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## Midterm Computer Networks 02.04.2001

- 1a Given a 2400 baud modem, what is the maximum time to transfer a 7 KByte binary file?
- 5pt

1b What is frequency modulation and why is it used?

5pt

1c Explain how frequency division multiplexing works.

5pt

5pt

2a The following table shows how parity bits are used in the Hamming code. Suppose the string "000 1110 0101" is received. Which string had been sent?

5pt

|           | b1 | b2 | b3 | b4 | b5 | b6 | b7 | b8 | b9 | b10 | b11 |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|
| 1         | X  |    | X  |    | X  |    | X  |    | X  |     | X   |
| 2         |    | X  | X  |    |    | X  | X  |    |    | X   | X   |
| 4         |    |    |    | X  | X  | X  | X  |    |    |     |     |
| 8         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    | X  | X  | X   | X   |
| RECEIVED: |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |     |     |
|           | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0   | 1   |

- 2b In practice, error detection schemes are used more often than error correcting schemes. Why? Give an example where error correction is preferable.
- 3a What is the difference between contention protocols and collision-free protocols in the MAC sublayer?

  5pt
- 3b Explain why it is necessary to specify a maximum cable length for Ethernet networks. Be precise! 10pt
- 3c Explain why we need to insert delays in some token ring networks. 5pt

**Grading:** The final grade is calculated by accumulating the scores per question (maximum: 45 points), and adding 5 bonus points. The maximum total is therefore 50 points.