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# On $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -Additive Cyclic and Complementary Dual Codes

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**ABSTRACT** Aydogdu *et al.* studied the standard forms of generator and parity-check matrices of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive codes, and presented generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes (Finite Fields Appl. 48: 241-260, 2017). In this paper, we investigate some other useful properties of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive codes, including asymptotically good  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes and  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive complementary dual codes. The present paper can be viewed as a necessary complementary part of Aydogdu's work.

**INDEX TERMS** Additive cyclic codes, asymptotically good codes, additive complementary dual codes, binary gray images.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, coding scholars proposed a class of codes over additive structures, which are called additive codes [1]–[10]. Abualrub *et al.* studied the structural properties of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_4$ -additive cyclic codes [11], and Fan *et al.* proved that this class of codes are asymptotically good [12]. In fact, in 1966, Assmus *et al.* had studied the asymptotic properties of cyclic codes [13]. Afterwards, the asymptotic properties of quasi-cyclic (QC) codes, as a generalization of cyclic codes, had also received widespread attention of the asymptotic properties [14]–[18].

Aydogdu *et al.* studied  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_{2^s}$ -additive codes and  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^r}\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$ -additive codes in [3] and [4], respectively. Yao *et al.* proved that  $\mathbb{Z}_{p^r}\mathbb{Z}_{p^s}$ -additive cyclic codes are asymptotically good [10]. Aydogdu *et al.* also introduced  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u]$ -additive codes [1], where  $u^2 = 0$ . In 2017, they studied some structural properties of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -linear codes and cyclic codes [2], where  $u^3 = 0$ . In 2020, Diao *et al.* studied some structural properties of  $\mathbb{Z}_p\mathbb{Z}_p[v]$ -additive cyclic codes [5], where  $v^2 = v$ . In [6], we proved that  $\mathbb{Z}_p\mathbb{Z}_p[v]$ -additive cyclic codes are asymptotically good.

Linear complementary dual (briefy LCD) codes are important linear codes due to their applications in implementations against side-channel attacks. Recently, Carlet *et al.* used LCD codes to improve the security of the information

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processed by sensitive devices, especially against so-called side-channel attacks and fault non-invasive attacks on embedded cryto-systems [19].

For a linear code  $\mathscr{C}$ , if  $\mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , then we called it an LCD code. LCD codes over finite fields were mainly studied in [?], [20]–[26], [28], [29]. Shi *et al.* studied LCD codes over Galois rings, and obtained some classes of asymptotically good LCD codes [30]. Dinh *et al.* studied the construction of LCD codes from  $\mathbb{F}_q \times (\mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q) \times (\mathbb{F}_q + u\mathbb{F}_q + v\mathbb{F}_q + uv\mathbb{F}_q)$ -additive cyclic codes [31], where  $u^2 = 1$ ,  $v^2 = 1$ , uv = vu. Recently, Benbelkacem *et al.* studied some results on  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_4$ -additive complementary dual (brief ACD) codes [32]. It is the first paper to study ACD codes over additive structures. To be the necessary complementary part of the work [2], it is interesting to study the asymptotic properties of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes and the structural properties of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we give some well known results on  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive codes and additive cyclic codes. In Section 3, we construct a class of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes. By the probabilistic method, we prove that this class of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes are asymptotically good. In Section 4, we give some sufficient conditions to show that  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive codes are ACD codes, and discuss the complementary duality of other subcodes. Particularly, we give a class of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes, which binary Gray images are also LCD codes. In Section 5, we summarize the main results in this paper.



### II. $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ADDITIVE AND ADDITIVE CYCLIC CODES

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1\}$  be the binary finite field, and  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3] = \mathbb{Z}_2 +$  $u\mathbb{Z}_2 + u^2\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{0, 1, u, 1+u, u^2, 1+u^2, u+u^2, 1+u+u^2\}$  be a finite chain ring, where  $u^3 = 0$ . For any element  $d \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ , d can be written as  $d = a + bu + cu^2$ , where  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Further, d is a unit of  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$  if and only if  $a \neq 0$ . Let  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ be the unit group of  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ . Clearly,  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times} = \{1, 1+u, 1+u\}$  $u^2$ ,  $1 + u + u^2$ . The  $I_{max} = \{0, u, u^2, u + u^2\}$  is the only maximum ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ .

$$\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3] = \{(v|v')|v \in \mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ and } v' \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]\}.$$

Define a map

$$\theta: \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3] \to \mathbb{Z}_2$$
  
 $d = a + bu + cu^2 \mapsto \theta(d) = a.$ 

Clearly,  $\theta$  is a well defined surjective ring homomorphism.

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha}$  be a  $\alpha$ -tuple over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$  be a  $\beta$ -tuple over  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are positive integers. Let  $v = (v|v') \in$  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$  be a vector, where  $v = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{\alpha-1})$  and  $v' = (v'_0, v'_1, \dots, v'_{\beta-1})$ . For any  $d = a + bu + cu^2 \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ , define a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -scalar multiplication on  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$  as

$$d \cdot v = (\theta(d)v_0, \theta(d)v_1, \dots, \theta(d)v_{\alpha-1}|dv'_0, dv'_1, \dots, dv'_{\beta-1}).$$

The  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$  forms a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -module under the above  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -scalar multiplication and the usual addition of vectors.

Definition 1: A non-empty subset  $\mathscr{C}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$  is called a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code of length  $n = \alpha + \beta$  if  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -submodule of  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$ .

Definition 2: A  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code  $\mathscr{C}$  is called a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic code of length  $n=\alpha+\beta$  if for any codeword

$$v = (v|v') = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{\alpha-1}|v'_0, v'_1, \dots, v'_{\beta-1}) \in \mathscr{C},$$

the  $(v_{\alpha-1}, v_0, \dots, v_{\alpha-2} | v'_{\beta-1}, v'_0, \dots, v'_{\beta-2}) \in \mathscr{C}$ . Let  $R_{\alpha,\beta} = \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x^{\alpha} - 1 \rangle \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3][x]/\langle x^{\beta} - 1 \rangle$ . Define a map

$$\Psi: \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta} \to R_{\alpha,\beta}$$
  
$$\varsigma = (c|c') \mapsto \varsigma(x) = (c(x), c'(x)),$$

where  $(c|c') = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{\alpha-1}|c'_0, c'_1, \dots, c'_{\beta-1}), c(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_{\alpha-1} x^{\alpha-1} \text{ and } c'(x) = c'_0 + c'_1 x + \dots + c'_{\beta-1} x^{\beta-1}.$ 

For any  $e(x) = e_0 + e_1 x + \cdots + e_t x^t \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3][x]$  and  $\varsigma(x) = (c(x), c'(x)) \in R_{\alpha,\beta}$ , define the  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3][x]$ -scalar multiplication

$$e(x) * \varsigma(x) = (\theta(e(x))c(x), e(x)c'(x)),$$

where  $\theta(e(x)) = \theta(e_0) + \theta(e_1)x + \cdots + \theta(e_t)x^t$ . Clearly, under this scalar multiplication and the usual addition of polynomials,  $R_{\alpha,\beta}$  forms a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3][x]$ -module. Therefore, we have that  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic code if and only if  $\Psi(\mathscr{C})$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3][x]$ -submodule of  $R_{\alpha,\beta}$ . In this paper, we identify  $\mathscr{C}$ with  $\Psi(\mathscr{C})$ .

Define a map

$$\pi: \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3] \to \mathbb{Z}_2^3$$

$$d = a + bu + cu^2 \mapsto (a, b, c).$$

Clearly, the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2^3$  as an additive group. If  $\mathscr C$  is a  $\mathbb Z_2\mathbb Z_2[u^3]$ -additive code, then it is additively isomorphic to a group of the form  $\mathbb Z_2^{k_0} \times \mathbb Z_2^{3k_1} \times \mathbb Z_2^{2k_2} \times \mathbb Z_2^{k_3}$ . Therefore,  $\mathscr C$  is of type  $(\alpha, \beta; k_0; k_1, k_2, k_3)$  and has  $2^{k_0}2^{3k_1}2^{2k_2}2^{k_3}$  codewords. Let X (respectively Y) be the set of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  (respectively  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ ) coordinate positions. Then  $|X| = \alpha$  and  $|Y| = \beta$ . We call  $\mathcal{C}_X$  (respectively  $\mathcal{C}_Y$ ) the punctured code of  $\mathscr C$  by deleting the coordinates outside X (respectively Y). Note that  $\mathscr{C}$  is said to be separable if  $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{C}_X \times \mathscr{C}_Y$ .

Generally although  $\mathscr E$  is not a free  $\mathbb Z_2[u^3]$ -module, there exist  $\{w_i\}_{i=1}^{k_0}$  and  $\{v_j\}_{j=1}^{k_1+k_2+k_3}$  such that for every codeword of  $\mathscr{C}$  it can be uniquely expressed in the form  $\sum_{i=1}^{k_0} \lambda_i w_i + \sum_{j=1}^{k_1+k_2+k_3} \mu_j v_i$ , where  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\mu_j \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ . Furthermore, the vectors  $w_i$  and  $v_j$  form a generator matrix G of size  $(k_0 +$  $k_1 + k_2 + k_3$ ) ×  $(\alpha + \beta)$  for the code  $\mathscr{C}$  and  $k_0 + k_1 + k_2 + k_3$  is called the rank of  $\mathscr{C}$  denoted by  $k_0 + k_1 + k_2 + k_3 = rank(\mathscr{C})$ . Further, G can be written as  $G = (G_X | G_Y)$ , where  $G_X$  is a matrix of size  $(k_0+k_1+k_2+k_3)\times\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $G_Y$  is a matrix of size  $(k_0 + k_1 + k_2 + k_3) \times \beta$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ . Note that  $G_X$  is the generator matrix of  $\mathcal{C}_X$  and  $G_Y$  is the generator matrix of  $\mathcal{C}_Y$ .

Define a Gray map  $\phi$  :  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_2^4$  as  $\phi(0) = 0000$ ,  $\phi(1) = 0101, \phi(u) = 0011, \phi(1+u) = 0110, \phi(u^2) = 1111,$  $\phi(1+u^2) = 1010, \phi(u+u^2) = 1100 \text{ and } \phi(1+u+u^2) =$ 1001. Clearly,  $\phi$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -linear map. Extend this Gray map as follows

$$\Phi: \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta} \to \mathbb{Z}_2^n \\ (v|v') \mapsto (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{\alpha-1}|\phi(v'_0), \phi(v'_1), \dots, \phi(v'_{\beta-1})),$$

where  $v = (v_0, ..., v_{\alpha-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha}$  and  $v' = (v'_0, ..., v'_{\beta-1}) \in$  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$ . Then the Gray image  $\Phi(\mathscr{C}) = C$  is a binary linear code of length  $n = \alpha + 4\beta$ .

From the Ref. [33], for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ , define the homogeneous weight of x

$$wt_{hom}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 4, & \text{if } x \in \langle u^2 \rangle \setminus \{0\}, \\ 2, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3] \setminus \langle u^2 \rangle. \end{cases}$$

Note that, for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ ,  $wt_{hom}(x) = wt_H(\phi(x))$ . For  $w'=(w'_0,w'_1,\ldots,w'_{\beta-1})\in\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta},$  define the homogeneous weight the of w' as  $wt_{hom}(w') = \sum_{i=0}^{\beta-1} wt_{hom}(w'_i)$ . For any two vectors  $w', v' \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$ , define the homogeneous distance  $d_{hom}(w', v')$  as  $d_{hom}(w', v') = wt_{hom}(w'-v')$ . Clearly, we have  $wt_{hom}(w') = wt_H(\Phi(w')) = \sum_{i=0}^{\beta-1} wt_H(\phi(w'_i))$  and  $d_{hom}(w', v') = d_H(\Phi(w'), \Phi(v')).$ 

For a vector  $w = (w|w') \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$ , define the weight of w as  $wt(w) = wt_H(w) + wt_{hom}(w') =$  $wt_H(w) + wt_H(\Phi(w')) = wt_H(\Phi(w))$  and for two vectors  $w, v \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$ , define the distance of w and v as



d(w, v) = wt(w - v). Denote  $d(\mathscr{C})$  to be the minimum distance of  $\mathscr{C}$ . Clearly, the Gray map  $\Phi$  is an isometry from  $(\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}, d)$  to  $(\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha+4\beta}, d_H)$ .

Let  $w = (w|w') = (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{\alpha-1}|w'_0, w'_1, \dots, w'_{\beta-1})$  and  $v = (v|v') = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{\alpha-1}|v'_0, v'_1, \dots, v'_{\beta-1})$ , where  $w, v \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$ . Define an inner product of w and v as  $[w, v] = u^2[w, v]_2 + [w', v']_u \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ , where  $[w, v]_2 = \sum_{i=0}^{\alpha-1} w_i v_i$  is the inner product of w and v over  $\mathbb{Z}_2, [w', v']_u = \sum_{j=0}^{\beta-1} w'_j v'_j$  is the inner product of w' and v' over  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ . With respect to the above inner product, we can define the dual code of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code  $\mathscr{C}$  as

$$\mathcal{C}^{\perp} = \{ v \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta} \mid [w, v] = 0 \text{ for all } w \in \mathcal{C} \}.$$

It is easy to prove that  $\mathscr{C}^{\perp}$  is also a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code. Particularly, if  $\mathscr{C}$  is a separable code, then  $\mathscr{C}^{\perp} = (\mathscr{C}_{\mathcal{X}})^{\perp} \times (\mathscr{C}_{\mathcal{Y}})^{\perp}$ . Further,  $\mathscr{C}$  is self-orthogonal if  $\mathscr{C} \subset \mathscr{C}^{\perp}$  and self-dual if  $\mathscr{C} = \mathscr{C}^{\perp}$ .

Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code with the generator matrix  $G = (G_X | G_Y)$ . Define the product

$$G \cdot G^{\top} = u^2 G_X G_X^{\top} + G_Y G_Y^{\top} \in M(\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]), \tag{1}$$

where all elements in  $G_X$  are taken from  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ , all elements in  $G_Y$  are taken from  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ ,  $M(\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3])$  denotes the matrix ring over  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ . Note that we can use usual matrix multiplication in matrices  $G_X G_X^{\top}$  and  $G_Y G_Y^{\top}$ , but we can not use usual matrix multiplication in matrix  $G \cdot G^{\top}$ .

## III. $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ADDITIVE CYCLIC CODES ARE ASYMPTOTICALLY GOOD

In this section, we mainly study asymptotic properties of the relative minimum distance and the rate of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes. The relative minimum distance and the rate of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic code  $\mathscr C$  are denoted by  $\Delta(\mathscr C) = \frac{d(\mathscr C)}{n}$  and  $R(\mathscr C) = \frac{rank(\mathscr C)}{n}$  respectively, where  $d(\mathscr C)$  is the minimum distance of  $\mathscr C$  and  $rank(\mathscr C)$  is the rank of  $\mathscr C$ .

Definition 3: A class of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes is called asymptotically good if there exist a sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes  $\mathscr{C}_1,\mathscr{C}_2,\ldots,\mathscr{C}_i,\ldots$  with length  $m_1,m_2,\ldots,m_i,\ldots$ , when  $m_i\to\infty$ , both the relative minimum homogeneous distance and the rate of  $\mathscr{C}_i$  are positively bounded from below.

### A. A CLASS OF $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ADDITIVE CYCLIC CODES

Let  $R_{km} = \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x^{km} - 1 \rangle$ ,  $R_{lm} = \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x^{lm} - 1 \rangle$ ,  $R'_{lm} = \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3][x]/\langle x^{lm} - 1 \rangle$ , where m, k, l are positive integers such that gcd(m, 2) = 1 and 2, k, l are pairwise prime.

Clearly,  $u^2 \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3] = u^2 \mathbb{Z}_2 \subset \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ . Let

$$u^{2}R'_{lm} = \left\{b'(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{lm-1} b'_{i}x^{i} \in R'_{lm}|b'_{i} = u^{2}b_{i}, \ b_{i} \in \mathbb{Z}_{2}\right\}.$$

It is well known that  $u^2R'_{lm} \subset R'_{lm}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3][x]$ -submodule of  $R'_{lm}$ .

For any  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$  and  $(a(x), b(x)) \in R_{km} \times R_{lm}$ , define the following scalar multiplication

$$f(x)(a(x), b(x)) = \left( f(x)a(x) \ (mod \ x^{km} - 1), f(x)b(x) \ (mod \ x^{lm} - 1) \right).$$

For the simplify, we write the above equation as (f(x)a(x), f(x)b(x)). Clearly, in terms of the pairwise coordinate addition and the scalar multiplication by the elements of  $R_{klm} = \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x^{klm} - 1 \rangle$ , the  $R_{km} \times R_{lm}$  forms an  $R_{klm}$ -module.

Define a map

$$\sigma: R_{lm} \to u^2 R'_{lm} 
b(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{lm-1} b_i x^i \mapsto b'(x) = u^2 b(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{lm-1} u^2 b_i x^i,$$

where  $b_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Clearly,  $\sigma$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ -module isomorphism. Thus,  $R_{km} \times u^2 R'_{lm}$  also forms an  $R_{klm}$ -module.

For any  $(a(x), b(x)) \in R_{km} \times R_{lm}$  and  $f(x) \in R_{klm}$ , let

$$\mathcal{C}_{a,b} = \{ (f(x)a(x), u^2 f(x)b(x)) \in R_{km} \times u^2 R'_{lm} \}.$$

Then  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b}$  is an  $R_{klm}$ -submodule of  $R_{km} \times u^2 R'_{lm}$  generated by  $(a(x), u^2 b(x))$ . By the  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ -module isomorphism  $\sigma$ ,  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b}$  can be viewed as a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -linear space.

Proposition 1: Let  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b} = \{(f(x)a(x), u^2f(x)b(x)) \in R_{km} \times u^2R'_{lm}|f(x) \in R_{klm}\}, \text{ where } a(x) \in R_{km}, b(x) \in R_{lm} \text{ are monic polynomials. Let } g_{a,b}(x) = \gcd\left(a(x), \frac{x^{km}-1}{x^m-1}\right) \cdot \gcd\left(b(x), \frac{x^{lm}-1}{x^m-1}\right) \cdot \gcd\left(a(x), b(x), x^m-1\right) \cdot \frac{(x^{klm}-1) \cdot (x^{lm}-1)}{(x^{km}-1) \cdot (x^{lm}-1)} \text{ and } h_{a,b}(x) = \frac{x^{klm}-1}{g_{a,b}(x)}. \text{ Then there is an } R_{klm}\text{-module isomorphism:}$ 

$$\langle g_{a,b}(x)\rangle_{R_{klm}} \cong \mathscr{C}_{a,b}$$
  
 $c(x) \mapsto (c(x)a(x), u^2c(x)b(x)),$ 

and  $rank(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}) = deg(h_{a,b}(x)).$ 

*Proof:* Define a map

$$\chi_{a,b}: R_{klm} \rightarrow R_{km} \times u^2 R'_{lm}$$
  
 $f(x) \mapsto (f(x)a(x), u^2 f(x)b(x)).$ 

Clearly,  $\chi_{a,b}$  is a well defined  $R_{klm}$ -module homomorphism. For  $f(x) \in R_{klm}$ ,  $f(x) \in ker(\chi_{a,b})$  if and only if

$$\begin{cases} f(x)a(x) \equiv 0 \ (mod \ x^{km} - 1) \\ f(x)b(x) \equiv 0 \ (mod \ x^{lm} - 1) \end{cases}$$

if and only if

$$\begin{cases} f(x)a(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{x^{km}-1}{x^m-1}} \\ f(x)b(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{x^{lm}-1}{x^m-1}} \\ f(x)a(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{x^m-1} \\ f(x)b(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{x^m-1} \end{cases}$$

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if and only if

$$\begin{cases} f(x) \equiv 0 & \left( mod \ \frac{\frac{x^{km}-1}{x^m-1}}{\gcd(a(x), \frac{x^{km}-1}{x^m-1})} \right) \\ f(x) \equiv 0 & \left( mod \ \frac{\frac{x^{lm}-1}{x^m-1}}{\gcd(b(x), \frac{x^{lm}-1}{x^m-1})} \right) \\ f(x) \equiv 0 & \left( mod \ \frac{x^m-1}{\gcd(a(x), b(x), x^m-1)} \right) \end{cases}$$

if and only if

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{Q_1(x) \cdot Q_2(x) \cdot Q_3(x)}$$

where 
$$Q_1(x) = \frac{\frac{x^{km}-1}{x^m-1}}{\gcd(a(x), \frac{x^{km}-1}{x^m-1})}$$
,  $Q_2(x) = \frac{\frac{x^{lm}-1}{x^m-1}}{\gcd(b(x), \frac{x^{lm}-1}{x^m-1})}$  and  $Q_2(x) = \frac{x^m-1}{\gcd(b(x), \frac{x^{lm}-1}{x^m-1})}$ 

Thus,  $ker(\chi_{a,b}) = \langle h_{a,b}(x) \rangle_{R_{klm}}$ . Since gcd(m, 2) = 1 and 2, k, l are pairwise prime, then klm is odd. Thus,  $R_{klm}$  is semisimple and

$$R_{klm} = \langle g_{a,b}(x) \rangle_{R_{klm}} \oplus \langle h_{a,b}(x) \rangle_{R_{klm}}.$$

Clearly, the above  $R_{klm}$ -module homomorphism  $\chi_{a,b}$  induces an  $R_{klm}$ -isomorphism:

$$\langle g_{a,b}(x)\rangle_{R_{klm}} \rightarrow \mathscr{C}_{a,b}$$
  
 $c(x) \mapsto (c(x)a(x), u^2c(x)b(x)).$ 

In particular,

$$rank(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}) = rank(\langle g_{a,b}(x) \rangle_{R_{klm}})$$
$$= klm - deg(g_{a,b}(x)) = deg(h_{a,b}(x)).$$

By Proposition 1, we can give a generator matrix of  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b}$ . Let  $a(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{km-1} a_i x^i \in R_{km}$  and  $b(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{lm-1} b_i x^i \in R_{lm}$ . Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & \cdots & a_{km-1} \\ a_{km-1} & a_0 & \cdots & a_{km-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 & b_1 & \cdots & b_{lm-1} \\ b_{lm-1} & b_0 & \cdots & b_{lm-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_1 & b_2 & \cdots & b_0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Define the matrix G as

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & u^2B \\ A & u^2B \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ A & u^2B \end{pmatrix}_{klm \times (k+l)m}$$

If the rank of  $\mathcal{C}_{a,b}$  is r, then the first r rows of G form a generator matrix of  $\mathcal{C}_{a,b}$ .

Example 1: Let m=1, k=5, l=7. Let  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic code with generator

 $\begin{array}{l} (a(x),u^2b(x))\in R_5\times u^2R_7', \text{ where } a(x)=x^3+x\in R_5,\\ b(x)=x^4+x^3+x^2+1\in R_7.\\ \text{ Let } g_{a,b}(x)=\gcd\left(a(x),\frac{x^5-1}{x-1}\right)\cdot \gcd\left(b(x),\frac{x^7-1}{x-1}\right)\cdot\\ \gcd(a(x),b(x),x-1)\cdot\frac{(x^{35}-1)\cdot(x-1)}{(x^5-1)\cdot(x^7-1)}. \text{ Then } g_{a,b}(x)=x^{28}+x^{25}+x^{24}+x^{21}+x^{20}+x^{19}+x^{18}+x^{17}+x^{15}+x^{13}+x^{12}+x^{11}+x^9+x^8+x^6+x^2+x+1. \text{ Since } h(x)=\frac{x^{35}-1}{g_{a,b}(x)}=x^7+x^4+x^3+x+1, \text{ then the rank of } \mathscr{C}_{a,b} \text{ is 7. Clearly, the following matrix} \end{array}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & u^2 & 0 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & 0 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & u^2 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & 0 & u^2 & u^2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & u^2 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & u^2 & u^2 & u^2 & 0 & 0 & u^2 \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

forms a generator matrix of  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b}$ .

# B. ASYMPTOTICALLY GOOD $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ADDITIVE CYCLIC CODES

By the Chinese remainder theorem,

$$R_m = \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x^m - 1 \rangle$$
  
=  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x - 1 \rangle \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x^{m-1} + \dots + x + 1 \rangle$ .

Clearly, the rank of cyclic code generated by  $x^{m-1} + \cdots + x + 1$  is 1. Thus, we only consider the cyclic code generated by x - 1.

Let

$$J_{m} = \langle x - 1 \rangle_{R_{m}},$$

$$J_{km} = \left\{ \frac{x^{km} - 1}{x^{m} - 1} (x - 1) \right\}_{R_{km}},$$

$$J_{lm} = \left\{ \frac{x^{lm} - 1}{x^{m} - 1} (x - 1) \right\}_{R_{lm}},$$

$$J_{klm} = \left\{ \frac{x^{klm} - 1}{x^{m} - 1} (x - 1) \right\}_{R_{klm}},$$

$$J'_{lm} = \left\{ \frac{x^{lm} - 1}{x^{m} - 1} (x - 1) \right\}_{R'_{lm}},$$

$$u^{2}J'_{lm} = \left\{ u^{2} \left( \frac{x^{km} - 1}{x^{m} - 1} (x - 1) \right) \right\}_{u^{2}P'_{lm}}.$$

If  $(a(x), b(x)) \in J_{km} \times J_{lm}$ , it is easy to see that  $\langle g_{a,b}(x) \rangle_{R_{klm}} \subseteq J_{klm}$  by Proposition 1, then the  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic code  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b}$  can be reformulated as  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b} = \{(f(x)a(x), u^2f(x)b(x)) \in R_{km} \times u^2R_{lm}\}$ , where  $f(x) \in J_{klm}$ .

For any  $f(x) \in J_m$ , define

$$\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}} = \{ (f(x)\bar{a}(x), u^2 f(x)\bar{b}(x)) \in R_m \times u^2 R_m' \}, \qquad (2)$$
where  $(\bar{a}(x), \bar{b}(x)) \in J_m \times J_m$  and  $R_m' = \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]/\langle x^m - 1 \rangle.$ 



Let 
$$u^2 J'_m = \langle u^2(x-1) \rangle_{u^2 R'_m}$$
. Define a map 
$$\eta: J_m \times u^2 J'_m \rightarrow J_{km} \times u^2 J'_{lm}$$
$$(\bar{a}(x), u^2 \bar{b}(x)) \mapsto \left( a(x), u^2 b(x) \right),$$

where  $a(x) = \bar{a}(x) \frac{x^{km}-1}{x^m-1}$  and  $b(x) = \bar{b}(x) \frac{x^{lm}-1}{x^m-1}$ . It is obvious that  $\eta$  is an  $R_{klm}$ -module isomorphism and  $\mathscr{C}_{a,b} = \eta(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}})$ .

The sets  $J_{km} \times u^2 J'_{lm}$  and  $J_m \times u^2 J'_m$  are probability space of  $R_{km} \times u^2 R'_{lm}$  and  $R_m \times u^2 R'_m$  respectively, whose samples are afforded with equal probability. Further,  $\mathcal{C}_{a,b}$  is a random code over probability space  $J_{km} \times u^2 J'_{lm}$ . Therefore  $R(\mathcal{C}_{a,b})$  and  $\Delta(\mathcal{C}_{a,b})$  are random variables over this probability space. Thus, by the definition of asymptotically good, the problem has been transformed into studying the probabilities of  $Pr(\Delta(\mathcal{C}_{a,b}) > \delta)$  and  $Pr(rank(\mathcal{C}_{a,b}) = m-1)$ , where  $\delta$  is a real number such that  $0 < \delta < 1$ .

By the map  $\eta$ , we have that

$$wt(a(x), u^{2}b(x)) = wt_{H}(a(x)) + wt_{hom}(u^{2}b(x))$$
$$= kwt_{H}(\bar{a}(x)) + lwt_{hom}(u^{2}\bar{b}(x))$$
$$\geq wt(\bar{a}(x), u^{2}\bar{b}(x)).$$

It means that  $wt(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}) \geq wt(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}})$ . Since  $\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}) = \frac{d(\mathscr{C}_{a,b})}{(k+l)m} = \frac{wt(\mathscr{C}_{a,b})}{(k+l)m}$  and  $\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) = \frac{d(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}})}{2m} = \frac{wt(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}})}{2m}$ , then we have  $\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}) \geq \frac{2}{k+l}\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}})$ . Further, since  $|\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}) > \delta| \geq |\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) > \frac{k+l}{2}\delta|$  and  $|J_{km} \times J_{lm}| = |J_m \times J_m|$ , then

$$\begin{split} Pr(\Delta(\mathcal{C}_{a,b}) > \delta) &= \frac{|\Delta(\mathcal{C}_{a,b}) > \delta|}{|J_{km} \times J_{lm}|} \geq \frac{|\Delta(\mathcal{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) > \frac{k+l}{2}\delta|}{|J_m \times J_m|} \\ &= Pr\left(\Delta(\mathcal{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) > \frac{k+l}{2}\delta\right). \end{split}$$

Thus, we can transform the problem again into studying the probabilities of  $Pr\left(\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) > \frac{k+l}{2}\delta\right)$  and  $Pr(rank(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}) = m-1)$ .

Definition 4: The function  $h_2(x)$  is called a 2-ary entropy if for 0 < x < 1,  $h_2(x) = -xlog_2x - (1-x)log_2(1-x)$ .

Note that for a real number  $0 < \delta < 1$ , we have that  $h_2(\delta) < \frac{1}{2}$ .

Definition 5: The variable  $Y_f$  over the probability space  $J_m \times u^2 J_m'$  is called *Bernoulli variable* if for  $f(x) \in J_m$ ,  $(\bar{a}(x), u^2 \bar{b}(x)) \in J_m \times u^2 J_m'$  satisfies

$$Y_f = \begin{cases} 1, & 1 \leq wt(f(x)\bar{a}(x), u^2f(x)\bar{b}(x)) \leq 2m\delta, \\ 0, & otherwise. \end{cases}$$

Moreover, the set  $\{f(x)\bar{a}(x) \in R_m | \bar{a}(x) \in J_m\}$  is an ideal of  $R_m$  generated by f(x) and  $\{u^2f(x)\bar{b}(x) \in u^2 R'_m | \bar{b}(x) \in J_m\}$  is an ideal of  $u^2R'_m$  generated by  $u^2f(x)$ . Let  $I_f = \langle f(x)\rangle_{R_m} \subseteq J_m$  and  $r_f = rank(I_f)$ . Let  $I'_f = \langle u^2f(x)\rangle_{u^2R'_m} \subseteq u^2J'_m$ . Since  $I'_f$  is also a  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -linear space, then  $rank(I'_f) = r_f$ .

Lemma 1 [34]: Let  $I_f \times I_f \subseteq R_m \times R_m$  and  $(I_f \times I_f)^{\leq 2m\delta} = \{(f_1(x), f_2(x)) \in I_f \times I_f | wt(f_1(x), f_2(x)) \leq 2m\delta\}$ . Then  $|(I_f \times I_f)^{\leq 2m\delta}| \leq 4^{r_f h_2(\delta)}$ .

*Lemma 2:*  $E(Y_f) \leq 4^{-r_f + r_f h_2(\delta)}$ .

*Proof:* Let  $(I_f \times I_f')^{\leq 2m\delta} = \{(f_1(x), u^2 f_2(x)) \in I_f \times I_f' | wt(f_1(x), u^2 f_2(x)) \leq 2m\delta\}$ . By Definition 5, the expectation  $E(Y_f) = Pr(Y_f = 1) = \frac{|(I_f \times I_f')|^{\leq 2m\delta} |-1}{I_f \times I_f'}$ . For  $f_1(x), f_2(x) \in R_m$ , by the definition Φ, we have

$$wt(f_1(x), u^2 f_2(x)) = wt_H(f_1(x)) + wt_{hom}(u^2 f_2(x))$$

$$= wt_H(f_1(x)) + wt_H(\Phi(u^2 f_2(x)))$$

$$= wt_H(f_1(x)) + 4wt_H(f_2(x))$$

$$\geq wt_H(f_1(x), f_2(x)).$$

Thus.

$$\left| (I_f \times I_f')^{\leq 2m\delta} \right| \leq \left| (I_f \times I_f)^{\leq 2m\delta} \right|.$$

Moreover, we know that  $rank(I'_f) = rank(I_f) = r_f$ . Therefore, by Lemma 1, we have

$$\begin{split} E(Y_f) &= \frac{|(I_f \times I_f')^{\leq 2m\delta}| - 1}{|I_f \times I_f'|} \leq \frac{|(I_f \times I_f)^{\leq 2m\delta}|}{|I_f \times I_f|} \\ &\leq \frac{4^{r_f h_p(\delta)}}{4^{d_f}} = 4^{-r_f + r_f h_p(\delta)}. \end{split}$$

Lemma 3 [12]: Let  $\frac{x^m-1}{x-1} = p_1(x)p_2(x)\cdots p_s(x)$ , where  $p_1(x),\ldots,p_s(x)$  are irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$  and  $p_k(x)$  be the lowest degree polynomial in  $p_i(x)$ ,  $i=1,2,\ldots,s$ . Let  $k_m=deg(p_k(x))$  and r be an integer with  $k_m \leq r \leq m-1$ . For any non-zero ideal I of  $R_m$ , if  $I \subseteq J_m$ , then  $rank(I) \geq k_m$  and the number of non-zero ideals contained in  $J_m$  of rank r is at most  $m^{\frac{r}{k_m}}$ .

Lemma 4:  $Pr(\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) \leq \delta) \leq \sum_{j=k_m}^{m-1} 4^{-j\left(\frac{1}{2}-h_2(\delta)-\frac{\log_2 m}{2k_m}\right)}$ , where  $0 < \delta < 1$  is a real number such that  $h_p(\delta) < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $k_m$  is defined as in Lemma 3.

*Proof:* Let  $Y = \sum_{f(x) \in J_m} Y_f$  denote the number of  $f(x) \in J_m$  such that the non-zero codeword  $(f(x)\bar{a}(x), u^2f(x)\bar{b}(x))$  of  $\mathscr{E}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}$  with weight at most  $2m\delta$ . Since  $\Delta(\mathscr{E}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) = \frac{d(\mathscr{E}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}})}{2m} = \frac{wt(\mathscr{E}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}})}{2m}$ , then

$$Pr(\Delta(\mathcal{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) \leq \delta) = Pr(wt(\mathcal{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) \leq 2m\delta) = Pr(Y > 0)$$

$$\leq E(Y) = \sum_{f(x) \in J_m} E(Y_f).$$

For any ideal  $I \leq J_m$ , let  $I^* = \{f(x) \in I | I_f = I\}$ , where  $I_f = \langle f(x) \rangle_{R_m} \subseteq J_m$  and  $rank(I_f) = r_f$ . Then  $I^* = \{f(x) \in I | r_f = rank(I)\}$ . Clearly,  $J_m = \bigcup_{I \leq J_m} I^*$ , where I runs through the ideals contained in  $J_m$ . By Lemma 3, we have  $k_m \leq rank(I) \leq m-1$  and the number of  $I \leq J_m$  with rank(I) = j is less than  $m^{\frac{j}{k_m}}$ . Therefore,

$$E(Y) = \sum_{f(x) \in J_m} E(Y_f) = \sum_{I \le J_m} \sum_{f(x) \in I^*} E(Y_f)$$



$$= \sum_{j=k_m}^{m-1} \sum_{\substack{I \le J_m, \\ rank(I)=j}} \sum_{f(x) \in I^*} E(Y_f)$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=k_m}^{m-1} m^{\frac{j}{k_m}} \sum_{f(x)\in I^*} E(Y_f).$$

By Lemma 2 and the fact that  $|I^*| \le |I| = 2^j$ , we have

$$\sum_{f(x) \in I^*} E(Y_f) \le \sum_{f(x) \in I^*} 4^{-j+jh_2(\delta)}$$

$$\leq 2^{j}4^{-j+jh_2(\delta)} = 4^{-\frac{1}{2}j+jh_2(\delta)}.$$

Since  $j \ge k_m$ , then  $log_2 m \le \frac{jlog_2 m}{k_m}$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{split} E(Y) &\leq \sum_{j=k_m}^{m-1} m^{\frac{j}{k_m}} 4^{-\frac{1}{2}j+jh_2(\delta)} \\ &= \sum_{j=k_m}^{m-1} 2^{\frac{jlog_2m}{k_m}} 4^{-\frac{1}{2}j+jh_2(\delta)} \\ &= \sum_{j=k_m}^{m-1} 4^{-j\left(\frac{1}{2}-h_2(\delta)-\frac{log_2m}{2k_m}\right)}. \end{split}$$

For any  $f(x) \in J_{m_i}$ , let

$$\mathcal{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}^{i} = \{ (f(x)\bar{a}(x), u^{2}f(x)\bar{b}(x)) \in R_{m_{i}} \times u^{2}R_{m_{i}}^{\prime} \}$$
 (3)

be a random  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic code of length  $2m_i$ .

In fact, there exist some odd integers  $m_1, m_2, m_3, \ldots$  such that when  $m_i \to \infty$ ,  $\lim_{i \to \infty} \frac{\log_2 m_i}{k_{m_i}} = 0$ , where  $k_{m_i}$  is defined as in Lemma 3. Thus, we give the following proposition.

*Proposition 2:* Let  $0 < \delta < 1$  be a real number and  $h_p(\delta) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then

$$\lim_{i\to\infty} Pr\left(\Delta\left(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}^i\right) > \delta\right) = 1.$$

*Proof:* When  $m_i \to \infty$ , then  $\lim_{i \to \infty} \frac{\log_2 m_i}{k_{m_i}} = 0$ . Since  $h_p(\delta) < \frac{1}{2}$ , then there exist a positive integer N and a real number  $\varepsilon$  such that when i > N,  $\frac{1}{2} - h_2(\delta) - \frac{\log_2 m_i}{2k_{m_i}} \ge \varepsilon$ . Thus, by Lemma 4,

$$\begin{split} & lim_{i\to\infty} Pr\left(\Delta\left(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}^i\right) \leq \delta\right) \\ & \leq lim_{i\to\infty} \sum_{j=k_m}^{m_i-1} 4^{-j\left(\frac{1}{2}-h_2(\delta)-\frac{log_2m_i}{2k_{m_i}}\right)} \\ & \leq lim_{i\to\infty} \sum_{j=k_{m_i}}^{m_i-1} 4^{-j\varepsilon} \leq lim_{i\to\infty} m_i 4^{-k_{m_i}\varepsilon} \\ & = lim_{i\to\infty} 4^{-k_{m_i}\left(\varepsilon - \frac{log_2m_i}{2k_{m_i}}\right)}. \end{split}$$

 $\lim_{i\to\infty} k_{m_i} \to \infty$  since  $\lim_{i\to\infty} \frac{\log_2 m_i}{k_{m_i}} = 0$ . Thus,  $\lim_{i\to\infty} 4^{-k_{m_i} \left(\varepsilon - \frac{\log_2 m_i}{2k_{m_i}}\right)} = 0$ . Therefore,

$$\lim_{i\to\infty} Pr\left(\Delta\left(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}^i\right) > \delta\right) = 1.$$

Since  $Pr\left(\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}) > \delta\right) \ge Pr\left(\Delta(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) > \frac{k+l}{2}\delta\right)$ , then if  $h_2(\frac{k+l}{2}\delta) < \frac{1}{2}$ , we have the following corollary.

Corollary 1: Let  $0 < \delta < 1$  and  $h_p(\frac{k+l}{2}\delta) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then

$$Pr\left(\Delta(\mathcal{C}_{a,b}^i) > \delta\right) = 1.$$

In the following, we study the  $Pr\left(rank(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}^i) = m_i - 1\right)$ . We need the following lemma.

Lemma 5 [12]: For any  $(\bar{a}(x), \bar{b}(x)) \in J_m \times J_m$ , let  $\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}$  be given as in (2). Then  $rank(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) \leq m-1$ . Note that  $rank(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) = m-1$  if and only if there is no irreducible factor p(x) of  $\frac{x^m-1}{x-1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$  such that  $p(x)|\bar{a}(x)$  and  $p(x)|\bar{b}(x)$ .

*Proposition 3:* Let  $\mathscr{C}^{i}_{\bar{a}\bar{b}}$  be given as in (3). Then

$$\lim_{i\to\infty} Pr\left(rank(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}^i) = m_i - 1\right) = 1.$$

*Proof:* Let  $x^{m_i} - 1 = (x - 1)p_{i1}(x)p_{i2}(x)\cdots p_{ir}(x)$ , where  $p_{i1}(x), \ldots, p_{ir}(x)$  are distinct irreducible polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ . By the Chinese remainder theorem,

$$J_{m_i} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle p_{i1}(x)\rangle \times \cdots \times \mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle p_{ir}(x)\rangle$$

$$f(x) \mapsto (f_{i1}(x), \dots, f_{ir}(x)),$$

where  $f_{ij}(x) = f(x) \pmod{p_{ij}(x)}, j = 1, 2, ..., r$ .

Let  $(\bar{a}(x), u^2\bar{b}(x)) \in J_{m_i} \times u^2J'_{m_i}$ , where  $\bar{a}(x), \bar{b}(x) \in J_{m_i}$ . By Lemma 5,  $rank(\mathscr{C}^i_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}) = m_i - 1$  if and only if  $p_{ij}(x) \nmid \bar{a}(x)$  and  $p_{ij}(x) \nmid \bar{b}(x)$  if and only if  $(a_{ij}(x), b_{ij}(x)) \neq (0, 0)$ . Let  $deg(p_{ij}(x)) = h_{ij}$ . Then  $|\mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle p_{ij}(x)\rangle| = 2^{h_{ij}}$  and

$$Pr\left((a_{ij}(x), b_{ij}(x)) \neq (0, 0)\right) = \frac{2^{h_{ij}} \cdot 2^{h_{ij}-1}}{2^{h_{ij}} \cdot 2^{h_{ij}}} = 1 - 4^{-h_{ij}}.$$

Thus,

$$Pr\left(rank\left(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}^{i}\right)=m_{i}-1\right)=\prod_{i=1}^{r}(1-4^{-h_{ij}}).$$

For any  $j=1,2,\ldots,r$ ,  $h_{ij} \geq k_{m_i}$ , where  $k_{m_i}$  is the degree of lowest degree polynomial in  $p_{i1}(x), p_{i2}(x), \ldots, p_{ir}(x)$ . Clearly,  $r \leq \frac{m_i-1}{k_{m_i}} \leq \frac{m_i}{k_{m_i}}$ . Thus,

$$Pr\left(rank\left(\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}^{i}\right) = m_{i} - 1\right) = \prod_{j=1}^{r} (1 - 4^{-h_{ij}})$$

$$\geq \left(1 - 4^{-k_{m_{i}}}\right)^{\frac{m_{i}}{k_{m_{i}}}}$$

$$= \left(1 - 4^{-k_{m_{i}}}\right)^{4^{k_{m_{i}}}} \frac{m_{i}}{k_{m_{i}}4^{k_{m_{i}}}}.$$



Since

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{i \to \infty} \left( 1 - 4^{-k_{m_i}} \right)^{4^{k_{m_i}} \frac{m_i}{k_{m_i} 4^{k_{m_i}}}} \\ &= \left( \lim_{i \to \infty} \left( 1 - 4^{-k_{m_i}} \right)^{4^{k_{m_i}}} \right)^{\lim_{i \to \infty} \frac{m_i}{k_{m_i} 4^{k_{m_i}}}} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{e} \right)^0 = 1, \end{aligned}$$

then  $\lim_{i\to\infty} Pr\left(rank\left(\mathscr{C}^i_{\bar{a},\bar{b}}\right) = m_i - 1\right) = 1.$ Since  $\eta$  is an isomorphism and  $\mathscr{C}_{\bar{a},\bar{b}} = \eta(\mathscr{C}_{a,b})$ , then we have the following corollary directly.

Corollary 2: 
$$\lim_{i\to\infty} Pr\left(rank(\mathcal{C}_{a,b}^i) = m_i - 1\right) = 1$$
.  
According to Corollaries 1 and 2, we obtain the following

main theorem.

Theorem 1: Let  $0 < \delta < 1$  be a real number such that  $h_p(\frac{k+l}{2}\delta) < \frac{1}{2}$ . Then there exist a sequence of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ additive cyclic codes  $\mathcal{C}_1, \mathcal{C}_2, \dots, \mathcal{C}_i, \dots$  with block length  $(km_1, lm_1), (km_2, lm_2), \ldots, (km_i, lm_i), \ldots, \text{ when } m_i \rightarrow \infty,$ the  $\Delta(\mathcal{C}_i) > \delta$  and  $\lim_{i \to \infty} R(\mathcal{C}_i) = \frac{1}{k+l}$ .

*Proof:* By Corollary 1,  $\lim_{i\to\infty} Pr(\Delta(\mathscr{C}_i) > \delta) = 1$ , which implies that there is a positive integer  $N_1$  such that, when  $i > N_1$ ,  $\Delta(\mathcal{C}_i) > \delta$ . Therefore, deleting the first  $N_1$  codes and renumbering the remaining codes, we say that  $\Delta(\mathscr{C}_i) > \delta$ .

By Corollary 2,  $\lim_{i\to\infty} Pr\left(rank(\mathscr{C}_{ab}^i) = m_i - 1\right) = 1$ , which implies that there is a positive integer  $N_2$  such that, when  $i > N_2$ ,  $rank(\mathscr{C}_{a,b}^i) = m_i - 1$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{split} lim_{i\to\infty}R(\mathcal{C}_i) &= lim_{i\to\infty}\frac{rank(\mathcal{C}_i)}{km_i + lm_i} \\ &= lim_{i\to\infty}\frac{m_i - 1}{km_i + lm_i} = \frac{1}{k+l}. \end{split}$$

Theorem 1 indicates that  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes are asymptotically good.

### IV. $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD CODES AND RELATED ACD AND LCD

In this section, we study additive complementary duality (ACD) codes of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive codes.

### A. $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD CODES

Firstly, we give the definition of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes.

*Definition 6:* Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code of type  $(\alpha, \beta; k_0; k_1, k_2, k_3)$ . If  $\mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , then  $\mathscr{C}$  is said to be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code. For the  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code  $\mathscr{C}$ , if  $\beta =$ 0, then it is a binary LCD code of length  $\alpha$  and if  $\alpha = 0$ , then it is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code of length  $\beta$ .

*Proposition 4:* Let  $\mathscr{C} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$  be an ACD code. For any  $v \in \mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$ , v can be written uniquely as v = $v_1 + v_2$ , where  $v_1 \in \mathscr{C}$  and  $v_2 \in \mathscr{C}^{\perp}$ .

*Proof:* Since  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code, then  $\mathscr{C} \cap$  $\mathscr{C}^{\perp} = \{0\}$ . Thus,  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$  can be written as  $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta} = \mathscr{C} \oplus \mathscr{C}^{\perp}$ . In other word, for any  $v \in$ 

 $\mathbb{Z}_2^{\alpha} \times \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\beta}$ , there exist unique  $v_1 \in \mathscr{C}$  and  $v_2 \in \mathscr{C}^{\perp}$  such that  $v = v_1 + v_2$ .

Theorem 2: Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code with the generator matrix G. Let nonzero vectors  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_k$  be the rows of G such that  $G = \langle v_1, v_2, \dots, v_k \rangle$ . Let  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times} =$  $\{1, u+1, u^2+1, u^2+u+1\}$ . If  $[v_i, v_i] \in \{0, u^2\}$  and  $[v_i, v_i] \in \{0, u^2\}$  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$  for all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, ..., k\}$  such that  $i \neq j$ , then  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code.

*Proof:* Let w be any nonzero codeword of  $\mathscr{C}$ . If  $w \notin$  $\mathscr{C}^{\perp}$ , then  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code. Since  $w \in \mathscr{C}$ , then

 $w = \sum_{i \in J} \lambda_i v_i$ , where  $J = \{1, 2, ..., k\}$  and  $\lambda_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ . Firstly, assume that there exists  $j \in J$  such that  $\lambda_j \in J$  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . Then

$$[w, v_j] = \sum_{i \in J} \lambda_i [v_i, v_j] = \sum_{i \in J \setminus \{j\}} \lambda_i [v_i, v_j] + \lambda_j [v_j, v_j].$$

For  $i \neq j$ , since  $[v_i, v_i] \in \{0, u^2\}$ , then  $\lambda_i[v_i, v_i] \in \{0, u^2\}$ . Since  $[v_j, v_j] \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ , then  $\lambda_j[v_j, v_j] \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . Thus,  $[w, v_i] \neq 0$  and  $w \notin \mathscr{C}^{\perp}$ .

Further, if  $\lambda_i \in I_{max}$ , let  $j \in J$  such that  $\lambda_j \in \{u, u^2, u^2 + u\}$ . Since  $[v_i, v_j] \in \{0, u^2\}$ , then  $\lambda_i[v_i, v_j] = 0$ . Thus,

$$[w, v_j] = \sum_{i \in J \setminus \{j\}} \lambda_i [v_i, v_j] + \lambda_j [v_j, v_j] = \lambda_j [v_j, v_j].$$

Since  $[v_i, v_i] \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ , then  $\lambda_i[v_i, v_i] \neq 0$ . Thus,  $[w, v_i] \neq 0$ 0 and  $w \notin \mathcal{C}^{\perp}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code.

The following corollaries can be deduced from Theorem 2

Corollary 3: Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code with the generator matrix G and  $G \cdot G^{\top} = (v_{ij})_{i,j \in \{1,2,...,k\}}$ . For all  $i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  such that  $i \neq j$ , if  $v_{ij} \in \{0, u^2\}$  and  $v_{ii} \in \{0, u^2\}$  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ , then  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code.

Corollary 4: Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code with the generator matrix G. If  $G \cdot G^{\top}$  is nonsingular over  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ , then  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code.

Note that conditions in Theorem 2, Corollaries 3 and 4 are only sufficient conditions to prove that  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code. The reverse statements are not true in general.

Example 2: Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code generated

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & | & u & u^2 + u & u + 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & u & u \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & u^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Magma Computational Algebra System [35],  $\mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp} =$ {0}. Thus,  $\mathscr{C}$  is an ACD code. Let  $v_1 = (1, 1, 0 \mid u, u^2 + u^2)$ u, u + 1,  $v_2 = (0, 1, 0 | 1, u, u), v_3 = (0, 1, 1 | 0, u^2, 0).$ Clearly,  $[v_3, v_3] = 0 \notin \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . So it does not satisfy the conditions of Theorem 2. Further,

$$G \cdot G^{\top} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & u^2 & 0 \\ u^2 & 1 & u^2 \\ 0 & u^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in M(\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]).$$

Clearly, it does not satisfy the conditions of Corollary 3. Further,

$$|G \cdot G^{\top}| = 0,$$



which implies that it does not satisfy the conditions of Corollary 4.

Theorem 3: Let C be a binary  $[\alpha, k]$  linear code with basis  $\{v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_k\}$ , where  $\alpha$  is the length of C and k is the dimension of C. Let  $\zeta \geq k$  and  $G_X$  be a  $\zeta \times \alpha$  matrix, which non-zero row vectors are  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_k$ . Let  $G = (G_X \mid \lambda I_{\zeta})$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . Then the  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code  $\mathscr{C}$  generated by G is an ACD code.

*Proof:* Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code generated by  $G = (G_X \mid \lambda I_\zeta)$ . By (1), we have

$$G \cdot G^{\top} = u^2 G_X G_X^{\top} + \lambda^2 I_{\zeta} I_{\zeta}^{\top}$$
  
=  $u^2 G_X G_X^{\top} + \lambda^2 I_{\zeta} = (v_{ij})_{i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,\zeta\}},$ 

where all elements in  $G_X$  belong to  $\{0, 1\}$ . Since all elements in  $u^2G_XG_X^{\top}$  are in  $\{0, u^2\}$ , then for  $i \neq j$ ,  $v_{ij} \in \{0, u^2\}$  and  $v_{ii} \in \{\lambda^2, \lambda^2 + u^2\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . Therefore, by Corollary 3,  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code.

*Example 3:* Let C be a binary [3, 3] linear code with the basis  $v_1 = (0, 1, 0)$ ,  $v_2 = (0, 0, 1)$ ,  $v_3 = (1, 0, 0)$ . Let  $\zeta = 4$ , and  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code generated by the matrix

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $w_i$  be the rows of G for i = 1, 2, 3, 4. Clearly,  $[w_i, w_j] = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $[w_i, w_i] \in \{1, 1 + u^2\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . Thus, by Theorem 3,  $\mathscr{C}$  is an ACD code.

### B. COMPLEMENTARY DUALITY OF $\mathscr{C}$ , $\mathscr{C}_{\chi}$ AND $\mathscr{C}_{\gamma}$

In this subsection, we discuss the complementary duality between  $\mathscr C$  and  $\mathscr C_X$  or  $\mathscr C_Y$ .

Case 1:  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code,  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is a binary LCD code and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code.

Theorem 4: Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a separable  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code. Then  $\mathscr{C}$  is an LCD code if and only if  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is a binary LCD code and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code.

*Proof:* Let  $\mathscr C$  be separable. Then  $\mathscr C=\mathscr C_X\times\mathscr C_Y$ , which implies that  $\mathscr C^\perp=(\mathscr C_X)^\perp\times(\mathscr C_Y)^\perp$ . If  $\mathscr C$  is an ACD code, then for any  $v=(v|v')\in\mathscr C\cap\mathscr C^\perp$  and so v=0, which implies that v=0 and v'=0. Therefore,  $\mathscr C_X$  is an LCD code and  $\mathscr C_Y$  is a  $\mathbb Z_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code.

Conversely, let  $\mathscr{C}_X$  be an LCD code and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ octonary LCD code. Since  $\mathscr{C}$  is separable, then for any  $v = (v|v') \in \mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp}$ , we have that  $v \in \mathscr{C}_X \cap (\mathscr{C}_X)^{\perp} = \{0\}$  and  $v' \in \mathscr{C}_Y \cap (\mathscr{C}_Y)^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , which implies that v = (v|v') = 0, i.e.  $\mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp} = \{0\}$ . Thus,  $\mathscr{C}$  is an ACD code.

From Theorem 4, a separable code  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code if and only if  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is a binary LCD code and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code. However, there exist non-separable  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes such that  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is an LCD code and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code. Let us look at the following example.

*Example 4:* Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a non-separable  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code generated by

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & u^2 + u + 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & u + 1 & 0 & u \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & u^2 & u \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Magma Computational Algebra System [35],  $\mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp} = \{0\}$ . Thus,  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code. Moreover, we have  $\mathscr{C}_X \cap \mathscr{C}_X^{\perp} = \{0\}$  and  $\mathscr{C}_Y \cap \mathscr{C}_Y^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , Thus,  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is an LCD code and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code.

Case 2:  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code, either  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is a binary LCD code or  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code.

In Theorem 3, we have obtained a class of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes, i.e.  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is not an LCD code, but  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code since  $G_Y = \lambda^2 I_{\mathcal{E}}$ .

The following result is a special case of Theorem 3.

Theorem 5: Let C be a binary  $[\alpha, \zeta]$  self-orthogonal code generated by the matrix  $G_X$ . Let  $G = (G_X \mid \lambda I_{\zeta})$ , where  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . Then  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code generated by  $\lambda I_{\zeta}$ , and the matrix G generates a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code of type  $(\alpha, \zeta; 0; \zeta, 0, 0)$ .

*Proof:* Clearly,  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code. By (1), we have

$$G\cdot G^\top=u^2G_XG_X^\top+\lambda^2I_\zeta I_\zeta^\top=\lambda^2I_\zeta=(v_{ij})_{i,j\in\{1,2,\dots,\zeta\}},$$

since  $G_X$  generates a self-orthogonal code. Since  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ , then  $\lambda^2 \in \{1, u^2 + 1\}$ . Thus, for  $i \neq j$ ,  $v_{ij} = 0$  and  $v_{ii} \in \{1, u^2 + 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . Therefore, by Corollary 3,  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code.

Example 5: Let C be a binary [5, 2] self-orthogonal code generated by  $G_X$ , where

$$G_X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $G = (G_X \mid \lambda I_2)$ , where  $\lambda = u + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]^{\times}$ . Then the matrix

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c}
1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & u+1 & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & u+1
\end{array}\right)$$

generates a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code. By Magma Computational Algebra System [35],  $\mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , which implies that  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code of type (5, 2; 0; 2, 0, 0).

Theorem 5 proves that  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code,  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is not an LCD code, but  $\mathscr{C}$  can be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code. In the following, we will discuss that  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is an LCD code,  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is not a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code, but  $\mathscr{C}$  can also be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code. Similar to the construction of Theorem 5, let  $\mathscr{C}_X$  be an LCD code generated by  $\lambda I_\zeta$  and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  be a self-orthogonal (self-dual in particular) code generated by  $G_Y$ . Can  $G = (\lambda I_\zeta \mid G_Y)$  generate a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code?

Let  $G = (\lambda I_{\zeta} \mid G_{Y})$ . Then, by (1),  $G \cdot G^{\top} = u^{2} \lambda^{2} I_{\zeta} I_{\zeta}^{\top} + G_{Y} G_{Y}^{\top} = u^{2} I_{\zeta} + G_{Y} G_{Y}^{\top}$ . Since  $\mathscr{C}_{Y}$  is self-orthogonal, then  $G_{Y} G_{Y}^{\top} = 0$ , i.e.  $G \cdot G^{\top} = u^{2} I_{\zeta}$ . Thus, in general, we can not confirm that whether  $\mathscr{C}$  is ACD or not. However, we can find a class of special  $\mathbb{Z}_{2}\mathbb{Z}_{2}[u^{3}]$ -ACD codes generated by



 $G = (G_X \mid G_Y)$  such that  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is an LCD code and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is not a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code.

*Proposition 5:* Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive code generated by  $G = (I_{\mathcal{C}} \mid u^2I_{\mathcal{C}})$ . Then  $\mathscr{C}$  is an ACD code.

*Proof:* Let  $w = (w|w') \in \mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp}$ . Clearly, for all  $v = (v|v') \in \mathscr{C}$ , we have  $0 = [w, v] = u^2[w, v]_2 + [w', v']_u$ . Since  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a self-orthogonal code generated by  $u^2I_{\zeta}$ , then  $[w', v']_u = 0$ . Since  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is an LCD code generated by  $I_{\zeta}$  and  $[w, v]_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ , then  $u^2[w, v]_2 = 0$ , which implies that  $[w, v]_2 = 0$  and so w = 0. Let  $v_i = (v_i|v_i')$  be the *i*-th row of G, where  $v_i$  denote the *i*-th row of  $I_{\zeta}$  and  $v_i' = u^2v_i$ . Since  $w \in \mathscr{C}$ , then there exist  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_{\zeta-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$  such that

$$w = \sum_{i=0}^{\zeta-1} \lambda_i v_i = \left( \sum_{i=0}^{\zeta-1} \theta(\lambda_i) v_i | u^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\zeta-1} \lambda_i v_i \right).$$

Thus,  $w = \sum_{i=0}^{\zeta-1} \theta(\lambda_i) v_i$  and  $w' = u^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\zeta-1} \lambda_i v_i$ . Since  $v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{\zeta-1}$  are  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ -linearly independent, then w = 0 implying that  $\theta(\lambda_i) = 0$  i.e.  $\lambda_i = b_i u + c_i u^2$ , where  $b_i, c_i \in \mathbb{Z}_2$ . Therefore,  $w' = u^2 \sum_{i=0}^{\zeta-1} \lambda_i v_i = 0$ . It means that w = (w|w') = 0. Thus,  $\mathscr{C}$  is ACD.

Note that in Proposition 5,  $\mathscr{C}_X$  is an LCD code generated by  $I_{\zeta}$  and  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is not a  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -octonary LCD code since  $\mathscr{C}_Y$  is a self-orthogonal code generated by  $u^2I_{\zeta}$ .

*Example 6:* Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -linear code generated by

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & u^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & u^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Magma Computational Algebra System [35],  $\mathscr{C} \cap \mathscr{C}^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , which implies that  $\mathscr{C}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code.

### C. BINARY LCD CODES FROM $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD CODES

Although  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -linear codes are ACD codes, their binary Gray images are not necessary LCD codes. Thus, in the following, we give a class of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes such that their binary Gray images are LCD codes.

Theorem 6: Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code generated by the matrix  $G = (G_X \mid G_Y)_{m \times (\alpha + \beta)}$ , where  $G_X$  generates a self-orthogonal code  $\mathscr{C}_X$  and  $G_Y$  generates a linear code  $\mathscr{C}_Y$ . If the row vectors of  $G_Y$  are  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -linearly independent and  $\Phi(\mathscr{C}_Y)$  is a binary LCD code, then the binary Gray image  $\Phi(\mathscr{C})$  is an LCD code.

*Proof:* Let  $w = (w|w') \in \mathcal{C}$  such that  $\Phi(w) = (w|\Phi(w')) \in C \cap C^{\perp}$ , where  $C = \Phi(\mathcal{C})$ . If we can prove that  $\Phi(w) = 0$ , then C is a binary LCD code.

For all  $v = (v|v') \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $\Phi(v) = (v|\Phi(v')) \in \Phi(\mathcal{C}) = C$ , since  $\Phi(w) = (w|\Phi(w')) \in C \cap C^{\perp}$ , then  $\Phi(w) \in C^{\perp}$ . Clearly,

$$0 = [\Phi(w), \Phi(v)]_2 = [w, v]_2 + [\Phi(w'), \Phi(v')]_2.$$
 (4)

Since  $w, v \in \mathcal{C}_X$  and  $\mathcal{C}_X$  is a self-orthogonal code, then  $[w, v]_2 = 0$ . Thus, by (4),  $[\Phi(w'), \Phi(v')]_2 = 0$ . Since  $\Phi(w'), \Phi(v') \in \Phi(\mathcal{C}_Y)$  and  $\Phi(\mathcal{C}_Y)$  is a binary LCD code, then  $[\Phi(w'), \Phi(v')]_2 = 0$  implying  $\Phi(w') = 0$ . Thus, w' = 0.

In the following, we will prove that for any  $w = (w|w') \in \mathcal{C}$ , if w' = 0, then w = 0. For  $i \in \{0, 1, ..., m - 1\}$ , let  $v_i = (v_i|v_i')$  be the *i*-th row of G, where  $v_i$  and  $v_i'$  denote the *i*-th row of  $G_X$  and  $G_Y$ , respectively. Since  $w \in \mathcal{C}$ , then there exist  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, ..., \lambda_{m-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$  such that

$$w = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \lambda_i v_i = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \theta(\lambda_i) v_i | \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \lambda_i v_i'\right).$$

Thus,  $w = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \theta(\lambda_i) v_i$  and  $w' = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \lambda_i v_i'$ . Since  $v_0', v_1', \dots, v_{m-1}'$  are  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -linearly independent, then w' = 0 implying that  $\lambda_i = 0$  for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1$ . Therefore,  $w = \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \theta(\lambda_i) v_i = 0$ . It means that w = 0 and w = (w|w') = 0. Thus,  $\Phi(w) = 0$ .

*Example 7:* Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code generated by

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & u^2 + u + 1 & u \\ 0 & 0 & u^2 & u + 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$G_X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $G_Y = \begin{pmatrix} u^2 + u + 1 & u \\ u^2 & u + 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Clearly,  $G_X$  generates a self-orthogonal code  $\mathcal{C}_X$  and the row vectors of  $G_Y$  are  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -linearly independent. The code  $\mathcal{C}_Y$  has 64 codewords. By applying the Gray map  $\Phi$  to each codeword of  $\mathcal{C}_Y$ , the generator matrix of  $C_Y = \Phi(\mathcal{C}_Y)$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Magma Computational Algebra System [35],  $C_Y \cap C_Y^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , which implies that  $C_Y$  is a binary LCD code.

Similarly, by applying the Gray map  $\Phi$  to each codeword of  $\mathscr{C}$ , the generator matrix of  $C = \Phi(\mathscr{C})$  is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Magma Computational Algebra System [35], we have  $C \cap C^{\perp} = \{0\}$ . It means that the binary Gray image of  $\mathscr{C}$  is an LCD code. More importantly, C is an optimal [10, 4, 4] binary linear code.

Example 8: Let  $\mathscr{C}$  be a  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD code generated by

where

$$G_X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and  $G_Y = \begin{pmatrix} u^2 + 1 & u \\ u^2 & u + 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Clearly,  $G_X$  generates a self-orthogonal code  $\mathscr{C}_X$  and the row vectors of  $G_Y$  are  $\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -linearly independent. The code  $\mathscr{C}_Y$ 



has 64 codewords. By applying the Gray map  $\Phi$  to each codeword of  $\mathcal{C}_Y$ , the generator matrix of  $C_Y = \Phi(\mathcal{C}_Y)$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Magma Computational Algebra System [35],  $C_Y \cap C_Y^{\perp} = \{0\}$ , which implies that  $C_Y$  is a binary LCD code.

Similarly, by applying the Gray map  $\Phi$  to each codeword of  $\mathscr{C}$ , the generator matrix of  $C = \Phi(\mathscr{C})$  is given by

By Magma Computational Algebra System [35], we have  $C \cap C^{\perp} = \{0\}$ . It means that the binary Gray image of  $\mathscr{C}$  is an LCD code. More importantly, C is an optimal [12, 5, 4] binary linear code.

#### V. CONCLUSION

In this paper, we mainly studied  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes and  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes. We constructed a class of asymptotically good  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive cyclic codes, and gave some sufficient conditions to show that  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -additive codes are ACD codes. Moreover, we gave a class of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes, which binary Gray images are LCD codes. An computational example showed that this class of  $\mathbb{Z}_2\mathbb{Z}_2[u^3]$ -ACD codes can produce optimal binary LCD codes. As an open problem, it is interesting to study ACD codes over some other additive structures.

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