

$K := GF(q)$

C be an $[n, k, d]$ cyclic code over K , $\gcd(q, n) = 1$;
 $g(X)$ the generator polynomial of C ;

m the multiplicative order of $q \bmod n$;

\mathbb{F} the splitting field of $X^n - 1$ over K ;

α a primitive n th root of the unity;

$h(X)$ the generator polynomial of α ;

t the correction capability of C ;

$S_C := \{i : g(\alpha^i) = 0\} \subset \{i : 0 \leq i < n\}$ the *complete defining set* of C ;

Then

- $\mathbb{F} = GF(q^m) = K[\alpha] = K[X]/h(X)$;
- $g(X) \mid X^n - 1$;
- $\deg(g) = n - k =: r$;
- $i \in S_C \implies iq^j \pmod{n} \in S_C$.
- $t = \lfloor (d - 1)/2 \rfloor$.

A **defining set** of C is any set $S \subset S_C$:

$$S_C = \{iq^j \pmod{n} : i \in S, j \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

Let

$e(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} e_i X^i \in K[X]$ an error polynomial;

$J := \{j : e_j \neq 0, 0 \leq j < n\}$ the error positions;

$\mu := \#J$ the weight of the error (wlog $\mu \leq t$);

$\{\alpha^j : j \in J\} \subset \mathbb{F}$ the error locators;

$s_i := e(\alpha^i) = \sum_{j \in J} e_j \alpha^{ij} \in \mathbb{F}, i \in S_C$, the syndromes;

$L_e := \prod_{j \in J} (1 - X\alpha^j)$ the error locator polynomial.

- A.B. III Cooper, Direct solution of BCH decoding equations, *Comm., Cont. and Sign. Proc.*, (1990) 281–286
- A.B. III Cooper, Finding BCH error locator polynomials in one step *Electronic Letters*, **27** (1991) 2090–2091

Assume

$$q = 2, K = \mathbb{Z}_2, S = \{2i + 1, 0 \leq i < t\}$$

and set

$$f_i := \sum_{j=1}^t X_j^{2i-1} - s_{2i-1} \in \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_t];$$

$$I := \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_t) \subset \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_t];$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(I) := \{\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_t) \in \mathbb{F}^t : f_i(\mathbf{a}) = 0\};$$

G the reduced Gröbner basis of I w.r.t. the lex ordering $<$ induced by $X_1 < \dots < X_n$;

$g \in \mathbb{F}[X_1]$ the unique polynomial : $G \cap \mathbb{F}[X_1] = \{g\}$;

$$Z := \{\xi : (\xi, a_2, \dots, a_t) \in \mathcal{Z}(I)\}.$$

$E := \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_\mu\}$ the set of the error locators.

Then

- $E = Z = \{\xi : g(\xi) = 0\}$
- $\#E = \mu = t = \deg(g)$;
- $g(X) = \prod_{\xi \in Z} (X - \xi)$;
- $X^\mu g(X^{-1})$ is the error locator polynomial.

$S = \{1, 3\}$, $\mathcal{P} := K[s_1, s_3][X_1, X_2]$;
 $I := \mathbb{I}(X_1 + X_2 + s_1, X_1^3 + X_2^3 + s_3) \subset \mathcal{P}$
 $G = \{X_1^2 s_1 + X_1 s_1^2 + s_1^3 + s_3, X_2 + X_1 + s_1\}$;
 $g(X) = X^2 s_1 + X s_1^2 + s_1^3 + s_3$;
 id est (Berlekamp)

$$L_e(X) = 1 + X s_1 + X^2 \left(\frac{s_1^3 + s_3}{s_1} \right).$$

$S = \{1, -1\}$
 $I := \mathbb{I}(X_1 + X_2 + s_1, Y_1 + Y_2 + s_{-1},$
 $\quad X_1 Y_1 + 1, X_2 Y_2 + 1)$
 $\subset K[s_1, s_{-1}][Y_1, Y_2, X_1, X_2]$
 $G = \{ X_1^2 s_{-1} + X_1 s_1 s_{-1} + s_1,$
 $\quad Y_1 s_1 + X_1 s_{-1} + s_1 s_{-1},$
 $\quad Y_1 X_1 + 1,$
 $\quad Y_2 + Y_1 + s_{-1},$
 $\quad X_2 + X_1 + s_1 \}$
 $g(X) = X^2 s_{-1} + X s_1 s_{-1} + s_1$

id est (Berlekamp)

$$L_e(X) = 1 + X s_1 + X^2 \left(\frac{s_1}{s_{-1}} \right).$$

There is in Cooper a designed ambiguity; the arithmetic is performed on the s_i s in $K[s_i, i \in J]$ but are interpreted as performed on α_i in \mathbb{F} .

$$\begin{aligned}
S &= \{1, 3, 5\} \\
\mathbb{I} &:= \mathbb{I}(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + s_1, \\
&\quad X_1^3 + X_2^3 + X_3^3 + s_3, \\
&\quad X_1^5 + X_2^5 + X_3^5 + s_5) \\
&\subset K[s_1, s_3, s_5][X_1, X_2, X_3] \\
g(X) &= X^3(s_1^3 + s_3) + X^2(s_1^4 + s_1s_3) \\
&\quad + X(s_1^2s_3 + s_5) \\
&\quad + s_1^6 + s_1^3s_3 + s_1s_5 + s_3^2 \\
G &= \{ g(X_1), \\
&\quad X_2^2X_1 + X_2^2s_1 + \cdots, \\
&\quad X_2^2(s_1^3 + s_3) + \cdots, \\
&\quad X_3 + X_2 + X_1 + s_1 \} \\
L_e(X) &= 1 + Xs_1 \\
&\quad + X^2 \left(\frac{s_1^2s_3 + s_5}{s_1^3 + s_3} \right) \\
&\quad + X^3 \left(\frac{s_1^6 + s_1^3s_3 + s_1s_5 + s_3^2}{s_1^3 + s_3} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$S = \{1, 3, 5\}$$

$$n = 15, m = 4, h(X) = X^4 + X + 1$$

$$\mathbb{F} = GF(16) = \mathbb{Z}_2[\alpha] = \mathbb{Z}_2[X]/h(X)$$

$$\beta_1 := s_1^3 + s_3$$

$$\beta_2 := s_1^2 s_3 + s_5$$

$$\beta_3 := s_1^6 + s_1^3 s_3 + s_1 s_5 + s_3^2 = s_1 \beta_2 + \beta_1^2$$

$$L_e(X) = 1 + X s_1 + X^2 \beta_2 \beta_1^{-1} + X^3 \beta_3 \beta_1^{-1}$$

- $e(X) = X^3$

- $s_1 = \alpha^3, s_3 = \alpha^9, s_5 = 1,$

- $\beta_1 = 0, \beta_2 = 0, \beta_3 = 0$

- $L_e(X) = 1 + X \alpha^3.$

- $e(X) = X^3 + X^2$

- $s_1 = \alpha^6, s_3 = \alpha^5, s_5 = \alpha^5,$

- $\beta_1 = \alpha^{11}, \beta_2 = \alpha, \beta_3 = 0$

- $L_e(X) = 1 + X \alpha^6 + X^2 \alpha^5$

- $L_e(X) = (1 + X \alpha^2)(1 + X \alpha^3)$

- $e(X) = X^3 + X^2 + X$

- $s_1 = \alpha^{11}, s_3 = \alpha^{11}, s_5 = 0,$

- $\beta_1 = \alpha^5, \beta_2 = \alpha^3, \beta_3 = \alpha^{11}$

- $L_e(X) = 1 + X \alpha^{11} + X^2 \alpha^{13} + X^3 \alpha^6$

- $L_e(X) = (1 + X \alpha)(1 + X \alpha^2)(1 + X \alpha^3)$

- X. Chen, I. S. Reed, T. Helleseth, K. Truong, Use of Gröbner Bases to Decode Binary Cyclic Codes up to the True Minimum Distance, *IEEE Trans. on Inf. Th.*, **40** (1994) , 1654–1661

Adapts Cooper's results by

1. discussing the structure of g in function of the relation between μ (the weight of the error) and t (the correction capability);
2. fixing the arithmetics within $K[s_i, i \in J]$ thus clarifying Cooper's ambiguity;
3. removing 'algebraic' solutions;

Let

$$q = 2, K = \mathbb{Z}_2, S = \{2i + 1, 0 \leq i < t\};$$

$$f_i := \sum_{j=1}^t Z_j^{2i-1} - s_{2i-1} \in \mathbb{F}[Z_1, \dots, Z_t];$$

$$h_i := Z_i^{n+1} - Z_i \in \mathbb{F}[Z_1, \dots, Z_t] \text{ (error locators are } n\text{th roots of unity);}$$

$$I := \mathbb{I}(f_1, \dots, f_t, h_1, \dots, h_t) \subset K[Z_1, \dots, Z_t];$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(I) := \{ \mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_t) \in \mathbb{F}^t : f_i(\mathbf{a}) = 0 \};$$

G the reduced Gröbner basis of I w.r.t. the lex ordering $<$ induced by $Z_1 < \dots < Z_n$;

$$g \in \mathbb{F}[X_1] \text{ the unique polynomial : } G \cap \mathbb{F}[Z_1] = \{g\};$$

$$Z := \{ \xi : (\xi, a_2, \dots, a_t) \in \mathcal{Z}(I) \}.$$

$$E := \{ \xi_1, \dots, \xi_\mu \} \text{ the set of the error locators.}$$

Then

- $E \subseteq Z = \{ \xi : g(\xi) = 0 \}$
- $g(X) = \prod_{\xi \in Z} (X - \xi)$;
- $\#E = \mu \leq t = \deg(g)$.

Let

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$$E := \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_\mu\} \text{ the set of the error locators.}$$

Then

- $\mu = t \implies$

- $\mathcal{Z}(I)$ consists of all coordinate permutations of the root (ξ_1, \dots, ξ_t) .

- $E = Z,$

- $L_e(X) = X^\mu g(X^{-1})$

- $\mu = t - 1 \implies$

- $(0, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_\mu) \in \mathcal{Z}(I),$

- $E = Z \cup \{0\},$

- $g(X) = X \cdot (X^\mu L_e(X^{-1}))$

- $\mu \leq t - 2 \implies$

- $(\zeta, \zeta, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t, 0 \dots, 0) \in \mathcal{Z}(I), \forall \zeta \in \mathbb{F},$

- $E = \mathbb{F},$

- $g(X) = X^{n+1} + X$

- X. Chen, I. S. Reed, T. Helleseeth, K. Truong, General Principles for the Algebraic Decoding of Cyclic Codes, *IEEE Trans. on Inf. Th.*, **40** (1994) , 1661–1663
1. generalize Cooper's approach to q -adic codes, giving a solution for decoding an error whose weight μ is assumed given;
 2. give an alternative approach via Newton identity.

Assume $K = GF(q)$ and consider both the complete defining set S_C and a defining set S of C and set

$$\mathcal{P} := \mathbb{F}[Z_1, \dots, Z_\mu, Y_1, \dots, Y_\mu]$$

$$f_i := \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} Y_j Z_j^i - s_i \in \mathcal{P}, i \in S_C;$$

$$h_j := Z_j^n - 1 \in \mathcal{P}$$

$$\lambda_j := Y_j^{q-1} - 1 \in \mathcal{P} \text{ (} Y_j \text{ represents the magnitude } e_j \in GF(q)\text{);}$$

$$I := \mathbb{I}(f_i, g_j, \lambda_j : 1 \leq j \leq \mu, i \in S) \subset \mathcal{P};$$

$$\mathcal{Z}(I) \subset \mathbb{F}^{2\mu} \text{ the roots of } I;$$

G the reduced Gröbner basis of I w.r.t. the lex ordering $<$ induced by $Z_1 < \dots < Z_\mu < Y_1, \dots, Y_\mu$;

$g \in \mathbb{F}[Z_1]$ the unique polynomial : $G \cap \mathbb{F}[Z_1] = \{g\}$;

$$Z := \{\xi : (\xi, a_2, \dots, a_\mu, e_1, \dots, e_\mu) \in \mathcal{Z}(I)\}.$$

$E := \{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_\mu\}$ the set of the error locators of an error whose weight μ is assumed to be known

Then

- $E = Z = \{\xi : g(\xi) = 0\}$
- $\#E = \mu = t = \deg(g)$;
- $g(X) = \prod_{\xi \in Z} (X - \xi)$;
- $X^\mu g(X^{-1})$ is the error locator polynomial.

Let $h_i := \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} Y_j Z_j^i$ and $\sigma_j(Z_1, \dots, Z_\mu)$ the j th elementary symmetric function.

Recall *Newton identity*

$$h_i + \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \sigma_j h_{i-j} = 0, \mu \leq i \leq n$$

and remark that (in our setting) h_i represents the syndrome s_i and the error locator polynomial is

$$L_e = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \sigma_j Z^j.$$

Thus setting

$R := \{l_1, \dots, l_r\}$ such that

$$\{q^j l, l \in R, 0 \leq j < m\} = \{i, 1 \leq i \leq n, i \notin S_C\}$$

$\mathcal{P} := \mathbb{F}[T_1, \dots, T_\mu, U_1, \dots, U_r]$
 $\pi : K[T_1, \dots, T_\mu, X_1, \dots, X_n] \rightarrow \mathcal{P}$ the evaluation

$$\pi(X_i) := \begin{cases} s_i & i \in S_C \\ U_\ell^{j-1} & i = \ell_j \notin S_C \end{cases}$$

$$f_i := \pi \left(X_i + \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} T_j X_{i-j} \right) \in \mathcal{P}, \mu \leq i < n;$$

$$p_j := U_j^{q^m} - U_j, 1 \leq j \leq r$$

$$q_l := T_l^{q^m} - T_l, 1 \leq l \leq \mu$$

$\Gamma := \mathbb{I}(f_i, p_j, q_l : \mu \leq i < n, 1 \leq j \leq r, 1 \leq l \leq \mu) \subset \mathcal{P}$;
 g_l the monic primitive generator of $\Gamma \cap \mathbb{F}[T_l]$;

Then $g_l(T_l) = T_l - \sigma_l$.

Remark that each g_l can be obtained by an appropriate Gröbner basis computation.

- D. Augot, M. Bardet, J.-C. Faugere, Efficient decoding of (binary) cyclic codes above the correction capacity of the code using Gröbner bases, *Proc. IEEE Int. Symp. Information Theory 2003*, (2003)

Assume $q = 2$ and let $h_i := \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} Z_j^i$ be the Waring functions and $\sigma_i(Z_1, \dots, Z_{\mu})$ the elementary symmetric function.

Recall *Newton identities*

$$h_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \sigma_j h_{i-j} + i\sigma_i = 0 \quad 1 \leq i \leq \mu$$

$$h_i + \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \sigma_j h_{i-j} = 0 \quad \mu \leq i \leq n$$

and the existence of the Waring formulas

$$\mathfrak{W}_i(T_1, \dots, T_{\mu}) : h_i = \mathfrak{W}_i(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{\mu}).$$

so that setting

$$Q := \mathbb{Z}_2[Y_1, \dots, Y_{\mu}, T_1, \dots, T_{\mu}]$$

$$f_i := Y_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} T_j Y_{i-j} + iT_i, \quad 1 \leq i \leq \mu;$$

$$f_i := Y_i + \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} T_j Y_{i-j}, \quad \mu \leq i \leq n;$$

$$q_l := T_l^{q^m} - T_l, \quad 1 \leq l \leq \mu$$

$$\mathcal{Q} := \mathbb{Z}_2[Y_1, \dots, Y_\mu, T_1, \dots, T_\mu]$$

$$f_i := Y_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} T_j Y_{i-j} + iT_i, 1 \leq i \leq \mu;$$

$$f_i := Y_i + \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} T_j Y_{i-j} \mu \leq i \leq n;$$

$$q_l := T_l^{q^m} - T_l, 1 \leq l \leq \mu$$

- a preprocessing Gröbner basis computation of the ideal

$$\mathbb{I}(f_i : 1 \leq i \leq n) \subset \mathcal{Q}$$

returns the basis

$$\{Y_i - \mathfrak{W}_i(T_1, \dots, T_\mu), 1 \leq i \leq \mu\}.$$

- the Gröbner basis computation of the ideal

$$\mathbb{I}(s_i - \mathfrak{W}_i(T_1, \dots, T_\mu), q_l, i \in S_C, 1 \leq l \leq \mu)$$

returns the basis

$$\{T_1 - \sigma_1, \dots, T_\mu - \sigma_\mu\}$$

and the error locator polynomial is

$$L_e = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} \sigma_j Z_j.$$

“It seems that the behaviour of the G-basis computation is the same for all possible values of the syndrome, provided that it corresponds to an error of a given weight” Therefore perform a preprocessing computation for each possible weight and use this as a *trace* for each decoding each error. At worst one gets the true solution and some more...

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$$S := \{l_1, \dots, l_s\}$$

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$$f_i := \sum_{j=1}^t Y_j Z_j^{l_i} - X_i \in \mathcal{P}, 1 \leq i \leq s;$$

$$h_j := Z_j^{n+1} - Z_j \in \mathcal{P}$$

$$\lambda_j := Y_j^q - 1 \in \mathcal{P};$$

$$I := \mathbb{I}(f_i, g_j, \lambda_j : 1 \leq j \leq t, 1 \leq i \leq s) \subset \mathcal{P};$$

$\mathcal{Z}(I) \subset \mathbb{F}^{2\mu}$ the roots of I ;

G the reduced Gröbner basis of I w.r.t. the lex ordering $<$ induced by $X_1 < \dots < X_s < Z_t < \dots < Z_1 < Y_1, \dots, Y_t$;

Assume that G contains a *single* element $g_i \in \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_s, Z_t, \dots, Z_{t-i+1}]$ with *positive* degree in Z_{t-i+1} and set

$$g_i(X_1, \dots, X_s, 0, \dots, 0, Z_{t-i+1}) = \sum_{j=0}^{n_i} c_{i,j} Z_{t-i+1}^j$$

If an error has weight $\mu \leq t$ then:

1. the following conditions are equivalent:

(a) there are exactly μ errors

(b) $c_{1,0}(s_{l_i}) = \dots = c_{t-\mu,0}(s_{l_i}) = 0$

2. $X^\mu L_e(X^{-1}) = \gcd(g_{t-\mu}(s_{l_i}, 0, X), X^n - 1)$

$\mu := 1$

While $c_{\mu,0}(s_{l_1}, \dots, s_{l_s}) = 0$ **do** $\mu := \mu + 1$

$g := \gcd(g_\mu(s_{l_1}, \dots, s_{l_s}, 0, \dots, 0, X), X^n - 1)$

$L(z) := X^\mu g(X^{-1})$

- P. Loustau, E.V. York, On the decoding of cyclic codes using Gröbner bases, *J AAECC*, **8** (1997) 469–483
1. remark that the CRHT assumption, in general, does not hold;
 2. make a weak proposal to correct the CRHT algorithm
 3. remark that the Gröbner computation suggested cannot be performed by the best softwares of the period (1997)*
 4. therefore suggest to use, since the ideal is 0-dimensional, the FGLM algorithm;
- M. Caboara, The Chen-Reed-Helleseth-Truong Decoding Algorithm and the Gianni-Kalkbrener Gröbner Shape Theorem, *J AAECC*, **13** (2002) 209–232
1. gives a stronger version of L-Y by using Gianni-Kalkbrener Theorem;
 2. suggests to add the relations $X^{q^m} - X$ satisfied by the syndromes;
 3. improves the telescope remark of CRHT.

* which is true; what is interesting is that Cooper's computation can be easily performed by the same software.

Gianni-Kalkbrener Gröbner Shape Theorem

Denote

k the algebraic closure of k ;

$$\mathcal{P} = k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

$I \subset \mathcal{P}$ a 0-dimensional ideal;

$$I_d := I \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_d], \quad d \leq n;$$

$\mathcal{Z}(I_d) \subset k^d$ its roots;

$<$ the lex ordering induced by $X_1 < \dots < X_n$;

$G := \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$ the Gröbner basis of I wrt $<$
ordered so that $\mathbf{T}(g_1) < \mathbf{T}(g_2) < \dots < \mathbf{T}(g_s)$;

for each $d \leq n$ $G_d = G \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_d]$;

$$\alpha := (b_1, \dots, b_d) \in \mathcal{Z}(I_d);$$

$$\Phi_\alpha : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow K[X_{d+1}, \dots, X_n], :$$

$$f(X) \rightarrow f(\alpha, X_{d+1}, \dots, X_n).$$

Expresses each $g_i \in k[X_1, \dots, X_j] \setminus k[X_1, \dots, X_{j-1}]$
as

$$\begin{aligned} g_i &:= \sum_{l=0}^{\ell} g_{il}(X_1, \dots, X_{j-1})X_j^l \\ &= Lp(g_i)X_j^\ell + \dots + g_{i1}X_j + Tp(g_i). \end{aligned}$$

Gianni-Kalkbrener Gröbner Shape Theorem

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for each $\iota \leq n$ $G_\iota = G \cap k[X_1, \dots, X_\iota]$;

for each $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ $G_{\iota\ell} := \{g \in G_\iota \setminus G_{\iota-1} : \deg_{X_\iota}(g) = \ell\}$

$\alpha := (b_1, \dots, b_d) \in \mathcal{Z}(I_d)$;

$\Phi_\alpha : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow K[X_{d+1}, \dots, X_n], :$

$f(X) \rightarrow f(\alpha, X_{d+1}, \dots, X_n).$

For each $h \in G_{\iota\ell}$ we have $h = Lp(h)X_\iota^\ell + \dots + Tp(h).$

Let

σ be the minimal value such that $\Phi_\alpha(Lp(g_\sigma)) \neq 0$

j, δ the value such that $g_\sigma \in G_{j\delta}$

Then

1. $j = d + 1,$

2. for each $g \in G_{\iota\ell}$:

• $\iota \leq d \implies \Phi_\alpha(g) = 0,$

• $\iota = d + 1 = j, \ell < \delta \implies \Phi_\alpha(g) = 0,$

3. $\Phi_\alpha(g_\sigma) = \gcd(\Phi_\alpha(g) : g \in G_{d+1}) \in k[X_{d+1}],$

4. for each $b \in k,$

$(b_1, \dots, b_d, b) \in \mathcal{Z}(I_{d+1}) \iff \Phi_\alpha(g_\sigma)(b) = 0.$

Let

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$$h_j := Z_j^{n+1} - Z_j \in \mathcal{P}$$

$$\lambda_j := Y_j^q - 1 \in \mathcal{P};$$

$$\sigma_i := X_i^{q^m} - X_i \in \mathcal{P}, 1 \leq i \leq s;$$

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$$\mathcal{Q} := \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_s]$$

$$\mathcal{P} := \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_s, Z_t, \dots, Z_1, Y_1, \dots, Y_t]$$

G the reduced Gröbner basis of I w.r.t. the lex ordering $<$ induced by $X_1 < \dots < X_s < Z_t < \dots < Z_1 < Y_1, \dots, Y_t$;

for each $\iota \leq n$ $G_\iota = G \cap \mathcal{P}[Z_t, \dots, Z_\iota]$;

for each $l \in \mathbb{N}$ $G_{\iota l} := \{g \in G_\iota \setminus G_{\iota+1} : \deg_{X_\iota}(g) = l\}$

Then the CRHT results implie

$$l < \iota \implies G_{\iota l} = \emptyset,$$

$$l > \iota \implies l = n + 1, G_{\iota l} = \{Z_\iota^{n+1} - Z_\iota\}$$

If the error has weight μ , then, for each $g \in G_\mu$,

1. if $\iota < \mu$ then $g(s_{l_1}, \dots, s_{l_s}, 0, \dots, 0, Z_\iota) = 0$;

2. if $\iota = \mu$ and $Lp(g) \neq 0$ then

$$0 \neq g(s_{l_1}, \dots, s_{l_s}, 0, \dots, 0, Z_\mu) = Z_\mu^\mu Le(Z_\mu^{-1});$$

3. if $\iota = \mu + 1$ and $Lp(g) \neq 0$ then

$$g(s_{l_1}, \dots, s_{l_s}, 0, \dots, 0, Z_\iota) = Z_\iota \cdot \left(Z_\iota^\mu Le(Z_\iota^{-1}) \right);$$

4. if $\iota > \mu + 1$ and $Lp(g) \neq 0$ then

$$Z_\iota \cdot \left(Z_\iota^\mu Le(Z_\iota^{-1}) \right) \mid g(s_{l_1}, \dots, s_{l_s}, 0, \dots, 0, Z_\iota)$$

$$S = \{1, 3, 5\}, K = \mathbb{Z}_2, n = 15, \mathbb{F} = GF(16)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{3 \ 3 \ 1} &= Z_3^3(X_2X_3^3 + X_2) + Z_3^2X_1X_2X_3^3 + Z_3^2X_1X_2 + Z_3X_1^{11}X_2^3 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^8X_2^4X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^7X_2X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^6X_2^3X_3 + Z_3X_1^5X_2^{10} \\
&+ Z_3X_1^5X_2^5X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^5X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^4X_2^2X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^3X_2^4X_3 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^2X_2^{11}X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^2X_2^{11} + Z_3X_1^2X_2^6X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^2X_2^6 \\
&+ Z_3X_1X_2^8X_3^2 + Z_3X_1X_2^3X_3^2 + Z_3X_2^{10}X_3 \\
&+ Z_3X_2^5X_3 + Z_3X_3 \\
&+ X_1^{12}X_2 + X_1^8X_2X_3^2 + X_1^7X_2^8X_3 + X_1^7X_2^3X_3 + X_1^6X_2^{10} \\
&+ X_1^6X_3^3 + X_1^5X_2^{12}X_3^2 + X_1^4X_2^9X_3 + X_1^3X_2^{11} + X_1^3X_2^6X_3^3 \\
&+ X_1^3X_2^6 + X_1^3X_2X_3^3 + X_1^3X_2 + X_1^2X_2^{13}X_3^2 + X_1X_2^{15}X_3 \\
&+ X_1X_2^{10}X_3 + X_1X_3 + X_2^{12}X_3^3 + X_2^7X_3^3 + X_2^2, \\
g_{3 \ 3 \ 2} &= Z_3^3(X_2^5 + X_3^3) + Z_3^2X_1X_2^5 + Z_3^2X_1X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^{11}X_2^2 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^8X_2^{13}X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^8X_2^8 + Z_3X_1^8X_2^3 + Z_3X_1^7X_2^5X_3^2 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^6X_2^7X_3 + Z_3X_1^5X_2^{14}X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^5X_2^9X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^5X_2^9 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^4X_2X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^3X_2^{13}X_3 + Z_3X_1^2X_2^{10}X_3^3 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^2X_2^5X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^2X_2^5 + Z_3X_1^2 + Z_3X_1X_2^{12}X_3^2 \\
&+ Z_3X_1X_2^7X_3^2 + Z_3X_2^9X_3 + X_1^{12}X_2^2 + X_1^8X_2^5X_3^2 \\
&+ X_1^7X_2^{12}X_3 + X_1^7X_2^2X_3 + X_1^6X_2^9X_3^3 + X_1^6X_2^4 + X_1^5X_2X_3^2 \\
&+ X_1^4X_2^{13}X_3 + X_1^3X_2^{15} + X_1^3X_2^{10}X_3^3 + X_1^3X_2^{10} \\
&+ X_1^3X_3^3 + X_1^3 + X_1^2X_2^2X_3^2 + X_1X_2^9X_3 + X_2^{11}, \\
g_{3 \ 3 \ 3} &= Z_3^3(X_1 + X_2^2X_3^2) + Z_3^2X_1^2 + Z_3^2X_1X_2^2X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^{12}X_2^2 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^8X_2^5X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^8X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^7X_2^{12}X_3 + Z_3X_1^7X_2^7X_3 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^7X_2^2X_3 + Z_3X_1^6X_2^{14}X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^6X_2^9X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^6X_2^9 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^5X_2^{11}X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^5X_2X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^4X_2^{13}X_3 \\
&+ Z_3X_1^4X_2^8X_3 + Z_3X_1^4X_2^3X_3 + Z_3X_1^3X_2^{10}X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^3X_2^{10} \\
&+ Z_3X_1^3X_2^5X_3^3 + Z_3X_1^3X_2^5 + Z_3X_1^2X_2^{12}X_3^2 + Z_3X_1X_2^4X_3 \\
&+ Z_3X_2^{11}X_3^3 + Z_3X_2^6X_3^3 + X_1^{10}X_2^3 + X_1^8X_2^{12}X_3 \\
&+ X_1^8X_2^7X_3 + X_1^7X_2^4X_3^3 + X_1^6X_2^{11}X_3^2 + X_1^6X_2^6X_3^2 + X_1^5X_2^8X_3 \\
&+ X_1^5X_2^3X_3 + X_1^4X_2^{15} + X_1^4X_2^{10} + X_1^4X_2^5X_3^3 \\
&+ X_1^3X_2^7X_3^2 + X_1^2X_2^4X_3 + X_1X_2^{11} + X_1X_2^6X_3^3 + X_1X_2^6 \\
&+ X_2^{13}X_3^2 + X_2^8X_3^2,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{3 \ 16 \ 1} &= Z_3^{16} + Z_3, \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 1} &= Z_2^2(X_2X_3^3 + X_2) + Z_2Z_3(X_2X_3^3 + X_2) \\
&+ Z_2X_1(X_2X_3^3 + X_2) \\
&+ Z_3^2X_2X_3^3 + Z_3^2X_2 + Z_3X_1X_2X_3^3 + Z_3X_1X_2 + X_1^{11}X_2^3 \\
&+ X_1^8X_2^4X_3^3 + X_1^7X_2X_3^2 + X_1^6X_2^3X_3 + X_1^5X_2^{10} \\
&+ X_1^5X_2^5X_3^3 + X_1^5X_3^3 + X_1^4X_2^2X_3^2 + X_1^3X_2^4X_3 \\
&+ X_1^2X_2^{11}X_3^3 + X_1^2X_2^{11} + X_1^2X_2^6X_3^3 + X_1^2X_2^6 + X_1X_2^8X_3^2 \\
&+ X_1X_2^3X_3^2 + X_2^{10}X_3 + X_2^5X_3 + X_3, \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 2} &= Z_2^2(X_2^5 + X_3^3) + Z_2Z_3(X_2^5 + X_3^3) \\
&+ Z_2X_1(X_2^5 + X_3^3) \\
&+ Z_3^2X_2^5 + Z_3^2X_3^3 + Z_3X_1X_2^5 + Z_3X_1X_3^3 + X_1^{11}X_2^2 \\
&+ X_1^8X_2^{13}X_3^3 + X_1^8X_2^8 + X_1^8X_2^3 + X_1^7X_2^5X_3^2 + X_1^6X_2^7X_3 \\
&+ X_1^5X_2^{14}X_3^3 + X_1^5X_2^9X_3^3 + X_1^5X_2^9 + X_1^4X_2X_3^2 \\
&+ X_1^3X_2^{13}X_3 + X_1^2X_2^{10}X_3^3 + X_1^2X_2^5X_3^3 + X_1^2X_2^5 \\
&+ X_1^2 + X_1X_2^{12}X_3^2 + X_1X_2^7X_3^2 + X_2^9X_3, \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 3} &= Z_2^2(X_1 + X_2^2X_3^2) + Z_2Z_3(X_1 + X_2^2X_3^2) \\
&+ Z_2X_1(X_1 + X_2^2X_3^2) + Z_3^2X_1 + Z_3^2X_2^2X_3^2 + Z_3X_1^2 \\
&+ Z_3X_1X_2^2X_3^2 + X_1^{12}X_2^2 + X_1^8X_2^5X_3^2 + X_1^8X_2^3 + X_1^7X_2^{12}X_3 + X_1^7X_2^7X_3 \\
&+ X_1^7X_2^2X_3 + X_1^6X_2^{14}X_3^3 + X_1^6X_2^9X_3^3 + X_1^6X_2^9 \\
&+ X_1^5X_2^{11}X_3^2 + X_1^5X_2X_3^2 + X_1^4X_2^{13}X_3 + X_1^4X_2^8X_3 \\
&+ X_1^4X_2^3X_3 + X_1^3X_2^{10}X_3^3 + X_1^3X_2^{10} + X_1^3X_2^5X_3^3 \\
&+ X_1^3X_2^5 + X_1^2X_2^{12}X_3^2 + X_1X_2^4X_3 + X_2^{11}X_3^3 + X_2^6X_3^3, \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 4} &= Z_2^2(Z_3 + X_2^2X_3^2) + Z_2Z_3(Z_3 + X_2^2X_3^2) \\
&+ Z_2X_1(Z_3 + X_2^2X_3^2) + Z_3^2X_2^2X_3^2 + Z_3X_1X_2^2X_3^2 + X_1^{12}X_2^2 \\
&+ X_1^8X_2^5X_3^2 + X_1^8X_2^3 + X_1^7X_2^{12}X_3 + X_1^7X_2^7X_3 \\
&+ X_1^7X_2^2X_3 + X_1^6X_2^{14}X_3^3 + X_1^6X_2^9X_3^3 + X_1^6X_2^9 + X_1^5X_2^{11}X_3^2 \\
&+ X_1^5X_2X_3^2 + X_1^4X_2^{13}X_3 + X_1^4X_2^8X_3 + X_1^4X_2^3X_3 \\
&+ X_1^3X_2^{10}X_3^3 + X_1^3X_2^{10} + X_1^3X_2^5X_3^3 + X_1^3X_2^5 + X_1^3 \\
&+ X_1^2X_2^{12}X_3^2 + X_1X_2^4X_3 + X_2^{11}X_3^3 + X_2^6X_3^3 + X_2, \\
g_{2 \ 16 \ 1} &= Z_2^{16} + Z_2, \\
g_{1 \ 1 \ 1} &= Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + X_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Warning: from now on, I write s_i to mean s_{l_i} .

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{3 \ 3 \ 1} &= Z_3^3(X_2X_3^3 + X_2) + \dots \\
g_{3 \ 3 \ 2} &= Z_3^3(X_2^5 + X_3^3) + \dots \\
g_{3 \ 3 \ 3} &= Z_3^3(X_1 + X_2^2X_3^2) + \dots \\
g_{3 \ 16 \ 1} &= Z_3^{16} + Z_3, \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 1} &= Z_2^2(X_2X_3^3 + X_2) + \dots \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 2} &= Z_2^2(X_2^5 + X_3^3) + \dots \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 3} &= Z_2^2(X_1 + X_2^2X_3^2) + \dots \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 4} &= Z_2^2(Z_3 + X_2^2X_3^2) + \dots \\
g_{2 \ 16 \ 1} &= Z_2^{16} + Z_2, \\
g_{1 \ 1 \ 1} &= Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + X_1.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
Lp(g_{3 \ 3 \ 1}) &= Lp(g_{2 \ 2 \ 1}), \\
Lp(g_{3 \ 3 \ 2}) &= Lp(g_{2 \ 2 \ 2}), \\
Lp(g_{3 \ 3 \ 3}) &= Lp(g_{2 \ 2 \ 3}),
\end{aligned}$$

and remark that

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{3 \ 3 \ 1}(s_1, s_2, s_3, Z) &= Zg_{2 \ 2 \ 1}(s_1, s_2, s_3, 0, Z) + Tp(g_{3 \ 3 \ 1}), \\
g_{3 \ 3 \ 2}(s_1, s_2, s_3, Z) &= Zg_{2 \ 2 \ 2}(s_1, s_2, s_3, 0, Z) + Tp(g_{3 \ 3 \ 2}), \\
g_{3 \ 3 \ 3}(s_1, s_2, s_3, Z) &= Zg_{2 \ 2 \ 3}(s_1, s_2, s_3, 0, Z) + Tp(g_{3 \ 3 \ 3}), \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ *} (s_1, s_2, s_3, 0, Z) &= ZLp(g_{2 \ 2 \ *})(Z + X_1) + Tp(g_{2 \ 2 \ *}).
\end{aligned}$$

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for each $\iota \leq n$ $G_\iota = G \cap \mathcal{Q}[Z_t, \dots, Z_\iota]$;

for each $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ $G_{\iota\ell} := \{g \in G_\iota \setminus G_{\iota+1} : \deg_{X_\iota}(g) = \ell\}$

Enumerate each $G_{\iota\ell}$ as

$$G := \{g_{\iota\ell 1}, \dots, g_{\iota\ell j_{\iota\ell}}\}, \mathbf{T}(g_{\iota\ell 1}) < \dots < \mathbf{T}(g_{\iota\ell j_{\iota\ell}}).$$

We have $g_{\iota\ell j} = Lp(g_{\iota\ell j})X_\iota^\ell + \dots + g_{i1}X_j + Tp(g_{\iota\ell j})$.

$$\mu := t, g := 1,$$

Repeat

$$j := 0$$

Repeat $j := j + 1$

Until $Lp(g_{\mu\mu j})(s, 0) \neq 0$ **or** $j > j_{\mu\mu}$

If $j > j_{\mu\mu}$ **then** $\mu := \mu - 1$

else

If $Tp(g_{\mu\mu j})(s, 0) = 0$ **do** $\mu := \mu - 1$

else

$$g(Z) := g_{\mu\mu j}(s, 0, Z);$$

Until $g \neq 1$ **or** $\mu = 0$

Output $\mu, X^\mu g(X^{-1})$

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{3 \ 3 \ 1} &= Z_3^3(X_2X_3^3 + X_2) + \cdots + A \\
g_{3 \ 3 \ 2} &= Z_3^3(X_2^5 + X_3^3) + \cdots + B \\
g_{3 \ 3 \ 3} &= Z_3^3(X_1 + X_2^2X_3^2) + \cdots + C \\
g_{3 \ 16 \ 1} &= Z_3^{16} + Z_3, \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 1} &= Z_2^2(X_2X_3^3 + X_2) + \cdots + D \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 2} &= Z_2^2(X_2^5 + X_3^3) + \cdots + E \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 3} &= Z_2^2(X_1 + X_2^2X_3^2) + \cdots + F \\
g_{2 \ 2 \ 4} &= Z_2^2(Z_3 + X_2^2X_3^2) + \cdots + G \\
g_{2 \ 16 \ 1} &= Z_2^{16} + Z_2, \\
g_{1 \ 1 \ 1} &= Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + X_1.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
s_2s_3^3 + s_2 \neq 0 & A \neq 0 & & & & \implies g_{3 \ 3 \ 1} \\
& A = 0 & D \neq 0 & & & \implies g_{2 \ 2 \ 1} \\
& & D = 0 & & & \implies g_{1 \ 1 \ 1} \\
s_2s_3^3 + s_2 = 0 & s_2^5 + s_3^3 \neq 0 & B \neq 0 & & & \implies g_{3 \ 3 \ 2} \\
& & B = 0 & E \neq 0 & & \implies g_{2 \ 2 \ 2} \\
& & & E = 0 & & \implies g_{1 \ 1 \ 1} \\
& s_2^5 + s_3^3 = 0 & s_1 + s_2^2s_3^2 \neq 0 & C \neq 0 & & \implies g_{3 \ 3 \ 3} \\
& & & C = 0 & F \neq 0 & \implies g_{2 \ 2 \ 3} \\
& & & & F = 0 & \implies g_{1 \ 1 \ 1} \\
& & s_1 + s_2^2s_3^2 = 0 & s_2^2s_3^2 \neq 0 & G \neq 0 & \implies g_{2 \ 2 \ 4} \\
& & & & G = 0 & s_1 \neq 0 \implies g_{1 \ 1 \ 1} \\
& & & & & s_1 = 0 \implies 1 \\
& & & s_2^2s_3^2 = 0 & s_1 \neq 0 & \implies g_{1 \ 1 \ 1} \\
& & & & s_1 = 0 & \implies 1
\end{array}$$

- M. Caboara, E. Orsini, M. Sala, *Fast decoding of cyclic codes via the syndrome variety* (2002).

1. Perform postprocessing using Gröbner technology to improve the syndrome test.
2. compute and process, for each $\mu, 1 \leq \mu \leq t$, the Gröbner basis of the ideal encoding only the case in which there are *exactly* μ errors.

$$\begin{array}{llll}
s_2 = 0 & s_3 = 0 & \implies & L = 1 \\
s_2 = 0 & s_3 \neq 0 & \implies & L = 1 + Zs_1 + Z^2s_1^2 \\
s_2^5 + 1 = 0 & s_3 = 0 & s_1 = 0 & \implies L = 1 + Z^3s_2 \\
s_2^5 + 1 = 0 & s_3 = 0 & s_1 \neq 0 & \implies L = 1 + Zs_1 \\
& & & \quad + Z^2 (s_1^{11}s_2^2s_1^5s_2^4) + Z^3s_1^9s_2^3 \\
s_2^5 + 1 = 0 & s_3 \neq 0 & \sigma = 0 & \implies L = 1 + Zs_1 \\
s_2^5 + 1 = 0 & s_3 \neq 0 & \sigma \neq 0 & \implies L = 1 + Zs_1 \\
& & & \quad + Z^2 (s_1^2 + s_2^4s_3^4) (s_1^5s_3^2 + \sigma^{-1}) \\
& & & \quad + Z^3s_1^2s_2^2s_3 (s_1^5 + s_2^{10}s_3^{10}) \sigma^{-1} \\
s_2^6 + s_2 \neq 0 & s_3 = 0 & & \implies L = 1 + Zs_1 + Z^2s_1^2s_2^5 \\
s_2^6 + s_2 \neq 0 & s_3 \neq 0 & s_1 = 0 & \implies L = 1 + Z^2s_2^{-1}s_3 + Z^3s_2 \\
s_2^6 + s_2 \neq 0 & s_3 \neq 0 & \rho = 0 & \implies L = 1 + Zs_1 + Z^2s_2^9s_3 \\
s_2^6 + s_2 \neq 0 & s_3 \neq 0 & s_1\rho \neq 0 & \implies L = 1 + Zs_1 \\
& & & \quad + Z^2 (s_1^5s_2^8s_3 + s_1^3s_2^2s_3^2) \rho^{-1} \\
& & & \quad + Z^2 (s_1^2s_2^9s_3 + s_2^{13}s_3^2) \rho^{-1} \\
& & & \quad + Z^3s_1^4s_2^3s_3 \\
& & & \quad + Z^3s_1^3s_2^5 + s_1s_2^{-1}s_3 + s_2^{-4}
\end{array}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
\rho & := s_1^2 + s_1s_2^2s_3^2 + s_2^{-1}s_3 \\
\sigma & := s_1 + s_2^2s_3^2.
\end{aligned}$$

- E. Orsini, M. Sala, Correcting errors and erasures via the syndrome variety, *J. Pure Appl. Algebra*, **200** (2005), 191–226,
- Remove the *spurious* solutions
 - $(0, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_\mu)$
 - $(\zeta, \zeta, \xi_1, \dots, \xi_t, 0 \dots, 0)$
- Introduce and compute the *general error locator polynomial*

Let

$$q = 2$$

C an $[n, k, d]$ binary cyclic code, n odd;

$$\mathcal{Q} := \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_{n-k}]$$

$$\mathcal{P} := \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_{n-k}, Z_t, \dots, Z_1]$$

$$f_i := \sum_{j=1}^t Z_j^{l_i} - X_i \in \mathcal{P}, 1 \leq i \leq n - k;$$

$$h_j := Z_j^{n+1} - Z_j \in \mathcal{P}, 1 \leq j \leq t;$$

$$\sigma_i := X_i^{q^m} - X_i \in \mathcal{P}, 1 \leq i \leq n - k;$$

$$p_{jl} := \frac{Z_l Z_j (Z_l^n - Z_j^n)}{Z_l - Z_j}, 1 \leq l < j \leq t;$$

$$I := \mathbb{I}(f_i, h_j, \sigma_i, p_{jl}) \subset \mathcal{P};$$

G the reduced Gröbner basis of I w.r.t. the lex ordering $<$ induced by $X_1 < \dots < X_{n-k} < Z_t < \dots < Z_1$;

for each $\iota \leq n$ $G_\iota = G \cap \mathcal{Q}[Z_t, \dots, Z_\iota]$;

for each $l \in \mathbb{N}$ $G_{\iota l} := \{g \in G_\iota \setminus G_{\iota+1} : \deg_{X_\iota}(g) = l\}$

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G the reduced Gröbner basis of I w.r.t. the lex ordering $<$ induced by $X_1 < \dots < X_{n-k} < Z_t < \dots < Z_1 < Y_1 < \dots < Y_t$;

for each $i \leq n$ $G_i = G \cap \mathcal{P}[Z_t, \dots, Z_i]$;

for each $\ell \in \mathbb{N}$ $G_{i\ell} := \{g \in G_i \setminus G_{i+1} : \deg_{X_i}(g) = \ell\}$

Then

- $G_{ii} = \{g_{ii1}\}$;
- $Lp(g_{ii1}) = 1$;
- $g_{ii1} = Z_i^i + \dots$;
- denoting $g_{tt1} = Z_t^t + \sum_{l=1}^t a_{t-l} Z_t^{t-l} \in \mathcal{Q}[Z_t]$ the following properties are equivalent;
 - there are exactly μ errors;
 - $a_{t-l}(s) = 0$ for $l > \mu$ and $a_{t-\mu}(s) \neq 0$;
 - $g_{tt1}(s, Z_t) = Z_t^{t-\mu} \cdot \left(Z_t^\mu + \sum_{l=1}^\mu a_{t-l}(s) Z_t^{\mu-l} \right)$;
 and imply that $L_e(Z) = Z^\mu g_{tt1}(s, Z^{-1})$.

$g_{tt1}(Z) \in \mathcal{Q}[Z]$ is the unique monic polynomial in $\mathcal{Q}[Z]$ which satisfies the following property;

given a syndrome vector $s = (s_1, \dots, s_{n-k}) \in \mathbb{F}^{n-k}$ corresponding to an error with weight $\mu \leq t$, then its t roots are the μ error locations plus zero counted with multiplicity $t - \mu$

and is called the **general error locator polynomial** of C

In the present example

$$S = \{1, 3, 5\}, K = \mathbb{Z}_2, K = 15, \mathbb{F} = GF(16)$$

the result is already smallish

$$\begin{aligned}
g_{331} &:= z_3^3 + z_3^2 x_1 \\
&+ z_3(x_3 x_2^9 + x_3 x_2^8 x_1^3 + x_3 x_2^4 + x_3 x_2 x_1^9) \\
&+ z_3(x_2^{15} x_1^2 + x_2^{14} x_1^5 + x_2^{13} x_1^8 + x_2^{12} x_1^{11} + x_2^{11} x_1^{14}) \\
&+ z_3(x_2^{10} x_1^2 + x_2^7 x_1^{11} + x_2^6 x_1^{14} + x_2^5 x_1^2 + x_2^3 x_1^8 + x_2^2 x_1^{11} + x_1^2) \\
&+ x_3 x_2^9 x_1 + x_3 x_2^8 x_1^4 + x_3 x_2^4 x_1 + x_3 x_2 x_1^{10} + x_2^{15} x_1^3 + x_2^{14} x_1^6 \\
&+ x_2^{13} x_1^9 + x_2^{12} x_1^{12} + x_2^{11} x_1^{15} + x_2^{10} x_1^3 + x_2^7 x_1^{12} + x_2^6 x_1^{15} + x_2^5 x_1^3 \\
&+ x_2^3 x_1^9 + x_2^2 x_1^{12} + x_2
\end{aligned}$$

but clever guessing inspired by eye-inspection gives even a more compact presentation

$$g_{331} = A^3 + AE + B$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
A &:= x_1 + z_3 \\
B &:= x_2 + x_1^3 \\
C &:= x_3 + x_1^5 \\
D &:= x_2^8 + x_2^7 x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_1^9 \\
E &:= x_1^2(B^{15} - 1) - Cx_2D
\end{aligned}$$

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Let C be a binary $[n, k, d]$ -code with $n \leq 61$ and $d = 3, 4$ [$t = 1$].

Denote S a defining set of C and

$$\mathcal{L}_C \in \mathcal{F}[x_1, \dots, x_{n-k}][Z]$$

its general error locator polynomial.

Then there are only four cases

1) C has a defining set of type $S = \{m\}$, with $(n, m) = 1$ and $\mathcal{L}_C = Z + x_1^k$.

2) C has a defining set of type $S = \{m, h\}$, with $(m, h) = 1$ and

$$\mathcal{L}_C = Z + x_1^{m'} x_2^{h'}.$$

where $m', h' \in \mathbb{Z}$ denote the value satisfying the Bezot's identity $mm' + hh' = 1$

3) C is a sub-code of a code C' of type 1) or 2) and $\mathcal{L}_C = \mathcal{L}_{C'}$

4) C is equivalent to a code C' of type 1), 2) or 3) and \mathcal{L}_C can be trivially obtained from $\mathcal{L}_{C'}$.

Let C be a binary $[n, k, d]$ -code with $7 \leq n < 63$ (n odd). and $d = 5, 6, [t = 2]$.

Then $\mathcal{L}_C = Z^2 + x_1 Z + b(x_1, \dots, x_{n-k})$ and there are seven cases:

1. either n is such that the code with defining set $\{0, 1\}$ has distance at least 5,

2. or C is a BCH code, i.e. $S_C = \{1, 3\}$ and

$$b = X_2 X_1^{yn-1} + X_1^2, y \in \mathbb{N}$$

3. or C admits a defining set of type $S_C = \{1, n-1, l\}$, with $l = 0, n/3$, and

$$b = \begin{cases} x_1 x_2^{-1} (1 + x_3) & l = 0 \\ \frac{x_3^3 + 1}{x_1^{n/3} x_2^{2/3n} x_3 + 1} & l = n/3 \end{cases}$$

4. or C admits a defining set of type $S_C = \{1, n/l\}$, for some $l \geq 3$,

5. or C is one of the following

- $n = 31, S_C = \{1, 15\}$,
- $n = 31, S_C = \{1, 5\}$,
- $n = 45, S_C = \{1, 21\}$,
- $n = 51, S_C = \{1, 9\}$,
- $n = 51, S_C = \{0, 1, 5\}$.

6. or C is a sub-code of one of the codes of the above cases,

7. or C is equivalent to one of the codes of the above cases.

In all cases b is listed, it is always very short and in most cases a formula can be given.