

Separable Automorphisms on Matrix Algebras over Finite Field Extensions. Applications to Ideal Codes.¹

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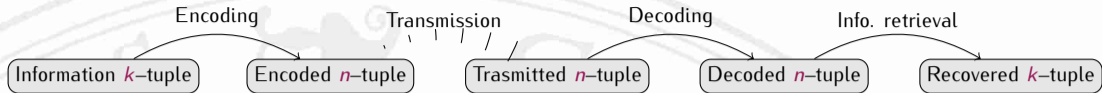


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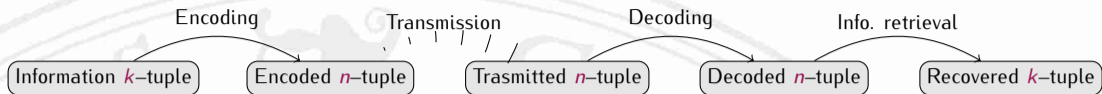
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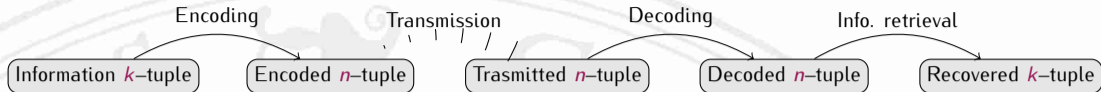
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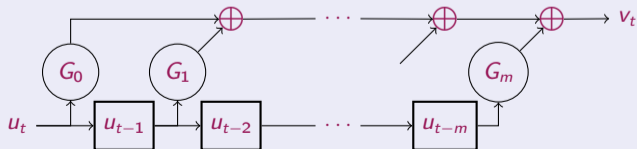
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Convolutional codes



Convolutional codes and cyclicity

Cyclicity in convolutional codes \rightsquigarrow non commutative structures on $\mathbb{F}[z]^n$.

[Piret'76, Gluesing and Schmale'04, Lopez-Permouth and Szabo'13, GLN'14b]

For each ring A , the Ore extension $A[z; \sigma, \delta]$ is the free right A -module with basis the powers of z and multiplication defined by the rule $az = z\sigma(a) + \delta(a)$ for all $a \in R$, where σ is a ring endomorphism of A , and δ a σ -derivation.

Let A be a finite semisimple algebra of dimension n over a finite field \mathbb{F} . Each \mathbb{F} -basis \mathcal{B} of A induces a natural isomorphism of $\mathbb{F}[z]$ -modules $\nu : A[z; \sigma, \delta] \rightarrow \mathbb{F}[z]^n$. A is the word-ambient of the convolutional code, while $A[z; \sigma, \delta]$ is the sentence-ambient.

Definition 1 ([Lopez-Permouth and Szabo'13])

An ideal code is a left ideal $I \leq A[z; \sigma, \delta]$ such that $\nu(I)$ is a direct summand of $\mathbb{F}[z]^n$.

We focus ourselves in the case $\delta = 0$, i.e. skew polynomials.

Two questions about ideal codes

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Can we compute a generator for an ideal code?

- In general it is not known if ideal codes are even principal.
- If the ideal code is a direct summand as left ideal, which we call a *split ideal code*, then it is principal and generated by an idempotent.
- This generator can be effectively computed under the separability conditions, see [GLN'14b, Algorithm 1] and [GLN ISSAC'14 Poster, Algorithm 1]

Separable extensions

Definition 2

A non commutative ring extension $S \subseteq R$ is called separable if the multiplication map

$$\begin{aligned}\mu : R \otimes_S R &\longrightarrow R \\ \sum_i a_i \otimes b_i &\longmapsto \sum_i a_i b_i\end{aligned}$$

splits, or equivalently if there exists

$$p = \sum_i a_i \otimes b_i \in R \otimes_S R$$

such that

$$\mu(p) = \sum_i a_i b_i = 1 \text{ and } \forall r \in R, rp = pr.$$

This element is called a *separability element*.

Proposition 3 ([Hirata and Sugano'66])

In a separable extension, R -submodules which are S -direct summands are also R -direct summands.

Separability and skew polynomials

- A is a separable \mathbb{F} -algebra and $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}}(A)$,
- $\sigma^{\otimes} : A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A \rightarrow A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A$ is defined by $\sigma^{\otimes}(a \otimes b) = \sigma(a) \otimes \sigma(b)$.

Corollary 4

Let \mathbb{F} be a finite field and let A be a separable \mathbb{F} -algebra with separability element $p = \sum_i a_i \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} b_i \in A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A$. Let $\sigma \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}}(A)$ such that $\sigma^{\otimes}(p) = p$. Then $\mathbb{F}[z] \subseteq A[z; \sigma]$ is a separable extension and a separability element is given by

$$\bar{p} = \sum_i a_i \otimes_{\mathbb{F}[z]} b_i \in A[z; \sigma] \otimes_{\mathbb{F}[z]} A[z; \sigma].$$

In particular each ideal code is a split ideal code and it is generated by an idempotent.

This corollary follows from [GLN'14b, Theorem 6].

$\sigma \in \text{Aut}_{\mathbb{F}}(A)$ is separable if $\exists p \in A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A$ a separability element such that $\sigma^{\otimes}(p) = p$

Is σ a separable automorphism?

Each ideal code is generated by an idempotent

Can be p effectively computed?

[GLN'14b, Algorithm 1] applies

Framework and target

- $\mathbb{F} \subseteq \mathbb{K}$ is a finite fields extension with dual normal bases $\{\alpha^{q^0}, \dots, \alpha^{q^{t-1}}\}$ and $\{\beta^{q^0}, \dots, \beta^{q^{t-1}}\}$.
- Word-ambient is $A = \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{K})$.
- The center of an A -bimodule M is $M^A = \{m \in M \mid rm = mr \ \forall r \in A\}$.

The desired $p \in A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A$ must satisfy

(P1) $p \in (A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A$

(P2) $p \in E_1 = \{\sum_i a_i \otimes b_i \in (A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A \mid \sum_i a_i b_i = 1\}$

(P3) $p \in \ker(\text{Id}_{A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A} - \sigma^{\otimes})$

(P1) $(A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A$

For each $0 \leq i, j \leq n-1$ and all $0 \leq k \leq t-1$, we denote

$$p_{ijk} = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} \sum_{h=0}^{t-1} E_{li} \alpha^{q^k} \alpha^{q^h} \otimes \beta^{q^h} E_{jl} \in A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A.$$

Lemma 5

The dimension of $(A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A$ as an \mathbb{F} -vector space is n^2t . An \mathbb{F} -basis for $(A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A$ is $\{p_{ijk} \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq n-1, 0 \leq k \leq t-1\}$.

$$(P2) E_1 = \left\{ \sum_i a_i \otimes b_i \in (A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A \mid \sum_i a_i b_i = 1 \right\}$$

Let

$$E_0 = \{p \in (A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A \mid \mu(p) = 0\}$$

and

$$E_1 = \{p \in (A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A \mid \mu(p) = 1\}.$$

Then E_1 is the set of all separability elements of the extension $\mathbb{F} \subseteq A$. Let $p_1 = \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \text{Tr}_{\mathbb{K}/\mathbb{F}}(\beta) p_{00k}$.

Proposition 6

E_0 is an \mathbb{F} -vector subspace of $(A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A$ and E_1 is an affine subspace of $(A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A)^A$ both of dimension $(n^2 - 1)t$. An \mathbb{F} -basis of E_0 is

$$\mathcal{E} = \{p_{ijk} \mid 0 \leq i \neq j \leq n-1, 0 \leq k \leq t-1\} \cup \{p_{00k} - p_{iik} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1, 0 \leq k \leq t-1\}.$$

Moreover $E_1 = \{p_1 + q \mid q \in E_0\}$.

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Linearizing the problem

$$\exists p \in E_1 \cap \ker(\text{Id}_{A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A} - \sigma^{\otimes})$$



$$\exists q \in E_0 \mid \sigma^{\otimes}(p_1 + q) = p_1 + q$$



$$(\sigma^{\otimes} - \text{Id}_{A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A})(p_1) \in (\text{Id}_{A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A} - \sigma^{\otimes})(E_0)$$

(P3) $\ker(\text{Id}_{A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A} - \sigma^{\otimes}) \parallel$

Converting to matrices

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\sigma} & A \\
 \left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow m \\ \uparrow f \end{array} \right\} & & \left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow m \\ \uparrow f \end{array} \right\} \\
 \mathcal{M}_{nt}(\mathbb{F}) & \xrightarrow{M_{\sigma}} & \mathcal{M}_{nt}(\mathbb{F})
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A & \xrightarrow{\sigma^{\otimes}} & A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A \\
 \left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow m^{\otimes} \\ \uparrow f^{\otimes} \end{array} \right\} & & \left. \begin{array}{c} \downarrow m^{\otimes} \\ \uparrow f^{\otimes} \end{array} \right\} \\
 \mathcal{M}_{nt}(\mathbb{F}) \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} \mathcal{M}_{nt}(\mathbb{F}) & \xrightarrow{\quad} & \mathcal{M}_{nt}(\mathbb{F}) \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} \mathcal{M}_{nt}(\mathbb{F}) \\
 \downarrow -\boxtimes- & & \downarrow -\boxtimes- \\
 \mathcal{M}_{n^2 t^2}(\mathbb{F}) & \xrightarrow{M_{\sigma^{\otimes}}} & \mathcal{M}_{n^2 t^2}(\mathbb{F})
 \end{array}$$

Example 1

- The field extension is $\mathbb{F} = \mathbb{F}_2 \subset \mathbb{F}_4 = \mathbb{K}$.
- The base algebra is $A = \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K})$.
- We fix the normal basis $\mathcal{B} = \{a, a^2\}$, which is also self-dual.
- Two canonical inclusions, $A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_4(\mathbb{F})$ and $A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{16}(\mathbb{F})$
- The basis $\{p_{ijk}\}$ of $A \otimes_{\mathbb{F}} A^A$ can now be constructed. For example

$$p_{001} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

and via the canonical inclusion

$$p_{001} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Example II

- The basis of E_0 is

$$\mathcal{E} = \{p_{010}, p_{011}, p_{100}, p_{101}, p_{000} + p_{110}, p_{001} + p_{111}\}$$

and $E_1 = p_1 + E_0$ where

$$p_1 = p_{000} + p_{001} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- The automorphism is $\sigma = \sigma_U \hat{\tau}$, where $U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ a^2 & a \end{pmatrix}$ and τ is the Frobenius automorphism.

Example III

- The matrix M_σ is

$$M_\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and the matrix M_{σ^\otimes} has size 256×256 .

- In order to check if $(\sigma^\otimes - \text{id})(p_1) \in (\text{id} - \sigma^\otimes)(E_0)$, we had to solve the non homogeneous linear system of size 256×6

$$v(p_1) \cdot (M_{\sigma^\otimes} - I_{256}) = \sum_{0 \leq i \neq j \leq 1} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq 1} \alpha_{ijk} (v(p_{ijk}) \cdot (I_{256} - M_{\sigma^\otimes})) + \sum_{0 \leq i \leq 1} \sum_{0 \leq k \leq 1} \alpha_{ik} (v(p_{00k} - p_{iik}) \cdot (I_{256} - M_{\sigma^\otimes}))$$

whose solution is $(0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0)$.

Example IV

- The desired separability element is $p = p_{11} + p_{100} + p_{000} + p_{110} = p_{100} + p_{110} + p_{001}$. Concretely,

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

Viewed as a tensor product of matrices in $\mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{K})$,

$$\begin{aligned} p &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ a & 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a^2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

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Improvements not explained here and further work.

- We have also proved that $\mathbb{F}[z] \subseteq A[z; \sigma]$ is a separable extension if and only if σ is a separable automorphism.
- From the idempotent generator, the dual code can be easily computed if it is also an ideal code over the same word–ambient. This has been also completed.
- Distance profiles of these codes have to be computed.

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