MODERATE-DENSITY CLOSE-CLOSED LOOP BURST ERROR DETECTING CODES

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Abstract: In this paper, we study cyclic codes detecting a subclass of close-closed loop bursts viz. moderate-density close-closed loop bursts. A subclass of CT close-closed loop bursts called CT moderate-density close-closed loop bursts is also studied. A comparative study of the results obtained in this paper has also been made.

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1. Introduction

Burst errors are the most common type of errors that occur in several communication channels. Codes developed to detect and correct such errors have been studied extensively by many authors. The most successful early burst error correcting codes were due to Fire (1959). Fire in his report gave the idea of open and closed loop bursts defined as follows:

Definition 1. An **open loop burst** of length b is a vector all of whose non-zero components are confined to some b consecutive components, the first and the last of which is non-zero.

Definition 2. A **closed loop burst** of length b is a vector all of whose non-zero components are confined to some b consecutive components, the first and the last of which is non-zero and the number of positions from where the burst can start is n (i.e. it is possible to come back cyclically at the first position after the last position for enumeration of the length of the burst).

Definition 2 of closed loop burst can also be formulated mathematically on the lines Campopiano (1962) as follows:

Definition 2a. Let $V^n(q)$ be the set of all ordered n- tuples with components belonging to GF(q). Let X = $(a_0, a_1, ..., a_{n-1})$ be a vector in $V^n(q)$. Then X is

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called a **closed loop burst of length b**, $2 \le b \le n$, if $\exists$ an i , $0 \le i \le n-1$, such that

$a_i.a_j \neq 0$ where j = (i + b - 1) modulo n

and $\begin{cases} a_{j+1} = a_{j+2} = ... = a_{i-1} = 0 \text{ if } i > j \\ a_0 = a_1 = ... = a_{i-1} = a_{j+1} = a_{j+2} = ... = a_{n-1} = 0 \text{ if } i < j \end{cases}$

There is yet another definition of a burst due to Chien and Tang (1965) which runs as follows:

Definition 3. A **CT burst of length b** is a vector all of whose non-zero components are confined to some b consecutive components, the first of which is non-zero.

Based on these definitions, Dass & Jain (2000) defined close-closed loop bursts, open-closed loop burst, CT close-closed loop burst, and CT open-closed loop burst and proved results for close-closed loop bursts and CT close-closed loop bursts. The definitions and the results proved by Dass & Jain (2000) are as follows:

Definition 4. Let $X = (a_0, a_1, ..., a_{n-1})$ be a vector in $V^n(q), a_i \in GF(q)$ and let $2 \le b \le n$. Then X is called a **close-closed loop burst of length b** if $\exists$ an i , $1 \le i \le b-1$ such that $a_{n-b+1}.a_{i-1} \neq 0, a_i = a_{i+1} = ... = a_{n-b+i-1} = 0.$

Definition 5. The class of open loop burst as considered in Definition 1 may be termed as **open-closed loop bursts**.

Definition 6. Let X= $(a_0, a_1, ..., a_{n-1})$ be a vector in $V^n(q)$ and $2 \le b \le n$. Then X is called a **CT close-closed loop bursts of length b** if $\exists$ an i , $1 \le i \le b-1$ such that $a_{n-b+i} \neq 0$; at least one of $a_0, a_1, ..., a_{i-1}$ is non-zero and $a_i = a_{i+1} = ... = a_{n-b+i-1} = 0$.

Definition 7. The class of CT open loop burst as considered in Definition 3 may be termed as **CT open-closed loop bursts**.

Theorem A. An (n, k) cyclic can not detect any close-closed loop burst of length b where $2 \le b \le k+1$.

Theorem B. The fraction of close-closed loop bursts of length b ($2 \le b \le k+1$) that goes undetected to the total number of close-closed loop bursts in any (n, k) cyclic code is

$$= \frac{q^{k-2b+3}(q^{b-1}-1)}{(b-1)(q-1)^2} .$$

Theorem C. An (n, k) cyclic code can not detect any CT close-closed loop burst of length b where $2 \le b \le k+1$.

Theorem D. The fraction of CT close-closed loop burst of length b $(2 \le b \le k+1)$ that goes undetected to the total number of CT close-closed loop bursts in any (n, k) cyclic code is

$$= \frac{q^{k-b+1}(q^{b-1}-1)}{q^{b-1}\big((b-1)q-b\big)+1} .$$

There are of course many situations in which errors occur in the form of bursts but not all digits inside the burst get corrupted. Usually, the weight of the burst lies between two numbers w_1 and w_2 such that $2 \le w_1 \le w_2 \le$ length of burst. Such bursts are known as **moderate-density bursts**. Moderate-density bursts with respect to close-closed loop burst are known as moderate-density close-closed loop bursts and are defined as follows:

Definition 8. A close-close loop burst of length b whose weight lies between w_1 and w_2, $2 \le w_1 \le w_2 \le b$, is called a **moderate-density close-closed loop burst**.

The development of codes which detect/correct moderate-density close-closed loop bursts can economize in the number of parity check digits required, suitably reducing the redundancy of the code or in the other words, suitably increasing the efficiency of transmission. In the second section of this paper, we obtain results similar to Theorem A and B for moderate-density close-closed loop bursts whereas in the third section, we obtain results similar to Theorems C and D for CT moderate-density close-closed loop bursts. The last section viz. Section 4 gives a comparison of the results obtained in Section 2 and Section 3.

In what follows, an (n, k) cyclic code over GF(q) is taken as an ideal in the algebra of polynomials modulo the polynomial $X^n - 1$.

2. Moderate-Density Close-Closed Loop Burst Error Detection

In this section, we obtain results of Theorems A and B for moderate- density close-closed loop bursts.

Theorem 1. An (n, k) cyclic codes can not detect any moderate-density close-closed loop burst of length b with weight lying between w_1 and w_2 $(w_1 \le w_2 \le b)$ where $2 \le b \le k+1$.

Proof. There is no deviation in the final conclusion of this theorem from that of Theorem A because the proof is based on the length of the burst giving rise to a polynomial which is of the same degree even when the weight consideration over the burst is considered. Hence the proof is omitted.

Q.E.D.

Theorem 2. The fraction of moderate-density close-closed loop bursts of length b $(2 \le b \le k+1)$ with weight lying between w_1 and w_2 that goes undetected to the total number of moderate-density close-closed loop bursts in any (n, k) cyclic code is

$$= \frac{q^k (1-q^{-b+1})}{\sum_{i=1}^{b-1} \left\{ \sum_{r_1=1}^{w_2-1} \left\{ \binom{b-i-1}{r_1-1} (q-1)^{r_1+1} \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-r_1,1\rangle}^{w_2-r_1} \binom{i-1}{r_2-1} (q-1)^{r_2-1} \right\} \right\}}$$

where $\langle w_1 - r_1, 1 \rangle = \max.\{w_1 - r_1, 1\}$

Proof. Let r(X) denote a moderate-density close-closed loop burst of length $b(2 \le b \le k+1)$ with weight w lying between w_1 and w_2 $(w_1 \le w_2 \le b)$. Let g(X) denote the generator polynomial of the code of degree n – k.

Now r (X) will be of the form

$$r(X) = X^{n-b+i}(a_{n-b+i} + a_{n-b+i+1}X + \ldots + a_{n-1}X^{b-1-i}) + (a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \ldots + a_{i-1}X^{i-1});\ 1 \le i \le b-1, a_{n-b+i}, a_{i-1} \ne 0$$

and the number of non-zero coefficients, including a_{n-b+i}, a_{i-1} lies between w_1 and w_2.

$$= X^{n-b+i} r_1(X) + r_2(X), \text{ say}$$

where $r_1(X) = a_{n-b+i} + a_{n-b+i+i}X + \ldots + a_{n-1}X^{b-1-i}$

and $r_2(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + \ldots + a_{i-1}X^{i-1}$.

Let r_1 be the number of non-zero coefficients in $r_1(X)$ and r_2 be the number of non-zero coefficients in $r_2(X)$,

where

$$1 \le r_1 \le w_2 - 1$$

and $1 \le r_2 \le w_2 - 1$

Such that $w_1 \le r_1 + r_2 \le w_2$.

For any fixed value of i, let us give different values of r_1.

(i) Let $r_1 = 1$. Then $\langle w_1 - 1,\ 1\rangle \le r_2 \le w_2 - 1$

($\because\ w_1 \le r_1 + r_2 \le w_2 \Rightarrow w_1 - r_1 \le r_2 \le w_2 - r_1$, also $r_2 \ge 1$

$\therefore \langle w_1 - r_1, 1\rangle \le r_2 \le w_2 - r_1$)

where $\langle w_1 - r_1, 1\rangle = \max\{w_1 - r_1, 1\}$.

We have then

Number of polynomials of type $r_1(X) = (q-1)\binom{b-i-1}{0}(q-1)^0$

Number of polynomials of type $r_2(X) = \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-1,1\rangle}^{w_2-1} (q-1)\binom{i-1}{r_2-1}(q-1)^{r_2-1}$

$\therefore$ Number of polynomials of type r(X)

$$= \binom{b-i-1}{0}(q-1)^2 \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-1,1\rangle}^{w_2-1} \binom{i-1}{r_2-1}(q-1)^{r_2-1}$$

(ii) For $r_1 = 2$ we get $\langle w_1 - 2, 1\rangle \le r_2 \le w_2 - 2$

Number of polynomials of type $r_1(X) = (q-1)\binom{b-i-1}{1}(q-1)$

Number of polynomials of type $r_2(X) = \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-2,1\rangle}^{w_2-2} (q-1)\binom{i-1}{r_2-1}(q-1)^{r_2-1}$

$\therefore$ Number of polynomials of type r(X)

$$= \binom{b-i-1}{1}(q-1)^3 \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-2,1\rangle}^{w_2-2} \binom{i-1}{r_2-1}(q-1)^{r_2-1}$$

Continuing the computation for various values of $r_1 = 3,4,...,$ we finally, have

$r_1 = w_2 - 1 \Rightarrow r_2 = 1$

and

Number of polynomials of type $r_1(X) = (q-1)\binom{b-i-1}{w_2-2}(q-1)^{w_2-2}$

Number of polynomials of type $r_2(X) = = \sum_{r_2=1}^{1} (q-1)\binom{i-1}{r_2-1}(q-1)^{r_2-1}$

$\therefore$ Number of polynomials of type r(X)

$$= \binom{b-i-1}{w_2-2}(q-1)^{w_2} \sum_{r_2=1}^{1} \binom{i-1}{r_2-1}(q-1)^{r_2-1}$$

So, for a fixed value of i,

Number of polynomials of type r(X)

$$= \sum_{r_1=1}^{w_2-1} \left\{ \binom{b-i-1}{r_1-1} (q-1)^{r_1+1} \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-r_1,1\rangle}^{w_2-r_1} \binom{i-1}{r_2-1} (q-1)^{r_2-1} \right\}$$

Summing over i, we get

Total number of polynomials of type r(X)

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{b-1} \left\{ \sum_{r_1=1}^{w_2-1} \left\{ \binom{b-i-1}{r_1-1} (q-1)^{r_1+1} \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-r_1,1\rangle}^{w_2-r_1} \binom{i-1}{r_2-1} (q-1)^{r_2-1} \right\} \right\}$$

Again, r(X) will go undetected if g(X) divides r(X)

$\Rightarrow$ r(X) =g(X)Q(X) for some polynomials Q(X)

$\Rightarrow \quad X^{n-b+1} r_1(X) + r_2(X) = \text{g(X)Q(X)}$

Now, number of polynomials of type Q(X) = $q^k (1-q^{-b+1})$ (refer[3])

$\therefore$ Ratio of moderate-density close-closed loop bursts that goes undetected to the total number of moderate-density close-closed loop bursts is

$$= \frac{q^k (1-q^{-b+1})}{\sum_{i=1}^{b-1} \left\{ \sum_{r_1=1}^{w_2-1} \left\{ \binom{b-i-1}{r_1-1} (q-1)^{r_1+1} \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-r_1,1\rangle}^{w_2-r_1} \binom{i-1}{r_2-1} (q-1)^{r_2-1} \right\} \right\}}$$

where $\langle w_1 - r_1, 1 \rangle = \max.\{w_1 - r_1, 1\}$

Hence the proof. **Q.E.D.**

Special Cases. (i) For $b = w_1 = w_2 = 2$, the ratio obtained in the preceding theorem reduces to the ratio given in Theorem B for b=2 and the ratio in each case becomes

$$\frac{q^{k-1}}{(q-1)}.$$

(ii) For $w_1 = 2$, the result obtained in the preceding theorem reduces to the case of low-density close-closed loop bursts considered by Dass & Jain (2000).

(iii) For $w_2 = b$, the result obtained in the preceding theorem reduces to the case for high-density close-closed loop bursts, considered by Dass & Jain (2000).

3. CT Moderate-Density Close-Closed Loop Burst Error Detection

In this section we extend the studies made in Section 2 for CT moderate-density close-closed loop bursts. Firstly, we obtain the following result, the proof of which is omitted.

Theorem 3. An (n, k) cyclic code can not detect any CT moderate-density close-closed loop burst of length $b\,(2 \le b \le k+1)$ with weight lying between w_1 and $w_2\,(w_1 \le w_2 \le b)$.

We now prove the following result.

Theorem 4. The fraction of CT moderate-density close-closed loop bursts of length b $(2 \le b \le k+1)$ with weight lying between w_1 and w_2 that goes undetected to the total number of CT moderate-density close-closed loop bursts in any (n, k) cyclic code is

$$= \frac{q^k (1-q^{-b+1})}{\sum_{i=1}^{b-1}\left\{\sum_{r_1=1}^{w_2-1}\left\{\binom{b-i-1}{r_1-1}(q-1)^{r_1}\sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-r_1,1\rangle}^{w_2-r_1}\binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}\right\}\right\}}$$

where $\langle w_1 - r_1, 1\rangle = \max.\{w_1 - r_1, 1\}$

Proof. Let r(X) denote a CT moderate-density close-closed loop burst of length b $(2 \le b \le k+1)$ with weight lying between w_1 and w_2 $(w_1 \le w_2 \le b)$. Let g(X) denote the generator polynomial of the code of degree n – k .
Now r(X) will be of the form

r(X) $= X^{n-b+i}(a_{n-b+i} + a_{n-b+i+1}X + ... + a_{n-1}X^{b-1-i})$

$+ (a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + ... + a_{i-1}X^{i-1})$; $i \le 1 \le b-1, a_{n-b+i} \ne 0$ and the number

of non-zero coefficients, including a_{n-b+i}, a_{i-1} lies between w_1 and w_2 .

$= X^{n-b+i} r_1(X) + r_2(X)$, say

where $r_1(X) = a_{n-b+i} + a_{n-b+i+i}X + ... + a_{n-1}X^{b-1-i}$

and $r_2(X) = a_0 + a_1X + a_2X^2 + ... + a_{i-1}X^{i-1}$.

Let r_1 be the number of non-zero coefficients in $r_1(X)$ and r_2 be the number of non-zero coefficients in $r_2(X)$,

where

$$1 \le r_1 \le w_2 - 1$$

and $$1 \le r_2 \le w_2 - 1$$

Such that $w_1 \le r_1 + r_2 \le w_2$.

For any fixed value of i, let us give different values of r_1.

(i) Let $r_1 = 1$. Then $\langle w_1 - 1, 1\rangle \le r_2 \le w_2 - 1$ and

Number of polynomials of type $r_1(X) = (q-1)\binom{b-i-1}{0}(q-1)^0$

Number of polynomials of type $r_2(X) = \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-1,1\rangle}^{w_2-1} \binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}$

$\therefore$ Number of polynomials of type r(X)

$= \binom{b-i-1}{0}(q-1)\sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-1,1\rangle}^{w_2-1}\binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}$

(ii) Let $r_1 = 2$ we get $\langle w_1 - 2, 1\rangle \le r_2 \le w_2 - 2$

Number of polynomials of type $r_1(X) = (q-1)\binom{b-i-1}{1}(q-1)$

Number of polynomials of type $r_2(X) = \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-2,1\rangle}^{w_2-2}\binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}$

$\therefore$ Number of polynomials of type r(X)

$= \binom{b-i-1}{1}(q-1)^2\sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-2,1\rangle}^{w_2-2}\binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}$

Continuing the computation for various values of $r_1 = 3,4,...,$ we finally, have

$r_1 = w_2 - 1 \Rightarrow r_2 = 1$ and

Number of polynomials of type $r_1(X) = (q-1)\binom{b-i-1}{w_2-2}(q-1)^{w_2-2}$

Number of polynomials of type $r_2(X) = \sum_{r_2=1}^{1}\binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}$

Number of polynomials of type r(X)

$= \binom{b-i-1}{w_2-2}(q-1)^{w_2-1}\sum_{r_2=1}^{1}\binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}$

So, for a fixed value of i,

Number of polynomials of type r(X)

$= \sum_{r_1=1}^{w_2-1}\left\{\binom{b-i-1}{r_1-1}(q-1)^{r_1}\sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-r_1,1\rangle}^{w_2-r_1}\binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}\right\}$

Summing over i , we get

Total number of polynomials of type r(X)

$= \sum_{i=1}^{b-1}\left\{\sum_{r_1=1}^{w_2-1}\left\{\binom{b-i-1}{r_1-1}(q-1)^{r_1}\sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-r_1,1\rangle}^{w_2-r_1}\binom{i}{r_2}(q-1)^{r_2}\right\}\right.$

Again, r(X) will go undetected if g(X) divides r(X)

$\Rightarrow$ r(X) = g(X)Q(X) for some polynomials Q(X)

$\Rightarrow \; X^{n-b+i} r_1(X) + r_2(X) = g(X)Q(X)$

Now, number of polynomials of type Q(X) = $q^k (1 - q^{-b+1})$ (refer[3])

$\therefore$ Ratio of moderate-density close-closed loop bursts that goes undetected to the total number of moderate-density close-closed loop bursts is

$$= \frac{q^k (1 - q^{-b+1})}{\sum_{i=1}^{b-1} \left\{ \sum_{r_1=1}^{w_2-1} \left\{ \binom{b-i-1}{r_1-1} (q-1)^{r_1} \sum_{r_2=\langle w_1-r_1,1\rangle}^{w_2-r_1} \binom{i}{r_2} (q-1)^{r_2} \right\} \right.}$$

where $\langle w_1 - r_1, 1 \rangle = \max.\{w_1 - r_1, 1\}$

Hence the proof.

Q.E.D.

Special Cases. (i) For $b = w_1 = w_2 = 2,$ the ratio obtained in the preceding theorem reduces to the ratio given in Theorem B for b=2 and the ratio in each case becomes

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(ii) For $w_1 = 2,$ the result obtained in the preceding theorem reduces to the case of low-density close-closed loop bursts considered by Dass & Jain (2000).

(iii) For $w_2 = b,$ the result obtained in the preceding theorem reduces to the case for high-density close-closed loop bursts, considered by Dass & Jain (2000).

4. Comparative Study

In this section, we present the comparison of the results obtained in Section 2 and Section 3 viz. Theorem 2 and Theorem 4. The comparison has been presented in the form of a table by taking specific values of b, w_1 and w_2 in the binary case. For $b = w_1 = w_2 = 2$, both definitions viz. of moderate-density close-closed loop burst and of CT moderate-density close-closed loop burst coincide. Therefore, we start comparing the results for b=3, and onwards.

TABLE $[q = 2]$

Moderate-Density Close-Closed Loop Bursts (Theorem 2)		CT Moderate-Density Close-Closed Loop Bursts (Theorem 4)
		$[b = 3; w_1 = 2, w_2 = 2]$
$k = 2$	1.50	1.00
$k = 3$	3.00	2.00
$k = 4$	6.00	4.00
		$[b = 3; w_1 = 2, w_2 = 3]$
$k = 2$	0.75	0.60
$k = 3$	1.50	1.20
$k = 4$	3.00	2.40
		$[b = 3; w_1 = 3, w_2 = 3]$
$k = 2$	1.50	1.50
$k = 3$	3.00	3.00
$k = 4$	6.00	6.00
		$[b = 4; w_1 = 2, w_2 = 2]$
$k = 3$	2.33	1.16
$k = 4$	4.66	2.33
$k = 5$	9.33	4.66
		$[b = 4; w_1 = 2, w_2 = 3]$
$k = 3$	0.77	0.50
$k = 4$	1.55	1.00
$k = 5$	3.11	2.00
		$[b = 4; w_1 = 2, w_2 = 4]$
$k = 3$	0.58	0.41
$k = 4$	1.66	0.82
$k = 5$	2.33	1.64
		$[b = 4; w_1 = 3, w_2 = 3]$
$k = 3$	1.16	0.87
$k = 4$	2.33	1.75
$k = 5$	4.66	3.50

		$[b=4; w_1=3, w_2=4]$
$k=3$	0.77	0.63
$k=4$	1.55	1.27
$k=5$	3.11	2.54
		$[b=4; w_1=4, w_2=4]$
$k=3$	2.33	2.33
$k=4$	4.66	4.66
$k=5$	9.33	9.33

		$[b=5; w_1=2, w_2=2]$
$k=4$	3.75	1.50
$k=5$	7.50	3.00
$k=6$	15.00	6.00
		$[b=5; w_1=2, w_2=3]$
$k=4$	0.93	0.50
$k=5$	1.87	1.00
$k=6$	3.75	2.00
		$[b=5; w_1=2, w_2=4]$
$k=4$	0.53	0.33
$k=5$	1.07	0.66
$k=6$	2.14	1.33
		$[b=5; w_1=2, w_2=5]$
$k=4$	0.46	0.30
$k=5$	0.93	0.61
$k=6$	1.87	1.22
		$[b=5; w_1=3, w_2=3]$
$k=4$	1.25	0.75
$k=5$	2.50	1.50
$k=6$	5.00	3.00
		$[b=5; w_1=3, w_2=4]$
$k=4$	0.62	0.42
$k=5$	1.25	0.85
$k=6$	2.50	1.71

		$[b=5; w_1=3, w_2=5]$
$k=4$	0.53	0.38
$k=5$	1.07	0.76
$k=6$	2.14	1.53
		$[b=5; w_1=4, w_2=4]$
$k=4$	1.25	1.00
$k=5$	2.50	2.00
$k=6$	5.00	4.00
		$[b=5; w_1=4, w_2=5]$
$k=4$	0.93	0.78
$k=5$	1.87	1.57
$k=6$	3.75	3.15
		$[b=5; w_1=5, w_2=5]$
$k=4$	3.75	3.75
$k=5$	7.50	7.50
$k=6$	15.00	15.00

Note. The fractions have been calculated up to 2 decimal places.

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