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**THE RELATION BETWEEN THE  $(1 - u^2)$ - CYCLIC CODES OVER  $F_{p^k} + uF_{p^k} + u^2F_{p^k}$  AND THE CODES OVER  $F_{p^k}$**

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**ABSTRACT**

One of the most important problems of coding theory is to construct codes with best possible minimum distances. A new map for  $(1 - u^2)$ -cyclic code over  $A = F_{p^k} + uF_{p^k} + u^2F_{p^k}$ ,  $k \in N$ ,  $u^3 = 0$  was introduced in [2]. In this paper, via this map, the relation between the linear  $(1 - u^2)$ -cyclic codes over  $A$  and the code over  $F_{p^k}$  is established. In this way, it may be obtained the new linear codes over  $F_{p^k}$ , by using computer as in [4] and [5].

**Key Words:** coding theory, codes, best minimum distances

**INTRODUCTION**

In [1], Christine Bachoc introduced the linear codes over  $F_p + uF_p$   $p$  is a prime. In [4], a Gray map for codes over  $F_3 + uF_3$  was introduced and the relation between the codes over  $F_3 + uF_3$  and  $F_3$  was established, via this map. Using this relation, new linear codes over  $F_3$  was found. Later, for  $R$  is finite commutative ring with identity, a Gray map for codes over  $R_a = R + uR + u^2R + \dots + u^{m-1}R$ ,  $u^m = a$ ,  $a \in R$ ,  $m \in N$ ,  $u$  is an indeterminate was introduced<sup>1</sup>. Via this map, the relation between the codes over  $R_a$  and  $R$  was established in [5]. By using computer, it is obtained the new linear codes over  $F_5$ . A new Gray map on  $A$  was introduced in [2]. In this paper, the relation

between the linear  $(1 - u^2)$ -cyclic codes over  $A$  and the codes over  $F_{p^k}$  is established via this map.

**PRELIMINARIES**

Let  $R$  be a finite commutative ring with identity. Let  $n \in N$ . An  $R$ -submodule of  $R^n$  is called a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ .

Let  $\rho : R^n \times R^n \rightarrow N \cup \{0\}$  be distance function. For  $E \subset R^n$ , let  $\rho(E) = \min\{\rho(x, y) | x \neq y \text{ and } x, y \in E\}$ .

A linear code  $C$  of length  $n$  is said to be an  $(n, M)$ -linear code if and only if  $|C| = M$ . Moreover if  $\rho(C) = d$  then  $C$  will be called an  $(n, M, d)$ -linear code,  $\rho(C)$  is called the minimum distance of  $C$  with respect to  $\rho$ . Furthermore, if  $C$  is a  $s$ -free submodule with minimum distance  $d$ , length  $n$ , then  $C$  is called  $[n, s, d]$ -linear code. The Hamming weight of a codeword  $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$ ,  $w_H(c)$  is the number of nonzero entries of  $c$ . Also the Hamming weight of a codeword can be defined to be the sum of the weights of its components,

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$$w_H(c) = \sum_{i=0}^n w_H(c_i) \quad (1)$$

Where  $w_H(c_i)$  is zero if  $c_i = 0$  and 1 otherwise. The Hamming distance of two codewords  $c, e$  denoted by  $d_H(c, e)$  is the Hamming weight of their difference.

Let  $A$  be the commutative ring  $F_{p^k} + uF_{p^k} + u^2F_{p^k}$  where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $u^3 = 0$  and  $F_{p^k} = GF(p^k)$ . The ring is endowed with the obvious addition and multiplication with the property that  $u^3 = 0$ . Then  $A$  is a finite chain ring with maximal ideal  $uA$  and residue field  $F_{p^k}$ .

Let the  $C$  be a code of length  $n$  over  $A$ . Let  $\nu$  be maps from  $A^n$  to  $A^n$  given by

$$\nu : A^n \longrightarrow A^n \quad (2)$$

$$(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}) \mapsto ((1-u^2)r_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, r_{n-2})$$

Then  $C$  is said to be  $(1-u^2)$ -cyclic if  $\nu(C) = C$ .

Let  $P(C) = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i x^i \mid (r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}) \in C \right\}$  be code  $C$ 's polynomial representation. A code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $A$  is  $(1-u^2)$ -cyclic if and only if  $P(C)$  is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - (1-u^2) \rangle$ .

Let  $a \in F_{p^k}^{p^{2k}n}$  with

$$a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{p^{2k}n-1}) = (a^{(0)} \mid \dots \mid a^{(p^{2k-1}-1)}),$$

$$a^{(i)} \in F_{p^k}^{pn} \text{ for all } i = 0, 1, \dots, p^{2k-1} - 1. \text{ Let}$$

$$\sigma^{\otimes p^{2k-1}} \text{ be the map from } F_{p^k}^{p^{2k}n} \text{ to } F_{p^k}^{p^{2k}n}$$

given by

$$\sigma^{\otimes p^{2k-1}} : F_{p^k}^{p^{2k}n} \longrightarrow F_{p^k}^{p^{2k}n} \quad a \mapsto$$

$$\sigma^{\otimes p^{2k-1}}(a) = (\tilde{\sigma}(a^{(0)}) \mid \dots \mid \tilde{\sigma}(a^{(p^{2k-1}-1)})) \quad (3)$$

Where  $\tilde{\sigma}$  is the usual cyclic shift  $(c_0, \dots, c_{pn-1}) \mapsto (c_{pn-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{pn-2})$  on  $F_{p^k}^{pn}$ . A code  $\tilde{C}$  of length  $p^{2k}n$  over  $F_{p^k}$

is said to be quasi-cyclic codes of index  $p^{2k-1}$  if  $\sigma^{\otimes p^{2k-1}}(\tilde{C}) = \tilde{C}$  [2].

In [3], a homogeneous weight on arbitrary finite chain rings is defined; we give it here for the case of the ring  $A = F_{p^k} + uF_{p^k} + u^2F_{p^k}$ .

The homogeneous weight of  $r \in A$  is given by

$$w_{\text{hom}}(r) = \begin{cases} p^{2k} & \text{if } r \in Au - \{0\} \\ p^{2k} - p^k & \text{if } r \in A - Au \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

This extends to a weight function in  $A^n$ . If  $c = (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in A^n$ , then

$$w_{\text{hom}}(c) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_{\text{hom}}(c_i) \quad (5)$$

The homogeneous distance  $d_{\text{hom}}(x, y)$  between any distinct vectors  $x, y \in A^n$  is defined to be  $w_{\text{hom}}(x - y)$ .

Any element  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$  has p-adic representation

$$\gamma_{0,\varepsilon} + \gamma_{1,\varepsilon} p + \dots + \gamma_{(k-1),\varepsilon} p^{k-1}$$

where  $\gamma_{i,\varepsilon} \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ . If  $\alpha$  is a fixed primitive element of  $F_{p^k}$ , then corresponding to every  $\varepsilon \in \mathbb{Z}_{p^k}$  is an element  $\alpha_\varepsilon \in F_{p^k}$  given by

$$\alpha_\varepsilon = \gamma_{0,\varepsilon} + \gamma_{1,\varepsilon} \alpha + \dots + \gamma_{(k-1),\varepsilon} \alpha^{k-1} \quad (6)$$

We define the Gray map  $\phi$  on  $A$  in [2], which is a special case of the Gray map defined,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : A^n &\longrightarrow F_{p^k}^{p^{2k}n} \\ x + yu + zu^2 &\mapsto (z, \alpha_1 x \oplus z, \alpha_2 x \oplus z, \dots, \alpha_{p^k-1} x \oplus z, \\ &\alpha_1 y \oplus z, \alpha_1 x \oplus \alpha_1 y \oplus z, \dots, \alpha_{p^k-1} x \oplus \alpha_1 y \oplus z, \\ &\alpha_2 y \oplus z, \alpha_1 x \oplus \alpha_2 y \oplus z, \dots, \alpha_{p^k-1} x \oplus \alpha_2 y \oplus z, \\ &\dots, \\ &\alpha_{p^k-1} y \oplus z, \alpha_1 x \oplus \alpha_{p^k-1} y \oplus z, \dots, \alpha_{p^k-1} x \oplus \alpha_{p^k-1} y \oplus z) \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Where  $\oplus$  is componentwise addition in  $F_{p^k}$ . The Gray map  $\phi$  is an isometry from  $(A^n, d_{\text{hom}})$  to  $F_{p^k}^{p^{2k}n}$  under the Hamming distance [2].

It is naturally extended as the following,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : M_{s \times n}(A) &\longrightarrow M_{s \times p^{2k}n}(F_{p^k}) \\ \begin{bmatrix} c^1 \\ c^2 \\ \dots \\ c^s \end{bmatrix}_{s \times n} &\mapsto \phi \left( \begin{bmatrix} c^1 \\ c^2 \\ \dots \\ c^s \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} \phi(c^1) \\ \dots \\ \phi(c^s) \end{bmatrix}_{s \times p^{2k}n} \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

Where  $M_{s \times n}(S)$  denotes the set of  $s \times n$  matrices over a ring  $S$ .

**Proposition 1.1:-** [2]

$$\phi \circ v = \sigma^{\otimes p^{2k-1}} \circ \phi .$$

**Theorem 1.2:-**[2] A code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $A$  is  $(1 - u^2)$ -cyclic if and only if  $\phi(C)$  is quasi-cyclic of index  $p^{2k-1}$  and length  $p^{2k}n$  over  $F_{p^k}$ .

**Theorem 1.3:** Let  $C$  be  $(1 - u^2)$ -cyclic codes over  $A$  with  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = d$ . Then  $\phi(C)$  is quasi-cyclic codes of index  $p^{2k-1}$  with  $d_H(\phi(C)) = d$ . ie.

$$d_{\text{hom}}(c, e) = d_H(\phi(c), \phi(e)) \tag{9}$$

**Proof:** Since  $\phi$  is isometry, we have the equality. By using the definition of the minimum distance, we have  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = d_H(\phi(C))$ .

**Lemma 1.4:** If  $G_{s \times n}$  is a generator matrix of a code  $C$  of full rank  $s$  over  $A$ , then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \phi(G) \\ \phi(uG) \\ \phi(u^2G) \end{bmatrix}_{3s \times p^{2k}n} \tag{10}$$

is a generator matrix for  $\phi(C)$ , where  $u^i G$  is a matrix obtained by multiplying the rows of  $G$  by  $u^i, i = 0, 1, 2$ .

**Proof:** Let  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s$  be the row vectors of  $G$  which are linearly independent over  $A$ . The claim is that

$$\phi(v_1), \dots, \phi(v_s), \phi(uv_1), \dots, \phi(uv_s), \phi(u^2v_1), \dots, \phi(u^2v_s) \tag{11}$$

are linearly independent over  $F_{p^k}$ .

Assume the opposite, then there exist  $\alpha_i \in F_{p^k}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3s$ , not only zeros, such that

$$\alpha_1 \phi(v_1) + \dots + \alpha_s \phi(v_s) + \alpha_{s+1} \phi(uv_1) + \dots + \alpha_{2s} \phi(uv_s) + \alpha_{2s+1} \phi(u^2v_1) + \dots + \alpha_{3s} \phi(u^2v_s) = 0 \tag{12}$$

Since  $\phi$  is  $A$ -linear, we have

$$\phi(\alpha_1 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_s v_s + \alpha_{s+1} uv_1 + \dots + \alpha_{2s} uv_s + \alpha_{2s+1} u^2 v_1 + \dots + \alpha_{3s} u^2 v_s) = 0 \tag{13}$$

since  $\phi$  is injective,  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_s$  are linearly independent over  $A$ , then we have  $\alpha_i = 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 3s$ . This is contradiction. Therefore

$$\phi(v_1), \dots, \phi(v_s), \phi(uv_1), \dots, \phi(uv_s), \phi(u^2v_1), \dots, \phi(u^2v_s) \tag{14}$$

generate a module over  $F_{p^k}^{p^{2k}n}$ . Hence the matrix (10) which consists of these rows

generates  $\phi(C)$ .

**Theorem 1.5:** If  $C$  is  $(1 - u^2)$  cyclic code over  $A$  length  $n$ , dimension  $s$ , with respect to  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = d$ , then  $\phi(C)$  is an distance invariant quasi-cyclic code of index  $p^{2k-1}$  over  $F_{p^k}$ , length  $p^{2k}n$ , dimension  $3s$  with respect to  $d$ .

**Proof:** Since  $C$  has a generator matrix of full rank  $s$ , then by Lemma 1.4,  $\phi(C)$  will be generated by a matrix of full rank  $3s$  and size  $3s \times p^{2k}n$ . Hence  $\phi(C)$  is  $3s$ -free.

In this way, it can be obtained the new linear codes over  $F_{p^k}$ , by using computer programme as in [4] and [5].

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