

**Exercise 1** Solve the following linear system in  $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$  using Gaussian elimination :

$$\begin{cases} x + 2y + 2z = 3 \\ 2x + z = 4 \\ 3x + y + 3z = 1 \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 2** .

1. Let  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{A}^n$  be a code of length  $n$  and a minimum distance  $d$  show that  $|\mathcal{C}| \leq |\mathcal{A}|^{n-d+1}$
2. Deduce that if  $C \subset \mathcal{A}^n$  is a linear code of dimension  $k$  that

$$k + d \leq n + 1$$

This result is known as the **Singleton bound theorem**

**Exercise 3** Show that in a binary linear code , either all the codewords have even Hamming weights or else the number of odd-weight and even-weight codewords are equal.

**Exercise 4** .

1. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . For any element  $g \in G$ , there is a bijection between  $H$  and  $g + H$
2. Let  $G$  be a group with a finite number of elements and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then the number  $r$  of distinct left cosets of  $H$  is equal to  $|G| / |H|$ . In particular both  $|H|$  and  $r$  divide  $|G|$ .

**Exercise 5** Let  $H$  be the parity check matrix of a linear code  $C$  that has both odd and even weight codewords. Construct a new linear code  $C_1$  with the following parity-check matrix

$$H_1 = \left( \begin{array}{c|cccc} 0 & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \\ \dots & & & & \\ 0 & & & & \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} \\ \\ H \\ \\ \end{array}$$

1. Show that every codeword of  $C_1$  has even weight
2. Show that  $C_1$  can be obtained from  $C$  by adding an extra parity check digit denoted by  $x_1$  where

$$x_1 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w(x_2 \dots x_n, x_{n+1}) \text{ is odd} \\ 0 & \text{if } w(x_2 \dots x_n, x_{n+1}) \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

**Exercise 6** *The International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is a numeric book identifier used for the ease of handling books particularly by booksellers and libraries.*

*According to the 2001 standard, a unique 10-digit identifier is assigned to each book (based on the language of the publishing country, publisher, and the title) and a check digit is then affixed to the identifier. The aim of the checksum is to facilitate detection of two common typing errors made in book handling: Typing a wrong digit and interchanging two subsequent digits.*

*Taking the check digit into account, a valid ISBN can be regarded as a vector  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{10})$*

*where  $x_2, \dots, x_{10} \in \{0, \dots, 9\}$  and  $x_1 \in \{0, \dots, 9, 10\}$  is the checksum, computed according to the rule :*

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} ix_i = 0 \pmod{11}$$

1. *Show that the ISBN code can detect a single error.*
2. *Show that it can detect transposition of any digit with an adjacent digit.*
3. *What is the minimum distance of this code?*
4. *If we used the simpler rule*

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} ix_i = 0 \pmod{10}$$

*instead of the one above, could the code still detect errors? What about transpositions ?*