



## 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?

$\oplus$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0



$\otimes$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1



**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?

addition: 0, 1, 2  $\rightarrow$  not closed  $\rightarrow$  not a field  
 multiplication: 0, 1

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

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

**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?

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

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$$+ 0 \cdot 1x^{0+2} + 0 \cdot 0x^{0+1} + (1 \cdot 0)x^{0+0}$$

$$1 \cdot 1x^{1+2} + 1 \cdot 0x^{1+1} + 1 \cdot 1x^{1+0}$$

← ignore

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$$1 \cdot 1x^{3+2} + 1 \cdot 0x^{3+1} + 1 \cdot 1x^{3+0}$$

$$x^5 + 2x^3 + x^1$$

← If regular addition

$$x^5 + x \leftarrow \text{w/ } GF(2) \text{ addition}$$

$$\underbrace{1+1+1} = 1$$



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

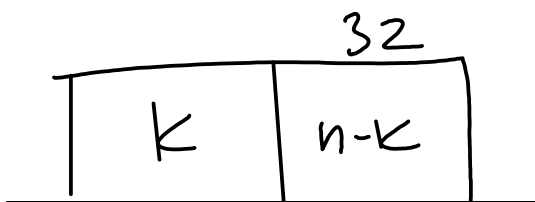
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**Exercise 6:** Is a 32-bit CRC guaranteed to detect 30 consecutive errors? How about 30 errors evenly distributed within the message?

Yes.  $n - k = 32 > 30$  so  
can detect this error burst.



**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?

$$\text{prob.} = \frac{1}{2^{n-k}}$$

$$n-k = 16 \quad \frac{1}{2^{16}} = \frac{1}{65536} \approx 10^{-4}$$

$$n-k = 32 \quad \frac{1}{2^{32}} \approx \frac{1}{4 \times 10^9} \approx 1 \times 10^{-9}$$

**Exercise 3:** A (5,3) code computes the two parity bits as:  $p_0 = d_0 \oplus d_1$  and  $p_1 = d_1 \oplus d_2$  where  $d_i$  is the  $i$ 'th data bit. What codeword is transmitted when the data bits are  $(d_0, d_1, d_2) = (0, 0, 1)$ ? How many different codewords are there in the code? What are the first four codewords? In general, how many codewords are there for an  $(n, k)$  code?

$$(d_0, d_1, d_2, p_0, p_1) \quad \begin{array}{l} k = 3 \\ n = 5 \end{array}$$