

Two classes of cyclic codes and their weight enumerator

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Abstract Let *p* be an odd prime, and *m*, *k* and *d* be positive integers such that $2 \le k \le \frac{m+1}{2}$ and $gcd(m, d) = 1 \pi$ is a primitive element of the finite field \mathbb{F}_{p^m} . The weight enumerator of cyclic codes over \mathbb{F}_p whose duals have 2*k* zeros $\pi^{-(p^{jd}+1)/2}$ and $-\pi^{-(p^{jd}+1)/2}(j =$ 0, 1, ..., $k - 1$) is determined in the present paper. The weight enumerator of cyclic codes over \mathbb{F}_p whose duals have $2k - 1$ zeros $\pi^{-(p^{(k-1)d}+1)/2}$, $\pi^{-(p^{jd}+1)/2}$ and $-\pi^{-(p^{jd}+1)/2}(j = 1)$ 0, 1, ..., $k - 2$) is also determined when $2 \nmid \frac{m}{gcd(m, k-1)}$ holds.

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1 Introduction

Recall that an [*n*, *l*, *d*] linear code *C* over the finite field \mathbb{F}_p is a linear subspace of \mathbb{F}_p^n with dimension *l* and minimum Hamming distance *d*, where *p* is a prime. Let *Ai* denote by the number of codewords in C with Hamming weight i in a code C of length n , the weight enumerator of *C* is defined by

$$
1+A_1z+A_2z^2+\cdots+A_nz^n.
$$

The sequence $(1, A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n)$ is called the weight distribution of the code *C*, which is a very important parameter of the code. For instance, the error correcting capability of a code

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is closely related to its weight distribution. In addition, the weight distribution of a code also allows the computation of the error probability of error detection and correction. Thus, it is important to study the weight distribution of a linear code, both in theory and applications.

An [*n*, *k*] linear code *C* is called cyclic over \mathbb{F}_p if for any $(c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_{n-1}) \in C$, also $(c_{n-1}, c_0, \ldots, c_{n-2}) \in \mathcal{C}$. It is well-known that a linear code \mathcal{C} in \mathbb{F}_p^n is cyclic if and only if *C* is an ideal of the polynomial residue class ring $\mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x^n - 1)$. Since $\mathbb{F}_p[x]/(x^n - 1)$ is a principal ideal ring, every cyclic code corresponds to a principal ideal $(g(x))$ of the multiples of a polynomial $g(x)$ which is the monic polynomial of lowest degree in the ideal. This polynomial *g*(*x*) is called the generator polynomial, and $h(x) = (x^n - 1)/g(x)$ is called the parity-check polynomial of the code *C*. We also recall that a cyclic code is called irreducible if its parity-check polynomial is irreducible over \mathbb{F}_p , otherwise, it is called reducible. A cyclic code over \mathbb{F}_p is said to have *t* zeros if all the zeros of the generator polynomial of the code form *t* conjugate classes, or equivalently, the generator polynomial has *t* irreducible factors over F*p*.

Cyclic codes have wide applications in both storage and communication systems. Moreover, cyclic codes are applied in association schemes [\[3](#page-7-0)] and secret schemes [\[4](#page-7-1)]. Therefore, determining the weight enumerator of a cyclic code is an important research object in coding theory. But the weight distribution is known for only a few special classes. For example, the weight distribution of some irreducible cyclic codes has been studied in [\[1](#page-7-2),[2](#page-7-3)[,5](#page-7-4)[,6](#page-7-5)[,20\]](#page-7-6). For cyclic codes with two zeros, the weight distribution is known in special cases $[7,8,10,12,18]$ $[7,8,10,12,18]$ $[7,8,10,12,18]$ $[7,8,10,12,18]$ $[7,8,10,12,18]$, [22,](#page-7-12)[24](#page-8-0)[,26\]](#page-8-1). Studies for other cyclic codes refer to [\[9,](#page-7-13)[11](#page-7-14)[,13](#page-7-15)[,14](#page-7-16),[17](#page-7-17)[,23,](#page-7-18)[27](#page-8-2)[,28,](#page-8-3)[30](#page-8-4)[,31\]](#page-8-5).

Throughout this paper, let *m*, *k* and *d* be positive integers such that $2 \leq k \leq \frac{m+1}{2}$ and gcd(*m*, *d*) = 1. Let *p* be an odd prime and π be a primitive element of the finite field \mathbb{F}_{p^m} . For $j = 0, 1, \ldots, k - 1$, let $h_j(x)$ and $h_{-j}(x)$ be the minimal polynomials of $\pi^{-(p)^d+1/2}$ and $-\pi^{-(p)^d+1/2}$ over \mathbb{F}_p , respectively. It is easy to check that $h_{j_1}(x)$ and $h_{j_2}(x)$ are polynomials of degree *m* and are pairwise distinct, for $j_1, j_2 \in \{\pm 0, \pm 1, \ldots, \pm (k-1)\}\.$ The cyclic codes over \mathbb{F}_p with parity-check polynomial $h_0(x)h_1(x)$ have been extensively studied in [\[4](#page-7-1)[,16,](#page-7-19)[21](#page-7-20)[,25\]](#page-8-6). Zhou and Ding [\[29](#page-8-7)] proved that the cyclic codes over \mathbb{F}_p with parity-check polynomial $h_{-0}(x)h_1(x)$ have three nonzero weights, and determined their weight distributions. In [\[15](#page-7-21)], it was proved that the cyclic codes over \mathbb{F}_p with parity-check polynomial $h_0(x)h_{-0}(x)h_1(x)$ have six nonzero weights and their weight distributions were determined as well.

General cases are more interesting. Let $C_{m,d,2k}$ and $C_{m,d,2k-1}$ be the cyclic codes with parity-check polynomial $\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} h_j(x)h_{-j}(x)$ and $h_{k-1}(x) \prod_{j=0}^{k-2} h_j(x)h_{-j}(x)$, respectively. In this paper, the weight enumerator of the cyclic code $C_{m,d,2k}$ is determined as following.

Theorem 1.1 *Let m*, *d* and *k be positive integers such that* $2 \le k \le \frac{m+1}{2}$ *and* $(m, d) = 1$ *. Then* $C_{m,d,2k}$ *is a cyclic code over* \mathbb{F}_p *with parameters* $[p^m - 1, 2km, \frac{1}{2}(p - 1)(p^{m-1} - 1)]$ $p^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - 2 + k}$)]. Furthermore, the weight enumerator of $C_{m,d,2k}$ is $(\alpha_k(z^{\frac{1}{2}}))^2$, where $\alpha_k(z)$ is *determined in Theorem* [2.1](#page-2-0) (*details in Sect.* [2\)](#page-2-1)*.*

If $2 \nmid \frac{m}{\gcd(m,k-1)}$, the weight enumerator of the cyclic code $C_{m,d,2k-1}$ is also determined as following.

Theorem 1.2 *Let m and d be positive integers such that* $2 \nmid \frac{m}{gcd(m,k-1)}$ *and* $(m, d) = 1$ *, where k is a positive integer satisfying* $3 \leq k \leq \frac{m+1}{2}$ *. Then* $\mathcal{C}_{m,d,2k-1}$ *is a cyclic code over* \mathbb{F}_p *with parameters* $[p^m - 1, (2k - 1)m, \frac{1}{2}(p - 1)(p^{m-1} - p^{\left[\frac{m}{2}\right]-3+k})$]*. Furthermore, the weight enumerator of Cm*,*d*,2*k*−¹ *is*

$$
\left(\alpha_{k-1}\left(z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\right)^2+\frac{1}{p^m-1}\left(\alpha_k\left(z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)-\alpha_{k-1}\left(z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\right)^2,
$$

where $\alpha_k(z)$ *is determined in Theorem* [2.1](#page-2-0) *(details in Sect.* [2](#page-2-1)*).*

Remark $C_{m,d,2k-1}$ in the case of $k = 2$ has been studied in [\[15\]](#page-7-21), and the minimum distance has different expression between cases of $k = 2$ and $3 \le k \le \frac{m+1}{2}$, therefore, only the case of $3 \leq k \leq \frac{m+1}{2}$ is presented here.

2 Preliminaries

In this section, we will introduce a result by Kai-Uwe Schmidt [\[19\]](#page-7-22). We need the Gaussian binomial coefficients, which are defined by

$$
\binom{n}{s}_q = \prod_{t=0}^{s-1} (q^n - q^t) / (q^s - q^t).
$$

For $j = 0, 1, \ldots, k - 1$, let $H_j(x)$ be the minimal polynomials of $\pi^{-(p^{jd}+1)}$ over \mathbb{F}_p , respectively. Let $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_{m,d,k}$ be the cyclic code over \mathbb{F}_p with parity-check polynomial $\prod_{j=0}^{k-1} H_j(x)$. Then it can be expressed as

$$
\widetilde{C}_{m,d,k} = \left\{ \mathbf{c}_{(u_0,u_1,...,u_{k-1})} : (u_0,u_1,...,u_{k-1}) \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^k \right\},\,
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{c}_{(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{k-1})} = \left(Tr \left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} u_j \pi^{(p^{jd}+1)t} \right) \right)_{t=0}^{p^m-2}
$$

,

and $Tr(\cdot)$ is the trace function from \mathbb{F}_{p^m} to $\mathbb{F}_p \cdot \widetilde{C}_{m,d,k}$ has length $p^m - 1$ and dimension *km*.
Measures the unitable enumerator of $\widetilde{C}_{m,d,k}$ has length x is determined. We have the Moreover, the weight enumerator of $C_{m,d,k}$, denoted by $\alpha_k(z)$, is determined. We have the following result. following result.

Theorem 2.1 [\[19\]](#page-7-22) *We have,* $\alpha_k(z) = 1 + \sum_{i,\tau} a_{i,\tau} z^{w_{i,\tau}}$ *, where* $m - 2k + 2 \le i \le m$, $\tau = 1$ *or* −1 *and*

$$
w_{i,\tau} = \begin{cases} p^{m-1}(p-1) & \text{for odd } i, \\ \left(p^{m-1} - \tau \eta (-1)^{i/2} p^{m-i/2-1} \right)(p-1) & \text{for even } i. \end{cases}
$$

η *is the quadratic character of* F*p. If m is odd,*

$$
a_{2u-1,\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\frac{m-1}{2}}{u-1} \right)_{p^2} \sum_{j=0}^{k+u-\frac{m+3}{2}} (-1)^j p^{j(j-1)} {u \choose j}_{p^2} \left(p^{(k+u-j-\frac{m+1}{2})m} - 1 \right),
$$

$$
a_{2u,\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \left(p^{2u} + \tau \eta (-1)^u p^u \right) \left(\frac{\frac{m-1}{2}}{u} \right)_{p^2} \sum_{j=0}^{k+u-\frac{m+3}{2}} (-1)^j p^{j(j-1)} {u \choose j}_{p^2} \left(p^{(k+u-j-\frac{m+1}{2})m} - 1 \right).
$$

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If m is even,

$$
a_{2u-1,\tau} = \frac{1}{2} (p^{2u} - 1) \left(\frac{m}{u}\right)_{p^2} \sum_{j=0}^{k+u-\frac{m+2}{2}} (-1)^j p^{j(j-1)} \left(\frac{u-1}{j}\right)_{p^2} p^{mk+2j-(m+1)(\frac{m+2}{2}+j-u)},
$$

\n
$$
a_{2u,\tau} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m}{u}\right)_{p^2} \sum_{j=0}^{k+u-\frac{m+2}{2}} (-1)^j p^{j(j-1)} \left(\frac{u}{j}\right)_{p^2} \left(p^{mk+2j-(m+1)(\frac{m}{2}+j-u)} - 1\right)
$$

\n
$$
+ \frac{\tau}{2} \eta (-1)^u p^u \left(\frac{m}{u}\right)_{p^2} \sum_{j=0}^{k+u-\frac{m+2}{2}} (-1)^j p^{j(j-1)} \left(\frac{u}{j}\right)_{p^2} \left(p^{m(k-1)-(m-1)(\frac{m}{2}+j-u)} - 1\right).
$$

3 The weight enumerator of $C_{m,d,2k}$

Theorem [1.1](#page-1-0) can be proved as following. Obviously, $C_{m,d,2k}$ has length $p^m - 1$ and dimension 2*km*. Also, it can be expressed as

$$
C_{m,d,2k} = \left\{ \mathbf{c}_{(a_0,a_1,...,a_{k-1},b_0,b_1,...,b_{k-1})} : a_0,...,a_{k-1},b_0,...,b_{k-1} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \right\},\,
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{c}_{(a_0,a_1,...,a_{k-1},b_0,b_1,...,b_{k-1})} = \left(Tr\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} \left(a_j\left(\pi^{(p^{jd}+1)/2}\right)^t + b_j\left(-\pi^{(p^{jd}+1)/2}\right)^t\right)\right)\right)_{t=0}^{p^m-2}.
$$

Let λ be a fixed nonsquare element in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} .

The weight of the codeword $\mathbf{c}_{(a_0, a_1, ..., a_{k-1}, b_0, b_1, ..., b_{k-1})} = (c_0, c_1, ..., c_{p^m-2})$ in $\mathcal{C}_{m,d,2k}$ is given by

$$
W(\mathbf{c}_{(a_0, a_1, ..., a_{k-1}, b_0, b_1, ..., b_{k-1})})
$$
\n
$$
= # \{0 \le t \le p^m - 2 : c_t \ne 0\}
$$
\n
$$
= # \left\{0 \le t \le p^m - 2, t \text{ even} : Tr\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (a_j + b_j)(\pi^t)^{(p^{jd}+1)/2}\right) \ne 0\right\}
$$
\n
$$
+ # \left\{0 \le t \le p^m - 2, t \text{ odd} : Tr\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (a_j - b_j)(\pi^t)^{(p^{jd}+1)/2}\right) \ne 0\right\}
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1}{2} \left(\# \left\{0 \le t \le p^m - 2 : Tr\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (a_j + b_j)(\pi^t)^{p^{jd}+1}\right) \ne 0\right\}
$$
\n
$$
+ # \left\{0 \le t \le p^m - 2 : Tr\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} (a_j - b_j)\lambda^{(p^{jd}+1)/2}(\pi^t)^{p^{jd}+1}\right) \ne 0\right\}\right)
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1}{2} \left(W \left(\mathbf{c}_{(a_0+b_0, a_1+b_1, ..., a_{k-1}+b_{k-1})}\right)
$$
\n
$$
+ W \left(\mathbf{c}_{\left((a_0-b_0)\lambda, (a_1-b_1)\lambda^{(p^{d}+1)/2}, ..., (a_{k-1}-b_{k-1})\lambda^{(p^{(k-1)d}+1)/2}\right)}\right)\right),
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where $\mathbf{c}_{(a_0+b_0,a_1+b_1,...,a_{k-1}+b_{k-1})}$ and $\mathbf{c}_{((a_0-b_0)\lambda,(a_1-b_1)\lambda}(p^d+1)/2,...,(a_{k-1}-b_{k-1})\lambda}(p^{(k-1)d}+1)/2)}$ are codewords in $C_{m,d,k}$. Notice that the map $C_{m,d,2k} \to C_{m,d,k} \times C_{m,d,k}$,

 $(a_0, \ldots, b_{k-1}) \mapsto \left((a_0 + b_0, \ldots, a_{k-1} + b_{k-1}), ((a_0 - b_0)\lambda, \ldots, (a_{k-1} - b_{k-1})\lambda^{(p^{(k-1)d}+1)/2}) \right)$ is bijective, we conclude that the weight enumerator of the code $C_{m,d,2k}$ is

$$
\sum_{a \in \mathcal{C}} \sum_{b \in \mathcal{C}} z^{(W(a) + W(b))/2},
$$

where $C = C_{m,d,k}$. This is easily seen to be equal to

$$
\left(\sum_{c\in\mathcal{C}}z^{W(c)/2}\right)^2,
$$

which is $(\alpha_k \left(z^{\frac{1}{2}} \right))^2$. Theorem [1.1](#page-1-0) is proved.

4 The weight enumerator of $C_{m,d,2k-1}$ for odd $\frac{m}{gcd(m,k-1)}$

Let *C_{m,d,2k*−1} be the cyclic code defined in Sect. [1.](#page-0-0) We shall prove Theorem [1.2](#page-1-1) in this section, assuming $2 \nmid \frac{m}{gcd(m,k-1)}$. There is a partition of cyclic code $\widetilde{C}_{m,d,k}$

$$
\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_{m,d,k} = \bigcup_{v \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}} \mathcal{C}_{k-1,v}.
$$

For each $v \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}$, $C_{k-1,v}$ is a set of codewords and it can be expressed as

$$
\mathcal{C}_{k-1,v} = \{ \mathbf{c}_{(u_0,u_1,...,u_{k-2},v)} : u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_{k-2} \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m} \},
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{c}_{(u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{k-2}, v)} = \left(Tr \left(\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-2} u_j \pi^{(p^{jd}+1)t} \right) + v \pi^{(p^{(k-1)d}+1)t} \right) \right)_{t=0}^{p^m-2}
$$

We denote $\alpha_{k-1,v}(z)$ by the weight enumerator of $C_{k-1,v}$. Notice $C_{k-1,0} = C_{m,d,k-1}$, hence $\alpha_{k-1,0}(z) = \alpha_{k-1}(z)$. If $v \neq 0$, we have the following lemma.

Lemma 4.1 *For any* $v \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$ *, we have* $\alpha_{k-1,v}(z) = \alpha_{k-1,1}(z)$ *.*

Proof Let ζ_p be a primitive *p*th root of unity. In terms of exponential sums, the weight of the codeword $\mathbf{c}_{(u_0, u_1, \ldots, u_{k-2}, v)} = (c_0, c_1, \ldots, c_{p^m-2})$ in $C_{k-1, v}$ is given by

$$
W(\mathbf{c}_{(u_0, u_1, ..., u_{k-2}, v)}) = #\{0 \le t \le p^m - 2 : c_t \ne 0\}
$$

= $p^m - 1 - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{t=0}^{p^m - 2} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_p} \zeta_p^{y c_t}$
= $p^m - 1 - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{t=0}^{p^m - 2} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_p} \zeta_p^{y Tr} ((\sum_{j=0}^{k-2} u_j \pi^{(p^{jd}+1)r}) + v \pi^{(p^{(k-1)d}+1)r})$
= $p^m - 1 - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_p} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^*} \zeta_p^{y Tr} ((\sum_{j=0}^{k-2} u_j x^{p^{jd}+1}) + v x^{p^{(k-1)d}+1})$

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Since $\frac{m}{gcd(m,k-1)}$ is odd, $gcd(p^{(k-1)d}+1, p^m-1) = 2$. Let γ be an element in $\mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$, when γ traverses $\mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$, $\gamma^{p^{(k-1)d}+1}$ traverses all square elements in $\mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$. We conclude that there exist $\gamma \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$ and $\mu \in \mathbb{F}_p^*$ such that $v = \mu \gamma^{p(k-1)d} + 1$. Then we have

$$
W(\mathbf{c}_{(u_0, u_1, ..., u_{k-2}, v)})
$$
\n
$$
= p^m - 1 - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_p} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*} \zeta_p^{yTr} ((\sum_{j=0}^{k-2} u_j x^{p^{jd}+1}) + \mu(\gamma x)^{p^{(k-1)d}+1})
$$
\n
$$
= p^m - 1 - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_p} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*} \zeta_p^{\mu yTr} ((\sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \mu^{-1} u_j y^{-(p^{jd}+1)} (\gamma x)^{p^{jd}+1}) + (\gamma x)^{p^{(k-1)d}+1})
$$
\n
$$
= p^m - 1 - \frac{1}{p} \sum_{y \in \mathbb{F}_p} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*} \zeta_p^{yTr} ((\sum_{j=0}^{k-2} \mu^{-1} u_j y^{-(p^{jd}+1)} x^{p^{jd}+1}) + x^{p^{(k-1)d}+1})
$$
\n
$$
= W(\mathbf{c}_{(\mu^{-1} u_0 \gamma^{-2}, \mu^{-1} u_1 \gamma^{-(p^{d}+1)}, ..., \mu^{-1} u_{k-2} \gamma^{-(p^{(k-2)d}+1)}, 1)}).
$$

Notice that the map $C_{k-1,v} \to C_{k-1,1}$,

$$
\mathbf{c}_{(u_0,u_1,...,u_{k-2},v)} \mapsto \mathbf{c}_{\left(\mu^{-1} u_0 \gamma^{-2}, \mu^{-1} u_1 \gamma^{-(p^d+1)}, \dots, \mu^{-1} u_{k-2} \gamma^{-(p^{(k-2)d}+1)}, 1 \right)}
$$

is bijective, so we assert that the weight distributions of *C*_{*k*−1,*v*} and *C*_{*k*−1,1} are the same, which implies $α_{k-1}$, $v(z) = α_{k-1}$, (z) for any $v \in \mathbb{F}_{\infty}^*$. Lemma 4.1 now is proved. \square implies $\alpha_{k-1,v}(z) = \alpha_{k-1,1}(z)$ for any $v \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*$. Lemma [4.1](#page-4-0) now is proved. □

From the above lemma, one immediately deduces the following.

Lemma 4.2 *We have,*

$$
\alpha_{k-1,v}(z) = \begin{cases} \alpha_{k-1}(z), & v = 0, \\ \frac{1}{p^m - 1} (\alpha_k(z) - \alpha_{k-1}(z)), & v \in \mathbb{F}_{p^m}^*.\end{cases}
$$

Now we prove Theorem [1.2.](#page-1-1) Obviously, $C_{m,d,2k-1}$ has length $p^m - 1$ and dimension $(2k - 1)m$. Moreover, it can be expressed as

$$
\mathcal{C}_{m,d,2k-1}=\Big\{\mathbf{c}_{(a_0,\ldots,a_{k-1},b_0,\ldots,b_{k-2})}:a_0,a_1,\ldots,a_{k-1},b_0,b_1,\ldots,b_{k-2}\in\mathbb{F}_{p^m}\Big\},\,
$$

where

$$
\mathbf{c}_{(a_0,\dots,a_{k-1},b_0,\dots,b_{k-2})} = \left(Tr\left(\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_j \pi^{t(p^{jd}+1)/2} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} b_j \left(-\pi^{(p^{jd}+1)/2}\right)^t\right)\right)_{t=0}^{p^m-2}
$$

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The weight of the codeword $\mathbf{c}_{(a_0,...,a_{k-1},b_0,...,b_{k-2})} = (c_0, c_1,..., c_{p^m-2})$ in $\mathcal{C}_{m,d,2k-1}$ is given by

$$
W(\mathbf{c}_{(a_0,...,a_{k-1},b_0,...,b_{k-2})})
$$
\n
$$
= \# \{0 \le t \le p^m - 2 : c_t \ne 0\}
$$
\n
$$
= \# \left\{0 \le t \le p^m - 2, t \text{ even} : Tr \left(a_{k-1}(\pi^t)^{(p^{(k-1)d}+1)/2} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (a_j + b_j)(\pi^t)^{(p^{jd}+1)/2}\right) \ne 0\right\}
$$
\n
$$
+ \# \left\{0 \le t \le p^m - 2, t \text{ odd} : Tr \left(a_{k-1}(\pi^t)^{(p^{(k-1)d}+1)/2} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (a_j - b_j)(\pi^t)^{(p^{jd}+1)/2}\right) \ne 0\right\}
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1}{2} \left(\# \left\{t : Tr \left(a_{k-1}(\pi^t)^{p^{(k-1)d}+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (a_j + b_j)(\pi^t)^{p^{jd}+1}\right) \ne 0\right\}
$$
\n
$$
+ \# \left\{t : Tr \left(\lambda^{(p^{(k-1)d+1})/2} a_{k-1}(\pi^t)^{p^{(k-1)d}+1} + \sum_{j=0}^{k-2} (a_j - b_j)\lambda^{(p^{jd}+1)/2} (\pi^t)^{p^{jd}+1}\right) \ne 0\right\}
$$
\n
$$
= \frac{1}{2} \left(W \left(\mathbf{c}_{(a_0+b_0,...,a_{k-2}+b_{k-2},a_{k-1})}\right) + W \left(\mathbf{c}_{((a_0-b_0)\lambda,...,(a_{k-2}-b_{k-2})\lambda^{(p^{(k-2)d}+1)/2},a_{k-1}\lambda^{(p^{(k-1)d+1})/2})}\right)\right).
$$

 $\mathbf{c}_{(a_0+b_0,...,a_{k-2}+b_{k-2},a_{k-1})}$ and $\mathbf{c}_{((a_0-b_0)\lambda,...,(a_{k-2}-b_{k-2})\lambda^{(p^{(k-2)d}+1)/2},a_{k-1}\lambda^{(p^{(k-1)d}+1)/2})}$ are codewords in $C_{k-1, a_{k-1}}$ and $C_{k-1, a_{k-1}\lambda}$ (*p*^{(*k*−1)*d*+1)/2, respectively. By an argument similar to the proof} of Theorem [1.1,](#page-1-0) the weight enumerator of $C_{m,d,2k-1}$ is given by

$$
\sum_{a_{k-1}\in\mathbb{F}_{p^m}}\alpha_{k-1,a_{k-1}}\left(z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\alpha_{k-1,a_{k-1}\lambda^{(p^{(k-1)d+1})/2}}\left(z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right).
$$

By Lemma [4.2,](#page-5-0) Theorem [1.2](#page-1-1) now follows.

5 Concluding remarks

In this paper, the weight enumerator of cyclic code $C_{m,d,2k}$ is completely determined when $(m, d) = 1$. The weight enumerator of cyclic code $\mathcal{C}_{m,d,2k-1}$ is also determined under the condition $(m, d) = 1$ and $2 \nmid \frac{m}{\gcd(m, k-1)}$. Moreover, when $(m, d) = e$, the weight enumerator of *Cm*,*d*,2*^k* and *Cm*,*d*,2*k*−¹ are also determined as following. Since the proof is similar to that of Theorems [1.1](#page-1-0) or [1.2,](#page-1-1) we omit the details.

Theorem 5.1 Let m and d be positive integers such that $(m, d) = e$. Let k be a positive *integer satisfying* $2 \leq k \leq \frac{m+e}{2e}$. Then $C_{m,d,2k}$ *is a cyclic code over* \mathbb{F}_p *with parameters* $[p^m - 1, \frac{2km}{e}, \frac{1}{2}(p^e - 1)(p^{m-e} - p^{e(\frac{m}{2e} - 2 + k)})$]*. Furthermore, the weight enumerator of* $\mathcal{C}_{m,d,2k}$ *is* $(\beta_k(z^{\frac{1}{2}}))^2$, where $\beta_k(z)$ *is the weight enumerator of* $\widetilde{\mathcal{C}}_{m,d,k}$, which can be deduced *from [\[19](#page-7-22)].*

Theorem 5.2 *Let m and d be positive integers such that* $(m, d) = e$ *and* $2 \nmid \frac{e}{gcd(\frac{m}{e}, k-1)}$ *, where k is a positive integer satisfying* $2 \leq k \leq \frac{m+e}{2e}$. Then $\mathcal{C}_{m,d,3}$ *is a cyclic code over* \mathbb{F}_{p^e} with parameters $[p^m-1,\frac{3m}{e},\frac{1}{2}(p^e-1)p^{m-e}]$ and $\mathcal{C}_{m,d,2k-1}$ is a cyclic code over \mathbb{F}_{p^e}

with parameters $[p^m - 1, \frac{(2k-1)m}{e}, \frac{1}{2}(p^e - 1)(p^{m-e} - p^{e(\lfloor \frac{m}{2e} \rfloor - 3 + k)})]$ when $3 \le k \le \frac{m+e}{2e}$. *Furthermore, the weight enumerator of* $C_{m,d,2k-1}$ *is*

$$
\left(\beta_{k-1}\left(z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\right)^2+\frac{1}{p^m-1}\left(\beta_k\left(z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)-\beta_{k-1}\left(z^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)\right)^2,
$$

where $\beta_k(z)$ *is the weight enumerator of* $\mathcal{C}_{m,d,k}$ *, which can be deduced from* [\[19\]](#page-7-22)*.*

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