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The purpose of this paper is to improve the upper bounds of the minimum distances of self-dual codes over \mathbb{F}_5 for lengths 22, 26, 28, 32 – 40. In particular, we prove that there is no $[22, 11, 9]$ self-dual code over \mathbb{F}_5 , whose existence was left open in 1982. We also show that both the Hamming weight enumerator and the Lee weight enumerator of a putative $[24, 12, 10]$ self-dual code over \mathbb{F}_5 are unique. Using the building-up construction, we show that there are exactly nine inequivalent optimal self-dual $[18, 9, 7]$ codes over \mathbb{F}_5 up to monomial equivalence, and construct one new inequivalent optimal self-dual $[20, 10, 8]$ code over \mathbb{F}_5 and at least 40 new inequivalent optimal self-dual $[22, 11, 8]$ codes. (Received January 21, 2008)