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UNSW SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

MATH3411 INFORMATION CODES AND CIPHERS

2015 S2

TEST 1

VERSION A

- Time Allowed: **45 minutes**

For multiple choice questions, **circle the correct answer**;  
each multiple choice question is worth **1 mark**.  
For written answer questions, **use extra paper**.  
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1. There may be an error in the check digit in the ISBN number 0-19-861133-*X*.  
The correct check digit is

(a) 1      (b) 4      (c) 7      (d) *X*      (e) None of these

2. Consider a binary channel with bit-error probability  $p$  where errors in different positions are independent. Suppose that a codeword  $\mathbf{x}$  is sent from the binary repetition code with codewords of length 6. Define

$$w = (1 - p)^6 \quad x = 6p(1 - p)^5 \quad y = 15p^2(1 - p)^4 \quad z = 20p^3(1 - p)^3$$

The probability that one or more errors are correctly corrected using a minimum distance decoding strategy is

(a)  $x$       (b)  $x + y$       (c)  $x + y + z$       (d)  $w + x + y + z$       (e)  $w + x + y + z$

3. Let  $C$  be the binary linear code with generator matrix

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

How many codewords are there in  $C$ ?

(a) 4      (b) 16      (c) 64      (d) 256      (e) 1024

4. For the code  $C$  of Question 3, assume that the first four bits are check bits.  
The codeword that encodes  $\mathbf{m} = 1011$  is then

(a) 11001011      (b) 10011011      (c) 11101011      (d) 11011011      (e) 10101011

5. Let  $C$  be the code of all vectors  $\mathbf{x} = x_1x_2x_3x_4 \in \mathbb{Z}_5^4$  satisfying the check equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &+ x_3 + x_4 \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 &\equiv 0 \pmod{5} \end{aligned}$$

Which, if any, of the following is a valid code word?

- (a) 1212    (b) 1221    (c) 3434    (d) 3443    (e) None of these
6. Consider a compression code with codewords  $\mathbf{c}_1 = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_2 = 10$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_3 = 100$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_4 = ?$  where  $\mathbf{c}_4$  is to be chosen from the list of four possibilities below. Which choice, if any, of  $\mathbf{c}_4$  makes the resulting code uniquely decodable?
- (a)  $\mathbf{c}_4 = 0$     (b)  $\mathbf{c}_4 = 011$     (c)  $\mathbf{c}_4 = 000$     (d)  $\mathbf{c}_4 = 1010$     (e) None of these
7. The minimum radix that would be needed to create a UD-code for the source

$$S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_9\}$$

with codeword lengths 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 4, respectively, is

- (a) 2    (b) 3    (c) 4    (d) 5    (e) 6
8. Consider the standard binary I-code with codeword lengths 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4. The codeword  $\mathbf{c}_6$  corresponding to symbol  $s_6$  is given by

- (a) 0011    (b) 0111    (c) 1100    (d) 1110    (e) 1101
9. Let  $S = \{s_1, s_2\}$  be a source with probabilities  $p_1 = \frac{5}{7}$ ,  $p_2 = \frac{2}{7}$ . The average length of a **radix 3** Huffman code for the **second extension**  $S^{(2)}$  of this source is
- (a)  $\frac{10}{7}$     (b)  $\frac{6}{7}$     (c)  $\frac{9}{7}$     (d)  $\frac{12}{7}$     (e)  $\frac{73}{49}$
10. A Markov source  $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$  has transition matrix  $M$ . The Huffman code for the equilibrium distribution is  $\text{Huff}_S = (1, (0, 01))$  (so  $\mathbf{c}_1 = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_2 = 00$  and  $\mathbf{c}_3 = 01$ ). The Huffman codes for the columns of  $M$  are given by

$$\text{Huff}_1 = (01, 00, 1) \quad \text{Huff}_2 = (10, 0, 11) \quad \text{Huff}_3 = (11, 0, 10)$$

The Markov Huffman encoding of the string of source symbols  $s_2s_1s_3s_2s_3$  is

- (a) 00101011    (b) 000110010    (c) 00101101    (d) 00110011    (e) 00100111
11. [5 marks] Let  $C$  be the binary linear code with check matrix

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

- (i) Find a generator matrix  $G$  for the code  $C$ .
- (ii) Write down all the codewords in  $C$ .
- (iii) Find Hamming weights of each codeword in  $C$ .
- (iv) Find the Hamming distances between each pair of distinct codewords in  $C$ .
- (v) What are the error correcting and error detecting capabilities of  $C$ ?

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1. There may be an error in the check digit in the ISBN number 0-245-58345-9.  
The correct check digit is

(a) 0      (b) 3      (c) 6      (d) 9      (e) None of these

2. Let  $C$  be the code of all vectors  $\mathbf{x} = x_1x_2x_3x_4 \in \mathbb{Z}_5^4$  satisfying the check equations

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &\equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 + 2x_4 &\equiv 0 \pmod{5} \end{aligned}$$

Which, if any, of the following is a valid code word?

(a) 1122      (b) 2121      (c) 4343      (d) 3344      (e) None of these

3. Consider a binary channel with bit error probability  $p$  where errors in different positions are independent. Suppose that a codeword  $\mathbf{x}$  is sent from a binary repetition code with codewords of length 4. The probability that undetected error(s) occur is

(a)  $4p^3(1-p)$       (b)  $6p^2(1-p)^2$       (c)  $p^4$       (d)  $4p^3(1-p) + p^4$       (e) 0

4. Let  $C$  be the binary linear code with generator matrix

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

How many codewords are there in  $C$ ?

(a) 8      (b) 16      (c) 32      (d) 64      (e) 128

5. For the code  $C$  of Question 4, assume that the first four bits are check bits.  
The codeword that encodes  $\mathbf{m} = 011$  is then

(a) 0101011      (b) 0010011      (c) 0110011      (d) 1100011      (e) 0100011

6. Consider a code with codewords  $\mathbf{c}_1 = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_2 = 01$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_3 = 001$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_4 = ?$  where  $\mathbf{c}_4$  is to be chosen from the list of four possibilities below. Which choice, if any, of  $\mathbf{c}_4$  makes the resulting code **not** uniquely decodable?
- (a)  $\mathbf{c}_4 = 0001$       (b)  $\mathbf{c}_4 = 000$       (c)  $\mathbf{c}_4 = 00$       (d)  $\mathbf{c}_4 = 0000$       (e) None of these

7. The minimum radix that would be needed to create a UD-code for the source

$$S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, \dots, s_{10}\}$$

with codeword lengths 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, respectively is

- (a) 2      (b) 3      (c) 4      (d) 5      (e) 6

8. Consider the standard binary I-code with codeword lengths 1, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4. The codeword  $\mathbf{c}_6$  corresponding to symbol  $s_6$  is given by

- (a) 0011      (b) 1110      (c) 1100      (d) 1101      (e) 1111

9. Let  $S = \{s_1, s_2\}$  be a source with probabilities  $p_1 = \frac{4}{7}$ ,  $p_2 = \frac{3}{7}$ . The average length of a **radix 3** Huffman code for the **second extension**  $S^{(2)}$  of this source is

- (a)  $\frac{82}{49}$       (b)  $\frac{9}{14}$       (c)  $\frac{6}{7}$       (d)  $\frac{9}{7}$       (e)  $\frac{16}{7}$

10. A Markov source  $S = \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}$  has transition matrix  $M$ . The Huffman code for the equilibrium distribution is  $\text{Huff}_E = (1, 00, 01)$  (so  $\mathbf{c}_1 = 1$ ,  $\mathbf{c}_2 = 00$  and  $\mathbf{c}_3 = 01$ ). The Huffman codes for the columns of  $M$  are given by

$$\text{Huff}_1 = (01, 00, 1), \text{Huff}_2 = (10, 0, 1), \text{Huff}_3 = (11, 0, 10).$$

The Markov Huffman encoding of the string of source symbols  $s_3 s_2 s_1 s_2 s_3$  is

- (a) 010100001      (b) 010100011      (c) 10001010      (d) 01001011      (e) 01010001

11. [5 marks] Let  $C$  be the binary linear code with parity check matrix

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

- Find a generator matrix  $G$  for the code  $C$ .
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