

Delta sets for divisors supported in two points

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Goal :

- Give motivation for the delta sets.
- Improve the bounds for the minimum distance of AG codes.

- \mathbb{F} : finite field
- \mathbb{F} -linear code \mathcal{C} of length n : linear subspace of \mathbb{F}^n
- Hamming distance of $x, y \in \mathbb{F}^n$: $d(x, y) = |\{i : x_i \neq y_i\}|$
- Minimum distance of \mathcal{C} :

$$\begin{aligned}d(\mathcal{C}) &= \min \{d(x, y) : x, y \in \mathcal{C}, x \neq y\} \\ &= \min \{d(x, 0) : x \in \mathcal{C}, x \neq 0\}.\end{aligned}$$

- $x * y$: coordinate-wise product of x and y

- X/\mathbb{F} : algebraic curve (absolutely irreducible, smooth, projective) of genus g over finite field \mathbb{F}
- $\mathbb{F}(X)$: function field of X/\mathbb{F}
- $L(A) := \{f \in \mathbb{F}(X) \setminus \{0\} : (f) + A \geq 0\} \cup \{0\}$
- $\Omega(A) := \{\omega \in \Omega(X) \setminus \{0\} : (\omega) \geq A\} \cup \{0\}$
- K : canonical divisor
- P_1, \dots, P_n : n distinct rational points on X
- $D = P_1 + \dots + P_n$
- G : divisor, $\text{supp}(G) \cap \text{supp}(D) = \emptyset$

Example

$$(f) = 5P - 3Q$$

- f has zeros of order 5 at P
- f has poles of order 3 at Q
- $\deg((f)) = 5 - 3 = 2$

If $A = 4P - 2Q$ then $L(A) := \{f \in \mathbb{F}(X) \setminus \{0\} : (f) + A \geq 0\} \cup \{0\}$ consists of all elements $f \in \mathbb{F}(X)$ such that

- f has zeros of order at least 2 at Q
- f may have a pole at P of order at most 4

Algebraic geometric code :

$$\alpha_L : L(G) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}^n, \quad f \mapsto (f(P_1), \dots, f(P_n)),$$

$$\alpha_\Omega : \Omega(G - D) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}^n, \quad \omega \mapsto (\text{res}_{P_1}(\omega), \dots, \text{res}_{P_n}(\omega))$$

$$\text{Im}(\alpha_L) = C_L(D, G)$$

$$\text{Im}(\alpha_\Omega) = C_\Omega(D, G)$$

Algebraic geometric code $C_L(D, G)$:

$$C_L(D, G) := \{(f(P_1), \dots, f(P_n)) \mid f \in L(G)\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}^n$$

Algebraic geometric code $C_\Omega(D, G)$:

$$C_\Omega(D, G) := \{(\text{res}_{P_1}(\omega), \dots, \text{res}_{P_n}(\omega)) \mid \omega \in \Omega(G - D)\} \subseteq \mathbb{F}^n$$

- $C_L(D, G)$ and $C_\Omega(D, G)$ are dual to each other
- $C_L(D, G)^\perp = C_\Omega(D, G) = C_L(D, K + D - G)$
- For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $P, Q \in X(\mathbb{F})$,

$G = aP$: one-point code

$G = aP + bQ$: two-point code

- Hamming distance between two nonempty subsets $X, Y \subset \mathbb{F}^n$:

$$\text{minimum of } \{d(x, y) : x \in X, y \in Y\}$$

- For a proper subcode $\mathcal{C}' \subset \mathcal{C}$, the minimum distance of the collection of cosets \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}' is

$$\begin{aligned} d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}') &= \min \{d(x + \mathcal{C}', y + \mathcal{C}') : x, y \in \mathcal{C}, x - y \notin \mathcal{C}'\} \\ &= \min \{d(x, 0) : x \in \mathcal{C}, x \notin \mathcal{C}'\}. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem (Coset bound)

Let $\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1$ be an extension of \mathbb{F} -linear codes with corresponding extension of dual codes $\mathcal{D}_1/\mathcal{D}$ such that $\dim \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1 = \dim \mathcal{D}_1/\mathcal{D} = 1$.

If there exist vectors a_1, \dots, a_w and b_1, \dots, b_w such that

$$\begin{cases} a_i * b_j \in \mathcal{D} & \text{for } i + j \leq w, \\ a_i * b_j \in \mathcal{D}_1 \setminus \mathcal{D} & \text{for } i + j = w + 1, \end{cases}$$

then $d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1) \geq w$.

Corollary Let \mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}' be an extension of \mathbb{F} -linear codes of length n . For $\mathcal{C} \supset \mathcal{C}'' \supset \mathcal{C}'$,

$$d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}') = \min\{d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}''), d(\mathcal{C}''/\mathcal{C}')\}.$$

$$d(\mathcal{C}) = \min\{d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}'), d(\mathcal{C}')\}.$$

Hermitian curve $X/\mathbb{F}_{q^2} : y^q + y = x^{q+1}$

- Number of rational points : $q^3 + 1$
- Genus : $g = q(q - 1)/2$
- P_∞ : the point at infinity of X
- P_0 : the point $(0, 0)$
- $K = (q - 2)H$, where $H \sim (q + 1)P_\infty \sim (q + 1)P_0$

Example of one-point Hermitian code :

$$X : y^4 + y = x^5 \text{ over } \mathbb{F}_{16}$$

Number of rational points = 65 : $P_1, \dots, P_{64}, P_\infty$

$$g = 6$$

$$\text{Canonical divisor : } K = 10P_\infty$$

For $f \in \mathbb{F}_{16}(X) \setminus \{0\}$,

$(f)_\infty$: the pole divisor of f

$(f)_0$: the zero divisor of f

$$(f) = (f)_0 - (f)_\infty$$

Weierstrass semigroup of the point P_∞ :

$$H(P_\infty) = \{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 : \exists f \in \mathbb{F}_{16}(X) \text{ with } (f)_\infty = nP_\infty\}$$

$$(x)_\infty = 4P_\infty$$

$$(y)_\infty = 5P_\infty$$

Gap numbers : 1,2,3,6,7,11

$$H(P_\infty) = \langle 4, 5 \rangle = \{0, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, \dots\}$$

Question :

For $G = 17P_\infty$ and $D = P_1 + \cdots + P_{64}$,

$d(C_\Omega(D, G)) = ?$

$$\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1 = C_\Omega(D, 17P_\infty)/C_\Omega(D, 18P_\infty) \longleftrightarrow \mathcal{D}_1/\mathcal{D} = C_L(D, 18P_\infty)/C_L(D, 17P_\infty)$$

If there exist vectors a_1, \dots, a_w and b_1, \dots, b_w such that

$$\begin{cases} a_i * b_j \in \mathcal{D} = C_L(D, 17P_\infty) & \text{for } i + j \leq w, \\ a_i * b_j \in \mathcal{D}_1 \setminus \mathcal{D} = C_L(D, 18P_\infty) \setminus C_L(D, 17P_\infty) & \text{for } i + j = w + 1, \end{cases}$$

then $d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1) \geq w$.

- In other words, if there exist rational functions f_1, f_2, \dots, f_w and g_1, g_2, \dots, g_w such that

$$\begin{cases} f_i g_j \in L(17P_\infty) & \text{for } i + j \leq w, \\ f_i g_j \in L(18P_\infty) \setminus L(17P_\infty) & \text{for } i + j = w + 1, \end{cases}$$

then $d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1) \geq w$.

- $f_i g_j \in L(18P_\infty) \setminus L(17P_\infty)$ means that $f_i g_j$ has a pole only at P_∞ with exact pole order 18, that is, $(f_i g_j)_\infty = 18P_\infty$.

Hermitian curve

			f_1	f_2	f_3	f_4	f_5	f_6	f_7	f_8					f_9	
			1	x	y	x^2	xy	y^2	x^3	x^2y	xy^2	y^3	x^4	x^3y	x^2y^2	
			0	4	5	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
g_1	1	0													18	
g_2	x	4													18	
g_3	y	5													18	
g_4	x^2	8													18	
g_5	xy	9													18	
g_6	y^2	10													18	
	x^3	12														
g_7	x^2y	13													18	
g_8	xy^2	14													18	
	y^3	15														
	x^4	16														
	x^3y	17														
g_9	x^2y^2	18	18													

It follows from the figure that

$$\begin{cases} f_i g_j \in L(17P_\infty) & \text{for } i + j \leq 9, \\ f_i g_j \in L(18P_\infty) \setminus L(17P_\infty) & \text{for } i + j = 10. \end{cases}$$

Thus $d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1) \geq 9$.

✓ 0	1	2	3	✓ 4	✓ 5	6	7	✓ 8	✓ 9	✓ 10	11	12	✓ 13	✓ 14	15	16	17	✓ 18
18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0

Applying the same method to $C_{\Omega}(D, 18P_{\infty})/C_{\Omega}(D, 19P_{\infty})$ we have

$$d(C_{\Omega}(D, 18P_{\infty})/C_{\Omega}(D, 19P_{\infty})) \geq 8.$$

≥ 9	$C_{\Omega}(D, 17P_{\infty}) \setminus C_{\Omega}(D, 18P_{\infty})$
≥ 8	$C_{\Omega}(D, 18P_{\infty}) \setminus C_{\Omega}(D, 19P_{\infty})$
≥ 9	$C_{\Omega}(D, 19P_{\infty}) \setminus C_{\Omega}(D, 20P_{\infty})$
≥ 10	$C_{\Omega}(D, 20P_{\infty}) \setminus C_{\Omega}(D, 21P_{\infty})$
	\vdots

By taking the minimum of the weights of the codewords, we have

$$d(C_{\Omega}(D, G)) \geq 8.$$

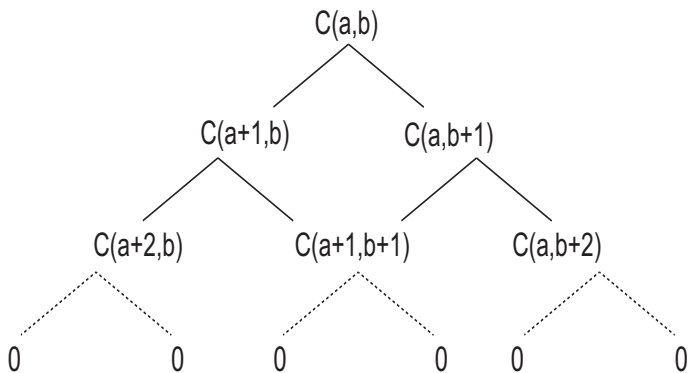
Notation : $C_{\Omega}(D, G) = C(a, b)$, where $G = aP_{\infty} + bP_0$

In two-point Hermian code with $q = 4$:

If $G = 20P_{\infty} + P_0$ then what is $d(C(20P_{\infty} + P_0))$?

$$C(20P_{\infty} + P_0) \longrightarrow C(21P_{\infty} + P_0)$$

$$C(20P_{\infty} + P_0) \longrightarrow C(20P_{\infty} + 2P_0)$$



- For the Feng-Rao bound the filtration is determined by the choice of a point P and takes the form

$$C_{\Omega}(D, G) \supset C_{\Omega}(D, G + P) \supset C_{\Omega}(D, G + 2P) \supset \cdots \supset \{0\}$$

- Beelen allows the addition of different points at different steps in the filtration.

$$d(C_L(D, G)) = \min\{\deg A : 0 \leq A \leq D \mid L(G - D + A) \neq L(G - D)\}$$

$$= \min\{\deg A : 0 \leq A \leq D \mid L(A - C) \neq L(-C)\}, \quad \text{for } C = D - G$$

$$d(C_\Omega(D, G)) = \min\{\deg A : 0 \leq A \leq D \mid \Omega(G - A) \neq \Omega(G)\}$$

$$= \min\{\deg A : 0 \leq A \leq D \mid L(K - G + A) \neq L(K - G)\}$$

$$= \min\{\deg A : 0 \leq A \leq D \mid L(A - C) \neq L(-C)\}, \quad \text{for } C = G - K$$

Notation

$$\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1 = C_L(D, G)/C_L(D, G - P)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_1/\mathcal{D} = C_\Omega(D, G - P)/C_\Omega(D, G)$$

$$d(\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{C}_1) = \min\{\deg A : 0 \leq A \leq D \mid L(A - C) \neq L(A - C - P)\},$$

for $C = D - G$

$$d(\mathcal{D}_1/\mathcal{D}) = \min\{\deg A : 0 \leq A \leq D \mid L(A - C) \neq L(A - C - P)\},$$

for $C = G - K - P$

$$P \notin D \text{ and } 0 \leq A \leq D \implies L(A) \neq L(A - P)$$

This motivates the following definition :

$$\Gamma_P(C) = \{A : L(A) \neq L(A - P) \wedge L(A - C) \neq L(A - C - P)\}$$

Definition :

$$\Gamma_P = \{A : L(A) \neq L(A - P)\}$$

$$\Gamma_P(C) = \{A \in \Gamma_P : A - C \in \Gamma_P\}$$

$$\gamma_P(C) = \min\{\deg A : A \in \Gamma_P(C)\}$$

$$\Delta_P(C) = \{A \in \Gamma_P : A - C \notin \Gamma_P\}$$

Theorem :

For a rational point $P \notin D$,

$$d(C_L(D, G)/C_L(D, G - P)) \geq \gamma_P(D - G).$$

$$d(C_\Omega(D, G)/C_\Omega(D, G + P)) \geq \gamma_P(G - K).$$

All divisors of sufficiently large degree belong to $\Gamma_P(C)$ while the degree of a divisor in $\Delta_P(C)$ is bounded.

$$A \in \Delta_P(C) \Leftrightarrow K + C + P - A \in \Delta_P(C).$$

For $A \in \Delta_P(C)$, $0 \leq \deg A \leq \deg C + 2g - 1$.

Theorem (Coset bound for divisors) :

Let $\{A_1 \leq A_2 \leq \dots \leq A_w\} \subset \Delta_P(C)$ be a sequence of divisors with $A_{i+1} \geq A_i + P$, for $i = 1, \dots, w-1$. Then $\deg A \geq w$, for every divisor $A \in \Gamma_P(C)$ with support disjoint from $A_w - A_1$

Sketch of Proof :

We obtain two sequences of subspaces.

$$\begin{aligned} L(A_w) \supsetneq L(A_w - P) \supseteq L(A_{w-1}) \supsetneq L(A_{w-1} - P) \supseteq \dots \\ \dots \supseteq L(A_2) \supsetneq L(A_2 - P) \supseteq L(A_1) \supsetneq L(A_1 - P). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(A_w - C) \subsetneq \Omega(A_w - C - P) \subseteq \Omega(A_{w-1} - C) \subsetneq \Omega(A_{w-1} - C - P) \subseteq \dots \\ \dots \subseteq \Omega(A_2 - C) \subsetneq \Omega(A_2 - C - P) \subseteq \Omega(A_1 - C) \subsetneq \Omega(A_1 - C - P). \end{aligned}$$

For $i = 1, 2, \dots, w$, choose

$$f_i \in L(A_i) \setminus L(A_i - P) \quad \text{and} \quad \eta_i \in \Omega(A_i - C - P) \setminus \Omega(A_i - C).$$

For a given divisor B ,

$$\Delta_P(B, C) = \{B + iP : i \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cap \Delta_P(C).$$

Corollary :

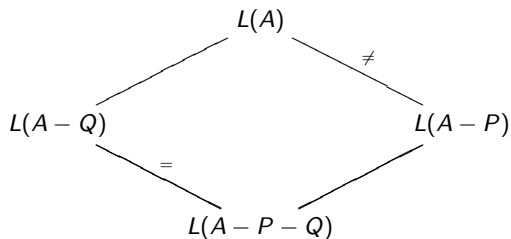
For any choice of divisor B ,

$$\gamma_P(C) \geq \#\Delta_P(B, C).$$

Lemma :

For distinct points P and Q , $\Delta_P(Q) = \Delta_Q(P)$.

Sketch of Proof :



Definition :

Let $D(P, Q) = \Delta_P(Q) = \Delta_Q(P)$. A divisor A is called a discrepancy for the points P and Q if $A \in D(P, Q)$.

Theorem :

$$\dim L(B + aP + bQ) = \#\{B + iP + jQ \in D(P, Q) : i \leq a \text{ and } j \leq b\}.$$

Definition :

$$D_B(P, Q) = D(P, Q) \cap \{B + iP + jQ : i, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Theorem :

For distinct points P and Q , and for a given divisor B , there exist functions $\sigma = \sigma_B$ and $\tau = \tau_B$ such that

$$D_B(P, Q) = \{B + \tau(j)P + jQ : j \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{B + iP + \sigma(i)Q : i \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

$\sigma = \sigma_B, \tau = \tau_B$: mutual inverses and describe permutations of the integers.
For m minimal such that $mP \sim mQ$, the functions σ, τ are determined by their images on a full set of representatives for $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$. and $D_B(P, Q)$ consists of m distinct divisor classes.

Hermitian Curve over \mathbb{F}_{q^2} :

$$X/\mathbb{F}_{q^2} : y^q + y = x^{q+1}$$

- For $P, Q \in X(\mathbb{F}_{q^2})$, $mP \sim mQ$ for $m = q + 1$
- The m inequivalent divisor classes in $D_0(P, Q)$ with support in P and Q are represented by the divisors

$$dH - dP - dQ, \quad \text{for } d = 0, 1, \dots, q.$$

- $D_0(P, Q) = \{d(qQ - P) + j(q + 1)(P - Q) : d = 0, 1, \dots, q, j \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$

Suzuki Curve over \mathbb{F}_q :

$$y^q + y = x^{q_0}(x^q + x), \quad q_0 = 2^n, \quad q = 2q_0^2 = 2^{2n+1}$$

- Number of rational points : $q^2 + 1$
- Genus : $g = q_0(q - 1)$
- P_∞ : the unique pole of x
- P_0 : the unique zero of both x and y
- Semigroup of Weierstrass nongaps at P_∞
 $= \langle q, q + q_0, q + 2q_0, q + 2q_0 + 1 = m \rangle$
- $K \sim 2(q_0 - 1)H$, where $H \sim (q + 2q_0 + 1)P_\infty \sim (q + 2q_0 + 1)P_0$

Theorem :

The m inequivalent divisor classes in $D_0(P, Q)$ are represented by

$$\begin{aligned} iD_0 + jD_2, & \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i, j \leq q_0, \text{ and} \\ D_1 + i'D_0 + j'D_2, & \quad \text{for } 0 \leq i', j' \leq q_0 - 1. \end{aligned}$$

The given representatives correspond one-to-one to the m divisors

$$D(a, b) = (a + q_0)H - ((a + q_0)(q_0 + 1) + bq_0)P - ((a + q_0)(q_0 + 1) - bq_0)Q,$$

for $|a| + |b| \leq q_0$.

Suzuki curve over \mathbb{F}_8 :

$$X/\mathbb{F}_8 : y^8 + y = x^{10} + x^3$$

$$g = 14, N = 65, m = 13$$

The m inequivalent divisor classes in $D(P, Q)$ with support in P and Q are represented by the divisors

$(0, 0)$	\cdot	$(-5, 12)$	\cdot	$(-10, 24)$
\cdot	$(-3, 10)$	\cdot	$(-8, 22)$	\cdot
$(-1, 8)$	\cdot	$(-6, 20)$	\cdot	$(-11, 32)$
\cdot	$(-4, 18)$	\cdot	$(-9, 30)$	\cdot
$(-2, 16)$	\cdot	$(-7, 28)$	\cdot	$(-12, 40)$

Theorem :

Let $A = kP + \ell Q$ and $C = iP + jQ$. Let

$$\begin{aligned} k^- + \ell &= d_Q(\ell - j) + i + j, & d^- &= d_P(k^-) - d_Q(\ell - j). \\ k^+ + \ell &= d_Q(\ell), & d^+ &= d_Q(\ell) - d_P(k^+ - i). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(1) \quad A \notin \Delta_P(C) \wedge A - Q \in \Delta_P(C) \Leftrightarrow k = k^- \wedge i + j > d^-.$$

$$(2) \quad A \in \Delta_P(C) \wedge A - Q \notin \Delta_P(C) \Leftrightarrow k = k^+ \wedge i + j > d^+.$$

$$kP + \ell Q \in \Gamma_P \iff k + \ell \geq d_P(k)$$

$$kP + \ell Q \in \Gamma_Q \iff k + \ell \geq d_Q(\ell)$$

For $mP \sim mQ$, the functions d_P and d_Q are defined modulo m .

$$d_P(k) = k + \sigma(k) \text{ and } d_Q(\ell) = \ell + \tau(\ell)$$

Example :

For the Suzuki curve over \mathbb{F}_{32} , let $C = 55P + 31Q$. The full grid contains a unique maximal sequence of length 90 in row $\ell = -5$,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_P(55P + 31Q) \supseteq & \{A_1 = 36P - 5Q, \dots, A_{45} = 163P - 5Q\} \\ & \cup \{A_{46} = 180P - 5Q, \dots, A_{90} = 307P - 5Q\}\end{aligned}$$

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