



# Linear complementary pairs of constacyclic $n$ -D codes over a finite commutative ring

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## Abstract

In this paper, a necessary condition which is sufficient as well for a pair of constacyclic 2-D codes over a finite commutative ring  $R$  to be an LCP of codes has been obtained. Also, a characterization of non-trivial LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over  $R$  has been given and total number of such codes has been determined. The above results on constacyclic 2-D codes have been extended to constacyclic 3-D codes over  $R$ . The obtained results readily extend to constacyclic  $n$ -D codes,  $n \geq 3$ , over finite commutative rings. Furthermore, some results on existence of non-trivial LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over a finite chain ring have been obtained in terms of its residue field.

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $(C, D)$  be a pair of linear codes having length  $m$  over a finite commutative ring  $R$ . Then  $(C, D)$  is called a linear complementary pair (LCP) of codes over  $R$  if  $R^m$  is a direct sum of  $C$  and  $D$ , i.e.,  $R^m = C + D$  and  $C \cap D = \{0\}$ . Linear complementary dual (LCD) codes form a special case of LCP of codes wherein  $D$  is the dual code of  $C$ . LCD codes have been first introduced in 1992 by Massey [1]. LCD and LCP of

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codes have applications in countering fault injection attacks and side channel attacks during implementation of cryptographic algorithms [2–4]. The LCP of codes  $(C, D)$  has security parameter equal to minimum of minimum distance of  $C$  and minimum distance of  $D^\perp$ . In case of LCD codes, the security parameter becomes minimum distance of  $C$ . Thus, the problem of constructing LCD codes with best security parameter amounts to the problem of constructing LCD codes with largest 'minimum distance'. LCD codes over finite fields and rings have been studied extensively in literature. For reference, see [5–9]. Parallel to the growing interest in LCD codes, LCP of different classes of codes over finite fields and rings have also been studied recently [10–16]. It has been proved by Carlet et al. [10] that  $C$  is equivalent to  $D^\perp$  for an LCP  $(C, D)$  of 2D cyclic codes over the field  $F_q$  having length coprime to  $q$ . Similar results have been proved by Güneri et al. for LCP of cyclic  $n$ -D codes [11]. LCP of constacyclic codes over  $R$ , where  $R$  is a finite chain ring of characteristic  $k$  ( $k$  coprime to length of the code) have been studied by Hu and Liu [15]. Moreover, LCP of constacyclic codes of arbitrary length have been explored over a finite chain ring by Thakral et al. [16].

The class of constacyclic 2-D codes is an important generalization of cyclic 2-D codes. Basic theory of binary cyclic 2-D codes was first studied by Imai et al. [17]. Some of the works on cyclic 2-D codes are presented in [18–22]. Quite recently, structure of constacyclic 2-D codes over a finite field has been given by Bhardwaj and Raka [23]. Further, multidimensional constacyclic codes over a finite field have been explored by Bhardwaj and Raka in [24]. Algebraic structure of multidimensional cyclic code over a finite chain ring have been determined by Disha and Dutt in [25].

In present work, LCP of constacyclic  $n$ -D codes over a finite commutative ring  $R$  have been studied. In this direction, a necessary as well as sufficient condition for a pair of constacyclic 2-D codes over  $R$  to be an LCP of codes has been obtained. Moreover, a characterization of all non-trivial LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over  $R$  has been given. Furthermore, total number of such codes has been determined. Using the obtained results, a few examples of LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over some finite chain rings have been given. These results have been extended to constacyclic 3-D codes over finite commutative rings. Similar approach leads to the extension of results to constacyclic  $n$ -D codes,  $n \geq 3$ , over finite commutative rings. In particular, necessary and sufficient conditions for existence of a non-trivial LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over finite chain rings have been obtained.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $R$  be a finite commutative ring. A linear code  $C$  of length  $m$  over  $R$  is an  $R$ -submodule of  $R^m$ . A linear code  $C$  is called a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code of length  $m$  over  $R$  if for every codeword  $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{m-1}) \in C$ , the codeword  $(\lambda c_{m-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{m-2})$  belongs to  $C$ . The code  $C$  is cyclic if  $\lambda = 1$ . It is an established fact that a constacyclic code of length  $m$  over  $R$  is easily viewed as an ideal of the quotient ring

$R[x]/\langle x^m - \lambda \rangle$ . Let  $C$  be a linear code over  $R$  of length  $k_1 k_2$  whose codewords are viewed as  $k_1 \times k_2$  arrays as follows:

$$c = [c_{ij}], \quad 0 \leq i \leq k_1 - 1, 0 \leq j \leq k_2 - 1.$$

Let  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  be units in  $R$ . Then  $\lambda$ -row shift  $\tau_\lambda(c)$  and  $\delta$ -column shift  $\tau_\delta(c)$  of a codeword  $c$  are defined as follows:

$$\tau_\lambda(c) = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda c_{k_1-1,0} & \lambda c_{k_1-1,1} & \cdots & \lambda c_{k_1-1,k_2-1} \\ c_{0,0} & c_{0,1} & \cdots & c_{0,k_2-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ c_{k_1-2,0} & c_{k_1-2,1} & \cdots & c_{k_1-2,k_2-1} \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\tau_\delta(c) = \begin{bmatrix} \delta c_{0,k_2-1} & c_{0,0} & \cdots & c_{0,k_2-2} \\ \delta c_{1,k_2-1} & c_{1,0} & \cdots & c_{1,k_2-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \delta c_{k_1-1,k_2-1} & c_{k_1-1,0} & \cdots & c_{k_1-1,k_2-2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$C$  is called a  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic two-dimensional code over  $R$  if it is closed under both  $\lambda$ -row shift and  $\delta$ -column shift.

Define  $\phi : R^{k_1 k_2} \rightarrow R[x, y]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda, y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle$  as

$$\phi(c) = \sum_{i=0}^{k_1-1} \sum_{j=0}^{k_2-1} c_{ij} x^i y^j,$$

where  $c_{ij} \in R$ .

It is easy to see that the map  $\phi$  is a ring homomorphism under which a  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D code  $C$  is mapped to an ideal of  $R[x, y]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda, y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle$ . Similarly, a  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ -constacyclic 3-D code of length  $k_1 k_2 k_3$  can be defined as an ideal of  $R[x_1, x_2, x_3]/\langle x_1^{k_1} - \lambda_1, x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2, x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle$ .

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A  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D code of length  $k_1 k_2$  over a finite commutative ring  $R$  can be viewed as an ideal of the ring  $S = R[x, y]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda, y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle$ .

Clearly, the ring  $S \cong \frac{R[x]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda \rangle}{\langle y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle}[y]$ .

Let  $x^{k_1} - \lambda = f_1(x)f_2(x) \cdots f_r(x)$  be a factorization of  $x^{k_1} - \lambda$  into maximum number of pairwise coprime monic polynomials over  $R$ . Then, by Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT),

$$\frac{R[x]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda \rangle}{\langle y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle}[y] \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \frac{R[x]/\langle f_i(x) \rangle}{\langle y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle}[y].$$

Then we can write

$$S \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r K_i[y] / \langle y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle,$$

where  $K_i = R[x] / \langle f_i(x) \rangle$ .

Now, let  $y^{k_2} - \delta = g_{i1}(y)g_{i2}(y) \cdots g_{is_i}(y)$  be a factorization of  $y^{k_2} - \delta$  into maximum number of pairwise coprime monic polynomials in  $K_i[y]$  for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Again by CRT,

$$S \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r K_i[y] / \langle y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} K_i[y] / \langle g_{ij}(y) \rangle \right) = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} T_{ij} \right),$$

where  $T_{ij} = K_i[y] / \langle g_{ij}(y) \rangle$ .

Let  $C$  be a  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D code of length  $k_1 k_2$  over  $R$ , then  $C$  can be expressed as follows:

$$C \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} C_{ij} \right),$$

for some ideal  $C_{ij}$  of  $T_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$  and  $1 \leq j \leq s_i$ .

The following theorem provides a necessary condition which is sufficient as well for a pair of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes to be an LCP of codes over  $R$ , where  $R$  is a finite commutative ring.

**Theorem 1** *Let  $(C, D)$  be a pair of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes of length  $k_1 k_2$  over a finite commutative ring  $R$ . Let  $S = R[x, y] / \langle x^{k_1} - \lambda, y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} T_{ij} \right)$ ,  $C \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} C_{ij} \right)$  and  $D \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} D_{ij} \right)$  be the CRT expressions of  $S$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  respectively. Then,  $(C, D)$  is an LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over  $R$  if and only if  $(C_{ij}, D_{ij})$  is an LCP of codes over  $T_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq r$  and  $1 \leq j \leq s_i$ . Moreover,  $(C_{ij}, D_{ij})$  is always a trivial pair of LCP of codes.*

**Proof** First suppose that  $(C, D)$  is an LCP of codes over  $R$ . Then, as ideals of  $S$ ,  $C \oplus D = S$ . In terms of CRT expressions,

$$\left\{ \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} C_{ij} \right) \right\} \oplus \left\{ \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} D_{ij} \right) \right\} = \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} T_{ij} \right)$$

which implies that

$$C_{ij} + D_{ij} = T_{ij}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq r \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq s_i. \tag{1}$$

Now we have that

$$k_1 k_2 = \text{rank}_R(C + D) = \text{rank}_R(C) + \text{rank}_R(D). \tag{2}$$

Also,

$$rank_R(C) = \sum_{i=1}^r \left( \sum_{j=1}^{s_i} rank_{T_{ij}}(C_{ij})deg(g_{ij}(y)) \right) deg(f_i(x)) \tag{3}$$

and

$$rank_R(D) = \sum_{i=1}^r \left( \sum_{j=1}^{s_i} rank_{T_{ij}}(D_{ij})deg(g_{ij}(y)) \right) deg(f_i(x)). \tag{4}$$

Substituting (3) and (4) in (2), we get that

$$k_1k_2 = \sum_{i=1}^r \left( \sum_{j=1}^{s_i} rank_{T_{ij}}(C_{ij})deg(g_{ij}(y)) \right) deg(f_i(x)) + \sum_{i=1}^r \left( \sum_{j=1}^{s_i} rank_{T_{ij}}(D_{ij})deg(g_{ij}(y)) \right) deg(f_i(x))$$

which implies that

$$1 = rank_{T_{ij}}(C_{ij}) + rank_{T_{ij}}(D_{ij}), \quad 1 \leq i \leq r \text{ and } 1 \leq j \leq s_i. \tag{5}$$

On the other hand,

$$1 = rank_{T_{ij}}(T_{ij}) = rank_{T_{ij}}(C_{ij}) + rank_{T_{ij}}(D_{ij}) - rank_{T_{ij}}(C_{ij} \cap D_{ij}). \tag{6}$$

From (5) and (6), we get that  $rank_{T_{ij}}(C_{ij} \cap D_{ij}) = 0$ , thereby implying that  $(C_{ij}, D_{ij})$  is an LCP of codes. Also, (5) gives us that either  $C_{ij} = T_{ij}$  and  $D_{ij} = \{0\}$  or  $D_{ij} = T_{ij}$  and  $C_{ij} = \{0\}$ . Therefore,  $(C_{ij}, D_{ij})$  is only trivial LCP of codes for  $1 \leq i \leq r$  and  $1 \leq j \leq s_i$ .

Converse is easy to show. □

Theorem 2 given below determines all LCP of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes over  $R$  which are non-trivial and Theorem 3 gives the total number of such codes.

**Theorem 2** *Let  $R$  be a finite commutative ring and  $(C, D)$  be a pair of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes of length  $k_1k_2$  over  $R$ . Let  $R[x, y]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda, y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} T_{ij} \right), C \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} C_{ij} \right)$  and  $D \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^r \left( \bigoplus_{j=1}^{s_i} D_{ij} \right)$  be the CRT expressions of  $R[x, y]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda, y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle, C$  and  $D$  respectively. Then  $(C, D)$  is an LCP of codes over  $R$  which is non-trivial if and only if there exist atleast two distinct pairs  $(i, j)$  and  $(i', j')$  such that  $C_{ij} = T_{ij}$  and  $D_{i'j'} = T_{i'j'}$ .*

**Proof** The result follows from Theorem 1 and the fact that if there does not exist any two distinct pairs  $(i, j)$  and  $(i', j')$  for which  $C_{ij} = T_{ij}$  and  $D_{i'j'} = T_{i'j'}$ , then  $(C, D)$  becomes a trivial LCP of codes.  $\square$

**Theorem 3** *The number of LCP of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes over  $R$  which are non-trivial is given by*

$$N = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } t = 1, \\ 1, & \text{for } t = 2, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{(t-1)/2} \binom{t}{i}, & \text{for } t \text{ odd, } t > 1, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{(t/2)-1} \binom{t}{i} + \binom{t}{t/2} / 2, & \text{for } t \text{ even, } t > 2, \end{cases}$$

where  $t = \sum_{i=1}^r s_i$ .

**Proof** The proof is straightforward.  $\square$

Following are some examples which illustrate above results.

**Example 1** Consider cyclic 2-D codes having length  $k_1 k_2 = 3 \cdot 2$  over  $Z_4$  which are ideals of the the ring  $S = Z_4[x, y] / \langle x^3 - 1, y^2 - 1 \rangle$ . We have that  $x^3 - 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$  is a factorization of  $x^3 - 1$  into maximum pairwise coprime monic polynomials in  $Z_4[x]$ . Then  $S \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 K_i[y] / \langle y^2 - 1 \rangle$ , where  $K_1 = Z_4[x] / \langle x + 1 \rangle$  and  $K_2 = Z_4[x] / \langle x^2 + x + 1 \rangle$ . Also,  $y^2 - 1 = (y - 1)(y + 1)$  in  $K_1[y]$  and  $y^2 - 1 = (y + 2xy - 1)(y + 2xy + 1)$  in  $K_2[y]$ . So,  $S \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 (\bigoplus_{j=1}^2 T_{ij})$ , where  $T_{11} = K_1[y] / \langle y + 1 \rangle$ ,  $T_{12} = K_1[y] / \langle y - 1 \rangle$ ,  $T_{21} = K_2[y] / \langle y + 2xy - 1 \rangle$  and  $T_{22} = K_2[y] / \langle y + 2xy + 1 \rangle$ . By Theorem 3, the number of LCP of cyclic 2-D codes having length  $3 \cdot 2$  over  $Z_4$  which are non-trivial is 7. Using Theorem 2, these codes are listed below:

1.  $C_1 = T_{11} \oplus T_{12} \oplus T_{21} \oplus \{0\} = \langle y - 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \langle y + 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \langle 2xy + y + 1 \rangle_{K_2} \oplus \{0\}$   
and  $D_1 = \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus T_{22} = \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \langle 2xy + y - 1 \rangle_{K_2}$ .
2.  $C_2 = T_{11} \oplus T_{12} \oplus \{0\} \oplus T_{22} = \langle y - 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \langle y + 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \langle 2xy + y - 1 \rangle_{K_2}$   
and  $D_2 = \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus T_{21} \oplus \{0\} = \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \langle 2xy + y + 1 \rangle_{K_2} \oplus \{0\}$ .
3.  $C_3 = T_{11} \oplus \{0\} \oplus T_{21} \oplus T_{22} = \langle y - 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \langle 2xy + y + 1 \rangle_{K_2} \oplus \langle 2xy + y - 1 \rangle_{K_2}$  and  
 $D_3 = \{0\} \oplus T_{12} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} = \{0\} \oplus \langle y + 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\}$ .
4.  $C_4 = \{0\} \oplus T_{12} \oplus T_{21} \oplus T_{22} = \{0\} \oplus \langle y + 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \langle 2xy + y + 1 \rangle_{K_2} \oplus \langle 2xy + y - 1 \rangle_{K_2}$  and  
 $D_4 = T_{11} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} = \langle y - 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\}$ .
5.  $C_5 = \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus T_{21} \oplus T_{22} = \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \langle 2xy + y + 1 \rangle_{K_2} \oplus \langle 2xy + y - 1 \rangle_{K_2}$   
and  $D_5 = T_{11} \oplus T_{12} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} = \langle y - 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \langle y + 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\}$ .
6.  $C_6 = \{0\} \oplus T_{12} \oplus \{0\} \oplus T_{22} = \{0\} \oplus \langle y + 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \langle 2xy + y - 1 \rangle_{K_2}$  and  
 $D_6 = T_{11} \oplus \{0\} \oplus T_{21} \oplus \{0\} = \langle y - 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \langle 2xy + y + 1 \rangle_{K_2} \oplus \{0\}$ .

$$7. C_7 = T_{11} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus T_{22} = \langle y - 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \{0\} \oplus \langle 2xy + y - 1 \rangle_{K_2} \quad \text{and} \\ D_7 = \{0\} \oplus T_{12} \oplus T_{21} \oplus \{0\} = \{0\} \oplus \langle y + 1 \rangle_{K_1} \oplus \langle 2xy + y + 1 \rangle_{K_2} \oplus \{0\}.$$

**Example 2** Let  $S = Z_8[x, y] / \langle x^2 - 1, y^2 - 1 \rangle$ . We have that  $x^2 - 1 = (x + 1)(x - 1)$  is a factorisation of  $x^2 - 1$  into maximum pairwise coprime monic polynomials in  $Z_8[x]$ . Then  $S \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 K_i[y] / \langle y^2 - 1 \rangle$ , where  $K_1 = Z_8[x] / \langle x + 1 \rangle = Z_8$  and  $K_2 = Z_8[x] / \langle x - 1 \rangle = Z_8$ . Now,  $y^2 - 1 = (y - 1)(y + 1)$  in  $Z_8[y]$ . Thus,  $S \cong \bigoplus_{i=1}^2 (\bigoplus_{j=1}^2 T_{ij})$ , where  $T_{11} = Z_8[y] / \langle y + 1 \rangle = Z_8$ ,  $T_{12} = Z_8[y] / \langle y - 1 \rangle = Z_8$ ,  $T_{21} = Z_8[y] / \langle y + 1 \rangle = Z_8$  and  $T_{22} = Z_8[y] / \langle y - 1 \rangle = Z_8$ . Thus,  $S \cong Z_8 \oplus Z_8 \oplus Z_8 \oplus Z_8$ . By Theorem 3, the number of LCP of cyclic 2-D codes having length  $2 \cdot 2$  over  $Z_8$  which are non-trivial is 7. Using Theorem 2, these codes are listed below:

1.  $C_1 = \{(x_1, x_2, x_3, 0) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3\}$  and  $D_1 = \{(0, 0, 0, x_4) \mid x_4 \in Z_8\}$ .
2.  $C_2 = \{(x_1, x_2, 0, x_4) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 4\}$  and  $D_2 = \{(0, 0, x_3, 0) \mid x_3 \in Z_8\}$ .
3.  $C_3 = \{(x_1, 0, x_3, x_4) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 1, 3, 4\}$  and  $D_3 = \{(0, x_2, 0, 0) \mid x_2 \in Z_8\}$ .
4.  $C_4 = \{(0, x_2, x_3, x_4) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $D_4 = \{(x_1, 0, 0, 0) \mid x_1 \in Z_8\}$ .
5.  $C_5 = \{(x_1, x_2, 0, 0) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 1, 2\}$  and  $D_5 = \{(0, 0, x_3, x_4) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 3, 4\}$ .
6.  $C_6 = \{(x_1, 0, x_3, 0) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 1, 3\}$  and  $D_6 = \{(0, x_2, 0, x_4) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 2, 4\}$ .
7.  $C_7 = \{(0, x_2, x_3, 0) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 2, 3\}$  and  $D_7 = \{(x_1, 0, 0, x_4) \mid x_i \in Z_8 \text{ for } i = 1, 4\}$ .

### 4 LCP of constacyclic 3-D codes over finite commutative rings

In this section, the results of Sect. 3 are generalized to  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ -constacyclic 3-D codes over a finite commutative ring  $R$ . The CRT expression of a constacyclic 2-D code established in the above section is extended to a constacyclic 3-D code and is explained extensively as follows:

A  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ -constacyclic 3-D code of length  $k_1 k_2 k_3$  is defined to be an ideal of the quotient ring

$$S = R[x_1, x_2, x_3] / \langle x_1^{k_1} - \lambda_1, x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2, x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle.$$

Clearly,

$$S \cong \frac{R[x_1] / \langle x_1^{k_1} - \lambda_1 \rangle}{\langle x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2, x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle} [x_2, x_3].$$

Let  $x_1^{k_1} - \lambda_1 = \prod_{i_1=1}^r f_{i_1}$  be a factorization of  $x_1^{k_1} - \lambda_1$  into maximum pairwise coprime monic polynomials in  $R[x_1]$ . Applying CRT, we have that

$$S \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \frac{R[x_1]/\langle f_{i_1} \rangle}{\langle x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2, x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle} [x_2, x_3] = \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \frac{K_{i_1}[x_2, x_3]}{\langle x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2, x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle},$$

where  $K_{i_1} = R[x_1]/\langle f_{i_1} \rangle$  for  $i_1 = 1, 2, \dots, r$ .

Therefore, we can write

$$S \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \frac{K_{i_1}[x_2]/\langle x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2 \rangle}{\langle x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle} [x_3].$$

Now, let  $x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2 = \prod_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} f_{i_1 i_2}$  be a factorization of  $x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2$  into maximum monic pairwise coprime polynomials over  $K_{i_1}$  for  $i_1 = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Then again by applying CRT,

$$S \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \frac{K_{i_1}[x_2]/\langle f_{i_1 i_2} \rangle}{\langle x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle} [x_3] = \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \frac{K_{i_1 i_2}[x_3]}{\langle x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle},$$

where  $K_{i_1 i_2} = K_{i_1}[x_2]/\langle f_{i_1 i_2} \rangle$  for  $i_2 = 1, 2, \dots, r_{i_1}$ .

Further, let  $x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 = \prod_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} f_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$  be a factorization of  $x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3$  into maximum number of monic pairwise coprime polynomials over  $K_{i_1 i_2}$  for  $i_1 = 1, 2, \dots, r$  and  $i_2 = 1, 2, \dots, r_{i_1}$ . By applying CRT, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} S &\cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} \frac{K_{i_1 i_2}[x_3]}{\langle f_{i_1 i_2 i_3} \rangle} \\ &= \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} K_{i_1 i_2 i_3}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_{i_1 i_2 i_3} = K_{i_1 i_2}[x_3]/\langle f_{i_1 i_2 i_3} \rangle$  for  $i_3 = 1, 2, \dots, r_{i_1 i_2}$ .

It can be easily seen that if  $C$  is a  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ -constacyclic 3-D code of length  $k_1 k_2 k_3$  over  $R$ , then



$$C \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} C_{i_1 i_2 i_3},$$

where  $C_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$  is an ideal of  $K_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$ .

Following results on constacyclic 3-D LCP of codes over  $R$  are generalizations of similar results on LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes proved in previous section. To avoid repetition, the proofs of these results have been omitted.

**Theorem 4** *Let  $C$  and  $D$  be  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ -constacyclic 3-D codes of length  $k_1 k_2 k_3$  over  $R$ . Let  $S = R[x_1, x_2, x_3]/\langle x_1^{k_1} - \lambda_1, x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2, x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} K_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$ ,  $C \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} C_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$ ,  $D \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} D_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$  be the CRT expressions of  $S$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  respectively as described above. Then  $(C, D)$  is an LCP of constacyclic 3-D codes over  $R$  if and only if  $(C_{i_1 i_2 i_3}, D_{i_1 i_2 i_3})$  is an LCP of codes over  $K_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$ . Moreover,  $(C_{i_1 i_2 i_3}, D_{i_1 i_2 i_3})$  over  $K_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$  is always a trivial pair of LCP of codes.*

**Theorem 5** *Let  $C$  and  $D$  be  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ -constacyclic 3-D codes of length  $k_1 k_2 k_3$  over  $R$ . Let  $S = R[x_1, x_2, x_3]/\langle x_1^{k_1} - \lambda_1, x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2, x_3^{k_3} - \lambda_3 \rangle \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} K_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$ ,  $C \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} C_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$ ,  $D \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^r \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^{r_{i_1 i_2}} D_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$  be the CRT expressions of  $S$ ,  $C$  and  $D$  respectively. Then  $(C, D)$  is an LCP of codes over  $R$  which is non-trivial if and only if there exist atleast two distinct tuples  $(i_1, i_2, i_3)$  and  $(j_1, j_2, j_3)$  such that  $C_{i_1 i_2 i_3} = K_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$  and  $D_{j_1 j_2 j_3} = K_{j_1 j_2 j_3}$ .*

**Theorem 6** *The number of LCP of  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3)$ -constacyclic 3-D codes of length  $k_1 k_2 k_3$  over  $R$  which are non-trivial is given by*

$$N = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } t = 1, \\ 1, & \text{for } t = 2, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{(t-1)/2} \binom{t}{i}, & \text{for } t \text{ odd, } t > 1, \\ \sum_{i=1}^{(t/2)-1} \binom{t}{i} + \binom{t}{t/2} / 2, & \text{for } t \text{ even, } t > 2, \end{cases}$$

where  $t = \sum_{i_1=1}^r \sum_{i_2=1}^{r_{i_1}} r_{i_1 i_2}$ .

**Example 3** Consider cyclic 3-D codes of length  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$  over  $Z_9$  as ideals of the ring  $S = Z_9[x_1, x_2, x_3]/\langle x_1^2 - 1, x_2^2 - 1, x_3^2 - 1 \rangle$ . We have that  $x_1^2 - 1 = (x_1 + 1)(x_1 - 1)$  is a factorisation of  $x_1^2 - 1$  into maximum pairwise coprime monic polynomials in  $Z_9[x_1]$ . Then  $S \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^2 K_{i_1}[x_2, x_3]/\langle x_2^2 - 1, x_3^2 - 1 \rangle$ , where  $K_1 = Z_9[x_1]/\langle x_1 + 1 \rangle = Z_9$  and  $K_2 = Z_9[x_1]/\langle x_1 - 1 \rangle = Z_9$ . Now,

$x_2^2 - 1 = (x_2 - 1)(x_2 + 1)$  in  $Z_9[x_2]$ . Thus,  $S \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^2 \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^2 K_{i_1 i_2} [x_3] / \langle x_3^2 - 1 \rangle$ , where  $K_{11} = Z_9[x_2] / \langle x_2 + 1 \rangle = Z_9$ ,  $K_{12} = Z_9[y] / \langle x_2 - 1 \rangle = Z_9$ ,  $K_{21} = Z_9[y] / \langle x_2 + 1 \rangle = Z_9$  and  $K_{22} = Z_9[y] / \langle x_2 - 1 \rangle = Z_9$ . Also,  $x_3^2 - 1 = (x_3 + 1)(x_3 - 1)$  in  $Z_9[x_3]$ . Therefore,  $S \cong \bigoplus_{i_1=1}^2 \bigoplus_{i_2=1}^2 \bigoplus_{i_3=1}^2 K_{i_1 i_2 i_3}$ , where  $K_{i_1 i_2 i_3} = Z_9$  for each  $i_1, i_2, i_3 \in \{1, 2\}$ . Thus, we have  $S \cong Z_9 \oplus Z_9 \oplus Z_9 \oplus Z_9 \oplus Z_9 \oplus Z_9 \oplus Z_9 \oplus Z_9$ . By Theorem 6, the number of LCP of cyclic 3-D codes having length  $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$  over  $Z_9$  which are non-trivial is 127. A few of them are listed below:

1.  $C_1 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, 0) \mid a_i \in Z_9 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, 7\}$  and  $D_1 = \{(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, a_8) \mid a_8 \in Z_9\}$ .
2.  $C_2 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, 0, 0) \mid a_i \in Z_9 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, 6\}$  and  $D_2 = \{(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, a_7, a_8) \mid a_i \in Z_9 \text{ for } i = 7, 8\}$ .
3.  $C_3 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, 0, 0, 0) \mid a_i \in Z_9 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, 5\}$  and  $D_3 = \{(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, a_6, a_7, a_8) \mid a_i \in Z_9 \text{ for } i = 6, 7, 8\}$ .
4.  $C_4 = \{(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, 0, 0, 0, 0) \mid a_i \in Z_9 \text{ for } i = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $D_4 = \{(0, 0, 0, 0, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8) \mid a_i \in Z_9 \text{ for } i = 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ .

A  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_n)$ -constacyclic n-D code of length  $k_1 k_2 \dots k_n$  is defined as an ideal of  $R[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n] / \langle x_1^{k_1} - \lambda_1, x_2^{k_2} - \lambda_2, \dots, x_n^{k_n} - \lambda_n \rangle$ . Proceeding in a similar manner as above, the CRT expression for a constacyclic n-D code over a finite commutative ring can be derived. Subsequently, the results can be extended to LCP of constacyclic n-D codes,  $n \geq 3$ , over finite commutative rings.

### 5 LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over finite chain rings

In this section, existence of non-trivial LCP of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes of length  $k_1 k_2$  over a finite commutative chain ring is obtained. Let us recall some results before proceeding further.

**Proposition 1** ([26, 27]): *Let  $R$  be a finite commutative chain ring with maximal ideal  $\langle \gamma \rangle$  and nilpotency index  $v$ . Then, we have the following:*

- (a) *There exists an element  $\xi \in R$  with multiplicative order  $p^m - 1$ , where  $p$  is a prime, such that every element  $r \in R$  can be uniquely expressed as  $r = r_0 + r_1 \gamma + \dots + r_{v-1} \gamma^{v-1}$ , where  $r_i \in T = \{0, 1, \xi, \dots, \xi^{p^m-2}\}$  is the Teichmüller set of  $R$ .*
- (b) *Let  $r = r_0 + r_1 \gamma + \dots + r_{v-1} \gamma^{v-1}$  where  $r_i \in T, 0 \leq i \leq v - 1$ . Then  $r$  is a unit in  $R$  if and only if  $r_0 \neq 0$ . Moreover, there exists an element  $\alpha_0 \in T$  such that  $r_0 = \alpha_0^p$ .*

**Theorem 7** (Theorem 7, [28]) Let  $\alpha = \alpha_0^{p^s} + \gamma\alpha_1 + \dots + \gamma^{v-1}\alpha_{v-1}$ , where  $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{v-1} \in T$  and  $\alpha_0 \neq 0$ . Then the quotient ring  $R[x]/\langle x^{p^s} - \alpha \rangle$  is a chain ring if and only if  $\alpha_1 \neq 0$ .

**Theorem 8** (Theorem 1, [16]) A non-trivial LCP of  $\lambda$ -constacyclic codes of length  $n$  over a finite chain ring  $R$  exists if and only if  $x^n - \lambda = f(x)g(x)$ , where  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are monic, coprime polynomials of degree  $\geq 1$  over the residue field  $K$ .

**Corollary 1** (Corollary 1, [16]) There does not exist any non-trivial LCP of  $\lambda$ -constacyclic codes of length  $p^s$  over a finite chain ring  $R$  with residue field  $K$  of characteristic  $p$ .

Let  $R$  be a finite commutative chain ring with nilpotency index  $v$  and  $\gamma$  be the generator of its maximal ideal. Let  $K$  be the residue field of  $R$  with characteristic  $p$ . Let  $\lambda$  and  $\delta$  be units in  $R$ .

The ring  $S = R[x, y]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda, y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle \cong \frac{R_1[y]}{\langle y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle}$ , where  $R_1 = R[x]/\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda \rangle$ .

Let  $k_1 = p^{s_1}$  for some  $s_1 > 0$ . By Proposition 1,  $\lambda = \beta_0^{p^{s_1}} + \gamma\beta_1 + \dots + \gamma^{v-1}\beta_{v-1}$ , where  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{v-1} \in T$  and  $\beta_0 \neq 0$ . Let  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ . Therefore, by Theorem 7,  $R_1$  is a finite chain ring. Let  $a(x)$  be the generator of its maximal ideal and  $K_1 = R_1/\langle a(x) \rangle$  be its residue field. Let  $\phi_1 : R_1 \rightarrow K_1$  be an onto homomorphism defined by  $\phi_1(r(x)) = r(x) \pmod{a(x)}$  for each  $r(x) \in R_1$ . It is easy to see that  $K_1 = K$ .

A  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D code of length  $k_1k_2$  can be considered as a  $\delta$ -constacyclic code of length  $k_2$  over  $R_1$ . Thus, by Theorem 8, we have the following result which provides a necessary and sufficient condition for existence of a non-trivial LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over a finite chain ring  $R$  with residue field  $K$ .

**Theorem 9** Let  $R$  be a finite chain ring with residue field  $K$  of characteristic  $p$ . Let  $k_1 = p^{s_1}$  for some  $s_1 > 0$  and  $\lambda = \beta_0^{p^{s_1}} + \gamma\beta_1 + \dots + \gamma^{v-1}\beta_{v-1}$ , where  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{v-1} \in T, \beta_0 \neq 0$  and  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ . A non-trivial LCP of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes of length  $k_1k_2$  over  $R$  exists if and only if  $y^{k_2} - \phi_1(\delta) = f(y)g(y)$ , where  $f(y)$  and  $g(y)$  are monic, coprime polynomials of degree  $\geq 1$  in  $K[y]$ .

Analogously,  $S \cong \frac{R_2[x]}{\langle x^{k_1} - \lambda \rangle}$ , where  $R_2 = R[y]/\langle y^{k_2} - \delta \rangle$ . Let  $k_2 = p^{s_2}$  for some  $s_2 > 0$ . By Proposition 1,  $\delta = \delta_0^{p^{s_2}} + \gamma\delta_1 + \dots + \gamma^{v-1}\delta_{v-1}$ , where  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{v-1} \in T$  and  $\delta_0 \neq 0$ . Let  $\delta_1 \neq 0$ . Therefore, by Theorem 7,  $R_2$  is a finite chain ring. Let  $b(y)$  be the generator of its maximal ideal and  $K_2 = R_2/\langle b(y) \rangle$  be the residue field. Let the map  $\phi_2 : R_2 \rightarrow K_2/\langle b(y) \rangle$  be defined by  $\phi_2(s(y)) = s(y) \pmod{b(y)}$  for each  $s(y) \in R_2$ . Again, it is easy to see that  $K_2 = K$ .

Now, a  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D code of length  $k_1k_2$  can also be considered as a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code of length  $k_1$  over the ring  $R_2$ . Thus, by Theorem 8, we have the following result.

**Theorem 10** Let  $R$  be a finite chain ring with residue field  $K$  of characteristic  $p$ . Let  $k_2 = p^{s_2}$  for some  $s_2 > 0$  and  $\delta = \delta_0 p^{s_2} + \gamma \delta_1 + \cdots + \gamma^{v-1} \delta_{v-1}$ , where  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{v-1} \in T, \delta_0 \neq 0$  and  $\delta_1 \neq 0$ . A non-trivial LCP of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes of length  $k_1 k_2$  over  $R$  exists if and only if  $x^{k_1} - \phi_2(\lambda) = F(x)G(x)$ , where  $F(x)$  and  $G(x)$  are monic, coprime polynomials of degree  $\geq 1$  in  $K[x]$ .

**Example 4** Consider (3,1)-constacyclic 2-D codes of length  $2 \times 3$  over the ring  $Z_4$  with residue field  $Z_2$ . Then, the ring  $S = \frac{Z_4[x, y]}{\langle x^2 - 3, y^3 - 1 \rangle}, R_1 = Z_4[x] / \langle x^2 - 3 \rangle$  and  $R_2 = Z_4[y] / \langle y^3 - 1 \rangle$ . Note that by Theorem 7,  $R_1$  is a finite chain ring and  $R_2$  is not a finite chain ring. Also,  $y^3 - 1 = (y + 1)(y^2 + y + 1)$  in  $Z_2[y]$  is a factorization of  $y^3 - 1$  into pairwise coprime, monic polynomials of degree  $\geq 1$ . Thus, by Theorem 9, non-trivial LCP of (3,1)-constacyclic 2-D codes of length  $2 \times 3$  exists over  $Z_4$ .

Following Corollary is an immediate consequence of Theorem 7, Corollary 1 and the fact that a  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D code of length  $p^{s_1} p^{s_2}$  can be considered as a  $\delta$ -constacyclic code of length  $p^{s_2}$  over  $R_1$  as well as a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code of length  $p^{s_1}$  over the ring  $R_2$ .

**Corollary 2** Let  $R$  be a finite chain ring with residue field  $K$  of characteristic  $p$ . Let  $\lambda = \beta_0 p^{s_1} + \gamma \beta_1 + \cdots + \gamma^{v-1} \beta_{v-1}$ , where  $\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{v-1} \in T, \beta_0 \neq 0$  and  $\delta = \delta_0 p^{s_2} + \gamma \delta_1 + \cdots + \gamma^{v-1} \delta_{v-1}$ , where  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{v-1} \in T, \delta_0 \neq 0$ . There does not exist any non-trivial LCP of  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D codes of length  $p^{s_1} p^{s_2}$  over  $R$  if either  $\beta_1 \neq 0$  or  $\delta_1 \neq 0$ .

**Proof** Suppose  $\beta_1 \neq 0$ . By Theorem 7,  $R_1$  is a finite chain ring. Considering a  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D code of length  $p^{s_1} p^{s_2}$  as a  $\delta$ -constacyclic code of length  $p^{s_2}$  over the ring  $R_1$  and applying Corollary 1, we get the desired result. Similarly, if  $\delta_1 \neq 0$ ,  $R_2$  is a finite chain ring. Now, consider a  $(\lambda, \delta)$ -constacyclic 2-D code of length  $p^{s_1} p^{s_2}$  as a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code of length  $p^{s_1}$  over the ring  $R_2$ . Therefore, by Corollary 1, we get the desired result.

## 6 Conclusion

In this paper, LCP of constacyclic n-D codes over a finite commutative ring  $R$  have been studied. In this direction, a necessary as well as sufficient condition for a pair of constacyclic 2-D codes over  $R$  to be an LCP of codes has been obtained. Moreover, a characterization of all non-trivial LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over  $R$  has been given. Furthermore, total number of such codes has also been

determined. Using the obtained results, a few examples of LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over some finite commutative rings have been given. Finally, these results have been extended to constacyclic 3-D codes over finite commutative rings. The obtained results readily extend to constacyclic n-D codes,  $n \geq 3$ , over finite commutative rings. In particular, necessary and sufficient conditions for existence of a non-trivial LCP of constacyclic 2-D codes over finite chain rings have been obtained.

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