# CHAPTER 10 ERROR DETECTION

× Types of Errors
× Detection
× Correction

# **Basic concepts**

- Networks must be able to transfer data from one device to another with complete accuracy.
- ★ Data can be corrupted during transmission.
- For reliable communication, errors must be detected and corrected.
- Error detection and correction are implemented either at the data link layer or the transport layer of the OSI model.





Single bit errors are the least likely type of errors in serial data transmission because the noise must have a very short duration which is very rare. However this kind of errors can happen in parallel transmission.

#### **Example:**

- If data is sent at 1Mbps then each bit lasts only 1/1,000,000 sec. or 1 μs.
- For a single-bit error to occur, the noise must have a duration of only 1 µs, which is very rare.

#### **Burst error**





- Burst error is most likely to happen in serial transmission since the duration of noise is normally longer than the duration of a bit.
- The number of bits affected depends on the data rate and duration of noise.

#### **Example:**

- If data is sent at rate = 1Kbps then a noise of 1/100 sec can affect 10 bits.(1/100\*1000)
- If same data is sent at rate = 1Mbps then a noise of 1/100 sec can affect 10,000 bits.(1/100\*10<sup>6</sup>)

# **ERROR DETECTION**

Error detection means to decide whether the received data is correct or not without having a copy of the original message.

Error detection **uses the concept of redundancy**, **which means** adding extra bits for detecting errors at the destination.

#### Redundancy



#### Four types of redundancy checks are used in data communications



## Vertical Redundancy Check VRC



# PERFORMANCE

 It can detect single bit error
 It can detect burst errors only if the total number of errors is odd.



# Performance

- LCR increases the likelihood of detecting burst errors.
- If two bits in one data units are damaged and two bits in exactly the same positions in another data unit are also damaged, the LRC checker will not detect an error.

#### **VRC and LRC**



## Cyclic Redundancy Check CRC



# **CYCLIC REDUNDANCY CHECK**

- Siven a k-bit frame or message, the transmitter generates an n-bit sequence, known as a *frame check sequence (FCS)*, so that the resulting frame, consisting of (k+n) bits, is exactly divisible by some predetermined number.
- The receiver then divides the incoming frame by the same number and, if there is no remainder, assumes that there was no error.





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