

Review Week 02

2022-10-03

Reminder: correcting errors

TUTORIALS:

TUT 01 THURSDAY 10^{am}

TUT 02 MONDAY 2^{pm}

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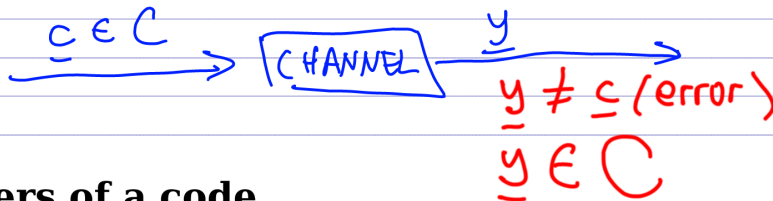
A decoder for C is a function $\text{DECODE}: F^n \rightarrow C$ such that $\text{DECODE}(\underline{y})$ is a nearest neighbour of \underline{y} in C .



Challenge: can an undetected error be corrected?

NO!

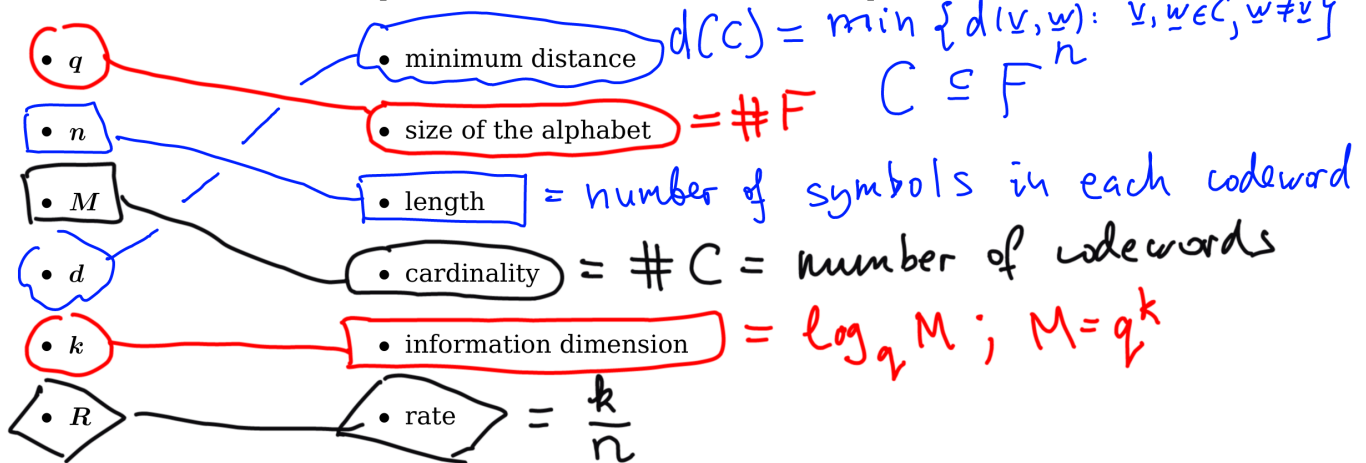
$d(\underline{y}, \underline{y}) = 0$ so



$\text{DECODE}(\underline{y}) = \underline{y}$
(a codeword is always decoded to itself)

Parameters of a code

Connect each letter with the parameter it denotes, and define each parameter



Is high rate good or bad?

Is high minimum distance good or bad?

What is an $[n, k, d]_q$ code?

$(n, M, d)_q$

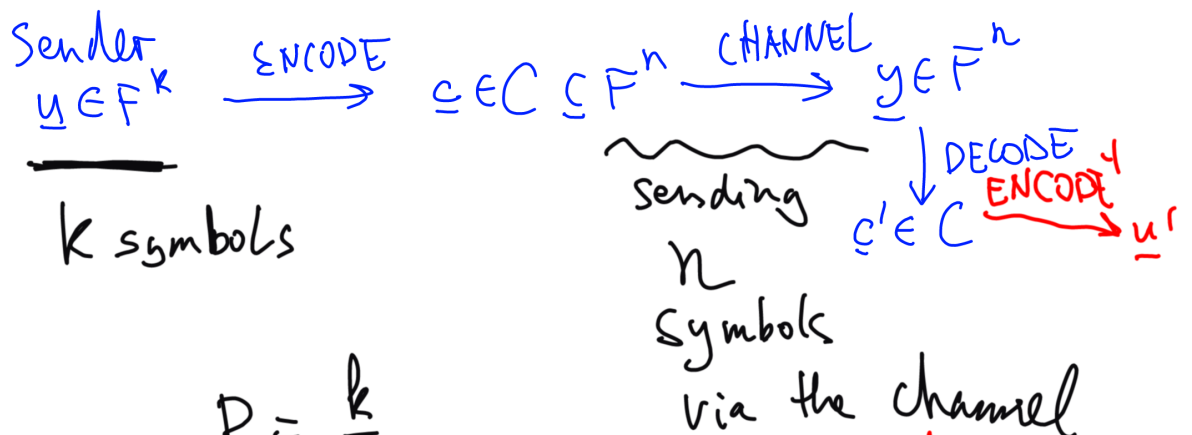
[Length, inf. dim., min-dist] sized the alphabet

Channel coding: $C \subseteq F^n$ k is an integer.

1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 ...
k=2

Messages are of length k

$$\text{ENCODE} : F^k \rightarrow C \quad \text{bijection}$$



$$R = \frac{k}{n}$$

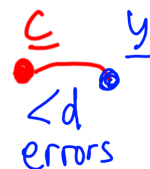
High rate (≈ 1) is good.

TRANSMITTED = $R^{-1} \cdot \text{MESSAGE}$

How many errors, per codeword, is a code *guaranteed* to detect/correct?

A code of min. distance d

- detects up to $d-1$ symbol errors in a codeword
- corrects up to $t = \left\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \right\rfloor$ symbol errors in a codeword.



Bounds

The Hamming bound: if $(n, M, d)_q$ codes exist, $M \leq \frac{q^n}{\sum_{i=0}^t \binom{n}{i} (q-1)^i}$

- Codes that *attain* the Hamming bound are called:

The Singleton bound: if $(n, M, d)_q$ codes exist, $M \leq q^{n-d+1}$

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MDS

$$S_t(c) = \{x : d(x, c) \leq t\}$$

$\binom{n}{i}$ binomial coeff
 $\frac{h!}{(n-i)! i!}$

Examples: the trivial code, the repetition code, the code E_3

Define the above codes. Calculate the parameters. Determine which of these codes are perfect and which of these codes are MDS.

trivial: F^n

$$\# F^n = q^n$$

(x_1, \dots, x_n)
 \uparrow \uparrow
 q q

$q = \#F$
 $[n, n, 1]_q$ -code.

$$d(F^n) \neq 1 = 1$$

$$d(aa \dots a, ba \dots a) = 1$$

Perfect: Hamming bd
 $t = \left\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{1-1}{2} \right\rfloor = 0$

$$M \leq \frac{q^n}{\sum_{i=0}^t \binom{n}{i} (q-1)^i} = \frac{q^n}{\binom{n}{0} (q-1)^0} = q^n$$