# Linear Codes from the Axiomatic Viewpoint 

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## Notation

- Let $R$ be a finite associative ring with 1 .
- Let $A$ be a finite unital left $R$-module: the alphabet.
- Let $w: A \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ be a weight: $w(0)=0$. Extend to $A^{n}$ by

$$
w\left(a_{1}, \ldots, a_{n}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} w\left(a_{i}\right)
$$

## Symmetry groups

- Recall the symmetry groups of $w$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& G_{\mathrm{lt}}=\{u \in \mathcal{U}(R): w(u a)=w(a), a \in A\}, \\
& G_{\mathrm{rt}}=\left\{\phi \in G L_{R}(A): w(a \phi)=w(a), a \in A\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

- $\mathcal{U}(R)$ is the group of units of $R$, and $G L_{R}(A)$ is the group of invertible $R$-linear homomorphisms $A \rightarrow A$.
- Recall that I will usually write homomorphisms of left modules on the right side.


## Orbit spaces

- For an information module $M$, recall the orbit spaces:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{O} & =G_{\mathrm{tt}} \backslash M \\
\mathcal{O}^{\sharp} & =\operatorname{Hom}_{R}(M, A) / G_{\mathrm{rt}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## W-map

- The W-map is

$$
W: F_{0}\left(\mathcal{O}^{\sharp}, \mathbb{Q}\right) \rightarrow F_{0}(\mathcal{O}, \mathbb{Q}) .
$$

- For $x \in M$,

$$
W(\eta)(x)=\sum_{[\lambda] \in \mathcal{O}^{\sharp}} w(x \lambda) \eta([\lambda]) .
$$

## Using generating character to define a weight

- Suppose the alphabet $A$ admits a generating character $\rho: \operatorname{Soc}(A)$ cyclic.
- Fix a subgroup $U \subseteq G L_{R}(A)$.
- Define a weight $w_{U}: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ :

$$
w_{U}(a)=1-\frac{1}{|U|} \sum_{\phi \in U} \rho(a \phi), \quad a \in A
$$

## Properties of $w_{U}$

- $w_{U}(0)=0$.
- Re-index: $U \subseteq G_{\mathrm{rt}}\left(w_{U}\right)$.
- By the summation formulas and $\rho$ generating: for any nonzero left $R$-submodule $B \subseteq A$, and any $a_{0} \in A$,

$$
\sum_{b \in B} w_{U}\left(a_{0}+b\right)=|B| .
$$

- We say that $w_{U}$ is egalitarian on cosets of $B$.
- $w_{G L_{R}(A)}$ is called homogeneous: Constantinescu, Heise, Greferath, Schmidt, Honold, Nechaev.


## wu has EP

- Suppose $w_{U}(x \Lambda)=w_{U}(x N)$ for all $x \in M$.
- Equation of characters: for all $x \in M$,

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{\phi \in U} \rho\left(x \lambda_{i} \phi\right)=\sum_{j=1}^{n} \sum_{\psi \in U} \rho\left(x \nu_{j} \psi\right)
$$

- Use linear independence of characters: for $j=1$, $\psi=\mathrm{id}_{A}$, there exist $i=\sigma(1)$ and $\phi_{1} \in U$ with $\rho\left(x \lambda_{\sigma(1)} \phi_{1}\right)=\rho\left(x \nu_{1}\right)$ for all $x \in M$.
- $\rho$ generating: $\nu_{1}=\lambda_{\sigma(1)} \phi_{1}$. Inner sums agree, reduce outer sum, and continue by induction.


## Symmetrized weight composition

- This time, no weight. Just ring $R$, alphabet $A$, and a subgroup $G \subseteq G L_{R}(A)$.
- Define an equivalence relation from the right action of $G$ on $A$ : for $a, b \in A, a \sim b$ if $b=a \phi$ for some $\phi \in G$. Denote equivalence class of $a$ by [a].
- For $a \in A$ and $x=\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n}\right) \in A^{n}$, define the symmetrized weight composition (swc) by

$$
\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x)=\left|\left\{i: x_{i} \in[a]\right\}\right| .
$$

- Example: $R=A=\mathbb{Z} / 4 \mathbb{Z}, G=\{ \pm 1\}$.


## swc has EP

- Assume $A$ has generating character $\rho$ (cyclic socle).
- Suppose $C_{1}, C_{2} \subseteq A^{n}$ are two left $R$-linear codes.
- Suppose $f: C_{1} \rightarrow C_{2}$ is a linear isomorphism of $R$-modules that preserves swc:

$$
\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x f)=\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x), \quad a \in A, x \in C_{1} .
$$

- Then $f$ extends to a $G$-monomial transformation.


## Proof (a)

- Result dates from 1997, but we will use the local-global idea of Barra, Gluesing-Luerssen (2014). This is joint work with N. El Garem and N. Megahed.
- As before, view preservation of swc in terms of $\Lambda, N: M \rightarrow A^{n}:$

$$
\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x \Lambda)=\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x N), \quad a \in A, x \in M .
$$

- Local: for each $x \in M$, there exist a permutation $\sigma_{x}$ and elements $\phi_{1, x}, \ldots, \phi_{n, x} \in G$ with $x \nu_{i}=x \lambda_{\sigma_{x}(i)} \phi_{i, x}$.


## Proof (b)

- Local to global: apply $\phi \in G$ and $\rho$, then sum over $\phi$ and $i$. For every $x \in M$ :

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{\phi \in G} \rho\left(x \nu_{i} \phi\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{\phi \in G} \rho\left(x \lambda_{\sigma_{\chi}(i)} \phi_{i, x} \phi\right)
$$

- Dependence on $x$ disappears! For all $x \in M$ :

$$
\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{\phi \in G} \rho\left(x \nu_{i} \phi\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{\phi \in G} \rho\left(x \lambda_{i} \phi\right) .
$$

- Proceed as before to get G-monomial transformation.


## General weight: reducing to swc

- Now include a weight $w$. Suppose alphabet $A$ has cyclic socle. Form swc using $G=G_{r t}(w)$.
- For any $b=\left(b_{1}, \ldots, b_{n}\right) \in A^{n}$,

$$
w(b)=\sum_{i=i}^{n} w\left(b_{i}\right)=\sum_{[a] \in A / G_{\mathrm{rt}}} w(a) \operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(b)
$$

- For a scalar multiple $r b \in A^{n}, r \in R$ :

$$
w(r b)=\sum_{[a] \in A / G_{r t}} w(r a) \operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(b) .
$$

- $w(r b)$ depends only on class $[r] \in G_{I t} \backslash R$.


## Sufficient condition for EP for w

- Form matrix $\mathcal{A}$ with rows indexed by nonzero $[r] \in G_{l t} \backslash R$ and columns indexed by nonzero $[a] \in A / G_{r t}:$

$$
\mathcal{A}_{[r],[a]}=w(r a)
$$

- If matrix $\mathcal{A}$ has trivial right nullspace, then alphabet $A$ has EP for $w$.
- When $A=R$ is commutative, $\mathcal{A}$ is square.

Condition is $\operatorname{det} \mathcal{A} \neq 0$.

## Proof (a)

- Suppose $f: C_{1} \rightarrow C_{2}$ is an isomorphism of $R$-modules and that $f$ is a linear isometry with respect to $w$. Codes are given by $\Lambda: M \rightarrow A^{n}$ and $N: M \rightarrow A^{n}$, as usual.
- Isometry: $w(x \Lambda)=w(x N)$, for all $x \in M$.
- For every $x \in M, r \in R$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
0 & =w(r x \Lambda)-w(r x N) \\
& =\sum_{[a] \in A / G_{r t}} w(r a)\left\{\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x \Lambda)-\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x N)\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Proof (b)

- The condition on matrix $\mathcal{A}$ implies $\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x \Lambda)=\operatorname{swc}_{[a]}(x N)$ for every $a \in A$ and $x \in M$.
- This means that $f: C_{1} \rightarrow C_{2}$ preserves swc.
- Apply EP for swc to conclude that $f$ extends to a $G_{r t}$-monomial transformation.
- This result has been used for computer verification of EP for Lee weight on $R=\mathbb{Z} / N \mathbb{Z}$ for $N \leq 2048$.


## Cases of maximal symmetry

- There has been progress on finding more explicit conditions over ring alphabets $(A=R)$ when the weight $w$ has maximal symmetry: $G_{\mathrm{lt}}=G_{\mathrm{rt}}=\mathcal{U}(R)$.
- When $R$ is a product of chain rings: Greferath, Mc Fadden, Zumbrägel, 2013.
- When $R$ is a principal ideal ring: Greferath, Honold, Mc Fadden, Wood, Zumbrägel, 2014. Here $\operatorname{det} \mathcal{A}$ is factored into terms $\sum_{0<d R<a R} w(d) \mu(0, d R)$, for $a \in R$, where $\mu$ is the Möbius function for the poset of principal right ideals of $R$.


## Examples over $\mathbb{Z} / N \mathbb{Z}$

- In addition to the Hamming weight, there are three additional weights that are easy to define on $\mathbb{Z} / N Z$.
- Lee weight: viewing $\mathbb{Z} / N Z=\{0,1, \ldots, N-1\}$, Lee weight is $w_{L}(a)=\min \{a, N-a\}$.
- Euclidean weight: $w_{E}(a)=w_{L}(a)^{2}$.
- Complex Euclidean weight:
$|\exp (2 \pi i a / N)-1|^{2}=2-2 \cos (2 \pi a / N)$ (square of complex length).


## Facts about EP over $\mathbb{Z} / N \mathbb{Z}$

- Only the complex Euclidean weight is easy: it is the egalitarian weight using $U=\{ \pm 1\}$.
- EP for Lee weight has been numerically verified $(\mathcal{A}$ invertible) for $N \leq 2048$. It has been proven for $N=2^{k}, 3^{k}$ and for $N=p=2 q+1$ or $p=4 q+1$ (Barra) where $p$ and $q$ are prime.

