

18MAB302T-DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

**UNIT-4 : GROUP THEORY AND GROUP
CODES**

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Topics

- Binary operation on a set- Groups and axioms of groups
- Properties of groups
- Permutation group, equivalence classes with addition modulo m and multiplication modulo m
- Cyclic groups and properties
- Subgroups and necessary and sufficiency of a subset to be a subgroup
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INTRODUCTION

- INTRODUCTION
- BASIC ALGEBRA
- ALGEBRAIC SYSTEM
- PROPERTIES OF ALGEBRAIC SYSTEM

MODULE-1

SETS

- A **Set** is a well defined collection of objects. These objects are otherwise called members or elements of the set. The set is denoted by capital letters A, B,C...
- **Examples** : A - The set of all colors in rainbow , S – the set of even numbers
- **Notations** : Sets are represented in two ways .
- **Roster form** : All the elements are listed. Ex. $A = \{1,3,5,7,9\}$
- **Set builder form** : Defining the elements of the set by specifying their common property .
- **Example:** $V = \{ x / x \text{ is vowel}\}$
[the elements of V are a,e,i,o,u]
- $S = \{ x / x = n^2, n \text{ is positive integer less than } 30\}$
 $S=\{1,4,9,16,25\}$

BASIC ALGEBRA

Number system

There are common notations for the number system which are

R – the set of all **Real numbers**, R^+ - the set of **Positive real numbers**.

Z , Z^+ , Z^- - set of all **Integers**, **Positive integers**, **Negative integers**.

C , C^+ , C^- - set of all **Complex**, **Positive complex**, **Negative complex numbers**.

N – set of all **Natural numbers** i.e $N = \{1,2,3,\dots\}$

Q , Q^+ , Q^- - set of **rational**, **positive rational**, **negative rational numbers**



BASIC ALGEBRA-Number system

- **Congruence modulo n**

Let n be a positive integer. If a and b are two integers and n divides

$a - b$ then we say that “ a is congruent to b modulo n ” and we write

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$. The integer n is called modulus.

Example : $23 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$; $16 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

- **Congruence classes modulo n**

Let a be an integer. Let $[a]$ denote the set of all integers congruent to $a \pmod{n}$

i.e $[a] = \{ x : x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \equiv a \pmod{n} \} = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Z}, x = a + kn \}$ for some integer k , then $[a]$ is said to be equivalence class, modulo n , represented by $[a]$. The set of all congruence classes modulo n is denoted by

$$\mathbb{Z}_n . \quad \therefore \mathbb{Z}_n = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots [n-1]\}$$



BASIC ALGEBRA-Number system

- **Addition of residue classes**

Let $[a], [b] \in Z_n$ then their sum is denoted by $+_n$ and is defined as follows:

$$[a] +_n [b] = \begin{cases} [a+b] & \text{if } a+b < n \\ [r] & \text{if } a+b \geq n \end{cases} \quad \text{where r is the least non negative remainder when } a+b \text{ is}$$

divided by n. hence $0 \leq r \leq n$

Ex. $[1] +_5 [2] = [1+2] = 3$

$$[3] +_5 [4] = [2] \quad \text{for } 3+4=7 > 5, \quad 7=1 \times 5 + 2$$

$$[3] +_5 [2] = [0]$$

- **Multiplication of residue classes**

Let $[a], [b] \in Z_n$ then their product is denoted by \times_n and is defined as follows:

$$[a] \times_n [b] = \begin{cases} [ab] & \text{if } ab < n \\ [r] & \text{if } ab \geq n \end{cases} \quad \text{where r is the least non negative integer when } ab \text{ is divided by}$$

n. hence $0 \leq r \leq n$

Ex. $[2] \times_5 [2] = [4] ; \quad [2] \times_5 [4] = [3].$

$$Z_n = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots [n-1]\}$$

Algebraic systems

- A **binary operation** * on a set A is defined as a function from $A \times A$ into the set A itself. . .
- A non empty set A with one or more binary operations on it is called an **algebraic system**.

Examples.

- Set : $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ – the set of **natural numbers**, Operation : the usual addition ‘+’ which is a binary operation on N, then $(N, +)$ is an algebraic system.
- Similarly, $(Q, +)$, $(Z, .)$, $(R, +)$, $(C, +)$. . . are algebraic systems



General properties of algebraic system

Let $(S, *)$ be an algebraic system, $*$ is the binary operation on S .

- **Closure property** – For all $a, b \in S$, $a * b \in S$
- **Associativity** - For all $a, b, c \in S$, $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$,
- **Commutativity** - For all $a, b \in S$, $a * b = b * a$
- **Identity element** – There exists an element $e \in S$, such that

$$\text{for any } a \in S, \quad a * e = e * a = a$$

- **Inverse element** – For every $a \in S$, there exists some $b \in S$ such that
$$a * b = b * a = e,$$
 then b is called the inverse element of $a.$



MODULE 2

- GROUP
- ABELIAN GROUP
- FINITE AND INFINITE GROUP
- EXAMPLES
- ORDER OF GROUP
- ORDER OF ELEMENT



GROUPS

Definition : Group

If G is a non empty set and $*$ is a binary operation on G , then the algebraic system $\{G, *\}$ is called a **group** if the following axioms are satisfied:

- 1) For all $a, b \in S$, $a * b \in S$ [**Closure property**]
- 2) For all $a, b, c \in G$, $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$ (**Associativity**)
- 3) There exists an element $e \in G$ such that, for any $a \in G$, $a * e = e * a = a$
(**Existence of identity**)
- 4) For every $a \in G$, there exists an element $a^{-1} \in G$ such that

$$a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e \quad (\text{Existence of inverse})$$

Abelian group

The group $(G, *)$ which has commutative property ,

for all $a,b \in S$, $a * b = b * a$, is called an abelian group.

- **Finite/Infinite group**

The group $(G, *)$ is said to be finite or infinite according as the underlying set is finite or infinite.

- **Order of a group**

If $(G, *)$ is a finite group , then the number of elements of G is the order of the group written as $O(G)$ or $|G|$

- **Order of an element**

Let $(G, *)$ be a group and $a \in G$, the least positive integer m , such that $a^m = e$, the identity element of G , is called order of a and is written as $O(a)=m$



Examples for Groups

- 1) The set $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$, of all integers under addition forms a group.

- 2) The set of all 2×2 non singular matrices over \mathbb{R} is an abelian group under matrix addition , but not abelian with respect to matrix multiplication as $AB \neq BA$

- 3) The set $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication of complex numbers .



Permutation group

Let A be a non empty set, then a function $f: A \rightarrow A$ is a permutation of A if f is both one to one and onto, that is f is bijective. Let S_A denotes the set of all permutations on A. Let $f: A \rightarrow A$ and $g: A \rightarrow A$ be two functions. Then their composition, denoted by $f \circ g$, is the function $f \circ g : A \rightarrow A$ defined by $(f \circ g)(a) = g(f(a))$, the composition of function is the binary operation on S_A .

If A = {1, 2, 3, ...}, then the permutation p on A can be written as

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ p(1) & p(2) & \dots & p(n) \end{pmatrix}$$

For example $p = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

If A has n elements S_A has $n!$ Permutations.



Permutation group

Let $p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ and $p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, the composition of these two permutations is defined as

$$p_1 \circ p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \circ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$



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MODULE 3

- PROPERTIES OF GROUPS
- PROBLEMS ON GROUPS
- PROBLEMS ON ABELIAN GROUPS

Properties of Group

1. The identity element of the group $(G, *)$ is unique.

Proof : If possible , let e_1 and e_2 be two identities of G .

$$e_1 = e_2 * e_1 \text{ [since } e_2 \text{ is the identity]}$$

$$=e_2 \text{ [since } e_1 \text{ is the identity]}$$

i.e $e_1=e_2$, the identity element is unique

2. The inverse of each element of $(G, *)$ is unique.

Proof : If possible , let a' and a'' be two inverses for a in G .

$$a * a' = a' * a = e$$

$$a * a'' = a'' * a = e$$

$$a' = a' * e = a' * (a * a'') = (a' * a) * a'' = e * a'' = a''$$

$a' = a''$ implies the inverse is unique.

Properties of Group

3. The cancellation laws are true in a group

Viz, $a * b = a * c \Rightarrow b = c$ [left cancellation law]

and $b * a = c * a \Rightarrow b = c$ [right cancellation law]

Proof :

$$\text{Let } a * b = a * c \text{ ----(1)}$$

Since $a \in G, a^{-1} \in G$ exists such that $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pre multiplying (1) by } a^{-1}, \quad &a^{-1} * (a * b) = a^{-1} * (a * c) \\ &(a^{-1} * a) * b = (a^{-1} * a) * c \\ &e * b = e * c \quad \Rightarrow b = c \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Let } b * a = c * a \Rightarrow b = c \text{ -----(2)}$$

Since $a \in G, a^{-1} \in G$ exists such that $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Post multiplying (2) by } a^{-1}, \quad &(b * a) * a^{-1} = (c * a) * a^{-1} \\ &b * (a * a^{-1}) = c * (a * a^{-1}) \\ &b * e = c * e \quad \Rightarrow b = c \end{aligned}$$



4. Prove $(a * b)^{-1} = b^{-1} * a^{-1}$, for any $a, b \in G$.

Proof:

Consider $(a * b) * (b^{-1} * a^{-1})$

$$\begin{aligned}&= a * (b * (b^{-1} * a^{-1})) \quad [\text{Associativity}] \\&= a * (b * b^{-1}) * a^{-1} = a * e * a^{-1} = e \\&\therefore b^{-1} * a^{-1} \text{ is the inverse of } a * b.\end{aligned}$$

5. If $a, b \in G$, the equation $a * x = b$ has the unique solution $x = a^{-1} * b$.

6. $(G, *)$ cannot have an idempotent element except the identity element.

7. If a has inverse b and b has inverse c , then $a = c$.



Problems on Groups

1. Show that the set of all non zero real numbers namely $R - \{0\}$ forms an abelian group with respect to * defined by $a * b = ab/2$ for all $a, b \in R - \{0\}$

Proof : [To prove all the four axioms]

• **Closure** : if $a, b \in R - \{0\}$ then , $ab/2$ is also a non zero real number $\in R - \{0\}$

• **Associativity** : $a * (b * c) = a * (bc/2) = abc/4$ ----- (1)

$$(a * b) * c = ab/2 * c = abc/4 \text{ ----- (2)}$$

From (1) and (2), $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$

• **Identity element** : $a * e = a$

$ae/2 = a$ implies $e = 2$ is the identity element .

• **Inverse element** : for $a \in R - \{0\}$, $a * a^{-1} = e$

$$\frac{aa^{-1}}{2} = 2 \Rightarrow a^{-1} = \frac{4}{a} \text{ is the inverse of } a$$

Problems on Groups

**2. Prove that the set $R - \{1\}$ forms an abelian group with respect to $*$ defined by
 $a * b = (a + b - ab)$, for all $a, b \in R - \{1\}$.**

Proof :

- **Closure** : If $a, b \in R - \{1\}$ then, $(a + b - ab)$ is also a real number $\in R - \{1\}$
- **Associativity** :

$$\begin{aligned} a * (b * c) &= a * (b + c - bc) = a + b + c - bc - a(b + c - bc) \\ &= a + b + c - ab - bc - ac + abc \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * c &= (a + b - ab) * c = a + b - ab + c - (a + b - ab)c \\ &= a + b + c - ab - bc - ac + abc \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$.

- **Identity element** : $a * e = a$
 $a + e - ae = a \Rightarrow e = 0$ is the identity element .

- **Inverse element** : For $a \in R - \{0\}$, $a * a^{-1} = e$
 $a + a^{-1} - aa^{-1} = 0$
 $a^{-1} = \frac{a}{a-1}$ is the inverse of 'a', ($a \neq 1$).



3. Let $G = \{ f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4 \}$ where $f_1(x) = x$, $f_2(x) = -x$, $f_3(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $f_4(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$ and \circ be the composition of functions. Prove that (G, \circ) is a group.

Proof :

\circ	f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4
f_1	f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4
f_2	f_2	f_1	f_4	f_3
f_3	f_3	f_4	f_1	f_2
f_4	f_4	f_3	f_2	f_1

- **Closed :** From the table it is evident that \circ is closed.
- **Associativity :**

$$f_1 * (f_2 * f_3) = f_1 * f_4 = f_4$$

$$(f_1 * f_2) * f_3 = f_2 * f_3 = f_4$$

Hence , $f_1 * (f_2 * f_3) = (f_1 * f_2) * f_3$.

- **Identity element :** From the table, we can see that f_1 is the identity element.
- **Inverse element :** Inverse of every element is the element itself



4. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, S_A be the set of all permutations of A , then prove that with respect to right composition of permutations \circ , $\{S_A, \circ\}$ is an abelian group.

Proof :

Let $S_A = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4, p_5, p_6\}$ where

$$p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad p_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$p_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad p_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } p_6 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

\circ	p_1	p_2	p_3	p_4	p_5	p_6
p_1	p_1	p_2	p_3	p_4	p_5	p_6
p_2	p_2	p_1	p_4	p_3	P_6	p_5
p_3	p_3	p_4	p_1	p_2	P_4	p_1
p_4	p_4	p_3	p_2	p_1	p_3	p_2
p_5	p_5	p_6	p_4	p_3	p_1	p_4
p_6	p_6	p_5	p_1	p_2	p_4	p_1

- From the above table, for any two or three elements we can prove closure and associative property.
- The identity element is p_1 and the inverse of any element is the element itself.



Problems on Groups

4. Let $a \neq 0$ be a fixed real number and $G = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, Prove that G is an abelian group under multiplication .

Proof :

- **Closed :** if $a^{n1}, a^{n2} \in G$ then $a * b = a^{n1+n2} \in G$ as $n1+n2 \in \mathbb{Z}$
- **Associativity :** For $a^{n1}, a^{n2}, a^{n3} \in G$

$$a^{n1} * (a^{n2} * a^{n3}) = a^{n1} * a^{n2+n3} = a^{n1+n2+n3}$$

$$(a^{n1} * a^{n2}) * a^{n3} = a^{n1+n2} * a^{n3} = a^{n1+n2+n3}$$

- **Identity element -** $a^n * a^e = a^n$

$$a^{n+e} = a^n \text{ implies } e=0 \text{ and } a^e = a^0 = 1 \text{ is the identity element}$$

- **Inverse element –** for $a \in R, a^n * a^{n1} = a^0 \Rightarrow n + n1 = 0 \Rightarrow n1 = -n$

$$a^{n1} = a^{-n} \text{ is the inverse of } a^n$$



**5. For any group $(G, *)$ if $a^2 = e$ with $a \neq e$, then prove that G is abelian
[Or, if every element of a group $(G, *)$ is its own inverse, then G is abelian]**

Proof:

Let $a^2 = e$.

$$\text{Then } a^2 * a^{-1} = (a * a) * a^{-1} = e * a^{-1} = a^{-1}$$

$$a^2 * a^{-1} = a * (a * a^{-1}) = a * e = a$$

$$\text{implies } a = a^{-1}$$

Then for any $a, b \in G$, $(a * b)^{-1} = a * b$

$$b^{-1} * a^{-1} = a * b$$

$$b * a = a * b , G \text{ is abelian.}$$



6. Let $(G, *)$ be a group. Prove that G is abelian if and only if $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$

Proof:

Let G be abelian,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider } (a * b)^2 &= (a * b) * (a * b) \\ &= a * (b * (a * b)) \text{ [Associativity]} \\ &= a * ((b * a) * b) \\ &= a * (a * b) * b \text{ [commutativity]} \\ &= (a * a) * (b * b) = a^2 * b^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now , suppose $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$

$$\begin{aligned} (a * b) * (a * b) &= (a * a) * (b * b) \\ a * (b * (a * b)) &= a * (a * (b * b)) \\ b * (a * b) &= a * (b * b) \\ (b * a) * b &= (a * b) * b \text{ [Associativity]} \\ b * a &= a * b \text{ ----commutative.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus G is abelian.



- **Exercises :**

1. The set $\left\{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}\right\}$ is an abelian group under matrix multiplication.
2. The set $\{0,1,2,3,4\}$ is a finite abelian group of order 5 under addition modulo 5.
3. The set $\{1,3,7,9\}$ is an abelian group under multiplication modulo 10.



MODULE 4

- SUBGROUPS
- EXAMPLES FOR SUBGROUP
- CONDITIONS FOR SUBGROUP
- PROBLEMS ON SUBGROUPS



Problems on subgroups

1. The intersection of two subgroups of a group G is also a subgroup of G .

Proof:

Let H_1 and H_2 be any two subgroups of G. $H_1 \cap H_2$ is a non-empty set, since, at least the identity element e is common to both H_1 and H_2

Let $a \in H_1 \cap H_2$, then $a \in H_1$ and $a \in H_2$

Let $b \in H_1 \cap H_2$, then $b \in H_1$ and $b \in H_2$

H_1 is a subgroup of G, $a * b^{-1} \in H_1$ a and b $\in H$

H_2 is a subgroup of G, $a * b^{-1} \in H_2$ a and b $\in H$

$\therefore a * b^{-1} \in H_1 \cap H_2$ implies $H_1 \cap H_2$ is a subgroup of G.

SUBGROUPS

If $\{G, *\}$ is a group and $H \subseteq G$ is a non-empty subset of G , called **subgroup** of G , if H itself forms a group .

Theorem:

The necessary and sufficient condition for a non empty subset H of a group $\{G, *\}$ to be a subgroup is, for every $a, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b^{-1} \in H$.

2. Show that the set $\{a + bi \in C | a^2 + b^2 = 1\}$ is a subgroup f (C, \bullet) where \bullet is the multiplication operator.

Proof:

Let $H = \{a + bi \in C | a^2 + b^2 = 1\}$, consider two elements $x + iy, p + iq \in H$ such that $x^2 + y^2 = 1, p^2 + q^2 = 1$ and the identity element of C is $1+0i$

Consider $(x + iy)(p + iq)^{-1} = (x + iy)(p - iq) = xp + yq + i(yp - xq)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (xp + yq)^2 + (yp - xq)^2 &= x^2p^2 + y^2q^2 + 2xpyq + y^2p^2 + x^2q^2 - 2ypxq \\ &= x^2(p^2 + q^2) + y^2(p^2 + q^2) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (x + iy)(p + iq)^{-1} \in H$, H is a subgroup.



3. Let G be an abelian group with identity e, prove that all elements x of G satisfying the equation $x^2 = e$ form a subgroup H of G

Proof:

$$H = \{x \mid x^2 = e\}$$

$e^2 = e \therefore$ the identity element e of G $\in H$

$$x^2 = e$$

$$x^{-1} \cdot x^2 = x^{-1} \cdot e \Rightarrow x = x^{-1}$$

Hence, if $x \in H, x^{-1} \in H$ [inverse exists]

Let $x, y \in H$, since G is abelian, $xy = yx = y^{-1}x^{-1} = (xy)^{-1}$

$$\therefore (xy)^2 = e. \text{ i.e } xy \in H$$

Thus, if $x, y \in H$, we have $xy \in H$ [closed]

Thus H is a subgroup.

4. Union of two subgroups of $(G, *)$ need not be a subgroup of $(G, *)$.



Module 5

- Cyclic groups
- Examples
- Properties
- Problems

Cyclic group

A group $(G, *)$ is said to be a **cyclic group** if there exists an element $a \in G$ such that every element of G can be expressed as some integral power of a , **a is called generator of G.**

We write $G = \langle a \rangle$

Examples :

1. Let $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ and G is a group under multiplication. It is **cyclic with the generator i**
(i.e.) $G = \langle i \rangle$ or $G = \langle -i \rangle$
2. Let $G = \{1, \omega, \omega^2\}$ is a **cyclic group under multiplication generated by ω** . ω^2 is also a generator.
3. $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a **cyclic group with generator 1**. Note -1 is also a generator.



Properties of cyclic groups

1. Every cyclic group is abelian

Proof:

Let $(G, *)$ be a cyclic group with generator a. Let $x, y \in G$ such that $x = a^m, y = a^n$

$$x * y = a^m * a^n = a^{m+n} = a^{n+m} = a^n * a^m = y * x$$

Therefore $(G, *)$ abelian.

2. Let $(G, *)$ be a cyclic group generated by a , then a^{-1} is also a generator of G.

Proof:

Let $(G, *)$ be a cyclic group generated by a , then for $x \in G$ then $x = a^n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$x = (a^{-1})^{-n}, -n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore a^{-1}$ is also a generator of G.



3. Any subgroup of a cyclic group is itself a cyclic group.

Proof :

Let $(G, *)$ be a cyclic group generated by a and H be a subgroup of G .

if $a^k \in H$ then $a^{-k} \in H$. Let m be the least positive integer such that $a^k \in H$

we have to prove that $H = (a)^m$. Let $c \in H$. $\therefore c \in G$

$$c = a^n \text{ for some } n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Now $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$, there exists integers q and r such that $n = mq + r$, $0 \leq r < m$ by division algorithm.

$$\text{Now } c = a^n = a^{mq+r} = a^{mq} * a^r$$

$$a^r = a^{-mq} * c = (a^m)^{-q} * c \in H$$

Since $c \in H$, $(a^m)^{-q} \in H$ and H is a subgroup. But $0 \leq r < m$ and m is the least positive integer such that $a^m \in H$. Therefore $r = 0$

$$\therefore c = a^{mq} = (a^m)^q$$

Hence every element of H can be written as an integer power of a^m . $\therefore H = (a^m)$ is a cyclic group.



- 4. The order of a cyclic group is the same as the order of its generator.**
- 5. A finite group of order n containing an element a of order n is cyclic.**



Problems

1. Find the number of generators of a cyclic group of order 5.

Let $G = \langle a \rangle$ be a cyclic group of order 5. Then $G = \{a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5 = e\}$.

Since $(1,5)=1$, $(2,5)=1$, $(3,5)=1$, $(4,5)=1$.

The generators are a, a^2, a^3 and a^4 .

The number of generators is 4.

2. Find the number of generators of a cyclic group of order 8.

Let $G = \langle a \rangle$ be a cyclic group of order 5. Then $G=\{a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5, a^6, a^7, a^8 = e\}$.

Since $(1,8)=1$, $(3,8)=1$, $(5,8)=1$, $(7,8)=1$.

The generators are a, a^3, a^5 and a^7 .

The number of generators is 4.



MODULE-6

GROUP HOMOMORPHISM

- DEFINITION OF HOMOMORPHISM
- EXAMPLES OF HOMOMORPHISM
- PROPERTIES OF HOMOMORPHISM



DEFINITION OF HOMOMORPHISM

- Given two groups, $(G, *)$ and (H, \cdot) , a **group homomorphism (morphism)** from $(G, *)$ to (H, \cdot) is a function $h : G \rightarrow H$ such that for all u and v in G it holds that

$$h(u * v) = h(u) \cdot h(v) \text{ for all } u, v \in G$$

- Isomorphism:** A group **homomorphism that is bijective**; i.e., injective and surjective. Its inverse is also a group homomorphism.
- In this case, the groups G and H are called **isomorphic**; they differ only in the notation of their elements and are identical for all practical purposes
- $(G, *)$ and (H, \cdot) are **isomorphic** – there is an isomorphism between $(G, *)$ and (H, \cdot) and it is denoted by $(G, *) \cong (H, \cdot)$

EXAMPLES OF HOMOMORPHISM

1. Every isomorphism is a homomorphism with $\text{Ker} = \{e\}$.

2. Let $G = \mathbb{Z}$ under addition and $\bar{G} = \{1, -1\}$ under multiplication.

Define : $f: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ by $f(n) = \begin{cases} 1, & n \text{ is even} \\ -1, & n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

is a homomorphism.



PROPERTIES OF HOMOMORPHISM

If $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a group homomorphism from $(G, *)$ to (G', \cdot)

(i) $f(e) = e'$ where e and e' are the identity elements of G and G' respectively

(ii) For any $a \in G$, $f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$.

(iii) If H is a subgroup of G , then $f(H) = \{f(h) / h \in H\}$ is a group of G .



MODULE-7

RINGS

- A **ring** $(R, +, \cdot)$ is a set R on which there are defined two binary operations ‘+’ and ‘.’ satisfying the following axioms.
 - (R1) $(R, +)$ is an abelian group.
 - (R2) (R, \cdot) is semigroup :The operation \cdot has the closure, associativity and identity properties.
 - (R3) The additive identity is unique and The additive inverse of any element in R is unique
 - (R4) The cancellation law for addition holds. That is if $a, b, c \in R$ with $a+b = a+c$, then $b = c$
 - (R5) Distributive laws are true.

For all $a, b, c \in R$,

$$a.(b+c) = (a.b)+(a.c)$$

$$(a+b).c = (a.c)+(b.c)$$



- A **commutative ring** is a ring $(R, +, \cdot)$ for which $ab = ba$, for all $a, b \in R$. If a ring is not commutative it is called noncommutative.
- A **ring with identity e** (also called a ring with unity) is a ring R which contains an element $e \in R$ (with $e \neq 0$) satisfying $ea = ae = a$, for all $a \in R$. Generally, the unity or identity element of a ring R is denoted by 1 or 1_R .
- A ring which has finite many elements is called **finite ring**

Examples:

1. $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ and \mathbb{C} are commutative rings with identity, with the usual operations of addition and multiplication, where \mathbb{Z} (respect: \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C}) is the set of all integer (respect: rational, real, complex) numbers
2. Let $n \geq 1$ be an integer. Then the set $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \dots, \overline{n-1}\}$ under addition $+_n$ and multiplication \cdot_n modulo n is a commutative ring with unity 1 , known as the ring of integers modulo n . The multiplication modulo n is defined on \mathbb{Z}_n as following: $ab \bmod n$ (or $a \cdot_n b$) is the integer $r \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ such that $ab = qn + r$ in \mathbb{Z} for some $q \in \mathbb{Z}$



3. Let $R = \{\bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_6$. Then $(R, +_6, \cdot_6)$ is a commutative ring with identity $\bar{4}$.
 4. The set $2\mathbb{Z} = \{2x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ of even integers under ordinary addition and multiplication is a commutative ring without unity. More generally, if $n \geq 2$, then the set $n\mathbb{Z} = \{xn \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ under ordinary addition and multiplication is a commutative ring without unity.
 5. The set $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ of 2×2 matrices with integer entries is a non-commutative ring with unity.
- Let R be a ring with identity 1 . A **non zero-element a in a ring R is called a unit** if it has a multiplicative inverse, i.e., if there exists $b \in R$ such that $ab = ba = 1$. We denote the multiplicative inverse of a by a^{-1} .



Theorem:1

Let R be a ring with identity 1.

(a) The multiplicative identity is unique.

(b) Let $a \in R$. If a has a multiplicative inverse in R, then it is unique.

Theorem:2

Let R be a ring with 1 and let R^* be the set of all multiplicative inverse elements in R. Then (R^*, \cdot) is a group. It is called the group of invertible elements.

Theorem:3

Let R be a ring. Then for all $a, b, c \in R$,

$$(1) a0 = 0 = 0a.$$

$$(2) a(-b) = -(ab) = (-a)b.$$

$$(3) a(b-c) = ab-ac \text{ and } (a-b)c = ac-bc.$$

$$(4) (-a)(-b) = ab.$$

Theorem:4

For all positive integers m and n and for all a, b in a ring R, the following hold:

$$(1) a^m a^n = a^{m+n}.$$

$$(2) (a^m)^n = a^{mn}.$$

$$(3) ma + na = (m+n)a.$$

$$(4) m(na) = (mn)a.$$

$$(5) (ma)(nb) = (mn)(ab)$$



Zero Divisors:

- A non-zero element x in a ring R is called a **left zero divisor** if there exists a nonzero element $y \in R$ such that $xy = 0$.
- A non-zero element x in a ring R is called a **right zero divisor** if there exists a nonzero element $y \in R$ such that $yx = 0$.
- A non-zero element x in a ring R is called a **zero divisor** if it is a left and right zero divisor.

Example:

Let R be a ring with identity 1. Then $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ are zero divisors in the ring $M_{2 \times 2}(R)$ of all 2×2 matrices over a ring R , (because $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$)

Lemma:

Let $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$. Then the following statements are equivalent:

- (1) \bar{x} is a zero divisor. (2) $\bar{x} \neq 0$ and $\gcd(x,n) \neq 1$.



Problems:

- Find all zero divisors in a ring $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4, \cdot_4)$.

Solution: $\bar{0}$ is a non zero divisor

Since $\gcd(1,4) = 1$ and $\gcd(3,4) = 1$,

we have from Lemma , that $\bar{1}$ and $\bar{3}$ are non zero divisors. Since $\gcd(2,4) = 2 \neq 1$, , we have from Lemma , that $\bar{2}$ is a zero divisor and $\bar{2} \cdot_4 \bar{2} = 0$. Thus the zero divisor in a ring $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4, \cdot_4)$ is only $\bar{2}$.

- Find all zero divisors in a ring $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +_8, \cdot_8)$

Ans: zero divisors in a ring $(\mathbb{Z}_8, +_8, \cdot_8)$ are $\{\bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{6}\}$

Theorems: 1. Let R be a non zero ring with identity 1. Then every unit element (element has a multiplicative inverse) a in R is a non zero divisor.

2. Let R be a non zero ring with identity 1, let R^* be the set of all unit elements in R and let R^+ be the set of zero divisor elements in R. Then $R^* \cap R^+ = \emptyset$.



- Let R be a ring. We say that **R satisfies the cancellation laws** for multiplication if for any $a, b, c \in R$ such that $a \neq 0$ and $ab = ac$ or $ba = ca$, then $b = c$.

Example: The ring $(\mathbb{Z}_4, +_4, \cdot_4)$ does not satisfy the cancellation laws for multiplication, since $\bar{2} \cdot_4 \bar{2} = \bar{2} \cdot_4 \bar{0}$ but $\bar{2} \neq \bar{0}$.

- A ring R is without zero divisors if and only if R satisfies the cancellation laws for multiplication.
- Let R be a ring with identity which has no zero divisors. Then the only solutions of the equation $x^2 = x$ are $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

Integral Domain

An integral domain is a commutative ring with identity [which does not have zero divisors](#).

Theorems:

If R is an integral domain, then:

- (1) R satisfies the cancellation laws for multiplication.
- (2) 0 and 1 are the only idempotent elements in R .
- (3) if R is a ring without zero divisors, then every subring of R is without zero divisors.

Examples:

1. The ring $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +_p, \cdot_p)$ is an integral domain, for any prime number p .
2. The rings $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_6, \cdot_6)$ and $2\mathbb{Z}$ are not integral domains.
3. The rings $\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathcal{R}$ and \mathbb{C} are integral domains.

Field

A field is a commutative ring with identity ($1 \neq 0$) in which **every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse.**

Division Ring : A ring R with identity ($1 \neq 0$) is called a division ring or a **(skew field)** if every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse.

Remark:

- (1) If $u = a+bi$ and $v = c+di$ are complex numbers, then $u+v = (a+bi) + (c+di) = (a+c) + (b+d)i$ and $u.v = (a+bi).(c+di) = (ac-bd) + (ad+bc)i$.
- (2) If $u = a+bi$, then $\bar{u} = a-bi$ and $u \cdot \bar{u} = a^2 + b^2$



Example: (Hamilton's quaternions ring)

Let $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} u & -v \\ v & \bar{u} \end{bmatrix} \mid u, v \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$ with usual addition (+) and multiplication (\cdot) on matrices.

Then $(H, +, \cdot)$ is a non-commutative division ring.

Proof. It is clear that $(H, +, \cdot)$ is a subring of the ring $(M_2(\mathbb{C}), +, \cdot)$ and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ is the identity element of the ring $(H, +, \cdot)$. The ring $(H, +, \cdot)$ is non-commutative, since if $A =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then } A \cdot B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -i \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \neq B \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The non-zero elements of H are invertible.



Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} u & \bar{v} \\ v & \bar{u} \end{bmatrix} \in H$ with $A \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Let $B = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} & \bar{v} \\ \frac{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}}{-v} & \frac{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}}{u} \\ \frac{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}}{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}} & \frac{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}}{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}} \end{bmatrix}$. Since $B \in H$

and $A \cdot B = B \cdot A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, we have A is invertible and $A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{u} & \bar{v} \\ \frac{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}}{-v} & \frac{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}}{u} \\ \frac{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}}{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}} & \frac{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}}{u\bar{u}+v\bar{v}} \end{bmatrix}$.

Therefore, $(H, +, \cdot)$ is a non-commutative division ring.

Every field is a division ring but the converse is not true in general

Example:

1. Let $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} u & -v \\ v & \bar{u} \end{bmatrix} \mid u, v \in \mathbb{C} \right\}$ with usual addition (+) and multiplication (\cdot) on matrices. Then $(H, +, \cdot)$ is a non-commutative division ring (**Hamilton's quaternions ring**) and hence it is not a field.
2. If $F = \{a+b\sqrt{3} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$, then $(F, +, \cdot)$ is a field.



Theorem: Every field is an integral domain

Proof. Let $(F, +, \cdot)$ be a field, thus $(F, +, \cdot)$ is a commutative ring with identity. Let $a, b \in F$ with $a \neq 0$ and $a.b = 0$. We will prove that $b = 0$. Since F is a field, it follows that a has a multiplicative inverse a^{-1} in F . Then $a^{-1} \cdot (a.b) = a^{-1} \cdot 0 = 0$ and hence $b = 0$. Thus $(F, +, \cdot)$ has no zero divisors and hence $(F, +, \cdot)$ is an integral domain.

Remark: The converse of Theorem Every field is an integral domain is not true in general, for example the ring $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is an integral domain but it is not a field since $2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ has no a multiplicative inverse in \mathbb{Z} .



Theorem: Every finite integral domain is a field.

Proof. Let R be a finite integral domain. Thus R is a commutative ring with identity. Let n be the number of distinct elements in R , say $R = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$, where the a_i are the distinct elements of R . Let a be any nonzero element of R . Consider the set of products $R' = \{a \cdot a_1, a \cdot a_2, \dots, a \cdot a_n\}$. We will prove that all elements in R' are distinct. Assume that there are i, j such that $i \neq j$ and $a \cdot a_i = a \cdot a_j$. Since R is an integral domain and $a \neq 0$, we have from cancellation theorem that R satisfies the cancellation laws for multiplication and hence $a_i = a_j$ and this is a contradiction. Thus all elements in R' are distinct. Since $R' \subseteq R$, we have $R = R'$. Since $1 \in R$, we have $1 \in R'$ and so $1 = a \cdot a_s$ for some $a_s \in R$. Since R is commutative, we have $1 = a \cdot a_s = a_s \cdot a$ and hence a has a multiplicative inverse a_s in R . Therefore, R is a field.



Theorem: The ring $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$ is a field if and only if n is a prime number.

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Suppose that $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$ is a field. By Theorem Every field is an integral domain, $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$ is an integral domain. By Theorem (The ring $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +_p, \cdot_p)$ has no zero divisor if and only if p is a prime integer number), n is a prime number.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that n is a prime number. By Theorem (The ring $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +_p, \cdot_p)$ has no zero divisor if and only if p is a prime integer number), the ring $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$ has no zero divisor. Since $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$ is a commutative ring with identity, we have $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$ is an integral domain. Since the ring $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$ is finite, we have from Theorem (Every finite integral domain is a field) that $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n, \cdot_n)$ is a field.



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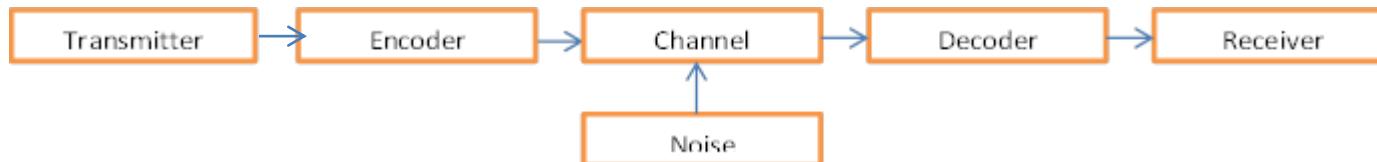
CODING THEORY – ENCODERS AND DECODERS- HAMMING CODES



Encoder: It is a device or process which converts(transforms) data(messages) in such a way that the presence of noise in the transformed messages is detectable.

Decoder: It is a device or process which converts(transforms) the encoded data(message

s) into their original form that can be understood by the receiver.



Alphabet: Letters or symbols or characters . We choose binary code $B = \{0,1\}$ as alphabet

Message(word): Basic unit of information which is a finite sequence of characters from a specified set or alphabet $B = \{0,1\}$

Group Code: If $B = \{0,1\}$, then $B^n = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n / x_i \in B, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$ is a group under the binary operation of addition modulo 2, denoted by $+_2$ or \oplus . This group (B^n, \oplus) is called a group code

Cayley table for $+_2$:

$+_2$	1	0
1	0	1
0	1	0

Order of B^n is 2^n

Theorem: (B^n, \oplus) is a group

Proof: If $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in B^n$, then $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \oplus y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n = (x_1 +_2 y_1, x_2 +_2 y_2, \dots, x_n +_2 y_n) \in B^n$

Identity element of B^n is $(0, 0, 0, \dots, 0)$

Inverse of x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is itself

Hence (B^n, \oplus) is a group and it is also abelian

Encoding Function:

- Let n, m be integers such that $n>m$. An one – to – one function $e: B^m \rightarrow B^n$ (each word in B^m is assigned different code words in B^n) is called an (m,n) encoding function or code.
- If $b \in B^m$ is the original word , then $e(b)$ is the code word or encoded word representing b .
- The additional 0's and 1's in $e(b)$ (as $n>m$) will provide the means to detect or correct errors in the transmission channel
- Each code word $x = e(b)$ is received as the word x_t in B^n .

Block codes – The message is divided into fixed-sized blocks of bits, to which redundant bits are added for error detection or correction.



Error Detection Techniques

Single Parity Check

Cyclic Redundancy Check
(CRC)

Checksum

Single Parity Check: Parity Digit(bit):

- One extra bit (digit) called as **parity digit** is sent along with the original data bits.
- Parity digit helps to check **if any error occurred in the data during the transmission.**

Hamming Code(developed by R.W. Hamming for error correction)

- The codes obtained by introducing additional digits called parity digits to the digits in the original message are called **Hamming Codes**
 - **Hamming Codes = Original data + parity bit**
- block code that is capable of detecting up to two simultaneous bit errors and correcting single-bit errors.

Error detection using single parity check involves the following steps:-

At sender side,

- Total number of 1's in the data unit to be transmitted is counted.
- The total number of 1's in the data unit is made even in case of **even parity**.
- The total number of 1's in the data unit is made odd in case of **odd parity**.
- This is done by adding an extra bit called as **parity bit**.

The **newly formed code word** (**Original data + parity bit**) is transmitted to the receiver



Error detection using single parity check involves the following steps:-

At receiver side,

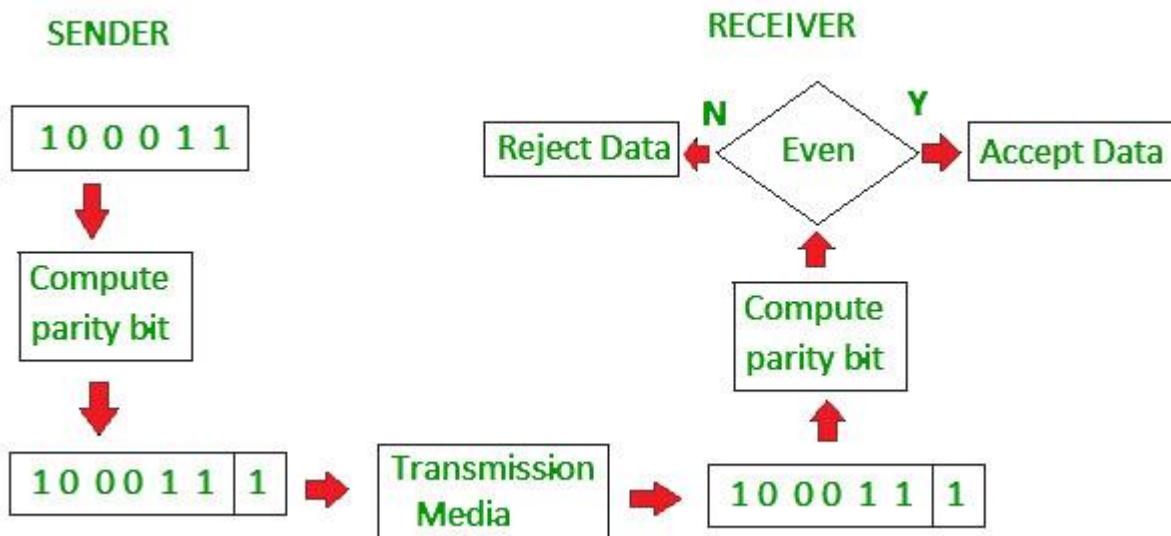
- Receiver receives the transmitted code word.
- The total number of 1's in the received code word is counted.

Then, following cases are possible:-

- If total number of 1's is even and even parity is used, then receiver assumes that **no error occurred**.
- If total number of 1's is even and odd parity is used, then receiver assumes that **error occurred**.
- If total number of 1's is odd and odd parity is used, then receiver assumes that **no error occurred**.
- If total number of 1's is odd and even parity is used, then receiver assumes that **error occurred**



Parity Check Example:-



Parity Checking

Traditionally 7 bits represent a normal ASCII character, with the parity bit being added as the 8th bit. In this scenario, data is to be sent between devices using an **even parity**. Below is a sample of data at both the sender and receivers end:

Character	Sender	Parity Bit	Receiver	Parity
"E"	1000101	1	1000101 <u>1</u>	Even
"A"	1000001	0	1000001 <u>0</u>	Even
"C"	1000011	1	1110011 <u>1</u>	Even
"q"	1110001	0	1110000 <u>0</u>	Odd Error!

Issues:

- Errors will not be detected if there are an even number of bit swaps, which maintains the agreed parity (even or odd)
- Adding an extra bit to every byte will have a significant increase on the amount of data being transmitted

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ASCII Code: Character to Binary

G	0011 0000	O	0100 1111	m	0110 1101
I	0011 0001	P	0101 0000	n	0110 1110
2	0011 0010	Q	0101 0001	o	0110 1111
3	0011 0011	R	0101 0010	p	0111 0000
4	0011 0100	S	0101 0011	q	0111 0001
5	0011 0101	T	0101 0100	r	0111 0010
6	0011 0110	U	0101 0101	s	0111 0011
7	0011 0111	V	0101 0110	t	0111 0100
8	0011 1000	W	0101 0111	u	0111 0101
9	0011 1001	X	0101 1000	v	0111 0110
A	0100 0001	Y	0101 1001	w	0111 0111
B	0100 0010	Z	0101 1010	x	0111 1000
C	0100 0011	a	0110 0001	y	0111 1001
D	0100 0100	b	0110 0010	z	0111 1010
E	0100 0101	c	0110 0011	.	0010 1110
F	0100 0110	d	0110 0100	,	0010 0111
G	0100 0111	e	0110 0101	:	0011 1010
H	0100 1000	f	0110 0110	:	0011 1011
I	0100 1001	g	0110 0111	?	0011 1111
J	0100 1010	h	0110 1000	!	0010 0001
K	0100 1011	i	0110 1001	'	0010 1100
L	0100 1100	j	0110 1010	"	0010 0010
M	0100 1101	k	0110 1011	(0010 1000
N	0100 1110	l	0110 1100)	0010 1001
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Hamming Codes:

- If the original message is a binary string of length m , the Hamming encoded message is string of length n ($n>m$).
- m digits represent the information part of the message and the remaining $(n-m)$ digits are for the detection and correction of errors in the message received.
- In Hamming's single error detecting code of length n , the first $(n-1)$ digits contain the information part of the message and the last digit is made either 0 or 1.

Even Parity Check:-

- The extra digit introduced in the last position of the encoded word of length n , gives an even number of 1's



Odd Parity Check:-

- The extra digit introduced in the last position of the encoded word of length n, gives an odd number of 1's

Weight of the Binary string:-

- The number of 1's in the binary string $x \in B^2$. It is denoted by $|x|$.

Hamming Distance:-

- If $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ and $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in B^n$, the number of positions in the strings for which $x_i \neq y_i$ is called the Hamming Distance between x and y. It is denoted by $H(x,y)$
- $H(x,y) = \text{weight of } x \oplus y = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i +_2 y_i)$



Example of Hamming Distance:-

If $x = 11010$ and $y = 10101$, then $H(x,y) = |x \oplus y| = |01111| = 4$

- The **minimum distance of a code** (a set of encoded words) is the minimum of the Hamming distances between all pairs of encoded words in the code.
- For example: If $x = 10110$, $y = 11110$ and $z = 10011$, then $H(x,y) = 1$, $H(y,z) = 3$, $H(z,x) = 2$ and so the minimum distance between these code words is 1.

Theorem:1. A code(an(m,n)encoding function)can detect at the most k errors if and only if the minimum distance between any two code words is at least (k+1)

Example:

- Let $x = 000$ and $y = 111$ be the encoded words (two values of encoding function)



- $H(x,y) = |\sum_{i=1}^3 (x_i +_2 y_i)| = 3$
- In $x = 000$, one error occurs, the received word could be 100 or 001 or 010.
- In $y = 111$, one error occurs, the received word could be 011 or 101 or 110
- The two sets of received words {100 , 001 , 010} and {011 , 101 , 110} are distinct
- Hence, if any of the above six words is received due to **one error**, it is easily found out which encoded word has get altered and in which digit position the error has occurred and hence, the error is corrected.
- If **two error occur** during transmission,
 - the word 000 would have been received as 110 or 011 or 101
 - the word 111 would have been received as 100 or 001 or 100

- If an error in single digit is corrected in any of received word 110 or 011 or 101, the corrected word would be 111, which is not the transmitted word.
- Similarly, If an error in single digit is corrected in any of received word 100 or 001 or 100, the corrected word would be 000, which is not the transmitted word.

Theorem:2. A code can correct a set of at most k errors iff the minimum distance between any two code words is at least $(2k+1)$

Example:

- ❖ Let $x = 000$ and $y = 111$ be the encoded words (two values of encoding function)

- $H(x,y) = |\sum_{i=1}^3 (x_i +_2 y_i)| = 3$
- In $x = 000$, during transmission zero or one error occurs, the received word could be 000 or 100 or 001 or 010.
- In $y = 111$, during transmission zero one error occurs, the received word could be 111 or 011 or 101 or 110
- The two sets of received words $\{000, 100, 001, 010\}$ and $\{111, 011, 101, 110\}$ are distinct
- So whatever words received, the single or no error can be easily detected and corrected.



Basic Notions of Error Correction using Matrices:-

Generator Matrix:

- Let $e: B^m \rightarrow B^n$ be the encoding function with $m < n$, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $B = \{0,1\}$. Consider the $m \times n$ matrix G over B . This matrix G is called the **generator matrix** for the code
- It is of the form $[I_m | A]$, I_m is the $m \times m$ unit matrix and A is an $m \times (n-m)$ matrix to be chosen suitably.
- If w is a message in B^m , then $e(w) = wG$ and the code (the set of code words) $C = e(B^m) \subseteq B^n$, where w is a $(1 \times m)$ vector
- If w is a message in B^2 ,
- Assume $G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 11 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 01 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$



- $B^2 = \{00,01,10,11\}$
- **Code words corresponding to above message are**
- $e(00) = [0 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [0 \ 0 \ 00 \ 0]$
- $e(10) = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [1 \ 0 \ 11 \ 0]$
- $e(01) = [0 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [0 \ 1 \ 01 \ 1]$
- $e(11) = [1 \ 1] \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [1 \ 1 \ 10 \ 1]$
- *Clearly $C = e(B^2) \subseteq B^5$*



Problems:

1. Given the generator matrix $G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ corresponding to the encoding function $e: B^3 \rightarrow B^6$, find the corresponding parity check matrix and use it to decode the following received words and hence, to find the original message. Are all the words decoded uniquely?
- (i) 110101 (ii) 001111 (iii) 110001 (iv) 111111

Solution: If we assume the $G = [I_3|A]$, I_3 is the 3×3 unit matrix, then

$$H = [A^T | I_3] = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Compute the syndrome of each of the received word by using $H \cdot [r]^T$

(i) $H \cdot [r]^T = H \cdot [e(w)]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, Received word is the transmitted word itself and the original message is 110

(ii) $H \cdot [r]^T = H \cdot [e(w)]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$, Received word is the fifth

column of H, the element in the fifth position of r is changed, Therefore, the decoded word is 001101 and the original message is 001.



$$(iii) H \cdot [r]^T = H \cdot [e(w)]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Received word is the}$$

fourth column of H, the element in the fourth position of r is changed,
Therefore, the decoded word is 110101 and the original message is 110

$$(iv) H \cdot [r]^T = H \cdot [e(w)]^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ Received word is not}$$

identical with any column of H, the received word cannot be decoded uniquely.