

Version A

Multiple choice: **c, c, a, d, d**

True/False: **T, F, T, T, T**.

1. (c): Encode the message $bba\bullet$:

	subinterval start	width
begin	0	1
b	0.4	0.5
b	$0.4 + 0.4 \times 0.5 = 0.6$	$0.5 \times 0.5 = 0.25$
a	0.6	$0.4 \times 0.25 = 0.1$
\bullet	$0.6 + 0.9 \times 0.1 = 0.69$	$0.1 \times 0.1 = 0.01$

so the message encodes as a number in the interval $[0.69, 0.70)$.

2. (c): $M_H = \frac{7}{12}H(0.5) + \frac{5}{12}H(0.7) \approx 0.951$.

3. (a): Note that $H(\frac{5}{8}) = H(\frac{3}{8})$.

4. (d): $\phi(125) = \phi(5^3) = 5^3 - 5^2 = 100$, so by Euler's Theorem,

$$2^{2015} \equiv (2^{100})^{20} \times 2^{15} \equiv 1^{20} \times (2^7)^2 \times 2 \equiv 128^2 \times 2 \equiv 3^2 \times 2 \equiv 18 \pmod{125}.$$

5. (d) $\gcd(9, 28) = 1$ and $9^{17} \equiv 1 \pmod{28}$.

6. (i) **True:** $a|aa|ab|aaa|aab|aaaa$

(ii) **False:** The binary entropy is approximately 1.53.

(iii) **True:** $t = 46$ and $s = 15$, so $a = 31$ and $b = 61$.

(iv) **True:** The longest two codeword lengths are 5 and 7.

(v) **True:** There are $\phi(48) = 16$ primitive elements in $\text{GF}(49)$.

7. (i) Here, we have that $\alpha^3 = \alpha + 1$:

α^1	$= \alpha$
α^2	$= \alpha^2$
α^3	$= \alpha + 1$
α^4	$= \alpha^2 + \alpha$
α^5	$= \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1$
α^6	$= \alpha^2 + 1$
α^7	$= 1$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} \alpha^3 & \alpha^5 & \alpha \\ \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 & \alpha^6 \end{array} \right) &\xrightarrow[R2 = \alpha^{-2}R2]{R1 = \alpha^4R1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^5 \\ 1 & \alpha & \alpha^4 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R2 = R2 - R1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^5 \\ 0 & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^4 - \alpha^5 \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^5 \\ 0 & \alpha^4 & 1 \end{array} \right) \\ &\xrightarrow{R2 = \alpha^3R2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^5 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha^3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R1 = R1 - \alpha^2R2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha^3 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

so $x = 0$ and $y = \alpha^3 = \alpha + 1$.

(iii) $\{\alpha^5, \alpha^{10} = \alpha^3, \alpha^6, \alpha^{12} = \alpha^5, \dots\} = \{\alpha^3, \alpha^5, \alpha^6\}$, so the minimal polynomial of α^5 is

$$\begin{aligned} (x - \alpha^3)(x - \alpha^5)(x - \alpha^6) &= x^3 - (\alpha^3 + \alpha^5 + \alpha^6)x^2 + (\alpha^3\alpha^5 + \alpha^3\alpha^6 + \alpha^5\alpha^6)x - \alpha^3\alpha^5\alpha^6 \\ &= x^3 + (\alpha + 1 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 + \alpha^2 + 1)x^2 + (\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^4)x + 1 \\ &= x^3 + x^2 + (\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^2 + \alpha)x + 1 \\ &= x^3 + x^2 + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Version B

Multiple choice: **c, a, c, e, e**

True/False: **T, T, F, T, T**.

1. (c):	code number rescaled	in interval	decoded symbol
	0.35	$[0, 0.4)$	a
	$0.35/.4 = 0.875$	$[0.4, 0.9)$	b
	$(0.875 - 0.4)/.5 = 0.95$	$[0.9, 1)$	\bullet

2. (a): $M_H = \frac{5}{7}H(0.8) + \frac{2}{7}H(0.5) \approx 0.801$.

3. (c)

4. (e): $\phi(125) = \phi(5^3) = 5^3 - 5^2 = 100$, so by Euler's Theorem,

$$3^{2015} \equiv (3^{100})^{20} \times 3^{15} \equiv 1^{20} \times (3^5)^3 \equiv 243^3 \equiv (-7)^3 \equiv -343 \equiv 32 \pmod{125}.$$

5. (e)

6. (i) **True:** $a|aa|b|aaa|aab|ba$

(ii) **True:** The binary entropy is approximately 1.46 and by Shannon's Theorem, we can get arbitrarily close to this.

(iii) **False:** $a = 37$ and $b = 61$, so $2a - b = 13$.

(iv) **True:** The two shortest codeword lengths are 1 and 3.

(v) **True:** $3^5 \equiv 15 \pmod{19}$ and $\gcd(5, 18) = 1$.

7. (i) Here, we have that $\alpha^3 = \alpha^2 + 1$:

$\alpha^1 = \alpha$
$\alpha^2 = \alpha^2$
$\alpha^3 = \alpha^2 + 1$
$\alpha^4 = \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1$
$\alpha^5 = \alpha + 1$
$\alpha^6 = \alpha^2 + \alpha$
$\alpha^7 = 1$

(ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} \alpha^2 & \alpha^5 & \alpha^3 \\ \alpha^4 & \alpha^6 & 1 \end{array} \right) & \xrightarrow[R2 = \alpha^3 R2]{R1 = \alpha^{-2} R1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R2 = R2 - R1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha \\ 0 & \alpha^2 + \alpha^3 & \alpha^3 + \alpha \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & \alpha^3 & \alpha \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha^4 \end{array} \right) \\ & \xrightarrow{R1 = R1 - \alpha^3 R2} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 0 & \alpha + 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \alpha^4 \end{array} \right) \end{aligned}$$

so $x = \alpha + 1 = \alpha^5$ and $y = \alpha^4 = \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1$.

(iii) $\{\alpha^3, \alpha^6, \alpha^{12} = \alpha^5, \alpha^{10} = \alpha^3, \dots\} = \{\alpha^3, \alpha^5, \alpha^6\}$, so the minimal polynomial of α^3 is

$$\begin{aligned} (x - \alpha^3)(x - \alpha^5)(x - \alpha^6) &= x^3 - (\alpha^3 + \alpha^5 + \alpha^6)x^2 + (\alpha^3\alpha^5 + \alpha^3\alpha^6 + \alpha^5\alpha^6)x - \alpha^3\alpha^5\alpha^6 \\ &= x^3 + (\alpha^2 + 1 + \alpha + 1 + \alpha^2 + \alpha)x^2 + (\alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1)x + 1 \\ &= x^3 + x + 1. \end{aligned}$$