

## SKEW CYCLIC AND LCD CODES OVER $\mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q$

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we investigate skew cyclic and LCD codes over the ring  $R = \mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q$  ( $u^2 = u, v^2 = v, uv = vu = 0$ ), where  $q$  is a prime power. Using some decompositions of linear codes and their duals over ring  $R$ , we obtain the generator polynomials of skew cyclic and their dual codes over  $R$ . Finally, we address the relationship of LCD codes between  $R$  and  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . By means of the Gray map from  $R$  to  $\mathbb{F}_q^3$ , we obtain that Gray images of LCD codes over  $R$  are LCD codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

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### 1 Introduction

Cyclic codes over finite rings are important class from a theoretical and practical viewpoint. It was shown that certain good nonlinear binary codes could be found as images of linear codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  under the Gray map (see [1]). In [2], Zhu et al. studied constacyclic codes over ring  $\mathbb{F}_2 + v\mathbb{F}_2$ , where  $v^2 = v$ . We in [3] generated ring  $\mathbb{F}_2 + v\mathbb{F}_2$  to ring  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2 + v\mathbb{F}_2$ , where  $v^2 = v, u^2 = 0, uv = vu = 0$ , and studied the structure of cyclic of an arbitrary length  $n$  over this ring.

Boucher et al. in [4] initiated the study of skew cyclic codes over a noncommutative ring  $\mathbb{F}_q[x, \Theta]$ , called skew polynomial ring, where  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field and  $\Theta$  is a field automorphism of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Later, in [5], Abualrub and Seneviratne investigated skew cyclic codes over ring  $\mathbb{F}_2 + v\mathbb{F}_2$  with  $v^2 = v$ . Moreover, Gao [6] and Gursoy et al. [7] presented skew cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_p + v\mathbb{F}_p$  and  $\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q$  with different automorphisms, respectively. Recently, Yan, Shi and Solè in [8] investigated skew cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q + w\mathbb{F}_q$ .

In this work, let  $R$  denote the ring  $\mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q$  where  $u^2 = u, v^2 = v$  and  $uv = vu = 0$ . In Section 2, we give some properties of ring  $R$  and define the Gray map  $\varphi$  from  $R$  to  $\mathbb{F}_q^3$ . Moreover, we investigate some results about linear codes over  $R$ . In Section 3, we first give a sufficient and necessary condition which a code  $C$  is a skew cyclic code over  $R$ . We then characterize the generator polynomials of skew cyclic codes and their dual over  $R$ . Finally, in Section 4, we address the relationship of LCD codes between  $R$  and  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . By means of the

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## 2 Linear Codes Over $R$

The ring  $R$  is a finite commutative ring with characteristic  $p$  and it contains three maximal ideals which are

$$I_1 = \langle u, v \rangle, I_2 = \langle u - 1, v \rangle, I_3 = \langle u, v - 1 \rangle.$$

It is easy to verify that  $\frac{R}{I_1}$ ,  $\frac{R}{I_2}$ , and  $\frac{R}{I_3}$  are isomorphic to  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Therefore  $R \cong \mathbb{F}_q^3$ . This means that  $R$  is a principal ideal ring, i.e.,  $R$  is a Frobenius ring.

Let  $R^n = \{\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mid x_j \in R\}$  be  $R$ -module. A  $R$ -submodule  $C$  of  $R^n$  is called a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . We assume throughout that all codes are linear.

Let  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in R^n$ , the Euclidean inner product of  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  is defined as follows

$$\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{y} = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_n y_n.$$

We call  $C^\perp = \{\mathbf{x} \in R^n \mid \mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{c} = 0, \forall \mathbf{c} \in C\}$  as the dual code of  $C$ . Notice that  $C^\perp$  is linear if  $C$  is linear or not.

In [8], it was proved that for any linear code  $C$  over a finite Frobenius ring,

$$|C| \cdot |C^\perp| = R^n. \quad (2.1)$$

The Gray map  $\varphi : R^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^{3n}$  is defined by  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = (\beta(x_1), \dots, \beta(x_n))$  for  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ , where  $\beta(a + ub + vc) = (a, a + b, a + c)$  for  $a + ub + vc \in R$  with  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}_q$ . By using this map, we can define the Lee weight  $W_L$  and Lee distance  $d_L$  as follows.

**Definition 2.1** For any element  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in R^n$ , we define  $W_L(\mathbf{x}) = W_H(\varphi(\mathbf{x}))$ , where  $W_H$  denotes the ordinary Hamming weight for codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . The Lee distance  $d_L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  between two codewords  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  is the Lee weight of  $\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}$ .

**Lemma 2.2** The Gray map  $\varphi$  is a distance-preserving map from  $(R^n, \text{Lee distance})$  to  $(\mathbb{F}_q^{3n}, \text{Hamming distance})$  and also  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -linear.

**Proof** From the definition, it is clear that  $\varphi(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = \varphi(\mathbf{x}) - \varphi(\mathbf{y})$  for  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in R^n$ . Thus  $d_L(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = d_H(\varphi(\mathbf{x}), \varphi(\mathbf{y}))$ .

For any  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in R^n$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}_q$ , from the definition of the Gray map, we have  $\varphi(a\mathbf{x} + b\mathbf{y}) = a\varphi(\mathbf{x}) + b\varphi(\mathbf{y})$ , which implies that  $\varphi$  is an  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -linear map.

The following theorem is obvious.

**Theorem 2.3** If  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , size  $q^k$  and Lee distance  $d_L$ , then  $\varphi(C)$  is a linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  with parameters  $[3n, k, d_L]$ .

**Theorem 2.4** If  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then  $\varphi(C^\perp) = \varphi(C)^\perp$ . Moreover, if  $C$  is a self-dual code, so is  $\varphi(C)$ .

**Proof** Let  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{a}_1 + u\mathbf{b}_1 + v\mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{a}_2 + u\mathbf{b}_2 + v\mathbf{c}_2 \in C$  be two codewords, where  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{c}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{c}_2 \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ , and  $\cdot$  be the Euclidean inner product on  $R^n$  or  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$ . Then

$$\mathbf{x}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_2 = \mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 + (\mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{b}_2 + \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1 \mathbf{b}_2)u + (\mathbf{a}_1 \mathbf{c}_2 + \mathbf{a}_2 \mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{c}_1 \mathbf{c}_2)v$$

and

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdot \varphi(\mathbf{x}_2) = 3\mathbf{a}_1 \cdot \mathbf{a}_2 + (\mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{b}_2 + \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{b}_1\mathbf{b}_2) + (\mathbf{a}_1\mathbf{c}_2 + \mathbf{a}_2\mathbf{c}_1 + \mathbf{c}_1\mathbf{c}_2).$$

It is easy to check that  $\mathbf{x}_1 \cdot \mathbf{x}_2 = 0$  implies  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}_1) \cdot \varphi(\mathbf{x}_2) = 0$ . Therefore

$$\varphi(C^\perp) \subset \varphi(C)^\perp. \tag{2.2}$$

But by Theorem 2.3,  $\varphi(C)$  is a linear code of length  $3n$  of size  $|C|$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . So by usual properties of the dual of linear codes over finite fields, we know that  $|\varphi(C)^\perp| = \frac{q^{3n}}{|C|}$ . So (2.1), this implies

$$|\varphi(C^\perp)| = |\varphi(C)^\perp|. \tag{2.3}$$

Combining (2.2) with (2.3), we get the desired equality.

Let  $e_1 = 1 - u - v, e_2 = u, e_3 = v$ . It is easy to check that  $e_i e_j = \delta_{ij} e_i$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^3 e_k = 1$ ,

where  $\delta_{ij}$  stands for Dirichlet function, i.e.,  $\delta_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = j, \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j. \end{cases}$  According to [9], we have

$$R = e_1 R \oplus e_2 R \oplus e_3 R.$$

Now, we mainly consider some familiar structural properties of a linear code  $C$  over  $R$ . The proof of following results can be found in [10], so we omit them here.

Let  $A_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$  be codes over  $R$ . We denote

$$A_1 \oplus A_2 \oplus A_3 = \{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 | a_1 \in A_1, a_2 \in A_2, a_3 \in A_3\}.$$

If  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , we define that

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n | \text{there are } \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \text{ such that } e_1\mathbf{a} + e_2\mathbf{b} + e_3\mathbf{c} \in C\}, \\ C_2 &= \{\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n | \text{there are } \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \text{ such that } e_1\mathbf{a} + e_2\mathbf{b} + e_3\mathbf{c} \in C\}, \\ C_3 &= \{\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n | \text{there are } \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \text{ such that } e_1\mathbf{a} + e_2\mathbf{b} + e_3\mathbf{c} \in C\}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to verify that  $C_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$  are linear codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Furthermore,  $C = e_1 C_1 \oplus e_2 C_2 \oplus e_3 C_3$  and  $|C| = |C_1| |C_2| |C_3|$ . Throughout this paper,  $C_i (i = 1, 2, 3)$  will be reserved symbols referring to these special subcodes.

According to above definition and [10], we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5** If  $C = e_1 C_1 \oplus e_2 C_2 \oplus e_3 C_3$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then  $C^\perp = e_1 C_1^\perp \oplus e_2 C_2^\perp \oplus e_3 C_3^\perp$ .

The next theorem gives a computation for minimum Lee distance  $d_L$  of a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ .

**Theorem 2.6** If  $C = e_1 C_1 \oplus e_2 C_2 \oplus e_3 C_3$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then  $d_L(C) = \min\{d_H(C_1), d_H(C_2), d_H(C_3)\}$ .

**Proof** By Theorem 2.3, we have  $d_L(C) = d_H(\varphi(C))$ .

For any codeword  $\mathbf{x}$ , it can be written as  $\mathbf{x} = e_1\mathbf{a} + e_2\mathbf{b} + e_3\mathbf{c}$ , where  $\mathbf{a} \in C_1, \mathbf{b} \in C_2, \mathbf{c} \in C_3$ . Thus

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}) + (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{0}) + (\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{c}).$$

This means that  $d_L(C) = \min\{d_H(C_1), d_H(C_2), d_H(C_3)\}$ .

### 3 Skew Cyclic Codes Over $R$

Let  $R = \mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $q = p^m$ ,  $p$  is a prime. For integer  $0 \leq s \leq m$ , we consider the automorphisms

$$\begin{aligned}\Theta_s : \quad \mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q, \\ a + ub + vc &\rightarrow a^{p^s} + ub^{p^s} + vc^{p^s}.\end{aligned}$$

In this section, we first define skew polynomial rings  $R[x, \Theta_s]$  and skew cyclic codes over  $R$ . Next, we investigate skew cyclic codes over  $R$  through a decomposition theorem.

**Definition 3.1** We define the skew polynomial ring as  $R[x, \Theta_s] = \{a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n \mid a_i \in R, i = 0, 1, \dots, n\}$ , where the coefficients are written on the left of the variable  $x$ . The addition is the usual polynomial addition and the multiplication is defined by the rule  $xa = \Theta_s(a)x$  ( $a \in R$ ).

It is easy to prove that the ring  $R[x, \Theta_s]$  is not commutative unless  $\Theta_s$  is the identity automorphism on  $R$ .

**Definition 3.2** A linear code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $R$  is called skew cyclic code if for any codeword  $\mathbf{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C$ , the vector  $\Theta_s(\mathbf{c}) = (\Theta_s(c_{n-1}), \Theta_s(c_0), \dots, \Theta_s(c_{n-2}))$  is also a codeword in  $C$ .

The following theorem characterizes skew cyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.3** Let  $C = e_1C_1 \oplus e_2C_2 \oplus e_3C_3$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Then  $C$  is a skew cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$  if and only if  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are skew cyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , respectively.

**Proof** Suppose that  $x_i = e_1a_i + e_2b_i + e_3c_i$ , where  $a_i, b_i, c_i \in \mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ , and  $\mathbf{x} = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1})$ . Then

$$\mathbf{x} = e_1(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) + e_2(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) + e_3(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C.$$

Set  $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ ,  $\mathbf{b} = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$ ,  $\mathbf{c} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1})$ , thus  $\mathbf{x} = e_1\mathbf{a} + e_2\mathbf{b} + e_3\mathbf{c}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \in C_1$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in C_2$ ,  $\mathbf{c} \in C_3$ . If  $C$  is a skew cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , then

$$\Theta_s(\mathbf{x}) = e_1\Theta_s(\mathbf{a}) + e_2\Theta_s(\mathbf{b}) + e_3\Theta_s(\mathbf{c}) \in C.$$

Therefore  $\Theta_s(\mathbf{a}) \in C_1$ ,  $\Theta_s(\mathbf{b}) \in C_2$ ,  $\Theta_s(\mathbf{c}) \in C_3$ . This means that  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are skew cyclic codes.

Conversely, if  $C_i$  are skew cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , then

$$\Theta_s(\mathbf{x}) = e_1\Theta_s(\mathbf{a}) + e_2\Theta_s(\mathbf{b}) + e_3\Theta_s(\mathbf{c}) \in C.$$

This implies that  $C$  is a skew cyclic code over  $R$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $C = e_1C_1 \oplus e_2C_2 \oplus e_3C_3$  be a skew cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . Then

(1)  $C = \langle e_1g_1(x), e_2g_2(x), e_3g_3(x) \rangle$  and  $|C| = q^{3n - \sum_{i=1}^3 \deg g_i(x)}$ , where  $g_i(x)$  is a generator polynomial of skew cyclic codes  $C_i$  of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  for  $i=1, 2, 3$ .

(2) There is a unique polynomial  $g(x)$  such that  $C = \langle g(x) \rangle$  and  $g(x)|x^n - 1$ , where  $g(x) = e_1g_1(x) + e_2g_2(x) + e_3g_3(x)$ . Moreover, every left submodule of  $R[x, \Theta_s]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  is principally generated.

**Proof** (1) Since  $C_i = \langle g_i(x) \rangle \subset \mathbb{F}_q[x, \Theta_s]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  and  $C = e_1C_1 \oplus e_2C_2 \oplus e_3C_3$ ,  $C = \langle c(x) \mid c(x) = e_1f_1(x) + e_2f_2(x) + e_3f_3(x), f_i(x) \in C_i, i = 1, 2, 3 \rangle$ . Thus

$$C \subset \langle e_1g_1(x), e_2g_2(x), e_3g_3(x) \rangle.$$

On the other hand, for any  $e_1r_1(x)g_1(x) + e_2r_2(x)g_2(x) + e_3r_3(x)g_3(x) \in \langle e_1g_1(x), e_2g_2(x), e_3g_3(x) \rangle \subset R[x, \Theta_s]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$ , where  $r_1(x), r_2(x)$  and  $r_3(x) \in R[x, \Theta_s]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$ , there exist  $s_1(x), s_2(x)$  and  $s_3(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x, \Theta_s]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  such that  $e_1r_1(x) = e_1s_1(x), e_2r_2(x) = e_2s_2(x)$  and  $e_3r_3(x) = e_3s_3(x)$ . Hence

$$e_1r_1(x)g_1(x) + e_2r_2(x)g_2(x) + e_3r_3(x)g_3(x) = e_1s_1(x)g_1(x) + e_2s_2(x)g_2(x) + e_3s_3(x)g_3(x),$$

which implies that  $\langle e_1g_1(x), e_2g_2(x), e_3g_3(x) \rangle \subset C$ . Therefore  $C = \langle e_1g_1(x), e_2g_2(x), e_3g_3(x) \rangle$ .

In light of  $|C| = |C_1| |C_2| |C_3|$ , we have  $|C| = q^{3n - \sum_{i=1}^3 \deg g_i(x)}$ .

(2) Obviously,  $\langle e_1g_1(x) + e_2g_2(x) + e_3g_3(x) \rangle \subset \langle e_1g_1(x), e_2g_2(x), e_3g_3(x) \rangle$ .

Note that  $e_1g(x) = e_1g_1(x), e_2g(x) = e_2g_2(x)$  and  $e_3g(x) = e_3g_3(x)$ , we have  $C \subset \langle g(x) \rangle$ . Therefore,  $C = \langle g(x) \rangle$ .

Since  $g_1(x), g_2(x)$  and  $g_3(x)$  are monic right divisors of  $x^n - 1$ , there exist  $h_1(x), h_2(x)$  and  $h_3(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x, \Theta_s]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  such that  $x^n - 1 = h_1(x)g_1(x) = h_2(x)g_2(x) = h_3(x)g_3(x)$ . Therefore  $x^n - 1 = [e_1h_1(x) + e_2h_2(x) + e_3h_3(x)]g(x)$ . It follows that  $g(x)|x^n - 1$ . The uniqueness of  $g(x)$  can be followed from that of  $g_1(x), g_2(x)$  and  $g_3(x)$ .

Let  $g(x) = g_0 + g_1x + \dots + g_kx^k$  and  $h(x) = h_0 + h_1x + \dots + h_{n-k}x^{n-k}$  be polynomials in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x, \Theta_s]$  such that  $x^n - 1 = h(x)g(x)$  and  $C$  be the skew cyclic code generated by  $g(x)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x, \Theta_s]$ . Then the dual code of  $C$  is a skew cyclic code generated by the polynomial  $\bar{h}(x) = h_{n-k} + \Theta_s(h_{n-k-1})x + \dots + \Theta_s^{n-k}(h_0)x^{n-k}$  (see [11]).

**Corollary 3.5** Let  $C_1, C_2, C_3$  be skew cyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and  $g_1(x), g_2(x), g_3(x)$  be their generator polynomials such that

$$x^n - 1 = h_1(x)g_1(x) = h_2(x)g_2(x) = h_3(x)g_3(x)$$

in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x, \Theta_s]$ . If  $C = e_1C_1 \oplus e_2C_2 \oplus e_3C_3$ , then

(1)  $C^\perp = \langle \bar{h}(x) \rangle$  is also a skew cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , where  $\bar{h}(x) = e_1\bar{h}_1(x) + e_2\bar{h}_2(x) + e_3\bar{h}_3(x)$ , and  $|C^\perp| = q^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \deg g_i(x)}$ ;

(2)  $C$  is a self-dual skew cyclic code over  $R$  if and only if  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are self-dual skew cyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

**Proof** (1) In light of Theorem 2.5, we obtain  $C^\perp = e_1C_1^\perp \oplus e_2C_2^\perp \oplus e_3C_3^\perp$ .

Since  $C_1^\perp = \langle \overline{h_1(x)} \rangle$ ,  $C_2^\perp = \langle \overline{h_2(x)} \rangle$  and  $C_3^\perp = \langle \overline{h_3(x)} \rangle$ , we have  $C^\perp = \langle \overline{h(x)} \rangle$  and  $|C^\perp| = q^{\sum_{i=1}^3 \deg g_i(x)}$  by Theorem 3.2.

(2)  $C$  is a self-dual skew cyclic code over  $R$  if and only if  $g(x) = \overline{h(x)}$ , i.e.,  $g_1(x) = \overline{h_1(x)}$ ,  $g_2(x) = \overline{h_2(x)}$  and  $g_3(x) = \overline{h_3(x)}$ . Thus  $C$  is a self-dual skew cyclic code over  $R$  if and only if  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are self-dual skew cyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

**Example 1** Let  $\omega$  a primitive element of  $\mathbb{F}_9$  (where  $\omega = 2\omega + 1$ ) and  $\Theta$  be the Frobenius automorphism over  $\mathbb{F}_9$ , i.e.,  $\Theta(a) = a^3$  for any  $a \in \mathbb{F}_9$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} x^6 - 1 &= (2 + (2 + \omega)x + (1 + 2\omega)x^3 + x^4)(1 + (2 + \omega)x + x^2) \\ &= (2 + x + (2 + 2\omega)x^2 + x^3)(1 + x + 2\omega x^2 + x^3) \in \mathbb{F}_9[x; \Theta]. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $g_1(x) = 2 + (2 + \omega)x + (1 + 2\omega)x^3 + x^4$  and  $g_2(x) = g_3(x) = 2 + x + (2 + 2\omega)x^2 + x^3$ . Then  $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$  and  $C_2 = C_3 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle$  are skew cyclic codes of length 6 over  $\mathbb{F}_9$  with dimensions  $k_1 = 2, k_2 = k_3 = 3$ , respectively. Take  $g(x) = e_1g_1(x) + e_2g_2(x) + e_3g_3(x)$ , then  $C$  is a skew cyclic code of length 6 over  $R$ . Thus the Gray image of  $C$  is a  $[18, 8, 4]$  code over  $\mathbb{F}_9$ .

#### 4 LCD Codes over $R$

Linear complementary dual codes (which is abbreviated to LCD codes) are linear codes that meet their dual trivially. These codes were introduced by Massey in [12] and showed that asymptotically good LCD codes exist, and provide an optimum linear coding solution for the two-user binary adder channel. In [13], Sendrier indicated that linear codes with complementary-duals meet the asymptotic Gilbert-Varshamov bound. They are also used in counter measure to passive and active side channel analyses on embedded crypto-systems (see [14]). In recent, we in [15] investigated LCD codes finite chain ring. Motivated by these works, we will consider the LCD codes over  $R$ .

Suppose that  $f(x)$  is a monic (i.e., leading coefficient 1) polynomial of degree  $k$  with  $f(0) = c \neq 0$ . Then by monic reciprocal polynomial of  $f(x)$  we mean the polynomial  $\tilde{f}(x) = c^{-1}f^*(x)$ .

We recall a result about LCD codes which can be found in [16].

**Proposition 4.1** If  $g_1(x)$  is the generator polynomial of a cyclic code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , then  $C$  is an LCD code if and only if  $g_1(x)$  is self-reciprocal (i.e.,  $\tilde{g}_1(x) = g_1(x)$ ) and all the monic irreducible factors of  $g_1(x)$  have the same multiplicity in  $g_1(x)$  and in  $x^n - 1$ .

**Theorem 4.2** If  $C = e_1C_1 \oplus e_2C_2 \oplus e_3C_3$  is a linear code over  $R$ , then  $C$  is a LCD code over  $R$  if and only if  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are LCD codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

**Proof**  $C$  is a LCD code over  $R$  if and only if  $C \cap C^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . By Theorem 2.5, we know that  $C \cap C^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$  if and only if  $C_1 \cap C_1^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ ,  $C_2 \cap C_2^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , and  $C_3 \cap C_3^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ , i.e.,  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are LCD codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

By means of Proposition 4.1 and above theorem, we have the following corollary.

**Corollary 4.3** Let  $C = e_1C_1 \oplus e_2C_2 \oplus e_3C_3$  is a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ , and let  $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$ ,  $C_2 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle$  and  $C_3 = \langle g_3(x) \rangle$  be cyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Then  $C$  is a LCD code over  $R$  if and only if  $g_i(x)$  is self-reciprocal (i.e.,  $\tilde{g}_i(x) = g_i(x)$ ) and all the monic irreducible factors of  $g_i(x)$  have the same multiplicity in  $g_i(x)$  and in  $x^n - 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Theorem 4.4** A linear code  $C \subset R^n$  is LCD if and only if the linear code  $\varphi(C) \subset \mathbb{F}_q^{3n}$  is LCD.

**Proof** If  $\mathbf{x} \in C \cap C^\perp$ , then  $\mathbf{x} \in C$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in C^\perp$ . It follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \in \varphi(C)$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \in \varphi(C^\perp)$ . Hence  $\varphi(C \cap C^\perp) \subset \varphi(C) \cap \varphi(C^\perp)$ .

On the other hand, if  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \in \varphi(C) \cap \varphi(C^\perp)$ , then there are  $\mathbf{y} \in C$  and  $\mathbf{z} \in C^\perp$  such that  $\varphi(\mathbf{x}) = \varphi(\mathbf{y}) = \varphi(\mathbf{z})$ . Since  $\varphi$  is an injection,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{z} \in C \cap C^\perp$ , which implies that

$$\varphi(\mathbf{x}) \in \varphi(C \cap C^\perp), \text{ i.e., } \varphi(C) \cap \varphi(C^\perp) \subset \varphi(C \cap C^\perp).$$

Thus  $\varphi(C) \cap \varphi(C^\perp) = \varphi(C \cap C^\perp)$ .

By Theorem 2.3, we  $\varphi(C \cap C^\perp) = \varphi(C) \cap \varphi(C^\perp)$ . It follows that  $C \subset R^n$  is LCD if and only if the linear code  $\varphi(C) \subset \mathbb{F}_q^{3n}$  is LCD.

**Example 2**  $x^4 - 1 = (x+1)(x+2)(x+w^2)(x+w^6)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_9$ . Let  $g_1(x) = g_2(x) = g_3(x) = x+1$ . Then  $C_1 = C_2 = C_3 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$  are LCD cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_9$  with parameters  $[4, 3, 2]$ , respectively. Suppose that  $C = e_1C_1 \oplus e_2C_2 \oplus e_3C_3$  is a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $R$ . By Theorem 2.6 and Theorem 4.5,  $\varphi(C)$  is a LCD code with parameters  $[12, 9, 2]$ , which is an optimal code.

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## 环 $\mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q$ 上的斜循环码和LCD码

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**摘要:** 本文研究了环 $R = \mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q$  ( $u^2 = u, v^2 = v, uv = vu = 0$ )上的斜循环码和LCD码, 其中 $q$ 为素数幂. 利用线性码与其对偶码在环 $R$ 上的分解, 得到了环 $R$ 上斜循环码及其对偶码的生成多项式. 最后, 讨论了环 $R$ 与有限域 $\mathbb{F}_q$ 上LCD码的关系, 通过环 $R$ 到域 $\mathbb{F}_q^3$ 的Gray映射, 得到了环 $R$ 上LCD码的Gray像是 $\mathbb{F}_q$ 上的LCD码.

**关键词:** 斜循环码; LCD码; 对偶码

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