

Problem 1

Given a linear binary code with the following generator matrix

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is the error vector belonging to the received vector $\mathbf{v} = (01011)$?

Solution:

First we calculate the parity check matrix by noticing that this code is systematic, because

\mathbf{G} contains an identity matrix in its first block, so it is in the form of: $\mathbf{G}_{k \times n} = (\mathbf{I}_{k \times k} \mid \mathbf{B}_{k \times (n-k)})$

$$\mathbf{G} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

we know that in case of a systematic code $\mathbf{A} = -\mathbf{B}^T$ which in the binary case is equal to $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}^T$

so $\mathbf{H}_{(n-k) \times n} = (\mathbf{A}_{(n-k) \times k} \mid \mathbf{I}_{(n-k) \times (n-k)}) = (\mathbf{B}_{(n-k) \times k}^T \mid \mathbf{I}_{(n-k) \times (n-k)}) =$

$$\mathbf{H} = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

Then we use the following relationship: $\mathbf{s}^T = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}^T = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{e})^T = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{c}^T + \mathbf{H}\mathbf{e}^T = \boxed{\mathbf{H}\mathbf{e}^T = \mathbf{s}^T}$
= 0 by definition of \mathbf{H}

$$\mathbf{s}^T = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}^T = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{e}^T = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|cc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \mathbf{e}^T \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^T = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\},$$

Problem 2

Given a linear binary code with generator matrix $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$!

- Give the type of the code (n,k) ?
- Can this be a Hamming code?
- How many errors can be detected and corrected by this code?
- Can the error vectors $\mathbf{e}_1 = (10000)$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 = (00001)$ be distinguished?
- Can these error vectors be group leaders?
- If this code operates over a BSC with error probability $p = 0.2$ then what is the probability of these two error vectors occurring?

Solution:

- $n=5, k=3$
- No, because $n+1 \neq 2^{n-k}$
- Based on the generator matrix $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ the code words are: $\mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{c}$

$$(000) \mathbf{G} = (00000) ; (001) \mathbf{G} = (00111) ; (010) \mathbf{G} = (01010) ; (100) \mathbf{G} = (10001) ;$$

$$(011) \mathbf{G} = (01101) ; (101) \mathbf{G} = (10110) ; (110) \mathbf{G} = (11011) ; (111) \mathbf{G} = (11100)$$

Knowing the set of code words we can calculate d_{\min}

This can be carried out via comparing every two code word and calculating the distance or more simply because this code is linear the weight of the minimal weight code word (except the all zero code word) is the minimal distance. $d_{\min} = w_{\min} = 2$

Error detection and correction capability can be calculated via

$$l = d_{\min} - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1, \text{ so every single error can be detected}$$

$$t = \left\lfloor \frac{d_{\min} - 1}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{2 - 1}{2} \right\rfloor = 0, \text{ but no error can be corrected}$$

- first to compute the syndrome vectors, we need the parity check matrix:

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ then we calculate the syndrome vectors as: } \mathbf{s}^T = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{e}^T$$

With $\mathbf{e}_1 = (10000)$ and $\mathbf{e}_2 = (00001)$ we come to the syndrome vector

$$\mathbf{s}^T = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{e}_1^T = \mathbf{H} \mathbf{e}_2^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so the two error vector cannot be distinguished.}$$

- e) It is unnecessary to enumerate the error groups leading to the syndrome vectors because we already know from d) that they cannot be distinguished, so consequently they belong to the same group.

Since the two error vectors have the same weight both of them are equally probable, thus either of them can be the group leader.

- f) Since the channel is a BSC the error vector probability is the same for the two error vectors, since they have equal weights.

the error probability can be calculated as:

$$P(\mathbf{e}) = \left(\frac{P_b}{1 - P_b} \right)^{w(\mathbf{e})} (1 - P_b)^n = P_b^{w(\mathbf{e})} (1 - P_b)^{n - w(\mathbf{e})} =$$

$$P(\mathbf{e}_1) = P_b (1 - P_b)^4 = 0.2 \cdot 0.8^4 = 0.08192$$

Problem 3

Given a linear binary code with parity check matrix $\mathbf{H} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1)!$

- Give the type of the code n, k !
 - Give the number of code words !
 - Give the minimum code distance d_{\min} !
 - Give the generator matrix \mathbf{G}
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Solution:

- Since \mathbf{H} is of type $(n - k) \times n$, $n = 6, k = 5$.
- The code words are generated as $\mathbf{u}\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{c}$, $\forall \mathbf{u}$. A code word's dimension is n , a message word's dimension is k . Since the code is binary, there are 2^k different message words and because the coding is a one to one mapping there are the same number of code words: $2^k = 2^5 = 32$
- Since \mathbf{H} is linear, $d_{\min} = w_{\min}$. We also know that the code words must satisfy $\mathbf{H}\mathbf{c}^T = \mathbf{0}$, thus in this particular case the code words weight must be an even number. The smallest even number which is not the zero is 2. $d_{\min} = w_{\min} = 2$
- Since the code is systematic, because $\mathbf{H} = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1) = \mathbf{H}_{(n-k) \times n} = (\mathbf{A}_{(n-k) \times k} \mid \mathbf{I}_{(n-k) \times (n-k)})$

$$\text{we can construct } \mathbf{G}_{k \times n} = (\mathbf{I}_{k \times k} \mid \mathbf{B}_{k \times (n-k)}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Problem 4

Given a linear binary code with generator matrix $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}!$

- Give the code parameters n, k, d
- Give the standard arrangement table of the code!
- Give the syndrome decoding table of the code!
- Is this code MDS and Perfect?
- Give the probability of a miss-decoding a code word if the channel is a memory free BSC!

Solution:

- a) Because $\mathbf{G}_{k \times n}$ the code parameters are $n=5, k=2$

the four code words are:
$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{c}^{(2)} \\ \mathbf{c}^{(3)} \\ \mathbf{c}^{(4)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ so } d_{\min} = 3$$

- b) We know that the syndrome vector is $\mathbf{s}^T = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{v}^T = \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{e})^T = \mathbf{H}\mathbf{e}^T$

$$\mathbf{H}_{(n-k) \times n} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

we can write in a table form the mapping of the syndrome vector to the error vector. In the following form:

$\mathbf{s}^{(0)}$	$\mathbf{e}^{(0)} = \mathbf{0}$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)}$...	$\mathbf{c}^{(2^k-1)}$
$\mathbf{s}^{(1)}$	$\mathbf{e}^{(1)}$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)} + \mathbf{e}^{(1)}$...	$\mathbf{c}^{(2^k-1)} + \mathbf{e}^{(1)}$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\ddots	\vdots
$\mathbf{s}^{(2^{n-k}-1)}$	$\mathbf{e}^{(2^{n-k}-1)}$	$\mathbf{c}^{(1)} + \mathbf{e}^{(2^{n-k}-1)}$...	$\mathbf{c}^{(2^k-1)} + \mathbf{e}^{(2^{n-k}-1)}$

in this specific case

000	00000	000000	10110	01101	11011
110	10000	100000	00110	11101	01011
101	01000	010000	11110	00101	10011
100	00100	001000	10010	01001	11111
010	00010	000100	10100	01111	11001
001	00001	000010	10111	01100	11010
011	00011	000110	10101	01110	11000
111	10001	100010	00111	11100	01010

for demonstrating code performance:

100	11111	111111	01001	10010	00100
010	10100	101000	00010	11001	01111

- c) The first two columns of the standard arrangement table is the syndrome decoding table
 d) Computing the Singleton and Hamming bound:

$$d_{\min} \stackrel{?}{=} n - k + 1$$

$$3 \stackrel{?}{=} 5 - 2 + 1, \text{ not true so the code is not MDS}$$

$$t = \left\lfloor \frac{d_{\min} - 1}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{3 - 1}{2} \right\rfloor = 1$$

$$q^k \sum_{i=0}^t \binom{n}{i} (q-1)^i \stackrel{?}{=} q^n, \text{ in binary case } q=2$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^t \binom{n}{i} \stackrel{?}{=} 2^{n-k} \quad \binom{n}{k} := \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

$$\binom{5}{0} + \binom{5}{1} \stackrel{?}{=} 2^3$$

$$1 + 5 \stackrel{?}{=} 8, \text{ not true the code is not Perfect}$$

- e) We have totally
 1, 0 weight error vector
 5, 1 weight error vector
 10, 2 weight error vector
 10, 3 weight error vector
 5, 4 weight error vector
 1, 5 weight error vector

since we can correct every single error and two arbitrary but fixed two errors, the probability of an erroneous decoding is the total probability when the error vector is not among the enumerated values of the syndrome decoding table.

$$P(\mathbf{e}) = P_b^{w(\mathbf{e})} (1 - P_b)^{n - w(\mathbf{e})}$$

$$P(\text{erroneous decoding}) = P(\text{error vector is not among the enumerated error vectors}) =$$

$$= 8 \cdot P(\mathbf{e} | w(\mathbf{e}) = 2) + 10 \cdot P(\mathbf{e} | w(\mathbf{e}) = 3) + 5 \cdot P(\mathbf{e} | w(\mathbf{e}) = 4) + 1 \cdot P(\mathbf{e} | w(\mathbf{e}) = 5) =$$

$$= 8 \cdot P_b^2 (1 - P_b)^3 + 10 \cdot P_b^3 (1 - P_b)^2 + 5 \cdot P_b^4 (1 - P_b)^1 + 1 \cdot P_b^5 (1 - P_b)^0$$

Problem 5

Given a binary linear systematic code by the following codewords:

$$\mathbf{c}_0 = (000000); \mathbf{c}_1 = (011111); \mathbf{c}_2 = (101100); \mathbf{c}_3 = (110011)$$

- Determine the syndrome vector belonging to error vector $\mathbf{e} = (011110)$!
- What other error vectors are in the same error group !
- What will be the group leader (the error vector appearing in the syndrome decoding table from this group) ?
- Calculate the probability of the group leader if the error probability of the BSC is $P_b = 0.1$!

Solution:

a)

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ which implies } \mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ thus}$$

$$\mathbf{He}^T = \mathbf{s}^T \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ whereof } \mathbf{s} = (0001)$$

$$\text{b) } E_{(0001)} = \{ (011110), (011110) + (011111), (011110) + (101100), (011110) + (110011) \} = \{ (011110), (000001), (110010), (101101) \}$$

c) The group leader is $\mathbf{e} = (000001)$, since it has the lowest weight.

d) In this case the probability is $P(\mathbf{e}) = P_b (1 - P_b)^5 = 0.1 * 0.9^5 = 0.059049 \approx 0.06$