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Complement-Regular Gray Codes.

A *Gray code* on n bits is a cyclic ordering of the 2^n n -bit words in which any two consecutive words differ by only one bit, including the first and last words. Alternately, this can be viewed as a Hamiltonian cycle in the n -cube. A *complement-regular* Gray code also has the property that any word and its complement are some constant Δ elements apart in the ordering. Here, we address the question of determining for which (n, Δ) pairs complement-regular Gray codes exist. We show that only one such pair exists for any odd n , and construct several classes of Gray codes for even n . (Received September 17, 2004)