

## ON CODES OVER THE RINGS $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper, we study the structure of linear and self dual codes of an arbitrary length  $n$  over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$  and  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$ ,  $uv = vu$ . Also we obtain the structure of consta-cyclic codes of length  $n = q - 1$  over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  in the light of studying cyclic codes over  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  in [6]. This study is a generalization and extension of the works in [7], [8], and [10].

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### 1. Introduction

Codes over finite rings have been studied in the early 1970's [1]. A great deal of attention has been given to codes over finite rings from 1991 [5], because of their new role in algebraic coding theory and their successful applications.

Bahattin Yildiz and Suat Karadeniz studied the structure of the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$ , where  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$  and  $uv = vu$ , and they obtained the structure of linear codes over this ring of any length  $n$  as in [7]. In [8] they proved the existence of self dual codes over the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$  of all lengths and obtained some results about their gray images, also they obtained the structure of cyclic codes over the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$  of any length  $n$  in [9], and in the light of the study in [9] they obtained the structure of  $(1 + v)$ -constacyclic codes over the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$  of odd lengths  $n$  as in [10].

In [6], Xu Xiaofang and Liu Xiusheng they obtained the structure of the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$  and  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$ ,  $uv = vu$ . Also they obtained the structure of cyclic codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  of all lengths  $n$  as a generalization of the work done in [9] on the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$ .

In this paper we aim to generalize all the previous studies from the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$  to the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$  and  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$ ,  $uv = vu$ . This paper is organized as follows:

In section 3, we study linear codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , first we mention the main properties of the ring from [6] which is important to obtain the structure of linear codes and the

uniqueness of it's type, also we define a gray map on the ring  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n$  and through this map we define the lee weight of any codeword.

In section 4, we study self dual codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , first we study the duality of the gray image of self dual codes then we obtain the existence of self dual codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  of all lengths using an old result from[2]. In section 5, we study consta-cyclic codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , which are isomorphic to the ideals of the ring  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)[x]/(x^n - (1 + v))$ , using an isomorphism from the ring  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)[x]/(x^n - (1 + v))$  to the ring  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)[x]/(x^n - 1)$  we obtain the structure of  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  of length  $n = q - 1$ , and another case when  $n$  is an odd integer and  $q$  is a power of the prime 2, in the light of the study of cyclic codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ [6], also in this section we obtain another gray map from the ring  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n$  to the ring  $(F_q + uF_q)^{2^n}$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

**Definition 2.1.** [3] Let  $F_q^n$  denote the vector space of all  $n$ -tuples over finite field  $F_q$ ,  $n$  is the length of the vectors in  $F_q^n$ . An  $(n, M)$  code  $C$  over  $F_q$  is a subset of  $F_q^n$  of size  $M$ , that is  $|C| = M =$  the number of all code words of  $C$ .

We usually write the vectors  $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n)$  in  $F^n$  in the form  $c_1c_2 \dots c_n$  and call the vectors in  $C$  code words.

**Definition 2.2.** [3] If  $C$  is a  $k$ -dimensional subspace of  $F_q^n$ , then  $C$  will be called an  $[n, k]$  linear code over  $F_q$ .

**Definition 2.3.** [3] Let  $C$  be a linear  $[n, k]$ -code. The set  $C^\perp = \{x \in F_q^n \mid x \cdot c = 0, \forall c \in C\}$ .

is called the **dual code** for  $C$ , where  $\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{c}$  is the usual scalar product  $x_1c_1 + x_2c_2 + \dots + x_nc_n$  of the vectors  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{c}$ . **Note** that  $C^\perp$  is an  $[n, n - k]$ code.

**Remark:** If  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$  then  $\dim(C) + \dim(C^\perp) = n$ .

**Definition 2.4.** [3]

The **(Hamming distance)**  $d_H(x, y)$  between two vectors  $x, y \in F_q^n$  is defined to be the number of coordinates in which  $x$  and  $y$  differ.

The **(Hamming weight)**  $w_H(x)$  of a vector  $x \in F_q^n$  is the number of nonzero coordinates in  $x$ .

**Definition 2.5.** [3] For a code  $C$  containing at least two words, the minimum distance of a code  $C$ , denoted by  $d(C)$ , is  $d(C) = \min\{d(x, y) : x, y \in C, x \neq y\}$ .

**Definition 2.6.** [3] A code  $C$  is called self-orthogonal provided  $C \subseteq C^\perp$ .

**Definition 2.7.** [3] A code  $C$  is called self-dual if  $C = C^\perp$ .

**Remark:** [3] The length  $n$  of a self-dual code  $C$  is even and the dimension of  $C$  is  $n/2$ .

**Definition 2.8.** [3] Let  $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$  be a word of length  $n$ , the cyclic shift  $T(c)$  is the word of length  $n$

$$T(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2}).$$

**Definition 2.9.** [3] A code  $C$  is said to be cyclic if  $T(c) \in C$ , whenever  $c \in C$ .

**Definition 2.10.** [4] Let  $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$  be a word of length  $n$ , then a  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic shift  $\gamma(c)$  is a word of length  $n$

$$\gamma(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) = ((1 + v)c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2})$$

**Definition 2.11.** [4] A code  $C$  is said to be  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic if  $\gamma(c) \in C$ , whenever  $c \in C$ .

### 3. Linear Codes over the Ring $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$

In this section we will make a generalization for the work in [7]. From the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$  tothering  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$ , and  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$ ,  $uv = vu$ .

First lets talk about some properties of the ring  $R = F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  which were established in [6]:

Risa Frobenius, localring with characteristic  $p$  which is not principal ideal nor chain ring. The ideals can be listed as:

$$I_0 = \{0\} \subseteq I_{uv} = uv(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q) = uvF_q \subseteq I_u, I_v, I_{u+v} \subseteq I_{u,v} \subseteq I_1 = R, \text{ where}$$

$$I_u = u(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q) = uF_q + u^2F_q + uvF_q + u^2vF_q = uF_q + uvF_q,$$

$$I_v = v(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q) = vF_q + uvF_q + v^2F_q + uv^2F_q = vF_q + uvF_q, I_{u,v} = uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q,$$

$$I_{u+v} = (u + v)(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q) = (u + v)F_q + u(u + v)F_q + v(u + v)F_q + uv(u + v)F_q = (u + v)F_q + (u^2 + uv)F_q + (uv + v^2)F_q + (u^2v + uv^2)F_q = (u + v)F_q + uvF_q + uvF_q = (u + v)F_q + 2uvF_q = (u + v)F_q + uvF_q, \text{ since } 2 \text{ is a unit in } R.$$

Let  $R^* = R - I_{u,v}$ , we can see that  $R^*$  consists of all units in  $R$ . The unique maximal

ideal  $I_{u,v}$  is not a principal ideal.  $I_{u,v}$  contains all the zero divisors in  $R$ .

**Remark:** [6] Another nice conclusion about the ring  $R$  is that if  $x = a + bu + cv + duv$  is any element in  $R$ , then  $x^q = a$ , where  $a, b, c, d \in F_q$ .

Proof. Let  $x = a + bu + cv + duv \in R$ , where  $a, b, c, d \in F_q$ . Then

If  $x$  is a nonunit then  $x \in I_{u,v} = uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , so  $a = 0$  and  $x^q = 0 = a$  since

$$u^2 = v^2 = 0 \text{ and } uv = vu.$$

If  $x$  is a unit then  $x \in R - I_{u,v}$ , so  $a$

0 and  $x^q = a^q$  since  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$  and  $uv = vu$ , but  $a \in F_q$  and  $F_q - \{0\}$  is a cyclic group under multiplication of order  $q - 1$  so  $a^{q-1} = 1$  then  $a^q = a$  so  $x^q = a$ .

**Remark:**  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  is isomorphic to  $F_q[X, Y] / \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle$ .

*Proof.* we define a map

$$f: F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q \rightarrow F_q[X, Y] / \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle$$

s.t.  $f(a + bu + cv + duv) = a + bx + cy + dxy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle$ ,  $\forall a + bu + cv + duv \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , now we show that  $f$  is an isomorphism as follows :

Let  $h_1, h_2 \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  s.t.  $h_1 = a_1 + b_1u + c_1v + d_1uv$ ,  $h_2 = a_2 + b_2u + c_2v + d_2uv$  then:

$$(1) f(h_1 + h_2) = f(a_1 + b_1u + c_1v + d_1uv + a_2 + b_2u + c_2v + d_2uv) = f((a_1 + a_2) + u(b_1 + b_2) + v(c_1 + c_2) + uv(d_1 + d_2)) = (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)x + (c_1 + c_2)y + (d_1 + d_2)xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle = a_1 + b_1x + c_1y + d_1xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle + a_2 + b_2x + c_2y + d_2xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle = f(h_1) + f(h_2).$$

(2)  $f(h_1h_2) = f((a_1 + b_1u + c_1v + d_1uv)(a_2 + b_2u + c_2v + d_2uv))$ , and after some cancelation because  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} &= f(a_1a_2 + u(a_1b_2 + b_1a_2) + v(a_1c_2 + c_1a_2) + uv(a_1d_2 + b_1c_2 + c_1b_2 + d_1a_2)) \\ &= a_1a_2 + (a_1b_2 + b_1a_2)x + (a_1c_2 + c_1a_2)y + (a_1d_2 + b_1c_2 + c_1b_2 + d_1a_2)xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle f(h_1)f(h_2) = \\ &= (a_1 + b_1x + c_1y + d_1xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle)(a_2 + b_2x + c_2y + d_2xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle) = a_1a_2 + a_1b_2x \\ &+ a_1c_2y + a_1d_2xy + b_1a_2x + b_1b_2x^2 + b_1c_2xy + b_1d_2x^2y + c_1a_2y + c_1b_2xy + c_1c_2y^2 + c_1d_2xy^2 + d_1a_2xy \\ &+ d_1b_2x^2y + c_2d_1xy^2 + d_1d_2x^2y^2 + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle \\ &= a_1a_2 + (a_1b_2 + b_1a_2)x + (a_1c_2 + c_1a_2)y + (a_1d_2 + b_1c_2 + c_1b_2 + d_1a_2)xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle \\ &= f(h_1h_2). \end{aligned}$$

(3) Let  $f(h_1) = f(h_2)$  that is  $a_1 + b_1x + c_1y + d_1xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle = a_2 + b_2x + c_2y + d_2xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle$

$$\text{then } (a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)x + (c_1 - c_2)y + (d_1 - d_2)xy + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle = 0 + \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle$$

$$\text{so } (a_1 - a_2) + (b_1 - b_2)x + (c_1 - c_2)y + (d_1 - d_2)xy \in \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle$$

and this happens if and only if  $a_1 - a_2 = b_1 - b_2 = c_1 - c_2 = d_1 - d_2 = 0$

which implies  $a_1 = a_2$ ,  $b_1 = b_2$ ,  $c_1 = c_2$ ,  $d_1 = d_2$ , then  $h_1 = h_2$ , so  $f$  is one to one function.

(4) Since  $f$  is one to one function and  $|F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q| = |F_q[X, Y] / \langle X^2, Y^2, XY - YX \rangle| = q^4$ , then  $f$  is onto.

From 1, 2, 3 and 4, we have proved that  $f$  is an isomorphism.

**Definition 3.1.** A linear code  $C$  of length  $n \in N$  over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  is an  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ -submodule of  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n$ .

Now we classify the generators of the linear codes over  $R$  and we define  $R$ -linear independence of them to introduce a possible type for linear codes over  $R$ .

There are six types of generators for linear codes over  $R$ , and we can classify them as

$\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \bar{c}, \bar{d}, \bar{e}, \bar{f}$ , where

$$\bar{a} \in (F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n \setminus (I_{u,v})^n,$$

$$\bar{b} \in (I_{u,v})^n, \bar{b} \notin (I_u)^n, (I_v)^n, (I_{u+v})^n,$$

$$\bar{c} \in (I_u)^n \setminus (I_{uv})^n,$$

$$\bar{d} \in (I_v)^n \setminus (I_{uv})^n,$$

$$\bar{e} \in (I_{u+v})^n \setminus (I_{uv})^n,$$

$$\bar{f} \in (I_{uv})^n.$$

**Remark:** [6] The generators of the form  $\bar{a}$  contain some units.

*Proof.* Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \bar{a}$  s.t.  $x_i \notin I_{u,v} \forall i$  then  $x_i$  is a unit in  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , so  $\exists$  a unit  $x^{-1} \notin I_{u,v} \forall i$ , so  $\exists (x^{-1}_1, x^{-1}_2, \dots, x^{-1}_n) \in \bar{a}$  s.t.  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \cdot (x^{-1}_1, x^{-1}_2, \dots, x^{-1}_n) = (x_1 \cdot x^{-1}_1, x_2 \cdot x^{-1}_2, \dots, x_n \cdot x^{-1}_n) = (1, 1, \dots, 1)$  which is the unity of  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n$ , so  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is a unit in  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n$ .

The generators of the form  $\bar{a}$  that contain some units are called free generators.

We next define independence over  $R$  for these generators.

**Definition 3.2.** A subset

$$S = \{ \{\bar{a}_i\}_1^{k_1}, \{\bar{b}_j\}_1^{k_2}, \{\bar{c}_m\}_1^{k_3}, \{\bar{d}_t\}_1^{k_4}, \{\bar{e}_r\}_1^{k_5}, \{\bar{f}_s\}_1^{k_6}, \}$$

of  $R^n$  is said to be  $R$ -linearly independent if the only solution to the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \alpha_i \bar{a}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_2} \beta_j \bar{b}_j + \sum_{m=1}^{k_3} \gamma_m \bar{c}_m + \sum_{t=1}^{k_4} \mu_t \bar{d}_t + \sum_{r=1}^{k_5} \eta_r \bar{e}_r + \sum_{s=1}^{k_6} \zeta_s \bar{f}_s$$

where

$$\alpha_i \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q, \beta_j \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q, \gamma_m \in F_q + vF_q, \mu_t \in F_q + uF_q, \eta_r \in F_q + uF_q, \zeta_s \in F_q$$

is

$$\alpha_i, \beta_j, \gamma_m, \mu_t, \eta_r, \zeta_s = 0 \text{ for all indices } i, j, m, t, r, s.$$

Now we can take independent vectors as our generator to generate a linear code over  $R$ :

**Definition 3.3.** Suppose

$$S = \{ \{\bar{a}_i\}_1^{k_1}, \{\bar{b}_j\}_1^{k_2}, \{\bar{c}_m\}_1^{k_3}, \{\bar{d}_t\}_1^{k_4}, \{\bar{e}_r\}_1^{k_5}, \{\bar{f}_s\}_1^{k_6}, \}$$

is a set of linearly independent generators as was defined above. The linear code C of length n generated by S is the submodule

$$\{ \sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \alpha_i \bar{a}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_2} \beta_j \bar{b}_j + \sum_{m=1}^{k_3} \gamma_m \bar{c}_m + \sum_{t=1}^{k_4} \mu_t \bar{d}_t + \sum_{r=1}^{k_5} \eta_r \bar{e}_r + \sum_{s=1}^{k_6} \zeta_s \bar{f}_s : \alpha_i \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q, \beta_j \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q, \gamma_m \in F_q + vF_q, \mu_t \in F_q + uF_q, \eta_r \in F_q + uF_q, \zeta_s \in F_q \}$$

In this case we say C is of type  $(q^4)^{k_1} (q^3)^{k_2} (u)^{k_3} (v)^{k_4} (u+v)^{k_5} (q)^{k_6}$ .

The following theorem will be quite useful in establishing the uniqueness of the type for codes over R.

**Lemma 3.4.** If  $S = \{ \{\bar{a}_i\}_1^{k_1}, \{\bar{b}_j\}_1^{k_2}, \{\bar{c}_m\}_1^{k_3}, \{\bar{d}_t\}_1^{k_4}, \{\bar{e}_r\}_1^{k_5}, \{\bar{f}_s\}_1^{k_6} \}$  is a set of linearly independent generators which generate the linear code C, then the number of code words in C that belong to  $I_{uv}^n$  is exactly  $a^{k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + k_5 + k_6}$ .

*Proof.* Because of the linear independence the only code words in C that belong to  $I_{uv}^n$  can arise from the binary linear combinations of

$$\{ \{u\bar{v}\bar{a}_i\}_1^{k_1}, \{u\bar{v}\bar{b}_j\}_1^{k_2}, \{v\bar{c}_m\}_1^{k_3}, \{u\bar{d}_t\}_1^{k_4}, \{u\bar{e}_r\}_1^{k_5}, \{\bar{f}_s\}_1^{k_6} \}$$

Again, because of linear independence, these generators will all be linearly independent over  $F_q$ . That is why we will have exactly  $q^{k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + k_5 + k_6}$  such codewords.

After this auxiliary result, we are now ready to settle the main question about the uniqueness of the type, given the existence of independent generators.

**Theorem 3.5.** If  $S = \{ \{\bar{a}_i\}_1^{k_1}, \{\bar{b}_j\}_1^{k_2}, \{\bar{c}_m\}_1^{k_3}, \{\bar{d}_t\}_1^{k_4}, \{\bar{e}_r\}_1^{k_5}, \{\bar{f}_s\}_1^{k_6} \}$  is a set of linearly

independent generators which generate the linear code C, then C cannot be generated by another type, i.e.  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_6$  are uniquely determined by the code.

*Proof.* Suppose S generates a linear code C. Then the first equation we get is about the size of the code.

$$a^{k_1 + 3k_2 + 2k_3 + 2k_4 + 2k_5 + k_6} = |C|$$

If we multiply every element of the code by u, the n this will nullify some of the generators, because  $uI_u = 0$ ,  $uI_{uv} = 0$ . Since  $uI_{u,v} = uI_v = uI_{u+v} = I_{uv}$  and  $u(F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2) = I_u$ , the linear independence of the generators tells us that

$$a^{2k_1 + k_2 + k_4 + k_5} = |uC|$$

Similarly we obtain

$$a^{2k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_5} = |vC|$$

$$a^{2k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4} = |(u+v)C|.$$

If  $C_{uv}$  denotes the set of all code words in  $C$  that belong to  $I_{uv}^n$ , then by the last Lemma we see that

$$q^{k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + k_5 + k_6} = |C_{uv}|.$$

Finally multiplying the elements of  $R$  by  $uv$  nullifies every element except the units, hence we get

$$q^{k_1} = |uvC|$$

Since all the sizes on the right hand side of the equations are powers of  $q$ , we will take logarithms base  $q$  from the first to the last equation, and calling  $\log_q |C| = A_1$ ,  $\log_q |uvC| = A_2$  and so on. We obtain the following system of linear equations for  $K_i^j$ 's:

$$4k_1 + 3k_2 + 2k_3 + 2k_4 + 2k_5 + k_6 = A_1$$

$$2k_1 + k_2 + k_4 + k_5 = A_2$$

$$2k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_5 = A_3$$

$$2k_1 + k_2 + k_3 + k_4 = A_4$$

$$k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + k_5 + k_6 = A_5 k_1 = A_6$$

The coefficient matrix for the system of equations is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 3 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

which has determinant 1. This proves the uniqueness of  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_6$  which means we can talk about a unique type for the code  $C$ , provided that independent generators are given for  $C$ .

Now that we have established the uniqueness of the type for linear codes over  $R$ , we can extract some further information about these codes given the type. This will help us

characterize the codes that have independent generators. To this extent, we will take a code  $C$  of type  $(q^4)^{k_1} (q^3)^{k_2} (u)^{k_3} (v)^{k_4} (u+v)^{k_5} (q)^{k_6}$  which has generators of the form

$$S = \{ \{\bar{a}_i\}_1^{k_2}, \{\bar{b}_j\}_1^{k_2}, \{\bar{c}_m\}_1^{k_3}, \{\bar{d}_r\}_1^{k_4}, \{\bar{e}_s\}_1^{k_5}, \{\bar{f}_t\}_1^{k_6}, \}$$

that are linearly independent. The independence tells us that to obtain codewords that fall in the ideal  $I_{uv}$ , we need to take the binary combinations of

$$\{ \{uv\bar{a}_i\}_1^{k_2}, \{u\bar{b}_j\}_1^{k_2}, \{v\bar{b}_j\}_1^{k_2}, \{v\bar{c}_m\}_1^{k_3}, \{u\bar{d}_r\}_1^{k_4}, \{u\bar{e}_s\}_1^{k_5}, \{\bar{f}_t\}_1^{k_6} \}.$$

A similar argument can easily be employed to see that the codewords that fall entirely in

the ideal  $I_u$  will arise from the combinations of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \alpha_i \bar{a}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_2} \beta_j \bar{b}_j + \sum_{m=1}^{k_3} \gamma_m \bar{c}_m + \sum_{t=1}^{k_4} \mu_t \bar{d}_t + \sum_{r=1}^{k_5} \eta_r \bar{e}_r + \sum_{s=1}^{k_6} \zeta_s \bar{f}_s$$

where  $\alpha_i \in uF_q + uvF_q$ ,  $\beta_j \in uF_q + vF_q$ ,  $\gamma_m \in F_q + vF_q$ ,  $\mu_t \in uF_q$ ,  $\eta_r \in uF_q$ ,  $\zeta_s \in F_q$ . This tells us that the total number of codewords in  $C$  that fall entirely in the ideal  $I_u$  is

$$q^{2k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + k_5 + k_6} \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

For the ideal  $I_v$ , the code words that fall entirely in the ideal  $I_v$  will arise from the combinations of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \alpha_i \bar{a}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_2} \beta_j \bar{b}_j + \sum_{m=1}^{k_3} \gamma_m \bar{c}_m + \sum_{t=1}^{k_4} \mu_t \bar{d}_t + \sum_{r=1}^{k_5} \eta_r \bar{e}_r + \sum_{s=1}^{k_6} \zeta_s \bar{f}_s$$

where  $\alpha_i \in vF_q + uvF_q$ ,  $\beta_j \in uF_q + vF_q$ ,  $\gamma_m \in vF_q$ ,  $\mu_t \in F_q + uF_q$ ,  $\eta_r \in uF_q$ ,  $\zeta_s \in F_q$ . This tells us that the total number of codewords in  $C$  that fall entirely in the ideal  $I_v$  is

$$q^{2k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + k_5 + k_6} \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

For the ideal  $I_{u+v}$ , the code words that fall entirely in the ideal  $I_{u+v}$  will arise from the combinations of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \alpha_i \bar{a}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_2} \beta_j \bar{b}_j + \sum_{m=1}^{k_3} \gamma_m \bar{c}_m + \sum_{t=1}^{k_4} \mu_t \bar{d}_t + \sum_{r=1}^{k_5} \eta_r \bar{e}_r + \sum_{s=1}^{k_6} \zeta_s \bar{f}_s$$

where  $\alpha_i \in uF_q + vF_q$ ,  $\beta_j \in uF_q + vF_q$ ,  $\gamma_m \in vF_q$ ,  $\mu_t \in uF_q$ ,  $\eta_r \in F_q + uF_q$ ,  $\zeta_s \in F_q$ . This tells us that the total number of codewords in  $C$  that fall entirely in the ideal  $I_{u+v}$  is

$$q^{2k_1 + 2k_2 + k_3 + k_4 + k_5 + k_6} \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

For the ideal  $I_{u,v}$ , for a codeword to be entirely in  $I_{u,v}$  it must be of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k_1} \alpha_i \bar{a}_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_2} \beta_j \bar{b}_j + \sum_{m=1}^{k_3} \gamma_m \bar{c}_m + \sum_{t=1}^{k_4} \mu_t \bar{d}_t + \sum_{r=1}^{k_5} \eta_r \bar{e}_r + \sum_{s=1}^{k_6} \zeta_s \bar{f}_s$$

where  $\alpha_i \in uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ ,  $\beta_j \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q$ ,  $\gamma_m \in F_q + vF_q$ ,  $\mu_t \in F_q + uF_q$ ,  $\eta_r \in F_q + uF_q$ ,  $\zeta_s \in F_q$ , which means the total number of codewords in  $C$  that fall entirely in the ideal  $I_{u,v}$  is

$$q^{3k_1 + 3k_2 + 2k_3 + 2k_4 + 2k_5 + k_6} \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

So, combining the last Lemma with the equations (1),(2),(3) and (4) we obtain the following result:

**Lemma 3.6.** Let  $C$  be a linear code over the ring  $R$  of type  $(q^4)^{k_1}(q^3)^{k_2}(u)^{k_3}(v)^{k_4}(u+v)^{k_5}(q)^{k_6}$ . If  $N_{uv}$ ,  $N_u$ ,  $N_v$ ,  $N_{u+v}$ ,  $N_{u,v}$  denote the number of code words in  $C$  that fall entirely in the ideals  $I_{uv}$ ,  $I_u$ ,  $I_v$ ,  $I_{u+v}$ ,  $I_{u,v}$ , respectively, then

$$\{N_{uv}, N_u, N_v, N_{u+v}, N_{u,v}\} = q^{k_1+2k_2+k_3+k_4+k_5+k_6} \{1, q^{k_1+k_3}, q^{k_1+k_4}, q^{k_1+k_5}, q^{2k_1+k_2+k_3+k_4+k_5}\}.$$

**Definition 3.7.** Let  $\phi : (F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n \rightarrow F_q^{4n}$  be the map given by

$$\phi(\bar{a} + u\bar{b} + v\bar{c} + uv\bar{d}) = (\bar{a} + \bar{b} + \bar{c} + \bar{d}, \bar{c} + \bar{d}, \bar{b} + \bar{d}, \bar{d}), \text{ where } \bar{a}, u\bar{b}, v\bar{c}, \bar{d} \in F_q^{4n}.$$

We note from the definition that  $\phi$  is a linear map that takes a linear code over  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  of length  $n$  to a linear code of length  $4n$ . By using this map, we can define the Lee



weight  $w_L$  as follows:

**Definition 3.8.** For any element  $a + ub + vc + uvd \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  we define the lee weight of  $a + ub + vc + uvd$  as  $w_L(a + ub + vc + uvd) = w_H(a + b + c + d, c + d, b + d, d)$ , where  $w_H$  denotes the ordinary Hamming weight for codes over  $F_q$ , also for any two codewords  $c_1, c_2 \in F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  we define the lee distance  $d_L(c_1, c_2) = w_L(c_1 - c_2)$ .

From the definition of  $\varphi$  we can see that  $\varphi$  is a distance preserving isometry from  $((F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n, d_L)$  to  $(F_q^{4n}, d_H)$ , where  $d_L$  denotes the lee distance in  $(F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n$  and  $d_H$  denotes the hamming distance in  $F_q^{4n}$ .

Let  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q = \{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_{q^4}\}$  in some order.

**Definition 3.9.** The complete weight enumerator of a linear code  $C$  over  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  is defined as

$$cwe_C(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{q^4}) = \sum_{\bar{c} \in C} (X_1^{n_{g_1}(\bar{c})} X_2^{n_{g_2}(\bar{c})} \dots X_{q^4}^{n_{g_{q^4}}(\bar{c})})$$

**Remark:** Note that  $cwe_C(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{q^4})$  is a homogeneous polynomial in  $q^4$  variables with the total degree of each term being  $n$ , the length of the code. Since  $\bar{0} \in C$ , we see that the term  $X_1^n$  always appears in  $cwe_C(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{q^4})$ . We also observe that  $cwe_C(1, 1, \dots, 1) = |C|$ .

Recall that  $N_u(C)$  was the number of code words in  $C$  that lie entirely in the ideal  $I_u$ , we can see that

$$N_u(C) = cwe_C(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{q^4})$$

with  $x_i = 0$  when  $g_i \notin I_u$  and  $x_i = 1$  when  $g_i \in I_u$ . Similar descriptions can be given for

$N_{uv}$ ,  $N_v$ , and so on.

#### 4. Self Dual Codes Over the Ring $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$

In this section we are trying to make an extension for the work in [8], from the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$  to the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$ , and  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$ ,  $uv = vu$ . The problem we face in this section is that some of the theorems in [8] holds only when the characteristic of the ring is 2 so it holds only for the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime 2, and other theorems in [8] hold for any commutative finite Frobenius ring so it holds for the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$ .

Let  $R = F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$ , and lets recall definition 3.7 and definition 3.8 of the gray map  $\varphi$  and the lee weight  $w_L$ . Note that  $\varphi$  is linear and distance-preserving map thus we obtain the following lemma, which will later be useful:

**Lemma 4.1.** If  $C$  is a linear code over  $R$  of length  $n$ , size  $q^k$  and minimum lee distance  $d$ , then  $\varphi(C)$  is an  $[4n, k, d]$ -linear code over  $F_q$ .

Note that if  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$ , then  $C^\perp$  is also a linear code over  $R$  of length  $n$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $C$  be a linear code over  $R$  of length  $n$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime

2. Then  $\varphi(C^\perp) \subseteq (\varphi(C))^\perp$  with  $(\varphi(C))^\perp$  denoting the ordinary dual of  $(\varphi(C))$  as a code over  $F_q$ .

*Proof.* To prove the theorem, it is enough to show that,

$$\langle \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2 \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \varphi(\bar{x}_1) \cdot \varphi(\bar{x}_2) = 0 \text{ for all } \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2 \in (F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q)^n.$$

To this extent, let's assume that  $\bar{x}_1 = \bar{a}_1 + u\bar{b}_1 + v\bar{c}_1 + uv\bar{d}_1$  and that  $\bar{x}_2 = \bar{a}_2 + u\bar{b}_2 + v\bar{c}_2 + uv\bar{d}_2$ . Then

$$\langle \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2 \rangle = 0 \text{ if and only if } \bar{a}_1 \cdot \bar{a}_2 = \bar{a}_1 \bar{b}_2 + \bar{a}_2 \bar{b}_1 = 0, \bar{a}_1 \bar{c}_2 + \bar{c}_1 \bar{a}_2 = 0, \bar{a}_1 \bar{d}_2 + \bar{b}_1 \bar{c}_2 + \bar{c}_1 \bar{b}_2 + \bar{d}_1 \bar{a}_2 = 0$$

Now, since  $\varphi(\bar{x}_1) = (\bar{a}_1 + \bar{b}_1 + \bar{c}_1 + \bar{d}_1, \bar{c}_1 + \bar{d}_1, \bar{b}_1 + \bar{d}_1, \bar{d}_1)$  and

$\varphi(\bar{x}_2) = (\bar{a}_2 + \bar{b}_2 + \bar{c}_2 + \bar{d}_2, \bar{c}_2 + \bar{d}_2, \bar{b}_2 + \bar{d}_2, \bar{d}_2)$ , we get, after some cancelations because of the characteristic being 2,

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(\bar{x}_1) \cdot \varphi(\bar{x}_2) &= (\bar{a}_1 + \bar{b}_1 + \bar{c}_1 + \bar{d}_1) \cdot (\bar{a}_2 + \bar{b}_2 + \bar{c}_2 + \bar{d}_2) + (\bar{c}_1 + \bar{d}_1) \cdot (\bar{c}_2 + \bar{d}_2) + (\bar{b}_1 + \bar{d}_1) \cdot (\bar{b}_2 + \bar{d}_2) + \bar{d}_1 \cdot \bar{d}_2 \\ &= (\bar{a}_1 \bar{a}_2) + (\bar{a}_1 \bar{c}_2 + \bar{a}_2 \bar{c}_1) + (\bar{a}_1 \bar{b}_2 + \bar{b}_1 \bar{a}_2) + (\bar{a}_1 \bar{d}_2 + \bar{b}_1 \bar{c}_2 + \bar{c}_1 \bar{b}_2 + \bar{d}_1 \bar{a}_2) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

We first start with the following lemma which is called the double-annihilator relation from [2], and holds for all Frobenius rings and in particular for our ring  $R$ , since  $R$  is a Frobenius ring

**Lemma 4.3.** If  $C$  is a linear code over  $R$  of length  $n$ , then  $|C| \cdot |C^\perp| = |R|^n = (q^4)^n$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Suppose  $C$  is a self-dual linear code over  $R$  of length  $n$ , where  $q$  is a power of the prime 2. Then  $\varphi(C)$  is a self-dual linear code of length  $4n$ .

*Proof.* Since  $C$  is self dual then  $C = C^\perp$  and  $|C| = |C^\perp|$  but by the previous Lemma,

$|C| \cdot |C^\perp| = (q^4)^n$  then  $|C| = |C^\perp| = (q^4)^{\frac{n}{2}} = q^{2n}$ , now  $\varphi(C^\perp) = \varphi(C) \subseteq (\varphi(C))^\perp$  by Theorem 4.2 that is  $\varphi(C)$  is self orthogonal code, also by the previous Lemma  $|C| = |\varphi(C)| = q^{2n}$ , and since  $|(\varphi(C))^\perp| = (q^4)^{2n}$  then  $|(\varphi(C))^\perp| = q^{4n} = |\varphi(C)|$ , combining this result with  $\varphi(C) \subseteq (\varphi(C))^\perp$  we have  $\varphi(C) = (\varphi(C))^\perp$ , that is  $\varphi(C)$  is self dual code of length  $4n$  by Lemma 4.1.

We first need an example of a self dual code over  $R$  of length  $n=1$ .

**Example 4.5.** Let  $R = F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$  and  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$ ,  $uv = vu$ , and let  $C$  be the linear code of length  $n=1$  over  $R$  generated by the element  $u \in R$  which is not a unit since  $u \in I_{u,v}$ . i.e.  $C = \langle u \rangle$ , any element in  $\langle u \rangle$  has the form  $u(a + bu + cv + duv) = au + bu^2 + cuv + du^2v = au + b \cdot 0 + cuv + d \cdot 0 = au + cuv$ , for some  $a, b, c, d \in F_q$ , so  $\langle u \rangle = \{au + cuv : a, c \in F_q\}$  that is  $|\langle u \rangle| = q^2$ , moreover if  $au + buv, cu + duv \in \langle u \rangle$  then:

- 1)  $(au + buv)^2 = a^2u^2 + 2abu^2v + b^2u^2v^2 = a^2 \cdot 0 + 2ab \cdot 0 \cdot v + b^2 \cdot 0 \cdot 0 = 0$
  - 2)  $(au + buv)(cu + duv) = acu^2 + adu^2v + bcu^2v + bdu^2v^2 = ac \cdot 0 + ad \cdot 0 \cdot v + bc \cdot 0 \cdot v + bd \cdot 0 \cdot 0 = 0$
- Hence every element of  $\langle u \rangle$  is orthogonal to itself and orthogonal to any other element in  $\langle u \rangle$  so  $C \in C^\perp$  that is  $C$  is self orthogonal, but  $|C| \cdot |C^\perp| = |R|^n = |R|^1 = q^4$ , and since  $|C| = q^2$  then  $|C^\perp| = q^2 = |C|$ , combining this result with  $C \in C^\perp$  we have  $C = C^\perp$ , i.e.  $C = \langle u \rangle$  is a self dual linear code over  $R$  of length 1.

Now we need to import a lemma from [2] which holds for the ring  $R = F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  since  $R$  is a finite Frobenius ring.

**Lemma 4.6.** [2] Let  $R$  be a finite Frobenius ring. Let  $C$  be a self-dual code of length  $n$  over  $R$  and  $D$  be a self-dual code of length  $m$  over  $R$ . Then the direct product  $C \times D$  is a self-dual code of length  $n + m$  over  $R$ .

The existence of a self-dual code over  $R$  of length  $n = 1$  implies by the last lemma that:

**Theorem 4.7.** Self-dual codes over  $R$  of all lengths  $n \in N$  exist.

### 5. $(1 + v)$ -Consta Cyclic Codes Over the Ring $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$

In this section we are trying to make an extension for the work in [10] from the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$  to the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  where  $q$  is a power of a prime  $p$ ,  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$  and  $uv = vu$ .

In this section we denote the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  as  $R$ .

Note that the element  $1 + v \in R^* = R - I_{uv}$  as in section 3 which means that  $1 + v$  is a unit.

The notions of cyclic and consta-cyclic shifts are standard for codes over all rings.

Briefly, for any ring  $R$ , a cyclic shift on  $R^n$  is a permutation  $T$  such that

$$T(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2}).$$

A  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic shift  $\gamma$  acts on  $R^n$  as  $\gamma(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) = ((1 + v)c_{n-1}, c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-2})$ .

Using the polynomial representation of code words in  $R^n$  in  $R[x]$ , we see that for a code word  $\bar{c} \in R^n$ ,  $T(\bar{c})$  corresponds to  $xc(x)$  in  $R[x]/(x^n - 1)$ , while  $\gamma(\bar{c})$  corresponds to  $xc(x)$  in  $R[x]/(x^n - (1 + v))$ .

**Proposition 5.1.** (1) A subset  $C$  of  $R^n$  is a linear cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  if and only if its polynomial representation is an ideal of the ring  $R_n = R[x]/(x^n - 1)$ .

(2) A subset  $C$  of  $R^n$  is a linear  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  if and only if its polynomial representation is an ideal of the ring  $S_n = R[x]/(x^n - (1 + v))$ .

$(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic codes over  $R$  where  $n = q - 1$

**Proposition 5.2.** Let  $\mu : R[x]/(x^n - 1) \rightarrow R[x]/(x^n - (1 + v))$  be defined as  $\mu(c(x)) = c((1 + v)x)$ .

If  $n = q - 1$ , then  $\mu$  is a ring isomorphism from  $R_n$  to  $S_n$ .

*Proof.* Note that since  $(1 + v) \in R$ , then  $(1 + v)^q = 1$  by the first Remark in section 3. Now, suppose  $a(x) \equiv b(x) \pmod{(x^n - 1)}$ , for some  $a(x), b(x) \in R_n$ , i.e.  $a(x) - b(x) = (x^n - 1)r(x)$  for some  $r(x) \in R[x]$ . Then

$$a((1 + v)x) - b((1 + v)x) = ((1 + v)^n x^n - 1)r((1 + v)x) = ((1 + v)^{q-1} x^n - (1 + v)^q) r((1 + v)x) = (1 + v)^{q-1} (x^n - (1 + v))r((1 + v)x),$$

which means if  $a(x) \equiv b(x) \pmod{(x^n - 1)}$ , then  $a((1 + v)x) \equiv b((1 + v)x) \pmod{(x^n - (1 + v))}$ , that is  $\mu(a(x)) \equiv \mu(b(x)) \pmod{(x^n - (1 + v))}$ , this proves that  $\mu$  is well defined.

to prove the converse let

$\mu(a(x)) \equiv \mu(b(x)) \pmod{(x^n - (1 + v))}$ , i.e.  $a((1 + v)x) \equiv b((1 + v)x) \pmod{(x^n - (1 + v))}$ , that is  $a((1 + v)x) - b((1 + v)x) = (x^n - (1 + v))h(x)$ , fore some  $h(x) \in R[x]$ , now if were place  $x$  by  $(1 + v)^{q-1}x$  we get:

$$a((1 + v)(1 + v)^{q-1}x) - b((1 + v)(1 + v)^{q-1}x) = [x^n(1 + v)^{n(q-1)} - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x) \Rightarrow$$

$$a((1 + v)^q x) - b((1 + v)^q x) = [x^n(1 + v)^{n(q-1)} - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x) \Rightarrow$$

$$a(x) - b(x) = [x^n(1 + v)^{(q-1)(q-1)} - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x)$$

$$= [x^n(1 + v)^{(q-1)^2} - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x)$$

$$= [x^n(1 + v)^{q^2 - 2q + 1} - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x)$$

$$= [x^n(1 + v)^{q^2} (1 + v)^{-2q} (1 + v)^{1 - (1 + v)}] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x)$$

$$= [x^n((1 + v)^q)^2 ((1 + v)^q)^{-2} (1 + v) - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x)$$

$$= [x^n(1)^2(1)^{-2}(1 + v) - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x)$$

$$= [x^n(1)(1)(1 + v) - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x)$$

$$= [x^n(1 + v) - (1 + v)] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x)$$

$$= (1 + v)[x^n - 1] h((1 + v)^{q-1}x),$$

which means that  $a(x) \equiv b(x) \pmod{(x^n - 1)}$ , this proves that  $\mu$  is injective (one to one), so

$$a(x) \equiv b(x) \pmod{(x^n - 1)} \Leftrightarrow a((1 + v)x) \equiv b((1 + v)x) \pmod{(x^n - (1 + v))}.$$

But since the rings are finite  $|R_n| = |S_n|$  this proves that  $\mu$  is an isomorphism.

The following is a natural corollary of the proposition:

**Corollary 5.3.**  $I$  is an ideal of  $R_n$  if and only if  $\mu(I)$  is an ideal of  $S_n$  when  $n = q - 1$ .

**Theorem 5.4.** [6] Let  $C$  be a cyclic code over  $R$  of length  $n$  where  $q$  is the power of the prime  $p$ . Then  $C$  is an ideal of  $R_n$  that can be generated by  $C = \langle g_2(x) + up_2(x) + vg_3(x) + uvp_3(x), ua_2(x) + vg_4(x) + uvp_4(x), vg_1(x) + uvp_1(x), uva_1(x) \rangle$  where  $g_i, p_i, a_i$  are polynomials in  $F_q[x]/(x^n - 1)$  with

$$a_1 | g_1 | (x^n - 1), a_1 | p_1 \frac{x^n - 1}{g_1}, a_2 | g_2 | (x^n - 1), a_2 | p_2 \frac{x^n - 1}{g_2}$$

By using the last Theorem and the isomorphism  $\mu$  defined above, we can classify the  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic codes over  $R$  of length  $n = q - 1$ :

**Corollary 5.5.** Let  $C$  be a  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic code over  $R$  of length  $n = q - 1$  where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$ . then  $C$  is an ideal of  $S_n = R[x]/(x^n - (1 + v))$  that can be generated by  $C = \langle g_2(\tilde{x}) +$

$up_2(\tilde{x}) + vg_3(\tilde{x}) + uvp_3(\tilde{x}), ua_2(\tilde{x}) + vg_4(\tilde{x}) + uvp_4(\tilde{x}), vg_1(\tilde{x}) + uvp_1(\tilde{x}), uva_1(\tilde{x}) >$  where  $\tilde{x}$  with

$= (1 + v)x$  and  $g_i, p_i, a_i$  are polynomials in  $F_q[x]/(x^n - 1)$

$$a_1 | g_1 | (x^n - 1), a_1 | p_1 \frac{x^n - 1}{g_1}, a_2 | g_2 | (x^n - 1), a_2 | p_2 \frac{x^n - 1}{g_2} |$$

Note that if we define  $\bar{\mu} : R^n \rightarrow R^n$

$$\bar{\mu}(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (c_0, (1 + v)c_1, (1 + v)^2c_2, \dots, (1 + v)^{n-1}c_{n-1})$$

we see that  $\bar{\mu}$  acts as the vector equivalent of  $\mu$  on  $R^n$ . So, we can restate Corollary 5.3 in terms of vectors as well.

**Corollary 5.6.** Cisilinear cyclic code over  $R$  of length  $n = q - 1$  if and only if  $\bar{\mu}(C)$  is a linear  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ .

Now lets take another especial case:

$(1 + v)$ -Consta cyclic codes over  $R$  When  $q$  is a power of 2 If  $p = 2$  then the characteristic of  $R$  is 2, and so

$(1 + v)^2 = 1^2 + 2v + v^2 = 1 + 0 + 0 = 1$  and also if  $n$  is any odd number then  $(1 + v)^n = (1 + v)$ , note that  $n$  is odd which means that  $\gcd(n, p) = 1$  since  $p = 2$ , in this case we see that things going to work may be the same as in [10].

**Proposition 5.7.** Let  $\mu : R[x]/(x^n - 1) \rightarrow R[x]/(x^n - (1 + v))$  be defined as  $\mu(c(x)) = c((1 + v)x)$ .

If  $n$  is odd, then  $\mu$  is a ring isomorphism from  $R_n$  to  $S_n$ .

*Proof.* The same proof of Proposition 3.2 in [10].

**Corollary 5.8.**  $I$  is an ideal of  $R_n$  if and only if  $\mu(I)$  is an ideal of  $S_n$  when  $n$  is odd.

**Theorem 5.9.** [6] Let  $C$  be a cyclic code over  $R$  of length  $n$  where  $q$  is the power of the prime  $p$ . When  $\gcd(n, p) = 1$ , then  $C$  is an ideal of  $R_n$  that can be generated by  $C = \langle g_1(x) + up_1(x) + uvb_2(x), vg_2(x) + uvp_2(x) \rangle$  where  $g_i, p_i, b_2$  are polynomials in  $F_q[x]/(x^n - 1)$  with  $p_1 | g_1 | (x^n - 1), p_2 | g_2 | (x^n - 1), g_2 | g_1 | (x^n - 1)$ .

By using the last Theorem and the isomorphism  $\mu$  defined above, we can classify the  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic codes over  $R$  of odd length.

**Corollary 5.10.** Let  $C$  be a  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic code over  $R$  of odd length  $n$ , where  $q$  is the power of the prime 2, then  $C$  is an ideal of  $S_n$  that can be generated by  $C = \langle g_1(\tilde{x}) + up_1(\tilde{x}) + uvb_2(\tilde{x}), vg_2(\tilde{x}) + uvp_2(\tilde{x}) \rangle$  where  $\tilde{x} = (1 + v)x$  and  $g_i, p_i, b_2$  are polynomials in  $F_q[x]/(x^n - 1)$  with  $p_1 | g_1 | (x^n - 1), p_2 | g_2 | (x^n - 1), g_2 | g_1 | (x^n - 1)$ .

**Corollary 5.11.**  $C$  is a linear cyclic code over  $R$  of odd length  $n$  if and only if  $\bar{\mu}(C)$  is a linear  $(1 + \nu)$ -consta cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ .

Note that if  $r = a + ub + vc + uvd \in R$ , then  $(1 + \nu)r = a + ub + \nu(a + c) + u\nu(b + d)$  which means that

$$w_L(r) = w_H((a + b + c + d, c + d, b + d, d)) = w_H(c + d, a + b + c + d, d, b + d) = w_L((1 + \nu)r)$$

Going back to the last Corollary, we have the following result:

**Corollary 5.12.**  $C$  is a cyclic code over  $R$  of parameters  $[n, k, d]$  if and only if  $\bar{\mu}(C)$  is a  $(1 + \nu)$ -consta cyclic code over  $R$  of parameters  $[n, k, d]$ , where  $n$  is odd.

Now let  $R = F_q + uF_q + \nu F_q + u\nu F_q$  and  $R_1 = F_q + uF_q$  where  $q$  is a power of the prime  $p$ .

Expressing elements of  $R$  as  $a + bu + cv + duv = r + \nu q$ , where  $r = a + bu$  and  $q = c + du$  are both in  $R_1$ , we see that

$$w_L(a + bu + cv + duv) = w_L(r + \nu q) = w_{L1}(q, r + q),$$

where  $w_L$  and  $w_{L1}$  denotes the Lee weight defined in  $R$  and  $R_1$  respectively. This leads to the following Gray map  $\Phi : R \rightarrow R^2$

$$\Phi(a + ub + vc + duv) = \Phi(r + \nu q) = (q, q + r) = (c + du, a + c + (b + d)u).$$

It is easy to verify  $\Phi$  is a linear map and distance preserving. We will extend  $\Phi$  to  $R^n$  naturally as follows:

$$\Phi(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n, q_1 + r_1, q_2 + r_2, \dots, q_n + r_n),$$

where  $c_i = r_i + \nu q_i$ . Now we can say that  $\Phi$  is a linear isometry from  $(R^n, \text{Leedistance})$  to  $(R^{2n}, \text{Leedistance})$ .

**Proposition 5.13.** Let  $\gamma$  be the  $(1 + \nu)$ -consta cyclic shift on  $R^n$  and let  $T$  be the cyclic shift on  $R^n$ , with  $\Phi$  being the previous Gray map from  $R^n$  to  $R^{2n}$ , then we have  $\Phi\gamma = T\Phi$ .

*Proof.* The same proof of Proposition 4.1 in [10].

**Theorem 5.14.** The Gray image of a linear  $(1 + \nu)$ -consta cyclic code over  $R$  of length  $n$  is a linear cyclic code over  $R_1$  of length  $2n$ .

*Proof.* the same proof of Theorem 4.2 in [10].

We finish this section with some examples

**Example 5.15.** Let  $q = 2^2 = 4$ , and let  $n = 1$ , then  $x^{1-1} = (x - 1).1$  in  $F_4$ , let  $C$  be the ideal in  $S_1 = F_4 + uF_4 + \nu F_4 + u\nu F_4[x]/(x - (1 + \nu))$  generated by  $C = \langle 1 + u + \nu, \nu + u\nu \rangle$  of length  $n = 1$ , Then by corollary 5.9  $C$  is a  $(1 + \nu)$ -consta cyclic code over the ring  $F_4 + uF_4 + \nu F_4 + u\nu F_4$  of length  $n = 1$ , also by Theorem 5.13  $\Phi(C)$  is a cyclic code over  $F_4 + uF_4$  of length 2.

**Example 5.16.** Let  $q = 3$ , and let  $n = 2 = q - 1$ , then  $x^2 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)$  in  $F_3$ , let  $C$  be the ideal in  $S_2 = F_3 + uF_3 + vF_3 + uvF_3[x]/(x^2 - (1 + v))$  generated by  $C = \langle (\tilde{x} + 1) + u(\tilde{x} + 1), u, v(\tilde{x} - 1) + uv(\tilde{x} - 1), uv \rangle$  of length  $n = 2$  where  $\tilde{x} = (1 + v)x$ , Then by corollary 5.5  $C$  is a  $(1 + v)$ -consta cyclic code over the ring  $F_3 + uF_3 + vF_3 + uvF_3$  of length  $n = 2$ , also by Theorem 5.13  $\Phi(C)$  is a cyclic code over  $F_3 + uF_3$  of length 4.

## 6. Conclusion

In the last section, we have studied  $(1 + v)$ -consta-cyclic codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  when  $n = q - 1$ .

It would be interesting to investigate  $(1 + v)$ -consta-cyclic codes over the ring  $F_q + uF_q + vF_q + uvF_q$  when  $n$  is odd, or when  $n$  is even.

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