ELEC 511 – Error Control Coding
Term – Spring 2017 (201701)

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Days: Tuesday
Time: 11:30 - 1:30
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Course Objectives
The channel coding problem; Error control in data storage and transmission systems; Groups, rings and fields; Irreducible and primitive polynomials; Vector spaces and matrices; Linear block codes: generator and parity check matrices; Hamming codes and the Hamming bound; Coding bounds and dual codes; Syndrome decoding; Polynomial rings and cyclic codes; Encoding and decoding of cyclic codes; BCH and Reed-Solomon codes; Convolutional codes and the Viterbi algorithm.

Learning Outcomes
By the end of this course, students will be able to:
Explain the need for error correction in data communication and storage systems.
Apply mathematical tools from group and finite field theory in the design of codes.
Describe the fundamental limits of error correction.
Demonstrate the decoding of block codes including cyclic codes.
Explain the operation of a convolutional encoder.
Apply the Viterbi algorithm to decode a convolutional code.

Syllabus
- Course introduction; The channel coding problem.
- Vector spaces; Linear block codes.
- Groups, rings and fields; Primitive and irreducible polynomials.
- Polynomial rings and cyclic codes.
- BCH and Reed-Solomon codes.
- Convolutional codes and the Viterbi algorithm.

A-Section(s) for ELEC 511: A01 / CRN 21198, A02 / CRN 21199
Days: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Time: 10:30 - 11:20
Location: ECS 108

Required Text
Title: Error Control Systems for Digital Communication and Storage
Author: Stephen Wicker
Publisher: Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, NJ.
Year: 1995
Assessment:

Assignments: 20%  Due Dates: Will be announced during lectures.
Mid-term: 20%  Date: Friday, February 24, 2017.
Final Exam: 40%
Project: 20%

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