

# Linear Block Codes

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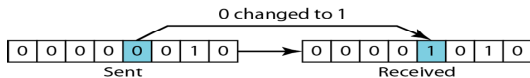
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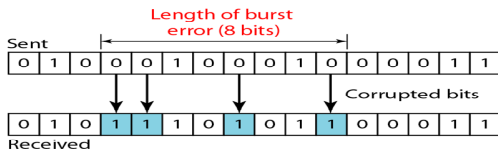
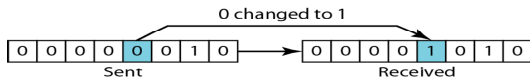
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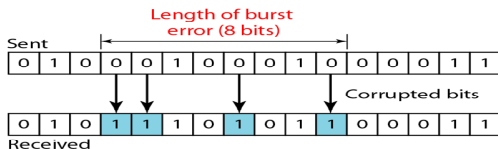
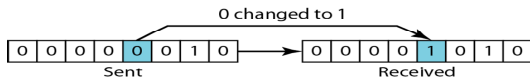




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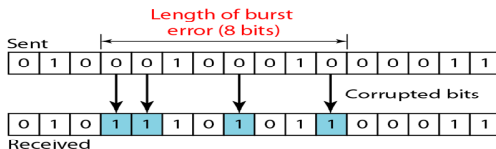
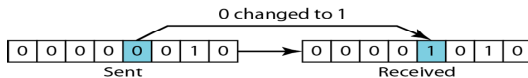
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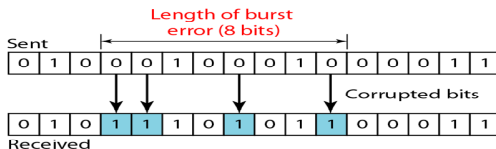
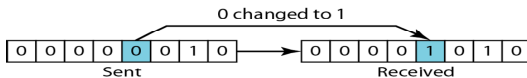
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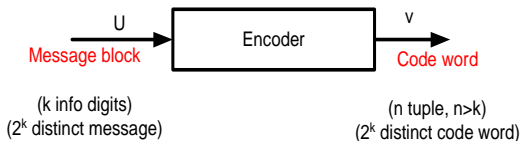


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- Note that any  $k$  linearly independent code words of an  $(n, k)$  linear code can be used to form a generator matrix for the code
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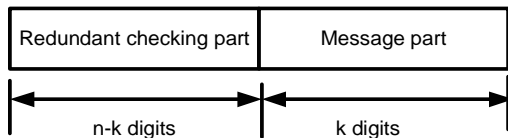


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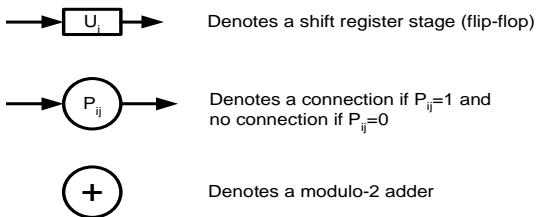
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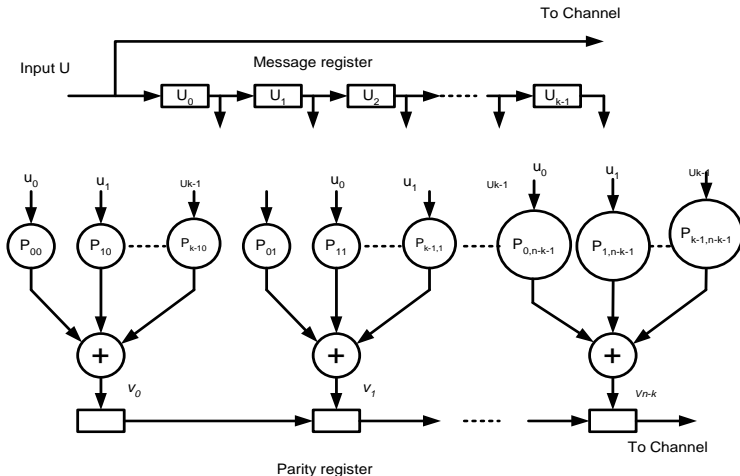


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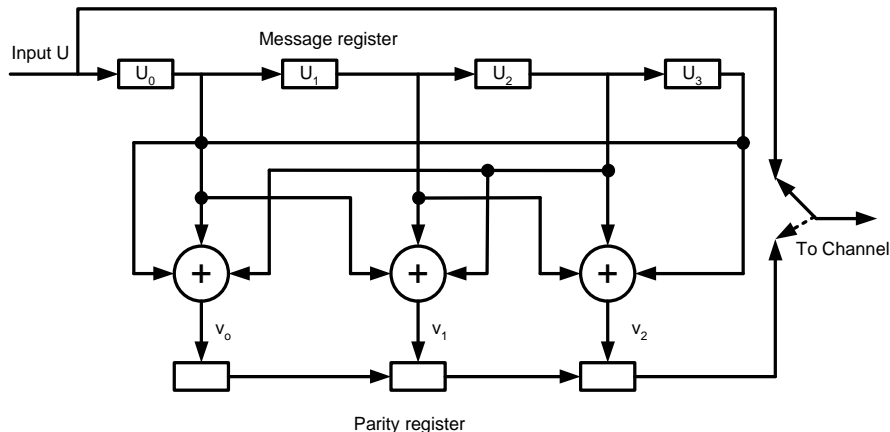


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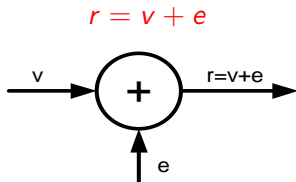
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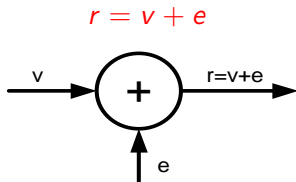
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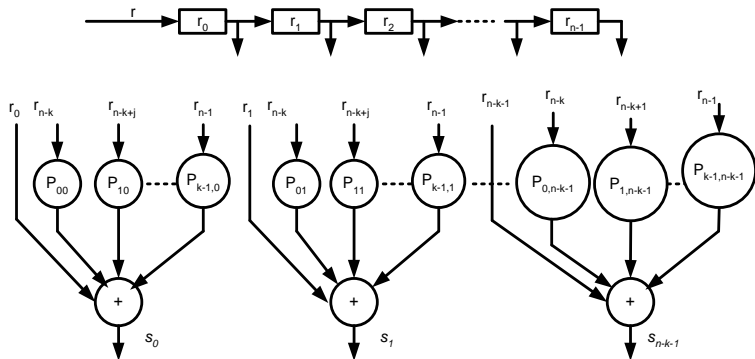


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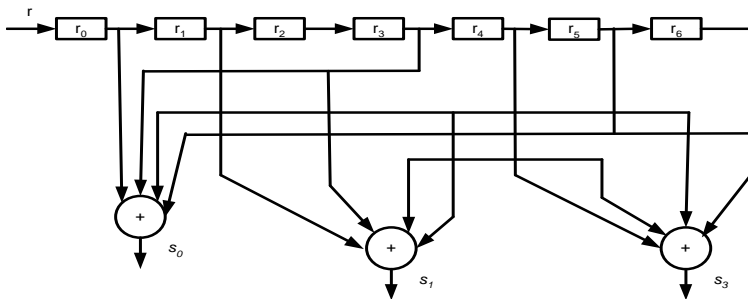


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# The Minimum Distance of a Block Code



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# Standard Array and Syndrome Decoding



- Let  $V_1, V_2, V_3, \dots, V_{2^k}$  be the code vector of  $C$  i.e  $C = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_{2^k}\}$ . Each code vector i.e for example  $V_1 = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$
- Any decoding scheme used at the receiver is a rule to partition the  $2^n$  possible received vectors into  $2^k$  disjoint subsets  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{2^k}$  such that the code vector  $v_i$  is contained in the subset  $D_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2^k$ .
- Each subset  $D_i$  is one-to-one correspondence to a code vector  $v_i$ .
- If the received vector  $r$  is found in the subset  $D_i$ ,  $r$  is decoded into  $v_i$ .
- Correct decoding is made if and only if the received vector  $r$  is in the subset  $D_i$  that corresponds to the actual code vector transmitted.



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### Step 1.

- First, the  $2^k$  code vectors of  $C$  are placed in a row with the all-zero code vector  $v_1 = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$  as the first (leftmost) element.

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 D_1, & D_2, \dots, & D_i, & D_{2^k} \\
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 \end{array}$$

### Step 2.

- From the remaining  $2^n - 2^k$  n-tuple, an n-tuple  $e_2$  of minimum weight is chosen and is placed under the zero vector  $v_1$ .
- A second row is formed by adding  $e_2$  to each code vector  $v_i$  in the first row and placing the sum  $e_2 + v_i$  under  $v_i$



### Step 3.

- An unused  $n$ -tuple  $e_3$  is chosen from the remaining  $n$ -tuples and is placed under  $e_2$ .
- Then a third row is formed by adding  $e_3$  to each code vector  $v_i$  in the first row and placing  $e_3 + v_i$  under  $v_i$ .
- Continue this process until all the  $n$ -tuples are used.
- Then we have an array of rows and columns as shown in Fig 3.6
- This array is called a standard array of the given linear code  $C$

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
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**Theorem 3.3:** *No two  $n$ -tuples in the same row of a standard array are identical. Every  $n$ -tuple appears in one and only one row. **Proof:***

- The first part of the theorem follows from the fact that all the code vectors of  $C$  are distinct
- Suppose that two  $n$ -tuples in the  $l^{\text{th}}$  rows are identical, say  $e_l + v_i = e_l + v_j$  with  $i \neq j$
- This means that  $v_i = v_j$ , which is impossible, therefore no two  $n$ -tuples in the same row are identical





## Proof

- It follows from the construction rule of the standard array that every  $n$ -tuple appears at least once
- Suppose that an  $n$ -tuple appears in both  $l$ th row and the  $m$ th row with  $l < m$
- Then this  $n$ -tuple must be equal to  $e_l + v_i$  for some  $i$  and equal to  $e_m + v_j$  for some  $j$
- As a result,  $e_l + v_i = e_m + v_j$
- From this equality we obtain  $e_m = e_l + (v_i + v_j)$
- Since  $v_i$  and  $v_j$  are code vectors in  $C$ ,  $v_i + v_j$  is also a code vector in  $C$ , say  $v_s$
- This implies that the  $n$ -tuple  $e_m$  is in the  $l$ th row of the array, which contradicts the construction rule of the array that  $e_m$ , the first element of the  $m$ th row, should be unused in any previous row
- No  $n$ -tuple can appear in more than one row of the array



- From Theorem 3.3 we see that there are  $2^n/2^k = 2^{n-k}$  disjoint rows in the standard array, and each row consists of  $2^k$  distinct elements
- The  $2^{n-k}$  rows are called the cosets of the code  $C$
- The first  $n$ -tuple  $e_j$  of each coset is called a coset leader
- Any element in a coset can be used as its coset leader



- Consider the (6, 3) linear code generated by the following matrix:

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Message is of

$u_0$	$u_1$	$u_2$
0	0	0
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010000	001100	111010	100001	100110	111101	001011	010111
001000	010100	100010	111001	111110	100101	010011	001111
000100	011000	101110	110101	110010	101001	011111	000011
000010	011110	101000	110011	110100	101111	011001	000101
000001	011101	101011	110000	110111	101100	011010	000110
100100	111000	001110	010101	010010	001001	111111	100011

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- Again consider (011100) is the transmitted codeword and the received word is (101100) and for this error pattern there is no coset leader in the standard array, so  $e$  is uncorrectable error pattern.



- A standard array of an  $(n, k)$  linear code  $C$  consists of  $2^k$  disjoint columns
- Let  $D_j$  denote the  $j$ th column of the standard array, then

$$D_j = \{v_j, e_2 + v_j, e_3 + v_j, \dots, e_{2^{n-k}} + v_j\} \quad (3.27)$$

- $v_j$  is a code vector of  $C$  and  $e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{2^{n-k}}$  are the coset leaders
- The  $2^k$  disjoint columns  $D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{2^k}$  can be used for decoding the code  $C$ .
- Suppose that the code vector  $v_j$  is transmitted over a noisy channel, from (3.27) we see that the received vector  $r$  is in  $D_j$  if the error pattern caused by the channel is a coset leader
- If the error pattern caused by the channel is not a coset leader, an erroneous decoding will result



- The decoding is correct if and only if the error pattern caused by the channel is a coset leader
- The  $2^{n-k}$  coset leaders (including the zero vector 0) are called the correctable error patterns.

**Theorem 3.4** *Every  $(n, k)$  linear block code is capable of correcting  $2^{n-k}$  error pattern.*

- To minimize the probability of a decoding error, the error patterns that are most likely to occur for a given channel should be chosen as the coset leaders
- When a standard array is formed, each coset leader should be chosen to be a vector of least weight from the remaining available vectors





# Syndrome Decoding

- The syndrome of an  $n$ -tuple is an  $(n-k)$ -tuple and there are  $2^{n-k}$  distinct  $(n-k)$ -tuples.
- From theorem 3.6 that there is a one-to-one correspondence between a coset and an  $(n-k)$ -tuple syndrome
- Using this one-to-one correspondence relationship, we can form a decoding table, which is much simpler to use than a standard array
- The table consists of  $2^{n-k}$  coset leaders (the correctable error pattern) and their corresponding syndromes
- This table is either stored or wired in the receiver



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- Decode the received vector  $r$  into the code vector  $v$ . i.e.,  $v = r + e_l$
- The decoding scheme described above is called the syndrome decoding or table-lookup decoding



### Example 3.8

- Consider the  $(7, 4)$  linear code given in Table 3.1, the parity-check matrix is given in example 3.3
- The code has  $2^3 = 8$  cosets.
- There are eight correctable error patterns (including the all-zero vector)
- Since the minimum distance of the code is 3, it is capable of correcting all the error patterns of weight 1 or 0
- All the 7-tuples of weight 1 or 0 can be used as coset leaders.
- The number of correctable error pattern guaranteed by the minimum distance is equal to the total number of correctable error patterns.



Table: Decoding table for the (7,4) linear code.

Syndrome	Coset Leader
(100)	(1000000)
(010)	(0100000)
(001)	(0010000)
(110)	(0001000)
(011)	(0000100)
(111)	(0000010)
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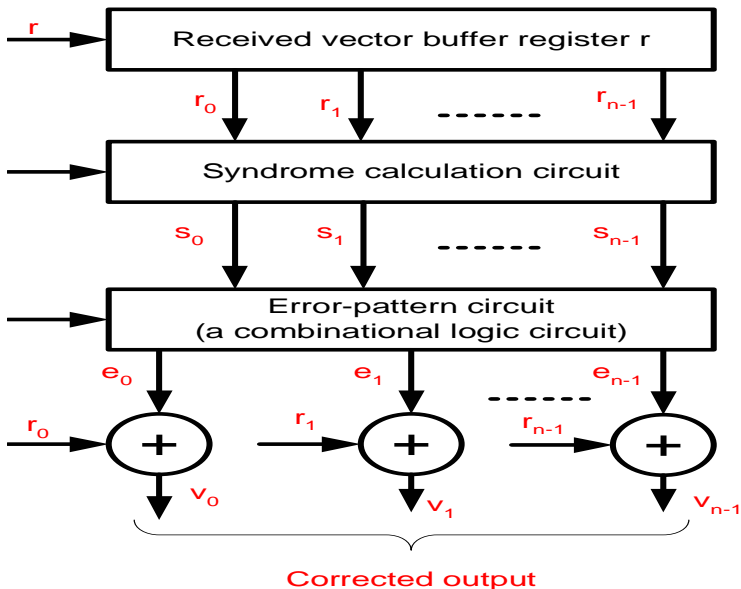


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 e_3 = s_0 \wedge s_1 \wedge s_2' & e_4 = s_0' \wedge s_1 \wedge s_2 & e_5 = s_0 \wedge s_1 \wedge s_2 \\
 e_6 = s_0 \wedge s_1' \wedge s_2
 \end{array}$$



