

# CYCLIC CODES

- > definition of C. Codes
- > polynomials over Finite fields
- > Full characterization of C. Codes

$C \subseteq \{0, \dots, q-1\}^n$  is a cyclic code

if following holds:

I.  $\forall x, y \in C, x + y \in C$

II.  $\forall x \in C, a \cdot x \in C$

III.  $\forall x = (x_0 \dots x_{n-1}) \in C$

$(x_{n-1} x_0 \dots x_{n-2}) \in C$

$C$  is a linear code  
 $a \in \mathbb{F}_q$   $q$ -prime  
 $= \{0, \dots, q-1\}$   
 $+, \cdot \text{ mod } q$

**Ex 3.1** Decide whether given codes are cyclic

a.)  $C = \{0000, 1212, 2121\} \subseteq (\mathbb{F}_3)^4$   $(+ \text{ mod } 3)$

I.  $(2121) + (1212) = (3333) = (0000)$  ✓

II.  $2 \cdot (1212) = (2424) = (2121)$

III.  $C$  is cyclic  
 III. 1212 - 2121 ✓

b)  $C_3 = \{x_0 x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 \in \{0,1,2\}^5 \mid x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}\}$

$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ 3 & 3 & 3 & ? \end{matrix}$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{81 = 3^4}$

$\downarrow$  the last one can always set sum to 0.

I.  $x, y \in C$

$$\sum_{i=0}^4 x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad \sum_{i=0}^4 y_i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$x+y = (x_0+y_0, x_1+y_1, x_2+y_2, x_3+y_3, x_4+y_4)$$

$$x+y \in C \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=0}^4 x_i + y_i \equiv 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^4 x_i + \sum_{i=0}^4 y_i = 0 + 0 = 0 \pmod{3}$$

$a \cdot x \in C$

$$\text{II } a \cdot x = (ax_0, ax_1, ax_2, ax_3, ax_4)$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^4 ax_i \equiv 0$$

III

$$a \sum_{i=0}^4 x_i = a \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

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III. addition is commutative ✓

$$(a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$$

Set of all polynomials over a finite field of size  $q$ .

$$a_i \in \{0, \dots, q-1\} \text{ (for } q \text{ prime)}$$

**Rings**  $(S = \{0, \dots, q-1\}, +, \cdot)$

1.)  $(S, +)$  is a commutative group

→ addition is 'associative'  $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$

→ addition is 'commutative'  $a+b = b+a$

→ there is a neutral element '0' s.t.  $a+0 = a$

→ for each element 'a' there is an additive inverse '-a' s.t.  $a+(-a) = 0$ .

2.)  $(S, \cdot)$  is 'monoid'

→ multiplication is 'associative'  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$

→ there is a neutral element '1' s.t.  $a \cdot 1 = a$

→ '•' is distributive towards '+'

$$a \cdot (b+c) = ab + ac$$

$$(b+c) \cdot a = ba + ca$$

## Field axiom

→ for each non-zero element  $a$  there is a multiplicative inverse ' $a^{-1}$ ', s.t.  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$

$$\{0, 1, 2, 3\} \quad (+, \cdot) \text{ mod } 4$$

$2^{-1}$  does not exist (division by 2 is not defined)

$$\{0, 2, 0, 2\}$$

$$1133$$

$$3311$$

$$1123$$

$$3321$$

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$(\{0, \dots, n-1\}, \cdot, + \text{ mod } n)$  → generally a ring

→ for  $n$  prime it is a field

Finite fields exist for  $n = p^k$  where  $p$  is a prime

## POLYNOMIALS OVER FINITE FIELDS

$\mathbb{F}[x]$  - a set of all polynomials over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}$

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i x^i \quad a_i \in \mathbb{F} \quad (+, \cdot)$$

$\mathbb{F}_2[x]$  examples

$1+x \quad \deg(x+1) = 1$

$1+x^2+x^3+x^7 \quad \deg(1+x^2+x^3+x^7) = 7$

$\deg(f(x))$  is it's highest exponent

## Division of polynomials

Examples

$x^7 - 1 \div x^3 + x^2 + 1$

a.) in  $\mathbb{F}_2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^7 + 1 : x^3 + x^2 + 1 = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1 \\
 \underline{-(x^7 + x^6 + x^4)} \\
 x^6 + x^4 + 1 \\
 \underline{-(x^6 + x^5 + x^3)} \\
 x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + 1 \\
 \underline{-(x^5 + x^4 + x^2)} \\
 x^3 + x^2 + 1
 \end{array}$$

in  $\mathbb{F}_3 \quad (0,1,2) \sim (0,1,-1)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^7 - 1 : x^3 + x^2 + 1 = x^4 - x^3 + x^2 + x \\
 \underline{-(x^7 + x^6 + x^4)} \\
 -x^6 - x^4 - 1 \\
 \underline{-(-x^6 - x^5 - x^3)} \\
 x^5 - x^4 + x^3 - 1 \\
 \underline{-(x^5 + x^4 + x^2)} \\
 x^4 + x^3 + x^2 - 1 \\
 \underline{-(x^4 + x^3 + x)} \\
 x^2 + x - 1
 \end{array}$$

$$x^7 - 1 = (x^3 + x^2 + 1) (x^4 - x^3 + x^2 + x) + x^2 + x - 1$$

$f(x) = q(x) \cdot h(x) + r(x)$

$$\deg(r(x)) < \deg(h(x))$$

Example

all remainders after division by  $x^2+x+1$

$$\mathbb{F}_2[x] / \underline{x^2+x+1} = \left\{ 0, 1, x, x+1 \right\}$$

$\mathbb{F}_q[x] / f(x)$  contains all polynomials of degree smaller than  $\deg(f(x)) \Leftrightarrow$  corresponds to strings of size  $n$

$+$	0	1	$x$	$x+1$
0	0	1	$x$	$x+1$
1	1	0	$x+1$	$x$
$x$	$x$	$x+1$	0	1
$x+1$	$x+1$	$x$	1	0

Commutative group

$\cdot$	0	1	$x$	$x+1$
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	$x$	$x+1$
$x$	0	$x$	$x+1$	1
$x+1$	0	$x+1$	1	$x$

$$x^2 = x^{2+1} = 1$$

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

$$x^2+x = x^2+x+1 - 1$$

$$x^2+x+1 = 1$$

$\mathbb{F}[x] / f(x)$  is a field iff  $f(x)$  is a primitive polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}$ .

$f(x)$  is a primitive polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}$ , if it cannot be written as a product of two polynomials of a smaller degree

is  $x^2+x+1$  primitive over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 &x \\
 &(x+1) \\
 &x(x+1) = x^2+x \neq x^2+x+1 \\
 &x \cdot x = x^2 \neq x^2+x+1 \\
 &(x+1) \cdot (x+1) = x^2+1 \neq x^2+x+1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbb{R}_n = \mathbb{F}[x] / x^n - 1$  = all polynomials of degree at most  $n-1$ , thus corresponds to all strings of  $\mathbb{F}$  of size  $n$ .

**multiplication by  $x$ .**

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} \\
 x \cdot f(x) &= a_0x + a_1x^2 + \dots + a_{n-1}x^n \pmod{x^n - 1} = a_{n-1} \\
 &\quad - (a_{n-1}x^n - a_{n-1}) \\
 &= a_{n-1} + a_0x + a_1x^2 + \dots + a_{n-2}x^{n-1} \\
 (a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}) &\sim (a_{n-1}, a_0, \dots, a_{n-2})
 \end{aligned}$$

**Ideals**  $I \subseteq \mathbb{F}[x] / x^n - 1$  closed under multiplication

$$\langle g(x) \rangle = \left\{ g(x) \cdot h(x) \mid h(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x] / x^n - 1 \right\}$$

Example  $x^2(x+1)$

$\langle x+1 \rangle = \{0, 1, x, x+1, x^2, x^2+1, x^2+x, x^2+x+1\}$

Example

$$\mathbb{F}_2[x] / \langle x^3 - 1 \rangle = \{0, 1, x, x+1, x^2, x^2+1, x^2+x, x^2+x+1\}$$

$$\langle x+1 \rangle = \{0, x+1, x^2+x, x^2+1\}$$

$$= \{h(x) \cdot (x+1) \mid h(x) \in \mathbb{F}_2[x] / \langle x^3 - 1 \rangle\}$$

$$\langle x^2+1 \rangle = \langle x^2 \cdot (x+1) \rangle$$

$$= \langle h(x) \cdot x^2 \cdot (x+1) \mid h(x) \in \mathbb{F}_2[x] / \langle x^3 - 1 \rangle \rangle$$

$$= \langle h'(x) \cdot (x+1) \mid h'(x) \in \mathbb{F}_2[x] / \langle x^3 - 1 \rangle \rangle$$

$$= \langle h'(x) \cdot (x+1) \mid h'(x) \in \mathbb{F}_2[x] / \langle x^3 - 1 \rangle \rangle$$

$$\langle x^2+1 \rangle \subseteq \langle x+1 \rangle$$

$$\langle x+1 \rangle = \langle x(x^2+1) \rangle$$

$$\langle h(x) \cdot x(x^2+1) \mid h(x) \in \mathbb{F}_2[x] / \langle x^3 - 1 \rangle \rangle$$

$$= \langle h'(x) \cdot (x^2+1) \rangle$$

$$\subseteq \langle x^2+1 \rangle$$

$x^2(x+1)$

$x^2+1 \rightarrow x^2+x \rightarrow x^2+x+1$

$(x+1) \rightarrow x^2+x \rightarrow x^2+x+1$

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

$$(x+1)(x+1)$$

$$= (x+1) + (x+1)$$

$$= x^2+x + x+1$$

$$= x^2+1$$

$$(x+1)(x^2+1)$$

$$= (x+1) \cdot x^2 + (x+1)$$

$$= x^2+1 + x+1 = x^2+x$$

$$(x+1)(x^2+x+1)$$

$$= (x+1) \cdot x^2 + (x+1)x + x+1$$

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

$$(x+1)(x^2+x) =$$

$$= (x+1) \cdot x^2 + (x+1)x$$

$$= x^2+1 + x^2+x = x+1$$

$$(x+1) = x(x^2+1)$$

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$$x^2 \cdot (x+1) = x^3 + x^2$$

$$x^3 + 1 = 1$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 1}{x^3 + 1} = 1$$



$$\begin{array}{r}
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 \downarrow \quad \swarrow (110) \\
 x \cdot x \cdot (x+1) \\
 \quad \quad \quad 011 \\
 x \cdot (x+x^2) \\
 \quad \quad \quad \swarrow (011) \\
 (101) \\
 1 + 0 \cdot x + 1 \cdot x^2 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \\
 (x^2+1)
 \end{array}
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{r}
 \frac{x^3+1}{x^2+1} \\
 1 \cdot x^0 + 1 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x^2
 \end{array}$$

$$\underline{x^2+1 = x^2(x+1)}$$

$$\langle x^2+1 \rangle = \{ (x^2+1) \cdot h(x) \mid h(x) \in R_n \}$$

$$\langle x+1 \rangle = \{ (x+1) h(x) \mid h(x) \in R_n \}$$

$$\langle x^2+1 \rangle = \langle x^2(x+1) \rangle$$

$$= \{ \underbrace{h(x) \cdot x^2}_{h'(x)} \cdot (x+1) \mid h(x) \in R_n \}$$

$$= \{ \underbrace{h'(x)}_{\neq \emptyset} \cdot (x+1) \mid h'(x) \text{ are some (possibly not all polynomials)} \}$$

$$\subseteq \langle x+1 \rangle$$

$$\langle x+1 \rangle \subseteq \langle x^2+1 \rangle$$

$$x+1 = x(x^2+1)$$



## How do we characterize different ideals?

Each ideal is characterized by a unique divisor of  $x^n - 1$  in  $\mathbb{F}[x]$  primitive primitive

$$x^3 - 1 = (x+1)(x^2+x+1)$$

$$x+1 \quad \langle x+1 \rangle = \{000, 110, 101, 011\}$$

$$x^2+x+1 \quad \langle x^2+x+1 \rangle = \{000, 111\}$$

$$x^3-1 \quad \langle x^3-1 \rangle = \{0000\}$$

$$1 \quad \langle 1 \rangle = \{0, 1\}^3$$

To find all cyclic codes you need to find a decomposition of  $f(x)$  into primitive polynomials.

$$f(x) = \underbrace{h(x)}_{\text{primitive}} \underbrace{g(x)}_{\text{primitive}} \underbrace{c(x)}_{\text{primitive}}$$

To each C. Code we can associate a divisor

$g(x)$ , and we call it the generator polynomial  
 $\deg(g(x)) = \ell$

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} g_0 & g_1 & \dots & g_{\ell} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g_0 & g_1 & \dots & g_{\ell-1} & g_{\ell} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & & & & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & g_{\ell-1} & g_{\ell} & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$f(x) = g(x) \cdot h(x)$$

$$h(x) = h_0 + h_1 x + \dots + h_{n-2} x^{n-2} + h_{n-1} x^{n-1}$$

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} \overbrace{h_{n-1} \quad h_{n-2} \quad \dots \quad h_0} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_{n-1} & & h_0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & \ddots & & & \\ & & & & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m \cdot G = C$$

$$m(x) \cdot g(x) = c(x)$$

$$m \cdot G$$

$$m = (m_0 \dots m_{n-1}) \cdot G = (m_0 g_0, m_0 g_1 + m_1 g_0, m_0 g_2 + m_1 g_1 + m_2 g_0, \dots)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_0 + m_1 x + \dots + m_{n-1} x^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} g_0 + g_1 x + \dots + g_{n-1} x^{n-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$= m_0 g_0 + (m_0 g_1 + m_1 g_0) x + \dots$$

x?