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#### ABSTRACT

The Reed-Solomon Code is widely used for an error correcting code in digital audio. The authors have developed an LSI for the Reed Solomon Encoder**/**Decoder. This LSI has a characteristic that the code length, the minimum code distance, the performance of the decoder can be variable by changing micro-program.

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Reed-Solomon Code (1) is a generally used error correcting<br>code, which has been incorporated with a variety of practical code, which has been incorporated with a variety of practical equipment, i.e., the professional use digital audio tape recorder (2), compact disc player, satellite communicati apparatus, etc., having a prospective utilization for consumer's DAT (Digital Audio Tape Recorder) (3), optical disk apparatus, etc.

The Reed-Solomon Code is one of the maximum distance separable codes, so that it is favoured with high efficiency, and the one which occupies the main stream currently used is that over galois field GF (28). This is because of the fact that the code construction is favoured with high flexibility since the code length and the code distance are available up to 255 over  $GF(2^s)$ ), and it is easy to realize in hardware thanks to substantial progress of LSI technology in recent years**.**

Currently the authors have suc**c**eeded in the development of a LSI facilitating the encoding and decoding of these Reed**-**Sol**o**mon Codes**,** so that**,** in this proper**,** descriptions are to be given for the outline of this LSI**,** hardw**a**re and software archite**c**tures thereof**,** software development supporting system**,** and several examples of their appli**c**ations**.**

#### 2. OUTLINE OF THE LSI

This LSI executes encoding and decoding of Reed-Solomon Code by<br>a means of incorporating program control and facilitating real<br>time processing when it is used in the field of digital audio (4) (5). In spite of this LSI having plentiful kinds of commands, its hardware is very simple and of low price, favoured with various outstanding features, the main of which are given below:

- 1. The code length and the minimum code distance facilitate flexible arrangement of Reed-Solomon Codes over GF  $(2^8)$  within a range from 2 through 255; since the code length and the minimum code distance may be specified by means of programming, resulting in high flexibility.
- 2. It can be in response to various kinds of encoding and decoding algorithm; there are Peterson algorithm (6), Berlekamp algorithm (7), and Euclideon algorithm, (8), for decoding methods, whichever one of the above being able to be used in this LSI.
- 3. The time sharing processing of multiple numbers of encoders and decoders are available by means of a single LSI. A high speed performance is available, and multiple numbers of programs can be stored, so that the cost down of the equipment can be achieved by effective time sharing processing.

This LSI is so constructed that, as shown in Fig. 1, it may function with three parts configuration, together with the External Program ROM, and External Table ROM, the former being written-in with a microprogram making the LSI function as encoder**/**decoder, and the latter is written-in with a unit conversion table over galois field which is required en route of calculation. The outstanding functions of this LSI are given below:

1. Calculating Function

Calculations are to be undertaken over galois filed GF  $(2^8)$ , taking  $X^8+X^4+X^3+X^2+1$  as a primitive polynomial, in which one step of complex calculation combining multiplications and additions is available, ALU (Arithmetic Logic Unit), in which additions and subtractions are conducted, being also provided.

2. Various Kinds of Programming Functions In the following, specifications in relevance to programming are to be shown:



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3. Memory and Input**/**Output 2 series of RAM (64 bytes for each) are contained int**e**rnally, symultaneous accessing being available; input**/**output terminal being provided with parallel parts, the transferring by programming and DMA (Direct Memory Acc**e**ss) for high speed transfer are availabl**e**.

#### 3. HARDWARE ARCHITECTURE

This Reed-Solomon encoder**/**decoder LSI incorporates the configurations as given below in order to realize the high speed processing in the error correcting processing.

- Complex calculation GLU
- 48 bit microprogram
- Table ROM
- Dual internal RAM
- Dual parallel I**/**O interface
- Register configuration suited for cal**c**ulation processing

The main function block of LSI is composed of GLU, memory, I**/**O, e-gen, ALU, etc., the configuration of which is given in Fig. 2.

#### 3.1 GLU

The analysis of encoding**/**decoding algorithm results in the fact that realization of a single step of complex calculation can clearly show substantial enhancement of processing speed, so that the LSI incorporates GLU configuration as shown in Fig. 3 so as to facilitate the complex calculations as shown below:

1.  $(X * Y) + Z$  $2. x + z$ 3. X \* Y 4.  $(X + Z) * Y$ \*: multiplication over GF  $(2^8)$ + : mod 2 addition

The input is provided with registers x, r, and z, the output<br>being provided with registers respectively as U.V. and W, so as to facilitate pipeline processing, and further function to s**t**ore the above said calculation results again into the input resistor is provided, letting them be utilized as the source data for the next command.

Since the multiplier shown in Fig. 3 requires high speed processing, so that a parallel multiplier is inc**o**rporated, the circuit shown **o**n Fig. 4 is the one for the parallel multiplier,

in the following a simple description **o**f how this circuit can be deduced shall be given. Assuming the input  $\mathbb{Q} = \{a_7, a_6, a_5, \ldots a_0\}$  and  $\mathbb{b} = (b_7, b_6, b_5,$  $\ldots$ ,  $b_0$  and the output  $c = (c_7, c_6, c_5, \ldots, c_0)$ ; then they can be expressed as:

\_Ja**q**a7+a6 a6+a\_ \_ 5+ ..... +a 0 \_=b\_aT+b\_a\$+bsaS+ ..... +bo ..... (1)  $C = c_7 \alpha^7 + c_8 \alpha^6 + c_5 \alpha^5 + \ldots$  +c<sub>0</sub>

The multiplication gives:

 $\alpha \cdot \beta$  ...  $\alpha \beta$  $=$   $\mathbb{C}$   $\qquad \qquad$  ...... (2)

where,

 $\alpha^8 = \alpha^4 + \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1$  (where  $\alpha$  is the root of the primitive polynomial.)  $\cdots$  (3)

Execute the **c**alculation of equation (2), utilizing the above given formula: the result will be:

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\mathbb{C} = f(\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{b}) \tag{4}
$$

Fig. 4 shows the above relation represented in a circuit diagram, in which a gate delay 8 stage high speed calculati**o**n is realized.

#### 3.2 Memory

The memory of this LSI is composed of 3 kinds, namely:



#### Instruction-ROM:

These mi**c**roprograms, such as the encoder, de**c**oder, etc. shall be written in the Instruction ROM; th**e** microinstruction is composed of one word 48 bits, however, in this LSI, the instruction bits are divided into 24 bits x 2 sections, so as to transfer one word by two times, (number of program RoM being to be reduced);<br>a microprogram having 1024 steps in maximum is available, and<br>besides function of subroutine stack of one level is also provided, so that effective size of programming is virtually enlarg**e**d; there is a Mode-set function provided, in which selections of 8 kinds of starting addresses are feasible in case of the program start.

Table-ROM: The Table-ROM is to be used for unit exchange of the data, e.g., letting an error location be i,

1.  $\alpha$  +  $\alpha$ <sub>1</sub> (unit inversed  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{\alpha^{1}} + i$   $\frac{1}{(\alpha^{1}} + -i)$ 4. 2 error location table

it is to be used for the memory of the fixed data as given above.

#### Internal-RAM:

The internal-RAM is used for the memory of variable such as temporary data en route of real time processing, syndrome data, error location, etc. There are two independent systems prepared in order to enhance the effectiveness of the calculation processing, (i.e., IRAM-A and IRAM-B).

RAM can be defined whichever source or destination register, the address of which is specified by the counter for data points (CA, CB, CC) or by direct address from Instruction-ROM.

#### 3.3 THE OTHER FUNCTIONS

Data Processing:

A Dual-Data-Bus system (A-Bus and B-Bus) is employed so as to execute the complex calculating function and independent 2 system Internal-RAM effectively; all of the blocks such as the Instruction-ROM, Internal-RAM, GLU, ALU, I**/**O Interface, etc., are connected with the Bus, so that various kinds of processings may be conducted appropriately.

ALU:

In which addition and subtraction calculus is available to be used for the degree of polynomial mainly.

a-generat To generate the root a of primitive polynomial X8+X4+X3+ step by step, being to function effectively in case of syndrome calculation.

Control Flag: There are I**/**O flag, (FI1, FI2, F61, F**6**2), counter flag, (F3 and F**4**), calculation flags of GLU and ALU, (F5, and F6), etc., are available to be used for input**/**output control or conditional Jump, etc.

I**/**O Interface: There are the interfaces available as shown below:



The 1st port is connected with CB or B**-**Bus, mainly to function as a data pointer in response to the external data bank; the 2nd port is an input**/**output port, which is connected with X-Register in case of input, and with A-Bus in case of output, so as to be used mainly for data input**/**output; the 3rd-port is an input**/**output port of 2 bits to be used for input**/**output of control flag. There are two me**t**hods of data transfer available, namely the method by instruction, and the one by DMA, being selected whichever Program**/**DMA by program.

#### 4. SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURE

The Reed-Solomon encoder**/**decoder LSI, as shown in Fig. 5, incorporates 48 bit construction of horizontal type microcommand which is suitable for signal processing; among the 48 bits, 41<br>bits are incorporated for the control program for each are incorporated for the control program for each individual block, and at the same time to be constructed so as to undertake parallel processings; the microcommand is encode in / bits to be prepared in 14 kinds. First, the control program for each block can be categorized as follows:

- 1. Data transfer between Internal-RAM and Data-Bus, and indirect address counter control. There are two kinds of adressing modes available:
	- Direct Addressing: To be specified by Instruction ROM.
	- Indirect Addressing: To take the outputs of counters (CA, CB and CC) having functions of up, down, and load as adresses.
- 2. Conditional Jump Instruction There are conditional instructions available as shown below:
	- Input**/**output control signal FI1, FI2
	- To indicate the status of indirect address F3 and F4
	- To indicate the calculation results of GLU and ALU F5 and F6
- 3. Calculation Instruction
- 4. Controls of Various Registers and Selectors

Besides the above, there are instructions available as given below mainly as the microinstructions.

- 1. Subroutine call, and return
- 2. Arithmetic calculation (addition and subtraction)
- 3. Flag control

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4. DMA control

5. Table ROM select

The instruction command list is given on Table 1.

#### 5. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

There are two kinds of tools employed for the development of Reed-Solomon Encoder**/**Decoder LSI, one of which is a tool used for development of microprogram, and the other one is a hardware test tool in which this LSI is incorporated; the comprehens: configuration diagram of this system is given in Fig. 6.

#### 5.1 DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM

The program has been created on the main computer, the program produced being written in the Program-ROM by means of ROM produced being written in the Program-ROM by means of ROM writer. Fig. 7 gives the Block diagram of the supporting software; in the following descriptions are to be given referring to the below:

1. Editor

The editor is responsible for executing the creation and edition of the microprogram, incorporating various commands, such as EDIT, DELEAT, INSERT, LIST, SAVE, LOAD, NEW, etc., which the source may be filed in a floppy disk.

- 2. Assembler The function of the assembler is to convert the program into machine language for LSI control.
- 3. Tracer

This is the most outstanding tool among the tools incorporated in the development, which can trace step by step the data on the hardware, such as Register, IRAM, Counter, GLU, ALU, Flag, I**/**O, etc., by the function of which debugging the program is available without difficulty, contributing to the reduction of development term of software. Fig. 8 shows an example of tracing.

4. Encoding**/**Decoding Simulator

Associated with development of a microprogram for encoder and decoder, the simulation of encoder**/**decoder on the calculation formula is required to check if the results of tracing is correct or not. For the decoding algorithm, the error location polynomial is to be obtained by Euclidean relation from syndrome, so that the Euclidean algorithm is to be employed (8).

Fig. 9 shows the flow of parity check between the cal**c**ulation results of the hardware tracer and the decoding simulation results by means of calculating equation. The checking capability for those such as syndrome, key equation, error location, error value, decoding results, are provided for the checking function. Incorporating random numbers for input data, the program can be made up to be the complete one by means of repeating the simulation of the check flow several times.

#### 5.2 HARDWARE TEST

This is to execute what has been simulated by decoder check by software given in Fig. 9 exclusively, by means of real hardware, referring to the system shown in Fig. 7. To the LSI the encoded data accompanied with error from the data generator are to be inputted; where the LSI functions as a decoder, the result.of calculation being taken-in by a data analizer to be checked if the results of decoding is correct or not on the co**m**puter. In this system a complete decoder check, including I**/**O interface, can be conducted; of course, the checking function is also available, even if the LSI is used as an encoder.

#### 6. APPLICATION

It has been revealed that this Reed-Solomon encoder**/**decoder LSI is able to be in response to various kinds of Encoder**/**Decoder algorithms, and in this section, as examples, the cases where it is applied as an encoder, and where it is also applied to a syndrome calculator shall be introduced.

#### 6.1 ENCODER

Assuming the case where the (16, 12, 5) Reed-Solomon Code is used for encoding, the generator polynomial of the minimum code distance d=5 shall be given by the following equation:

 $g(z) = \frac{3}{\pi} (z + \alpha^{1})$  $i=0$  $=$   $(2 + \alpha^{\circ}) (2 + \alpha^{\circ}) (2 + \alpha^{\circ}) (2 + \alpha^{\circ})$ <br>=  $2^{\circ} + \alpha^{75} 2^3 + \alpha^{2 \circ} 2^2 + \alpha^{78} 2 + \alpha^{6}$ 

where an encoder (6), incorporating a subtraction circuit of polynomial, shall be taken in**t**o consideration, utilizing the characteristics in that the code language can be exactly divisible by the generater polynomial. If it is taken as a special purpose hardware, the block diagram shall be that given in Fig. 10, (a)**.** The number of calculation steps required for this calculation shall be as given below, when it's calculated roughly:



Fig. 11 gives the program in which this encoding algorithm is realized by means of the Reed-Solomon encoder**/**decoder LSI. Generally when the calculation is to be executed by means of a processor, it is required to spend a considerable time for transferring between the **R**egister, Internal-RAM, GLU, etc., besides the above said calculation. However, in case of the program given in Fig. 12, this encoding is realized by program size of 15, and an execution step number of 64, which is embodied by effective utilization of complex calculation of (X \* Y) + Z, Dual Internal-RAM, and Dual-Data Bus.

#### 6.2 SYNDROME GENERATOR

Let us consider of the syndrome generator of the (16, 12, 5) Reed-Solomon Code as like as the case of 6.1, the calculating<br>equation of syndrome may be given by the following: Assuming equation of syndrome may be given by the following: the receiving signal  $\Gamma = (r_0, r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_{15})$  and Syndrome  $=(s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3),$ 

 $r_0 + r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + ... + r_{15} = s_0$  $r_0 + r_1 \alpha + r_2 \alpha^2 + r_3 \alpha^3 + ... + r_1 5 \alpha^{15} = s_1$  $r_0 + r_1 \alpha^2 + r_2 \alpha^4 + r_2 \alpha^6 + \ldots + r_1 \beta^{\alpha 30} = s_2$  $r_0 + r_1 a^3 + r_2 a^2 + r_3 a^3 + \ldots + r_1 s^{a^4} = S_3$ 

from the above equation, they can be realized by hardware simply as given in Fig. 10 (b), where the numbers of calculations required are:



Fig. 12 gives the result which is realized by the Reed-Solomon Encoder**/**Decoder LSI as for the Syndrome Generator, where the program size is 18, steps being 70 in the number of execution steps for the purpose of the realization.

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#### 7. CONCLUSIONS

An LSI, in which the encoding**/**decoding of the Reed-Solomon Code over GF (2°) are made available has been developed; the mail<br>outstanding feature of this LSI is as follows:

- 1. It can be ready to correspond a variety of code lengths, and code distances, since its performance is being controlled by a programable ROM.
- 2. The development of the program is conducted effectively by means of a development supporting system.
- 3. In spite of high speed operations, this LSI is favoured which low consumption of electric power and low price, thanks to CMOS construction being incorporated.

This LSI is mounted on a digital audio recorder (9) incorporating the 2-channel PD Format, and this sort of LSI is exchangeable as in the like manner as u-Processor, or DSP (Digital Signal Processor), so that a prospect of considerable prevalence in the market may be foreseen in the years to come.

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# TABLE 1 INSTRUCTION TABLE





## FIG.1 SYSTEM BLOCK DIAGRAM

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FIG.2 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE LSI



## FIG.3 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF GLU



FIG.4 PARALLEL MULTIPLIER OVER GF(2<sup>8</sup>)

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Ю Þ	RAM-A	ΙP	I RAM-B			$\left  \begin{matrix} \text{Jump} \\ \text{Add.} \end{matrix} \right $ CA $ CB $	Jump A-Bus B-Bus X-Reg Y-Reg Z-Reg V-Reg WReg GLU								MICRO
	Jump Add.		Jump Add.												
			Direct Data												

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# FIG. 5 INSTRUCTION FORMAT



### FIG. 6 PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM



### FIG.7 SOFTWARE FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT



# FIG.8 AN EXAMPLE OF TRACING RESULT

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### FIG.9 PROGRAM CHECK FLOW





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FIG. 10 (a) ENCODER (b) SYNDROME GENERATOR BLOCK DIAGRAM



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FIG.11 ENCODER PROGRAM

LINE RAM-A RAM-B CA CB JUMP **SELECT GLU LATCH MICRO** 

88885 **INITIALIZE** 88818 Ø  $\mathbf{a}$  $\hspace{0.05cm}$ **BB** LD p p  $A - B$ ----------------181888 ---88828 Ø Ø. **BF**  $\overline{\phantom{m}}$  $--- 11$ ---X EOR Z —— P  $\hspace{0.05cm} \ldots \hspace{0.05cm}$ 000111 ----80838 8 **IDH 81**  $\hspace{0.1mm}-\hspace{0.1mm}-\hspace{0.1mm}$ EXR IC 88848 8  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$ 1DW 02  $\frac{1}{2}$ --------------- $A$  $F$  $- -$ 80050 **IDR 88** В  $\! ---$  DM  $-- - CO$  $\frac{1}{2}$ 111000 ------------------00055 **CRLCULATION OF SYNDROME** 88868 В 1DR 81 -- $-- -- -- -CB$ (X EOR Z) MUL Y ------811100 EXR IC 88878 **IDH 88** Й  $\begin{array}{ccc} \textbf{1} & \textbf$  $\frac{1}{2}$  $V$  -- -CU (X EOR Z) MUL Y 011100 CFM B0T 88888 **IDH 01** 8 V  $H - CB$ --(X EOR Z) MUL Y 011001  $\mathbf{H}$ F 88898 **1DR 88** 0 0140  $---$  DH F4  $V - CCH$ (X EOR Z) MUL Y 111100  $---$ 88188 **IDR 81** я  $\begin{array}{ccc} - & - & - \end{array}$  $-CA$ (X EOR Z) MUL Y 011010  $\qquad \qquad \textbf{---}\\$ 88118 я  $\overline{\phantom{m}}$ 1DW 88  $-- M$ (X EOR Z) MUL Y -CU  $\begin{array}{ccc} - & - & - & - \end{array}$ 011010 EXR IC 88128 8 8868 1DH 81 **UNC** -CA (X EOR Z) MUL Y V W 011001 **RLF** 00130 Ø **IDR 88**  $\sim$   $\sim$   $\sim$  $\overline{\phantom{m}}$  $\qquad \qquad \cdots$  $- --$  CCB (X EOR Z) MUL Y 111010 ---88148 **1DR 01** Ø -- $-<sub>-</sub>$ A X EOR Z 001010  $---$ 88158 В **1DH 88** -- $- N$   $--$ X EOR Z 801818  $-$ 88168 В **IDW 81**  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $-<sup>-</sup>$ A X EOR Z 881818 ---88178 Й 1DH 82  $\overline{\phantom{m}}$ X EOR Z ---888010 ---00190 Ø 1DH 03  $\hspace{0.1mm}-\hspace{0.1mm}-\hspace{0.1mm}$ **STP** 

FIG.12 SYNDROME GENERATOR PROGRAM