# Constant Composition Codes as Subcodes of Linear Codes

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#### Abstract

In this paper, on one hand, a class of linear codes with one or two weights is obtained. Based on these linear codes, we construct two classes of constant composition codes, which includes optimal constant composition codes depending on LVFC bound. On the other hand, a class of constant composition codes is derived from known linear codes.

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### 1 Introduction

Let p be an odd prime and q be a power of p. A linear [n, k, d] code over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a k-dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$  with minimum Hamming distance d. Let  $A_i$  denote the number of codewords with Hamming weight i in a linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  of length n. The weight enumerator of  $\mathcal{C}$  is defined by

$$1 + A_1 X + A_2 X^2 + \dots + A_n X^n.$$

The sequence  $(1, A_1, \dots, A_n)$  is called the weight distribution of the code C.

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Let  $D = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$ , where n, m are positive integers. Let Tr denote the trace function from  $\mathbb{F}_{p^m}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . We define a linear code of length n over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  by

$$\mathcal{C}_D = \{ c(a) = (\operatorname{Tr}(ad_1), \operatorname{Tr}(ad_2), \cdots, \operatorname{Tr}(ad_n) | a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \}.$$

This construction is generic in the sense that many classes of known codes could be produced by selecting the defining set  $D \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{p^m}$ . So, this technique could be employed to construct linear codes and cyclic codes in different ways (see [5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14– 21], and references theirin).

Let  $S = \{s_0, \dots, s_{q-1}\}$  be an alphabet of size q. An  $[n, M, d, (\omega_0, \omega_1, \dots, \omega_{q-1})_q]$ constant composition code(CCC) is a subset  $C \subset S^n$  of size M, minimal distance dand where the element  $s_i$  occurs exactly  $\omega_i$  times in each codeword in C.

Constant composition codes were studied already in the 1960s. Both algebraic and combinatorial constructions of CCCs have been proposed. For further information, the reader is referred to [1-4, 13].

The objective of this paper is to construct two classes of CCCs. A new constructions CCCs which are subcodes of linear codes (not cyclic codes) is proposed. On one hand, we define a class of linear codes  $C_{D(\alpha)}$  by a set  $D(\alpha)$ . The corresponding exponential sums have close relationship with Gauss sums. By using the technology of finite field, the parameters of linear codes  $C_{D(\alpha)}$  are obtained for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$  (see Theorem 3.2). Furthermore, we select a kind of set S and construct a class of CCCs whose parameters is presented (see Theorem 3.3). Some of these CCCs are optimal in the sense that they meet LFVC bound. On the other hand, a class of CCCs is constructed from known linear codes (see Theorem 4.2).

#### 2 Preliminaries

Throughout this paper, we let  $q = p^m$ , where *m* is a positive integer. Let  $\eta$  and  $\overline{\eta}$  be the quadratic multiplicative character on  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , respectively. Let  $\chi_1(\cdot) = \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(\cdot)}$  and  $\overline{\chi}_1 = \zeta_p^{(\cdot)}$  be the canonical additive characters on  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , respectively. We define  $\eta(0) = 0 = \overline{\eta}(0)$ , then the quadratic Gaussian sum  $G(\eta, \chi_1)$  on  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is defined by

$$G(\eta, \chi_1) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q} \eta(x) \chi_1(x),$$

and the quadratic Gaussian sum  $G(\overline{\eta}, \overline{\chi}_1)$  on  $\mathbb{F}_p$  is defined by

$$G(\overline{\eta}, \overline{\chi}_1) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p} \overline{\eta}(x) \overline{\chi}_1(x).$$

The following results are well known.

**Lemma 2.1.** [7] Let the notations be given as above, we have

$$G(\eta, \chi_1) = (-1)^{m-1} \sqrt{-1}^{(\frac{p-1}{2})^2 m} \sqrt{q}$$

and

$$G(\overline{\eta}, \overline{\chi}_1) = \sqrt{-1}^{(\frac{p-1}{2})^2} \sqrt{p}.$$

**Lemma 2.2.** [7] Let  $\chi$  be a nontrivial additive character of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , and let  $f(x) = a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$  with  $a_2 \neq 0$ . Then

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q} \chi(f(x)) = \chi(a_0 - a_1^2/(4a_2))\eta(a_2)G(\eta, \chi).$$

The conclusions of the following two lemmas are easy to obtain.

**Lemma 2.3.** If m is odd, then  $\eta(a) = \overline{\eta}(a)$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . If m is even, then  $\eta(a) = 1$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ .

**Lemma 2.4.** For each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$ , we let

$$N_{\alpha} = \#\{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} | \operatorname{Tr}(x) = \alpha\}.$$

Then  $N_{\alpha} = p^{m-1}$ .

We will need the following lemma.

**Lemma 2.5.** [6] With the notations given as above. For each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$ , let

$$N_{\alpha} = \#\{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} | \operatorname{Tr}(x^2) = \alpha\}$$

Then

$$N_{\alpha} = \begin{cases} p^{m-1}, & \text{if } m \text{ is odd and } \alpha = 0; \\ p^{m-1} - (-1)^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)^2 \frac{m}{2}} (p-1) p^{\frac{m-2}{2}}, & \text{if } m \text{ is even and } \alpha = 0; \\ p^{m-1} + \overline{\eta} (-\alpha) (-1)^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m+1}{2}\right)} p^{\frac{m-1}{2}}, & \text{if } m \text{ is odd and } \alpha \neq 0; \\ p^{m-1} + (-1)^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)^2 \frac{m}{2}} p^{\frac{m-2}{2}}, & \text{if } m \text{ is even and } \alpha \neq 0. \end{cases}$$

At the end of this section, we give the LFVC bound of constant composition code.

**Proposition 2.6.** [10] Assume  $nd - n^2 + \omega_0^2 + \omega_1^2 + \cdots + \omega_{p-1}^2 > 0$ . Then, an  $[n, M, d, (\omega_\beta)_{\beta \in \mathbb{F}_p}]$  CCC satisfies the following inequality

$$M \le nd/(nd - n^2 + \omega_0^2 + \omega_1^2 + \dots + \omega_{p-1}^2).$$

If

$$M = nd/(nd - n^{2} + \omega_{0}^{2} + \omega_{1}^{2} + \dots + \omega_{p-1}^{2}),$$

then we call CCC is optimal.

#### 3 The first construction

In this section, we will define a CCC as a subcode of linear code  $C_{D(\alpha)}$  defined by (3.1). Throughout this section, we always assume that m is a positive integer. The defining set  $D(\alpha)$  is given by

$$D(\alpha) = \{ d \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^* | \operatorname{Tr}(d) = \alpha \},\$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$ . Let  $n_{\alpha}$  be the length of linear code  $\mathcal{C}_{D(\alpha)}$ , where

$$\mathcal{C}_{D(\alpha)} = \{ c(a) = (\operatorname{Tr}(ad_1), \operatorname{Tr}(ad_2), \cdots, \operatorname{Tr}(ad_{n_\alpha}) | a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \}.$$
(3.1)

Then by Lemma 2.4, we have the following result.

**Lemma 3.1.** With the notations given as above, we have

$$n_{\alpha} = \begin{cases} p^{m-1} - 1, & \alpha = 0; \\ p^{m-1}, & otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 3.2. Let the notations be given as above.

• When  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_{D(0)}$  defined by (3.1) is a  $[p^{m-1} - 1, m - 1]$  code over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with the weight distribution as follows.

w eight	frequency
0	1
$p^{m-2}(p-1)$	$p^{m-1} - 1$

• When  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ ,  $\mathcal{C}_{D(\alpha)}$  defined by (3.1) is a  $[p^{m-1}, m]$  code over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  with the weight distribution as follows.

w eight	frequency
0	1
$p^{m-1}$	p - 1
$p^{m-2}(p-1)$	$p^m - p$

*Proof.* For  $a \neq 0$ , the Hamming weight of codeword c(a) is equal to

$$wt(c(a)) = n_{\alpha} - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{x \in D(\alpha)} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p} \zeta_p^{u \operatorname{Tr}(ax)}$$

$$= n_{\alpha} - \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{m}}^{*}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u \operatorname{Tr}(ax)} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{v (\operatorname{Tr}(x) - \alpha)}$$

$$= n_{\alpha} - \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{m}}^{*}} (1 + \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{u \operatorname{Tr}(ax)}) (1 + \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{v (\operatorname{Tr}(x) - \alpha)})$$

$$= n_{\alpha} - \frac{1}{p^{2}} (p^{m} - 1) - \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{m}}^{*}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{v (\operatorname{Tr}(x) - \alpha)} - \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{m}}^{*}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{u \operatorname{Tr}(ax)}$$

$$- \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{m}}^{*}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{u \operatorname{Tr}(ax)} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{v (\operatorname{Tr}(x) - \alpha)}$$

$$= n_{\alpha} - \frac{1}{p^{2}} (p^{m} - 1) + \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{-v\alpha} + \frac{1}{p^{2}} (p - 1)$$

$$- \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{-v\alpha} (\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^{m}}} \zeta_{p}^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)} - 1).$$
(3.2)

1) If  $\alpha = 0$ , from (3.2) and Lemma 3.1, we have

$$wt(c(a)) = n_0 - \frac{1}{p^2}(p^m - 1) + \frac{2}{p^2}(p - 1) - \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^m} (\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^m} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)} - 1)$$
  
$$= n_0 - p^{m-2} + 1 - \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^m} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^m} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)}$$
  
$$= n_0 - p^{m-2} + 1 - p^{m-2} \# \{u, v \in \mathbb{F}_p^* | au + v = 0\}$$
  
$$= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a \in \mathbb{F}_p^*; \\ p^{m-2}(p-1), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that when  $a \in \mathbb{F}_p$ , we have wt(c(a)) = 0. This implies that the dimension of linear code  $\mathcal{C}_{D(0)}$  is m - 1.

2) If  $\alpha \neq 0$ , then

$$\sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-v\alpha} = -1 \text{ and } \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-v\alpha} = -(p-1).$$

From (3.2) and Lemma 3.1, we get

$$wt(c(a)) = n_{\alpha} - p^{m-2} - \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-v\alpha} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^m} \zeta_p^{\text{Tr}((au+v)x)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} n_{\alpha} - p^{m-2} - p^{m-2} \sum_{\{u,v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*} \mid au+v=0\}} \zeta_{p}^{-v\alpha}, & \text{if } a \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}; \\ p^{m-2}(p-1), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
$$= \begin{cases} n_{\alpha} - p^{m-2} - p^{m-2} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{-v\alpha}, & \text{if } a \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}; \\ p^{m-2}(p-1), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
$$= \begin{cases} p^{m-1}, & \text{if } a \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}; \\ p^{m-2}(p-1), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that when  $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$ , we have wt(c(a)) > 0. This implies that the dimension of linear code  $\mathcal{C}_{D(\alpha)}$  is m.

The Code  $\mathcal{C}'_{\alpha}$  is defied by

$$\mathcal{C}'_{\alpha} = \{ c(a) \mid a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \setminus \mathbb{F}_p \}.$$
(3.3)

Denote the size of code  $C'_{\alpha}$  by  $M_{\alpha}$ . It is easy to check

$$M_{\alpha} = \begin{cases} p^{m-1} - 1, & \text{if } \alpha = 0; \\ p^m - p, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 3.3.** The code  $C'_{\alpha}$  defined by (3.3) is an  $[n_{\alpha}, M_{\alpha}, d, (\omega_{\beta})_{\beta \in \mathbb{F}_p}]$  CCC, where 1) in the case  $\alpha = 0$ :

$$n_{0} = p^{m-1} - 1;$$
  

$$M_{0} = p^{m-1} - 1;$$
  

$$\omega_{0} = p^{m-2} - 1;$$
  

$$\omega_{\beta} = p^{m-2} \quad for \ any \quad \beta \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*};$$
  

$$d = p^{m-2}(p-1);$$

2) in the case  $\alpha \neq 0$ :

$$n_{\alpha} = p^{m-1};$$
  

$$M_{\alpha} = p^{m} - p;$$
  

$$\omega_{\beta} = p^{m-2} \quad for \ any \quad \beta \in \mathbb{F}_{p};$$
  

$$d = p^{m-2}(p-1).$$

*Proof.* 1) Note that  $a \neq 0$ . If  $\alpha = 0$ , for any  $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ , we have

$$\begin{split} \omega_{\beta} &= \frac{1}{p} \sum_{x \in D(\alpha)} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)} \\ &= \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}m} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{v\operatorname{Tr}(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p}m} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{v\operatorname{Tr}(x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p}m} \zeta_{p}^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)} \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p}m} \zeta_{p}^{\operatorname{Tr}(aux)} + \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p}m} \zeta_{p}^{\operatorname{Tr}(vx)} \\ &+ \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p}m} \zeta_{p}^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)} \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p}m} \zeta_{p}^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)} \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}} \zeta_{p}^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p}m} \zeta_{p}^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)}. \end{split}$$

Note that  $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \setminus \mathbb{F}_p$ , then  $au + v \neq 0$  for any  $u, v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ . This implies that

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)} = 0.$$

Thus, we have  $\omega_{\beta} = p^{m-2}$ , for any  $\beta \neq 0$ . Recall  $n_0 = p^{m-1} - 1$ , then  $\omega_0 = p^{m-2} - 1$ . 2) If  $\alpha \neq 0$ , for any  $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$  and  $a \neq 0$ , then

$$\omega_{\beta} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{x \in D(\alpha)} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{pm}^{*}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{v(\operatorname{Tr}(x) - \alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{pm}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{v(\operatorname{Tr}(x) - \alpha)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{-u\beta} \zeta_{p}^{-v\alpha} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{pm}} \zeta_{p}^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)}$$

$$= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_pm} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(aux)} + \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-v\alpha} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_pm} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(vx)} + \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-u\beta} \zeta_p^{-v\alpha} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_pm} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)} = p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-u\beta} \zeta_p^{-v\alpha} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_pm} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)}.$$

Note that  $a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \setminus \mathbb{F}_p$ , then  $au + v \neq 0$  for any  $u, v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ . This leads to

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}((au+v)x)} = 0, \quad u, v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*.$$

Therefore,  $\omega_{\beta} = p^{m-2}$  for any  $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ . Recall  $n_{\alpha} = p^{m-1}$ , then  $\omega_0 = p^{m-1} - p^{m-2}(p-1) = p^{m-2}$ .

Denote by  $d_H(c(a_1), c(a_2))$  the Hamming distance of  $c(a_1)$  and  $(a_2)$ . For any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p$ , when  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  run through  $\mathbb{F}_{p^m} \setminus \mathbb{F}_p$  with  $a_1 \neq a_2$ , then  $a_1 - a_2$  runs through  $\mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$ . Therefore, the minimal distance of  $\mathcal{C}'$  is the same as that of  $\mathcal{C}$ , which is obtained by Theorem 3.2. This completes the proof.

**Remark 3.4.** When  $\alpha = 0$ , the parameters of code  $C'_0$  in above Theorem satisfy

$$n_0 d/(n_0 d - n_0^2 + \omega_0^2 + \omega_1^2 + \dots + \omega_{p-1}^2) = M_0.$$

Thus, we obtain a class of optimal CCCs. However, if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ , the parameters of code  $\mathcal{C}'_{\alpha}$  satisfy

$$n_{\alpha}d - n_{\alpha}^2 + \omega_0^2 + \omega_1^2 + \dots + \omega_{p-1}^2 = 0.$$

Therefore, the LFVC bound cannot be applied to measure the optimality of these CCCs. Note that for large m, code  $C'_{\alpha}$  has the same minimal distance d and length  $n_{\alpha}$ . In this sense, compared to  $C'_{0}$  which is optimal,  $C'_{\alpha}$  has more codewords with same minimal distance d for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{p}^{*}$ . This implies that  $C'_{\alpha}$  are excellent.

#### 4 The second construction

In this section, we let  $\tau = (-1)^{(\frac{p-1}{2})^2 \frac{m}{2}}$ , where *m* is even. The defining set *E* is given by

$$E = \{ d \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^* | \operatorname{Tr}(d^2) = 0 \}.$$

The linear code  $C_E$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{C}_E = \{ c(a) = (\operatorname{Tr}(ad_1), \operatorname{Tr}(ad_2), \cdots, \operatorname{Tr}(ad_n) | a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \}.$$
(4.1)

**Lemma 4.1.** [6] Then the code  $C_E$  defined by (4.1) over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  has parameters  $[p^{m-1} - \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - 1, m]$  and weight distribution in the following.

weight	frequency
0	1
$(p-1)p^{m-2}$	$p^{m-1} - \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - 1$
$(p-1)(p^{m-2} - \tau p^{\frac{m}{2}-1})$	$(p-1)\left(p^{m-1}+\tau p^{\frac{m}{2}-1}\right)$

Define set

$$S = \{a \in \mathbb{F}_{q^m} | \operatorname{Tr}(a^2) \neq 0\}$$

and code

$$\mathcal{C}'_E = \{c(a) \mid a \in S\}.$$

$$(4.2)$$

By Lemma 2.5, we obtain the size of S is  $p^m - p^{m-1} + \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1}$ . In the following, we give our main result.

**Theorem 4.2.** The code  $C'_E$  defined by (4.2) is a CCC with parameters  $[n, M, d, (\omega_\beta)_{\beta \in \mathbb{F}_p}]$  where

$$n = p^{m-1} - \tau (p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - 1;$$
  

$$M = p^m - p^{m-1} + \tau (p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1};$$
  

$$\omega_0 = p^{m-2} - 1;$$
  

$$\omega_\beta = p^{m-2} - \tau p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \text{ for any } \beta \in \mathbb{F}_p^*;$$
  

$$d = \begin{cases} (p-1)p^{m-2}, & \tau = -1; \\ (p-1)(p^{m-2} - p^{\frac{m}{2}-1}), & \tau = 1. \end{cases}$$

*Proof.* It is easy to see

$$n = p^{m-1} - \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - 1$$

and

$$M = p^{m} - p^{m-1} + \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1}.$$

For any  $\beta \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ , we have

$$\omega_{\beta} = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{x \in E} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{p^{2}} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{pm}^{*}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p}} \zeta_{p}^{v\operatorname{Tr}(x^{2})}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p} \zeta_p^{u(\operatorname{Tr}(ax) - \beta)} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p} \zeta_p^{v\operatorname{Tr}(x^2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p} \zeta_p^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(aux + vx^2)}$$

$$= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(aux)} + \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(vx^2)}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-u\beta} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(aux + vx^2)}.$$
(4.3)

Since  $a \cdot u \neq 0$ , then

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(aux)} = 0.$$

By Lemmas 2.2 and 2.3, together with  $a \in S$ , we have (4.3) is equal to

$$\begin{split} \omega_{\beta} &= p^{m-2} + \frac{p-1}{p^2} G(\eta, \chi_1) + \frac{1}{p^2} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{-u\beta} \zeta_p^{\operatorname{Tr}(-\frac{a^2u^2}{4v})} G(\eta, \chi_1) \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{p-1}{p^2} G(\eta, \chi_1) + \frac{1}{p^2} G(\eta, \chi_1) \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} (\sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p} \zeta_p^{-\beta u - \frac{\operatorname{Tr}(a^2)}{4v}u^2} - 1) \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^2} G(\eta, \chi_1) \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{F}_p} \zeta_p^{-\beta u - \frac{\operatorname{Tr}(a^2)}{4v}u^2} G(\overline{\eta}, \overline{\chi}_1) \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^2} G(\eta, \chi_1) \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \overline{\eta} (-\frac{\operatorname{Tr}(a^2)}{4v}) \zeta_p^{\frac{\beta^2 v}{\operatorname{Tr}(a^2)}} G(\overline{\eta}, \overline{\chi}_1) \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^2} G(\eta, \chi_1) G(\overline{\eta}, \overline{\chi}_1) \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \overline{\eta} (-1) \overline{\eta} (\frac{\beta^2 v}{\operatorname{Tr}(a^2)}) \zeta_p^{\frac{\beta^2 v}{\operatorname{Tr}(a^2)}} \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^2} G(\eta, \chi_1) G(\overline{\eta}, \overline{\chi}_1) \overline{\eta} (-1) \sum_{v \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \overline{\eta} (v) \zeta_p^v \\ &= p^{m-2} + \frac{1}{p^2} G(\eta, \chi_1) G^2(\overline{\eta}, \overline{\chi}_1) \overline{\eta} (-1) \\ &= p^{m-2} - (-1)^{(\frac{p-1}{2})^2} \overline{\eta} (-1) \tau p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} \\ &= p^{m-2} - \tau p^{\frac{m}{2}-1}. \end{split}$$

Note that  $n = p^{m-1} - \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - 1$ , then

$$\omega_0 = p^{m-2} - 1.$$

Denote by  $d_H(c(a_1), c(a_2))$  the Hamming distance of  $c(a_1)$  and  $(a_2)$ . When  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  run through S with  $a_1 \neq a_2$ , then  $a_1 - a_2$  runs through  $\mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$ . Therefore, the minimal distance of  $\mathcal{C}'_E$  is the same as that of  $\mathcal{C}_E$ . By Lemma 4.1, we finish the proof.

**Remark 4.3.** We can check that  $nd - n^2 + \omega_0^2 + \omega_1^2 + \cdots + \omega_{p-1}^2 < 0$  for  $\tau = \pm 1$ . Therefore, the LFVC bound cannot be applied to measure the optimality of these CCCs.

In a similar way, we can prove that  $\{c(a)|a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^* \setminus S\}$  is a CCC. However, this code has only  $p^{m-1} - \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m-2}{2}} - 1$  codewords which is fewer in comparison with  $\mathcal{C}'_E$ .

**Corollary 4.4.** The code  $\{c(a)|a \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^* \setminus S\}$  is a CCC with parameters  $[n, M', d, (\omega_\beta)_{\beta \in \mathbb{F}_p}]$ where

$$n = p^{m-1} - \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - 1;$$
  

$$M' = p^{m-1} - \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - 1;$$
  

$$\omega_0 = p^{m-2} - \tau(p-1)p^{\frac{m}{2}-1} - 1;$$
  

$$\omega_\beta = p^{m-2} \quad for \quad any \quad \beta \in \mathbb{F}_p^*;$$
  

$$d = \begin{cases} (p-1)p^{m-2}, & \tau = -1; \\ (p-1)(p^{m-2} - p^{\frac{m}{2}-1}), & \tau = 1. \end{cases}$$

### 5 Conclusion

In this paper, we obtained several classes of CCCs with exact parameters. One of them is optimal based on LFVC bound. However, the other CCCs cannot be measured by LFVC bound. The optimality of these CCCs is not clear. At the end, we mention that CCCs over  $\mathbb{F}_p$  obtained in this paper can be generalized to the case of CCCs over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

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