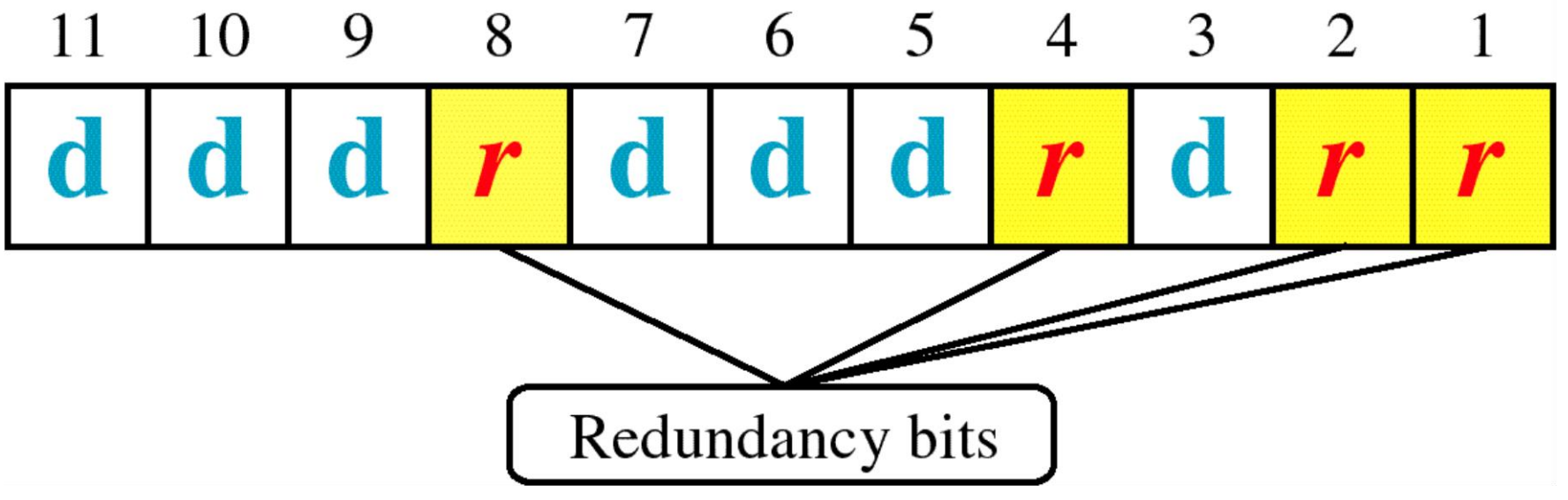
The value of r must satisfy the following relation:

$$2^r \geq m+r+1$$

Error Correction



Hamming Code



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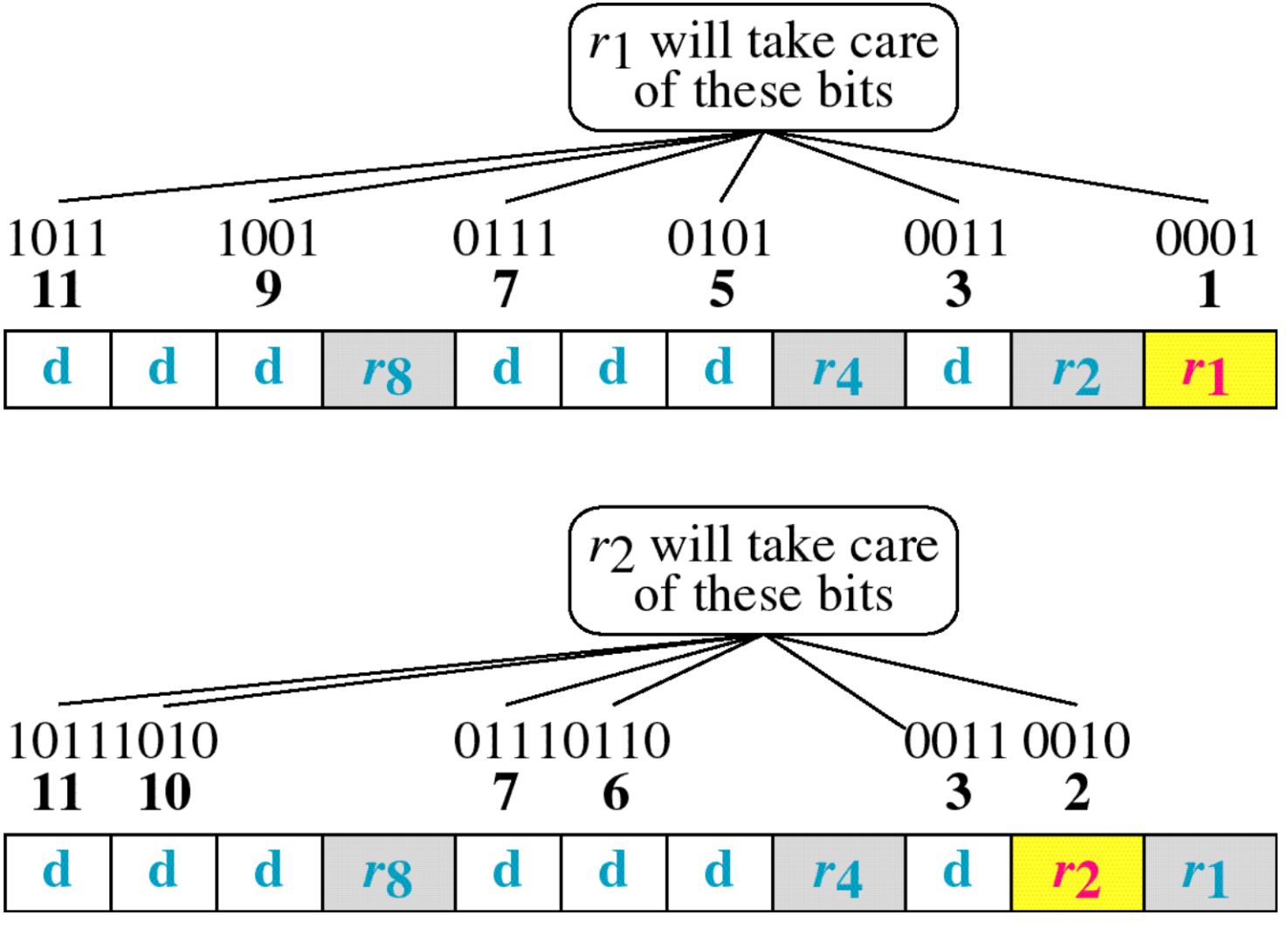

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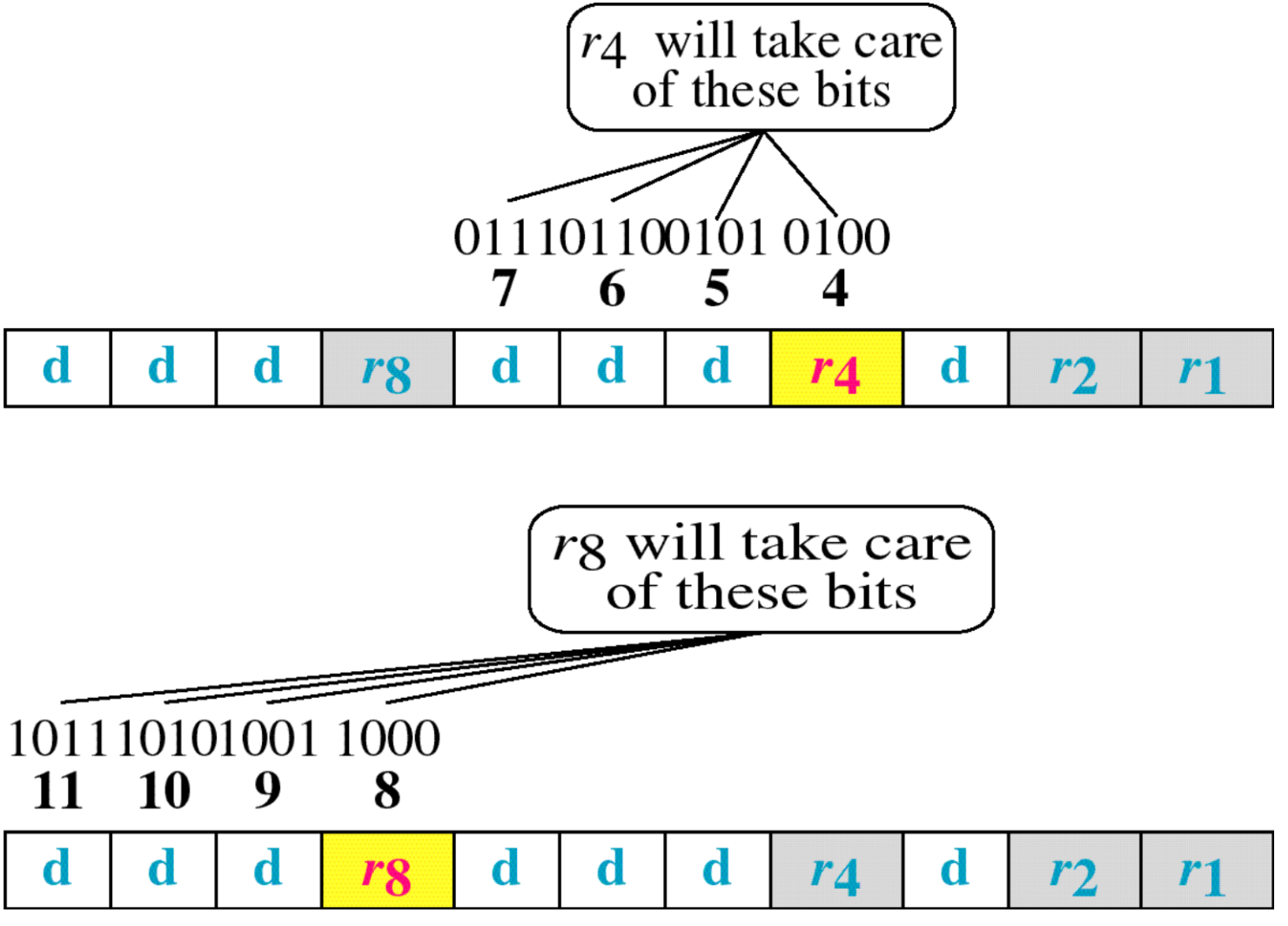
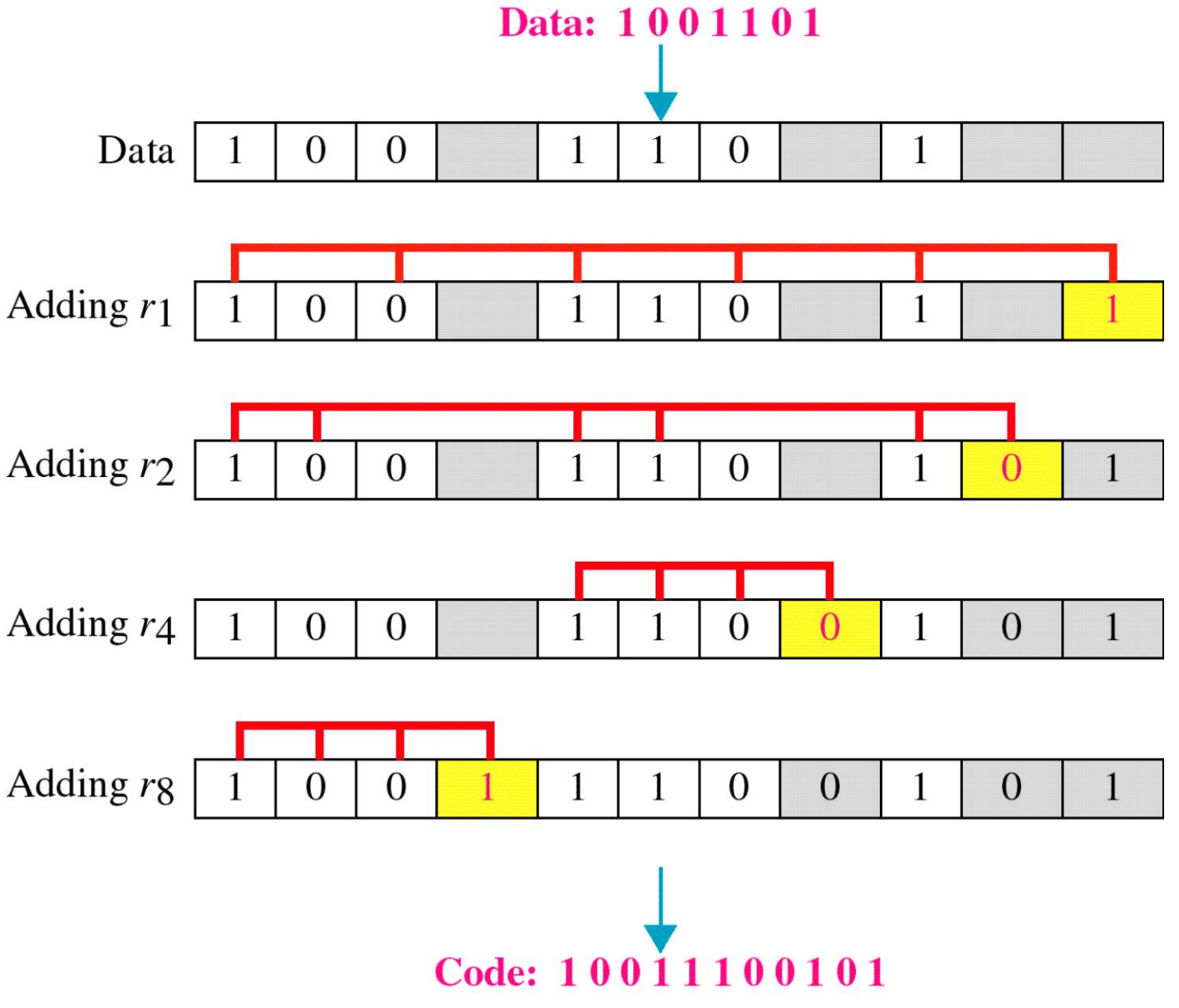
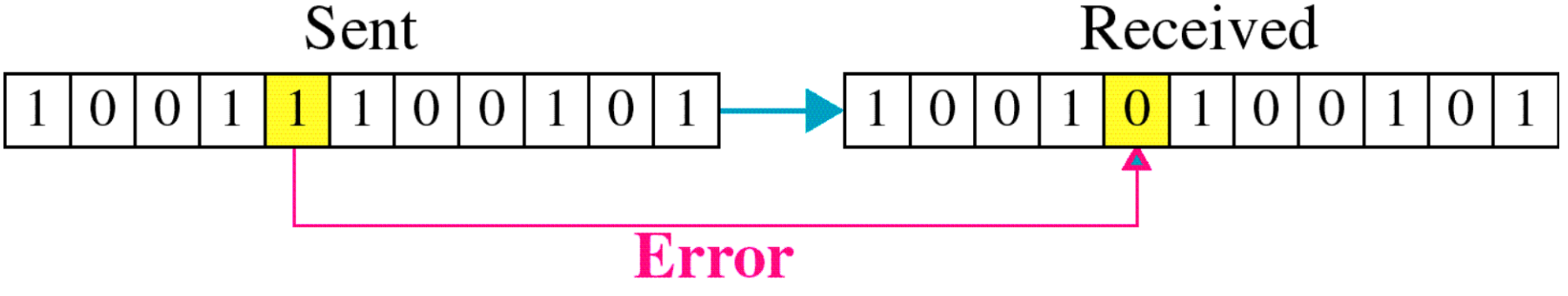


Example of Hamming Code



Single-bit error



Error Detection