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- Place your student card on your table.
- **No other paper materials** are allowed to be used during the exam.
- Using a **calculator** or **any electronic device** is not permitted during the exam.
- For each question there is **exactly one** correct answer. We assign **negative points** to the **wrong answers** in such a way that a person that chooses uniformly at random over the possible options gains 0 points on average.
- Use a **black or dark blue ballpen** and clearly erase with **correction fluid** if necessary.
- Unless specified otherwise, all the entropies are in bits.

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First part: Source Coding

For each question, mark the box corresponding to the correct answer. Each multiple choice question has **exactly one** correct answer.

Question 1

[6 points] Consider a source S with some distribution P_S over the alphabet $\mathcal{A} = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$. Bob designs an encoding map Γ for a uniquely decodable code \mathcal{C} over a code alphabet \mathcal{D} of size D with the following codeword lengths.

	a	b	c	d	e	f
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Answer the following true/false questions.

There exist a positive integer D and a distribution P_S over \mathcal{A} such that the average codeword length of Bob's code is equal to $H_D(S)$.

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The average codeword length of the code is necessarily greater than or equal to $H_D(S)$.

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D can be 2.

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Question 2

[4 points] You are given an i.i.d source with symbols taking value in the alphabet $\mathcal{A} = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and probabilities $\{1/8, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2\}$. Consider making blocks of length n and constructing a Huffman code that assigns a binary codeword to each block of n symbols. Choose the correct statement regarding the average codeword length per source symbol.

- ☐ None of the others.
- ☐ In going from n to $n + 1$, for some n it stays constant and for some it strictly decreases.
- ☐ It is the same for all n .
- ☐ It strictly decreases as n increases.

**Question 3**

[4 points] Let X_1, X_2 be two independent random variables taking values in $\{0, 1\}$ such that $P(X_1 = 0) = P(X_2 = 0) = 1/2$. Let $Y = X_1 + X_2 \bmod 2$. Answer the following true/false questions.

$$H(X_1, X_2, Y) = H(X_1) + H(X_2) + H(Y) .$$

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$$H(Y, X_1) = H(Y) + H(X_1).$$

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If I change the distribution of X_1 (while keeping the alphabet the same) I can obtain a new random variable \hat{X}_1 such that $H(\hat{X}_1) > H(X_2)$.

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$$H(X_1, X_2) = H(X_1) + H(X_2) .$$

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Question 4

[4 points] Let $\mathcal{C}_1 = \{00, 01, 100, 101, 110, 111\}$ and $\mathcal{C}_2 = \{00, 01, 100, 101, 111\}$ be two source codes (We exclude the possibility of source symbols of zero probability.) Check the correct statement.

- ☐ \mathcal{C}_1 can be a Huffman code but not \mathcal{C}_2 .
- ☐ Neither \mathcal{C}_1 nor \mathcal{C}_2 can be a Huffman code.
- ☐ Both codes can be Huffman codes.
- ☐ \mathcal{C}_2 can be a Huffman code but not \mathcal{C}_1 .

**Question 5**

[3 points] Consider the i.i.d. source $S_1 S_2 S_3 \dots$ where for all i , S_i models a loaded dice with distribution $P(S_i = 6) = 5/6$ and $P(S_i = x) = 1/30$ for $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Answer the following true/false questions.

$$H(S_n | S_{n-1}) \neq H(S_n) .$$

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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} H(S_n) = \log_2(6) .$$

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The source is regular.

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$$H(S_n, S_{n+1}) = H(S_n) + H(S_{n+1}) .$$

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The source is stationary.

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$$H(S_n) = H(S_{n-1}) .$$

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Question 6

[5 points] A bag contains the letters of LETSPLAY. Someone picks at random 4 letters from the bag without revealing the outcome to you. Subsequently you pick one letter at random among the remaining 4 letters. What is the entropy (in bits) of the random variable that models your choice? Check the correct answer.

☐ $\log_2(7)$.

☐ $\frac{11}{4}$.

☐ 2.

☐ $\log_2(8)$.



Question 7

[5 points] Let $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$ be an unknown constant. Let X be a random variable taking values in $\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, 2\}$ with probability $p_X(0) = p_X(1) = \alpha$ and $p_X(2) = 1 - 2\alpha$. Let Y be a random variable defined as follows

$$Y = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X = 2 \\ 0, & \text{if } X \neq 2 \end{cases}.$$

You also know that $H(X|Y) = \frac{1}{2}$. Choose the correct value of α .

☐ 1.

☐ $\frac{1}{2}$.

☐ $\frac{1}{4}$.

☐ $\frac{1}{8}$.



Second part: Cryptography and Number Theory

For each question, mark the box corresponding to the correct answer. Each multiple choice question has **exactly one** correct answer.

Question 8

[5 points] If we compute $\gcd(70, 51)$ via Euclid's extended algorithms, we produce a sequence of (u, v) pairs, the last of which satisfies $\gcd(70, 51) = 70 \times u + 51 \times v$. Check the correct sequence.

☐ $(1, 0), (0, 1), (1, -2), (-2, 3), (3, -8), (-8, 11)$.

☐ $(1, 0), (0, 1), (1, -2), (-2, 5), (5, -8), (-8, 11)$.

Question 9:

[6 points] Answer the following true/false questions.

$(\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$ is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}/k\mathbb{Z}, +)$ for some k .

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$(\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is isomorphic to $((\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^2, +)$.

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$(\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}, +) \times (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is isomorphic to $((\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2, +) \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}, +)$.

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Question 10

[4 points] How many integers n between 1 and 2021 satisfy $10^n \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$? Check the correct answer.

☐ 1010.

☐ 183.

☐ 505.

☐ 990.

**Question 11:**

[6 points] Answer the following true/false questions.

$[3^{10}2^5 14]_{19}$ has a multiplicative inverse.

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$[60]_{15}$ has a multiplicative inverse.

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$[126]_{147}$ has a multiplicative inverse.

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$[169]_9$ has a multiplicative inverse.

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Question 12

[6 points] Consider the Diffie-Hellman secret-key-exchange algorithm performed in the cyclic group $(\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}^*, \cdot)$. Let $g = 2$ be the chosen group generator. Suppose that Alice's secret number is $a = 5$ and Bob's is $b = 3$. Which common key k does the algorithm lead to? Check the correct answer.

☐ $k = 10$.

☐ $k = 7$.

☐ $k = 9$.

☐ $k = 2$.

Question 13:

[7 points] Consider an RSA encryption scheme with parameters $m = 55$, $e = 3$ and $k = \phi(m)$. Answer the following true/false questions.

Both $d = 27$ and $d = 67$ are valid decryption exponents.

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The encryption of $t = 18$ is $c = 4$.

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Third part: Coding Theory

For each question, mark the box corresponding to the correct answer. Each multiple choice question has **exactly one** correct answer.

Question 14:

[6 points] A generator matrix G for a binary $(6, 3)$ linear code maps the information vectors $m_1 = (1, 0, 1)$ and $m_2 = (1, 1, 1)$ into the codewords $c_1 = (1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1)$ and $c_2 = (1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0)$ respectively. Answer the following true/false questions.

G is in systematic form.

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The second row of G is $(0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1)$.

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$d_{\min} = 3$.

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Question 15

[2 points] What is the minimum distance of a linear block code over \mathbb{F}_7 that has

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

as the parity check matrix? Check the correct answer.

- ☐ 5.
- ☐ 4.
- ☐ 1.
- ☐ 3.
- ☐ 2.
- ☐ 0.

Question 16

[5 points] How many $x \in \mathbb{Z}/23\mathbb{Z}$ satisfy the equation $0 = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots - x^{21} + x^{22} - x^{23}$, when all operations are with respect to the field $(\mathbb{Z}/23\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$? Check the correct answer.

- ☐ 2.
- ☐ 23.
- ☐ 22.
- ☐ 0.
- ☐ 1.



Question 17

[4 points] Consider a $(k+1, k)$ block code that to a binary sequence x_1, \dots, x_k associates the codeword x_1, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1} , where $x_{k+1} = x_1 + \dots + x_k \pmod{2}$. This code can detect all the errors of odd weight.

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Question 18

[6 points] Let E be a subspace of \mathbb{F}_7^4 which consists of elements $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ satisfying,

$$x_1 + 6x_2 + 3x_3 + 4x_4 = 0$$

$$3x_1 + 6x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 = 0$$

$$5x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 + 3x_4 = 0$$

What is the dimension of E ? Check the correct answer.

- ☐ 3.
☐ 1.
☐ 2.
☐ 4.
☐ 0.

Question 19

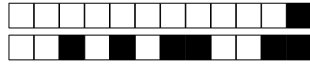
[4 points] Consider an (n, k) RS code. If you delete up to $n - k$ columns of the generator matrix, the result is still an RS code (for some choice of parameters).

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Question 20

[3 points] Consider a communication system consisting of a binary block code, an error channel, and a minimum-distance decoder. Check the correct statement about the minimum-distance decoder.

- ☐ None of the others can be stated with certainty due to missing information.
☐ It always minimizes the error probability.
☐ It minimizes the error probability if the channel is a binary symmetric channel.
☐ It minimizes the error probability if the channel is a binary symmetric channel with crossover (flip) probability smaller than $1/2$.



Question 21:

[2 points] Consider a standard-array-based decoder. Answer the following true/false questions.

The syndrome of a specific coset depends on the choice of the coset leader.

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For the same input, the decoder output depends on the choice of the coset leader.

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Question 22

[3 points] Consider a $(7, 4)$ Reed-Solomon code \mathcal{C} over \mathbb{F}_q . Let $\vec{x} \neq \vec{y}$ be two different information vectors. The corresponding codewords $c(\vec{x})$ and $c(\vec{y})$ match in at most:

- ☐ 3 places.
- ☐ 2 places.
- ☐ 0 places.
- ☐ None of the others is correct.

