

## Construction of optimal codes with Homogeneous distance

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**Abstract:** Based on the torsion codes of a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code with arbitrary length over  $R_{(p^m, k)} = F_{p^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$ , a bound for the homogeneous distance of a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code with an arbitrary length over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  is obtained and the exact homogeneous distances of some  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic codes over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  are determined, where  $\lambda$  is a unit of  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ . Furthermore, a new distance-preserving Gray map from  $R_{(p^m, k)}^N$  (Homogeneous distance) to  $F_{p^m}^{m(k-1)N}$  (Hamming distance) is defined. It is proved that the Gray image of a linear  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of arbitrary length over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  is a linear code over  $F_{p^m}$ , and some optimal linear codes over  $F_2$ ,  $F_3$ , and  $F_4$  are constructed under this Gray map.

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## 利用齐次距离构造最优码

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**摘要:** 利用  $R_{(p^m, k)} = F_{p^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$  上任意长度的  $(1 + \lambda u)$  常循环码的挠码得到了  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  上任意长度的  $(1 + \lambda u)$  常循环码的齐次距离的界, 并确定了  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  上某些  $(1 + \lambda u)$  常循环码的齐次距离的准确值, 其中  $\lambda$  是  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  上的单位. 此外, 定义了从  $R_{(p^m, k)}^N$  (Homogeneous 距离) 到  $F_{p^m}^{m(k-1)N}$  (Hamming 距离) 的一个新的保距 Gray 映射, 得到  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  上任意长度的线性  $(1 + \lambda u)$  常循环码的 Gray 像是  $F_{p^m}$  上的线性码, 构造了  $F_2$ 、 $F_3$  和  $F_4$  上的一些最优线性码.

**关键词:** 最优码; 常循环码; Homogeneous 距离; Gray 映射

### 0 Introduction

Distance is a very important indicator of the quality of a code, and has thus been attracted much attention. In Ref. [1], the distributions of the

Hamming distances, Lee distances and Euclidean distances of a  $(1 + u)$  constacyclic code with length  $2^s$  over  $F_2 + uF_2$  were determined by Deng et al. In Ref. [2], Shi et al investigated the Homogeneous

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distance of a  $(1+u)$  constacyclic code with length  $2^s$  over  $F_{p^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$ , which was extended to  $(1+\lambda u)$  constacyclic codes with length  $p^s$  over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$  by Liu et al in Ref. [3] for any unit  $\lambda \in R_{(p^m,k)}$ . Zhu et al<sup>[4]</sup> discussed the Homogeneous distance of a  $(1+u)$  constacyclic code with an arbitrary length over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$ . Besides, Gray map is a bridge that connects a code over a ring with a code over finite field. In Ref. [5], a distance-preserving Gray map from  $(F_2 + uF_2)^N$  (Lee distance) to  $F_2^N$  (Hamming distance) was defined by Qian et al, and the resulting Gray image of a single-root  $(1+u)$ -constacyclic code over  $F_2 + uF_2$  is a binary linear cyclic code, based on which several binary optimal linear codes were constructed under the Gray map. It was extended to  $F_{2^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$  by Jian et al<sup>[6-7]</sup>. Kai et al<sup>[8]</sup> showed that the Gray image of a linear  $(1+\lambda u)$  constacyclic code (Gray distance) of an arbitrary length over  $F_p + uF_p$  was a distance invariant linear code (Hamming distance) over  $F_p$ . In Ref. [9], Amarra et al derived that the Gray image of a single-root  $(1-u)$  constacyclic code (Homogeneous distance) over  $F_{p^m} + uF_{p^m}$  was a quasi-cyclic code (Hamming distance) over  $F_{p^m}$ . Furthermore, two optimal codes over  $F_4$  were constructed. Later, the result of Ref. [9] was extended to single-root  $(1+u^{k-1})$  constacyclic codes and single-root  $(1-u^{k-1})$  constacyclic codes over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$  in Refs. [10-11] respectively, but optimal codes were not given.

In this paper, we give a bound for the homogeneous distance of a  $(1+\lambda u)$  constacyclic code of an arbitrary length over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$  and the exact homogeneous distances of some  $(1+\lambda u)$  constacyclic codes over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$  are determined, where  $\lambda$  is a unit of  $R_{(p^m,k)}$ . Furthermore, a new distance-preserving Gray map from  $R_{(p^m,k)}^N$  (Homogeneous distance) to  $F_{p^m}^{m(k-1)N}$  (Hamming distance) is defined, and some optimal linear codes over  $F_2$ ,  $F_3$  and  $F_4$  are constructed via the Gray map.

## 1 Preliminaries

Let  $R_{(p^m,k)}$  denote the polynomial residue ring  $F_{p^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$ , where positive integer  $k \geq 2$ ,  $p$  is a positive prime number and  $u^k = 0$ . Let  $n$  and  $p$  be relatively prime, if  $x^n - 1 = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_j$  is the factorization of  $(x^n - 1)$  into a product of monic basic irreducible pairwise coprime polynomials in  $F_{p^m}[x]$ , then this factorization is unique and can be directly carried over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$  from over  $F_{p^m}$ . Let  $C$  be a code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$ , where  $e$  is a non-negative integer. For some fixed unit  $\alpha$  of  $R_{(p^m,k)}$ , the  $\alpha$  constacyclic shift  $\tau_\alpha$  on  $R_{(p^m,k)}^N$  is the shift  $\tau_\alpha(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}) = (\alpha c_{N-1}, c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-2})$ . The code  $C$  is said to be an  $\alpha$  constacyclic code if  $\tau_\alpha(C) = C$ . Now, we identify a codeword  $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1})$  with its polynomial representation  $c(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_{N-1} x^{N-1}$ , then  $xc(x)$  corresponds to an  $\alpha$  constacyclic shift of  $c(x)$  in the ring  $R_{(p^m,k)}[x]/\langle x^N - \alpha \rangle$ . Thus  $\alpha$  constacyclic codes of length  $N$  over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$  can be identified as ideals in the ring  $R_{(p^m,k)}[x]/\langle x^N - \alpha \rangle$ .

In Ref. [12], the notion of homogeneous weight on arbitrary finite chain rings was defined. The homogeneous weight of  $a \in R_{(p^m,k)}$  is given by

$$\omega_{\text{hom}}(a) = \begin{cases} p^{m(k-1)}, & a \in u^{k-1} R_{(p^m,k)} \setminus \{0\} \\ p^{m(k-1)}(p^m - 1), & a \in R_{(p^m,k)} \setminus u^{k-1} R_{(p^m,k)} \\ 0, & a = 0 \end{cases}$$

This extends to a weight function on  $R_{(p^m,k)}^N$ . For  $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}) \in R_{(p^m,k)}^N$ , we define

$$\omega_{\text{hom}}(c) = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \omega_{\text{hom}}(c_i).$$

The homogeneous distance  $d_{\text{hom}}(X, Y)$  between any two distinct vectors  $X, Y \in R_{(p^m,k)}^N$  is defined to be  $\omega_{\text{hom}}(X - Y)$ . The minimum homogeneous distance of any two distinct codewords of  $C$  is called the homogeneous distance of  $C$ , which is denoted by  $d_{\text{hom}}(C)$ .

Any  $a \in R_{(p^m,k)}$ , it can be written uniquely as  $a = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i r_i(a)$ , where  $r_i(a) \in F_{p^m}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ . Let  $\bar{a} = R_0(a)$  and  $(C; u^\eta) = \{c \in R_{(p^m,k)}^N \mid u^\eta c \in C\}$  for  $0 \leq \eta \leq k-1$ . If  $C$  is a  $(1+\lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N$  over  $R_{(p^m,k)}$ , then  $(C; u^\eta)$  is also a

$(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  and  $(C; u^i) \subseteq (C; u^{i+1})$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ . Besides,  $(C; u^\eta)$  is called the  $\eta$ th-torsion code of  $C$ , which is denoted by  $\text{Tor}_\eta(C)$ . Obviously,  $\text{Tor}_\eta(C)$  is a cyclic code over  $F_{p^m}$  of length  $N$ .

**2 Homogeneous distance**

In the following, we suppose  $x^n - 1 = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_j$  is the factorization of  $(x^n - 1)$  into a product of monic basic irreducible pairwise coprime polynomials in  $F_{p^m}[x]$ , then the following lemmas is straight forward from Theorem 4 and Lemma 3 of Ref. [13].

**Lemma 2.1**<sup>[13]</sup> Let  $C$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  for any unit  $\lambda \in R_{(p^m, k)}$ , then  $C = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i} \rangle$ , where non-negative integer  $0 \leq k_i \leq kp^e$  for  $0 \leq i \leq j$ . Furthermore,  $|C| = p^{m(kN - \epsilon)}$ , where  $\epsilon = \sum_{i=1}^j k_i \deg(f_i)$ .

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $C = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}} \rangle$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ , then  $\langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}} \rangle \subseteq (C; u^\eta)$ , where  $\langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}} \rangle$  is a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  of length  $N$  for  $0 \leq \eta \leq k-1$  and  $\theta_i^{(\eta)} = k_i - \min\{p^e \eta, k_i\}$ .

**Proof** For any  $h(x) \in \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i} \rangle$ , there exists  $g(x) \in R_{(p^m, k)}[x] / \langle x^n - (1 + \lambda u) \rangle$  such that  $h(x) = g(x) \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} u^\eta h(x) &= [\lambda^{-1}(x^n - 1)]^\eta g(x) \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}} = \\ \lambda^{-\eta} (x^n - 1)^{p^e \eta} g(x) \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}} &= \lambda^{-\eta} g(x) \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)} + p^e \eta} = \\ \lambda^{-\eta} g(x) \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i + p^e \eta - \min\{p^e \eta, k_i\}} &\in C, \end{aligned}$$

this gives the proof.

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $f(x)$  be a monic divisor of  $(x^n - 1)$  in  $F_{p^m}[x]$ . Then, for any positive integer  $l$ ,  $\langle f^{p^e+l}(x) \rangle = \langle f^{p^e}(x) \rangle$  in  $F_{p^m}[x] / \langle (x^n - 1) \rangle$ .

**Proof** Let  $\hat{f}(x) = (x^n - 1) / f(x)$ . Since  $f(x)$  and  $\hat{f}(x)$  are coprime in  $F_{p^m}[x]$ , it follows that  $f^l(x)$  and  $\hat{f}(x)$  are coprime in  $F_{p^m}[x]$ . Hence, there exist  $\mu(x), \nu(x) \in F_{p^m}[x]$  such that  $\mu(x) f^l(x) +$

$\nu(x) \hat{f}^{p^e}(x) = 1$ . Computing in  $F_{p^m}[x] / \langle (x^n - 1) \rangle$ , we have

$$\mu(x) f^{p^e+l}(x) = [1 - \nu(x) \hat{f}^{p^e}(x)] \hat{f}^{p^e+l}(x) = f^{p^e}(x),$$

this gives the proof.

The following lemma is from Theorem 1 of Ref. [14].

**Lemma 2.4** If  $C$  is a linear code over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ , then  $|C| = \prod_{\eta=0}^{k-1} |\text{Tor}_\eta(C)|$ .

**Theorem 2.1** Let  $C = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i} \rangle$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ , then  $\text{Tor}_\eta(C) = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\tau_i^{(\eta)}} \rangle$  is a cyclic code over  $F_{p^m}$  of length  $N$ , where  $\tau_i^{(\eta)} = \min\{p^e(\eta+1), k_i\} - \min\{p^e \eta, k_i\}$  for  $0 \leq \eta \leq k-1$  and  $1 \leq i \leq j$ .

**Proof** From Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, we get  $\text{Tor}_\eta(C) = \overline{(C; u^\eta)} = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j \overline{f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}}} \rangle = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j \overline{f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}}} \rangle$ .

So, in  $F_{p^m}[x] / \langle (x^n - 1) \rangle$ ,  $\text{Tor}_\eta(C) \cong \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\theta_i^{(\eta)}} \rangle = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\min\{p^e, \theta_i^{(\eta)}\}} \rangle = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\tau_i^{(\eta)}} \rangle$ .

Since  $|\prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{\tau_i^{(\eta)}}| = p^{m[N - \sum_{i=1}^j \tau_i^{(\eta)} \deg(f_i)]}$ , then

$$\prod_{\eta=0}^{k-1} |\text{Tor}_\eta(C)| \geq p^{m \sum_{\eta=0}^{k-1} [N - \sum_{i=1}^j \tau_i^{(\eta)} \deg(f_i)]} = p^{m[kN - \sum_{i=1}^j k_i \deg(f_i)]}.$$

From Lemmas 2.1 and 2.4, the result follows.

Let  $d_H(C)$  and  $d_\eta$  be the Hamming distance of  $C$  and  $\text{Tor}_\eta(C)$  respectively. The following lemma is from Theorem 4.2 of Ref. [15].

**Lemma 2.5**<sup>[15]</sup> Let  $C$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ , then  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = p^{m(k-1)} d_{k-1}$  for  $0 \leq \eta \leq k-1$ .

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $C$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ , then  $p^{m(k-2)} \min\{(p^m - 1) d_{k-2}, p^m d_{k-1}\} \leq d_{\text{hom}}(C) \leq p^{m(k-1)} d_{k-1}$ .

**Proof** The proof is similar to that of Theorem 5 of Ref. [4].

From Theorem 2.2, we can get the following corollary.

**Corollary 2.1** Let  $C$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$

constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ . If  $(p^m - 1)d_{k-2} \geq p^m d_{k-1}$ , then  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = p^{m(k-1)} d_{k-1}$ .

**Corollary 2.2** Let  $C = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i} \rangle$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ . If  $\min\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_j\} \geq p^e(k-1)$ , then  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = p^{m(k-1)} d_{k-1}$ .

**Proof** If  $\min\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_j\} \geq p^e(k-1)$ , then  $C = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i} \rangle = \langle (x^n - 1)^{p^e(k-1)} \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i - p^e(k-1)} \rangle = \langle u^{k-1} \lambda^{k-1} \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i - p^e(k-1)} \rangle$ .

From Definition of Homogeneous weight and Lemma 2.5, we get  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = p^{m(k-1)} d_{k-1}$ .

**Corollary 2.3** Let  $C = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i} \rangle$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  and  $\sigma = \max\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_j\}$ .

- (1) If  $1 \leq \sigma \leq p^e(k-2)$ , then  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = p^{m(k-2)}(p^m - 1)$ .
- (2) If  $p^e(k-2) + 1 \leq \sigma \leq p^e(k-1)$ , then  $d_{\text{hom}}(C) = p^{m(k-1)}$ .

**Proof** The proof is similar to that of Corollary 2 of Ref. [4].

### 3 A new Gray map

Any  $a, b \in R_{(p^m, k)}$  can be written uniquely as  $a = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i r_i(a)$  and  $b = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i r_i(b)$ , where  $r_i(a), r_i(b) \in F_{p^m}$  and  $r_i(a+b) = r_i(a) + r_i(b)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ .

**Definition 3.1** For any element  $a$  in  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ , the Gray map  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)} : R_{(p^m, k)} \rightarrow F_{p^m}^{m(k-1)}$  is defined as  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a) = (A_1(a), A_2(a), \dots, A_{p^{m(k-1)}}(a))$ , where  $A_l(a) \in \{r_{k-1}(a) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \xi_i r_i(a) \mid \xi_i \in F_{p^m}\}$  and pairwise inequal for  $1 \leq l \leq p^{m(k-1)}$ . Naturally, the Gray map can be extended as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{(p^m, k)} : R_{(p^m, k)}^N &\rightarrow F_{p^m}^{m(k-1)N}, \\ (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}) &\rightarrow \\ (\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c_0), \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c_1), \dots, \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c_{N-1})). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 3.1** The Gray map  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}$  is a distance-preserving map from  $R_{(p^m, k)}^N$  (Homogeneous distance) to  $F_{p^m}^{m(k-1)N}$  (Hamming distance).

**Proof** Let  $a \in R_{(p^m, k)}$  and  $w_{\text{Ham}}[\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a)]$  be the Hamming weight of  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a)$ .

If  $a=0$ , then  $r_i(0) = 0$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k-1$ . Thus  $r_{k-1}(0) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \xi_i r_i(0) = 0$  for arbitrary  $\xi_i \in F_{p^m}$ , which implies  $A_l(0) = 0$  for  $1 \leq l \leq p^{m(k-1)}$ . So

$$w_{\text{Ham}}[\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(0)] = 0.$$

If  $a \in u^{k-1} R_{(p^m, k)} \setminus \{0\}$ , then  $r_{k-1}(a) \neq 0$  and  $r_i(a) = 0$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k-2$ . So  $r_{k-1}(a) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \xi_i r_i(a) \neq 0$  for arbitrary  $\xi_i \in F_{p^m}$ , which implies  $A_l(a) \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq l \leq p^{m(k-1)}$ . Thus

$$w_{\text{Ham}}[\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a)] = p^{m(k-1)} \text{ for } a \in u^{k-1} R_{(p^m, k)} \setminus \{0\}.$$

If  $a \in R_{(p^m, k)} \setminus u^{k-1} R_{(p^m, k)}$ , there exists  $r_s(a) \neq 0$  where  $0 \leq s \leq k-2$ . So, there were  $p^{m(k-1)}(p^m - 1)$  non-zero elements in  $\{r_{k-1}(a) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-2} \xi_i r_i(a) \mid \xi_i \in F_{p^m}\}$ , which implies  $w_{\text{Ham}}[\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a)] = p^{m(k-2)}(p^m - 1)$  for  $a \in R_{(p^m, k)} \setminus u^{k-1} R_{(p^m, k)}$ .

So  $w_{\text{Ham}}[\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a)] = w_{\text{Ham}}(a)$  for any  $a \in R_{(p^m, k)}$ , this gives the proof.

**Lemma 3.2** Let  $C$  is a linear code over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$  of length  $N$ . Then  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(C)$  is a linear code over  $F_{p^m}$  of length  $p^{m(k-1)}N$ .

**Proof** For any element  $a, b \in R_{(p^m, k)}$ , we have  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a+b) = (A_1(a+b), A_2(a+b), \dots, A_{p^{m(k-1)}}(a+b)) = (A_1(a) + A_1(b), A_2(a) + A_2(b), \dots, A_{p^{m(k-1)}}(a) + A_{p^{m(k-1)}}(b)) = (A_1(a), A_2(a), \dots, A_{p^{m(k-1)}}(a)) + (A_1(b), A_2(b), \dots, A_{p^{m(k-1)}}(b)) = \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a) + \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(b)$ .

Besides, for any element  $\beta \in F_{p^m}^*$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(\beta a) &= \\ (A_1(\beta a), A_2(\beta a), \dots, A_{p^{m(k-1)}}(\beta a)) &= \\ (\beta A_1(a), \beta A_2(a), \dots, \beta A_{p^{m(k-1)}}(a)) &= \\ \beta \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(a) \end{aligned}$$

So, for any two codewords  $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1})$  and  $c' = (c'_0, c'_1, \dots, c'_{N-1})$  of  $C$ , we have  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c+c') = (\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c_0+c'_0), \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c_1+c'_1), \dots, \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c_{N-1}+c'_{N-1})) = \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c) + \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c')$ .

Furthermore,  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(\beta c) = (\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(\beta c_0), \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(\beta c_1), \dots, \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(\beta c_{N-1})) = \beta \Phi_{(p^m, k)}(c)$ .

Hence,  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(C)$  is linear.

From Lemmas 2.1, 3.1 and 3.2, the following theorem is straightforward.

**Theorem 3.1** Let  $C = \langle \prod_{i=1}^j f_i^{k_i} \rangle$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of length  $N = p^e n$  over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ ,

then  $\Phi_{(p^m, k)}(C)$  is a linear  $[p^{m(k-1)}N, KN - \sum_{i=1}^k k_i \deg(f_i), d_{\text{hom}}(C)]$  code over  $F_{p^m}$ .

We say that a linear code  $C$  over  $F_{p^m}$  is optimal if  $C$  has the maximal minimum distance for the given length and dimension. According to the minimum homogeneous distance of  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic codes and Theorem 3.1, we can obtain some optimal linear codes over  $F_{p^m}$ .

**Example 3.1** In  $F_2[x]$ ,

$$x^7 - 1 = f_1(x)f_2(x)f_3(x),$$

where  $f_1(x) = x + 1$ ,  $f_2(x) = x^3 + x + 1$ ,  $f_3(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 1$ . Let  $C = \langle f_1(x)f_2^2(x)f_3(x) \rangle$  be a  $(1 + u)$  constacyclic code over  $F_2 + uF_2$  of length 7. By Theorem 2.1, we get  $\text{Tor}_i(C) = \langle f_1(x)f_2(x) \rangle$ , which is a  $[7, 3, 4]$  cyclic code over  $F_2$ . According to Corollary 2.2 and Theorem 3.1,  $\Phi_{(2,2)}(C)$  is a  $[14, 3, 8]$  linear code over  $F_2$ , which is an optimal code. We list several binary optimal linear codes obtained from  $(1 + u)$  constacyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2$  in Tab. 1.

**Example 3.2** In  $F_3[x]$ ,

$$x^4 - 1 = f_1(x)f_2(x)f_3(x),$$

**Tab. 1 Optimal binary linear codes obtained from  $(1 + u)$  constacyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2$**

Length of C	Generator polynomial of C	Gray image
3	$(x+1)^2(x^2+x+1)$	[6,2,4]
5	$(x+1)^3(x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1)$	[10,4,4]
6	$(x+1)^3(x^2+x+1)^2$	[12,5,4]
6	$(x+1)^4(x^2+x+1)^3$	[12,2,8]
6	$(x+1)^3(x^2+x+1)$	[12,7,4]
6	$(x+1)(x^2+x+1)^3$	[12,5,4]
6	$(x+1)^4(x^2+x+1)$	[12,6,4]
6	$(x+1)(x^2+x+1)^4$	[12,3,6]
7	$(x+1)^2(x^3+x+1)^2(x^3+x^2+1)$	[14,3,8]
7	$(x+1)^2(x^3+x+1)(x^3+x^2+1)^2$	[14,3,8]
7	$(x+1)^3(x^3+x+1)$	[14,9,4]
7	$(x+1)^2(x^3+x^2+1)$	[14,9,4]
9	$(x+1)^2(x^5+x^3+1)$	[18,10,4]
10	$(x+1)^3(x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1)$	[20,13,4]
10	$(x+1)^4(x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1)$	[20,12,4]

where  $f_1(x) = x + 1$ ,  $f_2(x) = x + 2$ ,  $f_3(x) = x^2 + 1$ . Let  $C = \langle f_1^2(x)f_3(x) \rangle$  be a  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code over  $F_3 + uF_3$  of length 4, where  $\lambda = 1$  or 2. By Theorem 2.1, we get  $\text{Tor}_0(C) = \langle f_1(x)f_3(x) \rangle$  and  $\text{Tor}_1(C) = \langle f_1(x) \rangle$ , which are  $[4, 1, 4]$  and  $[4, 3, 2]$  cyclic code over  $F_3$  respectively. According to Corollary 2.1 and Theorem 3.1,  $\Phi_{(3,2)}(C)$  is a  $[12, 4, 6]$  linear code over  $F_3$ , which is an optimal code.

Let  $\omega$  be a primitive element of  $F_4$ . Tabs. 2 and 3 present several optimal linear codes over  $F_4$  and  $F_2$  obtained from  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic codes over  $F_4 + uF_4$  and  $F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2$  of some lengths respectively.

**Tab. 2 Optimal linear codes over  $F_4$  obtained from  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic codes over  $F_4 + uF_4$**

Length of C	Generator polynomial of C	Gray image
3	$(x+1)^2(x+\omega)$	[12,3,8]
3	$(x+1)(x+\omega)^2$	[12,3,8]
3	$(x+1)^2(x+\omega^2)$	[12,3,8]
3	$(x+1)(x+\omega^2)^2$	[12,3,8]
3	$(x+\omega)^2(x+\omega^2)$	[12,3,8]
3	$(x+\omega)(x+\omega^2)^2$	[12,3,8]
5	$(x+1)^2(x^2+\omega x+1)^2(x^2+\omega^2 x+1)$	[20,2,16]
5	$(x+1)^2(x^2+\omega x+1)(x^2+\omega^2 x+1)^2$	[20,2,16]
5	$(x+1)(x^2+\omega x+1)^2$	[20,5,12]
5	$(x+1)(x^2+\omega^2 x+1)^2$	[20,5,12]

**Tab. 3 Optimal binary linear codes obtained from  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic codes over  $F_2[u]/\langle u^3 \rangle$**

Length of C	Generator polynomial of C	Gray image
3	$(x+1)^2$	[12,7,4]
3	$(x^2+x+1)^2$	[12,5,4]
3	$(x+1)^2(x^2+x+1)$	[12,5,4]
3	$(x+1)^3(x^2+x+1)^2$	[12,2,8]
6	$(x+1)^3$	[24,15,4]
7	$(x+1)^2$	[28,19,4]
7	$(x+1)^3(x^3+x+1)^2$	[28,12,8]
7	$(x+1)^3(x^3+x^2+1)^2$	[28,12,8]
7	$(x^3+x+1)^2(x^3+x^2+1)^3$	[28,6,12]
7	$(x^3+x^2+1)^3(x^3+x^2+1)^2$	[28,6,12]

#### 4 Conclusion

In this paper, we extended the result of Ref. [4] to  $(1 + \lambda u)$  constacyclic code of arbitrary length over  $R_{(p^m, k)}$ . Furthermore, some optimal linear code over  $F_2$ ,  $F_3$  and  $F_4$  were constructed under a Gray map with the Homogeneous distance.

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