

# Codes over rings / Mass formulas

Let  $R$  be a finite ring. (e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}_m := \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ )

1) **code**: an  $R$ -submodule of  $R^n := \{(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \mid x_i \in R\}$

2) **codeword**: element of a code

3) Two vectors  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  are **orthogonal** if their Euclidean inner product is zero. i.e.

$$x \cdot y = \sum_i x_i y_i = 0$$

Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a code over a ring  $R$ .

1) **dual** of  $\mathcal{C}$ :

$$\mathcal{C}^\perp := \{y \in R^n \mid x \cdot y = 0, \forall x \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

(Remark:  $\mathcal{C}^\perp$  is a code.)

2) If  $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{C}^\perp$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is **self-orthogonal**.

3) If  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}^\perp$ ,  $\mathcal{C}$  is **self-dual**.

The weight distribution of a code is important. Let  $A(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n A_i x^i$  and  $B(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n B_i x^i$  where  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  denote the number of codewords of Hamming weight  $i$  in  $C$  and its dual  $C^\perp$ , respectively.

For binary linear codes the MacWilliams identities hold:

$$B(x) = \frac{1}{|C|} (1+x)^n A\left(\frac{1-x}{1+x}\right).$$

# non-linear codes with many codewords

Encoding and decoding using non-linear codes are more difficult because such codes have no structure. But with given length and minimum distance, we can sometimes get non-linear codes that are larger than linear codes (with same length and distance).

For example, the largest linear binary code with length  $n = 16$  and  $d = 6$  has dimension  $k = 7$  (i.e. size = 128 codewords.). In fact, it is known that there is no binary linear code  $[16, 8, 6]_2$ .

But in 1967, a binary but non-linear  $(16, 256, 6)$  binary code was found by Nordstrom and Robinson. The code has a high degree of regularity and symmetry, and has twice as many codewords as the best linear code with the same length 16 and minimum distance 6.

# larger families of codes

Generalizations of the Nordstrom-Robinson code were later found:

(1968) Preparata codes  $P(m)$  (for odd  $m \geq 3$ ):

$$(2^{m+1}, 2^{2^{m+1}-2m-2}, 6)$$

(1972) Kerdock codes  $K(m)$  (for odd  $m \geq 3$ ):

$$(2^{m+1}, 2^{2m+2}, 2^m - 2^{\frac{m-1}{2}})$$

Other generalizations: Goethals, Delsarte & Goethals, Hergert:

Goethals, *Two dual families of nonlinear binary codes*, Electronic Letters **10** (1974), 471-472.

Goethals, *Nonlinear codes defined by quadratic forms over  $GF(2)$* , Inform. Control **31** (1976), 43-74.

Delsarte and Goethals, *Alternating bilinear forms over  $GF(q)$* , J. Combin. Theory A **19** (1975), 26-50.

Hergert, *On the Delsarte-Goethals codes and their formal duals*, Discrete Math. **83** (1990), 249-263.

# “duality” of Preparata and Kerdock codes

Interesting observations:

- 1) Preparata and Kerdock codes intersect at Nordstrom-Robinson
- 2) Being non-linear, Preparata and Kerdock codes cannot be dual to each other. But

$$|P(m)| \cdot |K(m)| = 2^{2^{m+1}}.$$

- 3) The weight enumerators of  $P(m)$  and  $K(m)$  satisfy the MacWilliams identity.

William Kantor: “just a mere coincidence!”

Berkelamp (ed.), Key Papers in the Development of Coding Theory, IEEE Press, NY (1974).

No coincidence!

Recent interest in codes over **rings** is due to the discovery that the non-linear binary codes (with good parameters) can be constructed as images of codes over the finite ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4 := \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ .

Thus, despite lack of structure, the non-linear binary codes have an elementary construction



# Lee weight and Lee distance

A **linear code of length**  $n$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  is an additive subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_4^n$ .

The **Lee weight**  $w_L$  of an element of  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  is given by:

$$\begin{array}{rcccc} x & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ w_L(x) & 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \end{array}$$

We extend  $w_L$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_4^n$ :

$$w_L(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_L(a_i)$$

for  $a = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{Z}_4^n$ .

The **Lee distance**  $d_L(u, v)$  between  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}_4^n$  is

$$d_L(u, v) := w_L(u - v).$$

The **Lee weight enumerator** of a linear code  $C \subset \mathbb{Z}_4^n$  is

$$Lee_C(x, y) = \sum_{u \in C} x^{2n - w_L(u)} y^{w_L(u)}$$

**MacWilliams identity:**

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

**Definition.** The **Gray map**  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_4 \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^2$  is given by

$$0 \longmapsto 00, \quad 1 \longmapsto 01, \quad 2 \longmapsto 11, \quad 3 \longmapsto 10.$$

We can extend this to  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_4^n \longmapsto \mathbb{Z}_2^{2n}$ .

The map

$$\phi : (\mathbb{Z}_4^n, w_L) \longmapsto (\mathbb{Z}_2^{2n}, w_H)$$

is a isometry of metric spaces.

# The $\mathbb{Z}_4$ -octacode

Let  $(\mathcal{O})$  (the **octacode**) be the linear  $(2^3, 256, 6)$  code over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  with generator matrix

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 2 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The image  $\phi((\mathcal{O}))$  of the octacode under the Gray map is the Nordstrom-Robinson code!

Hammons, Kumar, Calderbank, Sloane, Sole. "The  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ -linearity of Kerdock, Preparata, Goethals, and related codes", IEEE Trans. Inform. Theory **40** (1994), 301-319.

# duality between Preparata and Kerdock

Hammons, Kumar, Calderbank, Sloane, Sole:

The Preparata and Kerdock codes are Gray images of two cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  that are duals of each other.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} C & \longrightarrow & \phi(C) \\ \text{dual} \downarrow & & \\ C^\perp & \longrightarrow & \phi(C^\perp). \end{array}$$

Although  $\phi(C)$  and  $\phi(C^\perp)$  are non-linear, their weight enumerators are related by the MacWilliams identity.

Two codes of same length over  $\mathbb{Z}_p^s$  are *equivalent* if one can be obtained from the other by permutation of coordinates, possibly followed by multiplication of some coordinates by  $-1$ .

$\mathcal{C}_1 \approx \mathcal{C}_2 \iff \exists n \times n$  matrix  $P$  such that

$$\mathcal{C}_1 = \mathcal{C}_2 P := \{cP \mid c \in \mathcal{C}_2\}$$

where  $P$  has exactly one entry  $\pm 1$  in every row and in every column and all other entries are zero.

# Counting the number of codes (Mass formula)

The number of codes *equivalent* to a code  $\mathcal{C}$  of length  $n$  is

$$\frac{|E_n|}{|\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})|},$$

where  $E_n$  is the group of all sign-permutations and  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})$  is the automorphism group of  $\mathcal{C}$ , i.e. the group of all sign-permutations that send  $\mathcal{C}$  to itself. Thus the number of *distinct* self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$  of length  $n$  is given by

$$N_{p^s}(n) = \sum_{[\mathcal{C}]} \frac{2^n n!}{|\text{Aut}(\mathcal{C})|} = \sum_{\mathcal{C}} 1,$$

where the first sum runs over all inequivalent self-dual codes  $[\mathcal{C}]$ . We wish to find a more explicit formula for  $N_{p^s}(n)$ . This is called the **mass formula**.

# What is it for?

The mass formula

$$N_{p^s}(n) = \sum_{[C]} \frac{|E_n|}{|Aut(C)|},$$

is important for the computation of the number of inequivalent classes and classification of self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$ .



# What has been done?

- In 1993, Conway and Sloane classified all self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  up to length  $n = 9$ , without the aid of a mass formula.
- Mass formula for self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  ( Gaborit. *IEEE Transactions Information Theory*, 1996)
- Classification of all self-dual  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ -codes with  $n \leq 15$  (Fields, Gaborit, Leon, Pless. *IEEE Transactions Information Theory*, 1998)

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- Mass formula for self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ , odd prime  $p$ :  
(Balmaceda, Betty, Nemenzo. *Discrete Mathematics*, 2008).

**Theorem.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime. If  $N_{p^2}(n)$  is the number of distinct self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$  of length  $n$  then

$$N_{p^2}(n) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor} \sigma_p(n, k) p^{\frac{k(k-1)}{2}},$$

where  $\sigma_p(n, k)$  is the number of distinct self-orthogonal codes over  $\mathbf{F}_p$  of dimension  $k$ .

- Classification of all self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_9$  (for lengths  $n \leq 8$  for  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ ,  $n \leq 7$  for  $\mathbb{Z}_{25}$  and  $n \leq 6$  for  $\mathbb{Z}_{49}$ )

# How is classification done?

To count the number of inequivalent codes of given length  $n$ :

- 1 Set  $SUM = 0$
- 2 Find a self-dual code  $\mathcal{C}_1$  of length  $n$
- 3 Compute  $|Aut(\mathcal{C}_1)|$ ,  $SUM = SUM + \frac{2^n n!}{|Aut(\mathcal{C}_1)|}$
- 4 For every  $j = 2, 3, \dots$ , find a self-dual code  $\mathcal{C}_j$ , not equivalent to  $\mathcal{C}_1, \dots, \mathcal{C}_{j-1}$ , and compute  $|Aut(\mathcal{C}_j)|$ , and  $SUM = SUM + \frac{2^n n!}{|Aut(\mathcal{C}_j)|}$
- 5 Compare  $SUM$  to mass formula. If  $SUM <$  mass formula, go to step (4); if  $SUM =$  mass formula, done. There are  $j$  inequivalent classes of codes.

# An example

Classify self-dual codes of length  $n = 8$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ :

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Therefore there are 16 inequivalent self-dual codes of length 8 over  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ .

# Codes over $\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$ , for primes $p$

A code  $\mathcal{C}$  of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$  has a generator matrix which can be written as

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} I_k & A_2 & A_3 & A_4 \\ 0 & pI_l & pB_3 & pB_4 \\ 0 & 0 & p^2I_m & p^2C_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A \\ pB \\ p^2C \end{bmatrix}$$

$I_i$ :  $i \times i$  identity matrix

$$A_3 = A_{30} + pA_{31}$$

$$B_4 = B_{40} + pB_{41}$$

$$A_4 = A_{40} + pA_{41} + p^2A_{42}$$

$A_2$ ,  $B_3$ ,  $C_4$ ,  $A_{ij}$  and  $B_{ij}$  have entries from  $\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$

Columns have sizes  $k$ ,  $l$ ,  $m$  and  $h$ , with  $n = k + l + m + h$ .

$\mathcal{C}$  has  $p^{3k+2l+m}$  codewords.

The dual code  $\mathcal{C}^\perp$  is of type  $\{h, m, l\}$  and has  $p^{3h+2m+l}$  codewords.

Thus: whenever  $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}^\perp$ ,  $k = h$  and  $l = m$ .

A self-dual code then is of even length  $n = 2(k + l)$ .

We can characterize self-dual codes:

**Proposition.** Let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a code over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$ . Then  $\mathcal{C}$  is a self-dual code if and only if  $k = h$ ,  $l = m$  and the following hold:

$$AA^t \equiv 0 \pmod{p^3} \quad (1)$$

$$AB^t \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2} \quad (2)$$

$$BB^t \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad (3)$$

$$AC^t \equiv 0 \pmod{p}. \quad (4)$$

(We shall examine conditions (1)-(4) further, in terms of the matrices over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .)

# Constructing self-dual codes from below

**Proposition.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime. A self-dual code over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$  can be induced from a self-dual code  $\mathcal{C}_1$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ; there are  $p^{k(\frac{n}{2}-1)}$  self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$  corresponding to each subspace of  $\mathcal{C}_1$  of dimension  $k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2}$ ).

**Proposition.** Let  $p = 2$ . Define  $\varepsilon$  as follows: 1) if  $\vec{1}_n \in A$  and  $8 \mid n$ , then  $\varepsilon = 1$ ; 2) if  $\vec{1}_n \notin A$ , then  $\varepsilon = 0$ . Any self-dual code over  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^3}$  is induced from a self-dual code  $\mathcal{C}_1$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . There are  $2^{kl+k^2+\varepsilon}$  self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_{2^3}$  corresponding to each subspace of dimension  $k$  ( $0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{2}$ ) of  $\mathcal{C}_1$ .

# The number of underlying self-dual codes over $\mathbb{Z}_p$

**Lemma.** (Pless, 1965) Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $\sigma_p(n, k)$  the number of self-orthogonal codes of even length  $n$  and dimension  $k$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . Then :

- ① If  $(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}}$  is a square,

$$\sigma_p(n, k) = \frac{(p^{n-k} - p^{n/2-k} + p^{n/2} - 1) \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} (p^{n-2i} - 1)}{\prod_{i=1}^k (p^i - 1)}, \quad k \geq 1.$$

- ② If  $(-1)^{\frac{n}{2}}$  is not a square ,

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# The number of subspaces

**Lemma.** Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over the integers modulo  $p$ . The number  $\rho(n, k)$  of subspaces  $T \subset V$  of dimension  $k \leq n$  is given by

$$\rho(n, k) = \frac{(p^n - 1)(p^n - p)\dots(p^n - p^{k-1})}{(p^k - 1)(p^k - p)\dots(p^k - p^{k-1})}.$$

**Theorem.** Let  $N_{p^3}(n)$  denote the number of distinct self-dual codes of even length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p^3$ . (Nagata, Nemenzo, Wada. *Designs, Codes and Cryptography*, 2009).

1. If  $p$  is odd then

$$N_{p^3}(n) = \left(1 + \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) \prod_{i=1}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \frac{p^{n-2i} - 1}{p^i - 1} \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}} \left(\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{p^{n-i} - 1}{p^{k-i} - 1}\right) p^{k(\frac{n}{2}-1)}.$$

2. If  $n \equiv 2, 6 \pmod{8}$  then

$$N_8(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \left(\prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{2^{n-2i-2} - 1}{2^{i+1} - 1}\right) \left(\prod_{i=k}^{\frac{n}{2}-2} \frac{2^{n-2i-2} - 1}{2^{i+1-k} - 1}\right) 2^{\frac{kn}{2}}.$$



3. If  $n \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$  then

$$N_8(n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \left( \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{2^{n-2i-2} - 2^{\frac{n}{2}-i-1} - 2}{2^{i+1} - 1} \right) \left( \prod_{i=k}^{\frac{n}{2}-2} \frac{2^{n-2i-2} - 1}{2^{i+1-k} - 1} \right) 2^{\frac{kn}{2}}.$$

4. If  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} N_8(n) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \left( \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} \frac{2^{n-2i-2} + 2^{\frac{n}{2}-i-1} - 2}{2^{i+1} - 1} \right) \left( \prod_{i=k}^{\frac{n}{2}-2} \frac{2^{n-2i-2} - 1}{2^{i+1-k} - 1} \right) 2^{\frac{kn}{2}} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\frac{n}{2}} \left( \prod_{i=0}^{k-2} \frac{2^{n-2i-3} + 2^{\frac{n}{2}-i-2} - 1}{2^{i+1} - 1} \right) \left( \prod_{i=k}^{\frac{n}{2}-1} \frac{2^{n-2i} - 1}{2^{i+1-k} - 1} \right) 2^{\frac{kn}{2}+1}. \end{aligned}$$

# A (partial) classification of self-dual codes over $\mathbb{Z}_8$ and $\mathbb{Z}_9$ by Gulliver, et.al.

Dougherty, Gulliver and Wong. *Self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ . Designs, Codes and Cryptography* 41 (Nov 2006):

- $n = 2$ . There is only one self-dual code over  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  of length 2.

$$G_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

- $n = 4$ . There is only one self-dual code over  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  of length 4.

$$G_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- $n = 6$ . One self-dual code over  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  of length 6.

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# Example: self-dual codes over $\mathbb{Z}_8$ with $n = 6$ , $k = 2$ , $l = 1$ .

We start with a self-dual binary code

$$\begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

with

$$A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, A_{30} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, A_{40} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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$$\mathcal{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 + 2x & 1 + 2y + 4z & 2 + 4z' \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 3 - 2x & 2 + 4(z' + y + y') & 1 + 2y' + 4z'' \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 4(1 - x) & 4x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $x, y, y', z, z'$ , and  $z''$  are arbitrary elements of  $\mathbf{F}_2$ .

The code  $\mathcal{C}$  is self-dual over  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ .

# What has been done?

- Mass formula for  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^3}$ : (Nagata, Nemenzo, Wada. *Designs, Codes and Cryptography*, 2009).

Construction of codes, mass formula for

- $\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$ , odd  $p$ : (Nagata, Nemenzo, Wada. *Proc.ACCT2008*, 2009).
- $\mathbb{Z}_{16}$ : (Nagata, Nemenzo, Wada. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, 2009).
- $\mathbb{Z}_{2^s}$ : (Nagata, Nemenzo, Wada. *Designs, Codes and Cryptography*, 2013).

Together with the Chinese Remainder Theorem, one can classify self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_m$ .

# What has been done?

Mass formula for self-dual codes over finite chain rings:

- $\mathbf{F}_{2^m} + u\mathbf{F}_{2^m}$ ,  $u^2 = 0$ , with classification (Betsumiya, Ling, Nemenzo. *Discrete Mathematics*, 2004).
- $\mathbf{F}_q + u\mathbf{F}_q + u^2\mathbf{F}_q$ ,  $u^3 = 0$ , with classification (Betty, Nemenzo, Vasquez. *Journal of Applied Math. and Computing*, 2017).

Mass formula for self-orthogonal codes over rings:

- $\mathbb{Z}_{p^2}$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  (Betty, Munemasa)
- $\mathbf{F}_q + u\mathbf{F}_q$ ,  $u^2 = 0$ , with classification (Betty, Galvez, Nemenzo. *European Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics*, 2020).

- Classification for  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$  codes of moderate lengths; develop efficient methods for computing automorphism groups
- Other rings: Galois rings, finite chain rings, Frobenius rings
- another track: Generalization of Hammons, et. al. result for other ring settings



# coding theory = pure mathematics + applied maths

combinatorics, algebra, number theory, geometry

- **geometry**: AG codes
- connections with constructing **lattices** (e.g. Nebe, An even unimodular 72-dimensional lattice of minimum 8. J. Reine und Angew. Math 673 (2012)/. Construction of Leech lattice from  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  codes- Bonnecaze, Sole, Calderbank. Quaternary quadratic residue codes and unimodular lattices. IEEE Trans. Information Theory 41 (1995).
- connections to **designs** (e.g. Kaski, Östergård. Non-existence of projective planes of order 10. Classification Algorithms for Codes and Designs. Springer (2006)).
- connections to **combinatorics** (e.g. MDS codes and mutually orthogonal latin squares and arcs in projective geometry)
- connections to number theory (**modular forms**) (Minjia Shi, Younglu Choie, Anuradha Sharma, and Patrick Sole. Codes and Modular Forms. World Scientific (2019))