

Math 350  
Spring, 2003

**HOMEWORK #4**

Do 50 points of the following problems (due 2/6/03).

- 15 pts.    **1** Find the  $n, M$ , and  $d$  of the binary code whose generator matrix is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 15 pts.    **2** Put the following generator matrix into standard form.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- 20 pts.    **3** Let  $C$  be a code. Define  $C^\perp = \{x \in F_2^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^n x_i c_i = 0 \pmod{2} \text{ for every } c \in C\}$ . Find  $E_n^\perp$ , and argue why you think that you have the correct answer.

- ★ 30 pts.    **4** From the vector space  $V(2, q)$ ,  $q$  a prime power, an incidence structure  $A_q$  is defined as follows: the ‘points’ of  $A_q$  are the vectors of  $V(2, q)$ . The ‘lines’ of  $A_q$  are the one-dimensional subspaces of  $V(2, q)$  and their cosets. The point  $P$  ‘belongs to’ the line  $L$  if and only if  $P$  is in  $L$ . Prove that  $A_q$  is a  $(v, k, \lambda, r, b) = (q^2, q, 1, q + 1, q^2 + q)$  design. List the points and lines of  $A_2$  and  $A_3$ . Form the incidence matrix for  $A_2$  and  $A_3$  and compute the dimension and minimum distance for the binary linear codes defined by the rowspaces of these matrices.