

# Exercices on Linear Error-correcting Codes

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**Exercise 1.-** In order to show that  $A_q(n, d) = M$  it is enough to show that  $A_q(n, d) \leq M$  and then find a specific  $q$ -ary  $(n, M)$ -code  $\mathcal{C}$  for which  $d(\mathcal{C}) \geq d$ , which shows that  $A_q(n, d) \geq A_q(n, d(\mathcal{C})) \geq M$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a binary  $(4, M, 3)$ -code. We assume that  $\mathcal{C}$  contains the  $\mathbf{0} = 00\dots 00$  code-word. Prove that  $A_2(4, 3) = 2$ .

**Exercise 2.-** Let  $G$  be the generator matrix for the Hamming code  $\mathcal{H}_2(3)$

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

How do you encode the string  $x = 1101$ ? Give the parity-check matrix  $P$  and the parity-check equations.

**Exercise 3.-** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the ternary code whose generator matrix is given by

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Write out all the codewords for this code and give the parameters of this code.

**Exercise 4.-** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the 5-repetition code ( $k = 1, n = 5$ ). Give the parity-check matrix for this code and well as the parity-check equations. Give the codewords of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

**Exercise 5.-** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  a code with generator matrix given by

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

Give a standard array for  $\mathcal{C}$ . We received the string  $y = 1111$  for the message  $x$  being sent. How do you decode  $y$  and what is the message  $x$ ?

**Exercise 6.-** A binary code  $\mathcal{C}$  is described by its parity-check matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- How would you encode the message 0001101?
- How would you decode the received vectors 0000111 and 0001110?
- Give the parameters  $n, M, d$  of this code.

**Exercise 7.-** A binary code  $\mathcal{C}$  is described by its parity-check matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Construct the syndrome table for  $\mathcal{C}$ .
- Decode the received vectors 1111111, 1101011, 0110111 and 0111000?
- The channel error probability is  $p = 0.015$ . Give  $P[\text{correct decoding}]$  and  $P[\text{undetected error}]$  probabilities.