



# Details for Hamming(68,60) Code

(In support of comments #611 and #612 against D1.0)

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# Introduction

- Comment #611 submitted by author to include details on the construction process and parity-check matrix of the adopted Hamming(68,60) code in sub-clause “177.4.4 Inner FEC encode”.
- Comment #612 to correct the terminology of Generator Matrix.

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The systematic Hamming code is most naturally defined in terms of its parity-check matrix, as pointed out in many textbooks and standard documents. One famous example is the systematic double-extended Hamming(128,119) code in OIF-400ZR and ITU-T G.709.3.  
*SuggestedRemedy*  
Suggest to include the construction process and parity-check matrix of the adopted Hamming(68,60) code to enhance the completeness of the document. A Supporting Presentation will be provided.

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"The generation matrix G(60,8) for the Hamming(68,60) encoder is given in Table 177-1" is not accurate. The generation matrix for the Hamming(68,60) should be with 60 rows and 68 columns, where the most-left 60 columns is the identity matrix.  
*SuggestedRemedy*  
Suggest to change the sentence to "The generator matrix of the Hamming(68,60) code is  $G=[I_{60} ; G_{(60 \times 8)}]$ , where  $I_{60}$  is the 60×60 identity matrix, and  $G_{(60 \times 8)}$  is a 60×8 matrix used to generate the 8 parity bits given in Table 177-1."

# Introduction (Cont'd)

- For a linear  $(n,k)$  code, each  $k$ -bit message  $\mathbf{u}$  is encoded into a  $n$ -bit codeword  $\mathbf{c}$  by a  $k \times n$  generator matrix  $\mathbf{G}$

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{u} \cdot \mathbf{G}$$

- There exists an  $(n - k) \times n$  parity-check matrix  $\mathbf{H}$  such that an  $n$ -bit  $\mathbf{c}$  is a codeword if and only if

$$\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{H}^T = \mathbf{0}$$

- There is a fact that

$$\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{H}^T = \mathbf{0}$$

- The systematic Hamming code is most naturally defined in terms of its parity-check matrix

- Hamming(128,119) in [OIF-400ZR](#) and ITU-T G.709.3
  - See *Error Control Coding by S. Lin and D. J. Costello*

- The construction process and parity-check matrix can provide guidance for implementation, especially for decoder design.

The systematic double-extended Hamming code is most naturally defined in terms of its parity-check matrix. Consider the function  $g$  which maps an integer  $i, 0 \leq i \leq 127$ , to the column vector

$$g(i) = \begin{bmatrix} s_{0,i} \\ s_{1,i} \\ \vdots \\ s_{6,i} \\ s_{7,i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix},$$

where,  $i = 64s_{6,i} + 32s_{5,i} + \dots + 2s_{1,i} + s_{0,i}$ , and

$$s_{7,i} = (s_{0,i} \wedge s_{2,i}) \vee (\overline{s_{0,i}} \wedge \overline{s_{1,i}} \wedge \overline{s_{2,i}}) \vee (s_{0,i} \wedge s_{1,i} \wedge \overline{s_{2,i}}).$$

The parity-check matrix is then a  $9 \times 128$  binary matrix:

$$H = [g(0):g(62), g(64):g(94), g(96):g(110), g(112):g(118), g(120), g(122), g(124), g(63), g(95), g(111), g(119), g(121), g(123), g(125):g(127)]$$

where  $g(a):g(b)$  represents  $[g(a), g(a+1), g(a+2), \dots, g(b)]$ .

almost consecutive values

To obtain the encoder matrix  $G$ , we calculate

$$P = B[g(0):g(62), g(64):g(94), g(96):g(110), g(112):g(118), g(120), g(122), g(124)],$$

where:

$$B = [g(63), g(95), g(111), g(119), g(121), g(123), g(125):g(127)]^{-1}.$$

Finally, the generator matrix of the Hamming code is

$$G = [I; P^T],$$

and a 119-bit message

$$b = [b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{118}]$$

is encoded to the 128-bit code word

$$c = [c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{127}] = bG$$

Hamming(128,119)

# Construction process of Hamming(68,60) code

- Consider a single-error-correcting primitive (or narrow-sense) BCH(127,120) code, usually known as Hamming(127,120), with following parity-check matrix

$$\mathbf{H}_{7 \times 127} = [\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{67}, \alpha^{68}, \dots, \alpha^{125}, \alpha^{126}]$$

See *Error Control Coding*  
(S. Lin and D. J. Costello)

- Here,  $\alpha$  is a primitive element in Galois field  $GF(2^7)$  with primitive polynomial  $x^7 + x^3 + 1$ . The element  $\alpha^i$  in  $GF(2^7)$  can be represented as a binary vector of length 7 bits

$$\alpha^i = \begin{bmatrix} S_{0,i} \\ S_{1,i} \\ S_{2,i} \\ S_{3,i} \\ S_{4,i} \\ S_{5,i} \\ S_{6,i} \end{bmatrix}$$

- The corresponding parity-check matrix of the extended Hamming(128,120) code is as follows:

$$\mathbf{H}_{8 \times 128} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^0 & \alpha^1 & \alpha^2 & \dots & \alpha^{67} & \alpha^{68} & \dots & \alpha^{125} & \alpha^{126} & 0_{7 \times 1} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- The Hamming(68,60) code can be obtained by deleting the right-most 60 columns of  $\mathbf{H}_{8 \times 128}$ :

$$\mathbf{H}_{8 \times 68} = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^0 & \alpha^1 & \alpha^2 & \dots & \alpha^{67} & \alpha^{68} & \dots & \alpha^{125} & \alpha^{126} & 0_{7 \times 1} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



# Summary

- Details on the construction and parity-check matrix of the Hamming(68,60) code are provided as an informative part in the specification draft
  - One can have verification by checking  $\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{H}^T = \mathbf{0}$
  - Generator matrix remains the same
  - The implementer may choose any parity-check matrix satisfying the constraint  $\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{H}^T = \mathbf{0}$  for Inner FEC decoder implementation
- Suggest to include the details on Hamming(68,60) code to enhance the completeness of the sub-clause “177.4.4 Inner FEC encode”

# Proposed Changes to D1.0

- Change the sentences in sub-clause “177.4.4 Inner FEC encode”, page 253 lines 48-50 to the following text:

\*Following the description style of Hamming(128,119) code in OIF-400ZR and ITU-T G.709.3

The systematic Hamming code is most naturally defined in terms of its parity-check matrix. Consider the function  $g$  which maps an integer  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 67$ , to a column of binary vector:

$$g(i) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^i \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s_{0,i} \\ s_{1,i} \\ s_{2,i} \\ s_{3,i} \\ s_{4,i} \\ s_{5,i} \\ s_{6,i} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $(s_{0,i}, s_{1,i}, s_{2,i}, s_{3,i}, s_{4,i}, s_{5,i}, s_{6,i})$  is the binary vector corresponding to the element  $\alpha^i$  in the Galois field  $GF(2^7)$  with primitive polynomial  $x^7 + x^3 + 1$ . The element  $\alpha^i$  can be expressed as a linear combination of  $\alpha^0, \alpha^1, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha^4, \alpha^5, \alpha^6$  as follows:

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



# Proposed Changes to D1.0 (Cont'd)

The parity-check matrix is then an  $8 \times 68$  binary matrix

$$\mathbf{H} = [g(0), g(1), g(2), \dots, g(66), g(67)]$$

To obtain the encoder matrix  $\mathbf{G}$ , we calculate

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{B} \cdot [g(0), g(1), g(2), \dots, g(58), g(59)]$$

where,

$$\mathbf{B} = [g(60), g(61), g(62), g(63), g(64), g(65), g(66), g(67)]^{-1}$$

Finally, the generator matrix of the Hamming(68,60) code is

$$\mathbf{G} = [\mathbf{I}_{60} ; \mathbf{G}_{60,8}],$$

where  $\mathbf{I}_{60}$  is the  $60 \times 60$  identity matrix, and  $\mathbf{G}_{60,8} = \mathbf{P}^T$  is a  $60 \times 8$  matrix given in Table 177–1 used to generate the 8 parity bits. In Table 177–1, the first row is  $\mathbf{G}_{60,8}(0)$  and the last row is  $\mathbf{G}_{60,8}(59)$ , and within each row the MSB is on the left.

Thank you