

Transitive codes

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Observation

Codes and partitions of the set F_q^n of all q -ary vectors into codes of length n are closely related with each other.

$$F_q^n \implies F_2^n.$$

For example, a good survey of some known results how to use partitions to construct q -ary perfect codes can be found in the book of

Cohen G., Honkala I., Lobstein A., Litsyn S.

Covering codes, Elsevier, 1998.

Definition (Isometry)

Isometry of F_2^n :

$$\text{Aut}(F_2^n) = F_2^n \rtimes S_n = \{(v, \pi) \mid v \in F_2^n, \pi \in S_n\},$$

where \rtimes denotes a semidirect product, S_n is a group of symmetry of order n .

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Definition (Automorphism group of a family of codes)

The automorphism group of any family of codes

$\mathcal{P} = \{C_0, C_1, \dots, C_m\}$, $\mathcal{P} \subseteq F_2^n$, $m \leq n$, is a group of isometries of F_2^n that transform the set \mathcal{P} into itself such that for any $i \in M = \{0, 1, \dots, m\}$ there exists $j \in M$, $v \in F_2^n$, $\pi \in S_n$ satisfying $v + \pi(C_i) = C_j$.

Definition (Automorphism group of a family of codes)

Every such isometry induces a permutation τ on the index set M that permutes the codes in the partition \mathcal{P} :

$$\tau(\{C_0, C_1, \dots, C_m\}) = \{C_{\tau(0)}, C_{\tau(1)}, \dots, C_{\tau(m)}\},$$

i. e. the automorphism group of the family \mathcal{P} is isomorphic to some subgroup of the group S_{m+1} .

Definition (Transitive codes)

A code C is said to be *transitive* if its automorphism group acts transitively on all codewords.

Without loss of generality we can investigate only reduced codes, i.e., the codes containing the all-zero vector $\mathbf{0}^n$ of length n .

For such codes it is convenient to use the following definition, which is equivalent to the definition given above:

Definition (Transitive codes)

For every codeword $v \in C$ there exists a permutation $\pi \in S_n$ such that $(v, \pi) \in \text{Aut}(C)$, which means $v + \pi(C) = C$ and π may not belong to the set $\text{Sym}(C)$.

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There are two different kinds of additive extended perfect codes. Borges, Rifa in 1998 (for the case Z_2Z_4) and Krotov in 2001 (for the case Z_4) proved that for any $m \geq 2$ there are exactly $\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor$ nonequivalent Z_2Z_4 -linear extended perfect codes C of binary length $n = 2^m$.

Puyol, Rifa, S. (2009):

For $m \geq 1$, there exists the quaternary linear Reed-Muller family of codes $\{\mathcal{RM}_s(r, m)\}$, $0 \leq s \leq \lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor$, $0 \leq r \leq m$, s.t.:

- ① binary length $n = 2^m$, $m \geq 1$;
- ② minimum distance $d = 2^{m-r}$;
- ③ number of codewords 2^k where $k = \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{m}{i}$;
- ④ each code $\mathcal{RM}_s(r-1, m)$ is a subcode of $\mathcal{RM}_s(r, m)$;
- ⑤ the $\mathcal{RM}_s(1, m)$ code is a Hadamard quaternary linear code and $\mathcal{RM}_s(m-2, m)$ is an extended quat. linear perfect code;
- ⑥ the $\mathcal{RM}_s(r, m)$ code is the dual code of $\mathcal{RM}_s(m-1-r, m)$ for $-1 \leq r \leq m$.

Observation

Applying some well-known constructions, namely Vasil'ev, Plotkin and Mollard, generalized Phelps to known binary transitive codes of some lengths and using some additional conditions it is possible to get infinite classes of transitive binary codes of greater lengths.

Let B and C be arbitrary binary codes of length n with code distance d_1 and d_2 respectively, where d_1 is odd. Let λ be any function from the code C into the set $\{0, 1\}$ and $|x| = x_1 + \dots + x_n \pmod{2}$, where $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$. The code

$$C^{2n+1} = \{(x, |x| + \lambda(y), x + y) \mid x \in B, y \in C\}$$

we will call Vasil'ev code. It has length $2n + 1$, size $|B| \cdot |C|$ and code distance $d = \min\{2d_1 + 1, d_2\}$.

Theorem 1, 2005.

Let C be a transitive code with parameters $(n, |C|, d_2)$, B be any linear code with parameters $[n, |B|, d_1]$ such that for any automorphism $(y, \pi) \in \text{Aut}(C)$ it is true that $\pi \in \text{Sym}(B)$. Then the Vasil'ev code C^{2n+1} with the function $\lambda \equiv 0$ is transitive.

Let D and C be arbitrary binary codes of length n with code distances d_1 and d_2 respectively. The code

$$C^{2n} = \{(x, x + y) \mid x \in D, y \in C\}$$

is known Plotkin code of length $2n$, size $|D| \cdot |C|$ and code distance $d = \min\{2d_1, d_2\}$.

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Mollard construction

Let P^t and C^m be any two binary codes of lengths t and m respectively with code distances not less than 3. Let

$$x = (x_{11}, x_{12}, \dots, x_{1m}, x_{21}, \dots, x_{2m}, \dots, x_{t1}, \dots, x_{tm}) \in F_2^{tm}.$$

The generalized parity-check functions $p_1(x)$ and $p_2(x)$ are defined by $p_1(x) = (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_t) \in F_2^t$, $p_2(x) = (\sigma'_1, \sigma'_2, \dots, \sigma'_m) \in F_2^m$, where $\sigma_i = \sum_{j=1}^m x_{ij}$ and $\sigma'_j = \sum_{i=1}^t x_{ij}$. The set

$$C^n = \{(x, y + p_1(x), z + p_2(x)) \mid x \in F_2^{tm}, y \in P^t, z \in C^m\}$$

is a binary **Mollard code** of length $n = tm + t + m$ correcting single errors.

Theorem 3, 2005.

Let P^t and C^m be arbitrary binary transitive codes of lengths t and m respectively. Then the Mollard code

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Corollary

Let P^t and C^m be any two perfect binary transitive codes of lengths t and m respectively containing the all-zero vectors. Then the Mollard code C^n is a transitive perfect code of length $n = tm + t + m$.

Theorem 4, 2005.

The number of nonequivalent perfect transitive codes of length $n = 2^k - 1$, $k \geq 4$ is at least $\lfloor k/2 \rfloor^2$.

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Theorem 6, Potapov, 2006.

For $n \rightarrow \infty$ there exist at least

$$\frac{1}{8n^2\sqrt{3}} e^{\pi\sqrt{2n/3}}(1 + o(1))$$

pairwise nonequivalent transitive extended perfect codes of length $4n$.

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In 2000 Phelps classified partitions of F_2^7 into perfect codes of length 7. Regardless of the fact that the Hamming code is unique (up to equivalence) there are 11 such nonequivalent partitions. Also Phelps proved that there are 10 nonequivalent partitions of F_2^8 into extended perfect codes.

Proposition (S. and Gus'kov, 2009)

Among 11 nonequivalent partitions of F_2^7 into the Hamming codes there are seven transitive partitions, six of which are vertex-transitive, two of them are 2-transitive; there are no k -transitive partitions for $k \geq 3$.

Using Vasil'ev construction 1962 and also Mollard construction 1986 we construct transitive partitions of F_2^n into transitive binary codes.

Theorem 7, Construction A, 2009.

Let $\mathcal{P}^n = \{C_0^n, C_1^n, \dots, C_m^n\}$ be a transitive family of binary codes of length n ;

let B^n be any binary linear code of length n with odd code distance such that for any automorphism $(y, \pi) \in \text{Aut}(\mathcal{P}^n)$ it holds $\pi \in \text{Sym}(B^n)$.

Then the family of the codes

$$\mathcal{P}^{2n+1} = \{C_0^{2n+1}, C_1^{2n+1}, \dots, C_{2m+1}^{2n+1}\} :$$

$$C_i^{2n+1} = \{(x, |x|, x + y) : x \in B^n, y \in C_i^n\},$$

$$C_{m+i+1}^{2n+1} = C_i^{2n+1} + e_{n+1},$$

where $i = 0, 1, \dots, m$, is transitive.

Corollary 3.

If every code in the family \mathcal{P}^n is transitive than every code of the family \mathcal{P}^{2n+1} from Theorem 7 is transitive.

Corollary 4.

Let $\mathcal{P}^n = \{C_0^n, C_1^n, \dots, C_n^n\}$ be a transitive partition of F_2^n into perfect binary codes of length n . Then the family of the codes from Theorem 7 is a transitive partition of the space F_2^{2n+1} into perfect binary codes of length $2n + 1$.

Theorem 8. (S. and Gus'kov, 2009)

There exist transitive partitions of F_2^n into transitive perfect codes of length n for any $n = 2^m - 1$, $m \geq 3$.

Theorem 9. (S. and Gus'kov, 2009)

Let P^n be a vertex-transitive partition (a 2-transitive partition) of F_2^n into perfect codes of length n . Then the family of the codes P^{2n+1} , defined by Construction A using a partition P^n , is a vertex-transitive partition (a 2-transitive partition) of F_2^{2n+1} into perfect codes of length $2n + 1$.

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Theorem 10. Construction B (2009).

Let $\mathcal{P}^t = \{C_0^t, C_1^t, \dots, C_t^t\}$ and $\mathcal{P}^m = \{D_0^m, D_1^m, \dots, D_m^m\}$ be any transitive families of the codes of length t and m respectively correcting single errors. Then the family of the codes

$$\mathcal{P}^n = \{C_{00}^n, C_{01}^n, \dots, C_{tm}^n\}$$

is transitive class of codes of length $n = tm + t + m$, correcting single errors, where

$$C_{ij}^n = \{(x, y + p_1(x), z + p_2(x)) \mid x \in F_2^{tm}, y \in C_i^t, z \in D_j^m\}$$

is Mollard code, $i = 0, 1, \dots, t$; $j = 0, 1, \dots, m$.

Corollary 6.

Let \mathcal{P}^t and \mathcal{P}^m be any transitive partitions of F_2^t and F_2^m into perfect transitive codes of length $t = 2^r - 1$, $r \geq 3$, and $m = 2^l - 1$, $l \geq 3$, respectively. Then the construction B gives a transitive partition of F_2^n into perfect binary transitive codes of length $n = tm + t + m$.

Theorem 11. (S. and Gus'kov, 2009)

If P^t and P^m are vertex-transitive partitions, then the family P^n of the perfect codes of length n , defined by Construction B from the partitions P^t and P^m , is vertex-transitive.

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Theorem 13. (S. and Gus'kov, 2009)

For every $n = 2^k - 1$, $k > 20$, the number of nonequivalent transitive, vertex-transitive and 2-transitive partitions of F^n into perfect codes of length n satisfies the following lower bounds respectively:

- a $R_{n;trans} \geq n + 1$;
- b $R_{n;vertex-trans} \geq \frac{n+1}{2}$;
- c $R_{n;2-trans} \geq \frac{n+1}{3}$.

For small lengths $n = 2^k - 1$, where $3 \leq k \leq 20$:

- a $R_{n;trans} \geq (n + 1)/2$;
- b $R_{n;vertex-trans} \geq (n + 1)/3$;
- c $R_{n;2-trans} \geq (n + 1)/4$.

Definition (Nonparallel Hamming codes)

Two Hamming codes of length n are called *nonparallel* if they can not be obtained from each other using a translation by a vector of F_2^n .

Theorem 14. (Heden and S., 2009)

For each $n = 2^m - 1$, $m \geq 4$, the number of different partitions of F_2^n into non-parallel Hamming codes is at least

$$\frac{n! \cdot 1344 \frac{(n+1)(n-7)}{8^2}}{7! \cdot (8!) \frac{n-7}{8} \cdot |\mathrm{GL}(\log_2((n+1)/8), 2)|}.$$

Definition (Strongly nonparallel partitions)

A pair $\mathcal{P}_1^n = \{\bar{H}_0, \bar{H}_1, \dots, \bar{H}_n\}$ and $\mathcal{P}_2^n = \{\bar{H}'_0, \bar{H}'_1, \dots, \bar{H}'_n\}$ of partitions into non-parallel Hamming codes is called *strongly nonparallel* if $H_i \neq H'_j$ for any $i \neq j$ ($i, j \in N$), where $H_i = e_i + \bar{H}_i$, $H'_j = e_j + \bar{H}'_j$ are the linear Hamming codes corresponding to \bar{H}_i and \bar{H}'_j , respectively.

Proposition

There exist $1920 \cdot 1344$ different pairs of strongly non-parallel partitions of F_2^7 into Hamming codes of length 7.

Theorem 15. (Heden and S., 2009)

If $\mathcal{P}_1^n = \{\bar{H}_0, \bar{H}_1, \dots, \bar{H}_n\}$, $\mathcal{P}_2^n = \{\bar{H}'_0, \bar{H}'_1, \dots, \bar{H}'_n\}$ is any pair of strongly non-parallel partitions into Hamming codes and $\delta, \delta', \psi, \psi'$ are any permutations in \mathcal{S}_n , then the family of codes

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{H}_i^{2n+1} &= \{(\delta(x), |x|, \psi(x) + y) : x \in F_2^n, y \in \bar{H}_i\}, \\ \bar{H}_{n+i+1}^{2n+1} &= \{(\delta'(x'), |x'| + 1, \psi'(x') + y') : x' \in F_2^n, y' \in \bar{H}'_i\}, \\ i &\in N,\end{aligned}$$

defines a partition \mathcal{P}^{2n+1} of F_2^{2n+1} into non-parallel Hamming codes of length $2n + 1$.

Theorem 16. (Heden and S., 2009)

Let $\mathcal{P}^t = \{\bar{H}_0^t, \bar{H}_1^t, \dots, \bar{H}_t^t\}$ and $\mathcal{P}^s = \{\bar{H}_0^s, \bar{H}_1^s, \dots, \bar{H}_s^s\}$ be any two partitions such that at least one of them is a partition into non-parallel Hamming codes, where $t = 2^l - 1$, $l > 2$, and $s = 2^p - 1$, $p > 2$. Let τ be any permutation in the symmetric group of degree ts . Then the family of codes

$$\bar{H}_{ij}^n = \{(\tau(x), p_1(x) + y, p_2(x) + z) : x \in F_2^{st}, y \in \bar{H}_i^t, z \in \bar{H}_j^s\},$$

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Theorem 17. (S. and Los', 2009)

The number of different partitions of the space F_q^N into perfect q -ary codes is at least

$$\left(\frac{(L(p))^{p^{r-1}}}{p!} \right)^{K(N-1)} \cdot \frac{\left((L(p))^{p^{r-1}} \right)^K}{p!}, \quad (1)$$

where $K = p^{n(2r-1)-r(m-1)}$.

Here $L(p)$ denote the number of different Latin squares of order $p \times p$. It is known that $L(p) > p^{p^2(1-o(1))}$.

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where $K = p^{n(2r-1)-r(m-1)}$.

Here $L(p)$ denote the number of different Latin squares of order $p \times p$. It is known that $L(p) > p^{p^2(1-o(1))}$.

Solov'eva F. I., Los' A.V., On constructing of partitions of F_q^n into q -ary perfect codes, J. of Applied and Industrial Mathematics: V. 4, Iss. 1 (2010) 136-146.

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for every admissible $n \geq 31$.

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where $x \in F^n$, $y \in C_i^n$, τ, σ are arbitrary permutations from S_n , $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$, and λ_i is any binary function defined on the vertices from C_i^n , such that $\lambda_i(e_i) = 0$, $i = 0, \dots, n$. Here e_i is the vector from F^n of weight 1 having unit only in the i th coordinate position and $e_0 = \mathbf{0}^n$ is the vector from F^n having all zero coordinates.

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λ_i and μ_j are two arbitrary binary functions defined as mappings from C_i, C'_j into the set $\{0, 1\}$ respectively, such that $\lambda_i(e_i) = \mu_j(e_j) = 0$.

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The number of different partitions of F^N , $N = 2^m$, $m \geq 4$ into extended perfect binary codes satisfies the following lower bound:

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