

6.02 Recitation R4 (10:11 am)

Linear Block Code (an example of algebraic block code)

- take the set of k -bit messages, $\{2^k\}$, and produce a set of 2^k CWs, each n bits long ($n \geq k$)
- block: any long bit streams can be chopped up into k -bit blocks
- linear: CWs are produced through linear transformation of the message bits

• notations: (n, k) or (n, k, d) where $d = \text{min HD of the block code}$

$(n, 1, n)$ for repetition code rate = k/n

Binary Linear Codes (BLC)

- computation uses Boolean algebra, or arithmetic mod 2, or algebra in a Galois Field of order 2 (GF_2 , or \mathbb{F}_2)
- Galois is a 19th century mathematician in Finite Fields (died @ 21)
- GF_2 algebra ↑
important for cryptography

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

addition

x	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

multiplication

w	-w	w ⁻¹
0	0	-
1	1	1

inverses

- Thm: a code is linear iff the sum of any two CWs is another CW
 - "all-0" CW is always in a linear code
- Thm: Define weight of a CW as the # of 1's in the word. Then min HD of a linear block code is equal to the weight of the non-zero CWs w/ the smallest weight.
- parity: define parity of bits x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n as $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)$, where addition is performed mod 2 (XOR)
 - even parity: when sum is 0
 - odd parity: when sum is 1
- even parity code: for any message M , let $w = M \cdot \text{parity}(M)$
 - $\text{parity}(w) = 0$ ↑ add a parity bit to each message
 - k/c # of 1's in each CW is even

[Example 5.14] Hat Game

- N people in room, each wearing a red or blue hat, standing in a line according to increasing height
- each person can see the hats of people in front, but not his/her own
- Each person gets to say "red" or "blue" about his/her own hat; $\rightarrow 1$ pt if correct, 0 pt if wrong
- what's the protocol that will maximize score

Soln: (There are several, but here is one)

- assign red = 0, blue = 1
- start w/ tallest person, who computes the overall parity of all hats in front of him/her, shouts the number (i.e., color)
- next person computes the parity, and add to it the parity from the previous person, and shout the result
- let p_k be the parity computed by the k^{th} person, and s_k be the shout by the k^{th} person, then

$$s_k = p_{k-1} + p_k \quad \text{where} \quad p_{k-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} s_i$$

[example] 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 1

parity 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0

shout 1 1 1 0 1 0 1 1

- only person who may be wrong is the 1st person \Rightarrow score = N or $N-1$

[Example 5.5] LBC (6.3) piecewise code

	d_1	d_2	d_3	p_1	p_2	p_3	weight
$p_1 = d_1 + d_2$	0	0	0	0	0	0	x
$p_2 = d_2 + d_3$	0	0	1	0	1	1	3 ✓
$p_3 = d_3 + d_1$	0	1	0	1	1	0	3 ✓
	0	1	1	1	0	1	4
	1	0	0	1	0	1	3 ✓
	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
	1	1	1	0	0	0	3 ✓

a) rate = $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

b) # of 1's in a min-weight, non-zero CW: answer 3

c) min HD = 3 (from Thm 2 on page 2)

Rectangular Parity SEC Code

- Arrange k bits of message M into a rectangular array w/ r rows and c columns
- define $P_{\text{-row}(i)} = \text{parity of all bits in row } i$

$$R = \{P_{\text{-row}(1)}, P_{\text{-row}(2)}, \dots, P_{\text{-row}(r)}\}$$

Similarly

$$C = \{P_{\text{-col}(1)}, P_{\text{-col}(2)}, \dots, P_{\text{-col}(c)}\}$$

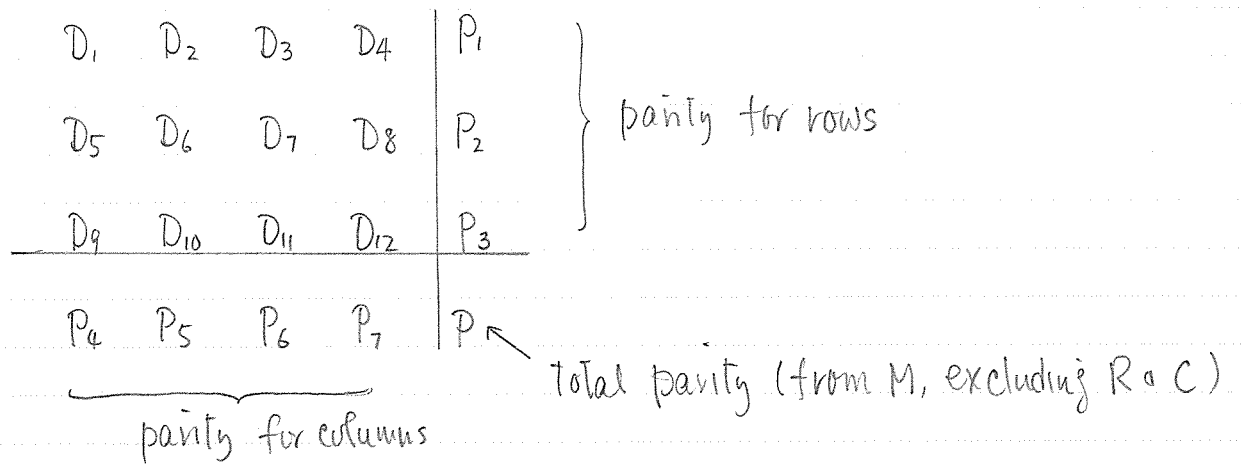
$$\left. \begin{matrix} R \\ C \end{matrix} \right\} w = M \cdot R \cdot C$$

- $n = rc + r + c$ rate = $rc / (rc + r + c)$

note: if there is a total parity for M , then $n = rc + r + c + 1$

• decoding process = compute row and column parities at receiver.

[Example, lecture 4, slide 16]



1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0
1	1	0	0
0	0	0	0

0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
0	0	1	1

1	0	1	0
1	1	0	0
0	1	1	0
0	1	0	0

0	1	0	1
1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0
1	0	0	0

no error!

error in D_1

error in P_5

error in P

- assertion = Rectangular parity code is a SEC code
 - if M_i and M_j differ by one bit, then w_i, w_j will differ by 3 bits (data bit, row and column bits) $\Rightarrow HD = 3$
 - if M_i and M_j differ by 2 bits, then there are 3 possibilities =
 - differing bits are in the same row (2 data + 2 column bits), or
 - " " " " column (" " row "), or
 - " " " " different rows and columns (2 data, 2 row, 2 column bits) $\Rightarrow HD \geq 4$
 - if M_i and M_j differ by 3 or more bits, then $HD \geq 3$
 - So $HD \geq 3$ for rectangular parity code \Rightarrow SEC code

How many parity bits are needed in an SEC code?

- receiver needs to distinguish $n+1$ situations (ie, 0 to n single errors)
- $n-k$ parity bits $\Rightarrow 2^{n-k}$ possible bit patterns

$$\boxed{n+1 \leq 2^{n-k}}$$

- Every linear code can be represented by an equivalent

systematic form

