Two applications of the footprint bound

Estimation of generalized Hamming weights

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The footprint bound

Definition 1 Let $\prec$ be a monomial ordering on $\mathcal{M}(X_1, \ldots, X_m)$ and k a field. Given an ideal $I \subseteq k[X_1, \ldots, X_m]$ the set

$$\Delta_\prec(I) = \{M \in \mathcal{M}(X_1, \ldots, X_m) \mid \text{there does not exist any } F \in I \text{ with } \mathrm{lm}(F) = M\}$$

Theorem 2 If $\Delta_\prec(I)$ is finite then $\#\mathbb{V}_{\bar{k}}(I) \leq \#\Delta_\prec(I)$ holds.

Generalized Hamming Weights

$$\begin{aligned} D = \quad & \{(1,1,0,0,1,0) \\ & (1,0,1,0,0,0) \\ & (0,0,1,0,1,0)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathrm{Supp}(D) = \{1,2,3,5\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_t(C) \quad &:= \quad \min\{\#\mathrm{Supp}(D) \mid D \text{ is a subcode of } C \\ & \qquad\qquad\qquad\qquad \text{of dimension } t\} \\ d_1(C) \quad &= \quad d(C) \end{aligned}$$

Reed-Muller codes over $\mathbb{F}_4$

$$X^4 - X, Y^4 - Y$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \underline{Y^3} & \underline{XY^3} & \underline{X^2Y^3} & \underline{X^3Y^3} \\ \underline{Y^2} & \underline{XY^2} & X^2Y^2 & X^3Y^2 \\ \underline{Y} & \underline{XY} & \underline{X^2Y} & X^3Y \\ \underline{1} & \underline{X} & \underline{X^2} & \underline{X^3} \end{array}$$

$$C = \mathrm{RM}_q(3, 2)$$

$$[16, 10, 4]$$

A basis for a subspace $D \subseteq C$ can be assumed to "consist" of polynomials with different leading monomials.

d_2-calculations: We look for worst case of

$$\#\Delta_{\prec}(\langle X^{i_1}Y^{j_1}, X^{i_2}Y^{j_2}, X^4, Y^4\rangle)$$

An incident is

$$\#\Delta_{\prec}(\langle X^3, X^2Y, X^4, Y^4\rangle) = 9$$

So $d_2 \geq 16 - 9 = 7$.

d_3-calculations: We look for worst case of

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$$\#\Delta_{\prec}(\langle X^3, X^2Y, X_2, X^4, Y^4\rangle) = 8$$

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Definition 7 $w(X_1), \ldots, w(X_m) \in \mathbb{R}_+$,
$X_1^{i_1} \cdots X_m^{i_m} \prec_w X_1^{j_1} \cdots X_m^{j_m}$ if (1) or (2) holds

(1) $w(X_1^{i_1} \cdots X_m^{i_m}) < w(X_1^{j_1} \cdots X_m^{j_m})$
(2) $w(X_1^{i_1} \cdots X_m^{i_m}) = w(X_1^{j_1} \cdots X_m^{j_m})$
and $X_1^{i_1} \cdots X_m^{i_m} \prec_{lex} X_1^{j_1} \cdots X_m^{j_m}$

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Let $w(X) = 5$, $w(Y) = 4$ and lexicographic ordering be $X \prec_{lex} Y$.

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For all $X^i Y^j$ "in basis" we list the values of

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Improved codes corresponds to linear span of all $\mathrm{ev}(X^i Y^j)$ with Δ-size at most some chosen number.

d_2-calculations: Consider all pairs $X^{i_1} Y^{j_1}, X^{i_2} Y^{j_2}$ (from code basis). Calculate

$$n - \#(\Delta_{\prec_w}(\langle X^{i_1} Y^{j_1}, X^{i_2} Y^{j_2}, X^5 + Y^4 \rangle) \cap \Delta_{\prec_w}(\langle X^5 + Y^4 + Y, X^{16} + X, Y^{16} + Y \rangle))$$

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Certainly, minimum distances are improved, but higher weights need NOT be.

Some notation

$\{P_1, \ldots, P_n\} = \mathbb{V}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(\langle G_1, \ldots G_g \rangle)$,
$\mathrm{ev}(F) = (F(P_1), \ldots, F(P_n))$.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \mathrm{ev}(F_1) \\ \vdots \\ \mathrm{ev}(F_a) \end{bmatrix}$$

$[F_i] = \{F_i + \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_j F_j \mid \alpha_j \in \mathbb{F}_q\}$

$$D_{\{[F_{i_1}], \ldots [F_{i_s}]\}} = \max\{\#\{P_j \in V \mid F'_{i_1}(P_j) = \cdots = F'_{i_s}(P_j) = 0\} \mid F'_{i_t} \in [F_{i_t}], t = 1, \ldots s\}$$

$D_s = \max\{D_{\{[F_{i_1}], \ldots [F_{i_s}]\}} \mid 1 \leq i_1 < \cdots < i_s \leq r\}$.

Theorem 4 Let C be a code with parity check matrix A (not necessarily of full rank) then for $d^* \leq a + t$, $t \leq k$, $d \leq n$ we have

$$d_t \geq d^* \Leftrightarrow D_{a-d^*+t+1} \leq d^* - 2$$
$$d_t \leq d^* \Leftrightarrow D_{a-d^*+t} \geq d^*$$

Improved Hermitian codes - parity check matrix

Let V be the 64 points on the Hermitian curve $X^5 + Y^4 + Y$ over $\mathbb{F}_{16}$. Let parity check matrix be

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathrm{ev}(1) \\ \mathrm{ev}(X) \\ \mathrm{ev}(Y) \\ \mathrm{ev}(X^2) \\ \mathrm{ev}(XY) \\ \mathrm{ev}(Y^2) \\ \mathrm{ev}(X^3) \\ \mathrm{ev}(Y^3 + X^4) \end{bmatrix}$$

$D_{\{[XY],[Y^3+X^4]\}} \leq 7$ chose $w(X) = 3, w(Y) = 4$
$D_{\{[Y^2],[Y^3+X^4]\}} \leq 8$ choose $w(X) = 1$ and $w(Y) = 1.1$
$D_{\{[X^2],[X^3],[Y^3+X^4]\}} \leq 6$ choose $w(X) = 1$ and $w(Y) = 1.4$

ABOVE WEIGHTS KEEP THE ORDERING OF ROWS.
Going through all combinations gives $D_1 \leq 16$, $D_2 \leq 8$, $D_3 \leq 6$ and $D_4 \leq 4$.

This implies $d_1 \geq 6$, $d_2 \geq 8$, $d_i \geq i + 7$ for $i = 3, \ldots, 9$ and $d_i = i + 8$ for $i = 10, \ldots, 56$. Not only minimum distance is improved.