

ERROR DETECTING / CORRECTINGCODES

Consider set  $F_q^m$  of all  $m$ -dimensional vectors  $y = (y_0, \dots, y_{m-1})$  where  $y_i$  is a  $b$  bit binary vector and  $q = 2^b$

Code  $V$  is any subset of  $F_q^m$

$$V \subseteq F_q^m$$

vectors from a code are codewords

FOR ANY  $y, z \in F_q^m$

$$y \oplus z = (y_0 \oplus z_0, \dots, y_{m-1} \oplus z_{m-1}) \in F_q^m$$

# HAMMING distance

FOR ANY  $y, z \in F_q^m$

$d(y, z)$  = number of noncoinciding components in  $y$  and  $z$

EXAMPLE  $b=2, q=4, m=3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= (00, 10, 11) \\
 z &= (10, 10, 01) \\
 y \oplus z &= (10, 00, 10)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$d(y, z) = 2$$

FOR ANY  $y, z \in F_q^m$

$$0 \leq d(y, z) \leq m$$

$$d(y, z) = 0 \Rightarrow y = z$$

$$\text{for } b=2, q=2, d(y, z) = m \Rightarrow y = \bar{z}$$

$d(0, y) = \|y\|$  HAMMING NORM of  $y$  = number of nonzero components in  $y$

$$0 = (0, \dots, 0)$$

Error - Detecting / Correcting Codes.

Hamming Distance:

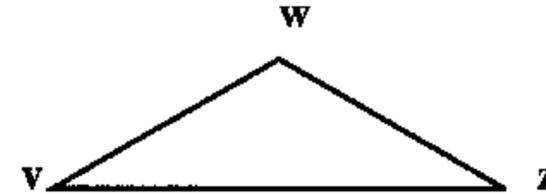
FOR  $b=2$

$$v = (v_1, \dots, v_n), w = (w_1, \dots, w_n) \Rightarrow d(v, w) = \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i \oplus w_i)$$

Example:  $n = 5, d(10110, 11001) = 4$

FOR ANY  $b$ :

$$0 \leq d(v, w) \leq n; \quad d(v, w) + d(w, z) \geq d(v, z)$$



Code with distance d:

Set of vectors  $U$  such that  $\min_{v, w \in U} d(v, w) = d$

Example:  $U = \{ 00000, 10011, 01110, 11101 \}$ . Code with distance  $d(U) = 3$ ,  $\phi = 2$

(D. P. Sewiorek, R.S. Swartz, "Theory and Practice of Reliable System Design, Ch3 and Appendix A).

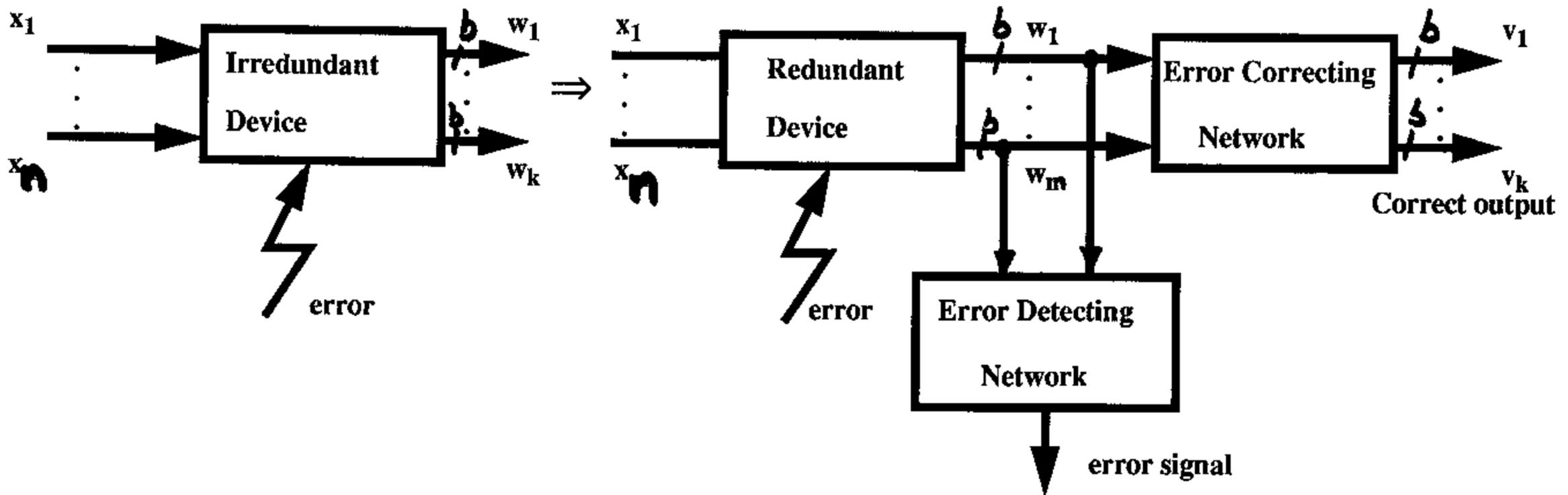
$$d(\tau \oplus v, \tau \oplus w) = d(v, w) \Rightarrow (0, 0, \dots, 0) \in U$$

Error:  $v \rightarrow w, \quad e = v \oplus w$   
 $e_i \neq 0$  if  $v_i$  is distorted.

Multiplicity  $\ell$  of an error:

$$\ell = d(v, w) = d(e, 00 \dots 0) = \|e\|$$

Example  $e : 01110 \rightarrow 01010, e = 00100, \|e\| = 1$



For fault - free device  $v = w$

Code vectors  $(v_1, \dots, v_k, v_{k+1}, \dots, v_{k+r})$ ,  $k+r = n$ , satisfy  $r$  equations.

**Problems :**

- 1. Relation between multiplicity of errors and distance of the code ( simple ).**
- 2. Construction of an optimal code with the given distance ( difficult ).**
- 3. Implementation of error detecting / correcting networks.**

# Error Correcting Codes.

## Geometrical Interpretation.

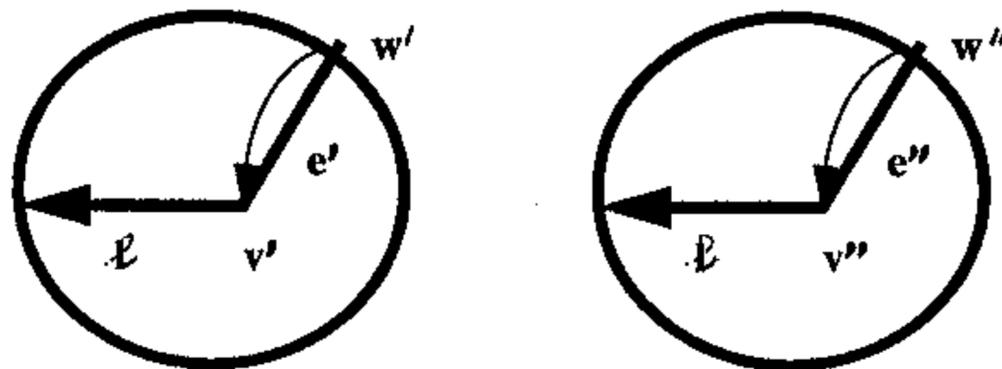
### Error correction :

$v', v''$  - fault - free output ;  $v', v'' \in \mathcal{V}$

$e', e''$  - errors ;  $\|e'\|, \|e''\| \leq \ell$

$w', w''$  - faulty outputs

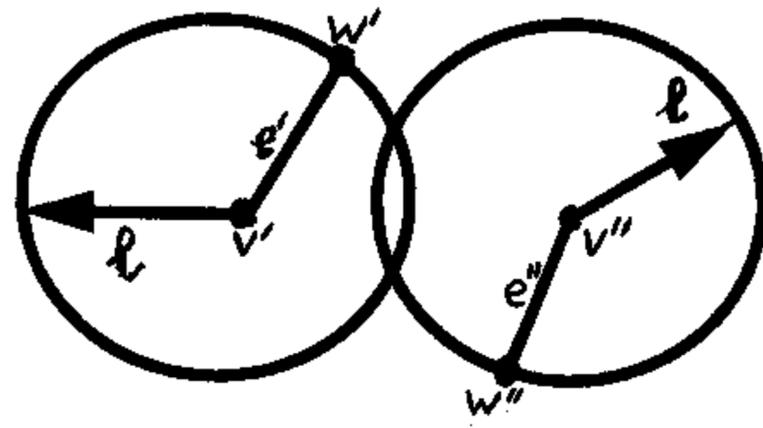
$\ell$  - multiplicity of errors.



For error correction spheres must not intersect  $\Leftrightarrow d(v', v'') \geq 2\ell + 1$

$$d(\mathcal{V}) \geq 2\ell + 1$$

Error Detection :



$$v', v'' \in U$$

$$e', e'' - \text{errors} ; \|e'\|, \|e''\| \leq l$$

$$w' = v' \oplus e'$$

$$w'' = v'' \oplus e''$$

Any sphere doesn't contain a center of another one  $\Leftrightarrow d(v', v'') \geq 2l + 1$

$$d(v) \geq 2l + 1$$

Set of all vectors at the distance exactly (up to)  $\leq l$  from any given vector  $y$  is the Hamming sphere (ball) with radius  $l$  and center  $y$ .

the size of a ball with radius  $l$

$$V(l) = \sum_{i=0}^l \binom{n}{i} (q-1)^i$$

the size of a sphere with radius  $l$

$$S(l) = \binom{n}{l} (q-1)^l$$

$$\frac{S(l)}{V(l)} \approx 1 \quad \text{skin effect for large } n.$$

∴ Code  $V$  is linear (systematic)

if for  $v_1, v_2 \in V \Rightarrow v_1 \oplus v_2 \in V$

∴ one-dimensional parity checks,  
two-dimensional parity checks and  
Hamming codes are linear, BCH is linear  
RM codes are linear.

∴ Code is cyclic if a cyclic shift  
of a codeword is another codeword.

∴ BCH codes are cyclic codes

∴ All cyclic codes are linear

Code  $V$  is linear iff for any

$$y, z \in V \Rightarrow y \oplus z \in V$$

For linear a code  $V$   $|V|$  - number of codewords  $|V| = q^k$  where  $k$  is a number of information digits

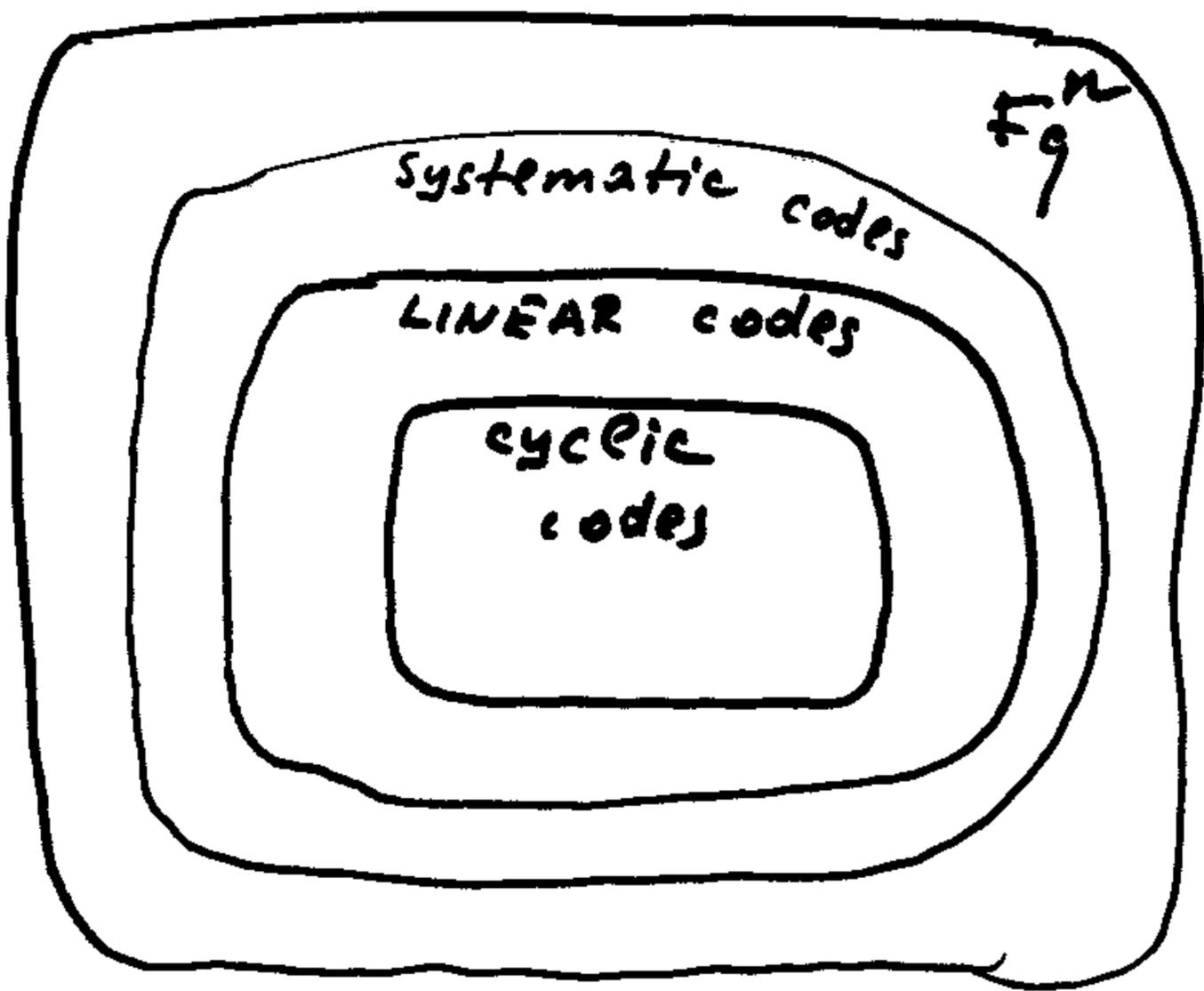
Code is systematic if one can distinguish between information and redundant digits

Any linear code is systematic

(Opposite is not true)

A code is cyclic iff any cyclic shift of a codeword is a codeword

If code is cyclic then it is linear-  
let  $F_q^n$  set of all vectors  $y$  of length  $n$  with components  $y_i$  being  $b$ -bit vectors where  $q = 2^b$



Linear codes of length  $n$   
 with  $k$  information ~~bits~~ digits  
 and distance  $d$  are denoted  
 $[n, k, d]$  codes

TRANSITION RATE  $0 < R = \frac{k}{n} < 1$

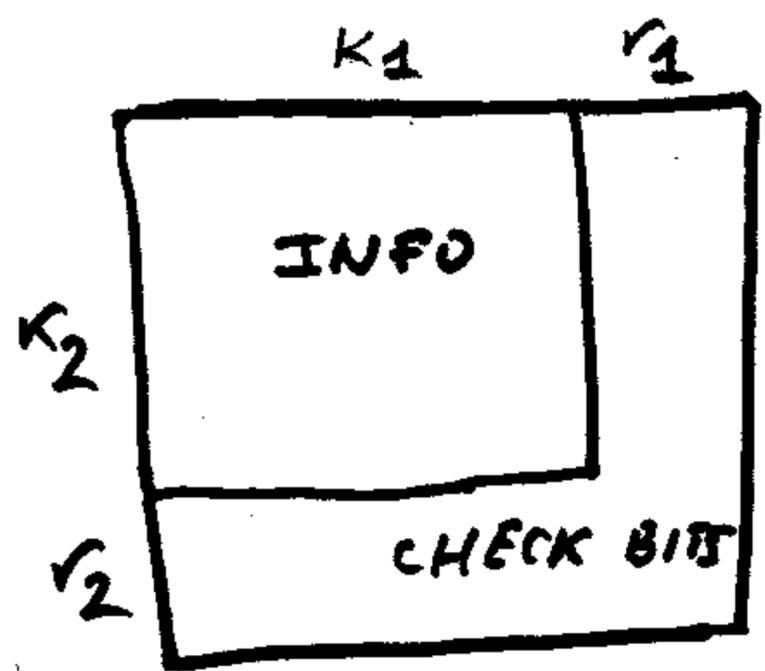
DIRECT PRODUCT OF CODES

$V_1$  :  $[n_1, k_1, d_1]$  code

$r_1 = n_1 - k_1$

$V_2$  :  $[n_2, k_2, d_2]$  code

$r_2 = n_2 - k_2$



$V_1 \times V_2$

$$V_1 \times V_2 : [n_1 n_2, \kappa_1 \cdot \kappa_2, d_1 d_2]$$

$$\text{If } V_1 = V_2$$

$$V_1^2 : [n_1^2, \kappa_1^2, d_1^2]$$

$$\text{For } R(V_1^2) = \frac{\kappa_1^2}{n_1^2} = (R(V_1))^2$$