

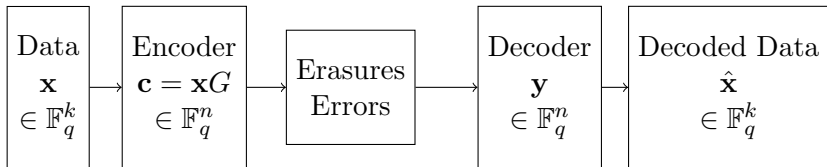
Coding Theory: Decoding Algorithms

A Generic Communication Channel

Transmitter

Channel

Receiver



$d_H(\mathcal{C}) = d$ means \mathcal{C} can recover from $d - 1$ erasures and $\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$ errors (BSC).

Packing radius

The largest radius of spheres centered at codewords so that the spheres are pairwise disjoint.

For $t = \lfloor \frac{d_H(\mathcal{C})-1}{2} \rfloor$, \mathcal{C} is a t -error-correcting code, but not a $(t + 1)$ -error correcting code.

The packing radius of \mathcal{C} is $t = \lfloor \frac{d_H(\mathcal{C})-1}{2} \rfloor$.

It is such that nearest neighbour decoding always decodes correctly a codeword with at most t errors, but may fail for $t + 1$ errors.

Decoding

- Algorithms

Given n and k , we wish to find a code \mathcal{C} with $d_H(\mathcal{C})$ as high as possible.

Need for an efficient algorithm that will correct up to t errors.

Option 1: Examine all codewords until one is found with distance t or less from the received vector. \Rightarrow only for a small number of codewords.

Option 2: Make a table consisting of a nearest codeword for each of the q^n vectors in \mathbb{F}_q^n , and look up a received vector in the table \Rightarrow only for small values of q^n .

Coset

For an (n, k) linear code \mathcal{C} , a set of the form $\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}$, $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$.

$\mathcal{C} = \{(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}$ over \mathbb{F}_2 .
 $\mathbf{x} = (1, 0, 0)$, then $\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C} =$
 $\{(1, 0, 0) + (0, 0, 0), (1, 0, 0) +$
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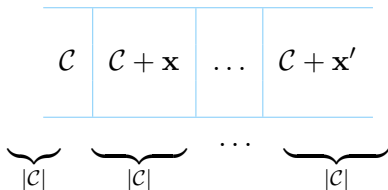
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- (P_3) Every coset contains the same number of vectors, in fact $|\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}| = |\mathcal{C}|$: $|\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}| \leq |\mathcal{C}|$, since adding \mathbf{x} to every codeword in \mathcal{C} cannot increase the number of vectors we have. To have $|\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}| < |\mathcal{C}|$, we would need $\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{c}'$, but this happens only when $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{c}'$.

For a **linear** (n, k) code \mathcal{C} :

(P_4) Cosets of \mathcal{C} partition \mathbb{F}_q^n : the term partition means that \mathbb{F}_q^n is a disjoint union of cosets, then use (P_1) and (P_2) .

(P_5) $|\mathbb{F}_q^n| = q^n = |\mathcal{C}| \cdot (\text{number of cosets}) = q^k \cdot q^{n-k}$ using (P_3) .



(P_6) The vectors \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} belong to the same coset if and only if $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}$: $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{v} + \mathcal{C}$ is equivalent to $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{c}$, $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{c}'$ then $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c}' - \mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}$. Conversely, if $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}$, then $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}$ and \mathbf{y} belongs to the same coset as \mathbf{x} .

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1. There are $|\mathcal{C}| = q^2 = 4^2$ codewords.
 2. There are $|\mathbb{F}_4^3| = 4^3$ vectors, each coset contains $|\mathcal{C}| = 4^2$ vectors. Thus $4^3 = 4^2 \cdot 4$ and there are thus 4 cosets.

Decoding

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4. Recall \mathcal{C} over \mathbb{F}_4 is given by: $(x_1, x_2) \mapsto (x_1, x_2, x_1 + wx_2)$.

The first coset is \mathcal{C} itself.

The next coset is $(1, 0, 0) + \mathcal{C}$ which is different since $(1, 0, 0)$ is not in \mathcal{C} .

The 3rd coset is $(0, 1, 0) + \mathcal{C}$, since $(0, 1, 0)$ is not in \mathcal{C} , and it is not in $(1, 0, 0) + \mathcal{C}$ either, otherwise we would need $(0, 1, 0) = (1, 0, 0) + \mathbf{c}$ for $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}$, that is $(1, 1, 0) \in \mathcal{C}$ which is not the case.

Finally the 4th coset is $(1, 1, 0) + \mathcal{C}$, because $(1, 1, 0)$ is not in \mathcal{C} , it is not of the form

$(1, 1, 0) = (1, 0, 0) + \mathbf{c} \iff \mathbf{c} = (0, 1, 0)$, and it is not of the form $(1, 1, 0) = (0, 1, 0) + \mathbf{c} \iff \mathbf{c} = (1, 0, 0)$.

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Weight of a coset and coset leader

Smallest weight of a vector in the coset. Any vector of this smallest weight in the coset is called coset leader.

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$\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}$	weight
$\{(0, 0, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}$	0
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A coset of weight at most $t = \lfloor \frac{d_H(\mathcal{C})-1}{2} \rfloor$ has a unique coset leader.

Suppose we have two coset leaders, \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} , then $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}$ (by (P_6)).

Yet by the triangle inequality

$$\begin{aligned} wt(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) &= d_H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \\ &\leq d_H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0}) + d_H(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{y}) \\ &= wt(\mathbf{x}) + wt(\mathbf{y}) \\ &\leq 2 \frac{d_H(\mathcal{C})-1}{2} \leq d_H(\mathcal{C}) - 1. \end{aligned}$$

for $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}$.

- The converse is not true.
- If the coset leader is not unique, then the coset has weight more than t .

Syndrome

For a linear (n, k) code \mathcal{C} with parity check matrix H , the syndrome $\text{syn}(\mathbf{x})$ of a vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ is

$$\text{syn}(\mathbf{x}) = H\mathbf{x}^T.$$

H has rank $n - k$, thus every vector in \mathbb{F}_q^{n-k} is a syndrome.

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The vector $(w, 1)$ is a syndrome. Take $x_1 = 0$, $x_2 = w$, $x_3 = 1$ and $(w, 1)^T = \text{syn}(\mathbf{x})$.

Two vectors belong to the same coset if and only if they have the same syndrome.

For \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' in the same coset, $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}$.

Then

$$\text{syn}(\mathbf{x}) = H(\mathbf{x}' + \mathbf{c})^T = H(\mathbf{x}')^T = \text{syn}(\mathbf{x}').$$

If $\text{syn}(\mathbf{x}) = \text{syn}(\mathbf{x}')$, then $H(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}')^T = \mathbf{0}$ and $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{C}$. \square

There is a one-to-one correspondence ψ between cosets of \mathcal{C} and syndromes: $\psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}) = H\mathbf{x}^T$.

(1) Both sets contain q^{n-k} elements. (2) If $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}$, then $H\mathbf{y}^T = H\mathbf{x}^T$ (ψ well-defined). (3) Injectivity: if $\psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}) = \psi(\mathbf{x}' + \mathcal{C})$, then $H\mathbf{x}^T = H(\mathbf{x}')^T$ which is equivalent to having both \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' in the same coset and thus $\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C} = \mathbf{x}' + \mathcal{C}$.

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■ Cosets and Syndromes

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Examples of $\psi(\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}) = H\mathbf{x}^T$ (4 out of the 16 cosets are illustrated):

$\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}$	$H\mathbf{x}^T$
\mathcal{C}	$(0, 0)^T$
$(1, 0, 0) + \mathcal{C}$	$(1, w)^T$
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ML Decoding and cosets.

$\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{e} \in \mathcal{C}$ if and only if \mathbf{y} and \mathbf{e} are in the same coset \Rightarrow we are looking for a vector \mathbf{e} of smallest weight in the coset containing \mathbf{y} .

- We are looking for a coset leader of the coset containing \mathbf{y} .

Syndrome Decoding

\mathcal{C}_s = coset consisting of vectors in \mathbb{F}_q^n with syndrome \mathbf{s} .

Step 1. For each syndrome $\mathbf{s} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{n-k}$, choose a coset leader \mathbf{e}_s of the coset \mathcal{C}_s . Create a table pairing the syndrome with the coset leader.

Step 2. After receiving \mathbf{y} , compute its syndrome.

Step 3. \mathbf{y} is decoded as the codeword $\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{e}_s$.

This needs a table with q^{n-k} elements instead of q^n .

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$$\underbrace{H\mathbf{x}^T}_{\text{syndrome}} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_3 + x_4 \\ x_2 + x_3 - x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}}_{x_3=x_4=0}$$

\mathbb{F}_3^{4-2}	$H\mathbf{x}^T$	$\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}$	coset leader
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(0,1)	$H(0,1,0,0)^T$	$(0,1,0,0) + \mathcal{C}$	(0,1,0,0)
(0,2)	$H(0,2,0,0)^T$	$(0,2,0,0) + \mathcal{C}$	(0,2,0,0)
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(2,0)	$H(2,0,0,0)^T$	$(2,0,0,0) + \mathcal{C}$	(2,0,0,0)
(2,1)	$H(2,1,0,0)^T$	$(2,1,0,0) + \mathcal{C}$	(2,1,0,0)?
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The (4,2) self-dual tetracode \mathcal{C} over \mathbb{F}_3

$$(x_1, x_2) \mapsto (x_1, x_2, x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2).$$

(1, 1, 0, 0): $(x_1 + 1, x_2 + 1, x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2)$, we know we cannot have $x_1 + x_2 = 0 = x_1 - x_2$, take $x_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow$

$$(x_1 + 1, x_1 + 1, 2x_1, 0), \text{ take } x_1 = 2 \Rightarrow wt(0, 0, 1, 0) = 1.$$

(1, 2, 0, 0): $(x_1 + 1, x_2 + 2, x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2)$, take $x_2 = -x_1$, $(x_1 + 1, -x_1 + 2, 0, 2x_1)$, take $x_1 = 2$ and $wt(0, 0, 0, 1) = 1.$

$$(2, 1, 0, 0): wt(x_1 + 2, x_2 + 1, x_1 + x_2, x_1 - x_2) = wt(0, 0, 0, 2) = 1 \text{ with } x_2 = -1 \text{ and } x_1 = 1$$

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Since every coset weight is at most $\lfloor \frac{3-1}{2} \rfloor$, there is a unique coset leader in each coset.

Syndrome Decoding

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Syndrome Decoding

■ Remarks

- The tetracode has minimum distance 3, it can correct up to $\lfloor \frac{3-1}{2} \rfloor = 1$ error. Syndrome decoding achieves this: for one error (1) $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{c} + \mathbf{e}$ where \mathbf{e} has weight 1, (2) \mathbf{e} is in the same coset as \mathbf{y} , (3) every coset (and thus the one in which \mathbf{y} belongs) contains a unique coset leader, namely \mathbf{e} .
- If more than one error occurs, \mathbf{y} will belong to one of the cosets but will not be decoded, since it will have weight 2, and there is coset leader of weight 1 that will be decoded.

Syndrome Decoding

■ Remarks

In general, for an (n, k) linear code \mathcal{C} of minimum Hamming distance $d_H(\mathcal{C})$:

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■ Remarks

In this table, cosets are computed to emphasize the one-to-one correspondance with \mathbb{F}_3^2 .

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This could be done differently.

Syndrome Decoding

■ Remarks

Consider instead cosets of weight at most 1 ($2n + 1$ of them).

$\mathbf{x} + \mathcal{C}$	coset leader
\mathcal{C}	$(0, 0, 0, 0)$
$(1, 0, 0, 0) + \mathcal{C}$	$(1, 0, 0, 0)$
$(2, 0, 0, 0) + \mathcal{C}$	$(2, 0, 0, 0)$
$(0, 1, 0, 0) + \mathcal{C}$	$(0, 1, 0, 0)$
$(0, 2, 0, 0) + \mathcal{C}$	$(0, 2, 0, 0)$
$(0, 0, 1, 0) + \mathcal{C}$	$(0, 0, 1, 0)$
$(0, 0, 2, 0) + \mathcal{C}$	$(0, 0, 2, 0)$
$(0, 0, 0, 1) + \mathcal{C}$	$(0, 0, 0, 1)$
$(0, 0, 0, 2) + \mathcal{C}$	$(0, 0, 0, 2)$

Syndrome Decoding

■ Remarks

More generally, one can compute cosets of weight 1 first ($(q-1)n$ of them), then cosets of weight 2 ($(q-1)\binom{n}{2}$ of them), then cosets of weight 3, \dots , t , this allows to decode up to t errors.

If the received vector has more than t errors, it will be either incorrectly decoded, or not decoded at all (if the syndrome is not in the table).



maximum likelihood decoding

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Connection to error correction

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