

\* Decoding of  $RM(r, m)$ ,

$\equiv$  successive majority decoding

\*  $d_{\min} = 2^{m-r}$

suppose the number of error

$$t < \frac{d_{\min}}{2} = 2^{m-r-1}$$


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$$\vec{m} \cdot G = \vec{x} \quad G: k \times n$$

\* Each message bit is associated to one row of  $G$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  associated to on  $S \subseteq \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$  satisfying  $|S| \leq r$

\* Each coordinate of the codeword  $\vec{x}$  is associated to a column of  $G \Rightarrow$  associated to a base-2 representation  $b$ .

\* Let us decode bit  $m_{S_0}$  where  $|S_0| = r$ .

\* Because our construction is  $\vec{b}$  permutation invariant, it is without loss of generality to

assume  $S_0 = \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}$ .

For any  $\vec{b} \triangleq \boxed{\vec{b}_{S_0^c} \cdot \vec{b}_{S_0}}$  ← Basically we want to break  $\vec{b}$  into  $\vec{b}_{S_0}$  &  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c}$

\* Theorem: for any  $|S_0|=r$ , and any  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c}$ ,

$$\sum_{\vec{b}_{S_0}} \chi_{\vec{b}_{S_0^c}} \vec{b}_{S_0} = m_{S_0}$$

Fig.  $m=3, r=2$

$$n=2^3=8, k = \binom{3}{0} + \binom{3}{1} + \binom{3}{2} = 7.$$

$$d_{\min} = 2^{3-2} = 2$$

$2^3=8$

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1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	$S = \emptyset$
	1		1		1		1	$S = \{0\}$
		1	1			1	1	$S = \{1\}$
				1	1	1	1	$S = \{2\}$
			1				1	$S = \{0, 1\}$
					1		1	$S = \{0, 2\}$

					1		1	$\delta = \{0, 2\}$
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If  $S = \{0, 1\}$ .  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c} = b_2$

$$b_2 = 0 \Rightarrow x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = m_{\{0, 1\}}$$

$$b_2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_4 + x_5 + x_6 + x_7 = m_{\{0, 1\}}$$

If  $S = \{0, 2\}$ .  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c} = b_1$

$$b_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_0 + x_1 + x_4 + x_5 = m_{\{0, 2\}}$$

$$b_1 = 1 \Rightarrow x_2 + x_3 + x_6 + x_7 = m_{\{0, 2\}}$$

If  $S = \{1, 2\}$ .  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c} = b_0$

$$b_0 = 0 \Rightarrow x_0 + x_2 + x_4 + x_6 = m_{\{1, 2\}}$$

$$b_0 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_3 + x_5 + x_7 = m_{\{1, 2\}}$$

proof: Consider any row in  $G(r, m)$

with  $S'$  index, where  $S' \neq S_0$ .

Claim: Given any arbitrary  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c}$  value.

Among all locations correspond to

$$\{ \vec{b} = \boxed{\vec{b}_{S_0^c} \cdot \vec{b}_{S_0}} : \forall \vec{b}_{S_0} \}.$$

we have an even number of them being 1.

proof of Claim: If  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c}$  is not ~~is~~ compatible with  $S' \setminus S_0$ , then all these locations will be 0. ✓

• If  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c}$  is compatible with  $S' \setminus S_0$ .

Among  $2^r$  possible ways to choose  $\vec{b}_{S_0}$ , exactly

$2^{r - |S' \setminus S_0|}$  of them will

have the location of  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c} \cdot \vec{b}_{S_0}$  being 1.

Since  $|S'| \leq r = |S_0|$  and  $S' \neq S_0$   
 $\Rightarrow |S' \cap S_0| < r$

$\Rightarrow$  the claim is proven.

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Claim: However, for the row corresponding to  $S_0$ , exactly one location of  $\{ \vec{b}_{S_0^c} : \forall \vec{b}_{S_0} \}$  will have value 1.

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Together this proves

Theorem: For any  $|S_0|=r$ , and any  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c}$ ,

$$\sum_{\vec{b}_{S_0}} \chi_{\vec{b}_{S_0^c}} \vec{b}_{S_0} = m_{S_0}$$

Implication # 1: There are  $2^{m-r}$  different ways of choosing  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c}$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  there

ways of choosing  $D_{S_0}^c$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  there are  $2^{m-r}$  different ways to find  $m_{S_0}$  from  $\vec{x}$

Implication #2: If there are at most

$$t < \frac{d_{\min}}{2} = \frac{2^{m-r}}{2} \text{ errors, then}$$

out of all  $2^{m-r}$  ways, strictly less than half is in error.

$\Rightarrow$  strictly more than half are "correct".

Implication #3: We can take the majority vote, out of  $2^{m-r}$  ways of evaluating  $m_{S_0} = \sum_{\forall D_{S_0}^c} y_{D_{S_0}^c} \vec{D}_{S_0}$  to find  $m_{S_0}$  with no error.

Implication #4: Repeat the process, we can find  $m_S$  values for all

$$|S|=r, \text{ with } \underline{\underline{\text{no error}}}$$

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In practice, the computation / equation of

$$\sum_{\forall \vec{b}_{s_0}} \chi_{\vec{b}_{s_0}} \vec{b}_{s_0} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \vec{b}_{s_0}$$

can be written as a "parity check" matrix

$$H_{s_0} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \overbrace{\hspace{10em}}^{n=2^m} \\ \hline \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{2^{m-r}} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

one row for each  $\vec{b}_{s_0}$  value.

$$\text{then } \hat{m}_{s_0} = \text{Majority} ( H_{s_0} \cdot \vec{y} )$$

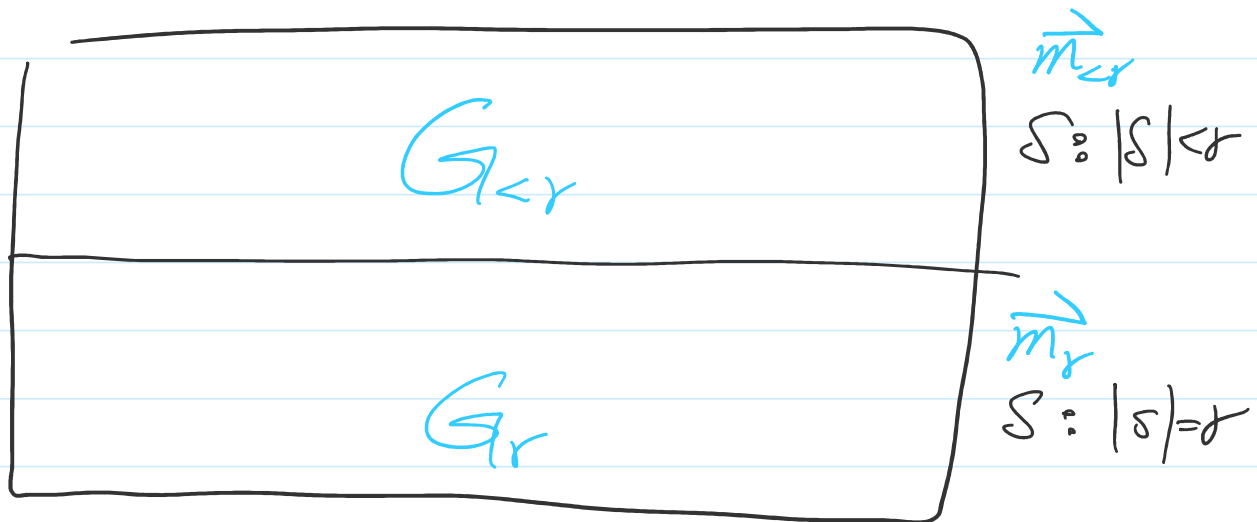
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How about those  $m_s$  with  $|s| < r$ ?

Ans: Successive decoding.

First solve  $m_s$  for all  $|s|=r$ .

then remove the impact of those  $m_s$ .



$$y' = y - \vec{m}_r \cdot G_r$$

Since  $\vec{m}_r$  are free-of-error.

assuming  $t < 2^{m-r}$

$\Rightarrow$  the same  $t < \frac{2^{m-r}}{2}$  errors remain in

$y'$ . but  $G_{k,r}$  is essentially

$G(r-1, m)$ , another RM code.

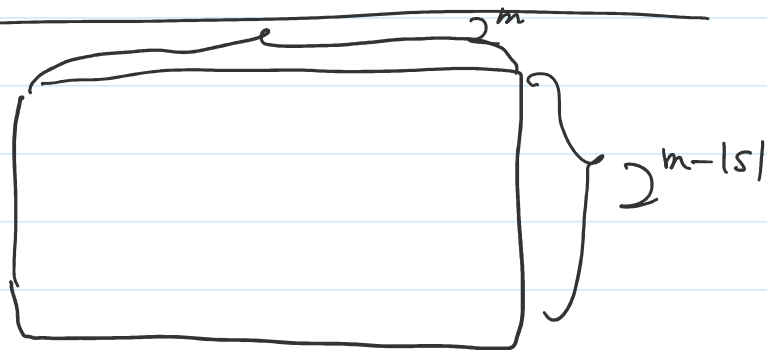
the new code has  $d_{min} = 2^{m-r+1}$

which is larger than  $2 \cdot t$  again.

$\Rightarrow$  We can then repeat the process to decode  $m_s$  w.  $|S|=r-1$ .



In practice  
 $|S| =$



$$\hat{m}_S = \text{Majority} \left( H_S \left( y' - (m_r G_r) \right)^T \right)$$

iterative/successive  
decoding.

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\* Iteratively applying this successive decoding  
for  $|S| = r, r-1, r-2, \dots, 1$

$\Rightarrow$  Perfect decoding if  $t < 2^{m-r} / 2$

\* If  $t \geq 2^{m-r} / 2$ , then sometimes  
the decoding may fail.

say for some  $|S_0| = r$ , if

the  $t$  errors are fully spread  
 $\geq 2^{m-r} / 2$

the  $t$  errors are fully spread  
 $\geq \frac{nr}{2}$

in all  $\sum_{\forall b_{s_0}} \chi_{b_{s_0}} \vec{b}_{s_0^c} = 0$  for all  $\vec{b}_{s_0^c}$

then the majority decoding fails.

for that particular  $m_{s_0}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  The error will propagate under  
Successive decoding

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However, sometimes decoding can still be successful.

For example  $m=5$ ,  $r=1$

$$d_{\min} = 2^{5-1} = 16$$

$$t < \frac{d_{\min}}{2} = 8 \Rightarrow \text{successful decoding is guaranteed.}$$

What if  $t=8$  and the 8 error locations

are ① 0 0 0 0 0

② 0 0 0 0 1

$$\textcircled{3} \quad 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0$$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0$$

$$\textcircled{6} \quad 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1$$

\textcircled{1} arbitrary / does not impact the example

\textcircled{8} arbitrary

For any  $|S_0| = r = 1 \Rightarrow |S_0^c| = 4$ .

If  $S_0^c = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  then  $X_{\textcircled{4}}$  and  $X_{\textcircled{6}}$   
participate in the same equation  
when  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c} = -0101$

If  $S_0^c = \{0, 1, 2, 4\}$  then  $X_{\textcircled{3}}$  and  $X_{\textcircled{8}}$   
participate in the same equation  
when  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c} = 0-010$

If  $S_0^c = \{0, 1, 3, 4\}$ , then  $X_{\textcircled{5}}$  and  $X_{\textcircled{7}}$   
participate in the same equation  
when  $\vec{b}_{S_0^c} = 00-01$

If  $S_0^c = \{0, 2, 3, 4\}$  then  $X_{\textcircled{1}}$  and  $X_{\textcircled{2}}$

participate in the same equation when

$$\vec{b}_{S_0^c} = 000-0$$

If  $S_0^c = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , then  $x_0$  and  $x_2$  participate in the same equation when

$$\vec{b}_{S_0^c} = 0000-$$

$\Rightarrow$  Majority decoding is successful

for  $|S|=1$ .  $\checkmark$

We have the first example that

decoding beyond  $\lfloor \frac{d_{\min}}{2} \rfloor$  is sometimes

possible.