



## On $(1 + u)$ -Cyclic and Cyclic Codes over $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$

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**Abstract.** It is studied codes over the ring  $R = F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$ ,  $u^2 = 0$ ,  $v^2 = v$ ,  $uv = vu = 0$  which contains the two ring  $F_2 + uF_2$ ,  $u^2 = 0$  and  $F_2 + vF_2$ ,  $v^2 = v$ . It is introduced  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic codes and cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$ . It is characterized codes over  $F_2 + vF_2$  which are the images of  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic codes and cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$ . It is obtained a representation of a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$  by means of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  which are linear codes of length  $n$  over  $F_2 + uF_2$ . It is also characterized codes over  $F_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic codes or cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$ .

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### 1. Introduction

It was introduced linear  $(1 + u)$  constacyclic codes and cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2$  and characterized codes over  $F_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1 + u)$  constacyclic codes or cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2$ , in [6]. In [1], they extended the result of [6] to codes over the commutative ring  $F_{p^k} + uF_{p^k}$  where  $p$  is a prime,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $u^2 = 0$ .

In [5], it was introduced  $(1 - u^2)$ -cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2$  and characterized codes over  $F_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1 - u^2)$ -cyclic codes or cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2$ .

In [2], it was defined a distance preserving map from  $F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2 + u^3F_2 + \dots + u^mF_2$  to  $F_2$  and characterized codes over  $F_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1 - u^m)$ -cyclic codes or cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2 + u^3F_2 + \dots + u^mF_2$ . In [8], Udomkavanich and Jitman generalized these results to the ring  $F_{p^k} + uF_{p^k} + \dots + u^mF_{p^k}$ . The Gray images of  $(1 - u^m)$ -constacyclic and cyclic codes over  $F_{p^k} + uF_{p^k} + \dots + u^mF_{p^k}$  were studied in the mentioned paper.

In [4],  $(1 + v)$ -constacyclic codes over  $R_2 = F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2$ ,  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$ ,  $uv - vu = 0$  were studied.  $(1 + v)$ -constacyclic codes over  $R_2$  of odd length were characterized with help of cyclic codes over  $R_2$ .

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In [3], it is studied  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic codes over a finite commutative ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2, u^2 = 0, v^2 = 0, uv - vu = 0$ . A set of generator of such constacyclic codes for an arbitrary length was determined.

In [7], they studied linear codes over a new ring  $S = F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2 + uvF_2, u^2 = 0, v^2 = v, uv = vu$ . It is obtained MacWilliams identities for Lee weight enumerator of linear codes over this ring using a Gray map from  $S^n$  to  $(F_2 + uF_2)^n$ . Moreover, they studied self dual and cyclic codes over  $S$ .

Liu Xiusheng and Liu Hualu gave rise to a new ring  $R = F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2, u^2 = 0, v^2 = v, uv = vu = 0$  in [9]. It is Frobenius ring. They defined a Gray map. The MacWilliams identity over  $F_2$  and the MacWilliams identities for the Lee weight enumerators of linear codes over the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$  were given. Moreover, they gave some examples.

In this paper, it is given some definitions in section 2. It is seen that the image of a  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  under the map  $\phi_{1,1}$  is a distance invariant cyclic code of length  $2n$  over  $F_2 + vF_2$ . It is shown that if  $n$  is odd, then the image of a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  under the map  $\phi_{1,1}$  is a permutation equivalent to cyclic code of length  $2n$  over  $F_2 + vF_2$ . In section 3, it is given a representation of a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$  by means of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  which are linear codes of length  $n$  over  $F_2 + uF_2$ . In section 4, it is characterized codes over  $F_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic codes or cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$ . It is proved that the Gray image of a linear  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic code over  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$  of length  $n$  is a binary permutation equivalent to quasi-cyclic codes of index 3 and length  $3n$  over  $F_2$ . It is also proved that if  $n$  is odd, then every code over  $F_2$  which is the Gray image of a linear cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$  is permutation equivalent to a quasi-cyclic code of index 3.

## 2. Preliminaries

In [9], the commutative ring  $R = F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2, u^2 = 0, v^2 = v, uv = vu = 0$  is given. Then  $R$  is a finite, principal ideal and semilocal ring with two maximal ideals  $I_{u+v}$  and  $I_{1+v}$ . The quotient rings  $R/I_{u+v}$  and  $R/I_{1+v}$  are isomorphic to  $F_2$ . A direct decomposition of  $R$  is  $R = I_v \oplus I_{1+v}$ . The set of units of  $R$  is  $R^* = \{1, 1 + u\}$ .

Let the  $C$  be a code of length  $n$  over  $R$  and  $P(C)$  be its polynomial representation, i.e,  $P(C) = \{\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i x^i | (r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}) \in C\}$  Let  $\sigma$  and  $\nu$  be maps from  $R^n$  to  $R^n$  given by

$$\sigma(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}) = (r_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, r_{n-2})$$

and

$$\nu(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}) = ((1 + u)r_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, r_{n-2})$$

Then  $C$  is said to be cyclic if  $\sigma(C) = C$  and  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic if  $\nu(C) = C$ .

A code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is cyclic if and only if  $P(C)$  is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$ . A code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic if and only if  $P(C)$  is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - (1 + u) \rangle$ .

Let  $a \in F_2^{3n}$  with  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{3n-1}) = (a^{(0)} | a^{(1)} | a^{(2)})$ ,  $a^{(i)} \in F_2^n$  for all  $i = 0, 1, 2$ . Let  $\sigma^{\otimes 3}$  be the map from  $F_2^{3n}$  to  $F_2^{3n}$  given by  $\sigma^{\otimes 3}(a) = (\tilde{\sigma}(a^{(0)}) | \tilde{\sigma}(a^{(1)}) | \tilde{\sigma}(a^{(2)}))$  where  $\tilde{\sigma}$  is the

usual cyclic shift

$$(c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) \mapsto (c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2})$$

on  $F_2^n$ . A code  $\tilde{C}$  of length  $3n$  over  $F_2$  is said to be quasi-cyclic of index 3 if  $\sigma^{\otimes 3}(\tilde{C}) = \tilde{C}$ .

The Hamming weight  $w_H(x)$  of a codeword  $x$  is the number of nonzero components in  $x$ . The Hamming distance  $d(x, y)$  between two codewords  $x$  and  $y$  is the Hamming weight of the codewords  $x - y$ . The minimum Hamming distance  $d_H$  of  $C$  is defined as

$$\min\{d_H(x, y) | x, y \in C, x \neq y\}.$$

Let  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  be two vectors of  $R^n$ . The Euclidean inner product of  $x$  and  $y$  is defined

$$xy = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i.$$

The dual code  $C^\perp$  of  $C$  is defined as  $C^\perp = \{x \in R^n | xc = 0 \text{ for all } c \in C\}$ .  $C$  is said to be self orthogonal if  $C \subseteq C^\perp$  and  $C$  is said to be self dual if  $C = C^\perp$ .

Recall that the Gray map  $\phi_1$  on  $F_2 + uF_2, u^2 = 0$  is defined as  $\phi_1(z) = (r, r + q)$  where  $z = q + ur$  with  $r, q \in F_2$  and the Gray map  $\phi_2$  on  $F_2 + vF_2, v^2 = v$  is defined as  $\phi_2(s) = (m, m + t)$  where  $s = m + vt$  with  $m, t \in F_2$ . The maps  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  can be extended to  $(F_2 + uF_2)^n$  and  $(F_2 + vF_2)^n$ , respectively as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 : (F_2 + uF_2)^n &\rightarrow F_2^{2n} \\ (z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) &\mapsto (r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}, r_0 \oplus q_0, \dots, r_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1}) \\ \phi_2 : (F_2 + vF_2)^n &\rightarrow F_2^{2n} \\ (s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}) &\mapsto (m_0, \dots, m_{n-1}, m_0 \oplus t_0, \dots, m_{n-1} \oplus t_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $z_i = r_i + uq_i, s_i = m_i + vt_i$  and  $q_i, r_i, m_i, t_i \in F_2$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $\oplus$  is componentwise addition in  $F_2$ .

Each element  $c \in R = F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$  can be expressed  $c = a + ub$  where  $a, b \in F_2 + vF_2$ . The map  $\phi_{1,1}$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{1,1} : R^n &\rightarrow (F_2 + vF_2)^{2n} \\ (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) &\mapsto (b_0, \dots, b_{n-1}, b_0 + a_0, \dots, b_{n-1} + a_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_i = a_i + ub_i$  with  $a_i, b_i \in F_2 + vF_2$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

Each element  $c \in R = F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$  can be also expressed  $c = a' + vb'$  where  $a', b' \in F_2 + uF_2$ . The map  $\phi_{2,1}$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{2,1} : R^n &\rightarrow (F_2 + uF_2)^{2n} \\ (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) &\mapsto (a'_0, \dots, a'_{n-1}, b'_0 + a'_0, \dots, b'_{n-1} + a'_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $c_i = a'_i + vb'_i$  with  $a'_i, b'_i \in F_2 + uF_2$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

A Gray map  $\phi$  from  $R$  to  $F_2^m$  which is the composition of  $\phi_{1,1}$  and  $\phi_2$  or  $\phi_{2,1}$  and  $\phi_1$  can be obtained.

The Lee weights of  $0, 1, u, 1 + u \in F_2 + uF_2$  are  $0, 1, 2, 1$  respectively. The Lee weights of  $0, 1, v, 1 + v \in F_2 + vF_2$  are  $0, 2, 1, 1$  respectively. These Lee weights can be extended to  $(F_2 + uF_2)^n$  and  $(F_2 + vF_2)^n$ . It is known that  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  are distance-preserving map from  $(F_2 + uF_2)^n$  (Lee distance) to  $F_2^{2n}$  (Hamming distance) and  $(F_2 + vF_2)^n$  (Lee distance) to  $F_2^{2n}$  (Hamming distance), respectively. For any element  $a + vb \in R$  with  $a, b \in F_2 + uF_2$ , it is defined Lee weight, denoted by  $w_L$  as  $w_L(a + vb) = w_L(b, b + a)$ . The Lee distance of a linear code over  $R$ , denoted by  $d_L(C)$  is defined as minimum Lee weight of nonzero codewords of  $C$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_1 : (F_2 + uF_2)^n \text{ (Lee distance)} &\rightarrow F_2^{2n} \text{ (Hamming distance)} \\ \phi_2 : (F_2 + vF_2)^n \text{ (Lee distance)} &\rightarrow F_2^{2n} \text{ (Hamming distance)} \\ \phi_{1,1} : R^n \text{ (Lee distance)} &\rightarrow (F_2 + vF_2)^{2n} \text{ (Lee distance)} \\ \phi_{2,1} : R^n \text{ (Lee distance)} &\rightarrow (F_2 + uF_2)^{2n} \text{ (Lee distance)} \end{aligned}$$

Now, it will be characterized codes over  $F_2 + vF_2$  which are the images of  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic and cyclic codes over  $R$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $\phi_{1,1}$  be defined as above. Let  $\nu$  be  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic shift on  $R^n$  and  $\sigma$  the cyclic shift on  $(F_2 + vF_2)^{2n}$ . Then  $\phi_{1,1}\nu = \sigma\phi_{1,1}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $z = (z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) \in R^n$  where  $c_i = q_i + ur_i$  and  $q_i, r_i \in F_2 + vF_2$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . From definition, we get,

$$\phi_{1,1}(z) = (r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}, r_0 + q_0, \dots, r_{n-1} + q_{n-1})$$

and

$$\sigma(\phi_{1,1}(z)) = (r_{n-1} + q_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}, r_0 + q_0, \dots, r_{n-2} + q_{n-2})$$

On the other hand,

$$\nu(z) = ((1 + u)z_{n-1}, z_0, \dots, z_{n-2}) = (q_{n-1} + u(q_{n-1} + r_{n-1}), q_0 + ur_0, \dots, q_{n-2} + ur_{n-2})$$

and

$$\phi_{1,1}(\nu(z)) = (q_{n-1} + r_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, q_{n-2} + r_{n-2}).$$

□

**Theorem 1.** A linear code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is a  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic code iff  $\phi_{1,1}(C)$  is a cyclic code of length  $2n$  over  $F_2 + vF_2$ .

*Proof.* If  $C$  is  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic code, from Proposition 1 we get  $\phi_{1,1}(\nu(C)) = \sigma(\phi_{1,1}(C))$ . So  $\phi_{1,1}(C)$  is a cyclic code of length  $2n$  over  $F_2 + vF_2$ . Conversely, if  $\phi_{1,1}(C)$  is a cyclic code of length  $2n$  over  $F_2 + vF_2$ , from Proposition 1, we get  $\phi_{1,1}(\nu(C)) = \sigma(\phi_{1,1}(C)) = \phi_{1,1}(C)$ . By using  $\phi_{1,1}$  is injection, hence  $\nu(C) = C$ . □

**Corollary 1.** The image of a  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  under the map  $\phi_{1,1}$  is a distance invariant cyclic code of length  $2n$  over  $F_2 + vF_2$ .

Note that  $(1 + u)^n = 1 + u$  if  $n$  is odd,  $(1 + u)^n = 1$  if  $n$  is even. In here, it is studied the properties of  $(1 + u)$  cyclic codes of odd length in this section.

Let  $\mu$  be the map of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  into  $R[x]/\langle x^n - (1 + u) \rangle$  defined by  $\mu(c(x)) = c((1 + u)x)$ . If  $n$  is odd, then  $\mu$  is a ring isomorphism. Hence  $I$  is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  if and only if  $\mu(I)$  is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - (1 + u) \rangle$ . If  $\bar{\mu}'$  is the map

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mu}' : R^n &\rightarrow R^n \\ z &\mapsto (z_0, (1 + u)z_1, (1 + u)^2z_2, \dots, (1 + u)^{n-1}z_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $z_i = q_i + ur_i$  and  $r_i, q_i \in F_2 + vF_2$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , then it also follows that:

**Proposition 2.** *The set  $C \subseteq R^n$  is a linear cyclic code if and only if  $\bar{\mu}'(C)$  is a linear  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic code.*

Let  $\tau'$  be the following permutation of  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n - 1\}$  with  $n$  odd:  $\tau' = (1, n + 1)(3, n + 3) \dots (n - 2, 2n - 2)$ . The Nechaev permutation  $\pi'$  of  $(F_2 + vF_2)^{2n}$  is defined by

$$\pi'(r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{2n-1}) = (r_{\tau'(0)}, r_{\tau'(1)}, \dots, r_{\tau'(2n-1)}).$$

**Proposition 3.** *Assume  $n$  odd, let  $\bar{\mu}'$  be the permutation of  $R^n$  such that*

$$\bar{\mu}'(z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) = (z_0, (1 + u)z_1, \dots, (1 + u)^{n-1}z_{n-1}).$$

Then  $\phi_{1,1}\bar{\mu}' = \pi'\phi_{1,1}$ .

**Corollary 2.** *If  $\tilde{C}$  is the Gray image of a linear cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then  $\tilde{C}$  is permutation equivalent to a cyclic code and length  $2n$  over  $F_2 + vF_2$ .*

*Proof.* From Proposition 2, a code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is linear cyclic code if and only if  $\bar{\mu}'(C)$  is linear  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic. From Theorem 1, this is also so if and only if  $\phi_{1,1}(\bar{\mu}'(C))$  is permutation equivalent to a linear cyclic code over  $F_2 + vF_2$ . From Proposition 3,  $\phi_{1,1}(C)$  is permutation equivalent to linear cyclic over  $F_2 + vF_2$ . □

### 3. A Representation of a Code over $R$

In this section, it will be obtained a representation of a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$  by means of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  which are linear codes of length  $n$  over  $F_2 + uF_2$ .

**Theorem 2.** *The map  $\phi_{2,1}:R^n \rightarrow (F_2 + uF_2)^{2n}$  is a linear isometry.*

*Proof.* For any  $m, k \in R^n$  and  $s, t \in F_2 + uF_2$ , it is verified that

$$\phi_{2,1}(sm + tk) = s\phi_{2,1}(m) + t\phi_{2,1}(k),$$

so  $\phi_{2,1}$  is linear. For isometry, we get

$$d_L(\phi_{2,1}(m), \phi_{2,1}(k)) = w_L(\phi_{2,1}(m - k)) = w_L(m - k) = d_L(m, k).$$

□

**Theorem 3.** *If  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then  $\phi_{2,1}(C)$  is a linear code of length  $2n$  over  $F_2 + uF_2$ .*

*Proof.* It is seen from linearity of  $\phi_{2,1}$ . □

Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two codes. The direct product and sum of  $A$  and  $B$  are defined by, respectively

$$A \otimes B = \{(a, b) | a \in A, b \in B\}$$

$$A \oplus B = \{a + b | a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

**Theorem 4.** *If  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then  $C = (1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2$ ,  $\phi_{2,1}(C) = C_1 \otimes C_2$  and  $|C| = |C_1||C_2|$  where  $C_1 = \{m \in (F_2 + uF_2)^n | m + vt \in C \text{ for some } t \in (F_2 + uF_2)^n\}$  and  $C_2 = \{m + t \in (F_2 + uF_2)^n | m + vt \in C \text{ for some } m \in (F_2 + uF_2)^n\}$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $c = m + vt \in C$  for some  $m, t \in (F_2 + uF_2)^n$ . So  $m \in C_1, m + t \in C_2$ . Hence  $c = (1 + v)m + v(m + t) \in (1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2$ . We have  $C \subseteq (1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2$ . On the other hand,  $(1 + v)m + v(m + t) \in (1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2$  where  $m \in C_1$  and  $t \in C_2$ , there exist  $a, b \in C$  and  $r, q \in (F_2 + uF_2)^n$  such that  $a = m + vr$  and  $b = m + t + (1 + v)q$ . As  $C$  is linear over  $R$ , from  $c = (1 + v)a + vb \in C$  we have  $(1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2 \subseteq C$ . □

**Theorem 5.** *A linear code  $C = (1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2$  cyclic over  $R$  if and only if  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are all cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}) \in C_1$  and  $(s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}) \in C_2$ . Suppose that  $c_i = (1 + v)r_i + vs_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$ . Let  $c = (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C$ . As  $C$  is cyclic, it follows that  $(c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2}) \in C$ . Note that  $(c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2}) = (1 + v)(r_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, r_{n-2}) + v(s_{n-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{n-2})$ . So  $(r_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, r_{n-2}) \in C_1, (s_{n-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{n-2}) \in C_2$ , that is  $C_1, C_2$  are cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2$ .

Conversely, let  $C_1, C_2$  be cyclic codes over  $F_2 + uF_2$ . Let  $(c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2}) \in C$  where  $c_i = (1 + v)r_i + vs_i$  for  $i = 0, \dots, n - 1$ . Then  $(r_0, \dots, r_{n-1}) \in C_1$  and  $(s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}) \in C_2$ . Note that  $(c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2}) = (1 + v)(r_{n-1}, r_0, \dots, r_{n-2}) + v(s_{n-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{n-2}) \in (1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2 = C$ . So  $C$  is a cyclic code. □

**Theorem 6.** *Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Then  $\phi_{2,1}(C^\perp) = (\phi_{2,1}(C))^\perp$ .*

*Proof.* By using  $\phi_{2,1}(C^\perp) \subseteq (\phi_{2,1}(C))^\perp$  and  $|\phi_{2,1}(C^\perp)| = |(\phi_{2,1}(C))^\perp|$ , we have expected result. □

**Theorem 7.** *If  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$  such that  $C = (1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2$ , then  $C^\perp = (1 + v)C_1^\perp \oplus vC_2^\perp$ . Moreover  $C$  is self dual if and only if  $C_1, C_2$  are self dual over  $F_2 + uF_2$ .*

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $C = (1 + v)C_1 \oplus vC_2$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Then  $d_{min}(C) = \min\{d_1, d_2\}$  where  $d_{min}, d_1$  and  $d_2$  are minimum Lee distance of  $C, C_1$  and  $C_2$ , respectively.*

#### 4. The Gray Images of $(1 + u)$ - Cyclic Codes and Cyclic over $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$

In this section, by using the Gray map which is defined by Liu Xiusheng, Liu Hualu, we will characterize codes over  $F_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic and cyclic codes over  $R$ .

In [9], it was defined the Gray map  $\phi$  on  $R^n$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \phi :R &\rightarrow F_2^3 \\ a + ub + vc &\mapsto (c, b + c, a + b + c). \end{aligned}$$

This map can be extended to  $R^n$  in a natural way. For  $z = (z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) \in R^n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi :R^n &\rightarrow F_2^{3n} \\ z = (z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) &\mapsto (s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}, s_0 \oplus q_0, \dots, s_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1}, r_0 \oplus q_0 \oplus s_0, \dots, r_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1} \oplus s_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $z_i = r_i + uq_i + vs_i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$  and  $\oplus$  is componentwise addition in  $F_2$ .

In [9], they extended the definition of the Lee weight from  $F_2 + vF_2$  to the ring  $F_2 + uF_2 + vF_2$ . The Lee weight  $w_L(x)$  of a codeword  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  was defined as  $\sum_{i=1}^n w_L(x_i)$  where

$$w_L(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x_i = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i = 1, 1 + u, u + v \\ 2 & \text{if } x_i = u, 1 + v, 1 + u + v \\ 3 & \text{if } x_i = v \end{cases}$$

The Lee distance  $d_L(x, y)$  between two codewords  $x$  and  $y$  is the Lee weight of  $x - y$ . The Gray map  $\phi$  is an isometry from  $(R^n, d_{Lee})$  to  $F_2^{3n}$  under the Hamming distance.

**Proposition 4.**  $\phi \nu = \rho \sigma^{\otimes 3} \phi$  where  $\rho$  is a permutation of  $\{0, \dots, 3n - 1\}$  which is defined  $\rho = (n + 1, 2n + 1)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $z = (z_0, z_1, \dots, z_{n-1}) \in R^n$ . Let  $r_i, q_i, s_i \in F_2$  such that  $z_i = r_i + uq_i + vs_i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ . We have

$$\phi(z) = (s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}, s_0 \oplus q_0, \dots, s_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1}, r_0 \oplus q_0 \oplus s_0, \dots, r_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1} \oplus s_{n-1}).$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{\otimes 3}(\phi(z)) = &(s_{n-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{n-2}, s_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1}, s_0 \oplus q_0, \dots, s_{n-2} \oplus q_{n-2} \\ &, r_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1} \oplus s_{n-1}, r_0 \oplus q_0 \oplus s_0, \dots, r_{n-2} \oplus q_{n-2} \oplus s_{n-2}). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,  $\nu(z) = ((1 + u)z_{n-1}, z_0, \dots, z_{n-2})$  where  $(1 + u)z_{n-1} = r_{n-1} + u(r_{n-1} + q_{n-1}) + vs_{n-1}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(\nu(z)) = &(s_{n-1}, s_0, \dots, s_{n-2}, r_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1} \oplus s_{n-1}, q_0 \oplus s_0, \dots, q_{n-2} \oplus s_{n-2}, r_{n-1} \oplus q_{n-1} \\ &, r_0 \oplus q_0 \oplus s_0, \dots, r_{n-2} \oplus q_{n-2} \oplus s_{n-2}). \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\phi \nu = \rho \sigma^{\otimes 3} \phi$ . □

So we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 9.** A code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic if and only if  $\phi(C)$  is permutation equivalent to quasi-cyclic of index 3 and length  $3n$  over  $F_2$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $C$  is  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic. As  $\rho(\sigma^{\otimes 3}(\phi(C))) = \phi(\nu(C))$ ,  $\phi(C)$  is permutation equivalent to a quasi-cyclic of index 3. Conversely, if  $\phi(C)$  is permutation equivalent to quasi-cyclic of index 3, then  $\phi(\nu(C)) = \rho(\sigma^{\otimes 3}(\phi(C))) = \phi(C)$ . Since  $\phi$  is isometry, so  $\nu(C) = C$ , that is  $C$  is  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic code.  $\square$

Note that  $(1 + u)^n = 1 + u$  if  $n$  is odd,  $(1 + u)^n = 1$  if  $n$  is even. In here, it is studied the properties of  $(1 + u)$  cyclic codes of odd length in this section.

Let  $\mu$  be the map of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  into  $R[x]/\langle x^n - (1 + u) \rangle$  defined by  $\mu(c(x)) = c((1 + u)x)$ . If  $n$  is odd, then  $\mu$  is a ring isomorphism. Hence  $I$  is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  if and only if  $\mu(I)$  is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - (1 + u) \rangle$ . If  $\bar{\mu}$  is the map

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\mu} : R^n &\rightarrow R^n \\ z &\mapsto (z_0, (1 + u)z_1, (1 + u)^2z_2, \dots, (1 + u)^{n-1}z_{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where  $z_i = s_i + ut_i + \nu y_i$  and  $s_i, t_i, y_i \in F_2$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , then it also follows that:

**Proposition 5.** The set  $C \subseteq R^n$  is a linear cyclic code if and only if  $\bar{\mu}(C)$  is a linear  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic code.

Let  $\tau$  be the following permutation of  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 3n - 1\}$  with  $n$  odd:

$$\tau = (n + 1, 2n + 1)(n + 3, 2n + 3)(n + 5, 2n + 5) \dots (2n - 2, 3n - 2)$$

The permutation  $\pi$  of  $F_2^{3n}$  is defined by

$$\pi(r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{3n-1}) = (r_{\tau(0)}, r_{\tau(1)}, \dots, r_{\tau(3n-1)})$$

**Proposition 6.** Assume  $n$  odd, let  $\bar{\mu}$  be the permutation of  $R^n$  such that

$$\bar{\mu}(z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) = (z_0, (1 + u)z_1, \dots, (1 + u)^{n-1}z_{n-1}).$$

Then  $\phi \bar{\mu} = \pi \phi$ .

**Corollary 3.** If  $\tilde{C}$  is the Gray image of a linear cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then  $\tilde{C}$  is permutation equivalent to a quasi-cyclic code of index 3 and length  $3n$  over  $F_2$ .

*Proof.* From Proposition 5, a code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is linear cyclic code if and only if  $\bar{\mu}(C)$  is linear  $(1 + u)$ -cyclic. From Theorem 9, this is also so if and only if  $\phi(\bar{\mu}(C))$  is permutation equivalent to a linear quasi-cyclic code of index 3 over  $F_2$ . From Proposition 6,  $\phi(C)$  is permutation equivalent to linear quasi cyclic of index 3 over  $F_2$ .  $\square$



## 5. Conclusion

It is introduced  $(1+u)$ -cyclic codes and cyclic codes over  $R$ . Firstly, it is characterized codes over  $F_2 + vF_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1+u)$ -cyclic codes and cyclic codes over  $R$ . It is obtained a representation of a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$  by means of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  which are linear codes of length  $n$  over  $F_2 + uF_2$ . It is characterized codes over  $F_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1+u)$ -cyclic codes or cyclic codes over  $R$ .

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