

ECE 405/511  
Error Control Coding

Minimal Polynomials and BCH Codes

# Minimal Polynomials

- Let  $\alpha$  be an element of  $\text{GF}(q^m)$
- The minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  with respect to  $\text{GF}(q)$  is the smallest degree monic (non-zero) polynomial

$$p(x) \text{ in } \text{GF}(q)[x]$$

such that  $p(\alpha) = 0$

- The degree of  $p(x)$  is  $d$  and  $d \mid m$
- $f(\alpha) = 0$  implies  $p(x) \mid f(x)$
- $p(x)$  is irreducible in  $\text{GF}(q)[x]$
- If  $\alpha$  is a primitive element in  $\text{GF}(q^m)$ ,  $p(x)$  is a primitive polynomial

- What are the other roots of  $p(x)$ ?

- The conjugates of  $\alpha$ :

$$\{\alpha, \alpha^q, \alpha^{q^2}, \dots, \alpha^{q^{d-1}}\}$$

- This set of conjugates (with  $d$  elements) is called the **conjugacy class** of  $\alpha$  with respect to  $\text{GF}(q)$
- All the roots of an irreducible polynomial have the same order so all elements of a conjugacy class have the same order

# Example: GF(8)

let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $x^3+x+1 \rightarrow q = 2, m = 3$  and  $d|3$

conjugacy class

minimal polynomial

$\{0\}$

$x$

$\{1\}$

$x+1$

$\{\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^4\}$

$(x + \alpha)(x + \alpha^2)(x + \alpha^4) = x^3 + x + 1$

$\{\alpha^3, \alpha^6, \alpha^5\}$

$(x + \alpha^3)(x + \alpha^6)(x + \alpha^5) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$

- Note that the roots are in GF(8), but the minimal polynomials have coefficients in the ground field GF(2)
- Same as multiplying by the conjugate polynomial in the complex field to obtain real coefficients

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

- Multiplying all the minimal polynomials of the non-zero elements of GF(8) gives

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

# GF(16) formed from $x^4+x+1$

Power of $\alpha$	Polynomial in $\alpha$	Vector
$-\infty$	0	0000
0	1	1000
1	$\alpha$	0100
2	$\alpha^2$	0010
3	$\alpha^3$	0001
4	$\alpha+1$	1100
5	$\alpha^2+\alpha$	0110
6	$\alpha^3+\alpha^2$	0011
7	$\alpha^3+\alpha+1$	1101
8	$\alpha^2+1$	1010
9	$\alpha^3+\alpha$	0101
10	$\alpha^2+\alpha+1$	1110
11	$\alpha^3+\alpha^2+\alpha$	0111
12	$\alpha^3+\alpha^2+\alpha+1$	1111
13	$\alpha^3+\alpha^2+1$	1011
14	$\alpha^3+1$	1001

- $\text{GF}(16) = \text{GF}(2^4)$   $q = 2, m = 4, d | 4$

let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $x^4+x+1$

conjugacy class	order	minimal polynomial
$\{0\}$	-	$x$
$\{1\}$	1	$x+1$
$\{\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^4, \alpha^8\}$	15	$x^4+x+1$
$\{\alpha^3, \alpha^6, \alpha^{12}, \alpha^9\}$	5	$x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1$
$\{\alpha^5, \alpha^{10}\}$	3	$x^2+x+1$
$\{\alpha^7, \alpha^{14}, \alpha^{13}, \alpha^{11}\}$	15	$x^4+x^3+1$

# Cyclotomic Cosets

- The partition of powers of  $\alpha$  by the conjugacy classes is called the set of **cyclotomic cosets**
- GF(8):  $\{0\}, \{1,2,4\}, \{3,6,5\}$
- GF(16):  $\{0\}, \{1,2,4,8\}, \{3,6,12,9\}, \{5,10\},$   
 $\{7,14,13,11\}$
- GF(32):  $\{0\}, \{1,2,4,8,16\}, \{3,6,12,24,17\},$   
 $\{5,10,20,9,18\}, \{7,14,28,25,19\},$   
 $\{11,22,13,26,21\}, \{15,30,29,27,23\}$



# Cyclotomic Cosets

- $GF(32) = GF(2^5)$  let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $x^5+x^2+1$

cyclotomic coset

minimal polynomial

$\{0\}$

$$M_0(x) = x+1$$

$\{1,2,4,8,16\}$

$$M_1(x) = x^5+x^2+1$$

$\{3,6,12,24,17\}$

$$M_3(x) = x^5+x^4+x^3+x^2+1$$

$\{5,10,20,9,18\}$

$$M_5(x) = x^5+x^4+x^2+x+1$$

$\{7,14,28,25,19\}$

$$M_7(x) = x^5+x^3+x^2+x+1$$

$\{11,22,13,26,21\}$

$$M_{11}(x) = x^5+x^4+x^3+x+1$$

$\{15,30,29,27,23\}$

$$M_{15}(x) = x^5+x^3+1$$

- The generator polynomials of cyclic codes are
  - products of irreducible polynomials
  - factors of  $x^n-1$so they are a product of minimal polynomials
- Therefore, one can look at cyclic codes in terms of the roots of the generator polynomial  $g(x)$

# Binary Cyclic Hamming Codes

- If  $g(x)$  is a primitive polynomial of degree  $m$  over  $\text{GF}(2)$ , then the ring of polynomials modulo  $g(x)$ ,  $\text{GF}(2)[x]/g(x)$ , is the finite field of order  $2^m$ .
- If  $\alpha$  is a root of  $g(x)$ , then  $\{0, 1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{2^m-2}\}$  are the  $2^m$  elements of the field. Each element can also be represented by a binary  $m$ -tuple.
- Use the  $2^m-1$  non-zero elements to construct the columns of a matrix
$$\mathbf{H} = [1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{2^m-2}]$$
- The code  $C$  with parity check matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  is a Hamming code with  $n = 2^m-1$  as  $\mathbf{H}$  contains all distinct non-zero  $m$ -tuples.

- Since  $\mathbf{cH}^T = 0$ , we can express the set of codewords as

$$C = \{c_0c_1 \cdots c_{n-1} \mid c_0 + c_1\alpha + c_2\alpha^2 + \cdots + c_{n-1}\alpha^{n-1} = 0\}$$

→  $c(x)$  has root  $\alpha$  since  $c(\alpha) = 0$

- As  $g(\alpha) = 0$ ,  $c(x)$  is a multiple of  $g(x)$ 
  - therefore  $c(x)$  is a codeword in the cyclic code generated by  $g(x)$  and  $C$  is this cyclic code
- All binary Hamming codes are equivalent to cyclic codes
- Example:  $g(x) = x^3+x+1 \rightarrow \text{GF}(2)[x]/g(x)$  is  $\text{GF}(8)$ 

The field elements are

$$\{0, 1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3 = \alpha+1, \alpha^4 = \alpha^2+\alpha, \alpha^5 = \alpha^2+\alpha+1, \alpha^6 = \alpha^2+1\}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{I} \ \mathbf{P}^T]$$

$$1 \quad \alpha \quad \alpha^2 \quad \alpha^3 \quad \alpha^4 \quad \alpha^5 \quad \alpha^6$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{P} \ \mathbf{I}]$$

or

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

since  $g(x) = x^3 + x + 1$

# BCH Codes

- B – Bose
- C – Ray-Chaudhuri
- H – Hocquenghem
- BCH codes are a generalization of cyclic Hamming codes
  - $g(x)$  is a primitive polynomial
  - $c(\alpha) = 0$  if  $\alpha$  is a root of  $g(x)$
  - the corresponding parity check matrix has columns corresponding to powers of  $\alpha$  from  $\alpha^0$  to  $\alpha^{n-1}$  or all  $2^m-1$  distinct non-zero binary vectors of length  $m$  for a binary code

- Example:  $q = 2, m = 4$

$$n = 2^m - 1 = 15$$

Consider the parity check matrix with columns arranged in increasing integer label order

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & 15 \end{bmatrix}$$

- To generalize to 2 error correction, more rows need to be added to  $\mathbf{H}$ . Add 4 more rows to  $\mathbf{H}$  to get  $\mathbf{H}'$

$$\mathbf{H}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & 15 \\ f(1) & f(2) & f(3) & \dots & f(15) \end{bmatrix}$$

How to choose  $f(i)$ ?

- Suppose 2 errors have occurred in positions  $i$  and  $j$
- The syndromes are  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{eH}^T = h_i + h_j$

$$S_1 = i+j, S_2 = f(i)+f(j)$$

- Require a function  $f$  such that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  can be used to get  $i$  and  $j$

- try  $f(i) = i^2$

$$S_2 = i^2 + j^2 = (i+j)^2 = S_1^2 \rightarrow \text{no unique solution in GF(16)}$$



- Next try  $f(i) = i^3$

$$i+j = S_1$$

$$i^3+j^3 = S_2$$

$$S_2 = (i+j)(i^2+ij+j^2) = S_1(S_1^2+ij)$$

$$\rightarrow ij = S_2/S_1 + S_1^2$$

- Now  $i$  and  $j$  are roots of the equation

$$\Lambda(x) = (x+i)(x+j) = x^2 + S_1x + S_2/S_1 + S_1^2$$

**Error Locator Polynomial**

# Decoding Procedure

1. Compute the syndromes
2. Form the Error Locator Polynomial  $\Lambda(x)$
3. Find the roots of  $\Lambda(x)$
4. Flip the bits in the error positions

# Double Error Correction Decoding

- Calculate the syndromes  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ 
  - if  $S_1 = S_2 = 0$ , no error
  - if  $S_1 \neq 0$  and  $S_2 = S_1^3$ , 1 error at position  $i$
  - if  $S_1 \neq 0$  and  $S_2 \neq S_1^3$ , solve for the roots of the error locator polynomial
    - if there are 2 distinct roots  $i$  and  $j$ , correct the errors at these locations
    - if no roots, 1 root or a double root, do nothing as more than 2 errors have been detected
  - if  $S_1 = 0$ ,  $S_2 \neq 0$ , more than 2 errors have been detected

- To obtain a cyclic code, place the columns of  $\mathbf{H}$  in increasing powers of  $\alpha$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^4 & \cdots & \alpha^{2^m-2} \\ 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^6 & \alpha^9 & \alpha^{12} & \cdots & \alpha^{3(2^m-2)} \end{bmatrix}$$

- For the GF(16) example

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^4 & \cdots & \alpha^{14} \\ 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^6 & \alpha^9 & \alpha^{12} & \cdots & \alpha^{12} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Now a codeword must satisfy

$$\mathbf{cH}^T = 0$$

$$\rightarrow c(\alpha) = 0, c(\alpha^3) = 0$$

- Therefore  $g(x) = M_1(x)M_3(x)$

- The two error correcting BCH codes have parameters  $(2^m-1, 2^m-1-2m, 5)$ ,  $m > 3$

- Example:

$m = 4, n = 15, k = 7, d = 5$  (15,7,5) BCH code

$$M_1(x) = x^4 + x + 1$$

$$M_3(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$g(x) = M_1(x)M_3(x) = x^8 + x^7 + x^6 + x^4 + 1$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# (15,7,5) BCH Code Example 1

- $\mathbf{r} = 110111101011000$  arithmetic in  $GF(16)$

$$r(x) = 1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6+x^8+x^{10}+x^{11}$$

The syndromes are

$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r(\alpha) \\ r(\alpha^3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^{11} \\ \alpha^5 \end{bmatrix}$$

The error locator polynomial is  $\Lambda(x) = x^2 + \alpha^{11}x + 1$

roots are  $\alpha^7$  and  $\alpha^8$

$$\mathbf{r} = 110111101011000$$

$$\mathbf{e} = 000000011000000$$

$$\mathbf{c}' = 110111110011000$$

# (15,7,5) BCH Code Example 2

- arithmetic in GF(16)
- $\mathbf{r} = 1000000010000000$

$$r(x) = 1+x^8$$

$$S_1 = r(\alpha) = 1 + \alpha^8 = \alpha^2 \quad S_3 = r(\alpha^3) = 1 + \alpha^{24} = \alpha^7$$

The error locator polynomial is

$$\Lambda(x) = x^2 + S_1x + S_3 / S_1 + S_1^2 = x^2 + \alpha^2x + \alpha^8$$

- To find the roots of the error locator polynomial, substitute powers of  $\alpha$  to find the error locations

$$x = \alpha^0 = 1 \rightarrow 1 + \alpha^2 + \alpha^8 = 0$$

there is an error in the 1st position

Since  $x^2 + \alpha^2 x + \alpha^8 = (x + 1)(x + \alpha^8)$

there is also an error in the 9th position

- What about correcting an arbitrary number of errors?

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^i \\ f_1(\alpha^i) \\ f_2(\alpha^i) \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$g(x) = M_1(x)M_3(x)\dots$$

- If each additional function  $f_j(x)$  is chosen appropriately we should be able to correct an additional error for each function added
- One choice can be determined using

**Vandermonde matrices**

# Vandermonde Matrices

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & \lambda_2 & \lambda_3 & \cdots & \lambda_n \\ \lambda_1^2 & \lambda_2^2 & \lambda_3^2 & \cdots & \lambda_n^2 \\ \lambda_1^3 & \lambda_2^3 & \lambda_3^3 & \cdots & \lambda_n^3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \lambda_1^n & \lambda_2^n & \lambda_3^n & \cdots & \lambda_n^n \end{bmatrix}_{n \times n} \quad \lambda_i \in GF(q^m)$$

Theorem: If  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \dots, \lambda_n$  are distinct non-zero elements of  $GF(q^m)$ , then the columns of  $\mathbf{V}$  are linearly independent over  $GF(q^m)$ .

Let  $\lambda_i = \alpha^{i-1}$ ,  $\alpha$  an element of order  $n$  in  $\text{GF}(q^m)$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \dots & \alpha^{n-1} \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 & \dots & \alpha^{2(n-1)} \\ 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^6 & \dots & \alpha^{3(n-1)} \\ \vdots & & & & \\ 1 & \alpha^{2t} & \alpha^{4t} & \dots & \alpha^{2t(n-1)} \end{bmatrix}_{2t \times n}$$

$\alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{2t}$   
are roots of  $g(x)$

Any  $2t$  columns are linearly independent

$$\therefore d > 2t$$

- GF( $2^m$ ) example:
 

The diagram shows four powers of  $\alpha$ :  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha^2$ ,  $\alpha^3$ , and  $\alpha^4$ . A horizontal line with an arrow pointing right is labeled  $M_1(x)$ . Vertical lines connect  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha^2$ , and  $\alpha^4$  to this line. A second horizontal line with an arrow pointing right is labeled  $M_3(x)$ . Vertical lines connect  $\alpha^3$  and  $\alpha^4$  to this line. A vertical line also connects  $\alpha^3$  to the  $M_1(x)$  line.

If  $\alpha$  is a zero of  $g(x)$ , so is  $\alpha^2$  and  $\alpha^4$

Therefore, for  $d = 5$ , only the rows

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \dots & \alpha^{n-1} \\ 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^6 & \dots & \alpha^{3(n-1)} \end{array}$$

are required as previously shown. Redundant rows can be removed. The number of rows determines  $n-k$  so we want to minimize this number.

# Theorem – BCH Bound

Let  $C$  be an  $(n, k)$   $q$ -ary cyclic code with generator polynomial  $g(x)$ .

Let  $\alpha$  be an element of order  $n$  in  $GF(q^m)$ ,  $n \mid q^m - 1$ . If  $g(x)$  is the monic polynomial of smallest degree such that

$$\alpha^b, \alpha^{b+1}, \dots, \alpha^{b+\delta-2}$$

are among its roots, then  $C$  has minimum distance at least  $\delta$ .  $g(x)$  is the product of the minimal polynomials of the roots

$$g(x) = \text{LCM}\{M_b(x), M_{b+1}(x), \dots, M_{b+\delta-2}(x)\}$$



- $\delta$  is called the **design distance** (typically  $2t+1$ )
- The most commonly encountered BCH codes are the  
 $n = q^m - 1$  **primitive** ( $\alpha$  is a primitive element of  $GF(q^m)$ )  
 $b = 1$  **narrow-sense**

BCH codes

- For any  $m$  and  $t < n/2$ , there exists a binary primitive BCH code with parameters

$$n = 2^m - 1, d \geq 2t + 1, n - k \leq mt$$

→  
product of  $t$  minimal polynomials of degree  $m$  or less

- For  $q = 2$ , every second row in  $\mathbf{H}$  can be deleted as  $\alpha^{2^i}$  has the same minimal polynomial as  $\alpha^i$

- Binary BCH code examples:

$d = 3$   $(2^m-1, 2^m-1-m, 3)$  cyclic Hamming code

$$g(x) = M_1(x)$$

$d = 5$   $(2^m-1, 2^m-1-2m, 5)$

$$g(x) = M_1(x)M_3(x)$$

# Construction of BCH Codes

- To construct a  $t$  error correcting  $q$ -ary BCH code of length  $n$ :
  - Find an element  $\alpha$  of order  $n$  in  $\text{GF}(q^m)$  where  $m$  is minimal, i.e.  $n \mid q^m - 1$
  - Select  $2t$  consecutive powers of  $\alpha$  starting with  $\alpha^b$
  - Find  $g(x)$ , the LCM of the minimal polynomials for these powers of  $\alpha$

# Example: Binary BCH Codes of Length 31

- $q = 2$  and  $n = 31 = 2^5 - 1$  so  $m = 5$
- Let  $\alpha$  be a root of  $x^5 + x^2 + 1$
- The cyclotomic cosets modulo 31 are

		Minimal polynomial	
$c_0$	$\{0\}$	$x+1$	$M_0(x)$
$c_1$	$\{1,2,4,8,16\}$	$x^5+x^2+1$	$M_1(x)$
$c_3$	$\{3,6,12,24,17\}$	$x^5+x^4+x^3+x^2+1$	$M_3(x)$
$c_5$	$\{5,10,20,9,18\}$	$x^5+x^4+x^2+x+1$	$M_5(x)$
$c_7$	$\{7,14,28,25,19\}$	$x^5+x^3+x^2+x+1$	$M_7(x)$
$c_{11}$	$\{11,22,13,26,21\}$	$x^5+x^4+x^3+x+1$	$M_{11}(x)$
$c_{15}$	$\{15,30,29,27,23\}$	$x^5+x^3+1$	$M_{15}(x)$

- Narrow-sense  $b = 1$

$t$	roots of $g(x)$	$g(x)$	code
1	$\alpha, \alpha^2$	$M_1(x)$	(31,26,3)
2	$\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4$	$M_1(x)M_3(x)$	(31,21,5)
3	$\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \dots, \alpha^6$	$M_1(x)M_3(x)M_5(x)$	(31,16,7)
4	$\alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \dots, \alpha^8$	$M_1(x)M_3(x)M_5(x)M_7(x)$	(31,11,11)

Note: for  $t = 4$ ,  $g(x)$  actually has 10 consecutive powers of  $\alpha$  as roots, thus  $d = 11$ .

# Binary BCH Codes with $b = 0$

- $b = 0 \rightarrow$  start with  $\alpha^0 = 1$
- For  $t$  error correction  $2t$  roots of  $g(x)$ :  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{2t-1}$
- $g(x)$  has  $x+1$  as a factor
- $d$  is even  $\rightarrow d \geq 2t+2$
- roots of  $g(x)$ :  $1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{2t-1}, \alpha^{2t}$

conjugate of root  $\alpha^t$



# Example: GF(8)

- $t = 1, 2t = 2, b = 0$ : 1 and  $\alpha$  are the roots

$$g(x) = (x+1)(x^3+x+1)$$

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

$$d = 4 > 2t+1$$

- (7,3,4) cyclic code
  - dual of (7,4,3) Hamming code
- $h(x) = x^3+x^2+1$

$$g(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1$$

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$h(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1 \quad h^*(x) = x^3 + x + 1$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# GF(64) Minimal Polynomials

{0}	$x+1$	$M_0(x)$
{1,2,4,8,16,32}	$x^6+x+1$	$M_1(x)$
{3,6,12,24,48,33}	$x^6+x^4+x^2+x+1$	$M_3(x)$
{5,10,20,40,17,34}	$x^6+x^5+x^2+x+1$	$M_5(x)$
{7,14,28,56,49,35}	$x^6+x^3+1$	$M_7(x)$
{9,18,36}	$x^3+x^2+1$	$M_9(x)$
{11,22,44,25,50,37}	$x^6+x^5+x^3+x+1$	$M_{11}(x)$
{13,26,52,41,19,38}	$x^6+x^4+x^3+x+1$	$M_{13}(x)$
{15,30,60,57,51,39}	$x^6+x^5+x^4+x^2+1$	$M_{15}(x)$
{21,42}	$x^2+x+1$	$M_{21}(x)$
{23,46,29,58,53,43}	$x^6+x^5+x^4+x+1$	$M_{23}(x)$
{27,54,45}	$x^3+x+1$	$M_{27}(x)$
{31,62,61,59,55,47}	$x^6+x^5+1$	$M_{31}(x)$

# Primitive BCH Codes of Length 63

(63,57,3)      (63,51,5)      (63,45,7)  
(63,39,9)      (63,36,11)      (63,30,13)  
(63,24,15)      (63,18,21)      (63,16,23)  
(63,10,27)      (63,7,31)

# Non-primitive BCH Codes

- Example  $n = 21, q = 2, m = ?$   
 $n \mid 2^m - 1$   $m = 6$  (minimal) so use GF(64)
- Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element in GF(64)  
Let  $\beta = \alpha^3$  so that  $\beta^{21} = \alpha^{63} = 1$
- For  $t = 2$  roots are  $\beta, \beta^2, \beta^3, \beta^4 \rightarrow \alpha^3, \alpha^6, \alpha^9, \alpha^{12}$   
$$g(x) = (x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1)(x^3 + x^2 + 1)$$
$$= x^9 + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x + 1$$
  
(21,12,5) non-primitive BCH code

- If  $g(x)$  generates a cyclic code of length 21, it must be a factor of  $x^{21}+1$
- Check:

$$x^{21}+1=(x+1)(x^2+x+1)(x^3+x+1)(x^3+x^2+1)(x^6+x^4+x^2+x+1)(x^6+x^5+x^4+x^2+1)$$

- There are many cases where the actual minimum distance is greater than the design distance
- Example: construct a BCH code with  $n = 23$   
 $23 \mid 2^{11}-1 \rightarrow GF(2^{11}) \quad 2^{11}-1 = 23 \times 89$
- Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element in  $GF(2^{11})$
- $\beta = \alpha^{89}$  so that  $\beta^{23} = \alpha^{89 \times 23} = 1$ 
  - $t = 1$ : required roots are  $\beta, \beta^2$
  - adding the conjugates, the roots are:  
 $\beta, \beta^2, \beta^4, \beta^8, \beta^{16}, \beta^{32} = \beta^9, \beta^{18}, \beta^{13}, \beta^3, \beta^6, \beta^{12}$
- $g(x) = x^{11} + x^9 + x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x + 1$
- design distance is 5: code parameters are  $(23, 12, 7)$



# GF(256) Cyclotomic Cosets

{0}	$M_1(x)$	{37,41,73,74,82,146,148,164}	$M_{37}(x)$
{1,2,4,8,16,32,64,128}	$M_1(x)$	{39,57,78,114,147,156,201,228}	$M_{39}(x)$
{3,6,12,24,48,96,129,192}	$M_3(x)$	{43,86,89,101,149,172,178,202}	$M_{43}(x)$
{5,10,20,40,65,80,130,160}	$M_5(x)$	{45,75,90,105,150,165,180,210}	$M_{45}(x)$
{7,14,28,56,112,131,193,224}	$M_7(x)$	{47,94,121,151,188,203,229,242}	$M_{47}(x)$
{9,18,33,36,66,72,132,144}	$M_9(x)$	{53,77,83,106,154,166,169,212}	$M_{53}(x)$
{11,22,44,88,97,133,176,194}	$M_{11}(x)$	{55,110,115,155,185,205,220,230}	$M_{55}(x)$
{13,26,52,67,104,134,161,208}	$M_{13}(x)$	{59,103,118,157,179,206,217,236}	$M_{59}(x)$
{15,30,60,120,135,195,225,240}	$M_{15}(x)$	{61,79,122,158,167,211,233,244}	$M_{61}(x)$
{17,34,68,136}	$M_{17}(x)$	{63,126,159,207,231,243,249,252}	$M_{63}(x)$
{19,38,49,76,98,137,152,196}	$M_{19}(x)$	{85,170}	$M_{85}(x)$
{21,42,69,81,84,138,162,168}	$M_{21}(x)$	{87,93,117,171,174,186,213,234}	$M_{87}(x)$
{23,46,92,113,139,184,197,226}	$M_{23}(x)$	{91,107,109,173,181,182,214,218}	$M_{91}(x)$
{25,35,50,70,100,140,145,200}	$M_{25}(x)$	{95,125,175,190,215,235,245,250}	$M_{95}(x)$
{27,54,99,108,141,177,198,216}	$M_{27}(x)$	{111,123,183,189,219,222,237,246}	$M_{111}(x)$
{29,58,71,116,142,163,209,232}	$M_{29}(x)$	{119,187,221,238}	$M_{119}(x)$
{31,62,124,143,199,227,241,248}	$M_{31}(x)$	{127,191,223,239,247,251,253,254}	$M_{127}(x)$