

* View a codeword as a vector

$$\vec{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$$

Construction 1

* $c = \vec{c} \in GF(p)$ or in $GF(p^m)$

$$G \triangleq \begin{bmatrix} I \\ P \end{bmatrix} \quad P \in (n-k) \times k$$

* View a codeword as a polynomial

$$C(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{n-1}x^{n-1}$$

$$\deg(C(x)) \leq n-1$$

Construction 2

* A polynomial-based construction of
construction

$$m(x) = m_0 + m_1x + m_2x^2 + \dots + m_{k-1}x^{k-1}$$

$$\deg(m(x)) \leq k-1$$

$$C(x) = m(x) \cdot g(x) \quad \text{where} \quad \deg(g(x)) = n-k$$

* $g(x)$ is called the generator polynomial.

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of Construction 1. ^
strict

proof: $C_0 = m_0 \cdot g_0$

$$C_1 = m_1 \cdot g_0 + m_0 \cdot g_1$$

$$C_i = \sum_{j=0}^{\min(i, k)} m_j g_{i-j} \quad \text{for } i=0, \dots, n-1$$

However, the design freedom is g_0, \dots, g_{n-k} , which is much smaller than the design freedom $P: (n-k) \times k$.

In practice, how do we encode?

Soln #1: By multiplication.

$$C(x) = m(x) \cdot g(x)$$

Soln #2: By division. (Much more popular)

Every codeword is a multiple of $g(x)$.



$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{P_0 \mid P_1 \mid \dots \mid P_{n-k} \mid m_0 \mid m_1 \mid \dots \mid m_{k-1}}_{C(x)}$$

last k coordinates

That is, we only need to compute the P_0, \dots, P_{n-k} values such that the resulting $C(x)$ is a multiple of $g(x)$

\Rightarrow By long division

$$g(x) \begin{array}{r} \overline{m_{k-1} \quad m_{k-2} \quad \dots \quad m_0 \quad \overbrace{00000}^{n-k \text{ zeros}}} \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array} \begin{array}{l} \downarrow d(x) \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$$

that is

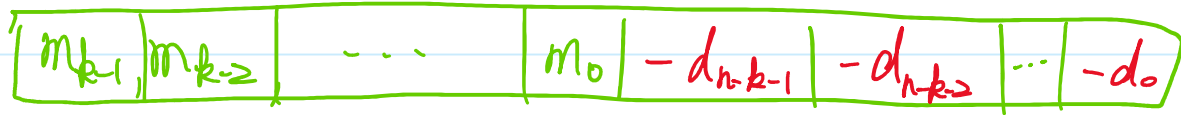
$$d(x) = x^{n-k} \cdot m(x) \text{ mod } g(x)$$

then $x^{n-k} \cdot m(x) - d(x)$ will be a multiple of $g(x)$ with the

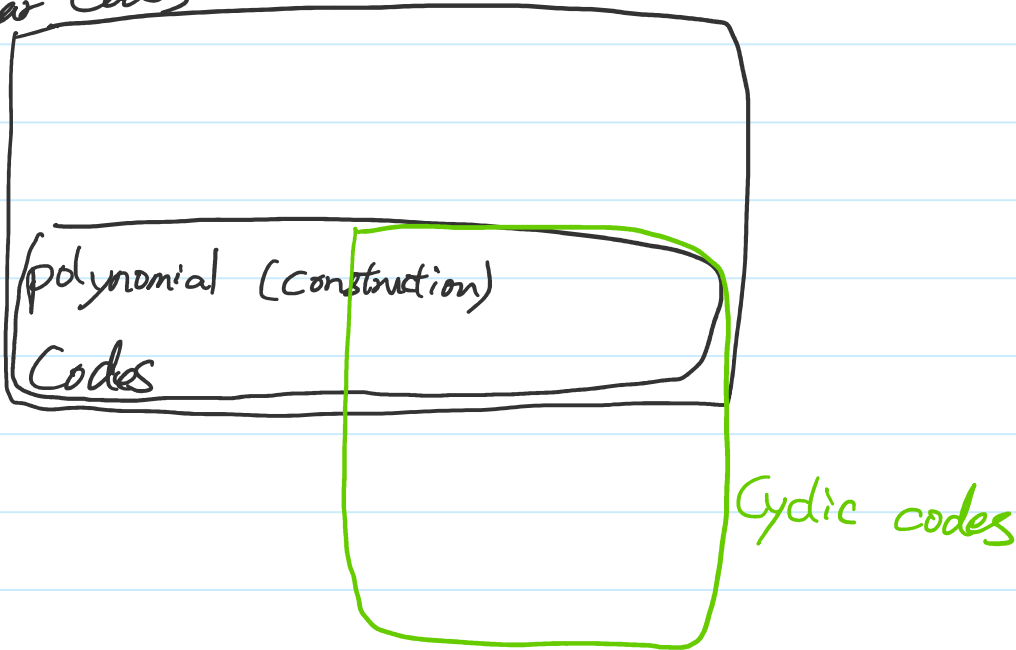
highest k coefficients being exactly

$$m_{k-1}, \dots, m_0. \Rightarrow \text{Systematic Code}$$

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Linear Codes



A code \mathcal{C} is cyclic \oplus

$\Rightarrow \forall (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{C}$, we also have

$$(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}, c_0) \in \mathcal{C}$$

(i.e. the cyclically-shifted version is also a codeword.)

Construction of a linear cyclic code.

Step 1: Fix the finite field size

$GF(p^m)$ (each coordinate of
the n -dim codeword is
in $GF(p^m)$)

Step 2: Choose the codeword length n .

Step 3: Choose $g(x)$ to be a non-trivial
factor of $x^n - 1$, i.e.

$$g(x) \cdot h(x) = x^n - 1.$$

Usually choose the $g(x)$ with the
leading coeff = 1

Step 4: $\deg(g(x)) = r \leq n-1$ ($\Rightarrow g_r \neq 0$)

Set $k = n - r$.

$$m(x) = m_0 + m_1 x + \dots + m_{k-1} x^{k-1}$$

then $C(x) = m(x) \cdot g(x)$ is cyclic.

Theorem: This the only way to construct a linear cyclic code. That is, any linear cyclic code can be constructed by a special $g(x)$ that divides $x^n - 1$

Corollary: $g_0 \neq 0$. since $g(x)$ divides $x^n - 1$

Discussion #1: Lemma: If $g(x)$ is a factor of $x^n - 1$, then the codebook is cyclic.

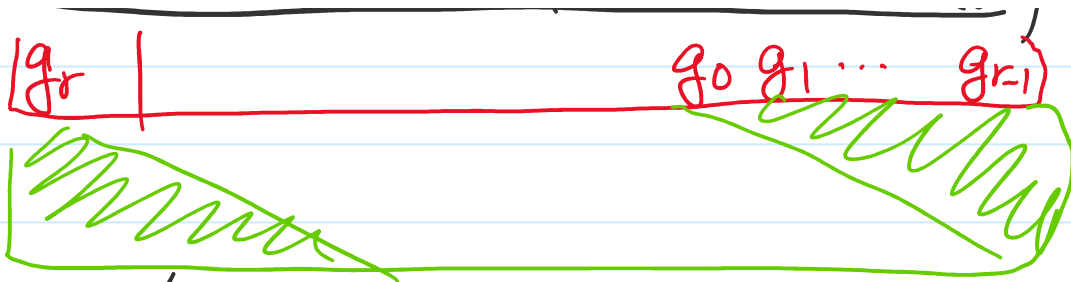
let us switch back to

$$G: k \times n$$

If we choose $m_0 = 1$, and all other $m_j = 0$. then we have a codeword

g_0	g_1	\dots	g_r	
g_0	g_1	g_{r-1}	g_0	
				$g_0 \mid g_1 \mid \dots \mid g_r$

$|g_r|$
 $g_0 \mid g_1 \mid \dots \mid g_{r-1}$



Repeatedly, we choose $m_i = 1$ and all other $m_j = 0$, we have k -shifted codewords. Clearly it forms a basis of the codebook because of the diagonal structure, and $g_0 \neq 0$.

* It is almost cyclic, (when shifting at most k times)

* Question: Is continuously shifting them still in the codebook?

* Question: Can we find $(m_0 + m_1 x + \dots + m_{k-1} x^{k-1})$, such that $m(x) \cdot g(x)$

gives us $[g_r \mid g_0 g_1 \dots g_{r-1}]$

Answer: Observation #1.

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$$\deg(g(x)) = n - k = r$$

$$\deg(h(x)) = k$$

WLOG: $g_r = 1$ the
 $h_k = 1$ leading
coefficients are 1
 $k + r - 1 = n - 1$

Observation #2:

$$\boxed{} \Rightarrow g_r \cdot x^0 + g_0 x^k + g_1 x^{k+1} + \dots + g_{r-1} x^{k+r-1}$$

Proof: $= x^k \cdot g(x) \pmod{x^n - 1}$
 by long division

$$\begin{array}{r} x^n - 1 \quad \overline{) \quad g_r x^n + \dots + g_0 x^k} \\ \underline{g_r x^n} \qquad \qquad \qquad -g_r \\ g_{r-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + g_0 x^k \qquad +g_r \end{array}$$

Combine the above, we set $\because \deg(h(x)) = k$

$$m(x) = (x^k \pmod{h(x)}) = x^k - h(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow m(x) \cdot g(x) = \left[\underbrace{x^k - h(x)}_{= x^n - 1} \right] \cdot g(x)$$

$$= x^k \cdot g(x) - \boxed{g(x) \cdot h(x)} \quad \text{where } h(x) = x^n - 1$$

$$= \underline{x^k \cdot g(x) \text{ mod } x^n - 1}$$

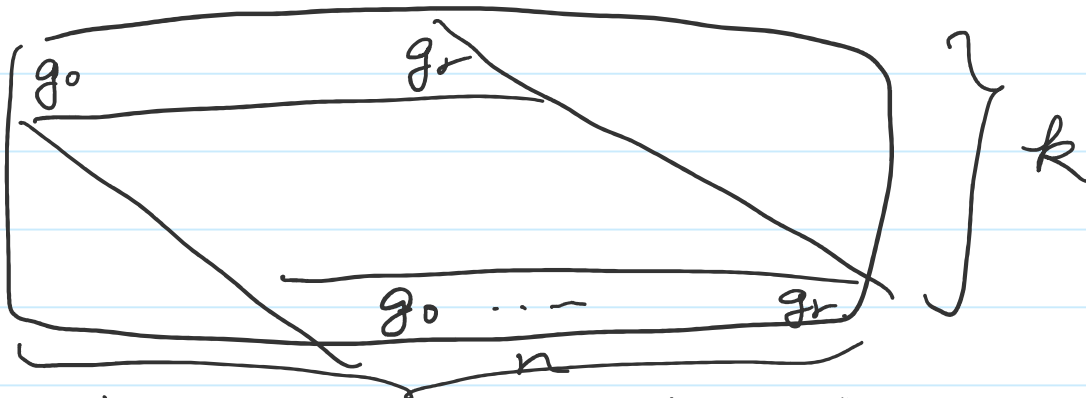
the cyclically shifted version

Similar reasons show that all n shifted versions are in the codebook.

I.e. we can find $\tilde{m}(x)g(x) = c_{\text{shifted}}(x)$.

\Rightarrow The codebook is cyclic.

The generator matrix of a cyclic code with generator polynomial $g(x)$ is



Q: What is the parity check matrix?

Ans: Recall $g(x) \cdot h(x) = x^n - 1$ and $\deg(h(x)) = k$