

## TASK 2.3. CODES

We define the distance  $d_H(X, Y)$  between two strings  $X$  and  $Y$  of equal length to be the usual Hamming distance, i.e. the number of positions in which  $X$  and  $Y$  differ.

For example,  $d_H(1001, 0010)=3$  and  $d_H(1001111, 0010101)=4$ .

Let  $n \geq 1$  and suppose  $C = W_1, W_2, \dots, W_M$  is a list of  $M$  binary strings of length  $n$ .

We consider  $C$  as a circular list and define the distance  $d_C(W_i, W_j)$  between two strings  $W_i$  and  $W_j$  in the list as  $d_C(W_i, W_j) = \min\{\text{abs}(i-j), M-\text{abs}(i-j)\}$ .

Suppose  $k$  satisfies  $1 \leq k < n$ . We say that  $C$  is a **circular code** of **length**  $n$  and **spread**  $k$  if for every  $i, j$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq M$  the following hold

- (1) If  $d_C(W_i, W_j) \leq k$ , then  $d_H(W_i, W_j) = d_C(W_i, W_j)$ ;
- (2) If  $d_C(W_i, W_j) > k$ , then  $d_H(W_i, W_j) > k$ .

A central problem in the study of circular codes is to determine the maximum number of strings in a circular code of length  $n$  and spread  $k$ . The exact value of this number is known only for some small values of parameters  $n$  and  $k$ . Your task is for a given pair  $n, k$  to construct a circular code containing as many as possible strings.

Test #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$n$	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	10	10
$k$	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	3

**You have to submit 10 files containing your codes with parameters from the table above. Do not submit any program!**

The first line of your file should contain

**#FILE code t**

where **t** is the test number.

The next  $M$  lines should contain the successive strings of the constructed code of length  $n$  and spread  $k$ .

For each test case, the best solutions among all competitors will get 10 points. If the best solution is a code with  $B$  strings, and you have submitted a correct solution with  $M$  strings your score will be  $10M/B$ . The score will be rounded to the first decimal digit for each case. The total score will be rounded to the nearest integer.

### EXAMPLE

$n=4, k=1, M=8$

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#FILE code 0
1101
1100
1110
1010
1011
0011
0001
0101
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