

## A New Approach of Free Cyclic Linear Codes over Commutative Finite Chain Rings

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### Abstract

In this work, we generalize the approach of J. Bierbrauer [4] to the theory of cyclic codes over Galois field to commutative finite chain rings. This approach is based on the action of Galois group over set of Teichmüller of a commutative finite chain ring.

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### INTRODUCTION

The theory of cyclic codes over finite chain rings has been investigated in [5] and J. Bierbrauer gave in [4] a new approach of construction of cyclic codes over finite field using the function trace when the characteristic of the ring and the length of code are prime. This approach is elegant because that it uses the act of Galois group on the set of roots of the polynomial.

Let  $S$  and  $R$  be two finite chain rings such that  $R \subseteq S$ , so  $S$  is a Galois extension of  $R$ . It denotes by  $r$  the degree and  $Aut_R(S)$  the Galois group of the extension  $S$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $S$ -linear code of length  $n$ , two new  $R$ -linear codes can be obtained from  $\mathcal{C}$ . The first construction is the subcode of code  $\mathcal{C}$  over  $R$  and second construction is the image of  $\mathcal{C}$  by the trace map of the extension  $S$  of  $R$ . Both constructions of linear codes

over Galois extensions of  $R$ , give us the family of complexified linear codes. Additional information on Galois Theory on the finite chain ring can be found in [3] and linear codes over finite chain rings have been investigated by T. Honold and I. Landjev in [6]. The purpose of this paper is to show that free linear cyclic codes are trace of a complexified code and we specify that this complexified code is an idea of the ring equipped with Hadamard's product  $(S^n; +, *)$  when the characteristic of the ring and the length of code are prime.

This paper organizes as follows: Section II is an investigation on the linear trace codes, Section III gives and proves the main result.

### LINEAR TRACE CODES

Let  $R$  be a commutative, finite chain ring,  $J(R)$  is its maximal ideal,  $m$  the nilpotency index of  $J(R)$ ,  $\gamma$  a generator of  $J(R)$  and  $\pi : R \rightarrow GF(q)$ , the canonical epimorphism.

**Lemma.2.1.** [1], prop.2.1] Let  $R$  be a commutative finite chain ring. Then there exists an element  $b$  of  $R^\times$  of order  $q - 1$  such that  $\pi(b)$  is a primitive element of  $GF(q)$  and  $\Gamma(R) := \langle b \rangle \cup \{0_R\}$  is a complete system of representatives of  $R$  under congruence modulo  $J(R)$  in  $R$ .

We call  $\Gamma(R) := \langle b \rangle \cup \{0_R\}$  the set of Teichmüller's representatives of  $R$  under congruence modulo  $m_R$ . Moreover the restriction of  $\pi$  at  $\Gamma(R)$  is an one to one map.

The complexified of  $R$ -linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  is the least  $S$ -linear code containing  $\mathcal{C}$  and we denote it  $Ext^S(\mathcal{C}) := \langle \mathcal{C} \rangle_S$ . The subring subcode of  $S$ -linear code  $\mathcal{C}'$  of length  $n$  and trace of  $S$ -linear code  $\mathcal{C}'$  are the  $R$ -linear codes defined by:  $ResR(\mathcal{C}') := \mathcal{C} \cap R^n$  and  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}')$  respectively. We introduce the notion of algebraic duality on  $R^n$  by:

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

for any  $x := (x_0; x_1; \dots; x_{n-1})$  and  $y := (y_0; y_1; \dots; y_{n-1})$  in  $R^n$ .

The  $R$ -submodule of  $R^n$  defined by

$$\mathcal{C}^\perp := \{x \in R^n; \forall y \in \mathcal{C}; \langle x; y \rangle = 0\}$$

is called dual  $R$ -linear code of  $\mathcal{C}$ . For any  $R$ -linear code  $\mathcal{C}_1$  such that  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{C}_1$ . In [6], T. Honold and I. Landjev shown that  $(\mathcal{C}^\perp)^\perp = \mathcal{C}$  and  $\mathcal{C}_1^\perp \subseteq \mathcal{C}^\perp$ .

**Definition.2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $R$ -linear code of length  $n$ . We call a generator matrix of  $R$ -linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  over  $R$ , a matrix whose rows form an  $R$ -generator family and minimal of  $R$ -linear code  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{B} := (b_0; b_1; \dots; b_{m-1})$  be an  $R$ -basis of the Galois extension  $S$  of  $R$ . Then

$$\mathcal{B}^* := (b_0^*; b_1^*; \dots; b_{m-1}^*) = (b_0; b_1; \dots; b_{m-1}) T^{-1}$$

is the  $R$ -trace-dual basis of  $\mathcal{B}$ . Where  $T := \left( Tr_R^S(b_i b_j) \right)_{ij}$  is an  $m \times m$  - singular matrix over  $R$ .

In thesequel,  $\mathcal{B} := (b_0; b_1; \dots ; b_{m-1})$  be a  $R$ -basis of the Galois extension  $S|R$  and  $\mathcal{B}^* := (b_0^*; b_1^*; \dots ; b_{m-1}^*)$  the  $R$ -trace-dual basis of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

**Lemma.2.1.** Let  $x$  be an element of  $S^n$ : Then

$$x = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} Tr_S^R(b_j^* x) b_j.$$

**Proof.** There exists an unique  $(x_0; x_1; \dots ; x_{m-1}) \in R^n$  such that

$$x = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} x_j b_j \text{ and } Tr_R^S(b_i^* x) = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} Tr_R^S(b_i^* b_j) x_j = x_i;$$

since  $\sum_{j=0}^{m-1} Tr_R^S(b_i^* b_j) = \delta_{ij}$ .

**Proposition.2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $S$ -linear code. Then  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \langle Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}) \rangle_S$ .

**Proof.** Let  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then for all  $i \in \{0; 1; \dots ; m - 1\}$ ; via the equality of Lemma.2.1, we obtain  $c = \sum_{j=0}^{m-1} Tr_S^R(u_j^* c) b_j$  and  $Tr_S^R(u_j^* c) \in Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C})$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \langle Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}) \rangle_S$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $S$ -linear code. From Proposition.2.1, we always have  $rank_S(\mathcal{C}) \leq rank_R(Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}))$ .

**Definition 2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $S$ -linear code. We say that  $\mathcal{C}$  is complexified over  $R$  if  $\mathcal{C} = \langle Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}) \rangle_S$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** (Generalization of Delsarte's Theorem[2]) Let  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \langle Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}) \rangle_S$  be an  $S$ -linear code. Then  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}^\perp) = Res_R(\mathcal{C})^\perp$ .

**Proof** Let us show that  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}^\perp) \subseteq Res_R(\mathcal{C}^\perp)$ . Let  $a \in \mathcal{C}^\perp$  and  $c \in Res_R(\mathcal{C}^\perp)$ . Then  $\langle c, Tr_R^S(a) \rangle = Tr_R^S(\langle a, c \rangle) = 0$ . From which the result.

Let us show  $Res_R(\mathcal{C}^\perp) \subseteq Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}^\perp)$ . According to Proposition.2.2, we obtain  $\mathcal{C}^\perp \subseteq Ext_S(Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}^\perp))$ , From which

$$Res_R(\mathcal{C}^\perp) \subseteq Res_R(Ext_S(Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}^\perp))),$$

since  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}^\perp)$  is an  $R$ -linear code, we obtain  $Res_R(\mathcal{C}^\perp) \subseteq Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}^\perp)$ . We have done.

**Remark 2.2.**

- i. In [Prop.3.13[5]], G.H. Norton and A. Sălăgean shown that an  $R$ -linear code is free if, and only if its dual is an  $R$ -linear free code. By Theorem. 2.1, we obtain that an  $S$ -linear code is free if, and only if its trace is free a  $R$ -linear free code.

ii. Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $R$ -linear code. by Theorem. 2.1, we obtain

$$\mathcal{C} = Tr_R^S(Ext_S(\mathcal{C}));$$

for any Galois extension  $S|R$ .

**Definition 2.4.** We denote by  $\sigma$  the generator of Galois group  $Aut_R(S)$  of Galois extension  $S|R$ . Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $S$ -linear is Galois invariant if  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C}$ .

The following theorem gives the Characteristics proprieties of  $S$ -linear complexified codes over  $R$ .

**Theorem.2.2.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a  $S$ -linear code of the length  $n$ . The following conditions are equivalent.

- $\mathcal{C}$  is complexified over  $R$ ;
- $\mathcal{C}$  possess a generator matrix over  $R$ ;
- $\mathcal{C} = Ext_R^S(Res_R(\mathcal{C}));$

The code  $\mathcal{C}$  is Galois invariant;

$$Res_R(\mathcal{C}) = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C});$$

$$Res_R(\mathcal{C})^\perp = Res_R(\mathcal{C}^\perp).$$

**Proof.** (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) If  $\mathcal{C}$  is complexified over  $R$ , then  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C})$  is an  $S$ -generator family of  $\mathcal{C}$ : As  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq R^n$ ; we obtain the result.

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) It's straightforward.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iv) Suppose that  $\mathcal{C} = Ext_S(Res_R(\mathcal{C}))$ . Let  $\{u_0; u_1; \dots; u_{r-1}\}$  be an  $R$ -generator family and minimal of  $Res_R(\mathcal{C})$ . Then

$$Ext_S(Res_R(\mathcal{C})) = \langle \{u_0; u_1; \dots; u_{r-1}\} \rangle_S.$$

As, for all  $i \in \{0; 1; \dots; r-1\}$ ;  $\sigma(u_i) = u_i$ ; we obtain  $\sigma(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C}$ .

(iv)  $\Rightarrow$  (v) Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is an  $S$ -linear code  $\mathcal{G}$ -invariant. Let  $c \in \mathcal{C}$ . Then

$$Tr_R^S(c) = \sum_{\kappa \in Aut_R(S)} \kappa(c) \in \mathcal{C}$$

and  $Tr_R^S(c) \in R^n$ ; therefore  $Tr_R^S(c) \in Res_R(\mathcal{C})$  and  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq Res_R(\mathcal{C})$ . From which Proposition 2.2, we obtain  $Res_R(\mathcal{C}) \subseteq Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C})$ : From which  $Res_R(\mathcal{C}) = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C})$ .

(v)  $\Rightarrow$  (vi) Using the Theorem. 2.1, we have  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C}) = Res_R(\mathcal{C}^\perp)^\perp$  and  $Res_R(\mathcal{C}) = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{C})$ . We obtain  $Res_R(\mathcal{C}^\perp) = Res_R(\mathcal{C})^\perp$ .

(vi)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): By Theorem.2.1 and considering the hypothesis, we have done.

**MAIN RESULTS**

Let  $R$  be a finite chain ring and  $GF(q)$  its residual field,  $n \geq 2$  an integer such that  $gcd(q; n) = 1$ ;  $m$  be a multiplicative order of  $q$  modulo  $n$ . Denote by  $S$  a Galois extension of  $R$  such that  $rank_R(S) = m$  and  $H$  a multiplicative subgroup of  $\Gamma(S)^*$  order  $n$  of generator  $\xi$  and;  $\emptyset \neq A \subseteq Z/nZ := \{0; 1; \dots; n\}$ . The coordinate wise multiplication on  $S^n$  is defined by  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} := (a_1 b_1; \dots; a_n b_n)$  for  $\mathbf{a} := (a_1; \dots; a_n) \in S^n$  and  $\mathbf{b} := (b_1; \dots; b_n) \in S^n$ . The module  $S^n$  with this multiplication becomes a commutative ring with the unit  $\mathbf{1} := (1; \dots; 1)$ . Consider the isomorphism of the rings and of the  $S$ -modules

$$ev_\xi : (S_n[X]; +, \times) \rightarrow (S^n; +, *, \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1})$$

$$P \mapsto (\tilde{P}(\xi^0); \tilde{P}(\xi^a); \dots; \tilde{P}(\xi^{(n-1)a}))$$

where  $S_n[X] := S[X]/(X^n - 1)$ .

In the sequel, we regard the ideal  $J(A) := ev_\xi(\langle \{X^a | a \in A\} \rangle)$  of the ring  $S^n$  and we give some properties of the ideal  $J(A)$ . The subgroup  $H = \langle \xi \rangle$  is the set of the roots of  $X^n - 1$ . The Galois group

$$\mathcal{G} := \{ \sigma^j : x \mapsto x^{q^j} : 0 \leq j \leq m - 1 \}$$

of the extension  $S|R$  acts on  $H$  in the following natural way:

$$\sigma^j(\xi^i) = \xi^{iq^j \bmod n};$$

Therefore the orbits of this action are  $b_q(\xi^{i_\ell}) := \{ \sigma^j(\xi^{i_\ell}) | 0 \leq j \leq m - 1 \}$ ; denoted  $t$  is the number of the orbits of this action and  $0 \leq \ell \leq t - 1$ . From G. Ganske and B. R. McDonald in [3]; G.H. Norton and A. Sălăgean in [5], the polynomial  $X^n - 1$  over  $S$  has a unique factorizations into  $b$ -polynomials over  $R$ . Therefore

$$X^n - 1 = \prod_{\ell=0}^{t-1} f_\ell$$

where the  $f_\ell$  are the  $b$ -polynomial over  $R$ , we obtain

$$f_\ell := \prod_{w \in Orb_q(\xi^{i_\ell})} (X - w)$$

With  $\xi^{i_\ell}$  a root of  $f_\ell$ .

Consider the Zech's logarithm of basis  $\xi$ , defined by

$$Log_\xi : H \rightarrow Z/nZ$$

$$\xi^i \mapsto i \bmod n$$

The sets  $\mathcal{Z}_q(i) := Log_\xi(Orb_q(\xi^i))$  are called cyclotomic cosets of  $q$  modulo  $n$ . We denote  $\widetilde{\mathcal{Z}_q(i)}$  a coset of the representatives of the cyclotomic coset of  $\mathcal{Z}_q(i)$ ;

$$\tilde{A} := \bigcup_{\ell \in \tilde{Z}_q \cap A} Z_q(\ell) \text{ and } \tilde{Z}_q := \bigcup_{\substack{\ell \equiv iq^j \pmod n \\ 0 \leq j \leq m-1 \\ 0 \leq i \leq n-1}} \widetilde{Z}_q(\ell)$$

**Definition 3.1.** The code  $\mathcal{C}$  of length  $n$  is cyclic if

$$(c_0; c_1; \dots; c_{n-2}; c_{n-1}) \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow (c_{n-1}; c_0; c_1; \dots; c_{n-3}; c_{n-2}) \in \mathcal{C}.$$

**Proposition.3.1.** Let  $\emptyset \neq A \subset Z/nZ$ . Then the following assertions hold.

The  $S$ -linear code  $\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})$  is free, cyclic and complexified over  $R$ ;

$$Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})) = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A));$$

$$\mathcal{J}(A)^\perp = \mathcal{J}(-\bar{A}).$$

**Proof.** Let's prove (i). The set  $\{X^a | a \in \tilde{A}\}$  is an  $S$ -independent family of  $S_n[X]$ . As  $ev_\xi$  is an  $S$ -isomorphism, the set  $\{ev_\xi(X^a) | a \in \tilde{A}\}$  is a  $S$ -basis of  $\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})$ . Since the order of  $\xi$  is  $n$ ; it's straightforward to prove that  $\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})$  is cyclic.

We have  $\sigma(\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})) = \langle \{ \sigma(ev_\xi(X^a)) | a \in \tilde{A} \} \rangle_S$  and  $\sigma(ev_\xi(X^a)) = ev_\xi(X^{qa})$ . As  $a \in \tilde{A} \Leftrightarrow qa \in \tilde{A}$ ; we obtain  $\sigma(\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})) = \mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})$ . From Theorem.2.2,  $\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})$  is complexified over  $R$ .

Let's prove (ii). Let  $a$  be an element of  $\tilde{A}$ . Then there exists  $b \in A$  such that  $a = q^i b$  for some  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ : Thus

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_R^S(ev_\xi(X^a)) &= Tr_R^S(ev_\xi(X^{q^i b})); \\ &= Tr_R^S(\sigma(ev_\xi(X^b))); \\ &= Tr_R^S((ev_\xi(X^b))); \end{aligned}$$

because  $Tr_R^S \circ \sigma = \sigma \circ Tr_R^S = Tr_R^S$ .

The previous equality prove that  $r_S^R(\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})) = Tr_S^R(\mathcal{J}(A))$ .

Let's prove (iii). Let  $a$  be an element of  $-\bar{A}$  and  $b \in A$ . Then  $0 < a - b < n$  and

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \xi^{(b-a)i} = 0$$

Therefore  $\mathcal{J}(A)^\perp \supseteq \mathcal{J}(-\bar{A})$ . As  $\mathcal{J}(A)$  and  $\mathcal{J}(-\bar{A})$  are  $S$ -free, we have

$$rank_S(\mathcal{J}(A)^\perp) = rank_S(\mathcal{J}(-\bar{A})) = n - |A|; \text{ we obtain } \mathcal{J}(A)^\perp = \mathcal{J}(-\bar{A}).$$

**Remark 3.1.**[[5].Chap.4] An  $R$ -linear code  $\mathcal{C}$  over  $R$  of length  $n$  is cyclic if  $\mathcal{C}$  is identified to an ideal of the quotient ring  $R_n[X] = R[X]/(X^n - 1)$  and if  $gcd(q; n) = 1$  then  $R_n[X]$  is a principal ring. Let  $g$  be a divisor of  $X^n - 1$ , we denote

$$Spec(g) = \{ \xi^i \in H | g(\xi^i) = 0 \}.$$

**Proposition 3.2.** The  $R$ -linear code  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))$  of length  $n$  is free and  $rank_R(Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))) = |\tilde{A}|$ .

**Proof.** Proposition. [3.1, (i) and (ii)] gives  $Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})) = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))$  and  $\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})$  is complexified over  $R$ , from Theorem. 2.2, we obtain the result

$$rank_R(Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))) = rank_S(\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A})) = |\tilde{A}|.$$

**Proposition.3.3.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $R$ -linear cyclic free code of generator polynomial  $g$ . The complexified of  $\mathcal{C}$  is  $\mathcal{J}(-\bar{A})$ ; where  $A = Log_\xi(Spec(g))$ .

**Proof.** We have  $\mathcal{J}(-\bar{A}) = \langle \{P_b(X) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \xi^{ib} X^i \mid b \in -\bar{A}\} \rangle_S$ . For all  $a \in A$ ;  $-b \in \bar{A}$ ; we obtain  $P_b(\xi^a) = 0$ ; because  $0 < a - b < n$ . Thus  $g$  divides all  $P_b(X)$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{J}(-\bar{A}) \subseteq Ext_S(\mathcal{C})$ . As

$$rank_S(\mathcal{J}(-\bar{A})) = rank_S(Ext_S(\mathcal{C})) = n - |A|;$$

it has the equality.

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $R$ -linear cyclic free code of generator polynomial  $g$ .

Then

$$\mathcal{C} = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))^\perp, \text{ where } A = Log_\xi(Spec(g)).$$

**Proof.** Suppose that  $\mathcal{C}$  is a free cyclic linear code over  $R$ . Then G.H. Norton and A. Sălăgean shown in [5],  $\mathcal{C} = id(g)$  where  $g \in R[X]$  is a divisor of  $X^n - 1$

Let  $p(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} p_i X^i$  be a word code of  $\mathcal{C}$ . We have  $\langle p(X); ev_\xi(X^a) \rangle = p(\xi^a)$

for all  $a \in A := Log_\xi(Spec(g))$ . As  $g$  divides  $p$ , we obtain  $p(\xi^a) = 0$ . Therefore  $p(X) \in Res_R(\mathcal{J}(A)^\perp)$ . By Theorem.2.1, we obtain

$$Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))^\perp = Res_R(\mathcal{J}(A)^\perp)$$

and as  $A = \tilde{A}$ , we deduce from Proposition.3.1 and Theorem.2.2 that  $Res_R(\mathcal{J}(A)^\perp) = Res_R(\mathcal{J}(A))^\perp$ . We obtain  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))^\perp$ . Therefore  $\mathcal{C} = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))^\perp$ ; because

$$rank_R(\mathcal{C}) = rank_R(Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))^\perp) = n - |\tilde{A}|$$

**Corollary 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be an  $R$ -linear cyclic free code with generator polynomial  $g$ . Then  $\mathcal{C} = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(-\bar{A}))$ , where  $A = Log_\xi(Spec(g))$ .

**Proof.** By Theorem.3.1, we have  $\mathcal{C} = Tr_R^S(\mathcal{J}(A))^\perp$ , where  $A = Log_\xi(Spec(g))$ . Therefore by Proposition.3.1 and Theorems.2.1 and Theorems.2.2, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{C} &= \text{Tr}_R^S(\mathcal{J}(\tilde{A}))^\perp; \\
&= \text{Res}_R(\mathcal{J}(-\tilde{A}))^\perp; \\
&= \text{Res}_R(\mathcal{J}(-\tilde{A}));
\end{aligned}$$

Finally  $\mathcal{C} = \text{Tr}_R^S(\mathcal{J}(-\tilde{A}))$ , since  $\tilde{A} = A$ .

## CONCLUSION AND PERSPECTIVES

After this work, we characterize cyclic codes over finite chain rings using the trace function. A problem arises for the characterization of a cyclic code with this method and this problem will be the subject of the next work.

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