

Linear

* Vector space base on a finite field
 $F = GF(p^m)$

* An informal definition:

• $\vec{v} \in F^n$ being an n -dim vector
 with each coordinate $v_i \in F$

• $\vec{v} + \vec{u} = (v_1 + u_1, \dots, v_n + u_n)$

• $a\vec{v}$ where $a \in F$
 $= (av_1, av_2, \dots, av_n)$ all multi
 in F .

A linear sub-vector space

is determined by a spanning set

set $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_k\}$ such that

$$\forall v \in V = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \alpha_i \vec{v}_i \mid \alpha_i \in F \right\}$$

$$V_{\text{subspace}} = \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \alpha_k \vec{v}_k : \forall \alpha_k \in F \right\}$$

The minimum spanning set (with minimum cardinality) is a basis of V .

The dimension of V is the size of the basis. We write $\dim(V) = K$

Inner Product

$$\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \cdot v_i \quad \text{in } F$$

Properties $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u}$

$$a \cdot (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v}) = (a \cdot \vec{u}) \cdot \vec{v}$$

$$\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} + \vec{w}) = \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} + \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w}$$

Dual Space

S is a linear subspace

and S^\perp is the set of all vectors

and S^\perp is the set of all vectors u such that $\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} = 0$ for all $v \in S$.
 S^\perp is called the dual space.

Properties: ① S^\perp is a linear subspace as well

$$\textcircled{2} \dim(S) + \dim(S^\perp) = \dim(V)$$

$\xrightarrow{\quad}$ The whole space.

Remark: It is a bit different than the Euclidean space.

$$\text{E.g. } V = \left(GF(2) \right)^2 = \left\{ (a_1, a_2) : \begin{array}{l} a_1, a_2 \\ \in GF(2) \end{array} \right\}$$

$$S = \{ a(1, 1) : a \in GF(2) \}$$

$$= \{ (0, 0), (1, 1) \}$$

$$S^\perp = \{ b(1, 1) : b \in GF(2) \} = S$$

We do have

$$\dim(S) + \dim(S^\perp) = 2 = \dim((\mathbb{GF}(2))^2)$$

but. the span of S and S^\perp
is the same as S , and it's
not $\mathbb{GF}(2)^2$

In Euclidean space



the entire 2-D space.

Revisit linear block codes.

* A linear block code in $\mathbb{GF}(p^m) = \mathbb{F}$
is characterised by a generator matrix


$$G \in \mathbb{F}^{n \times k}$$

and a codeword

$$\vec{x} = G \cdot \vec{m} \quad \text{where all the}$$

operations are in \mathbb{F}

operations are in F

* We call it (n, k) linear block code.


* It can also be characterized by the parity check matrix

$H \in F^{(n-k) \times n}$ such that all codewords \vec{x} satisfy

$$\vec{0} = H \cdot \vec{x}$$

* If $H = \begin{bmatrix} I & P \\ \hline & \end{bmatrix}$, (after row operations in F)

then $G = \begin{bmatrix} -P \\ I \end{bmatrix}$ where $P \in F^{(n-k) \times k}$

* H can be viewed as the generating matrix of a dual code C^\perp

(G is the generating matrix of C .)

Hamming distance

$$d_{\text{Hamming}}(\vec{v}, \vec{w}) = \# \text{ of } i \text{ such that } v_i \neq w_i$$

The weight of a vector

$$\text{weight}(\vec{v}) = d_{\text{Hamming}}(\vec{v}, \vec{0})$$

Minimal distance of a codebook

$$C = \{ \vec{c}_i : i=0, \dots, M-1 \}$$

↳ where M
is usually p^k
 $= p^{n-R}$

is

$$d_{\min} = \min_{\substack{i \neq j \\ 0 \leq i, j \leq M-1}} d_{\text{Hamming}}(\vec{c}_i, \vec{c}_j)$$

Corollary. The minimal distance of a linear block code is

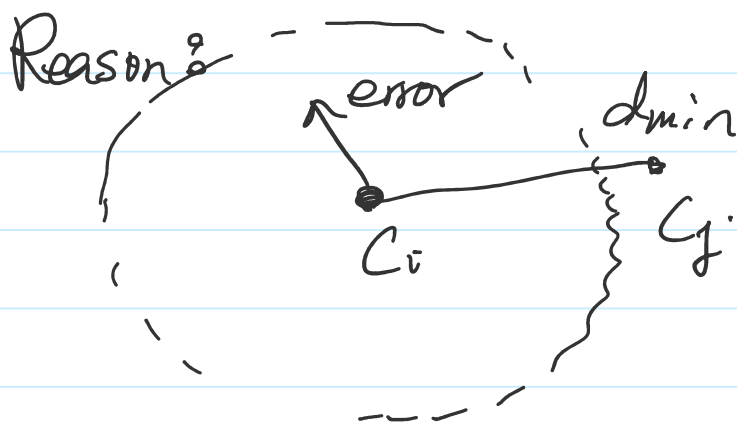
$$d_{\min} = \min \text{weight}(\vec{c}_i)$$

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$$= \min_{1 \leq i \leq M-1} d_{\text{Hamming}}(\vec{C}_i, \vec{0})$$

Here we assume $\vec{C}_0 = \vec{0}$

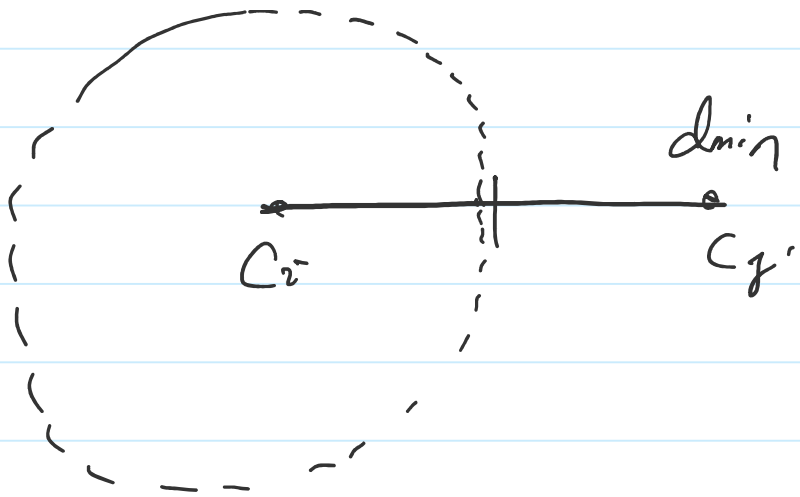
A code can "detect" all error patterns of weight $\leq d_{\min} - 1$



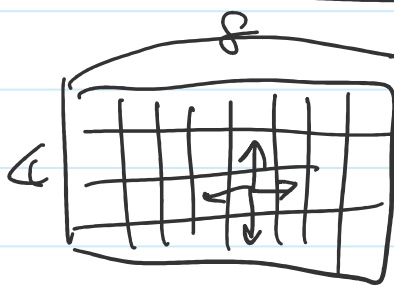
A code can "correct" all error patterns of weight $< \frac{d_{\min}}{2}$

or equivalently

$$\text{weight} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{d_{\min} - 1}{2} \right\rfloor$$



Recall the



example

the upper bound is $\frac{32}{5}$

Suppose a code of length n can decode $\leq t$ errors in $[\text{GF}(p^m)]^n$ vector space
 \Rightarrow each codeword occupies

$$\sum_{e=0}^t \binom{n}{e} \cdot (p^m - 1)^e \text{ spaces.}$$

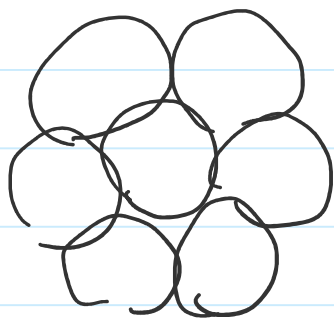
and the total number of codewords must satisfy $\binom{n}{m} n$

must satisfy

$$M \leq \frac{(p^m)^n}{\sum_{l=0}^t \binom{n}{l} (p^m - 1)^l}$$

* Any code that attains the equality is called a perfect code

i.e.



all the spheres are perfectly packed.

Example of perfect codes.

$$\textcircled{1} \mathcal{C} = \mathbb{F}_p^n, \quad t=0.$$

$$(p)^n = \frac{p^n}{1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \mathcal{C} = \{ \mathbf{0}^n \} \quad t=n$$

$$1 = \frac{p^n}{p^n}$$

③ $C = \{ \vec{0}, \vec{1} \}$ and n is odd
 $\Rightarrow t = \frac{n-1}{2}$

$$2 = \frac{p^n}{\sum_{e=0}^{n-t} \binom{n}{e} \cdot (p-1)^e}$$

④ binary Hamming Code (7,4). $t=1$

can correct
one error

$$2^4 = \frac{2^7}{\binom{7}{0} + \binom{7}{1}}$$

$$16 = \frac{128}{1 + 7}$$

⑤ binary Golay Code

$$(23, 12) \quad t=3 \quad d_{\min}=7$$

No other perfect code exists
(except for the $GF(p^m)$ versions
of either Hamming or Golay
Codes.