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## Advanced Information, Computation, Communication II

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### Important Notes

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- No document or electronic device is allowed.
  - For each question, there is exactly one correct answer. We assign negative points to the wrong answers, in such a way that, in average, random choices give zero points. (Same as not answering.)
  - Mark your answer with a thick ‘X’ in the corresponding box. If you want to change your answer, color the box completely and mark the new answer with a ‘X’.
  - Each page has a code on top of it (see the top of this page). Do not write on it.
  - For technical reasons, pencils are not allowed.
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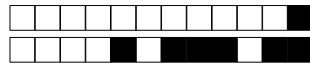
The prime numbers smaller than 100 are:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89 et 97.

Except otherwise specified, all the numbers are in base 10.

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**Problem 1** [8 points]

Consider the 4 binary codes below:

Source Symbol	Codes			
	$C_1$	$C_2$	$C_3$	$C_4$
$a$	11	01	1100	01
$b$	10	001	00	111
$c$	101	000	0100	011
$d$	100	10	1	00
$e$	01	110	0101	010
$f$	001	111	1101	0110

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

Warning: the order of the questions is randomized, hence not necessarily according to the above table.

- True  False  $C_4$  is uniquely decodable
- True  False  $C_1$  is uniquely decodable
- True  False  $C_3$  is uniquely decodable
- True  False  $C_2$  is uniquely decodable
- True  False There exists an instantaneous code that has the same codeword lengths as  $C_2$
- True  False There exists an instantaneous code that has the same codeword lengths as  $C_1$
- True  False There exists an instantaneous code that has the same codeword lengths as  $C_3$
- True  False There exists an instantaneous code that has the same codeword lengths as  $C_4$

**Problem 2** [7 points]Consider a code  $\mathcal{C}$  used for source coding. Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

- True  False  $\mathcal{C}$  does not satisfy Kraft's inequality  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is with prefix
- True  False We can always replace a uniquely decodable code by a prefix-free code that has the same codeword lengths
- True  False  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfies Kraft's inequality  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is prefix-free
- True  False The codeword lengths do not satisfy Kraft's inequality  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is not uniquely decodable
- True  False  $\mathcal{C}$  is with prefix  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is not uniquely decodable
- True  False  $\mathcal{C}$  satisfies Kraft's inequality  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  is uniquely decodable
- True  False  $\mathcal{C}$  is with prefix  $\Rightarrow \mathcal{C}$  does not satisfy Kraft's inequality


**Problem 3** [9 points]

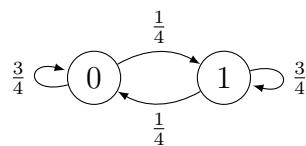
Consider a biased coin with  $p(H) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  $p(T) = 1 - p(H) = \frac{2}{3}$ . We flip the coin indefinitely. The sequence of flips can be modeled as the output of the source  $\mathcal{S} = S_1, S_2, \dots$

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1 S_2) < H(S_1)$   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1, S_2, S_3) = (3 \log_2 3 - 2)$ bits                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1) = H(S_2)$   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1 S_2) = H(S_1, S_2)$  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1, S_2, S_3) = (2 \log_2 3 - 3)$ bits                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n) = n \cdot H(S_n S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{n-1})$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_2, S_3) = 2 \cdot H(S_2 S_3)$                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1, S_2) < H(S_1) + H(S_2)$                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_2, S_3 S_1) = H(S_1, S_2, S_3) - H(S_2, S_3)$                  |

**Problem 4** [6 points]

Let  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots$  be an infinite sequence produced by source  $\mathcal{S}$ . All  $S_i$  take values in  $\{0, 1\}$  and the probability  $p_{S_{n+1}|S_n}(\cdot|\cdot)$  is schematically represented in the following graph:



For instance, the directed edge from 0 to 1 means that  $p_{S_{n+1}|S_n}(1|0) = \frac{1}{4}$ .

We assume that  $p_{S_1}(0) = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $p_{S_1}(1) = \frac{3}{4}$ .

For the source  $\mathcal{S}$  defined above, let  $H(\mathcal{S})$  be the entropy of a symbol and  $H^*(\mathcal{S})$  be the entropy rate.

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $p_{S_n}(0) = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n + 2}$ is correct and $p_{S_n}(0) = \frac{2^n - 1}{2^n + 1}$ is incorrect |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(\mathcal{S}) = 1$ bit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H^*(\mathcal{S}) = (2 - \log_2 3)$ bits  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1, \dots, S_n) = (n - 1)H(S_n S_{n-1}) + H(S_1)$   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | The source $\mathcal{S}$ is regular   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_n S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{n-1}) = H(S_{n-1} S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{n-2})$                                   |

**Problem 5** [7 points]

Consider a biased dice with  $p(1) = p(2) = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $p(3) = p(4) = p(5) = p(6) = \frac{1}{8}$ . We throw this dice  $n$  times, for some fixed integer  $n \geq 2$ . We denote by  $S = (S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n)$  the source formed by the outcomes of the  $n$  throws. For  $S$ , we construct a binary Shannon-Fano code  $\Gamma_{SF}$  with an average codeword length  $L(S, \Gamma_{SF})$  and a binary Huffman code  $\Gamma_H$  with an average codeword length  $L(S, \Gamma_H)$ . Let  $H(S)$  be the entropy of  $S$ .

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n) = n \cdot H(S_1)$                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_n   S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{n-1}) = n \cdot L(S, \Gamma_{SF})$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S) = 2n \log_2 3$ bits                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $L(S, \Gamma_{SF}) < L(S, \Gamma_H)$                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S) = \frac{5n}{2}$ bits                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $L(S, \Gamma_H) = H(S)$   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $H(S_1) = \frac{L(S, \Gamma_{SF})}{n}$                          |

**Problem 6** [2 points]

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{[1]_4, [3]_4\}, +)$ is a commutative group  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $(\mathbb{Z}/31\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{[0]_{31}\}, \cdot)$ is a commutative group |

**Problem 7** [4 points]

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, +)$ and $((\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2, +)$ are isomorphic         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$ and $(\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$ are isomorphic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $(\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$ and $(\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}, +)$ are isomorphic       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $((\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2, +)$ and $(\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$ are isomorphic   |

**Problem 8** [3 points]

Alice and Bob have public trapdoor one-way functions, respectively  $f_A$  and  $f_B$ . Alice wants to send a signed message to Bob. The original message is  $m$ . She sends (check one):

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | $f_B^{-1}(m)$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | $f_A(m)$      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | $f_A^{-1}(m)$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | $f_B(m)$      |

**Problem 9** [4 points]

Consider the RSA public key  $(m, e) = (55, 3)$ . What is the decryption of the RSA ciphertext  $c = 2$ ? Check one:

- 18
- 2
- 7
- 3
- 8

**Problem 10** [4 points]

Let  $m$  and  $n$  be coprime positive integers. How many elements are there in  $\mathbb{Z}/mn\mathbb{Z}^*$ ? ( $\phi(\cdot)$  represents Euler's totient function.) Check one:

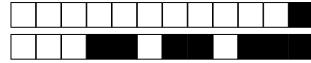
- $mn - \phi(m) - \phi(n) + \phi(mn)$
- $mn - \phi(m)\phi(n)$
- $\phi(m + n)$
- $\phi(m) + \phi(n)$
- $\phi(m)\phi(n)$

**Problem 11** [4 points]

Let  $E$  be an encryption scheme, with message  $T$  and key  $K$ .  $E_K(T)$  represents the encryption of  $T$  with the key  $K$ .

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | If $K$ and $T$ are uniformly distributed over their respective alphabets, then $E$ provides perfect secrecy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | If $K$ , $T$ and $E_K(T)$ all have same length, then $E$ provides perfect secrecy                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | If $E$ provides perfect secrecy, then $H(T) = H(K)$   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | If $H(E_K(T)) = H(K)$ , then $E$ provides perfect secrecy   |

**Problem 12** [4 points]

Let  $H$  be the parity-check matrix of a linear code of parameters  $(n, k, d_{min})$ .

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | If the code is not MDS, there exists a collection of $n - k$ columns of $H$ that are linearly dependent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $d_{min}$ is the smallest number of linearly dependent columns of $H$                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | All collections of $n - k + 1$ columns of $H$ are linearly dependent                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | The rank of $H$ is $n - k$  |

**Problem 13** [5 points]

Suppose that the input to a binary channel is a codeword of the binary code described by the following parity-check matrix

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

Suppose that the channel output is  $y = (1, 0, 0, 1, 0)$ . You know that the channel introduces at most one error (at most one flipped position). Which is the correct answer? Check one:

- The error is in position 5
- The error is in position 2
- The error is in position 1
- The error is in position 4
- The error is in position 3
- There is no error

**Problem 14** [4 points]

Suppose that the input to a binary channel is a codeword of the binary code described by the following parity-check matrix

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

Suppose that the channel output is  $y = (1, ?, ?, 1, 0)$ . Which is the correct answer? Check one:

- The transmitted codeword is  $(1, 1, 1, 1, 0)$
- The transmitted codeword is  $(1, 0, 1, 1, 0)$
- The transmitted codeword is  $(1, 0, 0, 1, 0)$
- The transmitted codeword is  $(1, 1, 0, 1, 0)$
- There is more than one way to fill in

**Problem 15** [3 points]

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | A linear code that has minimum distance 5 can have at most one codeword of the form $(1, 0, 0, 0, c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8)$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | Every $(n, k)$ block code, whether linear or not, has a generator matrix   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | Every $(8, 4)$ linear code has at least one codeword of the form $(1, 0, 0, 0, c_5, c_6, c_7, c_8)$                    |

**Problem 16** [4 points]Fix a finite field  $\mathbb{F}$ , let  $p(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$  be a polynomial over  $\mathbb{F}$  of degree 3, and suppose that  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$  are distinct field elements. Suppose you are given  $k$  points of the form  $(a_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{F}^2$ .

Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each]:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | For $k = 3$ a polynomial of the form $p(x)$ such that $y_i = p(a_i)$ , $i = 1, \dots, k$ , always exists and is unique.                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | For $k = 3$ a polynomial of the form $p(x)$ such that $y_i = p(a_i)$ , $i = 1, \dots, k$ , always exists but it is not necessarily unique.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | For $k = 5$ a polynomial of the form $p(x)$ such that $y_i = p(a_i)$ , $i = 1, \dots, k$ , may or may not exist. If it exists, it is unique.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | For $k = 5$ a polynomial of the form $p(x)$ such that $y_i = p(a_i)$ , $i = 1, \dots, k$ , may or may not exist and may or may not be unique. |

**Problem 17** [2 points]

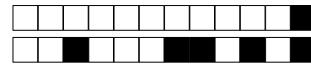
Answer the following True/False questions [1 point each].

There exists a linear code over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}$  that has the following parameters:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $n = 10^3$ , $ \mathbb{F}  = 1024$ , the code has $2^{50}$ codewords, $d_{min} = 996$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $n = 100$ , the code has 63 codewords, $d_{min} = 6$                                  |

**Problem 18** [4 points]Consider a Reed-Solomon code over  $\mathbb{F}_5 = (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  with parameters  $k = 1$ ,  $n = 4$ , defined by  $a_1 = 3$ ,  $a_2 = 0$ ,  $a_3 = 4$ ,  $a_4 = 2$ . Answer the following True/False questions [2 points each].

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $(3, 0, 4, 2)$ is a valid codeword |
| <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False | $(1, 1, 1, 1)$ is a valid codeword |

**Problem 19** [4 points]

Answer the following True/False questions [2 points each].

The following generator matrices  $G$  and  $\tilde{G}$  generate the same code over  $\mathbb{F}_5 = (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ : True     False

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

 True     False

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \tilde{G} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 4 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Problem 20** [2 points]Which of the following is a parity-check matrix for the generator matrix  $G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  of a code over  $\mathbb{F}_5 = (\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ ? Check one:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ **Problem 21** [5 points]Consider a linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  of parameters  $(n, k)$ , constructed on  $\mathbb{F}_{11}$ . How many distinct generator matrices are there for this code? Check one:  $11^k$   $11^n - 11^k$   $\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$   $11^{n-k}$   $\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (11^k - 11^i)$   $\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{n!}{i!(n-i)!}$