

## Simplex Codes of Type $\gamma$ over $F_3 + vF_3$

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### Abstract

In this paper, it is constructed simplex linear codes over the ring  $F_3 + vF_3$  of type  $\gamma$ , where  $v^2 = 1$  and  $F_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and obtained the minimum Hamming, Lee and Bachoc weights of this codes.

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## 1. Introduction

Respectively, in [1] and [2], simplex codes of types  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  over the ring  $F_2 + uF_2$  where  $u^2 = 0$  and the ring  $\sum_{n=0}^s u^n F_2$  were given as generalizations and extensions of simplex codes over  $Z_4$  and  $Z_{2^s}$ . In [3], it was constructed simplex linear codes over the ring  $F_2 + vF_2$  of type  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , where  $v^2 = v$  and  $F_2 = \{0, 1\}$ . It was also determined some of their properties. In [6], it was constructed simplex codes over the ring  $F_3 + vF_3$  of type  $\alpha$ , where  $v^2 = 1$  and  $F_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$  and it was obtained the minimum Hamming, Lee and Bachoc weights of this codes.

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## 2. Preliminaries

The alphabet  $R = F_3 + vF_3 = \{0, 1, 2, v, 2v, a = 1 + v, b = 2 + v, c = 1 + 2v, d = 2 + 2v\}$  where  $v^2 = 1$  and  $F_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$  is a commutative ring with nine elements. The elements  $1, 2, v, 2v$  are units. Addition and multiplication operation over  $R$  are given in the following tables,

+	0	1	2	v	2v	a	b	c	d
0	0	1	2	v	2v	a	b	c	d
1	1	2	0	a	c	b	v	d	2v
2	2	0	1	b	d	v	a	2v	c
v	v	a	b	2v	0	c	d	1	2
2v	2v	c	d	0	v	1	2	a	b
a	a	b	v	c	1	d	2v	2	0
b	b	v	a	d	2	2v	c	0	1
c	c	d	2v	1	a	2	0	b	v
d	d	2v	c	2	b	0	1	v	a

  

·	0	1	2	v	2v	a	b	c	d
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	v	2v	a	b	c	d
2	0	2	1	2v	v	d	c	b	a
v	0	v	2v	1	2	a	c	b	d
2v	0	2v	v	2	1	d	b	c	a
a	0	a	d	a	d	d	0	0	a
b	0	b	c	c	b	0	b	c	0
c	0	c	b	b	c	0	c	b	0
d	0	d	a	d	a	a	0	0	d

This ring is semi-local ring, it has two maximal ideals  $(v - 1)$  and  $(1 + v)$ . It can be shown that  $R/(v - 1)$  and  $R/(v + 1)$  are isomorphic to  $F_3$ . From Chinese Remainder Theorem,

$$R = (v - 1) \oplus (v + 1)$$

where  $(v - 1) = \{0, v + 2, 1 + 2v\}$  and  $(1 + v) = \{0, 1 + v, 2 + 2v\}$  in [4].

In [4], it was shown that,

$$a + vb = (a - b)(v - 1) - (a + b)(v + 1)$$

for all  $a, b \in F_3^n$ .

A linear code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is an  $R$ -submodule  $R^n$ . An element of  $C$  is called a codeword of  $C$ . There are three different weights for codes over  $R$  known. Hamming, Lee and

Bachoc weights.

The Hamming weight  $wt_H(x)$  of a codeword  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$  is the number of nonzero components. The minimum weight  $wt_H(C)$  of a code  $C$  is the smallest weight among all its nonzero codewords.

The Lee weight for the codeword  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$  is defined by,  $wt_L(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n wt_L(x_i)$  where,

$$wt_L(x_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_i = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i = 1, 2, v \quad \text{or } 2v \\ 2 & \text{if } x_i = 1 + v, 2 + v, 1 + 2v \quad \text{or } 2 + 2v \end{cases}$$

The Bachoc weight for the codeword  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$  is defined by,  $wt_B(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n wt_B(x_i)$  where,

$$wt_B(x_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_i = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i = 1 + v, 2 + v, 1 + 2v \quad \text{or } 2 + 2v \\ 3 & \text{if } x_i = 1, 2, v \quad \text{or } 2v \end{cases}$$

The minimum Lee weight  $wt_L(C)$  and the minimum Bachoc weight  $wt_B(C)$  of code  $C$  are defined analogously.

For  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) \in R^n$ ,  $d_H(x, y) = |\{i | x_i \neq y_i\}|$  is called distance between  $x$  and  $y \in R^n$  is denoted,

$$d_H(x, y) = wt_H(x - y)$$

The minimum Hamming distance between distinct pairs of codewords of a code  $C$  is called the minimum distance of  $C$  and denoted by  $d_H(C)$  or shortly  $d_H$ .

The Lee distance and Bachoc distance between  $x$  and  $y \in R^n$  is defined by,

$$d_L(x, y) = wt_L(x - y) = \sum_{i=1}^n wt_L(x_i - y_i)$$

$$d_B(x, y) = wt_B(x - y) = \sum_{i=1}^n wt_B(x_i - y_i)$$

respectively.

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If  $C$  is a linear code,  $d_H(C) = wt_H(C), d_L(C) = wt_L(C), d_B(C) = wt_B(C)$ .

A generator matrix of  $C$  is a matrix whose rows generate  $C$ .

Two codes are equivalent if one can be obtained from the other by permuting the coordinates.

The Gray map  $\phi$  from  $R^n$  to  $F_3^{2n}$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : R^n &\rightarrow F_3^{2n} \\ x + vy &\mapsto (x, y) \end{aligned}$$

where  $x, y \in F_3^n$ . The Lee weight of  $x + vy$  is the Hamming weight of its Gray image. Note that  $\phi$  is linear.

By the properties of Chinese Remainder Theorem, any code over  $R$  is permutation equivalent to a code generated by the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{k_1} & (1-v)B_1 & (v+1)A_1 & (1+v)A_2 + (1-v)B_2 & (1+v)A_3 + (1-v)B_3 \\ 0 & (1+v)I_{k_2} & 0 & (1+v)A_4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (1-v)I_{k_3} & 0 & (1-v)B_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $A_i$  and  $B_j$  are ternary matrices. Such a code is said to have rank  $\{9^{k_1}, 3^{k_2}, 3^{k_3}\}$ . If  $H$  is a code over  $R$ , let  $H^+$  (resp.  $H^-$ ) be the ternary code such that  $(1+v)H^+$  (resp.  $(1-v)H^-$ ) is read  $H \pmod{1-v}$  (resp.  $H \pmod{1+v}$ ).

In [4], it is obtained that,

$$H = (1+v)H^+ \oplus (1-v)H^-$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} H^+ &= \{s | \exists t \in F_3^n | (1+v)s + (1-v)t \in H\} \\ H^- &= \{t | \exists s \in F_3^n | (1+v)s + (1-v)t \in H\} \end{aligned}$$

The code  $H^+$  is permutation equivalent to a code with generator matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{k_1} & 0 & 2A_1 & 2A_2 & 2A_3 \\ 0 & I_{k_2} & 0 & A_4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $A_i$  are ternary matrices for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and ternary code  $H^-$  is permutation equivalent to a code with generator matrix of the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{k_1} & 2B_1 & 0 & 2B_2 & 2B_3 \\ 0 & 0 & I_{k_3} & 0 & B_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $B_i$  are ternary matrices for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  in [4].

In [6], it was constructed simplex codes over the ring  $R$  of type  $\alpha$  as in the following

Let  $G_k^\alpha$  be a  $k \times 3^{2k}$  matrix over  $R$  defined inductively by,

$$G_k^\alpha = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c} 0 \dots 0 & 1 \dots 1 & 2 \dots 2 & v \dots v & 2v \dots 2v & a \dots a & b \dots b & c \dots c & d \dots d \\ \hline G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\alpha \end{array} \right)$$

where

$$G_1^\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & v & 2v & a & b & c & d \end{pmatrix}$$

The columns of  $G_k^\alpha$  consist of all distinct  $k$ -tuples over  $R$ . The code  $S_k^\alpha$  generated by  $G_k^\alpha$  has length  $3^{2k}$ .

If  $A_{k-1}$  denotes the  $(9^{k-1} \times 9^{k-1})$  array consisting of all codewords in  $S_{k-1}^\alpha$  and  $i = (i, i, \dots, i)$  then the  $(9^k \times 9^k)$  array of codewords of  $S_k^\alpha$  is given by,

$$\left( \begin{array}{cccccccccc} A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} \\ A_{k-1} & 1 + A_{k-1} & 2 + A_{k-1} & v + A_{k-1} & 2v + A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & \\ A_{k-1} & 2 + A_{k-1} & 1 + A_{k-1} & 2v + A_{k-1} & v + A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & \\ A_{k-1} & v + A_{k-1} & 2v + A_{k-1} & 1 + A_{k-1} & 2 + A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & \\ A_{k-1} & 2v + A_{k-1} & v + A_{k-1} & 2 + A_{k-1} & 1 + A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & \\ A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & \\ A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & \\ A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & c + A_{k-1} & b + A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & \\ A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & a + A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & A_{k-1} & d + A_{k-1} & \end{array} \right)$$

If  $R_1, R_2, \dots, R_k$  denote the rows of the matrix  $G_k^\alpha$ , then

$$wt_H(R_i) = wt_H(2R_i) = wt_H(vR_i) = wt_H(2vR_i) = 8 \cdot 3^{2(k-1)}$$

$$wt_H(aR_i) = wt_H(bR_i) = wt_H(cR_i) = wt_H(dR_i) = 6 \cdot 3^{2(k-1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 wt_L(R_i) &= wt_L(2R_i) = wt_L(vR_i) = wt_L(2vR_i) = 4 \cdot 3^{(2k-1)} \\
 wt_L(aR_i) &= wt_L(bR_i) = wt_L(cR_i) = wt_L(dR_i) = 4 \cdot 3^{(2k-1)} \\
 wt_B(R_i) &= wt_B(2R_i) = wt_B(vR_i) = wt_B(2vR_i) = 16 \cdot 3^{2(k-1)} \\
 wt_B(aR_i) &= wt_B(bR_i) = wt_B(cR_i) = wt_B(dR_i) = 2 \cdot 3^{2k-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

in [6].

Let  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in C$ . For each  $j \in R$ , let  $w_j(c) = |\{i | c_i = j\}|$ .

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $c \in S_k^\alpha, c \neq 0$ . If for at least one  $i, c_i$  is unit, then  $\forall j \in R, w_j = 9^{k-1}$ , if  $\forall i, c_i \in \{0, a, d\}$ , then  $\forall j \in \{0, a, d\}, w_j = 3^{2k-1}$  in  $c$ , if  $\forall i, c_i \in \{0, c, b\}$ , then  $\forall j \in \{0, c, b\}, w_j = 3^{2k-1}$  in  $c$  in [6].

Let  $A_H(i), A_L(i), A_B(i)$  be the number of codewords Hamming, Lee, Bachoc weight  $i$  in the code  $C$  respectively, for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Then  $\{A_H(0), A_H(1), \dots, A_H(n)\}, \{A_L(0), A_L(1), \dots, A_L(n)\}, \{A_B(0), A_B(1), \dots, A_B(n)\}$  is called the Hamming, Lee or Bachoc weight distribution of  $C$  respectively.

Hamming, Lee and Bachoc weight distributions of  $S_k^\alpha$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_H(0) &= 1, A_H(8 \cdot 3^{2(k-1)}) = (3^k - 1)(3^k - 1), A_H(6 \cdot 3^{2(k-1)}) = 2 \cdot (3^k - 1) \\
 A_L(0) &= 1, A_L(4 \cdot 3^{2k-1}) = (3^k - 1)(3^k - 1), A_L(4 \cdot 3^{2k-1}) = 2 \cdot (3^k - 1) \\
 A_B(0) &= 1, A_B(16 \cdot 3^{2(k-1)}) = (3^k - 1)(3^k - 1), A_B(2 \cdot 3^{2k-1}) = 2 \cdot (3^k - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

in [6].

The minimum weights of  $S_k^\alpha$  are  $d_H = 6 \cdot 3^{2(k-1)}, d_L = 4 \cdot 3^{2k-1}$  and  $d_B = 2 \cdot 3^{2k-1}$ .

### 3. Simplex codes of type $\gamma$

The length of  $S_k^\alpha$  is large and increase fast, so we can omit some columns from  $G_k^\alpha$  to obtain good codes over  $R$  of smaller length and we will call the simplex codes of type  $\gamma$ .

Let  $G_k^\gamma$  be the  $k \times \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} 5^{k-(n+1)} 3^{2n}$  matrix defined inductively by

$$G_2^\gamma = \left( \begin{array}{cccccc|c|c|c|c|c}
 11111111 & 0 & a & b & c & d & & & & & & \\
 012v2vabcd & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & & & & & & 
 \end{array} \right)$$

and for  $k > 2$

$$G_k^\gamma = \left( \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} 1 \dots 1 & 0 \dots 0 & a \dots a & b \dots b & c \dots c & d \dots d \\ \hline G_{k-1}^\alpha & G_{k-1}^\gamma & G_{k-1}^\gamma & G_{k-1}^\gamma & G_{k-1}^\gamma & G_{k-1}^\gamma \end{array} \right)$$

By induction, it is easy to verify that no two columns of  $G_k^\gamma$  are multiple of each other.

**Remark 3.1** Each row of  $G_k^\gamma$  has Hamming weight

$$\sum_{n=0}^{k-1} 5^{k-(n+1)} 3^{2n} - \sum_{n=0}^{k-2} 5^{(k-1)-(n+1)} 3^{2n}$$

Lee weight

$$\sum_{n=0}^{k-1} 5^{k-(n+1)} 3^{2n} + 3 \sum_{n=0}^{k-2} 5^{(k-1)-(n+1)} 3^{2n}$$

and Bachoc weight

$$3^{2k-1} + 2^2 \sum_{n=0}^{k-2} 5^{(k-1)-(n+1)} 3^{2n}$$

for  $k = 2, 3, \dots$

**Proposition 3.2** Each rows of  $G_k^\gamma$  contains  $3^{2k-2}$  units and  $w_a = w_b = w_c = w_d = \sum_{n=0}^{k-1} 5^{k-(n+1)} 3^{2n}$ .

**Proof** By induction, for  $k = 2$  the result is true. Assume that the result is true for each row of  $G_{k-1}^\gamma$ . The number of units in each row of  $G_{k-1}^\gamma$  is equal to  $3^{2k-4}$ . From Lemma 2.1, the number of units in any row of  $G_{k-1}^\alpha$  is  $4 \cdot 3^{2k-4}$ . Because  $1, 2, v, 2v$  are units. For the total number of units in any row of  $G_k^\gamma$ , we have  $4 \cdot 3^{2k-4} + 5 \cdot 3^{2k-4} = 3^{2k-2}$ . It is similarly shown that for the number of  $a$ 's,  $b$ 's,  $c$ 's and  $d$ 's.

**Remark 3.3** Let  $S_k^\gamma$  be the code generated by  $G_k^\gamma$ . The minimum Hamming weight of  $S_k^\gamma$  is

$$3^{2k-2} + 2^{k-2} \sum_{n=0}^{k-2} 5^{(k-1)-(n+1)} 3^{2n}$$

the Lee weight of  $S_k^\gamma$  is

$$3^{2k-2} + 2^3 \sum_{n=0}^{k-2} 5^{(k-1)-(n+1)} 3^{2n}$$

the minimum Bachoc weight of  $S_k^\gamma$  is

$$3^{2k-2} + 2^{k-2} \sum_{n=0}^{k-2} 5^{(k-1)-(n+1)} 3^{2n}$$

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