

Agent X wants to send the message abcd, where each letter represents 0 or 1.

She works out:

- a check digit x (either 0 or 1) so there are an even number of 1s in **xabd**
- a check digit y (either 0 or 1) so there are an even number of 1s in **yacd**
- a check digit z (either 0 or 1) so there are an even number of 1s in **zbcd**

Agent X then transmits the message **xyazbcd**.

For example, if Agent X wants to send 0110, she calculates that x = 1, y=1 and z=0. She then transmits 1100110.

## If you receive Agent X's message, how can you check whether there is an error?

## If you find that there is an error, is it possible to recreate the original message?

Here are the messages that Agent X sent using the new system. Again, you can assume that there is at most one altered digit.



## Which ones have been transmitted error-free?

Can you correct the incorrect messages?

Is it always possible to correct a message that contains an error? How do you know?