

Problem 4 (Exam June 2007)

\mathbb{F}_8 constructed with $p(x) = 1 + x + x^3$, β
a generator for \mathbb{F}_8^*

$$g(x) = (1+x)(\beta+x)(\beta^2+x)(\beta^3+x) = x^4 + \beta^2 x^3 + \beta^5 x^2 + \beta^5 x + \beta^6$$

$$\text{Gen. matrix } G = \begin{bmatrix} \beta^6 & \beta^5 & \beta^5 & \beta^2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \beta^6 & \beta^5 & \beta^5 & \beta^2 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \beta^6 & \beta^5 & \beta^5 & \beta^2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Receives: } \beta^5 x + \beta x^2 + \beta^3 x^3 + \beta^4 x^4 + \beta^2 x^5 = y(x)$$

Syndroms:

$$\begin{aligned} S_0 &= y(1) = \beta^2 \\ S_1 &= y(\beta) = 0 \\ S_2 &= y(\beta^2) = \beta^5 \\ S_3 &= y(\beta^3) = \beta^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{We get: } \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} \beta^2 & 0 & \beta \\ 0 & \beta & \beta^3 \end{array} \right], \text{ with solutions } \begin{aligned} \sigma_0 &= \beta^6 \\ \sigma_1 &= \beta^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\sigma(x) = x^2 + \sigma_1 x + \sigma_0 = x^2 + \beta^2 x + \beta^6$$

$$\text{Roots: } \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{position } 0}}{1}, \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{position } 6}}{\beta^6}$$

Find error-magnitude:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 1 & \beta^2 \\ 1 & \beta^6 & 0 \end{array} \right], \text{ with solutions } \begin{aligned} x_0 &= \beta^6 \\ x_1 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } e(x) = \beta^6 + x^6$$

$$\Rightarrow y(x) + e(x) = \beta^6 + \beta^5 x + \beta x^2 + \beta^3 x^3 + \beta^3 x^4 + \beta^4 x^5 + \beta^2 x^6 + x^6$$