

# Sample problems for Coding Technology

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1. Give the generator matrix and the parity check matrix of an RS code capable of correcting every single error over  $G(5)$  (the primitive element is 2)

Solution:

$$C(4,2) \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}; \mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

2. Determine the parameters of an RS code for correcting every triple error ( $t=3$ ) in the case  $q$ -ary symbols

Solution  $C(10,4)$

3. Indicate the correct statement with a tick (if each correct statement is indicated 20 p otherwise 0p)

- a) **RS codes can correct any number of errors**
- b) The parameter  $n$  of an RS code can be chosen arbitrarily
- c) The degree of the generator polynomial of a  $C(n,k)$  linear cyclic code is  $k$ .
- d) **In the case of a cyclic code all codevectors are cyclic shifts of each other.**
- e) **RS codes are MDS codes.**

4. Given a BSC with probability  $p=0.2$  and two error vector  $\mathbf{e}^{(1)} = (101010)$  and  $\mathbf{e}^{(2)} = (001010)$  belonging to the same group

- a) which one might qualify as a group leader
- b) what are the associated probabilities of the two vectors

Solution:

$\mathbf{e}^{(2)} = (001010)$  might qualify as a group leader as it has smaller weights

One has to compute the formula  $0.2^{w(\mathbf{e})}0.8^{6-w(\mathbf{e})}$  for both vectors

3) 5. There is a Reed Solomon code over GF(7) correcting every double error.

a) Define the type of the code ( $n$  and  $k$  parameters) (5p)

b) Give the generator and the parity check matrix of the code using the primitive element 5. (15p)

Solution:

$$a) n = q - 1 = 7 - 1 = 6; \quad t = 2 = \left\lfloor \frac{n - k}{2} \right\rfloor \rightarrow k = 2$$

$$b) \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 2 \\ 1 & 6 & 1 & 6 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

7. Given a binary linear code with the following generator matrix  $\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ . The BSC

will add  $\mathbf{e} = (0 \ 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 0)$  error vector to the transmitted codeword. What is the detected error vector at the receiver side ?

Solution:

The codewords  $\mathbf{c}^{(1)} = (0,0,0,0,0)$ ;  $\mathbf{c}^{(2)} = (0,1,1,1,0)$ ;  $\mathbf{c}^{(3)} = (1,0,1,1,1)$ ;  $\mathbf{c}^{(4)} = (1,1,0,0,1)$

$$E_s = \{\mathbf{e}, \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{c}^{(1)}, \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{c}^{(2)}, \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{c}^{(3)}\} = \{(01100), (00010), (11011), (10101)\}$$

Thus  $\mathbf{e} = (00010)$  is the detected vector havin the smallest weight.

8. Given a binary linear Hamming code with its parity check matrix

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{h}_{12}^T \quad \mathbf{h}_{13}^T$$

a) what are the parameters of the code (4 p)

b) what are the missing column vectors  $\mathbf{h}_{12}^T$  and  $\mathbf{h}_{13}^T$  in  $\mathbf{H}$  which guarantees the correction of every single error (4 p)

c) give the generator matrix (4p)

Solution:

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a)  $n=15, k=11$

b) The condition for all single error to be corrected is to have different and nonzero column vector in  $\mathbf{H}$ , thus

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

c) The generator matrix is

$$\mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & . & . & . & . & . & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & & & & & & . & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & & & & & & . & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & & & & & & & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & & & & & & & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & & & & & & & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & & & & & & & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & & & & & & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & & & & & & & . & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & & & & & & & . & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & . & . & . & . & . & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$