

CLASSIFICATION OF BINARY SELF-DUAL [68, 34, 12]  
CODES WITH AN AUTOMORPHISM OF ORDER 11\*

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We classify up to equivalence all optimal binary self-dual [68, 34, 12] codes having an automorphism of order 11 with 6 independent cycles and two fixed points. Using a method for constructing self-dual codes via an automorphism of odd prime order we prove that there are exactly 243789 inequivalent such codes. Our results show that there exist 8821 such codes with 21 different new values of the parameter in both possible weight enumerator.

**1. Introduction.** Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be a finite field with  $q = p^r$  elements. A linear  $[n, k]_q$  code  $C$  is a  $k$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$ . We call the codes *binary* if  $q = 2$ . The number of the nonzero coordinates of a vector in  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$  is called its *weight*. An  $[n, k, d]_q$  code is an  $[n, k]_q$  linear code with minimum nonzero weight  $d$ .

Let  $(u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i \in \mathbb{F}_2$  for  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_n), v = (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$  be the inner product in  $\mathbb{F}_2^n$ . Then if  $C$  is a binary  $[n, k]$  code, its *dual*  $C^\perp = \{u \in \mathbb{F}_2^n \mid (u, v) = 0 \text{ for all } v \in C\}$  is a  $[n, n - k]$  binary code. If  $C \subseteq C^\perp$ , the code  $C$  is termed *self-orthogonal*, in case of  $C = C^\perp$ ,  $C$  is called *self-dual*.

Two binary codes are *equivalent* if one can be obtained from the other by a permutation of the coordinate positions. The permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$  is an *automorphism* of  $C$ , if  $C = \sigma(C)$ . The set of all automorphisms of a code forms a group called *the automorphism group*  $\text{Aut}(C)$ . If a code  $C$  have an automorphism  $\sigma$  of odd prime order  $p$ , where  $\sigma$  has  $c$  independent  $p$ -cycles and  $f$  fixed points, then  $\sigma$  is said to be of *type*  $p - (c, f)$ .

Self-dual codes with an automorphism of odd prime order are an extensively studied subject. All such codes are classified up to length 50 [9]. In recent works [7], [5], [6] some self-dual codes with automorphisms of order  $2^r p$  for primes  $p = 5, 7$ , and 11 were constructed using codes over rings  $F_2 + uF_2, F_2 + uF_2 + u^2F_2, F_4 + uF_4$ , and  $R_k$ .

We say that a code  $C$  of length  $n$  have an automorphism  $\sigma$  of *type*  $p - (c, f)$  for a prime  $p$  if  $\sigma$  have exactly  $c$  independent  $p$ -cycles and  $f = n - cp$  fixed points in its decomposition. Without loss of generality we may assume that

$$(1) \quad \sigma = (1, 2, \dots, p)(p + 1, p + 2, \dots, 2p) \cdots (p(c - 1) + 1, p(c - 1) + 2, \dots, pc).$$

In [13], [14] the self-dual codes with an automorphism of order 11 with four cycles are studied. There is a unique [44, 22, 8] code with an automorphism of type  $11 - (2, 22)$ , and

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11 codes with an automorphism of type  $11 - (4, 0)$ . Huffman in [4] presented a survey of the status of the classification of self-dual codes over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . Also there [4, Table 2] the case of binary self-dual codes of lengths 68 with an automorphism of order 11 with 6 cycles is listed as open.

**2. Construction method.** Let  $C$  be a binary self-dual code of length  $n$  with an automorphism  $\sigma$  of order  $p$  with exactly  $c$  independent  $p$ -cycles and  $f$  fixed points in its decomposition (1).

Denote the cycles of  $\sigma$  by  $\Omega_1, \Omega_2, \dots, \Omega_c$ , and the fixed points by  $\Omega_{c+1}, \dots, \Omega_{c+f}$ . Let  $F_\sigma(C) = \{v \in C \mid v\sigma = v\}$  and  $E_\sigma(C) = \{v \in C \mid wt(v|_{\Omega_i}) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, i = 1, \dots, c+f\}$ , where  $v|_{\Omega_i}$  is the restriction of  $v$  on  $\Omega_i$ .

**Theorem 1** ([3]). *Assume  $C$  is a self-dual code. The code  $C$  is a direct sum of the subcodes  $F_\sigma(C)$  and  $E_\sigma(C)$ .  $F_\sigma(C)$  and  $E_\sigma(C)$  are subspaces of dimensions  $\frac{c+f}{2}$  and  $\frac{c(p-1)}{2}$ , respectively.*

Clearly  $v \in F_\sigma(C)$  iff  $v \in C$  and  $v$  is constant on each cycle. Let  $\pi : F_\sigma(C) \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_2^{c+f}$  be the projection map where if  $v \in F_\sigma(C)$ ,  $(v\pi)_i = v_j$  for some  $j \in \Omega_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, c+f$ .

**Theorem 2** ([12]). *A binary  $[n, n/2]$  code  $C$  with an automorphism  $\sigma$  is self-dual if and only if the following two conditions hold:*

(i)  $C_\pi = \pi(F_\sigma(C))$  is a binary self-dual code of length  $c+f$ ,

(ii) for every  $u, v \in C_\varphi = \varphi(E_\sigma(C)^*)$  we have  $\sum_{i=1}^c u_i(x)v_i(x^{-1}) = 0$ .

Furthermore, if 2 is a primitive root modulo  $p$  then  $C_\varphi$  is a self-dual code of length  $c$  over the field  $\mathcal{P} \cong \mathbb{F}_{2^{p-1}}$  under the inner product  $(u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^c u_i v_i^{2^{(p-1)/2}}$ .

Denote by  $E_\sigma(C)^*$  the code  $E_\sigma(C)$  with the last  $f$  coordinates deleted. So  $E_\sigma(C)^*$  is a self-orthogonal binary code of length  $pc$ . For  $v$  in  $E_\sigma(C)^*$  we let  $v|_{\Omega_i} = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{p-1})$  correspond to the polynomial  $v_0 + v_1x + \dots + v_{p-1}x^{p-1}$  from  $P$ , where  $P$  is the set of even-weight polynomials in  $\mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^p - 1)$ . Thus we obtain the map  $\varphi : E_\sigma(C)^* \rightarrow P^c$ .  $P$  is a cyclic code of length  $p$  with generator polynomial  $x + 1$  and check polynomial  $1 + x + \dots + x^{p-1}$ .

It is known [3], [12] that  $\varphi(E_\sigma(C)^*)$  is a  $P$ -module and for each  $u, v \in \varphi(E_\sigma(C)^*)$  it holds that

$$(2) \quad u_1(x)v_1(x^{-1}) + u_2(x)v_2(x^{-1}) + \dots + u_c(x)v_c(x^{-1}) = 0.$$

To classify the codes, we need additional conditions for equivalence. For that purpose we use the following theorem:

**Theorem 3** ([11]). *The following transformations preserve the decomposition and send the code  $C$  to an equivalent one:*

- a) the substitution  $x \rightarrow x^t$  in  $C_\varphi$ , where  $t$  is an integer,  $1 \leq t \leq p-1$ ;
- b) multiplication of the  $j$ th coordinate of  $C_\varphi$  by  $x^{t_j}$  where  $t_j$  is an integer,  $0 \leq t_j \leq p-1, j = 1, 2, \dots, c$ ;
- c) permutation of the first  $c$  cycles of  $C$ ;
- d) permutation of the last  $f$  coordinates of  $C$ .

**3. Hermitian [6, 3] codes over a  $\mathbb{F}_{2^{10}}$ .** By Theorem 2 using that 2 is a primitive root modulo  $p = 11$  we can conclude that the  $\varphi(E_\sigma(C))$  is a Hermitian  $[6, 3, \geq 3]$  self-dual

code over  $\mathcal{P} \cong \mathbb{F}_{2^{10}}$  under the inner product

$$(3) \quad (u, v) = \sum_{i=1}^6 u_i v_i^{3^2}.$$

$\mathcal{P}$  has identity  $e(x) = x + x^2 + \dots + x^{10}$  and a primitive element  $\alpha = x + x^3 + x^5 + x^8 + x^9 + x^{10}$ . Let  $\delta = \alpha^{11}$  be an element of  $\mathcal{P}$  with multiplicative order 93. Then we can represent  $\mathcal{P} \cong \mathbb{F}_{2^{10}} = \{0, x^i \delta^j \mid 0 \leq i \leq 10, 0 \leq j \leq 92\}$ . We omit the proofs of the next two statements. For more information we refer the reader to [10].

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $C$  be a binary self-dual code with minimum distance  $d = 12$ , having an automorphism  $\sigma$  of order 11 with 6 cycles. Then (up to a transformation from Theorem 3) the generator matrix of the code  $\varphi(E_\sigma(C))$  is in the form*

$$(4) \quad A = \begin{pmatrix} e & 0 & 0 & t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \\ 0 & e & 0 & t_4 & t_5 & t_6 \\ 0 & 0 & e & t_7 & t_8 & t_9 \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $t_i \in \{0, \delta^j, 0 \leq j \leq 92\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, 4, 7$ ,  $t_j \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $j = 5, 6, 8, 9$ .

Using the orthogonality condition (3) we computed all different cases for  $A$ . We summarize the final results in the following.

**Theorem 4.** *Up to equivalence there are 31611 subcodes  $E_\sigma$  over  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $\varphi^{-1}(C_\varphi)$  generates a code with minimum distance 12.*

**4. Binary self-dual [68, 34, 12] codes with an automorphism of type 11 – (6, 2).** There are two possible weight enumerators for a [68, 34, 12] binary self-dual code:

$$W_{68,1} = 1 + (442 + 4\beta)y^{12} + (10864 - 8\beta)y^{14} + \dots,$$

and

$$W_{68,2} = 1 + (442 + 4\beta)y^{12} + (14960 - 8\beta - 256\gamma)y^{14} + \dots,$$

where  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are integer parameters. Codes are known with both weight enumerators. For most recent information on the known values of  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  we refer the reader to [7].

There are exactly two [8, 4] binary self-dual codes  $4i_2$  and  $e_8$  [8]. Denote by  $X_c \subset \{1, \dots, 8\}$  – the coordinate positions in the two above codes that correspond to the 11-cycles of  $\sigma$ , and by  $X_f \subset \{1, \dots, 8\}$  – the fixed points. We have that  $X_c \cap X_f = \emptyset$  and  $X_c \cup X_f = \{1, \dots, 8\}$ .

In the case of  $4i_2$  we cannot have the full support of any weight 2 vector in  $X_f$  therefore assuming the first 6 coordinates are cyclic we get only one matrix for  $C_\pi$  that is

$$G_1 = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|cc} 101000 & & & & 00 & \\ 000110 & & & & 00 & \\ 000001 & & & & 10 & \\ 010000 & & & & 01 & \end{array} \right),$$

where the vertical line splits the cyclic coordinates in the left hand side and the fixed points in the right hand side. The automorphism group of the extended Hamming code  $e_8$  is 3-transitive so we can choose any two coordinates for  $X_f$  thus we have a unique

matrix

$$G_2 = \left( \begin{array}{cccc|c} 100001 & & & & 11 \\ 010010 & & & & 11 \\ 001011 & & & & 01 \\ 000111 & & & & 10 \end{array} \right).$$

**Proposition 2.** *There are exactly 243789 inequivalent binary [68, 34, 12] self-dual codes having an automorphism of type 11 – (6, 2).*

**4.1.  $C_\pi = G_1$ .** All of the codes we have found are with  $W_{68,2,\gamma} = 0$  for different values of  $\beta$  listed in Table 1. Note that the values  $\beta = 11, 22, 33, 143, 154, 165, 176, 187, 198, 209, 220, 231, 308,$  and  $330$  are new and are listed in bold font. Thus we constructed 5279 inequivalent codes with new values of  $(\beta, \gamma)$  in their weight enumerator.

Table 1. The parameters of [68, 34, 12] codes when  $C_\pi = G_1$  all with  $W_{68,2}$

$\beta$	#	Aut(C)					$\beta$	#	Aut(C)		
		11	22	44	110	220			11	22	44
<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>143</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>1687</b>	<b>262</b>	
<b>22</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>25</b>	4			<b>154</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>41</b>				<b>165</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>454</b>	<b>106</b>	
44	3100	2980	110	9	1		<b>176</b>	<b>347</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7</b>
55	7276	7068	208				<b>187</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>29</b>	
66	12648	12223	415	10			<b>198</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>
77	16787	16329	458				<b>209</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>7</b>	
88	17598	16979	607	11		1	<b>220</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>
99	14870	14357	513				<b>231</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	
110	11232	10606	614	12			<b>308</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
121	7032	6591	441				<b>330</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	
132	3899	3506	388	5							

**4.2.  $C_\pi = G_2$ .** We found codes all with  $W_{68,1}$  for different values of  $\beta$  listed in Table 2. The values  $\beta = 115, 247, 280, 291, 313, 324$  and  $379$  are new and are listed

Table 2. The parameters of [68, 34, 12] codes when  $C_\pi = G_2$  all with  $W_{68,1}$

$\beta$	#	Aut(C)						$\beta$	#	Aut(C)				
		11	22	44	66	132	330			11	22	44	66	132
104	317	300	15		1		1	236	2715	2337	358	5	15	
<b>115</b>	<b>1738</b>	<b>1631</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2</b>				<b>247</b>	<b>1476</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>10</b>		
126	5412	5110	300	2				258	809	635	174			
137	11208	10657	532	7	12			269	414	284	120	3	7	
148	17023	16276	741	6				<b>280</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>54</b>			
159	21494	20570	904	20				<b>291</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>		
170	22012	21020	961	7	24			302	36	20	14		2	
181	19809	18678	1110	21				<b>313</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>		
192	15717	14797	910	10				<b>324</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>			
203	11487	10646	792	32	16	1		335	10		5	1	2	2
214	7425	6820	599	6				<b>379</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>		
225	4637	4151	467	19				401	1				1	

in bold. The codes with  $|\text{Aut}(C)| = 66, 132$  and  $330$  are the bordered double circulant known from [2, Table 7]. Our results completely match Gulliver and Harada's results [2]. The total number of all inequivalent codes with new values of  $\beta$  in their weight enumerator is 3542.

For equivalence check on the codes in this research we use the software system Q-extensions by Iliya Bouyukliev [1].

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**КЛАСИФИКАЦИЯ НА ДВОИЧНИ САМОДУАЛНИ [68, 34, 12]  
КОДОВЕ С АВТОМОРФИЗЪМ ОТ РЕД 11**

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Класифицирани са с точност до еквивалентност всички оптимални двоични самодуални [68, 34, 12] кодове, които притежават автоморфизъм от ред 11 с 6 независими цикъла при разлагане на независими цикли. Използвайки метод за конструиране на самодуални кодове, притежаващи автоморфизъм от нечетен прост ред е доказано, че съществуват точно 8821 нееквивалентни такива кода. Получени са 21 различни нови стойности за параметъра на тегловната функция за тази дължина.