

Your paper is due by 5pm on **Friday December 17 2010** in my office, AV Williams Bldg. Rm 2361. If I am absent, please slide your paper under the door.

Please be concise in your exam paper!

1.(10pt) (a) Find a  $7 \times 4$  right inverse  $A$  of the matrix  $G$  over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ :

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) Using the matrix  $A$  find the message  $\mathbf{m}$  if  $\mathbf{m}G = 1000110$ .

2. Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element of the field  $\mathbb{F}_{16}$ . Let  $\mathcal{P} = (\alpha^4, \alpha^6, \alpha^7, \alpha^8, \alpha^9, \alpha^{10}, \alpha^{11}, \alpha^{12}, \alpha^{13}, \alpha^{14})$  be the defining set of an RS code  $\mathcal{C}$  of dimension  $k = 4$ .

(a) (3pt) What are the parameters  $(n, k, d)$  of the code?

(b) (10pt) Decode the vector  $\mathbf{y} = (\alpha, \alpha^{12}, \alpha^7, 0, \alpha^{13}, \alpha^6, \alpha^9, \alpha^7, \alpha^7, \alpha^2)$  with the code  $\mathcal{C}$  (use any decoding algorithm you know; show the steps).

3. Let  $G$  be a binary  $k \times n$  matrix whose entries are chosen from  $\mathbb{F}_2$  independently with probabilities  $P(1) = r, P(0) = 1 - r$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the code spanned by the rows of the matrix  $G$  and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be the ensemble of random binary codes arising in this way. The number  $A_w$  of vectors of weight  $w, w = 0, 1, \dots, n$  in  $\mathcal{C}$  is a random variable.

(a) (10pt) Let  $r = 1/2$ . Find  $EA_w$  (begin by considering the codeword  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{m}G$  obtained after you fix a binary message vector  $\mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{F}_2^k$ . Argue about the probability that  $\text{wt}(\mathbf{x}) = w$ ).

(b) (8pt) Let  $0 < r < 1$ . Find  $EA_w$  (argue about the probability that  $x_i = 1$  where  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is as above in part (a). Note that this probability will depend on  $\text{wt}(\mathbf{m})$ ).

4. In this problem you are asked to give proofs of some results stated in class.

(a) (10 pt) Find the 2nd generalized Hamming weight  $d_2$  of the simplex code  $\mathcal{S}_m[2^m - 1, m, 2^{m-1}]$ .

(b) (8 pt) Find the third generalized Hamming weight  $d_3$  of  $\mathcal{S}_m$ .

5. (10pt) Consider the network  $G$  with receivers  $R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4$  shown in the figure.

What is the MinCut from  $S$  to  $R_1, R_2, R_3, R_4$ ?

Find the smallest  $q$  such that there exists a linear multicast network coding scheme that can transmit 2 packets to the receivers. Construct the coding scheme by writing out the local and global encoding kernels for each node resp. edge of the network.

