

# Some structural properties of cyclic codes over the semi-local ring

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## Abstract

Let  $\alpha$  be non-zero element of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a field of order  $q$  and  $q$  is a power of an odd prime  $p$ . The main goal of this paper is to study structural properties of cyclic codes over the finite ring  $R = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2]/\langle u_1^2 - \alpha^2, u_2^2 - 1, u_1u_2 - u_2u_1 \rangle$ . Moreover, as an application, we construct quantum-error-correcting (QEC) codes.

## 1 Introduction

Unless otherwise stated, the field of order  $q$  is denoted by  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $q$  is an odd prime power, and  $\alpha$  is the non-zero element of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Next, let us consider

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the finite ring  $R = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2]/\langle u_1^2 - \alpha^2, u_2^2 - 1, u_1u_2 - u_2u_1 \rangle$ . It is simple to verify that  $R$  is an order  $q^4$  non-chain semi-local ring. For the construction of quantum-error-correcting (QEC) codes, cyclic codes are immensely useful. Compared to classical-error-correcting (CEC) codes, QEC codes are different. A significant breakthrough happened in 1998, when Calderbank et al. [9] solved the problem of obtaining QEC codes with the help of CEC codes over  $\text{GF}(4)$ . Calderbank et al. [9] also introduced a concept to construct QEC codes from CEC codes. Over finite fields, cyclic codes have been extensively investigated (see, for example [13], [17], [18], and [20], and references therein). In 2015, from the cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q + v^2\mathbb{F}_q + v^3\mathbb{F}_q$  (where  $q = p^m$ ,  $p$  is a prime such that  $3|(p-1)$ ,  $v^4 = v$ , and  $m$  is a positive integer), Gao et al. [11] constructed new quantum codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Afterwards, Ozen et al. [19] constructed many ternary quantum codes from cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_3 + u\mathbb{F}_3 + v\mathbb{F}_3 + uv\mathbb{F}_3$ . In 2021, Ashraf et al. [2] found better quantum and LCD codes over the ring  $\mathbb{F}_{p^m} + v\mathbb{F}_{p^m}$  with  $v^2 = 1$ , where  $m$  is a positive integer. In this article, we discuss the structural properties of cyclic codes over the ring  $R$ . On this ring  $R$ , we construct a Gray map that provides better parameters and contributes to the finding of better quantum codes over  $R$  than presented in [1], [2], [3], [4], [6], [10], and [16].

Our primary goals in this article are to construct quantum-error-correcting (QEC) codes over the finite ring  $R$ , and to study the structural properties of cyclic codes over  $R$ . Paper's main contribution is that it provides better quantum codes to those presented in recent references ([1], [2], [3], [4], [6], [10], [16] and references therein).

## 2 Some preliminaries

This section deals with some preliminary studies and describe the Gray map over the ring  $R$ . Additionally, we establish certain important results that are required for the subsequent discussions. If a code  $\mathcal{C}$  is an  $R$ -submodule of  $R^n$  (where  $n$  is a positive integer), then  $\mathcal{C}$  is linear. The components of  $\mathcal{C}$  are referred to as codewords. The total number of codewords in  $\mathcal{C}$ , denoted by  $|\mathcal{C}|$ , is referred to as the size of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

An element  $z$  of  $R$  is of the form  $z = z_1 + z_2u_1 + z_3u_2 + z_4u_1u_2$ , where  $z_i \in \mathbb{F}_q$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . With the help of a set of orthogonal idempotents,

every element of this ring can be represented:

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{(\alpha + u_1)(1 + u_2)}{4\alpha},$$

$$\Delta_2 = \frac{(\alpha + u_1)(1 - u_2)}{4\alpha},$$

$$\Delta_3 = \frac{(\alpha - u_1)(1 + u_2)}{4\alpha}$$

and

$$\Delta_4 = \frac{(\alpha - u_1)(1 - u_2)}{4\alpha}.$$

It is easy to show that  $\Delta_i^2 = \Delta_i$ ,  $0 = \Delta_i \Delta_j$ , and  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 + \Delta_3 + \Delta_4 = 1$ , where  $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$ , and  $i \neq j$ . In view of Chinese Remainder, we obtain  $R = \Delta_1 R \oplus \Delta_2 R \oplus \Delta_3 R \oplus \Delta_4 R \cong \Delta_1 \mathbb{F}_q \oplus \Delta_2 \mathbb{F}_q \oplus \Delta_3 \mathbb{F}_q \oplus \Delta_4 \mathbb{F}_q$ .

We can express every element  $z$  of  $R$  as  $z = \Delta_1 z_1 + \Delta_2 z_2 + \Delta_3 z_3 + \Delta_4 z_4$ , where  $z_i \in \mathbb{F}_q$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .

The Gray map  $\eta : R \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^4$  is defined by

$$\eta(\Delta_1 z_1 + \Delta_2 z_2 + \Delta_3 z_3 + \Delta_4 z_4) = (z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4)A, \quad (2.1)$$

where  $A \in GL_4(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is a fixed matrix and  $GL_4(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is the linear group of all  $4 \times 4$  invertible matrices over the field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  such that  $AA^T = \epsilon I_{4 \times 4}$ , where  $A^T$  is the transpose of  $A$  and  $\epsilon \in \mathbb{F}_q \setminus \{0\}$ .

The aforementioned Gray map is linear, and we can also extend it component-wise from  $R^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_q^{4n}$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer. The Hamming weight  $w_H(\mathcal{C})$  is the number of non-zero components in any codeword  $c = (c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{C}$ . Consider  $c = (c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}), d = (d_0, d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n-1}) \in R^n$ , the Hamming distance is denoted by  $d_H(c, d) = \{i \mid c_i \neq d_i\}$  for the codewords  $c$  and  $d$ .  $d_H(\mathcal{C}) = \min\{d_H(c, d) \mid c \neq d\}$ , or in short  $d_H$ , is the Hamming distance of the code  $\mathcal{C}$ . For any element  $z = \Delta_1 z_1 + \Delta_2 z_2 + \Delta_3 z_3 + \Delta_4 z_4 \in R$ , the Lee weight of  $z$  is defined as  $w_L(z) = w_H(\eta(z))$ , where  $w_H$  represents the Hamming weight over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . We begin our discussion with the first result of the above-described Gray map.

**Proposition 2.1.** *The map  $\eta : R \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^4$  defined in (2.1) is an  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -linear and distance-preserving map from  $(R^n, d_L)$  to  $(\mathbb{F}_q^{4n}, d_H)$ , where  $d_L = d_H$ .*

Define  $\Theta_1 \otimes \Theta_2 \otimes \Theta_3 \otimes \Theta_4 = \{(\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3, \theta_4) \mid \theta_i \in \Theta_i : 1 \leq i \leq 4\}$  and  $\Theta_1 \oplus \Theta_2 \oplus \Theta_3 \oplus \Theta_4 = \{(\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 + \theta_4) \mid \theta_i \in \Theta_i : 1 \leq i \leq 4\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . We assume that

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \{z_1 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \Delta_1 z_1 + \Delta_2 z_2 + \Delta_3 z_3 + \Delta_4 z_4 \in \mathcal{C}, \text{ where } z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n\},$$

$$\mathcal{C}_2 = \{z_2 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \Delta_1 z_1 + \Delta_2 z_2 + \Delta_3 z_3 + \Delta_4 z_4 \in \mathcal{C}, \text{ where } z_1, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n\},$$

$$\mathcal{C}_3 = \{z_3 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \Delta_1 z_1 + \Delta_2 z_2 + \Delta_3 z_3 + \Delta_4 z_4 \in \mathcal{C}, \text{ where } z_1, z_2, z_4 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n\}$$

and

$$\mathcal{C}_4 = \{z_4 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \Delta_1 z_1 + \Delta_2 z_2 + \Delta_3 z_3 + \Delta_4 z_4 \in \mathcal{C}, \text{ where } z_1, z_2, z_3 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n\}.$$

Now, each  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Hence, any linear code of length  $n$  can be represented as  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1 \mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2 \mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3 \mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4 \mathcal{C}_4$  such that  $|\mathcal{C}| = |\mathcal{C}_1||\mathcal{C}_2||\mathcal{C}_3||\mathcal{C}_4|$  over  $R$ . A matrix is called a generator matrix of  $\mathcal{C}$  if the rows of the matrix generate  $\mathcal{C}$ . If  $M_i$  are the generator matrices of the linear code  $\mathcal{C}_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , respectively, then a generator matrix of  $\mathcal{C}$  is

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta_1 M_1 \\ \Delta_2 M_2 \\ \Delta_3 M_3 \\ \Delta_4 M_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

and a generator matrix of  $\eta(\mathcal{C})$  is

$$\eta(M) = \begin{pmatrix} \eta(\Delta_1 M_1) \\ \eta(\Delta_2 M_2) \\ \eta(\Delta_3 M_3) \\ \eta(\Delta_4 M_4) \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Proposition 2.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1 \mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2 \mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3 \mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4 \mathcal{C}_4$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Then,  $\eta(\mathcal{C})$  is a  $[4n, \sum_{i=1}^4 k_i, d]$  linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , where each  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is  $[n, k_i, d]$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is obvious with the help of the Gray map. □

**Proposition 2.3.** *If  $\mathcal{C}$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then  $\eta(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C}_1 \otimes \mathcal{C}_2 \otimes \mathcal{C}_3 \otimes \mathcal{C}_4$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is similar to the one in [7]. □

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a self-orthogonal linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$  and  $A$  be a  $4 \times 4$  non-singular matrix over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  which has the property  $AA^T = \epsilon I_4$ , where  $I_4$  is the identity matrix,  $0 \neq \epsilon \in \mathbb{F}_q$ , and  $A^T$  is the transpose of matrix  $A$ . Then, the Gray image  $\eta(\mathcal{C})$  is a self-orthogonal linear code of length  $4n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .*

### 3 Structural properties of cyclic codes over $\mathbb{R}$

We will examine various structural properties of cyclic codes on a ring  $R$  and present some results. We start with the definition that follows:

**Definition 3.1.** *A linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is said to be a cyclic code if every cyclic shift of a codeword in  $\mathcal{C}$  is again a codeword in  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e.,  $(c_0, c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{C}$ , its cyclic shift  $(c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2}) \in \mathcal{C}$ .*

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1\mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2\mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3\mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4\mathcal{C}_4$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Then,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a cyclic code over  $R$  if and only if each  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is a cyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $s$  is any codeword in  $\mathcal{C}$  such that  $s = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1})$ . We can write its components as  $s_i = \Delta_1 z_{1,i} + \Delta_2 z_{2,i} + \Delta_3 z_{3,i} + \Delta_4 z_{4,i}$ , where  $z_{1,i}, z_{2,i}, z_{3,i}, z_{4,i} \in \mathbb{F}_q$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Let

$$z_1 = (z_{0,1}, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{n-1,1}),$$

$$z_2 = (z_{0,2}, z_{1,2}, \dots, z_{n-1,2}),$$

$$z_3 = (z_{0,3}, z_{1,3}, \dots, z_{n-1,3}),$$

$$z_4 = (z_{0,4}, z_{1,4}, \dots, z_{n-1,4}),$$

where  $z_i \in \mathcal{C}_i$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Now, let us assume that every  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is a cyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . This implies that

$$\zeta(z_1) = (z_{n-1,1}, z_{0,1}, \dots, z_{n-2,1}) \in \mathcal{C}_1,$$

$$\zeta(z_2) = (z_{n-1,2}, z_{0,2}, \dots, z_{n-2,2}) \in \mathcal{C}_2,$$

$$\zeta(z_3) = (z_{n-1,3}, z_{0,3}, \dots, z_{n-2,3}) \in \mathcal{C}_3,$$

$$\zeta(z_4) = (z_{n-1,4}, z_{0,4}, \dots, z_{n-2,4}) \in \mathcal{C}_4,$$

Thus,  $\Delta_1\zeta(z_1) + \Delta_2\zeta(z_2) + \Delta_3\zeta(z_3) + \Delta_4\zeta(z_4) \in \mathcal{C}$ . It can easily be seen that  $\Delta_1\zeta(z_1) + \Delta_2\zeta(z_2) + \Delta_3\zeta(z_3) + \Delta_4\zeta(z_4) = \zeta(s)$ . Hence,  $\zeta(s) \in \mathcal{C}$ . We can conclude that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a cyclic code over  $R$ .

On the other hand, let us assume that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a cyclic code over  $R$ . Next, let us consider  $s_i = \Delta_1z_{1,i} + \Delta_2z_{2,i} + \Delta_3z_{3,i} + \Delta_4z_{4,i}$ , where  $z_1 = (z_{0,1}, z_{1,1}, \dots, z_{n-1,1})$ ,  $z_2 = (z_{0,2}, z_{1,2}, \dots, z_{n-1,2})$ ,  $z_3 = (z_{0,3}, z_{1,3}, \dots, z_{n-1,3})$  and  $z_4 = (z_{0,4}, z_{1,4}, \dots, z_{n-1,4})$ . Then,  $z_1 \in \mathcal{C}_1$ ,  $z_2 \in \mathcal{C}_2$ ,  $z_3 \in \mathcal{C}_3$ , and  $z_4 \in \mathcal{C}_4$ . Again,  $s = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{C}$ , by the hypothesis  $\zeta(s) \in \mathcal{C}$ . We have  $\Delta_1\zeta(z_1) + \Delta_2\zeta(z_2) + \Delta_3\zeta(z_3) + \Delta_4\zeta(z_4) \in \mathcal{C}$ . Here,  $\zeta(z_i) \in \mathcal{C}_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Consequently, every  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1\mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2\mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3\mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4\mathcal{C}_4$  be a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  and  $h_i(z)$  be a standard generator polynomial of  $\mathcal{C}_i$ . Then,*

$$\mathcal{C} = \langle h(z) \rangle \text{ and } |\mathcal{C}| = q^{4n - \sum_{i=0}^4 h_i(z)}, \text{ where } h(z) = \Delta_1h_1(z) + \Delta_2h_2(z) + \Delta_3h_3(z) + \Delta_4h_4(z) \text{ and } 1 \leq i \leq 4.$$

*Proof.* Given  $\mathcal{C}_i = \langle h_i(z) \rangle$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 4$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1\mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2\mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3\mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4\mathcal{C}_4$ . Let  $c \in \mathcal{C}$  be such that  $c = \{c(z) \mid \Delta_1h_1(z) + \Delta_2h_2(z) + \Delta_3h_3(z) + \Delta_4h_4(z) \text{ for } h_i(z) \in \mathcal{C}_i\}$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \langle \Delta_1h_1(z), \Delta_2h_2(z), \Delta_3h_3(z), \Delta_4h_4(z) \rangle \subseteq R[z]/\langle z^n - 1 \rangle$ . For any  $\Delta_1t_1(z)h_1(z) + \Delta_2t_2(z)h_2(z) + \Delta_3t_3(z)h_3(z) + \Delta_4t_4(z)h_4(z) \in \langle \Delta_1h_1(z) + \Delta_2h_2(z) + \Delta_3h_3(z) + \Delta_4h_4(z) \rangle \subseteq R[z]/\langle z^n - 1 \rangle$ , where  $t_1(z), t_2(z), t_3(z)$  and  $t_4(z) \in R[z]/\langle z^n - 1 \rangle$ , then there exist  $s_1(z), s_2(z), s_3(z)$  and  $s_4(z) \in \mathbb{F}_q[z]$  such that

$$\Delta_it_i(z) = \Delta_is_i(z),$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Hence,  $\langle \Delta_1 h_1(z), \Delta_2 h_2(z), \Delta_3 h_3(z), \Delta_4 h_4(z) \rangle \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ . This implies  $\langle \Delta_1 h_1(z), \Delta_2 h_2(z), \Delta_3 h_3(z), \Delta_4 h_4(z) \rangle = \mathcal{C}$ . Since  $|\mathcal{C}| = |\mathcal{C}_1||\mathcal{C}_2||\mathcal{C}_3||\mathcal{C}_4|$ , we have

$$|\mathcal{C}| = q^{4n - \sum_{i=0}^4 h_i(z)}.$$

□

**Theorem 3.3.** *Let  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1 \mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2 \mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3 \mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4 \mathcal{C}_4$  be a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ ; there exists a unique monic polynomial  $h(z) \in R[z]$  such that  $\mathcal{C} = \langle h(z) \rangle$  and  $h(z)$  divides  $(z^n - 1)$ . If  $h_i(z)$  is the standard generator polynomial of  $\mathcal{C}_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , then  $h(z) = \Delta_1 h_1(z) + \Delta_2 h_2(z) + \Delta_3 h_3(z) + \Delta_4 h_4(z)$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.2,  $\mathcal{C} = \langle \Delta_1 h_1(z), \Delta_2 h_2(z), \Delta_3 h_3(z), \Delta_4 h_4(z) \rangle$ , where  $h_i(z)$  is the generator polynomial of  $\mathcal{C}_i$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Let  $h(z) = \Delta_1 h_1(z) + \Delta_2 h_2(z) + \Delta_3 h_3(z) + \Delta_4 h_4(z)$ . From here,  $\langle h(z) \rangle \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ . Now,  $\Delta_i h_i(z) = \Delta_i h(z)$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , so  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \langle h(z) \rangle$ , hence  $\mathcal{C} = \langle h(z) \rangle$ . Since  $h_i(z)$  is a monic right divisor of  $(z^n - 1)$ , there are  $s_i(z) \in \mathbb{F}_q[z]/\langle z^n - 1 \rangle$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ , such that  $z^n - 1 = s_1(z)h_1(z) = s_2(z)h_2(z) = s_3(z)h_3(z) = s_4(z)h_4(z)$ . This shows that  $z^n - 1 = [\Delta_1 s_1(z) + \Delta_2 s_2(z) + \Delta_3 s_3(z) + \Delta_4 s_4(z)]h(z)$ , i.e.,  $h(z)|(z^n - 1)$ . Here, each  $h_i(z)$  is unique, and hence  $h(z)$  is unique.

□

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1 \mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2 \mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3 \mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4 \mathcal{C}_4$  be a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Then,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp = \Delta_1 \mathcal{C}_1^\perp \oplus \Delta_2 \mathcal{C}_2^\perp \oplus \Delta_3 \mathcal{C}_3^\perp \oplus \Delta_4 \mathcal{C}_4^\perp$  is also a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ .*

*Proof.*  $\mathcal{C}^\perp$  is a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , since  $\mathcal{C}$  is a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Now, we will show that  $\mathcal{C}^\perp = \Delta_1 \mathcal{C}_1^\perp \oplus \Delta_2 \mathcal{C}_2^\perp \oplus \Delta_3 \mathcal{C}_3^\perp \oplus \Delta_4 \mathcal{C}_4^\perp$ . Here,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . This implies  $\mathcal{C}$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Let  $T_1 = \{t_1 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \exists t_2, t_3, t_4 \text{ such that } \sum_{i=1}^4 t_i \Delta_i \in \mathcal{C}^\perp\}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp$  is uniquely expressed as  $\mathcal{C}^\perp = \bigoplus_{i=1}^4 \Delta_i T_i$ . Therefore,  $T_1 \subseteq \mathcal{C}_1^\perp$ . Conversely, let  $q \in \mathcal{C}_1^\perp$ .

This implies  $q \cdot s_1 = 0 \forall s_1 \in \mathcal{C}_1$ . Consider  $y = \sum_{i=1}^4 \Delta_i s_i \in \mathcal{C}$ . Now,  $\Delta_1 q \cdot y = \Delta_1 s_1 \cdot q = 0$ . This shows that  $\Delta_1 q \in \mathcal{C}_1^\perp$ . From the specific expression of  $\mathcal{C}^\perp$ , we obtain  $q \in T_1$ . From here,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq T_1$ . Therefore,  $\mathcal{C}_1^\perp = T_1$ . In the same manner,  $\mathcal{C}_i^\perp = T_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Hence,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp = \Delta_1 \mathcal{C}_1^\perp \oplus \Delta_2 \mathcal{C}_2^\perp \oplus \Delta_3 \mathcal{C}_3^\perp \oplus \Delta_4 \mathcal{C}_4^\perp$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3.1.** [9] *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with a generator polynomial  $h(z)$  that contains its dual if and only if*

$$z^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{h(z)h^*(z)},$$

where the reciprocal polynomial of  $h(z)$  is denoted by  $h^*(z)$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1 \mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2 \mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3 \mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4 \mathcal{C}_4$  be a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  and  $\mathcal{C} = \langle h(z) \rangle = \langle \sum_{i=1}^4 \Delta_i h_i(z) \rangle$ , where  $h_i(z)$  is the generator polynomial of  $\mathcal{C}_i$ . Then,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  if and only if*

$$z^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{h_i(z)h_i^*(z)},$$

where the reciprocal polynomial of  $h_i(z)$  is denoted by  $h_i^*(z)$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $z^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{h_i(z)h_i^*(z)}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Hence, by Lemma 3.1, we have  $\mathcal{C}_i^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}_i$ . From here, we can write  $\Delta_i \mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq \Delta_i \mathcal{C}_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Similarly,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp = \sum_{i=0}^4 \Delta_i \mathcal{C}_i^\perp \subseteq \sum_{i=0}^4 \Delta_i \mathcal{C}_i = \mathcal{C}$ . Conversely, assume  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  and  $\sum_{i=0}^4 \Delta_i \mathcal{C}_i^\perp \subseteq \sum_{i=0}^4 \Delta_i \mathcal{C}_i$ , but each  $\mathcal{C}_i$  is a cyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  such that  $\Delta_i \mathcal{C}_i \equiv \mathcal{C} \pmod{\Delta_i}$ . This implies that  $\mathcal{C}_i^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . By Lemma 3.1, we obtain

$$z^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{h_i(z)h_i^*(z)},$$

where the reciprocal polynomial of  $h_i(z)$  is denoted by  $h_i^*(z)$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 3.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C} = \Delta_1\mathcal{C}_1 \oplus \Delta_2\mathcal{C}_2 \oplus \Delta_3\mathcal{C}_3 \oplus \Delta_4\mathcal{C}_4$  be a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Then,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  if and only if  $\mathcal{C}_i^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}_i$  and  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ .*

## 4 Quantum codes over $\mathbf{R}$

The study of quantum codes over the ring  $R$  is the subject of this section. We start with the definition that follows: If  $m$  is a positive integer and  $p$  is a prime, then  $q = p^m$ . Let  $q$ -dimensional Hilbert space  $H(\mathbb{C})$  over the complex field  $\mathbb{C}$ . Then, the set of  $n$ -folded tensor products  $H(\mathbb{C})^n = \underbrace{H \otimes H \otimes \dots \otimes H}_{n\text{-times}}$  is also a  $q^n$ -dimensional Hilbert space.

**Definition 4.1.** [15] *A quantum code represented by  $[[n, k, d]]_q$  is defined as a subspace of  $H(\mathbb{C})^n$  with dimension  $q^k$  and minimum distance  $d$ . Moreover, we consider  $[[n, k, d]]_q$  to be better than  $[[n', k', d']]_q$  if either or both of the following conditions hold:*

- (i)  $d > d'$  whenever the code rate  $\frac{k}{n} = \frac{k'}{n'}$  (larger distance).
- (ii)  $\frac{k}{n} > \frac{k'}{n'}$ , whenever the distance  $d = d'$  (larger code rate).

**Lemma 4.1.** ([13], Theorem 3) (CSS Construction) *Let  $\mathcal{C}_1 = [n, k_1, d_1]_q$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2 = [n, k_2, d_2]_q$  be two linear codes over  $GF(q)$  with  $\mathcal{C}_2^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}_1$ . Furthermore, let  $d = \min\{\text{wgt}(v) : v \in (\mathcal{C}_1 \setminus \mathcal{C}_2^\perp) \cup (\mathcal{C}_2 \setminus \mathcal{C}_1^\perp)\} \geq \min(d_1, d_2)$ . Then, there exists a QEC code with the parameters  $[[n, k_1 + k_2 - n, d]]_q$ . In particular, if  $\mathcal{C}_1^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}_1$ , then there exists a QEC code with the parameters  $[[n, 2k_1 - n, d_1]]_q$ , where  $d_1 = \min\{\text{wgt}(v) : v \in (\mathcal{C}_1 \setminus \mathcal{C}_1^\perp)\}$ .*

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  and let the parameters of its Gray image be  $[4n, k, d_H]$ . If  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ , then there exists a QECC  $[[4n, 2k - 4n, d_H]]$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .*

## 5 Applications

In this section, we present some applications of the results proved in the previous sections. The Examples 5.1–5.3 and Table 1 demonstrate that our

results provide several quantum codes better than the existing quantum codes that appeared in references ([1], [2], [3], [4], [6], [10], and [16]). All of the computations involved in these examples are accomplished by using the Magma computation system [8]. We begin our discussions with the following:

**Example 5.1.** Let  $R = \mathbb{F}_7[u_1, u_2]/\langle u_1^2 - 1, u_2^2 - 1, u_1u_2 - u_2u_1 \rangle$  be a finite commutative ring,  $n = 7$  and  $\alpha = 1$ . Then,

$$z^7 - 1 = (z + 6)^7 \in \mathbb{F}_7[x].$$

Take

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(z) &= 1 \\ h_2(z) &= (z + 6) \\ h_3(z) &= (z + 6) \\ h_4(z) &= (z + 6)^6 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \\ 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here, matrix  $A$  satisfies the condition  $AA^T = 2I_{4 \times 4}$ , where  $A \in GL_4(\mathbb{F}_7)$  and  $I_{4 \times 4}$  is an identity matrix. The cyclic code  $\mathcal{C} = \langle \sum_{i=0}^4 \Delta_i h_i(z) \rangle$  is of length 7 over  $R$  and its Gray image is of length 28, dimension 20, and distance 7 over  $\mathbb{F}_7$ , i.e.,  $[28, 20, 7]_7$ . However,

$$z^7 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{h_i(z)h_i^*(z)},$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}$  by Theorem 3.5. In view of Theorem 4.1, we conclude that there exists a quantum code  $[[28, 12, 7]]_7$ . This quantum code is a new quantum code (see [5] for details).

**Example 5.2.** Let  $R = \mathbb{F}_{19}[u_1, u_2]/\langle u_1^2 - 4, u_2^2 - 1, u_1u_2 - u_2u_1 \rangle$  be a finite commutative ring,  $n = 19$  and  $\alpha = 2$ . Then,

$$z^{19} - 1 = (z + 18)^{19} \in \mathbb{F}_{19}[x].$$

Take

$$h_1(z) = (z + 18)$$

$$h_2(z) = (z + 18)^2$$

$$h_3(z) = (z + 18)^3$$

$$h_4(z) = (z + 18)^{14}$$

and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here, matrix  $A$  satisfies the condition  $AA^T = 5I_{4 \times 4}$ , where  $A \in GL_4(\mathbb{F}_{19})$  and  $I_{4 \times 4}$  is an identity matrix. The cyclic code  $\mathcal{C} = \langle \sum_{i=0}^4 \Delta_i h_i(z) \rangle$  is of length 19 over  $R$  and its Gray image is of length 76, dimension 56, and distance 15 over  $\mathbb{F}_{19}$ , i.e.,  $[76, 56, 15]_{19}$ . However,

$$z^{19} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{h_i(z)h_i^*(z)},$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . Application of Theorem 3.5 yields  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ . By Theorem 4.1, we conclude that there exists a quantum code  $[[76, 36, 15]]_{19}$  which has a larger code rate and larger minimum distance than the previous known quantum code  $[[76, 22, 11]]_{19}$  (see [2] for details). Hence, our quantum code  $[[76, 36, 15]]_{19}$  is better than the previous known quantum code  $[[76, 22, 11]]_{19}$  appeared in [2].  $[[76, 36, 15]]_{19}$  is also a new quantum code.

**Example 5.3.** Let  $R = \mathbb{F}_{13}[u_1, u_2] / \langle u_1^2 - 1, u_2^2 - 1, u_1 u_2 - u_2 u_1 \rangle$  be a finite commutative ring,  $n = 78$  and  $\alpha = 1$ . Then,

$$z^{78} - 1 = (z + 1)^{13}(z + 3)^{13}(z + 4)^{13}(z + 9)^{13}(z + 10)^{13}(z + 12)^{13} \in \mathbb{F}_{13}[x].$$

Take

$$h_1(z) = h_2(z) = (z + 1)^2(z + 4)$$

$$h_3(z) = h_4(z) = (z + 1)^2(z + 10)$$

and

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 9 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 9 \\ 9 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Here, matrix  $A$  satisfies the condition  $AA^T = 3I_{4 \times 4}$ , where  $A \in GL_4(\mathbb{F}_{13})$  and  $I_{4 \times 4}$  is an identity matrix. The cyclic code  $\mathcal{C} = \langle \sum_{i=0}^4 \Delta_i h_i(z) \rangle$  is of length 78 over  $R$  and its Gray image is of length 312, dimension 300, and distance 3 over  $\mathbb{F}_{13}$ , i.e.,  $[312, 300, 3]_{13}$ . However,

$$z^{78} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{h_i(z)h_i^*(z)},$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq 4$ . This implies that,  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}$ . In view of Theorem 4.1, we conclude that there exists a quantum code  $[[312, 288, 3]]_{13}$ , which has same minimum distance but larger code rate than the previous known quantum code  $[[312, 282, 3]]_{13}$  (see [10] for details). Therefore, our quantum code  $[[312, 288, 3]]_{13}$  is better than the previous known quantum code  $[[312, 282, 3]]_{13}$  appeared in [10].

**Table 1.** Quantum codes from cyclic codes over  $R$ .

$n$	$h_1(z)$	$h_2(z)$	$h_3(z)$	$h_4(z)$	$\eta(\mathcal{C})$	$[[n, k, d]]_q$	$[[n', k', d']]_q$
15	$z + 1$	$z + 1$	$z + 4$	$z + 4$	[60, 56, 2]	$[[60, 52, 2]]_5$	$[[60, 48, 2]]_5$ [3]
20	$(z + 1)^2$	$(z + 1)^2$	$(z + 1)$	$(z + 1)$	[80, 68, 3]	$[[80, 56, 3]]_5$	$[[80, 54, 3]]_5$ [6]
	$(z + 3)$	$(z + 3)$	$(z + 3)^2$	$(z + 3)^2$			
30	$(z + 4)$	$(z + 4)^2$	$(z^2 + z + 1)^2$	$(z^2 + z + 1)^2$	[120, 100, 3]	$[[120, 80, 3]]_5$	$[[120, 32, 3]]_5$ [16]
	$(z^2 + 4z + 1)^2$	$(z^2 + 4z + 1)^2$	$(z + 1)$	$(z + 1)$			
31	1	$z + 4$	$z + 4$	$(z^3 + 2z^2 + z + 4)$	[124, 115, 3]	$[[124, 106, 3]]_5$	$[[124, 100, 4]]_5$ [2]
	$(z^4 + 4z^2 + 3z + 4)$						
33	$(z^2 + z + 1)$	[132, 104, 4]	$[[132, 76, 4]]_5$	$[[132, 72, 2]]_5$ [4]			
	$(z^5 + 4z^4 + 4z^3 + z^2 + z + 4)$	$(z^5 + 4z^4 + 4z^3 + z^2 + z + 4)$	$(z^5 + 4z^4 + 4z^3 + z^2 + z + 4)$	$(z^5 + 4z^4 + 4z^3 + z^2 + z + 4)$			
40	$z + 3$	$z + 3$	$z + 4$	$z + 4$	[160, 156, 2]	$[[160, 152, 2]]_5$	$[[160, 146, 2]]_5$ [1]
42	$(z + 1)$	$(z + 1)$	$(z + 1)$	$(z + 1)$	[168, 140, 4]	$[[168, 112, 4]]_5$	$[[168, 96, 2]]_5$ [4]
	$(z^6 + 3z^4 + z^3 + 2z^2 + 4)$	$(z^6 + 3z^4 + z^3 + 2z^2 + 4)$	$(z^6 + 3z^4 + z^3 + 2z^2 + 4)$	$(z^6 + 3z^4 + z^3 + 2z^2 + 4)$			
45	$z + 4$	$z + 4$	$z + 4$	$z + 4$	[180, 176, 2]	$[[180, 172, 2]]_5$	$[[180, 166, 2]]_5$ [1]
24	1	$z + 2$	$z + 2$	$(z + 2)$	[96, 91, 3]	$[[96, 86, 3]]_7$	$[[96, 80, 3]]_7$ [2]
				$(z^2 + 2z + 2)$			
78	$(z + 1)^2$	$(z + 1)^2$	$(z + 1)^2$	$(z + 1)^2$	[312, 300, 3]	$[[312, 288, 3]]_{13}$	$[[312, 282, 3]]_{13}$ [10]
	$(z + 4)$	$(z + 4)$	$(z + 10)$	$(z + 10)$			
19	$z + 18$	$(z + 18)^2$	$(z + 18)^3$	$(z + 18)^{14}$	[76, 56, 15]	$[[76, 36, 15]]_{19}$	$[[76, 22, 11]]_{19}$ [2]

In Table 1, we present QEC codes by using cyclic codes  $\mathcal{C} = \langle \sum_{i=0}^4 \Delta_i h_i(z) \rangle$  of length  $n$  over  $R$ , where  $\mathcal{C}_i = \langle h_i(z) \rangle$  such that  $z^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{h_i(z)h_i^*(z)}$ ,

for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ . It is noted that our obtained QEC codes  $[[n, k, d]]_q$  are better than the existing quantum codes  $[[n', k', d']]_q$  collected from the different references mentioned in this article.

## 6 Conclusion

In this article, we discuss some of the structural properties of cyclic codes over the ring  $R = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2]/\langle u_1^2 - \alpha^2, u_2^2 - 1, u_1u_2 - u_2u_1 \rangle$ , where  $\alpha$  is the non-zero element of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Furthermore, we obtain better quantum codes than presented in [1], [2], [3], [4], [6], [10], and [16].

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