

- (1) How many linear codes of length 7 with 8 words are there?
- (2) How many linear codes of length 7 with 32 words are there?
- (3) How many cyclic codes of length 7 with 8 words are there?
- (4) How many cyclic codes of length 23.500.002 with 8 words are there?

(1) We know  $\vec{0} \in C$  for any linear code. Let us analyze how we can build a code satisfying the constraints.

Each time I add a vector  $\alpha$  to the code, I must add all of its linear combinations. Thus, any set of words  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k\}$  "generates" a code

$$C = \{\vec{0}\} \cup \{\text{All non-null linear combinations of } \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k\}$$

It is simple to observe that there are  $2^k$  linear combinations of  $k$  vectors. But this includes the one that is zero. So any set of  $k$  words generates  $2^k - 1$  words.

So, if we want to create a code with 8 words, we must choose 3 vectors because  $2^3 - 1 = 7$  and there will be 7 words plus  $\vec{0} = 8$  words in the code.

We are told that the length of the words is seven. So we must calculate in how many ways I can choose 3 non-zero words of length 7. Think about it and you'll see that there are

$$\frac{(2^7 - 1)(2^7 - 2)(2^7 - 3)}{3!}$$

ways to do this. So this is the number of codes with 8 words of length 7.

(2) Same reasoning tells we must chose 5 words, becaue  $2^5 = 32$ . There are

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^5 (2^7 - i)}{5!}$$

ways to do this.

(3) Cyclic codes are linear so what we said before still applies. But they also impose the following condition: if a word  $w$  is in the code, all its rotations are

in the code. It is very simple to observe that a word of length  $n$  has  $n$  rotations (including itself and excluding repeated words). So whenever we add a word of length  $n$  to the code, we are in fact adding  $n$  words.

Using this reasoning, if I add a single word of length 7 to the code, I'm already adding 7 words, which (counting the zero vector) already spans a code of 8 words of length 7. There are  $2^7 - 1$  words to choose from. So this is the number of codes requested.

(4) Using the same reasoning as in (3), there is no cyclic code with 8 words of length 23.500.002.