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Maximum Weight : 30

**Part A**

*Answer any five questions.  
Each question has weight 1.*

1. Find the dual code  $C^\perp$  for the code  $C = \langle S \rangle$ , where  $S = \{0100, 0101\}$ .

2. The generating matrix  $G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for a code is given. Encode (i)  $u = 100$  ; (ii)  $v = 010$ .

3. Show that if  $C$  is a self-dual code with generator matrix  $(I | A)$  then  $C$  also has  $(-A^t | I)$  as generator matrix.

4. Define a perfect code. Give an example of a perfect code.

5. Show that the order of a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  divides the order of  $G$ .

6. What is an irreducible polynomial. Test whether  $f(x) = 1 + x + y^4$  is irreducible over  $k = \{0,1\}$ .

7. Prove that the integers are a PIR.

8. Define Vandermonde determinants.

(5 × 1 = 5)

**Part B**

*Answer any five questions.  
Each question has weight 2.*

9. Show that if  $d$  is the minimum weight of a code  $C$ , then  $C$  can correct  $t = \lfloor (d-1)/2 \rfloor$  or fewer errors and conversely.

10. Show that a self-dual  $\left[ n, \frac{n}{2} \right]$  ternary code exists iff  $n$  is divisible by 4.





11. Show that if an  $[n, k]$  code  $C$  has a generator matrix  $G = (I, A)$  in standard form, then a parity check matrix of  $C$  is  $H = (-A^T, I)$ , where  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A$  and  $I$  is the  $(n - k) \times (n - k)$  identity matrix.
12. Suppose  $GF(2^3)$  was constructed using  $1 + x + x^3$ . Suppose that  $1 + x + x^3 + x^6$  is received. Find the code word sent through the cyclic Hamming code of length 7.
13. Prove that if  $p$  is prime, then the integers mod  $p$ ,  $GF(p)$  constitute a field. Also prove that every finite field  $F$  contains a subfield that is  $GF(p)$  upto relabelling for some prime  $p$  and  $p \cdot \alpha = 0$  for every  $\alpha \in F$ .
14. Show that  $x^2 - 2$  is irreducible over  $GF(5)$ .
15. Prove that the binary cyclic code with generator polynomial  $1 + x$  is the  $(n - 1)$  dimensional code  $C$  consisting of all even weight vectors of length  $n$ .
16. Prove that the value of the Vandermonde determinant  $D$  is  $\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} \prod_{i=j+1}^n (\alpha_i - \alpha_j)$ .

(5 × 2 = 10)

**Part C**

*Answer any three questions.  
Each question has weight 5.*

17. (a) Prove that the covering radius has the following properties :
- $r$  is the weight of the coset of largest weight.
  - $r$  is the smallest among the number  $s$  so that every syndrome is a combination of  $s$  or fewer columns of any parity check matrix.
- (b) Prove that if  $C$  is an  $[n, k, d]$  code over  $GF(q)$ , then  $\left( \binom{n}{0} + (q-1) \binom{n}{1} + \dots + (q-1)^t \binom{n}{t} \right) q^k \sum q^n$ .
18. (a) Find a generator matrix for the linear code generated by :
- $S = \{11111111, 11110000, 11001100, 10101010\}$ . Also give the parameters  $n, k$ , and  $d$ .
- (b) If  $d$  is even show that  $A(n-1, d-1) = A(n, d)$ .





19. Define Golay code. Decode each of the following received words using Golay codes :

(a) 111 000 000 000.

(b) 011 011 011011.

20. (a) Using the double error correcting BCH code, decode the received vectors :

$x = (1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1)$ , given the parity check matrix :

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1000 & 1000 \\ 0100 & 0001 \\ 0010 & 0011 \\ 0001 & 0101 \\ 1100 & 1111 \\ 0110 & 1000 \\ 0011 & 0001 \\ 1101 & 0011 \\ 1010 & 0101 \\ 0101 & 1111 \\ 1110 & 1000 \\ 0111 & 0001 \\ 1111 & 0011 \\ 1011 & 0101 \\ 1001 & 1111 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Messages are encoded using the above code. Determine if possible the locations of the errors is  $w$  is received and the syndrome  $WH$  is 0100 0101.

21. (a) Let  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  be cyclic codes with generator polynomial  $q_1(x)$  and  $q_2(x)$  and idempotent generators  $e_1(x)$  and  $e_2(x)$ . Prove that  $C_1 \cap C_2$  has a generator polynomial l.c.m.  $\{q_1(x), q_2(x)\}$  and has idempotent generator  $e_1(x)e_2(x)$  and  $C_1 + C_2$  has a generator polynomial g.c.d.  $\{q_1(x), q_2(x)\}$  and has idempotent generator  $e_1(x) + e_2(x) - e_1(x)e_2(x)$ .

(b) Prove that every minimal ideal  $\mu$  is a field. If  $\mu = \langle \hat{f}_i(x) \rangle$ , show that  $\mu$  can be constructed by using residues modulo the polynomial  $f_i(x)$ , where  $f_i(x)$  satisfy  $x^n - 1 = (x - 1)f_1 f_2 \dots f_k$ , the factorization of  $x^n - 1$  into irreducible factors. Also prove that if  $f_i(x)$  has degree  $m$ , then  $\mu$  is isomorphic to the field  $GF(2^m)$ .





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22. (a) If  $C$  is an ideal in  $R_n = F[x]/(x^n - 1)$  and let  $g(x)$  be the monic polynomial of smallest degree in  $C$ ; prove that  $g(x)$  is uniquely determined on  $C = \langle g(x) \rangle$ .
- (b) Prove that if  $C$  is an ideal in  $R_n$ , the unique monic generator,  $g(x)$  of  $C$  of smallest degree divides  $x^n - 1$  and conversely if a polynomial  $g(x)$  in  $C$  divides  $x^n - 1$ , then  $g(x)$  has the lowest degree in  $\langle g(x) \rangle$ .

(3 × 5 = 15)

