

# cyclic codes

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• subclass of linear block codes with simple shift register implementation

•  $n$ -bit code vector  $c = (c_0 c_1 \dots c_{n-1})$

cyclic shift by 1 position

$$c^{(1)} = (c_{n-1} c_0 \dots c_{n-2})$$

$$c^{(2)} = (c_{n-2} c_{n-1} c_0 \dots c_{n-3})$$

$$\vdots$$
$$c^{(i)} = (c_{n-i} \dots c_{n-i-1})$$

• All cyclic shifts are codewords in a cyclic code.

$$c(x) \triangleq c_0 + c_1 x + c_2 x^2 + \dots + c_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

code polynomial  $x \rightarrow$  real variable

sum of 2 polynomials  $\Rightarrow \oplus$  addition of the corresponding (binary (0,1)) coefficients

$$x c(x) = c_0 x + c_1 x^2 + \dots + c_{n-1} x^n$$

$$c^{(1)}(x) = c_{n-1} + c_0 x + \dots + c_{n-2} x^{n-1}$$

sum the two polynomials (note:  $(c_0 \oplus c_0) x = 0$ )

$$x c(x) + c^{(1)}(x) = c_{n-1} + c_{n-1} x^n$$

$$\Rightarrow c^{(1)}(x) = x c(x) + c_{n-1} (x^n + 1)$$

similarly

$$c^{(i)}(x) = x^i c(x) + q(x) (x^n + 1)$$

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$$\downarrow$$
$$(c_{n-i} + \dots + c_{n-1} x^{i-1})$$

$$c^{(i)}(x) = x^i c(x) \text{ mod } (x^n + 1)$$

cyclic codes should satisfy above constraint

- $c^{(i)}(x)$  is the remainder and  $q(x)$  is the quotient after division by  $(x^n+1)$

- Code generation  $\Rightarrow$  generator polynomial

$g(x)$  of a cyclic code  $(n, k)$ ,  $r = n - k$  is a factor of  $x^n + 1$

$$g(x) = 1 + g_1 x + \dots + g_{r-1} x^{r-1} + x^r$$

- $c_m(x) = a_m(x) g(x) \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, 2^k$

$$c^{(i)}(x) = x c(x) + c_{n-1} (x^n + 1)$$

Since  $g(x)$  divides  $x^n + 1$  and  $c(x)$ , it also divides  $c^{(i)}(x)$ , i.e.  $c^{(i)}(x)$  can be represented by  $c^{(i)}(x) = a_i(x) g(x)$

- $\therefore$  For a systematic cyclic code

$$(b_0 \ b_1 \ \dots \ b_{r-1} \ \underbrace{m_0 \ m_1 \ \dots \ m_{k-1}}_{k \text{ message bits}})$$

$r = n - k$  parity bits

$$m(x) = m_0 + m_1 x + \dots + m_{k-1} x^{k-1}$$

$$b(x) = b_0 + b_1 x + \dots + b_{r-1} x^{r-1}$$

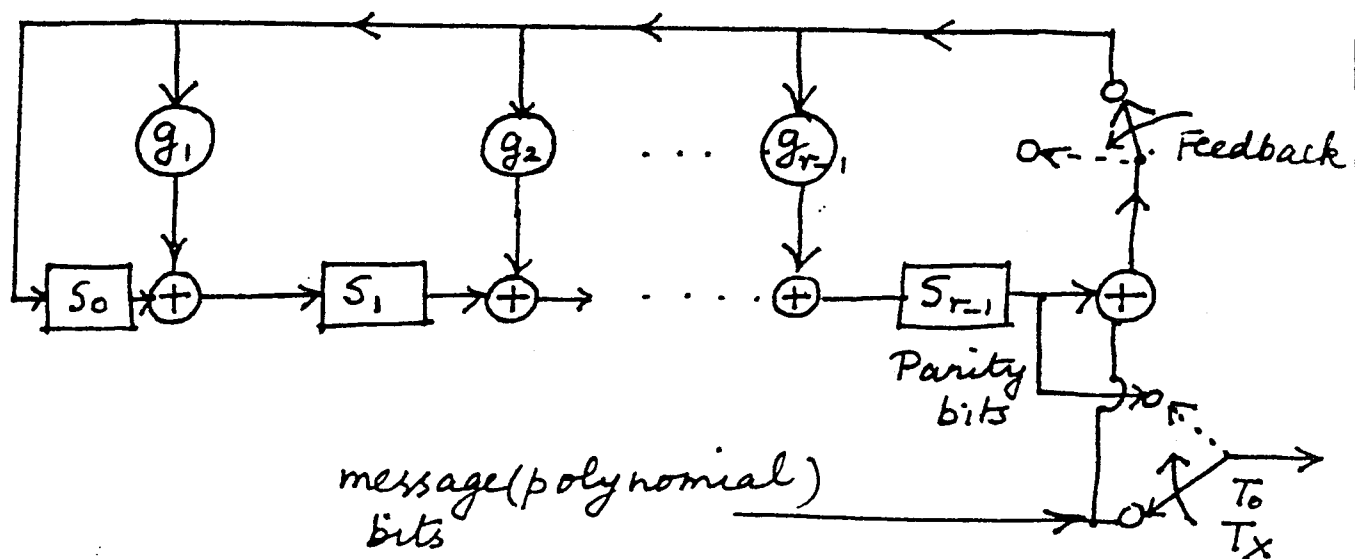
$$\text{Want } c(x) = b(x) + x^{n-k} m(x)$$

$$= a_m(x) g(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^r m(x)}{g(x)} = a_m(x) + \frac{b(x)}{g(x)}$$

$\Rightarrow b(x)$  equals the remainder left over after dividing  $x^r m(x)$  by  $g(x)$

# Shift register encoder



- i) Feedback switch closed, output switch in message-bit position, register in all-zero state
- ii)  $k$ -message bits shifted into register and simultaneously delivered to transmitter
- iii) After  $k$  shift cycles, register contains  $r$  parity bits
- iv) Feedback switch is now opened output switch moved to deliver the check bits

• syndrome  $s(x) = \text{rem} \frac{r(x)}{g(x)}$

where  $r(x)$  is a received word

If  $r(x)$  is a valid code,  $\text{rem} = 0$

Ex: (7, 4) cyclic code  $r = 7 - 4 = 3$

$$g(x) = 1 + x + x^3 = 1 + x + 0 + x^3$$

$$m(x) = 0 + 0 + x^2 + x^3 \quad (0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1)$$

$m_0 \ m_1 \ m_2 \ m_3$

$$x^r m(x) = x^3 m(x) = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + x^5 + x^6$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 + 0 + x + 1 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l}
 \phantom{x^6} + \phantom{x^5} + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \\
 \underline{x^6 + 0 + x^4 + x^3} \\
 x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + 0 \\
 \underline{x^5 + 0 + x^3 + x^2} \\
 x^4 + 0 + x^2 + 0 \\
 \underline{x^4 + 0 + x^2 + x} \\
 0 + 0 + x + 0 \\
 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 \\
 \hline
 0 + x + 0
 \end{array} \right. \\
 b(x) = \underline{\underline{0 + x + 0}}
 \end{array}$$

$$c(x) = b(x) + x^r m(x)$$

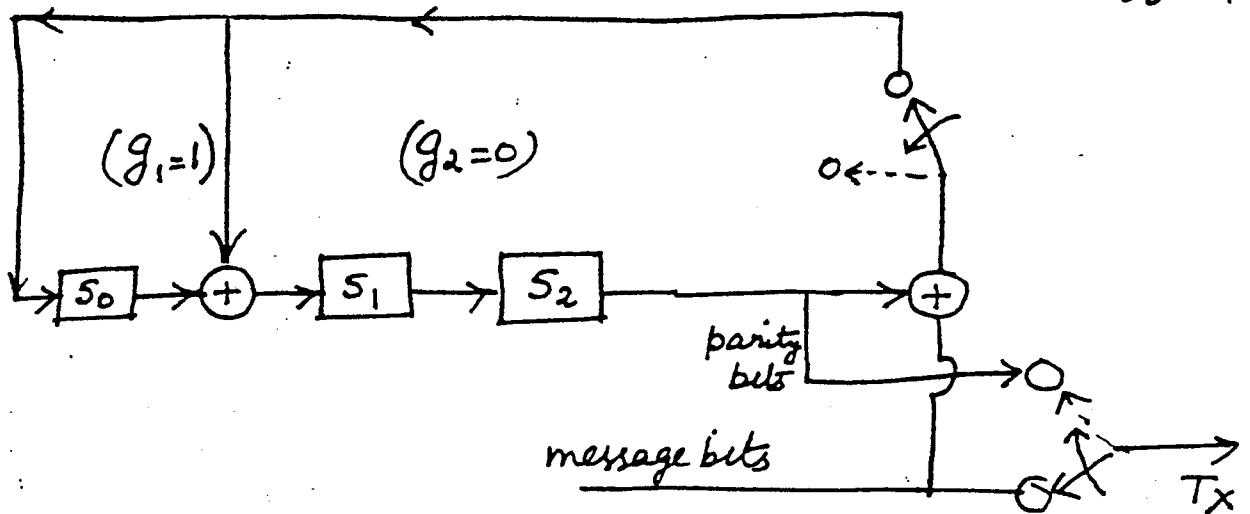
$$= 0 + x + 0 + 0 + 0 + x^5 + x^6$$

$$= x + x^5 + x^6$$

$$= (\underbrace{0 \ 1 \ 0}_{\text{parity bits}} ; \underbrace{0 \ 0 \ 1 \ 1}_{\text{message bits}})$$

parity  
bits

message bits



a)

Input bit $m$	Register bits before shift			Register bits after shift		
	$S_2$	$S_1$	$S_0$	$S_2' = S_1$	$S_1' = S_0 \oplus S_2 \oplus m$	$S_0' = S_2 \oplus m$
1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1	0	1	1	1	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	0	1
0	0	0	1	0	1	0

a) shift register encoder for (7,4) code

b) For  $m = (0011)$

After 4 cycles, register holds  $b = (010)$  in agreement with manual division

## Reed-Solomon (RS) Code

- nonbinary  $\Rightarrow$  encodes m-bit symbols  
e.g.  $m=8 \Rightarrow$  byte oriented
- $(n, k)$  RS code :  $r = n - k$   
 $k$  information symbols     $r$  parity symbols  
no. of symbols  $n = 2^m - 1$   
can correct 't' RS symbols  
 $t = r/2$

e.g.  $m=8$      $n = 2^8 - 1 = 255$   
if  $t = 16$      $r = 2t = 32$      $k = n - r$   
 $= 223$

code rate  $R_c = \frac{k}{n} = \frac{223}{255} \approx 7/8$

Total no. of bits in codeword  $= 255 \times 8$   
 $= 2040$  bits

- can correct a burst of  $16 \times 8 = 128$  consecutive bit errors

Ex: compact disc (CD) digital audio

sampling rate  $= 44.1$  kHz

16 bits/sample  $\Rightarrow 700$  kb/s

$\Rightarrow$  upto 70 minutes of material can be stored on a single disc ( $10^{10}$  bits)

uses cross-interleave RS codes

- Two RS codes  $(28, 24)$      $(32, 28)$   
inter    outer