

Coding and Information Theory

Chapter 6:

Error-correcting Codes - D

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Quick Review of Last Lecture (1/2)

- Hamming's Sphere-packing Bound

- Theorem 6.15: $n, q, d, t = \lfloor (d - 1)/2 \rfloor$

$$M \left(1 + \binom{n}{1}(q-1) + \binom{n}{2}(q-1)^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{t}(q-1)^t \right) \leq q^n$$

- Example 6.16: $q = 2$ and $t = 1$, $M \leq \lfloor 2^n / (1 + n) \rfloor$

- Corollary 6.17: For linear code

$$\sum_{i=0}^t \binom{n}{i} (q-1)^i \leq q^{n-k}$$

- A code C is **perfect**

- Example 6.18: R_n is perfect, if n is odd and $q = 2$.

- Example 6.19: The binary Hamming code H_7 is perfect.

- Hamming's upper bound

$$H_2 \left(\frac{t}{n} \right) \leq 1 - R$$

Quick Review of Last Lecture (2/2)

- Hamming's Sphere-packing Bound

- For a code C with maximum number of cardinality $M=A_q(n, d)$

$$A_q(n, d) \left(1 + \binom{n}{1} (q-1) + \binom{n}{2} (q-1)^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{t} (q-1)^t \right) \leq q^n$$

- The Gilbert-Varshamov Bound

- Theorem 6.21

$$A_q(n, d) \left(1 + \binom{n}{1} (q-1) + \binom{n}{2} (q-1)^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{d-1} (q-1)^{d-1} \right) \geq q^n$$

- Example 6.20

$$A_2(n, 3) \leq \lfloor 2^n / (n + 1) \rfloor$$

- Example 6.22

$$A_2(n, 3) \left(1 + n + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \right) \geq 2^n$$

The Gilbert-Varshamov Bound (Cont.)

- In the binary case, Theorem 6.21 takes the form

$$A_2(n, d) \left(1 + \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \cdots + \binom{n}{d-1} \right) \geq 2^n.$$

- For $Q < 1/2$, Exercise 5.7 gives

$$\sum_{i \leq nQ} \binom{n}{i} \leq 2^{nH(Q)}$$



$$\sum_{i \leq (d-1)} \binom{n}{i} \leq 2^{H_2\left(\frac{d-1}{n}\right)}$$

$$nQ = d - 1$$

$$Q = \frac{d - 1}{n}$$

- So for $d \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$, we have

$$A_2(n, d) \geq 2^n / 2^{nH_2\left(\frac{d-1}{n}\right)} = 2^{n\left(1 - H_2\left(\frac{d-1}{n}\right)\right)}$$

- Taking logarithms in both sides, we have

$$\log_2 A_2(n, d) \geq n \left(1 - H_2\left(\frac{d-1}{n}\right) \right)$$

The Gilbert-Varshamov Bound (Cont.)

- For $d \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$, we have

$$\log_2 A_2(n, d) \geq n \left(1 - H_2 \left(\frac{d-1}{n} \right) \right)$$

- Thus for $d \leq \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$, we have a lower bound

$$R \geq 1 - H_2 \left(\frac{d-1}{n} \right).$$

$$R = \frac{1}{n} \log_2 M$$

- From Section 6.4, we have Hamming's upper bound

$$R \leq 1 - H_2 \left(\frac{t}{n} \right) \quad \text{See (6.7)}$$

where $t = \lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor$

6.6 Hadamard Matrices and Codes

- A real $n \times n$ matrix $H = (h_{ij})$ (of order n) is called a Hadamard matrix, if it satisfies
 - a) each $h_{ij} = \pm 1$, and
 - b) distinct rows r_i , of H are orthogonal, that is, $r_i \cdot r_j = 0$ for all $i \neq j$.
- Note: $|\det(H)| = n^{n/2}$
 - Proof: Let

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 \\ r_2 \\ \dots \\ r_n \end{pmatrix} \quad \rightarrow \quad HH^T = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 r_1 & r_1 r_2 & r_1 r_n \\ r_2 r_1 & r_2 r_2 & r_2 r_n \\ r_n r_1 & r_n r_2 & r_n r_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H^T = (r_1 \quad r_2 \quad \dots \quad r_n)$$

$$\det(H^T) = \det(H)$$

$$\det(H)^2 = \det(HH^T) = n^n$$

Hadamard Matrices (Cont.)

- Example 6.23

- The matrices $H = (1)$ and $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ are Hadamard matrices of order 1 and 2, with $|\det H| = 1$ and 2 respectively.

- Lemma 6.24

- Let H be a Hadamard matrix of order n , and let

$$H' = \begin{pmatrix} H & H \\ H & -H \end{pmatrix}$$

Then H' is a Hadamard matrix of order $2n$.

Hadamard Matrices (Cont.)

- Corollary 6.25
 - There is a Hadamard matrix of order 2^m for each integer $m \geq 0$.
 - Proof: Start with $H = (1)$, and apply Lemma 6.24 m times
- Example 6.26
 - The Hadamard matrices of order 2^m obtained by this method are called Sylvester matrices. For instance, taking $m = 1$ or 2 ,

- Lemma 6.27

If there is a Hadamard matrix H of order $n > 1$, then n is even.

The orthogonality of distinct rows \mathbf{r}_i and \mathbf{r}_j gives

$$h_{i1}h_{j1} + \cdots + h_{in}h_{jn} = 0.$$

→ n must be even.

$$h_{ik}h_{jk} = \pm 1$$

- Lemma 6.28

If there is a Hadamard matrix H of order $n > 2$, then n is divisible by 4.

$$\mathbf{r}_1 = (1 \quad 1 \quad \dots \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \quad \dots \quad 1)$$

$$\mathbf{r}_2 = (1 \quad 1 \quad \dots \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad -1 \quad \dots \quad -1).$$

$$\mathbf{r}_3 = (\quad u \text{ 1's} \quad \quad v \text{ 1's} \quad)$$

$$0 = \mathbf{r}_1 \cdot \mathbf{r}_3 = u - \left(\frac{n}{2} - u\right) + v - \left(\frac{n}{2} - v\right) = 2u + 2v - n$$

$$0 = \mathbf{r}_2 \cdot \mathbf{r}_3 = u - \left(\frac{n}{2} - u\right) - v + \left(\frac{n}{2} - v\right) = 2u - 2v$$

so $u = v$, and hence $n = 2u + 2v = 4u$ is divisible by 4.

Hadamard Matrices and Codes

- Theorem 6.29
 - Each Hadamard matrix H of order n gives rise to a binary code of length n , with $M = 2n$ code-words and minimum distance $d = n/2$.
- Any code C constructed as in Theorem 6.29 is called a Hadamard code of length n .

Form $2n$ vectors from the rows r_i of H

$$\pm \mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \pm \mathbf{r}_n \in \mathbf{R}^n$$

Changing each entry -1 into 0 to get

$$\mathbf{u}_1, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_n, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_n \in \mathcal{V} = F_2^n$$

where $\bar{\mathbf{u}} = \mathbf{1} - \mathbf{u}$.

$$d(\mathbf{u}_i, \bar{\mathbf{u}}_i) = n$$

$$d(u_i, u_j) = n/2$$



$$d = n/2$$

Hadamard Codes

- The transmission rate of any Hadamard code of length n is

$$R = \frac{\log_2(2n)}{n} = \frac{1 + \log_2 n}{n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

- The number of errors corrected (if $n > 2$) is

$$t = \left\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{n-2}{4} \right\rfloor = \frac{n}{4} - 1$$

- so the proportion of errors corrected is

$$\frac{t}{n} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$