

## SOME REMARKS ON ERRORS IN THE CLASS OF BLOCK-CODES WHICH CORRESPOND TO L-VALUED FUZZY SET

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### Abstract

By using the results from ([2],[3]), in which conditions for an arbitrary block-code to correspond to an  $L$ -valued fuzzy set are given, the results related to errors of such block - codes are given in this paper.

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1. For a nonvoid set  $S$  and a complete lattice  $(L, 0, 1)$ , a function  $\bar{A} : S \rightarrow L$  is an  $L$ -valued set on  $S$ , or an  $L$ -fuzzy set on  $S$ . If  $p \in L$ , then  $\bar{A}_p : S \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is defined as  $\bar{A}_p(x) = 1$  iff  $\bar{A}(x) \geq p$ . Obviously,  $\bar{A}_p = \{x \in S | \bar{A}_p(x) = 1\}$ .

$$(1) \quad \bar{A}(x) = \bigvee_{p \in L} p \circ \bar{A}_p(x),$$

where  $\bigvee$  is the supremum in  $L$ , and the operation " $\circ$ " is defined as:

$$p \circ 0 = 0 \in L, \quad \text{and} \quad p \circ 1 = p, \quad (p \in L).$$

The equality (1) gives a decomposition of  $\bar{A}$  into a family of characteristic functions  $\{\bar{A}_p | p \in L\}$ , or, equivalently into a collection of corresponding subsets  $A_p$  of  $S$ .

Some properties of this family are:

(a) the partially ordered set  $(\{A_p | p \in L\} \subseteq)$  is a lattice in which the infimum is the intersection;

(b)

$$\bigcap_{p \in K \subseteq L} A_p = A_{\bigvee_{p \in K} p};$$

(c)  $A_0 = S$ ;

(d)  $p \leq q$  implies  $A_q \subseteq A_p$ .

It was proved in [2] that (a),(b) and (c) are necessary and sufficient conditions under which a family of subsets of  $S$ ,  $\{A_p | p \in P\}$ , corresponds to a fuzzy set  $\bar{A} : S \rightarrow L$  in the sense of (1).

A fuzzy set  $\bar{A} : S \rightarrow L$  induces a partition on  $L$  : if  $\sim$  is a relation on  $L$  given with

$$p \sim q, \quad \text{and only if } A_p = A_q,$$

then  $\sim$  an equivalence relation on  $L$ , and for every  $p \in L$ ,

$$\bigvee [p]_{\sim} \in [p]_{\sim}$$

$$([p]_{\sim} \stackrel{def}{=} \{q \in L | p \sim q\}) [2].$$

Moreover,  $p \rightarrow p_m = \bigvee [p]_{\sim}$  is an operation on  $L$ .

Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , and let  $L$  be an arbitrary finite lattice. We say that to every fuzzy set  $A : S \rightarrow L$  there corresponds a binary block - code  $V$  of the length  $n$  the following way.

Every class  $[p]_{\sim}$ ,  $p \in L$ , uniquely determines a codeword  $v_p = x_1 \dots x_n$ , such that

$$x_i \stackrel{def}{=} \bar{A}_p(i).$$

Let  $p_m = \bigvee [p]_{\sim}$ ,  $p \in L$ . We shall denote the class  $[p]_{\sim}$ , as well as the corresponding codeword, by  $v_p$ .

Since  $p \rightarrow p_m$  is a closure operation on  $L$ , it is possible to define an order relation on the collection of  $(\sim)$ - classes of  $L$ :

$$v_p \leq v_q \quad \text{if and only if } p \leq q.$$

According to this order,  $L/\sim$  is a lattice isomorphic with the one of closed elements under the closure.

For the binary block - code  $V \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$ , we shall also consider the dual of the natural ordering relation:

$$x_1 \dots x_n \leq y_1 \dots y_n \text{ if and only if } x_1 \geq y_1, \dots, x_n \geq y_n,$$

on the right side being the ordinary ordering among the numbers.

Let now  $V \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$  be a bunarry block - code,  $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and  $L$  a lattice. We say that a fuzzy set  $\bar{A}_V : S \rightarrow L$  corresponds to  $V$ , if the block - code corresponding to  $\bar{A}_V$  (in the sense of (2)) is  $V$ .

It was shown in ([3]) that: for a binary block - code  $V \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$  there is a fuzzy set which corresponds to  $V$  iff the following conditions are satisfied

- (i)  $(V, \leq)$  is a lattice,
- (ii)  $V$  is closed under the conjunction defined componentwise;
- (iii)  $11\dots 1 \in V$ .

As it is known ([1]), the Hamming distance  $d(x, y)$  between two code-words  $x, y \in \{0, 1\}^n$  is the number of coordinates in which  $x$  and  $y$  differ. The code distance  $d(V)$  of a code  $V \subseteq \{0, 1\}^n$  is the minimum distance between two different codewords in  $V$ .

Let  $\bar{A} : S \rightarrow L$  be a fuzzy set. We say that the number of elements of the set  $S$  which are mapped into the same element  $p$  of  $L$  is a degree of the class  $v_p$  (i.e. of the corresponding codeword), and we denote it bu  $s(v_p)$ .

**2.** In the following three propositions,  $V$  will be a code corresponding to a fuzzy set  $\bar{A} : S \rightarrow L$ , and  $V \neq \{11\dots 1\}$ . Recall that

$$\bar{A}(S) = \{p \in L | p = \bar{A}(x) \text{ for some } x \in S\}.$$

**Proposition 1.** *The code  $V$  enables correction of  $t$  errors iff*

$$\min_{p \in \bar{A}(S) \setminus \{1\}} s(v_p) > 2t.$$

*Proof.* Let  $V$  enables correction of  $t$  errors. The for  $v_p, v_q \in V$  we have  $d(v_p, v_q) > 2t$ .

For  $q = 1, d(v_p, v_1) > 2t, i.e. s(v_p) > 2t$ . This implies

$$\min_{p \in \bar{A}(S) \setminus \{1\}} s(v_p) > 2t.$$

Conversely. From

$$\min_{p \in \bar{A}(s) \setminus \{1\}} s(v_p) > 2t$$

it follows (similarly as in the proof of P.5. [3])  $d(V) > 2t$ , and according to [1], from  $d(V) > 2t$  follows that the code  $V$  enables correction of  $t$ - errors.  $\square$

Let the fuzzy set  $p'_1 p'_2 \dots p'_n$  be obtained from the fuzzy set  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_k}$  by the replacement of one letter  $p_m$  in the word  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$  for an arbitrary letter  $p_j \in L$  i.e. because of one error of fuzzy set  $p_1 \dots p_n$ .

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $\bar{A}_V$  be a fuzzy set (which corresponds to the code  $V$ ) of the form  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$  and let  $p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_k}$  be those elements from  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  such that  $s(p_{i_1}), \dots, s(p_{i_k})$  are odd numbers. Then the fuzzy set  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_k}$  enables the detection of one error of  $\bar{A}_V$ .*

*Proof.* Let the fuzzy set  $p'_1 p'_2 \dots p'_n p'_{i_1} \dots p'_{i_k}$  be obtained from the fuzzy set  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_k}$  by the replacement of one letter  $p_m$  in the word  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_k}$  for an arbitrary letter  $p_j \in L$  i.e. because of one error. Let

$$v_{p_m} = x_1 \dots x_{i_k} \quad \text{and} \quad v_{p_j} = y_1 \dots y_{i_k}$$

be the codeword for  $p_m$  and  $p_j$ .

Then it follows immediately that, for this codeword, it holds that

$$x_1 + \dots + x_{i_k} \neq 0 \pmod{2}$$

or

$$y_1 + \dots + y_{i_k} \neq 0 \pmod{2}$$

by which we detect the error.  $\square$

**Proposition 3.** *Let  $\bar{A}$  be a fuzzy set (which corresponds to the code  $V$ ) of the form  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_n$  and let  $p_{i_1}, \dots, p_{i_k}$  be those elements from  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$  such that  $s(p_{i_1}), \dots, s(p_{i_k})$  are odd numbers. Then the fuzzy set*

$$p_1 p_2 \dots p_n p_1 p_2 \dots p_n p_{i_1} p_{i_2} \dots p_{i_k}$$

*enables the correction of one error of the  $\bar{A}_V$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose that from

$$p_1 \dots p_n p_1 \dots p_n p_{i_1} \dots p_{i_k}$$

because of one error we obtained the fuzzy set

$$p'_1 \dots p'_n p''_1 \dots p''_n p'_{i_1} \dots p'_{i_k}$$

and let

$$v_{p_s} = x'_1 \dots x'_n \dots x''_1 \dots x''_n \dots x'_{i_1} \dots x'_{i_k}$$

be the codeword for  $p_s \in L$ .

By considering the following possible cases:

a)  $p'_1 \dots p'_n \neq p''_1 \dots p''_n$ ;

$$x'_1 + \dots + x'_n + x'_{i_1} + \dots + x'_{i_k} \neq 0 \pmod{2} \text{ for some } p_s \in L :$$

b)  $p'_1 \dots p'_n \neq p''_1 \dots p''_n$ ;

$$x''_1 + \dots + x''_n + x'_{i_1} + \dots + x'_{i_k} \neq 0 \pmod{2} \text{ for some } p_s \in L,$$

and

c)  $p'_1 \dots p'_n = p''_1 \dots p''_n$ ;

$$x_1 + \dots + x'_n + x'_{i_1} + \dots + x'_{i_k} \neq 0 \pmod{2} \text{ for some } p_s \in L$$

the result follows.  $\square$

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