

Some Constructions of \mathcal{T} -Direct Codes over $GF(2^n)$

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Abstract. The class of \mathcal{T} -Direct codes are an extension to the class of *linear codes with complementary duals*. In this paper, a construction procedure that constructs an n^2 -Direct code from an n -Direct code is described. Further, the construction procedure is employed recursively to construct $n^{2^{m+1}}$ -Direct codes for $m \geq 0$. Finally, \mathcal{T}^2 -Direct codes are obtained from arbitrary \mathcal{T} -Direct codes with *constituent codes* of variable rates. The proposed construction procedure, when employed on an existing \mathcal{T} -Direct code, in fact increases the number of *constituent codes* (users), thereby supporting more users in a multi-user environment.

1 Introduction

A \mathcal{T} -Direct code $(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_{\mathcal{T}})$ is constituted by a set of \mathcal{T} F -ary linear codes $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ with $\Gamma_i \cap \Gamma_i^\perp = \{\mathbf{0}\}$, where $\Gamma_i^\perp = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_{i-1} \oplus \Gamma_{i+1} \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ is the dual of Γ_i with respect to the direct sum $\Lambda = \Gamma_1 \oplus \Gamma_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \Gamma_{\mathcal{T}}$ for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, \mathcal{T}$. The class of \mathcal{T} -Direct codes are in fact an extension to the class of *linear codes with complementary duals* (LCD codes) [2]. An interesting algebraic characterization of the class of \mathcal{T} -Direct codes is that $G_i G_i^T$ is non-singular [5, Theorem 1], where G_i is the generator matrix of Γ_i for $i = 1, 2, \dots, \mathcal{T}$. These class of multi-user codes can be used in a multiple access channel environment for encoding and decoding (or separating the user codewords). A coding problem for the \mathcal{T} -user Binary Adder Channel and \mathcal{T} -user F -Adder Channel is addressed via the class

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of \mathcal{T} -Direct codes in [5, 6], where the F -Adder Channel is a non-binary channel model (analogues to the so-called binary adder channel) introduced by Urbanke and Rimoldi [3, 4] to model transmission of message symbols, possibly from a finite field F , of non-binary type. Unlike the *binary adder channels* which are real-number adder channels, arithmetic operations on the channel alphabets in F -Adder Channel are performed under the operations defined in the underlying field F .

A construction method (termed as the *distance construction*) for the class of \mathcal{T} -Direct codes (defined over $GF(2^n)$) that can increase the minimum distance of the *constituent codes* is proposed in [8], where it is shown that the proposed construction method also increases the number of *constituent codes* from n to $2n - 1$ [7], and further to $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. This paper generalizes the constructions given in [7, 8] to the constructions of n^2 -Direct codes and \mathcal{T}^2 -Direct codes. While the former class of n^2 -Direct codes comprises of constant-rate *constituent codes*, the later class of codes are equipped with variable-rate *constituent codes*. In all the constructions, Kronecker product represented by the symbol \otimes is used as a basic tool. The class of Maximum Rank Distance (MRD) codes introduced by Gabidulin [1] are used to facilitate the results obtained in this paper.

The remaining part of the paper is organized as follows. By making use of the non-commutative nature of Kronecker product, section 2 constructs the class of n^2 -Direct codes from the class of n -Direct codes. Section 3 generalizes the construction procedure outlined in section 2 and obtains $n^{2^{m+1}}$ -Direct codes from n^{2^m} -Direct codes for $m \geq 0$. A construction of \mathcal{T}^2 -Direct codes which are equipped with variable-rate *constituent codes* is presented in section 4. Final section draws the conclusion based on the results.

Notation and abbreviation: We use the notation $(\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_{\mathcal{T}}\}, \{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_{\mathcal{T}}\}, \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{\mathcal{T}}\})$ to denote a \mathcal{T} -Direct code constituted by the *constituent codes* $(n_1, k_1, d_1), (n_2, k_2, d_2), \dots, (n_{\mathcal{T}}, k_{\mathcal{T}}, d_{\mathcal{T}})$ and is abbreviated as $(\{n_i\}, \{k_i\}, \{d_i\})$. In particular, a \mathcal{T} -Direct code with $k_1 = k_2 = \dots = k_{\mathcal{T}} = k$ (say) is denoted by $(\{n_i\}, \{k\}, \{d_i\})$ rather than $(\{n_i\}, k, \{d_i\})$ - to distinguish a \mathcal{T} -Direct code from a conventional single user code, namely (n, k, d) .

2 Construction of n^2 -Direct Codes

Consider an $(\{n\}, \{1\}, \{n\})$ n -Direct code $(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_n)$ along with the generator matrices of the *constituent codes*:

$$G_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1^{[1]} & \alpha_2^{[1]} & \dots & \alpha_n^{[1]} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$G_2 = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1^{[2]} & \alpha_2^{[2]} & \dots & \alpha_n^{[2]} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \vdots$$

$$\text{and } G_n = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha_1^{[n]} & \alpha_2^{[n]} & \dots & \alpha_n^{[n]} \end{bmatrix} \quad (n)$$