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Codes and Cryptography

2 hours 30 minutes

*Attempt all the questions. The allocation of marks is shown in brackets.*

- 1 Let  $C_1$  be the  $[6, 5]$ -linear code over the field  $\mathbb{F}_7$  with parity check matrix

$$H_1 = ( 1 \ 3 \ 2 \ 6 \ 4 \ 5 )$$

and let  $C_2$  be the  $[7, 5]$ -linear code over the field  $\mathbb{F}_7$  with parity check matrix

$$H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 4 & 5 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (i) (a) Let  $a = a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5a_6 \in C_1$ . Show that  $a_6$  is determined by the other five bits of  $a$ . Find  $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_7$  such that  $64331x \in C_1$  and  $64331xy \in C_2$ . **(5 marks)**
- (b) Let  $u, v \in \mathbb{F}_7$  be such that  $u \neq v$ . Show that, for  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4 \in \mathbb{F}_7$ ,  $a_1a_2a_3a_4uv$  and  $a_1a_2a_3a_4vu$  cannot both be codewords in  $C_1$ . **(3 marks)**
- (c) Show that if  $a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5a_6 \in C_1$  then  $a_2a_3a_4a_5a_6a_1 \in C_1$ . **(2 marks)**
- (d) Show that no two columns of  $H_2$  are linearly dependent and hence find the minimum distance of  $C_2$ . State clearly any result relating minimum distance to linear dependence of columns that you use. **(5 marks)**
- (ii) Let  $C$  be an  $[n, k, 3]$ -linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  and let  $H$  be a parity check matrix for  $C$  with columns  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_n$ . Let  $a = a_1a_2a_3 \dots a_i \dots a_n \in C$  and let  $b = a_1a_2 \dots b_i \dots a_n$  be obtained from  $a$  by a single error which occurs in the  $i$ th bit. Show that  $Hb^T = (b_i - a_i)h_i$ . **(3 marks)**
- (iii) A codeword  $c$  from  $C_2$  is transmitted, an error occurs in one bit and  $r = 3104566$  is received. Use (ii) to identify  $c$ . **(4 marks)**
- Show also that if  $v$  is obtained from  $c$  by transposing the first two bits and also transposing the fourth and fifth bits then  $v \in C_2$ . Deduce that there exists  $s \in \mathbb{F}_7^7$  such that  $s$  can be obtained from two different codewords in  $C_2$  by transposing two digits. **(3 marks)**

- 2 (i) Let  $F$  be an alphabet and  $n \geq 2$  be an integer. Let  $r$  be an integer with  $0 \leq r \leq n$  and let  $c \in F^n$ . Let  $j$  be an integer such that  $0 \leq j \leq r$ . Show that the number of elements in the Hamming sphere  $S(c, r)$  of radius  $r$  centred at  $c$  is

$$\sum_{j=0}^r (q-1)^j \binom{n}{j}.$$

(3 marks)

- (ii) Write down, without proof, the *Sphere-Packing Bound* for an  $(n, M, d)$ -code  $C$  over an alphabet  $F$  with  $q$  elements and explain what it means to say that  $C$  is *perfect*. (3 marks)

- (iii) Let

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

which is a parity check matrix for the special Hamming code  $\text{Ham}_3$ . Let  $D$  be the matrix obtained from  $H$  by interchanging the first and third rows of  $H$ . Thus  $D$  is in reduced row echelon form and is a generator matrix for the dual code  $\text{Ham}_3^\perp$ .

- (a) Write down, without proof, the dimension and minimum distance of  $\text{Ham}_3$  and show that  $\text{Ham}_3$  is perfect. (5 marks)
- (b) Write down, without proof, the dimension of  $\text{Ham}_3^\perp$ . List all the non-zero elements of  $\text{Ham}_3^\perp$ . Hence find the minimum distance of  $\text{Ham}_3^\perp$  and show that  $\text{Ham}_3^\perp$  is not perfect. (6 marks)
- (c) Using  $D$  as a generator matrix, find a matrix  $E$  that is a parity check matrix for  $\text{Ham}_3^\perp$  and a generator matrix of  $\text{Ham}_3$ . (5 marks)
- (d) Show that  $\text{Ham}_3^\perp \subseteq \text{Ham}_3$  and find a codeword  $r$  of  $\text{Ham}_3$  that does not belong to  $\text{Ham}_3^\perp$ . (3 marks)

- 3 (i) The title of a novel is encrypted using the one-time pad method modulo 31, using capital letters, five punctuation marks and the correspondence with  $\mathbb{F}_{31}$  in the table on the provided data sheet. Spaces and any punctuation marks not shown in the table are deleted. The key is the passage beginning

I TURNS TO LENNIE AND SAYS : 'JUMP IN'

from page 39 of ISBN 0330241443. The encrypted title

: CAWUS : Z

is obtained. Decrypt the title. **(3 marks)**

The title is further encrypted by encrypting : CAWUS : Z using the Vigenère method, modulo 31 and with the same correspondence as above, with key HILARY. Which letter appears three times in the final encrypted title?

**(3 marks)**

- (ii) A pair of days in July 2014, the  $d$ th and the  $e$ th, is written as the column  $(d e)^T$  and encrypted using 2-dimensional affine encryption modulo 31, with the transformation  $f : \mathbb{F}_{31}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_{31}^2$  given by  $f(V) = KV + L$ , where

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 7 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } L = \begin{pmatrix} 25 \\ 21 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The result of the encryption is  $(5 \ 24)^T$ . Find  $d$  and  $e$ . **(5 marks)**

- (iii) In its initial position, a drum in a simplified Enigma machine performs the permutation

$$\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 5 & 2 & 1 & 8 & 7 & 0 & 6 & 4 & 9 & 3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find the permutation  $2 * \alpha$  performed by the drum after two rotations.

**(2 marks)**

- (iv) Compute  $64^{17}$  in  $\mathbb{F}_{103}$  and write down the order of 64 in  $\mathbb{F}_{103}^*$ . You may use the squares in  $\mathbb{F}_{103}$  shown on the data sheet. **(3 marks)**

3 (continued)

- (v) The secret society Cockatrice uses the keyless cryptosystem of Massey-Omura/Shamir to exchange messages that are expressed as elements of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  for some prime  $p$ .
- (a) Let  $p = 103$ . Explain why no member of Cockatrice has secret key 69. **(1 mark)**
- (b) Ermintrude and Florence are two members of Cockatrice with secret keys  $e_E = 5$  and  $e_F = 7$  respectively and  $p = 103$ . If Ermintrude wishes to send the message 64 to Florence what are the three messages that pass between them? You may use the inverses in  $\mathbb{Z}_{102}$  shown on the data sheet. **(4 marks)**
- (c) Dylan and Zebedee are two members of Cockatrice with secret keys  $e_D$  and  $e_Z$  respectively. Dylan wishes to send the message  $M$  to Zebedee. Let  $r$  be the order of  $M$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p^*$ . Show that the middle of the three messages that pass between them is equal to  $M$  if and only if  $e_D e_Z - 1$  is a multiple of  $r$ . **(3 marks)**
- Give an example where the middle message is  $M$  but  $e_D$  and  $e_Z$  are not inverses of each other modulo  $p - 1$ . **(1 mark)**

- 4 (i) Let  $p$  be a prime of the form  $4k - 1$  and let  $y$  be a quadratic residue modulo  $p$ . Show that, in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ,  $y = (y^k)^2$ . **(4 marks)**

It is given that 18 is a quadratic residue modulo 23. Evaluate  $18^6$ , modulo 23, and hence find the two square roots of 18 in  $\mathbb{F}_{23}$ . **(2 marks)**

- (ii) Let  $p = 23$ , let  $q = 103$  and let  $n = pq = 2369$ . Cockatrice and its rival Iguanodon are to hold a summit meeting and agree to decide on the venue by coin tossing by telephone using quadratic residues modulo products of two primes. Iguanodon sends 2369 to the Cockatrice and receives the quadratic residue 1858 in reply. Determine the pairs  $\{\pm x_1\}$  and  $\{\pm x_2\}$  of elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{2369}$  from which Iguanodon must then make a choice. **(7 marks)**

You may find the following congruences helpful:

$$\begin{aligned} 1858 &\equiv 18 \pmod{23}, \\ 1858 &\equiv 4 \pmod{103}, \\ 103 \times 21 &\equiv 1 \pmod{23}, \\ 23 \times 9 &\equiv 1 \pmod{103}, \\ 16583 &\equiv 0 \pmod{2369}. \end{aligned}$$

- (iii) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be prime, let  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $0 < x_1, x_2 < pq$  and let  $h$  be the highest common factor of  $x_1 + x_2$  and  $pq$ . Show that if, in  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}$ ,  $x_2 \neq \pm x_1$  and  $x_2^2 = x_1^2$  then  $h = p$  or  $h = q$ . **(5 marks)**
- (iv) Let  $n = 29341 = 13 \times 37 \times 61$ . Show that  $n$  is a Carmichael number, stating clearly any result that you use. **(4 marks)**

It is given that  $2^{14670} \equiv 29340 \pmod{29341}$ ,  $2^{7335} \equiv 26424 \pmod{29341}$ ,  $3^{14670} \equiv 1 \pmod{29341}$  and  $3^{7335} \equiv 22569 \pmod{29341}$ .

Is 29341 a strong pseudoprime to the base 2? Is 29341 a strong pseudoprime to the base 3? Justify your answers. **(3 marks)**

**End of Question Paper**

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## DATA SHEET

Table for Q3(i)(a):

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	.	'	,	:		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

The list below shows the nonzero squares in  $\mathbb{F}_{103}$ .

$$\begin{array}{llllllll}
 1^2 = 1, & 2^2 = 4, & 3^2 = 9, & 4^2 = 16, & 5^2 = 25, & 6^2 = 36, & 7^2 = 49, & 8^2 = 64, \\
 9^2 = 81, & 10^2 = 100, & 11^2 = 18, & 12^2 = 41, & 13^2 = 66, & 14^2 = 93, & 15^2 = 19, & 16^2 = 50, \\
 17^2 = 83, & 18^2 = 15, & 19^2 = 52, & 20^2 = 91, & 21^2 = 29, & 22^2 = 72, & 23^2 = 14, & 24^2 = 61, \\
 25^2 = 7, & 26^2 = 58, & 27^2 = 8, & 28^2 = 63, & 29^2 = 17, & 30^2 = 76, & 31^2 = 34, & 32^2 = 97, \\
 33^2 = 59, & 34^2 = 23, & 35^2 = 92, & 36^2 = 60, & 37^2 = 30, & 38^2 = 2, & 39^2 = 79, & 40^2 = 55, \\
 41^2 = 33, & 42^2 = 13, & 43^2 = 98, & 44^2 = 82, & 45^2 = 68, & 46^2 = 56, & 47^2 = 46, & 48^2 = 38, \\
 49^2 = 32, & 50^2 = 28, & 51^2 = 26, & 52^2 = 26, & 53^2 = 28, & 54^2 = 32, & 55^2 = 38, & 56^2 = 46, \\
 57^2 = 56, & 58^2 = 68, & 59^2 = 82, & 60^2 = 98, & 61^2 = 13, & 62^2 = 33, & 63^2 = 55, & 64^2 = 79, \\
 65^2 = 2, & 66^2 = 30, & 67^2 = 60, & 68^2 = 92, & 69^2 = 23, & 70^2 = 59, & 71^2 = 97, & 72^2 = 34, \\
 73^2 = 76, & 74^2 = 17, & 75^2 = 63, & 76^2 = 8, & 77^2 = 58, & 78^2 = 7, & 79^2 = 61, & 80^2 = 14, \\
 81^2 = 72, & 82^2 = 29, & 83^2 = 91, & 84^2 = 52, & 85^2 = 15, & 86^2 = 83, & 87^2 = 50, & 88^2 = 19, \\
 89^2 = 93, & 90^2 = 66, & 91^2 = 41, & 92^2 = 18, & 93^2 = 100, & 94^2 = 81, & 95^2 = 64, & 96^2 = 49, \\
 97^2 = 36, & 98^2 = 25, & 99^2 = 16, & 100^2 = 9, & 101^2 = 4, & 102^2 = 1.
 \end{array}$$

The list below shows the inverses in  $\mathbb{Z}_{102}$ .

$$\begin{array}{llllll}
 1^{-1} = 1, & 5^{-1} = 41, & 7^{-1} = 73, & 11^{-1} = 65, & 13^{-1} = 55, & 19^{-1} = 43, \\
 23^{-1} = 71, & 25^{-1} = 49, & 29^{-1} = 95, & 31^{-1} = 79, & 35^{-1} = 35, & 37^{-1} = 91, \\
 41^{-1} = 5, & 43^{-1} = 19, & 47^{-1} = 89, & 49^{-1} = 25, & 53^{-1} = 77, & 55^{-1} = 13, \\
 59^{-1} = 83, & 61^{-1} = 97, & 65^{-1} = 11, & 67^{-1} = 67, & 71^{-1} = 23, & 73^{-1} = 7, \\
 77^{-1} = 53, & 79^{-1} = 31, & 83^{-1} = 59, & 89^{-1} = 47, & 91^{-1} = 37, & 95^{-1} = 29, \\
 97^{-1} = 61, & 101^{-1} = 101.
 \end{array}$$