

## Lecture 9 - 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

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$\oplus$   
(XOR)

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

$\times$   
(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?

as above, but  $1+1=2$

this is not a field because addition is not closed  
(the results are not values in the field)

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

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

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

**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?

				$1x^2 + 0x + 1x^0$		
				$1x^3 + 0x^2 + 1x + 0x^0$		
				0	0	0
				1	0	1
		0	0	0	0	1
		0	1	↓	↓	↓
	1	0	1	↓	↓	↓
regular addition	→	1	0	2	0	1
$GF(2)$ addition (XOR)	→	1	0	0	0	1

← this can be bits.





**Exercise 6:** 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?

$$\frac{1}{2^{n-k}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2^{16}} \approx \frac{1}{65k} \approx 10^{-5}$$

$$\frac{1}{2^{32}} \approx \frac{1}{4 \times 10^9} \approx 10^{-9}$$

**Exercise 7:** How long a CRC is required to guarantee detection of all single-bit errors? Is a 32-bit CRC guaranteed to detect 30 consecutive errors? How about 30 errors evenly distributed within the message?

a CRC of length  $n-k$  can detect  $n-k$  errors

for 1 error  $n-k = 1$

yes. will detect up to 32 errors

no. may not be detected (but probably will be),