

*****The following questions are concerned with Chapter 4 of the notes - Codes as Kernels.*****

44 Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_5^6$ have generator-matrix $G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 2 & 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Find a basis for its dual code C^\perp .

S44 Using the algorithm, we note that G has a leading 1 in columns 1 and 4, so our basis is $\{\mathbf{v}_2, \mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6\}$. We construct these vectors in two stages, *:

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = (, 1, 0, , 0, 0) \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = (, 0, 1, , 0, 0) \quad \mathbf{v}_5 = (, 0, 0, , 1, 0) \quad \mathbf{v}_6 = (, 0, 0, , 0, 1)$$

Then step **::

$$\mathbf{v}_2 = (1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0) \quad \mathbf{v}_3 = (3, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0) \quad \mathbf{v}_5 = (2, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0) \quad \mathbf{v}_6 = (4, 0, 0, 3, 0, 1).$$

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45 Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_7^6$ have generator-matrix $G = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 5 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Find a generator-matrix for C^\perp .

S45 Row-reduce G to $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then for the algorithm $L = \{1, 2, 4\}$, so we make vectors

$$\mathbf{v}_3, \mathbf{v}_5, \mathbf{v}_6 \text{ as above, and put them as rows in the matrix } H = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 3 & 0 & 5 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 4 & 0 & 6 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \triangle$$

46 Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_3^5$ have generator-matrix $G = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Using the $G \leftrightarrow H$ algorithm, find a generator-matrix for C^\perp . Could you have used Proposition 4.5? Would you have got the same answer?

S46 To use the $G \leftrightarrow H$ algorithm, we first need to put G into RREF. Row reducing gives

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{P_{12}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{A_{13}(1)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ & \xrightarrow[A_{23}(2)]{A_{21}(2)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{M_3(2)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[A_{32}(1)]{A_{31}(2)} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = H', \end{aligned}$$

which is a check-matrix for C^\perp . We now apply the algorithm to find a generator matrix for C^\perp . We have $L = \{1, 2, 3\}$, so we need vectors \vec{v}_4, \vec{v}_5 . Following the algorithm, these are given by

$$\mathbf{v}_4 = (1, 0, 2, 1, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_5 = (2, 1, 1, 0, 1),$$

and so a generator matrix for C^\perp is

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

Since H' is in standard form, $H' = (I \mid A)$, by Proposition 4.5 a generator matrix is also given by $(-A^t \mid I)$. This gives the same generator matrix G' as found above. \triangle

47 Prove the following (which we might call Proposition 4.5 a):

If $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^n$ has generator-matrix $G = (A \mid I_k)$, then it has a check-matrix $H = (I_{n-k} \mid -A^t)$. (*Hint: Consider the code C' which has generator-matrix $H = (I_{n-k} \mid -A^t)$, and use Propositions 4.5 and 4.7.*)

S47 By Proposition 4.5, if C' has generator-matrix $H = (I_{n-k} \mid -A^t)$, then $(C')^\perp$ has generator-matrix $(-(-A^t)^t \mid I_{n-(n-k)}) = (A \mid I_k)$. So in fact $(C')^\perp = C$, so $C' = C^\perp$. Then by Proposition 4.7, the generator-matrix for C^\perp is a check-matrix for C . \triangle

48 A code is a subspace of a vector space. The first example of this you ever met was lines through the origin in \mathbb{R}^2 , which can be written as $ax + by = 0$. Later you learned that such a line could also be given as any multiple of some vector, $\lambda \begin{pmatrix} c \\ d \end{pmatrix}$.

a) Explain how these two ways correspond to specifying a code using either a generator- or a check-matrix.

b) Give two ways to specify a line through $(0, 0, 0)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 , and explain how these also correspond to generator and check-matrices.

c) What about planes in \mathbb{R}^3 ?

S48 a) The line $ax + by = 0$ is $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \mathbf{x}H^t = \mathbf{0}\}$, with $H = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \end{pmatrix}$. The line $\lambda\left(\begin{smallmatrix} c \\ d \end{smallmatrix}\right)$ is $\{\mathbf{x}G \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}\}$, with $G = \begin{pmatrix} c & d \end{pmatrix}$.

b) A line in \mathbb{R}^3 through the origin in direction (d, e, f) is $\{\mathbf{x}G \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}\}$, with $G = \begin{pmatrix} d & e & f \end{pmatrix}$. This can also be written as $\frac{x}{d} = \frac{y}{e} = \frac{z}{f}$, so we have $fx - dz = 0$ and $fy - ez = 0$ (each of these defines a plane, and the line is the intersection of these two planes). So the line is also $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{x}H^t = \mathbf{0}\}$, with

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} f & 0 & -d \\ 0 & f & -e \end{pmatrix}.$$

c) A plane in \mathbb{R}^3 through $\mathbf{0}$ can be written as $ax + by + cz = 0$, so it is $\{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid \mathbf{x}H^t = \mathbf{0}\}$, with $H = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$. It is also the span of two linearly independent vectors in the plane. For the plane above we could choose $\mathbf{v}_1 = (c, 0, -a)$ and $\mathbf{v}_2 = (0, c, -b)$, and then the plane is $\{\mathbf{x}G \mid \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3\}$, with

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} c & 0 & -a \\ 0 & c & -b \end{pmatrix}.$$

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49 In each case, find a check-matrix and then a generator-matrix for the code.

a) $C = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) \in \mathbb{F}_2^4 \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_4 = 0, x_3 + x_4 = 0\}$

b) $C = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbb{F}_7^5 \mid x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 0, x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 + 5x_5 = 0\}$

c) $C = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5) \in \mathbb{F}_5^5 \mid x_1 + x_3 = 0, x_2 + x_4 = 0, 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_5 = 0\}$

S49 In each case, we write down an “acting check-matrix” A such that $C = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \mathbf{x}A^t = \mathbf{0}\}$. We row-reduce it to RREF to be sure we have a check-matrix H , and can then use the $G \leftrightarrow H$ algorithm to find a generator-matrix G . Note that in all three cases, it turns out that A did have linearly independent rows, and so was in fact also a check-matrix for C .

a) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = H$ (already in RREF). Then put vectors \mathbf{v}_2 and \mathbf{v}_4 into $G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

b) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ and $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 6 & 5 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$. Using Proposition 4.5, $G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

c) $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = (B \mid I_3)$. So by Proposition 4.5 in reverse, $G = (I_2 \mid -B^t) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

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50 Until 2007, an ISBN (International Standard Book Number) was ten digits $x_1 \dots x_{10}$, with $0 \leq x_i \leq 9$ for $1 \leq i \leq 9$, and $0 \leq x_{10} \leq 10$, but writing X for 10. It was also required that $x_1 + 2x_2 + \dots + 10x_{10} \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$. We can regard the ISBN numbers as a code $C_{ISBN} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{11}^{10}$.

a) Why is C_{ISBN} not a linear code?

b) By thinking about codewords (that is, ISBN numbers) show that $d(C_{ISBN}) \leq 2$, and then show that $d(C_{ISBN}) \neq 1$.

c) If instead we allow $0 \leq x_i \leq 10$ for $1 \leq i \leq 10$, we have a linear code $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{11}^{10}$. Write down its check-matrix, and show using Theorem 4.11 that $d(C) = 2$.

d) One particularly common human error is to swap two adjacent digits. This is an error of weight two. Show that, nonetheless, for C (or C_{ISBN}) this error will be detected. What about swapping non-adjacent digits?

- S50** a) For example, we have $\mathbf{c} = (2, 9, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \in C_{ISBN}$ but $5\mathbf{c} = (X, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) \notin C_{ISBN}$. (The problem is the restriction " $0 \leq x_i \leq 9$ for $1 \leq i \leq 9$ ".)
- b) We know $d(C)$ is the minimum weight of a codeword, and above we have $w(\mathbf{c}) = 2$. Suppose we had \mathbf{c}' with $w(\mathbf{c}') = 1$. Then \mathbf{c}' has $x_j \neq 0$ but $x_i = 0$ for $i \neq j$. So the equation gives $jx_j = 0$, which is impossible because 11 is prime.
- c) $H = (1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ X)$. No zero columns, but any two columns are linearly dependent (eg $3 + 8 = 0$), so $d(C) = 2$.
- d) Suppose $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_j, c_{j+1}, \dots, c_{10})$ is received as $\mathbf{y} = (c_1, \dots, c_{j+1}, c_j, \dots, c_{10})$, with $c_j \neq c_{j+1}$. Then the error-vector is $\mathbf{e} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{c} = (0, \dots, c_{j+1} - c_j, c_j - c_{j+1}, \dots, 0)$. So $\mathbf{y}H^t = \mathbf{e}H^t = j(c_{j+1} - c_j) + (j+1)(c_j - c_{j+1}) = c_j - c_{j+1} \neq 0$. So $S(\mathbf{y}) \neq 0$, and the swap is detected. This also works for non-adjacent digits. \triangle

- 51** Let $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_2^5$ have check-matrix $H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Make a syndrome look-up table for C , and decode the received words $\mathbf{y}_1 = (1, 0, 0, 1, 1)$ and $\mathbf{y}_2 = (0, 1, 1, 1, 0)$. Show how a different syndrome look-up table could decode \mathbf{y}_2 differently. Why could this not happen for \mathbf{y}_1 ?

S51 We could make the table:

Syndrome $S(\mathbf{x})$	Error-vector \mathbf{x}
(0, 0, 0)	(0, 0, 0, 0, 0)
(0, 1, 1)	(1, 0, 0, 0, 0)
(1, 0, 1)	(0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
(1, 1, 0)	(0, 0, 1, 0, 0)
(1, 0, 0)	(0, 0, 0, 1, 0)
(0, 0, 1)	(0, 0, 0, 0, 1)
(0, 1, 0)	(1, 0, 0, 0, 1)
(1, 1, 1)	(1, 0, 0, 1, 0)

To decode \mathbf{y}_1 , we calculate $S(\mathbf{y}_1) = (1, 1, 0)$. Using the above lookup table we should then decode \mathbf{y}_1 as $\mathbf{y}_1 - (0, 0, 1, 0, 0) = (1, 0, 1, 1, 1) = \mathbf{c}_1$. Similarly, we have $S(\mathbf{y}_2) = (1, 1, 1)$ and so should decode \mathbf{y}_2 as $\mathbf{y}_2 - (1, 0, 0, 1, 0) = (1, 1, 1, 0, 0) = \mathbf{c}_2$.

An alternate syndrome lookup table would be to replace the last two rows with

(0, 1, 0)	(0, 0, 1, 1, 0)
(1, 1, 1)	(0, 0, 1, 0, 1)

This would not affect \mathbf{y}_1 , as it is only distance 1 away from \mathbf{c}_1 , which is its unique nearest neighbour. However, using the alternate table we would decode \mathbf{y}_2 as $\mathbf{y}_2 - (0, 0, 1, 0, 1) = (0, 1, 0, 1, 1) = \mathbf{c}_3$. Both \mathbf{c}_2 and \mathbf{c}_3 are nearest neighbours of \mathbf{y}_2 . By looking at H we can see that $d(C) = 3$ using Theorem 4.11, so we know that C can detect 2 errors, but can only uniquely correct 1 error. \triangle

- 52** Let $C = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_5^4 \mid \mathbf{x}H^t = 0\}$, where $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$.
- a) Make a shortened syndrome look-up table for C , and decode the received words $\mathbf{y}_1 = (1, 2, 3, 4)$, $\mathbf{y}_2 = (3, 1, 2, 0)$, and $\mathbf{y}_3 = (2, 4, 3, 1)$.
- b) A normal look-up table has q^{n-k} rows. How many rows in this kind of shortened table?

S52 a)	Syndrome $S(\mathbf{x})$ Error-vector \mathbf{x}	
	(0, 0)	(0, 0, 0, 0)
	$\lambda(1, 0)$	$\lambda(1, 0, 0, 0)$
	$\lambda(0, 1)$	$\lambda(0, 0, 1, 0)$
	$\lambda(2, 3)$	$\lambda(0, 0, 1, 0)$
	$\lambda(3, 1)$	$\lambda(0, 0, 0, 1)$
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	$\lambda(1, 1)$	$\lambda(1, 1, 0, 0)$
	$\lambda(1, 3)$	$\lambda(1, 3, 0, 0)$
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$S(y_1) = y_1 H^t = (4, 0) = 4(1, 0)$. So we assume the error was $4(1, 0, 0, 0)$, and decode to $(1, 2, 3, 4) - (4, 0, 0, 0) = (2, 2, 3, 4)$.

$S(y_2) = (2, 2) = 2(1, 1)$. So we decode to $(3, 1, 2, 0) - 2(1, 1, 0, 0) = (1, 4, 2, 0)$.

$S(y_3) = (1, 4) = 3(2, 3)$. So we decode to $(2, 4, 3, 1) - 3(0, 0, 1, 0) = (2, 4, 0, 1)$.

b) We still have the zero syndrome. But all the q^{n-k} other syndromes are grouped into sets of $q-1$ multiples. So we get $\frac{q^{n-k}-1}{(q-1)} + 1$. For this code, it's $\frac{5^2-1}{5-1} + 1 = 7$ rows. \triangle

53 Show that syndrome decoding is nearest-neighbour decoding. (Do this by contradiction - similar to the proof for array decoding)

S53 We receive \mathbf{y} , use the syndrome look-up table to find \mathbf{x} such that $S(\mathbf{x}) = S(\mathbf{y})$, and decode to $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}$. Now suppose (for a contradiction) that \mathbf{y} has a nearer neighbour \mathbf{c}' , so $d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{c}') < d(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{c})$. In other words, \mathbf{y} also $= \mathbf{c}' + \mathbf{x}'$, and $w(\mathbf{x}') < w(\mathbf{x})$. Now $S(\mathbf{x}') = S(\mathbf{y}) = S(\mathbf{x})$, but in making the table, \mathbf{x}' would have been considered before \mathbf{x} , so the table has the line $S(\mathbf{x}') | \mathbf{x}'$, not $S(\mathbf{x}) | \mathbf{x}$. So in fact we would have decoded to $\mathbf{c}' = \mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}'$. \triangle

54 Suppose that matrix A is in $M_{m,n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$. How can we check whether some set of d columns of A is linearly dependent? In general, we could write them as rows in a $d \times m$ matrix, and row-reduce. But for some values of d there are other ways. How can we check when:

- a) $d = 1$ b) $d = 2$ c) $d = m$ d) $d > m$?

S54 a) $d = 1$: A single column can only form a dependent set if it is an all-zero column.
 b) $d = 2$: Two columns are dependent if and only if one is a multiple of another.
 c) $d = m$: make a square matrix of the columns. They are dependent if and only if the determinant is 0.
 d) $d > m$: More than m columns of length m must be dependent. \triangle

55 Let $H = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the minimum distance of the codes:

- a) $C_5 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_5^3 \mid \mathbf{x}H^t = \mathbf{0}\}$
 b) $C_7 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_7^3 \mid \mathbf{x}H^t = \mathbf{0}\}$

S55 By Q54 a) $d \neq 1$, and by d) $d \leq 3$. Over \mathbb{F}_5 we have $2\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$, so $d(C_5) = 2$. But over \mathbb{F}_7 no pair of columns are multiples, so $d(C_7) = 3$. \triangle

56 Let $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the minimum distance of the codes:

- a) $C_5 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_5^4 \mid \mathbf{x}H^t = \mathbf{0}\}$
 b) $C_7 = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_7^4 \mid \mathbf{x}H^t = \mathbf{0}\}$

S56 We know $d \leq n - k + 1 = 4$. No all-zero column, so $d \neq 1$. By the positions of the zeros, no column is a multiple of another, so $d \neq 2$. So the only question is whether $d = 3$ or $d = 4$. We can decide this by finding 3×3 determinants; to do parts a) and b) together, I won't reduce by 5 or 7 until the end.

Expanding by the top row, $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \times 3 \times 3 + 4 \times 2 \times 4 = 41$, which is $1 \in \mathbb{F}_5, 6 \in \mathbb{F}_7$.

So over both fields, these columns are independent. Expanding by the top row, $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 1 \times$

$(6 - 4) + 1 \times 8 = 10$, which is $0 \in \mathbb{F}_5, 3 \in \mathbb{F}_7$. So over \mathbb{F}_5 , these columns are dependent, so $d(C_5) = 3$. But for \mathbb{F}_7 they are independent so we have to go on. Expanding by the middle

row, $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -2 \times (8 - 3) + -1 \times 3 = -13 = 1 \in \mathbb{F}_7$; and expanding by the top row,

$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = -4 \times (6 - 4) + 1 \times 9 = 1 \in \mathbb{F}_7$. So no set of three columns is dependent over \mathbb{F}_7 , and

we have $d(C_7) = 4$. \triangle

57 Using Theorem 4.11, find yet another proof that $d \leq n - k + 1$ (the Singleton bound for linear codes). (*Hint:* Although the theorem is also true for acting check-matrices, it helps to consider a proper check-matrix.)

S57 A check matrix has $n - k$ rows, so its columns are elements of \mathbb{F}_q^{n-k} . The largest possible set of linearly independent vectors in this space is of size $n - k$, so any $n - k + 1$ columns must be linearly dependent. So by Theorem 4.11 we have $d \leq n - k + 1$. \triangle

58 Students sometimes confuse the way to find $d(C)$ from a check-matrix (see Theorem 4.11) with the definition of the rank of a matrix. How are these ideas similar and different? Find two (or more) matrices H_1, H_2, \dots which have the same rank, but the codes $C_i = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \mathbf{x}H_i^t = \mathbf{0}\}$, for which they are check-matrices, have different $d(C_i)$. (*Hint:* There are small examples - e.g. in $M_{2,3}(\mathbb{F}_2)$)

S58 The *rank* of a matrix is the largest set of linearly independent columns of a matrix. The minimum distance d is the smallest number of linearly dependent columns of the check-matrix (using Theorem 4.11). As examples of check-matrices with the same rank but whose associated codes have different minimum distances, consider

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad d(C_1) = 1$$

$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad d(C_2) = 2$$

$$H_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad d(C_3) = 3,$$

all of which have rank 2. △

59 Suppose code C has generator-matrix $G \in M_{k,n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ and check-matrix $H \in M_{n-k,n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$. If C is monomially equivalent to C' we know we can make a generator-matrix G' for C' by permuting and multiplying columns of G . Can we make a check-matrix H' for C' in a similar way?

Adapting the notation of Q40, let us say that for a matrix $A \in M_{k,n}(\mathbb{F}_q)$, $\pi_{s(i,j)}(A)$ is A with columns i and j swapped, and $\pi_{m(i,\mu)}(A)$ is A with column i multiplied by non-zero $\mu \in \mathbb{F}_q$. Then if C_s has generator-matrix $\pi_{s(i,j)}(G)$, and C_m has generator-matrix $\pi_{m(i,\mu)}(G)$, both these codes are monomially equivalent to C . In terms of $\pi_{s(i,j)}$ and $\pi_{m(i,\mu)}$, find a check-matrix for C_s and for C_m . For each code, justify your answer by showing that any row of the generator matrix is orthogonal to any row of the check matrix.

S59 The check matrix for C_s is $\pi_{s(i,j)}(H)$, and for C_m is $\pi_{m(i,\mu^{-1})}(H)$.

Suppose that $\mathbf{g} = (x_1, \dots, x_i, \dots, x_j, \dots, x_n)$ is a row of G , and $\mathbf{h} = (y_1, \dots, y_i, \dots, y_j, \dots, y_n)$ is a row of H . Then we know that $\mathbf{g} \cdot \mathbf{h} = x_1y_1 + \dots + x_iy_i + \dots + x_jy_j + \dots + x_ny_n = 0$.

Now, considering C_s , the dot product of the the corresponding rows in $\pi_{s(i,j)}(G)$ and $\pi_{s(i,j)}(H)$ is $\pi_{s(i,j)}\mathbf{g} \cdot \pi_{s(i,j)}\mathbf{h} = x_1y_1 + \dots + x_jy_j + \dots + x_iy_i + \dots + x_ny_n = 0$.

Similarly, for C_m we get $\pi_{m(i,\mu)}\mathbf{g} \cdot \pi_{m(i,\mu^{-1})}\mathbf{h} = x_1y_1 + \dots + \mu x_i\mu^{-1}y_i + \dots + x_ny_n = 0$.

We conclude that H needs the *same* permutations of columns as G , but *inverse* multiplications of columns. We can also write a check-matrix version of Proposition 3.9: If two check-matrices are related by permuting or multiplying columns, then the two codes are equivalent. △

60 Consider the code $C' \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{11}^{10}$, $C' = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_{11}^{10} \mid x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{10} = 0\}$. Show that C' is equivalent to the code C of Q50 in two ways:

- For any word $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, \dots, c_{10}) \in C$ apply suitable changes to make a word $\mathbf{c}' \in C'$. This shows that C is equivalent to a subset of C' . Now do the same in reverse.
- Consider check matrices, and see Q59.
- If C and C' are equivalent, and C' seems simpler, why did we use C for books?

S60 a) Since $\mathbf{c} \in C$, we know that $c_1 + 2c_2 + \dots + 10c_{10} = 0$. Then if $\mathbf{c}' = (c_1, 2c_2, \dots, 10c_{10})$, clearly it is in C' . In reverse, if $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n) \in C'$, then $(u_1, 6u_2, 4u_3, \dots, i^{-1}u_i, \dots, 10u_{10}) \in C$.

b) C has check-matrix $(1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10)$; C' has $(1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1)$. Clearly we can multiply the (very short) columns of one to get the other.

d) One common human error is to swap adjacent digits; C detects swapped digits, C' does not. △