

# On Some Properties of Extended Binary Golay [24, 12, 8] Code Using MATLAB



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**Abstract** The main aim of this paper is to study various properties of extended binary Golay [24, 12, 8] code, when we know its generator matrix. Using MATLAB, we can study syndrome decoding, weight of a codeword, error correction and error detection of extended binary Golay [24, 12, 8] code.

**Keywords** Linear code · Generator matrix · Parity check matrix · Extended binary golay code · Syndrome decoding

## 1 Introduction

In the late 1940s Claude Shannon was developing information theory and coding as a mathematical model for communication. In mathematical sciences and electronics engineering, a binary Golay code is a type of linear error-correcting code used in digital communications. The binary Golay code, along with the ternary Golay code, are named in honour of Marcel J. E. Golay whose 1949 paper [1] introducing them has been called, by E. R. Berlekamp, the “best single published page” in coding theory. There are two closely related binary Golay codes. The extended binary Golay code encodes 12 bits of data in a 24-bit word in such a way that any 3-bit errors can be corrected or any 7-bit errors can be detected.

The other, the perfect binary Golay code, has codewords of length 23 and is obtained from the extended binary Golay code by deleting one coordinate position. In standard coding notation the codes have parameters [24, 12, 8] and [23, 12, 7], corresponding to the length of the codewords, the dimension of the code, and the minimum Hamming distance between two codewords, respectively [2, 3]. In [4, 5], algorithmic approach for error correction have been studied for few codes. In this

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paper, we are going to study some properties of extended binary Golay [24, 12, 8] code.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Linear Codes [6]

Let  $F_q$  denote the finite field with  $q$  elements, where  $q$  is some power of a prime. A linear  $[n, k]_q$ —code is a  $k$ -dimensional subspace of  $F_q^n$ . The parameters  $n$  and  $k$  are referred to as the length and dimension of the corresponding code.

**Example** The subset  $C = \{000, 001, 010, 011\}$  of vector space  $F_2^3$  is  $[3, 2]_2$  linear code. Similarly,  $C = \{0000, 1100, 2200, 0001, 0002, 1101, 1102, 2201, 2202\}$  is  $[4, 2]_3$  linear code.

### 2.2 Hamming Distance and Hamming Weight [7]

Let  $x, y \in F_q^n$ , The Hamming distance from  $x$  to  $y$ , denoted by  $d(x, y)$ , is defined to be the number of places at which  $x$  and  $y$  differ.

**Example** Consider  $x = 01010, y = 01101, z = 11101$  in  $F_2^5$ , Then  $d(x, y) = 3, d(x, z) = 4$ . For any  $x \in F_q^n$ , the support of  $x$ , denoted by  $\text{supp}(x)$ , is defined to be the set of nonzero coordinates in  $x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ , that is  $\text{supp}(x) = \{i : x_i \neq 0\}$ .

For a  $[n, k]_q$  code  $C$  containing at least two words, the nonnegative integer given by  $\min\{d(x, y) : x, y \in C, x \neq y\}$  is called minimum distance of  $C$ . It is denoted by  $d(C)$ .

**Example** For a code  $C = \{0000, 1000, 0100, 1100\}$  in  $F_2^4$ , we see that  $d(C) = 1$ .

**Definition 1** [8] Let  $u$  be a positive integer. A code  $C$  is  $u$ -error-detecting if, whenever a codeword incurs at least one but at most  $u$  errors, the resulting word is not a codeword.

A code is exactly  $u$ -error-detecting if it is  $u$ -error-detecting but not  $(u + 1)$  error-detecting.

**Example** Consider  $C = \{000000, 000111, 111222\} \subseteq F_2^6$ . This code is 2-error-detecting, because changing any codeword in one or two positions does not result in another codeword. In fact,  $C$  is exactly 2-error-detecting, as changing each of the last three positions of 000000 to 1 will result in the codeword 000111 (so  $C$  is not 3-error-detecting).

**Theorem 1** [8] A code  $C$  is  $u$ -error-detecting if and only if  $d(C) \geq u + 1$ , that is, a code with distance  $d$  is an exactly  $(d - 1)$ -error-detecting code.

**Definition 2** [8] Let  $v$  be a positive integer. A code  $C$  is  $v$ -error-correcting if minimum distance decoding is able to correct  $v$  or fewer errors, assuming that the incomplete decoding rule is used. A code  $C$  is exactly  $v$ -error-correcting if it is  $v$ -error-correcting but not  $(v + 1)$ -error-correcting.

**Example** Consider  $C = \{000, 111\}$  in  $F_2^3$ . It is easy to see that,  $C$  is 1-error-correcting.

**Theorem 2** [8] A code  $C$  is  $v$ -error-correcting if and only if  $d(C) \geq 2v + 1$ , that is a code with distance  $d$  is an exactly  $\lfloor (d - 1)/2 \rfloor$ -error correcting code, where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denote the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .

**Definition 3** (*Dual Code*). [8] Given a  $[n, k]_q$  code  $C$  in  $F_q^n$ , the subspace

$$C^\perp = \{x = (x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n) \in F_q^n : x \cdot c = 0 \text{ for all } c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in C\},$$

We have following properties of  $C$  and  $C^\perp$

1.  $|C| = q^{\dim(C)}$ , i.e.  $\dim(C) = \log_q |C|$ ;
2.  $C^\perp$  is a linear code and  $\dim(C) + \dim(C^\perp) = n$ ;
3.  $(C^\perp)^\perp = C$ .

### 2.3 Generator Matrix and Parity-Check Matrix

**Definition 4** [7] A matrix  $G$  of order  $k \times n$  is said to be the generator matrix for a  $[n, k]_q$  code  $C$ , if its rows form basis for  $C$ .

**Definition 5** [7] A parity-check matrix  $H$  for a code  $C$  is a generator matrix for  $C^\perp$ .

### 2.4 Binary Extended Golay [24, 12, 8] Code

Let  $G = (I_{12}|A)$ , where  $I_{12}$  is a  $12 \times 12$  identity matrix and  $A$  is a  $12 \times 12$  matrix given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 100011111001 \\ 111010101010 \\ 101111100100 \\ 101110010011 \\ 011111001001 \\ 011100100111 \\ 110101010101 \\ 010010011111 \\ 011001111100 \\ 100100111110 \\ 010111110010 \\ 101001001111 \end{bmatrix}$$

The binary linear code generated by matrix G is called extended binary Golay [24, 12, 8] code.

## 2.5 Syndrome Decoding [8]

An efficiency of decoding technique works well, when length  $n$  of a given code is small, but it can take a more time when,  $n$  is very large, so this time can be saved by using the syndrome to identify the coset from which the word is taken. In [8], the procedure of syndrome decoding have been demonstrated.

Step 1: Let  $w$  be received word in the transmission and for this received word  $w$ , first compute the syndrome of  $w$  denoted by  $\text{Syn}(w)$  which is given by,  $\text{syn}(w) = wH^T$ , where  $H$ , is parity check matrix of a given code.

Step 2: After constructing Syndrome look up table, we will find the coset leader  $u$  next to the  $\text{syn}(w) = \text{syn}(u)$ .

Step 3: Finally decode the received word  $w$  as  $v = w - u$ .

Now, let us study the properties of extended binary Golay [24,12,8] code using MATLAB [9].

## 2.6 MATLAB Program for Syndrome Decoding Using Extended Binary Golay [24, 12, 8] Code

```
%Extended Golay Code
n = 24; k = 12; %Length and Dimension
clc % Clearscreen
I = eye(12); % Identity matrix of order 12
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A = [1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1;
     1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0;
     1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0;
     1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1;
     0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1;
     0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1;
     1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1;
     0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1;
     0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0;
     1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0;
     0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0;
     1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1];
G = [I A] % Generator matrix of extended Golay code
H = mod([-A' eye(12)],2) % Denote H as a parity Check Matrix for extended Golay
Code
d = gfweight(G) % Distance of Code
slt = syndtable(H); % Produce Syndrome look up table.
w = [1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0] % Message received
syndrome = rem(w * H', 2);
syndrome_de = bi2de(syndrome,'left-msb'); % Convert to decimal.
disp(['Syndrome = ',num2str(syndrome_de),' (decimal)',num2str(syndrome),'
(binary)'])
corrvect = slt(1 + syndrome_de,:) % Correction vector
% Now compute the corrected codeword.
correctedcode = rem(corrvect + w,2)
G =
Columns 1 through 13
1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

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0000100000000  
 0000010000000  
 0000001000001  
 0000000100000  
 0000000010000  
 0000000001001  
 0000000000100  
 0000000000011

Columns 14 through 24

00011111001  
 11010101010  
 01111100100  
 01110010011  
 11111001001  
 11100100111  
 10101010101  
 10010011111  
 11001111100  
 00100111110  
 10111110010  
 01001001111

H =

Columns 1 through 13

1111001001011  
 0100111110100  
 0111110010010  
 0011111001100  
 1111100100100  
 1010101010110  
 1110010011100

1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0

1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0

0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0

0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0

1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0

Columns 14 through 24

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

$d = 8$

Single-error patterns loaded in decoding table. 4071 rows remaining.

2-error patterns loaded. 3795 rows remaining.

3-error patterns loaded. 1771 rows remaining.

4-error patterns loaded. 0 rows remaining.

$w =$

Columns 1 through 13

1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1

Columns 14 through 24

1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1 0

Syndrome = 275 (decimal), 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 (binary)

corrvect =

Columns 1 through 13  
 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0  
 Columns 14 through 24  
 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0  
 Corrected code =  
 Columns 1 through 13  
 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 1  
 Columns 14 through 24  
 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0

## ***2.7 MATLAB Program for Encoding Message Using Extended Binary Golay [24, 12, 8] Code***

```
% Matlab Programme for Encoding of the information message
n = 24; k = 12; %Length and Dimension
clc % Clearscreen
I = eye(12); % Identity matrix of order 12
A = [1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1;
     1 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0;
     1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0;
     1 0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1;
     0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1;
     0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1;
     1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1;
     0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1;
     0 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0;
     1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0;
     0 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0;
     1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1];
G = [I A] % Generator matrix of extended Golay code
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$H = \text{mod}([-A' \text{ eye}(12)], 2)$  % Denote H as a parity Check Matrix for extended Golay Code

$u = \text{input}(\text{'Enter the message bit of length 12 for which you want to encode using extended Golay Code = '})$  % input message of length 12

$v = \text{mod}(u * G, 2)$  % Encoding of message u

$\text{Synv} = \text{mod}(v * H', 2)$  % Syndrome of encoded message

G =

Columns 1 through 13

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1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0
0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1

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Columns 14 through 24

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0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1
1 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0
0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0
0 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1
1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1
1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1
1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1
1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0
0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0

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1 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0

0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1

H =

Columns 1 through 13

1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 1

0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0 0

0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0

0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0

1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0

1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 0

1 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0

1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0

1 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 1 0

0 0 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0

0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0

1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 0

Columns 14 through 24

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

Enter the message bit of length 12 for which you want to encode using

Golay Code = [1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0]

$u = 1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0$

$v =$

Columns 1 through 13

1 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 0

Columns 14 through 24

1 1 0 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1

$Synv = 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0$

### 3 Conclusion

Once we know the generator matrix of any linear code, using MATLAB we can have many of the things that can be discussed. In this paper, we have studied extended binary Golay [24, 12, 8] code with the help of MATLAB. The parity check matrix in standard form for extended binary Golay [24, 12, 8] code is calculated and using it, syndrome of a particular codeword is calculated. We have encoded the message and decoded it correctly by using MATLAB. Using MATLAB, it has been verified that, the distance of an extended binary Golay [24, 12, 8] code is 8 and it is 3-error-correcting code.

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