

1. Using inclusion/exclusion with condition c_i is divisible by i we get that $S_0 - S_1 + S_2 - S_3$ numbers are not divisible by any the three numbers. Therefore $S_1 - S_2 + S_3$ numbers are satisfying at least one condition. Using $S_1 = N(c_3) + N(c_7) + N(c_{10}) = \lfloor \frac{100}{3} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{100}{7} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{100}{10} \rfloor = 57$, $S_2 = N(c_3c_7) + N(c_3c_{10}) + N(c_7c_{10}) = \lfloor \frac{100}{21} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{100}{30} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{100}{70} \rfloor = 8$ and $S_3 = N(c_3c_7c_{10}) = 0$ we find that $S_1 - S_2 + S_3 = 49$
2. Let $p(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 2x + 2$.

- a) Dividing x^5 by $p(x)$ we find that $x^5 = (x^2 - 2x + 2)p(x) + (-2x^2 + 1)$. (The computation is in $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$ so coefficients are reduced modulo 5.) This shows that $[x^2][x^3] = [-2x^2 + 1]$.
- b) Using the Euclidean algorithm on $q(x) = x^2 + 2x$ and $p(x)$ and backsubstituting we find that $1 = (-2x - 2)p(x) + (2x^2 + 2x - 1)q(x)$. This shows that $[2x^2 + 2x - 1]$ is an inverse of $q(x)$.
- c) R is a field if and only if $p(x)$ is irreducible. Since $p(x)$ is of degree three it is reducible if and only if it has a first degree factor. By the factor theorem this happens exactly when $p(x)$ has a zero. We can easily check that $p(x)$ has no zero and therefore R must be a field.

3. a) The system has a unique solution modulo $3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11 = 165$ by the Chinese remainder theorem. We find the solution by solving subsystems and adding their solutions. First solve

$$\begin{cases} x_1 \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ x_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ x_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}. \end{cases}$$

By the last two equations $x_1 = 55s$ and the first equations then says that $x_1 \equiv 55s \equiv s \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$. This shows we can choose $s = 2$ to get $x_1 = 110$. Proceeding in the same way for the other two subsystems we get $x_2 = 2 \cdot 33 = 66$ and $x_3 = 0 \cdot 15 = 0$. The resulting solutions is $x = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 176 \equiv 11 \pmod{165}$. All solutions are $x = 11 + 165k$ where k is any integer.

- b) Here the Chinese remainder theorem does not apply since 6 and 10 have a common factor. By the first equation x must be even and by the second equation x must be odd. Therefore the system has no solutions.

4. a) $\frac{19!}{(3!)^2(2!)^5}$

- b) Use the exponential generating function $f(x) = (1 + x)^{10}$ (each of the ten letters can be included or not) and compute the coefficient of $\frac{x^7}{7!}$ which is $7! \binom{10}{7} = \frac{10!}{3!}$

- c) Here the generating function is $f(x) = (1+x)^8(1+x+\frac{x^3}{3!})$ since the letters E and T may occur three times. Expanding the square and summing all coefficients of degree five we get $\binom{8}{5} + 2\binom{8}{4} + \binom{8}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\binom{8}{2} + \frac{1}{3}\binom{8}{1} = 264$ so the answer is $5!264 = 31680$
5. a) That the separation is two can be seen by checking the weight of all 8 code words or looking at the columns of the control matrix $H = (1111)$. (The control matrix can be obtained from the normal form of G , but since it has only one row it is easy to find it by knowing its row is perpendicular to each row of G .)
- b) Using H we find that w_1 and w_3 are in C .
- c) Using theorem 4.6 in the lecture notes by Andersson where C_1 is the code in a) and $C_2 = \{(0000), (1111)\}$ we get a code of separation 4 with generating matrix. (This is exactly the construction of a Reed-Muller code from example 4.7.)

$$G' = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Let a_n be the number of words of length n in the letters A, B, C not containing the substring CC .
- a) It is easy to see that $a_1 = 3$, $a_2 = 9 - 1 = 8$. For a_3 and a_4 one can use inclusion/exclusion to keep track of the forbidden strings. For example, to find a_3 , c_1 is the condition that the string starts with CC , c_2 the condition that we have CC at the end. Then we get $27 - (3 + 3) + 1 = 22$ permitted strings. Likewise, for a_4 we get $81 - (9 + 9 + 9) + (3 + 1 + 3) - 1 = 60$ permitted strings.
- b) Let $a_n = b_n + c_n$ where b_n counts those words that end with C and c_n those not ending with C . Then $b_n = c_{n-1}$ since all permitted words ending with C are obtained by adding a C at the end of a word *not* ending with C . Also $c_n = 2(b_{n-1} + c_{n-1})$ since words not ending with C are obtained by adding A or B at the end of any permitted word of length $n - 1$. Substituting the second recurrence into the first we get $c_n = 2c_{n-2} + 2c_{n-1}$. Noting that $c_0 = 1$ and $c_1 = 2$ we can solve for c_n by the usual method for linear recurrences and find that $c_n = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}(1 + \sqrt{3})^{n+1} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}(1 - \sqrt{3})^{n+1}$. From $a_n = b_n + c_n = c_{n-1} + c_n$ we now, after some simplification, get $a_n = \frac{1}{6}((2\sqrt{3} + 3)(1 + \sqrt{3})^n + (3 - 2\sqrt{3})(1 - \sqrt{3})^n)$