

Quantum Codes over the Ring

$$F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2 + \dots + u^m F_2$$

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Abstract

A method to obtain self orthogonal codes over finite field F_2 is given and the parameters of quantum codes which are obtained from cyclic codes over $R = F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2 + \dots + u^m F_2$ are determined.

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1 Introduction

Quantum error correcting code was discovered by Shor [8]. A first systematic way to construct it from classical linear code was given Calderbank et al [1]. It

has been constructed by using classical cyclic codes over finite field F_q . Later, some people constructed it from linear codes over finite rings.

In [7], a new method to obtain self orthogonal codes over F_2 was given by J.Qian et al. They gave a construction for quantum error correcting codes from cyclic codes over finite ring $F_2 + uF_2$ where $u^2 = 0$. X.Kai, S.Zhu gave construction for quantum codes from cyclic codes over $F_4 + uF_4$ where $u^2 = 0$ in [3]. X.Yin and W.Ma gave existence condition of quantum codes which are derived from cyclic codes over finite ring $F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2$ where $u^3 = 0$ in [9]. J.Qian gave a new method constructing quantum error correcting codes from cyclic codes over finite ring $F_2 + vF_2$ where $v^2 = v$ in [5].

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we give some knowledges about the finite ring R , the Galois ring $GR(R, t)$ and the codes over finite ring. In section 3, by using Gray map, we show that if C is self orthogonal so is $\psi(C)$. In section 4, a sufficient and necessary condition for cyclic codes over R that contains its dual is given. The parameters of quantum error correcting codes which are obtained from cyclic codes over R are obtained.

2 Preliminaries

Let R be the commutative ring $F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2 + \dots + u^mF_2 = F_2[u] / \langle u^{m+1} \rangle$ where u is an indeterminate and $u^{m+1} = 0$. The ring is endowed with the obvious addition and multiplication with the property that $u^{m+1} = 0$. R is a finite chain ring with maximal ideal uR and residue field F_2 . The ideals are (0) , (1) , (u) , ..., (u^m) .

A linear code C over R of length n is a R submodule of R^n . An element of C is called a codeword. Let σ be map from R^n to R^n given by $\sigma(r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}) = (r_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, r_{n-2})$. Then C is said to be cyclic code if $\sigma(C) = C$. Let the C be a code of length n over R and $P(C)$ be its polynomial representation

$$P(C) = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i x^i : (r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}) \in C \right\}$$

A subset C of R^n is a linear cyclic code of length n if and only if its polynomial representation is an ideal of $R[x] / \langle x^n - 1 \rangle$. The homogeneous weight of $r \in R$ is given by

$$w_{\text{hom}}(r) = \begin{cases} 2^{m-1} & \text{if } r \in R \setminus Ru \\ 2^m & \text{if } r \in Ru \setminus \{0\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This extends to a weight function in R^n . For $r = (r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}) \in R^n$ the homogeneous weight of C is defined as

$$w_{\text{hom}}(r) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_{\text{hom}}(r_i)$$

The minimum homogeneous distance of C is defined as $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = \min\{d_{\text{hom}}(c, \hat{c})\}$ for any $c, \hat{c} \in C$, $c \neq \hat{c}$ where $d_{\text{hom}}(c, \hat{c})$ is the homogeneous distance two codewords with $d_{\text{hom}}(c, \hat{c}) = w_{\text{hom}}(c - \hat{c})$.

Let C be a code over F_2 of length r and let $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{r-1})$ be a codeword of C . The Hamming weight of c is defined as

$$w_H(c) = \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} w_H(c_i)$$

where $w_H(c_i) = 1$ if $c_i = 1$ and $w_H(c_i) = 0$ if $c_i = 0$. The minimum Hamming distance of C is defined as $d_H(C) = \min\{d_H(c, \hat{c})\}$ for any $c, \hat{c} \in C$, $c \neq \hat{c}$ where $d_H(c, \hat{c})$ is the Hamming distance two codewords with $d_H(c, \hat{c}) = w_H(c - \hat{c})$.

For any $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$, $y = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1})$ the inner product is defined as

$$x \cdot y = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i y_i$$

If $x \cdot y = 0$ then x and y are said to be orthogonal. Let C be linear code of length n over R , the dual code of C ,

$$C^\perp = \{x : \forall y \in C, x \cdot y = 0\}$$

which is also a linear code over R of length n . A code C is self orthogonal if $C \subseteq C^\perp$ and self dual if $C = C^\perp$.

Let $R[x]$ be the ring of polynomial over R . By using a natural homomorphic mapping from R to F_2 , a polynomial reduction mapping μ is defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mu : R[x] &\rightarrow F_2[x] \\ f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^q a_i x^i &\mapsto \sum_{i=0}^q \hat{a}_i x^i \end{aligned}$$

where \hat{a} denotes the polynomial reduction mod u for any $a \in R$.

A monic polynomial f over $R[x]$ is said to be a basic irreducible polynomial if its projection $\mu(f)$ is irreducible over $F_2[x]$. The Galois ring of R denoted as $GR(R, t)$ is defined as $R[x] / \langle g(x) \rangle$ where $g(x)$ is a monic basic irreducible polynomial in $R[x]$ of degree t . Thus the ring $GR(R, t)$ is a module over R . The basic monic irreducible polynomial of degree t over R can be lifted from a monic irreducible polynomial over F_2 . Like Galois fields, $GR(R, t)$ is unique for given t . The group of units of $GR(R, t)$ is given as follows

$$GR(R, t)^* = G_C \times G_A$$

where G_C is cyclic group of order $2^t - 1$, G_A is an Abelian group of order 2^{mt} and \times represents direct product.

The set $\{G_C, 0\}$ is isomorphic to the residue field F_{2^t} and is also a subspace of $GR(R, t)$. Hence the set is a subring over $GR(R, t)$ in [6].

The only ideals of $GR(R, t)$ are $(0), (1), \dots, (u^m)$. Thus any elements of $GR(R, t)$ can be uniquely represented as $\alpha = \alpha_1 + u\alpha_2 + \dots + u^m\alpha_{m+1}$ where $\alpha_i \in F_{2^t}$ and $1 \leq i \leq m + 1$ in [6].

3 The Gray Map and Gray Images of Linear Codes Over R

In [2], the Gray map is defined as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \psi : R^n &\rightarrow F_2^{2^m n} \\ a_0 + ua_1 + \dots + u^m a_m &\mapsto (a_m, a_m \oplus a_0, a_m \oplus a_1, a_m \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0, a_m \oplus a_2, \\ &a_m \oplus a_2 \oplus a_0, a_m \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1, a_m \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0, a_m \oplus a_3, a_m \oplus a_3 \oplus a_0, \\ &a_m \oplus a_3 \oplus a_1, a_m \oplus a_3 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0, a_m \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2, a_m \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_0, a_m \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1, \\ &a_m \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0, a_m \oplus a_4, \dots, a_m \oplus a_{m-1} \oplus \dots \oplus a_4 \oplus a_3 \oplus a_2 \oplus a_1 \oplus a_0) \end{aligned}$$

where \oplus is componentwise addition in F_2 .

ψ is a weight preserving map from $(R^n, \text{Homogeneous weight})$ to $(F_2^{2^m n}, \text{Hamming weight})$ and isometry from $(R^n, \text{Homogeneous distance})$ to $(F_2^{2^m n}, \text{Hamming distance})$.

Theorem 3.1 *If C is an (n, k, d_{hom}) linear codes over R then $\psi(C)$ is a $(2^m n, k, d_H)$ linear codes over F_2 where $d_{\text{hom}} = d_H$.*

Proof It is obvious that $\psi(x + y) = \psi(x) + \psi(y)$ and $\psi(\alpha x) = \alpha\psi(x)$ where $x, y \in R^n$, $\alpha \in F_2$. Thus ψ is linear. As ψ is bijective then $|C| = |\psi(C)|$ so we have $d_{\text{hom}} = d_H$.

Theorem 3.2 *If C is self orthogonal, then $\psi(C)$ is self orthogonal codes.*

Proof Let $c = a_0 + ua_1 + \dots + u^m a_m$, $\acute{c} = \acute{a}_0 + u\acute{a}_1 + \dots + u^m \acute{a}_m$ where $a_i, \acute{a}_i \in F_2$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$. Since C is self orthogonal, so we have $a_0 \acute{a}_0 = 0$, $\sum_{i=0}^m a_i \acute{a}_{m-i} = 0$ for $1, 2, \dots, m$. By using this, we have $\psi(c) \psi(\acute{c}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$. Therefore, we have $\psi(C)$ is self orthogonal.

We know from [4] that a code C over R of length n is permutation equivalent to a code with generator matrix of the following form

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} I_{k_0} & A_{0,1} & A_{0,2} & \dots & A_{0,m-1} & A_{0,m} \\ 0 & uI_{k_1} & uA_{1,2} & \dots & uA_{1,m-1} & uA_{1,m} \\ 0 & 0 & u^2I_{k_3} & \dots & u^2A_{2,m-1} & u^2A_{2,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & u^mI_{k_m} & u^mA_{m,m} \end{bmatrix}$$

For a code C over R the following Torsion codes are defined. For $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$

$$Tor_i(C) = \{a : u^i a \in C\}$$

$$Tor_0(C) = \{a \pmod{u} : a \in C\} = \text{Re } s(C)$$

A code with a generator matrix in this form is of type $\{k_0, k_1, \dots, k_m\}$ and has $2^{\sum_{i=0}^m (m+1-i)k_i}$ vectors.

The code over F_2 with generator matrix

$$G_i = \begin{bmatrix} I_{k_0} & \bar{A}_{0,1} & \bar{A}_{0,2} & \dots & \bar{A}_{0,m-1} & \bar{A}_{0,m} \\ 0 & I_{k_1} & \bar{A}_{1,2} & \dots & \bar{A}_{1,m-1} & \bar{A}_{1,m} \\ 0 & 0 & I_{k_3} & \dots & \bar{A}_{2,m-1} & \bar{A}_{2,m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & I_{k_i} & \bar{A}_{i,m} \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\bar{A}_{i,j} \equiv A_{i,j} \pmod{u}$ is the Torsion code and $|Tor_i(C)| = \prod_{j=0}^i 2^{k_j}$.

The parameters of C over R are given $[n, 2^{\sum_{i=0}^m (m+1-i)k_i}, d_{\text{hom}}]$ where d_{hom} is the homogeneous distance of C .

4 Quantum Codes Obtained From Cyclic Codes Over R

In [1], CSS construction is stated as follows.

Theorem 4.1 *Let C and C_1 be two binary codes with parameters $[n, k, d]$ and $[n, k_1, d_1]$, respectively. If $C^\perp \subseteq C_1$ then an $[[n, k + k_1 - n, \min\{d, d_1\}]]$ quantum code can be constructed. Especially, if $C^\perp \subseteq C$, then there exist an $[[n, 2k - n, d]]$ code.*

From [9], we have the following theorems.

Theorem 4.2 Suppose C is a cyclic code of odd length n over R , then there are unique monic polynomials F_i for $i = 0, 1, \dots, m+1$ such that $C = \langle \widehat{F}_1, u\widehat{F}_2, \dots, u^m\widehat{F}_{m+1} \rangle$ where $F_0F_1\dots F_{m+1} = x^n - 1$ and \widehat{F}_i denotes the product of all F_j except F_i . Moreover $|C| = 2^s$ where $s = \sum_{i=0}^m (m+1-i) \deg F_{i+1}$.

Theorem 4.3 Let C be a cyclic code of odd length n over R and $C = \langle \widehat{F}_1, u\widehat{F}_2, \dots, u^m\widehat{F}_{m+1} \rangle$ where $F_0F_1\dots F_{m+1} = x^n - 1$, then $C^\perp = \langle \widehat{F}_0^*, u\widehat{F}_{m+1}^*, u^2\widehat{F}_m^*, \dots, u^m\widehat{F}_2^* \rangle$ where \widehat{F}_i^* are reciprocal polynomial of \widehat{F}_i and $|C^\perp| = 2^t$ where $t = \sum_{i=1}^{m+1} i \cdot \deg F_{i+1}$.

Lemma 4.4 A binary linear cyclic code C with generator polynomial $g(x)$ contains its dual code if and only if

$$x^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{gg^*}$$

where $g^*(x) = x^{n-k}g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$.

We have a sufficient and necessary condition for cyclic codes over R that contains its dual.

Theorem 4.5 Suppose C is a cyclic code of odd length n over R , then $C^\perp \subseteq C$ iff

$$x^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{\left(u^i\widehat{F}_{i+1}\right)\left(u^j\widehat{F}_{m+1-j}^*\right)}$$

where $0 \leq i, j \leq m$.

So, we have the parameters of quantum codes as follows.

Theorem 4.6 Let C be a cyclic code of odd length n over R with 2^s elements where $s = \sum_{i=0}^m (m+1-i) \deg F_{i+1}$, $x^n - 1 = \prod_{i=0}^{m+1} F_i$. If $C^\perp \subseteq C$, then there exist a quantum error correcting code with parameters $[[2^m n, 2s - 2^m n, d_{\text{hom}}]]$ where d_{hom} is the minimum homogeneous distance of C .

5 Conclusion

In [7] and [9] they obtained quantum error-correcting codes from cyclic codes over finite rings $F_2 + uF_2$ and $F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2$, respectively. We have generalized it to finite ring $R = F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2 + \dots + u^mF_2$ and we have the parameters of quantum codes which are obtained from cyclic codes over R .

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