Error Correcting Codes - Video course

COURSE OUTLINE

This course is typically meant for an Masters-level or final-year BE student. Error-correcting codes are in widespread use for data storage as well as most forms of communication where reliability is of importance. Examples range from compact discs to deep-space communication.

This course will cover both classical error-correcting codes such as BCH, Reed-Solomon and convolutional codes as well as the more modern class of iteratively decodable codes, low-density, parity-check codes in particular.

COURSE DETAIL

SI. No.	Topics	No.of Hours
1	Course overview; Basics of binary block codes for the binary symmetric channel; Mathematical preliminaries: groups, subgroups and cosets.	4
2	Linear block codes; Bounds on the size of a block code; Bounded and maximum-likelihood decoding of binary block codes; standard array decoding.	5
3	Basics of convolutional codes; the Viterbi decoding algorithm.	3
4	The generalized distributive law (GDL).	4
5	The GDL perspective on the Viterbi and BCJR decoding algorithms; Turbo codes in brief.	3
6	LDPC codes.	4
7	Fields; Polynomials rings; construction of finite fields.	3
8	Deducing the structure of a finite field; Subfields and cyclotomic cosets.	5
9	The finite field (Fourier) transform; cyclic codes via finite field transforms.	4
10	BCH and Reed-Solomon codes; decoding of BCH and RS codes.	5



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Pre-requisites:

 Linear algebra, probability theory, some exposure to transform theory.

Additional Reading:

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- 2. W. C. Huffman and V. Pless, Fundamentals of Error-Correcting Codes, Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- 3. Shu Lin and D. J. Costello, *Error-Control Coding*, Second Edition, Pearson Press, 2004.
- 4. George C. Clark and J Bibb Cain Error-Correction Coding for Digital Communications, Plenum Press, 1981.
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- 6. R. Roth, Introduction to Coding theory, Cambridge University Press 2006.
- 7. S. Wicker, Error-Control Systems for Digital Communication and Storage, Prentice-Hall, 1995.
- R. E. Blahut, Algebraic Codes in Lines, Planes and Curves, Cambridge University Press, 2008.

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