

## Polynomials in GF(2) and CRCs

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

+	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

XOR

x	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

AND

**Exercise 2:** What are the possible values of the 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 with conventional definition of +

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

$$0x^4 + 1x^3 + 1x^2 + 0x + 1x^0 = x^3 + x^2 + 1$$

**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  $GF(2)$ ? Which result can be represented as a bit sequence?

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

can't represent as a bit

if operations in  $GF(2)$  :  $x^5 + x$

100010

**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.

$n-k = 3 \therefore 3\text{-bit CRC}$

$M = x^3 + 1 \times x^3 = x^6 + x^3 = 1001000$

$$\frac{M}{G} = \frac{x^6 + x^3}{x^3 + 0x^2 + 1x + 1} = \frac{1001000}{1011}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + 0x^2 + x + 1 \overline{) x^6 + 0x^5 + 0x^4 + 1x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 0} \\ \underline{x^6 + 0x^5 + 1x^4 + 1x^3} \phantom{+ 0x^2 + 0x + 0} \\ 0x^5 + 1x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 \phantom{+ 0x + 0} \\ \underline{x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x} \phantom{+ 0} \\ x^4 + 0x^3 + 1x^2 + 0x \phantom{+ 0} \\ \underline{x^4 + 0x^3 + 1x^2 + x} \\ 0x^3 + 1x^2 + x + 0 \\ \underline{x^2 + x + 0} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$R = 110$

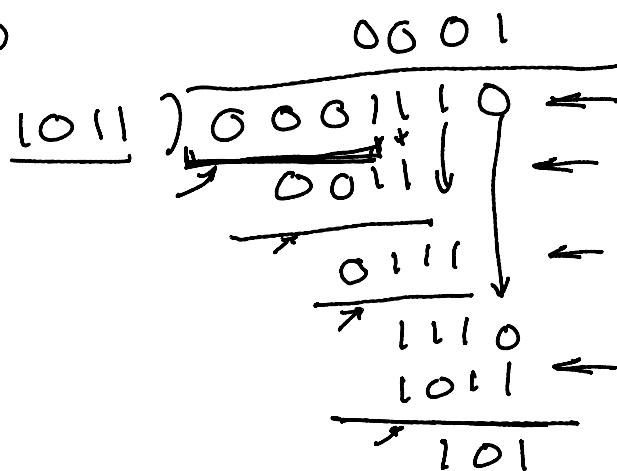
$$\begin{array}{r} 1001000 \\ 111 \\ \hline 1001110 \end{array}$$

data CRC

divisible by 6

$$\begin{array}{r} 1011 \overline{) 1001110} \\ \underline{1011} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ 0101 \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \underline{1011} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ 1011 \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \underline{1011} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ 0000 \end{array}$$

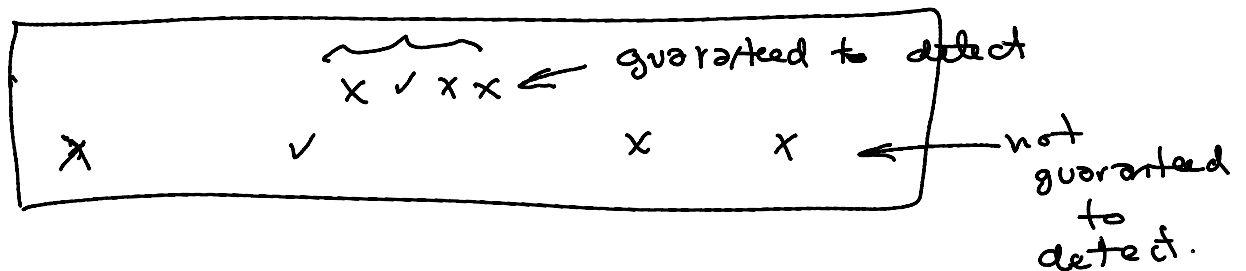
transmit → 1001110  
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 receive 0001110



**Exercise 6:** Is a 32-bit CRC guaranteed to detect 30 consecutive errors? How about 30 errors evenly distributed within the message?

$$\overbrace{2^{31}x + 2^{30}x + \dots + x^0}^{32 \text{ bits}}$$

- $n-k=32$   
yes  $30 < 32$  so 32-bit CRC will detect 30 consecutive errors.
- 30 errors would not be detected if they were a multiple of  $G(x)$  (this is unlikely)



**Exercise 7:** What is the probability that a CRC of length  $n - k$  bits will be the correct CRC for a randomly-chosen codeword? Assuming random data, what is the undetected error probability for a 16-bit CRC? For a 32-bit CRC?

$$\frac{1}{2^{n-k}} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{correct CRC} \\ \text{possible values received for CRC} \end{array}$$

for  $n-k=16$   $\frac{1}{65536} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-5}$

$n-k=32$   $\approx < 1 \times 10^{-9}$