

- 1- Let  $\mathbb{H}$  be the parity-check matrix of an  $(n, k)$  linear code  $C$  that has both odd- and even-weight codewords. Construct a new linear code  $C_1$  with the following parity-check matrix:

$$\mathbb{H}_1 = \left[ \begin{array}{c|ccc} 0 & & & \\ 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & \mathbb{H} & \\ 0 & & & \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{array} \right].$$

(Note that the last row of  $\mathbb{H}_1$  consists of all 1's.)

- a. Show that  $C_1$  is an  $(n + 1, k)$  linear code.  $C_1$  is called an *extension* of  $C$ .
  - b. Show that every codeword of  $C_1$  has even weight.
  - c. Show that  $C_1$  can be obtained from  $C$  by adding an extra parity-check digit, denoted by  $v_\infty$ , to the left of each codeword  $\mathbf{v}$  as follows: (1) if  $\mathbf{v}$  has odd weight, then  $v_\infty = 1$ , and (2) if  $\mathbf{v}$  has even weight, then  $v_\infty = 0$ . The parity-check digit  $v_\infty$  is called an *overall parity-check* digit.
- 2- Let  $C$  be a linear code with both even- and odd-weight codewords. Show that the number of even-weight codewords is equal to the number of odd-weight codewords.
- 3- Consider an  $(n, k)$  linear code  $C$  whose generator matrix  $\mathbb{G}$  contains no zero column. Arrange all the codewords of  $C$  as rows of a  $2^k$ -by- $n$  array.
- a. Show that no column of the array contains only zeros.
  - b. Show that each column of the array consists of  $2^{k-1}$  zeros and  $2^{k-1}$  ones.
  - c. Show that the set of all codewords with zeros in a particular component position forms a subspace of  $C$ . What is the dimension of this subspace?
- 4- Prove that a linear code is capable of correcting  $\lambda$  or fewer errors and simultaneously detecting  $l$  ( $l > \lambda$ ) or fewer errors if its minimum distance  $d_{\min} \geq \lambda + l + 1$ .

- 5- Let  $C_1$  be an  $(n_1, k)$  linear systematic code with minimum distance  $d_1$  and generator matrix  $\mathbf{G}_1 = [\mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{I}_k]$ . Let  $C_2$  be an  $(n_2, k)$  linear systematic code with minimum distance  $d_2$  and generator matrix  $\mathbf{G}_2 = [\mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{I}_k]$ . Consider an  $(n_1 + n_2, k)$  linear code with the following parity-check matrix:

$$\mathbf{H} = \begin{bmatrix} & & \vdots & \mathbf{P}_1^T \\ & & & \vdots \\ \mathbf{I}_{n_1+n_2-k} & & & \mathbf{I}_k \\ & & & \vdots \\ & & & \mathbf{P}_2^T \end{bmatrix}.$$

Show that this code has a minimum distance of at least  $d_1 + d_2$ .

- 6- For any binary  $(n, k)$  linear code with minimum distance (or minimum weight)  $2t + 1$  or greater, show that the number of parity-check digits satisfies the following inequality:

$$n - k \geq \log_2 \left[ 1 + \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{2} + \cdots + \binom{n}{t} \right].$$

The preceding inequality gives an upper bound on the random-error-correcting capability  $t$  of an  $(n, k)$  linear code. This bound is known as the *Hamming*

*bound* [14]. (*Hint:* For an  $(n, k)$  linear code with minimum distance  $2t + 1$  or greater, all the  $n$ -tuples of weight  $t$  or less can be used as coset leaders in a standard array.)