# ON GRAY IMAGES OF CONSTACYCLIC CODES OVER THE FINITE RING $\mathbb{F}_2 + u_1\mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2$

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ABSTRACT. We introduce the finite ring  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u_1\mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2$ ,  $u_1^2 = u_1$ ,  $u_2^2 = 0$ ,  $u_1.u_2 = u_2.u_1 = 0$  which is not a finite chain ring. We focus on  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u_1\mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2$  of odd length. We prove that the Gray image of a linear  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u_1\mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2$  of odd length n is a quasi-cyclic code of index 4 and length 4n over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In [6], Wolfman showed that the Gray image of a linear negacyclic code over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  of length n is distance invariant (not necessarily linear) cyclic code. It was shown that, for odd n, the Gray image of a linear cyclic code over  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  of length n is equivalent to a binary cyclic code. In 2006, J.F. Qian et al. introduced linear (1 + u)-constacyclic codes and cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2$  and characterized codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  which are the Gray images of (1 + u)-constacyclic codes or cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2$  in [4]. In [1], they extended the result of [4] to codes over the commutative ring  $\mathbb{F}_{p^k} + u\mathbb{F}_{p^k}$  where p is a prime,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $u^2 = 0$ , In [5], it was introduced  $(1 + u^2)$ -constacyclic codes or cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2 + u^2\mathbb{F}_2$ ,  $u^3 = 0$  and characterized codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1 + u^2)$ -constacyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2 + u^2\mathbb{F}_2$ ,  $u^3 = 0$  and characterized codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  which are the Gray images of  $(1 - u^m)$ -constacyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb$ 

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studied (1+v)-constacyclic codes over the ring  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2 + v\mathbb{F}_2$ ,  $u^2 = v^2 = 0$ , u.v = v.u = 0, (1+v)-constacyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2 + v\mathbb{F}_2$  of odd length are characterized with the help of cyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u\mathbb{F}_2 + v\mathbb{F}_2$  in [7].

This paper is organized as follows. In section 2, we give some knowledge about the ring  $R = \mathbb{F}_2 + u_1\mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2$ ,  $u_1^2 = u_1$ ,  $u_2^2 = 0$ ,  $u_1.u_2 = u_2.u_1 = 0$  and the codes over R. In section 3, we have the relationship between cyclic code over and  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic code over R. In section 4, the Gray image of  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic code over R of odd length is obtained.

## 2. Preliminaries

The ring  $R = \mathbb{F}_2 + u_1\mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2$  is defined as a charteristic 2 ring subject to the restrictions  $u_1^2 = u_1$ ,  $u_2^2 = 0$ ,  $u_1.u_2 = u_2.u_1 = 0$ . The isomorphism  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u_1\mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2 \cong \mathbb{F}_2[u_1, u_2] / \langle u_1^2 = u_1, u_2^2 = 0, u_1u_2 = u_2u_1 = 0 \rangle$  is obvious to see. The elements of R may be written as  $0, 1, u_1, u_2, 1+u_1, 1+u_2, u_1+u_2, 1+u_1+u_2$ . Addition and multiplication operations over R are given in the following tables :

## TABLE 1

$\oplus$	0	1	$u_1$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1$	$1 + u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$
0	0	1	$u_1$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1$	$1+u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$
1	1	0	$1 + u_1$	$1 + u_2$	$u_1$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$
$u_1$	$u_1$	$1+u_1$	0	$u_1 + u_2$	1	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	$u_2$	$1 + u_2$
$u_2$	$u_2$	$1 + u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$	0	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	1	$u_1$	$1 + u_1$
$1+u_1$	$1+u_1$	$u_1$	1	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	0	$u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_2$	$u_2$
$1 + u_2$	$1 + u_2$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	1	$u_1 + u_2$	0	$1 + u_1$	$u_1$
$u_1 + u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	$u_2$	$u_1$	$1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1$	0	1
$1 + u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1$	$u_2$	$u_1$	1	0

### TABLE 2

$\otimes$	0	1	$u_1$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1$	$1 + u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	$u_1$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1$	$1 + u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$
$u_1$	0	$u_1$	$u_1$	0	0	$u_1$	$u_1$	0
$u_2$	0	$u_2$	0	0	$u_2$	$u_2$	0	$u_2$
$1 + u_1$	0	$1 + u_1$	0	$u_2$	$1 + u_1$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$
$1 + u_2$	0	$1 + u_2$	$u_1$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	1	$u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1$
$u_1 + u_2$	0	$u_1 + u_2$	$u_1$	0	$u_2$	$u_1 + u_2$	$u_1$	$u_2$
$1 + u_1 + u_2$	0	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	0	$u_2$	$1 + u_1 + u_2$	$1 + u_1$	$u_2$	$1 + u_1$

The units of R can be found to be following  $R^* = \{1, 1 + u_2\}$ . It can be easily find all the ideals of R to be listed as,

$$\{0\} = I_0 \subset I_{u_1} \subset I_{u_1+u_2} \subset R = I_{1+u_2}$$
$$\{0\} = I_0 \subset I_{u_2} \subset I_{1+u_1} = I_{1+u_1+u_2} \subset R = I_{1+u_2}$$

R is not a finite chain ring. It has got two maximal ideals,  $I_{u_1+u_2}$  and  $I_{u_1}$ . It is semi local ring. Morever, R is principal ring. We take R to be a natural extension of the ring

 $R_2 = \mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2, \ u_2^2 = 0$ . The elements of  $R_2$  may be written as  $0, 1, u_2, 1 + u_2$  where 1 and  $1 + u_2$  are only units in  $R_2$ .  $R_2$  has three ideals (0), (1) and  $(u_2)$ .

A linear code C over  $R(\text{or } R_2)$  of length n is a R (or  $R_2$ ) submodule of  $R^n$  (or  $R_2^n$ ). A linear code C over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  of length n is a  $\mathbb{F}_2$  subvector space  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ . An element of C is called a codeword . Each codeword c in such a code C is an n-tuple of the form  $c = (c_o, c_1, ..., c_{n-1}) \in R^n$  (or  $R_2^n, \mathbb{F}_2^n$ ) and can be represented by

$$c = (c_0, c_1, ..., c_{n-1}) \iff c(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} c_i x^i \in R[x] \text{ (or } R_2[x] , \mathbb{F}_2[x] \text{ ).}$$

The Gray map  $\Phi_1$  on R is given by

$$\Phi_1 : R \to R_2^2$$
  
  $a + u_1 b + u_2 c \mapsto \Phi_1(a + u_1 b + u_2 c) = \Phi_1(r + u_1 q) = (u_2 \cdot r, q)$ 

where  $r = a + u_2c$  and  $q = b + u_2c$ . We will extend  $\Phi_1$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$  naturally as follows  $\Phi_1(c_0, c_1, ..., c_{n-1}) = (u_2.r_0, u_2.r_1, ..., u_2.r_{n-1}, q_0, q_1, ..., q_{n-1})$  where  $c_i = r_i + u_2.q_i$  for all i = 0, 1, ..., n-1.

The Gray map  $\Phi_2$  on  $R_2$  is given by

$$\Phi_2 : R_2 \to \mathbb{F}_2^2$$

$$s + u_2 t \mapsto (s, t)$$

where  $s, t \in \mathbb{F}_2$ . We will extend  $\Phi_2$  to  $\mathbb{R}_2^n$  naturally as follows

$$\Phi_2 : R_2^n \to \mathbb{F}_2^{2n}$$
  
(c\_0, ...., c\_{n-1})  $\mapsto$  (s\_0, ...., s\_{n-1}, t\_0, ...., t\_{n-1})

where  $c_i = s_i + u_2 t_i$ ,  $s_i, t_i \in \mathbb{F}_2$  for all i = 0, 1, ..., n - 1.

The weight  $w_1(r)$  of  $r \in R$  is given by

$$w_1(r) = \begin{cases} 0 \quad ; \ r = 0 \\ 1 \quad ; \ r = 1, u_1, u_2 \\ 2 \quad ; \quad r = 1 + u_1, 1 + u_2, u_1 + u_2 \\ 3 \quad ; \quad r = 1 + u_1 + u_2 \end{cases}$$

This extends to a weight function in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . If  $r = (r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  then  $w_1(r) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_1(r_i)$ . The distance  $d_1(x, y)$  between any distinct vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^n$  is defined to be  $w_1(x-y)$ . The  $d_1$  minimum distance of C is defined as  $d_1(C) = \min\{d_1(x, y)\}$  for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $x \neq y$ .

The weight  $w_2(t)$  of  $t \in R_2$  is given by

$$w_2(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; t = 0 \\ 1 & ; t = 1, u_2 \\ 2 & ; t = 1 + u \end{cases}$$

This extends to a weight function in  $\mathbb{R}_2^n$ . If  $t = (t_o, t_1, ..., t_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}_2^n$  then  $w_2(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_2(t_i)$ . The distance  $d_2(x, y)$  between any distinct vectors  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}_2^n$  is defined to be  $w_2(x-y)$ . The  $d_2$  minimum distance of C is defined as  $d_2(C) = \min\{d_2(x, y)\}$  for any  $x, y \in C$ ,  $x \neq y$ .

Let C be a code over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  of length n and let  $c = (c_0, c_1, ..., c_{n-1})$  be a codeword of C. The Hamming weight of C is defined as

$$w_H(c) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_H(c_i)$$

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where  $w_H(c_i) = 1$  if  $c_i = 1$  and  $w_H(c_i) = 0$  if  $c_i = 0$ . The minimum Hamming distance of C is defined as  $d_H = \min\{d_H(c, c')\}$  for any  $c, c' \in C, c \neq c'$ .

 $\Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2$  are distance preserving map from  $(R^n, d_1)$  to  $(R_2^{2n}, d_2)$  and  $(R_2^{2n}, d_2)$  to  $(\mathbb{F}_2^{4n}, d_H)$ , respectively.

Expressing elements of R as  $a + u_1b + u_2c = r + u_1q$  where  $r = a + u_2c$  and  $q = b + u_2c$  are both in  $R_2$ , we see that

$$w_1(a + u_1b + u_2c) = w_1(r + u_1q) = w_2(u_2r, q) = w_H(0, b, a, c)$$

A cyclic shift on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a permutation  $\sigma$  such that

$$\sigma(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2})$$

A linear code C over R of length n is said to be cyclic code if it is invariant under the cyclic shift  $\sigma(C) = C$ .

A  $(1+u_2)$ -constacyclic shift  $\gamma$  act on  $\mathbb{R}^n$  as

$$\gamma(c_0, c_1, ..., c_{n-1}) = ((1+u_2)c_{n-1}, c_0, ..., c_{n-2})$$

A linear code C over R of length n is said to be  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic code if it is invariant under the  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic shift  $\gamma(C) = C$ .

Let C be a code of length n over R and P(C) be its polynomial representation,

$$P(C) = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} r_i x^i : (r_0, r_1, ..., r_{n-1}) \in C \right\}$$

A code C of length n over R is cyclic if and only if P(C) is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$ . A code C of length n over R is  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic if and only if P(C) is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - (1 + u_2) \rangle$ 

Let  $a \in R_2^{2n}$  with  $a = (a_0, a_1, ..., a_{2n-1}) = (a^{(0)}|a^{(1)}), a^{(i)} \in R_2^n$  for all i = 0, 1. Let  $\sigma^{\otimes 2}$  be the map from  $R_2^{2n}$  to  $R_2^{2n}$  given by

$$\sigma^{\otimes 2}(a) = \left(\sigma(a^{(0)}) | \sigma(a^{(1)})\right)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the usual cyclic shift. A code  $\hat{C}$  of length 2n over  $R_2$  is said to be quasi-cyclic code of index 2 of  $\sigma^{\otimes 2}(\hat{C}) = \hat{C}$ .

Let  $a \in \mathbb{F}_2^{4n}$  with  $a = (a_0, a_1, ..., a_{4n-1}) = (a^{(0)}|a^{(1)}|a^{(2)}|a^{(3)}), a^{(i)} \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  for all i = 0, 1, 2, 3. Let  $\sigma^{\otimes 4}$  be the map from  $\mathbb{F}_2^{4n}$  to  $\mathbb{F}_2^{4n}$  given by

$$\sigma^{\otimes 4}(a) = \left(\sigma(a^{(0)}) | \sigma(a^{(1)}) | \sigma(a^{(2)}) | \sigma(a^{(3)})\right)$$

where  $\sigma$  is the usual cyclic shift. A code  $\hat{C}$  of length 4n over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  is said to be quasi-cyclic code of index 4 of  $\sigma^{\otimes 4}(\hat{C}) = \hat{C}$ .

## 3. The relationship between Cyclic Codes Over R and $(1 + u_2)$ -Constacyclic Codes Over R

Suppose n is odd. Let

$$\mu \quad : \quad R[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle \longrightarrow R[x]/\langle x^n - (1+u_2) \rangle$$
$$r(x) \quad \longmapsto \quad r((1+u_2)x)$$

The  $\mu$  is a ring isomorphism. So I is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$  if and only if  $\mu(I)$  is an ideal of  $R[x]/\langle x^n - (1+u_2) \rangle$ .

If  $\overline{\mu}$  is given as follows,

$$\overline{\mu} : R^n \longrightarrow R^n r = (r_0, ..., r_{n-1}) = (r_0, (1+u_2)r_1 ..., (1+u_2)^{n-1}r_{n-1})$$

then we have,

**Proposition 3.1.** A code C of length n over R is cyclic code if and only if  $\overline{\mu}(C)$  is linear  $(1+u_2)$ -constacyclic code.

4.  $(1 + u_2)$ -Constacyclic Codes Over R of Odd Length and Their Images

Firstly, we obtained even length quasi-cyclic codes of index 2 over  $R_2$  as the  $\Phi_1$  Gray images of  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic codes over R, later we obtained the  $\Phi_2$  Gray image of quasi-cyclic code of index 2 over  $R_2$  with length even.

## **Proposition 4.1.** $\sigma^{\otimes 2}\Phi_1 = \Phi_1\gamma$

*Proof.* Let  $c = (c_0, c_1, ..., c_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $c_i = r_i + u_1 q_i$  for i = 0, 1, ..., n-1. If  $\Phi_1(c_0, c_1, ..., c_{n-1}) = \Phi_1(r_0 + u_1 q_0, r_1 + u_1 q_1, ..., r_{n-1} + u_1 q_{n-1}) = (u_2 r_0, u_2 r_1, ..., u_2 r_{n-1}, q_0, ..., q_{n-1})$  then  $\sigma^{\otimes 2} \Phi_1(c) = (u_2 r_{n-1}, u_2 r_0, ..., u_2 r_{n-2}, q_{n-1}, q_0, ..., q_{n-2}).$ 

On the other hand  $\gamma(c_0, ..., c_{n-1}) = ((1+u_2)c_{n-1}, c_0, ..., c_{n-2})$  where  $(1+u_2)c_{n-1} = r_{n-1}+u_2r_{n-1}+u_1q_{n-1}$ . Then  $\Phi_1(\gamma(c)) = \Phi_1((r_{n-1}+u_2r_{n-1})+u_1q_{n-1}, r_0+u_1q_0, ..., r_{n-2}+u_1q_{n-2}) = (u_2r_{n-1}, u_2r_0, ..., u_2r_{n-2}, q_{n-1}, q_0, ..., q_{n-2}).$ 

**Theorem 4.1.** A code C of length n over R is  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic code if and only if  $\Phi_1(C)$  is quasi-cyclic code of index 2 and length 2n over  $R_2$ .

Proof. Suppose C is  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic code, then  $\gamma(C) = C$ . By applying  $\Phi_1$ , we have  $\Phi_1(\gamma(C)) = \Phi_1(C)$ . By using the Proposition 4.1, we have  $\sigma^{\otimes 2}(\Phi_1(C)) = \Phi_1(\gamma(C)) = \Phi_1(C)$ . So  $\Phi_1(C)$  is quasi-cyclic code of index 2. Conversely, if  $\Phi_1(C)$  is quasi-cyclic code of index 2, then  $\sigma^{\otimes 2}(\Phi_1(C)) = \Phi_1(C)$ . By using the Proposition 4.1, we have  $\sigma^{\otimes 2}(\Phi_1(C)) = \Phi_1(\gamma(C)) = \Phi_1(C)$ . Since  $\Phi_1$  is injective it follows that  $\gamma(C) = C$ .  $\Box$ 

Now, we will obtain the  $\Phi_2$  Gray image of even length quasi-cyclic code of index 2 over  $R_2$ .

## **Proposition 4.2.** $\sigma^{\otimes 4}\Phi_2 = \Phi_2 \sigma^{\otimes 2}$

*Proof.* It is proved as in the proof of the Proposition 4.1.

**Theorem 4.2.** A code B length 2n over  $R_2$  is quasi-cyclic code of index 2 if and only if  $\Phi_2(B)$  is quasi-cyclic code of index 4 over  $\mathbb{F}_2$  with length 4n.

*Proof.* It is proved as in the proof of the Theorem 4.1.

#### Corollary

A code C odd length n over R is  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic if and only if  $\Phi_2(\Phi_1(C))$  is quasi-cyclic code of index 4 and length 4n over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ .

#### 5. CONCLUSION

It is introduced that the finite ring  $\mathbb{F}_2 + u_1\mathbb{F}_2 + u_2\mathbb{F}_2, u_1^2 = u_1, u_2^2 = 0, u_1u_2 = u_2u_1 = 0$ . Also, it is obtained that the Gray image of linear  $(1 + u_2)$ -constacyclic code over R of odd length n.

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