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**NEW SYSTEMATIC QUASI-CYCLIC CODES OVER $GF(9)$
IN DIMENSIONS 7 AND 8**

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Let $[n, k, d]_q$ -codes be linear codes of length n , dimension k and minimum Hamming distance d over $GF(q)$. In this paper, the existence of the next record-breaking codes $[35, 7, 23]_9$, $[42, 7, 29]_9$, $[49, 7, 34]_9$, $[56, 7, 40]_9$, $[63, 7, 46]_9$, $[98, 7, 75]_9$, $[105, 7, 81]_9$, $[112, 7, 87]_9$, $[119, 7, 93]_9$, $[126, 7, 99]_9$, $[133, 7, 105]_9$, $[48, 8, 32]_9$, $[56, 8, 39]_9$, $[104, 8, 78]_9$, $[112, 8, 85]_9$, $[120, 8, 91]_9$, $[128, 8, 98]_9$ and $[136, 8, 105]_9$ is proved.

1. Introduction. Let $GF(q)$ denote the Galois field of q elements, and let $V(n, q)$ denote the vector space of all ordered n -tuples over $GF(q)$. A linear code C of length n and dimension k over $GF(q)$ is a k -dimensional subspace of $V(n, q)$. Such a code is called $[n, k, d]_q$ -code if its minimum Hamming distance is d .

A central problem in coding theory is that of optimizing one of the parameters n , k and d for given values of the other two. Two versions are:

Problem 1. Find $d_q(n, k)$, the largest value of d for which there exists an $[n, k, d]_q$ -code.

Problem 2. Find $n_q(k, d)$, the smallest value of n for which there exists an $[n, k, d]_q$ -code.

A code which achieves one of these two values is called optimal.

For the case of linear codes over $GF(9)$, Problem 2 has been solved for $k \leq 3$ (see [6]). In addition Bierbrauer and Gulliver [1] constructed many new codes in dimensions $k = 4, 5$. Daskalov and Gulliver [3] obtained new codes in dimension $k = 6$. In this paper we consider the next two dimensions. Eleven new 7-dimensional and seven new 8-dimensional quasi-cyclic (QC) linear codes are constructed, which improve the respective lower bounds in Brouwer's tables [2].

2. Preliminary results. Quasi-cyclic codes form an important class of linear codes which contains the well-known class of cyclic codes. These codes are a very natural generalization of cyclic codes and some of the next facts motivated many researches for their investigation:

- QC codes meet a modified version of Gilbert-Varshamov bound [8];

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- Some of the best quadratic residue codes and Pless symmetry codes are QC codes [9];
- QC codes consist a large number of record breaking codes and many of them are optimal codes;
- There is a link between QC codes and convolutional codes [4].

The Structure of Quasi-Cyclic Codes. A code C is said to be quasi-cyclic (QC) if a cyclic shift of any codeword by p positions is also a codeword in C . A cyclic code is a QC code with $p = 1$. The length n of a QC code is a multiple of p , i.e., $n = mp$. With a suitable permutation of coordinates, many QC codes can be characterized in terms of $(m \times m)$ circulant matrices. In this case, a QC code can be transformed into an equivalent code with generator matrix

$$(1) \quad G = [R_0; R_1; R_2; \dots; R_{p-1}],$$

where R_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, p - 1$ is a circulant matrix of the form

$$(2) \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_{m-1} \\ a_{m-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{m-2} \\ a_{m-2} & a_{m-1} & a_0 & \cdots & a_{m-3} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \cdots & a_0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

If one of the matrices R_i , $i = 0, 1, \dots, p - 1$ is the identity matrix, then the QC code is called *systematic*.

The algebra of $m \times m$ circulant matrices over $GF(q)$ is isomorphic to the algebra of polynomials in the ring $GF(q)[x]/(x^m - 1)$ if R is mapped onto the polynomial, $r(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{m-1}x^{m-1}$, formed from the entries in the first row of R [9]. The $r_i(x)$ associated with a QC code are called the *defining polynomials* [5].

If the defining polynomials $r_i(x)$ contain a common factor which is also a factor of $x^m - 1$, then the QC code is called *degenerate* [5]. Define the *order* of this QC code as [10]

$$(3) \quad h(x) = \frac{x^m - 1}{\gcd\{x^m - 1, r_0(x), r_1(x), \dots, r_{p-1}(x)\}}.$$

The dimension k of the QC code is equal to the degree of $h(x)$. If the polynomial $h(x)$ is of degree m , the dimension of the code is m , and (1) is a generator matrix. If $\deg(h(x)) = k < m$, a generator matrix for the code can be constructed by deleting $m - k$ rows of (1).

For convenience, the coefficients of the defining polynomials are given as integers. For $GF(9)$, $\alpha = 3$, $\alpha^2 = 7$, $\alpha^3 = 8$, $\alpha^4 = 2$, $\alpha^5 = 6$, $\alpha^6 = 5$, $\alpha^7 = 4$, where α is a root of the ternary primitive polynomial $x^2 + x + 2$. The defining polynomials are listed with the lowest degree coefficient on the left, i.e., 17352 corresponds to the polynomial $1 + 7x + 3x^2 + 5x^3 + 2x^4$.

3. The New Codes.

Theorem 1. *There exist quasi-cyclic codes with parameters:*

$$\begin{aligned} & [35, 7, 23]_9, [42, 7, 29]_9, [49, 7, 34]_9, [56, 7, 40]_9, [63, 7, 46]_9, \\ & [98, 7, 75]_9, [105, 7, 81]_9, [112, 7, 87]_9, [119, 7, 93]_9, [126, 7, 99]_9, [133, 7, 105]_9 \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The coefficients of the defining polynomials and the weight distributions of these codes are as follows:

A [35, 7, 23]₉-code:

$$1000000, 5100011, 1126467, 6330121, 3011338; \\ 0^1 23^{616} 24^{4536} 25^{12880} 26^{42560} 27^{108416} 28^{247128} 29^{479136} 30^{765408} 31^{996240} 32^{988064} 33^{723576} 34^{335888} 35^{78520}$$

A [42, 7, 29]₉-code:

$$1000000, 0113383, 1132204, 6711264, 0015663, 0121633; \\ 0^1 29^{1176} 30^{6160} 31^{18536} 32^{48104} 33^{110600} 34^{236264} 35^{439552} 36^{677600} 37^{884744} 38^{930160} 39^{760760} 40^{455616} \\ 41^{180488} 42^{33208}$$

A [49, 7, 34]₉-code:

$$1000000, 3301216, 1111160, 1205357, 0015663, 4671126, 0113383; \\ 0^1 34^{224} 35^{1400} 36^{8568} 37^{21392} 38^{53536} 39^{113848} 40^{219800} 41^{397152} 42^{618528} 43^{803488} 44^{857920} 45^{762608} \\ 46^{546448} 47^{273056} 48^{90608} 49^{14392}$$

A [56, 7, 40]₉-code:

$$1000000, 1126467, 0121633, 1112316, 3383011, 1111706, 1205357, 5663001; \\ 0^1 40^{504} 41^{3192} 42^{9416} 43^{23744} 44^{52248} 45^{113400} 46^{216384} 47^{369936} 48^{553168} 49^{719600} 50^{806064} 51^{765128} \\ 52^{589512} 53^{350112} 54^{159096} 55^{45416} 56^{6048}$$

A [63, 7, 46]₉-code:

$$1000000, 0010257, 1112804, 0611117, 7120535, 0113383, 0015663, 1126467, 0121633; \\ 0^1 46^{952} 47^{3864} 48^{10472} 49^{25992} 50^{55216} 51^{113008} 52^{204624} 53^{336616} 54^{500192} 55^{659792} 56^{766136} 57^{740600} \\ 58^{620256} 59^{410200} 60^{222096} 61^{86352} 62^{23128} 63^{3472}$$

A [98, 7, 75]₉-code:

$$1000000, 1120127, 1120316, 1112364, 0010408, 1117034, 0101356, 1112804, 1111706, 1205357, 5663001, \\ 1264671, 0121633, 1338301; \\ 0^1 75^{392} 76^{3472} 77^{6888} 78^{14840} 79^{28392} 80^{53984} 81^{95872} 82^{155120} 83^{234416} 84^{346416} 85^{450296} 86^{556360} \\ 87^{604576} 88^{606704} 89^{541576} 90^{437864} 91^{304592} 92^{182672} 93^{100520} 94^{40936} 95^{13104} 9^{2968} 97^{896} 98^{112}$$

A [105, 7, 81]₉-code:

$$1000000, 1205357, 0015663, 1126467, 0113383, 0121633, 1120415, 2711201, 0010408, 3411170, 0101356, \\ 0411128, 1120316, 1112364, 1111706; \\ 0^1 81^{1008} 82^{3864} 83^{7616} 84^{13720} 85^{27440} 86^{54208} 87^{92400} 88^{142408} 89^{225960} 90^{326144} 91^{419328} 92^{518056} \\ 93^{581056} 94^{591864} 95^{547120} 96^{455224} 97^{334656} 98^{222216} 99^{123536} 100^{63112} 101^{22512} 102^{7224} 103^{1904} 104^{280} 105^{112}$$

A [112, 7, 87]₉-code:

$$1000000, 1120412, 1121476, 2711201, 1120316, 1112364, 0800104, 3411170, 0101356, 1112804, 1111706, \\ 1205357, 3001566, 7112646, 0121633, 0113383; \\ 0^1 87^{1624} 88^{3416} 89^{7112} 90^{15344} 91^{29568} 92^{49784} 93^{85960} 94^{137928} 95^{213192} 96^{300552} 97^{403984} 98^{486976} \\ 99^{552384} 100^{567392} 101^{547064} 102^{473816} 103^{363832} 104^{249200} 105^{157032} 106^{81816} 107^{36680} 108^{13384} 109^{4144} \\ 110^{616} 111^{112} 112^{56}$$

A [119, 7, 93]₉-code:

$$1000000, 1123705, 1130128, 1121476, 0121633, 0113383, 1120127, 1120316, 1236411, 0010408, 1117034, \\ 0101356, 7061111, 1205357, 0015663, 1126467, 1112804;$$

$$0^1 93^{1512} 94^{2688} 95^{7784} 96^{16744} 97^{28392} 98^{50736} 99^{83272} 100^{130928} 101^{197848} 102^{281960} 103^{378112} 104^{456288} \\ 105^{530768} 106^{551432} 107^{544712} 108^{479192} 109^{389032} 110^{279272} 111^{184520} 112^{10288} 113^{53368} 114^{20608} 115^{8400} \\ 116^{2128} 117^{336} 118^{56}$$

A [126, 7, 99]₉-code:

$$1000000, 0117034, 0101356, 1112804, 1111706, 1205357, 1120415, 1124345, 1130128, 1121476, 1120127, \\ 3161120, 1112364, 0800104, 0015663, 0113383, 1126467, 0121633; \\ 0^1 99^{1680} 100^{3248} 101^{9016} 102^{15400} 103^{27216} 104^{50120} 105^{78680} 106^{123816} 107^{189448} 108^{265328} 109^{350168} \\ 110^{435512} 111^{502320} 112^{540960} 113^{532560} 114^{487480} 115^{407120} 116^{305144} 117^{208656} 118^{128296} 119^{69280} 120^{32144} \\ 121^{14168} 122^{3752} 123^{1176} 124^{168} 125^{112}$$

A [133, 7, 105]₉-code:

$$1000000, 0112863, 1121760, 1124345, 1130128, 1111706, 1205357, 0015663, 1126467, 1121476, 1120127, \\ 1120316, 6411123, 4080010, 1117034, 0101356, 1112804, 0121633, 0113383; \\ 0^1 105^{1288} 106^{4032} 107^{9016} 108^{15232} 109^{27608} 110^{48888} 111^{75040} 112^{118552} 113^{174552} 114^{250936} 115^{335832} \\ 116^{407120} 117^{478688} 118^{517104} 119^{533064} 120^{485576} 121^{423416} 122^{326312} 123^{236824} 124^{151424} 125^{86464} 126^{43856} \\ 127^{21000} 128^{8176} 129^{2184} 130^{728} 131^{56}$$

Table 1. New 7-dimensional QC codes over GF(9)

N:	code	d	d_{br}	N:	code	d	d_{br}
1	[35,7]	23	22	7	[105,7]	81	79
2	[42,7]	29	27	8	[112,7]	87	84
3	[49,7]	34	33	9	[119,7]	93	91
4	[56,7]	40	39	10	[126,7]	99	96
5	[63,7]	46	45	11	[133,7]	105	
6	[98,7]	75	74				

Theorem 2. There exist quasi-cyclic codes with parameters:

$$[48, 8, 32]_9, [56, 8, 39]_9, [104, 8, 78]_9, \\ [112, 8, 85]_9, [120, 8, 91]_9, [128, 8, 98]_9, [136, 8, 105]_9.$$

Proof. The coefficients of the defining polynomials end the wieght distributions of these codes are as follows:

A [48, 8, 32]₉-code:

$$10000000, 11112468, 11165047, 11128523, 11360420, 01134665; \\ 0^1 32^{544} 33^{4800} 34^{17472} 35^{53952} 36^{153824} 37^{393984} 38^{927200} 39^{1881536} 40^{3387696} 41^{5293184} 42^{7057152} 43^{7890240} \\ 44^{7185792} 45^{5092800} 46^{2650848} 47^{899008} 48^{156688}$$

A [56, 8, 39]₉-code:

$$10000000, 12607811, 20211140, 28523111, 13604201, 65047111, 34665011; \\ 0^1 39^{2176} 40^{8800} 41^{27712} 42^{77760} 43^{207552} 44^{478208} 45^{1023360} 46^{1941152} 47^{3320256} 48^{4952192} 49^{6515648} 50^{7292384} \\ 51^{6880320} 52^{5258784} 53^{3173056} 54^{1412288} 55^{414784} 56^{60288}$$

A [104, 8, 78]₉-code:

$$10000000, 00101415, 00010281, 11206364, 11121340, 11242285, 11572132, 11136525, 11140202, 11128523, \\ 11360420, 11165047, 01134665; \\ 0^1 78^{1440} 79^{3840} 80^{9968} 81^{26304} 82^{53952} 83^{117824} 84^{228160} 85^{424960} 86^{755776} 87^{1266752} 88^{1936432} 89^{2782272}$$

$$90^{3744576} 91^{4579456} 92^{5175152} 93^{5360832} 94^{5035008} 95^{4200448} 96^{3164264} 97^{2076480} 98^{1190144} 99^{586944} 100^{235872} \\ 101^{69696} 102^{16992} 103^{2880} 104^{296}$$

A [112, 8, 85]₉-code:

$$10000000, 00128631, 00101828, 00010281, 11206364, 11121340, 11242285, 11572132, 11136525, 11140202, \\ 11128523, 11360420, 11165047, 01134665; \\ 0^1 851728 86^{5056} 87^{13824} 88^{27200} 89^{64512} 90^{133216} 91^{254848} 92^{462272} 93^{773248} 94^{1255104} 95^{1906304} 96^{2722696} \\ 97^{3579520} 98^{4382592} 99^{4980992} 100^{5149296} 101^{4935808} 102^{4244832} 103^{3268544} 104^{260400} 105^{1382080} 106^{742976} \\ 107^{336128} 108^{120400} 109^{34816} 110^{7040} 111^{1216} 112^{72}$$

A [120, 8, 91]₉-code:

$$10000000, 01134665, 00010127, 00128631, 00101828, 00010281, 11206364, 11128523, 11121340, 11242285, \\ 11360420, 13211572, 25111365, 11140202, 04711165; \\ 0^1 9170492^{2352} 93^{7040} 94^{15104} 95^{33920} 96^{76016} 97^{143616} 98^{271008} 99^{477952} 100^{803488} 101^{1254784} 102^{1885248} \\ 103^{2638080} 104^{3463280} 105^{4204928} 106^{4769408} 107^{4984128} 108^{4792576} 109^{4253056} 110^{3377312} 111^{2431360} \\ 112^{1563944} 113^{890496} 114^{443616} 115^{181376} 116^{62272} 117^{16576} 118^{2784} 119^{256} 120^{40}$$

A [128, 8, 98]₉-code:

$$10000000, 00124245, 00010248, 00128631, 00101828, 00010281, 11206364, 11121340, 11242285, 11572132, \\ 11136525, 11140202, 11128523, 11360420, 11165047, 01134665; \\ 0^1 981088 99^{3584} 100^{9344} 101^{19520} 102^{39840} 103^{82496} 104^{161528} 105^{279296} 106^{506272} 107^{806912} 108^{1268992} \\ 109^{1840512} 110^{2556096} 111^{3354944} 112^{4033424} 113^{4580480} 114^{4840960} 115^{4714880} 116^{4225616} 117^{3439296} \\ 118^{2573280} 119^{1717312} 120^{1036280} 121^{555840} 122^{260352} 123^{96832} 124^{31408} 125^{8896} 126^{1248} 127^{128} 128^{64}$$

A [136, 8, 105]₉-code:

$$10000000, 01127243, 00128242, 00010248, 00128631, 82800101, 00010281, 36411206, 11121340, 85112422, \\ 21321157, 65251113, 11140202, 28523111, 11360420, 11165047, 34665011; \\ 0^1 105^{1344} 106^{4064} 107^{11392} 108^{24000} 109^{46272} 110^{92160} 111^{170752} 112^{299832} 113^{511552} 114^{821120} 115^{1259200} \\ 116^{1828400} 117^{2504384} 118^{3222656} 119^{3888256} 120^{4405296} 121^{4667712} 122^{4600864} 123^{4224192} 124^{3510912} \\ 125^{2674752} 126^{1883168} 127^{1180160} 128^{662360} 129^{329984} 130^{146400} 131^{56512} 132^{14896} 133^{3648} 134^{384} 135^{64} 136^{32}$$

Table 2. New 8-dimensional QC codes over GF(9)

N:	code	d	d_{br}	N:	code	d	d_{br}
1	[48,8]	32	31	5	[120,8]	91	87
2	[56,8]	39	38	6	[128,8]	98	94
3	[104,8]	78	77	7	[136,8]	105	
4	[112,8]	85	82				

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НОВИ СИСТЕМАТИЧНИ КВАЗИ-ЦИКЛИЧНИ КОДОВЕ НАД $GF(9)$ В РАЗМЕРНОСТИ 7 И 8

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Нека $[n, k, d]_q$ -код е линеен код с дължина n , размерност k и минимално хемингово разстояние d над $GF(q)$. В този доклад са конструирани следните нови кодове $[35, 7, 23]_9$, $[42, 7, 29]_9$, $[49, 7, 34]_9$, $[56, 7, 40]_9$, $[63, 7, 46]_9$, $[98, 7, 75]_9$, $[105, 7, 81]_9$, $[112, 7, 87]_9$, $[119, 7, 93]_9$, $[126, 7, 99]_9$, $[133, 7, 105]_9$, $[48, 8, 32]_9$, $[56, 8, 39]_9$, $[104, 8, 78]_9$, $[112, 8, 85]_9$, $[120, 8, 91]_9$, $[128, 8, 98]_9$, $[136, 8, 105]_9$, които подобряват известните в момента долни граници за минималното разстояние в таблиците на Брауер.