

## Today.

Finish Welsh-Berlekamp.  
Countability.

## Error Locater Polynomial.

$$E(1)(p_{n-1} + \dots + p_0) \equiv R(1)E(1) \pmod{p}$$

⋮

$$E(i)(p_{n-1}i^{n-1} + \dots + p_0) \equiv R(i)E(i) \pmod{p}$$

⋮

$$E(m)(p_{n-1}(n+2k)^{n-1} + \dots + p_0) \equiv R(m)E(m) \pmod{p}$$

...so satisfied, I'm on my way.

$m = n + 2k$  satisfied equations,  $n + k$  unknowns. **But nonlinear!**

We have

$$Q(x) = E(x)P(x) = a_{n+k-1}x^{n+k-1} + \dots + a_0.$$

and

$$E(x) = x^k + b_{k-1}x^{k-1} + \dots + b_0.$$

Equations:

$$Q(i) = R(i)E(i).$$

and linear in  $a_i$  and coefficients of  $b_j$ !

## The Scheme.

**Problem:** Communicate  $n$  packets  $m_1, \dots, m_n$  on noisy channel that corrupts  $\leq k$  packets.

**Reed-Solomon Code:**

1. Make a polynomial,  $P(x)$  of degree  $n - 1$ , that encodes message.
  - ▶  $P(1) = m_1, \dots, P(n) = m_n$ .
  - ▶ **Comment:** could encode with packets as coefficients.
2. Send  $P(1), \dots, P(n + 2k)$ .

**After noisy channel:** Receive values  $R(1), \dots, R(n + 2k)$ .

**Properties:**

- (1)  $P(i) = R(i)$  for at least  $n + k$  points  $i$ ,
- (2)  $P(x)$  is unique degree  $n - 1$  polynomial that contains  $\geq n + k$  received points.

## Finding $Q(x)$ and $E(x)$ ?

- ▶  $E(x)$  has degree  $k$  ...

$$E(x) = x^k + b_{k-1}x^{k-1} + \dots + b_0.$$

$\implies k$  (unknown) coefficients. Leading coefficient is 1.

- ▶  $Q(x) = P(x)E(x)$  has degree  $n + k - 1$  ...

$$Q(x) = a_{n+k-1}x^{n+k-1} + a_{n+k-2}x^{n+k-2} + \dots + a_0$$

$\implies n + k$  (unknown) coefficients.

Number of unknown coefficients:  $n + 2k$ .

## Slow solution.

**Brute Force:**

For each subset of  $n + k$  points

Fit degree  $n - 1$  polynomial,  $Q(x)$ , to  $n$  of them.

Check if consistent with  $n + k$  of the total points.

If yes, output  $Q(x)$ .

- ▶ For subset of  $n + k$  pts where  $R(i) = P(i)$ , method will reconstruct  $P(x)$ !

- ▶ For any subset of  $n + k$  pts,

1. there is unique degree  $n - 1$  polynomial  $Q(x)$  that fits  $n$  of them
2. and where  $Q(x)$  is consistent with  $n + k$  points  $\implies P(x) = Q(x)$ .

Reconstructs  $P(x)$  and only  $P(x)$ !!

## Solving for $Q(x)$ and $E(x)$ ...and $P(x)$

For all points  $1, \dots, i, n + 2k = m$ ,

$$Q(i) = R(i)E(i) \pmod{p}$$

Gives  $n + 2k$  linear equations.

$$a_{n+k-1} + \dots + a_0 \equiv R(1)(1 + b_{k-1} \dots + b_0) \pmod{p}$$

$$a_{n+k-1}(2)^{n+k-1} + \dots + a_0 \equiv R(2)((2)^k + b_{k-1}(2)^{k-1} + \dots + b_0) \pmod{p}$$

⋮

$$a_{n+k-1}(m)^{n+k-1} + \dots + a_0 \equiv R(m)((m)^k + b_{k-1}(m)^{k-1} + \dots + b_0) \pmod{p}$$

..and  $n + 2k$  unknown coefficients of  $Q(x)$  and  $E(x)$ !

Solve for coefficients of  $Q(x)$  and  $E(x)$ .

$$\text{Find } P(x) = Q(x)/E(x).$$

### Example.

Received  $R(1) = 3, R(2) = 1, R(3) = 6, R(4) = 0, R(5) = 3$

$$Q(x) = E(x)P(x) = a_3x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$$

$$E(x) = x - b_0$$

$$Q(i) = R(i)E(i).$$

$$\begin{aligned} a_3 + a_2 + a_1 + a_0 &\equiv 3(1 - b_0) \pmod{7} \\ a_3 + 4a_2 + 2a_1 + a_0 &\equiv 1(2 - b_0) \pmod{7} \\ 6a_3 + 2a_2 + 3a_1 + a_0 &\equiv 6(3 - b_0) \pmod{7} \\ a_3 + 2a_2 + 4a_1 + a_0 &\equiv 0(4 - b_0) \pmod{7} \\ 6a_3 + 4a_2 + 5a_1 + a_0 &\equiv 3(5 - b_0) \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

$a_3 = 1, a_2 = 6, a_1 = 6, a_0 = 5$  and  $b_0 = 2$ .

$$Q(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 6x + 5.$$

$$E(x) = x - 2.$$

### Check your understanding.

You have error locator polynomial!

Where oh where have my packets gone **wrong**?

Factor? Sure.

Check all values? Sure.

Efficiency? Sure. Only  $n + 2k$  values.

See where it is 0.

### Example: finishing up.

$$Q(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 6x + 5.$$

$$E(x) = x - 2.$$

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

Message is  $P(1) = 3, P(2) = 0, P(3) = 6$ .

What is  $\frac{x-2}{x-2}$ ? 1

Except at  $x = 2$ ? Hole there?

### Hmmm...

Is there one and only one  $P(x)$  from Berlekamp-Welsh procedure?

**Existence:** there is a  $P(x)$  and  $E(x)$  that satisfy equations.

### Error Correction: Berlekamp-Welsh

Message:  $m_1, \dots, m_n$ .

**Sender:**

1. Form degree  $n - 1$  polynomial  $P(x)$  where  $P(i) = m_i$ .
2. Send  $P(1), \dots, P(n + 2k)$ .

**Receiver:**

1. Receive  $R(1), \dots, R(n + 2k)$ .
2. Solve  $n + 2k$  equations,  $Q(i) = E(i)R(i)$  to find  $Q(x) = E(x)P(x)$  and  $E(x)$ .
3. Compute  $P(x) = Q(x)/E(x)$ .
4. Compute  $P(1), \dots, P(n)$ .

### Unique solution for $P(x)$

**Uniqueness:** any solution  $Q'(x)$  and  $E'(x)$  have

$$\frac{Q'(x)}{E'(x)} = \frac{Q(x)}{E(x)} = P(x). \quad (1)$$

**Proof:**

We claim

$$Q'(x)E(x) = Q(x)E'(x) \text{ on } n + 2k \text{ values of } x. \quad (2)$$

Equation 2 implies 1:

$Q'(x)E(x)$  and  $Q(x)E'(x)$  are degree  $n + 2k - 1$  and agree on  $n + 2k$  points

$E(x)$  and  $E'(x)$  have at most  $k$  zeros each.

Can cross divide at  $n$  points.

$$\implies \frac{Q'(x)}{E'(x)} = \frac{Q(x)}{E(x)} \text{ equal on } n \text{ points.}$$

Both degree  $\leq n \implies$  Same polynomial! □

### Last bit.

**Fact:**  $Q'(x)E(x) = Q(x)E'(x)$  on  $n+2k$  values of  $x$ .

**Proof:** Construction implies that

$$Q(i) = R(i)E(i)$$
$$Q'(i) = R(i)E'(i)$$

for  $i \in \{1, \dots, n+2k\}$ .

If  $E(i) = 0$ , then  $Q(i) = 0$ . If  $E'(i) = 0$ , then  $Q'(i) = 0$ .  
 $\implies Q(i)E'(i) = Q'(i)E(i)$  holds when  $E(i)$  or  $E'(i)$  are zero.

When  $E'(i)$  and  $E(i)$  are not zero

$$\frac{Q'(i)}{E'(i)} = \frac{Q(i)}{E(i)} = R(i).$$

Cross multiplying gives equality in fact for these points. □

Points to polynomials, have to deal with zeros!

Example: dealing with  $\frac{x-2}{x-2}$  at  $x = 2$ .

### Yaaay!!!!

Berlekamp-Welsh algorithm decodes correctly when  $k$  errors!

### Next up: how big is infinity.

- ▶ Countable
- ▶ Countably infinite.
- ▶ Enumeration

### How big are the reals or the integers?

Infinite!

Is one bigger or smaller?

### Quick Check. Error Correction.

Communicate  $n$  packets, with  $k$  erasures.

How many packets?  $n+k$

How to encode? With polynomial,  $P(x)$ .

Of degree?  $n-1$

Recover? Reconstruct  $P(x)$  with any  $n$  points!

Communicate  $n$  packets, with  $k$  errors.

How many packets?  $n+2k$

Why?

$k$  changes to make diff. messages overlap

How to encode? With polynomial,  $P(x)$ . Of degree?  $n-1$ .

Recover?

Reconstruct error polynomial,  $E(x)$ , and  $P(x)$ !

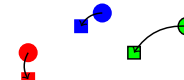
**Nonlinear equations.**

Reconstruct  $E(x)$  and  $Q(x) = E(x)P(x)$ . Linear Equations.

Polynomial division!  $P(x) = Q(x)/E(x)$ !

Reed-Solomon codes. Welsh-Berlekamp Decoding. Perfection!

### Same size?



Same number?

Make a function  $f: \text{Circles} \rightarrow \text{Squares}$ .

$f(\text{red circle}) = \text{red square}$

$f(\text{blue circle}) = \text{blue square}$

$f(\text{circle with black border}) = \text{square with black border}$

One to one. Each circle mapped to different square.

One to One: For all  $x, y \in D$ ,  $x \neq y \implies f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

Onto. Each square mapped to from some circle.

Onto: For all  $s \in R$ ,  $\exists c \in D$ ,  $s = f(c)$ .

**Isomorphism principle:** If there is  $f: D \rightarrow R$  that is one to one and onto, then,  $|D| = |R|$ .

## Isomorphism principle.

Given a function,  $f: D \rightarrow R$ .

### One to One:

For all  $\forall x, y \in D, x \neq y \implies f(x) \neq f(y)$ .

or

$\forall x, y \in D, f(x) = f(y) \implies x = y$ .

**Onto:** For all  $y \in R, \exists x \in D, y = f(x)$ .

$f(\cdot)$  is a **bijection** if it is one to one and onto.

### Isomorphism principle:

If there is a bijection  $f: D \rightarrow R$  then  $|D| = |R|$ .

## Countable.

How to count?

0, 1, 2, 3, ...

The Counting numbers.

The natural numbers!  $N$

Definition:  $S$  is **countable** if there is a bijection between  $S$  and some subset of  $N$ .

If the subset of  $N$  is finite,  $S$  has finite **cardinality**.

If the subset of  $N$  is infinite,  $S$  is **countably infinite**.

## Where's 0?

Which is bigger?

The positive integers,  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ , or the natural numbers,  $\mathbb{N}$ .

Natural numbers. 0, 1, 2, 3, ...

Positive integers. 1, 2, 3, ...

Where's 0?

More natural numbers!

Consider  $f(z) = z - 1$ .

For any two  $z_1 \neq z_2 \implies z_1 - 1 \neq z_2 - 1 \implies f(z_1) \neq f(z_2)$ .

One to one!

For any natural number  $n$ , for  $z = n + 1$ ,  $f(z) = (n + 1) - 1 = n$ .  
Onto for  $\mathbb{N}$

Bijection!  $\implies |\mathbb{Z}^+| = |\mathbb{N}|$ .

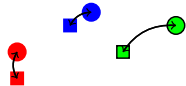
But.. but Where's zero? "Comes from 1."

## A bijection is a bijection.

Notice that there is a bijection between  $N$  and  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  as well.

$f(n) = n + 1$ .  $0 \rightarrow 1, 1 \rightarrow 2, \dots$

Bijection from  $A$  to  $B \implies$  a bijection from  $B$  to  $A$ .



Inverse function!

Can prove equivalence either way.

Bijection to or from natural numbers implies countably infinite.

## More large sets.

$E$  - Even natural numbers?

$f: N \rightarrow E$ .

$f(n) \rightarrow 2n$ .

Onto:  $\forall e \in E, f(e/2) = e$ .  $e/2$  is natural since  $e$  is even

One-to-one:  $\forall x, y \in N, x \neq y \implies 2x \neq 2y \equiv f(x) \neq f(y)$

Evens are countably infinite.

Evens are same size as all natural numbers.

## All integers?

What about Integers,  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?

Define  $f: N \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n/2 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\ -(n+1)/2 & \text{if } n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

One-to-one: For  $x \neq y$

if  $x$  is even and  $y$  is odd,

then  $f(x)$  is nonnegative and  $f(y)$  is negative  $\implies f(x) \neq f(y)$

if  $x$  is even and  $y$  is even,

then  $x/2 \neq y/2 \implies f(x) \neq f(y)$

....

Onto: For any  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

if  $z \geq 0$ ,  $f(2z) = z$  and  $2z \in N$ .

if  $z < 0$ ,  $f(2|z| - 1) = z$  and  $2|z| - 1 \in N$ .

Integers and naturals have same size!

## Listings..

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} n/2 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\ -(n+1)/2 & \text{if } n \text{ odd.} \end{cases}$$

### Another View:

$n$	$f(n)$
0	0
1	-1
2	1
3	-2
4	2
...	...

Notice that: A listing "is" a bijection with a subset of natural numbers.  
Function  $\equiv$  "Position in list."  
If finite: bijection with  $\{0, \dots, |S| - 1\}$   
If infinite: bijection with  $N$ .

## Enumeration example.

All binary strings.

$$B = \{0, 1\}^*$$

$$B = \{\phi, 0, 1, 00, 01, 10, 11, 000, 001, 010, 011, \dots\}.$$

$\phi$  is empty string.

For any string, it appears at some position in the list.

If  $n$  bits, it will appear before position  $2^{n+1}$ .

Should be careful here.

$$B = \{\phi; , 0, 00, 000, 0000, \dots\}$$

Never get to 1.

## Enumerability $\equiv$ countability.

Enumerating (listing) a set implies that it is countable.

"Output element of  $S$ ",

"Output next element of  $S$ "

...

Any element  $x$  of  $S$  has *specific, finite* position in list.

$$Z = \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots\}$$

$$Z = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \text{ and then } \{-1, -2, \dots\}$$

When do you get to  $-1$ ? at infinity?

Need to be careful.

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## Countably infinite subsets.

Enumerating a set implies countable.

Corollary: Any subset  $T$  of a countable set  $S$  is countable.

Enumerate  $T$  as follows:

Get next element,  $x$ , of  $S$ ,

output only if  $x \in T$ .

Implications:

$Z^+$  is countable.

It is infinite since the list goes on.

There is a bijection with the natural numbers.

So it is countably infinite.

All countably infinite sets have the same cardinality.