

Example ① $F = GF(2)$, $m=4$, $n=5$.

Codeword length = 5 bits

② $F = GF(2)$, $m=8$, $n=51$.

Codeword length = 51 bits.

③ $F = GF(2)$, $m=8$, $n=255$

Codeword length = 255 bits

④ $F = GF(2^8)$, $m=1$, $n=255$

codeword length = 255 bytes.

If $F = GF(2)$ it is a binary BCH code. Example ①, ②, ③

If $n = \text{ord}(F)^m - 1$ then it is a primitive BCH code. Example: ③, ④

* Because the smaller the m , the less complex the computation, we want the smallest

Secondary:

Theorem: Set $m = \text{ord}(F) \bmod n$

will give us the smallest m

satisfying $n \mid (\text{order}(F))^m - 1$

Primary

Step 3.2.

Fix the m value and the

$n \mid (\text{order}(F))^m - 1$

Step 3.1

$\beta \in \mathbb{F}^m$ value in Step 3.1

Choose any $b \geq 0$ and $2 \leq \delta \leq n$
value.

We choose a subset of $f_0(x) \dots f_L(x)$
such that the product

$$g(x) = \prod_{L \in \text{subset}} f_L(x)$$

satisfies $g(\beta^a) = 0$ in \mathbb{F}^m

for all $a \in [b, b + \delta - 2]$

The construction is complete!

Intuition: $g(x)$ has $(\delta - 1)$ consecutive
roots in \mathbb{F}^m

If $\delta = n + 1$, then we have n consecutive
 β^a . Recall that $1, \beta, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^{n-1}, \beta^n$

$\Rightarrow g(x)$ contains all n roots

$\Rightarrow g(x) = x^n - 1$, a trivial code

That's why we impose $2 \leq \delta \leq n$.

* If $b=1$, then we say the BCH code is of narrow-sense.

Not $b=0$. even though $b=0$ is a legitimate choice.

Remark on 3.2. since $\deg(g(x)) = n - k$,

and since we like to maximize k ,

we usually choose the $g(x)$ that

satisfies $\text{---} \textcircled{1}$ with the smallest degree.

\Rightarrow An alternative way to describe Step 3.2 is.

let $\Phi_a(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ denote

the minimal polynomial of element

$\beta^a \in \mathbb{F}^m$ Also recall the

conjugacy class $\alpha, \alpha^p, \alpha^{p^2}$.

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then we choose

$$g(x) = \text{L.C.M.}(\phi_a(x) : a \in [b, b+s-2])$$

Some properties of BCH code.

① Each coordinate is in $GF(p^i)$ for some i .
 \mathbb{F}^n

② Codeword length n must satisfy
 $n \mid \text{order}(\mathbb{F})^m - 1$ for some m

③ $g(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ has $(s-1)$ consecutive roots
in \mathbb{F}^m

④ $\deg(g(x)) = n - k$
satisfies $(s-1) \leq n - k \leq m \cdot (s-1)$

proof: $g(x)$ has $(\delta-1)$ consecutive
non-zero roots $\Rightarrow \deg(g(x)) \geq \delta-1$.

$$g(x) = \text{L.C.M.}(\phi_a(x) : a \in [b, b+\delta-2])$$

Since $\deg(\phi_a(x)) \leq m$ by
the property of minimal polynomial
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$$\Rightarrow \deg(g(x)) \leq m \cdot (\delta-1).$$

This bound is can be loose, for example

if $\mathbb{F} = \text{GF}(2)$ and $m \geq 2$, then we have

$$(\delta-1) \leq n-k \leq m \cdot \left\lfloor \frac{\delta-1}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$\Rightarrow n-m(\delta-1) \leq k \leq n-(\delta-1)$$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad d_{\min} \geq \delta.$$

if $g(x)$ has k consecutive roots in
 \mathbb{F}^m , then $d_{\min} \geq k+1$.

Proof: Suppose the codeword is $C(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$.

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

$$\in \mathbb{F}[x]$$

$\Rightarrow C(\beta^a) = 0$ in \mathbb{F}^m for all

$$a \in [b, \dots, b+\delta-2].$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \beta^b & \beta^{b+2} & \beta^{b+3} & \dots & \beta^{b(n-1)} \\ 1 & \beta^{b+1} & \beta^{(b+1)+2} & \dots & \dots & \beta^{(b+1)(n-1)} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & \beta^{b+\delta-2} & \beta^{(b+\delta-2)+2} & \dots & \dots & \beta^{(b+\delta-2)(n-1)} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C_0 \\ C_1 \\ C_2 \\ \vdots \\ C_{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$= 0$ in $\mathbb{F}^m \Rightarrow$ Similar role as the parity-check matrix

We now prove that $d_{\min} \geq \delta$

Suppose not. $\Rightarrow \exists i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{\delta-1}$

$$d_{\min} \leq \delta - 1 \quad \in [0, \dots, n-1]$$

such that the minimal-weight codeword

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \beta^{b \cdot i_1} & \beta^{b \cdot i_2} & \dots & \beta^{b \cdot i_{s-1}} \\ \beta^{(b+1) \cdot i_1} & \beta^{(b+1) \cdot i_2} & \dots & \beta^{(b+1) \cdot i_{s-1}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \beta^{(b+s-2) \cdot i_1} & \beta^{(b+s-2) \cdot i_2} & \dots & \beta^{(b+s-2) \cdot i_{s-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\cdot \begin{bmatrix} c_{i_1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{i_{s-1}} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad \text{for}$$

$$\in \mathbb{F}^m$$

Some non-zero

$$\begin{bmatrix} c_{i_1} \\ \vdots \\ c_{i_{s-1}} \end{bmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow The matrix \square must be non-full rank.

$$\Leftrightarrow \det(\square) = 0$$

Note that $\det(\square)$

$$= \beta^{b(i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_{s-1})}$$

$$\bullet \det \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \\ \beta^{1 \cdot i_1} & \beta^{1 \cdot i_2} & & \beta^{1 \cdot i_{\delta-1}} \\ \beta^{2 \cdot i_1} & \beta^{2 \cdot i_2} & & \beta^{2 \cdot i_{\delta-1}} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \beta^{(\delta-2) \cdot i_1} & \beta^{(\delta-2) \cdot i_2} & & \beta^{(\delta-2) \cdot i_{\delta-1}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \beta^{b(i_1 + i_2 + \dots + i_{\delta-1})} \cdot \prod_{1 \leq j_1 < j_2 \leq \delta-1} (\beta^{i_{j_2}} - \beta^{i_{j_1}})$$

$\hookrightarrow \neq 0 \because \beta \neq 0$

By Vandermonde Matrix property

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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

(the transposed version is used.)

Question can we have $\beta^{i_{j_2}} = \beta^{i_{j_1}}$

for two different locations $i_{j_1} \neq i_{j_2}$

Ans: Note that $0 \leq i_j \leq n-1$

and by Step 3.2.

$$\beta^0 = 1, \beta^1, \beta^2, \dots, \beta^{n-1}, \beta^n$$



First repeat.

$$\Rightarrow \beta^{i_{j_2}} \neq \beta^{i_{j_1}} \text{ for all differ}$$

locations $0 \leq i_{j_1} < i_{j_2} \leq n-1$ #

That's why in Step 3.1, we choose

m and $\beta \in \mathbb{H}^m$ that satisfies.

* Also, in Step 3.2, we choose consecutive roots. This design choice manifests at creating the Vandermonde matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \beta^{1-i_1} & \beta^{1-i_2} & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta^{1 \cdot i_1} \beta^{1 \cdot i_2} & & & & \\ \beta^{2 \cdot i_1} \beta^{2 \cdot i_2} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ \beta^{(s-2) \cdot i_1} \beta^{(s-2) \cdot i_2} & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Examples :

$GF(2)$, $m=5$, $n=31$, \Rightarrow codeword length = 31 bits.

$\because n=2^5-1$

\Rightarrow It is a primitive BCH.

Suppose $GF(2^m)$ is generated by $= GF(2^5)$

$$x^5 + x^2 + 1.$$

We then write down the minimal polynomial

$$\left((\beta)^p \right)^{p \dots}$$

$\beta = \alpha^2$ where $\alpha = 00010 = 2$ is a primitive element of

$GF(2^5)$ and is also a primitive root of $x^n - 1$

minimal polynomial in

element in $GF(2^5) \setminus \{0\}$.

$GF(2)[x]$

$$\{\alpha^0\}$$

$$x+1$$

$$\{\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \alpha^4, \alpha^8, \alpha^{16}\}$$

$$x^5 + x^2 + 1$$

$$\{\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \alpha^4, \alpha^8, \alpha^{16}\} \quad x^5 + x^2 + 1$$

$$\{\alpha^3, \alpha^6, \alpha^{12}, \alpha^{24}, \alpha^{17}\} \quad x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1$$

$$\{\alpha^5, \alpha^{10}, \alpha^{20}, \alpha^9, \alpha^{18}\} \quad x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$\{\alpha^7, \alpha^{14}, \alpha^{28}, \alpha^{25}, \alpha^{19}\} \quad x^5 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$\{\alpha^{11}, \alpha^{22}, \alpha^{13}, \alpha^{26}, \alpha^{21}\} \quad x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$$

$$\{\alpha^{15}, \alpha^{30}, \alpha^9, \alpha^{21}, \alpha^{23}\} \quad x^5 + x^3 + 1$$

Say we like to correct $t=1$ error

$$\Rightarrow \delta = 3 \leq d_{\min} \Rightarrow \delta - 1 = 2 \text{ consecutive roots.}$$

Three good choices: Narrow-sense Choice #1: $\{\alpha^1, \alpha^2\}$

$$g(x) = x^5 + x^2 + 1, \quad \deg(g(x)) = 5$$

$\Rightarrow k = 26$. We have an $(31, 26)$ code

(Hamming)

Choice #2: $\{\alpha^{24}, \alpha^{30}\} \quad g(x) = x^5 + x^3 + 1$

\Rightarrow We have an $(31, 26)$ code.

* It is equivalent to choice # 1 since the $g(x)$ is the reciprocal of choice # 1.

Choice # 3: $\{\alpha^9, \alpha^{10}\}$

$$g(x) = x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1 \quad \deg(g(x)) = 5$$

We have an $(31, 26)$ code.

Say we like to correct $t=2$ errors.

$d_{\min} = 5 = 2t + 1 \Rightarrow$ we need 4 consecutive roots,

Choice 1: Narrow-sense $\{\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4\}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow g(x) &= (x^5 + x^2 + 1) \cdot (x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1) \\ &= x^{10} + x^9 + x^8 + x^6 + x^5 + x^3 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

A $(31, 21)$ code with $d_{\min} \geq 5$
