

**CMSC 442 Fall 2001**  
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**Homework 6**

- **READING ASSIGNMENT:** Peterson & Weldon, “**Error-Correcting Codes,**” MIT Press, (Second Edition), (1986), Chapter 6 & 8
- **OPTIONAL READING ASSIGNMENT:** MacWilliams & Sloane, “**The Theory of Error-Correcting Codes,**” North-Holland (Second Edition), (1983), Chapter 7.

**Problem 1.** Given that

$$x^9 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)(x^6 + x^3 + 1)$$

is a complete factorization over  $GF(2)$  of  $x^9 + 1$  into irreducible polynomials,

- a) Draw the lattice of all ideals in  $R_9 = GF(2)[x]/\langle x^9 + 1 \rangle$
- b) Determine the dimension of and the number of elements in each ideal of  $R_9$ .
- c) List all elements of the ideals

$$\langle x^6 + x^3 + 1 \rangle \text{ and } \langle (x + 1)(x^6 + x^3 + 1) \rangle$$

**Problem 2.** Given that

$$x^5 + 1 = (x + 1)(x^4 - x^3 + x^2 - x + 1)$$

is a complete factorization over  $GF(3)$  of  $x^5 + 1$  into irreducible polynomials,

- a) Draw the lattice of all ideals in  $R_9^{(3)} = GF(3)[x]/\langle x^5 + 1 \rangle$
- b) Determine the dimension of and the number of elements in each ideal of  $R_9^{(3)}$ .

**Problem 3.** Let  $V$  denote the minimum length binary cyclic code given by the generator polynomial:

$$g(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1 .$$

- a) Determine the length  $n$  of  $V$
- b) Use  $g(x)$  to compute the generator matrix  $G$  of  $V$ . What is the dimension of  $V$  ?
- c) Compute the generator polynomial  $h^*(x)$  of  $V^\perp$ .
- d) Use  $h^*(x)$  to compute a generator matrix  $H_1$  of  $V^\perp$ .
- e) From  $h^*(x)$ , compute the parity check polynomial  $h(x)$  of  $V$ .
- f) Use the parity check polynomial  $h(x)$  computed in e) to compute the parity check matrix  $H$  of  $V$ .