

Algorithms of Information Security

Exercises for *Error-correcting codes II*

- Let C be a binary cyclic code of length 7 over F_2 with a generator polynomial: $g(x) = x^3 + x + 1$.
 - Verify that the code C is cyclic.
 - Find the generator matrix and parity check matrix for the given binary cyclic code C .

Hint for a): Note that every cyclic code is a polynomial code. Verify that g divides $x^7 - 1$.

[Results: a) $g(x)$ divides $x^7 - 1$ and hence, C is cyclic, b) the generator matrix is

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

and the parity check matrix is

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

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- Find all binary cyclic codes of length 3 over F_2 .

Hint: find all divisors of the polynomial $x^3 - 1$.

[Result:

generator polynomial	code in $v F_2[x]/(x^3 - 1)$
1	$F_2[x]/(x^3 - 1)$
$x + 1$	$\{0, 1 + x, x + x^2, 1 + x^2\}$
$x^2 + x + 1$	$\{0, 1 + x + x^2\}$
$x^3 - 1$	$\{0\}$

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Optional exercise: Find all cyclic codes of length 4 over F_3 .

- Decide whether there is a Reed-Solomon code with parameters $[7, 5, 3]_q$. If such a code exists, find its parity check matrix.

Hint:

element from F_8^*	modulo $x^3 + x + 1$
α	x
α^2	x^2
α^3	$x + 1$
α^4	$x^2 + x$
α^5	$x^2 + x + 1$
α^6	$x^2 + 1$
α^7	1

[Result:

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha & \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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4. Consider the Reed-Muller code $R(2, 4)$. Find the generator matrix of the code.

Hint: Consider the following monomials: $\{1, x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_1x_2, x_1x_3, x_1x_4, x_2x_3, x_2x_4, x_3x_4\}$.

[Result:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 11111111 & 11111111 \\ 01010101 & 01010101 \\ 00110011 & 00110011 \\ 00001111 & 00001111 \\ 00000000 & 11111111 \\ 00010001 & 00010001 \\ 00000101 & 00000101 \\ 00000000 & 01010101 \\ 00000011 & 00000011 \\ 00000000 & 00110011 \\ 00000000 & 00001111 \end{pmatrix}$$

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