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## Examination paper for **TMA4185 Coding Theory**

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**Problem 1** Let  $C$  be a binary convolution code with generating matrix  $G = [1 + D, 1 + D + D^2, 1 + D + D^3]$ .

- a) Draw an encoding diagram for  $G$  and encode the sequence 10011100.
- b) Is  $G$  a basic encoding matrix?
- c) Decode the sequence 110 111 101 001 010 100 100 111 010 001 000 000 000 given that there are at most 2 errors.

**Problem 2** Let  $F$  be a finite field and  $C_1$  a linear  $[n, k_1, d_1]$  code over  $F$  and  $C_2$  a linear  $[n, k_2, d_2]$  code over  $F$ . Prove that  $C = \{(u, u+v) \in F^{2n} \mid u \in C_1, v \in C_2\}$  is a linear  $[2n, k_1 + k_2, \min\{2d_1, d_2\}]$  code over  $F$ .

**Problem 3** Let  $C$  be  $[21, 18, 3]$  Hamming code.

- a) What is the field this code is defined over, and how can one find a parity check matrix for this code.
- b) The dual of this code is in the class of simplex codes. How many errors can this dual simplex code of  $C$  correct?

**Problem 4**

- a) How many cyclic codes of length 17 exist over  $F_4$ ?
- b) Find the defining set of a BCH-code of length 17 of dimension 4 over  $F_4$  and with minimum distance at least 12.

**Problem 5**

- a) Let  $C$  be a binary linear  $[n, k, 3]$  code with  $k \geq 5$ . Prove that  $n \geq k + 3 + 1$ . (Hint: Induction on  $k$ )
- b) Let  $C$  be a binary linear  $[n, k, d]$  code with  $k \geq 5$  and  $d \geq 3$ . Prove that  $n \geq k + d + 1$ .