# Cyclic separable Goppa codes

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**Abstract.** The cyclicity criterion of separable Goppa codes is presented. It is shown that the extended cyclic Goppa codes are the classical Goppa codes.

### 1 Introduction

Goppa codes of length n are determined by two objects: the Goppa polynomial G(x) of degree t with coefficients from field  $GF(q^m)$  and a set  $L = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \ldots, \alpha_n\}$ , where  $\alpha_i \neq \alpha_j$ ,  $G(\alpha_i) \neq 0$ ,  $\alpha_i \in GF(q^m)$ .

The Goppa code consists of all q-ary vectors  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n a_i \frac{1}{x-\alpha_i} \equiv 0 \mod G(x) \; .$$

The minimum distance of the Goppa code is  $d \ge t + 1$  and the code dimension is  $k \ge n - mt$ . The Goppa code is called separable if the Goppa polynomial G is a separable polynomial [1]. It is known that the minimum distance of binary separable code satisfies inequality  $d \ge 2t + 1$ . In case this polynomial is irreducible over the field  $GF(2^m)$  the code is called irreducible. The Goppa code is called classical if the set  $L \subseteq GF(q^m)$ . L is called a set of numerator positions of the codeword. In this case the length of the codeword is  $n = |L| \le q^m$ . The Goppa code is called "extended" or "the Goppa code with an additional parity check" if the set  $L = GF(q^m) \bigcup \{\infty\}$ . In the case T.Berger [6] calls L as support of the Goppa code. The length of the extended Goppa code is  $n = q^m + 1$ .

It is known that there are cyclic codes among separable codes. These are binary extended Goppa codes with the Goppa polynomial  $G(x) = x^2 + x + A, A \in GF(2^m)$ . The cyclicity problem of extended Goppa codes has been studied in [2–4]. [5] is a generalization of these researches where the cyclicity criterion of extended Goppa codes is formulated. Let K be the finite field  $GF(2^m)$  and  $\overline{K} = K \bigcup \{\infty\}, G = PGL(2, 2^m)$  [5]. Let  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  is a nonsingular matrix over K,  $ad + cb \neq 0$  and transformation  $x \to \theta(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$ .

**Lemma 1.** (Lemma 3 [5]) Let us correspond to an arbitrary element  $\theta \in G$  the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}$  over K determined up to a scalar factor and the substitution  $x \to \theta(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$ . The length of a nontrivial orbit of substitution  $\theta$  of the set  $\overline{K}$  is equal to the order  $o(\theta)$  of element  $\theta \in G$ .

**Lemma 2.** (Lemma5 [5]) Group G that is considered to be a group of substitutions of the set  $\overline{K} = K \bigcup \{\infty\}$  contains the cycle  $\theta_1$  of the length  $2^m + 1$  and the cycle  $\theta_2$  of the length  $2^m - 1$  such that  $\theta_2^{-1}(\beta_1) = \beta_1$  and  $\theta_2^{-1}(\beta_2) = \beta_2$ ,  $\beta_1, \beta_2 \in F$ .

**Corollary 1.** The group G contains the cycles  $\theta_i$  of the length  $l_i$ : where  $l_i$  takes values of all possible divisors of  $2^m - 1$  or  $2^m + 1$ ,  $l_i : l_i | 2^m - 1$  or  $l_i | 2^m + 1$ .

In this work we will generalize the results of papers [5–8] in particular we will present a development of Lemma 6 [5] which was formulated for extended Goppa codes for the case of classical  $\Gamma(L,G)$  Goppa code  $(L \subseteq GF(2^m))$ .

## 2 Main results

**Theorem 1.** The following condition is sufficient condition for the cyclicity of the separable  $(n, k, d \ge 6)$  Goppa code with a polynomial G(x) of the degree 2 and the numerator set  $L \subseteq GF(2^m)$ :

- 1.  $n < 2^m 1, n | 2^m + 1 \text{ or } n | 2^m 1,$
- 2.  $L = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}\}, \alpha_i \in GF(2^m), \theta^{-1}(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{i+1(\mod n)}, \theta \in G, \theta(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d},$
- 3.  $G(x) = cx^2 + (a+d)x + b$  and G(x) is either irreducible over  $GF(2^m)$  or  $G(\beta_1) = G(\beta_2) = 0, \beta_1 \neq \beta_2, \ \beta_1, \beta_2 \in GF(2^m), \ \theta^{-1}(\beta_1) = \beta_1, \ \theta^{-1}(\beta_2) = \beta_2.$

4.  $wt(\mathbf{a})$  is even for any  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n) \in \Gamma(L, G)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let us consider the separable  $\Gamma(L,G)$  code with

$$L = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}, \alpha_i \in GF(2^m), \alpha_i^{2^l} = \alpha_i^{-1} \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, n, \ l < m$$

and

$$G(x) : \deg G(x) = t, \ \left(x^t\right)^{2^l} G(x^{-1})^{2^l} = AG(x^{2^l}), A \in GF(2^m).$$

Any codeword  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)$  of this code has an even weight.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} a_i \frac{1}{x + \alpha_i} \equiv 0 \mod G(x), \ wt(a) \equiv 0 \mod 2$$

**Corollary 2.** The sufficient cyclicity condition for the separable  $\Gamma(L,G)$ -code is the following:

- 1. it exists a transformation  $\theta(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$  such that  $(cx + d)^t \theta(G(x)) = AG(x), t = \deg G(x), a, b, c, d, A \in GF(2^m)$  and  $\theta^{-1}(L) = L$ ,
- 2.  $L = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}\}, \alpha_i \in GF(2^m), \alpha_i^{2^l} = \alpha_i^{-1}, \ l < m, \ G(\alpha_i) \neq 0,$

3. 
$$(x^t)^{2^t} G(x^{-1})^{2^t} = AG(x), A \in GF(2^m).$$

**Corollary 3.** A reversible  $(n = 2^l + 1, 2^l - 2l, 6)$  Goppa code with the polynomial  $G(x) = x^2 + rx + 1, r \in GF(2^l) \setminus \{0\}$  and the set  $L = \{1, \alpha, \alpha^2, ..., \alpha^{n-1}\}, \alpha \in GF(2^{2l}), \alpha^n = 1$  is a cyclic separable Goppa code.

Similarly to construction of a cyclic codes as extended Goppa codes [2-4] with support  $L = GF(2^l) \bigcup \{\infty\}$  and code length  $n = 2^l + 1$  or  $n = 2^l - 1$ , we can present here the construction of the cyclic  $(n, k, d \ge 6)$  codes as a classical Goppa codes with the length  $n : n < 2^m + 1$  and  $n|2^m + 1$  or  $n|2^m - 1$  with an additional parity check. In other words, the following corollary can be formulated.

**Corollary 4.** The cyclic  $(n, k - 1, d^* \ge 6)$  code can be obtained from any  $(n, k, d \ge 5)$  Goppa code with the separable polynomial  $G(x) = cx^2 + (a + d)x + b, ad + cd \ne 0, a, b, c, d \in GF(2^m)$  by addition parity check. n is a orbit length of a transformation  $\theta(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$  in the set  $GF(2^m)$ ,  $d^*$  is the least odd integer larger than d. If  $H_{\Gamma}$  is a parity-check matrix of  $(n, k, d \ge 5)$  Goppa code then the parity-check matrix of the cyclic  $(n, k - 1, d^*)$  code can be presented in the following form:  $H_{\Gamma} = \begin{bmatrix} H_{\Gamma} \end{bmatrix} I = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

following form: 
$$H_C = \begin{bmatrix} H_{\Gamma} \\ I \end{bmatrix}, I = [11...1].$$

Using group of transformation  $\theta(x) = \frac{ax^{2^l}+b}{cx^{2^l}+d}$ , l < m-1 which is considered by O.Moreno for finding symmetry groups of Goppa codes [9], it can prove the following theorem. This theorem defines the cyclicity criterion for the separable  $(n, k, d \ge 2^{l+1} + 4)$  Goppa codes with deg  $G(x) = 2^l + 1$  and  $L \subseteq GF(2^m)$ .

**Theorem 3.** The sufficient conditions for the cyclicity of separable  $(n, k, d \ge 2^{l+1}+4)$  Goppa codes with the polynomial G(x) of degree  $2^l+1$  and the numerator set  $L \subseteq GF(2^m)$  are the following :

- 1. n is the orbit length of the transformation  $\theta(x) = \frac{ax^{2^l} + b}{cx^{2^l} + d}$  in the set  $GF(2^m)$ ,
- 2.  $L = \{\alpha_0, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_{n-1}\}, \alpha_i \in GF(2^m), \theta^{-1}(\alpha_i) = \alpha_{i+1(\mod n)}, \theta^{-1}(\alpha_i$
- 3.  $G(x) = cx^{2^l+1} + ax^{2^l} + dx + b$ , and G(x) is either irreducible polynomial over  $GF(2^m)$  or  $G(\beta_i) = 0, \beta_i \in GF(2^m), \ \theta^{-1}(\beta_i) = \beta_i$ .

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4.  $wt(\mathbf{a})$  is even for any  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n) \in \Gamma(L, G)$ .

It is obvious that Corollaries 2, 3, 4 can be generalized for Theorem 3 also.

#### Code examples 3

**Example 1.** (Theorem 1) Let us consider a separable  $\Gamma_1(L,G)$  code as a cyclic (21,8,6) -code with  $G(x) = x^2 + \alpha^{714}x + \alpha^{63}, \alpha$  is a primitive element from  $GF(2^{12}),$ 

 $L = \{\alpha^i, i = 0, 2646, 3717, 1953, 1890, 1008, 2583, 2961, 1323, 2079, 2835, ...\}$  $1197, 1575, 3150, 2268, 2205, 441, 1512, 63, 3906, 252\},$ 

transformation  $\theta(x) = \frac{\alpha^6 x + \alpha^{63}}{x + \alpha^{447}}$ 

The cyclic Goppa code  $\Gamma_1(L,G)$  is the cyclic code with length 21 and generator polynomial

$$g(x) = (x+1)(x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1)(x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^2 + 1).$$

**Example 2.** (Corollary 3) Let us consider as example of a separable  $\Gamma_3(L,G)$ reversible cyclic code (33, 22, 6) with  $G(x) = x^2 + \alpha^{560}x + \alpha^{31}$ ,  $\alpha$  is a primitive element from  $GF(2^{10})$ ,

403, 248, 620, 868, 186, 434, 806, 651, 279, 589, 558, 713, 310, 124, 837, 372, 899,

transformation  $\theta(x) = \frac{\alpha^{901}x + \alpha^{31}}{x + \alpha^{219}}$ . The cyclic Goppa code  $\Gamma_3(L, G)$  is the cyclic code of length 33 and generator polynomial

$$g(x) = (x+1)(x^{10} + x^7 + x^5 + x^3 + 1).$$

**Example 3.** (Theorem 3) Let us consider a separable  $\Gamma_4(L,G)$  code as a cyclic (15, 2, 10)-code with  $G(x) = x^3 + \alpha^{96}x^2 + \alpha^3x + 1, \alpha$  is a primitive element from  $GF(2^{10}),$ 

 $L = \{\alpha^i, i = 589, 713, 744, 558, 992, 682, 62, 651, 620, 341, 806, 31, 279, 217, 0\},\$ 

transformation  $\theta(x) = \frac{\alpha^3 x^2 + 1}{x^2 + \alpha^{96}}$ .

The cyclic Goppa code  $\Gamma_4(L,G)$  is the cyclic code of length 15 and generator polynomial

$$g(x) = (x+1)(x^4 + x + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1).$$

## 4 Conclusion

In the paper the cyclicity criterion for Goppa codes with separable polynomial and numerator set has been formulated. It generalizes the known criterion for extended Goppa codes ( with length  $n = 2^m + 1$ ). Our results (Theorems 1 and 3) enable to present as cyclic separable Goppa codes with  $n \neq 2^m - 1, n \neq 2^{m+1}$ which are not either extended codes, no primitive BCH-codes. As an addition to examples that were considered above, it can be presented (89,66,8) code with Goppa polynomial of the degree two. It is BCH- code with the generator polynomial  $g(x) = (x+1)(x^{11} + x^7 + x^6 + x + 1)(x^{11} + x^{10} + x^5 + x^4 + 1)$ . And finally, the extended Goppa codes [1–5] could be presented as classical Goppa codes.

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