

On Some Modular Linear Codes

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History, Motivation and Introduction

- Codes over finite rings (last decade) Work of Nechaev et al, Hammons et al
Many important families of binary non-linear codes are linear over \mathbb{Z}_4
K(m) Kerdock Code P(m) Preparata-like code
- These notions has been generalized to codes over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} , p arbitrary prime
Asch and Tilborg (AAECC-11, 2001)
- \mathbb{Z}_4 -Simplex and Hamming Codes: Bhandari, Gupta and Lal (1999)
- Construction of these to codes over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}

Basic Terminology:

- **Alphabets** $\mathbb{F}_q := \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_q\}$
- $GF(q)$ ($q = p^m$)
Galois field having q elements
- $\mathbb{Z}_q := \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q - 1\}$
- $\mathbb{F}_q^n := \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in \mathbb{F}_q\}$
- $\mathcal{C} : (n, M)$ Code : $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^n$ and $|\mathcal{C}| = M$
- Linear Code : \mathcal{C} : Subspace of $GF(q)^n$
- **Generator Matrix** $G_{k \times n}$ ($k < n$) (of full rank) over $GF(q)$
s.t. $\mathcal{C} = \text{row space}(G)$
- $\#\mathcal{C} = q^k$: $k = \dim \mathcal{C}$
- **Parity Check Matrix** $H_{(n-k) \times n}$ (of full rank) over $GF(q)$ s.t. $\mathcal{C} = \text{null space}(H)$
- **Dual Code** $\mathcal{C}^\perp = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0 \in \mathbb{F}_q, \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{C}\}$
- \mathcal{C} : Self orthogonal (Self dual) if $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^\perp$ ($\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}^\perp$)

Various distances:

Hamming distance: (R. W. Hamming 1948)

$$d_H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = |\{i \mid x_i \neq y_i\}|; \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$$

= Number of nonzero components in $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y} = w_H(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$

$$d_H = \min \{d_H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mid \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}, \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}\}$$

$\mathcal{C} : [n, k, d_H]$ Code : Can correct up to $\lfloor \frac{(d_H-1)}{2} \rfloor$ errors

Lee distance: (C. Y. Lee 1958)

Suitable for memoryless, discrete and symmetric channels

$$w_L(a) = \min \{a, q - a\}, a \in \mathbb{Z}_q$$

$$w_L(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_L(x_i), \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$$

$$d_L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = w_L(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})$$

$$d_L = \min \{d_L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mid \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{C}, \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{y}\}$$

Linear Codes over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}

- Linear Code \mathcal{C} of length n over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} : Additive subgroup of $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}^n$
- $\mathcal{C} : [n, k, d_H, d_{HW}]$: where $k = 2k_0 + k_1$ and $|\mathcal{C}| = p^{2k_0} p^{k_1}$
- \mathcal{C} has a generator matrix of the form $G = \begin{bmatrix} I_{k_0} & A & B \\ \mathbf{0} & pI_{k_1} & pC \end{bmatrix}_{(k_0+k_1) \times n}$

A and C are matrices with entries from $\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$

B is a matrix with arbitrary entries from \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}

I_{k_i} is the identity matrix of order k_i .

- Two p -ary linear codes

Reduction Code

$$\mathcal{C}^{(1)} = \{u \mid c \equiv u \pmod{p}, c \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

Torsion Code

$$\mathcal{C}^{(2)} = \{v \mid pv \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

- If $k_1 = 0$ then $\mathcal{C}^{(1)} = \mathcal{C}^{(2)}$

p-dimension of Linear Codes over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} :

- **1990:** Vazirani, Saran and Sundar Rajan
Trellis Description
- The following two statements are not equivalent for $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_4^n$ over \mathbb{Z}_4
 1. A nontrivial linear combination of vectors in S is zero.
 2. One of the vector in S is a linear combination of some other vectors in S
- $S = \{(1, 2); (1, 0)\}$ satisfies (1) but not (2)
- $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k\}$ an ordered subset
- p -span (S) := $\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p \right\}$
- S : p -generating sequence
: $p v_i = \sum_{j=i+1}^k a_j v_j$; $a_j \in \mathbb{Z}_p$; $i < k, p v_k = 0$
- S : p -linearly dependent if
 1. S is p -gen. seq. and
 2. $\exists a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, not all a_i zero $\ni \sum_{i=1}^k a_i v_i = \mathbf{0}$

- $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{C} : p\text{-basis}$ for \mathcal{C} if
 1. $\mathcal{B} : p\text{-linearly independent}$
 2. $p\text{-span}(\mathcal{B}) = \mathcal{C}$
- Every vector in \mathcal{C} is a unique p -linear combination of vectors in \mathcal{B}
- $p - \dim(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}^n) = 2n$
- Rows of

$$\mathcal{B} = \begin{bmatrix} I_{k_0} & A & B \\ pI_{k_0} & pA & pB \\ 0 & pI_{k_1} & pC \end{bmatrix}$$

form a p -basis for the code generated by G

Generalized Hamming Weights (G.H.W.)

- $\mathcal{C} : [n, k, d_H]$ Code
- $\mathcal{D}_r(\leq \mathcal{C}) : [n, r]$ **r-dimensional Subcode**
- $w_S(\mathcal{D}_r) = |\{i \mid x_i \neq 0 \text{ for some } \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{D}_r\}|$:**Support size of \mathcal{D}_r**
- $d_r(\mathcal{C}) = \min\{w_S(\mathcal{D}_r) \mid \mathcal{D}_r \leq \mathcal{C}\}; 1 \leq r \leq k$
- For $r=1$, $d_1(\mathcal{C}) = d_H$
- **Weight Hierarchy of \mathcal{C}** : $\{d_r(\mathcal{C}) \mid 1 \leq r \leq k\}$
- \mathcal{C} satisfies **Chain Condition** if there exists a chain

$$D_1 \subseteq D_2 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq D_k,$$

of subcodes of \mathcal{C} satisfying $w_S(D_r) = d_r(\mathcal{C}), 1 \leq r \leq k$.

Homogeneous weight

- For $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ it is defined as:

$$w_{HW}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ p - 1 & \text{if } \gcd(x, p^2) = 1 \\ p & \text{if } x \neq 0, \gcd(x, p^2) = p. \end{cases}$$

- For $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}^n$, $w_{HW}(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n w_{HW}(x_j)$.
- For $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}^n$, $d(x, y) = w_{HW}(x - y)$.
- **Lemma 1:** Let $\mathcal{D} : [n, r]$ linear code over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}

$$\sum_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{D}} w_{HW}(\mathbf{c}) = (p - 1)p^r \cdot w_S(\mathcal{D}).$$

Proof: The $(p^r \times n)$ array of all the codewords in \mathcal{D} contains the columns with entries only of the following three types:

1. only zeros
2. $\{0, p, 2p, \dots, (p - 1)p\}$ equally often
3. Each entry of \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} equally often.

Remark 2 Thus GHW can also be defined by for $1 \leq r \leq k$

$$d_r(\mathcal{C}) = \frac{1}{(p-1)p^r} \min \left\{ \sum_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{D}} w_{HW}(\mathbf{c}) \mid \mathcal{D} \text{ is an } [n, r] \text{ subcode of } \mathcal{C} \right\}.$$

- Minimum homogeneous weight $d_{HW} = \min \{w_{HW}(\mathbf{c}) \mid \mathbf{c}(\neq 0) \in \mathcal{C}\}$

Corollary 3: For $1 \leq r \leq k$ the r^{th} GHW of \mathcal{C} satisfies

$$d_r(\mathcal{C}) \geq \left\lceil \frac{(p^r - 1)d_{HW}}{(p-1)p^r} \right\rceil.$$

Corollary 4: $d_H \geq \left\lceil \frac{d_{HW}}{p} \right\rceil$.

$$\mathcal{C} : \text{type } \alpha \ (\beta) \text{ if } d_H = \left\lceil \frac{d_{HW}}{p} \right\rceil \left(d_H > \left\lceil \frac{d_{HW}}{p} \right\rceil \right).$$

Corollary 5:(Plotkin Type Bound) For an $[n, k]$ linear code over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} we have

$$d_{HW} \leq \frac{n(p-1)p^k}{p^k - 1}.$$

Type α Simplex Code: S_k^α

Let G_k^α be a matrix over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} consisting of all possible distinct columns of length k .

$$G_k^\alpha = \left[\begin{array}{c} (0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ \dots \ (p^2 - 1)) \otimes \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} \otimes G_{k-1}^\alpha \end{array} \right]_{k \times p^{2k}} \quad k \geq 2 \text{ and } G_1^\alpha = [0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ \dots \ (p^2 - 1)],$$

where $\mathbf{1}$ (the all 1 vector) in the first row is of length $p^{2(k-1)}$ and that in the second row is of length p^2 .

- S_k^α is a $[p^{2k}, 2k]$ code.
- Each entry of \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} occurs equally often in every row of G_k^α .

Remark 6: If $R_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$ are the rows of the matrix G_k^α then $w_H(R_i) = p^{2k-2}(p-1)$ and $w_{HW}(R_i) = p^{2k}(p-1)$.

- Let $\mathbf{c} = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in \mathcal{C}$ For each $j \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ let $\omega_j(\mathbf{c}) = |\{i \mid c_i = j\}|$.

Lemma 7: Let $\mathbf{c} (\neq 0) \in S_k^\alpha$.

1. If for at least one i , c_i is a unit then $\forall j \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ $\omega_j = p^{2k-2}$ in \mathbf{c} .
2. If $\forall i$, $c_i \in Z = \{0, p, 2p, \dots, (p-1)p\}$ then $\forall j \in Z$ $\omega_j = p^{2k-1}$ in \mathbf{c} .

p -ary type α simplex code

$$G(P_k^\alpha) = \left[\begin{array}{c} (0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ \dots \ (p-1)) \otimes \mathbf{1} \\ \mathbf{1} \otimes G(P_{k-1}^\alpha) \end{array} \right]_{k \times p^k} \quad k \geq 2 \text{ and } G(P_1^\alpha) = [0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 3 \ \dots \ (p-1)].$$

Lemma 8: The torsion code of S_k^α is equivalent to the p^k copies of p -ary type α simplex code.

Theorem 9: The Hamming and Homogeneous weight distribution of S_k^α are :

1. $A_H(0) = 1, A_H(p^{2k-1}(p-1)) = p^k - 1, A_H(p^{2k-2}(p^2-1)) = p^k(p^k-1)$, and
2. $A_{HW}(0) = 1, A_{HW}(p^{2k}(p-1)) = p^{2k} - 1$,

where $A_H(i)$ ($A_{HW}(i)$) denotes the number of vectors of Hamming (Homogeneous) weight i in S_k^α .

Proof: By Lemma 7, each nonzero codeword of S_k^α has Hamming weight either $p^{2k-2}(p^2-1)$ or $p^{2k-1}(p-1)$ and Homogeneous weight $p^{2k}(p-1)$. Since dimension of the torsion code is k , there will be $p^k - 1$ codewords of the weight $p^{2k-1}(p-1)$. Hence the number of codewords having weight $p^{2k-2}(p^2-1)$ will be $p^{2k} - p^k$.

Remark 10:

1. S_k^α is an equidistant code with respect to Homogeneous distance whereas S_k is an equidistant binary code with respect to Hamming distance.
2. The minimum weights are: $d_H = p^{2k-1}(p-1)$ and $d_{HW} = p^{2k}(p-1)$
3. S_k^α is of type α as $d_H = \frac{d_{HW}}{p}$.

Symmetrized weight enumerator (swe) of a linear code \mathcal{C} over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}

$$swe(x, y, z) = \sum_{\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{C}} x^{n_0(\mathbf{c})} y^{n_1(\mathbf{c})} z^{n_p(\mathbf{c})},$$

where $n_0(\mathbf{c}) = |\{1 \leq i \leq n \mid c_i = 0\}|$, $n_1(\mathbf{c}) = |\{1 \leq i \leq n \mid \gcd(c_i, p^2) = 1\}|$
and

$$n_p(\mathbf{c}) = |\{1 \leq i \leq n \mid \gcd(c_i, p^2) = p\}|.$$

Let \bar{S}_k^α be the punctured code of S_k^α obtained by deleting the zero coordinate.

Then the swe of \bar{S}_k^α is

$$swe(x, y, z) = x^{n(k)} + (p^k - 1)x^{p^{2k-1}}z^{p^{2k}} + p^k(p^k - 1)x^{n(k-1)}y^{(p-1)p^{2k-1}}z^{p^{2k-1}},$$

where $n(k) = p^{2k} - 1$.

Type β Simplex Code: S_k^β

Let

$$G_2^\beta = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{1} & (0 \ p \ 2p \ 3p \ \cdots \ (p^2 - p)) \\ \hline G_1^\alpha & \mathbf{1} \end{array} \right]_{2 \times p^2 + p},$$

and for $k > 2$,

$$G_k^\beta = \left[\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{1} & (0 \ p \ 2p \ 3p \ \cdots \ (p^2 - p)) \otimes \mathbf{1} \\ \hline G_{k-1}^\alpha & \mathbf{1} \otimes G_{k-1}^\beta \end{array} \right],$$

where all the five all 1 vectors i.e, $\mathbf{1}$'s are of appropriate sizes and tensor product is expanded from right to left.

- No two columns of G_k^β are multiples of each other.
- The length of S_k^β is $\frac{p^{k-1}(p^k-1)}{p-1}$.
- S_k^β is a $\left[\frac{p^{k-1}(p^k-1)}{p-1}, 2k \right]$ code.

Proposition 11: Each row of G_k^β contains p^{2k-2} units and
 $\forall j \in Z = \{0, p, 2p, \dots, (p-1)p\} \omega_j = \frac{p^{k-2}(p^{k-1}-1)}{p-1}$.

Remark 12: If $R_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$ are the rows of the matrix G_k^β then
 $w_H(R_i) = p^{k-2}(p^k + p^{k-1} - 1)$ and $w_{HW}(R_i) = p^{k-1}(p^k - 1)$.

Lemma 13: Let $\mathbf{c} \in S_k^\beta, \mathbf{c} \neq 0$.

1. If for at least one i, c_i is a unit then $\sum_{i \in U} \omega_i(\mathbf{c}) = p^{2k-2}$, and
 $\forall j \in Z \omega_j(\mathbf{c}) = \frac{p^{k-2}(p^{k-1}-1)}{p-1}$.
2. If $\forall i, c_i \in Z = \{0, p, 2p, \dots, (p-1)p\}$ then $\sum_{i \in Z, i \neq 0} \omega_i(\mathbf{c}) = p^{2k-2}$ and
 $\omega_0(\mathbf{c}) = p^{k-1} \frac{p^{k-1}-1}{p-1}$ in \mathbf{c} .

Lemma 14: The p -ary torsion code of S_k^β is equivalent to p^{k-1} copies of the p -ary simplex code.

Theorem 15: The Hamming and Homogeneous weight distributions of S_k^β are:

1. $A_H(0) = 1, A_H(p^{2(k-1)}) = (p^k - 1), A_H(p^{k-2}(p^k + p^{k-1} - 1)) = p^k(p^k - 1).$
2. $A_{HW}(0) = 1, A_{HW}(p^{2k-1}) = (p^k - 1), A_{HW}(p^{k-1}(p^k - 1)) = p^k(p^k - 1),$
where $A_H(i)$ ($A_{HW}(i)$) denotes the number of vectors of Hamming (Homogeneous) weight i in S_k^β .

Remark 16:

1. The swe of S_k^β is given as

$$\begin{aligned} swe(x, y, z) = & x^{n(k)} + (p^k - 1)x^{pn(k-1)}z^{p^{2k-2}} + \\ & p^k(p^k - 1)x^{n(k-1)}y^{p^{2k-2}}z^{p^{k-2}(p^{k-1}-1)}, \end{aligned}$$

where $n(k) = p^{k-1} \frac{(p^k-1)}{p-1}$.

2. The minimum weights of S_k^β are: $d_H = p^{2k-2}$ and $d_{HW} = p^{k-1}(p^k - 1).$

Griesmer Bound for Codes over Rings

Theorem 17: Shiromoto and Strome (2001) For a linear code \mathcal{C} of length n , rank k and minimum Hamming distance d_H over \mathbb{Z}_{p^s} the following inequality holds:

$$n \geq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} \left\lceil \frac{d_H}{p^i} \right\rceil.$$

Application of the above inequality to S_k^β for $s = 2$ yields the following.

Proposition 18: The simplex codes of type β meet the Griesmer bound for codes over rings.

$$n = p^{k-1} \frac{p^k - 1}{p - 1} \text{ and } d_H = p^{2(k-1)}$$

Generalized Hamming Weights

Theorem 19: S_k^α satisfies the chain condition and its weight hierarchy is given by

$$d_r(S_k^\alpha) = p^{2k} - p^{2k-r} \quad ; 1 \leq r \leq 2k.$$

Proof: By Remark , Any r -dimensional subcode of S_k^α is of constant Homogeneous weight. Hence by definition,

$$d_r(S_k^\alpha) = \frac{1}{(p-1)p^r} (p^r - 1)p^{2k}(p-1) = p^{2k} - p^{2k-r}.$$

Let

$$D_1 = \langle pR_1 \rangle,$$

$$D_2 = \langle pR_1, pR_2 \rangle,$$

$$D_3 = \langle R_1, pR_1, pR_2 \rangle,$$

$$D_4 = \langle R_1, pR_1, R_2, pR_2 \rangle, \dots, \text{ and}$$

$$D_{2k} = \langle R_1, pR_1, \dots, R_k, pR_k \rangle.$$

It is easy to verify that

$$D_1 \subseteq D_2 \subseteq \cdots \subseteq D_{2k},$$

and $w_S(D_r) = d_r(S_k^\alpha)$ for $1 \leq r \leq 2k$.

Theorem 20: S_k^β satisfies the chain condition and its weight hierarchy is given by

$$d_r(S_k^\beta) = n(k) - p^{k-r-1} \frac{(p^k - p^{\lceil \frac{r}{2} \rceil})}{p-1} \quad 1 \leq r \leq 2k.$$

where $n(k) = p^{k-1} \frac{(p^k - 1)}{p-1}$.

Proof:

$$d_r(S_k^\beta) = p d_r(S_{k-1}^\beta) + d_r(S_{k-1}^\alpha)$$

$$D_1 = \langle pR_1 \rangle,$$

$$D_2 = \langle R_1, pR_1 \rangle,$$

$$D_3 = \langle R_1, pR_1, pR_2 \rangle,$$

$$D_4 = \langle R_1, pR_1, R_2, pR_2 \rangle, \dots, \text{ and}$$

$$D_{2k} = \langle R_1, pR_1, \dots, R_k, pR_k \rangle.$$

Theorem 21: The codes S_k^α ($k \geq 1$) and S_k^β ($k \geq 3$) are self orthogonal.

Proof: By Induction on k .

Generalized Gray Map

Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$. Thus $x = a + lp$, where $0 \leq a, l \leq p - 1$.

For $k = 0, \dots, p - 1$ Define

$$\phi_k(x) = (ka + l) \pmod{p}$$

Then ϕ , a map from \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} to \mathbb{Z}_p^p , is defined as:

$$\phi(x) = (\phi_0(x), \dots, \phi_{p-1}(x)).$$

ϕ has natural extension from $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}^n$ into \mathbb{Z}_p^{pn} .

Example: For $p = 3$:

x	$\phi(x)$
0	000
1	012
2	021
3	111
4	120
5	102
6	222
7	201
8	210

Proposition 22: Asch and Tilborg (2001)

ϕ is isometric injection from $(\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}, w_{HW})$ into (\mathbb{Z}_p^p, w_H)

Generalized Gray Images

Theorem 23: $\phi(\bar{S}_k^\alpha)$ and $\phi(S_k^\beta)$ are non-linear p -ary families of codes for all k .

Remark 24:

1. $\phi(\bar{S}_k^\alpha)$ is a p -ary non-linear code of length $p^{2k+1} - p$ and minimum Hamming distance $p^{2k}(p - 1)$. It meets the p -ary Plotkin bound and $n < \frac{p}{p-1}d_H$.
2. $\phi(S_k^\beta)$ is a p -ary non-linear code of length $p^k \frac{(p^k - 1)}{p-1}$ and minimum Hamming distance $p^{k-1}(p^k - 1)$. This is an example of a code having $n = \frac{p}{p-1}d_H$.

Conclusions / Summary

- $\phi(GK_{p^2,m}) : (p^{m+1}, p^{2m+2}, \geq (p-1)(p^m - (p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}})$
- $\phi(GP_{p^2,m}) : (p^{m+1}, p^{2p^m-2m-2}, 3(p-1))$
- Generalized Kerdock and Preparata Codes (p^2 -ary linear) miss some of their nice combinatorial properties when p is odd. For e.g. $\phi(GP_{p^2,m})$ does not meet the Johnson Bound. A fortiori: This code is not uniformly packed.

(Asch and Tilborg 2001)

Question 1:

- Does the generalized Gray map of Hamming code over \mathbb{Z}_{p^2} is uniformly packed ?
(we know that it is true for $p = 2$)

Answer:

$$\phi(S_2^{\beta^\perp}) : (p^3 + p^2, p^{2p^2+2p-4}, 3(p-1)).$$