

## Examples of BCH codes

$$GF(7). \quad n=15, \quad m=4,$$

$$n \mid p^m - 1$$

$$15 \mid 2401 - 1$$

Codeword length  $15 \log_2(7)$  bits

\* A primitive polynomial  $x^4 + x^2 + 3x + 5$   
is used to generate  $GF(7^4)$ .

for which

$$= 0010$$

$\alpha = \gamma \in GF(7^4)$  is a primitive  
element of  $GF(7^4)$

However our goal is to find the  
primitive element of  $x^n - 1 = x^{15} - 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Choose } \gamma = \alpha^{\frac{7^4-1}{15}} = \alpha^{160} = 1010$$

Conjugacy class  $(\gamma^{15} = 1)$  minimal polynomial

$(\beta^7)$

$\{\gamma^0\} \quad \gamma^a \rightarrow \gamma^{a \cdot 7 \bmod 15} \quad \because \gamma^{15} = 1$

$x - 1$   
 $= x^4 + 2x^3 + 4x^2 + x + 2$

$\{\gamma^1, \gamma^7, \gamma^4, \gamma^{13}\}$

$\alpha^{160} \quad \alpha^{1120}$

$(x - \gamma^1)$

$(x - \gamma^7)$

exercise  $(x - \gamma^4)$

$\Phi_{1,7,4,13}(x) (x - \gamma^{13})$

which can be found explicitly using the primitive

polynomial  $x^4 + x^2 + 3x + 5$

and  $\gamma = \alpha^{160} = (0010)^{160}$

$\{\gamma^2, \gamma^{14}, \gamma^8, \gamma^{11}\}$

$\Phi_{2,14,8,11}(x)$

exercise

$= x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 4$

$\{\gamma^3, \gamma^6, \gamma^{12}, \gamma^9\}$

$\Phi_{3,6,12,9}(x)$

exercise.

$= x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$

$\{\gamma^5\}$

$(x - 4) = (x + 3)$

$$\{ \gamma^{10} \}$$

$$(\gamma^{-2}) = (\gamma^{+5})$$

$$\gamma^5 = \alpha^{800} = (0010)^{800} = 0004$$

$$\gamma^{10} = \alpha^{1600} = (0010)^{1600} = 0002$$

It correct  $t=1$  error position (can be



$d_{\min} \geq 3 = \delta$ . We need  $\delta-1$   
 $= 2$  consecutive  $\gamma^a$

roots. Good choices:

$$(\gamma^0, \gamma^1), (\gamma^4, \gamma^5), (\gamma^5, \gamma^6)$$

$$(\gamma^9, \gamma^{10}), (\gamma^{10}, \gamma^{11}), (\gamma^{14}, \gamma^0)$$

Say we choose  $(\gamma^4, \gamma^5)$

$$n(x) = (x^4 - \gamma^4)(x^3 - \gamma^3)(x^2 - \gamma^2) \dots (x - \gamma)$$

$$g(x) = (x^4 + 2x^3 + 4x^2 + x + 2) \cdot (x + 3)$$

$$= x^5 + 5x^4 + 3x^3 + 6x^2 + 5x + 6$$


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This is a  $(15, 10)$  code  
 $\therefore n - k = 5$ .

$d_{\min} \geq 3$

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Bad choice:  $\gamma^1, \gamma^2$ .

$$g(x) = (x^4 + 2x^3 + 4x^2 + x + 2) \cdot$$

$$(x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 4)$$

This is a  $(15, 7)$  code  
 $\therefore n - k = 8$ .

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If correct  $t=2$  errors,

$d_{\min} \geq 5 = 8$ , Need  $8 - 1 = 4$  consecutive  
 $\gamma^a$  roots.

Good Choices: ①  $\gamma^3 - \gamma^6 \Rightarrow (15, 6)$   
 code  
 ②  $\gamma^4 - \gamma^7$

$$\textcircled{2} 0 \text{ --- } \gamma,$$

$$\textcircled{3} \gamma^8 \text{ --- } \gamma^{11},$$

$$\textcircled{4} \gamma^9 \text{ --- } \gamma^{12},$$

$$\textcircled{5} \gamma^{13} \gamma^{14} \gamma^0, \gamma^1$$

$$\textcircled{6} \gamma^{14}, \gamma^0, \gamma^1, \gamma^2$$

$$d_{\min} \geq 5$$

\* Note the  $d_{\min}$  bound is often loose in the above construction.

The actual  $d_{\min}$  is  $> 8$