Error control coding: An introduction to linear block codes

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Lecture #6B: Some simple linear block codes -II: Reed Muller Codes

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- Let $m = 4$, and $r = 2$, then $n = 16$, $k = 11$, and $d_{\text{min}} = 4$

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- For $m = 4$, we have the following four 16-tuples.

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and

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then,

$$\mathbf{v}_1 \cdot \mathbf{v}_2 = (0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1\ 0\ 0\ 0\ 1)$$

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- Let $m = 4$, and $r = 2$, the second-order RM code of length $n = 16$ is generated by the following 11 vectors:

$$\begin{array}{rl}
\mathbf{v}_0 & 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1\ 1 \\
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$$G(r,m) = \begin{bmatrix} \text{G(r, m-1)} & \text{G(r, m-1)} \\ 0 & \text{G(r-1, m-1)} \end{bmatrix}$$

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- Let us assume for upto m and for $0 \leq r \leq m$, the minimum distance is 2^{m-r}. We will show that $d_{\min}$ for RM(r,m+1) is 2^{m-r+1}.

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- Also, dim RM(m-r-1,m) + dim RM(r,m)

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 + \begin{pmatrix} m \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \cdots + \begin{pmatrix} m \\ m-r-1 \end{pmatrix} + 1 + \begin{pmatrix} m \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \cdots + \begin{pmatrix} m \\ r \end{pmatrix} \\ &= 2^m \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $RM(m-r-1) = RM(r.m)^{\perp}$.

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- The $(m-2)^{\text{th}}$-order RM code of length 2^m is distance-4 extended Hamming code obtained by adding an overall parity bit to the Hamming code of length $2^m - 1$.

Decoding of Reed-Muller code

- Consider a 2nd order Reed Muller code of length $n = 16$ generated by following 11 vectors

$\mathbf{v}_0$	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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$\mathbf{v}_1\mathbf{v}_4$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
$\mathbf{v}_2\mathbf{v}_3$	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
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$\mathbf{v}_3\mathbf{v}_4$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1

Decoding of Reed-Muller code

- The message to be encoded is given by

$$(a_0, a_4, a_3, a_2, a_1, a_{34}, a_{24}, a_{14}, a_{23}, a_{13}, a_{12})$$

- The codeword is given by

$$\begin{aligned}(b_0, b_1, b_2, \cdots, b_{15}) \quad = \quad & a_0\mathbf{v_0} + a_4\mathbf{v_4} + a_3\mathbf{v_3} + a_2\mathbf{v_2} + a_1\mathbf{v_1} \\ & + a_{34}\mathbf{v_3}\mathbf{v_4} + a_{24}\mathbf{v_2}\mathbf{v_4} + a_{14}\mathbf{v_1}\mathbf{v_4} \\ & + a_{23}\mathbf{v_2}\mathbf{v_3} + a_{13}\mathbf{v_1}\mathbf{v_3} + a_{12}\mathbf{v_1}\mathbf{v_2}\end{aligned}$$

Decoding of Reed-Muller code

- We can see that first four components of each generator vector and subsequent three groups of four consecutive components is zero except for the the vector $\mathbf{v_1}\mathbf{v_2}$.
- Thus the code bit a_{12} can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}a_{12} &= b_0 + b_1 + b_2 + b_3 \\ a_{12} &= b_4 + b_5 + b_6 + b_7 \\ a_{12} &= b_8 + b_9 + b_{10} + b_{11} \\ a_{12} &= b_{12} + b_{13} + b_{14} + b_{15}\end{aligned}$$

- RM codes uses majority logic decision rule for decoding.

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- Let $\mathbf{r} = (r_0, r_1, \cdots, r_{15})$ be the received vector. In decoding a_{12}, we form the following equations

$$
\begin{aligned}
A_1 &= r_0 + r_1 + r_2 + r_3 \\
A_2 &= r_4 + r_5 + r_6 + r_7 \\
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- Similarly we can decode, $a_{13}, a_{23}, a_{14}, a_{24}, a_{34}$. For example, for a_{13} we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= r_0 + r_1 + r_4 + r_5 \\ A_2 &= r_2 + r_3 + r_6 + r_7 \\ A_3 &= r_8 + r_9 + r_{12} + r_{13} \\ A_4 &= r_{10} + r_{11} + r_{14} + r_{15} \end{aligned}$$

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- For a_{14}

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= r_0 + r_1 + r_8 + r_9 \\ A_2 &= r_2 + r_3 + r_{10} + r_{11} \\ A_3 &= r_4 + r_5 + r_{12} + r_{13} \\ A_4 &= r_6 + r_7 + r_{14} + r_{15} \end{aligned}$$

- For a_{24} we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= r_0 + r_1 + r_4 + r_5 \\ A_2 &= r_2 + r_3 + r_6 + r_7 \\ A_3 &= r_8 + r_9 + r_{12} + r_{13} \\ A_4 &= r_{10} + r_{11} + r_{14} + r_{15} \end{aligned}$$

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- For a_{34} we have

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 &= r_0 + r_4 + r_8 + r_{12} \\ A_2 &= r_1 + r_5 + r_9 + r_{13} \\ A_3 &= r_2 + r_6 + r_{10} + r_{14} \\ A_4 &= r_3 + r_7 + r_{11} + r_{15} \end{aligned}$$

- After decoding $a_{12}, a_{13}, a_{23}, a_{14}, a_{24}, a_{34}$, we form a modified received vector as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}^{(1)} &= (r_0^{(1)}, r_1^{(1)}, \cdots, r_{15}^{(1)}) \\ &= \mathbf{r} - a_{34}\mathbf{v_3}\mathbf{v_4} - a_{24}\mathbf{v_2}\mathbf{v_4} - a_{14}\mathbf{v_1}\mathbf{v_4} - a_{23}\mathbf{v_2}\mathbf{v_3} - a_{13}\mathbf{v_1}\mathbf{v_3} - a_{12}\mathbf{v_1}\mathbf{v_2} \end{aligned}$$

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- Consider a 2nd order Reed Muller code of length $n = 16$ generated by following 11 vectors

$\mathbf{v}_0$	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
$\mathbf{v}_1$	0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
$\mathbf{v}_2$	0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1
$\mathbf{v}_3$	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1
$\mathbf{v}_4$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
$\mathbf{v}_1\mathbf{v}_2$	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1
$\mathbf{v}_1\mathbf{v}_3$	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1
$\mathbf{v}_1\mathbf{v}_4$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
$\mathbf{v}_2\mathbf{v}_3$	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1
$\mathbf{v}_2\mathbf{v}_4$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 1 1
$\mathbf{v}_3\mathbf{v}_4$	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1

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- In absence of errors, we can write $\mathbf{r}^{(1)}$ as following codeword

$$(b_0^{(1)}, b_1^{(1)}, \cdots, b_{15}^{(1)} = a_0\mathbf{v_0} + a_4\mathbf{v_4} + a_3\mathbf{v_3} + a_2\mathbf{v_2} + a_1\mathbf{v_1}$$

- We can see that sum of every two components of $\mathbf{v_0}, \mathbf{v_4}, \mathbf{v_3}, \mathbf{v_2}$ starting from first is zero, whereas for $\mathbf{v_1}$ it is 1.
- Therefore we can form eight independent equations for a_1, given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 &= b_0^{(1)} + b_1^{(1)}, a_1 = b_8^{(1)} + b_9^{(1)} \\ a_1 &= b_2^{(1)} + b_3^{(1)}, a_1 = b_{10}^{(1)} + b_{11}^{(1)} \\ a_1 &= b_4^{(1)} + b_5^{(1)}, a_1 = b_{12}^{(1)} + b_{13}^{(1)} \\ a_1 &= b_6^{(1)} + b_7^{(1)}, a_1 = b_{14}^{(1)} + b_{15}^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

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- Similarly independent determination of a_2, a_3 and a_4 can be formed.
- We can form eight independent equations for a_2, given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &= b_0^{(1)} + b_2^{(1)}, a_2 = b_8^{(1)} + b_{10}^{(1)} \\ a_2 &= b_1^{(1)} + b_3^{(1)}, a_2 = b_9^{(1)} + b_{11}^{(1)} \\ a_2 &= b_4^{(1)} + b_6^{(1)}, a_2 = b_{12}^{(1)} + b_{14}^{(1)} \\ a_2 &= b_5^{(1)} + b_7^{(1)}, a_2 = b_{13}^{(1)} + b_{15}^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

- We can form eight independent equations for a_3, given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 &= b_0^{(1)} + b_4^{(1)}, a_3 = b_8^{(1)} + b_{12}^{(1)} \\ a_3 &= b_1^{(1)} + b_5^{(1)}, a_3 = b_9^{(1)} + b_{13}^{(1)} \\ a_3 &= b_2^{(1)} + b_6^{(1)}, a_3 = b_{10}^{(1)} + b_{14}^{(1)} \\ a_3 &= b_3^{(1)} + b_7^{(1)}, a_3 = b_{11}^{(1)} + b_{15}^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

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- We can form eight independent equations for a_4, given by

$$\begin{aligned} a_4 &= b_0^{(1)} + b_8^{(1)}, a_4 = b_4^{(1)} + b_{12}^{(1)} \\ a_4 &= b_1^{(1)} + b_9^{(1)}, a_4 = b_5^{(1)} + b_{13}^{(1)} \\ a_4 &= b_2^{(1)} + b_{10}^{(1)}, a_4 = b_6^{(1)} + b_{14}^{(1)} \\ a_4 &= b_3^{(1)} + b_{11}^{(1)}, a_4 = b_7^{(1)} + b_{15}^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

- Equations for decoding a_1 can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} A_1^{(1)} &= r_0^{(1)} + r_1^{(1)}, A_5^{(1)} = r_8^{(1)} + r_9^{(1)} \\ A_2^{(1)} &= r_2^{(1)} + r_3^{(1)}, A_6^{(1)} = r_{10}^{(1)} + r_{11}^{(1)} \\ A_3^{(1)} &= r_4^{(1)} + r_5^{(1)}, A_7^{(1)} = r_{12}^{(1)} + r_{13}^{(1)} \\ A_4^{(1)} &= r_6^{(1)} + r_7^{(1)}, A_8^{(1)} = r_{14}^{(1)} + r_{15}^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

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- After decoding a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, we create a modified received vector $\mathbf{r}^{(2)}$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{r}^{(2)} &= (r_0^{(2)}, r_1^{(2)}, \cdots, r_{15}^{(2)}) \\ &= \mathbf{r}^{(1)} - a_4\mathbf{v_4} - a_3\mathbf{v_3} - a_2\mathbf{v_2} - a_1\mathbf{v_1} \end{aligned}$$

- In absence of errors, we have

$$\mathbf{r}^{(2)} = a_0\mathbf{v_0} = (a_0, a_0, \cdots, a_0)$$

- a_0 is decoded to be the value of majority of the bits in $\mathbf{r}^{(2)}$.