

**THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023**  
**(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)**  
**MATHEMATICS**  
**FMTH3E01 - CODING THEORY**

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

**Part A: Answer any four questions. Each carries two weightage.**

1. Define Maximum likelihood decoding[MLD] and its types.
2. Check whether  $S = \{1101, 0111, 1100, 0011\}$  is linearly independent or not?
3. Find the total number of bases of a linear code  $K^4$  with dimension 4.
4. Prove that a Hamming code has distance 3.
5. Does there exist a  $(15, 7, 5)$  linear code?
6. Show that the cyclic shift  $\pi$  is a linear transformation.
7. Find a basis for the smallest linear cyclic code of length 4 containing  $v = 0101$ .
8. Prove that Golay code  $(23, 12, 7)$  is perfect.

**(8 x 1 = 8 weightage)**

**Part B: Answer any two questions from each unit. Each carries 2 weightage.**

UNIT I

9. Define the reliability of a BSC. What can be said about a channel when
  - (a) its reliability is 0.
  - (b) its reliability is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
10. Show that a code  $C$  of distance  $d$  will correct all error patterns of weight less than or equal to  $\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$  and there is atleast one error pattern of weight  $1 + \lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor$  which  $C$  will not correct.

11. Given is a parity-check matrix for a linear code  $C$ .  $H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Find generator matrices

for  $C$  and  $C^\perp$ .

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## UNIT II

12. Prove the following
  - (a) A Hamming code has dimension  $2^r - 1 - r$  and contains  $2^{2^r - 1 - r}$  codewords.
  - (b) Hamming codes are perfect single-error correcting codes.
13. For the Hamming code of  $n = 7$  decode the message  $w = 1101001$ .
14. Find generating and parity check matrices for an extended Hamming code of length 8.

## UNIT III

15. Prove that every cyclic code contains a unique idempotent polynomial which generates the code.
16. Let  $C$  be a cyclic code of length  $n$  and let  $g(x)$  be the generator polynomial. If  $n - k = \text{degree}(g(x))$  then prove the following:
  - (a)  $C$  has dimension  $k$ .
  - (b) The code words corresponding to  $g(x), xg(x), \dots, x^{k-1}g(x)$  form a basis for  $C$ .
17. Let  $\alpha \neq 0$  be an element of  $GF(2^r)$ . Let  $m_\alpha(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$ . Then prove the following.
  - (a)  $m_\alpha(x)$  is irreducible over  $K$
  - (b) If  $f(x)$  is any polynomial over  $K$  such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$ , then  $m_\alpha(x)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$
  - (c) the minimal polynomial is unique
  - (d) the minimal polynomial  $m_\alpha(x)$  is a factor of  $1 + x^{2^r - 1}$ .

**(6 x 2 = 12 weightage)**

**Part C: Answer any two questions. Each carries five weightage.**

18.
  - (a) If  $C = \{01000, 01001, 00011, 11001\}$  and a word  $w = 10110$  is received, which code word was most likely sent?
  - (b) Let  $|M| = 3$  and  $n = 3$ . For each word  $w$  in  $K^3$  that could be received, find the word  $v$  in the code  $C = \{000, 001, 110\}$  which IMLD will conclude was sent.
19. Prove that the  $r^{\text{th}}$  order Reed- Muller code  $RM(r, m)$  has following properties:
  - (a) distance  $d = 2^{m-r}$
  - (b) dimension  $k = \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{m}{i}$
  - (c)  $RM(r - 1, m)$  is contained in  $RM(r, m), r > 0$
  - (d) dual code  $RM(m - 1 - r, m), r < m$ .
20. Find all primitive elements in  $GF(2^4)$ .
21. Decode the received message  $w = 110111101011000$  using the BCH code  $C_{15}$ .

**(2 x 5 = 10 weightage)**