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Integer Codes Correcting Burst Asymmetric Errors within a Byte

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Abstract - This paper presents two types of integer codes capable of correcting burst asymmetric errors within a byte. The presented codes are constructed with the help of a computer and are very efficient in terms of redundancy. The results of a computer search have shown that, for practical data lengths up to 4096 bits, the presented codes use up to two check-bits less than the best burst asymmetric error correcting codes. Besides this, it is shown that the presented codes are suitable for implementation on modern processors.

Keywords - Integer codes, error correction, burst asymmetric errors, multicore processors.

1. Introduction

Most classes of channel codes have been developed for use on binary symmetric channel, where the error probabilities $1 \to 0$ and $0 \to 1$ are equal. However, in certain systems the error statistics are different. For instance, in optical networks without optical amplifiers (e.g. access networks) photons may fade or fail to be detected, but new photons cannot be generated. Hence, if the receiver operates correctly, only asymmetric $(1 \to 0)$ errors can occur [1], [2]. On the other hand, in WOM memories, such as digital optical disks, $1 \to 0$ errors are not possible. The reason is that in these systems the 1's correspond to the holes burned into the coating [3]. So, once a 1 is written in a bit position, it cannot be changed back into a 0.

With this in mind, in this paper, we present two types of integer codes capable of correcting l-bit burst asymmetric errors within a b-bit byte ($B_{l/b}A$ errors). The first type of codes (type-I integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes) is designed to correct "negative" ($1 \rightarrow 0$) $B_{l/b}A$ errors, while the second type of codes (type-II integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes) can correct "positive" ($0 \rightarrow 1$) $B_{l/b}A$ errors. Like all other integer codes [4]-[11], the presented ones can be interleaved without delay and without using dedicated hardware. Owing to this, they can be transformed into simple codes capable of correcting (multiple) burst asymmetric (BA) errors.

2. Codes Construction

At the beginning, let us remind the general definition of integer error control codes (IECCs). **Definition 1.** [9] Let $Z_{2^b-1} = \{0, 1, ..., 2^b - 2\}$ be the ring of integers modulo $2^b - 1$ and let $B_i = \sum_{n=0}^{b-1} a_n \cdot 2^n$ be the integer representation of a b-bit byte, where $a_n \in \{0, 1\}$ and $1 \le i \le k$.

Then, the code C(b, k, c), defined as

$$C(b, k, c) = \left\{ (B_1, B_2, ..., B_k, B_{k+1}) \in Z_{2^{b}-1}^{k+1} \colon \sum_{i=1}^k C_i \cdot B_i \equiv B_{k+1} \pmod{2^b - 1} \right\}$$
(1)

is an (kb + b, kb) IECC, where $c = (C_1, C_2, ..., C_k, 1) \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^b-1}^{k+1}$ is the coefficient vector and $B_{k+1} \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^b-1}$ is an integer.

To construct type-I and type-II integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes, it is necessary to know the integer values of both types of $B_{l/b}A$ errors. For that purpose, we will rely on the analysis from [4]. In that paper, it was shown that the integer value of a l-bit burst error within a b-bit byte is equal to $e = \pm 2^r \cdot (2m - 1)$, where $0 \le r \le b - l$, $1 \le m \le 2^{x-1}$ and $1 \le x \le l$. Based on this it is easy to conclude that the integer values of "negative" and "positive" $B_{l/b}A$ errors are respectively equal to $e^- = -2^s \cdot (2n - 1)$ and $e^+ = 2^s \cdot (2n - 1)$, where $0 \le s \le b - l$, $1 \le n \le 2^{u-1}$ and $1 \le u \le l$. Knowing this, we are able to construct both types of integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes.

2.1. Type-I integer B_{1/b}AEC codes

Definition 2. Let $x = (B_1, B_2, ..., B_k, B_{k+1}) \in Z_{2^{b-1}}^{k+1}$, $y = (\underline{B}_1, \underline{B}_2, ..., \underline{B}_k, \underline{B}_{k+1}) \in Z_{2^{b-1}}^{k+1}$ and $e = y - x = (\underline{B}_1 - B_1, \underline{B}_2 - B_2, ..., \underline{B}_k - B_k, \underline{B}_{k+1} - B_{k+1}) = (e_1, e_2, ..., e_k, e_{k+1}) \in Z_{2^{b-1}}^{k+1}$ be respectively, the sent codeword, the received codeword and the error vector. Then, an (kb + b, kb) IECC is said to be type-I integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ code if it can correct error vectors from the set $E = \{(e^{\overline{}}, 0, ..., 0, 0), ..., (0, 0, ..., e^{\overline{}}, 0), (0, 0, ..., 0, -e^{\overline{}})\}$ where $e^{\overline{}} \in \{-2^s \cdot (2n-1): 0 \le s \le b-l, 1 \le n \le 2^{u-1}, 1 \le u \le l\}$.

Definition 3. The error set for (kb + b, kb) type-I integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes is defined by

$$\xi_{b,l,k}^- = s_1 \cup s_2 \tag{2}$$

where

$$s_1 = \left\{ \left[-2^s \cdot (2n-1) \cdot C_i \right] \left(\text{mod } 2^b - 1 \right) : 0 \le s \le b - l, 1 \le n \le 2^{u-1}, 1 \le u \le l, 1 \le i \le k \right\}$$
(3)

$$s_2 = \left\{ \left[2^s \cdot (2n-1) \right] \left(\text{mod } 2^b - 1 \right) : 0 \le s \le b - l, 1 \le n \le 2^{u-1}, 1 \le u \le l \right\}$$
(4)

From the above it is clear that type-I integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes cannot be constructed without knowing the values of the C_i 's. This fact, however, does not prevent us to state the following theorem.

Theorem 1. The codes defined by (1) can correct all "negative" $B_{l/b}A$ errors iff there exist k mutually different coefficients $C_i \in Z_{2^b-1} \setminus \{0,1\}$ such that

$$\left| \xi_{b,l,k}^{-} \right| = \left\lceil 2^{l-1} \cdot (b-l+2) - 1 \right\rceil \cdot (k+1)$$

where |A| denotes the cardinality of A.

Proof. Observe that the set $\xi_{b,l,k}^-$ can be expressed as

$$\xi_{b,l,k}^- = \bigcup_{i=1}^{2l} Z_i$$

where

$$\begin{split} &Z_1 = \left\{ \left[-2^s \cdot (1) \cdot C_i \right] (\text{mod } 2^b - 1) \colon 0 \leq s \leq b - 1, \ 1 \leq i \leq k \right\}, \\ &Z_2 = \left\{ \left[\ 2^s \cdot (1) \right] (\text{mod } 2^b - 1) \colon 0 \leq s \leq b - 1 \right\}, \\ &Z_3 = \left\{ \left[-2^s \cdot (3) \cdot C_i \right] (\text{mod } 2^b - 1) \colon 0 \leq s \leq b - 2, \ 1 \leq i \leq k \right\}, \\ &Z_4 = \left\{ \left[\ 2^s \cdot (3) \right] (\text{mod } 2^b - 1) \colon 0 \leq s \leq b - 2 \right\}, \\ &\vdots \\ &Z_{2l-1} = \left\{ \left[\ -2^s \cdot (2^{l-1} + 1, 2^{l-1} + 3, ..., 2^l - 1) \cdot C_i \right] (\text{mod } 2^b - 1) \colon 0 \leq s \leq b - l, \ 1 \leq i \leq k \right\}, \\ &Z_{2l} = \left\{ \left[\ 2^s \cdot (2^{l-1} + 1, 2^{l-1} + 3, ..., 2^l - 1) \right] (\text{mod } 2^b - 1) \colon 0 \leq s \leq b - l \right\}. \end{split}$$

Now, suppose that the coefficients $C_i \in Z_{2^{p}-1} \setminus \{0,1\}$ have values such that

$$\begin{split} \bigcap_{i=1}^{2l} Z_i &= \varnothing, \\ \left| Z_1 \right| &= k \cdot b, \\ \left| Z_2 \right| &= b, \\ \left| Z_{2h-1} \right| &= k \cdot 2^{h-2} \cdot (b-h+1), \ 2 \le h \le l, \\ \left| Z_{2h} \right| &= 2^{h-2} \cdot (b-h+1), \ 2 \le h \le l. \end{split}$$

In that case, it is easy to show that

$$\left| \xi_{b,l,k}^{-} \right| = \sum_{i=1}^{2l} \left| Z_i \right| = \left[2^{l-1} \cdot (b-l+2) - 1 \right] \cdot (k+1).$$

Conversely, if the codes satisfy the above condition, then we correct all "negative" $B_{l/b}A$ errors. Therefore, these codes are (kb + b, kb) type-I integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes. \Box

2.2. Type-II integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes

Using the same method as above, we can construct type-II integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes.

Definition 4. Let $x = (B_1, B_2, ..., B_k, B_{k+1}) \in Z_{2^{b}-1}^{k+1}$, $y = (\underline{B}_1, \underline{B}_2, ..., \underline{B}_k, \underline{B}_{k+1}) \in Z_{2^{b}-1}^{k+1}$ and $e = y - x = (\underline{B}_1 - B_1, \underline{B}_2 - B_2, ..., \underline{B}_k - B_k, \underline{B}_{k+1} - B_{k+1}) = (e_1, e_2, ..., e_k, e_{k+1}) \in Z_{2^{b}-1}^{k+1}$ be respectively, the sent codeword, the received codeword and the error vector. Then, an (kb + b, kb) IECC is said to be type-II integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ code if it can correct error vectors from the set $E = \{(e^+, 0, ..., 0, 0), ..., (0, 0, ..., e^+, 0), (0, 0, ..., 0, -e^+)\}$ where $e^+ \in \{2^s \cdot (2n-1): 0 \le s \le b-l, 1 \le n \le 2^{u-1}, 1 \le u \le l\}$.

Definition 5. The error set for (kb + b, kb) type-II integer $B_{Ub}AEC$ codes is defined by

$$\zeta_{b,l,k}^+ = s_3 \cup s_4 \tag{5}$$

where

$$s_3 = \left\{ \left[2^s \cdot (2n-1) \cdot C_i \right] \left(\text{mod } 2^b - 1 \right) : 0 \le s \le b - l, 1 \le n \le 2^{u-1}, 1 \le u \le l, 1 \le i \le k \right\}$$
 (6)

$$s_4 = \left\{ \left[-2^s \cdot (2n-1) \right] \left(\bmod 2^b - 1 \right) : 0 \le s \le b - l, 1 \le n \le 2^{u-1}, 1 \le u \le l \right\}$$
 (7)

As in the previous section, we can state the following.

Theorem 2. The codes defined by (1) can correct all "positive" $B_{l/b}A$ errors iff there exist k mutually different coefficients $C_i \in Z_{2^b-1} \setminus \{0,1\}$ such that

$$\left| \xi_{b,l,k}^{+} \right| = \left[2^{l-1} \cdot (b-l+2) - 1 \right] \cdot (k+1)$$

Proof. The proof is basically the same as in Theorem 1. Hence, it is omitted. \Box

Since the sets $\xi_{b,l,k}^-$ and $\xi_{b,l,k}^+$ have the same cardinality, we can state the theorem that relates to both types of codes.

Theorem 3. For any (kb + b, kb) integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ code it holds that

$$k \le \left| \frac{2^b - 2}{2^{l-1} \cdot (b-l+2) - 1} - 1 \right|.$$

Proof. From Definition 1 we know that the total number of nonzero syndromes is equal to $2^b - 2$. On the other hand, from Theorems 1 and 2 we know that the sets $\xi_{b,l,k}^-$ and $\xi_{b,l,k}^+$ have $\left[2^{l-1}\cdot(b-l+2)-1\right]\cdot(k+1)$ nonzero elements. Hence, we obtain the inequality

$$[2^{l-1} \cdot (b-l+2)-1] \cdot (k+1) \le 2^b - 2$$

wherefrom it follows that

$$k \le \left| \frac{2^b - 2}{2^{l-1} \cdot (b-l+2) - 1} - 1 \right|. \square$$

The last step in constructing both types of codes is to find the C_i 's that satisfy the conditions of Theorems 1 and 2. For that purpose it is necessary to perform an exhaustive search on all possible candidates from the set $Z_{2^b-1}\setminus\{0,1\}$. In this paper, we have restricted ourselves to the codes with parameters $3 \le l \le 5$ and $6 \le b \le 16$. The obtained results are shown in Tables 1-3.

Table 1. Number of coefficients for some integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes obtained via computer search.

| | | <i>b</i> = 6 | <i>b</i> = 7 | <i>b</i> = 8 | <i>b</i> = 9 | <i>b</i> = 10 | <i>b</i> = 11 | <i>b</i> = 12 | <i>b</i> = 13 | <i>b</i> = 14 | <i>b</i> = 15 | <i>b</i> = 16 |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Theoretical bound | 2 | 4 | 8 | 15 | 28 | 51 | 94 | 173 | 320 | 594 | 1109 |
| <i>l</i> = 3 | Type-I codes | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 25 | 36 | 98 | 172 | 297 | 601 |
| | Type-II codes | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 12 | 25 | 37 | 98 | 174 | 297 | 601 |
| | Theoretical bound | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 27 | 50 | 93 | 171 | 317 | 589 |
| l=4 | Type-I codes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 38 | 68 | 129 | 226 |
| | Type-II codes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 12 | 36 | 67 | 126 | 225 |
| | Theoretical bound | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 27 | 50 | 92 | 170 | 315 |
| <i>l</i> = 5 | Type-I codes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 20 | 41 | 76 |
| | Type-II codes | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 19 | 41 | 77 |

Table 2. Coefficients for type-I integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes with parameters $3 \le l \le 5$, b = 16 and $k \le 128$.

| | <i>l</i> = 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|--------------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| 2 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 19 | 23 | 25 | 29 | 31 | 37 | 41 | 43 | 47 | 49 | 53 |
| 59 | 61 | 67 | 71 | 73 | 79 | 81 | 83 | 89 | 97 | 99 | 101 | 103 | 105 | 107 | 109 |
| 113 | 117 | 121 | 127 | 131 | 137 | 139 | 143 | 149 | 151 | 153 | 157 | 163 | 167 | 169 | 173 |
| 179 | 181 | 187 | 191 | 193 | 197 | 199 | 207 | 209 | 211 | 221 | 223 | 225 | 227 | 229 | 233 |
| 239 | 241 | 247 | 251 | 253 | 261 | 263 | 271 | 275 | 277 | 279 | 281 | 283 | 285 | 289 | 307 |
| 311 | 313 | 317 | 319 | 323 | 325 | 331 | 337 | 341 | 347 | 349 | 353 | 359 | 361 | 367 | 369 |
| 373 | 377 | 379 | 383 | 387 | 389 | 391 | 401 | 403 | 407 | 409 | 419 | 421 | 423 | 425 | 431 |
| 433 | 437 | 441 | 443 | 449 | 451 | 457 | 463 | 467 | 473 | 477 | 479 | 481 | 499 | 503 | 509 |
| | l=4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 29 | 31 | 37 | 41 | 43 | 47 | 53 | 59 | 61 | 67 |
| 71 | 73 | 79 | 81 | 83 | 89 | 97 | 101 | 103 | 107 | 109 | 113 | 121 | 127 | 131 | 149 |
| 151 | 157 | 163 | 167 | 169 | 173 | 179 | 181 | 191 | 199 | 211 | 223 | 227 | 229 | 233 | 239 |
| 241 | 245 | 251 | 269 | 271 | 277 | 283 | 289 | 307 | 311 | 317 | 323 | 331 | 337 | 349 | 353 |
| 357 | 359 | 361 | 383 | 391 | 409 | 419 | 429 | 431 | 433 | 437 | 449 | 467 | 483 | 493 | 499 |
| 509 | 521 | 551 | 557 | 563 | 575 | 577 | 579 | 593 | 601 | 609 | 629 | 647 | 653 | 661 | 673 |
| 683 | 697 | 701 | 713 | 727 | 733 | 743 | 761 | 773 | 787 | 809 | 817 | 883 | 887 | 893 | 899 |
| 901 | 907 | 929 | 983 | 989 | 999 | 1009 | 1013 | 1019 | 1049 | 1051 | 1061 | 1069 | 1073 | 1087 | 1091 |
| | | | | | | | 1= | = 5 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 33 | 35 | 37 | 41 | 43 | 47 | 53 | 59 | 61 | 67 | 71 | 73 | 79 | 83 | 97 |
| 101 | 107 | 113 | 117 | 127 | 137 | 149 | 157 | 163 | 179 | 227 | 233 | 251 | 271 | 283 | 289 |
| 311 | 313 | 347 | 349 | 383 | 449 | 453 | 545 | 557 | 563 | 593 | 631 | 651 | 859 | 877 | 905 |
| 911 | 941 | 969 | 1009 | 1011 | 1061 | 1235 | 1249 | 1259 | 1613 | 1787 | 1889 | 2019 | 2187 | 2317 | 2489 |
| 3071 | 3571 | 4651 | 4903 | 7577 | 8051 | 10751 | 10867 | 11677 | 15103 | 24431 | 24567 | | | | |
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Table 3. Coefficients for type-II integer $B_{l/b}AEC$ codes with parameters $3 \le l \le 5$, b = 16 and $k \le 128$.

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|------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| | l=3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 19 | 23 | 25 | 29 | 31 | 37 | 41 | 43 | 47 | 49 | 53 | 59 |
| 61 | 67 | 71 | 73 | 79 | 81 | 83 | 89 | 97 | 99 | 101 | 103 | 105 | 107 | 109 | 11 |
| 117 | 121 | 127 | 131 | 137 | 139 | 143 | 149 | 151 | 153 | 157 | 163 | 167 | 169 | 173 | 179 |
| 181 | 187 | 191 | 193 | 197 | 199 | 207 | 209 | 211 | 221 | 223 | 225 | 227 | 229 | 233 | 239 |
| 241 | 247 | 251 | 253 | 261 | 263 | 271 | 275 | 277 | 279 | 281 | 283 | 285 | 289 | 307 | 311 |
| 313 | 317 | 319 | 323 | 325 | 331 | 337 | 341 | 347 | 349 | 353 | 359 | 361 | 367 | 369 | 373 |
| 377 | 379 | 383 | 387 | 389 | 391 | 401 | 403 | 407 | 409 | 419 | 421 | 423 | 425 | 431 | 433 |
| 437 | 441 | 443 | 449 | 451 | 457 | 463 | 467 | 473 | 477 | 479 | 481 | 499 | 503 | 509 | 517 |
| | | | | | | | <i>l</i> = | = 4 | | | | | | | |
| 17 | 19 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 29 | 31 | 37 | 41 | 43 | 47 | 53 | 59 | 61 | 67 | 71 |
| 73 | 79 | 81 | 83 | 89 | 97 | 101 | 103 | 107 | 109 | 113 | 121 | 127 | 131 | 149 | 151 |
| 157 | 163 | 167 | 169 | 173 | 179 | 181 | 191 | 199 | 211 | 223 | 227 | 229 | 233 | 239 | 241 |
| 245 | 251 | 269 | 271 | 277 | 283 | 289 | 307 | 311 | 317 | 323 | 331 | 337 | 349 | 353 | 357 |
| 359 | 361 | 383 | 391 | 409 | 419 | 429 | 431 | 433 | 437 | 449 | 467 | 483 | 493 | 499 | 509 |
| 521 | 551 | 557 | 563 | 575 | 577 | 579 | 593 | 601 | 609 | 629 | 647 | 653 | 661 | 673 | 683 |
| 697 | 701 | 713 | 727 | 733 | 743 | 761 | 773 | 787 | 809 | 817 | 819 | 883 | 887 | 893 | 899 |
| 901 | 907 | 929 | 983 | 989 | 999 | 1009 | 1013 | 1019 | 1049 | 1051 | 1061 | 1069 | 1073 | 1087 | 1091 |
| | | | | | | | 1= | = 5 | | | | | | | |
| 33 | 35 | 37 | 41 | 43 | 47 | 53 | 59 | 61 | 67 | 71 | 73 | 79 | 83 | 89 | 97 |
| 101 | 107 | 113 | 117 | 127 | 137 | 149 | 157 | 163 | 179 | 227 | 233 | 251 | 271 | 283 | 311 |
| 347 | 349 | 357 | 383 | 449 | 453 | 521 | 545 | 557 | 563 | 593 | 723 | 739 | 743 | 837 | 859 |
| 877 | 905 | 911 | 967 | 1009 | 1045 | 1061 | 1289 | 1559 | 1613 | 1787 | 1889 | 2021 | 2027 | 2321 | 2387 |
| 2489 | 3677 | 3821 | 4093 | 4693 | 5299 | 6143 | 6653 | 6971 | 10069 | 11677 | 23551 | 24503 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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3. Error Correction Procedure

From Definition 1 it is easy to conclude that there exists only one syndrome. It is generated using the expression

$$S = \underline{B}_{k+1} - B_{k+1} \pmod{2^b - 1} \tag{8}$$

after which the decoder will either accept the recieved codeword (S=0) or try to recover the original one ($S\neq 0$). In the latter case, the decoder will lookup the syndrome table to get the error correction data. From Theorems 1-2, we see that the syndrome table has $\left| \zeta_{b,l,k}^+ \right| = \left| \zeta_{b,l,k}^+ \right|$ between the syndrome (element of the set $\zeta_{b,l,k}$), error location (i) and error vector (e) (Fig. 1).

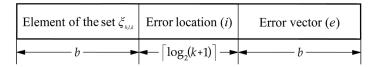


Fig. 1. Bit-width of one syndrome table entry.

So, if the elements of $\xi_{b,l,k}$ are sorted in increasing order, the decoder will find the appropriate entry after n_{TL} table lookups and n_{TL} comparisons $(1 \le n_{\text{TL}} \le \lfloor \log_2 |\xi_{b,l,k}| \rfloor + 2)$ [12]. In the next step, using the error correction data, the decoder will execute the operation

$$B_i = \underline{B}_i - e \pmod{2^b - 1}, \ 1 \le i \le k + 1;$$
where $e = e^-$ or $e = e^+$. (9)

4. Evaluation and Implementation Strategy

By analyzing the data from Table 1 we note that both types of codes protect approximately the same number of data bits. More precisely, for values b = 6, 7, 8, 11 and 15 type-I codes are slightly more rate-efficient than type-II codes, while for values b = 9, 10 and 12 the situation is reversed. In all other cases (b = 13, 14 and 16), the mentioned codes are equally effecient in terms of code rate.

In addition to the above, Table 1 shows the theoretical bounds on the number of the C_i 's. Although these bounds may indicate that the proposed codes are rate-inefficient, the truth is quite the opposite. This confirms the results of the comparison of the proposed codes with the best burst asymmetric error correcting codes [11]. Unlike the proposed codes, these codes use $l + log_2 K + (1/2) \cdot log_2 log_2 K$ check bits, where K is the number of data bits. From this it is easy to show that, for practical data lengths up to 4096 bits, the proposed codes require one or two check-bits less than the codes from [11] (Table 4). The similar applies when comparing the proposed codes with integer codes capable of correcting l-bit burst errors within a b-bit byte [4].

| | | | 0 | | 1 1 | | | | | L | - | L J |
|------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-----|--------------|
| Data word length | Type-I Integer B _{l/b} AEC Codes | | | | e-II Int AEC Co | - | Cod | les from | n [4] | Codes from [11] | | |
| (in bits) | <i>l</i> = 3 | <i>l</i> = 4 | <i>l</i> = 5 | <i>l</i> = 3 | l=4 | <i>l</i> = 5 | <i>l</i> = 3 | l=4 | <i>l</i> = 5 | <i>l</i> = 3 | l=4 | <i>l</i> = 5 |
| K = 128 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| K = 256 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| K = 512 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| K = 1024 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| K = 2048 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| K = 4096 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 19 | 17 | 18 | 19 |

Table 4. Check-bit lengths of the proposed codes and the codes from [4] and [11].

In this case, for all values of l and K, except l=3 and K=512, the proposed codes require one or two check-bits less than the codes from [4].

Besides being rate-efficient, the proposed codes are extremely suitable for implementation on modern processors. To illustrate this, suppose that the decoder implemented on a ten-core processor (Fig. 2) with the following specifications [13], [14]:

- 1) clock rate: $C_R = 3.1 \cdot 10^9 \text{ Hz}$,
- 2) integer addition/subtraction operation: 1 cycle latency,
- 3) integer multiplication operation: 3 cycles latency,
- 4) 128-bit shift operation: 1 cycle latency,
- 5) modulo reduction operation: 1 cycle latency,
- 6) comparison operation: 1 cycle latency,
- 7) access to the L1 cache (64 KB per core): 4 cycles latency,
- 8) access to the L2 cache (256 KB per core): 12 cycles latency,
- 9) access to the L3 cache (25 MB shared): 34 cycles latency.

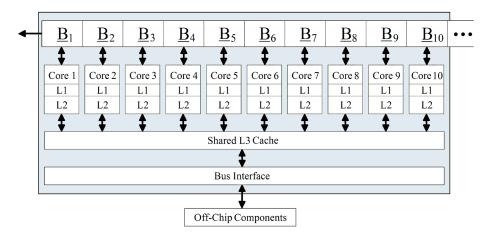


Fig. 2. Block diagram of ten-core processor.

In addition, let us suppose that the data word has $K = 10 \cdot b \cdot k = 160 \cdot k$ bits, that the coefficients C_i (Tables 2 and 3) are stored in each of the ten L1 caches and that the syndrome table is placed in each of the ten L2 caches. In that case, the decoder will perform the following operations:

Core 1

$$\underline{B}_{k+1}^{(1)} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} C_i \cdot \underline{B}_{10 \cdot (i-1)+1} \pmod{2^{16}-1}$$
(10)

• *Core* 2

$$\underline{B}_{k+1}^{(2)} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} C_i \cdot \underline{B}_{10 \cdot (i-1)+2} \pmod{2^{16}-1}$$
: (11)

• Core 10

$$\underline{B}_{k+1}^{(10)} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} C_i \cdot \underline{B}_{10 \cdot (i-1)+10} \pmod{2^{16}-1}$$
(12)

If we add to this K/128 shift operations, we conclude that the decoder requires $T_1 = 8 \cdot k + K/128$ clock cycles (k accesses to the L1 cache, k integer multiplications, k-1 integer additions, K/128 shift operations and 1 modulo reduction) to compute all check-bytes. After finishing this task, the decoder will take $T_2 = 2$ clock cycles (1 integer subtraction and 1 modulo reduction) to calculate the values:

• Core 1
$$S^{(1)} = \left[\underline{B}_{k+1}^{(1)} - B_{k+1}^{(1)} \right] \pmod{2^{16} - 1} \tag{13}$$

• *Core* 2

$$S^{(2)} = [\underline{B}_{k+1}^{(2)} - B_{k+1}^{(2)}] \pmod{2^{16} - 1}$$
(14)

• Core 10

$$S^{(10)} = \left[\underline{B}_{k+1}^{(10)} - B_{k+1}^{(10)} \right] \pmod{2^{16} - 1} \tag{15}$$

As explained in the previsous section, if the data are received in error, the decoder will perform n_{TL} table lookups, n_{TL} comparisons, 2 integer additions and 1 modulo reduction. In our case, ten such operations will be executed in parallel in $T_3 = 13 \cdot n_{\text{TL}} + 3$ clock cycles. So, if we sum up all the processing times, we come to the conclusion that the decoder requires

$$T_{\text{total}} = T_1 + T_2 + T_3 = 8 \cdot k + K/128 + 13 \cdot n_{\text{TL}} + 5 \tag{16}$$

clock cycles to process K data bits, i.e. one second to decode

$$G = \frac{C_{\rm R}}{T_{\rm total}/K} = \frac{(3.1 \cdot 10^9) \cdot 160 \cdot k}{8 \cdot k + 160 \cdot k / 128 + 13 \cdot n_{\rm TL} + 5}$$
(17)

data bits. By substituting the values of k and n_{TLmax} (Table 5) in (17) we obtain that $G_{min} = 40.08$ Gbps and $G_{max} = 49.70$ Gbps. This means that all considered codes have the potential to be used in various real-time systems (e.g. 10G and 40G networks). In addition, from (10)-(15) we observe that all analyzed codes are interleaved at the byte level. Thanks to this, they are able to correct (mulitple) BA errors up to l bits.

Table 5. Memory Requirements and Theoretical Decoding Throughputs for Some Ten-Byte Interleaved Integer B_{1/16}AEC Codes.

| Code | k | l | Memory Requirements for Storing the Coefficients C_i | Memory Requirements for Storing the Syndrome Table | Number of Table Lookups | Minimum Theoretical Decoding Throughput | |
|--------------|-----|---|--|---|-------------------------------|--|--|
| (1040, 1024) | 64 | 3 | 10 x 128 B | 18.70 KB | $1 \le n_{\rm TL} \le 13$ | 41.43 Gbps | |
| (1040, 1024) | 64 | 4 | 10 x 128 B | 35.17 KB | $1 \le n_{\rm TL} \le 14$ | 40.75 Gbps | |
| (1040, 1024) | 64 | 5 | 10 x 128 B | 65.59 KB | $1 \le n_{\rm TL} \le 15$ | 40.08 Gbps | |
| (2064, 2048) | 128 | 3 | 10 x 256 B | 38.06 KB | $1 \le n_{\rm TL} \le 14$ | 49.70 Gbps | |
| (2064, 2048) | 128 | 4 | 10 x 256 B | 71.60 KB | $1 \le n_{\rm TL} \le 15$ | 49.46 Gbps | |
| (2064, 2048) | 128 | 5 | 10 x 256 B | 133.52 KB | $1 \le n_{\rm TL} \le 16$ | 49.20 Gbps | |

5. Conclusion

This paper proposed two types of integer codes capable of correcting burst asymmetric errors within a byte. The proposed codes are constructed with the help of a computer and are very efficient in terms of redundancy. The results of an exhaustive search have shown that, for practical data lengths up to 4096 bits, the proposed codes use up to two check-bit less than the corresponding codes of similar properties. Besides this, the proposed codes have the ability to be interleaved without delay and without using additional hardware. In this way, it is possible to construct simple codes capable of correcting (multiple) burst asymmetric errors. Such codes could be applied to various practical channels, especially to those that display asymmetric errors.

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