

**CHAPTER 17 – INFORMATION SCIENCE**

Binary and decimal numbers – a short review:

For decimal numbers we have 10 digits available (0, 1, 2, 3, ... 9) with place values as powers of ten.

10,000	4 1000	7 100	3 10	1 1
$10^4$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$

$$4731 = 4(1000) + 7(100) + 3(10) + 1(1)$$

For binary numbers we have 2 digits available (0 and 1) with place values as powers of two.

b)	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
a)	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
	$2^7$	$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$

Express the following binary numbers as decimal numbers:

$$a) \quad 10111_{\text{Two}} = 1(16) + 0(8) + 1(4) + 1(2) + 1(1)$$

$$16 \quad \quad \quad + 4 \quad + 2 \quad + 1 = 23$$

$$b) \quad 11101010_{\text{Two}} = 1(128) + 1(64) + 1(32) + 0(16) + 1(8) + 0(4) + 1(2) + 0(1) =$$

$$128 + 64 + 32 \quad \quad \quad + 8 \quad \quad \quad + 2 = 234$$

Express the following decimal numbers as binary numbers:

$57 = 111001_{Two}$

64	32	16	8	4	2	1
$2^6$	$2^5$	$2^4$	$2^3$	$2^2$	$2^1$	$2^0$
	57	25	9			1
	-32	-16	-8			-1
	25	9	1			0

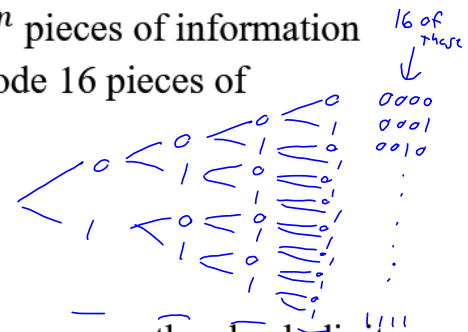
$71 = 1000111_{Two}$

128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
	71				7	3	1
	-64				-4	-2	-1
	7				3	1	0

Using binary digits (bits), we can encode up to  $2^n$  pieces of information using  $n$  bits. So how many bits will we need to code 16 pieces of information?

$2^n = 16$

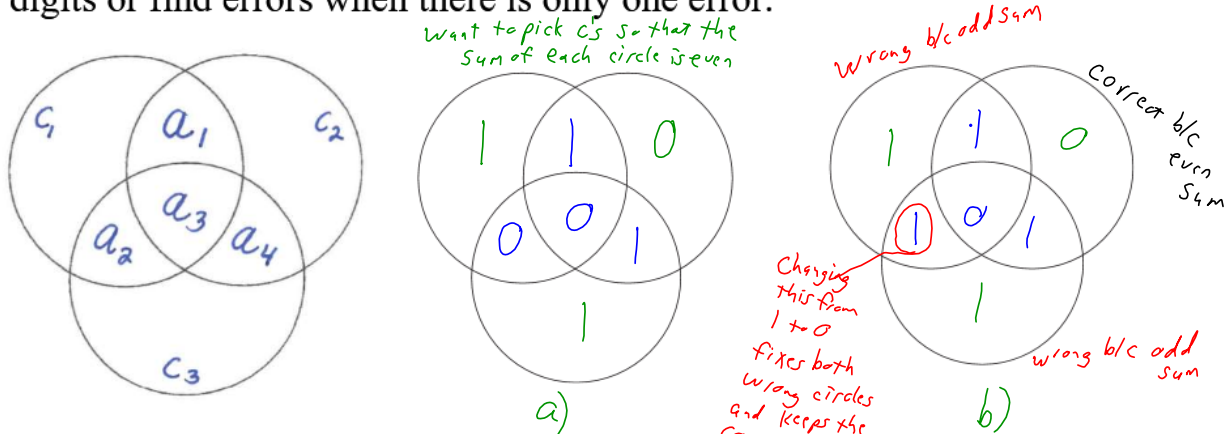
$2^4 = 16$ , so we need 4 bits



Some numbers have multiple check digits. In some cases, the check digits are arranged so that certain sums have even parity. These are called **parity-check sums** where the parity of a number refers to whether a number is even or odd. Even numbers have **even parity** and odd numbers have **odd parity**.

A set of words composed of 0's and 1's that has a message and parity check sums appended to the message is called a **binary linear code**. The resulting strings are called **code words**.

For this type of parity-check sum with 4 bit codes,  $a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4$ , and 3 binary check digits,  $c_1 c_2 c_3$ , we can use a Venn diagram to help find the check digits or find errors when there is only one error.



- a) What is the appropriate code word (code plus check digits) for the code 1001? 1001101
- b) Fix the error in the code 1101101 if it is known only one digit has an error.  
1001101

The process of determining the message you were sent is called **decoding**. If you are sent a message  $x$  and receive the message as  $y$ , how can it be decoded?

The **distance between two strings** of equal length is the number of positions in which the strings differ.

- (a)  $\begin{matrix} \downarrow \downarrow \\ 10111 \text{ and} \\ 11101 \end{matrix}$  distance of 2
- (b)  $\begin{matrix} \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \\ 110101 \text{ and} \\ 101010 \end{matrix}$  distance of 5

The **nearest neighbor decoding method** decodes a message as the code word that agrees with the message in the most positions provided there is only one such message.

means smallest distance

How good a code is at detecting and correcting errors is determined by the weight of the code. The **weight of a binary code** is the minimum number of 1's that occur among all non-zero code words of that code.

Consider a code of weight  $t$ ,

- The code can *detect*  $t - 1$  or fewer errors.
- The code can *correct* half as many as it can detect (rounded down).
  - $\frac{t-1}{2}$  or fewer errors if  $t$  is odd.
  - $\frac{t-2}{2}$  or fewer errors if  $t$  is even.

How many 1's  
 Consider the code  $C = \{0000000, 0011111, 1111000, 1111111\}$   
 Ignore 0000000  
 0011111 (5 ones), 1111000 (4 ones), 1111111 (7 ones)  
 Distance b/w 0001011 and code words: 3, 2, 5, 4

(a) What is the weight of the code? 4

Min number of 1's in all non-zero code words

(b) How many errors can this code detect?  $4 - 1 = 3$

weight - 1

(c) How many errors can this code correct?  $\frac{3}{2} = 1.5$  round down to 1

even weight so  $\frac{\text{weight} - 2}{2} = \frac{4 - 2}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$

(d) Decode the message received as 0001011 using nearest neighbor.

Look for smallest distance

Smallest distance is 2 (without a tie), so this is closest to 0011111

A **compression algorithm** converts data from an easy-to-use format to one that is more compact. jpg photo files use data compression as do most video and audio files.

**Delta function encoding** uses the beginning value and the differences in one value to the next to encode the data.

Compress the data below using delta function encoding and determine how much the data is compressed.

1361 1357 1349 1350 1351 1351

Original data used: <sup>uncompressed</sup> 4(6) = 24 char  
 - Compressed used: 11 char  


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 Saved 13 char

1361 -4 -8 1 1 0

↑  
Tell where to start

↑ Notice, we waste a character on a "x"

↑ Must include the 0 to show we had another number of same value

Compression % is  $\frac{13}{24} = 54.2\%$

Decompress the following data that was coded using delta function encoding:

1027 3 -2 5 6 0 -3

Uncompressed data: 4(7) = 28 char  
 Compressed data: 12 char  


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 Saved 16 char

1027 1030 1028 1033 1039 1039 1036

Compression % is  $\frac{16}{28} = 57.1\%$

Binary codes can also be compressed by assigning short codes to characters that occur frequently and longer codes to characters that occur rarely.

We have 5 symbols, A, B, C, D, and E. If we give all the symbols a code of the same length, we would need 3 binary digits (000 to 101). So a string of 6 symbols would be  $6 \times 3 = 18$  characters long. Can we devise a different binary code if we knew how often each character occurred?

Yes, we can use Huffman coding

Use **Huffman coding** is a way to assign shorter code words to those characters that occur more often.

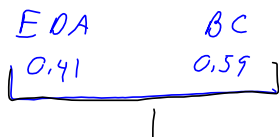
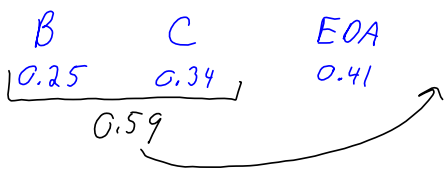
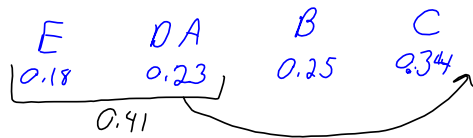
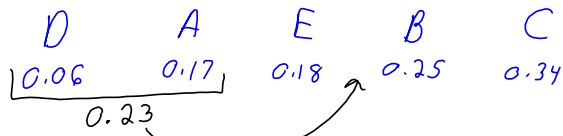
- Step 1** Arrange these letters from least to most likely.
- Step 2** Add the probabilities of the two least likely characters and combine them. Keep the letter with the smaller probability on the left. Arrange the new list from least to most likely.
- Step 3** Repeat Step 2 until all the letters have been combined into one group with probability of 1.
- Step 4** To assign a binary code to each letter, display the information in a Huffman tree by undoing the process from Steps 2 and 3. Always keep the smaller probability on the left and assign a 0 to that branch. Assign a 1 to the branch with the higher probability.
- Step 5** The 0's and 1's for each path determine the code word for that letter. Read from the top of the chart down to the letter.

A	B	C	D	E
0.17	0.25	0.34	0.06	0.18

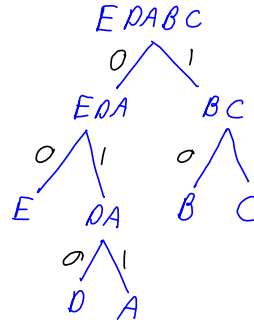
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A	B	C	D	E
011	10	11	010	00

Decipher a message that was encoded using this Huffman code:

101101000101101110110100001111  
 B | C | D | E | B | C | A | B | C | D | E | A | C

The process of disguising data is called encryption. Cryptology is the study of making and breaking secret codes.

A **Caesar cipher** shifts the letters of the alphabet by fixed amount.

EXAMPLE

Create a Caesar cipher that shifts the alphabet by 8 letters and use it to encrypt the message **AGGIE**.

I O O Q M

Note: This is the same as adding 8 mod 26

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H

↓ Letter numbered 8 b/c shift of 8

HOWDY

The message **TAIPK** was created with a Caesar cipher with a shift of 12. What is the original message?

Note: This is the same as subtracting 12 mod 26

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L

↑ Letter numbered 12 b/c shift of 12

A **decimation cipher** multiplies the position of each letter by a fixed number  $k$  (called the **key**) and then uses modular arithmetic. To use a decimation cipher,

1. Assign the letters A – Z to the numbers 0 – 25.
2. Choose a value for the key,  $k$ , that is an odd integer from 3 to 25 but not 13 (why not?)
3. Multiply the value of each letter ( $i$ ) by the key ( $k$ ) and find the remainder when divided by 26.



Ex: Are 7 and 21 an encryption/decryption pair?  
 Math 167 Ch 17 WIR  $7(21) = 147$   $\frac{26 \overline{)147} \quad 5$   
 $\underline{-40}$   
 $17$  ← Not 1, so No, 7 and 21 are not an encryption/decryption pair

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4. To decrypt a message, the encrypted value  $x$  needs to be multiplied by the decryption letter  $j$  and then the remainder mod 26 is the original letter.

There is a chart on page 618 of your book showing the decryption key,  $j$ , for all possible values for the encryption key,  $k$ . Pairs of encryption and decryption values include (3,9), (5,21), (7,15), (11,19), (17,23), and (25, 25). The decryption key is chosen so that  $kj \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$ . Which also means that  $(kj) \pmod{26} = 1$ . You do not need to memorize this chart.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Use a decimation cipher with a key of 7 to encrypt AGGIE AQQEC

	A	G	G	I	E
Position	0	6	6	8	4
(Pos)*(e.key) 7	0	42	42	56	28
Mod 26	0	16	16	4	2
Code	A	Q	Q	E	C

$\frac{26 \overline{)42} \quad 1 \text{ or } 31$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $16$  ← remainder  
 $\frac{56 \overline{)42} \quad 31$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $16$   
 add or subtract 26 until result is between 0 and 25

$\frac{56 \overline{)56} \quad 30$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $30$   
 $\frac{28 \overline{)28} \quad 2$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $2$

The message below was encrypted with a key of 9.  
 The decryption key is 3. Decode the message.

	L	W	V	U	B	A	I	G
Position	11	22	21	20	1	0	8	6
(Pos)*(d.key) 3	33	66	63	60	3	0	24	18
Mod 26	7	14	11	8	3	0	24	18
Message	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	S

Goal is to get numbers between 0 and 25  
 $\frac{33 \overline{)33} \quad 31$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $7$   
 $\frac{66 \overline{)66} \quad 31$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $40$   
 $\frac{63 \overline{)63} \quad 31$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $37$   
 $\frac{60 \overline{)60} \quad 31$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $34$   
 $\frac{24 \overline{)24} \quad 31$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $34$   
 $\frac{18 \overline{)18} \quad 31$   
 $\underline{-26}$   
 $8$

A *Vigenère cipher* uses a *key word* to encode the characters.

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Use a *Vigenère cipher* with a key word of WIN to encode the message

	A	G	G	I	E
Position	0	6	6	8	4
Key	W	I	N	W	I
Word	22	8	13	22	8
Sum	22	14	19	30	12
Mod 26	22	14	19	4	12
Code	W	O	T	E	M

*position of the W* (arrow to W in Key)  
*Goal of getting # between 0 and 25* (arrow to Mod 26 row)  
*Notice: The two G's translated to different letters* (arrows to G's in Key and Code)  

$$\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ -26 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

A *Vigenère cipher* with a key word of YES was used to encode the message below. Decode it. You will need to subtract rather than add.

	Q	X	M	B	C
Position	16	23	12	1	2
Key	Y	E	S	Y	E
Word	24	4	18	24	4
Diff. Pos - Key word	16-24	23-4	12-18	1-24	2-4
	-8	19	-6	-23	-2
Mod 26	18	19	20	3	24
Code	S	T	U	D	Y

*position of Y* (arrow to Y in Key)  
*Goal of getting numbers between 0 and 25* (arrow to Mod 26 row)  

$$\begin{array}{r} -8 \\ +26 \\ \hline 18 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \\ +26 \\ \hline 20 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -23 \\ +26 \\ \hline 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -2 \\ +26 \\ \hline 24 \end{array}$$

To increase security, binary strings can be added together. If the result is even, enter 0. If the result is odd, enter 1. In other words, take the sum of the digits mod 2. *Note:* This is not the same as binary addition.

Add the binary strings:

(a) 
$$\begin{array}{r} 10110 \\ + 00111 \\ \hline 10001 \end{array}$$

(b) 
$$\begin{array}{r} 10110 \\ + 10110 \\ \hline 00000 \end{array}$$

**SAMPLE EXAM QUESTIONS FROM CHAPTER 17**

1. Convert the binary number 10011 to a decimal number.

- (A) 3
- (B) 19
- (C) 16
- (D) 12

*Place Values 16 8 4 2 1*  
 $16 + 2 + 1$

2. What is the distance between received words 1110101 and 1010111?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4
- (E) more than 4

*Differ*  
 ↓ ↓  
 1110101

3. Add the binary strings 1101101 and 1110101. How many 1s digits are in the sum?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4
- (E) more than 4

*1101101*  
 $\underline{0011000}$   
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4. Use delta encoding to compress the data

1724 1721 1721 1715 1739.

By how many characters is the data compressed?

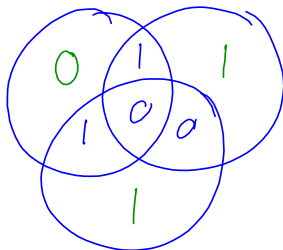
- (A) 9
- (B) 10
- (C) 11
- (D) 13

*original 20 char*  
 $\underline{- compressed 11 char}$   
 9 char

*1724 -3 0 -6 24*

*so  $\frac{9}{20} = 45\%$  compression*

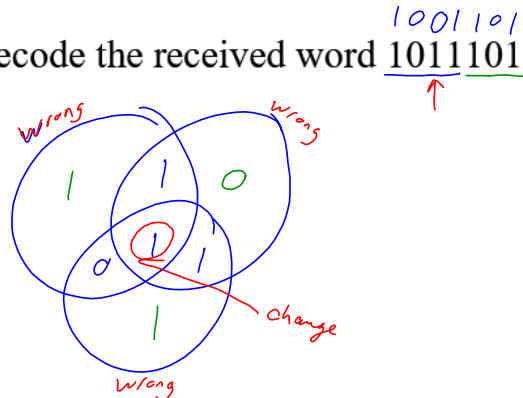
9. Use the Venn diagram method to find the code word for the code 1100.



*1100011*

5. Use the Venn diagram method to decode the received word 1011101 assuming there was only 1 error.

- (A) 1001
- (B) 0100
- (C) 1101
- (D) 1011
- (E) None of these



Questions 6 and 7 use the code  $\{1110, 1011, 1101, 0110, 0101, 0011\}$ .

6. What is the weight of this code?

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) 2
- (D) 3
- (E) 4

7. Which one of the following is a true statement about this code?

- (A) This code can detect and correct two errors
- (B) This code can detect two errors and correct 1 error
- (C) This code can detect and correct one error.
- (D) This code can detect one error and correct 0 errors
- (E) None of these

detect  $2-1=1$   
correct  $\frac{1 \text{ error}}{2} \rightarrow$  so 0 errors  
round down

8. Given binary codes  $A \rightarrow 0, C \rightarrow 10, I \rightarrow 110, S \rightarrow 1110, B \rightarrow 11110$ .

(a) Encode the message SABAAC



11100111100010

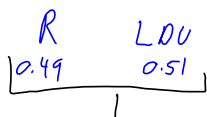
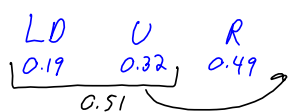
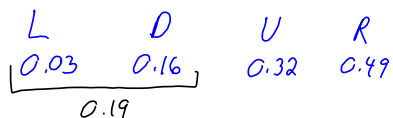
(b) Decode the message 110|1110|1000|110|

I | S | C | A | I

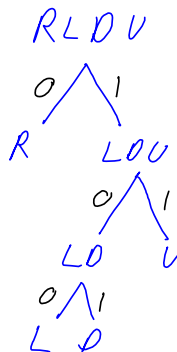
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10. Use a Huffman code to assign binary codes to the directions that occur with the probabilities given below.

<sup>11</sup> Up	<sup>101</sup> Down	<sup>100</sup> Left	<sup>0</sup> Right
0.32	0.16	0.03	0.49



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11. Use a Caesar cipher with a shift of 6 to encode the word **BINARY**.  
HOTGXE

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F

orig  
coded

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

12. Use a decimation cipher with key 17 to encode the word **CABLE**. IARFQ

	C	A	B	L	E
Pos	2	0	1	11	4
Pos * (e. key)	34	0	17	187	68
Mod 26	8	0	17	5	16
Translate	I	A	R	F	Q

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ -26 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ 26 \overline{)187} \\ \underline{182} \\ 5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 26 \overline{)68} \\ \underline{52} \\ 16 \end{array}$$

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

13. Use the Vigenere cipher with the key word **GOLD** was used to encode **LCZWHOWO**. Decode the message.

	L	C	Z	W	H	O	W	O
Pos	11	2	25	22	7	14	22	14
Key word	G	6	O	L	D	G	O	L
Subtract	11-6	2-14	25-11	22-3	7-6	14-14	22-11	14-3
Mod 26	5	-12	14	19	1	0	11	11
Translate	F	O	O	T	B	A	L	L

$$\begin{array}{r} -12 \\ +26 \\ \hline 14 \end{array}$$