

A construction of a class of codes correcting probable errors

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Abstract

In this article a new class of error correcting codes are considered. A construction method for a parameter class for QAM is obtained, which gives codes with the cardinality bigger than the known codes for other modulations.

Let $X \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}^n$.

As a result of an error in a communication channel vector X may turn into vector X' ($X' \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}^n$) whose at most t components differ from the corresponding components of X either by $+1$ or -1 . Let we are also given the vector $T(X')$ ($T(X') \in \{0, 1, -1\}^n$) together with the vector X' . Besides we also know that the residue of the i th components of X' and X is equal to the i th component of $T(X')$ or 0 ($i = \overline{1, n}$).

Here the signs \oplus and \ominus denote the following operations:

$i \oplus j = (i - j) \bmod q - 1$ for $\forall i, j$, except the case when $i = 0, j = 1$ and $0 \oplus 1 = 0$;

$i \ominus j = (i + j) \bmod q - 1$ for $\forall i, j$ except the case when $i = q - 1, j = 1$ and $q - 1 \ominus 1 = q - 1$.

We'll call the vector $T(X')$ to be the *probable error vector of the vector X* .

Definition 1. We'll call code L of length n over the q alphabet that corrects no more than $(\pm 1)t$ errors, when for each received vector its probable error vector is known, as the *code correcting $(\pm 1)t$ probable errors*.

We'll denote the cardinality of code L by $M(n, q, t)$.

In this paper we'll give a method to construct codes correcting $(\pm 1)t$ most probable errors, using t error-correcting binary codes.

Let $X \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}^n$.

Definition 2. We call the vector $r(X)$ to be the vector of evenness and oddness of X , if its i th component ($i = \overline{1, n}$) is 0 when the i th component of X is even and is 1 when it is odd.

Let L be a code correcting $(\pm 1)t$ probable errors.

Lemma. From the vectors X' and $r(X)$ ($X \in L$) we can obtain the vector X .

Proof. It follows from the definition of the code L that the vector $T(X')$ is also known to us.

Let l denote that vector whose i th component ($i = \overline{1, n}$) is equal to the absolute value/modulus? of the residue of the i th components of $r(X')$ and $r(X)$. Note that the i th component ($i = \overline{1, n}$) of l is equal to 0 if no error has occurred and to 1 if an error has occurred in the channel.

And let m denote that vector whose i th component ($i = \overline{1, n}$) is equal to the product of the i th components of l and $T(X')$.

By definition of $T(X')$ we have

$$X = X' - m.$$

Let C be a binary code of length n and minimum Hamming distance d . Let $A_2(n, d)$ denote cardinality of the code.

Now we'll construct the following code (denote it by Γ).

Code construction. For any X ($X \in \{0, 1, \dots, q-1\}^n$), $X \in \Gamma$, if $r(X) \in C$.

Note that the cardinality of the code is $A_2(n, d) \cdot \left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^n$ for even q .

Let's t denote $d-1$.

Theorem. Code Γ is a code correcting $(\pm 1)t$ probable errors.

Proof. Suppose as a result of an error in the communication channel vector X ($X \in \Gamma$) has turned into vector X' . Since C is a code correcting at most t errors and by the construction of Γ we have that $r(X) \in C$, then we can obtain the vector $r(X)$ from the vector $r'(X)$. Hence, using the Lemma we may obtain the vector X from the vectors X' , $r(X)$ and $T(X')$.

Codes given by this method could be represented in a systematic form. And since the general case depends on the choice of C we'll illustrate this representation method by an example. It could also be generalized to all cases.

Example. Let $n = 16$, $q = 32$.

We'll take the code obtained by adding over-all parity check to Hamming code of length 15 as the binary code. Let C_0 denote this code and $A_2(16, 4) = 2^{11}$ denote cardinality of the code. Using the method mentioned above we'll construct code Γ_0 with the cardinality

$$M(16, 32, 3) = \left(\frac{32}{2}\right)^{16} \cdot 2^{11} = 32^{15}.$$

It follows from the Theorem that this is a code correcting $(\pm 1) 3$ probable errors.

Further we'll represent this code in a systematical form.

We'll establish a one-to-one correspondence between 32^{15} vectors of code Γ_0 and vectors of the set $\{0, 1, \dots, 31\}^{15}$ of the same number.

First, we'll split the set of 2^{15} binary vectors of length $n = 15$ into 16 non-intersecting/disjoint?? classes of vectors in the following form $((N[0], N[1], \dots, N[15])$ denotes these classes of vectors):

Let $l = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{15})$ be an arbitrary binary vector.

$l \in N[0]$ if $l' = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{15}, \varepsilon) \in C_0$, $\varepsilon = 0$ or 1;

$l \in N[0]$ and $l_6 \in N[i]$, $i = \overline{1, 15}$, if $l' = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{i-1}, \overline{l_i}, l_{i+1}, \dots, l_{15}, \varepsilon) \in C_0$, $\varepsilon = 0$ or 1.

There will be 2^{11} vectors (since there are 2^{11} vectors in C_0) in each class.

Further we'll show that these classes of vectors are non-intersecting.

Now suppose the contrary that there exists an $l^0(l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{15})$ binary vector such that

Case 1. $l^0 \in N[0]$ and $l^0 \in N[k]$ for any k , $k = \overline{1, 15}$. This implies that the vectors $l'(l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{15}, \varepsilon_1)$ and $l''(l_1, l_2, \dots, \overline{l_k}, \dots, l_{15}, \varepsilon_2)$ ($\varepsilon_1; \varepsilon_2 = 0$ or 1) belong to code C_0 , which is a contradiction, since the minimal Hamming distance of code C_0 is 4 ($d = 4$).

Case 2. $l^0 \in N[i]$ and $l^0 \in N[j]$ for any i and j , $i \neq j$, ($i, j = \overline{1, 15}$). This implies that the vectors $l' = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{i-1}, \overline{l_i}, l_{i+1}, \dots, l_{15}, \varepsilon_1)$ and $l'' = (l_1, l_2, \dots, l_{j-1}, \overline{l_j}, l_{j+1}, \dots, l_{15}, \varepsilon_2)$ ($\varepsilon_1; \varepsilon_2 = 0$ or 1) belong to code C_0 , which is a contradiction since the minimal Hamming distance of code C_0 is 4 ($d = 4$).

This contradiction proves our assertion that these classes of vectors are non-intersecting.

Let X be an arbitrary vector $X \in \{0, 1, \dots, 31\}^{15}$ ($X = (X_1, \dots, X_{15})$).

Now we'll consider the vector $r(X)$ ($r(X) = (r_1, \dots, r_{15})$).

Case 1. $r(X) \in N[0]$. This implies that the vector $r'(X) = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{15}, \varepsilon) \in C_0$ ($\varepsilon = 0$ or 1). For this case let vector

$$Y = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{15}, \varepsilon)$$

correspond to vector X . Vector Y belongs to code Γ_0 by the construction of Γ_0 .

Case 2. $r(x) \in N[i]$ for any i , $i = \overline{1, 15}$. This implies that the vector $r'(X) = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{i-1}, \overline{r_i}, r_{i+1}, \dots, r_{15}, \varepsilon) \in C_0$ ($\varepsilon = 0$ or 1). For this case let vector

$$Y = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{i-1}, X_i \oplus 1, X_{i+1}, \dots, X_{15}, 2i + \varepsilon)$$

correspond to vector X . Vector Y belongs to code Γ_0 by the construction of Γ_0 .

Now let $Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{15}, Y_{16})$.

If $Y_{16} = 2i + \varepsilon$ ($\varepsilon = 0$ or 1), then we may bring the vector

$X = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{i-1}, Y_i \ominus 1, Y_{i+1}, \dots, Y_{15})$ $X \in \{0, 1, \dots, 31\}^{15}$ in correspondence with vector Y .

Remark. Here the signs \oplus and \ominus denote the following operations:

$$\begin{aligned} i \oplus 1 &= i + 1 & i &= \overline{0, 30} \\ 31 \oplus 1 &= 0 \\ i \ominus 1 &= i - 1 & i &= \overline{0, 31} \\ 0 \ominus 1 &= 31 \end{aligned}$$