



work makes a considerable contribution toward solving the quality problem for scalable human work. On the basis of a comprehensive framework of cloud labor, he develops a set of methods to conceptually measure and aggregate the quality of human work results, implements a platform to put those methods to work, and evaluates their application in a number of very compelling, real-world scenarios successfully combining concepts from statistics, information technology, and management. Reading this book will be beneficial to novices in cloud labor services looking for orientation in this new field as well as to advanced researchers and practitioners developing cloud quality concepts.

Completely updated to cover latest developments, this text provides a bridge between introductory courses in digital communications and more advanced courses in information technology. It presents state-of-the-art control techniques. This book is for designers and would-be designers of digital communication systems. The general approach of this book is to extract the common principles underlying a range of media and applications and present them in a unified framework. Digital Communication is relevant to the design of a variety of systems, including voice and video digital cellular telephone, digital CATV distribution, wireless LANs, digital subscriber loop, metallic Ethernet, voiceband data modems, and satellite communication systems. New in this Third Edition: New material on recent advances in wireless communications, error-control coding, and multi-user communications has been added. As a result, two new chapters have been added, one on the theory of MIMO channels, and the other on diversity techniques for mitigating fading. Error-control coding has been rewritten to reflect the current state of the art. Chapters 6 through 9 from the Second Edition have been reorganized and streamlined to highlight pulse-amplitude modulation, becoming the new Chapters 5 through 7. Readability is increased by relegating many of the more detailed derivations to appendices and exercise solutions, both of which are included in the book. Exercises, problems, and solutions have been revised and expanded. Three chapters from the previous edition have been moved to the book's Web site to make room for new material. This book is ideal as a first-year graduate textbook, and is essential to many industry professionals. The book is attractive to both audiences through the inclusion of many practical examples and a practical flavor in the choice of topics. Digital Communication has a Web site at : <http://www.ece.gatech.edu/~barry/digital/>, where the reader may find additional information from the Second Edition, other supplementary materials, useful links, a problem solutions manual, and errata. This book concerns digital communication. Specifically, we treat the transport of bit streams from one geographical location to another over various physical media, such as wire pairs, coaxial cable, optical fiber, and radio waves. Further, we cover the multiplexing, multiple access, and synchronization issues relevant to constructing communication networks that simultaneously transport bit streams from many users. The material in this book is thus directly relevant to the design of a multitude of digital communication systems, including for example local and metropolitan area data networks, voice and video telephony systems, the integrated services digital network (ISDN), computer communication systems, voiceband data modems, and satellite communication systems. We extract the common principles underlying these and other applications and present them in a unified framework. This book is intended for designers and would-be designers of digital communication systems. To limit the scope to manageable proportions we have had to be selective in the topics covered and in the depth of coverage. In the case of advanced information, coding, and detection theory, for example, we have not tried to duplicate the in-depth coverage of many advanced textbooks, but rather have tried to cover those aspects directly relevant to the design of digital communication systems.

Reed-Solomon codes are a class of maximum distance separable error correcting codes with known fast error correction algorithms. They have been widely used to assure data integrity for stored data on compact discs, DVDs, and in RAID storage systems, for digital communications channels such as DSL internet connections, and for deep space communications on the Voyager mission. The recent explosion of storage needs for "Big Data" has generated renewed interest in large storage systems with extended error correction capacity. Reed-Solomon codes have been suggested as one potential solution. This dissertation reviews the theory of Reed-Solomon codes from the perspective taken in Reed and Solomon's original paper on them. It then derives the Welch-Berlekamp algorithm for solving certain polynomial equations, and connects this algorithm to the problem of error correction. The discussion is mathematically rigorous, and provides a complete and consistent discussion of the error correction process. Numerous algorithms for encoding, decoding, erasure recovery, error detection, and error correction are provided and their computational cost is analyzed and discussed thus allowing this dissertation to serve as a manual for engineers interested in implementing Reed-Solomon coding.

Offers the most complete, up-to-date coverage available on the principles of digital communications. Focuses on basic issues, relating theory to practice wherever possible. Numerous examples, worked out in detail, have been included to help the reader develop an intuitive grasp of the theory. Topics covered include the sampling process, digital modulation techniques, error-control coding, robust quantization for pulse-code modulation, coding speech at low bit radio, information theoretic concepts, coding and computer communication. Because the book covers a broad range of topics in digital communications, it should satisfy a variety of backgrounds and interests, and offers a great deal of flexibility for teaching the course. The author has included suggested course outlines for courses at the undergraduate or graduate levels. An accessible textbook that uses step-by-step explanations, relatively easy mathematics and numerous examples to aid student understanding.

Providing in-depth treatment of error correction Error Correction Coding: Mathematical Methods and Algorithms, 2nd Edition provides a comprehensive introduction to classical and modern methods of error correction. The presentation provides a clear, practical introduction to using a lab-oriented approach. Readers are encouraged to implement the encoding and decoding algorithms with explicit algorithm statements and the mathematics used in error correction, balanced with an algorithmic development on how to actually do the encoding and decoding. Both block and stream (convolutional) codes are discussed, and the mathematics required to understand them are introduced on a "just-in-time" basis as the reader progresses through the book. The second edition increases the impact and reach of the book, updating it to discuss recent important technological advances. New material includes: Extensive coverage of LDPC codes, including a variety of decoding algorithms. A comprehensive introduction to polar codes, including systematic encoding/decoding and list decoding. An introduction to fountain codes. Modern applications to systems such as HDTV, DVBT2, and cell phones Error Correction Coding includes extensive program files (for example, C++ code for all LDPC decoders and polar code decoders), laboratory materials for students to implement algorithms, and an updated solutions manual, all of which are perfect to help the reader understand and retain the content. The book covers classical BCH, Reed Solomon, Golay, Reed Muller, Hamming, and convolutional codes which are still component codes in virtually every modern communication system. There are also fulsome discussions of recently developed polar codes and fountain codes that serve to educate the

reader on the newest developments in error correction.

Discover the basic telecommunications systems principles in an accessible learn-by-doing format Communication Systems Principles Using MATLAB covers a variety of systems principles in telecommunications in an accessible format without the need to master a large body of theory. The text puts the focus on topics such as radio and wireless modulation, reception and transmission, wired networks and fiber optic communications. The book also explores packet networks and TCP/IP as well as digital source and channel coding, and the fundamentals of data encryption. Since MATLAB® is widely used by telecommunications engineers, it was chosen as the vehicle to demonstrate many of the basic ideas, with code examples presented in every chapter. The text addresses digital communications with coverage of packet-switched networks. Many fundamental concepts such as routing via shortest-path are introduced with simple and concrete examples. The treatment of advanced telecommunications topics extends to OFDM for wireless modulation, and public-key exchange algorithms for data encryption. Throughout the book, the author puts the emphasis on understanding rather than memorization. The text also: Includes many useful take-home skills that can be honed while studying each aspect of telecommunications Offers a coding and experimentation approach with many real-world examples provided Gives information on the underlying theory in order to better understand conceptual developments Suggests a valuable learn-by-doing approach to the topic Written for students of telecommunications engineering, Communication Systems Principles Using MATLAB® is the hands-on resource for mastering the basic concepts of telecommunications in a learn-by-doing format.

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