

# Linear codes over $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ and MacWilliams Identities

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## Abstract

Linear codes are considered over the ring  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ . Lee weights, Gray maps for these codes are defined and MacWilliams identities for the complete, symmetrized and Lee weight enumerators are proved.

**Key words:** MacWilliams identities, Weight enumerators, Gray map

## 1. Introduction

Linear codes are important part of coding theory and play a key role in error correction. They are more effective than other codes because they encode and decode rapidly. Thus they are most preferred codes because of their algebraic properties. Another important part of coding theory is the MacWilliams identity which relates the weight enumerator of linear code to the weight enumerator of its dual code. In [2], MacWilliams identity for  $\rho$  weight enumerator over linear codes in matrices is proved. In [1], MacWilliams identity for  $\rho$  complete weight enumerator of matrices with elements from ring  $F_q[u]/(u^r - a)$  where  $F_q$  denotes a finite field with  $q$  elements and  $a \in F_q$  is proved. Then, it is endowed to [3]. In [4] linear code are investigated over  $Z_4 + uZ_4$  and MacWilliams identities for a variety of weight enumerators are proved. In [5] Linear codes are studied over the ring  $F_p + uF_p + u^2F_p$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime. Also, Gray map and MacWilliams identity of linear codes are given.

This paper is organized as follows: In Section II we are considered linear codes over the ring  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4 = \{a + ub + u^2c \mid a, b, c \in Z_4\}$  with  $u^3 = u$  and we give definitions of Gray map, Lee distance, and dual code of linear code. In Section III we have studied complete, symmetrized and Lee weight enumerators and we proved MacWilliams identities for these weight enumerators.

## 2. Lee Weight and Gray Image of Linear Codes over $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$

**Definition 1:** A linear code  $C$  of length  $n$  over the ring  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  is defined by on  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ -submodule of  $(Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4)^n$ .

**Definition 2:** Let  $x = a + ub + u^2c$  be an element of  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ . Then the Lee weight of  $x$  is defined as follows;

$$w_L(x) = w_L((a, a + b + c, b))$$

Where  $w_L((a, a + b + c, b))$  denotes the Lee weight on  $Z_4^3$ . Lee Weight of a codeword

$x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in R^n$  is defined by rational sum of the Lee weight of its components; i.e.

$$w_L(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_L(x_i)$$

. For any  $x, y \in R^n$ , the Lee distance is given by  $d_L(x, y) = w_L(x - y)$ . The minimum Lee distance of  $C$  is the smallest nonzero Lee distance between all pairs of distinct codewords. The minimum Lee weight of  $C$  is the smallest nonzero Lee weight among all codewords. If  $C$  is linear, then minimum Lee weight is equal to minimum Lee distance.

**Definition 3:** The Gray map  $\varphi$  on  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi: Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4 &\rightarrow Z_4^3 \\ a + ub + u^2c &\rightarrow (a, a + b + c, b) \end{aligned}$$

where  $a, b, c \in Z_4$ . It is easy to verify that the Lee weight of  $C$  in  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  is the Lee weight of  $\varphi(C)$  in  $Z_4^3$ .

**Theorem 4:** The Gray map  $\varphi$  is a distance preserving linear isometry from  $(Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4, \text{Lee distance})$  to  $(Z_4^3, \text{Lee distance})$ .

**Corollary 5:** If  $C$  is linear code over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  of length  $n$ , then  $\varphi(C)$  linear code over  $Z_4^3$  of length  $3n$ .

### 2.3. The Dual of Linear Code

The inner product of  $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$  and  $y = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1})$  in  $R^n$  defined by;

$$\langle x, y \rangle = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i y_i$$

where the operations are performed in  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ .

**Definition 7:** If  $C$  is a linear code over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  of length  $n$ , then the dual code of  $C$  is defined as;

$$C^\perp = \{x \in (Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4)^n : \langle x, y \rangle = 0; \forall y \in C\}$$

### 3. Weight Enumerators and MacWilliams Identities

We label all the elements of  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  with  $n_i$  symbol for  $1 \leq i \leq 64$ .

Let  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4 = \{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{64}\}$  be given as

$$\begin{aligned} Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4 = \{ & 0, 1, 2, 3, u, 2u, 3u, u^2, 2u^2, 3u^2, 1+u, 1+2u, 1+3u, 1+u^2, 1+2u^2, 1+3u^2, 2+u, \\ & 2+2u, 2+3u, 2+u^2, 2+2u^2, 2+3u^2, 3+u, 3+2u, 3+3u, 3+u^2, 3+2u^2, 3+3u^2, u+u^2, u+2u^2, \\ & u+3u^2, 2u+u^2, 2u+2u^2, 2u+3u^2, 3u+u^2, 3u+2u^2, 3u+3u^2, 1+u+u^2, 1+u+2u^2, 1+u+3u^2, \\ & 1+2u+u^2, 1+2u+2u^2, 1+2u+3u^2, 1+3u+u^2, 1+3u+2u^2, 1+3u+3u^2, 2+u+u^2, 2+u+2u^2, \\ & 2+u+3u^2, 2+2u+u^2, 2+2u+2u^2, 2+2u+3u^2, 2+3u+u^2, 2+3u+2u^2, 2+3u+3u^2, \\ & 3+u+u^2, 3+u+2u^2, 3+u+3u^2, 3+2u+u^2, 3+2u+2u^2, 3+2u+3u^2, 3+3u+u^2, 3+3u+2u^2, \\ & 3+3u+3u^2\} \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 8:** Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  and  $n_i$  is any element of  $R$ .

For all  $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in R^n$  defined weight of  $c$  at  $a$  to be

$$s_{n_i}(c) = |\{j : c_j = n_i\}|$$

The complete weight enumerator of a linear code over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  is defined as;

$$cwe_C(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{64}) = \sum_{c \in C} X_1^{s_{n_1}(c)} X_2^{s_{n_2}(c)} \dots X_{64}^{s_{n_{64}}(c)}$$

Since some elements have some Lee weights, then we can define symmetrized weight enumerator as follows.

**Definition 9:** Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ . Then define the symmetrized weight enumerator of  $C$  as;

$$swe_C(X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6) = cwe_C(X_0, X_2, X_4, X_2, X_2, X_4, X_2, X_1, X_2, X_1, X_4, X_4, X_2, X_3, X_2, X_1, X_4, X_4, X_3, X_2, X_3, X_2, X_4, X_4, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_3, X_2, X_1, X_3, X_2, X_3, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_3, X_2, X_3, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_3, X_4, X_3, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_5, X_6, X_5, X_5, X_4, X_3, X_3, X_4, X_3, X_5, X_4, X_3, X_3, X_2, X_3)$$

Here  $X_i$  denotes the elements that have weight  $i$  where  $0 \leq i \leq 1$ .

**Definition 10:** Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ . Then Lee weight enumerator of  $C$  is given by

$$Lee_C(X_0, X_1) = \sum_{c \in C} X_1^{6n-w_L(c)} X_0^{w_L(c)}$$

Let  $c \in C$  be a codeword. If  $\alpha_i(c)$  denotes the number of elements of  $c$  with Lee weight  $i$ , then we obtain some results as follows;

- i)  $swe_C(X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6) = \sum_{c \in C} X_0^{\alpha_0(c)} X_1^{\alpha_1(c)} X_2^{\alpha_2(c)} X_3^{\alpha_3(c)} X_4^{\alpha_4(c)} X_5^{\alpha_5(c)} X_6^{\alpha_6(c)}$
- ii)  $w_L(c) = \alpha_1(c) + 2\alpha_2(c) + 3\alpha_3(c) + 4\alpha_4(c) + 5\alpha_5(c) + 6\alpha_6(c)$

**Theorem 11:** Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ . Then

$$Lee_C(X_0, X_1) = swe_C(X_1^6, X_1^5 X_0, X_1^4 X_0^2, X_1^3 X_0^3, X_1^2 X_0^4, X_1 X_0^5, X_0^6)$$

$$Lee_C(X_0, X_1) = Lee_{\varphi(C)}(X_0, X_1)$$

Now we define MacWilliams identities for complete, Lee and symmetrized weight enumerator. To find the identities we define the following character on  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$

**Definition 12:** Let  $I$  be non-zero ideal of  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ . Define  $\chi : I \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^*$  by

$\chi(a + ub + u^2c) = i^c$  where  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is the multiplicative group of unit complex number.  $\chi$  is a non-trivial character of  $I$  and hence we have  $\sum_{a \in I} \chi(a) = 0$ .

**Theorem 13:** Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  and suppose  $C^\perp$  is its dual. Then

$$cwe_{C^\perp}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{64}) = \frac{1}{|C|} cwe_C(G.(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{64})^T)$$

where  $G$  is an  $64 \times 64$  matrices defined by  $G(i, j) = \chi(n_i n_j)$ .

**Theorem 14:** Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  and suppose  $C^\perp$  is its dual. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
swe_{C^\perp}(X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5, X_6) &= \frac{1}{|C|} swe_C(X_0 + 6X_1 + 15X_2 + 20X_3 + 15X_4 + 6X_5 + X_6; \\
&X_0 + 4X_1 + 5X_2 - 5X_4 - 4X_5 - X_6; X_0 + 2X_1 - X_2 - 4X_3 - X_4 + 2X_5 + X_6; \\
&X_0 - 3X_2 + 3X_4 - X_6; X_0 - 2X_1 - X_2 + 4X_3 - X_4 - 2X_5 + X_6; \\
&X_0 - 4X_1 + 5X_2 - 5X_4 + 4X_5 - X_6; X_0 - 6X_1 + 15X_2 - 20X_3 + 15X_4 - 6X_5 + X_6)
\end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** The proof follows from Theorem 13 and the definition of symmetrized weight enumerator

**Theorem 15:** Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$  and suppose  $C^\perp$  is its dual. Then

$$Lee_C(X_0, X_1) = \frac{1}{|C|} Lee_{C^\perp}(X_0 + X_1, X_0 - X_1)$$

**Proof :** The proof follows from Theorem 11 and Theorem 14.

## Conclusions

In this paper we investigate linear codes over the ring  $Z_4 + uZ_4 + u^2Z_4$ . Lee weights, Gray maps for these codes are defined and MacWilliams identities for the complete, symmetrized and Lee weight enumerators are proved.

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