

# Minimum Distance Bounds for Some Cyclic Codes

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## Abstract

Generating polynomials, minimum distances and dimensions for the minimal cyclic codes of length  $16p^n$  over the field  $GF(q)$ , where  $q$  is of the form  $16k+1$ , are obtained.

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## INTRODUCTION

Let  $F$  be a finite field of prime power order  $q$  and  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $m$  such that  $\text{g.c.d.}(m, q) = 1$ . Then  $FG$ , the group algebra of the cyclic group  $G$  over  $F$ , is semi-simple and has only a finite number of primitive idempotents which equals the number of cyclotomiccosets modulo  $m$ . Let  $t$  be the multiplicative order of  $q$  modulo  $m$ , then  $1 \leq t \leq \phi(m)$  [3]. If  $t = \phi(m)$  and  $m = 2, 4, p^n, 2p^n$ , the minimal cyclic codes were calculated by Pruthi and Arora [1, 6]. The minimal cyclic codes of length  $p^n q$  were discussed by Bakshi and Raka[2]. Minimal cyclic codes of length  $4p^n$  were obtained by Chawla and Singh[4] and those of length  $8p^n$  were discussed by Singh and Arora[7].

The  $q$ -cyclotomiccosets modulo  $16p^n$ , where  $p^n \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  and  $q$  is of the form  $16k+9$ , are obtained in Section 2. In Section 3, we obtained the primitive idempotents in  $FC_{16p^n}$  (Theorem 3.19).

## CYCLOTOMIC COSETS

Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 16p^n\}$ . For  $a, b \in S$ , say that  $a \sim b$  iff  $a \equiv bq^i \pmod{16p^n}$  for some integer  $i \geq 0$ . This is an equivalence relation on set  $S$ . The equivalence classes due to this relation are called  $q$ -cyclotomiccosets modulo  $16p^n$ . The  $q$ -cyclotomiccoset containing  $s \in S$  is  $\Omega_s = \{s, sq, sq^2, \dots, sq^{t_s-1}\}$ , where  $t_s$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $sq^{t_s} \equiv s \pmod{16p^n}$ .

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $\phi(p^n)$  is the order of  $q$  modulo  $p^n$  then order of  $q$  modulo  $p^{n-i}$  is  $\phi(p^{n-i})$ , for all  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ .

Proof is trivial.

**Lemma 2.2.** If  $q$  is an odd prime of the form  $16k+1$  and  $\phi(p^n)$  is the order of  $q$  modulo  $p^n$ , then for  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ , the order of  $q$  modulo  $2p^{n-i}$ ,  $4p^{n-i}$ ,  $8p^{n-i}$  and  $16p^{n-i}$  is  $\phi(p^{n-i})$ .

**Proof.** Since  $\phi(p^n)$  is the order of  $q$  modulo  $p^n$ , therefore, by lemma 2.1, order of  $q$  modulo  $p^{n-i}$  is  $\phi(p^{n-i})$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ . Hence  $q^{\phi(p^{n-i})} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{n-i}}$ . Since  $\phi(p^{n-i})$  is even, therefore,  $\phi(p^{n-i}) = 2t$  for some integer  $t$  and  $q^{\phi(p^{n-i})} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . Also,  $\text{g.c.d.}(2, p^{n-i}) = 1$ , therefore,  $q^{\phi(p^{n-i})} \equiv 1 \pmod{2p^{n-i}}$ . As order of  $q$  modulo  $p^{n-i}$  is  $\phi(p^{n-i})$ , therefore,  $\phi(p^{n-i})$  is the smallest integer for which  $q^{\phi(p^{n-i})} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{n-i}}$  holds. Hence the order of  $q$  modulo  $2p^{n-i}$  is  $\phi(p^{n-i})$ . Similarly, the result holds for  $4p^{n-i}$ ,  $8p^{n-i}$  and  $16p^{n-i}$ .

**Lemma 2.3.** For  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$  and  $0 \leq k \leq \phi(p^{n-i})-1$ ,  $2^r (1+2sp^n) \not\equiv q^k \pmod{16p^{n-i}}$ , for  $0 \leq r \leq 2$  and  $1 \leq s \leq 7$ .

Equivalently,  $p^i(1+2sp^n) \not\equiv p^i q^k \pmod{16p^n}$ .

Proof can be obtained using lemma 2.1 - 2.2.

**Theorem 2.4.** The  $q$ -cyclotomiccosets modulo  $16p^n$  are

$$\Omega_{lp^n} = \{lp^n\} \text{ for } 0 \leq l \leq 15;$$

and  $\Omega_{tp^j} = \{tp^j, tp^j q, \dots, tp^j q^{\phi(p^{n-j})-1}\}$ , for  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ ,

$t = 1, 2, 4, 8, \lambda = 1+2p^n, 2\lambda, 4\lambda, \mu = 1+4p^n, 2\mu, \nu = 1+6p^n, 2\nu, \chi = 1+8p^n, \psi = 1+10p^n,$   
 $\xi = 1+12p^n, \tau = 1+14p^n$ .

**Proof.**  $\Omega_0 = \{0\}$  is trivial.

Since  $q \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ , therefore,  $lp^n q \equiv lp^n \pmod{8p^n}$ . Hence  $\Omega_{lp^n} = \{lp^n\}$ .

By lemma 2.2,  $q^{\phi(p^{n-i})} \equiv 1 \pmod{16p^{n-i}}$ , equivalently,  $p^i q^{\phi(p^{n-i})} \equiv p^i \pmod{16p^n}$ .

Therefore,  $\Omega_{p^i} = \{p^i, p^i q, \dots, p^i q^{\phi(p^{n-i})-1}\}$ .

Similarly,  $\Omega_{tp^i} = \{tp^i, tp^i q, \dots, tp^i q^{\phi(p^{n-i})-1}\}$ .

Obviously,  $|\Omega_{lp^n}| = 1$  and  $|\Omega_{tp^j}| = \phi(p^{n-j})$  for  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ .

Therefore,  $\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\Omega_{p^i}| = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \phi(p^{n-i}) = \phi(p^n) + \phi(p^{n-1}) + \phi(p^{n-2}) + \dots + \phi(p) = p^n - 1$ .

$$\sum_{i=0}^{15} |\Omega_{lp^n}| + \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \left\{ \sum_{t=1,2,4,8,16,\lambda,2\lambda,4\lambda,\mu,2\mu,\nu,2\nu,\chi,\psi,\xi,\tau} |\Omega_{tp^i}| \right\} = 8p^n.$$

Thus, it follows that these are the only distinct  $q$ -cyclotomiccosets modulo  $16p^n$ .

**GENERATING POLYNOMIALS**

If  $\alpha$  is a primitive  $16p^n$  th root of unity, then  $m_s(x) = \prod_{s \in \Omega_s} (x - \alpha^s)$  denotes the minimal polynomial for  $\alpha^s$ ,  $s \in \Omega_s$ ,

and so the generating polynomial for cyclic code of length  $16p^n$  corresponding to the cyclotomic coset  $\Omega_s$  is  $\frac{x^{16p^n} - 1}{m_s(x)}$ .

The dimension of minimal cyclic code  $M_s$  is equal to the cardinality of the class  $\Omega_s$ . Thus, the dimensions of the codes  $M_{p^n}$  and  $M_{p^j}$  are  $1$  and  $\phi(p^{n-j})$  respectively. Let  $m$  be the smallest integer such that  $p^m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ , then  $\text{GF}(p^m)$  is the smallest field containing all the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity. [5]

**3.1 Theorem.** The generating polynomials for the codes  $M_0, M_{p^n}, M_{2p^n}, M_{3p^n}, M_{4p^n},$

$M_{5p^n}, M_{6p^n}, M_{7p^n}, M_{8p^n}, M_{9p^n}, M_{10p^n}, M_{11p^n}, M_{12p^n}, M_{13p^n}, M_{14p^n}$  and  $M_{15p^n}$  are  $(1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{16p^{n-1}}),$

$$(x^8 - 1)(x^4 + \beta_1)(x^2 + \beta)(x + \delta) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$(x^{12} - x^8 + x^4 - 1)(x^2 + \beta_1)(x + \beta) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$(x + \delta_1)(x^2 + \beta_2)(x^4 - \beta_1)(x^8 - 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$(x^{14} - x^{12} + x^{10} - x^8 + x^6 - x^4 + x^2 - 1)(x + \beta_1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$(x^8 - 1)(x + \delta_2)(x^2 - \beta)(x^4 + \beta_1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$(x + \beta_2)(x^2 - \beta_1)(x^4 - 1)(x^8 + 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$(x^8 - 1)(x + \delta_3)(x^2 - \beta_2)(x^4 - 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$(x^{15} - x^{14} + x^{13} - x^{12} + x^{11} - x^{10} + x^9 - x^8 + x^7 - x^6 + x^5 - x^4 + x^3 - x^2 + x - 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$\frac{(x^{16} - 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right)}{(x + \delta)}, \frac{(x^{16} - 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right)}{(x + \beta)},$$

$$(x - \delta_1)(x^2 + \beta_2)(x^4 - \beta_1)(x^8 - 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right), \frac{(x^{16} - 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right)}{(x + \beta_1)},$$

$$(x^8 - 1)(x - \delta_2)(x^2 - \beta)(x^4 + \beta_1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right),$$

$$(x - \beta_2)(x^2 - \beta_1)(x^4 - 1)(x^8 + 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right) \text{ and}$$

$$(x^8 - 1)(x - \delta_3)(x^2 - \beta_2)(x^4 - 1) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right) \text{ respectively, where } \alpha^{p^n} = \delta,$$

$$\alpha^{2p^n} = \beta, \alpha^{3p^n} = \delta_1, \alpha^{4p^n} = \beta_1, \alpha^{5p^n} = \delta_2, \alpha^{6p^n} = \beta_2, \alpha^{7p^n} = \delta_3.$$

**Proof.** The minimal polynomial for  $\alpha^{lp^n}$  is  $x - \alpha^{lp^n}$  and so the corresponding generating polynomial is  $\frac{x^{16p^n} - 1}{x - \alpha^{lp^n}}$ , for  $0 \leq l \leq 15$ .

**3.2 Theorem.** The generating polynomial for  $M_{8p^j}$  and  $M_{16p^j}$  are

$$\left(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1\right)\left(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(x^{4p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(x^{8p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)}\right)$$

$$\left(x^{p^{n-j-1}} - 1\right)\left(x^{p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(x^{4p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(x^{8p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)}\right)$$

respectively.

**Proof.** The minimal polynomial for  $\alpha^{8p^j}$  and  $\alpha^{16p^j}$  are  $\frac{x^{p^{n-j}} + 1}{x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1}$  and  $\frac{x^{p^{n-j}} - 1}{x^{p^{n-j-1}} - 1}$  respectively. Using these we can obtain the required generating polynomials for  $M_{8p^j}$  and  $M_{16p^j}$ .

**3.3 Theorem.** The generating polynomial for  $M_{p^j} \oplus M_{2p^j} \oplus M_{4p^j} \oplus M_{\lambda p^j} \oplus M_{\mu p^j} \oplus M_{\nu p^j} \oplus M_{\chi p^j} \oplus M_{\psi p^j} \oplus M_{\xi p^j} \oplus M_{\tau p^j}$  is

$$\left(x^{2p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{4p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{8p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1\right)\left(x^{p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)}\right).$$

**Proof.** The product of minimal polynomial satisfied by  $\alpha^{p^j}, \alpha^{2p^j}, \alpha^{4p^j}, \alpha^{\lambda p^j}, \alpha^{\mu p^j}, \alpha^{\nu p^j}, \alpha^{\chi p^j}, \alpha^{\psi p^j}, \alpha^{\xi p^j}, \alpha^{\tau p^j}$  is

$$\frac{\left(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(x^{4p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(x^{8p^{n-j}} + 1\right)}{\left(x^{2p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{4p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{8p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)}.$$

Therefore, the corresponding generating polynomial for

$$M_{p^j} \oplus M_{2p^j} \oplus M_{4p^j} \oplus M_{\lambda p^j} \oplus M_{\mu p^j} \oplus M_{\nu p^j} \oplus M_{\chi p^j} \oplus M_{\psi p^j} \oplus M_{\xi p^j} \oplus M_{\tau p^j}$$

$$\left(x^{2p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{4p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{8p^{n-j-1}} + 1\right)\left(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1\right)\left(x^{p^{n-j}} + 1\right)\left(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)}\right).$$

### MINIMUM DISTANCE

If  $l$  is a cyclic code of length  $m$  generated by  $g(x)$  and its minimum distance is  $d$ , then the code  $\widehat{l}$  of length  $mk$  generated by  $g(x)(1 + x^m + x^{2m} + \dots + x^{(k-1)m})$  is a repetition code of  $l$  repeated  $k$  times and its minimum distance is  $dk$ . [2]

**4.1 Theorem.** Each of the codes  $M_{lp^n}$ ,  $0 \leq l \leq 15$ , are of minimum distance  $16p^n$ .

**Proof.** Since the generating polynomial for the code  $M_0$  is  $(1 + x + \dots + x^{16p^n-1})$ , which is itself a polynomial of length  $16p^n$ , hence its minimum distance is  $16p^n$ .

Also, the generating polynomial for the cyclic code  $M_{p^n}$  is  $(x^8 - 1)(x^4 + \beta_1)(x^2 + \beta)(x + \delta)\left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right)$ . If we take a cyclic code of length 16 generated by the polynomial  $(x^8 - 1)(x^4 + \beta_1)(x^2 + \beta)(x + \delta)$ , then the minimum distance of this code is 16. Since the cyclic code of

length  $16p^n$  with generating polynomial  $(x^8 - 1)(x^4 + \beta_1)(x^2 + \beta)(x + \delta) \left(1 + x^{16} + \dots + x^{16(p^n-1)}\right)$ , is a repetition of the cyclic code of length 16 with generating polynomial  $(x^8 - 1)(x^4 + \beta_1)(x^2 + \beta)(x + \delta)$ , repeated  $p^n$  times, therefore its minimum distance is  $16p^n$ .

Expressions for  $M_{lp^n}$ ,  $2 \leq l \leq 15$  can be obtained similarly.

**4.2 Theorem.** For  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ , the minimum distance for the codes  $M_{p^j}, M_{2p^j}, M_{4p^j}, M_{\lambda p^j}, M_{\mu p^j}, M_{\nu p^j}, M_{\chi p^j}, M_{\psi p^j}, M_{\xi p^j}$  and  $M_{\tau p^j}$  are greater than or equal to  $16p^j$ .

**Proof.** Since the product of generating polynomial for the cyclic codes  $M_{p^j}, M_{2p^j}, M_{4p^j}, M_{\lambda p^j}, M_{\mu p^j}, M_{\nu p^j}, M_{\chi p^j}, M_{\psi p^j}, M_{\xi p^j}$  and  $M_{\tau p^j}$  is

$$(x^{8p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{4p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{2p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1) \left(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)}\right),$$

therefore, if we take a code  $l$  of length  $16p^{n-j}$  generated by the polynomial  $(x^{8p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{4p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{2p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1)$ , then the minimum distance of this code is 16. Since the cyclic code  $\widehat{l}$  of length  $16p^n$  generated by the polynomial  $(x^{8p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{4p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{2p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1) \left(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)}\right)$  is a repetition code of the code  $l$ , repeated  $p^j$  times. Hence its minimum distance is  $16p^j$ .

Since, the codes corresponding to

$$\Omega_{p^j}, \Omega_{2p^j}, \Omega_{4p^j}, \Omega_{\lambda p^j}, \Omega_{\mu p^j}, \Omega_{\nu p^j}, \Omega_{\chi p^j}, \Omega_{\psi p^j}, \Omega_{\xi p^j} \text{ and } \Omega_{\tau p^j}$$

are the sub codes of above code so their minimum distance is greater than or equal to  $16p^j$ .

**4.3 Theorem.** For  $0 \leq j \leq n-1$ , the minimum distance of the cyclic codes  $M_{8p^j}$  and  $M_{16p^j}$  are  $32p^j$

**Proof.** Consider the cyclic code  $M_{8p^j}$ . Since the generating polynomial of the cyclic code of length  $16p^j$  is

$$(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1)(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{4p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{8p^{n-j}} + 1) \left(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)}\right),$$

therefore, if we take a cyclic code  $C$  of length  $p^{n-j}$  generated by the polynomial  $(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1)$ , then the minimum distance of this code is 2. Now consider the cyclic code  $C^1$  of length  $2p^{n-j}$  generated by the polynomial  $(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1)$ , and then the minimum distance of this code is 4, as it is 2 time repetition of the code  $C$ . Further, the minimum distance of the code  $C^2$  of length  $4p^{n-j}$  generated by the polynomial  $(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1)(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1)$ , and then the minimum distance of this code is 8, as it is 2 time repetition of the code  $C^1$ . Further, the minimum distance of the code  $C^3$  of length  $8p^{n-j}$  generated by the polynomial  $(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1)(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{4p^{n-j}} + 1)$  is 16, as it is 2 time repetition of the code  $C^2$ . Hence, the minimum distance of the code  $C^4$  of length  $16p^{n-j}$  generated by the polynomial  $(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1)(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{4p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{8p^{n-j}} + 1)$  is 32, as it is 2 time repetition of the code  $C^3$ . Since, the

cyclic code of length  $16p^n$  generated by the polynomial  $(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1)(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{4p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{8p^{n-j}} + 1)(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)})$  is a repetition code of the cyclic code  $C^4$ , repeated  $p^j$  times, therefore, its minimum distance is  $32p^j$ .

Similarly, the minimum distance of the cyclic code  $M_{16p^j}$  of length  $16p^n$  with generating polynomial

$$(x^{p^{n-j-1}} + 1)(x^{p^{n-j}} - 1)(x^{2p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{4p^{n-j}} + 1)(x^{8p^{n-j}} + 1)(1 + x^{16p^{n-j}} + \dots + x^{16p^{n-j}(p^j-1)})$$

is also  $32p^j$ .

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