

## Polynomials in GF(2) and CRCs

**Exercise 1:** Write the addition, subtraction and multiplication tables for  $GF(2)$ . What logic function can be used to implement modulo-2 addition? Modulo-2 multiplication?

no subtraction, only + &  $\times$

$- \equiv +$

0, 1

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

XOR

$\times$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

AND

**Exercise 2:** What are the possible results if we used values 0 and 1 but the regular definitions of addition and multiplication? Would this be a field?

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	2

↑  
not a  
field

$\times$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

if use this definition of addition.

**Exercise 3:** What is the polynomial representation of the codeword 01101?

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{1} \ 3 \ 2 \ 1 \ 0 \\ \nearrow \\ 0x^4 + 1x^3 + 1x^2 + 0x + 1x^0 = x^3 + x^2 + 1 \end{array}$$

**Exercise 4:** What is the result of multiplying  $x^2 + 1$  by  $x^3 + x$  if the coefficients are regular integers? If the coefficients are values in  $GF(2)$ ?

$GF(z)$   
 $GF(64)$   
 $GF(256)$

are  
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coefficients are  
 regular integers

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 1 \\ \times x^3 + x \\ \hline 1x^3 + 1x \\ 1x^5 + 1x^3 \\ \hline x^5 + 2x^3 + x \end{array}$$

not a coefficient  
 from  $GF(2)$

coefficients are  
 from  $GF(z)$

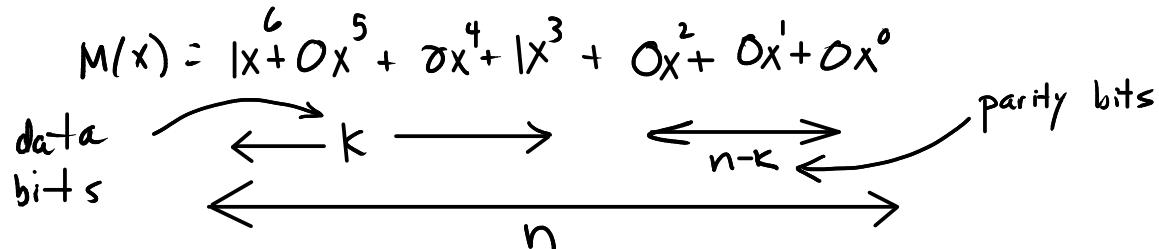
$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 1 \\ \times x^3 + 1 \\ \hline 1x^3 + x \\ x^5 + 1x^3 \\ \hline x^5 + 0x^3 + x \end{array}$$

$$x^5 + x$$

**Exercise 5:** If the generator polynomial is  $G(x) = x^3 + x + 1$  and the data to be protected is 1001, what are  $n - k$ ,  $M(x)$  and the CRC? Check your result. Invert the last bit of the CRC and compute the remainder again.

$$G(x) = 1x^3 + 0x^2 + 1x + 1x^0$$

CRC length =  $n - k = 3$  parity bits



$$(x^3 + 0x^2 + x + 1) \overline{) x^6 + 0x^5 + 0x^4 + x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 0}$$

writing only the coefficients:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1011 \\ \overline{) 1001000} \\ 101 \\ \hline 0100 \\ \hline 1000 \\ 1011 \\ \hline 0110 \end{array}$$

remainder  $\rightarrow 110$

check:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1010 \\ \hline 1011 \overline{) 1001 \boxed{110}} \leftarrow \text{CRC} \\ 1011 \\ \hline 0101 \\ \hline 101 \\ \hline 0000 \\ \hline 0000 \end{array}$$

remainder is now zero

if the data (or CRC) changes:

$$\begin{array}{r} 001 \\ \hline 1011 | 0001110 \\ \hline 001 | \\ \hline 011 | \\ \hline 110 \\ | 011 \\ \hline | 01 \end{array}$$

changed this bit

remainder not zero.

**Exercise 6:** What is the probability that a randomly-chosen set of  $n - k$  parity bits will match the correct parity bits for a given codeword? Assuming random data, what is the undetected error probability for a 16-bit CRC? For a 32-bit CRC? How long a CRC is required to guarantee detection of all single-bit errors?

$$\frac{1}{2^{n-k}} = 2^{-(n-k)}$$

a 1-bit CRC - will detect all single-bit errors,  
- is a parity bit  
-  $G(x) = x+1$  for even parity