

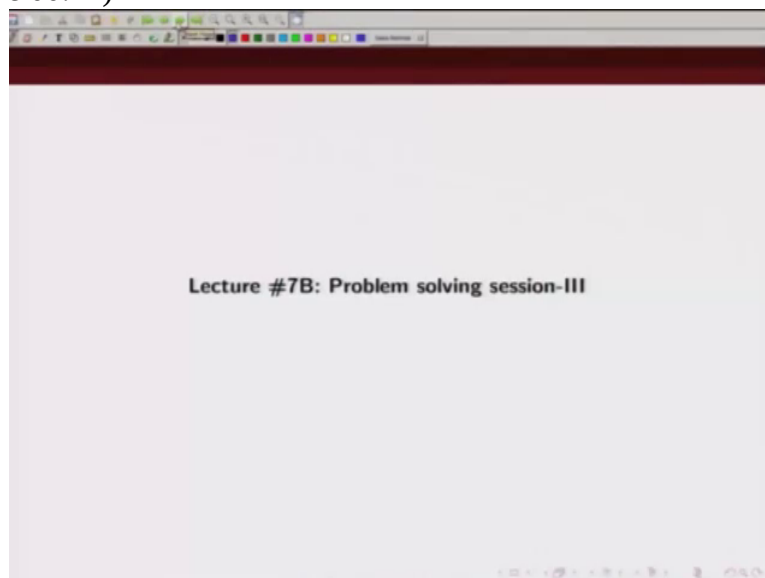
**An Introduction to Coding Theory**  
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**Module 03**  
**Lecture Number 14**  
**Problem Solving Session-II**

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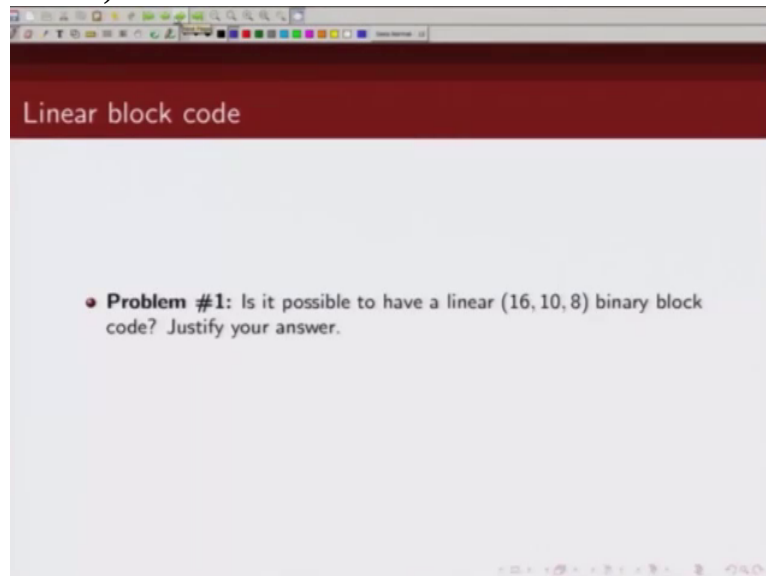


So in the last lecture we discussed about bounds on the size of the code. Now let's solve some problems related to that.

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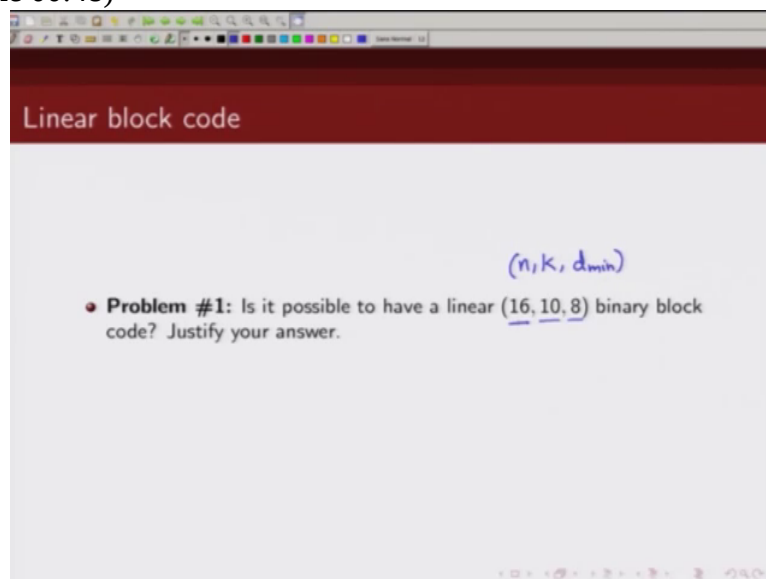


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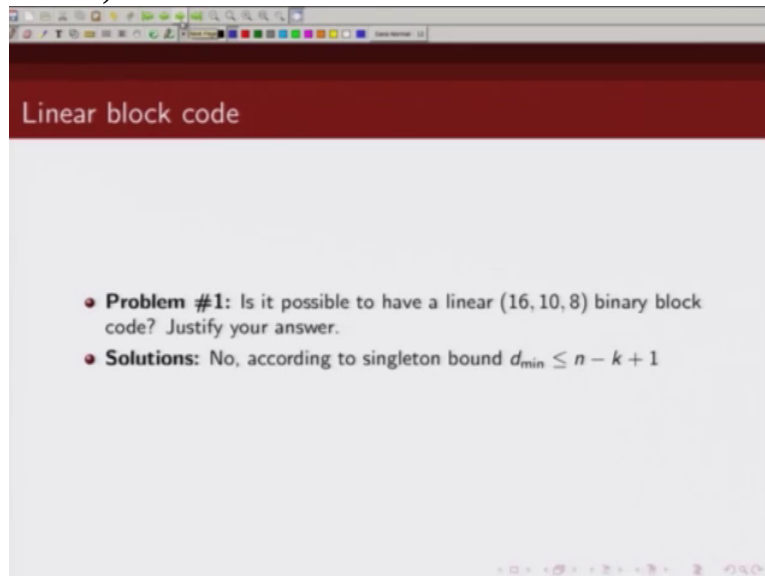
So first question is, is it possible to have linear block code, binary block code which has  $n$  given by 16,  $k$  given by 10 and minimum distance of 8. So when I write it like this, so this stands for

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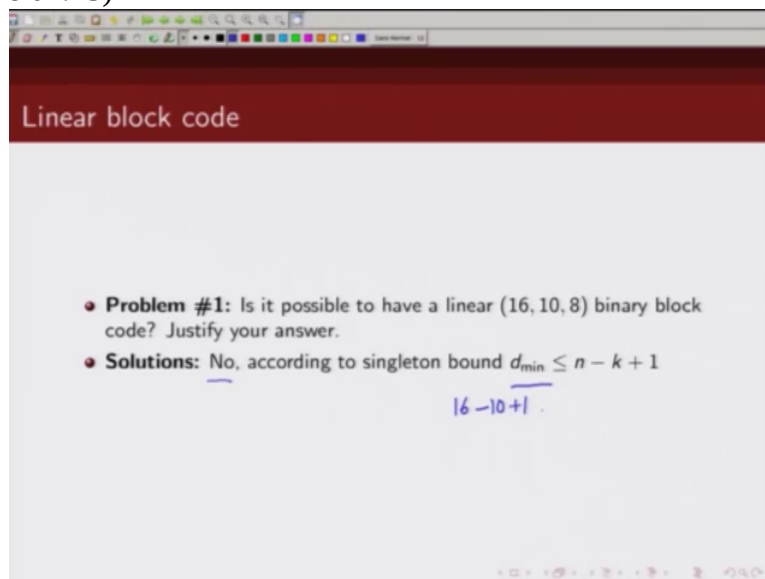
$n$  and this is  $k$  and and this is minimum distance. So is it possible to have a code which has length 16, information sequence length 10 and minimum distance of 8. Now how do we solve it? We have talked about various bounds on minimum distance, so let's see whether this satisfies the bounds on minimum distance. So let's start with singleton

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bound. Well, the answer to this question is no. The reason being, for example this does not satisfy the singleton bound. Now what does singleton bound says? The minimum distance of a code has to be less than equal to n minus k plus 1, n here is 16, k is 10 and this is 1 so what singleton bound

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says, that minimum distance of a 16 10 code cannot be more than 7.

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The slide is titled "Linear block code" and contains the following text:

- **Problem #1:** Is it possible to have a linear (16, 10, 8) binary block code? Justify your answer.
- **Solutions:** No, according to singleton bound  $d_{\min} \leq n - k + 1$

Handwritten in blue ink below the solution is the calculation:  $16 - 10 + 1$  followed by  $d_{\min} \leq 7$ .

And here we are saying minimum distance of 8. So that means it is not possible to have a linear code with these parameters. Now please note whenever such questions come you will have to check whether all the bounds that you, all the bounds on minimum distance are satisfied or not.

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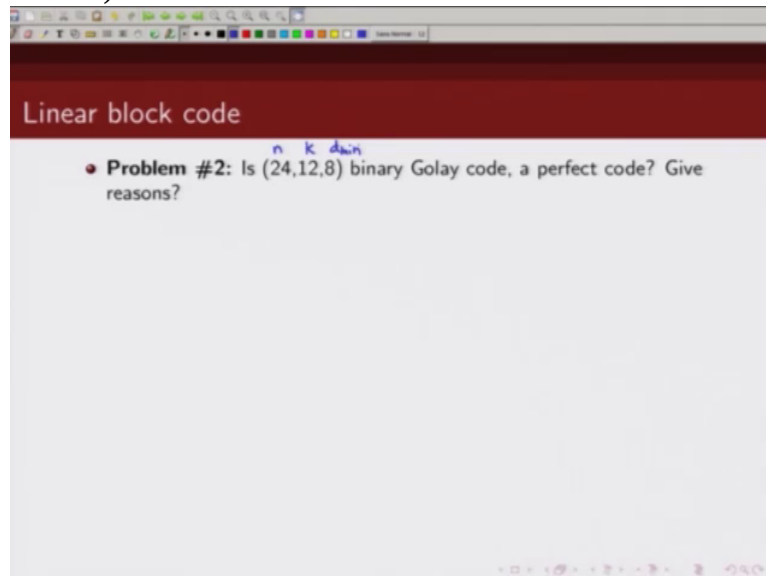
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The slide is titled "Linear block code" and contains the following text:

- **Problem #2:** Is (24, 12, 8) binary Golay code, a perfect code? Give reasons?

question is 24 12 8 binary Golay code, is this a perfect code? Now again here n is 24, k is 12 and minimum distance is 8.

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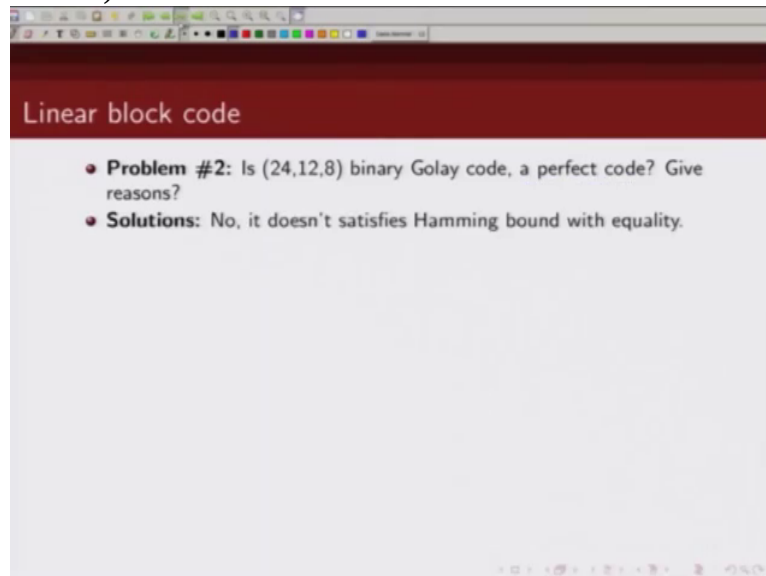
Now what is a perfect code? A code that satisfies Hamming bound with equality is a perfect code.

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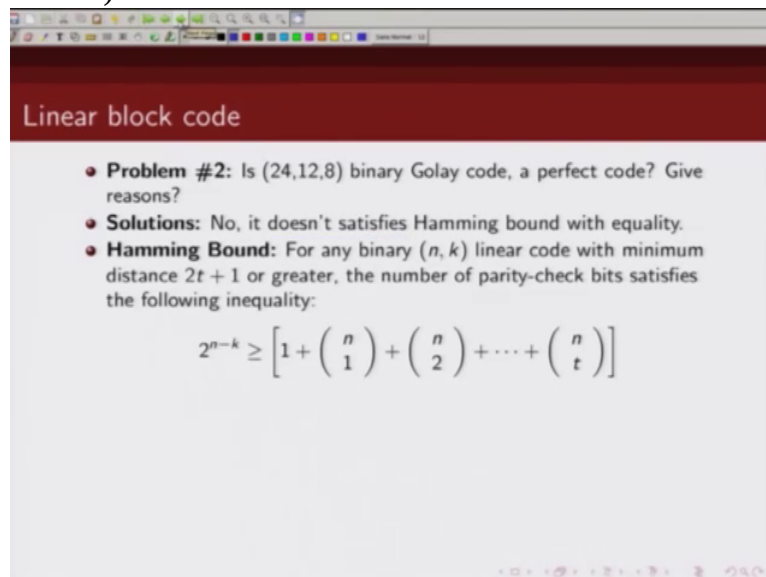
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whether this code satisfies Hamming bound with equality. The answer to this question is no and we will come to that in a minute. It does not satisfy Hamming bound with equality. So what does

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Hamming bound says? If you have a binary  $n$   $k$  code whose minimum distance is  $2t$  or greater then number of priority check bits must satisfy this constraint and codes that satisfy this inequality with equality are known as perfect codes. So we will have to check whether this

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24 12 8 Golay code satisfies this Hamming bound with equality. So the minimum distance is 8. Now what would be the error correcting capability of this code? So this will be  $d_{\min} - 1$  by 2 and floor of that.

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So in this case it's 8 minus 1 by 2 so this is a triple error correcting code, 24 12 8

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perfect codes

$t=3$        $\left\lfloor \frac{8-1}{2} \right\rfloor = 3$

Golay code can correct 3 errors. So t in this, t for this code is 3,

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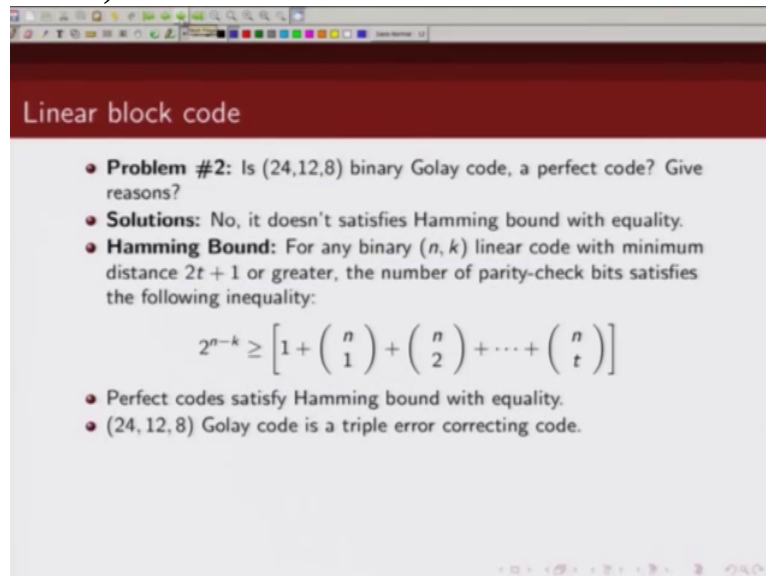
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Ok. So



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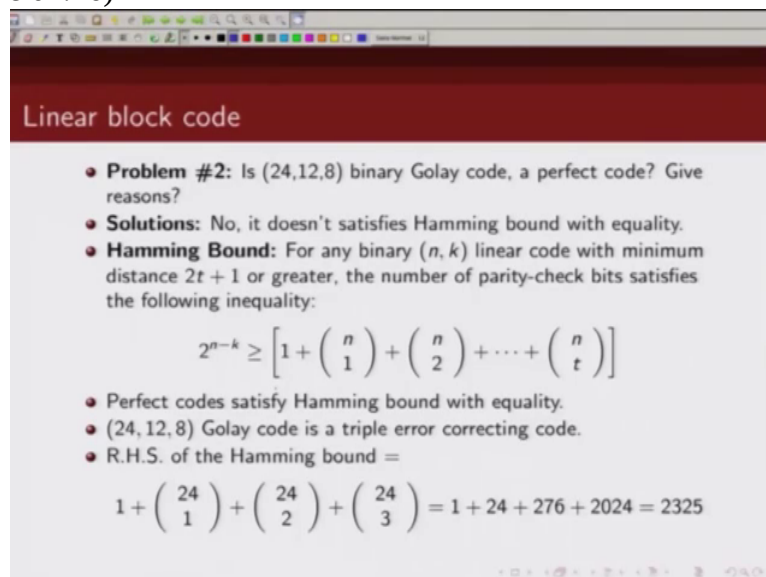
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let's just compute the right hand side,

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this one. So this will be 1 plus n is 24, 24 choose 1 24 choose 2 plus 24 choose 3 because t is 3. So this is 1 plus 24 plus 2 76 plus 20 24 so this will be two thousand three hundred twenty five. So the term that we are getting on the right hand side is two thousand three hundred twenty five. Now let's look at the left hand side. This is 2 raised to power

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n minus k. So n is 24, k is 12, so this will be 2 raised to power 12. And this is equal to

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4096. Now note left hand side is greater than right hand side. Left hand side

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is 4 0 9 6. Right hand side is 2 3 2 5.

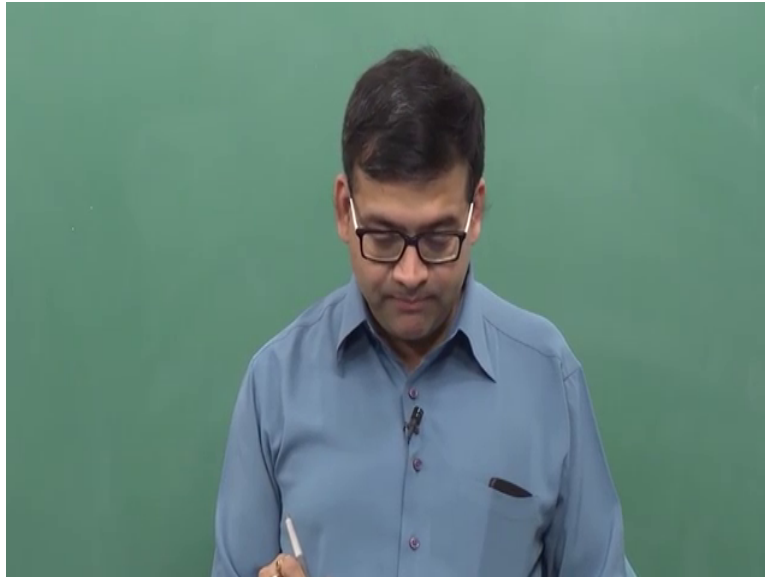
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So this particular code does not satisfy Hamming bound with equality and

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hence it is not a perfect code.

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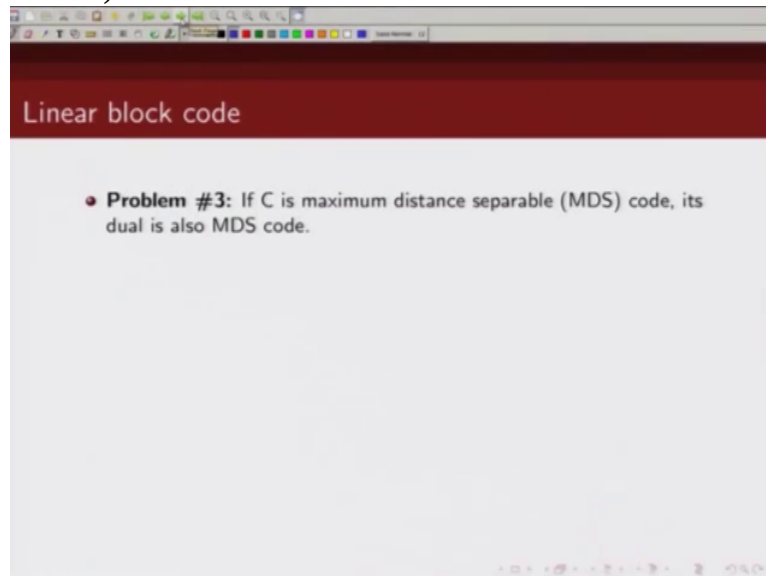
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*Handwritten notes:*  $2^{24-12} = 2^{12}$  and  $\Rightarrow$  pointing to the L.H.S. value.

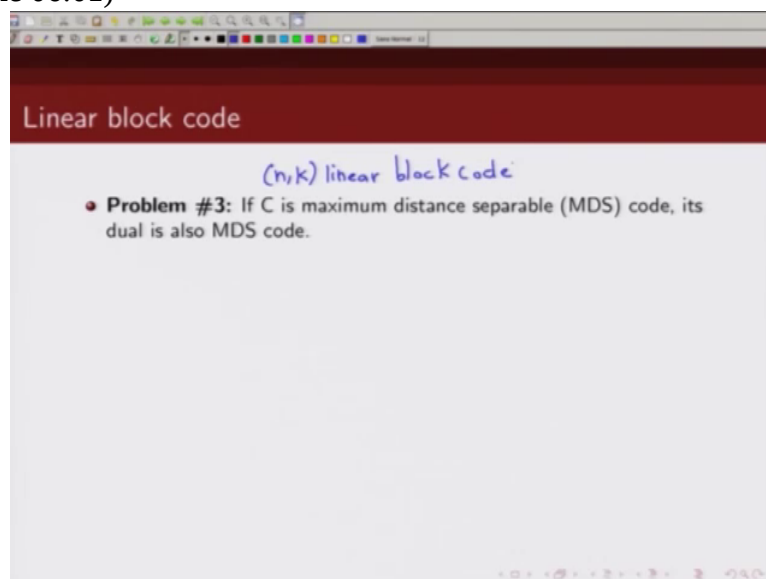
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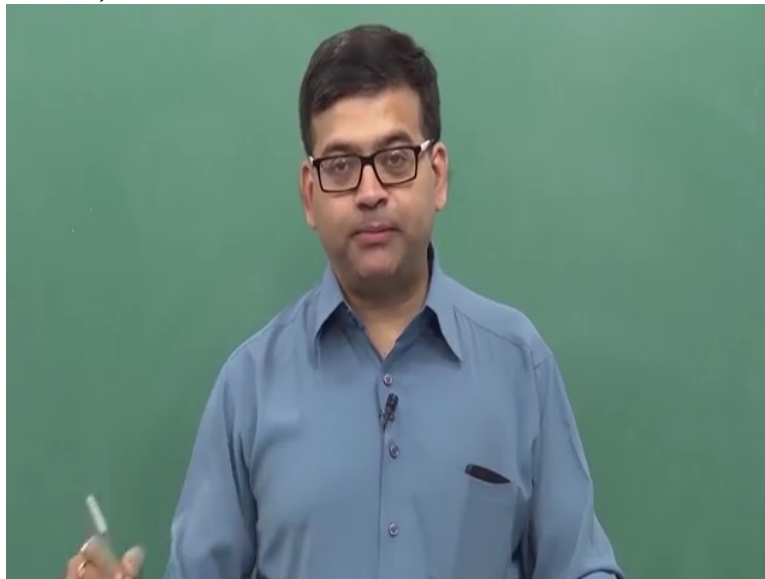
if we are given a linear block code  $C$ , let's just say an  $(n, k)$  linear block code, it is said that this code

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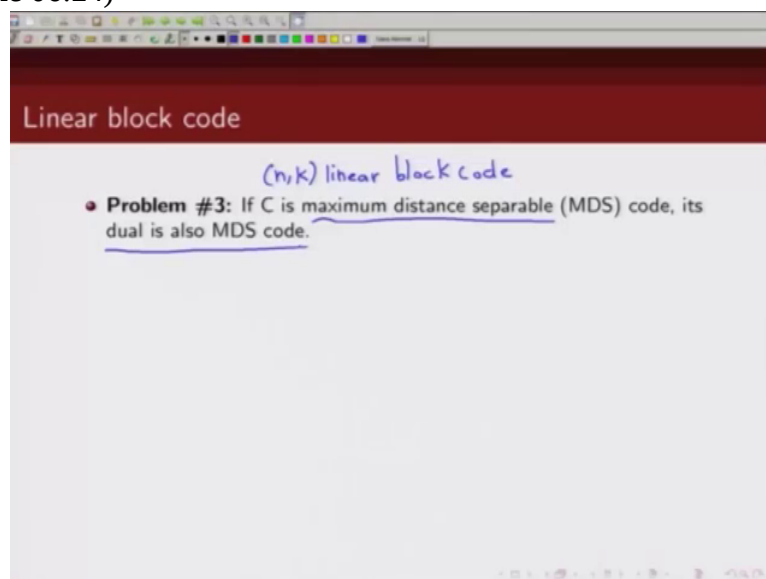
is maximum distance separable. Then show that its dual code is also maximum distance separable.

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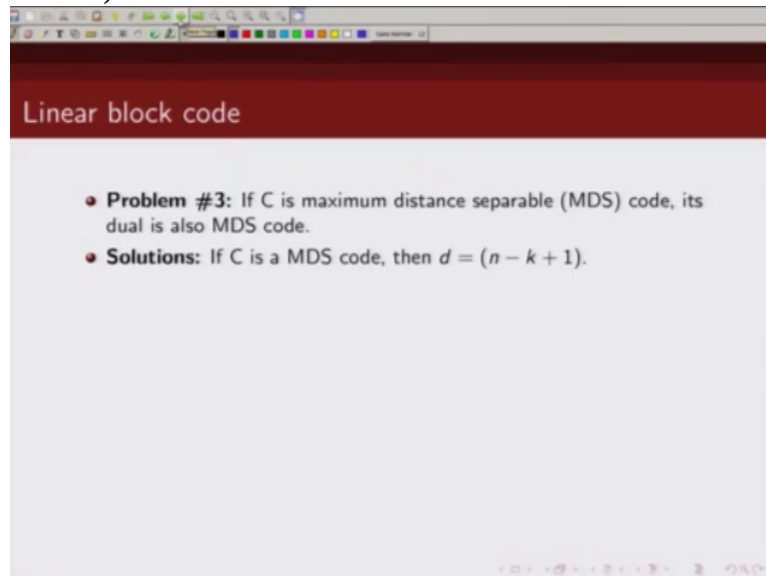
Now what do we mean by maximum distance separable code? We know the codes that satisfy singleton bound with equality are known as maximum distance

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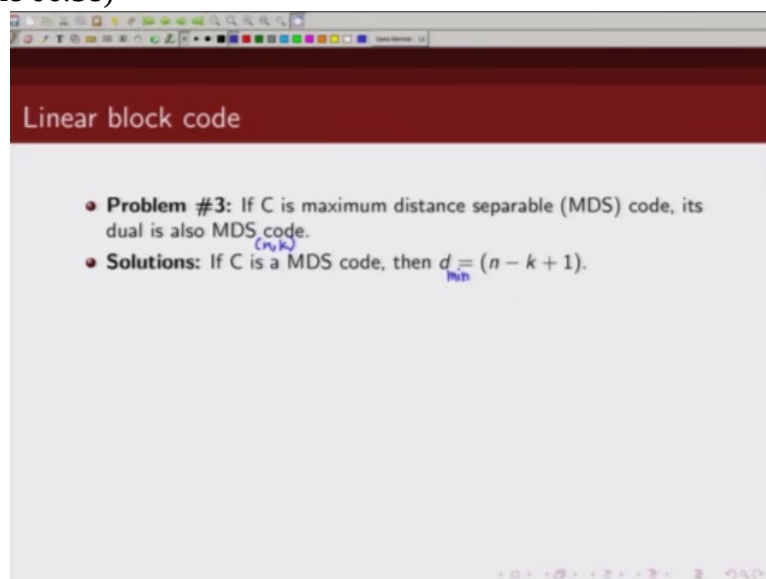
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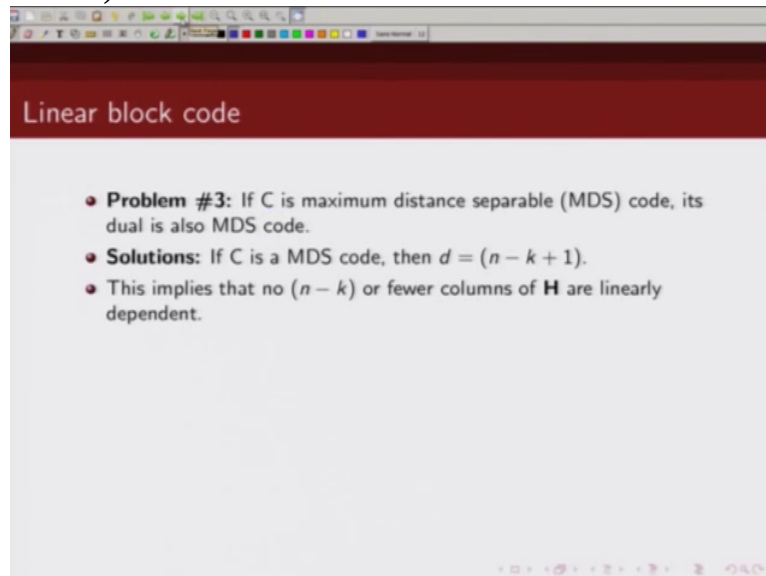
if this  $n, k$  code is maximum distance separable then minimum distance of this code should be  $n - k + 1$

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$k + 1$ , right? This follows from the fact that our given linear block code  $C$  is maximum distance separable. Now if the minimum

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distance is, if the minimum distance is  $n$  minus  $k$  plus 1, it means that there are no  $n$  minus  $k$  or less columns in the parity check matrix

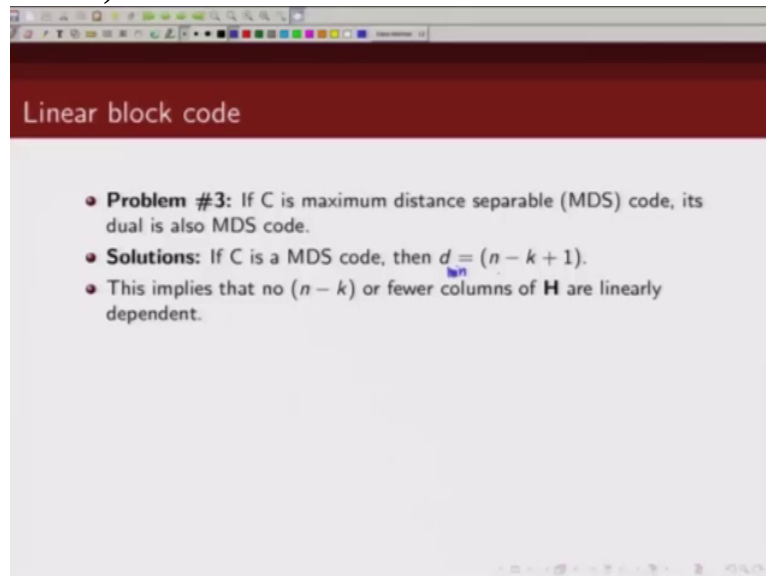
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of this code which are linearly dependent. If you recall the minimum number of



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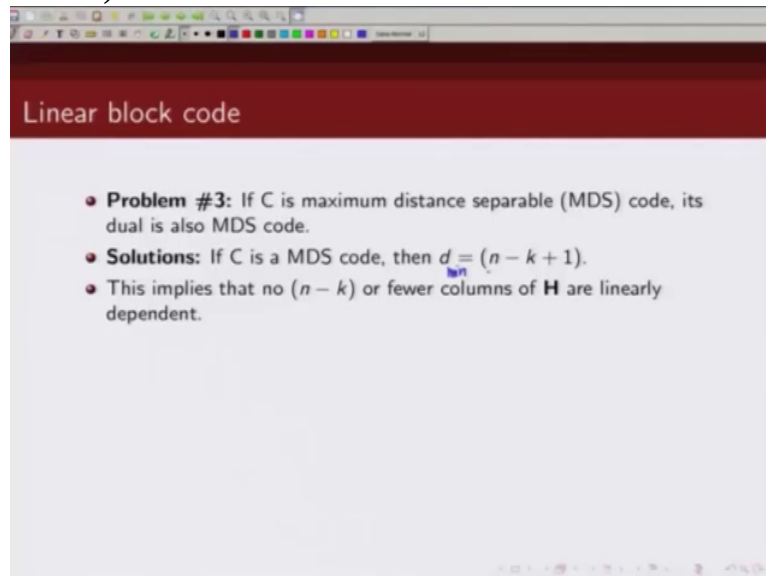
columns of this parity check matrix which are linearly dependent basically can be found out from, if we look at various, if we add up the columns of the parity check matrix, the minimum number of columns that add up to zero is the

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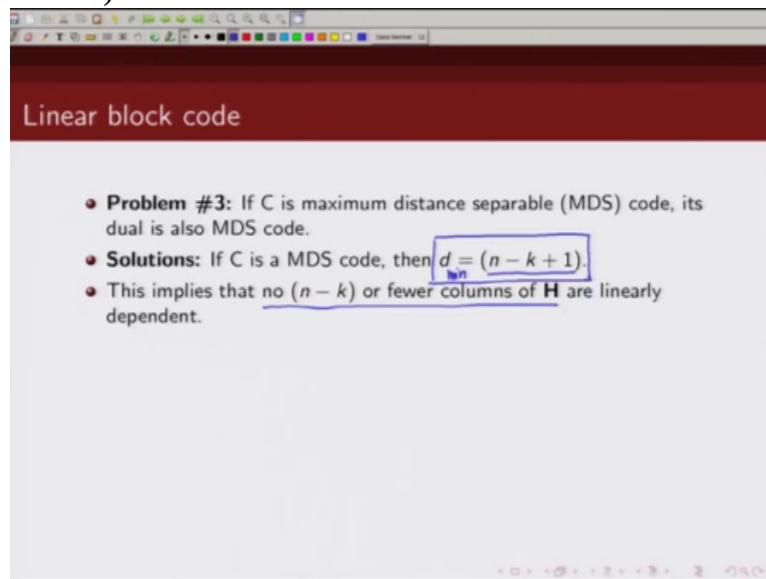
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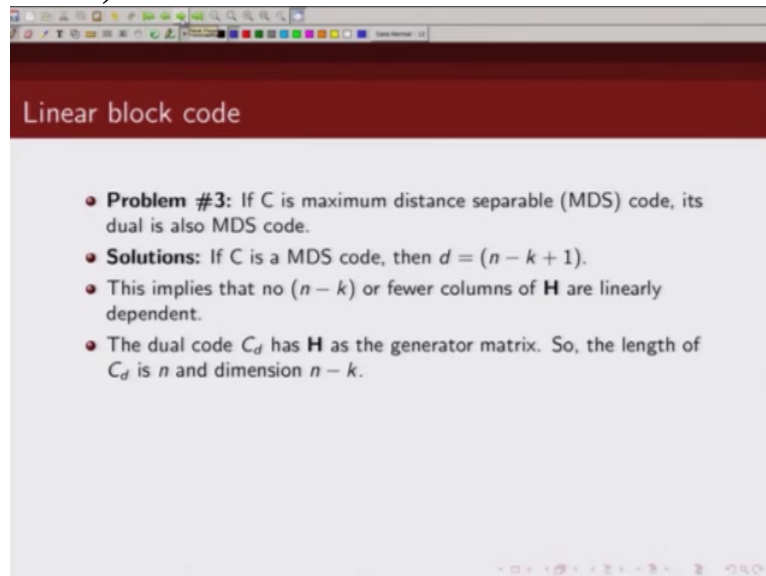
$n$  minus  $k$  plus 1 it means no  $n$  minus  $k$  or less columns of this parity check matrix will add up to zero. So that's what we are saying, no  $n$  minus  $k$  or fewer columns of this parity check matrix are linearly dependent. That is because the minimum distance of this code is  $n$  minus  $k$

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plus 1. Now

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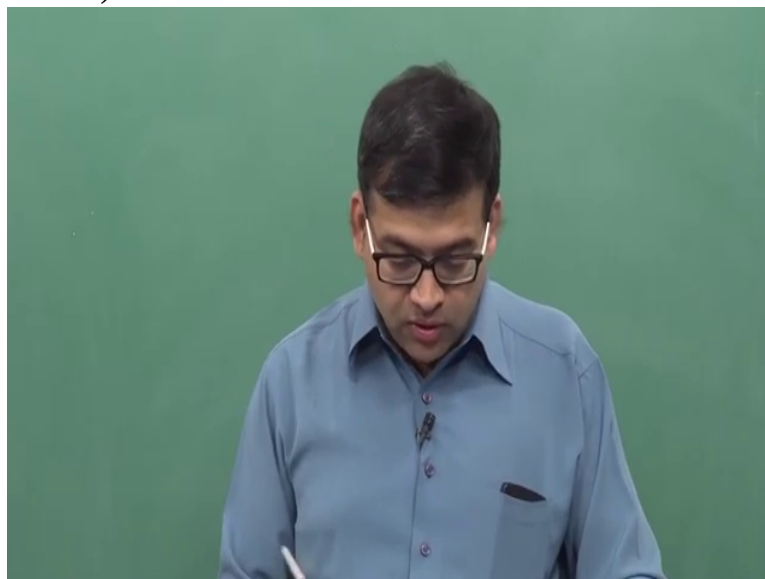


Linear block code

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- This implies that no  $(n - k)$  or fewer columns of  $\mathbf{H}$  are linearly dependent.
- The dual code  $C_d$  has  $\mathbf{H}$  as the generator matrix. So, the length of  $C_d$  is  $n$  and dimension  $n - k$ .

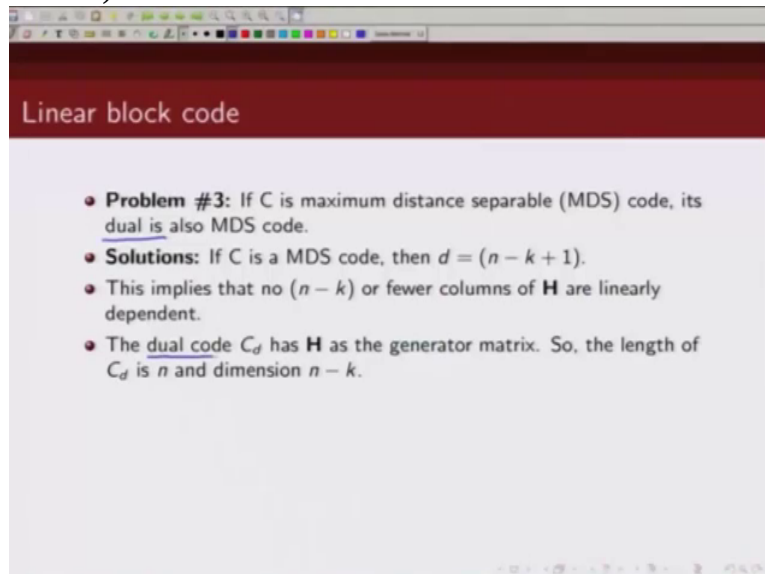
let's look at its dual code. Now what do we know about the dual code? We know that the generator matrix of a dual code is same as parity check matrix of the original code. So

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for this dual code

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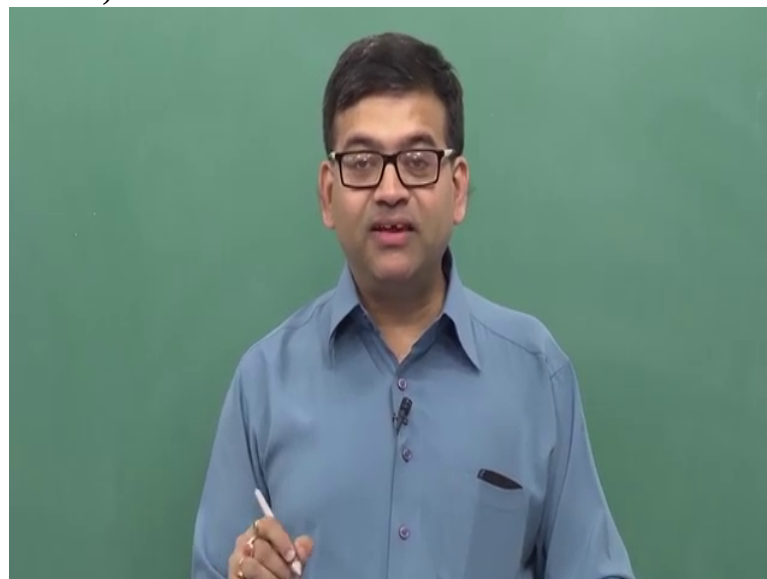


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then,  $\mathbf{H}$  will be the generator matrix. This follows from

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the property of dual code. And we also know the dual

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code codeword length should be  $n$  and since this was an  $n, k$  code the dual

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code dimension must be  $n$  minus  $k$ . Now to prove that this dual code which is specified by these parameters,

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length  $n$  and dimension  $n$  minus  $k$ , to prove that this is maximum distance separable we will have to show that its minimum distance is given by  $d_{\min}$  is equal to  $n$  minus dimension is  $n$  minus  $k$  plus 1. So we will have to show that

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minimum distance

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of the dual code is  $k + 1$ . So that's what

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we are going to show now. To prove that the dual code is maximum distance separable the dual code also has to satisfy singleton bound and according to singleton bound the minimum distance should be  $n$  minus dimension of the code which is  $n$  minus  $k$  plus  $1$  and this comes out to be

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Linear block code

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$k + 1$ . So we will have to show that

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the minimum distance of the dual of this code

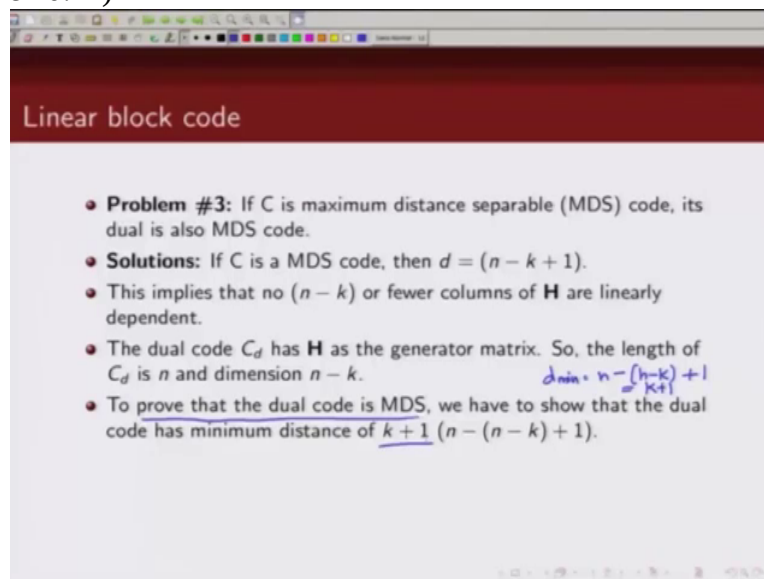


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is  $k + 1$ .

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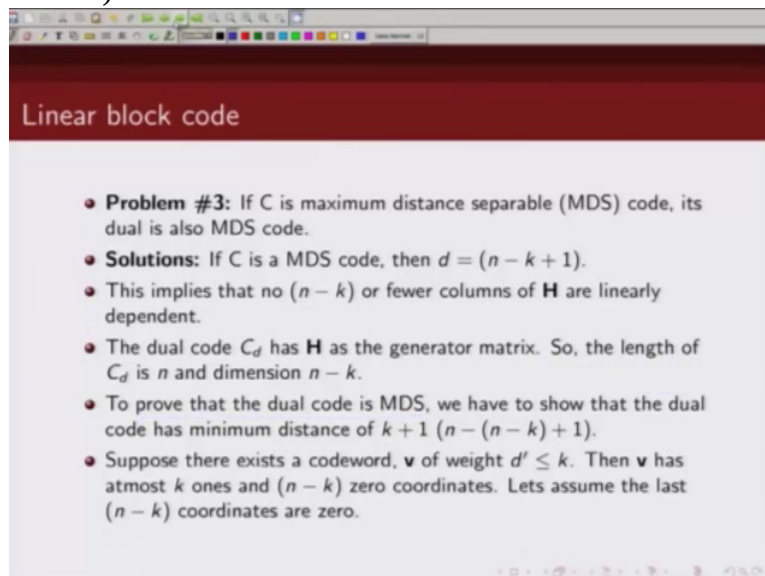
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*Handwritten note:  $d_{\min} = n - \binom{n-k}{k+1} + 1$*

Now

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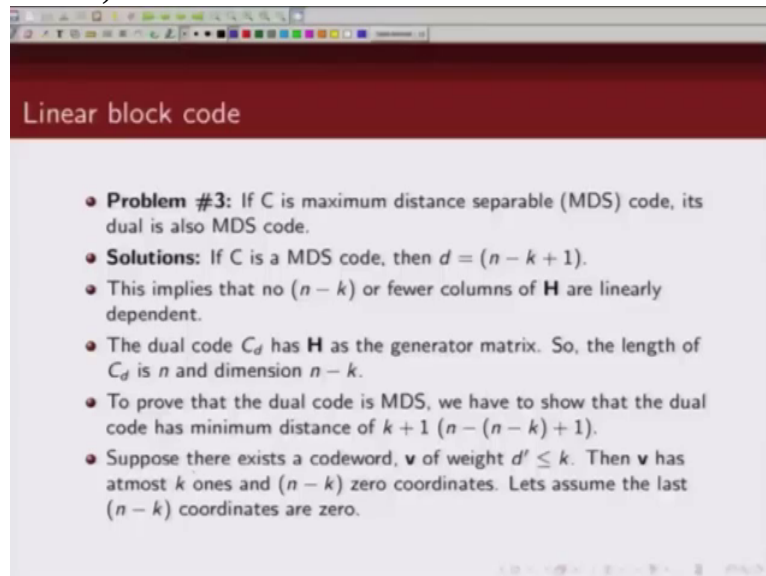
to prove this result we will take help of what we call method of contradiction. So how does method of contradiction work? We will start off with the assumption that there exists a codeword of weight

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less than equal to  $k$ . So we will assume that minimum distance is not  $k + 1$ . And then we will show that, through the properties of this code that this condition is not possible, for assumption that there exists a codeword of weight  $k$  or less is incorrect and hence the minimum distance should be more than  $k$  and then we will use singleton bound to show that minimum distance can at most be  $k + 1$  and hence the minimum distance of the dual code is  $k + 1$ . So this is the approach that we are going to follow. So as we said

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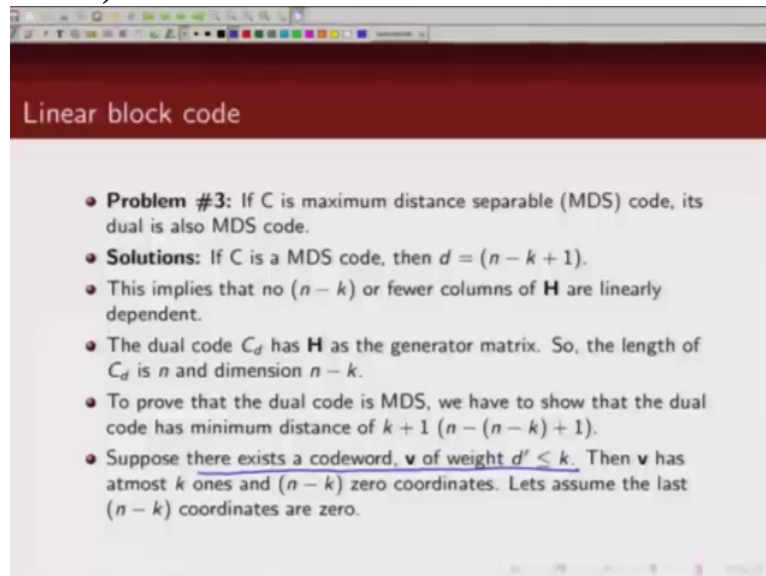
in method of contradiction we will first assume that, let's assume that there exists the codeword of weight less than  $k + 1$ . So we assume that there exists a codeword  $\mathbf{v}$  of weight  $d$  prime which is less than equal to  $k$ . Now if there exists a codeword

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of weight less than equal to  $k$ , then what does it mean? That means that codeword weight will at most have  $k$  once right, so

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our codeword be the  $n$  bit codeword, so out of this at most  $k$  bits are 1. Remaining  $n$  minus  $k$

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bits are zero.

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So we can at most have  $k$  1s and  $n$  minus  $k$  or more bits are zero. Without loss of generality let's assume that those bits which are zero are towards the end. So what we are assuming is, let's say this is our codeword  $\mathbf{v}$ . So first  $k$  bits have 1's and these, these remaining bits have zeroes. So these are, these bits have zeroes and these bits have 1s,

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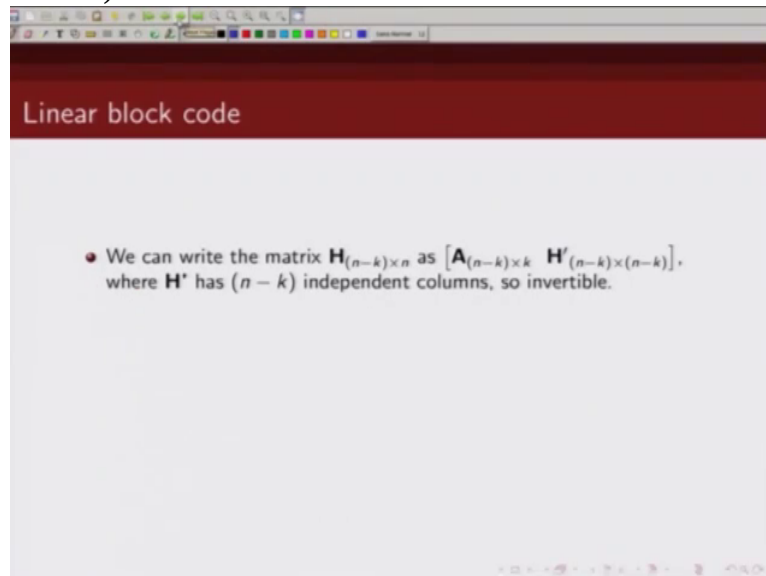
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$[ \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{k \text{ bits}} \quad \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_{n-k} ]$

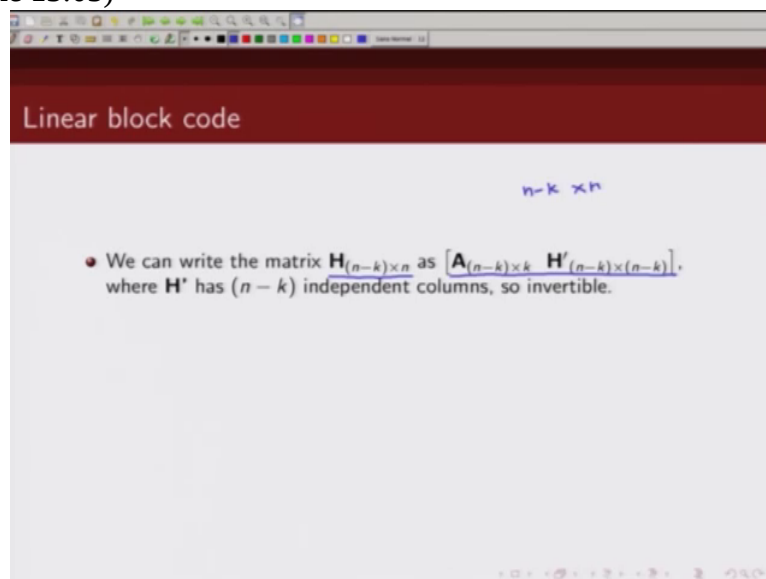
Ok let's assume that. Now

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the parity check matrix of the original code which is the generator matrix of our dual code can be written in this particular form. Now please note this parity check matrix is  $n$  minus  $k$  cross  $n$  matrix so this I am writing as

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one matrix which is a matrix,  $n$  minus  $k$  cross  $k$  and then there is an invertible matrix which I call  $H$  prime which is  $n$  minus  $k$  cross  $n$  minus  $k$ . Now what was the rank of this matrix  $H$ ? Remember we have,

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_k & \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_{n-k} \end{bmatrix}$$

because minimum distance of the code was  $n$  minus  $k$  plus  $1$ , so no  $n$  minus  $k$  or fewer columns of  $H$  were linearly dependent. So the row rank was

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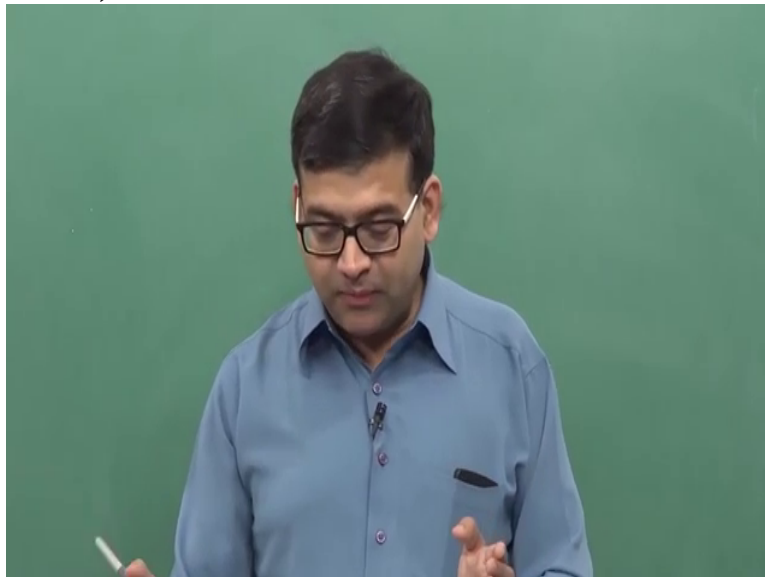
**Linear block code**

$n - k \times n$

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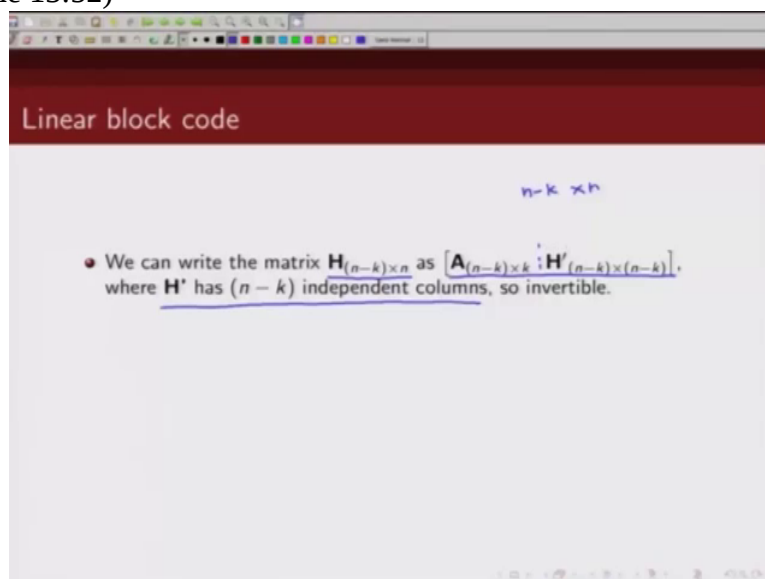
$n$  minus  $k$ . So column rank is also  $n$  minus  $k$ . What does it mean? It means that  $n$  minus  $k$ , there are  $n$  minus  $k$  independent columns in this matrix and let's say

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those  $n$  minus  $k$  independent columns are

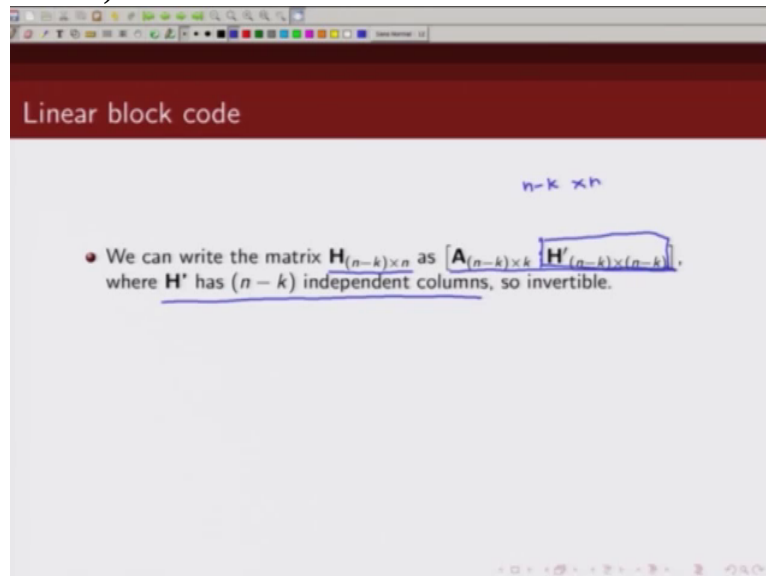
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these, given by this  $\mathbf{H}$  hat, Ok.



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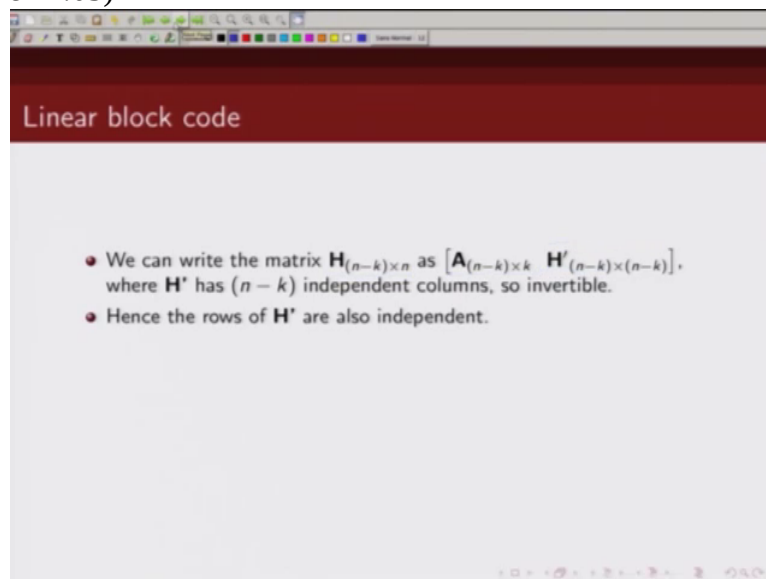
Linear block code

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This is, so since this has independent columns this can be inverted also.

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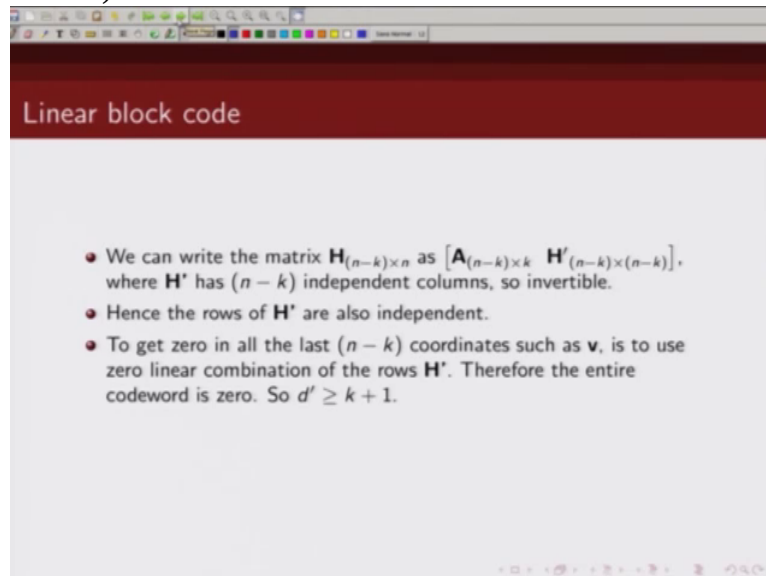


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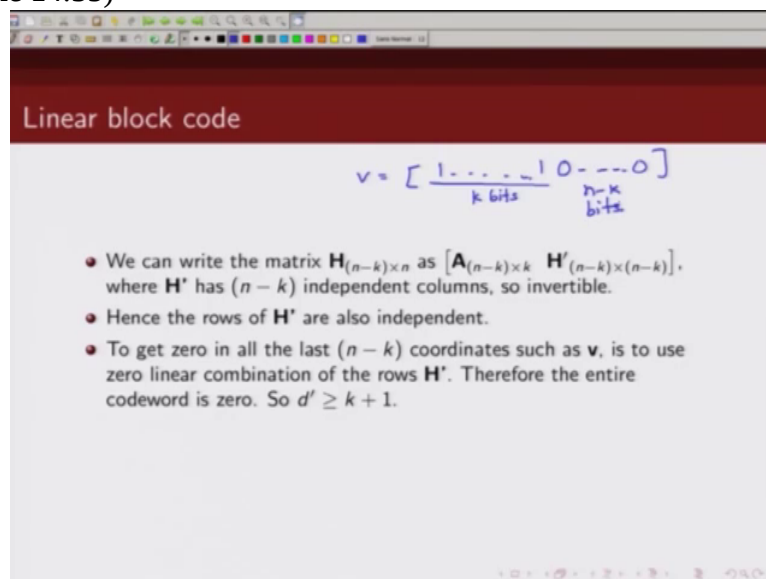
And rows of this matrix H hat is also independent because it is ranked

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$n$  minus  $k$  as well. Now remember what did we say about our codeword  $\mathbf{v}$ ? We said our codeword  $\mathbf{v}$ , the first  $k$  bits at most first  $k$  bits are 1, so these first  $k$  bits can at most be 1 and these are all zeroes. So remaining  $n$  minus  $k$  bits are all

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zero. Now this  $\mathbf{H}$  matrix is the generator matrix, this is a generator matrix for dual code  $C^\perp$ .

So

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Linear block code

$$v = [ \underbrace{1 \dots 1}_{k \text{ bits}} \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_{n-k \text{ bits}} ]$$

Generator matrix  $\rightarrow C_d$

- We can write the matrix  $H_{(n-k) \times n}$  as  $[A_{(n-k) \times k} \mid H'_{(n-k) \times (n-k)}]$ , where  $H'$  has  $(n-k)$  independent columns, so invertible.
- Hence the rows of  $H'$  are also independent.
- To get zero in all the last  $(n-k)$  coordinates such as  $v$ , is to use zero linear combination of the rows  $H'$ . Therefore the entire codeword is zero. So  $d' \geq k + 1$ .

if we have to generate a codeword like this from this generator matrix given by this, we will have to use this matrix. Now remember to get zero in the last  $n$  minus  $k$  coordinates, now this consists of  $n$  minus  $k$  linearly independent columns and rows. Now to get zeroes in last  $n$  minus  $k$  coordinates the only way we can get it is if we use a zero linear combination of all rows. So if we do zero times all the rows that is the only way we can get this condition. Why, because this is, remember this

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Linear block code

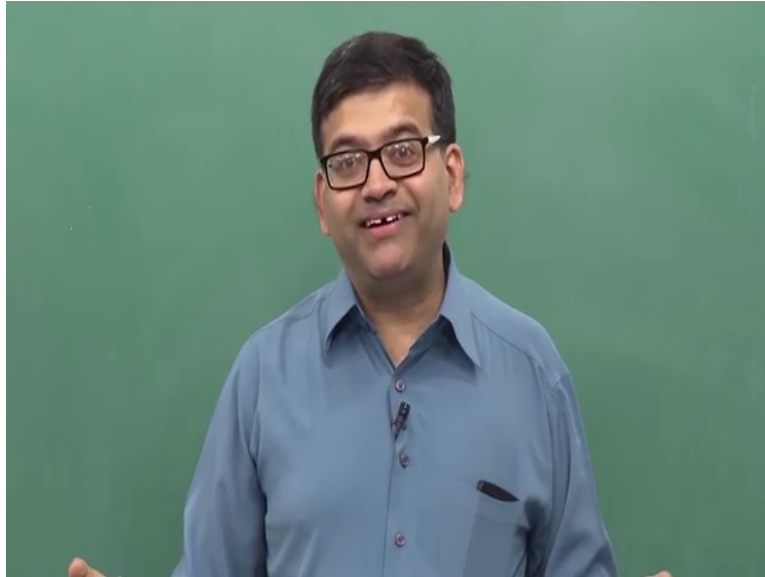
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is a linear independent columns and rows, so only way we can get all zeroes here is if we take zero linear combination. So we multiply all the rows of this generator matrix by zero but if we do that what is the minimum distance that we get? If we do that the codeword that we get is

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all zero codeword. So what it means then that our assumption

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Linear block code

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that there exists a codeword of weight up to  $k$  is incorrect because we are not able to construct that codeword using the generator matrix

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of the dual code. Hence our assumption that minimum distance of the code, there exists a codeword of weight less than equal to  $k$  was incorrect, so we can conclude

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Linear block code

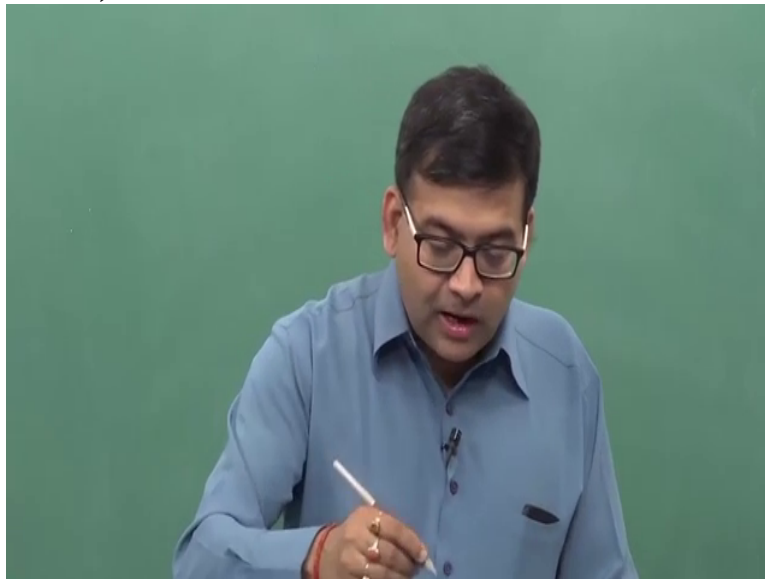
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or say that the minimum distance of the code is at least  $k$  plus 1. Ok now how

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do we show that it is exactly  $k + 1$ ? Now we know

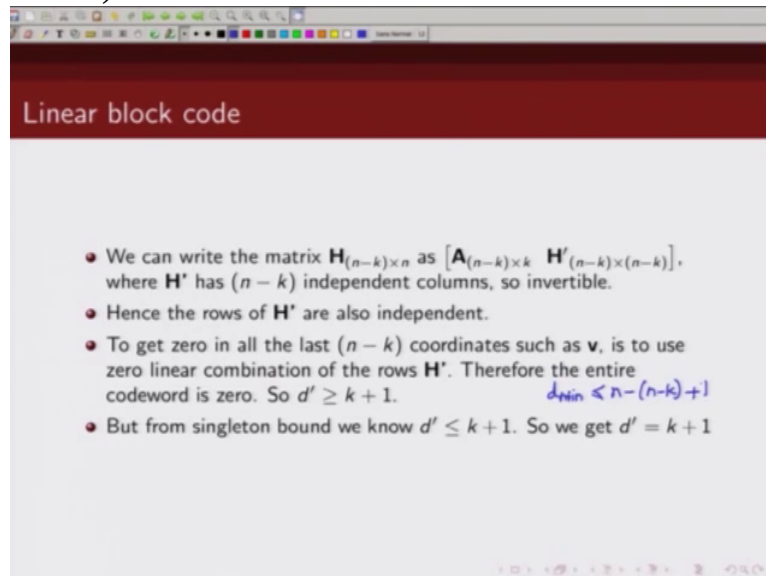
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- But from singleton bound we know  $d' \leq k + 1$ . So we get  $d' = k + 1$

that minimum distance of the code must satisfy the bounds. Now it should satisfy for example, singleton bound. Now what does singleton bound says? Singleton bound says minimum distance of the code is upper bounded by  $n$  minus dimension of the code is in this case,  $n$  minus  $k$  plus 1. So from singleton

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bound we get the condition that minimum distance should be less than equal to  $k + 1$ . And from this we get the condition that minimum distance is at least  $k + 1$ . So if we combine these two we will get the condition that minimum distance of this code is  $k + 1$ . Hence it is proved that dual code is also maximum distance separable because it satisfies singleton bound with equality. With this we conclude

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this lecture, thank you