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One-pager: Rateless Spinal Codes (Perry, et al., 2011)   **Due: Start of lecture, 6th March 2012**

Instructions: ***in your own words,*** *answer the following questions as **succinctly** as possible (in 200–500 words total, but shorter answers within this range are encouraged). Quoting figures or text from the assigned reading or from any other source is specifically prohibited.*

 Suppose you were implementing Spinal Codes on a radio whose digital to analog converter provided 12 bits of resolution in each of the I and Q axes.[1] What values would you choose for c (the number of bits used in Spinal Codes' deterministic constellation mapping function)? What would be the effect of choosing c lower than this value? What would be the effect of choosing c higher than this value?

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[1]In other words, constellation points passed to the radio must be represented as a pair of 12-bit numbers.